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Also in this issue are a discussion of IBM's new personal computer; the first part of Steve Clarcia's exciting new $Z 8$ single-board computer project /about which there was much interest at the recent National Computer Conference); another solution to the traveling-salesman problem; Micromodem support in Apple Pascal; Kalman filters; hurricane tracking by computer; the Atari Assembler/Editor; a report on the Santa Cruz Computer Othello tournament; and much more, including all the regular BYTE features.

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## Editorial

# IBM's Personal Computer 

by Chris Morgan, Editor in Chief

The year 1981 will be important in the history of personal computing for two reasons: the "invasion" of Japanese personal computers, and the entry of major computer companies such as IBM into the market. Rumors abound about personal computers to come from giants such as Digital Equipment Corporation and the General Electric Company.
But there is no contest.
IBM's new personal computer (most likely to be officially announced this month) is far and away the media star, not because of its features, but because it exists at all. When the number eight company on the Fortune 500 list enters our field, that is news. And when you take a close look at the computer's design, that is news, too. Although the complete description of the computer is still subject to conjecture, sources close to IBM have given me an intriguing glimpse of the machine.

## System Details

Seemingly contradictory rumors about IBM have raced along the personal computer grapevine for several months now. Part of the confusion stems from the fact that IBM has had not one but two projects going on simultaneously to develop a personal computer-one in Japan, the other in the United States. The Japanese project (code-named "Go") was jointly sponsored by IBM and Matsushita. The culmination of the project was to have been a series of personal computers produced in Japan bearing the IBM logo. That project now appears to have been either scrapped or indefinitely delayed.

That leaves us with the American design. The computer (code-named "Chess") looks like IBM's low-cost ASCII terminal, but with a few inches of extra height to accommodate two double-density, double-sided 5 -inch floppy disk drives immediately beneath the black-and-white video display (with 640 by 400 resolution). The keyboard, designed as a separate module, has received high marks from people who have tested it. Internally, the computer uses an Intel 8088 microprocessor (a 16 -bit processor with an 8 -bit data bus) and an "IBM" bus. There are five slots on the motherboard -à la Apple II - to accommodate additional interface, memory, and peripheral boards.

The machine will probably be available in a low-cost version with entrylevel BASIC in ROM and with program storage and retrieval via cassette recorder (the latter will be a separate module rather than built in). The more expensive version will have disk BASIC and a CP/M-like DOS (disk operating system) to be called, simply, "IBM Personal Computer DOS." Color will also be available in at least two modes: four out of a possible eight colors with 640 by 200 resolution, and eight colors with 320 by 200 resolution. A 6 -megabyte


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Winchester drive (manufactured by Tandon Magnetics) will eventually be available for the machine. IBM has signed agreements with Sears Roebuck and Co and Computerland to market the new machine; J C Penney is reportedly interested, too.

The price? That's a difficult question, but the more expensive version will probably retail in the $\$ 3000$ to $\$ 4000$ range. Pricing for the stripped-down version is harder to estimate.

To my mind, the new IBM computer is aimed squarely at the low-end word processing market. It will certainly give machines like the Apple III a run for their money.

The influence of a personal computer made by a company whose name has literally come to mean "computer" to most of the world is hard to contemplate. Its design is a mixture of the conventionally safe (some would say reactionary) coupled with a bit of daring-do (the 8088 holds up the possibility of further 16 -bit development).

On the whole I am heartened by the news of IBM's computer. Some factions in our industry have looked upon IBM as the "enemy," the company that gave rise to the mainframe mentality and the coterie of high priests the computer operators who ran the old behemoths and who formed the only link between the lowly user and the all-powerful computer. Elements of this syndrome are unfortunately still in evidence today. Yet where would we be in the personal computer world if IBM had not sunk millions of dollars into the development of such now commonplace inventions as the floppy disk? Besides, it may not be that easy for IBM to gain wide acceptance for its new computer. Competition is growing from all sides. Last year, for example, Fujitsu outsold IBM in the mainframe market in Japan. It is inconceivable that other American computer companies such as Xerox, Data General, Honeywell, and the like will remain on the sidelines for long. This competition can only further the state of the art. And today's successful microcomputer companies will most certainly not fold up and die in the presence of the giants. Good large companies don't always supplant good small companies. As an example from another field, many small specialty book publishing companies are flourishing today in the midst of a general publishing recession. Why? Low overhead, flexibility, unconventional solutions to problems, attention to customer service - the list goes on.

It would be burying my head in silicon, however, to deny the enormous marketing potential of IBM. But that's all right. I want to see personal computing take a giant step. I liked the recent jocular warning from Intel's Stan Masor to "never trust a computer you can't lift." Perhaps the warning's unnecessary: the way things are going, small computers may soon be the only game in town.

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## "Bug" Takes Flak

In the January 1981 BYTE, W D Maurer reported on a "bug" that he had found in a number of BASIC interpreters on stackoriented machines. (See "A Bug in BASIC," page 188.)

I ran Mr Maurer's test on the BASIC interpreter that I use. My BASIC is provided with the OASIS operating system by Phase One Systems. The bug doesn't appear to be present in this BASIC.

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W D Maurer has identified a vexing problem in some BASICs: the abnormal exit from a FOR . . . NEXT loop. Another problem with abnormal exits occurs when the interpreter is designed to stack, or nest, FOR . . . NEXT loops. A simple search algorithm such as

```
10 INPUT "MATCH? = "; X
20 FORI= 1TON
    |F A(|) = X THEN 60
    NEXT I
    GO TO 10
    PRINT ''FOUND '': X
    GOTO 10
```

can end abnormally if the number of matches in line 30 (ie: abnormal exits) exceeds the nesting level of the interpreter.

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I enjoyed W D Maurer's article, but I beg to differ with his conclusion that the Atari 400 and 800 suffer from this problem.

In the Atari BASIC Reference Manual, the POP instruction is discussed. POP is a BASIC command that performs a PLA (Pull Accumulator) instruction on the 6502 processor. If line 135 is added to Maurer's program:

$$
135 \text { POP }
$$

the top location of the stack (which controls the number of loops to be executed) is cleared, and all test runs in listing 2 , page 190 of the article, run without error.

Atari provides this instruction for use when an abnormal exit occurs from a FOR
. . . NEXT loop or a GOSUB/RETURN sequence.

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The PET Users Manual warns not to use abnormal exits from loops. So is this really a bug or a design trade-off?

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Surely the "elegant" solution to the BASIC bug problem is not to stack more information for each loop or to search stacks differently, but to clean up the programming by setting a flag if needed, resetting the counter variable to the end value, and executing the NEXT on the way out. The FOR . . . NEXT structure thus becomes a variant of a REPEAT . . . UNTIL structure, which, by coincidence, is more or less what David Carew was up to in his "Programming Quickie." (See "Change Your GOTOs to FOR . . . NEXT Loops," January 1981 BYTE, page 334.)

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Maurer's article "A Bug in Basic" was a bitter reminder of the many hours I've spent chasing down this particular problem in Applesoft BASIC. His solution-to replace a FOR . . . NEXT loop with an open-coded equivalent-is a practical one. However, there's an alternative solution that keeps the structure of the FOR . . . NEXT loop, but it requires a little more coding.

Recognizing that the problem arises from an abnormal exit from the loop, you can circumvent the difficulty by ensuring that all FOR . . . NEXT loops exit normally. This can be done by setting the index of the loop to its final value inside the loop at the point at which the abnormal exit would be made, then proceeding through one more cycle of the loop. The occurrence of abnormal termination can be stored in a flag. In terms of Maurer's example, this code could be used:

