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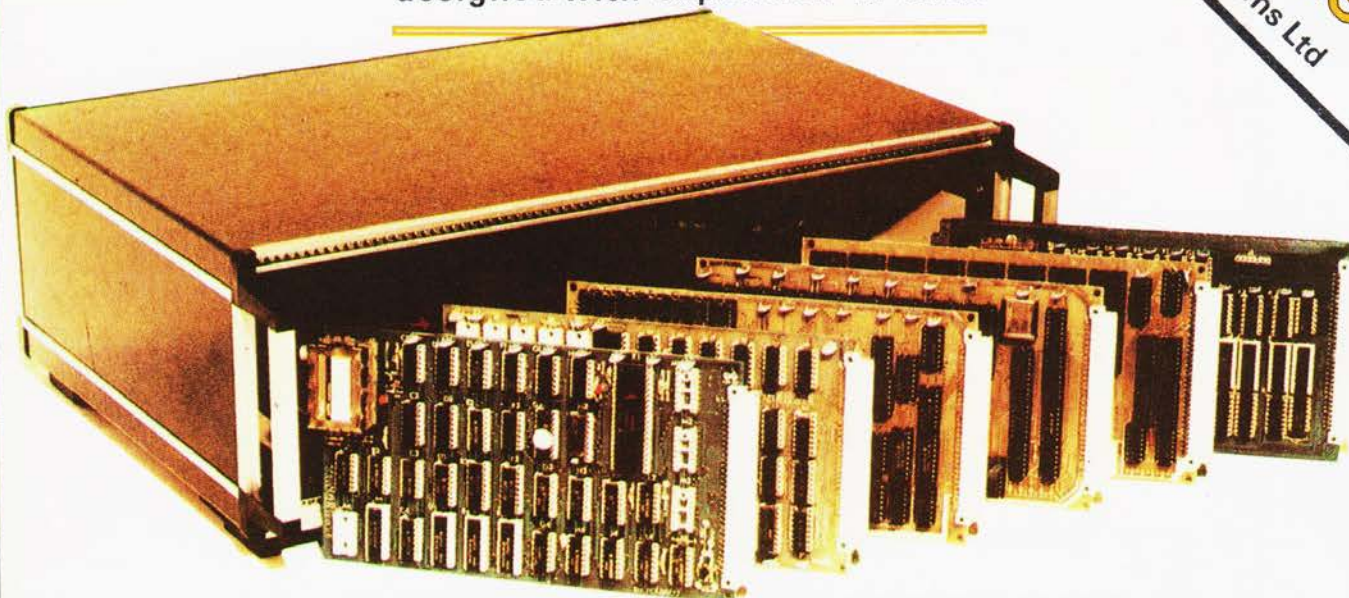
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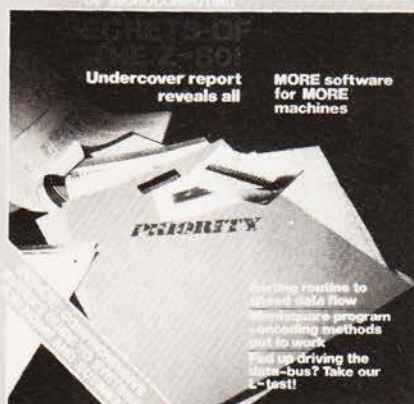
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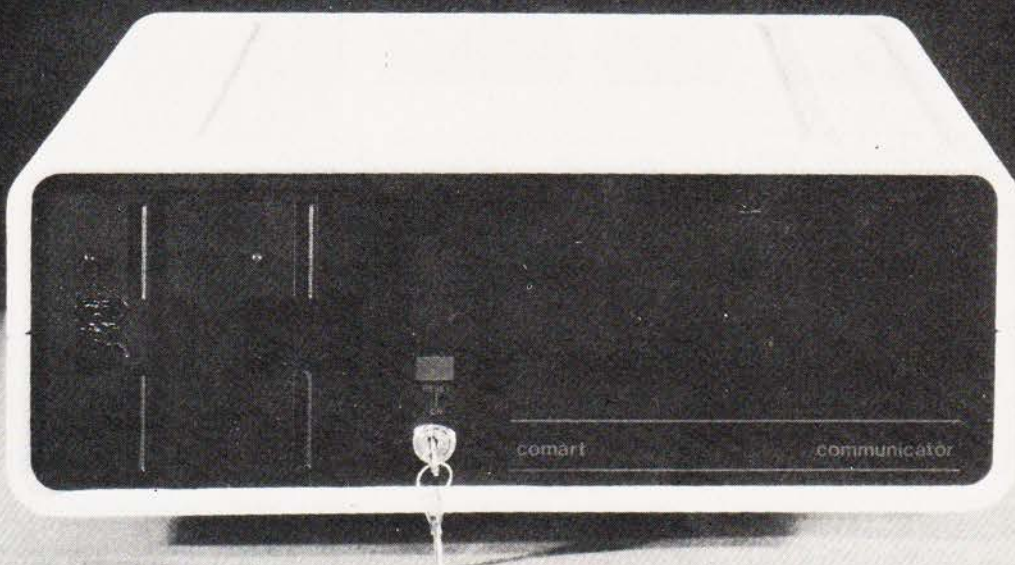
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## BREADBOARD 80

Held as usual at the Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall, Breadboard once again proved to be a great success. By lunch-time on the opening day more people had arrived than on the whole of the first day last year. Our celebrity guest was Brian Rix, star of the Whitehall farces, and of course, famous (or infamous) for dropping his trousers, which, we are glad to say, he did not do at Breadboard 80! The attractions were numerous — suppliers of components, home and business computers, CB accessories, space invasion games, hi-fi and disco equipment as well as all the leading electronics magazines to name but a few. The Modmags stand (that's us folks!) was the undisputed star

attraction(?) mobbed by huge crowds. We presume this was because our staff were so helpful and pleasant but there is a sneaking suspicion that it might have had something to do with the two Space Invasion games we were displaying. Free games were offered to all, with the opportunity of winning your own machine with the highest recorded score. Ah well... The show was certainly the electronics enthusiast's idea of paradise with every conceivable electronic noise pounding the ears and millions of devices to delight the eyes. If you weren't there this year to see it all, don't miss next year. Make a note in your new diary for November the 11th to 15th for Breadboard '81, it'll be better than ever, definitely not to be missed!



## FILE IT AWAY

Into bondage? Rather than leaving your floppy discs lying around and getting dusty, why not file them neatly away? As an alternative to the box type of filing system the Leicester Computer Centre are offering an expandable ring binder system for either 5 1/4" or 8" discs. The basic unit is complete with five leaves, each holds four discs, costs £4.95. If you just want the leaves they cost £1.55 per five and will fit into two or three ring binders. The 8" leaves hold two discs. The Centre specialises in Apple software and among their range can be found the Correspondent text editor, Apple DOC development package and Tridee, a three dimensional graphics program. The Centre can be contacted at 109 Queens Road, Leicester LE2 1TT.

## EMBARRASMENT CORNER

In our December issue we published a game called 'Cells and Serpents' which we likened to the popular 'Dungeons and Dragons'. The name 'Dungeons and Dragons' is in fact the registered trade mark of TSR Hobbies Inc. of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin USA. We apologise to them and their UK agents, TSR Hobbies (UK) Ltd for its use without their permission.

## SORTING IT OUT

Users of the AM Jacquard 425 Word processor can now use it for limited record processing with the aid of a new sort program from MGM Associated of 19 St Andrews Road, Great Malvern, Worcs. Supplied on a single floppy disc the program costs £275 and can be used to produce such vital items as selective mailing lists. Data can be selected with up to ten sets of criteria and there are six comparative qualifiers. Both alpha and numeric data can be processed. The program has also been made user friendly in that it will tell the operator approximately how long the job will take.

## ADVICE FOR FREE

If you are considering computerisation of your business or using a word processor and are not sure of all the implications, then a series of new leaflets from the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation might help. All have been written by practising consultants and are all free. The four computer based booklets cover successful first time use, word processing, micro based business systems and how to negotiate the contract. For your copies contact ICFC Consultants at 5 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berks SL4 1EZ.

## TAKING STOCK

TSE Computer Supplies have finally decided that enough is enough and have moved to larger premises. Their new address is 13 Beaumont Road, Chiswick, London W4 5AL and the

new telephone is 01-747 3366. They are still making Daisy print wheels and supplying a range of diskettes but now in rather more comfortable surroundings.

## STICKY ROLLS

With the ever increasing use of word processing equipment, self adhesive labels are becoming another of those office necessities. MBF Business Forms of 2 Millicent Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7LD are

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## RUB IT IN

With a name mildly similar to that well known substance that you can rub on your loved one's chest when she's got a cold (you should be so lucky!), Commodore have boldly announced their new computer. Specifically aimed at the home and education markets it has been produced by their Japanese subsidiary and was launched in that market first. In appearance it is very like the Acorn Atom but it does offer PET BASIC (Microsoft), 5K of RAM, colour, sound and optional expansion. The games features include joystick and paddle type controls and it is understood that programs can be 'plugged-in' à la TI 99/4. Estimated price for the system is "under £200" but it is expected that by the time you have added the extra RAM and the other promised peripherals the price will resemble that of the PET. A normal colour TV set is used as the output device and the display is a rather weird 22 characters by 23 lines. Perhaps the Japanese like square pages? No release date for the UK has yet been announced but it will probably emerge into the public eye around Easter at one of the big computer shows in the US. After the problems with the launch of the 8032 SuperPET it can only be hoped that Commodore get everything straight before they spring it on the general public. In case you're still pondering, the name is VIC!

## ON COURSE

Midwich, the distributors of the Nanocomputer, are running their five day 'Hands-on' courses at the University of East Anglia again. Each participant gets his or her own Z80 based machine and the course is mainly practical. For further details of the course and the associated arrangements contact Midwich Computer Company at Hewitt House, Northgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1HQ. Cambridge Micro Computers has just issued a fourteen page brochure on its range of computer courses. Among those on offer are an introductory course on micro design and a Z8000 programming session. For your copy of the brochure contact Cambridge Micro Computers at Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge CB4 4BN.

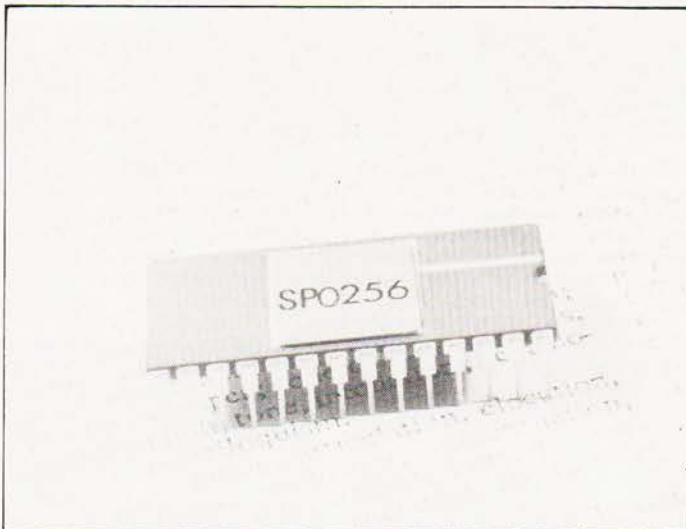
## BUS INSPECTOR

Test engineers and servicemen, not to mention the home constructor, will probably appreciate a new test device from Karo Electrical Developments of 20 Cross in Hand Lane, Lichfield, Staffs WS13 7BY. Consisting of a logic pulser and 32 logic level detectors it will track down open and short circuits on up to 16 separate locations simultaneously. By changing the test probe the device can be converted into an IC logic monitor. Prices and technical information are available directly from Karo.

## SUPER UK ENHANCEMENTS

Users of Ohio or Compukit machines with an urgent need for expansion can now go rack-mounted. Premier Publications are offering a six slot motherboard with or without PSU called TES. Currently available products for use in the rack are an 8K static RAM card and an 8K EPROM card. Both are available in kit form and a new extended monitor is also

offered to reside on the EPROM card. Coming soon will be a 'Toolkit' type of utility ROM which will offer the usual gamut of desirable extras. Prices for TES are £28.50 for the bare motherboard, £37.50 for the RAM card, £39.50 for the ROM card and £39.95 for the 'Toolkit'. Premier Publications can be contacted at 12 Kingscote Road, Addiscombe, Croydon. An A4 stamped addressed envelope is requested with all information enquiries.



## SILICON SPEAK

It never rains but it pours. Two of the major chip companies have announced speech synthesis devices in the last couple of weeks. First out of the bag was National with its Speech Processor Set which is a kit of chips that can produce male or female speech in many languages using a compressed vocabulary stored in ROM. As well as a standard set of words, custom vocabularies can be stored. The interesting feature is that the stored speech is compressed *real* speech rather than being truly synthesised. This means that the voice you get out is recognisably the voice that you put in. The chip set is directly addressable through a microprocessor bus or by TTL logic and with around 100 words per

vocabulary set, many areas of speech response equipment open up. The second synthesis chip comes from General Instrument and is a single 28 pin device. Internal storage is some 16K with the facility to expand externally. The user is allowed to trade off storage requirements for high quality speech with lower quality usage. Commonly used utterances can be stored once and then strung together, thus saving memory. The device is microprocessor compatible and each of the stored segments can be accessed by a single eight bit address. Further product information can be obtained direct from National Semiconductor (UK) Ltd., 301 Harpur Centre, Horne Lane, Bedford and General Instrument Microelectronics, Regency House, 1-4 Warwick Street, London W1R 5WB.

## CLUB CALL

The Southampton Amateur Computer Club has just celebrated its second birthday with the launch of its own micro. It is based around a Z80 and will be available from Greenbank Electronics of Merseyside. Anyone interested in the micro or the club and its local offshoots should contact P G Dorey at the Dept of Physiology & Pharmacology, Southampton University, Bassett Crescent East, Southampton SO9 3TU. As you can see from a later article in this issue there are strong connections between the world of Amateur Radio and micros. The Cornish Radio Amateur Club has formed a local computer club for the Cornwall area and anyone in the locality should contact Richard M Frost at Trecarne, Alexandra Road, Illogan, Redruth, Cornwall TR16 4EA. The North of England is well served already for computer groups but yet another has sprung-up. Those in the Chorley area now have their own club which meets on alternate Tuesdays at a local hostelry. Anyone interested in a pint and a chat should contact Rod Wilson on Chorley 71875 or Chris Hicks on Chorley 78376. Back to London now with an update for the East London Amateur Computer Club. They now meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Harrow Green Library in Leytonstone London E11. And back to the South Coast once more to announce the formation of the Bournemouth Area Computer Club. Anyone in the locality who's interested should contact Peter Hibbs at 54 Runnymede Avenue, Bournemouth, Dorset BH11 9SE or the Kinson Community Centre at Northbourne.

## HUMBLE PIE

The computer featured on our cover last month was not our new entry into the high-powered desk-top computer market as some of you may have thought but the well-loved Zenith Z89. Our name was placed over the Zenith logo to avoid the misconception that the system could produce colour graphics, these were actually produced on an Apple. Our thanks are due to Heath Electronics (UK) for the loan of the Z89 system.

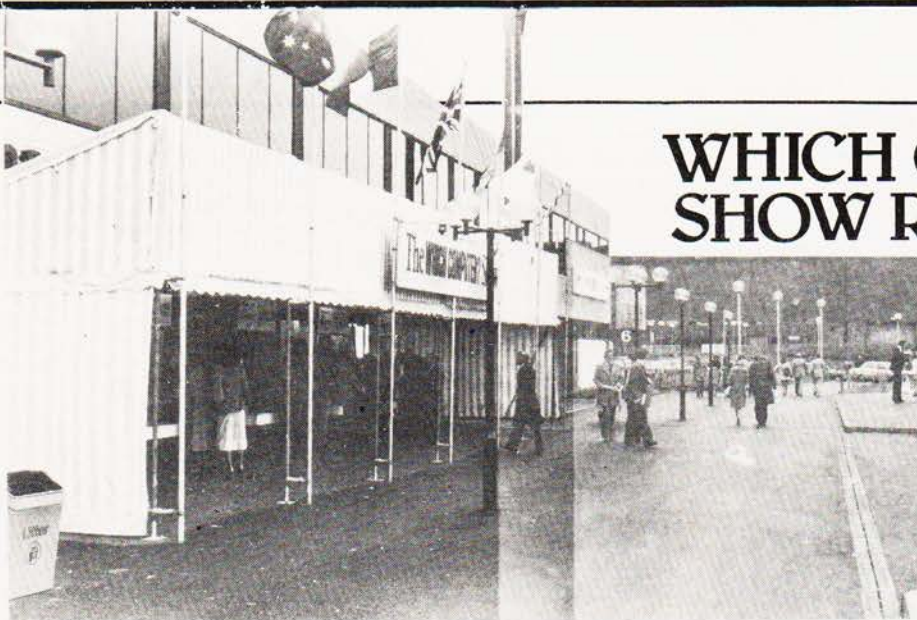
## ELECTRO PRINTING

Costing under £200 this 32 column printer has to be one of the cheapest around. ASCII format data can be accepted in both serial and parallel forms and the standard 64 character set can be produced on aluminised paper. Cased and ready to go, the unit is aimed at the data logging and industrial marketplace but doubtless it could be used for other functions such as program listing. The font can be changed and even replaced with a graphics set for pictorial output. For

full details on the new unit and its companion range contact Digitronix at 10 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm Industrial Estate, Milton Keynes.



# WHICH COMPUTER SHOW REPORT



The Which Computer Show recently opened its doors, at the NEC in Birmingham, and attracted suitable hordes of pin-stripe computing persons. The show was billed as "The Small Business-man's Computer Show" and kept the promise well with a good array of companies all intent upon the first-time, or small system, user. Some idea of the sheer size of the exhibition can be gauged from the photos herein. Most of the large companies built their own stands of sizable proportion.

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## OSI IN UK

Ohio Scientific, the people who brought you the Superboard, have finally established a UK marketing and sales operation at Langley in Bucks. The existing nine independent dealers will now become part of a 30-dealer UK network with full technical support. Ohio are intent on breaking into the profitable business market with an expected 20 systems per month. The main effort of the operation is being given to the C2D and C2-OEM systems, full details of which can be found in the Buyer's

Guide at the back of the magazine. These are both intended for the business and scientific markets, the C2-OEM features a 6502 running at 1 MHz with 48K of RAM. Being card based the unit plugs into a backplane and the basic system cost is around £2000. Winchester technology discs are available along with a variety of other add-ons. Software for the systems is also being developed by UK companies, word processing and small business packages at the moment. For more information contact Alan Davies on Slough 77514.

## VISIBLE EXPANSION

As well as making VDUs, Cifer have also produced an intelligent version of their 2600 terminal called the 2684. Currently being marketed by Rohan Computing of 52 Coventry Street, Southam, Warwickshire CV33 0EP, it offers a standard VDU with a mini floppy disc running under CP/M with

its own CPU. Both the VDU and processor functions are controlled by Z80s with up to 64K of RAM. Disc storage can be expanded with twin external 8" drives and a number of I/O ports are available for printers etc. Rohan also supply the OKI range of printers from the popular Microline 80 to the new Microline 83 which features 120 cps bi-directional printing across a 120 column line.



## NEW PARTNER

Almarc Data Systems, the UK distributors for Vector Graphic equipment are introducing a new model called VIP. The Vector Intelligent Partner is intended to be a low-cost desktop micro for word processing and other small business applications and is supplied with a single floppy disc unit, 56K of RAM, one serial and three parallel ports and a VDU. Expansion is by way of the rest of the Vector Graphic range. Software under CP/M will run on the disc unit and this includes items like Wordstar. For further information contact Almarc whose address can be found in the Buyer's Guide.

## HAVE VDU, WILL TRAVEL

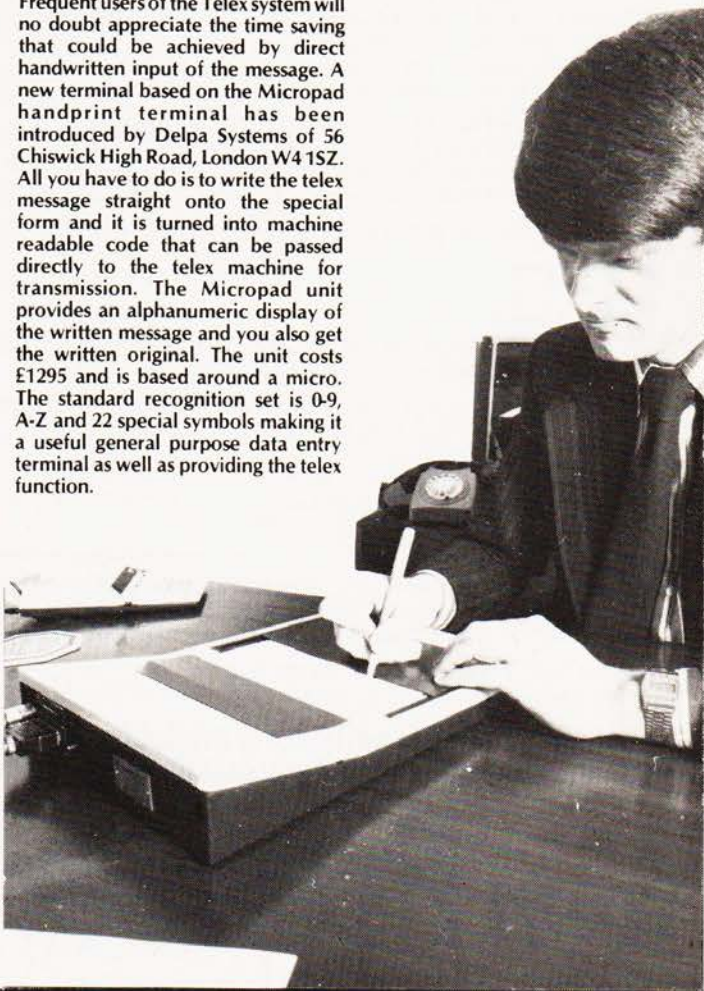
Cifer Systems, one of the VDU manufacturers that is regularly featured in our Buyer's Guide, have now opened a Northern Sales and Service office to cope with increased demand. Situated in Nottingham at Newton House, Maid Marion Way, it is headed by Roger Bowen. The telephone number is 0602-410551.

## CODE RE-BUILDER

With the ever increasing popularity of text processing systems expanding into the home market, printers like Selectrics and similar non-ASCII code based output devices can occasionally cause the odd headache. The problem is the conversion of the ASCII code into the appropriate signals to drive the printer. An Intelligent Interface Adaptor unit is available from Micro Xeno which can be supplied pre-programmed for a wide range of different terminals and connects directly to the microprocessor bus. As well as restructuring the code sent to the terminal it is also capable of taking output codes from the terminal and converting them back into ASCII. For devices with paper tape facilities the correct ASCII control codes are obeyed. The unit is also equipped with a 300 baud cassette tape interface for off-line storage of documents. Because the conversion table between ASCII and the required code is stored in EPROM the device can be re-programmed at a later date if your needs change. Micro Xeno can be contacted at Xeno House, 224 Wellington Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham B20 2QL.

## WRITE NOT TYPE

Frequent users of the Telex system will no doubt appreciate the time saving that could be achieved by direct handwritten input of the message. A new terminal based on the Micropad handprint terminal has been introduced by Delpa Systems of 56 Chiswick High Road, London W4 1SZ. All you have to do is to write the telex message straight onto the special form and it is turned into machine readable code that can be passed directly to the telex machine for transmission. The Micropad unit provides an alphanumeric display of the written message and you also get the written original. The unit costs £1295 and is based around a micro. The standard recognition set is 0-9, A-Z and 22 special symbols making it a useful general purpose data entry terminal as well as providing the telex function.



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## **MICROSPEAK**

Users of the ever-popular 6502 microprocessor have a real treat in store for them in our March issue with the start of a major series on machine code programming. Produced by a 6502 specialist it will deal with all the intimate details of this CPU and how to get the best out of it.

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Conway's "Game of Life" has been featured before in the pages of CT but never in 6800 code. This program is well documented and, although it is designed for the SWTP system, it should be adaptable to many other 6800-based machines.

Articles described here are in an advanced state of preparation. However, circumstances may dictate changes to the final contents.

## Sherlock and Watson would have been proud of the logic displayed in this investigation of one of computing's dark secrets.

**T**he Z80 is generally recognised as being just about the most powerful eight-bit micro around, and it's used in personal computers such as the TRS-80, the NASCOM and the Sharp MZ-80K. Zilog's literature for the Z80 describes its repertoire of 158 types of instruction, with a total of 696 possible opcodes (plus data).

You may think that this should be enough for anyone, but it's actually possible to find, on most Z80s, 88 more usable opcodes. These effectively give you access to four extra eight-bit registers; the more machine-code programming you do, the more you'll appreciate that you can't have too many registers.

This article explains what these instructions are and why they exist. It also gives a program which will test the Z80 in a TRS-80 to see if it possesses them.

### Z80 Architecture

To start, though, let's remind ourselves of the Z80s architecture. Figure 1 is a diagram of the micro.

The device has two sets of working registers, each set comprising a single accumulator (A), a flags register (F) and six general-purpose eight-bit registers (B-L); the six registers can be combined into three 16-bit registers. The micro has instructions to select the register set in use at any time.

The Z80 also has the usual program counter (PC) and stack pointer (SP), and two 16-bit Index Registers (IX and IY). We won't bother with I and R here.

The Z80 is a development of the Intel 8080A, from which it inherits the A-L registers. The second set of registers (A'-L') aren't in the 8080A, which also lacks IX and IY.

As well as the extra hardware, the Z80s designers also managed to cram in a lot more instructions. The Z80 can perform all the earlier micro's instructions, using the same opcodes, and has many more of its own. The extra instructions cover features such as bit testing, relative jumps, register shifts and block moves of data. Most importantly, as far as this article is concerned, they also provide a comprehensive set of indexed instructions.

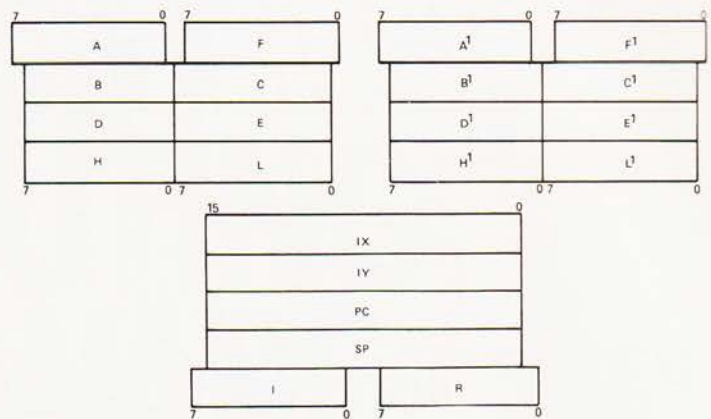
These help to get round a curious limitation of the 8080A, inherited by the Z80, which is that a lot of references to memory have to use the register pair HL as a pointer. This sometimes leads to clumsy programming. For instance, to add the contents of address 1234H to the accumulator, we have to use:

```
LD    HL,1234H    ;HL = 1234H
ADD   A,(HL)      ;A = A + DATA
```

The Z80 extends this type of addressing in order to have an indexing capability.

### Indexed Addressing

If you look at a description of the Z80s assembly-language, you'll soon see (I hope) something interesting about the way the micro does its indexing. Whenever an instruction



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Fig.1. What the Z80 looks like inside according to the manuals.

has a form using (HL), it also has an indexed form. Thus we have:

LD	A,(HL)	LD	A,(IR + d)
BIT	7,(HL)	BIT	7,(IR + d)

I'm using 'IR' to represent 'IX or IY'. Furthermore, there are no indexed instructions which do not have (HL) counterparts.

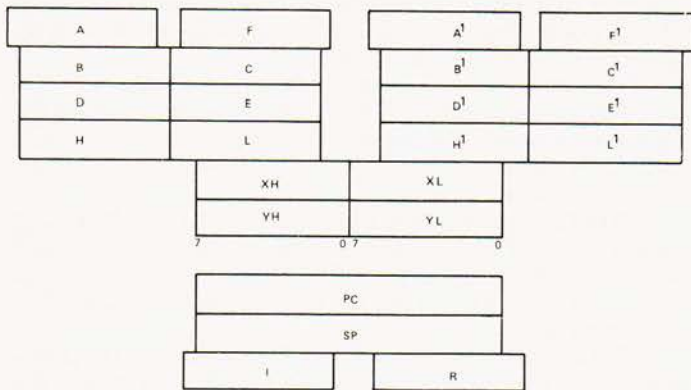
I hope the suspicion is now growing that the two index registers and HL are closely related. This suspicion becomes a certainty when we look at the machine code which the micro actually executes.

For example, the Hex code to perform 'ADD A,(HL)' is 84; the equivalent code for 'ADD A,(IX + d)' is DD 84 dd, where 'dd' is the displacement expressed in two's complement form.

To take another example, the Hex code for 'BIT 7,(HL)' is CB 7E, and that for 'BIT 7,(IY + d)' is FD CB 7E dd. If you study your list of Z80 instructions (if you haven't got one, you shouldn't be reading this article!) you will see a remarkable consistency. Every (IX + d) instruction has an opcode formed by prefixing the equivalent (HL) command by 'DD', and adding



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Fig.2. What it might look like inside if you are lucky.

'dd' to the end. The (IY + d) commands are formed by using an 'FD', rather than 'DD', prefix.

This observation also partly explains why indexed instructions execute more slowly than their (HL) counterparts — the opcodes are two bytes longer. Reading the extra bytes takes time.

From this sort of evidence, I'm pretty certain that the Z80 uses the same internal logic to decode (HL) and (IR + d) instructions. The actual register selected is defined by the instruction's prefix, or lack of one.

## Possibility Of Extra Instructions

Having seen how the Z80 gets at its indexed instructions, an interesting possibility arises. So far, we've only considered HL as a 16-bit register, but it can, of course, be treated as two eight-bit registers. What happens if we take, say, the opcode for 'LD A,H' and prefix it with DD?

When I do it to the Z80 in my TRS-80, I find, amazingly enough, that A is loaded with the high byte of IX. No other registers have been altered. Lo and behold! I have an extra instruction. Obviously, it goes a lot further, or else I wouldn't be writing this!

On all the Z80s I've checked, the close relationship between HL, IX and IY allows each of the index registers to be treated for many purposes as two eight-bit registers.

Since, in general terms, you can't have too many internal registers in a micro, this is potentially a very valuable discovery. It's usefulness obviously depends on whether or not you're using the index registers as index registers, but it gives an extra two eight-bit registers for each index register you can spare.

## Extra Instructions Available

Let's have a look now at just what we can do with our extra registers. First of all, some nomenclature — I'll call the two bytes of IX 'XH' and 'XL', and the two bytes of IY 'YH' and 'YL' (Fig.2). With these register names, we could, in the example above, use the mnemonic 'LD A,XH' for the instruction with the opcode DD 7C.

When I first discovered these extra commands, I hoped that XH, etc., could be used in any Z80 operation that used H or L. For instance, we could have 'LD YL,B', 'SUB YH', 'CP XH', 'BIT 3,YL', etc. Unfortunately, the Z80 does not seem to work quite that way.

In the first place, it's not possible to have, for example,

'LD XL,H'. This is not too surprising. The instruction would be generated by prefixing the code for 'LD L,H' (ie 6B) with DD. However, the micro would not know whether 'DD 6B' meant 'LD XL,H' or 'LD L,XH'; it actually settles on 'LD XL,XH'. So, we cannot mix H or L with the extra registers in a single operation.

The second limitation is more obscure — ie, I don't know why it exists! The extra registers will only work in the operations inherited from the 8080A, and not in the 'new' Z80-only instructions. As far as I can see, the difference is related to the fact that all the 8080A-compatible instructions use single-byte opcodes (plus data if it's appropriate), while the Z80 specials all use two bytes. Whatever the reason, it means that you can't use BIT, SET, RES, rotates or shifts. Still, the extra commands are free, so we can't complain.

Table 1 shows all the 'extra' instructions which are possible. It does not give their opcodes — you can form these by using the 'DD' and 'FD' prefixes as appropriate.

A small word of warning. I've shown the extra commands in the standard Z80 mnemonic format. However, it's no use trying them with your assembler, because it won't recognize them! You must either write a new assembler, or resort to hand coding.

It's important to remember that these extra instructions are 'unsupported'. That is to say, they don't appear in the official Z80 literature, and so there is no guarantee that every Z80 will execute them successfully. It may well be that, at some stage, Zilog will modify the micro's internal workings, and the change will stop it responding to these commands. Obviously, if a given chip obeys them once, it will obey them every time.

If you want to use them then you must test your micro to see how it responds to the opcodes. The best way is via a series of short machine-code program segments, preferably controlled via a high-level language such as BASIC so that you can evaluate the results easily.

Table 1

Extra Instructions Available

Mnemonic	Test Segment
LD r,XR	LD1
LD XR,r	LD2
LD XR,data	LD3
LD XR1,XR2	LD4
ADC A,XR	ADDSUB
ADD A,XR	ADDSUB
SBC A,XR	ADDSUB
SUB XR	ADDSUB
INC XR	INCDEC
DEC XR	INCDEC
AND XR	ANDORX
OR XR	ANDORX
XOR XR	ANDORX
CP XR	COMP

Notes:

'r' — Register A,B,C,D or E

'XR' — 'Register' XH,XL,YH or YL

'XR1', 'XR2' — Any XR

The mnemonics follow the usual Z80 conventions

## Testing Your Micro

The first step in designing such a self-test program is to decide just what needs to be done. Is it, for example, necessary to check that 'LD A,XH', 'LD B,XH', 'LD C,XH', etc all work properly? I think not. If we can show that, say, XH can be loaded into B, then it's virtually certain that it can be loaded into A, C, D and E also. It is worth checking that each extra register can be loaded successfully into a normal register.

It is convenient for the program to check the extra instructions in logically-related blocks; I suggest that we can use the eight blocks shown in Table 1. Figure 3 shows the test sequence, which goes from the 'simpler' instructions to the 'more complex' ones.

Each block tests a suitable selection of the possible operations, and must do two things: It has to make sure that the extra operations work, and it has to check that the 'unused' registers are not corrupted. I decided that the best way to achieve these was to use a standard machine-code subroutine, which would call the test segments proper one at a time.

Before each test, all the registers in the micro would be set to known values and, at the end of the test, they would all be

saved in memory. The high-level, controlling, program (in BASIC) could then recover the stored data and test it for correctness before the next test.

Program 1 is an assembly-language listing for this controlling subroutine ('TSTALL'), and Program 2 shows the eight test segments. All are written to suit a TRS-80 (Level II, 16K). Each segment is fairly simple, but a few comments are probably in order.

**TSTALL.** This segment starts with a 'CALL 0A7FH', and ends with 'JP 0A9AH'. These are the TRS-80 routines which pass the value of HL between BASIC and machine-code, via USR — by using these, I did not have to use TSTALL to store HL in memory.

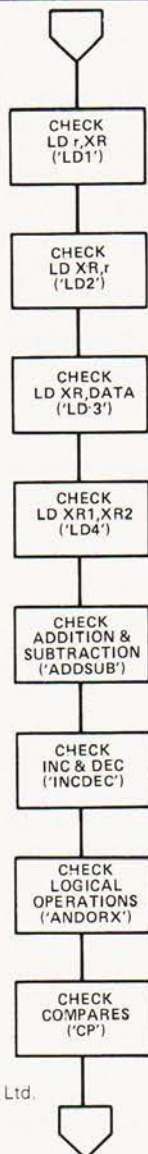
This segment also uses a 'CALL 7C45H' to get to each test segment; as we will see later, each is loaded, in turn, into the same area of RAM by the BASIC program. If the subsequent 'RET' goes wrong, then we know that SP has been corrupted by the tests.