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## Lefters

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FOAC \(=1\) TON
FFTC \(<>0\) THEN 100
\(\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{N}\)
FUAG \(=1\)
NEXT C
FFLAG ITHEN 130
PRINT "ZERD E NOT PPESENT"
COTO 140
PRWNT "ZERO IS PRESENT"
140
```

The key step here is line 92 ，in which the loop index is set to its final value when ab－ normal termination ts required．

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Mr Msurer＇s article was quite enlighten－ ing As a Radic Shack TRS－80 Model 1 Level Il owner（a machine that＂bombed＂ on the tests），I too ran into the mysterious NEXT without FOR error．Misurer sug－ gests chunging the interpreter or the loop variable，but each of these solutions has problems：the first is either impossible（as with \＆BASIC in read－orly memory）or impractical；the second an be cumber－ sorne to pach into an existing program． There is an edsier solution，one that presents few，if any，problems and is easy to implement into an incorrect program．

The problem．is Mr Maverer stites，is the＂Illegal＂exit from the loop．The cor－ rection I suggest is to＂fool＂the interpreter into thinking the loop in completed by chwnging the loop variable to vatue greater that the end value of the loop．

## Joe Sewell

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## W D Maures Replifes：

Ihate rectiped numeroms communita－ tions frow prople who have tried out my ＂bugzy＂program on aighe or ten persions of BASIC mol cobernd in my article The results ant pery mach like those If re－ ported：most do nor hawe the bug．bee a sizable minority do．

Mr Harson exhibits a common con－ fasion about bugs in programming－lasp－ guage systoms．／ust because there is a way to rewrite a program exhibiting a system bug in such a way that the mew pogram does not manifest it，does not mean there is mo bug．Mr Hanson＇s solution olso has the drasuback of reducing portability in a particularly messemial way．

Mr Border＇s comments on the PET car only be answered by noting that abnor－ mall exits from loops are an essertiel part of progranaming．Also，when most prople are faced with a system that discourages abmormal exits from FOR ．．NEXT loops，they will simply neturite their pro－ grams to apoid the FOR and NEXT state－ memes（usually with comments showing where the FOR and NEXT stantwents would hape gon and what they would hape bem）．

Mescrs Miller．Figueras，and Sewtll have a highar－lepol conf usion about struc－ tured programwing that｜have mot with many times before．The fact is that chang－ ing the loop index walue inside the loop is expressly forbidden in almost enery alge－ braic language except BASIC（eg： fORTRAN．Pascal，PLII．It should． thurefore，noe be considered as a tech－ nique dictared by structured program－ ming．which is essumtialing a study of lar－ guage－independent methods of ispproping the readabuility and propability of pro－ grams．

I also want to respond spectifically to Mr Sewell＇s contention that changing the inetrpereter is either impossible or imprac－ cical．The way to change interpreters．Mr Suwell．is for eper yonat who knows about the bugs inthem to mention these bugs to computer－teore salespeople when shop－ ping for ntw equipwent．It was partly for this merason thar I intended my investiga－ tions of this particular bug to be published in a magazine with as lage a circulation as BYTE＇s．

## Structured <br> Programming Clarifkations

I dgree 100 \％with the sentiments ex－ presed by Greg WDliams in＂Structured Programnting and Structured Flowcharts，＂ （See the March 1081 BYTE，page 20．）For to0 long programmers have worried almost exclusively about program size． coding techniques，and execution speed Logical simplicity，program reliability． and ease of modification（inevitabie in every environment）have taken a back seat

However，I want to point out the following：
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structure and how to write it down. This is a very important distinction. I suggest that figuring out what the structure ought to be is the hardest part of programming.

I find that data-structured design produces programs that are simple, modifiable, and that accurately reflect the problem they are supposed to be solving. This method is explained in Principles of Program Design, by Michael Jackson (New York: Academic Press, 1975)

- Mr Williams's table-search program used as an example of structured flowcharting has some difficulties. The index of the largest element (MAXINDEX) is described in table 1 (page 22) as:


## $1<$ MAXINDEX < N

This means that neither the first nor the last entry can be the largest, and that there must be at least three elements in the table.

$$
1 \leq \text { MAXINDEX } \leq \mathrm{N}
$$

would have been better, and was probably intended.

Also, the initial setting of MAXVAL to $-9 \times 10^{20}$ is much too machine dependent. This number would have to be changed for each compiler/computer combination. Why should a programmer even have to know what the smallest possible number is? It would be much better to set MAXVAL to the contents of the first entry in the table, and MAXINDEX to 1 . INDEX can then start at 2 , since the first entry in the table does not have to be
compared with MAXVAL-it is MAXVAL.

There is another weakness in the program. What if the table has no entries at all? I know this is outside the specification, but it really shouldn't be. As written, the program will print:

MAXINDEX $=0$, MAXV $=-9 \times 10^{20}$
Clearly, this is not true. The program

## Listing 1

program FINDMAX
if array is empty ( $\mathrm{N}=0$ )
print ' $V$ ARRAY IS EMPTY'
else array is not empty ( $\mathrm{N}>0$ ) set first entry as largest (MAXINDEX $=1, \operatorname{MAXV}=\mathrm{V}(1)$ ) comparisons start at second entry (INDEX $=2$ ) while $\operatorname{NDEX} \leq N$
find value of current array element (CURRV $=V(I N D E X)$ )
if current array element > largest element so far (CURRV > MAXV) new maximum element $=$ current element $($ MAXV $=V(I N D E X))$ new maximum index $=$ current index (MAXINDEX $=$ INDEX)
endif
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endwhile
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endprogram

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should test explicitly for an empty table. The final pseudocode is shown in listing 1.

Listing 1 exhibits none of the problems I've mentioned, and it was patterned using data-structured design.

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Gregg Williams Replies:
Mr Wantman's distinction between notation and method is a particularly incisive one. Because it is one of those ideas that illuminates the mind and helps clarify its intended subject, I'm sure I will find it useful in the future.
Also, his corrections concerning MAXINDEX, the initialization of MAXVAL, and the possibility of an empty $V$ array are correct. The first was a typographical error, but the last two were, alas, design errors on my part. My thanks to Mr Wantman for pointing them out.

## Pralse from All Over

It would be nice if more software companies took a leaf from Versawriter's sales program and offered a sample of their products-perhaps a demonstration disk for a dollar plus your disk. Boy, that would certainly help in evaluating the stuff they're offering.

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# The Santa Cruz Open Othello Tournament for Computers 

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In mid January, when the Midwest and Northeast were weathering heavy snows and subzero temperatures, programmers from the US and abroad laden with microcomputers or terminals and modems. traveled to the University of California in sunny Santa Cruz, for the Santa Cruz Open Othello Tournament. Each programming team had been preparing for months for decisive head-to-head competition in which only one program would triumph as champion. For individuals accustomed to solitary. cerebral pursuits. this tournament provided a public arena in which to demonstrate their skjills.

The focus of this concentrated preparation was a complex strategy gatne, originally called Annexation, then renamed Reversi. It jow known as Othello, a trade name of CBS Inc. The rules of play and strategic ideas for this game have been discussed in earlier issues of BYTE (see references at the end of this article).

The Universily of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), was an unconventiona] site for this electronic confrontation. The campus buildings are nested among redwood trees on a hill overJooking Monterey Bay. an area of mostly undisturbed natural beauty. When the visitors arrived on campus for the weekend tournament, many must have thought they had been
misdirected to a meeting of the Sierra Club.

The weekend was filkd with many little surprises. Despite our careful plans, campus security forgot to open the fortress-like Applied Science building at the appointed hour. After traveling great distances at considerable expense, the competitors found themselves at a closed gate surrounded by dense forest. Members of the security force finally responded to our panicky telephone calls and opened the main gate, but then they promptly departed, leaving all of the rest rooms locked. The problems were eventually taken care of, however, and the Oithello tournament gained a momentum of its own and proceeded in reasonable order.

> Twenty teams were represented-more entries than In any computer-chess competltlon.

Tournarnent information was sent to potential participants last September. Later in the fall, most of the personal computing magazines carried announcements of the event. Even though Othello is a recent introduction to this country from

Japan, it has gained a loyal following. and the organizers were surprised by the large number of individuals who responded enthusiastically. When tournament day arrived, 20 teams were represented-more entries than in any computer -chess competition.

The Santa Cruz Open was noteworthy also in respect to its budget. There wasn't any. Nevertheless, the event managed to take on the appearance of a big-time competition because of the enormous enthusiasm of the participants and the generous support from various segments of the computing community.

At the request of Dan and Kathe Spracklen, Fidelity Electronics and the Hayden Book Company provided air transportation from New York for the tournament director. Jonathan Cerf. Jonathan had recently returned from London where he had wrested the World Othello Championship from the Japanese. It was the first time that anyone outside lapan had held the title. For US Othello players, Jonathan's vietory was akin to our hockey teamis victory over the Rugsans at the 1900 Winter Olympics. We were extremely pleased to have Jonathan with us, and he turned in an absolutely superb job as towrnament director. His efforts were aided by a computer program I had written to keep track of match outcomes.

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calculate standings, and make pairings for each new round. The program ran on a Radio Shack Model III TRS-80 lent to us by the local Radio Shack retailer.

We also received generous assistance from many others. BYTE Publications offered a prize of an autographed, bound set of its early volumes. The Computer Room, a
retail establishment in nearby Scotts Valley, provided two Commodore PET computers for the weekend. One of these machines was used to run the program of our most distant entrant, Anders Kierulf, who was competing by proxy from the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Members of the local Apple and TRS-80 users' groups also volunteered their


Photo 1: Peter Frey, the author, waits patiently for his TRS-80 to calculate its next move.


Photo 2: Dan and Kathe Spracklen record the move of Larry Atkin's machine as he reaches for the chess clock.
assistance. Several ran programs for entrants who could not be at the tournament site.

To accommodate individuals operating from large machines at distant locations, six of my colleagues at UCSC donated the use of their offices and telephones for the weekend. This arrangement avoided the considerable expense of installing telephones in the main tournament room and also provided some unexpected entertainment. Prior to the tournament, we had completed a university requisition to obtain keys for each office. On the first day of the tournament, I assigned office keys to each of the mainframe participants so that their terminals and modems would be secure. Imagine my chagrin when I learned that most of these keys did not work. The weekend was only a few hours old, and already some of the participants were starting to wonder if the tournament organizer had all of his marbles in the right place. A hastily discovered master key saved us.

Having six participants located in faculty offices away from the main tournament room also led to some logistical complications. When a microcomputer was paired with a mainframe, it was a simple matter to move the microcomputer into the proper office. When two mainframes were paired, the solution was not so easy since each was anchored to a telephone outlet. The problem was eventually solved by borrowing a few tricks from the ancient Greeks. Spectators who had dropped by to see this curious event were treated to a modern version of the marathon. Moves were relayed from one office to another, sometimes located on different floors, by messengers running as fast as possible. The spectators, I am sure, were impressed by our brilliant use of modern technology.

The tournament involved a David versus Goliath theme as well. Not only were lowly TRS-80s matched against large systems like the Control Data Cyber 170/730 and the Univac $11 / 40$, but many first-time competitors found themselves sitting across the table from computer

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| Rank | Author(s) | Affiliation | Representative at Tournament Site | Hardware | Programming Language | Wins-Losses |
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| 1 | Paul Rosenbloom | Carnegie-Mellon Univ Pittsburgh PA | Kate Rosenbloom | DEC KA10 | SAIL | 8.0 |
| 2 | Charles Heath | Instant Soltware Peterborough NH | author | Model I TRS-80 | Assembler | $7 \cdot 1$ |
| 3 | Dan and Kathe Spracklen | Fidelity Electronics Miami FL | authors | 4 MHz 6502 | Assembler | $7 \cdot 3$ |
| 4 a | Peter Frey | Northwestern Univ Evanston IL | author | Model I TRS-80 | Assembler | 7.4 |
| 4 b | Larry Atkin Peter Frey | Applied Concepts Garland TX | Larry Atkin | 2 MHz 6502 | Assembler | $5 \cdot 4$ |
| 6 | Stephen Cheng | DataSoft Inc <br> San Jose CA | author | Model I TRS-80 | Assembler | 4.4 |
| 7 | Anders Kierulf | Univ of Zurich <br> Zurich, Switzerland | Stuart Hastings | Commodore PET | Assembler | $5 \cdot 4$ |
| 8 | Rob Phillips | Univ of Maryland College Park MD | James Morgan | Univac 11/40 | Pascal | $5 \cdot 4$ |
| 9 a | Douglas Larson Paul Gootherts | Hewlet!-Packard San Jose CA | authors | HP-1000 | FORTRAN | 4.4 |
| 9 b | Bill Tomlinson Mark Faron Chris Gates | California State Univ, Northridge | authors | CDC CYBER 1701730 | BASIC | 4.4 |
| 11 | Richard Adams | Data General Dayton OH | author | C/330 Eclipse | Pascal | $4 \cdot 3$ |
| 12 | David Levy Kevin O'Connell | Philidor Software London, England | authors | 2 MHz 6502 | Assembler | 4.4 |
| 13 | Nick Jacobs | Univ of California Berkeley CA | author | MODCOMP | BCPL | 3.5 |
| 14 | Michael Riley | AB Computers Montgomeryville PA | Ernest Maharenke | Commodore PET | Assembler | 3.4 |
| 15a | Gerhard Ringel Dan Jones | Qantel Corporation Hayward CA | authors | Oantel System 220 | Assembler | 3.5 |
| 15b | Ron Burke | Summit NJ | Philip Manofi | Model I TRS-80 | Assembler | 3.5 |
| 17 | Bill Kemper | Hewlett-Packard Corvallis OR | John Sechrest | HP. 85 | BASIC | $2 \cdot 6$ |
| 18 | Brian Redman Lynn Aston | Bell Telephone Labs, Whippany $\mathrm{N} J$ | Brian Redman | VAX 11/780 | C | $2 \cdot 6$ |
| 19 | Peter Frey | Northwestern Univ Evanston IL | Kurt Inman | Model I TRS-80 | BASIC | 1.5 |
| 20 | Jack Decker | The Alternate Source Lansing MI | Greg Vaughan | Model I TRS-80 | BASIC | 1.7 |

Table 1: Final standings for the Othello Tournament held at UCSC on January 17 and 18, 1981.
luminaries such as Dan and Kathe Spracklen, David Levy, or Larry Atkin. These tournament regulars had ten times as much experience as everyone else combined. Despite this, several of the newcomers turned in impressive performances.

## Tournament Rules

The tournament rules closely followed those adopted for human competition by the United States Othello Association (USOA). Each contestant was allowed a maximum of 30 minutes for each game and moves were communicated using standard USOA notation. Pairings in the first round were determined by a random process. This was necessary because many programs had not been used in tournaments or they had been
modified extensively since their last public performance.

A modified Swiss procedure was used to make the pairings for all subsequent rounds. At the end of each round, all of the contestants were ranked on the basis of their won-lost records and by cumulative piece differential when records were equivalent. Matches were then slated between the programs in first and second place, third and fourth place, fifth and sixth place, and so on. When this led to a pairing between contestants who had already met, a modified set of pairings was prepared which approximated the initial plan as closely as possible. The Model III TRS-80 performed these contestantjuggling acts quickly and accurately. This system of pairings insured that
each contestant met an opponent of relatively similar strength. Although this decreased the number of lopsided outcomes, the won-lost records did not accurately reflect the relative playing strength of each program.

After the planned eight rounds had been completed, five programs were tied with records of five wins and three losses. . Tournament director Cerf arranged several playoff matches between contestants who could stay a few extra hours. The addition of these extra matches, plus the cancellation of several others because of telephone problems, led to an unequal number of matches for the different programs. To arrive at final rankings, we used a Guttman scaling technique, instead of more conventional procedures. This is an iterative

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process .that attempts to order the contestants in a way that produces the greatest degree of transitivity. That is, each program should be able to defeat those below it in the standings and should lose to those above it. Our final standings, shown in table 1, closely approximate this goal in respect to the matches that were played in the tournament.

## The Winners

The champion program was Iago, written by Paul Rosenbloom, a fifth-
year graduate student in computer science at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. His DEC KA10 program performed remarkably well, defeating all opponents. In a tournament held six months earlier at Northwestern University, Paul's program placed third in the machine competition, finishing behind the Spracklens' program and my program. Since then, everyone had made major improvements. Paul had apparently learned more than the rest of us. Progress has been so substantial

that any one of the top eight programs at Santa Cruz is probably strong enough to defeat the program that placed first at Northwestern. Paul could not be in Santa Cruz, so he vigilantly monitored the contests from Pittsburgh while his sister Kate, a professional programmer working in Mountain View, California, operated a terminal at UCSC.

Second place, and top microcomputer honors, was won by first-time competitor Charles Heath of Waltham, Massachusetts. After several playoff matches, the Spracklens placed third. Fourth place was shared by Larry Atkin and myself. Stephen Cheng from San Jose, another newcomer to the tournament circuit, came in sixth. Anders Kierulf, the Swiss entrant, finished seventh and Rob Phillips, who recently received his PhD from the University of Maryland, took eighth place.

One of the surprises of the tournament was the impressive showing of the microcomputers and hand-held electronic units. Devices based on the Zilog Z80 or the MOS Technology 6502 microprocessors finished in positions two through seven. The Cyber 170 entry tied for ninth place and the VAX $11 / 780$ system came in 18 th. All of the programs running on large machines were operated in timesharing environments and this hindered their performance. In addition, these programs were compiled from high-level languages, while the microprocessor-based entries that placed well in the tournament were all written in assembly language. Some of the advantages of the larger machines, such as bigger word size or faster floating-point arithmetic, are not particularly important for Othello where most operations involve simple symbol manipulation.

Microprocessor-based units have also benefited from recent hardware impr ${ }^{\circ}$ vements. For example, the 6502-based units entered by David Levy and Larry Atkin are designed to run at twice the speed of the Apple computer. The tournament version of the Spracklens' program used specially prepared hardware to run four
times as fast as the Apple. At this speed, the 6502 generates so much heat that a special cooling unit is required. The two strongest TRS-80 programs were also run at clock rates faster than Tandy intended. The unit as it comes from the factory runs its Z 80 processor at 1.8 MHz , less than half the speed for which it was designed. There are several speed-up kits available commercially for the TRS-80, and these may be useful options for the serious chess or Othello player. I have been especially pleased with the reasonable price and reliable operation of the kit from Archbold Electronics.

## Learning and Playing

Machine Othello programs are becoming good enough to make useful contributions to human play. In the endgame, computers can play perfectly, selecting a final sequence of moves that guarantees them the maximum final disk count. In this respect, they are as good or better than any human. Cerf has played several of these programs and reports that his endgame play has improved noticeably. This may be the first case in which a machine has become sufficiently. proficient at a complex strategy game to serve as a useful sparring partner for the world champion.

Tournaments like the Santa Cruz Open provide a rigorous test for new software and the occasion for information exchange. Few programmers are eager to reveal their most important secrets, but one must divulge some information in order to get ideas from others. Santa Cruz was a great learning experience. It was comforting to discover that other apparently sane persons had been working day and night for months on their creations. The enjoyable camaraderie reinforces each one's belief that the shared enterprise is reasonable and worthwhile.
Othello seems to be rapidly overtaking chess as the most popular strategy game for computer programming. Eighteen months ago few serious Othello programs existed. Today there are more than two
dozen, and the number is increasing at a rapid pace.

The keen interest in machine Othello reflects the inherent fascination of the game and its logical structure that facilitates programming. The game is conceptually complex and yet the move-generation and evaluation routines can be compact and architecturally aesthetic. The challenge of chess is there with fewer programming headaches. I expect that the current love affair between Othello and microcomputers will
produce a long and happy marriage. Long before the final match was played at Santa Cruz, one question was asked by many: "When is the next tournament?"■

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## Ciarcia's Circuit Cellar

# Build a Z8-Based Control Computer with BASIC, Part 1 

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I hope you believe me when I say that I have been waiting years to present this project. For what has seemed an eternity, I have wanted a microcomputer with a specific combination of capabilities. Ideally, it should be inexpensive enough to dedicate to a specific application, intelligent enough to be programmed directly in a high-level language, and efficient enough to be battery operated.

My reason for wanting this is purely selfish. The interfaces 1 present each month are the result of an overzealous desire to control the world. In lieu of that goal, and more in line with BYTE policy, I satisfy this urge by stringing wires all over my house and computerizing things like my wood stove.

There are many more places I'd like to apply computer monitoring and control. I want to modify my homesecurity system to use low-cost distributed control rather than central control. I want to try my hand at a little energy management, and, of course, I am still trying to find some reason to install a microcomputer in a car. (How about a talking dashboard?)

Generally, the projects I present each month are designed to be attached to many different commercially available microcomputers through

[^4]existing I/O (input/output) ports. Most of my projects are applicable for use on the small (by IBM standards) computers owned by many readers, but, unfortunately, a typical home-computer system cannot be stuffed under a car seat.

> The Z8-BASIC Microcomputer is a milestone in low-cost microcomputer capability.

The time has come to present a versatile "Circuit Cellar Controller" board for some of these more ambitious control projects. I decided not to adapt an existing single-board computer, which would be larger, more expensive, and generally limited to machine-language programming. Instead, I started from scratch and built exactly what I wanted.
The microcomputer/controller I developed is called the Z8-BASIC Microcomputer. Its design and application will be presented in a twopart article beginning this month. In my opinion, it is a milestone in lowcost microcomputer capability. It can be utilized as an inexpensive tinyBASIC computer for a variety of changing applications, or it can be dedicated to specialized tasks, such as
security control, energy management, solar-heating-system monitoring, or intelligent-peripheral control. [Editor's Note: We are using the term "tiny BASIC" generically to denote a small, limited BASIC interpreter. The term has been used to refer to some specific commercially available products based on the Tiny BASIC concept promulgated by the People's Computer Company in 1975....RSS]
The entire computer is slightly larger than a 3 by 5 file card, yet it includes a tiny-BASIC interpreter, 4 K bytes of program memory, one RS232C serial port and two parallel I/O ports, plus a variety of other features. (A condensed functional specification is shown in the "At a Glance" text box.) Using a Zilog $\mathrm{Z8}$ microcomputer integrated circuit and Z6132 4 K by 8 -bit read/write memory device, the Z8-BASIC Microcomputer circuit board is completely selfcontained and optimized for use as a dedicated controller.
To program it for a dedicated application, you merely attach a user terminal to the DB-25 RS-232C connector, turn the system on, and type in a BASIC program using keywords such as GOTO, IF, GOSUB, and LET. Execution of the program is started by typing RUN. If you need higher speed than BASIC provides, or if you just want to experiment with the $Z 8$ instruction set, you can use the

GO@ and USR keywords to call machine-language subroutines.

Once the application program has been written and tested with the aid of the terminal, the finished program can be transferred to an EPROM (erasable programmable read-only memory) via a memory-dump program and the terminal disconnected. Next, the 28-pin $\mathbf{Z 6 1 3 2}$ memory component is removed from its socket and either a type- 2716 ( 2 K by 8-bit) or type-2732 (4 K by 8-bit) EPROM is plugged into the lower 24 pins. (The choice of EPROM depends upon the length of the program.) When the Z8 board is powered up, the stored program is immediately executed. The EPROM devices and the Z6132 read/write memory device are pincompatible. Permanent program storage is simply a matter of plugging an EPROM into the Z6132's socket.

There is much more power on this board than is alluded to in this simple description. That is why I decided to use a two-part article to explain it. This month, I'll discuss the design of the system and the attributes of the Z8 and Z6132. Next month, l'll describe external interfacing techniques, a few applications, and the steps involved in transferring a program into an EPROM.

## Single-Chip Microcomputers

The central component in the Z8-BASIC Microcomputer is a member of the Zilog Z8 family of devices. The specific component used, the Z8671, is just one of them. Unlike a microprocessor, such as the well-known Zilog Z 80 , the $\mathrm{Z8}$ is a single-chip microcomputer. It contains programmable (read/write) memory, read-only memory, and I/O-control circuits, as well as circuits to perform standard processor functions. Microprocessors such as


Photo 1: A prototype of the versatile "Circuit Cellar Controller," formally called the Z8-BASIC Microcomputer. The printed-circuit board measures 4 by $41 / 2$ inches and has a 44 -pin (two-sided 22-pin) edge connector with contacts on 0.156 -inch centers. A 2716 or 2732 EPROM can be substituted for the Z6132 Quasi-Static memory, plugging into the same socket.
the $\mathbf{Z 8 0}$ or the Intel 8080 require support circuitry to make a functional computer system. A single-chip microcomputer, on the other hand, can function solely on its own.

The concept is not new. Single-chip microcomputers have been around for quite a while, and millions of them are used in electronic games. The designers of the Z8, however, raised the capabilities of single-chip microcomputers to new heights and provided many powerful features usually found only in generalapplication microprocessors.

Typically, single-chip microcomputers have been designed. for
intensive applications. Under program control, the $Z 8$ can be configured as a stand-alone microcomputer using 2 K to 4 K bytes of internal ROM, as a traditional microprocessor with as much as 120 K to 124 K bytes of external memory, or as a parallel-processing unit working with other computers. The $\mathrm{Z} \dot{8}$ could be used as a controller in a microwave oven or as the processor in a stand-alone data-entry terminal complete with floppy-disk drives.

## Getting Specific: The Z8671

The member of the $\mathbf{Z 8}$ family used in this project is the Z8671. This component differs from the garden-variety Z8601 chiefly in the contents of the ROM set at the factory. The pinout specification of the Z8671 is shown in figure 1 b , and the package is shown in photo 2 on page 41. The $Z 8671$ package contains the processor circuitry, 2 K bytes of ROM (preprogrammed with a tiny-BASIC interpreter and a debugging monitor), 32 1/O lines, and 144 bytes of programmable (read/ write) memory.

The operational arrangement of memoryaddress space is shown in figure 1 c . The internal read/write memory
microcontroller applications and optimized for $1 / O$ processing. On a 40-pin dual-inline package, as many as 32 of the pins can be I/O related. A ROM-programmed single-chip microcomputer used in an electronic chess game might offer a thousand variations in game tactics, but it could not be reprogrammed as a word processor. The ability to reorient processing functions and reallocate memory has generally been the province of microprocessors, with their memory-intensive architecture.

The $\mathrm{Z8}$ architecture (shown in figure 1a on page 40) allows it to serve in either memory- or $1 / 0$ -
is actually a register file (illustrated in figure 2) composed of 124 generalpurpose registers (R4 thru R127), 16 status-control registers (R240 thru R255), and $41 / O$-port registers (RO thru R3). Any general-purpose register can be used as an accumulator, address pointer, index register, or as part of the internal stack area. The significance of these registers will be explained when I describe the tinyBASIC/Debug interpreter/monitor.

The 32 I/O lines are grouped into four separate ports and treated internally as 4 registers. They can be configured by software for either input or output and are compatible with


Figure 1a: Block diagram of the Zilog Z8-family single-chip microcomputers. Their architecture allows these devices to serve in either memory- or I/O-intensive applications. This figure and figures $16,1 c, 2,3$, and 4 were provided through the courtesy of Zilog Inc.

LSTTL (low-power Schottky transis-tor-transistor logic). In addition, port 1 and port 0 can serve as a multiplexed address/data bus for connection of external memory and peripheral devices.
In traditional nomenclature, port 1 transceives the data-bus lines D0 thru D7 and transmits the low-order address-bus signals AO thru A7. Port 0 supplies the remaining high-order address lines A8 thru A15, for a total of 16 address bits. This allows 62 K bytes of program memory (plus 2 K bytes of ROM) to be directly addressed. If more memory is required, one bit in port 3 can be set to select another memory bank of 62 K bytes, which is referred to as data memory. In the Z8-BASIC Microcomputer presented here, a separate datamemory bank is not implemented, and program and data memory are considered to be the same.
The Z8 has forty-seven instructions, nine addressing modes, and six interrupts. Using a 7.3728 MHz
crystal (producing a system clock rate of 3.6864 MHz ) most instructions take about 1.5 to $2.5 \mu \mathrm{~s}$ to execute. Ordinarily, you would not be concerned about single-chip-microcomputer instruction sets and interrupt handling because the programs are mask-programmed into the ROM at the factory. In the Z8671, however, only the BASIC/Debug interpreter is preprogrammed. Using this interpreter, you can write machinelanguage programs that can be executed through subroutine calls written in BASIC. This feature greatly enhances the capabilities of this tiny computer and potentially allows the software to control high-speed peripheral devices. (A complete discussion of the $Z 8$ instruction set and interrupt structure is beyond the scope of this article. The documentation accompanying the Z8-BASIC Microcomputer Board describes the instruction set in detail.)

The final area of concern is communication. The $\mathrm{Z8}$ contains a full-


Figure 1b: Pinout specification of the Zilog Z8671 microcomputer. The Z8671 is a variant of the basic Z 8601 component of the Z 8 family. The Z 8671 is used in this project because it contains the BASIC/Debug interpreter/monitor in read-only memory. Other members of the Z8 family are supplied in different packages, chiefly to support systemdevelopment work.
duplex UART (universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter) and two counter/timers with prescalers. One of the counters divides the 7.3728 MHz crystal frequency to one of eight standard data rates. With the Z8671, these rates range between 110 and 9600 bps (bits per second) and are switch- or software-selectable.

A block diagram of the serial-I/O section is shown in figure 3. Serial data is received through bit 0 of port 3 and transmitted from bit 7 of port 3. While the Z8 can be set to transmit odd parity, the $Z 8671$ is preset for 1 start bit, 8 data bits, no parity, and 2 stop bits. Received data must have 1 start bit, 8 data bits, at least 1 stop bit, and no parity (in this configuration).

## Quasi-Static Memory <br> A limiting factor in small controller



Figure 1c: The operational arrangement of memory-address space in the Z8 family. The regions labeled "program memory" and "data memory" may map to the same physical memory, or two separate banks may be used, selected through one bit of $I / O$ port 3. The internal programmable (read/write) memory is a register file containing 124 general-purpose registers, 16 status-control registers, and 4 I/O-port registers.
designs has always been the trade-off between memory size and power consumption. To keep the number of components down and simplify construction, a designer generally selects a limited quantity of static memory. Frequently, the choice is to use two type-2114 1 K by 4 NMOS (negative-channel metal-oxide semiconductor) static-memory devices. In practice, however, the 1 K-byte memory size thereby provided is rather limited. It would be much better to expand this to at least 4 K bytes. Unfortunately, eight 2114 chips require considerably more circuit-board space and consume about 0.7 amps at +5 V . Not only would this make the design ill suited for battery power, it could never fit on my 4 - by $41 / 2$-inch circuit board.
Another approach is to use dynamic memory, as in larger computers. Dynamic memory costs less, bit for bit, than static memory and consumes little power. Unfortunately, most dynamic-memory components require three separate operating voltages and special refresh circuitry. Adding 4 K bytes of dynamic memory would probably take about twelve chips. The advantages gained in reduced power consumption hardly justify the expense and effort.
The solution to this problem, sur-
prisingly enough, also comes from Zilog, in the form of the Z6132 Quasi-Static Memory. The Z6132, shown in photo 4 on page 43, is a 32 K-bit dynamic-memory device, organized into 4 K 8 -bit (byte-size) words. It uses single-transistor dynamic bit-storage cells, but the device performs and controls its own data-refresh operations in a manner that is completely invisible to the user and the rest of the system. This eliminates the need for external refresh circuitry. Also, the Z6132 requires only a +5 V power supply. The result is a combination of the design convenience of static memory and the low power consumption of dynamic memory. All 4 K bytes of memory fit in a single 28 -pin dual-inline package, which typically draws about 30 milliamps.

An additional benefit in using the Z6132 is that it is pin-compatible with standard type-2716 ( 2 K by 8 -bit) and type-2732 ( 4 K by 8 -bit) EPROMs. This feature is extremely beneficial when you are configuring this $Z 8$ board for use as a dedicated controller. As previously mentioned, the Z 6132 can be removed and an EPROM inserted in the low-order 24 pins of the same socket. Thus, any program written and operating in the Z6132 memory can be placed in a

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| LOCATION |  | TIFIERS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 255 | STACK POINTER (BITS 7-0) | SPL |
| 254 | STACK POINTER (BITS 15-8) | SPH |
| 253 | REGISTER POINTER | RP |
| 252 | PROGRAM CONTROL FLAGS | FLAGS |
| 251 | IN TERRUPT MASK REGISTER | IMR |
| 250 | INTERRUPT REQUEST REGISTER | IRO |
| 249 | INTERRUPT PRIORITY REGISTER | IPR |
| 248 | PORTS 0-1 MODE | P01M |
| 247 | PORT 3 MODE | P3M |
| 246 | PORT 2 MODE | P2M |
| 245 | TO PRESCALER | PREO |
| 244 | TIMER/COUNTER 0 | TO |
| 243 | T1 PRESCALER | PRE1 |
| 242 | TIMER/COUNTER 1 | T 1 |
| 241 | TIMER MODE | TMR |
| 240 | SERIAL 1/0 | S10 |
|  | NOT IMPLEMENTED |  |
| 127 |  |  |
|  | GENERAL PURPOSE REGISTERS |  |
| 4 |  |  |
| 3 | PORT 3 | P3 |
| 2 | PORT 2 | P 2 |
| 1 | PORT 1 | P1 |
| 0 | PORT 0 | PO |

Figure 2: An expanded view of the register-memory section of figure 1c, showing the organization of the register file. Any general-purpose register can be. used as an accumulator, address pointer. index register, or as part of the intermal stack area.


Photo 2: The Zilog Z8671 single-chip microcomputer, a member of the Z8 family of devices. This dual-inline package contains the processor circuitry, 2 K bytes of ROM, $32 \mathrm{I} / \mathrm{O}$ lines, and 144 bytes of programmable memory.


Photo 3: A photomicrograph of the silicon chip containing the working parts of a $\mathrm{Z8}$ microcomputer.

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917 Midway
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Telephone:
(800) 645-3479 (for orders)
(516) 374-6793 (for technical information)

## Z8-BASIC Microcomputer

 Documentation includes:Z8 Technical Manual, Z8 Product Specification
Z6132 Product Specification
BASIC/Debug Manual
Z8-BASIC Microcomputer Construc-
tion/Operator's Manual
Assembled and tested.... 5170
Kit.... $\$ 140$

Z8-BASIC Microcomputer power supply (Size: 21/g by 4y/2 inches)

Provides: +5 V, 300 mA

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+12 \mathrm{~V}, \quad 50 \mathrm{~mA}
$$

$$
-12 V, \quad 50 m A
$$

Assembled and tested. . $\$ 35$
Kit.... $\$ 27$

The documentation supplied with the Z 8 board includes approximately 200 pages of materials. It is available separately for $\$ 25$. This charge will be credited toward any subsequent purchase of the Z 8 board.
Please include $\$ 4$ for shipping and handling. New York residents please include $7 \%$ sales tax


Photo 4: The Zilog Z6132 Quasi-Static Memory device, shown with the hood up. This component stores 32 K bits in the form of 4 K bytes in invisibly refreshed dynamic-memory cells.


Photo 5: The Z8-BASIC Microcomputer Board attached to a power supply. Power can be supplied either Nrough the separate power connector, as shown, or through the edge connector.

## At a Glance

## Name

Z8-BASIC Microcomputer

## Processor

Zilog Z8-family Z8671 8-bit microcomputer with programmable (read/write) memory, read-only memory, and I/O in a single package. The $Z 8671$ includes a 2 K-byte tiny-BASIC/Debug resident interpreter in ROM, 144 bytes of scratchpad memory, and 32 I/O lines. System uses 7.3728 MHz crystal to establish clock rate. Two internal and four external interrupts.

## Memory

Uses Z6132 4 K-byte Quasi-Static
Memory (pin-compatible with 2716 and 2732 EPROMs); 2 K-byte ROM in 28671.
Memory externally expandable to 62 K bytes of program memory and 62 K bytes of data memory.

## Input/Output

Serial port: RS-232C-compatible and switch-selectable to $110,150,300,1200$, 2400,4800 , and 9600 bps .
Parallel I/O: two parallel ports; one dedicated to input, the other bitprogrammable as input or output; programmable interrupt and handshaking lines; LSTTL-compatible.
External 1/O: 16-bit address and 8-bit bidirectional data bus brought out to expansion connector.

## BASIC Keywords

GOTO, GO@, USR, GOSUB,
IF...THEN, INPUT, LET, LIST, NEW, REM, RETURN, RUN, STOP, IN, PRINT, PRINT HEX. Integer arithmetic/logic/operators: $+,-, 1, *$ and AND; BASIC can call machinelanguage subroutines for increased execution speed; allows complete memory and register interrogation and modification.

## Power-Supply Requirements

$+5 \mathrm{~V} \pm 5 \%$ at 250 mA
$+12 \mathrm{~V} \pm 10 \%$ at 30 mA
$-12 \mathrm{~V} \pm 10 \%$ at 30 mA
(The 12 V supplies are required only for RS-232C operation.)

## Dimensions and Connections

4- by $4 \frac{1}{2}$-inch board; dual 22 -pin ( 0.156 -inch) edge connector. 25 -pin RS232C female D-subminiature (DB-25S) connector; 4-pole DIP-switch data-rate selector.

## Operating Conditions

Temperature: 0 to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (32 to $122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ )
Humidity: 10 to $90 \%$ relative humidity (noncondensing)


Figure 3: Block diagram of the serial-I/O section of the Z8-family microcomputers. The Z8 contains a full-duplex UART (universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter). The data rates are derived from the clock-rate crystal frequency. Serial data is received through bit 0 of port 3 and is transmitted from bit 7 of port 3. An interrupt is generated within the $Z 8$ whenever transmission or reception of a character has been completed.


Photo 6: The Z8-BASIC Microcomputer in operation, communicating with a video terminal (here, a Digital Equipment Corporation VT8E). A memory-dump routine, written using the BASIC/Debug interpreter, is shown on the display screen. The starting address of the dump is the beginning of the user-memory area; the hexadecimal values displayed are the ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) values of the characters that make up the first line of the memory-dump program.

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nonvolatile EPROM. (There are some limitations placed on the number of subroutine calls and variables allowed by this substitution becaיise variable data and return addresses must be stored in the $Z 8$ 's register area instead of in external read/write memory.)

## Z8-BASIC Microcomputer

Figure 5 on pages 46 and 47 is the schematic diagram of the seven-inte-grated-circuit Z8-BASIC Microcomputer Board, shown in prototype form, with a power supply, in photo 5. IC1 is the $Z 8671$ microcomputer, the member of the Z 8 family that contains Zilog's 2 K-byte BASIC/Debug software in read-only memory. IC2 is the Z6132 Quasi-Static Memory, and IC3 is an 8-bit address latch. Under ordinary circumstances, the Z6132 is capable of latching its address internally, but IC3 is included to allow EPROM operation. IC4 and IC5 form a hard-wired memory-mapped input port used to read the data-rateselection switches. IC6 and IC7 provide proper voltage-level conversion for RS-232C serial communication.

The seven-integrated-circuit computer typically takes about 200 milliamps at +5 V . The +12 V and -12 V supplies are required only for operating the RS-232C interface. Power required is typically about 25 milliamps on each.

The easiest way to check out the Z8-BASIC Microcomputer after assembly is to attach a user terminal to the RS-232C connector (J2) and set the data-rate-selector switches to a convenient rate. I generally select 1200 bps, with SW 2 closed and SW1, SW3, and SW4 open. After applying power, simply press the RESET push button.

Pressing RESET starts the $Z 8$ 's initialization procedure. The program reads location hexadecimal FFFD in memory-address space, to which the data-rate-selector switches are wired to respond. When it has acquired this information, it sets the appropriate data rate and transmits a colon to the terminal. At this point, the Z 8 board is completely operational and programs can be entered in tiny BASIC.


Figure 4: Block diagram of the Zilog Z6132 Quasi-Static Memory component. This innovative part stores 32 K bits in the form of 4 K bytes, using single-transistor dynamic random-access bit-storage cells, but all refresh operations are controlled internally. The memory-refresh operation is completely invisible to the user and the other components in the system. The Z6132 draws about 30 milliamps from a single +5 V power supply.
(With the simple address selection employed in this circuit, the data-rate switches will be read by an access to any location in the range hexadecimal C000 thru FFFF. This should not unduly restrict the versatility of the system in the type of application for which it was designed.)

## BASIC/Debug Monitor

I'll go into the features of the tinyBASIC interpreter in greater detail next month, but I'm sure you are curious about the capabilities present in a 2 K -byte BASIC system.
Essentially an integer-math dialect of BASIC, Zilog's BASIC/Debug software is specifically designed for process control. It allows examination and modification of any memory location, I/O port, or register. The interpreter processes data in both decimal and hexadecimal radices and accesses machine-language code as either a subroutine or a user-defined function.

BASIC/Debug recognizes sixteen keywords: GOTO, GO@, USR, GOSUB, IF...THEN, INPUT, IN, LET, LIST, NEW, REM, RUN, RETURN, STOP, PRINT, and PRINT HEX. Standard syntax and mathematical operators are used.

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Twenty-six numeric variables, designated by the letters A thru $Z$, are supported. Variables can be used to designate program line numbers. For example, GOSUB B*100 and GOTO $\mathrm{A} * \mathrm{~B} * \mathrm{C}$ are valid expressions.

In my opinion, the 2 K -byte interpreter is extremely powerful. Because it operates easily on register and memory locations, arrays and blocks of data can be easily manipulated.
(Full appreciation of the Z8-BASIC Microcomputer comes after a complete review of the operating manuals and a little experience. Documentation approximately 200 pages long is supplied with the unit; the documentation is also available separately.)

## In Conclusion

It's easy to get spoiled using a large computer as a simple control device. I have heard of many inexpensive interfaces that, when attached to any computer, supposedly perform control and monitoring miracles. Frequently overlooked, however, is the fact that implementation of these interfaces often requires the softwaredevelopment tools and hardwareinterfacing facilities of relatively large systems. The Z8-BASIC Microcomputer, with its interpretive language, virtually eliminates the need for costly development systems with memo-ry-consuming text editors, assemblers, and debugging programs.



| Number | Type | +5V | GND | $-12 V$ | $+12 V$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IC1 | Z8671 | 1 | 11 |  |  |
| IC2 | Z6132 | 28 | 14 |  |  |
| IC3 | 74LS373 | 20 | 10 |  |  |
| IC4 | 74 LS244 | 20 | 10 |  |  |
| IC5 | 74 LS10 | 14 | 7 |  |  |
| IC6 | MC1488 |  | 7 | 14 | 1 |
| IC7 | MC1489 | 14 | 7 |  |  |

If you need a proportional motorspeed control for your solar-heating system, you don't have to dedicate your Apple II or shut off your heating system when you balance your checkbook. From now on, there is a small, cost-effective microcomputer specifically designed for such applications. The Z 8 board described in this article is not my idea of what should be available; it is available now.

## Next Month:

I will elaborate on interfacing and applications for the Z8-BASIC Microcomputer.

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> Many Circuit Cellar projects are available as kits. To receive a complete list, circle 100 on the Reader Service card.

Figure 5: Schematic diagram of the Circuit Cellar Z8-BASIC Microcomputer. Five jumper connections are provided so different memory devices can be used. For general-purpose use and program development, the 4 K-byte Z 6132 read/write memory device will be used; for dedicated applications, two kinds of EPROMs can be substituted in the same integrated-circuit socket. Standard 450 ns type-2716 or type-2732 EPROM chips can be used. The connection labeled " 32 K " should be closed if a type-2732 EPROM is installed; the connection labeled " 16 K" should be closed for use of a type-2716 EPROM.

The pull-up resistors adjacent to IC4 (the 74LS244 buffer) are contained in a SIP (single-inline package).

# Harvesting the Sun's Energy 

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As the cost of fuel continues to skyrocket, more people are looking toward the sun to meet their energy needs. The potential use of solar energy for both heating and electric power generation is tremendous. By some estimates, energy from the sun could account for more than onethird of the nation's total energy needs by the year 2000. There are even more optimistic estimates that are based on technological "breakthroughs" such as the muchpublicized solar space station. If solar energy can be "harvested" in outer space by a station in geosynchronous orbit, it can be beamed down to the earth's surface as low-power microwaves. In such a scenario, as much as $80 \%$ of our energy may come from the sun.

No doubt such highly developed systems for exploiting this vast, nondepletable energy source will come into play as the economics of energy production make solar-conversion technology more competitive with conventional, nonrenewable forms of fuel such as oil, gas, and coal.

## The Collector

For most of us, however, the immediate use of solar energy will be to heat our homes and hot water. Already the technology exists for the conversion of sunlight into thermal energy at convenient temperatures and affordable costs compared to the fossil fuel alternative. The solarenergy collector most commonly used involves a thin plate of metal (usually copper, stainless steel, or, sometimes, aluminum) sealed behind a glass panel. A working medium (water, air, or antifreeze) passes behind it to carry away the heat. The plate is coated with a black, light-absorbing substance such as flat black engine
paint. The flatplate collectors are connected in parallel by some appropriate ducting or tubing, mounted facing, generally, in a southerly direction. The fluid is circulated through the collectors and then to a storage device, usually a bed of pebbles for air systems or a tank of water for water-based systems. The heat contained in the storage devices is removed and circulated to the point of use by a thermostatically controlled recovery system.

As the engineering details of systems designs are becoming better understood, the technology is gaining wider acceptance. In areas with very high fuel costs, such as the Northeast and Midwest, the price of the hardware may, indeed, be a worthwhile investment. Solar collector panels are showing up now on rooftops all over the country. The best and most efficient collectors, however, are still far from inexpensive.

## Orientation

It is very important that the collector be properly oriented in order to maximize the heat gain during the peak of the heating season. Unfortunately, every location has varying constraints such as the position of the house, sun availability, and heatingload periods. All of these must be taken into consideration when designing the system. Detailed information on the timing and amount of solar energy available for a specific location is required when designing a collector. Since the design process involves trade-offs, it would be helpful to be able to predict the gains and losses of alternative strategies, particularly when it comes to the placement of the solar collector array. The governing factor in orienting collectors is that the actual light that can be
absorbed falls off as the cosine of the angle of incidence increases between the light beam and the collector surface. When the beam of light is exactly normal (perpendicular) to this surface, as it would be when the collectors face the sun directly, the cosine of the angle (zero degrees) is 1.0 and all of the light is available for conversion into heat. At angles more than zero degrees, the available light falls off, slowly at first, then more rapidly as the angle of incidence increases. It can be seen from this that the proper orientation of the collectors (ie: the tilt angle with respect to the horizontal and the azimuth angle with respect to due south) is extremely important. Of course, there are many important design criteria in addition to collector placement and orientation that will affect the overall performance of the system. However, how and where the collectors are placed are the most important factors contributing to the success of the system.

The program described in listing 1 was developed to assess various placement strategies. It is one of a series of programs that can help a designer make the best use of the sun's energy. In fact, this program uses a simulation model of the theoretical maximum amount of collimated (ie: direct) sunlight striking a tilted flat surface facing southward. The units of output are in Btus (British thermal units) per square foot per solar hour. A solar hour is actually an arc of $15^{\circ}$ thru which the sun moves across the sky ( $360^{\circ} / 24$ hours $=15^{\circ}$ /hour). This will not always correspond precisely to the local time. The variance, however, will not cause significant errors in the calculations.

A table of values is printed for each
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Listing 1: Computer model that will calculase the daily solar flux on a flatplate solas-energy coltector given the collector's latitude north or south, the bith angle with respect to the grownd, and atimath argle with respect to true south. Written in BASIC-11 for use on a DEC PDP-11/V03 microcomputer, this program can be casily adapted to other versions of BASIC.

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1 REK ************ FFROGRAH TO COMFUTE ANG FFINT ************
2 REH ************* THE LAAILY SOLAF FLUX ON A ***********
3 REH ************** FLAT FLATE COLLECTOR ***********
S Z=SYS(6,81)
10 RESTORE
20 FKINT CHK$(26);
30 [IH I(11) \F=FI/180
40 FRINT ."TAELE OF EEAK RADIATION*
SO FFINT * SOLAK ENEKGY*
60 FRINT \ FRINT
7O FRINT "ENTER WATA IN DECIHAL vALUES AS REQUESTED."
80 FRINT \ FRINT "LATITULIE*; \ INFUT L \ L=L*F
90 FRINT \ FRINT "TILT ANGLE*; \ INFUT T \ T=T*F
100 FFINT \ FRINT *AZIHUTH ANGLE*; \ INFUT A \ ADA&F
110 FRINT CHK'(26);TAE(28);"TAELE OF SOLAR RAHIATION*
120 FFRINT TAE(24)*ETU'S/SQ,FT.*HK. ON A FLAT SUKFACE*
130 FFINT \ FKINT "DAY";TAB(33):'SOLAR MOUK'
140 FFINT "OF';TAE(20);'AK';TAE(36);'NOON';TAE(56);'FM*;TAB(74);"WAILY*
150 FFINT 'YEAK';TAE(7);'7';TAE(13);'8';TAE(19);'g';TAE(25);'10*;TAE(31)
;'11*;
160 FFINT TAE(37);'12*;TAE(43);'1';TAE(49);'2';TAE(55);"3';TAE(61);*4*;T
AE(67);'S';TAE(74);'TOTAL*
165 FOK I=1 TO 79 \FFINT *='; \NEXT I \ FKINT *=*
170 FOF Q=1 TO 12
180 REAGN \ US=STK$(Q)+*/21*\ H=75\ \F=0
190 FOR E=1 TO 11
200 H1=H*F\ GOSUE 500\I(E)=1 \ H=H-15\FF=F+I(E)
210 NEXT E
220 E=6
230 FRINT U*; \ FOR Z=1 TO 11 \ fRINT TAE(Z*E);I(Z); \ NEXT Z \FRINT TA
E(74):F
260 NEXT Q
270 FRINT 'ENG OF RUN' \ GO TO 1000
500 REM ****** SUEKOUTINE TO COHFUTE **********
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520 I=429*(1+(.034*COS(360*N/365*F)))
530 [ = 23.45*SIN(360*(284+N)/365*F) \ |=|%FF
S40 S=SIN(L)*SIN(0)+(COS(L)*\operatorname{COS}(1)*\operatorname{COS(H1))}
SSO H=SQK(1229+(614*S)=2)-(614*S)
560 IF K>94.976 THEN E1=0 \ G0 TO 580
S70 E1=EXF(-.65*K)
S80 E2=EXF(-.095*H)
590 I=I*,56*(E1+E2)
600 C=SIN([1)*(SIN(L)*COS(T)-{(COS(L)*SIN(T)*COS(A)))
610 C=C+COS(1)*COS(H1)*(COS(L)*COS(T)+(SIN(L)*SIN(T)*COS(A)))
620 C=C+COS(D)*SIN(T)*SIN(A)*SIN(H1)
630 I=I*C \ K=INT(I) \ D=I-K
640 IF 0.. S THEN I=K+1 \ GO TO 660
650 I=K
660 IF I<O THEN I=0
670 RETURN
800 [ATA 21,52,80,111,141,172,202,233,264,294,325,355
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daytime solar hour ( 7 am to 5 pm ) when the light intensity is high enough to be collectible. Representative days for each month are used to print out an hour-by-hour averaged value. The daily amount is totaled and printed in the rightmost column. This allows the comparison of the expected variance between months.

## Modeling a System

The program was written in BASIC-11, the DEC (Digital Equipment Corporation) implementation of BASIC. This particular version is running under the RT-11 operating system on a PDP-11/V03 microcomputer. DEC's BASIC is general enough so that you should have little difficulty adapting the program to your own computer's particular dialect. The SYS( $n, n$ ) command in line 5 is used to set the print buffer to 81 characters (normal default is 72 ). CHR\$(26), which appears in lines 20 and 110, is the ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) code for clear screen to the ADM-3A terminal that I used. You will want to replace this code with the equivalent control code for your terminal.

All of the numbers in the DATA statement are the sequentially numbered days of the year for the 21 st day of each month (January $1=$ day 1). The program RUN samples
were done on a DECWRITER terminal. If your system has an addressable printer, you may want to include provisions for an LPRINT type option. And for those hardy souls who might want to convert the program to another language, I've included the mathematical equations in table 1. The model was derived from work presented by Kreith and Kreider in Principles of Solar Engineering (McGraw-Hill, New York, 1978).
Three major features in the placement of collectors (in addition to making sure they aren't shaded) affect the amount of solar energy available for conversion. Two of these-the tilt angle ( $T$ ) and the azimuth angle (A)-are controllable in the design (see figure 1). The third, latitude (L), simply depends on where you live.
An easy way to find your latitude is to call the nearest airport. They can tell you precisely where they are, which is close enough for this calculation. Tilt angle is measured relative to the horizontal. An upright wall has a tilt angle of $90^{\circ}$. The azimuth angle is measured with respect to true (not compass) south, with degrees east given positive signs and degrees west of south given negative signs by convention.

In addition to the above controllable factors, there are several more that contribute to the determination of the intensity of sunlight on a collector surface. Hourly varia-

1. Solar incidence outside the earth's atmosphere (the solar constant) - $I_{\text {a }}$
$l_{\text {. }}=429(1+.034 \cos (360 \mathrm{~N} / 365))$ where $N=$ day number
2. Solar declination $-D$
$D=23.45 \sin (360(284+N) / 365) N$ as above
3. Mass of air along the path of light $-M$
$M=\left(1229+(614 \sin \alpha)^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}-614 \sin \alpha$ where $\sin \alpha$ (solar altitude) $)=\sin L \sin D+$ $\cos L \cos D \cos H$ where $L=$ latitude, $D$ as above, and $H=$ solar hour angle 4. Solar incidence attenuated by the air mass $-I$, $I_{1}=I_{0} \times 0.56\left(\mathrm{e}^{-6 . N}+\mathrm{e}^{-0.09 n}\right)$ where $\mathrm{e}=$ base of natural logarithm
4. Solar power on a tilted surface - $I_{\text {, }}$ $I_{p}=1$, cos $i$ where $i=$ angle of incidence where $\cos i=\sin D \sin L \cos T-\cos L \sin T \cos A$
$+\cos D \cos H \cos L \cos T$
$+\sin L \sin T \cos A$
$+\cos D \sin T \sin A \sin H$
where $I=$ tif angle and $A=$ azimuth (true south $=0$ )

Table 1: These equations form the basis of the calculations performed in the author's computer model.

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tions are due, in part, to the distance of the light path through the atmosphere. The path is longer in the early morning and late afternoon, which is why we can watch sunsets and sunrises without burning our eyeballs. Even more important, however, is the fact that the amount of light reflected back from the flat surface increases as the angle of incidence increases. This results in the cosine factor mentioned previously. This fact has prompted some designers to develop special mounting systems for tracking the sun across the sky, thus keeping the collector surface always pointing directly toward the sun. While this will increase the solar power considerably, it also increases cost and mechanical complexity. These increased expenses must be considered carefully for home heating applications.

Monthly variation in daily totals is due to several factors. First, though of lesser importance, is the fact that the earth's orbit around the sun is elliptical; hence, the sun is farther
away when the planet is at its apogee. But the major factor is the tilt of the planet with respect to the plane of its orbit. Viewed from the planet's surface, this is perceived as the difference in the sun's altitude between June 21 and December 21, the summer and winter solstices. The sun is lower in the winter sky and, since this is the heating season, the typical design strategy calls for tilting the collector array so that the beam radiation at solar noon on the coldest days of the year (usually January) is almost perpendicular to the surface of the collectors-if the array is used for space heating. If the system is to provide domestic hot water, the collectors must be tilted to split the difference between the two seasons.

## The Weather

Finally, there is the age-old variable that can't be predicted, but that has a major impact on the light availability - the weather. The table of hourly radiation produced by this program cannot provide a prediction of how
the local cloud cover will attenuate the sunshine. However, if the monthly cloud-cover factors for your area have been tracked for the past twenty years or so, then they can be used to modify the data in the table. The table provides the theoretical "clear day" values. The daily totals for the month can be multiplied by the percent of cloud cover averaged over the past years for that month and by the number of days in the month to get a fair picture of the probable light availability. (As it turns out, the values predicted by this model for clear-day radiation have been verified by empirical methods to within a very small deviation.)

## Application

The model has several uses in designing a solar collector. Primarily, you will want to know how much sunlight your area could produce. Suppose your house is oriented such that the section of roof on which you want to mount the collectors faces

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Figure 1: Diagram of the various solar angles used in calculating the total beam energy striking a roof-mounted solar collector.

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Listing 2: Sample data obtained by running the program in listing 1. It shows the solar energy that would strike a collector mounted directly on the author's roof. In this case, the roof and the collector have an azimuth of $10^{\circ}$, a tilt with respect to the ground of $18^{\circ}$, and a latitude of $32.5^{\circ}$ north. The energy, given in Btus per square foot per hour, is calculated for each daylight hour on the the 21st of each month.

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$10^{\circ}$ east of due south Furthermore, you would like to mount the collectors flush on the roof, to keep a low profile. Let's say the roof has an $18^{\circ}$ till. If you should happen to live in San Diego, as I do, your latitude is approximately $32.5^{\circ}$ (use decimal values for all minutes of arc). By plugging these values into the keyboard when requested, you should get an output such as listing 2.

If you can determine how much heat you need to keep warm during January, by doing heat-load calculations on your home, then you can estimate how much collector surface area youll need. Incidentally. don't forget a factor for thermal efficiency. In many states, each collector manufacturer required to state a standardized rating for its product. This factor modifies considerably the
performance of the collectors in absorbing the available sunlight.

Now, if you want to determine how much more light you might get with a more "ideal" orientation, Iry plugging in some allernatives. One rule of thumb for the optimal till angle is 10 add $15^{\circ}$ to the latitude- 80 let's try a tilt angle of $47.5^{\circ}(32.5+$ $15=47.5$ ). Due south is $0^{\circ}$ azimuth And, of course, you can't change the latitude unlest you move your house. so that remains $32.3^{\circ}$. The resulting output is shown in listing 3. Notice the difference in the values for January between the two mounting strategies. You've gained a whopping 406 Brus per square fool for the day: that's approximately a $27 \%$ increase. Now, you have to decide if it's worth forgoing the low profile to gain that much more heat. For one thing it means you will be able to reduce the
amount of collector surface by $27 \%$. Since the collectors are the single largest cost factor in a typical installation, might be worth ta!
Play around with the model to generate various schemes. If nothing else, you can give your friends their very own, personalized printout of the solar energy they could be enjoying.

A final word of caution about this model. As with any model, simplifying assumptions have been made. The numbers represent theoretical maximums only and can in no way predict the actual performance of a particular solar system installation, so they must be interpreted with care. Use the program for comparing strategies. Who knows, may help you find way to beat the escalating cost of energy, or at the very least, you can snub your nose at OPEC1■

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# Mountain Computer's MusicSystem 

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You've probably heard them at computer shows or in the local computer store-the music synthesizer peripherals that, along with your Apple II computer, can help you "compose," "turn your Apple into a family music center," or offer "flash and crash sound effects." Six or seven music synthesizers are already available for the Apple II, and in this article we'll examine the most significant new entry into the marketplace-the Mountain Computer MusicSystem-and see how it compares with the competition.
Mountain Computer (formerly Mountain Hardware) is a well-known manufacturer of high-quality Apple peripheral products that have been well received by the Apple-user community. Mountain Computer's products have never been cheap, and the MusicSystem is no exception. At $\$ 545$ it is one of the more expensive music synthesizers available for the Apple II, and yet, when its capabilities are considered, it costs less than some of the lower-priced units. No other Apple synthesizer on the market offers sixteen programmable waveforms, and the most popular "square-wave" unit, the ALF AMS (by ALF Products, of Denver, Colorado) can cost as much as $\$ 795$ when expanded to its maximum (nine voices).

Unlike many of the less-expensive music boards that are available for the Apple II, the MusicSystem is a true synthesizer in the sense that a Moog or an ARP is a synthesizer. The user can not only specify the frequency and


Photo 1: The MusicSystem circuit boards with light pen and stereo outputs. The boards may occupy any two adjacent expansion slots, except slot 0 , in the Apple II.
the amplitude envelope for each note, but also the waveform, waveform variation (within certain limits), and frequency variations during each note. This allows for a simulation of real instrument sounds that is impossible to achieve with a fixed-waveform music board.

## The MusicSystem

The MusicSystem is a combined package of hardware and software that allows the user to enter and edit musical scores, to create and edit instrument definitions, and to combine both scores and instruments into PLAY files that produce the final musical output. Some of the pertinent MusicSystem features and specifications are:

- 16 programmable waveform generators (or oscillators)
- 31 KHz sample rate that gives a 13 KHz output frequency bandwidth
- Frequency resolution of 0.5 Hz
- Stereo audio outputs with up to eight waveforms (voices) per output
- Assignment of voices to either right, left, or both stereo speakers
- An integral light pen that is user-accessible for use with other programs
- Music entry and display on Apple high-resolution screen using the light pen, keyboard, or game paddles
- Use of standard music notation throughout the music editor portion of the system
- Multiple editing menus in high-resolution graphics to allow use of all the editing features without having to remember commands
- Part-by-part graphic printout of music scores on Apple's Silentype printer (other printers not yet supported)
- User definition of instrument waveforms, amplitude envelopes, and frequency histories
- Polyphony (chords) within a single part or through the use of multiple parts and multiple instruments
- Interrupt-driven software that allows foreground/ background mode operation so that two programs can run concurrently
- The capability to merge COMP (composition) files with the Music Merger program so that extra-long scores can be created
- DMA (direct memory access) to waveform tables stored in the Apple's memory


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Many of the features incorporated into the MusicSystem can be found in existing products, but for the price the combination of features and capabilities is unique.

The MusicSystem package consists of two printed-circuit boards, two double-sided disks of software and demonstration files, and a comprehensive manual. The two circuit boards (see photo 1) are interconnected and designed to occupy any two adjacent Apple II expansion slots (except slot 0). The MusicSystem searches for them automatically wherever they are installed. A light pen and the stereo output jacks are preconnected to the boards, and their cables emerge through the slots in the back of the Apple's case.

## At a Glance

Name<br>Mountain Computer MusicSystem

## Type

Music composition/ synthesis system

## Manufacturer

Mountain Computer
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Price
$\$ 545$

## Hardware

Two interconnected PC boards designed to occupy two adjacent expansion I/O slots in the Apple II; includes a light pen and stereo audio outputs suitable for external amplification or headphones with RCA phono plugs

## Software

Four disk sides consisting of four main programs, various overlays, and four types of files; demonstration music and some predefined instruments are included

## Language

Software is written in
a combination of 6502 assembly language and XPLO (a block-structured, Pascal-like language); object code only is included

## Software Format

Disks are provided in Apple's DOS 3.2 format; they are not protected, however, and may be converted to DOS 3.3 with Apple's Muffin program

## Computer

Apple II or Apple II + with 48 K bytes of programmable memory and at least one disk drive with Apple's DOS 3.2 or DOS 3.3 operating system

## Documentation

Comprehensive manual that describes operations and provides many walkthrough examples; additional sections describe installation, background theory, user interface and software file structures

## Audience

Any Apple II owner who would like a flexible, high-quality music synthesis system

## The Light Pen

At first glance, the most unusual feature of the MusicSystem is the light pen. The light pen is used to make menu selections, either from the main system menus or from the various editor menus. Due to its limited resolution, the pen is not used to enter music; this must be done with either the keyboard or the game paddles. The pen is very effective when used with the Music Editor, for it provides a quick means of selecting items from the various graphic editor menus. Mountain Computer has thoughtfully provided information that describes how to access the pen so that you can experiment and use it with other software.

The light pen is accessed by the software as a single bit in one of the MusicSystem hardware registers. The state of the pen bit simply indicates whether or not the pen is picking up light. The software recognizes use of the light pen by detecting the 60 Hz flicker from the monitor screen. Once the flicker is detected, the program blinks each allowable portion of the screen until the blink is recognized by the pen. (This is the same technique used by some of the very inexpensive light pens that plug into the Apple's game-paddle connector.)

## Hardware Flexibility

It takes a while to really appreciate the extreme flexibility inherent in the hardware design. The MusicSystem boards can produce sixteen simultaneous waveforms, each with independent control of amplitude, frequency, and waveshape. A master volume control affects all sixteen waveform generators.

Each waveform is generated from a 256-byte waveform table stored in the Apple's memory. These tables can be created either with the Instrument Definer program or, as shown in the manual, with a user-written program. The MusicSystem boards read values out of the waveform tables by using DMA. When the system is playing music, the tables are accessed by the MusicSystem boards about 500,000 times per second, and so the Apple's 6502 microprocessor is effectively slowed from 1 MHz to 500 KHz (MusicSystem takes half of the available memory cycles). Even though the processor has been slowed down, it can still run normal software, and the speed difference is rarely noticeable. This use of DMA is the key to the MusicSystem's high performance: the technique is not used by any other Apple music synthesizers, although the Casheab synthesizer for the S-100 bus has similar capabilities. (See reference 1.)
Each waveform generator on the MusicSystem boards has software loadable registers that specify amplitude, waveform-table address, and frequency. There are also registers that control overall volume, access the light pen and random-number generator, and enable or disable the DMA and interrupts. Again, Mountain Computer provides all the information necessary to operate the boards with your own programs.

## Frequency Histories

One unusual feature of the MusicSystem is the ability to specify note frequency histories. Most synthesizers

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## Sound Quality

The MusicSystem sound quality is excellent. Although there is a very slight background hiss-due to the limited signal-to-noise ratio of the 8-bit D/A (digital-to-analog) converters-it is not objectionable.

The system's $13-\mathrm{KHz}$ frequency response is better than most home cassette tape decks, and it is almost as good as an FM receiver. If your record of Switched-On Bach has been played more than a few times on an average-quality turntable, it probably doesn't extend beyond 13 KHz either.

The separate individual and overall volume controls provide a wide dynamic range with no evidence of distortion at either high or low volumes.

## Human Engineering

Mountain Computer has gone to a good deal of effort to make the MusicSystem as user-oriented as possible by providing detailed prompting, menu-driven operation, and operational feedback.

When an input is required, the choices are almost always spelled out on the screen. If an illegal command is entered, the system doesn't die a horrible death or misinterpret the command-it simply beeps, and usually informs you of your mistake. Any command that could cause loss of data requires a second, confirming command. Throughout the system, commands are kept as simple as possible, while still retaining their meaning. The user is not required to remember commands, for the system generally tells you what the choices are when the time comes to make them.
MusicSystem software is accessed through a series of nested menus (see photo 2 ) rather than direct commands. From the time the software is loaded, the system functions are controlled by selections from the menus. Each selection results in either a direct action, or it causes another menu to appear if further details are needed. The menus are clearly written and most selections consist of a single keystroke and a carriage return.

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Photo 2: The System 1 main menu. Selections can be'made by touching the light pen to the block at the left of each item. The tiny square in the top block indicates the presence of the gamepaddle cursor. If the button on paddle 0 is pressed, the Music Player is selected.
--COMPILING. If you select a new instrument for a play file, the parameter display changes to show the results of your selection. Messages from the system are clearly spelled out, with no cryptic abbreviations.

## The Software

The MusicSystem software is an integrated package of four main programs and four types of files (see figure 1), divided functionally and physically into two separate systems.

System 1 inputs and edits musical scores, and plays music. It includes the Music Editor, Music Merger, and Music Player programs, and comes with several demonstration COMP and PLAY files on the back side of the disk.

System 2 primarily creates waveforms and instruments (although it also includes a copy of the Music Player pro-
gram). There are a number of predefined instruments and waveforms on the flip side of the System 2 disk.

System 1 and System 2 are tied together with the Music Player program. The Music Player compiles the COMP files produced by the Music Editor and binds in IDEF (instrument definition) files produced by the Instrument Definer, to produce the final PLAY files. Once a PLAY file is complete, it may be played at any time, and the original COMP and IDEF files may be discarded. The Music Player can also be used to alter instrument and speaker assignments in an existing PLAY file.

The System 1 and System 2 disks are received in Apple's DOS 3.2 format, and they are not copy protected. In fact, Mountain Computer recommends that you copy them as soon as possible to avoid inadvertent destruction of the master disks. If you have Apple's DOS 3.3, the MusicSystem software should be converted to sixteen-sector format rather than run in the thirteensector mode, because the system reloads from disk before returning to the main menus.

The system software is written in a combination of 6502 assembly language and XPLO (a block-structured Pascal-like language). The source program is not provided, but the manual contains detailed descriptions of all the file formats. All files and programs are in Apple DOS standard format, and may be copied with the DOS 3.3 FID utility or similar programs.

## Interrupt Driven

Although the MusicSystem boards can run continuously under DMA once the appropriate registers have been initialized, playing real music requires changes in frequency and amplitude, while maintaining a specified tempo. MusicSystem accomplishes this with a constantrate interrupt, which serves as a time-base reference for the play software. Every 8 ms (milliseconds), the MusicSystem interrupts the Apple's processor, and vectors to a

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Figure 1: Data-flow diagram showing the relationships between various programs and files used by the MusicSystem. The Music Merger is used primarily to combine COMP files into larger COMP files, and it allows the creation of larger scores than the Music Editor can hold.

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series of routines that update the registers in the MusicSystem boards. These routines vary the waveform amplitudes to create note envelopes, and update the frequency registers to change notes. They can also vary the overall volume. Once the updates are complete, execution returns to the program that was interrupted. This technique is called foreground/background operation.

Because the play software is interrupt-driven, the entire task of playing a song file can be accomplished during the time another program is running. A good example of this is the Instrument Definer program, in which the MusicSystem continuously plays a short PLAY file to provide audible feedback while the user is creating waveforms and defining instrument characteristics. In this case, the Instrument Definer program runs in the foreground while the MusicSystem plays and runs its interrupt routines in the background.

There is one main drawback to the use of interrupts (and DMA). The user manual cautions that no other device on the Apple's bus can generate interrupts or use DMA while the MusicSystem is playing. If this happens, both the MusicSystem and the conflicting device fail to work properly. This restriction would probably be en-
countered only with devices that interrupt continuously (eg: a real-time clock/home-control system combination). In any case, the problem can be avoided by temporarily stopping the conflicting device and then restarting it when you are finished with the MusicSystem.

## The Music Editor

The Music Editor program is similar in format to a number of its competitors, but it offers a variety of additional features. The Music Editor divides the screen into two separate functional areas: the upper two thirds of the screen becomes a graphic music display, while the lower portion holds the various editor menus and the status and command lines.

The music display acts as a window on the score in memory. The display can be scrolled right and left through a given part, or up and down from part to part. The display staff formats include the treble, bass, alto, and tenor clefs, as well as the System Clef (ie: the combination of treble and bass clefs used in keyboard sheet music). You can change the clef at any time, and the score will be redisplayed correctly on the new clef. Photo 3 (the Music Editor main menu) shows an example of the system clef.

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Photo 3: The Music Editor main menu. In this example, the music cursor is at measure twelve of the song "America," the music staff is the system clef, and the editor is in the CHORD mode. Chords may be entered within a part, or through the use of multiple parts.


Photo 4: The Music Editor Signature Commands menu displays part two on the bass clef in NOTES mode. This menu is used to select key, time signature, and clef.


Photo 5: The Note Modifier menu inserts dynamic or normal accents, and sets or removes ties between notes. The dynamic sfffz has just been inserted at the first note in measure nine. In this photo, part one is displayed on the treble clef.

You can select items from any of the editor's four graphic menus, with either the light pen or with game paddle 1. Most of your time will be spent with the main menu: it is used to select note durations, rests, measure bars, and to handle all editing functions. The other three menus are selected from the main menu, and they all return to it. The commands are also available through the keyboard, and a few operations such as LOAD, SAVE, and PRINT can only be executed by typing the command. The various editor menus are shown in photos 3 , 4,5 , and 6.

The Music Editor provides a large selection of accents and dynamics that add life and emphasis to your music. Overall loudness is controlled with the SOUND COMMANDS menu, and individual notes may be accented with the NOTE MODIFIER menu. Unfortunately, note dynamic accents, although provided for in the editor, are not fully functional in the Music Player program: they are played as normal accents. The MusicSystem manual states that this will be corrected in a later version of the software. Two other unimplemented commands are user SYNC (designed to synchronize external devices like a slide projector) and GRAD (specifies gradual volume changes to create crescendos and diminuendos). According to the manual, SYNC will be implemented in a later version. GRAD appears only in the SOUND COMMANDS menu; the manual doesn't mention it at all.

The editor's PRINT command allows you to print out part or all of a score in graphics on the Apple Computer Inc Silentype printer. The score is printed as it is shown on the screen, and may be printed in one of two sizes. Each part is printed separately on its own staff, and the printout can be cut and pasted to form a sort-oforchestral score. I would have liked to have the ability to print out several parts simultaneously, on one set of staves, as this would have made the printout a more useful piece of sheet music. Other graphics printers, such as Integral Data Systems' Paper Tiger, are not supported in this version of the MusicSystem.

You can enter music in either NOTES or CHORDS mode. In CHORDS mode, the music cursor doesn't advance while you are entering notes of the same duration. Most synthesizers require that you use separate parts to enter chords, but the MusicSystem doesn't have this limitation. Multiple parts are only required to define the music played by different instruments.

Notes are. placed on the screen with either game paddle 0 or with the keyboard. A small cursor is moved vertically through the staff when paddle 0 is turned, and the note appears when you press the button. You can enter music surprisingly fast through the keyboard. Once the duration and octave are selected, a string of notes may be entered as simply as typing C D EF G A B and pressing RETURN.

I was a little disappointed to find that the editor doesn't provide audio feedback during music entry. However, it

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The size of the score that can be handled by the editor is somewhat limited. If you actually entered sixteen separate parts, there would not be room for many measures of music. Fortunately, the Music Merger program can be used to combine COMP files to produce a much larger final result. (There has been talk at Moun-


Photo 6: The Sound Commands menu controls overall loadness, sets tempo, and assigns parts to speakers. Dynamic (loudness) may be specified as either absolute (with the menu) or relative (with the keyboard). The mf dynamic has just been inserted to the left of the music cursor.
tain Computer of designing a true "virtual score" capability into the MusicSystem by spooling the score on and off disk as the editor scrolls through it. Whether or not this will be implemented in the next version remains to be seen.)

The editing functions provided by the editor are simple and effective. Unless otherwise specified, the editor is always in insert mode. Music events may be inserted at any time and at any place in the score. The editor provides commands to scroll right and left, delete right and left, and change note durations. You can jump to other locations in the score by using the keyboard GOTO command to access specific measures. I found the editor's responses to be a little slower than I liked, but it wasn't objectionable.
The editor has only two real weaknesses: it lacks both triplets and the capability to repeat musical phrases. The former makes it difficult to enter certain pieces of music, and the latter adds time and wastes space when repeated phrases are encountered. There is no reason why you should have to reenter the same section of music when the computer could do it for you. Also, the editor will not automatically place measure bars, but this drawback is not important because both measure bars and time signatures have no effect on the music played.

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Photo 7: The Instrument Definer main menu. The audio feedback level has been reduced and the pitch transposed down one octave by setting DYNAMIC to 30 and TRANSPOSE to -12 .


Photo 8: An example of an Attack Profile plot from the Instrument Definer. The plot shown is for oscillator 2 from the instrument WOODDRUM. This example shows an alternate method of defining envelopes. In this case, the entire envelope is defined during the attack phase, so there is no sustain or release.


Photo 9: A sample frequency-history plot. Note that rather than changing smoothly, the frequency changes in steps. In this example the steps are not audible, so it sounds like a smooth change.
and the omissions previously mentioned. The current version of the software (2.0) is much improved from the original version 1.2. I look forward to the next version, and hope that the few remaining problems will be fixed. In any case, the editor is still very usable, and I enjoyed the time that I spent with it.

## The Instrument Definer

The process of creating and playing different instruments is one of the more interesting aspects of the MusicSystem. Here the MusicSystem's unique capabilities clearly separate it from the rest of the synthesizers available for the Apple. Other synthesizers can define instruments, but their capabilities are limited compared with the MusicSystem (see the "Music Making" text box on page 84).

In the MusicSystem; each instrument definition (see figure 2) is composed of one or more logical oscillators, each with a defined waveform, relative amplitude, attack envelope, sustain-decay rate, and frequency profile. (The term "logical oscillator" is used because the actual physical waveform generator will not be chosen until play-time.) In addition, there are several global parameters that affect all of the oscillators used in an instrument definition (see photo 7). You can specify attack and decay times, and whether the amplitude scale should be logarithmic (to match the human ear's response) or linear.