**ADDSUB.** This segment tries each of the four eight-bit arithmetic operations once. I chose the values, and the sequence of using them, so that, as far as possible, multiple errors were unlikely to cancel each other out.

**COMP.** When we test the 'CP's, we have to make sure that the Z flag is set/reset at the right times. The 'LD's of A are arranged so that, if things go wrong, the segment exits with the wrong value in A.

Those, then, are the fundamental machine-code tests. To control them, however, I used a BASIC program, which made it much easier to assess the results and to format the output. The program has to do several things:

- Load the appropriate machine-code segments.
- Run the machine code.
- Evaluate the results.
- Output its assessment.



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Fig.3. Flowchart for the checking operations to find out if your Z80 has the 'added-extra'.

```

00100 ;ROUTINE TO CALL EACH TEST SEGMENT
00110 ;
00120 TSTALL CALL 0A7FH ;READ HL
00130 LD A,75H ;A = 75H
00140 LD C,A
00150 LD B,A ;BC = 7575H
00160 LD D,A
00170 LD E,A ;DE = 7575H
00180 CALL 7C45H ;PERFORM TEST
00190 LD (7C04H),BC ;SAVE BC
00200 LD (7C06H),DE ;SAVE DE
00210 LD (7C08H),IX ;SAVE IX
00220 LD (7C0AH),IY ;SAVE IY
00230 LD (7C02H),A ;SAVE A
00240 JP 0A9AH ;RETURN — PASS BACK HL
00250

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### Program 1 'TSTALL'

```

00260 ;TEST THE 'LD R,XR' INSTRUCTIONS
00270 ;
00280 LD1 LD IX,1234H ;IX = 1234H
00290 LD IY,5678H ;IY = 5678H
00300 LD B,XL
00310 LD C,YH ;BC SHOULD = 3456H
00320 LD D,YL
00330 LD E,XH ;DE SHOULD = 7812H
00340 LD A,XH ;A SHOULD = 34H
00350 RET
00360 ;
00370 ;TEST THE 'LD XR,R' INSTRUCTIONS
00380 ;
00390 LD2 LD BC,2345H ;BC = 2345H
00400 LD DE,7890H ;DE = 7890H
00410 LD XH,C
00420 LD XL,D ;IX SHOULD = 4578H
00430 LD YH,A
00440 LD YL,E ;IY SHOULD = 7590H
00450 RET
00460

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00470 ;TEST THE 'LD XR,DATA' INSTRUCTIONS
00480 ;
00490 LD3 LD IX,0 ;IX = 0
00500 LD IY,0 ;IY = 0
00510 LD XH,17H
00520 LD XL,23H ;IX SHOULD = 1723H
00530 LD YH,0F0H
00540 LD YL,8BH ;IY SHOULD = 0F08BH
00550 RET
00560 ;
00570 ;TEST THE 'LD XR1,XR2' INSTRUCTIONS
00580 ;
00590 LD4 LD IX,64H ;IX = 0064H
00600 LD XH,XL ;IX SHOULD = 6464H
00610 LD IY,3700H
00620 LD YL,YH ;IY SHOULD = 3737H
00630 RET
00640 ;
00650 ;TEST THE ARITHMETIC INSTRUCTIONS
00660 ;
00670 ADDSUB LD A,90H ;A = 90H
00680 LD IX,8020H ;IX = 8020H
00690 LD IY,4030H ;IY = 4030H
00700 ADD A,XH ;SHOULD BE: A = 10H, CY = 1
00710 ADC A,XL ;SHOULD BE: A = 31H, CY = 0
00720 SUB YH ;SHOULD BE: A = 0F1H, CY = 1
00730 SBC A,YL ;SHOULD BE: A = 0COH
00740 RET
00750 ;
00760 ;TEST THE 'INC & DEC' INSTRUCTIONS
00770 ;
00780 INCDEC LD IX,OFFH ;IX = 00FFH
00790 LD IY,OFF0H ;IY = FFOFH
00800 INC XH
00810 INC XH
00820 DEC XL ;IX SHOULD = 02FEH
00830 DEC YH
00840 DEC YH
00850 INC YL ;IY SHOULD = FDO1H
00860 RET
00870 ;
00880 ;TEST THE 'LOGICAL' INSTRUCTIONS
00890 ;
00900 ANDORX LD IX,0B51CH ;IX = 0B51CH
00910 LD IY,96D4H ;IY = 96D4H
00920 LD A,O ;A = 0
00930 OR XH ;A SHOULD = B5H
00940 AND YL ;A SHOULD = 94H
00950 XOR XL ;A SHOULD = 88H
00960 RET
00970 ;
00980 ;TEST THE COMPARISONS
00990 ;
01000 COMP LD IX,1234H ;IX = 1234H
01010 LD IY,5678H ;IY = 5678H
01020 LD A,34H ;A = 34H
01030 CP XH ;A = XH?
01040 RET Z ;RETURN IF ERROR
01050 LD A,56H ;A = 56H
01060 CP YH ;A = YH?
01070 RET Z ;SHOULD RETURN FROM HERE
01080 LD A,10H ;SET ERROR CODE
01090 RET ;ONLY HERE ON ERROR
01100 END

```

## Program 2 Test Segments

```

10 REM TEST Z80 EXTRA INSTRUCTIONS
20 FL = -1: REM FL IS PASS/FAIL FLAG
30 CLS: PRINT @15, "TEST Z80 EXTRA INSTRUCTIONS":
40 POKE 16526,32:POKE 16527,124:REM USR START POINT
50 FOR I = 31776 TO 31809:READ B:POKE I,B:NEXT:REM LOAD TSTALL
60 REM START TESTING
70 FOR I = 1 TO 8
80 READ I,J1,J2,J3,J4,J5,F$:REM EXPECTED RESULTS AND CONTROL
DATA
90 FOR I2 = 31813 TO 31812 + I:READ B:POKE I2,B:NEXT:REM LOAD TEST
SEGMENT
100 HL = USR (12345):REM RUN TEST
110 GOSUB 1000:REM RECOVER REGISTERS
120 IF A = J1 AND BC = J2 AND DE = J3 AND HL = 12345 AND IX = J4 AND
IY = J5 THEN GOSUB 2000 ELSE GOSUB 3000
130 NEXT I
140 IF FL THEN PRINT@841, "TESTS OF EXTRA INSTRUCTIONS

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SUCCESSFUL", ELSE PRINT@842, "TESTS OF EXTRA INSTUCTIONS
FAILED":
END
1500 REM RECOVER REGISTERS
1010 REM A : 7C02H : 31746
1020 REM BC : 7C04H : 31748
1030 REM DE : 7C06H : 31750
1040 REM IX : 7C08H : 31752
1050 REM IY : 7C0AH : 31754
1060 A = PEEK(31746)
1070 BC = 256*PEEK(31749) + PEEK(31748)
1080 DE = 256*PEEK(31751) + PEEK(31750)
1090 IX = 256*PEEK(31753) + PEEK(31752)
1100 IY = 256*PEEK(31755) + PEEK(31754)
1110 RETURN
2000 REM SUCCESS MESSAGE
2010 PRINT@I*64,F$:PRINT@I*64+8,"SATISFACTORY":
2020 RETURN
3000 REM SUBROUTINE TO PRINT ERROR INFORMATION
3010 PRINT@I*64+32,F$:PRINT@I*64+40,"FAILED":FL = 0:REM SET
BASIC MESSAGE AND FLAG
3020 PRINT@640,"FAILURE REPORT FOR SEGMENT",F$
3030 PRINT "REGISTERS:"TAB(19)"A" TAB(24)"BC" TAB(31)"DE" TAB(38)
"HL" TAB(45)"IX" TAB(52)"IY"
3040 PRINT "SHOULD HAVE BEEN:" TAB(16)J1; TAB(22)J2; TAB(29)J3;
TAB(36)12345; TAB(43)J4; TAB(50)J5
3050 PRINT "WERE:" TAB(17)A; TAB(22)BC; TAB(29)DE; TAB(36)HL;
TAB(43)IX; TAB(50)IY
3060 PRINT@965, "PRESS 'A' TO ABANDON; PRESS 'C' TO CONTINUE":
3070 IN$ = INKEY$: IF IN$ = "" THEN 3070
3080 IF IN$ = "A" END
3090 IF IN$ = "C" PRINT@640,STRING$(191," "); PRINT@832,STRING$(
191," ");RETURN
3100 GOTO 3070
4000 REM CALLING ROUTINE
4010 DATA 205, 127, 10, 62, 117, 79, 71, 87, 95, 205, 69, 124, 237, 67, 4, 124,
237, 83
4020 DATA 6, 124, 221, 34, 8, 124, 253, 34, 10, 124, 50, 2, 124, 195, 154, 10
4030 REM LD1
4040 DATA 19, 52, 13398, 30738, 4660, 22136, LD1
4050 DATA 221, 33, 52, 18, 253, 33, 120, 86, 221, 69, 253, 76, 253, 85, 221, 125,
201
4060 REM LD2
4070 DATA 15, 117, 9029, 30864, 17784, 30096, LD2
4080 DATA 1, 69, 35, 17, 144, 120, 221, 97, 221, 106, 253, 103, 253, 107, 201
4090 REM LD3
4100 DATA 21, 117, 30069, 30069, 5923, 61579, LD3
4110 DATA 221, 33, 0, 0, 253, 33, 0, 0, 221, 38, 23, 221, 46, 35, 253, 38, 240, 253,
46, 139, 201
4120 REM LD4
4130 DATA 13, 117, 30069, 30069, 25700, 14135, LD4
4140 DATA 221, 33, 100, 0, 221, 101, 253, 33, 0, 55, 253, 108, 201
4150 REM ADDSUB
4160 DATA 19, 192, 30069, 30069, 32800, 16432, ADDSUB
4170 DATA 62, 144, 221, 33, 32, 128, 253, 33, 48, 64, 221, 132, 221, 141, 253,
148, 253, 157, 201
4180 REM INCDEC
4190 DATA 21, 117, 30069, 30069, 766, 64769, INCDEC
4200 DATA 221, 33, 255, 0, 253, 33, 0, 255, 221, 36, 221, 36, 221, 45, 253, 37,
253, 37, 253, 44, 201
4210 REM ANDORX
4220 DATA 17, 136, 30069, 30069, 46364, 38612, ANDORX
4230 DATA 221, 33, 28, 181, 253, 33, 212, 150, 62, 0, 221, 180, 253, 165, 221,
173, 201
4240 REM COMP
4250 DATA 21, 86, 30069, 30069, 4660, 22136, COMP
4260 DATA 221, 33, 52, 18, 253, 33, 120, 86, 62, 52, 221, 188, 200, 62, 86, 253,
188, 200, 62, 16,201

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## Program 3 Program listing for the BASIC controller

Program 3 is a listing of the program that I used.

Initially, the calling routine is loaded into the top of memory by a series of READs and POKes, and then the tests proper start.

The first line of DATA for each test segment defines the number of bytes in the subroutine, the expected values in all the registers except HL (which should always be 12345), and the title of the segment. This data allows the test segment to be loaded and run.

The actual values of the registers, saved in memory by

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'TSTALL', are recovered by the subroutine at lines 1000-1100, and the result is evaluated. If the results are OK, a suitable message is printed, and the program goes on to the next test.

If any failure occurs, the subroutine at line 3000 is called. This prints out an error message, and the expected and actual data in the registers. The routine also clears a flag (FL) to show that there was a fault. Finally, the fault routine sits in a loop while you make up your mind what to do next.

Figure 4 shows the sort of display which might appear partway through the test of a Z80 which does not respond properly. You'll notice that I have to modify the 'expected' values to force a failure. At the end of the test, a success/failure message appears.

The only other point to watch out for when you run this program on a TRS-80 is the protection of the RAM used for the machine-code. There's probably no threat to it, but you should answer the 'MEMORY SIZE?' prompt with 31734 to be safe.

## Use On Other Micros

The program here runs on a TRS-80. What, you may ask, do you have to do to run it on, say an MZ-80K?

Obviously, the BASIC and the actual addresses used must be changed to suit the new machine. However, the critical parts of the program, the eight test segments, are all relocatable (they don't use absolute addresses), and so they shouldn't need any attention. You will have to massage 'TSTALL' a bit to suit how, or if, you pass the value of HL through a USR.

## Conclusion

Most, if not all, Z80s have extra instructions in them which

Zilog is very coy about. These instructions give the dedicated machine-code masochist four extra eight-bit general-purpose registers to play with, and can be very useful indeed.

It's very easy to test whether or not your micro has these commands. If it has, you've got an unexpected bonus, and if it hasn't — you never knew you were missing them.

## TEST Z80 EXTRA INSTRUCTIONS

```
LD1    SATISFACTORY
LD2    SATISFACTORY
LD3    FAILED
LD4    SATISFACTORY
ADDSUB SATISFACTORY
INCDEC FAILED
```

## FAILURE REPORT FOR SEGMENT INCDEC

REGISTERS:	A	BC	DE	HL	IX	IY
SHOULD HAVE BEEN:	117	32369	30069	12345	766	64769
WERE:	177	30069	30069	12345	766	64769

PRESS 'A' TO ABANDON: PRESS 'C' TO CONTINUE

Fig 4. A typical failure output.

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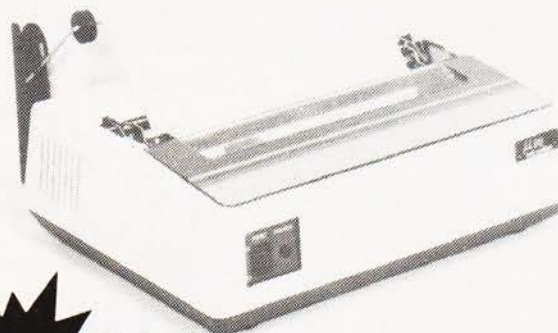
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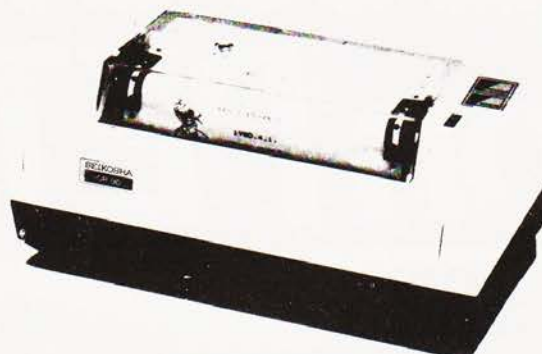
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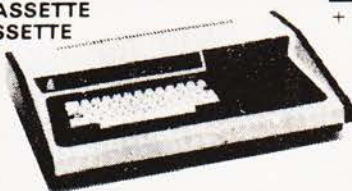
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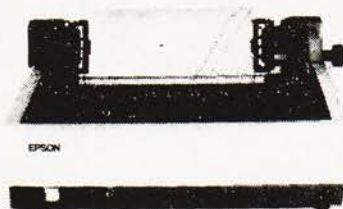
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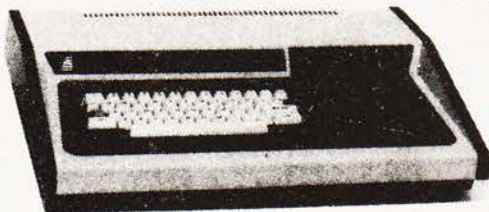
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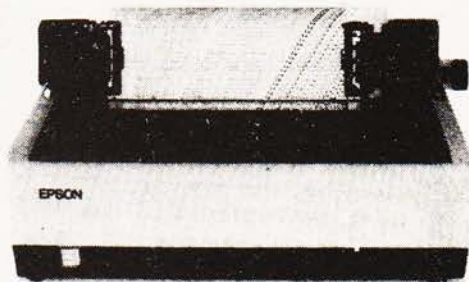
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The alarm clock is not an interface but an extension of the system. The micro sets the clock to cause an interrupt after a fixed period of time. With the circuit described here, it can set

the alarm for any period up to four hours, in fifteen minute steps. It is easy to modify the design for other timings — even as long as a day or two. The block diagram (Fig.1) shows exactly what happens. The timing comes from a clock circuit generating pulses at approximately 2 Hz. These pulses are counted by a 14 stage CMOS counter. The set of outputs from the last four stages change at every 2048<sup>th</sup> pulse (every 15 minutes). Four outputs are used, so it takes four hours to run from 0000 to 1111 and back to 0000.

### Operating Sequence

To set the alarm clock, the required length of time is set onto the time code lines. The code is the number of quarter hour periods required, expressed in binary form. For example, half an hour (two quarters) is 0010, 3¼ hours (13 quarters) is 1101. In these codes A is the least significant digit. The code is registered when the CPU takes the normally high 'Store' input to low and back to high again. The inverse of the time code now appears on the output lines of the register, we are using the Q outputs. Next, a high pulse on the reset line makes all counter outputs go to zero. As soon as reset goes low again, the counter begins counting pulses from the clock. About 15 minutes later, output A (pin 15) goes high; A and the other three outputs count through from 0000 to 1111. Eventually a stage is reached at which the output from the counter is identical with the time code. Each exclusive-OR gate of IC3 is then receiving two inputs (remember the register is giving the *inverse* of the time code), so the output of every gate becomes high. Four high inputs to the NAND gate of IC5 forces its output to go low. This low output, if fed to the IRQ input of Acorn, causes an interrupt. If you are interfacing to the Mk-14 you will need to invert this output by using the spare gate of IC5 (dotted lines of Fig.2) to get a 'high-going' interrupt.

### Interruptions

The micro is programmed to perform certain actions on being interrupted. If you are busily playing "Mastermind" at the time, it will leave you in suspense while it deals with these more important matters. First it registers how much time is to pass before the next interrupt and resets the clock. Next it performs a pre-arranged task, such as turning on the porch light. Finally, it returns to your game. A possible daily sequence is illustrated in Table 1. The 'nil action' interrupts allow periods longer than four hours to be bridged. Items such as coffee pots and electric blankets can be turned on by the micro, but switched off by the user at a convenient time. In

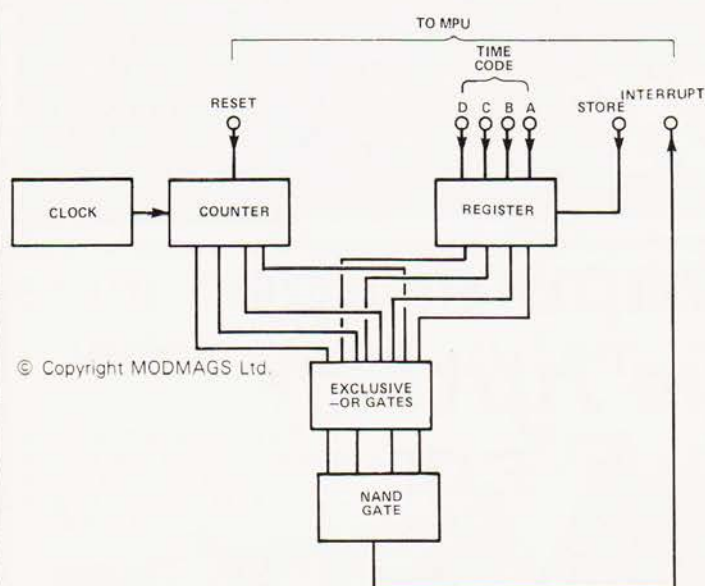


Fig.1. The clock unit block diagram.

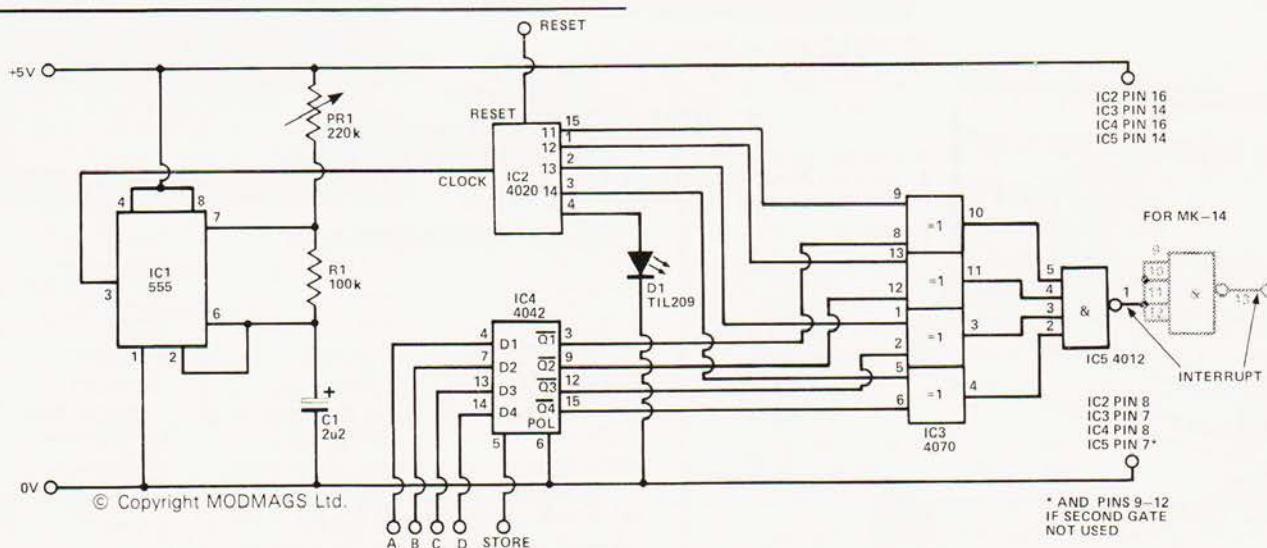


Fig.2. Circuit diagram for the clock. Note that the shaded area on the right is for the Mk-14 only.

between all these activities the micro can be fully occupied with 'Mastermind' and a host of other tasks — provided that the interrupt programs are not lost in the process.

Another entirely different use for the clock is for timing moves in games. For this the timing periods could be reduced by using a capacitor of smaller value. The game could be interrupted if a player has made no move in, say, five minutes. Or the clock could be used in projects such as counting the number of vehicles passing along a road during quarter hour periods throughout the day.

## Construction

First build the clock circuit (IC1) and test it to make certain that it is working. If the positive probe of a test meter is applied to pin 3, the needle should flick regularly about twice a second. Next construct the counter circuit (IC2) and connect it to the clock output. With the reset input low, pulses at 1 Hz should be coming from pin 9. The LED, D1, should turn on and off every 30 S (approx). To adjust the clock to run with exactly quarter hour periods, PR1 is set so that the interval between successive off-on periods of D1 is exactly 28.125 S (or 3 mins 45 S for eight periods). The remainder of the construction presents few problems except those of following the wiring diagram correctly, making sure all solder joints are good, and

Table 1. A typical daily routine.

Interrupt time	Time set for next call (hours)	Other action
0200	4	Nil
0600	1	Switch on house heating
0700	½	Wake family
0730	1	Display list of day's events
0830	2	Reduce house heating temperature
1030	4	Switch on coffee pot
1430	1	Nil
1530	½	Begin tape-recording radio
1600	1	Tape recorder off
1700	1	Increase house heating temperature
1800	3	Porch light on
2100	1	Electric blanket on
2200	1	Switch house heating off
		Test intruder-detector system
2300	3	Porch lighting off

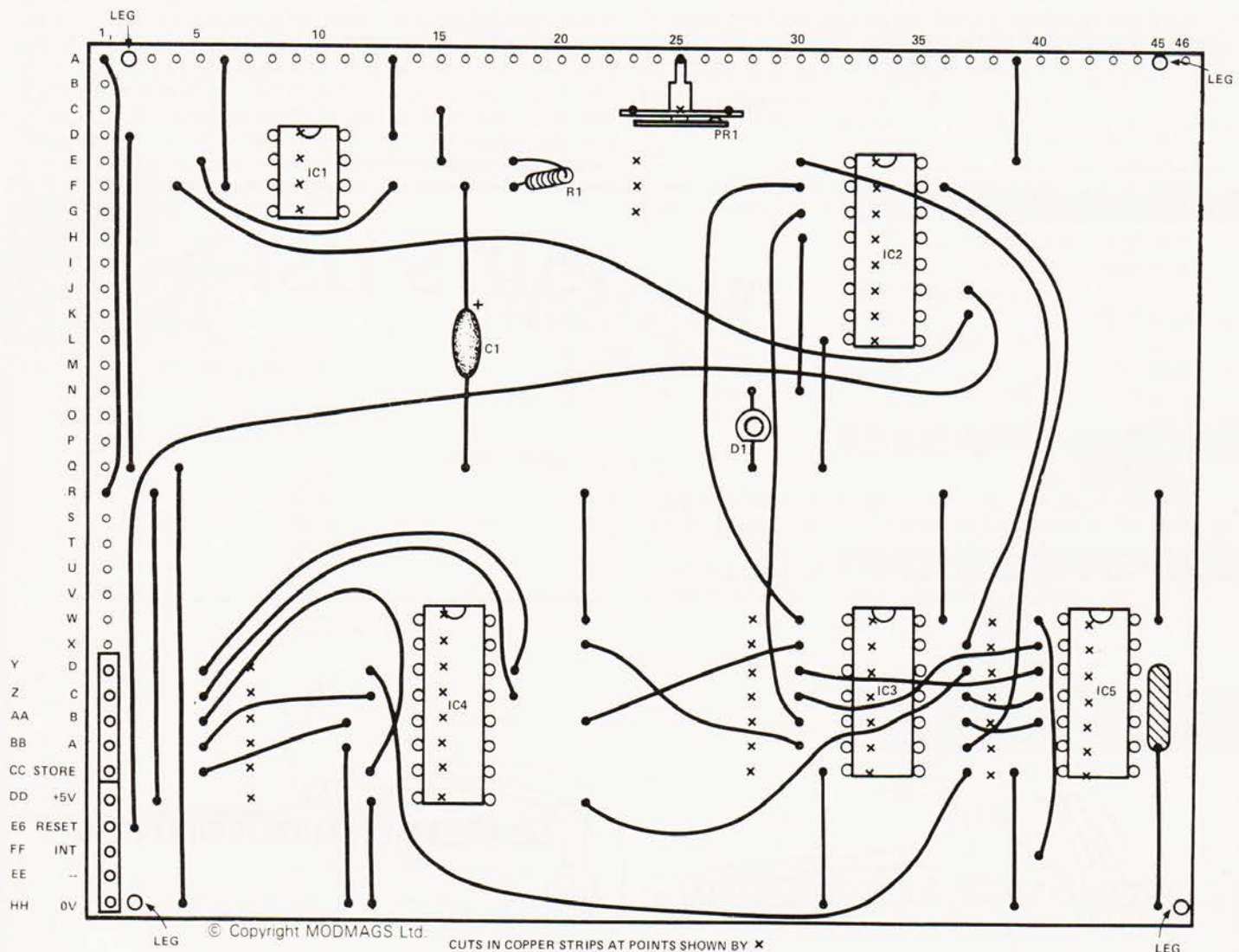


Fig.3. Overlay for the circuit on Veroboard.

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that there are no unintentional short-circuits (especially incompletely cut strips and stray threads of solder). If you are interfacing to Mk-14, omit the wires joining W41-FF41 and BB45-HH45. Run a wire from W41 to Y45, and another from BB45 to FF45.

The board is connected to the micro by the PCB plugs and sockets used in previous projects in this series. The circuit is powered from the 5 V supply of the system and operates through Port B of the input/output device. The plugs have almost the same connections as used for Thermoface (CT July 1980) and the digital to analogue interface (CT August 1980), so the same connecting links can be used. As can be seen from Figs. 5 and 6, the only modification is that one line goes to the interrupt input, instead of to Port B1 as in the previous interfaces. For Acorn, it is better to use the interrupt request (IRQ) input rather than non-maskable interrupt (NMI). This leaves NMI free to receive interrupts from devices with higher priority, such as intruder-alarms and fire-detectors. The topic of interrupts was dealt with fully in CT October 1980 so we will not go into details here.

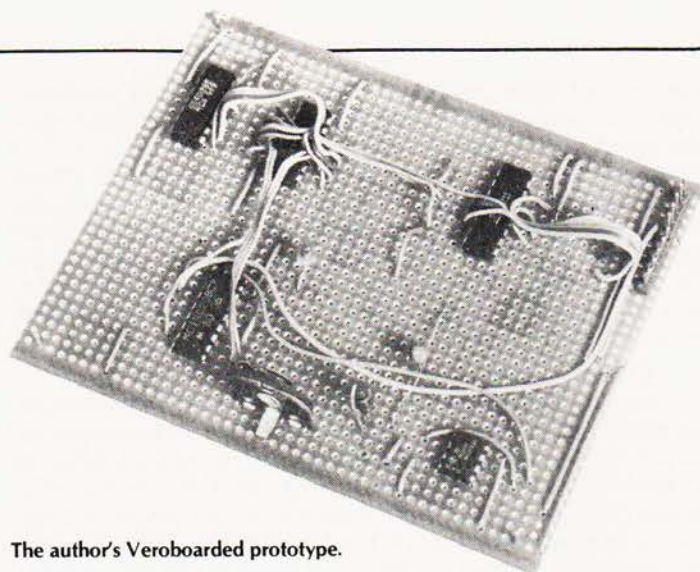
### Program

The time code occupies the upper four bits of Port B; Store and Reset are the most significant bits. The sequence for setting the alarm is as follows, the example in the right-hand column showing (in binary and hexadecimal) the byte required to set the alarm for a 1½ hour period.

Step	Action	Function	Port B outputs (Example)
1	Send time code: Store low: Reset low	Time code appears on register	0110 0000 = 60
2	Send time code: Store high: Reset low	Time code latched	0110 1000 = 68
3	Reset high: Store high	Resets counter	0000 1100 = 0C
4	Reset low: Store high	Timing begins	0000 1000 = 08

### Modifications

The time-scale can be made longer or shorter by using a capacitor of different value for C1. If finer control of the timing is required, additional ICs can be run in parallel with IC3 and IC4. This provides an eight-bit time code. Reset and Store can then be controlled through Port A. The additional



The author's Veroboard prototype.

exclusive-OR gates are fed from the 10, 9, 8 and 7 outputs of IC2 (pins 14, 13, 12 and 6 respectively). This allows times up to four hours to be set with an accuracy of one minute. If PR1 is adjusted so that output '7' gives exact minutes, the total run takes four hours and 16 minutes (256 minutes).

For this modification, IC5 will be an eight-input NAND (4068). A much simpler modification makes use of the spare port, B0, and the pin at GG1. This could be wired either to the clock (IC1) output or to one of the lower outputs of IC2. If the clock has a period of 0.5 S, pins 9, 7 and 5 have periods of 1, 8 and 16 S, respectively. One of these outputs can be used to provide delays that are longer than can be conveniently provided by software. Note that the outputs of IC2 have a 50% duty cycle, but that of the clock does not.

## PARTS LIST

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PR1	220k Cermet
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IC4	4042
IC5	4012

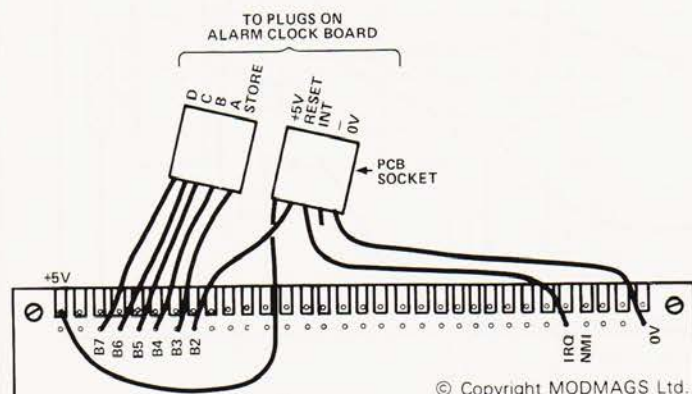


Fig.4. How to connect it to the Acorn.

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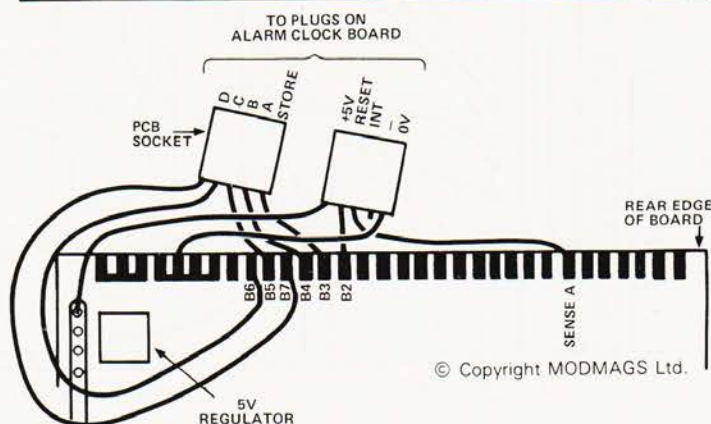


Fig.5. Same plugs but different connections for the Mk-14.

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## Programs For Mk-14

Main Program (Sets up Interrupt pre-conditions, and sets I/O to control the alarm clock)

0F20	C4 0F	LDI	'0F'	] P3 to interrupt routine - 1
0F22	37	XPAH	P3	
0F23	C4 4F	LDI	'4F'	
0F25	33	XPAL	P3	] Set interrupt enable
0F26	C4 08	LDI	'08'	
0F28	07	CAS		
0F29	C4 0A	LDI	'0A'	] P1 set to I/O device (0A00)
0F28	35	XPAH	P1	
0F2C	C4 00	LDI	'00'	
0F2E	31	XPAL	P1	] Ports 82-87 defined as outputs
0F2F	C4 FC	LDI	'FC'	
0F31	C9 23	ST	P1+23	

The above segment needs to be listed once only. P1 and P3 must not be reset to other addresses. Remember to keep 'interrupt enable' high if CAS is used elsewhere in the program.

Alarm setting program (MPU jumps to this at interrupt)

0F50	C4 60	LDI	'60'	] Time code (1 1/2 hours)
0F52	C9 21	ST at Port B		
0F54	C4 68	LDI	'68'	] Time code latched
0F56	C9 21	ST at Port B		
0F58	C4 0C	LDI	'0C'	] Reset
0F5A	C9 21	ST at Port B		
0F5C	C4 08	LDI	'08'	] Begin timing at interrupt
0F5E	C9 21	ST at Port B		

— followed by program for any further action at interrupt. If a sequence of interrupts is programmed, this action can include altering contents of 0F51 and 0F55, to give a different setting for the alarm at the next interrupt.

## Programs For Acorn

Main Program (Sets up IRQ pre-conditions, and sets I/O to control alarm clock)

001E	00			address of IRQ
001F	02			routine (0200)
0020	58	CLI		allows interrupts
0021	A9 FC	LDA	'FC'	Port B2-B7 defined
0023	8D 23 09	STA	ODB	as outputs

The above segment needs to be listed once only.

The corresponding alarm setting program is,

0200	A9 60	LDA	'60'	Time code 1 1/2 hours
0202	8D 21 09	STA at Port B		
0205	A9 68	LDA	'68'	Time code latched
0207	8D 21 09	STA at Port B		
020A	A9 0C	LDA	'0C'	Reset
020C	8D 21 09	STA at Port B		
020F	A9 08	LDA	'08'	Begin timing
0211	8D 21 09	STA at Port B		

— followed by program for any further action at interrupt. If a sequence of interrupts is programmed, this action can include altering the contents of 0201 and 0206, to give a different setting for the alarm at the next interrupt. Finish the program with another CLI instruction ('58') to reset the interrupt-enable flag.