During the instrument definition process (see photos 8 and 9), there is continuous audio feedback, so that you can hear the effect of your changes as you make them. The feedback is normally a C-major scale, but a short PLAY file can be loaded and used instead. The audio level of the feedback may be changed or transposed so that you can hear how your instrument sounds at different pitches. As previously described, the audio feedback runs under interrupts in the background while you define instruments and create waveforms with the Instrument Definer in the foreground.

A special subprogram of the Instrument Definer, called the Wavemaker, is used to create waveforms through a process called Fourier (or additive) synthesis. Just as Fourier analysis breaks down a waveform into its harmonic components, Fourier synthesis creates a waveform from a set of harmonic amplitudes. The process is also called additive synthesis because it is done by adding sine waves of various harmonic frequencies and amplitudes to produce the final result (see reference 6).

The Wavemaker allows you to specify the amplitudes of up to twenty-four harmonics, and you can switch to the waveform display to view the wave at any time during the process. The audio feedback responds to the harmonic changes as you make them, so you can literally design your waveform "by ear." The view of the waveform is interesting, but not really important: it is easier to relate the timbre of the sound to the harmonic mix than to the waveshape. Photos 10 and 11 show ex-

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amples of the waveform creation process.

## Envelopes

In the Instrument Definer, the envelope is specified through a combination of oscillator and global parameters (see figure 3). Each oscillator in an instrument definition has five specified characteristics:

- Weight: its amplitude relative to any other oscillators used
- Attack profile: the pattern of volume changes during the attack portion of the envelope

Figure 3: Logical model of the MusicSystem hardware. The hardware is actually more complex than indicated here, but there is sufficient information provided in the manual to operate the board with your own software.

- Frequency history: the pattern of frequency changes during the attack
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## Square-Wave Music

The first widely available music synthesizer for the Apple II was produced by ALF Products Inc. The ALF synthesizer could generate three square-wave "voices" with note-envelope control and a wide frequency range. Up to three ALF circuit cards could be installed in an Apple II, which provided up to nine musical parts through three separate audio outputs. The ALF software was well written, and the same unit, the ALF Apple Music Synthesizer, is still quite popular today.

The technique used by ALF to generate tones is also used by a number of similar, but lower-quality and less-expensive, synthesizers currently on the market. This technique involves the use of several programmable hardware frequency dividers. Each divides a master frequency by a number that is provided by the controlling software. Different output frequencies are provided by varying the software-supplied divisor. The square-wave output of each frequency divider is then fed into a programmable attenuator, typically a D/A (digital-to-analog) converter, to vary the output level. Thus, the software simply supplies the frequency and output-level information to the card and the hardware does the rest.

One of the advantages of this technique is that the number of voices can be increased by simply adding more synthesizer cards. Even with nine-part music, the software has enough time left over to provide a realtime music display on the Apple's screen.

The main disadvantage of this technique is that it is not true music synthesis. It is impossible to reproduce a wide range of instrumental sounds with a waveform that is limited to a square wave. The control of each note's envelope allows a range of effects to be produced, but the high notes are invariably sharp and brilliant while the low notes have a buzzy sound.

Since the introduction of the ALF synthesizer, a number of similar units have appeared on the market. Most use the General Instrument AY-3-8910/8912 music synthesizer integrated circuit to produce tones. This is an inexpensive approach, but it offers limited frequency accuracy and only sixteen levels of output volume. The A Y-3-8910 also includes a pseudo-whitenoise generator that allows these units to offer (as one advertiser puts it) "flash and crash sound effects."

## Software-Driven D/A Synthesis

Another popular approach to personal computer
music synthesis utilizes a software-driven $D / A$ converter. The $D / A$ receives a constant stream of numbers from the computer and produces a correspondingly varying voltage at its output. With carefully written software, this technique is capable of producing surprisingly good-quality music.

The current state of the art was largely developed by Hal Chamberlin of Micro Technology Unlimited and his associates, Frank Covitz and Cliff Ashcraft. The software steps through precomputed waveform lookup tables, summing the values found and outputting the sum to the D/A at a constant rate. This allows complex waveforms to be computed and stored in advance, thus reducing the amount of computation required at play time. Note envelopes and timbre variations during each note are accomplished by storing a series of waveforms for each voice. Each stored waveform represents the waveshape and amplitude of the note at a given duration. The amplitude and timbre variations are generated by rapidly switching waveform tables.
Using the current sof tware, the Apple's 1 MHz 6502 microprocessor can produce four-part music with realistic-sounding instruments and a 3.5 KHz frequency bandwidth. Faster processors can produce more parts and a greater frequency response. The technique is extremely flexible and can provide a wide range of instrument sounds. The hardware required is simple and inexpensive because the software does most of the work.

The main disadvantage of the system is that the software uses virtually all available processor time. The bandwidth or the number of musical parts cannot be increased without using a faster processor. Adding another $D / A$ circuit board can provide stereo outputs but will not increase the music capacity of the system. Another disadvantage is that overall volume control and dynamic accents are difficult to implement due to time and memory-capacity limitations. It is not uncommon to fill 32 K bytes of memory with waveform tables without allowing for varying volumes for each instrument. This limitation could be removed by using a multiplying (variable gain) $D / A$ to control the output level, which would also tend to effectively improve the limited signal-to-noise ratio of the 8 -bit $D / A$.
Even with these limitations, the technique has a large number of avid users, and the quality of the music produced continues to improve as the software is refined. Examples of products using this method are devices built by Micro Music Inc (309 Beaufort St, Normal IL 61761, (309) 452-6991) for the Apple II, and products produced by Micro Technology Unlimited Inc (2606 Hillsborough St, POB 12106, Raleigh NC 27605, (919) 833-1458) for the Apple, PET, Aim, and other 6502-based computers.

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Photo 10: A plot of the harmonic partials required to create an approximate square wave. For each odd harmonic specified, the amplitude is equal to $100 / n$, where $n$ is the harmonic number.

Text continued from page 82: may be simulated by using multiple oscillators. If you wish to decay the higher harmonics faster than the low ones in order to simulate a plucked or struck string instrument, you can use two or three oscillators with different harmonic contents and design them to decay at different rates.


Photo 11: The waveform resulting from the harmonic specifications in photo 10. A good approximation of a square wave could be used to simulate some of the less expensive music boards that are available for the Apple.

In contrast to the MusicSystem, many synthesizers use the ADSR (attack-decay-sustain-release) method to specify envelopes. In the ALF synthesizer, for example, you specify the attack slope, the initial decay slope, the sustain level, and the release slope which ends the note. The sustain is always at a constant volume, so it is difficult to simulate instruments, like a piano, which decay

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gradually while the note is sustained, but drop off abruptly when the key is released. The ADSR method is a simple way of specifying envelopes, but it does not have the flexibility required to simulate real instruments accurately. Figure 4 shows a comparison of the ADSR and MusicSystem envelopes.

## Documentation

Mountain Computer provides a comprehensive manual with the MusicSystem. Within its two hundred pages are chapters on system operations, descriptions of all the system programs, and a good section on background and theory.
The MusicSystem manual makes extensive use of walkthrough examples to introduce you to each of the MusicSystem programs. You are taken step by step through the Music Editor (through the process of entering the song "America" in two parts), and then through the Instrument Definer, where you learn while creating the instrument ORGAN. The manual also includes a complete list of error messages and their causes, by program, as well as reference material that describes the hardware, the system file formats, and how to control the hardware with your own software.
The manual, and in particular the chapters on the Instrument Definer and MusicSystem theory, should be carefully read by any MusicSystem purchaser. A number of fine points and operational details will not be
understood if you "don't read the instructions until all else fails."

## Comments

According to Avery Dee, Vice President of Marketing, Mountain Computer considers the MusicSystem an evolving product, and plans to support and expand the system through future software releases. The first release of the MusicSystem was version 1.2, which did not include the Instrument Definer or the PRINT command. Since then, the current version 2.0 has been released and made available at no charge to all purchasers of version 1.2. By the time you read this article, another version may have been released. Certainly the unimplemented commands should be fixed, and hopefully, n-tuplets and repeats will be added.

Mountain Computer is currently compiling and providing MusicSystem information to several vendors who are either designing software or interfacing the system to other products. For example, The Alpha-Syntauri keyboard (Syntauri Ltd, 3506 Waverly, Palo Alto CA 94306) is now available interfaced to the MusicSystem as well as ALF's music boards.

In a way, the development of the MusicSystem can be compared to that of the Apple II three years ago. It has some limitations at the moment, but it is still entirely usable, and shows great potential. With the planned software enhancements, it should satisfy most needs for

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Figure 4: Comparison envelopes produced by the MusicSystem and by the ADSR method. The MusicSystem allows a more detailed envelope specification than the $A D S R$ method, and is better able to emulate the characteristics of real instruments. The overall MusicSystem envelope is a composite of the various oscillator envelopes in the instrument definition.
years to come. In any case, it is the most powerful synthesizer available for the Apple II, and it is pricecompetitive with its closest rival, the ALF unit.

Conclusions

- The Mountain Computer MusicSystem is a flexible, well-designed music synthesizer that provides a combina-

tion of features and capabilities currently unmatched by any other Apple II music synthesizer.
- The MusicSystem boards alone provide an interesting avenue for experimentation in computer music for those users who wish to write their own programs.
- The documentation provided by Mountain Computer is complete and comprehensive. In addition to operating instructions, it provides tutorial and theory sections and numerous appendices that cover such categories as the hardware interface, error message causes, and conversion to DOS 3.3.
- The Instrument Definer is a unique program that adds a new dimension to the synthesis process. As much creative effort may be spent defining instruments as was previously spent entering music.
- The two main weaknesses of the MusicSystem are the lack of repeats (musical subroutines) and triplets, or n-tuplets. Hopefully this omission will be rectified in a future software release.
- Other features I'd like to see added are a Play Multiple Songs program, the ability to adjust tempo at play time, and audio feedback in the Music Editor program.


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[^8]quines more complex methematics than those used in this article. The solution involves solving a partial differential equation knozon as the equation of radiative tranafer....SM) For the twentieth century, the times computed are accurate to within two minutes.
The fact that the sun rises at different times during the year is not mysterious. It is caused by the tilt of the earth's axis with respect to its orbit around the sun. In the summer, the time between sunrise and sunset is longer than in the winter. The question is: "How much longer?"

## Describing Celestial Objects

We first need to understand how astronomers dencribe where objects are in the sky. They start by assuming that all astronomical objects such as the sun, moon, and stars, can be painted on a large sphere around the earth If you stand in an open field, your line of sight to the unobstructed horizon intersects this celestial sphere in a great circle The point directly owerhead is called the zenith, and the point near the North Star (Polaris) where the stars appear to rotate is known as the north celestial pole. A great circle running through the celestial poles and the local zenith is called the local meridian. These positions and circles are shown in figure 1. The position of the image on the sphere is described by a celestial "latitude" and "Jongitude," known as declination (8) and right ascension (RA) (see figure 2).
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you can keep track of the time. For example, if the sun were on the celestial equator, at noon it would be on the meridian You could measure $90^{\circ}$ along the celestial equator between the local meridian and the sun's location at 6 PM ; it would be $180^{\circ}$ from its starting position at midnight. At dawn, it would be $270^{\circ}$ around, and at noon $360^{\circ}$-back to its starting position. The angle between the local meridian and a certain celestial longitude is called the hour angle, $H$.

At any given time, $\hat{\omega}_{a}$, the angle between the sun and the eenith of an observer at latitude $\phi$, is related to the hour angle and declination of the sun, $\delta$, by the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\cos \left(\theta_{0}\right)=\sin (\phi) \sin (\delta)+\cos (\phi) \cos (\delta) \cos (H) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

When the sun sels, it it on the horizon $90^{\circ}$ from the renith, so cos ( 0 a) is 0 . Thus, the sun sets when

$$
\begin{equation*}
\cos (H)=-\tan (\phi) \tan (\delta) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Computing the Amount of Solar Energy

The actual computation of the time of sunrise or sunset is more useful if, instead of solving equation (2), a method is used allowing you to estimate the amount of energy the sun radiates to the atmosphere during a day.

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$$
\begin{equation*}
d\left(\cos \left(\theta_{0}\right)\right)=-\cos (\phi) \cos (\delta) \sin (C t) C d t \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $C=2 \pi / 24 \mathrm{hr}$. In this same time increment, the amount of energy per unit area that reaches the top of the atmosphere is

$$
\begin{equation*}
d P=E_{0} \cos \left(\theta_{0}\right) d t \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

$E_{0}$ is the solar constant, which is about 1370 watts per square meter. By converting to $\cos \left(\theta_{0}\right)$ as the variable of integration, you can compute both the time of sunrise (or sunset) and the amount of energy per unit area arriving during the hours of daylight.
The number of hours of sunlight is given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
L D=24\left(1-\frac{2}{\pi} \quad \arctan \left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu_{a}-\mu_{n}}{\mu_{m}-\mu_{a}}}\right)\right) \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the amount of energy is given by

$$
\begin{align*}
A E & =\left(1.184 \cdot 10^{8}\right)\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^{2}\left\{\frac{1}{2}\left(\mu_{m}+\mu_{n}\right) L D\right. \\
& \left.+\frac{\left(\mu_{m}-\mu_{n}\right) \sin (\pi L D / 24)}{2 \pi}\right\} \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$



Figure 1: Positions on the celestial sphere for an observer at latitude $\phi$. For observation from the earth, the points of reference are the horizon and zenith. The horizon has attached to it the compass points $N, S, E$, and $W$. The zenith is always directly overhead. The meridian is the great circle extending from $N$ on the horizon through the zenith to $S$ on the horizon. The celestial sphere rotates from $E$ to $W$ about the north celestial pole. When the sun is on the meridian, it is local solar noon, and the hour angle $H$ is 0 . As time passes, rotation of the celestial sphere carries the sun toward the western horizon, and the hour angle increases. At the same time, the solar-zenith angle also increases. When the sun is on the horizon (at sunrise and sunset), $\theta_{0}=90^{\circ}$.
where $L D$ is the length of day in hours, $A E$ is the amount of energy per unit area in joules per square meter ( $\mathrm{J} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ ), $a$ is the mean distance from the earth to the sun in kilometers, and $r$ is the actual distance from the earth to the sun in kilometers. (To convert this figure to Btu per square feet, multiply by $8.80598 \cdot 10^{-5}$. About half of this energy reaches the surface on a clear day.)

In these expressions, $\mu_{m}$ has been used for $\cos$ (max of $\theta_{0}$ during the day), $\mu_{n}$ for $\cos \left(\min\right.$ of $\theta_{0}$ during the night), and $\mu_{\mathrm{a}}$ for $\max \left(0, \mu_{n}\right)$. In terms of latitude and solar declination

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{m}=\cos (\phi-\delta) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

while

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu_{n}=-\cos (\phi+\delta) \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Observe that $\mu_{m}$ can be less than zero during the arctic winter ( $\delta$ less than zero and $\phi$ close to $90^{\circ}$ ) and $\mu_{n}$ can be greater than zero during the arctic summer ( $\delta$ greater than zero and $\phi$ close to $90^{\circ}$ ). These conditions prevent us from computing a negative square root in equation (5).


Figure 2: The position of an object is described by its declination and right ascension. For a person located at the North Pole, the north celestial pole is directly overhead. A person located on the equator has the celestial equator directly overhead. The vernal equinox (March 21) is where the sun intersects the equator in its apparent orbit around the earth.


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## Where's the Sun?

To use equations (5) and (6), you must know both your latitude, $\phi$, and the solar declination, $\delta$. Very roughly,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta=22.5 \cdot \sin (360 f-90) \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $f$ is the number of days since January 1 divided by $365.25, \delta$ is in degrees, and the argument of the sine function is also in degrees.

This might be satisfactory if you just wanted to know where the sun is. But if it is used to estimate the time of sunrise and sunset, you find large errors (about twenty minutes) in the local solar time of sunrise and sunset. There are basically two kinds of difficulty. The first is that the sun's apparent orbit around the earth doesn't fall on the celestial equator. Once this is recognized, you realize that time is kept by a fictitious mean sun moving steadily along the equator. As a result of the nonzero orbital inclination, the right ascension of the actual sun rarely agrees with that of the mean sun.
The second difficulty is that when the earth is closer to the sun in January, it moves faster in its orbit than it does in June, when it is farther away. The correction for these two effects is known as the equation of time.
The proper way to find the sun's location on the celestial sphere is to find its position in apparent orbit around the earth, then find its right ascension and declination. This is not as difficult as it sounds. The basic orbit description requires only the actual distance from the earth to the sun, $r$, and the angle between the sun and


Figure 3: True anomaly (V), eccentric anomaly (E), and mean anomaly (M). The position of an object in orbit is given by radius $r$ and angle V. By using the properties of an ellipse and a circle with radius $a$, it can be shown that $r=a(1-e \cdot \cos (E)$ ), where $e$ is the orbital eccentricity. The mean anomaly ( $M$ ) is the angle swept out in a circle of radius $a \cdot \sqrt[4]{1-e^{2}}$ by a radius vector so that the area swept out by that radius (crosshatched area marked as M) increases at the same rate as that of $r$ for the elliptical orbit (crosshatched area marked as V). See the text for more details.
its orbital position at its closest approach to earth. This angle, $V$, is known as the true anomaly.
You can compute $V$ (giving the true position of the sun) through calculations geometrically equivalent to the diagram infigure 3. The apparent orbit of the sun is given by the ellipse in this figure, with earth not at the center of the concentric circles but at one of the foci of the ellipse. (For purposes of illustration, the "flatness" of the ellipse has been exaggerated; in truth, the ellipse is almost a true circle, and the focus where the earth lies is much closer to the center of the concentric circles.) Taking the intersection of the axes of the ellipse as a center, the dotted circle (with radius $a \cdot \sqrt[4]{1-e^{2}}$ ) is the path of the imaginary mean sun, traveling at a constant speed along its orbit. The larger, solid circle has the same center but with radius $a$, which is the length of the semimajor axis of the ellipse.
$V$ can be found by calculating two other angles: the mean anomaly, $M$, and the eccentric anomaly, $E$. Although the calculations are involved, the result is this: the area traced out by the mean sun from perigee to its current location (the crosshatched area traced out by angle $M$ ) is equal to the area traced out by the real sun from perigee to its current location (the crosshatched area traced out by angle $V$ ). The eccentric anomaly, $E$, is calculated as an intermediate step from $M$ to $V$.
(Actually, the angle $M$ must be adjusted. Its true value, in degrees, for $f$ days into the year is

$$
\begin{equation*}
M=360 f+\epsilon^{\prime}-\Omega \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\epsilon^{\prime}$ is the mean longitude of the sun and $\Omega$ is the mean longitude at perigee.)

An object with a position described by $M$ can be geometrically related to another object moving at a con-


Figure 4: Relation between the celestial equator and the apparent solar orbit. The sun's apparent orbit does not lie in the plane of the celestial equator. The angle between these two planes is the obliquity of the ecliptic ( $\epsilon$ ). The sun is closest to the earth at perigee, which occurs about January $20 . \Omega$ is the angle along the solar orbit from vernal equinox to perigee (about $280^{\circ}$ ).

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stant rate around an elliptical orbit with the same semimajor axis. The angle between perigee and the position of this second object is known as the eccentric anomaly, $E$. It is related to $M$ by the transcendental equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
E=M-e \sin (E) \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $e$ is the orbital eccentricity (a dimensionless constant). For the earth, $e$ is small, and Newton's method is sufficient for solving equation (11). You start by assuming that

$$
\begin{equation*}
E=M \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

and then iterate a few times with the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
E=E+(M-(E-e \sin (E))) /(1-e \cos (E)) \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Once $E$ is available, $V$ can be found using the relationship

$$
\begin{equation*}
V=2 \arctan (\sqrt{(1+e) /(1-e)} \cdot \tan (E / 2)) \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

If you are interested in solar energy, the correction for the distance to the sun is available directly, since

$$
\begin{equation*}
r=a(1-e \cos (E)) \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $a$ is the semimajor axis of the orbit. Equations (10) and (12) through (15) are general and can be used for orbits other than the sun's apparent orbit around the earth. For a derivation, see sections 67 and 68 of Textbook on Spherical Astronomy by W M Smart (see reference 4). You might want to try these equations for simulating the orbital elements of comets and for spacecraft in spacewar games.

With the true anomaly available, you can find the solar declination from additional orbital geometry which relates $\Omega$ and the obliquity of the ecliptic, $\epsilon$ (ie: the angle between the earth-sun orbital plane and the celestial equator). The relationship is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sin (\delta)=\sin (\epsilon) \cdot \sin (V+\Omega) \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

## The Solar Ephemeris and the Julian Date

Equations (12) and (5) are not entirely accurate. For precise computation, you should use

$$
\begin{align*}
M= & -1.52417-\left(1.5 \cdot 10^{-4}+3 \cdot 10^{-6} T\right) T^{2} \\
& +0.9856002670 D \tag{17}
\end{align*}
$$

where $T$ is the Universal Time since January 1, 1900 in Julian years of 365.25 days, $D$ is the number of Julian days since that date, and the mean anomaly $M$ is in degres. The longitude of perihelion is

$$
\begin{align*}
\Omega= & 281.22083+\left(4.53 \cdot 10^{-4}+3 \cdot 10^{-6} T\right) T^{2} \\
& +4.70684 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot D \tag{18}
\end{align*}
$$

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where $\Omega$ is in degrees.
You can also write the obliquity of the ecliptic, which is the angle between the celestial equator and the earth's orbital plane, as

$$
\begin{align*}
\epsilon= & 23.452294-\left(1.30125 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot T+\right. \\
& \left(1.64 \cdot 10^{-6}-5.03 \cdot 10^{-7} \cdot T\right) \\
& \left.\cdot T^{2}\right) \tag{19}
\end{align*}
$$

while the orbital eccentricity is

Anomalistic year: The period of time (365.2596413 days) for the sun to increase the mean anomaly ( $M$ ) by $360^{\circ}$.
Celestial sphere: An imaginary sphere around an observer positioned on the earth on which can be placed astronomical objects such as the sun, the moon, the planets, and the stars.
Declination ( $\delta$ ): The angular distance (north or south) from the celestial equator of an object located on the celestial sphere.
Ecliptic: The apparent annual path of the sun across the celestial sphere.
Hour angle $(\mathrm{H})$ : The angle between the local meridian and the right ascension $(R A)$ of a celestial object.
Local meridian: A great circle running through the celestial poles and the local zenith.
Mean anomaly ( $\mathbf{M}$ ): The angle between perigee and a fictitious sun moving in a perfectly circular orbit at a constant speed.
Mean sun: A fictitious object used for calculating time because the real sun's apparent orbit around the earth does not fall on the celestial equator and the sun does not move at a constant speed in its apparent orbit.
North celestial pole: The point near the North Star (Polaris) around which all the other stars appear to rotate.
Obliquity of the ecliptic: The angle between the earthsun orbital plane and the celestial equator.
Orbital eccentricity: An orbit of a celestial body deviating markedly from a circle.
Perigee: The point in the orbit of an object when it is closest to the earth.
Perihelion: The point at which the earth is closest to the sun.
Precession of the equinoxes: An effect caused by tidal friction which acts as a torque on the earth's rotation and causes the axis to precess like a top or gyroscope. Right ascension: The east-west position of an object on the celestial sphere relative to a given reference point called the vernal equinox.
True anomaly (V): The angle between the sun and its orbital position at its closest approach to earth.
Zenith: The point directly overhead on the celestial sphere.

$$
\begin{align*}
e= & 0.01675104-\left(4.18 \cdot 10^{-5}+1.26\right. \\
& \left.10^{-7} \cdot T\right) T \tag{20}
\end{align*}
$$

It takes the sun 365.2596413 days to increase $M$ by $360^{\circ}$, a period known as the anomalistic year. This is the time required for the sun to return to the same point in its orbit-perigee. However, as equation (18) shows, the zero-point for measuring the position of perigee moved 61.892 seconds of arc during the year. As a result, the time required for the sun to return to the same longitude is nearly 365.2422 days. You could repeat the position of the sun without correcting for this nonrational period only if the number were exactly 365 days.

The first-order correction is to add 0.25 days per year, one day every four years. This correction was instituted by Julius Caesar, resulting in the Julian calendar. However, 365.25 days is 0.0078 days per year too long. To improve the fit, Pope Gregory XIII decreed that October 5,1582 was to be called the 15 th and that, thereafter, three century leap years would be ignored every 400 years (ie: all leap years ending in 00 not divisible by 400). England did not adopt the change until 1752, when riots broke out because the rioters believed their lives were being shortened by twelve days.

Astronomers wish to be spared such complications, and they have agreed to keep track of the days continuously, beginning with January 1, 4713 BC. January 1, 4712 BC is day 366 , January $1,4711 \mathrm{BC}$ is day 731 , and so on. To compute the Julian date is not difficult. You start by taking 365 days times the number of years since 4713 BC. To this, add the number of leap years. In the years since 1581, the proper number of excess leap years must also be subtracted.

## Some Physical Complications

In computing the time of sunrise or sunset, there are two major corrections to the procedure described so far: the equation of time and refraction. With the advent of accurate clocks, timekeepers have invented a fictitious mean sun, located on the celestial equator, which advances at the same rate as the mean solar longitude. The solar position in its apparent orbit must be put into right ascension to find how far ahead or behind the true sun is with respect to the fictitious mean sun. The difference in right ascension is known as the equation of time. To compute it, simply compute the solar right ascension, using the relation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tan (S R A)=\frac{1-\tan ^{2}(\epsilon / 2)}{1+\tan ^{2}(\epsilon / 2)} \tan (S L) \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S R A$ is the solar right ascension and $S L$ is the solar longitude, both expressed in degrees. The equation of time is the difference between the solar right ascension and the right ascension of the fictitious mean sun.

The other significant factor is refraction. Although it has been assumed that the sun could be treated as a point mass for the orbital calculation, it subtends about one-

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half degree in the sky. As the sun rises and sets, the rays from different portions of the disk are bent different amounts by refraction in the earth's atmosphere.

As a result, the center of the solar disk must be 51 seconds of arc below the horizon before the upper limb of the sun disappears. The first-order correction to the hour angle in equation (2) is provided by expanding the equation for a correction in $H$ that depends upon having $\theta_{0}=90^{\circ}+51$ arc seconds. The number of minutes by which the sun's upper limb rises earlier or sets later is roughly given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta H=(51 / 15) \sec (\phi) \sec (\delta) \operatorname{cosec}(H) \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Changes in Orbital Elements

As we go forward or backward in time, the other planets and the moon act on the earth and its orbit to change the orbital elements. One sign of these changes is the precession of the equinoxes, which is the major cause of the 61 arc-second advance per year of the longitude of perihelion that has been noted.

Most of this effect is caused by the tidal friction, which acts as a torque on the earth's rotation and causes the earth's axis to precess like a top or gyroscope. In addition, because neither the moon nor the other planets lie exactly in the orbital plane and because their force is not uniform, the orbital elements reflect a change in the inclination of the earth's orbit. These changes appear in the equation for the ephemeris as terms in $T$ and are known as secular terms.

Besides the secular terms, the earth wobbles in its motion in response to forces exerted by the moon on the mass distribution of the earth. The motion is not too large, but it is much faster than the motion accounted for by the secular terms. The largest element of the nutation (wobbling) is included in the program listing. The remaining terms are found in the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac (see reference 2) or in Smart's Spherical Astronomy (see reference 4).

## Time Zone Correction

There is one more substantial correction to make. Most of us use standard time. The same time is kept for all points in a standard time zone. Standard time divides the world into twenty-four zones of longitude, each about $15^{\circ}$ wide. The boundaries are not exactly longitude lines. They are arranged to miss centers of population.

In order to refer to the correct Julian date, you must have the time difference between the longitude of interest and both the Greenwich meridian and the standard time zone. The time difference between the standard meridian and the longitude of interest ( $L G$ ) is
$T D=\left\{\begin{array}{l}(24 \cdot L G) / 360 \\ \text { or } \\ 24-(24 \cdot L G) / 360\end{array}\right.$
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where $T D$ is the time difference measured in hours. Then, you can refer back to the standard time zone, using the longitude of the standard time zone:

$$
\begin{equation*}
T T D=T D-L S Z \cdot \frac{24}{360} \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $T T D$ is the total time difference (in hours), $L S Z$ is the longitude of the center of the standard time zone, and the ratio $24 / 360$ relates 24 hours per day to the $360^{\circ}$ in a circle.

To calculate daylight savings time in any zone, subtract 1 from the zone number. For example, Eastern Standard Time for the United States is centered at $75^{\circ} 0^{\prime} 0^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$ longitude and is time zone 6. For daylight savings time, use zone 5 in the program input.

## The Sunrise-Sunset Algorithm

The program shown in listing 1 was written in CBASIC Version 2. The features of this language that will strike users of standard BASICs are the long variable names and lack of line numbers. Variable names, which may be up to 31 characters, may be concatenated from shorter phrases by interspersing periods; this allows you to write programs that are considerably more readable than ver-

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sions of BASIC allowing only 2-character variable names.

The line numbers at the left of listing 1 were added during compilation. The only line numbers in the source code were those connected with error handling on the input. Line numbers are optional when using the IF...THEN...ELSE and similar control structures that enter so prominently into structured coding.

The second set of features that makes programming in CBASIC2 relatively easy is the structured-control features, such as the IF...THEN...ELSE and WHILE...WEND statements. (The WHILE statement executes the loop as long as the stated condition is not zero.) The implementation of these structures is such that no line numbers are required. Within a set of operations, several replacement statements can be strung together by the use of a colon (:) to denote continuation of the activity. Backslashes ( $\backslash$ ) allow comments at the end of statement lines, making it easy to write self-documenting code.

Beyond thesefeatures, CBASIC2 contains the ability to define functions that take arguments. Functions must be defined before they are used, as in Pascal, although there is no requirement for all function definitions to occur before the body of the program. CBASIC2 is a welldesigned product that fits well with CP/M.

## Final Comments

A sample calculation with some intermediate results is shown in listing 2. This program was checked against the Nautical Almanac and Ephemeris for 1977. Solar positions appear to be correct within about 10 seconds of arc, the error to be expected by neglecting the short-period terms in the nutation. The sunrise and sunset times agreed with those for $50^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$ latitude within two minutes at all times of year. The major inaccuracy is in the approximation used for the refraction effect.
There are some simple extensions to this work. With a bit more work, the times of moonrise and moonset could be derived. Beyond this, it should be relatively easy to extend the orbital calculation to other planets, so that a complete computation of the material in the Ephemeris would be available. Finally, the amount of sunlight getting through the atmosphere could be calculated. This last task, however, would require considerable extra work.

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## A Character Fault

In a table comparison of five low-cost microcomputers (see 'The Commodore VIC 20 Microcomputer: A LowCost, High-Performance Consumer Computer," by Gregg Williams, May 1981 BYTE, page 46), it is stated that the TRS-80 Color Com-
puter has no graphics characters available, but that the unit's color block is onequarter normal-character size. To clarify this a bit, the Color Computer (without Extended BASIC) does have low-resolution graphics on a 64 by 32 grid. Each of these blocks can be turned on or off individually by using the SET and RESET commands.

## Corrupted Interpolation

There are several typographical errors in the second subroutine of "A General Interpolating Graphics Package for the TRS-80," by D K Cohen and D Crowe. (See the November 1980 BYTE, page 296.)

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issue for comparison with these improved program statements:

20150 IF $\mathrm{A} 1=\mathrm{Z} 2-\mathrm{X} 2 / \mathrm{A}$
THEN P1 $=64$ ELSE
$\mathrm{P} 1=-64$
20220 PRINT @
Z5+P1+DU, AX\$;
$20265 \mathrm{~J} 6=\mathrm{J} 6+64$
20275 W5 $5=\mathrm{J} 6+\mathrm{A} 1 / 2-$
(INT(W3/2)-1)*64
20290 L $8=$ L $8+1$
20295 PRINT @
$\mathrm{M} 8+\mathrm{P} 2, \mathrm{FS}(18)$;
In line 20150 the original has F1, which is an undefined variable. In line 20220, the entry ends with a comma, which would cause the screen to scroll up one line when this statement is at the bottom of the screen. Lines 20265 and 20275 have the undefined variable J8 in the original listing. Line 20290 had the undefined L6 as a variable, and 20295 had M6, also undefined.

Thanks to Philip F Jackisch of Royal Oak, Michigan, for pointing out these bugs.

## Knight Errant

While attempting to run the FORTH program given in the article "KNIGHT: A Knight's Tour Problem in MMSFORTH," by Ulrich Frei (February 1981 BYTE, page 325), Marcel Kurtagic of Caracas, Venezuela, got the error message

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running under Version 1.9 of MMSFORTH.
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Tropical summer weather in Southwest Louisiana occasionally turns into vicious hurricanes. People in this part of the country, keenly aware of the destructive power of these storms, become very cautious when tropical depressions begin developing in the Caribbean or Gulf of Mexico. Local weather forecasters closely follow these weather patterns from their inception. Hurricane tracking charts appear everywhere. They are even printed on the back of the paper bags used at the local grocery stores.
In summer 1979, I began tracking hurricane David while it was far out in the Atlantic. I listened diligently to the daily weathercasts and recorded the storm's location on my grocery bag tracking chart. After several days of manually keeping track of David, I decided that this would be a perfect application for my computer. I wanted to give my program the ability to track different
storms by name as they developed throughout the season, tell me the exact direction the storm was traveling, and the distance it had moved since its last recorded position.
At first, I decided to make the mathematics of the program simple by using plane trigonometry to compute storm direction and distance after I input latitude, longitude, date, and time. In fact, I tracked several storms during the 1979 season using this technique with reasonable accuracy. However, not being completely satisfied I checked out a library book that explained the development and use of spherical trigonometry. After several days of studying equations and trial-and-error testing on my computer, I was able to make my hurricane tracking program function more accurately.

Writing and rewriting this program was a great learning experience for me. I had never really worked with spherical trigonometry before. The equations are really quite simple. However, understanding how they work and making them work for you is not quite so simple.

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Listing 1：Sample output of the hurricane tracking program as it monitored hurricanes David and Fred over a period of several days．

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HURRICANE program，you must first initialize the storm file using the CSTORM program．CSTORM has to be run once for each new hurricane to be tracked．Then run the HURRICANE tracking program．It will ask if there are any new coordinates to add to the data file．If there are，the program will ask you to enter the date in the form（MM／DD），the time in the form（HH：MM），the latitude，and the longitude．You may enter all or as many new coordinates as you want to bring the file up to date． When all new coordinates are entered，type in END，to
end the update phase．The program will then generate the latest tracking figures according to the data in the storm file．Listing 1 shows an example of its output．Listing 2 is the CSTORM program and listing 3 is the HURRICANE tracking program．Change lines 560 and 570 to reflect the longitude and latitude of your location and change line 600 to reflect the name of your city or location．

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Listing 3：HURRICANE performs the actual tracking functions using spherical trigonometry and produces the out put shown in listing 1.
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BGG GOELE BSG
OG IF F1C11 THEH 4SE
4GE !#H" OHTE TINEE LFT LOHN ".
41E !抽"DISTHHNE FHW DIEEGTIOH DF TETMEL"
420-1=1
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4EG IF H=G THEN F1=F1+1 ELSE 48G
4G6 IF F'1<>11 T.NEN 4SE
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409 %=%1
456 '%=41
E06 GOTO NEE
510%%
506 '%='4
E3G GOSDE EBG
546 T1=0
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G6%%采
50% 4=30
!ag GIGIE 8SG
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G1E F'1=F1+S
G2G FOF: I=F'1 TO 1GN!`NEMT
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ESG IF Q%=1G0 THEH T2G
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## Gystem Notes

# Changes to FLOPTRAN-IV 

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I thoroughly enjoyed Mark Zimmermann's article on compiled BASIC for the Commodore PET. (See "FLOP-TRAN-IV: A Tiny Compiler," October 1980 BYTE, page 196.) His detailed documentation enabled me to translate FLOPTRAN-IV for use with version 3 PET ROMs (readonly memories). I would like to share with BYTE readers the changes needed for this translation.
$\bullet$ GO \% is replaced by $\mathbf{G O} \%$ in lines $50000,58760,58840$, and 60080 as shown:

```
50000 DIMX, LN%(255),G0%(127,1),ML%(19,1):P = 1025:GC=0
58760 GO%(GC,0)= PC-32766:PRINT#1,0:PRINT#1,0
    ':PC = PC + 3:TL=0
58840 GO%(GC.1)= TL:GC = GC + 1:GOTO50260
60080 FORX = OTOGC - 1:PRINT#1,GO%(X,0) + 32767
    :L=GO%(X,1):Z=LN%(L)+32767
```

- Change the DATA statements for the ROM subroutines in lines 49600,49640 , and 49680 as follows:

49600 DATA69,219,216,219,100,219,0,0,91,210,122,210
49640 DATA94,222,127,223,246,216,218,222,216,223,223,223
49680 DATA40,224,140,224,232,214,115,215,54,215,52,217,30, 218,104,222

- The pointer to the start of the variables is at hexadecimal 2A,2B, so the PEEKs in line 58180 must be changed as follows:

```
58180 PRINT#1,24:PRINT#1,144:PRINT#1,5:PC = PC +3
    :VL = 256*PEEK(43) + PEEK(42) + 2
```

- The BASIC buffer is now in the second page of pro-
grammable memory, so lines 59620 thru 59780 should read:

59620 PRINT\#1,157:PRINT\#1,32:PRINT\#1,2:PRINT\#1,232 :PRINT*1.201:PRINT\#1.13
59660 PRINT\#1,208:PRINT\#1,245:GOSUB59300
59680 PRINT\#1,169:PRINT\#1,2:PRINT\#1,133:PRINT\#1,32 :PRINT*1,169:PRINT*1,32
59700 PRINT\#1,133:PRINT\#1,31:PRINT \#1,202:PRINT\#1,138 :PRINT\#1,32:PRINT\#1,143
59760 PRINT\#1,214:PRINT\#1,162:PRINT \#1,ZL:PRINT\#1,160 :PRINT\#1,ZH
59780 PRINT\#1,32:PRINT\#1,224:PRINT\#1,218:PC $=\mathrm{PC}+46$ :GOTO59500

- Line 59780 above and lines $49420,50720,51520,55660$, and 59080 require changes, as follows, due to other alterations in subroutine locations:

49420 PRINT"1.32:PRINT"1.174:PRINT\#1.218:PC $=\mathrm{PC}+7$ :RETURN
50720 PRINT*1,32:PRINT*1,152:PRINT*1,217:PC $=\mathrm{PC}+3$ :GOTO51080
51120 PRINT\#1,32:PRINT"1,224:PRINT\#1,218:PC = PC + 7 :GOTO50240
55660 PRINT \#1,69:PRINT\#1,99:PRINT"1.133:PRINT\#1,99 $: P C=P C+6: G O T O 51100$
59080 GOSUB49190:GOSUB49400:PRINT"1,32:PRINT"1,233 :PRINT\#1,220

In the new ROMs, the array dimensions are limited by the amount of memory available. The number of possible lines in the source file can be increased by changing lines 49940,50000 , and 50200 , replacing 255 with the number of lines desired.

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Recent years have seen microprocessors assuming applications previously targeted for minicomputers. Their cost and size advantages have spurred their inclusion in a variety of designs such as word processors, computer terminals, and cash registers. Where these functions were once implemented on minicomputers and timesharing terminals, microprocessors can now take on most of the burden in these jobs.

There are still many applications where microprocessors are too slow or are lacking in arithmetic power. However, microprocessors are so attractive from a cost standpoint that ways to use them in computation-bound problems are being intensively investigated. The sharing of resources by more than one processor spreads the cost of expensive programmable memory, mass storage, and



Figure 1: Basic hardware changes made to develop the MC6809E. Comparing the pin assignments of the original MC6809 with the " $E$ " version's reveals that 4 pins have new functions. The MC6809E does not have an on-board clock generator. It relies on external circuitry to perform this function. This allows the control of the bus accesses in a multiprocessor application.
peripheral devices. The percentage of utilization is increased, making these resources more efficient.
Multiprocessing (using more than one processor) is one way to accomplish this increase in use. The use of two or more microprocessors sharing common resources, each working on a portion of a problem, allows a microcomputer system to function where a minicomputer was needed previously-provided that the microprocessor can be used in a multiprocessor system. Motorola's new 8 -bit microprocessor, the MC6809E, was designed with multiprocessing in mind.

## Features of the MC6809E

While the MC6809E features the same instruction set as the MC6809, there are some basic hardware differences (see figure 1 for a pin description). The first difference is the clocks. The MC6809 has an on-board clock generator and inputs to control it: the MRDY (memory ready) pin causes the E and Q clocks to be stretched to allow for a longer access time (for slow memory circuits). The clock signals for the MC6809E, on the other hand, must be generated by an external circuit (see figure 2) that can also be used to stretch the clocks. On the MC6809, the DMA/BREQ input is used to stretch the clocks internally and force the address and data buses into the highimpedance state for DMA (direct memory access) operations. Since the clock generator is external to the MC6809E, this input is not present.
Figure 2 shows a simple clock-generator circuit for use with the MC6809E. The system clock is based on the signal from a crystal oscillator whose frequency is four times the desired clock frequency; the oscillator's output signal is called 4 X . The timing of the bus signals is shown in figure 3. The MRDY input is sampled on the rising edge of the 4 X signal before the falling edge of E . If MRDY is high, $E$ falls with the next falling edge of $4 X$, and Q rises one 4 X period later. If MRDY is low, E is stretched to remain high and Q is stretched low. Signals on the data and address buses remain valid until MRDY goes high again. E falls on the next falling edge of the 4 X signal, and E and Q continue normally from there. The MC6809E can have its clock stretched a maximum of $10 \mu \mathrm{~s}$.

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In addition, the MC6809E has 4 pins dedicated to signals not used in the MC6809: TSC, AVMA, BUSY, and LIC. Asserting (placing a logical true signal on) the TSC (three-state control) pin forces the data bus, address bus, and $R / \bar{W}$ (read/write) line into a high-impedance state if the clocks are both held in the logic low state. This can be used to temporarily "remove" the processor from the bus so another bus master, such as a DMA controller, can take over.
The LIC (last instruction cycle) pin is high during the last cycle of an instruction. This signal, in conjunction with a bipolar PROM (programmable read-only mem-


Figure 3: Timing diagram for the circuit in figure 2. The MRDY and $4 X$ signals are used in combination to determine how long the $E$ and $Q$ clocks will be stretched (shaded areas).
ory), can be used to decode unimplemented opcodes and trigger an error condition. The error condition can be used to reset the processor to a known condition and recover. This helps to guarantee system integrity for applications needing fail-safe operation.

AVMA (advanced valid memory access) indicates that the processor will access the bus on the next cycle, whether an opcode or operand. Since the MC6809E sets all address and $\mathrm{R} / \overline{\mathrm{W}}$ lines high during cycles in which it is not accessing the bus, this signal is useful to a bus arbiter in deciding which processors are granted bus access and which have to wait. (This will be discussed in more detail later, in a multiprocessor system implementation.)

The BUSY signal indicates that an indivisible memory access is taking place. This occurs during double-byte operations (such as LDX), and also during the read-modifywrite instructions (such as shifts and rotates) in which a byte is fetched from memory, modified, and returned. This is also useful in a multiprocessing environment, as will be shown later.

The timing relationship of these signals is shown in figure 4. The example given is the execution of an ASR (arithmetic shift-right) operation on a memory location using the extended ( 16 -bit) addressing mode. AVMA is high for the first three cycles, indicating that the processor is using the bus. This is the opcode fetch (hexadecimal 77) and the operand fetch (hexadecimal 10 and 00) from locations hexadecimal 100, 101, and 102. AVMA then goes false to show that the next cycle is not a

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valid memory-access cycle; BUSY is then made true to identify the read-modify-write portion of the instruction. The value at address hexadecimal 1000 is read, shifted, and written back to memory. LIC is then made true to indicate the last cycle of the instruction. LIC, AVMA, and BUSY are all valid from the rising edge of the Q clock.

## Software

The MC6809 and MC6809E have a powerful instruction set, including a variety of indexed addressing modes,


Figure 4: Timing relationships of MC6809E signals during an ASR (arithmetic shift-right) instruction. All numbers shown are in hexadecimal.


Figure 5: Internal architecture and programming model of the MC6809E.

16-bit math functions, and versatile stack-manipulation instructions. They support position-independent reentrant code and the multiple-stack architecture required by many high-level languages, including Pascal.

The processor's architecture and programming model are shown in figure 5 . There are two 16 -bit stack pointers ( S and U ) and two 16 -bit index registers ( X and Y ). Two 8 -bit accumulators are provided, but they can be used as a single 16 -bit accumulator (D) to perform doubleprecision additions and subtractions. The DP (directpage register) allows a "floating" 256-byte page for direct ( 8 -bit address) instructions. (This saves on the amount of code and time required to access frequently used variables.)

Both stack pointers also support all indexed addressing modes, and both index registers can be used as stack pointers:

PUSHAX STA $0,-x \quad$| TO PUSH, PNTR IS DEC, |
| :---: |
| THEN STORE A |

PULLAX LDA $0, x+$| TO PULL, LOAD THEN |
| :---: |
| INCR PNTR |

This code implements stacks with the $X$ and $Y$ index registers. The X register is used as a stack pointer that always points to the last entry in the stack. The automatic "predecrement" indexed mode is used to implement a push to the stack. (The X register is first decremented by one, and the A accumulator is stored at the location pointed to by X.) In the same fashion, a pull is accomplished with the load-accumulator-indexed instruction with an automatic postincrement operation.


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Listing 1: A completely reentrant search routine for the MC6809E. Each routine in a program passes parameters on a stack and returns them on the stack.

| * | SEARCH A TABLE OF LENGTH N Starting at |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | LOCATION TAB TO FIND CHAR. IF THE SEARCH |
| * | IS SUCCESSFUL, RETURN WITH ADDRESS ON |
| * | THE STACK AND C=1, If NOT THEN CLEAN THE |
| * | STACK AND RETURN WITH C=0 |
| * | ON ENTRY CHAR, $N$ AND TAB ARE ON STACK |
| * | REGISTER VOLATILITY: $A, B, X, Y, C C$ |


| CHAR | EQU | 0 | OFFSET ON STACK TO CHAR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TAB | EQU | 1 | 2 BYTE ADDR OF TABLE |
| N | EQU | 3 | NUMBER CHARS IN TABLE |
| SEARCH | LDX | TAB, S | GET ADDR OF TABLE IN $X$ |
|  | LDB | - N, S | GET N |
|  | LDA | CHAR,S | GET CHAR TO FIND |
| Sl | CMPA | , $\mathrm{X}+$ | CHECK FOR MATCH, INC PNTR |
|  | BEQ | FOUND | GOT IT |
|  | DECB |  | DEC COUNT |
|  | BNE | 51 | NOT FINISHED YET |
| NOT | ANDCC | -SFE | CLEAR CARRY |
|  | LEAS | 4, S | CLEAN STACK |
|  | RTS |  | RETURN |
| FOUND | ORCC | *S01 | SET CARRY |
|  | LEAS | 4,5 | CLEAN STACK |
|  | LDY | 0,5 | GET RETURN ADDR IN Y |
|  | STX | 0,5 | PUT CHAR ADDR ON STACK |
|  | JMP | O,Y | RETURN TO CALLER |

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The proper use of stacks in an MC6809 machine-language program allows completely reentrant code to be written, making recursive routines easy to implement. Each routine passes parameters on a stack and returns them on the stack, as well as keeping any temporary variables there. An example of this is shown in listing 1.

The MC6809E also supports position-independent code through its relative-addressing mode and LEA (load effective address) instruction. Two types of branches are provided-short and long. The short-branch instructions have a single-byte signed offset fromi the current location, allowing a branch within the 256 -byte page centered on the branch opcode. The long-branch instructions have a 2-byte signed offset, allowing branches to anywhere in the 16 -bit address map.
A particularly useful relative-address mode is the PCR (program counter relative) mode. This allows the use of the program counter itself as an index register. Using this mode in conjunction with the LEA instruction allows the calculation of absolute addresses at run time, even though the final execution address may not be known at assembly time.
The LEA instruction loads the effective address of an operand into an index register instead of the operand itself, allowing absolute addresses to be calculated in position-independent code:

TABLE RMB 20
START OF DATA TABLE

## LEAX TABLE,PCR GET ADDRESS OF TABLE LDA , $\mathrm{X}+$ GET A BYTE OF DATA

The LEAX instruction loads the absolute (effective) address of TABLE into the $X$ register, even though this differs if the routine is executed at different addresses.

## Multiprocessor Systems

There is considerable debate about what a multiprocessor system should do and how it should be implemented. On one hand are loosely coupled systems, in which several computers communicate with one another (over a serial link, for example), each processor doing part of a larger job. Local processors can preprocess raw data into a more manageable format to be used with more comprehensive algorithms on another computer. On the other hand are tightly coupled systems, in which several processors share a common bus (of a given bandwidth), using the same memory and I/O (input/output) interfaces in a timeshared fashion. The MC6809E was designed for this latter type of system.

Two types of systems are considered here, the local/ global and the global-only. In the local/global system, each processor has a local bus with a block of programText continued on page 146

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Figure 6: Block diagram of a global-only multiprocessor system. Each of the four microprocessors shares the system's memory and
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$A_{2}=\operatorname{AVMAZ}$
$A_{3}=A V M A 3$
$A_{4}=$ AVMA 4
BUSY - BUSY 1 + BUSY 2 + BUSY 3 + BUSY 4
Figure 7: State diagram of the bus arbiter used in a fourprocessor system. This resolves conflicts regarding which processor has access to the system resources.


Text continued from page 142:
mable memory not shared by the others; a global bus makes available the memory and I/O that is shared. Arbitration takes place only when one processor wishes to use the global bus. In a global-only system, all processors share the same global bus and every cycle must be arbitrated.

The block diagram in figure 6 shows a global-only system in which four MC6809Es share a block of memory and some I/O interfaces. Each processor is connected to the bus via three-state bus buffers controlled by the bus arbiter. The AVMA lines of each processor are connected to the arbiter to indicate which processor is requesting access to the bus. The BUSY lines are logically ORed together to provide a single BUSY signal to the arbiter.

The arbiter's control outputs are four grant signals that control the three-state buffers of their respective processors, and four stretch signals that stretch the E and Q clocks of each processor, separately.

The function of the bus arbiter is to decide which processor will be granted access to the global bus during each cycle of the E clock. The arbiter determines access to the bus for each processor on a cycle-by-cycle basis. The clocks are stretched on the processors that are requesting the bus. Clocks are provided to the processor on the bus. This allows only one of the processors access during a given E cycle. During any given cycle, arbitration takes place for the next cycle unless BUSY is true, in which case arbitration is deferred until it becomes false. This is to ensure that data is not modified during instructions requiring indivisible accesses.

The state diagram in figure 7 shows the logical function of the arbiter. Each state represents the state of the grant outputs shown in table 1. For example, in state 1, GRANT1 is true and the remaining grant signals are false. If BUSY is true, the next state is the same as the present state and the bus continues to be granted to the same processor. BUSY remains true for a maximum of two cycles.

If no other processor requests the bus via its AVMA signal, the bus remains granted to the one currently having possession, even if it does not require it; this simplifies the logic of the arbiter.

If the processor next requesting the bus is next in line to have highest priority (ie: its number in the round-robin priority scheme is numerically next), it is granted the bus and the rest are denied access. If it does not request the bus and another processor does, the requesting unit with the highest priority is granted an access.

The stretch signals are also generated by the arbiter. If a processor requests the bus and is denied, its grant will be false and its clocks will be stretched with both E and Q held low until that unit is granted the bus and can complete its access. If a processor has not requested the bus, its grant will be false and its three-state bus buffers will be in the high-impedance state, but its clocks will not be stretched-to allow completion of its nonmemory access cycle. This improves system throughput markedly in programs where.instructions having many internal cycles

| State | GRANT1 | Outputs |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GRANT2 | $\overline{\text { GRANT3 }}$ | GRANT4 |  |  |
| $0(00)$ |  |  |  |  |
| $1(01)$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $2(10)$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| $3(11)$ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
|  |  | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Table 1: State of the $\overline{G R A N T}$ outputs of the bus arbiter. as shown in figure 7. State numbers are those shown in figure 7. The binary output of the state-register flip-flop is shown in parentheses.
(such as a multiply instruction) are used frequently. The truth table for the stretch signals is summarized in table 2.
If a processor, having the highest priority for that cycle, were to execute the fifth cycle of an ASR or similar instruction, the BUSY signal would prevent "rearbitration" and the other processors would be held off for three cycles. If all the processors did the same thing, each would have its clocks stretched for nine cycles. With a 1 MHz E clock, this is $9 \mu \mathrm{~s}$. Since the maximum time a clock ( E or Q ) can be low is $9.5 \mu \mathrm{~s}$, a maximum of four processors can be used in a system of this type. If MC68B09Es (rated at 2 MHz ) are used, eight processors can be put on the same global bus.
A circuit implementing the bus arbiter is shown in figure 8 . The state machine of figure 7 is implemented us-

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| $\overline{\text { AVMA }_{N}}$ | $\overline{\text { GRANT }_{N}}$ | $\overline{\text { STRETCH }_{N}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 |

Table 2: Truth table of the $\overline{S T R E T C H}$ outputs of the bus arbiter, as shown in figure 7. $N$ can have the values 1, 2, 3, or 4.
ing a 74S287 256 by 4 -bit PROM, and a 74LS273 octal latch as the next-state latch. Since the AVMA signals change with the rising edge of $Q$, these signals are latched by the falling edge of E , preventing the inputs to the PROM from changing during arbitration. The outputs of the arbiter are state bits that are decoded with a 74LS139 dual 2 -bit to 4 -line decoder. The separate grant lines control the enable signals of the three-state buffers, and the stretch signals send the E and Q clocks to the separate processors.

The reset state presents a special problem. When the $\overline{\text { RESET }}$ line is brought low and returned high, the processors fetch their restart vectors from locations hexadecimal FFFE and FFFF. This means that all the processors would execute the same code-hardly an improvement. One way to prevent this is to designate one processor, number 1, for example, as the master. The decoding for the restart vectors would then include GRANT1, so processor 1 would restart into code that would perform the I/O and set up the operating system. The other three units would restart to another location containing a SYNC instruction.

Since the interrupt masks E and I are set during reset, the SYNC instruction causes the processor to wait until it receives an interrupt to continue execution. The master processor then writes a jump instruction to the code that each processor is to execute in the location following the SYNC instruction. A PIA (programmable interface adapter integrated circuit) can be used to toggle the IRQ (interrupt request) lines to each processor, in turn, to initiate the execution of the application program.

## Semaphores

Now that the processors are all executing code, how do they communicate with one another? They will possibly need to pass data from one to the other. Perhaps one will need to pass a pointer to data that has been processed to another unit, or it might need to output data and will require an I/O device. How can a resource be allocated to one processor and its use be made known to the others? The answer is semaphores.

A semaphore, in this system, is a memory location set aside by the programmer to be a flag indicating the availability of a resource, memory, I/O, or whatever. The semaphore must show a resource as being allocated or

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Figure 8: The circuitry used to implement the bus arbiter. Information based on table 1 and table 2 (stored in the PROM) is decoded to produce the states shown in figure 7.
unallocated when read by a processor. If it was unallocated, it must show allocated the next time it is read.

Since bus accesses are performed on a cycle-by-cycle basis, there is the possibility that one processor might read the semaphore, finding it unallocated. Another processor might read it and find it still unallocated before the first processor has a chance to change the semaphore. At this point, the resource might (mistakenly) be allocated to both units.
To prevent this, the BUSY signal is used to defer bus "rearbitration." The shift instructions (which are of the read-modify-write type) can then be used to implement true semaphores:

| CHECK | ASR | SEM | READ SEMAPHORE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | BCS | FREE | CAN NOW USE PRINTER |
|  | BRA | CHECK | IN USE, TRY AGAIN |
| FREE | EQU | $*$ | PRINTER ROUTINE HERE |

The ASR instruction is used to allocate a printer to a processor. The location shown symbolically as SEM contains the value 0 if the printer is already in use or the value 1 if it is free. The ASR SEM instruction reads the location and shifts bit 0 into the carry bit of the processor. At the same time, a 0 is shifted into the high-order bit of the location and all other bits are shifted to the right one place. The result is the value 0 . This is then written back into memory.
During the two cycles preceding the last write to memory, the BUSY line is high, preventing any other pro-
cessor from accessing the bus. The BCS (branch-on-carry-set) instruction that follows will branch to FREE if the printer was free. If this is not the case, the program loops back to CHECK to try again. To reset the semaphore and make the resource available, store a 1 in the semaphore location.

## The Local/Global System

One problem with the global-only type of system is that, since the processors must access the bus constantly to fetch opcodes, system efficiency suffers. One way to increase efficiency is to provide each processor with a separate, local bus with memory in which to store a program and a portion of the data as well. The only time a processor will be slowed is when it needs to access the global bus. This is called a local/global system.
A block diagram of a local/global system is given in figure 9. The top address bit (A15) is used to determine whether an access is local or global. Addresses hexadecimal 7FFF and below are global; 8000 and above are local. This places the restart and interrupt vectors in local address space, alleviating the restart problem mentioned earlier. The BUSY signal should also be gated with A15 to prevent the holding off of "rearbitration" when one of the processors is busy on the local bus. In the system shown, the processors are partitioned functionally. Processor 1 performs all I/O. Processor 2 executes the operating system and directs the operation of the others. Processor 3 and Processor 4 perform data manipulations.
Since it is not known whether an access as indicated by
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The E-low-to-Q-high time ( $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{EQ}}$ ) is 250 ns at 1 MHz . Arbitration must be complete in $t_{E Q}-t_{A D}=$ $250 \mathrm{~ns}-200 \mathrm{~ns}=50 \mathrm{~ns}$. Assuming Schottky buffers for the A15 line, there will be a 7 ns delay through the buffer, a 45 ns propagation delay through the 74 S 287 PROM, an 8 ns propagation delay through the 74 S 139 , and a 22 ns delay for the bus buffers to release from high impedance. This is a total of 82 ns arbitration time. Clearly, this is not sufficiently fast. One solution is to redesign the arbiter using random logic to reduce the arbitration time.

Another solution is to slow the system clock to less than 1 MHz , but this reduces throughput. A better solution is to use MC68A09Es. The address delay, $\mathrm{t}_{A D}$, is only 140 ns in this part. With a 1 MHz clock, this requires 250 ns $-140 \mathrm{~ns}=110 \mathrm{~ns}$ to arbitrate, leaving a 28 ns margin.

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## Applications

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ing，multiplying，finding the inverse，and finding the determinant of a matrix are all operations that can be partitioned successfully．If each processor can perform part of the operation and later combine the subproblem solutions，the speed of the system will be substantially in－ creased over conventional serial methods．
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# Computer Simulation of a Solar-Energy System 

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Energy consumption in the United States in 1979 exceeded 70 quadrilion Btus (British thermal units). Thar's a lot of energy. About 22\% of that was consumed by residential space and water heating. If some of this energy could be supplied directly by the sun, the sovings would be considerable.

This goal could be attained in part by thermal-solarenergy heating systems, but their design presents some problems. For example, what collector area would be most cost effective? Does the building need more insulationt Can a storage tank hold enough energy to supply the building with heat thru a cold spelli A simulator program can help answer these and other important questions.
A computer program using heat-transfer equations can use numerical approximation to effectively simulate a solar-energy system. Program users can begin simulation with the parameters of their home and leam the effect of changes in these parameters on the efficiency of a hypothetical energy system. In this way, an economical system can be engineered for a particular building and location without costly experimentation.

A typical solar-heating system (figure 1) consists of a collector, storage tank, and pipes connecting these and the building. In this artick. I consider only a circulatingwater system. keeping in mind that the concepts are similar for a hot air system.

The flow, storage, and exchange of heat are governed by several thermodynamic equations. Heat flow in any homogeneous material is given by the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{t}=\left(T_{t}-T_{t}\right) / R_{f} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $H_{\text {e }}$ = heat flow in killojoules per hour ( $\mathbf{k} / / \mathrm{hr}$ ). $T_{s}$ = temperature on hot side of material, in degrees Celsius. T. = temperature on cool side of material in ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and $R_{f}=$ resistance to heat flow in the material, with units of degree-hours per kilojoule (degree-hrs/k). The

[^11]resistance to heat flow is a constant, characteristic of the material thru which the heat transfer takes place. This equation will be used to calculate the amount of heat lost from the building. We can also calculate the amount of heat lost from the storage tank and that lost from the collector to the outside air.

The thermodynamic equation for heat storage is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{1}=m C_{0} T_{a} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $H$, $=$ heat stored in the material, in $\mathrm{kJ}, m=$ mass of the material in kilograms, C. $=$ specific heat of the material, in $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{kg}$-degree, and $T_{\mathrm{s}}=$ absolute temperature of the material, in kelvins (K). (Kelvins are equivalent to degrees Celsius plus 273.15.) In this equation. $H$, is the amoum of absolute heat in the material. Any change in $T_{\text {s }}$ will result in a storage or loss of energy.
When water is bet ween $0^{\circ}$ and $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, its specific heat, or $C_{\text {., iss about }} 4.18 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{kg}$-degree. Since one liter of water has a mass of about 1 kilogram in this temperature range. a tank of 1900 liters (about 300 gallons ) can store 7942 kilojoules of energy for each degree it is heated, according to equation (2).
Heat exchange. in this case thru water pumped in pipes, is given by the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{t}=m_{t} C_{c}\left(T_{t}-T_{0}\right) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $H_{0}=$ amount of heat exchanged, in $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{hr}$. $m$, = mass flow rate of water in liters $/ \mathrm{hr}$. C. $=$ specific heat of water. T. = temperature of heat source, and $T_{\rho}=$ temperature of the heat's destination.

This can be restated as:

$$
H_{s}=\left(T_{0}-T_{t}\right) / R_{s}
$$

where $R_{s}=1 /(m, \times C)$. In this way the piping system can be modeled as a resistance to heat flow, and our simulation will take advantage of this fact.

To increase our understanding of the simulation, we can make an analogy between a thermal system and an electrical circuit. Basically, electrical and the modynamic systems have much in common, according to their dynamics. If we suppose that heat is analogous to electric charge, then heat flow is analogous to current. Thermal

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Figure 1: Diagram of a water-based thermal-energy system that will provide home heat using solar energy as a source. The water tank serves as a temporary energy-storage area, which can provide heat on cloudy days.


Figure 2: Electrical simulation of heat flow in the solar-heating system shown in figure 1. Current source $I_{s}$ simulates the solar collector. Resistors $R_{d}$ and $R_{x}$ represent the water-piping system connecting the collector, the storage tank, and the house. Resistors $R_{c}, R_{1}$, and $R_{h}$ represent paths of heat loss to the environment
 from the three main system components. The capacitances of $C_{r}$ and $C_{h}$ simulate the heat-storage capacity of the water tank and the house, respectively. The switch $S$ symbolizes the house thermostat, closing when the house temperature goes below the thermostat setting. Diode $D$ shows that heat will be transferred to the water tank only when the collector's temperature is greater than that of the tank.
resistance can be compared with electrical capacitance. Compare equation (1) with Ohm's law:

$$
I=\left(V_{h}-V_{1}\right) / R
$$

If the above analogies hold, we can see that the voltage in a circuit corresponds to the temperature in a thermal system.

For a clear illustration that capacitance is the counterpart of heat storage in our analogy, compare equation (2) with the fundamental equation for charge on a capacitor:

$$
Q=C V
$$

Here $C$ is the capacitance, and $V$ is the voltage across the dielectric. If voltage is analogous to temperature, then in our simulation, heat storage can be modeled as capacitance.

Our thermal system (figure 1) can now be described as an electrical circuit, as shown in figure 2. The piping systems from the collector to the tank and from the tank to the building are modeled by the resistances $R_{d}$ and $R_{x}$, respectively. The switch $S$ symbolizes the building thermostat, closed when building temperature is below the thermostat setting. The diode shows that heat will be transferred from the collector to the tank only when the temperature of the collector is higher than that of the tank. These heat-flow controls will be implemented in our computer simulation by IF statements and a flag in the program.

The heat-storage capacity of the building is symbolized by $C_{h}$, and $R_{h}$ shows the path of heat loss to the environment. The heat-storage capacity of the water tank is shown by $C_{b}$, and $R_{t}$ shows the path of heat loss from the tank. Operation of the collector is defined by the values
of $k$ and $R_{\mathrm{c}}$. The current source at the left of the circuit is a model of the sun's energy that strikes the collector and turns into heat.

The amount of heat actually absorbed by the collector is less than the amount striking it. This is due to reflection from the cover plates and incomplete absorption by the collector surface. The ratio of heat absorbed to heat striking is referred to as $k$, and is given by the equation:

$$
k=a t^{n}
$$

where $a=$ absorptivity of surface (about 0.9 for most black paints), $t=$ transmissivity of cover plate (about 0.8 for glass), and $n=$ the number of cover plates.

Some of the absorbed heat will be lost to the environment. This heat flows thru $R_{c}$, the value of which is a parameter of the collector. The amount of heat gained from any solar collector can be described by an equation:

$$
I_{\text {out }}=k I_{\mathrm{s}}-\left(T_{\mathrm{c}}-T_{\mathrm{a}}\right) / R_{\mathrm{c}}
$$

where $T_{c}=$ temperature of the collector, $T_{\alpha}=$ temperature of environment, $I_{\text {out }}=$ amount of heat actually sent to the storage tank, and $k$ and $R_{\mathrm{c}}$ given as parameters. Commercially built collectors will list the values of $k$ and $R_{c}$ on data sheets accompanying the units. Occasionally, this data will be given in the form of an efficiency equation:

$$
\text { efficiency }=k-U\left(T_{c}-T_{a}\right) / I_{s}
$$

with $k$ and $U$ given. $U$ is merely $1 / R_{c}$.
The hot-water-storage tank is modeled in our circuit by an RC (resistor/capacitor) network. The time constant of this RC network is $R_{t} C_{r}$. If the tank is large and well in-

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sulated, it will cool off very slowly. This means that its RC time constant is large. From equation (2):

$$
C_{1}=m C .
$$

Since the specific heat $C$, is $4.18 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{kg}$-degree, $C$, is equal to $4.18 \mathrm{~kJ} /$ degree multiplied by the number of biters of water in the tank. A good time constant is a week, or 168 hours, and that requires $R_{\text {r }}$ to be about 0.021 degree. hrs/kJ for the 1900-liter tank.

A 1-jnch thickness of common fiberglass insulation has a thermal resistance value of about 1.9 degree- $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ hrs/k). To convert this metric R -value or R -mimber to $\mathbb{R}_{\text {o }}$. it must be divided by the area insulated. The result is in units of degree-hrs/kJ. If the 1900 -liter tank has an outside area of 20 square meters. 1 inch of insulation will give $R=1.95 / 20=0.098$ degree-hus/kJ. This would be sufficient to insulate the tank. but more insulation is recommended and will decrease the amount of heat wasted.
The thermal-resistance coefficient of the building must also be calculated. This can be derived from the amount of insulation, heat loss thru windows and doors, and the heating of infiltrating air. This is complicated and beyond the scope of this article, but a guide to this calculation can be found in Sound Control and Thermal Insulation of Buildings by Paul Close (see reference 1). An easier way to determine $R_{\odot}$ is to divide the number of degree-days in a year by the number of kilojoules of energy burned by the building's heating plant during that year. In this manner:

$$
R_{\bullet}=24 \times N /\left(H_{0} \times f f\right) \times 3 / 9
$$

where $N=$ number of degree-Falrentheit-days in a year, $H_{s}=$ number of kilojoules burned by heating system in that year, and eff = efficiency of the furnace. The factor $3 / 9$ converts degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Celsius.
To find $H_{s}$, the amount of fuel burned mast be multiplied by its energy content. Coal contains about $6.2 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{~kJ} /$ metric ton, 2 heating oil contains about $39,100 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{liter}(148,000 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{gallon})$, and natural gas contains about $19,950 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{m}^{3}$ ( $565 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{ft}$ ). The efficiency of a typical furnace is between $70 \%$ and $80 \%$, but it should be measured for each individual furnace. The mimber of degree-days in a year for a specific geographic region can be obtained from local weather or radio stations.
The heat capacity of the building $C_{A}$ cannot be easily determined from the design of the building. But the building cools down to the temperature of its environment exponentially as a function of time, with no heat source, by the equation:

$$
T=\left(T_{4}-T_{\Delta}\right) \exp \left(-t / R_{\Delta} C_{4}\right)+T_{4}
$$

Here, $T_{i}$ = initial inside temperature, and $T_{\text {o }}$ = temperature of the environment. The bime it takes

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800 IF OP $\$=$ "D" OR OP $\$=$ "H" THEN GOSUB 2400
810 IF IP $\$=$ "D" OR IP $\$=" H$ " THEN 260
820 GOTO 300
830 DA=1
$840 \mathrm{MO}=\mathrm{MO}+1$
850 IF MO $=13$ THEN MO $=1$
860 GOSUB 2400
870 GOTO 260
880 REM AUX HEAT
890 IF TH $\=$ TS -5 THEN 720
$900 \mathrm{SA}=\mathrm{SA}+(\mathrm{TS}-5-\mathrm{TH}) * \mathrm{CH}$
910 TH=TS-5
920 GOTO 720
930 REM
940 REM
950 REM
960 REM SUBROUTINES
970 REM
980 REM
990 REM
1000 REM GET LOCATION
1010 PRINT
1020 INPUT"LATITUDE (D,M,S)";LD,LM,LS
$1030 \mathrm{LA}=((\mathrm{LD} * 60+\mathrm{LM}) * 60+\mathrm{LS}) / 3600$
1040 LA $=$ FNR (LA)
1050 RETURN
1100 REM
1110 REM GET DT
1120 PRINT
1130 PRINT"STEP SIZE, IN MINUTES"
1140 INPUT DT
1150 IF 60/DT=INT(60/DT) THEN RETURN
1160 PRINT
1170 PRINT"DT MUST BE A FACTOR OF 60."
1180 СОTO 1120
1200 REM
1210 REM COLLECTOR DATA
1220 PRINT
1230 PRINT"COLLECTOR AREA"
1240 INPUT"(SQR. METERS)"; AR
1250 PRINT
1260 INPUT"AMGLE FROM HORIZONTAL"; AN
1270 AN=FNR(AN)
1280 PRINT
1290 PRINT"COLLECTOR LOSS"
1300 INPUT"COEFFICIENT"; RC
1310 PRINT
1320 INPUT"\# OF COVER PLATES"; NP
$1330 \mathrm{AL}=0.9$
$1340 \mathrm{TR}=0.8$
$1350 \mathrm{~K}=\mathrm{AL} * \mathrm{TR}^{\wedge} \mathrm{NP}$
1360 RETURN
1400 REM TANK DATA
1410 PRINT
1420 INPUT"TANK VOLUME(LITERS)";CT
1430 CT=CT*4. 187
1440 PRINT
1450 INPUT"TANK LOSS COEFF.";RT
1460 PRINT
1470 INPUT"FLOW TO TANK (L/MIN)";ML
$1480 \mathrm{RD}=1 /(\mathrm{ML} * 4.187 * 60)$
1490 RETURN
1500 REM HOUSE DATA
1510 PRINT
1520 INPUT"HOUSE LOSS COEFF."; RH
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1580 RX=1/(ML*4. 187 *50)
1590 PRINT
1600 INPUT"THERMOSTAT SETTING";TS
1610 RETURN
1620 REM
1630 REM INITIAL TEMPS
1640 PRINT
1650 PRINT" INITIAL"
1660 INPUT"COLECTOR TEMP";CI
1670 INPUT"TANK TEMP"; TI
1680 INPUT"HOUSE TEMP"; HI
1690 RETURN
1700 REM
1710 REM I/O
1720 PRINT
1730 PRINT"OUTPUT EACH MONTH, DAY,"
1740 INPUT"HOUR, OR STEP (M/D/H/S)";OP\$
1750 PRINT
1760 PRINT"INPUT EACH MONTH, DAY,"
1770 INPUT"OR HOUR (M/D/H)"; IP\$
1780 RETURN
1800 REM
1810 REM INIT DATE,HOUR
1820 PRINT
1830 PRINT"STARTING DATE, TIME"
1840 INPUT"MONTH(1-12)";MS
1850 INPUT"DAY (1-21)";DS
1860 INPUT"HOUR (0-23)"; HS
1870 RETURN
1900 REM
1910 REM OUTPUT DATE,TIME
1920 PRINT
1930 PRINT"MO DA HR"
1940 PRINT MO;" ";DA;" ";HR
1950 RETURN
2000 REM
2010 REM GET TEMP, INSOLATION
2020 PRINT
2030 PRINT"MEAN OUTDOOR TEMP"
2040 PRINT"FOR PERIOD BEGINNING"
2050 COSUB 1900
2060 INPUT"(DEGREES F)";TA
2070 TA= $(\mathrm{TA}-32) * 5 / 9$
2080 PRINT
2090 PRINT"MEAN DAILY INSOLATION"
2100 PRINT"FOR SAME PERIOD"
2110 INPUT"(KJ/SQR.METER)"; IT
2120 RETURN
2200 REM
2210 REM NEW DAY OR NEW DATA
2220 REM
$2230 \mathrm{~N}=40 * 30+\mathrm{DA}$
$2240 \mathrm{DE}=0.40928 * \operatorname{SIN}((284+\mathrm{N}) * 2 * \mathrm{P} I / 365)$
$2250 \mathrm{FA}=-1$ *TAN(LA)*TAN(DE)
$2260 \mathrm{WS}=\mathrm{FNA}(\mathrm{FA})$
$2270 \mathrm{AC}=\operatorname{COS}(\mathrm{LA}-\mathrm{AN}) * \operatorname{COS}(\mathrm{DE})+\operatorname{SIN}(\mathrm{LA}-\mathrm{AN}) * \operatorname{SIN}(\mathrm{DE})$
$2280 \mathrm{AT}=\operatorname{COS}(\mathrm{LA}) * \operatorname{COS}(\mathrm{DE})+\operatorname{SIN}(L A) * \operatorname{SIN}(\mathrm{DE})$
2290 IU $=1 T^{*} \mathrm{AR}^{*}$ AC/AT
2300 IU $=$ ABS (IU)
2310 WS=WS*12/PI
$2320 \mathrm{~B}=(\mathrm{IU} * \mathrm{P} \mathrm{I}) /(4 * W S)$
2330 RETURN
2400 REM
2410 REM OUTPUT TEMPS
2420 GOSUB 1900
2430 PRINT
2440 PRINT"TH ";TH
2450 PRINT"TT ";TT
2460 PRINT"TC "; TC
2470 RETURN
2500 REM
2510 REM OUTPUT SUMS
2520 PRINT
2530 PRINT"KJ INCIDENT ";FT
2540 PRINT"KJ COLLECTED ";ST
2550 PRINT"KJ DELIVERED "; HT Listing 1 continued on page 168

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Listing 1 continued:
2580 PRINT
2590 PRINT H[/UT*100;" PERCENT SOLAR"
3000 REM
3020 REM MENU OF COMMANDS
3030 REM
3040 PRINT
3060 PRINT"2 - CHANGE DT"
3070 PRINT"3 - CHANGE COLLECTOR DATA"
3080 PRINT" 4 - CHANGE TANK DATA"
3100 PRINT"6 - CHANGE INITIAL TEMPS"
3110 PRINT" 7 - CHANGE I/O"
3120 PRINT"8 - CHANGE DATE, HOUR"
3140 PRINT"10- CONTINUE"
3150 PRINT"11- QUIT"
3160 PRINT
3170 PRINT"TYPE THE \# CORRESPONDING"
3180 PRINT"TO YOUR WISH."
3190 INPUT CD
3200 IF CD> 11 OR CD<1 THEN 3000
3210 IF CD $=11$ THEN STOP
3220 IF CD $=10$ THEN 260
3230 IF CD $=9$ THEN 3300
3240 COSUB 3260
3260 REM
3270 REM DISPATCH
3280 ON CD COTO 1000,1100, 1200, 1400, 1500, 1620, 1700,1800
3300 REM
3310 REM RESET INITS AND RUN
3320 TC=C I
TT=TI
$3340 \mathrm{TH}=\mathrm{HI}$
3360 Tー0
3370 FT=0
3380 UT=0
3390 SA=0
$3400 \mathrm{MO}=\mathrm{MS}$
$3420 \mathrm{HR}=\mathrm{HS}$
3430 GOTO 260

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to cool down to $1 / e$ or about $37 \%$ of its original temperature is one time constant $R_{h} C_{h}$.

If one wishes to find this time constant for a particular occupied house, certain approximations must be made. In practice all houses have many heat sources: people, appliances, lights, and pets. These can be ignored because they produce much less heat than the building's main heating system. To measure $t_{h}$ (which is $R_{h} C_{h}$ ), turn off the main heating system for a few hours and fit the resulting temperatures over a period of time to the exponential equation shown above. The time constant required (in units of hours) can be divided by $R_{h}$ to get $C_{h}$. For example, the $R_{h}$ of a typical building might be $10^{-3}$ degree-hrs/kJ, and $t_{h}$ might be two days, or 48 hours, so that $C_{n}$ would be $48,000 \mathrm{~kJ} /$ degree.

## About the Program

Understanding all the preceding parameters is important for understanding the simulator program. This program is designed to work easily on the data from the reference book Input Data for Solar Systems, distributed by the United States Department of Energy (see reference 2). This publication contains information in tables for 248 weather stations in the United States. It includes average temperature and standard degree-days (heating and cooling) in degrees Fahrenheit and mean daily solar radiation on a horizontal surface for every station each month of the year.
The simulation program (shown in listing 1) will fit in 8 K bytes of memory with lots of room for expansion. The program was written for an Ohio Scientific C1P, but only those BASIC statements available on most BASIC machines were used.
The first loop, in lines 200 to 220 , calls the different subroutines to obtain values for the various heatingsystem parameters. The initial conditions of the system

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Listing 2: Sample run of the solar-system simulator using actual data obtained from the author's parents' home.

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LatITUDE(D,M,S) 41,20,0
STEP SIZE, IN MINUTES
? 60
COLLECTOR AREA
(SQR. METERS) 40
ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL 35
COLLECTOR LOSS
COEFFICIENT . 0022
\# OF COVER PLATES 1
TANK VOLUME(LITERS) 1900
TANK LOSS COEFF. . 098
FLOW TO TANK(L/MIN) 5
hOUSE LOSS COEFF. . 00213
house time constant(hrs) 24
FLOW TO HOUSE(L/MIN) 5
THERMOSTAT SETTING 20
INITIAL
COLLECTOR TEMP 10
TANK TEMP 50
HOUSE TEMP 20
OUTPUT EACH MONTH, DAY; HOUR, OR STEP (M/D/H/S) m

INPUT EACH MONTH, DAY, OR HOUR (M/D/H) m

STARTING DATE, TIME
MONTH (1-12) 1
DAY (1-21)
HOUR (0-23) 0
1 - Change location
2 - Change dT
3 - CHANGE COLLECTOR DATA
4 - Change tank data
5 - change house data
6 - Change initial temps
7 - Change I/o
8 - Change date, hour
9 - RUN
10- CONTINUE
11- QUIT
TYPE THE \# CORRESPONDING
TO YOUR WISH.
? 9

MEAN OUTDOOR TEMP
FOR PERIOD BEGINNING

| MO | DA | ${ }^{H R}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | 1 | 0 |
| $(D E G R E E S$ | $F)$ | 26 |


| MEAN DAILY INSOLATION FOR SAME PERIOD |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| (KJ/SQR.METER) 5165 |  |
| MO DA HR | HR |
| 210 | 0 |
| TH 15 |  |
| TT 16.1120664067 |  |
| TC -3.3333333333 |  |
| MEAN OUTDOOR TEMP FOR PERIOD BEGINNING |  |
|  |  |
| $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { MO } & \text { DA } & { }^{H R} \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| MEAN DAILY InSOLATION |  |
| FOR SAME PERIOD |  |
| (KJ/SQR.METER) -1 |  |
| KJ INCIDENT | NT 10416572.1067 |
| KJ Collected | TED 2929020.83061 |
| KJ DELIVERED | RED 3030684.47692 |
| KJ REQUIRED | ED 8150234.74177 |
| AUX KJ USED | ED 3404717.54754 |

37.1852415659 PERCENT SOLAR
1 - Change location
2 - CHANGE DT
3 - CHANGE COLLECTOR DATA
4 - Change tank data
5 - Change house data
6 - CHANGE INITIAL TEMPS
7 - CHANGE I/O
8 - Change date, hour
9-RUN
10- CONTINUE
11- QUIT
type the \# Corresponding
TO YOUR WISH.
? 10
MEAN OUTDOOR TEMP
FOR PERIOD BEGINNING
MO DA HR
$\begin{array}{cc}2 & 1 \\ (\mathrm{DEGRESS} & \mathrm{F}) \\ & 27.3\end{array}$
MEAN DAILY INSOLATION
FOR SAME PERIOD
(KJ/SQR.METER) 7815

| MO | DA | HR |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 3 | 1 | 0 |


| TH | 15 |
| :--- | ---: |
| TT | 17.1636489361 |
| TC | -2.61111111111 |

MEAN OUTDOOR TEMP FOR PERIOD BEGINNING

MEAN DAILY INSOLATION
FOR SAME PERIOD
(KJ/SQR.METER) 11250
$\begin{array}{cll}\text { MO } & \text { DA } & { }_{4} \\ 4 & 1 & 0\end{array}$
TH 18.1455114873
TT 21. 1256652165
TC 2.22222222222
MEAN OUTDOOR TEMP
FOR PERIOD BEGINNING
MO DA HR
(DEGREES F) 0
MEAN DAILY INSOLATION
FOR SAME PERIOD
(KJ/SQR.METER) - 1
KJ INCIDENT 38853164.0338
KJ COLLECTED 12498479.6857
KJ DELIVERED 12236803.5069
KJ REQUIRED 21493583.7251
AUX KJ USED ' 5478230.30262
56.9323555505 PERCENT SOLAR

1 - Change location
2 - Change dT
3 - Change collector data
4 - Change tank data
5 - Change house data
6 - CHANGE INITIAL TEMPS
7 - Change I/o
8 - Change date, hour
9 - RUN
10- CONTINUE
11- QUIT

TYPE THE \# CORRESPONDING TO YOUR WISH.
? 11

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are set up. These include the initial temperatures of the tank, collector, and building in degrees C . The time increment for the numerical approximation is set to a value between 1 minute and 60 minutes. This allows a very accurate simulation, if 1 -minute steps are used, or a fast simulation, if 30 - or 60 -minute steps are used. The program is quite accurate even with long steps. Short steps could be effectively used with parameter changes to simulate how a partly cloudy day affects the system.

The subroutine beginning at line 2200 changes daily solar radiation in kilojoules to a half-wave sine approximation of the energy falling during that day. As the simulation proceeds thru the current day, the sun rises at a point in time WS hours before noon and sets WS hours after noon. WS is the hour angle of the sun, calculated from the location's latitude and the declination of the sun (lines 2230 to 2260 ). The sine wave is implemented in the main loop in lines 360 to 380 , as the simulator time proceeds.

The user is asked if he wants output each $d t$ (step size), hour, day, or month. He is also asked if changing data (outside temperature and solar radiation) should be input each hour, day, or month. The program asks the user for the initial date and hour of simulation, to calculate the angle of incidence of solar radiation. Control is then transferred to lines 3000 thru 3300 , where the user is given a menu of different commands that allow him to change any parameters or run the simulation.


As the program is running, it will output the temperatures of the collector, tank, and building until data is required. When data is input, the simulation will continue. If a negative value is input for the solar radiation, the program will stop simulation and output five sums of energy:

- the amount of heat striking the collector
- the amount of heat transferred to the tank from the collector
-the amount of heat delivered to the building from the tank
- the amount of heat that would have been used by the building had its temperature stayed at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(68^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$
-the amount of heat delivered by an auxiliary source
These sums can be compared for different parameter values to find the most efficient and effective heating system. After this output, control returns to line 3000, allowing the user to alter parameters and run the simulation again, or quit the program.
As many will note, this program is far from ideal. Much could be added. If you wish to simulate a system employing a collector with selective surfaces, lines 1320 to 1350 could be changed to allow input of different transmissivities of glass and absorptivities of the surface. If a south-facing wall of the building has many windows, a current source could be added to the electric circuit to model the heat gain from this passive source.
As an example, I calculated the $t_{h}$ and $R_{h}$ of my parents' home in Pennsylvania. $R_{h}$ was 0.00213 degree-hrs $/ \mathrm{kJ}$, and $t_{h}$ was 24 hours. A tank of 500 gallons with 1 inch of insulation was modeled, and the flow rates of typical water pumps were used (5 liters/minute). Other parameters were 40 square meters of collector area, a single cover plate, and an $R_{c}$ of 0.0022 degree-hrs $/ \mathrm{kJ}$. The simulator was run for these conditions, giving the output shown in listing 2 . The results were significant, since a total of $1.2 \times 10^{7}$ kilojoules of energy would be supplied by this system, and the house uses $2.1 \times 10^{\prime}$ kilojoules without any solar heating during January, February, and March in a typical year.
I hope that some readers will be inspired to develop further some of these ideas, which show the power of computers in engineering alternative energy sources.

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# The Atari Assembler/Editor 

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The Atari Assembler/Editor plug-in ROM (read-only memory) cartridge is finally available. Anyone who plans to use or learn 6502 assembly language on the Atari 400 or 800 computers will find it a convenient tool. It is especially nice for beginners, since some of the editing and programming features of Atari BASIC are available. The Atari people point out that this assembler is not designed for professional programmers, although they do use it for much of their in-house programming. They describe it as an experimenter's assembler designed for those people writing machine-language subroutines to supplement their BASIC programs when speed, sound, or graphics are factors.

## Overview

The Assembler/Editor package includes the cartridge and a user's manual. The cartridge actually contains three programs: the Writer/Editor, the Assembler, and the Debugger/Mini-Assembler. The cartridge will operate with either a cassette-tape drive or a floppy-disk system, but the disk gives more versatility. The cartridge plugs into the left slot in the Atari 800, and it occupies the

## At a Glance

## Product

Atari Assembler/Editor Cartridge

Manufacturer
Atari Inc,
Computer Products Division 1346 Bordeaux Dr
Sunnyvale CA 94086
Price
$\$ 59.95$

## Format

Plug-in ROM cartridge
Computer requirements
Atari 400 or 800 , floppydisk drive, and more than

16 K bytes of memory recommended, but not necessary

## Documentation

User's manual describing operating features is included. Atari technical information and 6502 assembly-language programming information available separately

## Audience

Those who want to write machine-language programs and subroutines on the Atari computers
upper 8 K bytes of user-accessible memory-address space.
Although it does not make any attempt to teach the fundamental concepts of assembly-language programming, the manual does include an overview of 6502 assembly language (command format, addressing modes, types of operands, etc)-something I've not seen in other assembler/editor packages. The beginner will still want to find a good book about 6502 assembly language, however. A large part of the manual contains information explaining the use of each program and the options and procedures available. It seems complete and easy to follow and contains helpful information in the appendices, including sample programs showing how to use machine-language subroutines from BASIC.
This assembler will be used mostly for writing short subroutines that will be called from BASIC programs. Those who decide to write straight machine-language code will need more information about the Atari I/O (input/output) structure, which may be found in the Atari Technical Manual, now available. They will also have to consider the memory capacity of their machine. Atari estimates that the amount of object code that can be "comfortably developed" with the cartridge is about onetenth of the memory space available. Thus a 40 K-byte system would allow about 4 K bytes of object code to be developed. (Remember that other use of the top 8 K bytes is precluded by the cartridge, so 40 K bytes is the maximum.)

Those who want to write long machine-language segments to attach to BASIC programs may find some other problems. There are only 256 bytes in memory that are guaranteed untouched by BASIC or the operating system. If you want to write a longer machine-language routine, you must incorporate it into the actual BASIC program through the use of strings. This is not an unknown practice. Programmers of Radio Shack's TRS-80 have been using this method for quite some time. The only drawback is that the code must be fully relocatable. That means the subroutine can have no JMP or JSR commands to itself, and no data tables. Some nonrelocatable material may be put in the one 256 -byte block that is always available, but some headaches may persist. These procedures are well documented in the appendix,


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## Writer/Editor

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- LIST-to list all or part of a program
- DEL-to delete a line or a range of lines
- NUM-for automatic line numbering
- REN-to renumber lines
(Strangely, most of these were left out of Atari BASIC.) The Editor also has FIND and REPLACE commands, plus SAVE and LOAD commands that let you move parts of programs, allowing you to create your own library of subroutines on disk.


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## The Assembler

The Writer/Editor puts your program into a text buffer in memory. The Assembler takes the source program from the buffer, or from disk or cassette tape, and assembles it into an object program (true 6502 machine language) stored in a specified range of memory, on disk, or on tape. During assembly you can also specify an assembly listing to be displayed on the screen, written to disk or tape, or printed on a printer. Assembly requires two passes, which is standard. Directives to the assembler may be included in your program to control paging and titles in the assembly listing, and to insert values and character strings into the machine code. One feature not provided that would have been helpful is a symbol table that shows the values assigned to labels you've used.

## Debugger/Mini-Assembler

The Debugger allows you to trace through your program step by step as it runs and make minor changes in conditions or in the code. Options provided allow for single-stepping through your program, displaying and changing register or memory values, and moving and comparing contents of memory locations. There is also the Disassembler, which will display the instruction mnemonics for any range of memory, and the MiniAssembler, which lets you assemble single lines of code at specified locations.

## Conclusions

Although there are three programs in the cartridge, transferring control back and forth between them is simple, thus creating the effect of a nicely integrated system. When you turn the power on, you are in the Editor mode. Typing ASM assembles whatever source code is in the buffer and returns you to the Editor. Typing BUG puts you in the Debugger. Typing $X$ returns you to the Editor again. With a disk, typing DOS gives you access to the disk operating system, and you can access the Atari's built-in Memo-Pad by typing BYE.

There's nothing easier than using a cartridge-based system, even if we did have to wait for it. The designers of the Assembler/Editor programs have taken advantage of the cartridge system, and have made a nice, easy-touse tool for both beginners and assembly-language experts. It was not designed for large-scale machinelanguage code development, but that shouldn't bother most people. It is much easier to write the bulk of a program in a higher-level language such as BASIC, leaving machine language for the subroutines that have requirements BASIC cannot satisfy.

The Atari Technical Manual is available from Atari for $\$ 27$ plus $\$ 3$ shipping. A documented operating-system sourcecode listing is also available for $\$ 17$ plus $\$ 3$ shipping. Contact Atari Inc, Customer Service Divisior, 1346 Bordeaux Dr, Sunnyvale CA 94086.

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Many aspects of the present energy situation are beyond the control of the individual. There are, however, a few notable actions that you can take to lessen the impact: one is to conserve conventional fuels; the other is to find economical alternatives. In this article we will present several tools that can be used in conjunction with your personal computer-tools that will allow you to understand energy-use patterns, and change these patterns with sound technical and economic decisions.
We will begin by providing a background on heat transfer and how it governs the energy consumed in a building. After this information is presented, we will outline an example that demonstrates the calculation that you must perform to determine your yearly energy requirements for space conditioning. Included in this example will be a program that you can use to simplify these calculations. We will also discuss energy conservation options available to you and how to determine the economic payback to implement these measures.

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## Basic Principles of Heat Transfer

Heat, of course, tends to flow from hot places to cold places. This observation fits right in with such other examples as water running downhill, electrical current flowing from high electrical potential (voltage) to low, and fluids moving from high-pressure areas to lowpressure areas. In these and similar phenomena there is a flux of something-thermal energy, matter, or electrical charge-in response to a favorable gradient in some potential. In the case of thermal energy in transit, which is referred to as heat, the potential is a gradient, or difference in temperature. The engineering discipline that attempts to quantitatively relate the flow of heat to temperature differences is called heat transfer.

Why do we care about this? Because the comfortable temperature of our living and work environments is often very different from the outdoor temperatures which surround these spaces. These temperature differences result in an unwanted flow of heat, either into our spaces or out of them. In the former case, which occurs in hot weather, we often "pump" the unwanted heat back outdoors with a type of heat pump called an air conditioner. In cold weather, we usually replace the escaping heat by burning some form of fuel or by operating an electrical resistance heater or a backwards air conditioner, called a heat pump.

The methods by which we cope with unwanted heat transfer all have one fact in common: they cost money to implement and operate. Alarming increases in the price
of fuel and electricity have caused the energy portion of our cost of living to challenge rent and mortgage payments for the lead item in the family budget.

## Types of Heat Transfer

There are three basic types of heat transfer which must be recognized in order to understand and calculate the heating and cooling energy requirements of a building. These are conduction, convection, and radiation. A fourth contributor to the heating and cooling load related to outside air entering the structure will be dealt with separately as infiltration.

## Conduction

The movement of thermal energy by conduction is the only mode of heat transfer that is possible within solid materials. However, it is also present and important in liquids and gases. Thermal energy can be visualized in terms of randomly directed motion among the atoms or molecules of a material. In solids, the atoms are bound together by forces so that the only possible atomic motions are various types of vibrations, as opposed to the relative freedom of motion present in liquids and gases. Picture a three-dimensional arrangement of billiard balls, all held in a regular geometrical pattern by springs. If one of the billiard balls is hit with a hammer and caused to vibrate, the vibrations will be transmitted through the springs until all of the balls are shaking. This example is a crude but easy-to-visualize model of the propagation of thermal energy through a solid by conduction.
Now that we have a conceptual idea of conduction heat transfer, we would like to be able to numerically calculate the rate of heat transfer by conduction in various materials for a given, imposed, temperature difference. This calculation is readily performed using Fourier's law of heat conduction, which states for simple steady-state one-dimensional conduction:

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q=K A \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta X} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:
$Q=$ the heat transfer rate in $\mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{hr}$
$A=$ the cross-sectional area in square feet of the material perpendicular to the direction of heat flow
$\Delta T=$ the temperature difference across the material in degrees Fahrenheit
$\Delta X=$ the thickness of the material in the direction of heat flow in feet
$K=$ the thermal conductivity of the material in units consistent with the rest of the equation (eg: in $\mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{hr} \mathrm{ft}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ )

The use of this equation is best demonstrated by an example. Suppose we have a $141 / 2$-inch-wide by 8 -foot-long by $31 / 2$-inch-thick piece of fiberglass insulation, and we wish to calculate the rate of heat transfer through the

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thickness. The warm side is at a temperature of $60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, the cool side is at a temperature of $30^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, and the thermal conductivity of fiberglass insulation is $0.0265 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{hr} \mathrm{ft}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. For this case:

$$
\begin{aligned}
A & =\text { length } \times \text { width }=\frac{14.5 \mathrm{in}}{12 \mathrm{in} / \mathrm{ft}} \times 8 \mathrm{ft}=9.67 \mathrm{ft}^{2} \\
\Delta X & =\frac{3.5 \mathrm{in}}{12 \mathrm{in} / \mathrm{ft}}=0.292 \mathrm{ft}
\end{aligned}
$$

then:

$$
Q=0.0265 \times 9.67 \times \frac{(60-30)}{0.292}=26.3 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{hr}}
$$

Now that we have arrived at this number, how do we interpret it? Officially, a Btu is the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit. But this fact isn't much help unless we can relate heat requirements to fuel purchases. Roughly speaking, one gallon of number two fuel oil burned in a furnace of average efficiency contains about $100,000 \mathrm{Btu}$. One kilowatt-hour of electricity contains 3413 Btu. So, if we lost 26.3 Btu per hour through our piece of fiberglass insulation for a period of one month, the total amount of thermal energy lost would be:

$$