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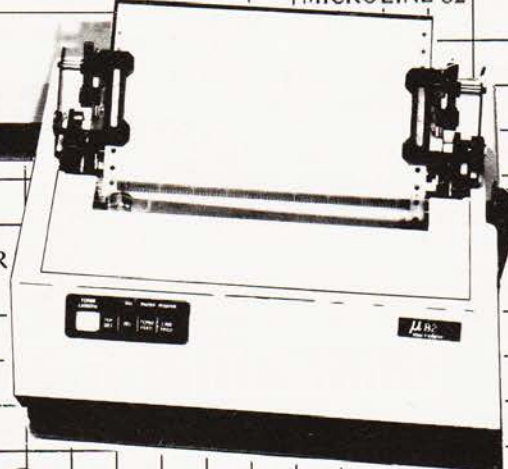


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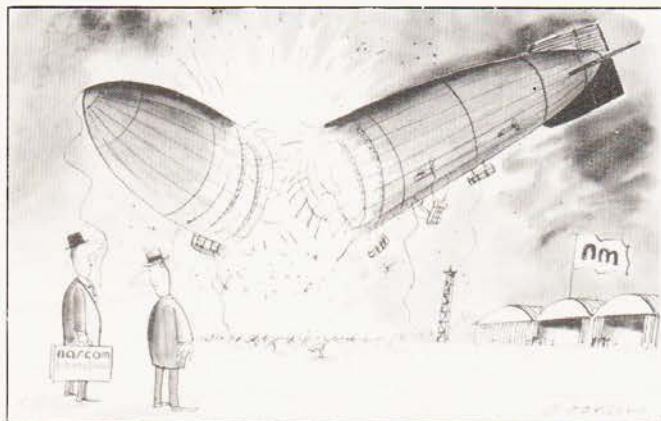
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# MEMORY TEST

Kevin Townsend

**M**emory Test is a simple program for PET owners, or those with other micros that support sound boxes. The game is a version of the 'Simon' toy in that you have to remember an increasing sequence of numbers and their associated tones.

All the instructions are included in the program and the characters within square brackets are to the usual CT standards. Connections to a soundbox are from the N and M pins on the user port, a simple amplifier will suffice.

## Program Listing

```
1 REM**MEMORY TEST
4 CLR
5 PRINT" [CLS]MEMORY TEST"
6 S1=59464:S2=59466:S3=59467
8 PRINT"  = = = = = "
10 PRINT"THE IDEA OF THIS GAME IS TO
    REPRODUCE"
20 PRINT"THE SERIES OF NUMBERS I WILL
    PRINT FOR"
30 PRINT"YOU."
40 PRINT"IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE PRESS
    'HOME' & TRY"
45 PRINT"AGAIN, OR PRESS 'DEL' TO DELETE
    LAST GO."
50 PRINT"PRESS 'E' TO END."
60 PRINT"DO YOU REQUIRE SOUND? (Y/N) ";
61 GET A$
62 NU=RND(TI):REM**RANDOMISE
63 IF A$=" " THEN 61
70 IF A$="N" THEN POKE S3,0:GOTO 77
75 IF A$="Y" THEN POKE S3,16:GOTO 77
76 GOTO 61
77 PRINT A$
79 INPUT"RATE OF CHANGE OF SEQUENCE
    LENGTH";R
80 INPUT"MAXIMUM SEQUENCE LENGTH?";S
83 IF S>80 THEN S=R-1:REM ** 80 IS MAX FOR
    8K PET
85 IF S<R THEN PRINT"ERROR, SEQUENCE
    LENGTH(";R;"TO 80)";:INPUT S:GOTO 83
94 PRINT"GOOD LUCK!";FOR Q=1 TO 700:NEXT
95 REM**PICK SEQUENCE & STORE
99 DIM N(S+2),M(S+2)
100 FOR A=1 TO S
150 N(A)=INT(10*RND(TI))
200 NEXT
300 G=0
350 REM**MAIN PRINTING ROUTINE
400 G=G+R
410 IF G>S THEN G=S
450 PRINT" [CLS] [8 CD] ";
500 FOR A=1 TO G
530 POKE S2,15:POKE S1,150-N(A)*10
550 PRINT N(A) " ";
555 FOR X=1 TO 100:NEXT:POKE S1,0
560 IF A/10=INT(A/10) THEN PRINT" ";
600 NEXT
650 PRINT" [HOM] YOU HAVE ";INT(G/2);"
    SECONDS TO MEMORISE THE SEQUENCE";
651 PRINT" . . . . . ";G;"NUMBERS"
700 FOR Q=1 TO 450*G:NEXT
730 REM**YOUR REPLY
740 POKE S1,70:FOR P=1 TO 100:NEXT:POKE S1,0
750 PRINT" [CLS] O.K. NOW RETYPE THE
    SEQUENCE"
753 FOR K=1 TO 10:GET W$:NEXT
755 REM**SOAK UP EXTRA KEY PRESSES
780 PRINT" [HOM] [8 CD] ";:FOR C=1 TO G:
    PRINT" [↑$] ";:IF C/10=INT(C/10) THEN
    PRINT" ";
790 NEXT
795 PRINT" [HOM] [8 CD] ";
800 FOR A=1 TO G
810 FOR U=1 TO 100:NEXT
830 POKE S1,0
850 GET A$:IF A$=" " THEN 850
855 B=VAL(A$)
860 IF A$=" [HOM] " THEN PRINT" [CLS] TRY
    AGAIN":POKE S1,0:FOR K=1 TO 1000:NEXT:
    GOTO 750
862 POKE S2,15:POKE S1,150-10*B
863 IF A<=2 THEN GOTO 868
865 IF A$=CHR$(20) THEN A=A-1:PRINT" [3 CL]
    [↑$] [2 CL] ";
867 IF A$=CHR$(20) AND (A-1)/10=INT
    ((A-1)/10) THEN PRINT" [CU] ";
868 IF A$=CHR$(20) THEN 810
869 IF A$="E" THEN POKE 59467,0:END
873 PRINT B;" ";
875 REM**PRINT IN ROWS OF TEN
876 IF A=0 THEN 880
877 IF A/10=INT(A/10) THEN PRINT" [CD] ";
880 M(A)=B
900 NEXT A
910 POKE S1,0
950 REM**CHECK FOR ERRORS
999 ER=0
1000 FOR A=1 TO G
1010 IF N(A)<>M(A) THEN ER=ER+1
1050 NEXT
1100 IF ER>0 THEN GOTO 1500
1130 IF S>G THEN GOTO 1150
1140 GOTO 5000
1145 REM**CORRECT REPLY
1150 PRINT" [CLS] CORRECT    TRY A LONGER
    SEQUENCE"
1155 REM**TONE FOR CORRECT REPLY
1156 POKE S2,15:POKE S1,50:FOR Z=1 TO 20:POKE
    S1,50
1160 FOR X=1 TO 80:NEXT:POKE S1,100:NEXT:
    POKE S1,0:GOTO 400
1460 REM**INCORRECT REPLY
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1500 PRINT " [CLS ]WRONG, YOU MADE";ER;
      "MISTAKES, TRY AGAIN"
1520 REM**TONE FOR INCORRECT REPLY
1530 POKE S2,15:POKE S1,200:FOR Q=1 TO 12:
      POKE 59464,230
1550 FOR U=1 TO 35:NEXT:POKE 59464,180:NEXT:
      G=G-R:GOTO 400
2000 T=TI:IF TI=T+60*G THEN NEXT
4200 REM**TOTAL SEQUENCE
5000 PRINT " [CLS ] [7 CD ]    FANTASTIC!"
5010 PRINT "YOU MADE YOUR SEQUENCE OF";
      INT(S);"NUMBERS"
5050 FOR H=1 TO 7

5060 FOR J=200 TO 10 STEP - 10
5080 POKE S1,J/2
5100 NEXT:NEXT
5150 REM**POKE 59467,0 TO REACTIVATE
      CASSETTE
5200 POKE 59464,0
5500 PRINT "ANOTHER GAME?";
5510 GET A$:IF A$=" " THEN 5510
5515 PRINT A$
5520 IF A$="Y" THEN 1
5530 IF A$="N" THEN POKE 59467,0:END
5555 GOTO 5500
63999 END

```

## ZX80 RE-NUMBER

A. Beasley

**A**fter using the ZX80 for a few months I found that there was a need for a simple renumbering program. In the attempt to solve the problem a BASIC program was written out but this took far too much memory space. Whilst machine code was the obvious solution it did raise yet another problem. How could the program be stored so that it could be used without any trouble? After attempting to store it in a REM line it was found that some of the codes made the system crash when the program was listed.

### Solutions

To get over the problem the following method was developed. First all the variables are CLEARED. A string variable is now set up to contain the required number of bytes and the machine code is POKEd into it. As this string variable is the first in the list its location can be found from the two bytes called VARS, see page 122 in the manual. By adding one to the value obtained you have the location of the first character in the string. To call the program you simply find the value of VARS, add one and use this number as a USR call.

### More Problems

This method generates its own set of problems however. If you are using it for program operation you cannot use the following commands, RUN, CLEAR or NEW. By using GOTO you can get over the RUN problem and the others are not really drastic.

The main advantage of this method is that when you save the program you still preserve the string for the next time. It should be noted that the GOTO and GOSUB statements are not altered but you do get everything into 35 bytes.

### Operation

To use the program type in with Z\$ containing 33 characters. Now run the program then remove it by typing just the line numbers and then 'Newline'. The program you wish to renumber can be keyed in but remember not to use the RUN or CLEAR keys and make sure that the program does not contain Z\$.

To activate the renumber type PRINT USR (1 + PEEK(16392) + PEEK(16393)\*256).

```

1  CLEAR
2  LET Z$="aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa"
3  LET A$="06000E0A2128407023713E0A814F300404
      CB70C0237EFE7620FA237ECB7FC018E6"
4  LET A=1+PEEK(16392)+PEEK(16393*256)
5  FOR C=1 TO 33
6  LET B=CODE(A$)-28
7  LET B=B*16
8  LET A$=TI$(A$)
9  LET B=B+CODE(A$)-28
10 LET A$=TI$(A$)
11 POKE A,B
12 LET A=A+1
13 NEXT C

```



## MEMORY MAP

G. Elkin

The following is a list of important addresses for the TRS 80 which may prove useful to those of you who are just starting with the machine. The list cannot be considered complete but it does provide a useful 'quick guide' to the most commonly used information.

Information	Decimal	Hex
Level II BASIC***	00000-12287	0000-2999
Memory mapped I/O	12288-16383	3000-3FFF
Communication status	14302	37DE
Communication data	14303	37DF
Interrupt latch	14304	37E0
Disc drive select latch	14305	37E1
Cassette select latch	14308	37E4
Line printer	14312	37E8
Floppy disc controller	14316	37EC
Keyboard	14336-14591	3800-38FF
VDU (16 lines of 64)	15360-16383	3C00-3FFF
BASIC vectors (RST 1-7)	16384-16404	4000-4014
Keyboard disable*	16405	4015
Driver (LSB,MSB)	16406,16407	4016,4017
Zero	16408-16410	4018-401A
'K' (code 75)	16411	401B
'I' (code 73)	16412	401C
VDU disable*	16413	401D
Driver (LSB,MSB)	16414,16415	401E,401F
Cursor position (LSB,MSB)	16416,16417	4020,4021

Cursor character	16418	4022
'D' (code 68)	16419	4023
'O' (code 79)	16420	4024
Printer disable	16421	4025
Driver (LSB,MSB)	16422,16423	4026,4027
Lines/page**	16424	4028
Line counter	16425	4029
Zero	16426	402A
'P' (code 80)	16427	402B
'R' (code 82)	16428	402C
Disc interrupt vector	16464	4050
Communications interrupt vector	16466	4052
25 mS interrupt vector	16478	405E
USR (x) start (LSB,MSB)	16526,16527	408D,408E
BASIC program start (LSB,MSB)	16548,16549	40A4,40A5
Memory end (LSB,MSB)	16561,16562	40B1,40B2
First line number (LSB,MSB)	16633,16634	40F9,40FA
BASIC instruction table	16722-16805	4152-41A5
OPEN	16761-16763	4179-417B
CLOSE	16773-16775	4185-4187
RSET	16794-16796	419A-419C

Notes:

- \* Level II = 0, Disc = 16, Normal = 1
- \*\* 66 on power-up.
- \*\*\* Level I BASIC ends at 4095, 0FFFF

Those with a desire to learn more are recommended to read 'Machine language programming from the ground up' by Hubert Howe which is available from A J Harding (Molimerx) Ltd.

## SCREEN SCROLL

P. Leveridge

The following routine will enable the NASCOM 1 to only scroll the bottom four lines of the screen, whilst the rest remains stationary.

To use this routine, its address must first be put into the reflection table at 0C4A. This can be done using the M command. Both bytes must be put on the same line in the M command otherwise disaster will result since the M command also uses the reflection. Any number of lines can be scrolled by changing the values of HL, DE, BC at addresses 0C5E-0C63. This is very useful if it is patched into Tiny BASIC (or any other sort), because it enables the user to keep a set of axes on the screen whilst reading in values to be plotted. This gives the NASCOM the 'GRAPH' command as on the Research Machines 380Z. This was written for B-Bug but should work on any monitor, except that the monitor reflection addresses will be different.

```

0C50 FE 1F    START:CP A, 1FH          ;Is it a carriage return?
0C52 C2 3B 01  JP NZ,CRT              ;No, output character
0C55 F5 C5 D5 E5  PUSH AF, BC, DE, HL  ;Save all the registers
0C59 2A 18 0C   LD HL, CURPOS         ;Point HL at cursor address
0C5C 36 20      LD (HL), ""           ;Blank the cursor
0C5E 11 CA 0A   LD DE, OACAH          ;Set up for half scroll
0C60 21 0A 0B   LD HL, OBOAH          ;
0C63 01 B0 00   LD BC, OBOOH          ;
0C66 C3 9E 01   JP 19EH              ;Jump into middle of monitor
                                         routine

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## TWO TONE

S J Stamps

This simple modification allows inverted video to be displayed on the NASCOM 1. The connections shown in Fig. 1 are made as follows. Pin 9 of IC 15 is bent out from its socket and a small piece of wire is inserted in its place. Connection to the pin is made by soldering directly to the IC leg and this is then taken to the inverter gate which can be made from any 'spare' logic element. The four options can be selected by wire links or by a DIP switch or, by the more adventurous, with a 74126 and the output port.

The options give the following result:

- XA Normal
- XB Inverted Black on White
- XC Black Screen
- XD White Screen.

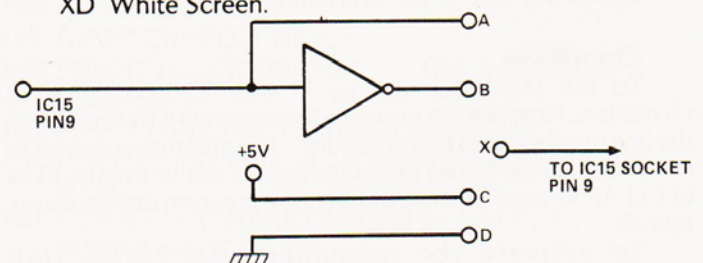


Fig. 1. The simple circuit modification.

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# REACT O'TIME

Syd Arkless

**T**he idea for this program evolved out of a desire to incorporate the knowledge I had acquired in writing two previous programs, one concerned almost exclusively with writing text onto the screen, the second, a digital 24 hour clock. I wished to combine these two and also investigate two new techniques, namely, generating random numbers (and turning these into predetermined characters) and also to have some interaction between the keyboard and microprocessor during program execution.

## Initial Concept

The basic idea was to produce a random number, turn this into a character, start a clock and stop it when the correct character was pressed on the keyboard, a basic reaction timing game.

With this thought in mind it was decided to incorporate two specific features into the program, namely, a continuous screen display of the best time so far, which would automatically be changed whenever it was bettered, and a facility to record the name of the person obtaining the current best time which could only be altered when a better time was obtained. In an earlier attempt at this program only the characters 0 to 9 were generated but an astute lady soon discovered that if she hovered over one key that this would, sooner or later, appear and the best times that she recorded (while I wasn't looking) were definitely unbeatable! It was therefore decided to include the generation of the alphabet as well as the numerals. Finally a 'cheat' routine was included to catch any attempt by the 'trigger happy' to anticipate the character before it actually appeared.

## The Program

The program is designed to run on a standard NASCOM incorporating B-BUG monitor as the only addition. I'm afraid I succumbed to this as the loading and dumping times of the standard monitor were becoming very tedious.

0C50 - 0C96	clears the screen and generates the text.
0C97 - 0CAF	generates a random character and after a delay prints it on the screen and also checks whether a key has been pressed in anticipation of the character in which case the program goes to a cheat routine at 0D52.
0CB0 - 0CDA	prints the random character on screen, provides a 1/100th S (approx) delay and checks whether a character has been pressed on the keyboard.
0CDB - 0D10	this is the four digit 1/100th S clock
0D10 - 0D13	compares the character pressed with the character generated and if there is no compare returns to the clock.
0D14 - 0D47	test the new time against the previous best time and if it is better jumps to an exchange routine at 0DC4 if not it jumps to the restart routine at 0D92.
0D48 - 0D51	Print sub-routine.
0D52 - 0D66	Cheat sub-routine which generates the cheat text and imposes a time of 10:00 S on the clock

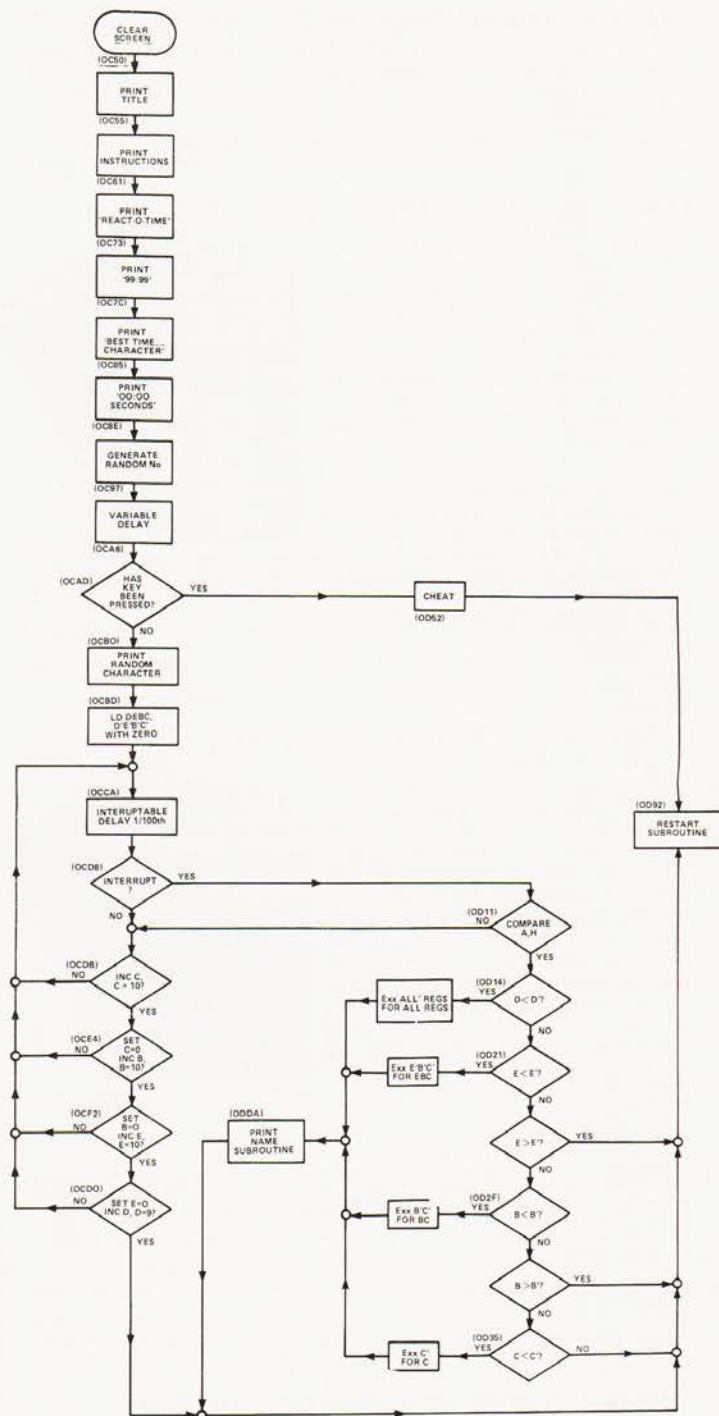


Fig. 1. Flowchart for the complete program.

as a penalty before continuing to the restart routine.

0D92 - 0DC3 Restart routine which generates on screen instructions and after receiving instructions from the keyboard clears its text, and clears the generated character from the screen before jumping to 0EB6 which resets the clock time to 00:00 and returns the program to 0C97.

0DC4 - 0DDDB Exchange sub-routine which exchanges best time for the clock if necessary.  
 0DDC - 0E0D Print Name routine allows a new name to be printed beneath 'best time' when required.  
 0E20 - 0EB4 Search Table which provides a keyboard character from the random number.  
 0EB5 Workspace for the random number generator contained in B-BUG.  
 0F00 - 0FE9 Main text storage.

## Using The Program

The program is executed from 0C50 and will display the title, instructions, the clock set to 00:00, the best time set to 99:99 and the character space (empty). After a few seconds a character will appear in the character space and the clock is started. When the same character is pressed on the keyboard the clock is stopped and the time displayed compared with the best time. Pressing an incorrect character will have no effect. If the new time is better than the previous best time this will automatically be substituted and the instruction 'PRINT NAME' occurs beneath the new best time. The name may now be printed using the keyboard, before commencing the name a 'space' should be entered to allow space for the cursor to be returned at the end of printing. There are 15 characters allowed for the name and all must be used, spaces being used at the end of the name until the stationary cursor position is reached. This will then initiate the restart routine and 'R for restart' will be printed at the bottom of the screen. In fact pressing any key will clear both clock and character but leave the best time and name unaltered. If an attempt is made to anticipate and a key is pressed before a character appears the following text will appear, 'You anticipated and cheated your penalty is: 10:00 seconds' and 'R for Restart'. Note that the 10 S penalty following a cheat can never be exchanged for the best time. If the current time is not less than the best time then 'R for restart' appears immediately.

### Clear Screen

0C50 3E 1E LD A, 3E  
 0C52 CD 3B 01 CALL CRT ;clear screen

### Print 'REACT O' TIME'

0C55 DD 21 DA 0B LD IX, 0BDA ;screen start (top line)  
 0C59 21 00 0F LD HL, 0F00 ;text start address  
 0C5C 06 0D LD B, 0D ;no. of text chars.(13D)  
 0C5E CD 48 0D CALL PRINT ;Call print sub-routine

### Print 'When a character appears on the screen'

0C61 DD 21 4E 08 LD IX, 0850 ;screen start address  
 0C65 06 26 LD B, 26 ;no. of chars. (38D)  
 0C67 CD 48 0D CALL PRINT ;call print sub-routine

### Print 'press the SAME character on the keyboard'

0C6A DD 21 8E 08 LD IX, 088E ;screen start address  
 0C6E 06 29 LD B, 29 ;no. of chars. (41D)  
 0C70 CD 48 0D CALL PRINT ;call print sub-routine

### Print 'YOUR REACTION TIME IS.

0C73 DD 21 16 09 LD IX, 0916 ;screen start address  
 0C77 06 19 LD B, 19 ;no. of chars. (25D)  
 0C79 CD 48 0D CALL PRINT ;call print sub-routine

### Print '99:99'

0C7C DD 21 4E 0B LD IX, 0B4E ;screen start address

## REACT O' TIME

When a character appears on the screen  
 press the SAME character on the keyboard.

YOUR REACTION TIME IS . . .

02:04 seconds

BEST TIME

CHARACTER

02:04

J

\_R. WATERBRIDGE \_R FOR RESTART

A typical screen display from the game.

The best time has just been beaten.

0C8C 06 05 LD B, 05 ;no. of chars. (05D)  
 0C82 CD 48 0D CALL PRINT ;call print sub routine

### Print 'BEST TIME.....CHARACTER'

0C85 DD 21 CB 0A LD IX, 0ACB ;screen start address  
 0C89 06 2D LD B, 2D ;no. of chars. (44D)  
 0C8B CD 48 0D CALL PRINT ;call print sub-routine

### Print '00:00 seconds'

0C8E DD 21 1B 0A LD IX, 0A1B ;screen start address  
 0C92 06 0E LD B, 0E ;no of chars. (14D)  
 0C94 CD 48 0D CALL PRINT ;call print sub-routine

### Generate Random character

0C97 21 B5 0E LD HL, 0EB5 workspace for R.N.G  
 0C9A 3E 24 LD A, 24 max random no.(36D)  
 0C9C CD 7A 04 CALL R.N.G. ;call random number generator  
 0C9F 21 20 0E LD HL, 0E20 ;search table address  
 0CA2 CD 66 04 CALL SEARCH ;call search sub routine  
 0CA5 7E LD A, (HL) ;loads the char. into Acc.

### Variable delay and test for keyboard pressed too soon (cheat)

0CA6 16 01 LD D, 01 ;fixed delay value  
 0CA8 5F LD E, A ;loads char. for variable del.  
 0CA9 F5 PUSH AF ;saves char. in A  
 0CAA CD B9 04 CALL I.DEL ;sets carry if keyboard pressed  
 0CAD DA 52 0D JMP C ;jmp. to 'CHEAT' routine.

### Print the character generated

0CB0 F1 POP AF ;retrieve char. value in A  
 0CB1 21 72 0B LD HL, 0B72 ;screen address  
 0CB4 77 LD (HL), A ;print char on screen

### Load index registers with clock screen positions

0CB5 DD 21 1B 0A LD IX, 0A1B ;screen pos. for D  
 0CB9 FD 21 4E 0B LD IY, 0B4E ;screen pos. for D'

Load registers BCDE, B'C'D'E' with zeros 00:00				0D02	DD 73 01	LD(IX+1),E	;print E = '0'
0CBD	16 30	LD D, 30	;30H = 0D ASCII	0D05	14	INC D	;incr. D (10 sec digit)
0CBF	5A	LD E, D	;load E with	0D06	DD 72 00	LD(IX+0),D	;print new value for D
			30H = 0D ASCII	0D09	3E 39	LD A, 39	;39 = 09D ASCII
0CC0	42	LD B, D	;load B with	0D0B	BA	COMPA,D	;comp D with 09
			30H = 0D ASCII	0D0C	20 BC	JRNZ	;Jmp. to OCCA if no comp.
0CC1	4A	LD C, D	;load C with				
			30H = 0D ASCII	0D0E	C3 92 0D	JMP	;Jmp. to 0D92 (restart)
0CC2	D9	ExxHL, H'L'	;exx regs, save DEBC	Comp. char. pressed with char. generated continue clock if no compare			
0CC3	16 30	LD D, 30	;loads D' with	0D11	BC	COMP A,H	;comp key pressed (A) with random char. (H)
			30H = 0D ASCII				
0CC5	5B	LD E, D	;loads E' with	0D12	20 C7	JRNZ	;jmp to 0CDB if no comp.
			30H = 0D ASCII				
0CC6	42	LD B, D	;loads B' with	Correct key pressed, check time against 'best time' exchange if neg a is D less than D', or is D = D'			
			30H = 0D ASCII				
0CC7	4A	LD C, D	;loads C' with	0D14	DD 7E 00	LD A, (IX+0)	;load A with D
			30H = 0D ASCII	0D17	FD 46 00	LD B, (IY+0)	;load B with D'
0CC8	D9	Exx	;retrieves BCDE stores B'C'D'E'	0D1A	B8	COMPA, B	;comp D with D'
0CC9	67	LD H, A	;save rand. char. store in H.	0D1B	DA C4 0D	JMPC,	;jmp. to exx D for D' ODC4
Save DE,BC, call interruptable delay, has key been pressed?				0D1E	C2 92 0D	JMPNZ	;jmp. to restart D greater D'
0CCA	D5	PUSH DE	;save DE	b. D = D', test if E less than E' or E = E'			
0CCB	C5	PUSH BC	;save BC	0D21	DD 7E 01	LD A, (IX+1)	;Load A with E
0CCC	11 02 00	LD DE, 0002	;course delay time	0D24	FD 46 01	LD B, (IY+1)	;Load B with E'
0CCF	06 C0	LD B, C0	;fine delay time	0D27	B8	COMPA,B	;comp. E with E'
0CD1	10 FE	DJNZ	;fine delay	0D28	DA CA 0D	JMPC	;jmp to exx. E for E' ODC4
0CD3	CD B9 04	CALL I.DEL.	;interruptable delay-coarse	0D2B	C2 92 0D	JMPNZ	;jmp to restart E greater E'
0CD6	C1	POP BC	;retrieve BC	c. E = E', test if B less than B' or B = B'			
0CD7	D1	POP DE	;retrieve DE	0D2E	DD 7E 03	LD A, (IX+3)	;Load A with B
0CD8	DA 11 0D	JMP C	;jmp. if key has been pressed	0D31	FD 46 03	LD B, (IY+3)	;Load B with B'
				0D34	B8	COMPA,B	;comp. B with B'
CLOCK a) i.e. C, test for 10, print C				0D35	DA D0 0D	JMPC	;jmp to exx B for B' ODD0
0CDB	0C	INC C	;inc. C(1/100th sec digit)	0D38	C2 92 0D	JMPNZ	;jmp to restart 0D92
0CDC	DD 71 04	LD(IX+4), C	;print new value	d. B = B', test if C is less than C'			
0CDF	3E 3A	LD A, 3A	;3AH = 10D ASCII	0D3B	DD 7E 04	LD A, (IX+4)	;Load A with C
0CE1	B9	COMPA,C	;comp C with 10D	0D3E	FD 46 04	LD B, (IY+4)	;Load B with C'
0CE2	20 E6	JRNZ	;jmp to OCCA if no compare	0D41	B8	COMPA,B	;comp. C with C'
				0D42	DA D6 0D	JMPC	;jmp to exx. C for C' ODD0
				0D45	C3 92 0D	JMP	;jmp to restart 0D92
b) C = 10D, reset C = 0 print, inc B, test for 10D				PRINT SUB			
0CE4	0E 30	KD C, 30	;C = 0D	0D48	7E	LD A,(HL)	;put char. into Acc
0CE6	DD 71 04	LD (IX+4), C	;print C = '0'	0D49	DD 77 00	LD(IX+0), A	;print char. at scrn start
0CE9	04	INC B	;incr. B (1/10th sec digit)	0D4C	23	INC HL	;next char. address
				0D4D	DD 23	INC IX	;next scrn address
0CEA	DD 70 03	LD(IX+3),B	;print new value for B	0D4F	10 F6	DJNZ	;loop to 0D48 until compl.
0CED	3E 3A	LD A, 3A	;3AH = 10D ASCII	0D51	C9	RET	;return to main program
0CEF	B8	COMPA, B	;comp. B. with 10D	CHEAT SUB			
0CF0	20 D8	JRNZ	;jmp. to OCCA if no comp.	0D52	F1	POP AF	;retrieve value A
				0D53	DD 21 8C 09	LD IX, 098C	;screen address start
c) B = 10, set B = 0, print B, inc E, print E, test E = 10				0D57	21 66 0D	LD HL, 0D66	;text start address
0CF2	06 30	LD B, 30	;B = 0D	0D5A	06 2C	LD B, 2C	;number of chars. (44D)
0CF4	DD 70 03	LD(IX+3),B	;print B = '0'				
0CF7	1C	INC E	;incr. E (1 sec digit)				
0CF8	DD 73 01	KD(IX+1),E	;print new value for E				
0CFB	3E 3A	LD A, 3A	;3AH = 10D ASCII				
0CFD	BB	COMPA,E	;comp. E. with 10D				
0CFE	20 CA	JRNZ	;jmp. to OCCA if no comp.				
d) E = 10, set E = 0, print E, incr. D, test for 9, print go to restart							
0D00	1E 30	LD E, 30	;set E = 0D				

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0D5C  CD 48 0D      CALL PRINT ;prints cheat text
0D5F  DD 36 63 31  LD(IX+d),31 ;prints '1' at D (10 sec
                                digit)
0D63  C3 92 0D      JMP        ;jmp to start sub

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0D66 You anticipated and cheated your penalty is:

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                                ;text
RESTART SUB      a. print 'R' for Restart'
0D92  DD 21 9B 0B  LD IX, 0B9B ;scrn address start
0D96  21 DD 0F      LD HL, 0FDD ;test start address
0D99  06 0D         LD B, 0D    ;no. of chars. (13D)
0D9B  CD 48 0D      CALL PRINT ;print restart text.

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                                b. check if keyboard has been pressed
0D9E  11 00 04     LD DE, 0400 ;delay time approx.
                                10secs.
0DA1  CD B9 04     CALL I. DEL ;interruptable delay
0DA4  DA AA 0D     JMP C       ;jmp. to ODAA.(key
                                pressed)
0DA7  C3 9E 0D     JMP NC      ;jmp to 0D9E (no key
                                pressed)

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                                c. keyboard pressed, clear restart text, reset clock
0DAA  06 2C         LD B, 2C   ;No. of chars.(cheat
                                text)
0DAC  21 8C 09     LD HL, 098C ;scrn start address
0DAF  16 20         LD D, 20    ;ASCII space char.
0DB1  72           LD(HL),D    ;clears 1st pos. of
                                cheat text
0DB2  23           INC HL      ;next screen position
0DB3  10 FC         DJNZ       ;jmp to 0DB1 loop
                                until compl.
0DB5  06 0D         LD B, 0D    ;no. of chars (reset
                                text)
0DB7  21 9B 0B     LD HL, 0B9B ;screen start address
0DBA  72           LD(HL),D    ;clears 1st position
0DBB  23           INC HL      ;next screen position
0DBC  10 FC         DJNZ       ;jmp to 0DBA until
                                complete
0DBE  FD 72 24     LD IX, D    ;clears char. space
0DC1  C3 B6 0E     JMP        ;jmp to 0EB6 (reset
                                time)

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EXCHANGE SUB AND 'PRINT NAME' SUB a. EXX sub.

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0DC4  DD 7E 00     LD A, (IX+0) ;Load A with D
0DC7  FD 77 00     LD(IY+0),A  ;print D into D'
0DCA  DD 7E 01     LD A, (IX+1) ;Load A with E
0DCD  FD 77 01     LD(IY+1),A  ;print E into E'
0DD0  DD 7E 03     LD A, (IX+3) ;load A with B
0DD3  FD 77 03     LD(IY+3),A  ;print B into B'
0DD6  DD 7E 04     LD A, (IX+4) ;load A with C
0DD9  FD 77 04     LD(IY+4),A  ;print C into C'

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                                b. Print Name sub.
0DDC  CD 28 00     CALL PRINT STRING
0DDF  /PRINT/NAME///// ;text (/ = space 20H)
0DF0  00           END OF STRING
0DF1  21 8A 0B     LD HL, 0B8A ;cursor scrn pos.
0DF4  36 5F        LD(HL),5F   ;5F = cursor ASCII
0DF6  22 18 0C     LD(CUR),HL ;new cursor address,
                                resets cur.
0DF9  06 10        LD B, 10    ;no. of chars.(16D)
0DFB  CD 3E 00     CHIN        ;char input from
                                keyboard
0DFE  CD 3B 01     CRT         ;prints character
0E01  10 F8        DJNZ        ;loop until complete
0E03  21 8A 0B     LD HL, 0B8A ;cursor scrn pos.

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0E06  36 5F        LD(HL),5F   ;5F = CUR ASCII
0E08  22 18 0C     LD(CUR),HL ;resets cursor.
0E0B  C3 92 0D     JMP        ;jmp to restart 0D92

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## SEARCH TABLE

0E20	01 90 0E	0E90 30	;0
0E23	02 91 0E	0E91 31	;1
0E26	03 92 0E	0E92 32	;2
0E29	04 93 0E	0E93 33	;3
0E2C	05 94 0E	0E94 34	;4
0E2F	06 95 0E	0E95 35	;5
0E32	07 96 0E	0E96 36	;6
0E35	08 97 0E	0E97 37	;7
0E38	09 98 0E	0E98 38	;8
0E3B	0A 99 0E	0E99 39	;9
0E3E	0B 9A 0E	0E9A 41	;A
0E41	0C 9B 0E	0E9B 42	;B
0E44	0D 9C 0E	0E9C 43	;C
0E47	0E 9D 0E	0E9D 44	;D
0E4A	0F 9E 0E	0E9E 45	;E
0E4D	10 9F 0E	0E9F 46	;F
0E50	11 A0 0E	0EA0 47	;G
0E53	12 A1 0E	0EA1 48	;H
0E56	13 A2 0E	0EA2 49	;I
0E59	14 A3 0E	0EA3 4A	;J
0E5C	15 A4 0E	0EA4 4B	;K
0E5F	16 A5 0E	0EA5 4C	;L
0E62	17 A6 0E	0EA6 4D	;M
0E65	18 A7 0E	0EA7 4E	;N
0E68	19 A8 0E	0EA8 4F	;O
0E6B	1A A9 0E	0EA9 50	;P
0E6E	1B AA 0E	0EAA 51	;Q
0E71	1C AB 0E	0EAB 52	;R
0E74	1D AC 0E	0EAC 53	;S
0E77	1E AD 0E	0EAD 54	;T
0E7A	1F AE 0E	0EAE 55	;U
0E7D	20 AF 0E	0EAF 56	;V
0E80	21 B0 0E	0EB0 57	;W
0E83	22 B1 0E	0EB1 58	;X
0E86	23 B2 0E	0EB2 59	;Y
0E89	24 B3 0E	0EB3 5A	;Z
0E8C	00		;end of table
0E8D	00	NOP	
0E8E	00	NOP	
0E8F	00	NOP	
0EB4	00	NOP	
0EB5	xx		;workspace for R,N,G.

## RESET TIME TO 00:00

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0EB6  DD 21 1B 0A  LD IX, 0A1B ;scrn pos.
0EBA  21 A7 0F     LD HL, 0FA7 ;text address start
0EBD  06 0E        LD B, 0E    ;no. of chars. (15D)
0EBF  CD 48 0D     CALL PRINT ;print
0EC2  C3 97 0C     JMP        ;jmp to start 0C97

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TEXT (/ means space character 20H)

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0F00 REACT/O'/TIME
0F0D When/a/character/appears/on/the/screen
0F33 press/the/SAME/character/on/the/keyboard.
0F5C YOUR/REACTION/TIME/IS...
0F75 99:99
0F7A BEST/TIME/////////CHARACTER
0FA7 00:00//seconds
0FDD R/FOR/RESTART

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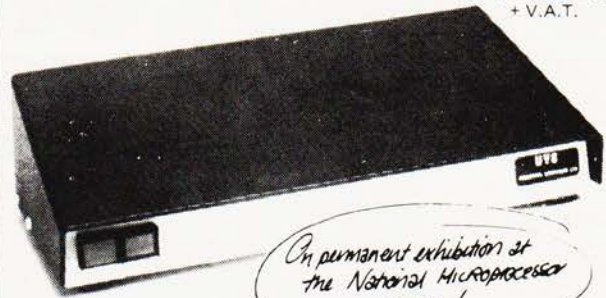


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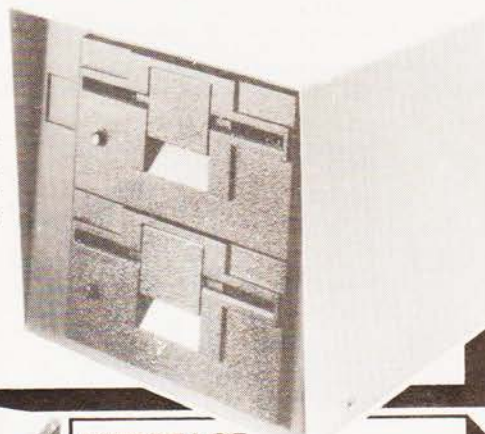
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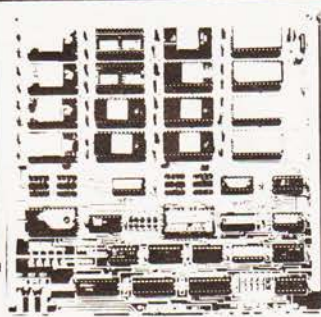
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# MICRO'S IN AMATEUR RADIO

Paul Jessop

**With the ever increasing popularity of ham radio, the MPU again appears to be helping out.**



**B**eing a largely technical hobby, many amateur radio enthusiasts are interested in home computing and, to a rather more limited extent, vice versa. Naturally, the question arises how to use the home computer as an aid to amateur radio. There are of course a myriad of ways in which this can be done and I hope that this article will explain some of the facets of modern amateur radio operation and, more importantly, fire a few imaginations.

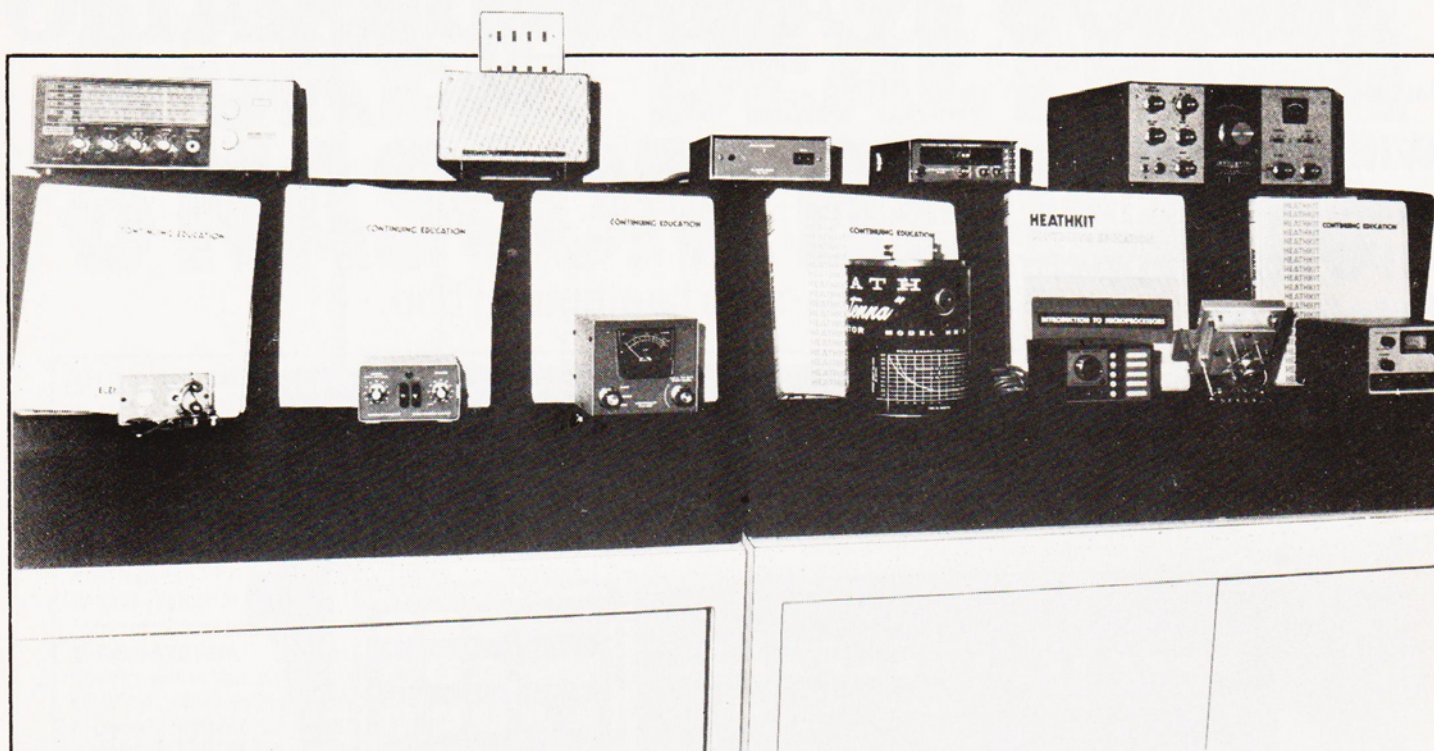
## Similar Structures

The first field in which the computer can most easily be applied is that of morse operation. Morse is by its very nature a binary (on-off) signal and can therefore be readily interfaced to a digital system. The computer can read the morse signal from an input port and decode it into alphanumeric characters which it displays or prints. Similarly, the reverse process can be performed with characters from the keyboard being stored in a buffer and transmitted as perfectly formed morse characters at any desired speed. The receiving function can quite easily adapt to changes in sending speed but it will take several characters for the program to 'lock-on' from cold. For a particular mode of operation it is very important that a few fragmented characters are interpreted correctly. This is meteor scatter operation; the radio waves are bounced not off the meteors themselves, which may be as small as a grain of sand, but off the trail of ionization which they leave behind them. The ephemeral nature of these trails means that the reception is of very short 'pings' of signal. If a prearranged speed is used for transmission, and the decoding system is 'tuned' to this speed, all the characters in the 'ping' may be used except the first and the last which may be truncated. This will of course be most convenient if the transmission is from a computer system from, not the keyboard, but a message stored in memory and continuously repeated. The receiving computer can then assimilate all the received characters into their possible locations in the message.

## Radio Your TTY

A field somewhat similar to morse is that of radio-teletype (RTTY). In this case, rather than sending a letter as a series of dots and dashes, it is represented as a five-bit binary group which is sent in asynchronous form, that is the system idles in the '1' state (mark) and when a character is to be sent, a '0' pulse of 22 mS is sent and this is immediately followed by the five binary bits representing the character. These pulses are of 22 mS each and the character is ended by a stop pulse of 33 mS of mark, in which state the system idles until the start of the next character. A similarity will be noticed between this and the eight-bit ASCII code used for computer interfacing. However, the eight-bit code (which is really seven-bits plus parity) contains sufficient combinations to represent all wanted characters; the five-bit code does not. For this reason, two codes are defined as 'letters shift' and 'numbers shift'. These shift the character set into the wanted group. The existence of this shift system makes conversion between the five and eight-bit codes quite easy in the RTTY to ASCII direction but extremely difficult in the reverse direction, in hardware at least. The problem is that the translated code may contain any number of shift characters so there is no one-to-one correspondence between the input and the output of the converter. However, if the problem is tackled in software there is not nearly so large a problem since a buffer can be used to take up any difference between the input and output data rates.

Given a system similar to that described above for morse communication, many things can be done to extend it in RTTY usage. These are rather different in nature from the morse applications because of the very different characteristics and uses of the mode. If the receiver is left to monitor a channel all day, all the traffic on that channel could be printed. Using a computer it could be dumped to floppy disc whence it could be reviewed at the end of the day and any pertinent parts printed. This is really a rather trivial function for the computer



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and uses its power to a very limited extent. By designing intelligence into the system, it can be made much easier to use. The computer could look at the traffic on the channel and check it for the user's callsign. Only then would it make a record onto floppy disc or cassette tape.

It would be a relatively simple matter to write a program which would call continually and, when replied to, extract the calling station's callsign and conduct a reasonably normal contact. This is of course hardly Amateur Radio in the true sense and spirit of the term but it does show what could be done, given a need. This kind of system might be useful for contests but the amateur radio licence does insist on attended operation, ie. operation in the physical presence of the licensee.

### Slowly Scanned

More in the spirit of amateur radio would be a system where the normal procedure of typing from a keyboard was used with the added facility that certain fixed messages were available from the keyboard. These might include a description of the station, a "QUICK BROWN FOX . . ." test message or one of the many computer graphics pictures which are in circulation.

A mode where digital techniques are already widely used is slow scan television (SSTV). This differs from normal television in that it is a low definition system with only 128 lines per frame and a frame taking eight seconds to transmit. In the early days, and to a considerable extent today, reception was by viewing an image generated on a long persistence cathode ray tube, but recently it has become possible to store the picture and display it, frozen, on a normal TV screen. The initial models used dynamic shift registers to store the picture but it is now more convenient to use RAM and what better way to control it than a microprocessor? Using 128 lines with 128 picture elements (pixels) per line, there are 16K pixels per frame and, if each one can take any one of 16 grey scale intensities requiring four-bits per pixel, a total of 64K bits per

frame is needed. This may seem a lot but in fact this amount of storage is contained in an 8K byte memory board. Pictures can be received, stored, dumped to a mass storage device, created and transmitted using this system. The creation of pictures can be carried out using a normal cursor or with a light-pen. Alternately, dot-matrix characters can be formed from keyboard input.

Up to now, I have dealt mainly with the ways in which the individual amateur can use a home computer as part of his station but there are many "utilities" in amateur radio which are constructed, paid for, and used by amateurs. These are repeaters and beacons. Beacons are transmitters which are located on high masts and hills and radiate on a well defined frequency sending, usually, just their callsign in morse at frequent intervals. They are used as a guide to propagation, the more distant beacons becoming audible during periods of good conditions. Repeaters are relay stations, again sited on high points, which receive on one frequency and re-transmit on another. To avoid misuse, the user has to start his transmission with a brief tone of 1750Hz to "access" the repeater and then has usually about a minute of talkthrough until the machine 'times out' and cuts him off.

At present, both beacons and repeaters are controlled by, normally, TTL logic which is very power consuming and difficult to modify. To control a beacon with a microprocessor would enable not only morse but also RTTY, SSTV, etc., to be sent. It would also be possible to have the beacon relay the weather conditions at the transmitter site. This would be of considerable value in propagation forecasting. In addition, the beacon could contain a short message programmed over a telephone line which could be broadcast periodically; this could be useful for emergency warnings and notice of abnormal propagation conditions. In the recent years, speech synthesis equipment for computers has become quite cheap so a beacon with speech announcement could be produced, although this would be of dubious value in view of the much better communication efficiency of morse under weak signal conditions.

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## Repeating Yourself

The comments above about beacons also apply to repeaters. Here, the use of speech synthesis is much more appropriate because of the strong-signal nature of repeater operation. At present the only facility, other than talkthrough, available from a repeater is a frequency measurement which tells the user if his transmission is high or low in frequency. By extending the tone-access procedure, it is not difficult to see how a whole new series of facilities could be added. By prefixing his transmission with a multiple tone-burst, the user could: make the repeater digitise a few seconds of speech and replay it to show the speech quality, have his signal strength or audio level measured, or select a different antenna system. The list is endless. Britain now has a specialised RTTY repeater sited at Barkway. The possibilities for the microprocessor control of machines such as these are fascinating. Direct alphanumeric input makes control much easier for the accessing station and by insisting on a particular format, the repeater could compile a list of all the accessing stations. Some of the facilities which could be included would be the storage of messages for a station not at that time on the air, the measurement of the important timing parameters of the user's signal and even the direct execution of programs sent to the repeater over the radio link.

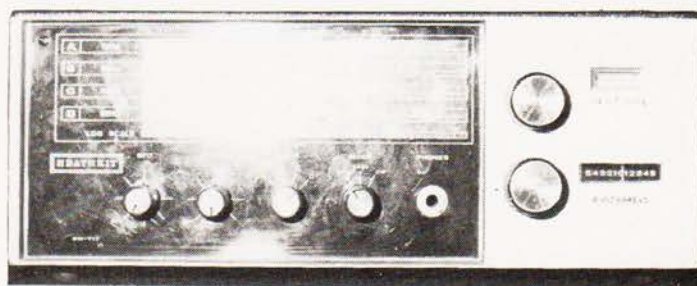
At present out of the question, for reasons of licensing, (but worthy of consideration for the future) is the linking of repeaters to form a nationwide network. A message could be put onto the system at any of the repeater stations and from there it would be routed by the most efficient course to its destination.

A very specialised type of repeater is the amateur satellite. Known as OSCARs (Orbital Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio) they are built by amateurs and launched by NASA with their own satellites. They carry repeaters and beacons as well as a very sophisticated control system which is already microprocessor controlled.

Use of the OSCAR satellites requires very directional aerials which have to be steered accurately as the satellite passes over. One has to know in advance just when the satellite will appear. In both of these tasks, the home computer can perform the necessary calculations. Orbital data is very accurately known for the satellites and from this, the times of the passes can be worked out. This will alert the operator as to when to expect the pass, and during it the computer can control the direction of the antenna.

Computer control of antenna direction can be useful in other areas as well. For instance in EME (Earth-Moon-Earth) operation, signals are bounced off the moon and antennas must be very accurately aimed for effective communication. With this being done automatically, the operator can concentrate on the serious business of listening for very weak signals amongst the noise.

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More mundanely, the home computer can be used as a data retrieval service. Entering a station's callsign will then cause the operator's name and optimum antenna heading to be recalled from memory or backing store and displayed. As above, the antenna could be automatically rotated to the correct direction. An extension of this would be for the computer to do all the logging at the station. The files thus created could be interrogated at a later date and searched for all contacts made on a particular day, with a particular station or by any of the other stored parameters.

## Micros Inside

Only recently launched onto the market are a series of transmitter-receivers which have digitally synthesised frequency control. Happily, the manufacturers have seen fit to provide a socket on the back of the unit for interface to the synthesiser by a computer. The range of possibilities which this opens up is enormous. The unit can, for example, be made to scan the whole of a band and display the clear or occupied frequencies. Alternatively, it could be made to scan a particular set of frequencies until one becomes occupied when it will lock onto that frequency until instructed to do otherwise by the user. It would then resume scanning but *excluding* that frequency. Thus the operator will not be troubled by the system repetitively locking onto a repeater output or a strong local station. The next step would be for a timing element to be introduced. Then the scanner would only exclude a rejected frequency for, say, five minutes so that the user would miss as little as possible of activity.

It would also be possible for a specified frequency to be checked periodically during operation on another frequency. The receiver would be briefly switched to this frequency at intervals and the user alerted if any signal appeared there. The amount of information content lost from the primary frequency would be very low and the facility would be of considerable use when waiting for an arranged contact.

Finally, it must be related that work is being done at present on self-correcting communication systems by amateurs. Briefly, these have an intelligent terminal at either end and, when a character is lost due to fading, interference etc., the receiving station goes to transmit and requests a repeat of the missing characters. This results in a dramatic increase in the proportion of correctly received characters under poor conditions. Although widely used by professional and commercial radio users, it has not been used by amateurs before and refinements can be expected.

Home computer users who are inspired to enter amateur radio are warned that it is necessary to pass a technical examination before the Home Office will issue a licence but this should not pose any problems to someone seriously interested. Further information about Amateur Radio can be obtained from: The Radio Society of Great Britain, 35 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2AE.

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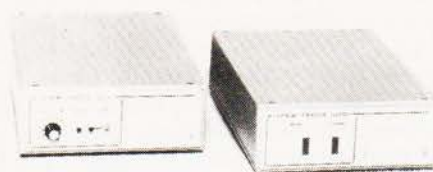
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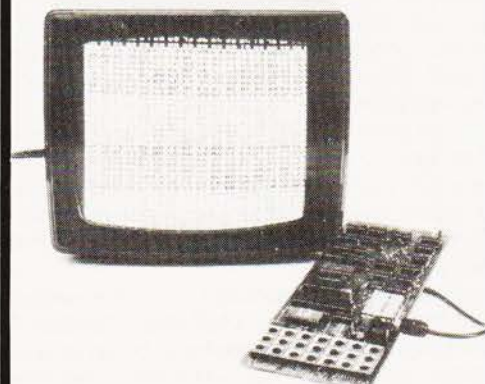
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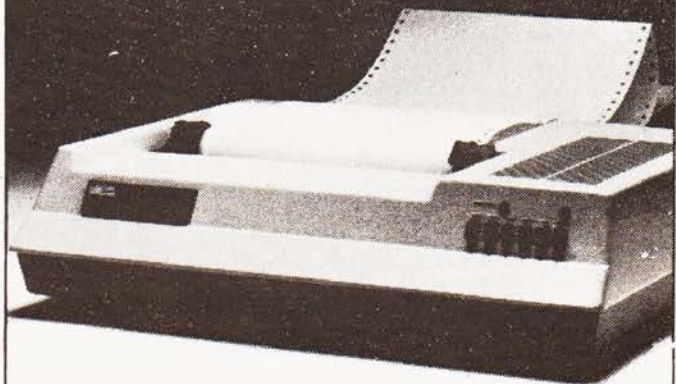
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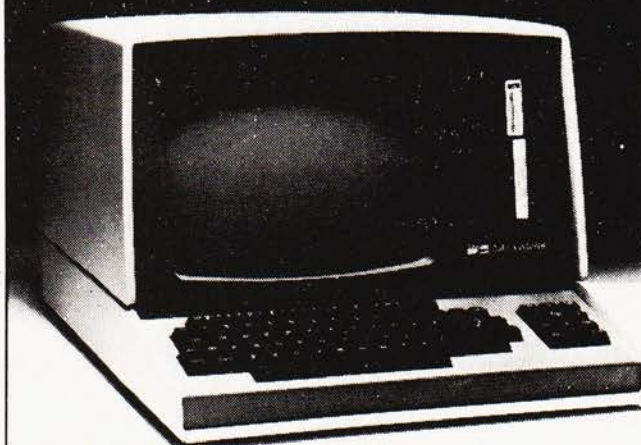
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**T**his is a dynamic game intended to run directly on the NASCOM 2. The rules of the game are as follows:- Your sole intention is to get as high a score as possible by running your car into the others as many times as possible. You manipulate your car around the screen with the cursor control keys. To stop the car press any other character key.

Every time you hit a car a cross will appear. Hitting this will cause a deduction of five points from your final score. The same applies if you hit the boundary. In both cases you are put back in the centre. You are allowed eight time units at the start in which the cars are stationary. This is to give you a chance to hit as many cars as possible before they start to move at time -1.

The game terminates at time 50. Your final score is given and if you have broken the record your score is made the new record.

### Program Notes

The initial number of cars is a random number between six and 16. The number of cars remains constant throughout the game, ie they are not destroyed when you hit them.

If you want to make it run on another machine then you will have to change all the POKE statements and also install a suitable keyboard scan function or machine code program for the car steering.

It will be seen that most of the program deals with the time, accident and score writing to the sixteenth line (lines 390-530, 790-820 & 840-870). I expect this lot could be shrunk into one universal subroutine if space is at a premium. It should be noted that the numbers are POKEd to different screen locations.

If you want to go round the screen at 90 MPH; try reducing the delay loop at line 650. If you want a longer game (say 99) then change line 480.

## Program Listing

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0 CLS
2 A$="STOCK CAR"
4 FOR A=1 TO LEN(A$)
6 SCREEN A+14,16
8 PRINT MID$(A$,A,1)
10 NEXT
15 PRINT:PRINT"YOU STEER A MAN AROUND
  THE SCREEN WITH"
20 PRINT"THE CURSOR CONTROL KEYS. EVERY
  TIME YOU"
25 PRINT"HIT A CAR YOUR SCORE WILL
  INCREMENT. IF"
30 PRINT"YOU GO OFF THE SIDE YOUR
  ACCIDENT COUNT"
35 PRINT"WILL INCREMENT. EVERY ACCIDENT
  YOU HAVE"
40 PRINT"YOUR SCORE WILL GO DOWN BY 5.
  WHERE YOU"
45 PRINT"HAVE HIT A CAR A CROSS WILL
  APPEAR. IF YOU"
50 PRINT"HIT THIS THEN THE ACCIDENT
  ROUTINE FOLLOWS"
55 PRINT"TO STOP THE CAR PRESS ANY
  CHARACTER KEYS"
60 PRINT"YOU ARE ALLOWED 8 TIME DIGITS
  AT THE START"
65 PRINT"IN WHICH THE CARS ARE
  STATIONARY. THE GAME"
70 PRINT"ENDS AT 50 (TIME). THE SCORE IS
  GIVEN ALONG"
80 PRINT"WITH THE RECORD."
90 FOR A=1 TO 29999:NEXT
100 A1=0:DIM H(20)
110 CLS
120 A$="TIME ACCIDENTS SCORE"
125 REM**WRITE TITLE TO LINE 16
130 FOR D=1 TO LEN(A$)
140 SCREEN D+5,16
150 PRINT MID$(A$,D,1)
160 NEXT
170 B=2954:C=2122
180 FOR A=2058 TO 2105
185 REM**SET UP BOUNDARIES
190 POKE A,5:POKE B,5
200 IF C>3001 THEN 230
210 POKE C,5:C=C+47
220 POKE C,5:C=C+17
230 B=B+1
240 NEXT
250 E=INT(10*RND(1)+6)
260 FOR F=1 TO E
270 G=INT(900*RND(1)+2090)
275 REM**SET UP RANDOM CAR POSITION
280 IF PEEK(G)<>32 THEN 270
290 POKE G,14
300 H(F)=G:REM**STORE POSITIONS IN LIST H
310 NEXT
315 REM**SET UP MACHINE CODE KEYBOARD
  SCAN
320 DOKE 3200,25311:DOKE 3202,312
330 DOKE 3204,18351:DOKE 3206,10927
336 REM**THIS IS STRUCTURED THE SAME AS
  ACCIDENT
340 DOKE 3208,-8179:POKE 3210,233
350 DOKE 4100,3200
360 I=2595
370 POKE I,7:REM**PUT CAR IN CENTRE OF
  SCREEN
380 K=45:J=57:L=0:X=0:W=0:Y=0:S=49:
  U=S:T=48:V=T
385 REM**LINES 390-540 TIME WRITING TO LINE
  16
386 REM**380 IS INITIALISATION OF MOST
  FUNCTIONS
390 IF K>46 THEN 440
400 POKE 3029,K:POKE 3030,J
410 IF J=49 THEN K=48
420 J=J-1
430 GOTO 540
440 IF J>48 OR K>48 THEN 480
450 POKE 3029,K:POKE 3030,J

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# STOCK CAR

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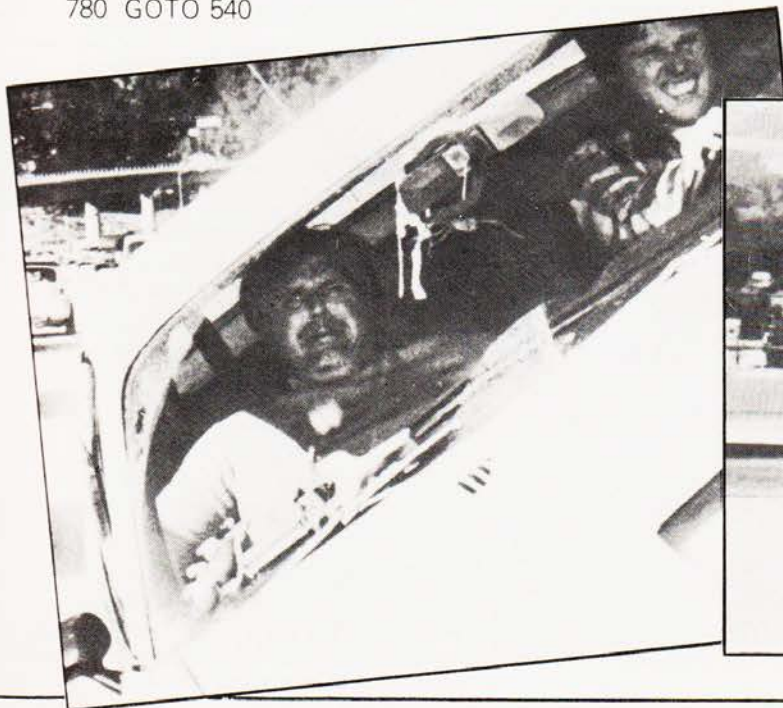
460 J=J+1
470 GOTO 540
480 X=X+1:IF X=50 THEN 880
490 J=J+1:IF J=58 THEN 520
500 POKE 3030,J
510 GOTO 540
520 K=K+1:POKE 3029,K
530 J=48:POKE 3030,J
540 L=L+1:IF L=F THEN L=0:GOTO 390
550 IF K=45 THEN 650
560 M=INT(4*RND(1)+1)
565 REM**START RANDOM MOVEMENTS OF
    MEN
570 IF M=1 THEN N=64
580 IF M=2 THEN N=-1
590 IF M=3 THEN N=1
600 IF M=4 THEN N=-64
610 IF PEEK(H(L)+N)=5 THEN 560
620 POKE H(L),32
630 H(L)=H(L)+N
640 POKE H(L),14:REM**POKE IT ONTO SCREEN
650 FOR O=1 TO 10
660 P=USR(0):REM**CALL UP M/C KEYBOARD
    SCAN
670 IF P=0 THEN 690
680 Q=P
690 NEXT
700 R=I
710 IF Q=17 THEN I=I-1
720 IF Q=18 THEN I=I+1
730 IF Q=19 THEN I=I-64
740 IF Q=20 THEN I=I+64
745 REM**DETECT WHETHER A BOUNDARY OR
    CAR HIT
746 REM**ALTER POSITION OF CAR
750 IF PEEK(I)=5 OR PEEK(I)=25 THEN 790
760 IF PEEK(I)=14 THEN 840
770 POKE R,32:POKE I,7
780 GOTO 540

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785 REM**START OF ACCIDENT WRITING TO
    TOP
790 W=W+1:POKE R,32:IF S>57 THEN T=T+1:
    S=48
800 POKE 3045,T:POKE 3046,S
810 S=S+1
820 I=2595:POKE I,7:Q=0
825 REM**RE-POKE THE CAR TO INITIAL
    POSITION
826 REM**AND KILL THE AUTO-HOLD FEATURE
830 GOTO 540
835 REM**START OF SCORE WRITING TO TOP
840 Y=Y+1:POKE R,25:IF U>57 THEN V=V+1:
    U=48
850 POKE 3059,V:POKE 3060,U
860 U=U+1
870 GOTO 540
880 CLS
890 PRINT TAB(10);"GAME OVER"      END"
900 PRINT
910 PRINT TAB(4);"SCORE";TAB(37);Y
920 PRINT TAB(4);"ACCIDENTS=" (TIMES FIVE)";
    TAB(36);"-";W
930 PRINT TAB(35);"_____"
940 PRINT TAB(4);"TOTAL"="";TAB(37);Z=W*5:
    PRINT Y-Z
950 PRINT TAB(35);"-----"
960 IF Y-Z>A1 THEN 990
970 PRINT:PRINT TAB(10);"RECORD SCORE=";
    A1
980 GOTO 1010
990 A1=Y-Z
1000 PRINT TAB(10);"YOU'VE JUST SET A NEW
    RECORD"
1010 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:INPUT"DO YOU WANT
    ANOTHER TRY";C$
1020 IF LEFT$(C$,1)="Y" THEN Q=0:GOTO 110
1030 PRINT"PROGRAM END"
1040 END

```



# Why the Sinclair ZX80 is Britain's best-selling

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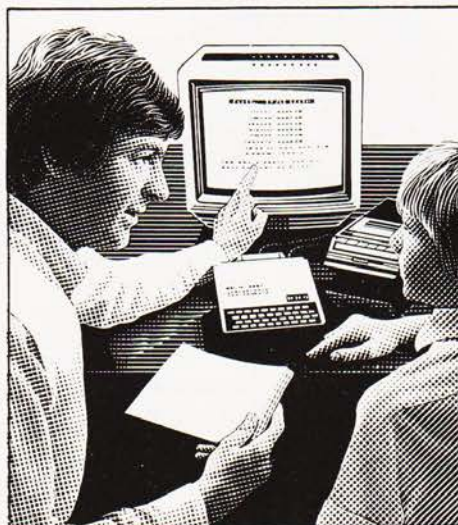
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Disk Operating System options: TRSDOS; NEWDOS; MICRODOS; VTOS.



## 3. Communications

The RS-232-C Interface (optional) can be connected to telephone modem or other form of carrier to provide data communication capabilities. Besides communications, it can also be used to operate RS-232-C standard serial printers.

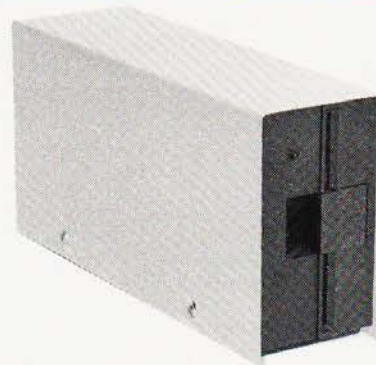
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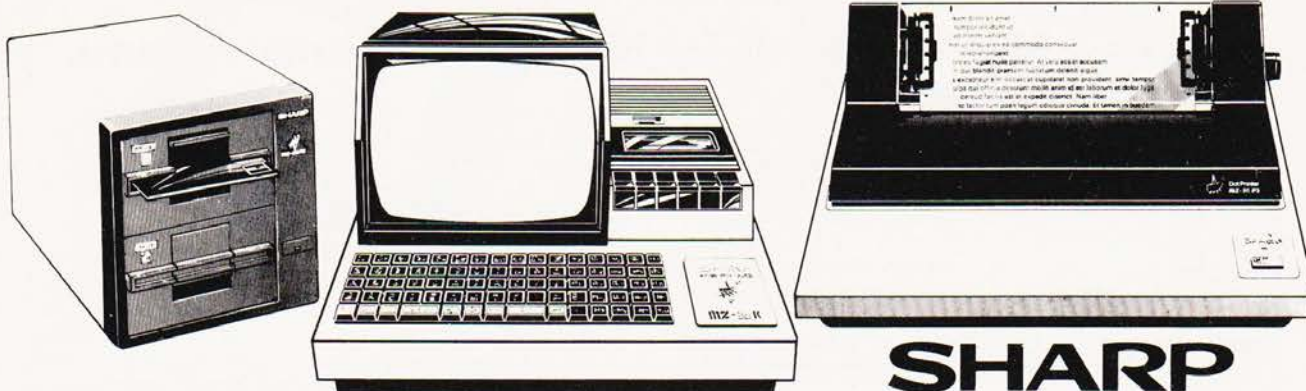
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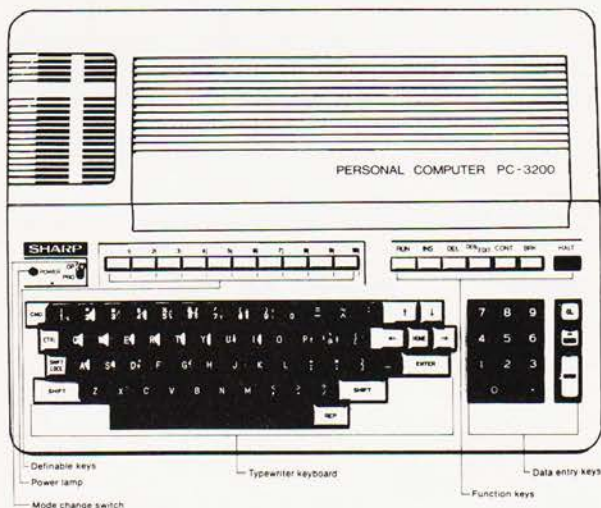
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## Statements

Dim - Multi-dimensional arrays in excess of two.  
Print Using Call - Print formatted as specified in IMAGE Statement.  
"Subprogram" - Call "SUBPROGRAM" with specified parameters.  
DFK - Define the definable keys.  
Keyin - Enables precise definition of input format for both  
- numeric and string variables.  
Move - Creates string variables of any length greater than 255.  
- Also enables the copying of sections of program.  
Search - Search for a variable or any array for a specified  
- string and the string position is returned into a specified  
- numeric variable.  
Wait - Program execution is halted for a specified interval or  
- until a specified time.  
BL - Sets C.R.T. to blinking in specified area.  
RV - Sets C.R.T. to reverse video in specified area.  
Line - Draws ruled lines either horizontal or vertical according to  
- specified parameters.  
Scrol - Specified areas of the C.R.T. can be scrolled left, right,  
- up or down.  
Table - Forms a lattice on the C.R.T. using ruled lines or a  
- specified character.  
Merge - Merges two BASIC programs.  
Aload - Causes the ALOADED Program to be loaded and RUN  
- at power ON.  
Debug - Machine code programming utility.