26.3 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{hr}} \times 24 \frac{\mathrm{hrs}}{\text { day }} \times 30 \frac{\text { days }}{\text { month }}=18,936 \mathrm{Btu}
$$

If fuel oil costs $\$ 1.35 / \mathrm{gal}$, and electricity $\$ .07 / \mathrm{kWh}$, this corresponds to:


$$
\frac{18,936 \mathrm{Btu}}{100,000 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{gal}} \times \$ 1.35 / \mathrm{gal}=\$ 0.26 \text { for oil }
$$

and:

$$
\frac{18,936 \mathrm{Btu}}{3413 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{kWh}} \times \$ .07 / \mathrm{kWh}=\$ 0.39 \text { for electricity }
$$

The example used for fiberglass insulation closely resembles the case of a normal American residential wall which is framed by 2 -inch by 4 -inch (nominal) studs placed on 16 -inch centers and insulated with fiberglass batting between the studs. But how do we arrive at the thermal conductivity value used in the example? And what is the so-called " $R$-value" that is used in reference to insulation?

Actually, the $R$-value is another way of describing the thermal conductivity of insulation. Often we hear of a given thickness of insulation having a certain $R$-value. The lumber yards usually stock "R11" or "R19" fiberglass, which refers to $31 / 2$-inch thickness or $51 / 2$-inch thickness, respectively. Insulating materials also have a certain " $R$-value per inch." For instance, rigid urethane foam is frequently assigned an $R$-value of 6.5 per inch of thickness. The R11 fiberglass which is $31 / 2$ inches thick therefore has an $R$-value per inch of $11 / 3.5=3.1$ per inch.

But we seem to be going in circles. Let's relate the $R$-value to the thermal conductivity. People in the building trade find the $R$-value of materials easier to deal with than thermal conductivity. The equation they use for heat transfer is:


Figure 1: Cross section of an insulation combination that is used to demonstrate heat-loss calculations.


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where $R$ is the $R$-value. Quite often it appears in this form:

$$
\frac{Q}{A}=\frac{\Delta T}{R}
$$

which gives the heat-transfer rate per area of surface. If we compare equations 1 and 2 , we see that $R=\Delta X / K$ for a given thickness, and the $R$-value per inch $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~K}$. The number twelve is left over from converting $\Delta X$ from feet to inches. Thermal conductivities tabulated in various reference sources may be listed in any of these three forms. References 1, 2, and 3 (given at the end of this article) are good sources for this data.

If we examine the version of Fourier's law of heat conduction that contains the $R$-value and compare it to Ohm's law for electrical conduction, we have the following:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Q} & =\frac{A \Delta T}{R} \\
I & =\frac{V}{R_{\text {delectrical }}}
\end{aligned} \quad \text { (Oourier's law) }
$$

The similarity between these laws is striking. Apparently, temperature difference and electrical potential difference are analogous, as is the $R$-value to electrical resistance and the heat transfer rate to electrical current. Thus, we can conceptually consider thermal circuits of various heat

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paths with characteristic thermal resistances. This analogy is extremely useful, as it provides the rules for dealing with complicated heat-path systems and leads to some of the more straightforward numerical schemes for solving problems involving complicated thermal networks. For our purposes, we need only the rules for combining series and parallel thermal resistances.

Looking once again at our example of the $31 / 2$-inchthick fiberglass insulation, let's calculate the $R$-value:

$$
R=\frac{\Delta X}{K}=\frac{3.5 / 12}{0.0265}=11.0
$$

R11 is, of course, much easier to remember to characterize $31 / 2$-inch fiberglass insulation than are thermal conductivity and thickness.

What happens if we sandwich our fiberglass between sheets of $1 / 2$-inch-thick gypsum board and $1 / 2$-inch asphalt-impregnated plywood, both having the same width and height as the piece of fiberglass? We know that the heat must pass sequentially through each of the three materials. This suggests that we should add the $R$-values

| Material | R-Value (or Thermal Resistance) in $\mathrm{hrft}{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Btu |
| Plywood \% in | 0.31 |
| \%/in | 0.47 |
| 1/2 in | 0.62 |
| Particle board \% in | 0.82 |
| Insulating sheathing $1 / 2$ in | 1.32 |
| Softwood 1 in | 1.24 |
| Hardwood 1 in | 1.00 |
| Gypsum board \%/8 in | 0.32 |
| $1 / 2$ in | 0.45 |
| Plaster 1 in ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.20 |
| Brick 1 in | 0.15 |
| Concrete blocks |  |
| Three oval core 4 in | 0.70 |
| 8 in | 1.12 |
| 12 in | 1.28 |
| Poured concrete 1 in | 0.25 |
| Asbestos siding shingles | 0.21 |
| Wooden siding shingles | 0.81 |
| Asphalt root shingles | 0.44 |
| Slate root shingles | 0.05 |
| Wood roof shingles | 0.94 |
| Fiberglass batts $31 / 2$ in | 11.00 |
| 6 in | 19.00 |
| Urea formaldehyde 1 in | 5.60 |
| Polyurethane 1 in | 6.25 |
| Polystyrene 1 in | 3.57 |
| Inside vertical air film | 0.68 |
| Outside vertical air film ( 15 mph wind) | 0.17 |
| Inside horizontal air film | 0.60 |
| Dead air space attic | 1.14 |
| Air space between studs $31 / 2$ in | 0.97 |
| Single-pane glass | 0.91 |
| Double glass | 1.67 |
| Triple glass | 2.50 |
| Storm window (4 in air space) | 1.78 |
| Wooden door $11 / 4 \mathrm{in}$ | 1.56 |
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in the same manner that we would add the values of electrical resistances in series:

$$
R_{\text {total }}=R_{\text {gypsum }}+R_{\text {fiberglass }}+R_{\text {plywood }}
$$

The thermal resistances for gypsum and plywood sheathing (see table 1) are found to be 0.45 for $1 / 2$ inch of gypsum and 1.32 for $1 / 2$ inch of sheathing. The total $R$-value becomes:

$$
R_{\text {total }}=0.45+11.0+1.32=12.77
$$

We must also consider parallel heat paths. The heat transfer through the wooden studs that form the walls of the cavities occupied by our fiberglass insulation (see figure 1) follows a parallel path to the heat passing through the fiberglass. In parallel electrical circuits, we merely add the currents. Here we add the heat transfer rates:

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{\text {total }}=\frac{A_{1} \Delta T}{R_{1}}+\frac{A_{2} \Delta T}{R_{2}}=\left(\frac{A_{1}}{R_{1}}+\frac{A_{2}}{R_{2}}\right) \Delta T \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the wall areas associated with the studs and bays between them, respectively.

For each stud that is $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by 8 feet long, $A_{2}=1.0$ square feet, and the total resistance through the studs, which are also sandwiched between gypsum and plywood, is:

$$
\begin{aligned}
R_{2} & =R_{\text {gypsum }}+R_{\text {stud }}+R_{\text {plywood }}=0.45+4.35+1.32 \\
& =6.12
\end{aligned}
$$

where $R_{\text {stud }}$ (pine or other softwood $31 / 2$ inches thick) $=$ 4.35. (See table 1 for the thermal resistances of several common building materials.) If the inside surface of the wall is at $62^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and the plywood is at $28^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, the heat transfer rate through the wall will be given by equation 3 as:

$$
\begin{aligned}
Q & =\left(\frac{9.67}{12.77}+\frac{1.0}{6.12}\right)(62-28)=(.921)(34) \\
& =33.3 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{hr}
\end{aligned}
$$

An effective $R$-value for the stud/fiberglass parallel combination can also be determined. (This will be useful later.) Generalizing the parallel resistance analogy we have:

$$
\frac{A_{1}+A_{2}}{R_{\mathrm{eq}}}=\left[\frac{A_{1}}{R_{1}}+\frac{A_{2}}{R_{2}}\right]
$$

For our example (considering just the wood studs and fiberglass), we get the equation:

$$
\frac{9.67+1.0}{R_{\text {eq }}}=\left[\frac{9.67}{11}+\frac{1}{4.35}\right]
$$

which gives us a value of:

$$
R_{\mathrm{eq}}=9.62
$$

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The method outlined thus far allows us to compute conductive heat loss through walls (or ceilings) of arbitrary construction, provided we know the temperature of the inner and outermost surfaces. Unfortunately, we almost never know these temperatures, but we do have values for inside and outside air temperatures. If we can add additional thermal resistances to our network to account for the temperature drops across the air films separating the air temperature from the material surface temperatures, we will have a more complete picture.

## Convection

Why can't we simply look up the thermal conductivity of air and add it in as a thermal resistance? There are two reasons:

- We have no way of determining a film thickness $\Delta X$ to use in the equation $R=\Delta X / 12 K$.
- The film of air adjacent to the wall may be mixing with air at a different temperature from outside the film as a result of turbulence.

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$$
Q_{\text {convective }}=h A\left(T_{\text {air }}-T_{\text {surface }}\right)
$$

The $R$-values given in table 1 are equivalent to the reciprocal of $h$; reference 1 gives the $R$-values of a large number of building materials.

Since we can consider $1 / h$ to be an $R$-value, we are now in a position to add it to the resistance chain on the inside and outside walls.

## Radiation

Before we conclude our discussion of heat transfer through an insulated wall, we should discuss radiation, the last of the three principal types of heat transfer. While conduction and convection involve matter as the medium of heat transfer, radiation does not. Radiative heat transfer proceeds unimpeded in a vacuum, where convection and conduction would be precluded. A type of electromagnetic radiation is emitted by all surfaces whose temperatures are above absolute zero. The amount of

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radiation emitted per unit time is proportional to the fourth power of the absolute temperature of the emitting surface. Those surfaces which are separated by a vacuum or other transparent medium experience net heat transfer according to the following:

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{\text {radiation }}=\epsilon A \sigma\left(T_{1}^{4}-T_{2}^{4}\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The emissivity, $\epsilon$, is a number between zero and one, and it is a measure of the ability of a surface to emit (or absorb) radiant heat. The area, $A$, plays the usual role, and $\sigma$ is a constant of proportionality. The nonlinearity exhibited by equation 4 would ruin our thermal resistance model if we attempted to explicitly include a radiation term.

Fortunately, in cases where radiation plays a significant role in building-heat transfer, convection is also present so that the radiation effect may be added into the convective $R$-value. For example, in the case of doublepane (insulated glass) windows, the panes may radiate to one another but this effect is taken into account in the overall window $R$-value listed in table 1 . Similarly, radiation is included in tabulated $R$-values in other cases involving air gaps. Of course, when a gap between surfaces is stuffed with insulation, radiation is eliminated through the elimination of the transparency of the gap (so that we don't have to worry about it in those cases either).

Armed with some knowledge of the other two forms of heat transfer, we can complete our analysis of the insulated wall. Figure 1 gives a wall cross section showing the materials already discussed and the addition of exterior siding. Using table 1, reference 1, and our previous
calculation, we add the $R$-values for the entire heat path from inside and to outside air:

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If a building had 1000 square feet of wall area constructed in this manner, the total heat loss for an interior temperature of $65^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and an exterior temperature of $25^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ would be:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Q}_{\text {wall total }} & =\frac{A \Delta T}{R}=1000 \mathrm{fr}^{2} \times\left(\frac{(65-25)^{\circ} \mathrm{F}}{13.05^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \mathrm{hr} / \mathrm{Btu}}\right) \\
& =3065 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{hr}
\end{aligned}
$$

If we extend this calculation to include other heat paths (doors, ceiling, windows, etc), we would add the resulting heat-transfer rates to get the total:

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{\text {total }}=\left(\sum_{\text {paths }} \frac{A}{R}\right) \Delta T \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

People who perform these calculations for a living have found it worthwhile to replace the $R$-value with its reciprocal, $U$, the conductance, so that equation 5 becomes:

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Figure 3: Construction of the ceiling and roof of the house shown in figure 2.

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q_{\text {total }}=\left(\sum_{\text {paths }} U A\right) \Delta T \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where:

$$
U=1 / R
$$

The units of $U$ are $\mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{ft}^{2} \mathrm{hr}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, which are easier to remember than those of the $R$-value.

## Infiltration

Remember that unconditioned air entering our building can impose an additional cooling or heating load. If a cubic foot of air at outdoor temperature enters a conditioned space, the heating or cooling system must adjust the temperature of that air to the conditioned temperature. The thermal energy, $Q$, required to accomplish this is given by:
$Q=$ vol of air in $\mathrm{ft}^{3} \times$ density $\times$ specific heat

$$
\times\left(T_{\mathrm{inside}}-T_{\text {outside }}\right)
$$

$=$ vol of air in $\mathrm{ft}^{3} \times 0.074 \frac{\mathrm{lb}}{\mathrm{ft}^{3}} \times 0.24 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{lb}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}} \times \Delta T^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
If the volume of infiltration air is given in cubic feet per minute (CFM), we have:

$$
\begin{align*}
Q & =(\mathrm{CFM}) \times 60 \frac{\mathrm{~min}}{\mathrm{hr}} \times 0.74 \frac{\mathrm{lb}}{\mathrm{ft}^{3}} \times 0.24 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{lb}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}} \times \Delta T^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \\
& =1.07 \times(\mathrm{CFM}) \times \Delta T \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

## Meteorology

We have seen that in calculation of heating or cooling energy requirements in Btu/hr, we multiply our $U A$ values by a temperature difference. Here our principal
interest is to determine seasonal heating and cooling costs from these calculations. To this end, we need a way to modify our calculations to get this information.

The degree-day is a measure of the average temperature difference between our conditioned space and the outside for a given period of time. Heating degree-days are usually based on an inside temperature of $65^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. For example, if the average daily temperature on a day in February were $35^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, we would accumulate $65-35=30$ degree-days on that day. Adding up all the heating and cooling degree-days for a month or an entire season provides a measure of the severity of the climate. We use degree-days in our calculations as shown in the following:

$$
Q_{\text {season }}=\{\Sigma U A+\text { infiltration load }\} \times \text { degree-days } \times 24
$$

Degree-day data is available for various US cities from the US Weather Service (see also references 1 thru 4).

## Example Problem

To reinforce understanding of the relationship between the basic principles of heat transfer and different building components, we will present an example that outlines the calculations needed to determine the energy requirements for a residential building in Austin, Texas. If you live in the northeast, heating is the major energy consideration, and cooling is usually considered unnecessary, whereas if you live in the southwest, this situation may be reversed. Therefore, we have chosen Austin as a location where both heating and cooling functions are necessary.

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heat gain in the summer. Finally, we will explain how to automate these calculations by using an interactive BASIC program that runs on a personal computer.
Two major factors determine heat loss and heat gain in any building: the climatological conditions and the building components. In Austin there are approximately 1980 heating degree-days and 2908 cooling degree-days. For the purpose of illustration, we will consider a singlestory ranch-style house with 1500 square feet of floor area and a ceiling height of 8 feet. Figure 2 shows the

| Building Description | Air Changes per Hour |
| :---: | :---: |
| - House under 5 years old: new storm windows and doors; caulking and weatherstripping used around doors, windows, foundation. | 0.5 |
| House is 5 to 10 years old: old storm windows and doors; deteriorating caulking and weatherstripping. | 1.0 |
| House is 10 to 25 years old; no storm windows: no weatherstripping and caulking. | 1.5 |
| House is older than 25 years; drafty; windows ratlle on windy day. | 2.0 |

Table 2: Guidelines for the air-changes-per-hour value of a house. Because this figure is difficult to calculate, the guidelines provide only a rough estimate.

floor plan and two elevations for our example house.
To simplify our calculations, we will assume no heat loss through the floor. We will also say that the walls have no insulation and the ceiling has $31 / 2$-inch fiberglass. The front and back doors are $11 / 4$-inch-thick solid wood. There are ten windows, each measuring 3 feet by 4 feet. We will also assume that there are no storm doors or storm windows and that there are two exhaust fans, one in the kitchen and one in the bathroom. We will use the wall section shown in figure 1, but without the fiberglass insulation, and the ceiling/roof combination shown in figure 3. Based on the given configuration of our example building and the climatological conditions in Austin, we can now calculate the heat loss and heat gain. The procedure is very simple if it is approached in a logical step-by-step fashion.

First we should calculate or look up all the $R$-values for the different building elements (see reference 1). Table 1 is a fairly comprehensive list of the $R$-values of typical building materials; it can be used to determine the $R$-values for your own home if you are not able to obtain a copy of a standard reference.
We have already calculated the $R$-value for the wall with insulation and found it to be $R=13.05$. To get the $R$-value without the insulation, we substitute the $R$-value of a $31 / 2$-inch air space from table 1 for the R11 fiberglass, and get an effective $R$-value of 4.4 for the wall.
We will now calculate the $R$-value for the ceiling on a one-square-foot basis. Referring to figure 3 and table 1 , we list the ceiling and roof materials and individual $R$-values. The $R$-values for the ceiling are:

| Inside still air | 0.60 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Gypsum board, $1 / 2$ in | 0.44 |
| Fiberglass insulation, $31 / 2$ in | 11.00 |
| Still air in attic | 1.14 |
| Ceiling total | 13.18 |

The $R$-values for the roof are:

| Outside air | 0.17 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Asphalt single roof | 0.44 |
| Building paper | 0.06 |
| Plywood deck, $5 / 8$ in | 0.78 |
| Air film | 0.60 |
| Roof total | 2.05 |

We will assume that the resistances of the ceiling and roof are additive. This is not quite correct because there is more area associated with the roof, but the answer you obtain by simply adding the two resistances is fairly close, so we get $R_{\text {ceiling/roof }}=15.23$. Single-pane windows are very poor insulators; therefore, they have a low $R$-value, which is approximately $R=0.91$. The $R$-value for a $11 / 4$-inch wooden door is $R=1.56$ (see table 1 ).
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Table 3: Summary of heat-transfer characteristics of a ranch-style house.
area is $42 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$, and the ceiling area is $1500 \mathrm{ft}^{2}$. The volume of the conditioned space is $1500 \mathrm{ft}^{2} \times 8 \mathrm{ft}=12,000 \mathrm{ft}^{3}$.

Finally, we must consider the load imposed by air infiltration. All buildings have some unwanted infiltration, and often have some forced ventilation. A simple way to quantify unwanted infiltration is to speak of it in terms of the number of total air changes per hour (AC/hr). A well-constructed building with tight-fitting windows and doors can have an air-change rate as low as $0.5 \mathrm{AC} / \mathrm{hr}$. On the other hand, a badly constructed building with poorly fitted doors and windows can have an air-change rate as high as $2.0 \mathrm{AC} / \mathrm{hr}$. It is difficult to measure infiltration or to make reasonably accurate estimates, so
for our example, we will assign $1.0 \mathrm{AC} / \mathrm{hr}$. We suggest that when you perform your own calculation, you assign a number between 0.5 and $2.0 \mathrm{AC} / \mathrm{hr}$, using the guidelines given in table 2.

We must change the number of air changes per hour to cubic feet per hour to use in our energy calculations. This is done by taking the air changes per hour and multiplying by the total volume of the house. In our example, we get $1 \mathrm{AC} / \mathrm{hr} \times 12,000 \mathrm{ft}^{3}=12,000 \mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{hr}$.

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Air ventilation rate $\left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{hr}\right)=\left[\right.$ estimated on-time. $\left(\frac{\mathrm{min}}{\text { day }}\right)$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\times \text { fan rating }\left(\frac{\mathrm{ft}^{3}}{\min }\right)\right] / 24 \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

For our example house we will say that each fan has a rated capacity of $100 \mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{min}$, and each runs about 45 minutes per day. Substituting our numbers, we get the air-change rate for both fans combined:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Air ventilation rate } & =90 \frac{\mathrm{~min}}{\text { day }} \times \frac{1 \text { day }}{24 \mathrm{hr}} \times 100 \frac{\mathrm{ft}^{3}}{\mathrm{~min}} \\
& =375 \frac{\mathrm{ft}^{3}}{\mathrm{hr}}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now that we have determined the volume of air that is exchanged every hour and subsequently replaced by air that is unconditioned, we must determine the amount of energy needed to heat or cool this outside air. This must be calculated in two steps. The infiltration energy load is the amount of energy needed to bring to room temperature the air that inadvertently enters the house from outside, while the ventilation energy load is the amount of energy needed to bring to room temperature the air that enters the house to replace air deliberately pumped out by a house fan. These can be calculated as follows:

Infiltration energy load $=12,000 \frac{\mathrm{ft}^{3}}{\mathrm{hr}} \times 0.24 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{lbm}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}}$

$$
\times 0.074 \frac{\mathrm{lbm}}{\mathrm{ft}^{3}}=213.23 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{hr}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}}
$$

Ventilation energy load $=375 \frac{\mathrm{ft}^{3}}{\mathrm{hr}} \times 0.24 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{lbm}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}}$

$$
\times 0.074 \frac{\mathrm{lbm}}{\mathrm{ft}^{3}}=6.66 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{hr}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}}
$$

The notation "lbm" stands for pound-mass, and is a more accurate description of what we normally call one pound of weight. The constant $0.24 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{lbm}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ is the number of Btu needed to heat one pound-mass of air one degree Fahrenheit. The constant $0.074 \mathrm{lbm} / \mathrm{ft}^{3}$ is the number of pound-masses in one cubic foot of air.
So far, the calculations presented have been simplified. If you would like to try a more rigorous approach, we refer you to the references at the end of this article. You will find a number of procedures for calculating heat loss through basements, roof/ceiling combinations, solarheat gain through windows, and you will also find a more elaborate description of air infiltration.

We have determined the $R$-value and surface area of each building component, as well as the energy load imposed by air infiltration. This information is summarized in table 3 . We can proceed to calculate the yearly energy requirements for our example building. The total yearly


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Listing 2: Output of listing 1, based on an example that uses $31 / 2$ inches of insulation in the ceiling.

EXAMPLE HOUSE IN AUSTIN TEXAS 3.5



Listing 3: Output of listing 1, based on an example that uses $91 / 2$ inches of insulation in the ceiling.

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| UA TAREE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SURFACE MUE | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PREA } \\ & \text { (FTt2) } \end{aligned}$ | R | BTU/HR DEG | LOAD \% |
| CEILIHARRCOF | 1500.0 | 34.28 | 43.7 | 6.4 |
| WPLLS | 1118.0 | 4.40 | 254.0 | 37.5 |
| WTMDCHS | 120.0 | .91 | 131.8 | 19.4 |
| DOOPS | 42.0 | 1.56 | 26.9 | 3.9 |


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energy requirement for space conditioning is the sum of the heating and cooling loads. The governing equation is:

$$
Q_{\text {rotal }}=Q_{\text {heationg }}+Q_{\text {cooling }}
$$

## Heating and Cooling Requirements

The yearly heating requirement for our example house can be easily determined from the combined conduction

Listing 4: Program for calculating dollar savings based on proposed home improvements. This program uses the discounted payback method to determine when the home improvement pays for itself in decreased energy use.


Listing 5: Sample output of listing 4.


|  | hith retrofit | WITHOUT RETROFIT |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YEAR | present value of CUMLLATIVE EFERGY SAVINO | present value of CAPITRL investment | Present value of NET SPV:HCS |
| 1 | Ererg\% 8.95 | ${ }_{4}$ | - 358.86 |
| $\frac{2}{3}$ | 169.68 268.34 | 433.78 425.89 | = 264.18 |
| 4 | 355. 13 | 418.15 | - 63.01 |
| 5 | 454.23 | 418.55 | - 43.68 |
| 6 | 357.83 | 483.68 | + 154.75 |
| ? | 666. 34 | 395.25 | + 278.39 |
| 9 | 779.38 897.76 | 388.36 381.49 | + 390.82 $+\quad 516.26$ |
| 10 | 1021.32 | 374.56 | + 646.96 |

and infiltration load shown in table 3, and the yearly heating degree-day value of $1980{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ day/year:

$$
\begin{aligned}
Q_{\text {heating }} & =734.2 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{hr}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}} \times 24 \frac{\mathrm{hr}}{\text { day }} \times 1980 \frac{{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \text { day }}{\text { year }} \\
& =34.89 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{Btu} / \text { year }
\end{aligned}
$$

We calculate the cooling energy requirements in a similar fashion:

$$
\begin{aligned}
Q_{\text {rooling }} & =734.2 \frac{\mathrm{Btu}}{\mathrm{hr}^{\circ} \mathrm{F}} \times 24 \frac{\mathrm{hr}}{\text { day }} \times 2908 \frac{{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \text { day }}{\text { year }} \\
& =51.24 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{Btu} / \text { year }
\end{aligned}
$$

We have presented these calculations in considerable detail so that the reader will understand the mechanism of heat transfer. Now we would like to outline and demonstrate how to obtain these results using your personal computer. Figure 4 is a flowchart for a simple interactive program that accepts building and climate input and generates a printout (similar to table 3) and a summary of yearly energy consumption.
The program is written in Commodore (Microsoft) BASIC, and it runs on any PET with a Commodore 2022 printer. Listing 1 is the source code and listing 2 is a copy of the output from this program. Readers who are fortunate enough to have Personal Software's VisiCalc will find that the procedures performed by this program can be followed very easily. We will not go into details of the program because it simply carries out the procedures outlined earlier. We suggest that you first try these calculations by hand, then write the BASIC program after you are comfortable with the method.

## Energy Conservation

At this point, you can see how to get your microcomputer to predict energy consumption in buildings, but you may be wondering whether you should go to the trouble.

The advantage of having a program is that it will allow you to rapidly evaluate the energy savings of such hypothetical changes as adding storm windows or insulation. To serve as an example, we have used our program to evaluate the effect of adding 6 inches of insulation to the ceiling of the example house. This change raises the $R$-value in the ceiling from 15.23 to 34.23 . Listing 3 shows that the new annual ènergy consumption is $79.35 \times 10^{6}$ Btu/year, a savings of $6.41 \times 10^{6} \mathrm{Btu} /$ year.

By themselves, annual energy savings numbers tell us very little. We still need an indicator that will help us choose from among energy conservation alternatives.

## Energy Conservation Economics

Armed with our program and a "hit list" of potential conservation measures, we can compile energy savings figures for each measure or for any combination of the measures. But there are two other key pieces of information that we must stir into the recipe: the cost of material and labor for adopting the conservation scheme, and the
fuel cost information required to turn Btu saved into dollars.

Getting a cost estimate for material and labor for residential retrofit work is as easy as calling a contractor. If the labor will be your own, then you should call a local lumber yard to get material cost figures. Once we know how much the proposed modifications to the building will cost, we can turn our attention to the dollar savings associated with the energy savings.

If a fuel is burned to produce heat, we have to know the efficiency of the furnace and the heating value of the fuel. Let's assume we are burning number two fuel oil in a furnace that has an efficiency of $70 \%$. Using $138,000 \mathrm{Btu}$ per gallon as the heating value for this oil and assuming a cost of $\$ 1.30$ per gallon, we can compute:

Cost per million Btu $=\frac{\$ 1.30 \text { per gallon }}{0.7 \times 138,000 \text { Btu } / \text { gallon }}$

$$
\times 10^{6}=\$ 13.46
$$

All fossil fuels can be calculated in this manner.
For electric heating, we have a cost of $\$ 0.07$ per kilowatt-hour and an efficiency of $100 \%$. We can compute:
Cost per million Btu $=\frac{\$ 0.07 \text { per } \mathrm{kWh}}{3413 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{kWh}} \times 10^{6}$

$$
=\$ 20.51
$$



Electric air-conditioning cost estimates require knowledge of the coefficient of performance of the airconditioning system-a measure of the ratio of the cooling effect in Btu to the electrical energy purchased. The coefficient of performance of a good air-conditioning system is around 3.0. The cost for cooling then becomes:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Cost per million Btu } & =\frac{\$ 0.07 \text { per } \mathrm{kWh}}{3.0 \times 3413 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{kWh}} \times 10^{6} \\
& =\$ 6.83
\end{aligned}
$$

A time-honored method for putting all of this information together is the calculation of simple payback. In this easy method, we merely calculate how long it will take for the money saved each year on energy costs to "pay back" the capital we invested to carry out the building modification. We then have a simple way to rank our energy conservation options.