## Commands

Auto - Auto line numbering.  
Delete X, Y - Delete Program lines X - Y.  
Edit X - Edit program line X.  
Erase A (\*) - Clear numeric array variable A.  
List print - Print the whole program with page No. date & time,  
- and "TITLE" being printed on each page.  
Ren - Renumber program.  
TR - Trace the execution of the program.

## Disk Statements

Statements allow both random and sequential data files to be handled.  
Programs can be stored in either ASCII or binary format.  
VSAVE/VLOAD - Stores/Loads the contents of the C.R.T. in a disk  
- file.  
VSAVE\* /VLOAD\* - Stores/Loads the ruled lines, reverse video  
- and blinking state of C.R.T. in a disk file.

The PC 3200 is sold only as a complete system consisting of

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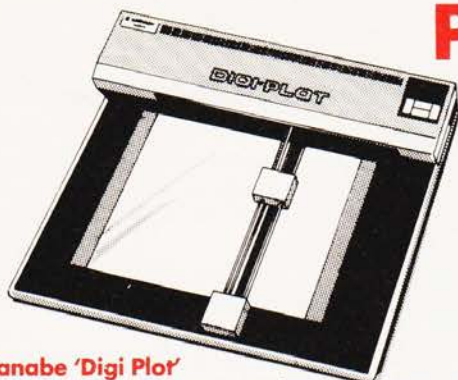


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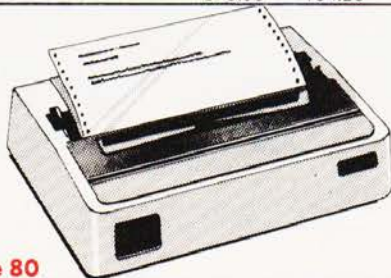
# Printers



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'Digi Plot'	895.00	134.25	1029.25



## Microline 80

Now an old favorite, the MICROLINE has established itself on the market as one of the most reliable and versatile printers available. This quiet 5 x 7 dot matrix printer prints at 80cps and is capable of producing graphical output. It comes complete with 96 character set and centronics compatible interface. You can select from 40,80 and 132 characters per line in software. The 40 character output is double-size, 80 character is at 10 cpi, 132 character is at (16.5 cpi). Now at a new low price, exceptional value.

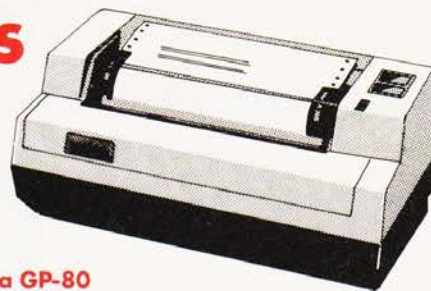
Price	Nett	Vat	Total
MICROLINE 80	395.00	59.25	454.25
Ribbons (available in blue, black, green, red and brown)	2.25	0.34	2.59



## Paper Tiger (Models 460 and 560)

These are the latest models from the TIGER family. The 460 has higher speed (120 cps) and prints bi-directionally. There is a 96 character set which can be printed at 80,96 or 132 characters per line. The 9 x 9 dot matrix head has a life of 300 million characters and gives a very good print quality. RS232 and parallel interfaces are available. The 560 option is slightly quicker (120-160 cps) and is a full 132 column machine. It can accommodate 15 inch paper and has two print and speed modes. Naturally both these printers have full graphical capability.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
Model 460	795.00	119.25	914.25
Model 560	995.00	149.25	1144.25
Paper (2000 sheets)	31.00	4.65	35.65



## Seikosha GP-80

At last, an economic printer for the hobbyist. This must be the lowest-cost smallest impact graphic printer in the world. Graphics, normal (12 cpi) and double-width (6 cpi) characters can be printed on the same line. Pinfeed tractor is equipped as standard. The printer prints on plain paper and has a continuous self-inking ribbon. There is a wide range of optional interface boards available. A truly remarkable dot matrix printer, it prints at 30 cps using a 5 x 7 dot matrix. A parallel interface is standard.

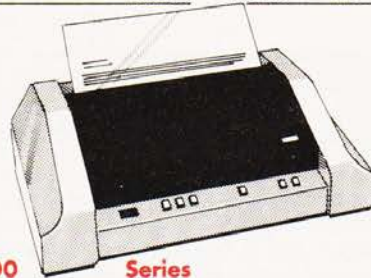
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## Anadex DP 9500 Series

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Price	Nett	Vat	Total
Apple II Computer 48k	695.00	104.25	799.25

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## Disk Subsystem

The latest DOS 3.3 16 sector disk drive with controller, which replaces the old model

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	383.00	57.45	440.45

Second disk drive uses same controller as first drive.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	299.00	44.85	343.85

## Language System

This package includes the Language Card, which allows APPLE users to take immediate advantage of the powerful PASCAL language as well as the Integer and Applesoft BASIC interpreters. The Language Card's 16K bytes of RAM memory electrically replace the ROM firmware built into each APPLE. Upon start-up this RAM memory is automatically loaded from disk with the user's choice of languages then electrically protected from change.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	299.00	44.85	343.85

## Apple Fortran

Apple FORTRAN is "ANSI Standard Subset FORTRAN 77". These latest computer industry standards provide significant additions and enhancements over previous 66 standards (FORTRAN IV). An example of this is the expanded "IF" statements that have been added to traditional FORTRAN statements.

Apple FORTRAN operates in the Apple Pascal Language system offering the same comprehensive software development

environment provided to our Pascal programmers. The Editor, Linker, Filer and Assembler can all be used with the Apple FORTRAN compiler, which, like Pascal, produces 'P' code.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	120.00	18.00	138.00

## MICROSOFT Z-80 Softcard

The Z-80 SoftCard is a plug-in peripheral card for the Apple II that actually contains a Z-80 microprocessor and allows the Apple to run software written for Z-80 based computers. Also included on diskette in the SoftCard package are the CP/M operating system and Microsoft BASIC, the two most significant microcomputer software packages ever developed. All of the features of the Z-80 SoftCard package add up to an incredible value for Apple II owners.

## Thousands of Applications

Literally thousands of CP/M-based applications can be easily converted to run with the SoftCard simply by transferring CP/M files from your CP/M source machine to the Apple via a comm line. A utility is included with the SoftCard to facilitate this transfer.

## Apple Compatibility

The SoftCard runs with almost every Apple product from the Apple II to Apple II Plus, Language Card and peripherals. Independent peripherals are supported too. A SoftCard software utility lets you transfer Apple DOS files onto a CP/M disk.

## Easy Installation

The SoftCard plugs in to any of the Apple's peripheral slots. No hardware modification is required.

## Requirements

Apple II or Apple II Plus

48K Memory\*

1 Disk Drive

\* When used in a 48K machine, 44K of memory is available.

When used with a Language Card, 56K is available.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	170.00	25.50	195.50



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## Cobol

CIS COBOL is a complete software system for compiling, testing, debugging, and executing standard COBOL programs.

It is called CIS COBOL because it is Compact, Interactive, and Standard.

## Compact

Standard CIS COBOL runs on systems of 48K bytes and up.

## Interactive

CIS COBOL has features specifically tailored to interactive applications – in which the operator communicates directly with the program via a CRT screen and keyboard. It also caters fully for interactive program development.

## Standard

CIS COBOL conforms to the ANSI 1974 standard for COBOL, so that programs can be transferred to your system from other computers, or vice versa.

The two principal components of CIS COBOL are the CIS COBOL compiler and the CIS COBOL Run Time System.

Requires Z-80 SoftCard in a 48K system

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	425.00	63.75	488.75

## Forms - 2

Screen formatter/ Program generator

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	100.00	15.00	115.00

## Carrying Case

The Apple is truly portable and this padded vinyl, leather look case protects your Apple in transit and makes it easier to carry.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	16.00	2.40	18.40
Dustcover	9.95	1.49	11.44

## Appletel

The Appletel package provides the means to bring the Apple II computer and the Prestel service together.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	595.00	89.25	684.25

## Graphics Tablet

The Graphics Tablet is an image input device that allows the user to enter pictorial information directly (by sketching or tracing) from:

- maps and photographs
- architectural drawings
- logic diagrams and schematics
- fine art
- histograms

Tracing a shape on the tablet surface converts the image to digital values. This information is displayed on the video monitor and may be stored on disk for later processing by the Apple.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	462.00	69.30	531.30

## DOS 3.3

Apple's new DOS, DOS 3.3, contains two significant improvements for the Apple owner. It creates a compatible environment so that the Apple owner can easily and efficiently use his Applesoft, Integer, and Pascal programmes on one set of hardware. The second benefit for the user is that the disk space available is increased 23%. Under the old operating system, approximately 103,000 bytes were available to user. With the new DOS, 126,976 bytes will be available for user programs.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	39.00	5.85	44.85

## Silentype Printer

The Silentype allows printing of high resolution graphics at 60 dots per inch, at 40 upper/lower case characters per second and 80 characters per line. The Silentype eliminates the loading or writing of a programme to print a screen configuration, because you can dump any high-resolution screen directly to the printer.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	349.00	52.35	401.35
10 rolls thermal paper for Silentype	28.00	4.20	32.20
Dustcover for Silentype	9.95	1.49	11.44

## Double Vision 80 Column Card

The adapter displays upper and lower case characters and is highly compatible with BASICS and PASCAL. In BASICS, PR# O does not switch off the card, a distinct advantage over some others. A 12" monitor is essential when displaying 80-Columns.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	162.00	24.30	186.30
Software to convert to Pascal	12.00	1.80	13.80

## Alf Music Synthesiser

**Three simultaneous voices**  
**Interactive graphics music entry**  
**Complete, ready to use**  
**Stereo outputs**  
**Pitch, envelope, and volume**  
**Expandable to 6 or 9 voices.**  
**No "music languages" to learn**  
**Full piano range**  
**No tuning required**  
**Save and load songs**

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	95.00	14.25	109.25
Timing Mode Input Board	14.00	2.10	16.10
Alf Music Album O (Xmas)	12.00	1.80	13.80
Alf Music Album 1	12.00	1.80	13.80
Alf Music Album 2	12.00	1.80	13.80

## Apple Cards

### Parallel Printer Interface

The Parallel Printer Interface Cards are available to allow the use of parallel printers with your APPLE computer.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
Parallel	104.00	15.60	119.60
Centronics	130.00	19.50	149.50

### Communications Interface Card

The Communications Interface Card is available separately to allow you to connect your APPLE to modems, CRT terminals, and other devices employing a serial RS-232C interface. The card's built-in intelligence lets you control these devices easily, in BASIC.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	130.00	19.50	149.50

### Eurocolour Card

Produces PAL colour signals to drive colour video monitor or with a Black & White modulator drives a colour T.V.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	113.00	16.95	129.95

### Hobby/Prototyping Card

Create your own APPLE interface boards with this wire-wrap card. The 2 3/4" x 7", double-sided circuit board includes a hole pattern (on 100-mil centres) that accepts all conventional IC's and passive components. It plugs directly into any APPLE expansion

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connector, and fits entirely within the computer case. Supplied with complete bus documentation to aid the interface designer.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	15.00	2.25	17.25

### Serial Interface

The Serial Interface Card allows an APPLE computer to exchange data with computers, printers, and other devices in serial format (one bit at a time). It is intended for use (in place of the Communications Interface Card) in applications that:

- Use data rates other than 110 or 300 baud (10 or 30 char/sec)
- Involve serial printers that don't require "handshake".

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	113.00	16.95	129.95

### Heuristics

#### Speechlink Model H2000

A practical low-cost speech recognition peripheral for the Apple® computer that allows you actually to talk to your Apple®

- to enter data.
- to control programs and the disk.
- to control other equipment attached to the Apple.

The H2000 substitutes your voice for the keyboard. It enables you to think and control your computer at the same time, concentrating on the action — the video display, printer output, or external action under computer control.

#### Features

- Recognize 64 words or phrases of your choice on the Apple® computer.
- Link more than one set of 64 words to provide essentially unlimited vocabulary.
- Write your programs in BASIC (no assembly language coding required).
- Use it with Applesoft® Floating Point BASIC or Integer BASIC (Extendable to Pascal).
- Requires only 4K RAM to recognize 64 words or phrases.
- Run under Disk Operating System or Cassette Tape System.
- Small pre-trained vocabulary facilitates system use.
- Complete with microphone, manual, demonstration software, and one year warranty.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	168.00	25.20	193.20

### Model 70 controller

Provides four relay contact-closure outputs on a card which plugs into an Apple® II peripheral slot and which is completely controlled by POKE statements in Apple® II BASIC. The unit is recommended for use with Heuristics™ SpeechLab® and SpeechLink™ voice data and control input cards for the Apple® II, but may be used with any Apple® in any application. More than one Model 70 may be used in an Apple®.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	57.00	8.55	65.55

### Speechlab Voice Recognition Card

Allows the Apple to recognise a spoken vocabulary of up to 32 user-selected words. The computer can be programmed to perform any task desired upon recognition of a key word.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	122.00	18.30	140.30

### Mountain

#### Clock/Calendar Card

Mountain Hardware, Inc.

This plug-in card provides a 388-day calendar and clock, with resolution to 1/1000 second. The clock is crystal controlled to yield .001% accuracy. A built-in rechargeable battery keeps the clock on time up to four days without system power, and external

batteries may be used for longer periods. Optional interrupt capability simplifies control applications. Supplied with complete operating instructions and rechargeable battery.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	168.00	25.20	193.20

### ROM Plus card

ROMPLUS + provides six sockets to accept individually addressable 2K ROM's or EPROM's. Keyboard Filter a 2K ROM program, comes installed on the ROMPLUS + board and adds many useful features to your Apple, including:

- Upper and lower case letters. The only system that offers keyboard input and standard shift key operation.
- Multiple user-defined character sets.
- Coloured or inverse-coloured letters.
- Keyboard macros — two key-stroke, automatic typing of multiple, user-defined words or phrases. Including BASIC and DOS commands.
- Mixed text and graphics.
- Improved cursor control.
- STOP LIST and END LIST.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	105.00	15.75	120.75

### Copyplus ROM

For use with ROM Plus Card.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	30.00	4.50	34.50

### Supertalker

#### Give voice to your Apple

SuperTalker allows you to add the dimension of human speech output in your computer programs. Add voice to games. Program verbal prompting for the operator of your business system. Use verbal warnings under program control as an enunciator in commercial security or control rooms. Create educational programs that verbally coach the student.

#### The SuperTalker system

SuperTalker is a new peripheral system which allows the Apple II computer to output exceptionally high quality human speech through a loud-speaker under program control. Output may also be directed through any P.A. or stereo system. Initially, spoken words are digitized into RAM memory through the system microphone. Speech data in RAM may then be manipulated like any other stored data.

#### A complete package

The SuperTalker peripheral system consists of: The SuperTalker peripheral card which plugs into a peripheral slot on the Apple II; a microphone; a loudspeaker; easy-to-use operating software and documentation; plus, two ready-to-run SuperTalker programs.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	179.55	26.93	206.48

### Romwriter

#### Hardware:

- Programs 2716 EPROMs—5V, 2K.
- Installs in any peripheral slot (except # 0).
- Zero insertion force socket. (ZIF). Mechanical lever opens up pin holders to drop in an EPROM.
- On-board Bat Handle switch for power off to ZIF Socket permits EPROM to be Installed/Removed without power-down of computer.
- On-board DIP switch provides: Write Protect—provided to prevent accidental overwriting of EPROMs while RUNNING for RomWriter. \$CFFF-Off-provided to suppress execution of this command (which shuts off all peripherals in the Apple system when executed) while programming or later while RUNNING.



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- Programmed EPROMs can be RUN while residing on RomWriter board.
- Optimum voltage and current for trouble-free programming.
- Complete 2716 programmed in under 2 minutes (50 msec/byte).

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	106.05	15.91	121.96

## MusicSystem

This 16 voice digital synthesizer is said to set new standards for computer generated music. Its capabilities permit the creation of the sounds of real musical instruments utilizing the principle of additive synthesis. The generation of sounds is accomplished through fully programmable waveforms, envelopes, and amplitudes for each musical "voice". Provided with the hardware system is software for editing and playing of musical compositions. The Editor program permits graphical input of sheet music utilizing standard music notation. The Player program permits polyphonic performance of musical compositions. Stereo output is to users' stereo amplifier and speakers, or directly off card with stereo headphones.

MusicSystem generates the sound of any musical instrument – real or imagined – solo or sextet – rock or classical – at home or in the concert hall or classroom! MusicSystem permits virtuoso performance in computer generated music never possible before outside of research and development labs, and is a real breakthrough in low-cost music generation.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	312.00	46.80	358.80

## California Computer Systems

### Asynchronous Serial Interface

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	106.00	15.90	121.90

### Synchronous Serial Interface

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	119.00	17.85	136.85

### Parallel Card

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	79.00	11.85	90.85

### Arithmetic Processor Unit

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	265.00	39.75	304.75

### IEEE/GPIB Interface

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	199.00	29.85	228.85

### Programmable Timer

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	106.00	15.90	121.90

### A/D Converter

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	99.00	14.85	113.85

### ROM/PROM Module

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	70.00	10.50	80.50

### Centronics Card

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	79.00	11.85	90.85

### Clock Card

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	83.00	12.45	95.45

## Interactive Structures

### D109 Universal Digital Interface



#### Description

The D109 is a complete digital interface system on a single Apple II card. Plug it in and take control of 32 data lines, each one

usable by your software as an input or an output. Add a current driver and operate relays or light bulbs directly. Add an isolation card and you're set to operate in the most hostile of industrial environments.

Use the on-board timers to count events, generate precise square wave, or interrupt your program when it's time for lunch. Combine the timers to measure up to 17 years. Use them individually to measure microseconds.

Set the D109 to interrupt you for any of 14 different reasons. Use the control lines to shake hands with other equipment when you have data to exchange. If you have 8 bits but only one wire, serialize with the built-in shift registers.

The D109 is a powerful new member of the Applications (tm) Series. Plug it in and build a system that will surprise a few people.

#### Features

- 32 digital input or output lines.
- 4 programmable timers
- 2 shift registers.
- full interrupt capability.
- optional current drive and isolation.
- single Apple II card.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	213.00	31.95	244.95

## A1 - 02 Analog Converter Card

### What is the A1-02

The A1-02 is a single card system which allows Apple II\* to look at analog, or non-digitized information. This means that the Apple can sample temperature, measure light level, or listen to sound, and use the result as an input to a program. Since most of the quantities of interest in controlling a home environment or an industrial process are analog quantities, this opens a very large set of new applications to the Apple user.

#### Analog Information

The A1-02 accepts information in the form of an analog voltage level in the range of 0 to 5.00 volts. Depending on the sensor used, this will correspond to a range of values such as 0°F to 212° or 5lbs. to 15lbs. of pressure.

#### Input Channels

The A1-02 provides 16 separate channels for input. One channel at a time is selected by the program, and the voltage present at the input when it is selected is the value returned to the program. There are no restrictions on the use of inputs: one may be selected repeatedly, all 16 may be selected in sequence, etc.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	192.00	28.80	220.80

## A0 - 03 Analog Output Board

### General Description

- Up to 8 independent channels.
- Each channel digitally latched.
- Range and offset adjustable.
- Monotonic.
- Accurate to 1/2 LSB.

The AO-03 Analog Output system is a multi-channel interface between the Apple-II\* microcomputer and the analog world. Using the AO-03 card, a BASIC or Assembly language program can, in a single operation, set or change an analog voltage level. Up to eight channels may be controlled, with the outputs being truly parallel, latched digitally on the AO-03. Resolution of the digital-to-analog conversion is 8 bits and the output will settle to within one-half LSB in 2 microseconds. The AO-03 is ideal for controlling light level, producing music, and deflecting CRT, Plotter or LASER graphics systems.

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## Analog Outputs

Each output channel of the AO-03 is buffered and short circuit protected. The output range of voltages correspond to the binary codes thru 255. Each channel is individually adjustable for range and zero adjust. A strap may be inserted to shift from the standard positive voltage range to a bipolar range. Space is also provided for addition of components to smooth the output transitions for the lower bandwidth applications.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
4 Channel	180.00	27.00	207.00
8 Channel	281.00	42.15	323.15

## Other Prices

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
Applesoft firmware card-for integer apples.	116.00	17.40	133.40
Integer Card - for applesoft apples	116.00	17.40	133.40
Programmers Aid I	27.00	4.05	31.05
Auto-Start ROM Pack.	38.00	5.70	43.70
Apple Juice			
Back up power supply.	157.00	23.55	180.55

## Templeman dual 8" disk system.

- 1M byte.	1550.00	232.50	1782.50
Apple Desk - Two Tier.	145.00	21.75	166.75
Apple Desk - Two Tier (Economy).	125.00	18.75	143.75
Printer Table.	92.00	13.80	105.80
Printer Table (Economy).	87.00	13.05	100.05
Single Tier Apple Desk.	48.00	7.20	55.20

## Documentation

### No. VAT

	£
Apple II Reference Manual	11.00
6502 Hardware Manual	9.00
6502 Software Manual	9.00
Apple II Basic Programming Manual	6.00
Applesoft II Reference Manual	6.00
DOS 3.2 Manual	6.00
Apple II Basic Tutorial Manual	6.00
Autostart ROM Manual	4.50

# Apple Software

All supplied on disk, unless otherwise specified.  
Where integer basic is required this can be either:

1. An integer Apple.
2. An Apple II + with integer card.
3. An Apple II + with relocated integer.
4. An Apple with language system.

## Business Tools

### CCA DATA MANAGEMENT (48K APPLE, Disk)

This system, developed by Personal Software, stores and retrieves information. It is very simple to learn and use, and at the same time provides real data processing capabilities for you and your Apple. Allows you to prepare and access files for your mailing list, customer lists, expense reporting, budget analysis or any report you need.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	75.00	11.25	86.25

### DESK TOP PLANNER (48K APPLE, Disk)

A unique financial planning and forecasting system that is driven by a simple menu system. Allows you to create business models or sub-models and build up consolidated summaries if you have individual branches or cost centres. A best selling package available for the first time in the U.K.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	75.00	11.25	86.25

### VISICALC (32K APPLE, Disk)

Visicalc provides an electronic worksheet of up to 63 columns and 254 rows. At the juncture of any column and row you can type in words or numbers. Where you want the worksheet to perform a calculation, you type the formula. Visicalc automatically performs all arithmetic functions and instantly displays all of the results. If you change any of the numerical data, the electronic worksheet instantly displays a new result - automatically. Anyone who works with numbers - managers, financial analysts, accountants, engineers and scientists - will find Visicalc essential for their personal computer. Voted program of the year in the U.S.A.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	125.00	18.75	143.75

### Apple Plot

A useful addition to VisiCalc and Desktop/Plan systems which enables results to be plotted quickly and accurately. Multiple sets of data can be generated on the same report and displayed on the screen, in colour, or a hard copy composed for reports, files etc. Apple Plot can be used independent of Visicalc and Desktop/Plan.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	37.00	5.55	42.55

### Apple Writer

Most probably the best word processing system available on a microcomputer for the price. Features include, fast easy cursor control, moving blocks of text, delete by character, word, and paragraph, search and replace, left right centre text justification.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	42.00	6.30	48.30

### Estate Agents

Developed in conjunction with a leading firm of Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agents, the system is a cost-effective aid to residential property sales which quickly

matches the property and applicants vice versa.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	500.00	75.00	575.00

### Mailing List

This system is a complete name, address and reference recording and management system for use in a wide variety of business operations. Up to 375 records can be held on each floppy disk. Features include add/amend/delete record, print records, print labels and various sort/selection facilities.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	70.00	10.50	80.50

## Games and Simulations

### INVASION ORION (32K APPLE, Disk)

A complete tactical science fiction war game that provides you with scenarios designed to allow players of different skills to find a challenging game of space warfare every time. Choose from three levels of play for the computer. You can allow the computer to play either side.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	18.00	2.70	20.70

### MICROCHESS (16K APPLE, Disk)

Perhaps the most famous chess game of all Peter Jennings latest version written in machine code. It displays a graphic chess board and uses standard algebraic notation to describe the moves. You may set up special board situations and play them out against the computer "Should be well received at the low asking price" -Computing Today.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	15.00	2.25	17.25

### STAR FLEET ORION (32K APPLE + INTEGER ROM CARD, Disk)

This program brings you the opportunity to fight space battles in your living room. 12 scenarios are provided in the game. These are of varying complexity with 2 to 15 spacecraft and playing times from 15 minutes to 6 hours. Starfleet Orion also includes a Rule Book, Battle Manual and Ship Control Sheets.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	18.00	2.70	20.70

### TEMPLE OF APASHAI (48K APPLE, Disk)

This is a fantasy adventure, but goes far beyond any other fantasy adventure game you may have seen for microcomputers. There are over 200 rooms, chambers and passages and over 30 different kinds of monsters guard the many and varied treasures of Apshai. You'll spend hours or days wandering the ruins. "The Temple of Apshai is quite an experience. I am very pleased with it and rate it as one of my favourite PET programs." Len Lindsay - COMPUTE.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	22.95	3.44	26.39

### APPLE INVADERS (48K + PADDLES)

An excellent representation of the famous arcade game "Alien Invaders." Very competitive game with remarkable hi resolution graphics and high scoring. Good luck!

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	12.00	1.80	13.80



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## STAR VOYAGER (32K + INTEGER ROM CARD + PADDLES)

A most challenging adventure in three parts. First destroy the evil emperor's city. Secondly dock with a military space station and finally defend yourself against space pirate ships. A three in one bargain.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	15.95	2.39	18.34

## SUPER STARWARS (32K + INTEGER ROM CARD JOYSTICK OR PADDLES)

Very realistic galactic battle with "floating sights" adding a very high degree of professionalism to a most acclaimed computer battle game.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	11.25	1.69	12.94

## CHECKER KING (16K APPLE, Disk)

Personal Software's Checker King lets you play against your computer at eight levels of difficulty. A unique feature allows you to store, in memory, up to three board situations and replay them. All moves on the draughts board are naturally checked for legality.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	17.50	2.63	20.13

## DATESTONES OF RYN (48K APPLE, Disk)

A dastardly robber band led by the notorious rogue, Rex the Reavers, has stolen the precious Datestones. Your mission is to recover the Datestones before Rex and his cut-throats slip away. The Datestones of Ryn comes as a complete package, ready to play, including game program, 1200 Byte data file and 16 page manual.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
	12.95	1.94	14.89

## GAMMON GAMBLER (16K APPLE, Disk)

Become a Backgammon expert fast, Gammon Gambler provides ten levels of skill, from beginner to expert. The ideal way to learn or polish your game, because Gammon Gambler checks all of your moves for legality, lets you back up and correct your move, and optionally displays the number of points. Backgammon rules are included in the manual.

Price	Nett	Vat	Total
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A two pass assembler which is a compatible subset of the Fortran cross assemblers available for 6500 series micros. This package incorporates the APPLEPIE text editor to facilitate preparation of source code for assembly. Machine instruction source statements provide mnemonics codes for all machine instructions in the 6500 series instruction set. File linkage facility allows simultaneous assembly of multiple source files.

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## The Art of Computer Programming Volume 3 – Searching and Sorting by Knuth

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## COMPUSOFT BOOKS

### Learning Level II BASIC by David Lien

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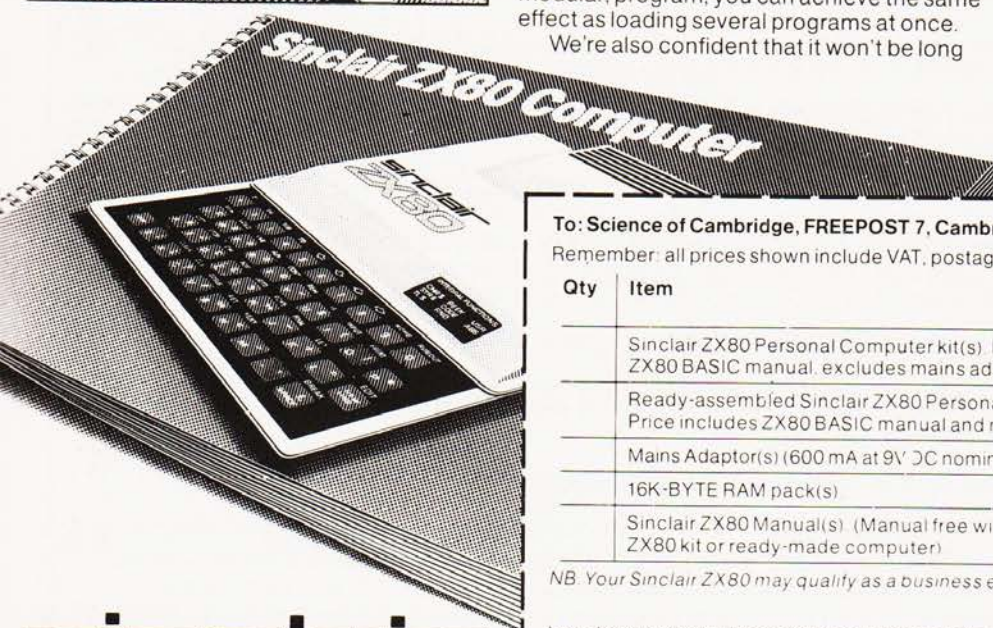
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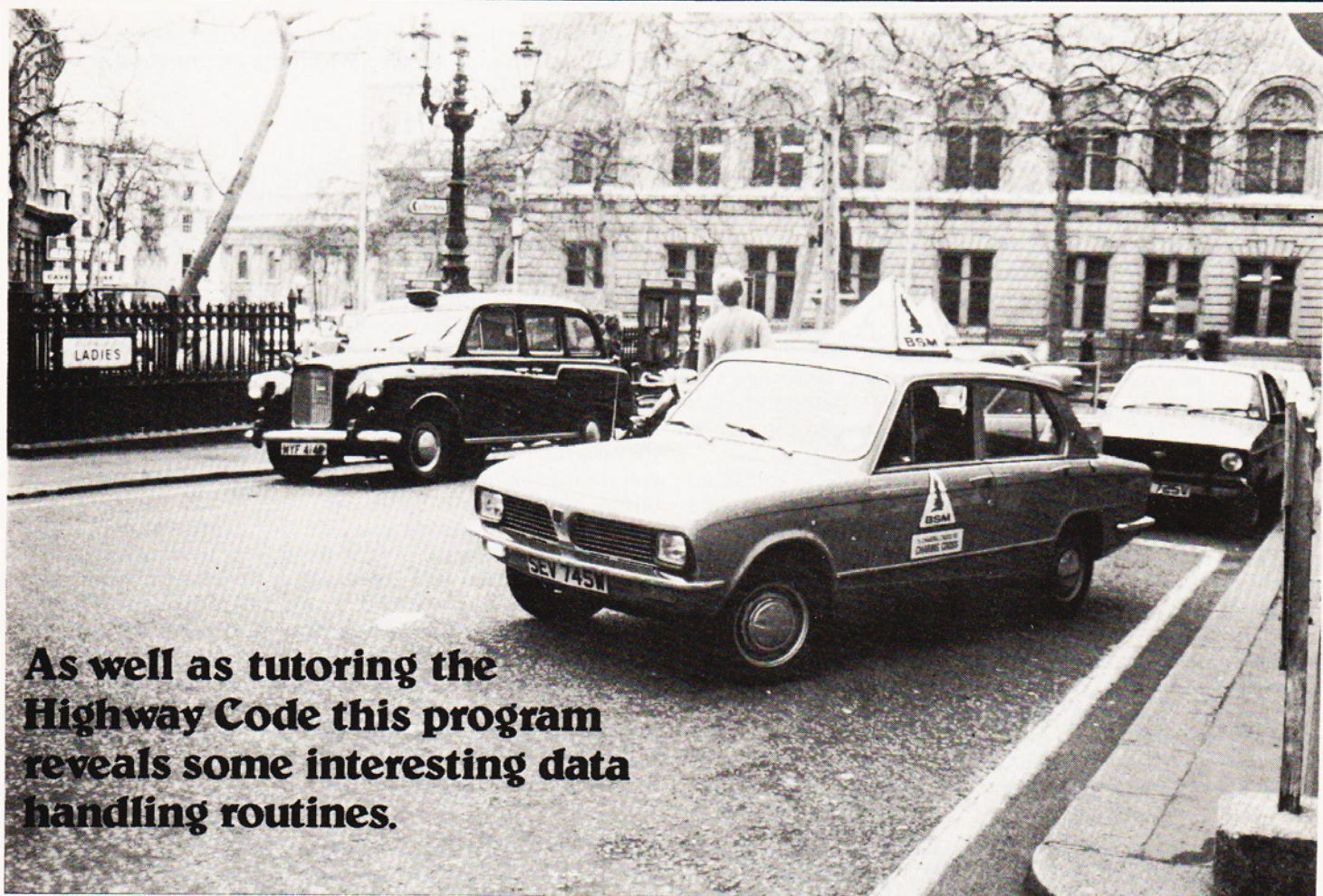
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So that the printer may print out the incorrectly answered question without confusion, all the question and answer sets are in upper case. To make the program visually more interesting, upper and lower case could be used, but it should be noted that the first questions contain graphics, so that a line reading: IF A<4 THEN POKE 59468,12 would need to be incorporated before the line printing to screen. Otherwise a character data filter, based on the ASCII code, could be used to convert all lower case data to upper case for the purpose of error printout; this would take the program outside its present 8K, when run.

## The Program

To enable each of the 40 question and answer sets to appear only once during the test, but in a random sequence, the numbers, 01 to 40 are shuffled using the standard card shuffle. The "cards", in this case, must be pairs of numbers, so that pick-up is correct: a "pack" of numbers up to 99 can be shuffled in this way. The new order of random sequence becomes the string D\$, and the numbers from this string are extracted, as required, as subroutine 7000 as A\$, pair by pair. A is used when reading the restored data until that numbered position of data is encountered, whereupon the question is extracted as string A\$, and the answer set as string B\$.

The string A\$ has, at its right-hand end, a four figure code

for the correct answers; this is '1111' if all the answers are correct, and '0100' if only answer B is correct, to give two examples. The string B\$ set of answers, all in one, are broken into four equal parts, so unequal answer lengths must be brought to equal length by using spaces or noughts, noughts are used here, together with a number coding the equality. This enables the surplus to be counted and removed before display; for example:

A\$ question; "How long is a foot rule?1000"  
B\$ answer; "= 12inch02 = 25mm1 = 8inch003 = 3cm"

obeys the clauses as defined. When A\$ and B\$ of a question/answer set are extracted from the data, then A\$ has its four right-hand characters removed as Y string and the rest is printed to the screen; B\$ is broken into four equal strings, O\$, P\$, Q\$ and R\$ which have their numerical left-hand ends removed, should there be one, before printing to the screen next to the appropriate characters.

By using multiple data banking, data can be extracted more quickly, information can be grouped together in data and extracted as a whole, and memory space can be used with great economy, particularly with short answers of nearly the same length, since few commas and quotes need be used.

Responses are sensed as a string Z\$ and these are checked to see first if the response is 'N' and then if in the range of 'A' to 'D'. Responses greater than this, apart from 'N', are rejected. Responses within the required range are checked against the answer code by a numerical breakdown system, and if the entry corresponds then the program prints that the entry is correct, together with the letter of the key so that repeat entries are not made by mistake. If the entry is incorrect the

program prints the letter of the key pressed at the same time as printing out the question to which the incorrect answer has been given on the printer.

### Space Saving

The program just fits into 8K, when run, and when the longest string has been formed in memory, which is why there are no instructions at the front end of the program. These could be introduced as a short introductory program setting out the rules of the test.

The delay is for the completion of the card shuffle. Some of the question/answer sets can be revised using the rules as stated; note that in the listing some of the questions with graphics utilize a double line for their presentation. If the 8K is limiting the length of the program then some memory could be saved by deleting the quotes at the front end of data, but they must be left in front of lines using graphics or the graphics will disappear. Some BASICs will require that the quotes are left in, even in totally upper case data.

In practical use it is a good idea to have the computer and VDU separate from the printer. Because of the random nature of the test, and the wide coverage of the range of questions, albeit confined to the narrow subject of the Highway Code, the same test could be given again and again without the possibility of remembering the correct responses from an earlier test. So, apart from lucky guesses, the questions may be used with confidence as a test of acquired knowledge over several weeks, remembering, of course, that the object is to assist in the teaching of good driving itself, not merely to pass the inevitable driving test.

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10 Y=1:O=-1:PRINT SPC(8)" [CLS ] [4 CD ]
   READ INSTRUCTIONS":OPEN 4,4:PRINT #4
120 PRINT #4,CHR$(1)"DRIVING TUTORIAL"
140 PRINT #4,"THESE YOU ANSWERED
   INCORRECTLY- STUDY THE HIGHWAY
   CODE!
200 C$="01020304050607080910111213141516171819
   20212223242526272829303132333435
220 C$=C$+"3637383940"
300 R=2*INT(LEN(C$)*RND(1)/2+1)-1:N$=
   MID$(C$,R,2)
330 IF R>1 THEN T$=LEFT$(C$,R-1):GOTO 350
340 T$=""
350 C$=T$+MID$(C$,R+2):D$=D$+(N$):IF
   LEN(C$)>=1 THEN 300
500 GOSUB 7000:RESTORE:FOR K1=1 TO 40:
   READ A$,B$:IF K1=A GOTO 5000
510 NEXT
700 DATA" ← THIS MOTORWAY SIGNAL
   WITH FLASHING AMBER?1000
702 DATA02LEAVE AT EXIT003CHANGE LANES
   SLIP ROAD AHEAD1DANGER TO LEFT
704 DATA" ▼ IN RED TRIANGLE MEANS
   14'0010
706 DATA00005WIDTH LIMIT0004LENGTH LIMIT
   0004HEIGHT LIMIT DISTANCE TO ROAD
708 DATA" \ TRAFFIC MERGE SIGN WILL BE
   INSIDE ^0010
710 DATA"00005RED HECTAGON0000007RED
   CIRCLE00005RED TRIANGLE INVERTED
   TRIANGLE

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720 DATA" ! IN RED TRIANGLE MEANS1001
722 DATA"1DANGER AHEAD02CLEAR AHEAD
   END OF HAZARD02HAZARD NEAR
724 DATA" OAS M-WAY SIGNAL MEANS1000
726 DATA"1RESTRICTION ENDS00005DANGER
   AHEAD000006CROSS-WINDS TEMPORARY
   REPAIRS
728 DATA"QUALIFIED DRIVER DISPLAYING
   L-PLATES HAS SPEED LIMIT OF1000
730 DATA"*45MPHNORMAL*30MPH*60MPH
732 DATA"AT 30MPH,CONDITIONS GOOD,CAR
   CAN STOP IN0001","*30FT*40FT*60FT*75FT
734 DATA"ON M-WAY DRIVE AT SPEED IN0001
736 DATA"02FAST LANE ONLY MIDDLE LANE
   ONLY003MIDDLE & FAST SLOW,MIDDLE &
   FAST
738 DATA"CROSS DOUBLE SOLID WHITE LINES
   IN ROAD ONLY T00110
740 DATA"PASS SLOW TRACTOR1PASS
   STOPPED CAR0000007TURN RIGHT0004PARK
   ON RIGHT
742 DATA"IN ONE WAY STREET OVERTAKE
   SAFELY IN1111
744 DATA"02LEFT LANE MIDDLE LANE003ANY
   LANE1RIGHT LANE
746 DATA"ENTER ROUNDABOUT TO LEAVE AT
   1ST EXIT1010
748 DATA"1ON INSIDE LANE ON OUTSIDE LANE1
   REMAIN ON LEFT REMAIN TO RIGHT
750 DATA"PARKING INTO DRIVE OF HOUSE ON
   MAIN ROAD0100

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# DRIVING TEST

- 752 DATA"0004ENTER QUICKLY REVERSE THRO  
GATE02ENTER FRONT 1ST1USE HAND  
SIGNALS
- 754 DATA"CAR EMERGING FROM PETROL  
STATION: RIGHT OF WAY WITH0101
- 756 DATA"003EMERGING CAR1THE PEDESTRIAN  
02CARS ENTERING CARS FROM RIGHT
- 758 DATA"DAYTIME VISIBILITY REDUCED BY  
HEAVY RAIN USE0100
- 760 DATA"SIDE LIGHTS ONLY DIPPED  
HEADLAMPS0000007FOG-LAMPS0000007FULL  
BEAM
- 762 DATA"HEADLIGHTS NEED NOT BE USED AT  
NIGHT1000
- 764 DATA"IN LIT STREETS1ON LIT  
M-WAYS0000007AT DAWN0000007AT DUSK
- 766 DATA"HORNS SHOULD NOT BE USED IN  
TOWN1010
- 768 DATA"003BEFORE 7AM0004AFTER 8PM  
AFTER 11.30PM0004AFTER 7PM
- 770 DATA"YOU CANNOT PARK1111
- 772 DATA"0004AT BUS-STOP000006ON A BEND  
AT FIRE HYDRANT ON THE FOOTPATH
- 774 DATA"USE HAZARD WARNING FLASHES  
WHEN CAR IS MOVING ONLY0001
- 776 DATA"00000008IN FOG IN EMERGENCIES  
CARRYING LOADS000000009NEVER
- 778 DATA"PARKING ON ROAD AT NIGHT  
WITHOUT LIGHTS PERMITTED IF CAR IS1010
- 780 DATA"02IN 30MPH ZONE AGAINST  
TRAFFIC003WITH TRAFFIC0004ON  
PAVEMENT
- 782 DATA"ON M-WAY STUDS MARKING  
LEFTHAND EDGE ARE0001", "GREEN WHITE  
AMBER02RED
- 784 DATA"IF SLOW-MOVING VEHICLE  
OBSTRUCTS CENTRAL M-WAY LANE0100
- 786 DATA"1OVERTAKE ON LEFT OVERTAKE ON  
RIGHT0000007SOUND HORN00005FLASH  
LIGHTS
- 788 DATA"RED FLASHING M-WAY SIGNALS  
MEAN0010
- 790 DATA"GO WITH CAUTION003HAZARD  
AHEAD00000000011STOP000006SLOW DOWN
- 792 DATA"ON AUTO-BARRIER LEVEL CROSSING-  
BELL & LIGHTS START: THEN0001
- 794 DATA"REVERSE BACK STOP &  
PHONE1CHANGE LANES02KEEP GOING
- 796 DATA"ON ROAD BOUNDING AIRFIELD  
ALTERNATING RED LIGHTS FLASH:THEN0101
- 798 DATA"02GO WITH CAUTION0000000000013  
STOP WAIT FOR AIRCRAFT0004WAIT FOR  
'GO'
- 800 DATA"TURNING LEFT SIGNAL MEANS0111
- 802 DATA"003PLEASE PASS MOVING-IN  
LEFT02TURNING LEFT000006STOPPING
- 804 DATA"3 YELLOW LINES ON CURB:  
LOADING:0001
- 806 DATA"00005RESTRICTED ONLY AT  
WEEKEND1ONLY ON SUNDAY0004NONE AT ALL
- 808 DATA"SIGN GIVING LOCAL DIRECTIONS  
HAS0010
- 810 DATA"0000007NO BORDER0004BLACK  
BORDER00005BLUE BORDER GREEN  
BACKGROUND
- 812 DATA"CYCLE ON ROAD MUST HAVE1100
- 814 DATA"0004HORN OR BELL EFFECTIVE  
BRAKES0000000010A PUMP0000000010LIGHTS
- 816 DATA"MAX.SPEED ON ROADS NOT  
M-WAYS OR DUAL C'WAYS0100
- 818 DATA"\*70MPH\*60MPH\*50MPH\*45MPH
- 820 DATA"AT NIGHT CARAVAN MAY PARK  
WITH NO LIGHTS ON0001
- 822 DATA"02SIDE ROAD WELL-LIT RD\*30MPH  
ZONE000006NEVER
- 824 DATA"INJURY IN CAR ACCIDENT:PRODUCE  
TO POLICE THE0100
- 826 DATA"000000009LOG BOOK CERT.OF  
INSURANCE02DRIVING LICENCE  
REGISTRATION BOOK
- 828 DATA"WHEN DRIVING TO FAR  
ROUNDAABOUT EXIT0111
- 830 DATA"1ENTER LEFT LANE ENTER RIGHT  
LANE LEAVE ON OUTSIDE1LEAVE ON INSIDE
- 832 DATA" FOLLOWING CAR AT 60MPH LEAVE  
APPROX0001
- 834 DATA"\*30YDS\*40YDS\*50YDS\*60YDS
- 836 DATA" FOLLOWING A CAR IN RAIN AT  
40MPH LEAVE APPROX1000
- 838 DATA"\*80YDS\*60YDS\*50YDS\*40YDS
- 840 DATA"APPROACHING CAR DAZZLES WITH  
HIS LIGHTS—YOU SHOULD 0001
- 842 DATA"02SOUND HORN FLICK LIGHTS FULL  
BEAM ON003SLOW DOWN
- 844 DATA"SHORTEST STOPPING DISTANCE  
DRIVING FULL SPEED ON M-WAY1000
- 846 DATA"\*105YDS\*95YDS\*75YDS\*65YDS
- 848 DATA"RED CIRCLE WITH PLAIN WHITE  
CENTRE MEANS0010
- 850 DATA"NO RESTRICTIONS0000007CLEARWAY  
0004NO VEHICLES0000007GIVE WAY
- 852 DATA"LEGAL MINIMUM DEPTH OF TYRE  
TREAD0100
- 854 DATA"1>.5MM02>1MM>1.5MM02>2MM
- 856 DATA"WARNING TRIANGLE SHOULD BE  
PUT AT LEAST ...YDS BEFORE HAZARD0010
- 858 DATA"\*35\*40\*50\*60
- 860 DATA"WARNING TRIANGLE SHOULD BE PUT  
AT LEAST ...YDS BEFORE M-WAY HAZARD0100
- 862 DATA"\*200\*150\*100\*60
- 5000 GOSUB 8000:L = LEN(A\$):Y\$ = RIGHT\$(A\$,4):  
A\$ = LEFT\$(A\$,L - 4):PRINTA\$:M = LEN(B\$)
- 5020 M = M/2:M\$ = RIGHT\$(B\$,M):N\$ = LEFT\$(B\$,M)  
:N = M/2:O\$ = RIGHT\$(M\$,N):P\$ = LEFT\$(M\$,N)
- 5030 Q\$ = RIGHT\$(N\$,N):R\$ = LEFT\$(N\$,N):C = VAL  
(O\$):B = LEN(O\$):O\$ = RIGHT\$(O\$,B - C)
- 5040 C = VAL(P\$):B = LEN(P\$):P\$ = RIGHT\$(P\$,B - C)  
:C = VAL(Q\$):B = LEN(Q\$)
- 5060 Q\$ = RIGHT\$(Q\$,B - C):C = VAL(R\$):B =  
LEN(R\$):R\$ = RIGHT\$(R\$,B - C)

# DRIVING TEST

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5080 PRINT," [CD]A="R$:PRINT," [CD]B="Q$:
PRINT," [CD]C="P$:PRINT," [CD]D="O$
" [2 CD]":Y=VAL(Y$)
5090 X=Y:IF Y>999 THEN A=1:Y=Y-1000
5100 IF Y>99 THEN B=1:Y=Y-100
5110 IF Y>9 THEN C=1:Y=Y-10
5120 IF Y=1 THEN D=1
5200 GET Z$:IF Z$="" GOTO 5200
5202 IF Z$="N" GOTO 5900
5208 IF Z$>"D" GOTO 5200
5210 IF Z$="A" GOTO 5400
5220 IF Z$="B" GOTO 5500
5230 IF Z$="C" GOTO 5600
5240 IF Z$="D" GOTO 5700
5400 IF A=1 GOTO 5420
5410 GOSUB 20000:GOSUB 30000:GOTO 5200
5420 X=X-1000:A=0:GOTO 5800
5500 IF B=1 GOTO 5520
5510 GOSUB 20000:GOSUB 30000:GOTO 5200
5520 X=X-100:B=0:GOTO 5800
5600 IF C=1 GOTO 5620
5610 GOSUB 20000:GOSUB 30000:GOTO 5200
5620 X=X-10:C=0:GOTO 5800
5700 IF D=1 GOTO 5720
5710 GOSUB 20000:GOSUB 30000:GOTO 5200
5720 X=X-1:D=0:GOTO 5800

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5800 PRINT"YES "Z$". ANY OTHER CORRECT? IF
NOT 'N'."
5810 GET Z$:IF Z$="" GOTO 5810
5820 IF Z$="N" GOTO 5900
5830 IF Z$<"E" GOTO 5210
5840 IF Z$>"D" GOTO 5810
5900 IF X>0 THEN GOSUB 20000
5910 IF X=0 THEN GOTO 6000
5920 GOSUB 30000:GOTO 5200
6000 I=I+5:J=J+1:PRINT" [CD]CORRECT"SPC
(18)J"SCORE":K4=0:TI$="000000"
6015 IF TI$<"000005" GOTO 6015
6020 GOTO 500
7000 O=O+2:O$=MID$(D$,O,2):A=VAL(O$):IF
O>80 GOTO 9000
7010 RETURN
8000 PRINT" [CLS]":PRINT"DRIVING TEST
TUTORIAL":RETURN
9000 GOSUB 8000:PRINT" [CD]SCORE"1" OUT OF
200":CLOSE 4:END
20000 IF L>45 THEN PRINT #4,A$
20002 IF L>44 GOTO 20010
20004 RETURN
20010 B$=LEFT$(A$,40):M$=RIGHT$(A$,L-44):
PRINT #4,B$:PRINT #4,M$:RETURN
30000 PRINT Z$"IS INCORRECT":I=I-2:RETURN

```

## DRIVING TEST TUTORIAL

PARKING ON ROAD AT NIGHT WITHOUT LIGHTS  
PERMITTED IF CAR IS

- A=IN 30MPH ZONE
- B=AGAINST TRAFFIC
- C=WITH TRAFFIC
- D=ON PAVEMENT

YES A. ANY OTHER CORRECT? IF NOT 'N',  
D IS INCORRECT

## DRIVING TEST TUTORIAL

YOU CANNOT PARK

- A=AT BUS-STOP
- B=ON A BEND
- C=AT FIRE HYDRANT
- D=ON THE FOOTPATH

YES B. ANY OTHER CORRECT? IF NOT 'N',  
YES D. ANY OTHER CORRECT? IF NOT 'N',  
YES C. ANY OTHER CORRECT? IF NOT 'N',

## DRIVING TEST TUTORIAL

FOLLOWING A CAR IN RAIN AT 40MPH LEAVE  
APPROX

- A=\*80YDS
- B=\*60YDS
- C=\*50YDS
- D=\*40YDS

YES A. ANY OTHER CORRECT? IF NOT 'N',  
CORRECT 1 SCORE 5

Some specimen screen displays for the program and a printout of your incorrect answers.

## DRIVING TUTORIAL

These you answered incorrectly -  
study the Highway Code!

USE HAZARD WARNING FLASHERS WHEN CAR IS  
MOVING ONLY

DAYTIME VISIBILITY REDUCED BY HEAVY RAIN  
USE

AT NIGHT CARAVAN MAY PARK WITH NO LIGHTS  
ON

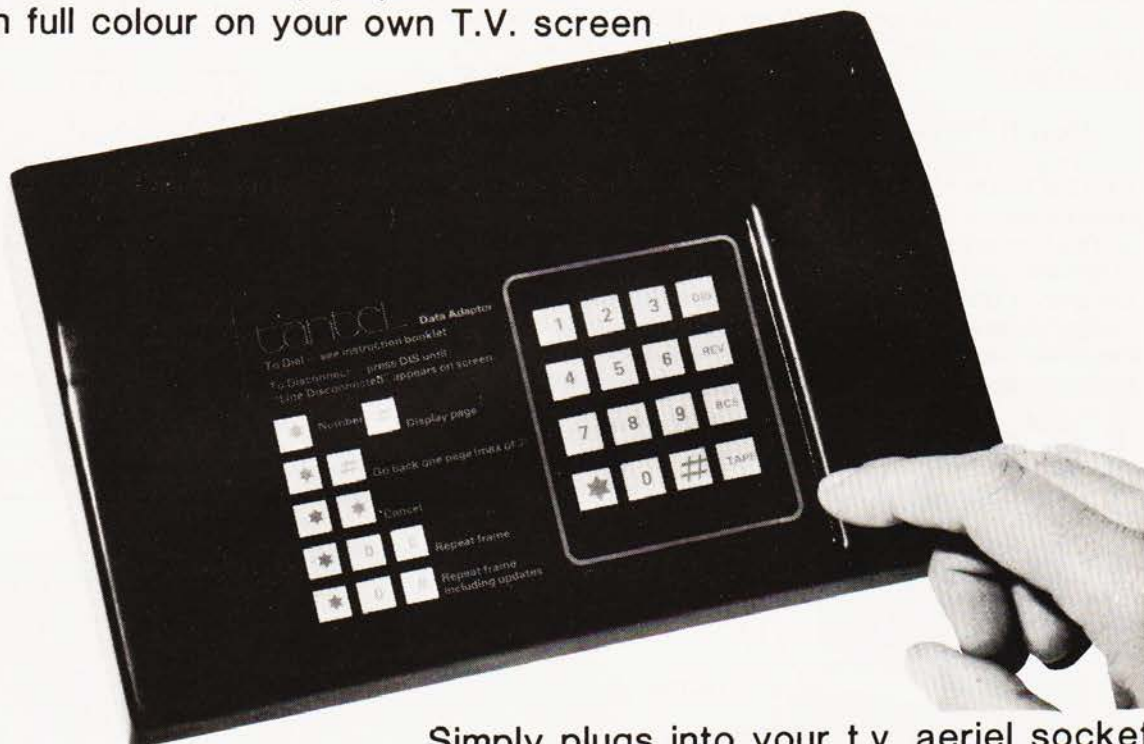
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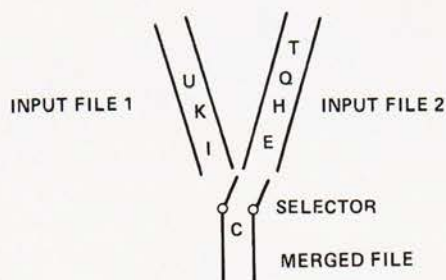
## Whilst bubbles drift along the shellsort really speeds up the flow of data.

If you run ALPHASORT as published in September CT, you will notice that though it is very fast indeed for short lists, it takes disproportionately longer for large lists. To be exact, the time taken is proportional to  $N^2$  for a random list of  $N$  records.

The following program, though somewhat more complex, takes a time proportional to  $N \log_2(N)$ . To give an idea of what this means, suppose it is necessary to sort a government census file of one million records. If, on a given machine, the Bubblesort and Shellsort each take 20 milliseconds to sort 64 records, the Shellsort would take half an hour to sort the census file. The Bubblesort — four months! On a more down-to-earth application the Shellsort will sort 250 records in one-fifth of the time.

### How It Works

The general principle is that of merging two sorted sequential files — the method by which files are sorted which will themselves not fit into main store. The next record in the merged file is selected from the input file with the record next in order, see Fig. 1. To apply this technique to an array of strings, the array is first split into  $N$  lists of one string each. These are merged in pairs to give  $N/2$  lists of two strings, and so on until the whole array has been sorted, see Fig. 2. You will note  $N$  has to be a power of two, so that in the example program the array is preset to an artificially high value.

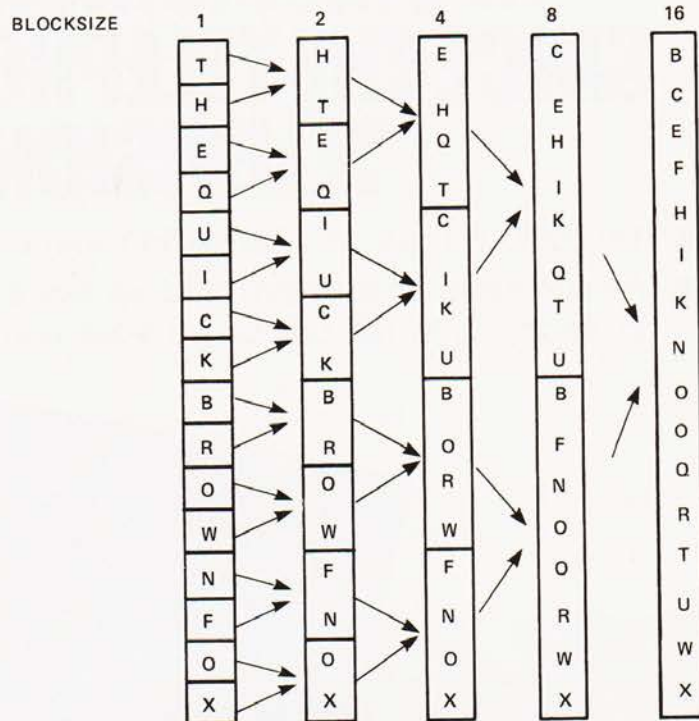


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Fig.1. Using selection to merge files

### Using The Shellsort

The example program, written in Microsoft BASIC, illustrates how the routine is driven. You will observe that the routine does not actually sort the array, but instead returns the array SP as a pointer into the string array. This may sound unduly complicated at first, but by using this method it is not necessary to move the records around (which may be quite long), more than once. In the example program, the records being sorted consist of a single string, but in general they will consist of mixed string and numeric fields. The list will be sorted according to one of these fields, called the key. A\$ in line 8250 of SHELLSORT would be replaced by this field.



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Fig.2. How the files are sorted and merged

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100 PRINT" [CLS ] STRINGSORT"
110 REM INITIALISATION
130 DIM A$(255) : EN = 255 : CT = 0
132 REM PRESET A$ TO MAXIMUM
135 I = 0 TO 255 : A$(I) = CHR$(255) : NEXT
140 PRINT"PLEASE INPUT NAMES, WHEN YOU
    ARE"
150 PRINT"READY TO SORT TYPE'"
160 PRINT
170 REM INPUT ROUTINE
180 PRINT"YOU HAVE ROOM FOR ";EN;"MORF EN-
    TRIES"
190 INPUT A$(CT)
200 IF A$(CT) = "" THEN 250
210 CT = CT + 1 : PRINT" [CLS ]"
220 IF CT > 254 THEN 250
230 EN = 255 - CT : GOTO 180
240 END
245 REM SET NUMBER OF ELEMENTS & CALL
    SHELLSORT
250 SN = CT - 1 : GOSUB 8100
470 REM LINE LOOP OUTPUT
475 FOR KK = 0 TO 9:GET K$:NEXT

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# SHELLSORT

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480 PRINT"HIT A KEY FOR LIST"
490 GET K$: IF K$=" " GOTO 490
510 LP=0: SL=18
520 FOR P= LP TO LP+SL
525 IF P>CT THEN END
527 REM ARRAY SP GIVES POINTER INTO A$
530 PRINT A$(SP(P))
540 NEXT P
545 FOR KK=0 TO 9:GET K$:NEXT
547 PRINT
550 PRINT" **HIT ANY KEY TO CONTINUE**"
560 PRINT" ***$' WILL BREAK***"
565 PRINT
570 GET K$: IF K$=" " THEN 570
580 IF K$=" $" THEN END
590 LP=LP+SL+1
600 GOTO 520
8000 REM SHELLSORT ROUTINE
8010 REM THIS ROUTINE WILL SORT A
8020 REM STRING ARRAY A$
8030 REM INTO ASCENDING ORDER.
8035 REM THE ROUTINE RETURNS SP(SN-1)
8040 REM AS A POINTER ARRAY INTO THE
8045 REM LIST. THE ROUTINE USES
8050 REM VARIABLES PREFIXED 'S'.
8070 REM THE ROUTINE TAKES ABOUT 2 MIN.
8075 REM TO SORT A 256 ELEMENT LIST

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8080 REM THE TIME TAKEN IS PROPORTIONAL
8085 REM TO 2*LOG2(N)*N.
8100 SS=(INT(LOG(SN)/LOG(2))+1)
8110 SN=2^SS:REM SN MUST BE A POWER OF 2
8140 REM SS IS NO OF STEPS
8150 DIM SP(SN): DIM SQ(SN)
8160 FOR SI=0 TO SN-1
8170 SP(SI)=SI: NEXT SI
8180 SB=1: SP=1:REM BLOCKSIZE,STEP NO
8190 IF S>SS THEN RETURN
8195 PRINT" [CLS]SORTING: BLOCKSIZE="";SB
8200 SJ=SN/2:SI=0:SK=0
8210 SL=SB+SI: SM=SB+SJ
8220 IF(SJ>=SM)AND(SI>=SL) GOTO 8300
8230 IF(SJ>=SM) GOTO 8260
8240 IF(SI>=SL) GOTO 8280
8250 IF A$(SP(SI))>A$(SP(SJ)) GOTO 8280
8260 SQ(SK)=SP(SI)
8270 SK=SK+1: SI=SI+1: GOTO 8220
8280 SQ(SK)=SP(SJ)
8290 SK=SK+1: SJ=SJ+1: GOTO 8220
8300 IF SK>SN-1 GOTO 8320
8310 SM=SM+SB: SL=SL+SB: GOTO 8220
8320 FOR SI=0 TO SN-1
8330 SP(SI)=SQ(SI): NEXT
8340 SB=SB*2: SP=SP+1
8350 GOTO 8190

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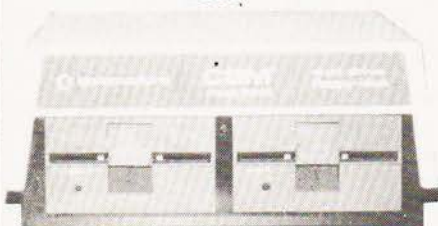
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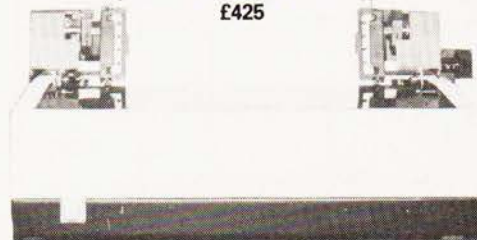
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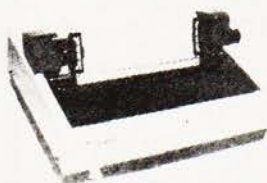
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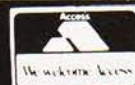


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I find this program very useful, the puzzles it produces keep my family occupied for hours on end while I am at the keyboard! It is designed to be used by "non-computer" people, this is the reason for the emphasis on input error trapping and the "chatty" style of the prompts.

Many of the statements are special features of the TRS80, notably CLS, which clears the screen, and INKEY\$, which is a single keyboard scan and does not need the 'ENTER'. I believe the PET has a similar statement called 'GET'. Only one PEEK is used and this is not essential to program operation anyway, which should please some readers.

### How It Works

The wordsquare and the list of words to be used are represented by string arrays S\$(n,m) and W\$(n) respectively, the program attempts to find vacant areas or matching letters in the array S\$(n,m) and put in the words from W\$(n). It will try all directions, including backwards and diagonally and a fair amount of string handling takes place. Not surprisingly, the program can take several minutes to run, in fact it will sometimes appear to 'hang' and won't even respond to the break key. This is due to the fact that the TRS80 has to

reorganise its string storage areas occasionally and ignores the keyboard while it is doing this. (This is called Garbage Collection and was discussed in last month's issue.)

When the puzzle has been constructed it will first be displayed on the screen without the usual jumble of random letters, you can cheat at this point if you wish. The video display section is included for debugging and checking purposes, if you wish to remove it then delete lines 730-800. There is an option for suppressing the usual list of words which are included in the puzzle, this makes it much more difficult, the only clues given in this case are a list of dashes corresponding to word lengths, I have included an example of each option. I am sure readers will find them trivial!

The wordlist W\$(n) is sorted into words of descending length because this reduces execution time by allowing the longest words to be put into a nearly vacant array first, the shorter words are then fitted around and through them.

The randomising methods used ensure that no two puzzles are similar even though they may contain the same words.

### Variables Used

A,C,D,G,P,X,I Counters temporary storage integers.  
C(n) List of shuffled vertical coordinates.  
C1,C2 Temporary storage for vertical coordinates.  
D(n) List of shuffled directions.

### SALTY

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F P U Y Y Y O K R V B Z F L L PERIWINKLE
V P E R I W I N K L E E Y X N SEASHELL
X E R U M E Q S L E S S U M C STARFISH
Z C L A M W H S I F R A T S N SCALLOPS
N S B S L O N E S L I M P E R ABALONES
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N D I J F K O T X Y X E L E B RAZOR
V N E H I M P K R X S X L E P CONCH
S H S C Z N S B Z G S N G L S WHELK
M S F P S O X C Q L T U A G U PEARL
W P L M S C B S K L J Y T O Z MUREX
CLAM
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### BYTE THIS

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Z C L O A D Y X L N U W Y N C -----
Q T U Y A H D U O A D D G O B -----
F I T A R F E X W O N W W I E -----
E E W S T A R P M A I G K T N -----
Y J E N S W N E T Z F B M U C -----
Y A D O T G N I T U P M O C H -----
T I N T E G E R B N R Q T E M -----
M S O F T W A R E T I X W X A -----
I I N T E R R U P T Z R B E R -----
G M I C R O S O F T P P P W K -----
B H E X A D E C I M A L F K S -----
H B L R E N I T U O R B U S D -----
M H T I R O G L A Q U U R Q X -----
B C K R Y O L S G U B E D Z P -----
C P J Q D D R L E D J K K E W -----
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Two specimen "Wordsquares" as produced by the program

# WORD SQUARE

Q\$ Temporary storage for single letter replies.  
 R(n) List of shuffled horizontal coordinates.  
 R,R1,R2 Temporary horizontal coordinates.  
 S\$ Temporary storage inputted words.  
 S\$(n,m) The string array representing the wordsquare.  
 T\$ Title.  
 W\$(n) List of inputted words.  
 W1,W2 Pointers into W\$(n),  
 X1,X2 Used in row and column shuffle.

## Program Listing

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10 REM WORDSQUARES
20 REM
30 REM INITIALISE
40 CLS
50 CLEAR 400
60 DEFINT A-Z
70 DIM C(15),R(15),D(8),W$(16),S$(15,15),R2(15),C2(15)
80 PRINT TAB(20) "WORDSQUARES"
90 PRINT TAB(20) "YOU WILL NEED A PRINTER
FOR THIS PROGRAM. TYPE IN A LIST OF UP TO 16 WORDS OR TYPE
'@' IF YOU WISH TO USE LESS. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LETTERS
IN A WORD IS 15, BUT IF YOU"
100 PRINT "USE TOO MANY LONG WORDS THE PROGRAM WILL TAKE
AGES TO RUN. IN FACT IT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FIT YOUR WORDS IN
AT ALL! IF SO IT WILL TELL YOU (EVENTUALLY)"
100 REM**SHUFFLE COORDINATES
120 FOR A=1 TO 15:C(A)=A:R(A)=A:IF A<9 THEN D(A)=A
130 NEXT
140 FOR A=1 TO 15
150 R1=RND(15):R2=RND(15):X1=R(R1):X2=C(R2):R(R1)=R(A):
C(R2)=C(A):R(A)=X1:C(A)=X2
160 NEXT
170 REM**INPUT WORDLIST
180 PRINT"NOW TYPE IN YOUR LIST"
190 FOR W=1 TO 16
200 INPUT S$:IF S$="" THEN 280
210 IF W=1 THEN CLS:PRINT@2,S$
220 W$(W)=S$
230 REM**TEST THE WORD FOR LENGTH AND CONTENT, S IS ERROR
FLAG
240 S=0
250 GOSUB 1030
260 IF S=1 THEN 200
270 NEXT
280 W=W-1
290 CLS:PRINT@590,"THIS COULD TAKE ME A FEW MINUTES";
300 REM**SORT WORDS, LONGEST FIRST
310 GOSUB 1190
320 PRINT@590,CHR$(30);
330 REM**CHOOSE THE NEXT WORD
340 FOR W1=1 TO W
350 REM**RANDOMISE DIRECTIONS
360 FOR A=1 TO 8:R=RND(8):X=D(R):D(R)=D(A):D(A)=X:NEXT
370 REM**CHOOSE A COORDINATE
380 FOR R=1 TO 15
390 PRINT@600,"THINKING";
400 FOR C=1 TO 15
410 R1=R(R):C1=C(C)
420 REM**CHOOSE A DIRECTION
430 FOR D=1 TO 8
440 REM**CAN IT BE FITTED?
450 FOR I=1 TO LEN(W$(W1))
460 ON D(1) GOSUB 1090,1100,1110,1120,1140,1150,1160,1170
470 REM**OFF THE EDGE?
480 IF R2>15 OR R2<1 OR C2>12 OR C2<1 THEN 580
490 S$=MID$(W$(S1),I,1)
500 IF S$(R2,C2)<>" " AND S$(R2,C2)<>S$ THEN 580
510 R1=R2:C1=C2:R2(I)=R2:C2(I)=C2
520 NEXT I
530 REM**OK WE HAVE A WORDFIT SO PUT IT IN THE ARRAY
540 FOR I=1 TO LEN(W$(W1))
550 S$(R2(I),C+(I))=MID$(W$(W1),I,1)
560 NEXT I
570 GOTO 700
580 NEXT D
590 REM**MUST HAVE FAILED TO FIND FIT SO TRY ELSEWHERE

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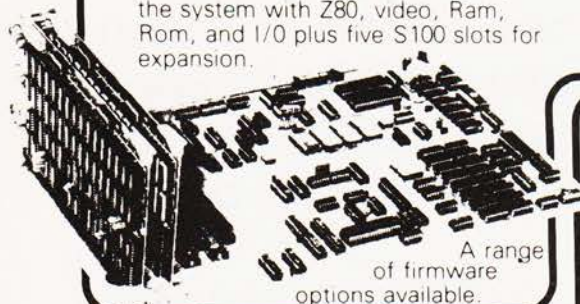
600 PRINT@609,"HARD!";
610 NEXT C
620 PRINT@600,CHR$(30);
630 NEXT R
640 REM**TO GET HERE MUST HAVE FAILED FOR ENTIRE ARRAY
650 CLS:PRINT"SORRY, I CANT COPE WITH ' ",W$(W1)," ', DO YOU
WANT TO START"
660 PRINT"AGAIN (PRESS 'S') OR PRINT OUT THE PARTLY DONE
WORDSQUARE ANYWAY (PRESS 'P')";
670 Q$=INKEY$:IF Q$="" THEN 670
680 IF Q$="S" THEN RUN ELSE CLS GOTO 730
690 REM**GET THE NEXT WORD
700 NEXT W1
710 REM**PRINT OUT THE ARRAY TO SCREEN
720 PRINT@600,"GOT IT!!!!";CHR$(30);FOR A=1 TO 800:NEXT:CLS
730 FOR R=1 TO 15
740 PRINT
750 FOR C=1 TO 15
760 IF S$(R,C)="" THEN PRINT" ";GOTO 780
770 PRINT S$(R,C);"";
780 NEXT C,R
790 PRINT"PRESS A KEY";
800 IF INKEY$="" THEN 800
810 CLS
820 REM**PRINTER STATUS CHECK (OPTIONAL)
830 GOSUB 1260
840 REM**PRINT TO PRINTER
850 PRINT"TYPE IN A TITLE FOR YOUR WORDSQUARE THEN PRESS
ENTER"
860 PRINT
870 INPUT T$
880 PRINT"BY THE WAY, DO YOU WANT THE WORDLIST PRINTED AS
WELL? (Y OR N)"
890 Q$=INKEY$:IF Q$="" THEN 890
900 IF Q$<"Y" AND Q$<"N" THEN 890
910 LPRINT TAB(25)T$
920 LPRINT TAB(25)STRING$(LEN(T$),"-");LPRINT
930 FOR R=1 TO 15
940 FOR C=1 TO 15
950 IF S$(R,C)="" THEN LPRINT CHR$(RND(26)+64);"";ELSE LPRINT
S$(R,C);"";
960 NEXT C
970 IF Q$="N" THEN LPRINT TAB(48)STRING$(LEN(W$(R)),"-");ELSE
LPRINT TAB(48)W$(R)
980 LPRINT
990 NEXT R
1000 IF Q$="N" THEN LPRINT TAB(48)STRING$(LEN(W$(R)),"-");ELSE
LPRINT TAB(48)W$(R)
1010 FOR X=1 TO 4:LPRINT:NEXT:RUN
1020 REM**INPUT TESTING
1030 IF LEN(W$(W1))>15 THEN S=1:PRINT"THIS WORD IS TOO LONG, TRY
AGAIN":RETURN
1040 FO A=1 TO LEN(W$(W1))
1050 S$=MID$(W$(W1),A,1)
1060 IF S$<"A" OR S$>"Z" THEN S=1:PRINT"LETTERS ONLY
PLEASE":RETURN
1070 RETURN
1080 REM**HORIZONTALS AND VERTICALS
1090 R2=R1+1:RETURN
1100 R2=R1-1:RETURN
1110 C2=C1+1:RETURN
1120 C2=C1-1:RETURN
1130 REM**NOW THE DIAGONALS
1140 R2=R1+1:C2=C1+1:RETURN
1150 R2=R1-1:C2=C1-1:RETURN
1160 R2=R1-1:C2=C2+1:RETURN
1170 R2=R1-1:C2=C2-1:RETURN
1180 REM**WORDLENGTH SORT
1190 S=0
1200 FOR W1=1 TO W-1
1210 IF LEN(W$(W1))<LEN(W$(W1+1)) THEN S$=W$(W1):W$(W1)=
W$(W1+1):W$(W1+1)=S$:S=S+1
1220 NEXT
1230 IF S=1 THEN 1190
1240 RETURN
1250 REM**PRINTER CHECK TO PREVENT SYSTEM HANG
1260 IF PEEK(14312)<=127 THEN RETURN
1270 PRINT"PRINTER NOT READY!! PRESS 'P' WHEN THE PRINTER IS
READY OR 'S' TO START AGAIN"
1280 Q$=INKEY$:IF Q$="" THEN 1280
1290 IF Q$="S" THEN RUN
1300 IF PEEK(14312)<=127 THEN 1270
1310 IF Q$="P" THEN CLS:RETURN
1320 GOTO 1280

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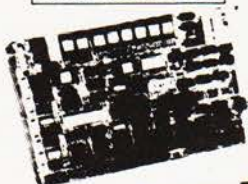
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In this project I have attempted to combine a simple, but very effective circuit with a versatile subroutine that can be used with your own game programs. Although initially designed for use with a NASCOM1 with T4, the circuit will work with any Z80 based system which has PIO ports, obviously some software modification will be necessary.

### Construction

Building the joysticks should present no problems, even to the inexperienced, as all the information needed for construction is contained within the accompanying diagrams. Once built each joystick should be connected to a PIO port "A" and the test program run. Each pot should give a reading of about 01-28 over the length of travel of the lever in both a horizontal and vertical direction, as shown in Fig. 3. If the reading is too far out, additional capacitors of 1-11 nF can be soldered in parallel with C2. Whilst the actual numbers obtained are not really important, they must be similar in each direction. If making two controls each unit must give similar readings. If you value your PIO remember to disconnect the joystick from the port before applying your soldering iron! The joystick centre position is assumed to be between 9 & 18, this is controlled entirely by software and can be altered in the joystick subroutine to make the central area larger or smaller.



### How It Works

The system is started by a negative going pulse, sent by joystick routine via the PIO port to pin 2 of IC1, this causes pin 3 to go high and C2 to start charging via R3 and the joystick pot. Meanwhile the subroutine is checking pin 3 for a low condition, until this is found it will progress in a loop, incrementing register D on each loop (or register E if checking the horizontal control). When the charge across C2 reaches two thirds of Vcc, IC1 will switch and cause pin 3 to go low, also discharging C2 via pin 7. IC1 then remains in this state until the negative trigger pulse arrives. Once pin 3 goes low the subroutine leaves its

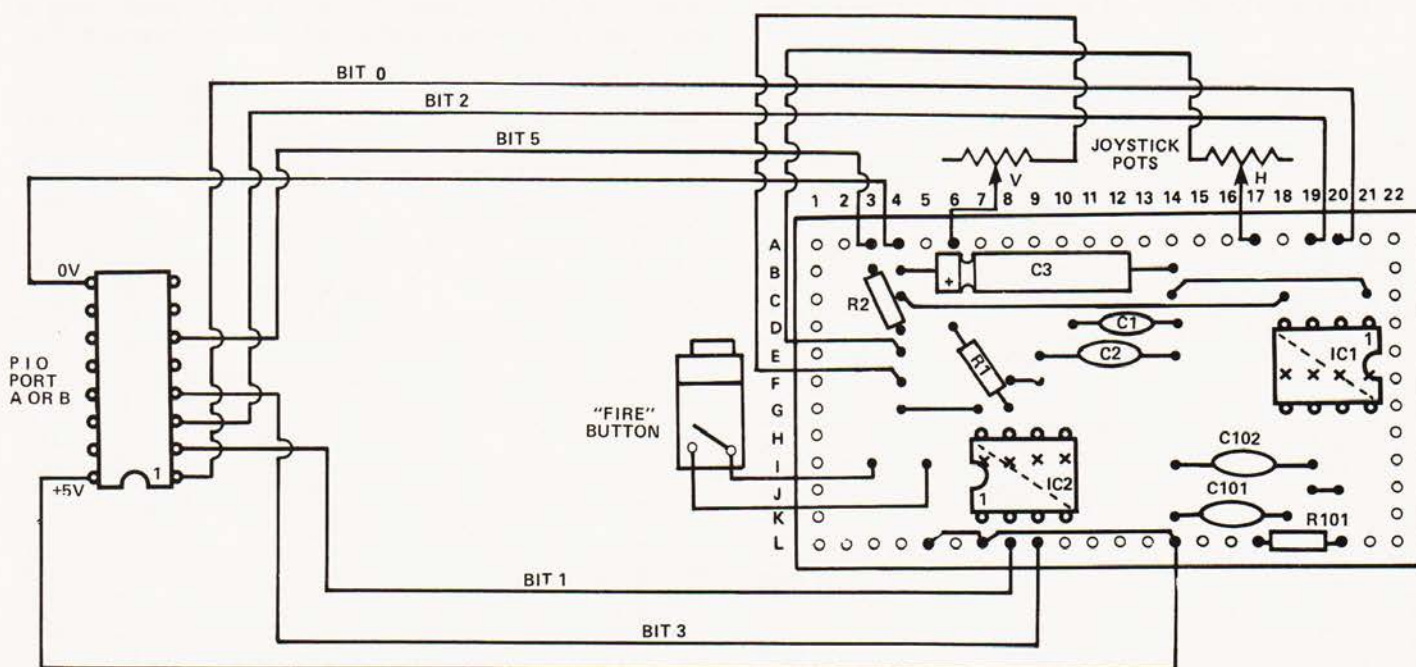
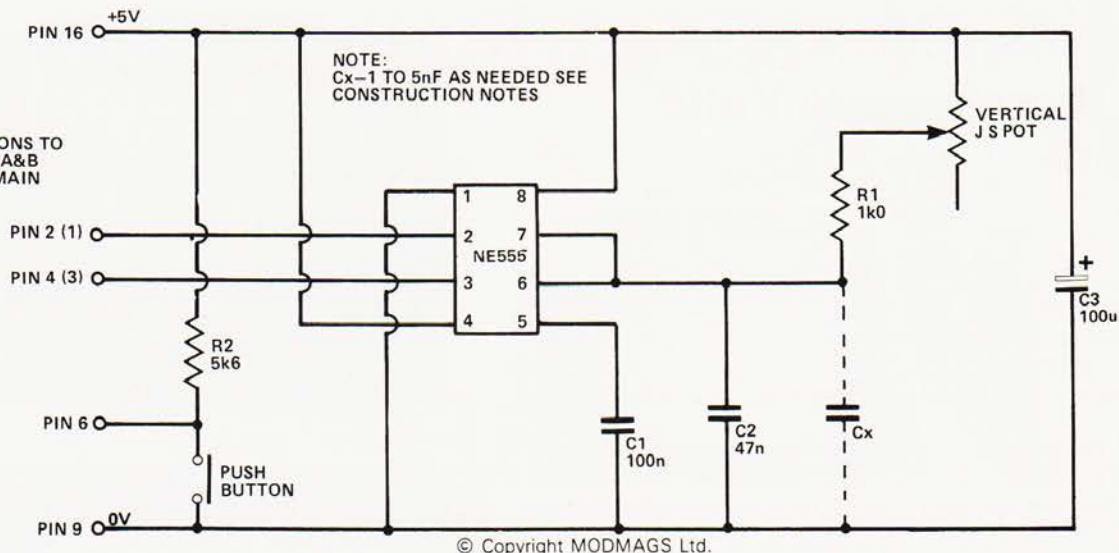


Fig.1. Veroboard layout for the joystick controller.

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Fig.2. Corresponding circuit diagram.

loop with a value in register D (or E) which is relative to the position of the joystick. The number of subroutine loops performed is dependent on the charging time of C2, which is in turn controlled by the position of the joystick pot.

R3 holds bit 5 high until the fire button is pressed, this change of condition is sensed by the subroutine which in turn sets the appropriate "fire indicator" to FF.

### Joystick Test Routine

This test routine was originally written for use with a NASCOM1. Under control of B-Bug, T2 or T4 monitors. If used with any other system certain changes including relocation in user RAM may be necessary. In an attempt to clarify this, only the lines with comment will need possible alteration.

The test routine as listed assumes that:-

- Routine is located at, and executed from 0E00.
- Centre of CRT (TV screen or monitor) is at 099F.
- PI0 port A is addressed as port 6 for control.
- PI0 port A is addressed as port 4 for data.

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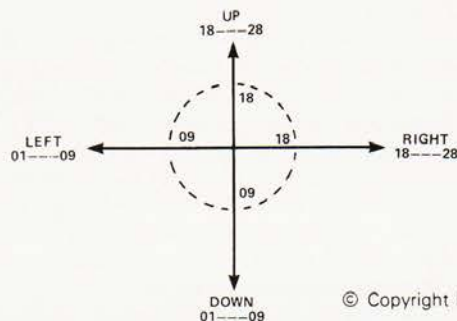
0E00 EF 1E 00      Clear CRT
0E03 21 9F 09      CRT start address
                   in HL
0E06 CD 13 0E      Call "joystick"
0E09 11 22 22      Delay
0E0C 1B
0E0D 7A
0E0E B3
0E0F 20 FB
0E11 18 ED
                   "Joystick"

0E13 11 00 00      Pointer to port 6
0E16 0E 06          (PI0 A, control)

0E18 3E FF
0E1A ED 79
0E1C 3E FC
0E1E ED 79
0E20 3E 03
0E22 0E 04          Pointer to port 4
                   (PI0 port A, data)

0E24 ED 79
0E26 AF
0E27 ED 79
0E29 3E 03
0E2B ED 79
0E2D ED 78
0E2F CB 5F
0E31 28 0C
0E33 14

```



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Fig.3. Directions and values produced.

### Star Maze

This is a two player game for use on a NASCOM 1 equipped with joystick controls as detailed in the article. Each player controls a spaceship, the object of the game being to reach the central space station before your opponent. This

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0E34 CB 57
0E36 28 01
0E38 1C
0E39 06 24
0E3B 10 FE
0E3D 18 EE
0E3F CB 57
0E41 20 F5
0E43 7A
0E44 CD 50 0E      Call "binary to Hex"
0E47 23
0E48 23
0E49 7B
0E4A CD 50 0E      Call "binary to Hex"
0E4D C9
                   "Binary to Hex"

0E50 F5
0E51 1F 1F 1F 1F
0E55 CD 59 0E      Call "b/H part 2"
0E58 F1
                   "B/H part 2"

0E59 E6 0F
0E5B C6 30
0E5D FE 3A
0E5F 38 02
0E61 C6 07
0E63 77
0E64 23
0E65 C9

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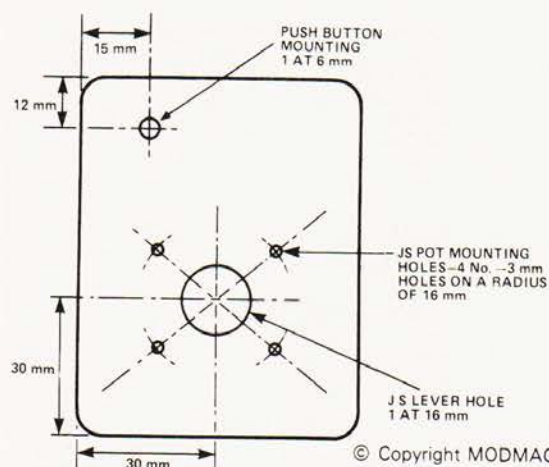


Fig.4. Cutout details for the box.

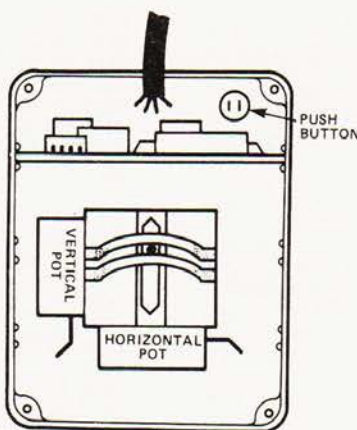


Fig.5. What it looks like from underneath.

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must be achieved without colliding with any of the stars which are arranged in a random pattern for each game. By use of the joystick push button each player can 'warp' to a different position of the screen, however this can result in your ship landing on a star with its inevitable destruction. As an added hazard the screen is also littered with invisible black holes (again at random), if your ship happens to hit one of these it will disappear for a few seconds, reappearing at a different place on the screen. Obviously this can result in your ship landing on a star or even in another black hole.

Each player's ship can be moved over the entire screen with use of the joystick controls, moving off the edge of the screen will result in your ship reappearing on the opposite edge. The program contains a subroutine which gives simple sound effects from a sound buffer (see the article in Computing Today, May '79). If you do not wish to use this, simply run the program as listed. The program is loaded from 0C50 to 0FD0 and is executed at 0D3D.

DATA STORAGE	
0C50 00	L.H. button indicator
0C51 4C 0B	L.H. joystick
0C53 00	R.H. button indicator
0C54 37 08	R.H. joystick
0C56 00 00	Black hole indicators
0C58 70 60 A0 90	Sound data
0C5C 40 20 50 80	Sound data
INITIALISE	
0C60 EF 1E 00	Clear CRT
0C63 AF	XOR A
0C64 06 08	LD B, 08
0C66 21 50 0C	LD HL, 0C50
0C69 77	LD(HL)A
0C6A 23	INC HL
0C6B 10 FC	DJNZ 0C69
0C6D 3E 04	LD A, 04
0C6F 0E 20	LD C, No of stars
0C71 16 2E	LD D, Star
0C73 CD D9 0E	Call print random
0C76 3E 04	LD A, 04
0C78 0E 07	LD C, No of holes
0C7A 16 A0	LD D, hole
0C7C CD D9 0E	Call print random
0C7F 21 37 08	LD HL, 0837
0C82 22 54 0C	LD(0C54)HL
0C85 36 20	LD(HL) space
0C87 21 4C 0B	LD HL, 0B4C
0C8A 22 51 0C	LD(0C51)HL
0C8D 36 20	LD(HL)20
0C8F 21 A1 09	LD HL, 09A1
0C92 36 9E	LD(HL)9E
0C94 23	INC HL
0C95 36 9D	LD(HL)9D
	Print space station

0C97 21 E1 09  
0C9A 36 1F  
0C9C 23  
0C9D 36 1C

0C9F CD 30 0F  
0CA2 2A 54 0C  
0CA5 CD ED 0E  
0CA8 22 54 0C  
0CAB 3E 07  
0CAD CD 38 0E  
0CB0 3A 53 0C

0CB3 FE FF  
0CB5 20 0C  
0CB7 36 20  
0CB9 26 0B  
0CBB 3E 07  
0CBD CD 38 0E  
0CC0 22 54 0C  
0CC3 3A 57 0C  
0CC6 FE 00  
0CC8 28 1D  
0CCA 36 20  
0CCD 3D

0CCD 32 57 0C  
0CD0 FE EE  
0CD2 20 11  
0CD4 AF  
0CD5 32 53 0C  
0CD8 32 57 0C  
0CDB 26 0B  
0CDD 22 54 0C

0CE0 3E 07  
0CE2 CD 38 0E  
0CE5 18 20  
0CE7 36 07  
0CE9 E5

0CEA 2A 51 0C  
0CED CD ED 0E  
0CF0 22 51 0C  
0CF3 3E 18  
0CF5 CD 38 0E  
0CF8 3A 50 0C  
0CFB FE FF  
0CFD 20 0C  
0CFF 36 20

0D01 26 09  
0D03 3E 18  
0D05 CD 38 0E  
0D08 22 51 0C  
0D0B 3A 56 0C  
0D03 FE 00  
0D10 28 1D  
0D12 36 20  
0D14 3D  
0D15 32 56 0C  
0D18 FE EE

LD HL, 09E1  
LD(HL)1F  
INC HL  
LD(HL)1C

### MAIN PROG

Call "joysticks"  
LD HL(0C54)  
Call "CRT Check"  
LD(0C54)HL  
LD A, 07  
Call "SSH Check"  
LD A(0C53)  
CP, FF  
JRNZ 0CC3  
LD(HL)space  
LD H, 0B  
LD A, 07  
Call "SSH check"  
LD(0C54)HL  
LD A(0C57)  
CP, 00  
JRZ 0CE7  
LD(HL)space  
DEC A  
LD(0C57)A  
CP, EE  
JRNZ 0CE5  
XOR A  
LD(0C53)A  
LD(0C57)A  
LD H, 0B  
LD(0C54)HL  
LD A, 07  
Call "SSH check"  
JR 0CE9  
LD(HL)07  
PUSH HL  
LD HL(0C51)  
Call "CRT check"  
LD(0C51)HL  
LD A, 18  
Call "SSH check"  
LD A(0C50)  
CP, FF  
JRNZ 0DOB  
LD(HL)space  
LD H, 09  
LD A, 18  
Call "SSH check"  
LD(0C51)HL  
LD A(0C56)  
CP, 00  
JRZ 0D2D  
LD(HL)20  
DEC A  
LD(0C56)A  
CP, EE

Fetch and adjust  
RH CRT address

Test RH j/s button jump if not  
pressed

Adjust CRT address.

Save new CRT address.  
Test RH hole  
indicator, jump if  
not in hole

Blank out RH ship  
Count down time  
In black hole,  
jump if not time up

Clear button store  
Clear hole store  
Adjust CRT address  
Save new CRT address

Print RH ship  
Save RH ship position  
Get LH CRT address

Save LH CRT address

Test LH j/s  
button, jump if  
not pressed  
Blank out LH ship  
Adjust CRT address

Save new CRT address  
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Count down time  
in black hole  
jump if not



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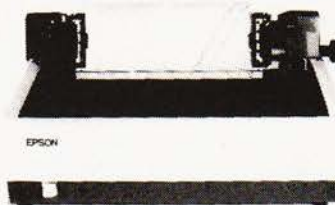
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# OXO

M. Yeulett & P. Brown

One of the traditionally computerised games is 'Noughts and Crosses' or OXO as computer people call it. This version has been written in 'Standard' BASIC on a large machine and it should be regarded as a challenge for you to reduce it to more efficient code for your micro. Some points should be noted about the various routines although REMs have been used.

Lines 10 to 15 clear the screen and set the cursor to the 'Home' position. Lines 291 to 482 decode the move with lines 500 to 580 detecting the 'Nought' or 'Cross'. The winning line combination is checked for by the subroutine between line 2000 and 2330.

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10 LET Z$ = CHR$(27) & "H" & CHR$(27) & "J"
15 PRINT Z$
20 DIM A(3,3)
30 REM**INITIALISE ARRAY
40 FOR X = 1 TO 3
41 FOR Y = 1 TO 3
42 LET A(X,Y) = 6
43 NEXT Y
44 NEXT X
45 LET D = 0
50 PRINT " NOUGHTS AND CROSSES"
51 PRINT "THE SQUARES ARE NUMBERED AS SHOWN BELOW"
52 PRINT
53 PRINT
54 PRINT " _ _ _ _ _ "
55 PRINT " | 7 | 8 | 9 | "
56 PRINT " _ _ _ _ _ "
57 PRINT " | 4 | 5 | 6 | "
58 PRINT " _ _ _ _ _ "
59 PRINT " | 1 | 2 | 3 | "
60 PRINT " _ _ _ _ _ "
61 PRINT
62 PRINT
90 PRINT "FOR X TO START TYPE 1, FOR O TO START TYPE 0"
100 INPUT C
105 IF C = 0 THEN 130
110 IF C = 1 THEN 135
120 GOTO 90
130 LET S = 0
132 GOTO 285
135 LET S = 1
140 GOTO 280
250 PRINT "SQUARE ALREADY USED TRY AGAIN"
255 GOTO 290
256 PRINT "MOVE MUST BE IN THE RANGE 1 TO 9, TRY AGAIN"
257 GOTO 290
260 PRINT STALEMATE
265 GOTO 2930
280 PRINT "X TYPE IN YOUR MOVE . TO END GAME TYPE 10"

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282 GOTO 290
285 PRINT "O TYPE IN YOUR MOVE . TO END GAME TYPE 10"
290 INPUT T
291 IF T > 10 THEN 256
292 IF T < 1 THEN 256
295 IF T = 10 THEN 2930
306 IF T = 1 THEN 460
310 IF T = 2 THEN 470
320 IF T = 3 THEN 480
330 IF T = 4 THEN 430
340 IF T = 5 THEN 440
350 IF T = 6 THEN 450
360 IF T = 7 THEN 400
370 IF T = 8 THEN 410
380 IF T = 9 THEN 420
400 IF A(3,1) = 6 THEN 402
401 GOTO 250
402 LET A(3,1) = S
403 GOTO 600
410 IF A(3,2) = 6 THEN 412
411 GOTO 250
412 LET A(3,2) = S
413 GOTO 600
420 IF A(3,3) = 6 THEN 422
421 GOTO 250
422 LET A(3,3) = S
423 GOTO 600
430 IF A(2,1) = 6 THEN 432
431 GOTO 250
432 LET A(2,1) = S
433 GOTO 600
440 IF A(2,2) = 6 THEN 442
441 GOTO 250
442 LET A(2,2) = S
443 GOTO 600
450 IF A(2,3) = 6 THEN 452
451 GOTO 250
452 LET A(2,3) = S
453 GOTO 600
460 IF A(1,1) = 6 THEN 462
461 GOTO 250
462 LET A(1,1) = S
463 GOTO 600
470 IF A(1,2) = 6 THEN 472
471 GOTO 250
472 LET A(1,2) = S
473 GOTO 600
480 IF A(1,3) = 6 THEN 482
481 GOTO 250
482 LET A(1,3) = S
483 GOTO 600
500 IF A(X,Y) = 6 THEN 520
510 GOTO 530
520 LET A$ = " "
530 IF A(X,Y) = 1 THEN 550
540 GOTO 560
550 LET A$ = " X "
560 IF A(X,Y) = 0 THEN 580
570 GOTO 590

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580 LET A$ = " O "
590 GOTO 635
595 REM** PRINT BOARD
600 PRINT Z$
602 LET X = 3
605 PRINT " - - - - - "
610 LET Y = 1
620 PRINT "|";
630 GOTO 500
635 PRINT A$;
640 IF Y < 3 THEN 700
645 PRINT "|";
650 GOTO 720
700 LET Y = Y + 1
710 GOTO 620
720 IF X > 1 THEN 725
721 PRINT " - - - - - "
722 GOTO 1000
725 LET X = X - 1
730 PRINT " - - - - - "
740 GOTO 610
1000 LET D = D + 1
1005 GOSUB 2000
1007 IF D = 9 THEN 260
1010 IF S = 0 THEN 135
1020 GOTO 130
1990 REM** LEADING DIAGONAL
2000 FOR X = 1 TO 3
2010 LET Y = X
2020 IF A(X,Y) = S THEN 2040
2030 GOTO 2080
2040 NEXT X
2050 GOTO 2900
2070 REM** LAGGING DIAGONAL
2080 FOR Y = 1 TO 3
2090 LET X = 4 - Y
2100 IF A(X,Y) = S THEN 2120
2110 GOTO 2160
2120 NEXT Y
2130 GOTO 2900
2150 REM** ROWS
2160 FOR X = 1 TO 3
2170 FOR Y = 1 TO 3
2180 IF A(X,Y) = S GOTO 2200
2190 GOTO 2220
2200 NEXT Y
2210 GOTO 2900
2220 NEXT X
2230 GOTO 2260
2250 REM** COLUMNS
2260 FOR Y = 1 TO 3
2270 FOR X = 1 TO 3
2280 IF A(X,Y) = S THEN 2300
2290 GOTO 2320
2300 NEXT X
2310 GOTO 2900
2320 NEXT Y
2330 RETURN
2900 IF S = 1 THEN 2920
2910 PRINT "O WINS!!!!!!"

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2915 GOTO 2930
2920 PRINT "X WINS!!!!!!"
2930 PRINT "WANT ANOTHER GAME?"
2931 INPUT M$
2932 IF M$ = "Y" THEN 10
2933 IF M$ = "N" THEN 3000
2934 GOTO 2931
3000 END

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## SIGNIFICANT WHAT?

S. Draper

**W**hilst writing a scientific program for our school's PET recently I came up against the problem of rounding any number to N significant figures. This short routine is the result — it will round any number (within the PETs range) to N significant places whether the number is positive or negative.

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1000 QT = 10 ↑ (N-1-INT(LOG(ABS(A))))
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1010 A2 = ((INT(ABS(QT*A) + 0.5))/QT)*SGN(A)
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QT is merely an intermediate quantity (QT was used because it is unlikely to have been used in the main program). A is the quantity to be rounded, N the number of figures it is to be rounded to, and A2 the result.

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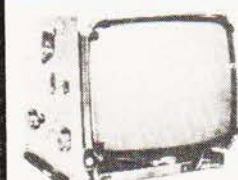
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My Horizon uses hard-sectored Shugart drives. So in addition to the write project notches there were sector detect holes through the disc sleeves.

So, a corner was cut off a stout manilla envelope, forming an isosceles triangle having the vertex at the envelope corner and equal sides of  $4\frac{1}{4}$ ". Slipping this over the appropriate corner of the disc and taking care to keep it firmly located, the position of the sector detect holes and write project notches were marked using face-down carbon paper and thumbnail.

The template was then removed and punched in the position marked, so that those locations could be marked through in pencil onto the disc to be modified.

For the initial trial, an office-type double paper punch was used, but that entailed carefully opening the plastic sleeve and removing the precious disc so that punching could be safely done. The disc was replaced in the sleeve, the latter being resealed with plastic tape, and, using the Horizon disc test utility which writes and reads back a moving pattern the flip side was tested. It passed!

Following this success, other discs were modified using a more refined punching technique. A pliers-type single paper punch (Maun Industries type 2505) was purchased in a W.H. Smith bubble pack for £1.05, and with the addition of a piece of sellotape behind the die to catch the punchings it is possible to punch the sector index holes with the disc in situ. Although the original holes are  $\frac{1}{8}$ ", a  $3/16$ " punch is successful if care is taken with the hole locations.

Yours,  
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Dear Sir,

I have a Commodore PET 8K with integral cassette and old ROMs. I like the integral concept, it suits the domestic environment better than a jumble of trailing wires linking separate cassette, monitor, processor etc. Unfortunately, there is an increasing trend for software and hardware goodies to be produced for new ROM machines only. I, therefore, decided to update my machine by purchasing a set of new ROMs from Commodore. I was shocked to discover that Commodore have increased the price of the new ROM set from £30 to £108, a swingeing 360% increase.

I have written to Commodore to express my disgust but since Customer Relations are such poor relations I don't expect a reply. I think the latest piece of mischief is designed to sell more new machines.

You will do your readers a service if you publish this letter so that the Commodore policy is widely known. Your readers can then take account of this before parting with their money.

Yours faithfully,  
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Dear Sir,

Congratulations! You have finally persuaded me to cancel my order for C.T. with my newsagent. Your last issue (October) finally made me blow my top. Here are my hopefully welcome comments on the magazine you now turn out!:-

Starting with the front cover (as good a place as any!) I see you say "Space War — The Final Program?". My God, do you people really think that up and then get somebody to print it for you!! Oh well, on with the show; Super-Brain Report. A Business System! When your magazine first started, it had on the front cover "The new magazine for small systems with big ideas." HUH!!

Now on to "Space War" again. I'm not saying it's a lousy program, in fact I'm sure it's very good, but you do say it illustrates some fine string handling routines. Yet again, I'm sure the program does have fine string handling routines, but I would have thought that having published this fact, that you might at least say where they are and explain how and why they do what they are doing!

Still on the subject of programs; how desperate you must be to publish a program such as "SNAP". Before you actually publish your programs (you do actually pay for them don't you?), perhaps you ought to look and see what you've bought. On page 46 it gives an example of the use of the INKEY\$ function in an infinite loop. Not a very good way to start program

Dear Sir,

I was delighted to see the ZX80 extra in your December issue. I bought one to teach my sons the rudiments of computing and I have since been totally occupied in it. Computer buffs may well sneer but it has taught my sons and I a lot (though Boolean logic programs floor me). 1K of memory stops one gabbling on in programs. Both Mr. Bryant and Mark Harrison are to be congratulated on producing programs that are miracles of economy. Lots more please.

Can anyone help me with "Randomise" (lines 20 and 25 respectively in their programs). The ZX80 Handbook doesn't give a working example. Take both lines out and everything still seems to work on my machine. Does anyone know a simple program that proves Randomise (not RND) is functioning? I've tried and got nowhere.

Yours faithfully,  
M.E. Martin

Snaresbrook Hall,  
Woodford Road,  
South Woodford, E.18

Dear Sir,

I was interested to read T. Mabb's letter (in the December 1980 issue) on Acorn Atom addresses.

However, he is wrong to state (albeit with the help of Dino Dini (?)) that the cursor address is held in addresses DE and DF. These addresses only give the address of the start of the line upon which the cursor lies. The cursor address can be calculated as follows:

$$256 * ?\#DF + ?\#DE + ?\#E0$$

The address E0 holds a value from 0 to 31 denoting how far the cursor is from the left-hand side of the screen.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr R.M.P. Hanson

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documentation! I mean, you do rant and rave about structured programming, so for crying out loud, make sure you publish some!!

Now listen. There are plenty (and I mean plenty) of magazines that cater for people with the PETs, Apples and Tandys of this world. For the people who are into silly games, and those into Pascal and ALGOL 68, so for God's sake (or at least mine), try to go back to what was a promising format, e.g. how the machine works, how to make extra things for your machine, and how to make your machine do useful things!

Having said all this, however, I suppose I must say that your "Problem Page" and "Microlink" are very, very good. Also, this is just the opinion of little old me; someone who bought your very first few magazines in the hope of a really exciting, useful magazine. Someone who had hoped for something British to be really good. But, as ever, not a chance.

Yours faithfully,  
C.B. Payne

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PS I hope I haven't offended anybody. All I have said is what I believe to be true in my opinion, and is in no way designed to slur anybody's thingy.

Dear Editor,

In reply to lolo Davidson's letter, to convert decimal into hexadecimal or octal or any other base for that matter, just repeat the function he has already outlined.

The method consists of repeatedly dividing the decimal number by your base number. Listing the remainders, converting to Hex notation i.e. A = 10, B = 11 etc. and reading them in reverse, thus:

Hexadecimal		Octal	
274	2	274	2
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0		0	
i.e. Hex 112		i.e. Oct 422	

Yours faithfully,  
J.D. Harrison

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Dear Sir,

Regarding Mr Davidson's letter in "Printout" December issue. The quickest and simplest way to get a "Hex" number from a decimal is to, firstly convert the decimal number to binary. Then divide the binary into groups of four digits! from the least significant end, these can then be converted directly into a "Hex" number!

eg:-	95	= DECIMAL
	0101 1111	= BINARY
	5 F	= HEX

Perhaps you could pass this information on to Mr Davidson, via your column, and to other readers.

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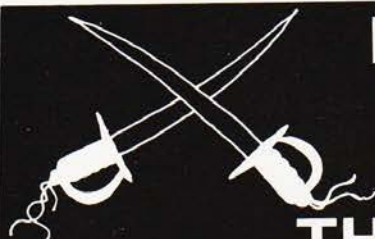
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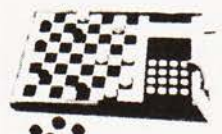


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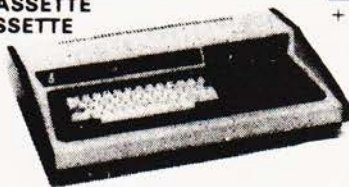
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## A systematic listing of what's available in the best consumer guide around.

**H**aving come full circle with our series of guides to equipment, peripherals etc., we now return to the microcomputers themselves. In this month's guide we present an up-to-date listing of all the systems that are currently available in the UK. The layout is exactly the same as last time but, after many requests, we'll explain the cryptic code! Most of the entries are obvious but the memory and m/c notes appear to have been slightly mis-understood. The RAM entry is the amount of user RAM fitted in the machine as standard and the maximum that you can have, 1K/48K for example. In the case of single board computers the second entry is the size of the add-on memory board.

The m/c entry is even more cryptic, if the machine has direct machine code access through a monitor then the figure gives the size of this monitor, if the machine has a disc operating system then the name of this is given, CP/M for example.

Whilst every care is taken in the compilation of these guides it is not unusual to find that a new machine has been launched during the time it takes to print the magazine, or indeed that a manufacturer has upgraded his system. If you know of any systems that are not included please send the information, preferably in the format below, to the Buyers Guide Compiler at our usual address together with the prices and photographs if possible.

### ABC Computers

ABC-24  
Dist:- Ragen International  
Assets House,  
17 Elverton Street,  
London SW1P 2QG  
01-828 2355

<b>CPU</b>	Z80A	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	2 SER 1 PARA	<b>CASS</b>	—
<b>BASIC</b>	BASIC-80 M BASIC	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x5 1/4"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M, MP/M
	£3,900		

**Extras:-** Two more 5 1/4" drives, Wordstar, Grafcop packages etc.  
**Applications:-** Integral system with dual discs and VDU

### ACT Microcomputers

SYSTEM 800  
Dist:- ACT (Computers),  
Radcliffe House  
66-68 Hagley Rd, Edgbaston,  
Birmingham, B16 8PF  
021-455 8686  
+ growing regional network

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	46K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	Yes	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x5 1/4"	<b>m/c</b>	MDOS
	£3,950-8,950		

**Extras:-** 8" disc, printers, modems  
**Applications:-** Stand alone business system that can also run most PET software.

### Acorn Computers

ATOM  
Dist:- Acorn Computers  
4A Market Hill  
Cambridge  
0223-312772

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	2K/11K
<b>I/O</b>	BUS PARA	<b>CASS</b>	Kansas
<b>BASIC</b>	8K	<b>Other</b>	FP option
<b>DISC</b>		<b>m/c</b>	YES
	£125 kit, £150 built		

**Extras:-** Colour graphics, enhanced BASIC  
**Applications:-** Cased single board with BASIC, can connect to Eurobus

ACORN  
Dist:- As ATOM

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	1K/8K
<b>I/O</b>	PARA BUS	<b>CASS</b>	CUTS
<b>BASIC</b>	NO	<b>Other</b>	NO
<b>DISC</b>	NO	<b>m/c</b>	2K

£65 upwards

**Extras:-** Rack based expansion capability inc Prestel.  
**Applications:-** Single board controller with piggy back Hex + I/O.  
**Reviewed:-** Aug '79

### ADDS

ADDS SYSTEM 75  
Dist:- ADDS (UK) Ltd.  
137 High Street  
New Malden, Surrey  
01-949 1272  
Sold through dealer network

<b>CPU</b>	8085A	<b>RAM</b>	52K
<b>I/O</b>	SER COMS	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Fortran uCobol
<b>DISC</b>	2x8"	<b>m/c</b>	ADOS

£4,000 upwards, less printer

**Extras:-** Floppy, printer, system software  
**Applications:-** Complete business system with supplied software and communications interface

### Apple Computers

APPLE II  
Dist:- Microsense,  
Finway Road, Maylands Ave,  
Hemel Hempstead,  
Herts HP2 7LE  
0442-48151  
Over 200 regional dealers

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	16K/48K
<b>I/O</b>	Various	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	2 versions	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	2K

£695 upwards

**Extras:-** Various discs, colour graphics, I/O  
**Applications:-** Neat cased system with excellent I/O capability including Prestel

APPLE III  
Dist:- As APPLE II

<b>CPU</b>	6502A	<b>RAM</b>	96K/128K
<b>I/O</b>	Various	<b>CASS</b>	—
<b>BASIC</b>	Business BASIC	<b>Other</b>	Pascal Fortran
<b>DISC</b>	5 1/4"	<b>m/c</b>	—

Approx £2,500.

**Extras:-** Up to three more discs. Wide range of peripherals  
**Applications:-** Small business machine but still has overtones of the "personal" market

### Atari

ATARI 400  
Dist:- Ingersoll Electronics  
202 New North Road  
London N1 7BL  
01-226 1200

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	8K/16K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	18K	<b>Other</b>	
<b>DISC</b>		<b>m/c</b>	shared

£400

**Extras:-** Printer  
**Applications:-** Programmable games system grown up to home computer.

ATARI 800  
Dist:- As Atari 400

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	16K/48K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	18K	<b>Other</b>	
<b>DISC</b>		<b>m/c</b>	shared
	£750		

**Extras:-** Printer, discs, plug in software, modem  
**Applications:-** Expanded version of 400 with wider applications

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## Athena

ATHENA 8285  
Dist:- Butel-Comco Ltd.  
50 Oxford Street,  
Southampton  
Hants SO1 1DL  
0703-39890

<b>CPU</b>	8085A	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x5¼"	<b>m/c</b>	DOS

£3,380 upwards

**Extras:-** 8" discs, printer, wide range of software  
**Applications:-** Complete integral desktop system

## Attache

ATTACHE  
Dist:- Friargrove Systems,  
Suite 62, Outer Temple,  
222 The Strand,  
London WC2R 1BA  
01-353 8267

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x8"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M

£8,000

**Extras:-** Hard disc,  
**Applications:-** Complete S100 based system with VDU, printer and software

## Commodore Systems

PET  
Dist:- Commodore,  
360 Euston Road  
London NW1 3BL  
01-388 5702  
+ many regional dealers

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	8K/32K
<b>I/O</b>	IEEE PARA	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	8K	<b>Other</b>	Forth Pascal
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	

£550 upwards

**Extras:-** Discs, printer, many options  
**Applications:-** Original complete personal system  
**Reviewed:-** December '79

SUPER PET (8032)  
Dist:- As PET

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	32K
<b>I/O</b>	IEEE 1 PARA	<b>CASS</b>	OPT
<b>BASIC</b>	BASIC 4.0	<b>Other</b>	Pascal
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	TIM

£700 approx

**Extras:-** 5¼" discs. Choice of printers, range of business software  
**Applications:-** "Super" personal computer or small business machine

## Compshop

UK 101  
Dist:- CompShop  
14 Station Road  
New Barnet,  
Herts EN5 1QW  
01-441 2922

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	4K/8K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	8K	<b>Other</b>	NO
<b>DISC</b>		<b>m/c</b>	2K

£199 kit, £249 built

**Extras:-** Memory, I/O, kit or built  
**Applications:-** UK implementation of Superboard

## Compucolor

COMPUCOLOR II  
Dist:- Dyad Developments  
The Priory, Great Milton,  
Oxon OX9 7PB.  
08446-729.

<b>CPU</b>	8080	<b>RAM</b>	8K/32K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	NO
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	NO
<b>DISC</b>	5¼"	<b>m/c</b>	DOS

£1,200

**Extras:-** Second disc unit.  
**Applications:-** Integral colour graphics system with limited expansion capabilities.  
**Reviewed:-** June '79 & July '80

## Cromemco

CROMEMCO SYSTEM 2  
Dist:- Comart Ltd.

PO Box 2,  
St Neots,  
Huntingdon,  
Cambs PE19 4NY  
0480-215005  
plus Datron & Edinburgh Micro Centre

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA.P	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	Various	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x5¼"	<b>m/c</b>	CDOS

£2,095-£7,000

**Extras:-** Hard option disc, multiple user capability, printer, etc.  
**Applications:-** Development system, S100 based, with a wide range of software

CROMEMCO Z2H  
Dist:- As SYSTEM 2

<b>CPU</b>	Z80A	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA.P	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	Various	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	10Mb Hd	<b>m/c</b>	CDOS

£5,373 upwards.

**Extras:-** Up to 6 hard discs, 8" floppies  
**Applications:-** Development system, Fast data processor and data base with multi-user capability.

CROMEMCO SYSTEM 3  
Dist:- As SYSTEM 3

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA.P	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	Various	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x8"	<b>m/c</b>	CDOS

£3,745-£9,000

**Extras:-** Discs (inc hard), multi-user capability, printers, etc.  
**Applications:-** S100 based professional system with a wide range of applications.

## Digital Microsystems

DSC-2  
Dist:- Modata Ltd,  
30 St Johns Road  
Tunbridge Wells,  
Kent TN4 9NT  
0892-41555

<b>CPU</b>	Z80A	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	Yes	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x8"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M

£3,525-7,645

**Extras:-** Hard disc, extra floppies, various software  
**Applications:-** Business machine of US origin.

DSC-3  
Dist:- As DSC-2

<b>CPU</b>	Z80A	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	Yes	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x8"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M

£3,445-6,995

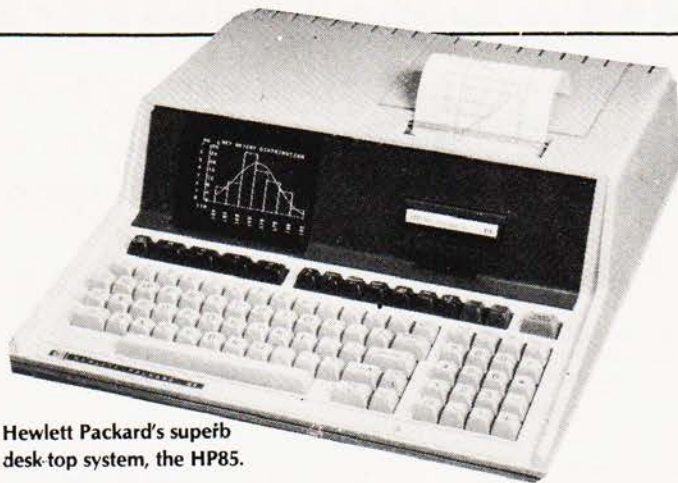
**Extras:-** Hard disc, extra floppies.  
**Applications:-** Can use one serial interface in RS422 mode and act as a Master/Slave in a network.

HDS-4000  
Dist:- As DSC-2

<b>CPU</b>	Z80A	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	Yes	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x8" + Hd	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M

£6,745-7,645

**Extras:-** More disc storage  
**Applications:-** Choice of two sizes of hard disc make for medium sized DP use.



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## Equinox

Series 5000

**Dist:-** Equinox Computer Systems,  
16 Anning Street,  
New Inn Yard,  
London EC2A 3HB  
01-739 2387

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	16K/56K
<b>I/O</b>	2 SER 1 PARA	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x5¼"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M
<b>£1,500 - £2,500</b>			

**Applications:-** S100 based commercial, scientific or educational usage

Equinox 200  
**Dist:-** As Series 5000

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	64K/512K
<b>I/O</b>	6 SER 1 PARA	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	10 Mb Cart	<b>m/c</b>	—
<b>£7,500 upwards</b>			

**Extras:-** Cartridge discs up to 1200 Mb

**Applications:-** Cartridge disc based S100 multi user system

Equinox 300  
**Dist:-** As Series 5000

<b>CPU</b>	16 bit	<b>RAM</b>	64K/256K
<b>I/O</b>	6 SER	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	—
<b>DISC</b>	10 Mb Cart	<b>m/c</b>	—
<b>£10,000 upwards</b>			

**Extras:-** Cartridge discs up to 1200 Mb

**Applications:-** Sixteen bit micro based multi-user system

Series 8000  
**Dist:-** As Series 5000

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	64K/256K
<b>I/O</b>	2 SER 1 PARA	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2-4 8"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M
<b>£2,500 - £5,000</b>			

**Applications:-** Multi user upgrade of 5000 with greatly increased storage capacity

## Eurocalc

EUROC

**Dist:-** Eurocalc Ltd.  
128/132 Curtain Road,  
London EC2

01-729 4555 **£8,000**  
+ Regional Distribution network soon

<b>CPU</b>	8080	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	PARA	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x8"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M

**Extras:-** Printers, WP keyboard, hard disc

**Applications:-** Plessey manufactured system supplied complete with software and hardware

## Exidy

SORCERER

**Dist:-** Liverport Data Products  
The Ivory Works,  
St Ives, Cornwall  
0736-798157  
+ regional dealers

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	16K/48K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	2
<b>BASIC</b>	Plug In	<b>Other</b>	On disc
<b>DISC</b>	8K OPT	<b>m/c</b>	4K

**£749 upwards**

**Extras:-** Discs, printer, S100 adapter, ROM PACs

**Applications:-** Keyboard based system using 'plug-in' software and expanding to discs

## Gemini

GEMINI

**Manuf.:-** Gemini  
Microcomputers,  
Oakfield Corner,  
Sycamore Road,  
Amersham, Bucks  
02403-22307

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	Serial	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	—
<b>DISC</b>	2x5¼"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M

**£575 - £1,075**

## Heath Electronics

HEATHKIT H8

**Dist:-** Heath Electronics,  
Bristol Road  
Gloucester GL2 6EE  
0452-29451  
+ London shop (01-636 7349)

<b>CPU</b>	8080	<b>RAM</b>	4K/56K
<b>I/O</b>	Various	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	4K

**£275 upwards**

**Extras:-** Discs, printer, VDU

**Applications:-** Bus based kit system of superb quality, large expansion possible

## Hewart Microelectronics

HEWART 6800S

**Dist:-** Hewart Microelectronics  
95 Blakelaw Road,  
Macclesfield,  
Cheshire SK11 7ED  
0625-22030

<b>CPU</b>	6800	<b>RAM</b>	16K/32K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	2
<b>BASIC</b>	OPT 8K	<b>Other</b>	Pascal
<b>DISC</b>		<b>m/c</b>	1K/2K

**£299 inc. keyboard**

**Extras:-** 6809 upgrade, floppy discs using FLEX, case

**Applications:-** Naked 6800 development system.

HEWART 6800 MK4

**Dist:-** As 6800S

<b>CPU</b>	6800	<b>RAM</b>	16K/48K
<b>I/O</b>	Choice	<b>CASS</b>	2
<b>BASIC</b>	OPT	<b>Other</b>	OPT
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	

**£160 upwards.**

**Extras:-** SS50 range of boards.

**Applications:-** Naked bus based system, found useful in education/control.

## Hewlett Packard

HP 85

**Dist:-** Hewlett Packard  
King Street Lane,  
Winnersh,  
Wokingham, Berkshire  
0734-784774

<b>CPU</b>	CUSTOM	<b>RAM</b>	16K/32K
<b>I/O</b>	IEEE SER	<b>CASS</b>	CART
<b>BASIC</b>	32K	<b>Other</b>	
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	NO

**£2,300**

**Extras:-** All HP range of goodies.

**Applications:-** Integral printer system for desktop scientific use.

**Reviewed:-** April '80 & June '80

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## Intelec Data Systems

**SUPERBRAIN**  
**Dist:-** Sun Computers,  
 138 Chalmers Way  
 North Feltham Trading Estate  
 Feltham, Middx.  
 01-751 6695.

<b>CPU</b>	2xZ80	<b>RAM</b>	32K/64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x5 1/4"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M

£1,950 upwards

**Extras:-** 8" disc, standard software.

**Applications:-** S100 bus based complete unit of smart desktop type.

## Ithaca Intersystems

**ITHACA INTERSYSTEM 2**  
**Dist:-** Transam,  
 59-61 Theobalds Road  
 London WC1  
 01-405 5240  
 + regional dealers

<b>CPU</b>	Z80A	<b>RAM</b>	8K/64K
<b>I/O</b>	Various	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	5 1/4" or 8"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M

£700 upward

**Extras:-** Full range of S100 boards to IEEE spec.

**Applications:-** Flexible system that can be adapted to a wide range of uses.

## ITT Consumer Products

**ITT 2020**  
**Dist:-** Telefusion Ltd.,  
 61 Queens Square  
 Bristol  
 0272-211446  
 + many regional stockists

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	16K/48K
<b>I/O</b>	Various	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	Various	<b>Other</b>	Pascal
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	2K

£750 - £1,500

**Extras:-** Discs, Prestel, printers.

**Applications:-** As Apple II, compatible UK version with standard colour graphics.

**Reviewed:-** March '80

## LSI Computers

**SYSTEM M-TWO**  
**Dist:-** LSI Computers  
 Copse Road, St Johns,  
 Woking, Surrey GU21 1SX  
 04862-23411

<b>CPU</b>	8085	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	—
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	—
<b>DISC</b>	2x8"	<b>m/c</b>	—

1 x Hd

**Applications:-** Small to medium sized business

## Luxor

**ABC 80**  
**Dist:-** CCS Microsales,  
 7 The Arcade,  
 Letchworth, Herts.  
 04626-73301

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	16K/40K
<b>I/O</b>	IEEE	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	SER	<b>Other</b>	Pascal
<b>DISC</b>	16K	<b>m/c</b>	2K

2x5 1/4"

£749

**Extras:-** Mainly software, I/O

**Applications:-** Complete cased system, Viewdata compatible

## Microdata Computers

**MICROLINK 1**  
**Dist:-** Microdata Computers,  
 Belvedere Works, Bilton Way,  
 Pump Lane Industrial Estate,  
 Hayes, Middx UB3 3ND  
 01-848 9871

<b>CPU</b>	Z80/F8	<b>RAM</b>	16K/32K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	CUTS
<b>BASIC</b>	PARA	<b>Other</b>	1200Bd
<b>DISC</b>	8K	<b>m/c</b>	Pascal soon

NO

3K

£3,500 upwards

**Extras:-** Printer, modem, etc.

**Applications:-** Portable data terminal using plasma flat screen display

## Micro V

**MICROSTAR 45**  
**Dist:-** Microsense  
 Finway Road, Maylands Avenue  
 Hemel Hempstead,  
 Herts HP2 7LE  
 0442-48151  
 + small dealer network

<b>CPU</b>	8085A	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x8"	<b>m/c</b>	*DOS CP/M

£4,800

**Extras:-** 20 M6 hard disc, VDU, printer

**Applications:-** Multi user business system

## Midwest Scientific Instruments

**MSI 6800 SYSTEMS**  
**Dist:-** Strumech,  
 Portland House, Coppice Side  
 Brownhills, Walsall  
 West Midlands  
 05433-4321

<b>CPU</b>	6800	<b>RAM</b>	16K/56K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	OPT
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	1K+FDOS

£1,200 upwards

**Extras:-** Floppies, hard disc, printer, VDU.

**Applications:-** Ready built SS50 system expanding to full "System 12" with hard disc.

## Nascom Microcomputers

**NASCOM 1**  
**Dist:-** Nascom  
 92 Broad Street  
 Chesham, Bucks HP5 3ED  
 02405-75151  
 + regional network

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	1K/6K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	PARA	<b>Other</b>	—
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	1K

£125

**Extras:-** Motherboard, RAM, printer.

**Applications:-** Full keyboard machine code system, expandable.

**NASCOM 2**  
**Dist:-** As NASCOM 1

<b>CPU</b>	Z80A	<b>RAM</b>	1K/227K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	Kansas
<b>BASIC</b>	PARA	<b>Other</b>	—
<b>DISC</b>	8K	<b>m/c</b>	2K

£225

**Extras:-** Printer, RAM, case, discs.

**Applications:-** Low cost kit system, developed from Nascom 1.

**Reviewed:-** February '80

## National Panasonic

**PANASONIC JD800/840**  
**Dist:-** Panasonic Business Equip.  
 9 Connaught Street  
 London W2 2AY  
 01-262 3121  
 + regional distributors

<b>CPU</b>	8085A	<b>RAM</b>	56K
<b>I/O</b>	SER	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Cobol
<b>DISC</b>	2x8"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M

£4,275 (hardware)  
 £8,000 upwards for packages

**Extras:-** Printers and software from regional distributors.

**Applications:-** Complete small business system with software support.

## Netronics

**ELF II**  
**Dist:-** Newtronics,  
 255 Archway Road  
 London N6  
 01-348 3325

<b>CPU</b>	1802	<b>RAM</b>	1/4/4K
<b>I/O</b>	PARA	<b>CASS</b>	OPT
<b>BASIC</b>	OPT	<b>Other</b>	—
<b>DISC</b>	—	<b>m/c</b>	1K

£60

**Extras:-** Motherboard, RAM, I/O.

**Applications:-** Low cost kit for Hex programming.

**Reviewed:-** October '79

EXPLORER 85  
**Dist:-** As ELF II  
 255 Archway Road  
 London N6  
 01-348 3325

**CPU** 8085  
**I/O** PARA  
**BASIC** 8K OPT  
**DISC**  
**RAM** 4K  
**CASS** YES  
**Other**  
**m/c** 2K

£285 upwards

**Extras:-** Normal S100 goodies, case.

**Applications:-** Kit, S100 based.

**Reviewed:-** June '80

## Newbear

77-68  
**Dist:-** Newbear,  
 40 Bartholomew Street  
 Newbury, Berks.  
 0635-30505  
 + 2 regional shops

**CPU** 6800  
**I/O** Various  
**BASIC** OPT  
**DISC**  
**RAM** 4K/56K  
**CASS** YES  
**Other** NO  
**m/c** 1K

£40 upwards

**Extras:-** 6809 upgrade, I/O, discs.

**Applications:-** Rack based kit system.

## Nexos

Nexos 4500  
**Dist:-** Nexos Office Systems  
 Centre Point, New Oxford St,  
 London WC1 1QA  
 01-240 5795

**CPU** 8086  
**I/O** VDU  
**BASIC** Printer  
**DISC** 2x8"  
**RAM** 192K  
**CASS** —  
**Other** —  
**m/c** —

£7,500

**Extras:-** Various software packages

**Applications:-** Complete business system with VDU and printer

## North Star

NORTHSTAR HORIZON  
**Dist:-** Comart Ltd.,  
 P.O. Box 2, St Neots  
 Huntingdon, Cambs PE19 4NY  
 0480-215005  
 + many regional dealers

**CPU** Z80  
**I/O** SER  
**BASIC** PARA  
**DISC** YES  
**RAM** 32K/56K  
**CASS** N/A  
**Other** Various  
**m/c** CP/M

£1,600 - 2,000

**Extras:-** Discs, VDU, printer.

**Applications:-** S100 based system with good software support.

## Ohio Scientific Instruments

SUPERBOARD II, (C1)  
**Dist:-** Mutek,  
 Quarry Hill, Box, Wiltshire.  
 0225-743289  
 + many regional

**CPU** 6502  
**I/O** PARA  
**BASIC** BUS  
**DISC** 8K  
**RAM** 4K/8K  
**CASS** YES  
**Other** NO  
**m/c** 2K

£150  
 cased + psu + mod = C1 @ £220

**Extras:-** Discs, Memory, case.

**Applications:-** Naked single board with BASIC, modified display for UK market.

**Reviewed:-** July '79

CHALLENGER, C2  
**Dist:-** As SUPERBOARD II

**CPU** 6502  
**I/O** SER  
**BASIC** PARA  
**DISC** 8K  
**RAM** 4K/32K  
**CASS** Kansas  
**Other** NO  
**m/c** 2K

£349

**Extras:-** Disc, printer, memory.

**Applications:-** 4 slot backplane machine, upgraded system.

CHALLENGER, C4  
**Dist:-** As SUPERBOARD II

**CPU** 6502  
**I/O** SER  
**BASIC** PARA  
**DISC** 8K  
**RAM** 8K/32K  
**CASS** YES  
**Other** NO  
**m/c** 4K

£395

**Extras:-** Disc, printers, etc.

**Applications:-** Upgraded C2 with colour graphics.

CHALLENGER, C8P  
**Dist:-** As SUPERBOARD II

**CPU** 6502  
**I/O** SER  
**BASIC** PARA  
**DISC** 8K  
**RAM** 8K/32K  
**CASS** YES  
**Other** NO  
**m/c** 4K

£475

**Extras:-** Disc, printers, etc.

**Applications:-** Upgraded C2 with colour graphics.

CHALLENGER, C3  
**Dist:-** As SUPERBOARD II

**CPU** 6502  
**I/O** 6800 + Z80  
**BASIC** Various  
**DISC** YES  
**RAM** 48K/58K  
**CASS** N/A  
**Other** Various  
**m/c** DOS

£2,450

**Extras:-** VDU, printer, software

**Applications:-** Triple CPU system for business use etc.

## Ontel

JEMINI  
**Dist:-** Jaserve Ltd.  
 Stanhope Road,  
 Camberley, Surrey  
 0276-62282

**CPU** 8085A  
**I/O** SER  
**BASIC** YES  
**RAM** 52K/64K  
**CASS** N/A  
**Other** Various

£9,200 upwards

**Extras:-** WP Software, printers, etc.

**Applications:-** VDU based package system.

## Periflex

PERIFLEX 630/48  
**Dist:-** Sintrom  
 Arkwright Road, Reading  
 Berks. RG2 0LS  
 0734-85464

**CPU** Z80  
**I/O** Various  
**BASIC** various  
**DISC** 2x5 1/4"  
**RAM** 48K  
**CASS** N/A  
**Other** Various  
**m/c** CP/M2

£2,500

**Extras:-** VDU, printers, S100 board set

**Applications:-** S100 based systems.

PERIFLEX 1024/64  
**Dist:-** As 630/48

**CPU** Z80  
**I/O** Various  
**BASIC** Various  
**DISC** 2x8"  
**RAM** 64K  
**CASS** N/A  
**Other** Various  
**m/c** CP/M 2

£3,300

**Extras:-** VDU, printers.

**Applications:-** S100 based boxed computer.

## Powerhouse

POWERHOUSE 2  
**Dist:-** Powerhouse,  
 5 Alexandra Road  
 Hemel Hempstead,

**CPU** Z80A  
**I/O** SER  
**BASIC** PARA.P  
**RAM** 32K/64K  
**CASS** YES  
**Other** No

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Herts HP2 5BS  
0442-48422

**DISC** OPT m/c 2K

£1,250

**Extras:-** Graphics, I/O, printer.

**Applications:-** 5" VDU based system used in scientific and industrial control.

POWERHOUSE 3

**Dist:-** As POWERHOUSE 2

**CPU** Z80A **RAM** 32K/64K  
**I/O** SER **CASS** N/A  
**BASIC** PARA.P

**DISC** Yes **Other** Various  
2x5 1/4" m/c CP/M

£2,250-£2,750

**Extras:-** Graphics, I/O, printer.

**Applications:-** 9" VDU based system with potential DP and small business applications.

## Powertran

PSI COMP 80

**Dist:-** Powertron Electronics  
Portway Industrial Estate  
Andover, Hants SP10 3MN  
0264-64456

**CPU** Z80 **RAM** 3K/32K  
**I/O** Various **CASS** Kansas  
**BASIC** 2K **Other** NO  
**DISC** **m/c** 1K

£255

**Applications:-** Mathematical/number crunching with special on-board chip.

## Rair

BLACK BOX

**Dist:-** Rair Ltd.  
30-32 Neal Street,  
London WC2H 9PS  
01-836 4663

**CPU** 8085A **RAM** 32K/64K  
**I/O** SER **CASS** N/A  
**BASIC** Various **Other** Various  
**DISC** 2x5 1/4" m/c CP/M

£2,500 upwards

**Extras:-** VDU's, printer, hard and floppy discs.

**Applications:-** Disc based professional system capable of handling up to 16 terminals.

## Research Machines

RML 380Z

**Dist:-** Research Machines  
P.O. Box 75,  
Mill St, Oxford  
0865-49791

**CPU** Z80 **RAM** 16K/56K  
**I/O** Various **CASS** YES  
**BASIC** YES **Other** Various  
**DISC** OPT m/c 3K

£897 upwards

**Extras:-** Graphics, printer, etc.

**Applications:-** Educational system of high quality.

## Rockwell

AIM 65

**Dist:-** Pelco Electronics  
Enterprise House,  
83-85 Western Road  
Hove, Sussex BN3 1UB  
0273-722155

+ several regional outlets

**CPU** 6502 **RAM** 1K/4K  
**I/O** SER **CASS** 2  
**BASIC** PARA

**DISC** 8K op **Other**  
**m/c** 8K

£265 upwards

**Extras:-** Discs, RAM, VDU, cases, etc.

**Applications:-** Versatile single board with single line display and thermal printer.

**Reviewed:-** Dec '79

## Sanyo

SYSTEM 7000

**Dist:-** Memory Computers (UK)  
Denjon House,  
11 Denmark Street,  
London WC2  
021-455 8686

**CPU** Z80 **RAM** 32K/64K  
**I/O** SER **CASS** N/A  
**BASIC** Yes **Other** Various  
**DISC** 2x5 1/4" m/c CP/M

£6,950 (complete systems)

**Extras:-** 8" floppies, printers, etc.

**Applications:-** Complete VDU based system well established in Europe.

## SGS Ates

NANOCOMPUTER

**Dist:-** SGS Ates/Midwich  
9 Churchgate Street,  
Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0JS  
0279-412605

**CPU** Z80 **RAM** 4K/16K  
**I/O** RS232 **CASS** YES  
2xPARA  
**BASIC** 8K opt **Other**  
**DISC** m/c 2K

£240 upwards

**Extras:-** Experimenter systems, full system capability.

**Applications:-** Educational single board that can grow to kill system.

**Reviewed:-** Aug '79

## Sinclair Research

ZX80

**Dist:-** Science of Cambridge  
6, Kings Parade  
Cambridge, Cambs CB2 1SN  
0223-311488

**CPU** Z80A **RAM** 1K/16K  
**I/O** PAR/ **CASS** YES  
BUS  
**BASIC** YES **Other** NO  
**DISC** NO m/c

£80 kit, £100 built

**Extras:-** Kit or ready built, PSU, 16K RAM 8K BASIC

**Applications:-** Touch keyboard, low-cost beginners/educational system

**Reviewed:-** June '80

## Sharp Electronics

MZ-80K

**Dist:-** Sharp UK Ltd.  
Thorn Road, Newton Heath,  
Manchester M10 9BE  
061-205 2333  
+ growing regional

**CPU** Z80 **RAM** 6K/34K  
**I/O** PARA **CASS** YES  
**BASIC** 14K **Other**  
**DISC** m/c 4K

£480 to £599

**Extras:-** Discs, printer, I/O adaptor

**Applications:-** Japanese desktop system expanding to business market.

PC 1211

**Dist:-** As MZ-80K

**CPU** Unknown **RAM**  
**I/O** NO **CASS** YES  
**BASIC** YES **Other** NO  
**DISC** NO m/c NO

£120 approx inc cassette adaptor

**Extras:-** Printer adaptor soon.

**Applications:-** 1424 step BASIC programmable handheld computer using LCD display.

## Smoke Signal

SMOKE SIGNAL CHIEFTAIN

**Dist:-** Strumech  
Portland House, Coppice Side,  
Brownhills, Walsall

**CPU** 6800 **RAM** 32K/56K  
**I/O** SER **CASS** N/A  
SS50 BUS  
**BASIC** YES **Other** Various

West Midlands  
05433-4321  
+ Windrush

<b>DISC</b>	OPT	m/c	1K + DOS
<b>£3,000</b>			

**Extras:-** Floppies, printers, VDUs.

**Applications:-** Mainly supplied to education and research although suitable for business.

## Sord

M100 ACE Mk III  
**Dist:-** Exleigh Business Machines Ltd.  
11 Market Place, Penzance  
Cornwall TR18 2JB  
0736-66577  
+ some regional outlets, Midas etc.

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	48K
<b>I/O</b>	Various	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Fortran
<b>DISC</b>	2x5 1/4"	<b>m/c</b>	
<b>£2,259</b>			

**Extras:-** More discs, Colour graphics.

**Applications:-** Personal or small business machine from Japan based on the S100 bus.

M203 Mk III  
**Dist:-** As M100 ACE

<b>CPU</b>	Z80A	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	Various	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x5 1/4"	<b>m/c</b>	CAP.BOS
<b>£2,979</b>			

**Extras:-** 2 x 8" floppies, 2 more 5 1/4" floppies

**Applications:-** Process control, wordprocessing, business system with CAP/CPP software.

M223 Mk III  
**Dist:-** As M100 ACE

<b>CPU</b>	Z80A	<b>RAM</b>	64K
<b>I/O</b>	Various	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x5 1/4"	<b>m/c</b>	CAP.BOS
<b>£3,489</b>			

**Extras:-** 4 x 8" floppies, more 5 1/4" floppies, up to 4 x 8 Mb Hard disc.

**Applications:-** As the M203 but with a full S100 bus to allow system expansion.

## Southwest Technical Products

SWTP 6800/6809  
**Dist:-** Southwest Technical  
38 Dover Street,  
London W1X 3RB  
01-491 7507

<b>CPU</b>	6800	<b>RAM</b>	8K/56K
<b>I/O</b>	6809	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	Various	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	2K

**Extras:-** Discs, printer, VDU.

**Applications:-** SS50 based system with good software support.

## Tandy Corporation

TRS-80 Level 1 & 2  
**Dist:-** Tandy Corp.,  
Bilston Road, Wednesbury  
West Midlands WS10 7JN  
021-556 6101  
+ regional shops

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	4K/48K
<b>I/O</b>	OPT	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	2 versions	<b>Other</b>	Fortran
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	4K
<b>£380 - £560</b>			

**Extras:-** Discs, printers, I/O.

**Applications:-** Top selling system with "separates" approach.

**Reviewed:-** November '79

TRS-80 II  
**Dist:-** As TRS-80

<b>CPU</b>	Z80	<b>RAM</b>	32K/64K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	
<b>DISC</b>	8"	<b>m/c</b>	
<b>£2,000 upwards</b>			

**Extras:-** Printer, disc.

**Applications:-** Upgraded business version of Model I.

## Tangerine Computers

MICROTAN 65  
**Dist:-** Tangerine Computers  
Forehill, Ely, Cambs.  
+ regional dealers  
0353-3633

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	1K/48K
<b>I/O</b>	BUS	<b>CASS</b>	OPT
<b>BASIC</b>	OPT 10K	<b>Other</b>	NO
<b>DISC</b>	NO	<b>m/c</b>	1K
<b>£69 upwards</b>			

**Extras:-** Tanex board for I/O, BASIC, etc + racking, cases.

**Applications:-** Machine code system, kit or built that expands to a full computer.

**Reviewed:-** June '80

MICRON  
**Dist:-** As MICROTAN 65

<b>CPU</b>	6502	<b>RAM</b>	8K
<b>I/O</b>	1 SER 4 PARA	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	10K	<b>Other</b>	NO
<b>DISC</b>	NO	<b>m/c</b>	3K
<b>£395 inc</b>			

**Extras:-** RAM, Discs, I/O rack system

**Applications:-** Cased built system with excellent expansion possibilities

**Reviewed:-** October '80

## Technalogsics

TECS  
**Dist:-** Technalogsics  
8 Egerton St. Liverpool,  
Merseyside L8 7LY  
051-724 2695  
+ I Regional Distributor

<b>CPU</b>	6800	<b>RAM</b>	16K/56K
<b>I/O</b>	SER PARA	<b>CASS</b>	2
<b>BASIC</b>	3K	<b>Other</b>	YES
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	4K

**Extras:-** Discs/Memory Prestel Software

**Applications:-** Prestel/Teletext terminal option to home system

**Reviewed:-** May '79

## Texas Electronic Instruments

TEI 208-212  
**Dist:-** Abacus,  
62 New Cavendish Street,  
London W1M 7LD  
01-580 8841

<b>CPU</b>	Choice	<b>RAM</b>	32K/60K
<b>I/O</b>	PARA SER	<b>CASS</b>	N/A
<b>BASIC</b>	YES	<b>Other</b>	Various
<b>DISC</b>	2x5 1/4"	<b>m/c</b>	CP/M
<b>£3,535-4,497</b>			

**Extras:-** 8" discs (212) printers, hard disc soon.

**Applications:-** Integral VDU models forming the basis of a business system

## Texas Instruments

TI 99/4  
**Dist:-** Texas Instruments,  
European Consumer Division,  
Manton Lane, Bedford MK41  
7PA  
0234-67466  
+ dealer network

<b>CPU</b>	9900	<b>RAM</b>	16K
<b>I/O</b>	PARA BUS	<b>CASS</b>	2
<b>BASIC</b>	14K	<b>Other</b>	NO
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	12K
<b>£995</b>			

**Extras:-** Discs, speech synthesiser

**Applications:-** Colour graphics machine with "plug-in" software. Needs US TV, soon to change

## Transam

TRITON  
**Dist:-** Transam,  
59-61 Theobalds Road,  
London WC1  
01-405 5240

<b>CPU</b>	8080	<b>RAM</b>	1K/3K
<b>I/O</b>	PARA BUS	<b>CASS</b>	YES
<b>BASIC</b>	Various	<b>Other</b>	Pascal
<b>DISC</b>	OPT	<b>m/c</b>	Various
<b>£294 to £1,000</b>			

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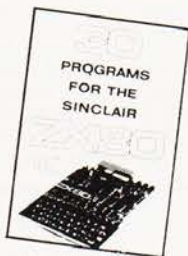
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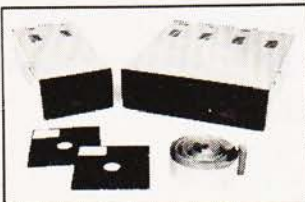
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