Let's return to the example of adding ceiling insulation. The current cost of material for R19 fiberglass is $\$ 0.30$ per square foot, which amounts to a material cost of $\$ 450$. Let's assume you install the insulation yourself. Comparing listings 2 and 3 , we see an annual energy savings of 2.6 million Btu for heating and 3.81 million Btu for cooling. Using the electricity values estimated previously, our heating and cooling savings are:

Annual heating savings $=2.6$ million Btu $\times \$ 20.51$

$$
=\$ 53.33
$$

Annual cooling savings $=3.81$ million Btu $\times 6.83$

$$
=\$ 26.02
$$

Total savings $=\$ 79.35 /$ year
The simple payback period is therefore:

$$
\frac{\$ 450}{\$ 79.35}=5.67 \text { years }
$$

You probably noticed from listings 2 and 3 that the ceiling heating and cooling load is not, by any means, the predominant load. You might, for example, be tempted to assume that insulating the walls is a better approach. However, don't forget that retrofitting wall insulation is a grim proposition that, in some cases, involves drastic dismantling of the walls. Even when it is blown in loose, wall insulation will still involve a greater initial cost than do-it-yourself ceiling insulation.

## Improving the Economic Model

What if we want a more sophisticated economic model to rate our conservation measures? The shortcomings of the simple payback model are that it ignores the effects of:

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We will present a method here called discounted payback, which takes these things into account without becoming terribly complicated. We will also discuss a BASIC program that uses these concepts and gives results for our example house.

Let's assume that a quantity of capital, $C$, is invested at an annual yield rate, $Y$, with an annual inflation rate of $I$. In 1981 dollars, the present value of this investment after $n$ years is given by:

$$
P=C\left(\frac{1+Y}{1+I}\right)^{n}
$$

The accumulated present value of energy saved from now to year $n$, while energy costs escalate at rate $E$ and general inflation is $I$, is given by:

$$
S=A \frac{(1+E)}{(1+I)}\left[1-\left(\frac{1+E}{1+I}\right)^{n}\right]
$$

where $A$ represents the initial annual energy savings based on 1981 fuel costs.

If we compare by subtraction the accumulated present value of the energy savings for each year with the present value of the invested money, payback occurs when the difference changes sign. Using this method, the financial gains made in the years beyond payback are tangible and easy to interpret because we have discounted everything back to 1981. Reference 4 describes several more elaborate economic models.

Listing 4 shows a program written for a Commodore PET with printer. Listing 5 shows program output for our attic insulation example using an annual energy cost escalation rate of $15 \%$, a general inflation rate of $10 \%$, and a rate of return on investment of $8 \%$. The program accepts input of these three rates, plus heating and cooling energy costs in year zero (1981) and the capital cost of the energy conservation measure.

## Conclusions

Some readers may question the simplicity of our methodology. Please remember that we only wish to provide the basics to get you started. The material we have presented must be expanded to be truly useful, but the references cited and the vast body of available literature on the subject should help you develop the material presented here.

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## The VTR Blues

## Dear Steve,

I want to use my Radio Shack TRS-80 for generating screen titles for videocassette training tapes, including graphs, etc. My problem is that when I plug the TRS-80's cable into the video recorder (instead of the monitor), I can't get a good recording.
I replaced the TRS-80's monitor with an industrial monitor, and modified the cassette recorder's cable to plug into the video monitor and the VTR (videotape recorder).

As long as I keep the amount of writing on the screen to a few lines, the
videotape comes out fine. But if I try to put many lines on the screen, the result is sparkling, rippling letters, etc. Any more than four lines seems to drive the VTR crazy. Also, it seems that the writing has to be kept away from the right edge of the screen.

The VTR I use is a Panasonic reel-to-reel unit that has selectable video-level control. In the automatic mode, the recorder doesn't work so well. I have to keep it on a low manual setting. Even on good recordings, the playback gives a light gray background with black smears running to the right of the letters.

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New York NY
The more lines of text on a screen, the greater the bandwidth required to store the information.
It sounds like you have two problems. First, using the cassette cable as you have provides no shielding and is probably very capacitive. Excess capacitance will cause high-frequency loss and probably accounts for the sparkling and rippling letters. Second, apparently your VTR needs a better signal with more defined synchronization levels. The problem is due to the difference between the standard 1- to $11 / 2$-volt peak-to-peak video signal that the recorder expects and the almost 4 V output from the TRS-80.

The video signal in this circumstance is either black or white-there are no gray tones. The synchronization level is correct, but the high white level can be confusing your VTR. The white level should be at +1.5 V , the
black level at +0.5 V . and the synchronization level at 0 V .

I see no problem in directly recording this signal. My Magnavox VHS VTR has no problems even with a screen full of text. Other than opening your TRS-80 and changing the values of R23, R27, and R28, there isn't much $I$ can suggest to you. Better cabling should help.

> . . Steve

## Chip Off the Old Program

## Dear Steve,

I have some questions about PROM (programmable read-only memory) programming. Like many homebrewers, I'm strong on digital, but weak on analog. I have successfully built a 2708 EPROM programmer, but I encountered a problem when attempting to program Intel 2716s and 8755As under complete computer control. The $+26 /+5 \mathrm{~V}$ programming/ verifying voltages complicated the control circuit. My circuitry came up with only $+26 /+4.4 \mathrm{~V}$. The circuit did manage to program the PROMs and verify correctly, but obviously doesn't meet Intel specifications. The

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Figure 1
question is: given power-supply voltages of $+5, \pm 12$, and +26 V , can a transistor circuit be designed to come within the Intel specifications?

I've wanted to use Texas Instruments' 74S-series fuselike (transistor-transistor logic) PROMs in circuits, but
had no way of programming them. I have never seen any designs for a programmer for TTL PROMs. As I see it, there are two problems. First, a controllable power-supply voltage like the one I attempted would be required (except with different voltages). Second, what kind of drive
requirements are necessary to program the output bits of the PROMs? Would TTL open-collector outputs (eg: from a decoder) be sufficient, or would an active circuit with transistors be necessary?

## Robert A Servis

## Ann Arbor MI

I'm not exactly an analog "wizard" myself, but I have designed a few EPROM programmers. Perhaps you should look at the article I wrote in the March 1978 BYTE for examples of voltage-level switching. (See "Program Your Next EPROM in BASIC," page 84.)

Concerning your initial problem, there is nothing inherent in transistors that would preclude them from being set at +5.0 V , and it doesn't require much to do the level shifting you need. The circuit of figure 1
switches between +26 and +5 V as you require. A logic 0 input produces +26 V , and a logic 1 produces +5 V .

Finally, as you've noted, there are few fuse-link programmer schematics around. Perhaps a reader will send me one that I can forward to you. . . . Steve

## Incomplete Interface?

Dear Steve,
I enjoy reading your interesting projects in BYTE. Your May 1980 project appeared at the right time; however, I am having some trouble adapting it to my system. (See "I/O Expansion for the Radio Shack TRS-80, Part 1," May 1980 BYTE, page 22.)
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I can't afford to lose the money invested in my printer, and I don't want to part with my beloved $\mathrm{H}-89$. So, what can I do to complete this interface? I don't mind buying an interface off the shelf, if it's available.
Olu O Ajala

## Madison TN

There are two ways to approach your problem. One is to convert the $H-89$ to parallel output, and the other is to enable the printer to accept serial input. Given the equipment involved, your
best bet is to attach a serial-to-parallel converter to the input of the printer.
Figure 2 is a schematic of a 300 bps (bits per second) serial-to-parallel converter that should solve your problem. Set for 300 bps, no parity, and one stop bit, this circuit will allow communication between the machines. It should not be necessary to tie the printer handshaking lines back to the $H-89$ for the printer to operate. If you do this, however, use the input portion of the UART (universal asynchronous receiver/ transmitter) IC1 to convert the parallel printer-status bits to serial.

This circuit and other variations on the subject of serial-to-parallel and parallel-to-serial conversion were covered in an article I wrote in the May 1977 BYTE entitled, "Come Upstairs and Be

Respectable" (page 50). . . . Steve

## Slow Memory SIgnals

Dear Steve,
The Intel 8080 microprocessor has an input intended to force the processor to wait for memory devices that have slow access times. Can you give me an example of a memory device that produces this signal?
Irv Barditch
Baltimore MD
Generally speaking, memory devices do not have output pins specifically designed to control microprocessor WAIT states. The WAIT input is controlled by separate circuitry. The usual method is to trigger a one-shot (a circuit that produces a pulse of adjustable duration) from the
device-select strobe (called CS) of the memory bank in use. The one-shot holds the WAIT line low for a specific period so that the memory has time to produce valid data.

If you had a PROM (programmable read-only memory) with a $1 \mu s$ access time installed at location 0000 (to bootstrap load a system, for example), you would wire it as you would any other memory device ( 200 ns access time). However, the CS input on the PROM would have a one-shot attached to it that produced a $1 \mu s$ pulse. The $\bar{Q}$ output of the one-shot is, in turn, attached to the WAIT input of the processor. Whenever data is read from this PROM, the processor is automatically delayed by the one-shot. This delay would appear essentially transparent to the user, unless it is


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. . . Steve

## 'Scope Trlals

Dear Steve,
I'm faced with the decision to buy an oscilloscope or to continue using a homemade logic probe. What bandwidth 'scope would you recommend: 30 MHz or 50 MHz ? (The 16 -bit micrprocessors are getting into the 10 MHz range, and I want my investment to last.) The problem is
that the 50 MHz 'scope is twice the price of the 30 MHz one.

I'd prefer a logic analyzer. but most are designed for specific microprocessors and are just too expensive.
Mel K Schmuldt
San Jose CA
The choice of $a$ 'scope must be a trade-off between required operating needs and price. Rarely will you have to deal with the 20 MHz clock frequencies of the new micro-
processors. Most likely you will just check to see if the clock is present. A frequency counter is the better instrument to measure period.

In general, most of the signals you will be trying to observe will be at far lower frequencies. You would find very little difference between a 30 and 50 MHz 'scope when displaying a 1 MHz signal.

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In my opinion, the most economical choice for a computer hobbyist is a 15 to 25 MHz dual-trace 'scope that has a time-base range between 200 ns and 0.5 s (without the time-base magnifier). Vertical sensitivity should be at least 10 mV per division. Delayed sweep and trigger view are not necessary. This type of 'scope probably costs about $\$ 1200$.

If you are planning to do digital design, then you must be more particular about your needs. The market is wide open, and it is not unusual to pay $\$ 5000$ to $\$ 15,000$ for some 'scopes. My biggest complaint about topend 'scopes is that they have so many bells and whistles that you need a road map to find the on/off switch.

Finally, if you are determined to buy a 50 MHz 'scope, I suggest the Tektronix Model 455 (about \$2200). A comprehensive list of the 'scopes on the market is available in the September 1980 Electronic Products magazine. . . . Steve

## Dual- <br> Purpose Modems

Dear Steve,
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either your circuit or a commercial modem so that I can use my Apple II both for computer communication and as a deaf-communication device.
I am planning to use older model teletypewriters or special-purpose units, such as the Magsat, for the deaf communication project. From what I've been able to determine, they apparently operate at a lower transmission rate ( 45.5 bits per second?), and they have no carrier frequency.
What changes would be required to make a modem
serve this dual purpose? Also, where can I get more information on this subject? Jerry Black
Oshkosh WI
Remember that a modem is merely a tone generator connected to a serial-data stream. The common data rates are 110 or 300 bits per second (ie: the bit rate of the data stream). If you transmit at 45.5 bps (bits per second), the modem will operate at 45.5 bps. The modem in my article is rated to work properly from 0 to 300 bps.

If the older units you men-
tioned have no carrier frequency, they are probably 20 mA current-loop devices. The modem output can be converted to 20 mA with a single-transistor circuit. Such a circuit was given in my June 1980 "Circuit Cellar" article. (See "An Answer/Originate Modem," page 24.)

Finally, 45.5 bps is a function of the clock rate provided to the transmitting UART (universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter). A serial interface designed for 110 bps can be converted to 45.5 bps by lowering the clock from 1760 to 728 Hz .

At 45.5 bps you would probably use 2 stop bits. Steve

## A Loaded Ouestlon

Dear Steve,
I got into computing a few months ago with a 16 K -byte Level II TRS-80, and I love it. So far I only have one problem: loading programs.
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to keep loading the tape. Could you recommend a SYSTEM tape that could do this?

I tried a Radio Shack renumbering program to set the lines of each program far apart, but when I execute a CLOAD, it wipes out everything previously stored.

## Dave Bower

Virginia Beach VA
CLOAD on a TRS-80 clears any previous program before it starts loading (except the memory area reserved when you answer the MEM SIZE? prompt). Every BASIC program, regardless of the line numbers, starts loading at the same point.

On a 16 K -byte Level II, you only have two alternatives. The first (what most people do) is to load the program each time you want it to run. A separate tape is required for each program. The second approach is to rewrite all the game programs to fit
within 16 K bytes.
To do this, you would type in the first game to have the line numbers from 2000 to 3000, for example, the second from 3010 to 4000, the third from 4010 to 5000, and so on. Lines 0 thru 1999 would be reserved for a menu that allows you to select which of the games you want to run. If you select Game 2, for example, a GOTO statement would send the interpreter to line 3010 to start execution.
The only way to get the flexibility you want without rewriting all the programs is to add a disk system. With a disk, you can write a short menu program that loads the games you want to play exactly as you have described. If you feel adventurous, my March 1981 "Circuit Cellar" article is on how to build an Expansion Interface for the TRS-80 Model I. (See "Build the Disk-80: Memory Expansion and Floppy-Disk Control," page 36.) . . . Steve

## Bus Transfers

## Dear Steve,

I may buy a Compucolor II computer system because this integrated color system has most of the requirements that I am seeking. Most important is its resolution and color capability; however, its bus structure concerns me. My question is this: are there any products available that allow peripherals designed for the S-100 bus to be used on the Compucolor's S-50 bus?
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pin, I'm not sure that it could be emulated. Has anyone ac complished this, or at least managed to change an 8080A system to a Z80-based system?

## Daniel W McAndrew Bel Air MD

I haven't seen an S-50-to S-100 bus converter, but that doesn't mean there isn't one. If that is your main consideration for buying the Compucolor II, you might want to look around.
As for the 8080, Z80, and S-100 incompatibility: there are a variety of interfaces available, and the MWRITE Z80 signal is easily synthesized with a few gates. A good book that covers all these buses (and conversions between some of them) is The S-100 and Other Micro Buses, by Elmer C Poe and James C Goodwin (Indianapolis IN: Howard W Sams \& Company). I paid $\$ 5.95$ for it. . . . Steve■

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a useful algorithm that can be implemented on any personal computer. The problem addressed is simple to solve with Kalman techniques in that only one variable is in-volved-the gasoline mileage of your automobile.

## A Practical Application

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An overview of the Kalman filter is shown in figure 1. The Kalman filter recursively estimates a parameter (or set of parameters), $x$, called a state vector, based on discrete samples of a noisy measurement vector, $z$, and gives a prediction of the state vector, $\widehat{x}_{k}(+)$, based on previous measurements. The measurement vector is considered to be linearly related to the state vector, although it need not contain the same number of elements as the state vector. If it contains fewer elements, the system is underdetermined; if it contains more, the system is overdetermined. (In the case at hand, both the measurement vector and the state vector are one dimensional.) The Kalman filter is designed to produce an estimate of the state vector which is optimum in a leastsquares sense. Theoretically, no other estimator can produce a better estimate if the actual process and the model of the process incorporated into the filter are in accord. The Kalman filter provides not only an estimate of the current state vector, $\hat{x}_{k}(+)$, but also a prediction of the next state vector, $\hat{x}_{k+1}(-)$.

## System and Measurement Models

In the Kalman mileage predictor-
monitor, we assume that when the car is operating properly the true mileage is a constant perturbed by additive zero-mean Gaussian noise. Thus, our system model is defined by a single state with the following simple- state transition equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{k+1}=x_{k}+w_{k} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $x_{k}$ is the mileage on the $k$ th fillup, and $w_{k}$ is a sample from a zeromean Gaussian process with variance given by $q$. Changes in the mileage due to different driving conditions encountered on different tanks (not errors in our measurements) are represented by plant noise, $w_{k}$.

Our $k$ th measurement of the mileage, which we denote by $z_{k}$, is corrupted by another zero-mean Gaussian noise process, $v_{k \prime}$ so that in the Kalman filter we assume that the measurement is related to the actual mileage, $x_{k}$, by the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{k}=x_{k}+v_{k} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $v_{k}$ has a variance denoted by $r$. The quantity $v_{k}$ is called measurement noise, and it represents the uncertainty in our measurement procedure.

The program computes the mileage measurement, $\mathrm{z}_{k}$, using the total cost of the fill-up, $C_{k}$, and the price per gallon, $C G_{k}$. This yields a more accurate measure of the number of


Figure 1: The discrete linear Kalman filter computes the optimal estimate of the state vector, $x$, from a noisy measurement vector, $z$, and a prediction of the state vector, $\hat{x}_{k+1}(-)$, based on the available $k$ previous measurements. After the $k$ th measurement, the optimal estimate of the state vector is $\hat{x}_{k}(+)$. The system and measurement model boxes represent mathematical descriptions of the filter designer's concept of the processes which produce the observables, $\mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{k}}$. To the extent that these models coincide with reality, the filter is optimal.

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gallons used than that obtained by using the gas pump reading. Thus:

$$
\begin{equation*}
z_{k}=\frac{\left(O_{k}-O_{k-1}\right)\left(C G_{k}\right)}{C_{k}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathrm{O}_{k}-\mathrm{O}_{k-1}$ is the difference between odometer readings on the ( $k-1$ )th and the $k$ th fill-up.

## Recursive Estimation

The optimal estimate of $x$ after the $k$ th fill-up is given by the following
equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{x}_{k}(+)=\hat{x}_{k}(-)+K_{k}\left(z_{k}-\hat{x}_{k}(-)\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the $\wedge$ caret denotes an estimate of the state, and the $(-)$ or $(+)$ denotes the estimate before or after the $k$ th fill-up, respectively. A prediction of the $k$ th value of $x$ based on the $k-1$ previous measurements (but not including the $k$ th measurement) is expressed as $\hat{x}_{k}(-) . K_{k}$ is called the

Kalman gain, and the quantity ( $z_{k}-\hat{x}_{k}(-)$ ) is called the residual, denoted hereafter by $R_{k}$.

The Kalman gain is a measure of the confidence the filter places in the current measurement. It is related to the error covariance, $P_{k}(-)$, by the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{k}=\frac{P_{k}(-)}{P_{k}(-)+r} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The error covariance is an estimate of


Figure 2: Flowchart of the Kalman mileage-predictor program. MNOC is a constant with a value that means "miles since filter initialization."

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| 640 | $\mathrm{R} \downarrow$ | -31 |
| 847 | STue | 3512 |
| 068 | Fd. | -31 |
| 6199 | STOL | 3514 |
| 016 | 6 | 018 |
| W11 | STGI | 3546 |
| 012 | $\mathrm{F} / \mathrm{S}$ | 51 |
| 013 | ST0C | 3513 |
| 014 | Fi. | -31 |
| $\mathrm{Hi}_{5}$ | STos | 35.63 |
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| 618 | WDTA | 16-61 |
| 619 | FTH | 24 |
| 026 | +LELA | 2111 |
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| 623 | Fid | -31 |
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| 628 | FLE | 3612 |
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| 636 | STOE | 3512 |
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Listing 1: Program to predict automobile mileage using the Kalman filtering technique. Written for the Hewlett-Packard HP-67 (or HP-97), the program uses a recursive routine that compares the actual fuel economy with the predicted economy and provides a warning if the discrepancy is above a threshold level.
the variance of the error in the filter's estimate of $x$. When the filter is updated, the error covariance is updated according to the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
P_{k+1}(-)=\left(1-K_{k}\right) P_{k}(-)+q \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

By virtue of our state transition model, equation 1, we have:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{x}_{k+1}(-)=\hat{x}_{k}(+) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

because the Gaussian noise term, $w_{k}$, has a zero-mean value. Note in equation 5 that the Kalman gain cannot exceed unity since $r$, the measurement noise variance, is non-negative. (If $r$ were zero, our measurements would be error free.) When the gain is small, the filter places more confidence in the prediction than in the new data; when the gain is large, the filter is less skeptical of the new data. After the filter is initialized, the Kalman gain decreases monotonically from the initial value to a steady-state value as the filter is updated. This decrease in the gain is a result of the fact that as more data is accumulated, the error in the estimate of the state decreases (ie: $P_{k}$ decreases). If $r$ is small, the Kalman gain approaches unity, in which case it disregards new data. In this instance, the error in the estimate of the state would be entirely due to the plant noise, as can be seen by examination of equation 6 with $K_{k}=1$. Plant noise prevents the filter from deciding that it knows everything, in a sense causing it to behave like a finite memory filter that always responds to new data. The recursive feature of the Kalman filter is evident in that only the present measurement value, $z_{k}$, is required in equations 4 thru 7.

## Filter Design Considerations

It is desirable that the filter respond slowly to changes in the mean value DU U HERE ARE

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of the mileage data. This allows the residuals to be monitored for the purpose of detecting changes in mileage that exceed the expected variation for a properly operating automobile. We generate an alarm if the residual exceeds twice the expected standard deviation of the steady-state estimation error (the alarm detects sudden changes in mileage). We also sum the residuals and generate an alarm if the magnitude of the sum exceeds four times the expected standard deviation of the steady-state estimation error (this alarm detects a gradual trend, either upward or downward). In order to allow the filter to converge, we do not begin to sum the residuals until the third update after initialization.

## Flow Diagram

The flow diagram for the Kalman mileage predictor-monitor is shown in figure 2. Note that a number of inputs are required upon initialization. The following guidelines and the example contain a discussion of how to select values for these inputs.

Figure 2 shows optional computations that aid in monitoring automobile performance and assure timely maintenance. Specifically, sums of all gasoline costs and total miles traveled since filter initialization are computed and a test is performed to determine whether or not the total miles traveled exceeds the desired oil change interval. If it is time for an oil change, the program
outputs an alarm. The user can compute gasoline cost per mile traveled at any time by recalling the summed data and computing the ratio of costs to miles traveled. Other optional computations can be added if you are willing to use more than one HP-67/97 magnetic card for program and data storage or if the program is implemented on a larger machine.
The optional manual action, set $\Sigma R=0$, has been shown in figure 2 to emphasize a point about $\Sigma R$, the sum of the residuals computed for $k \geq 3$. Since the mean value of the residuals is zero, you might expect that the sum of the residuals will remain near zero. However, there is a theorem in probability theory (the theorem of long leads) that states, in effect, that the farther this sum departs from zero, the longer it will be before it returns to zero. This is a result of the fact that a significant departure from zero requires an improbable sequence of events-the occurrence of residuals of improbably large magnitude and/or a sequence of residuals of the same sign. Once such an improbable event occurs, an equally improbable event must occur to return the sum to zero. Therefore, the user may wish to set $\Sigma R=0$ whenever $|\Sigma R|$ reaches or crosses the threshold, $|\Sigma R|_{m_{a x}}$ in order to prevent this alarm from repeating erroneously after the car has been repaired. The flow diagram shows that the program does not output the filter's estimate of the mileage based on all $k$ measurements, $\hat{x}_{k}(+)$.

| Register | Contents | Units |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PO | Cost of current fill-up, Ca | \$ |
| P1 | Measured miles per gallon at current fill-up, $z_{k}$ | mpg |
| P2 | Cost per gallon, $C G_{k}$ |  |
| P3 | Predicted miles per gallon for next fill-up, $\hat{x}_{k+1}(-)$ | mpg |
| P4 | Threshold for magnitude of the sum of residuals, $\|\Sigma \mathrm{R}\|_{\text {mar }}$ | mpg |
| P5 | Error covariance for next fill-up, $P_{\text {n+1 }}(-)$ | $(\mathrm{mpg})^{2}$ |
| P6 | Kalman gain for current fill-up, $K_{*}$ | none |
| P7 | Total miles traveled since initialization, $\Sigma\left(O_{k}-O_{k-1}\right)$ | mi |
| P8 | Total cost of gasoline since initialization, $\Sigma \mathrm{C}_{4}$ | \$ |
| P9 | Sum of the residuals, $\Sigma R_{k}(k \geq 3)$ | mog |
| A | Threshold for magnitude of a residual, $R_{\text {max }}$ | mpg |
| B | Odometer reading at current fill-up. $O_{k}$ | mi |
| c. | Total miles between initialization and next oil change, MNOC |  |
| D | Variance of plant noise, $q$ d | $(\mathrm{mpg})^{2}$ |
| E | Residual, current fill-up, $R_{k}$ | mpg |
| 1 | Number of fill-ups since initialization, including current fill-up, $k$ | none |

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## HP-67/97 Program Listing

The HP-67/97 program listing is shown in listing 1. Since it requires 111 steps, the program can be recorded on side 1 of a magnetic card. A value of $r=0.4$ has been incorporated in the program at steps 039 and 040 . This choice is explained in the next section and in the example. Data storage requires primary registers 0 thru 9 and registers A, B, C, D, E, and I. The contents of these data registers can be recorded on side 2 of the card. Table 1 identifies data register contents, and table 2 gives instructions for the use of the program.

## Program Calibration

When the filter is initialized, it is necessary to specify the initial values of the error covariance, $P_{1}(-)$, an estimate of your car's mileage, $\hat{x}_{1}(-)$. the plant noise variance, $q$, and the measurement noise variance, r. A reasonable initial guess at the quantities will cause the filter to converge to a good estimate within three updates. The two parameters which affect the filter's steady-state performance are $r$ and $q$. It is recommended that you select $q=0.02$ and $r=0.4$ when you first begin to use the program. These values work well for both of my cars (which perform quite differently). The procedure used to select these quantities requires that you keep a record of mileage data for a number of updates. Try plotting $z_{k}$ versus $\mathrm{O}_{k}$ for a few fill-ups. By virtue of equation 2, the variance of the measurements, $\sigma_{x}{ }^{2}$, is $r$, provided the data does not contain a trend. If the plot appears to contain a trend, try

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| 1 | Load side 1, magnetic card |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | If updating GO TO 5, otherwise continue |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | INITIALIZE: Enter plant noise, $q$ <br> Beginning odometer reading, $O_{\text {。 }}$ <br> Threshold for residual alarm, $R_{m}$ <br> Threshold for sum of residuals alarm, $\|\Sigma R\|_{m}$ <br> Initial guess at the error covariance, $P_{1}(-)$ <br> Initial guess at the mileage, $\hat{x}_{1}(-)$ <br> Value of $\Sigma\left(O_{k}-O_{k-1}\right)$ at next oil change | $q /(m p g)^{2}$ <br> 0.1 mi <br> $R_{m} / \mathrm{mpg}$ <br> $\|\Sigma R\| / \mathrm{mpg}$ <br> $P_{1}(-) /(\mathrm{mpg})^{2}$ <br> $\hat{x}_{1}(-) / \mathrm{mpg}$ <br> MNOC/mi |  | ENT <br> ENT <br> ENT <br> E <br> ENT <br> ENT <br> R/S | Crd |
| 4 | Record data on side 2 of card END |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Load side 2 of card |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Enter total price of gasoline at fill-up <br> Enter price per gallon <br> Enter odometer reading <br> OUTPUTS: $\text { If }\left\|R_{k}\right\|>R_{m}:$ <br> If $\left\|\Sigma R_{k}\right\|>\|\Sigma R\|_{m}$ : <br> Actual mileage measured, $z_{\text {، }}$ <br> Predicted mileage, $\hat{x}_{k}(-)$ <br> Residual, $R_{k}=z_{k}-\hat{x}_{k}(-)$ <br> Sum of residuals for $k \geq 3$ <br> If time for oil change: <br> Elapsed mileage since initialization <br> Elapsed mileage at oil change interval <br> (When this happens, change the oil, add the desired oil change interval to the contents of register P7 to get the new value of MNOC, and DO: | $C_{k} / \$$ <br> $C G_{k} / \$$ <br> $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{k}} / \mathrm{mi}$ <br> MNOC/mi | Sto | ENT <br> ENT <br> A <br> C | $\left\|R_{k}\right\| / \mathrm{mpg}$ <br> $R_{m} / \mathrm{mpg}$ <br> 0.0000 <br> $\left\|\Sigma \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{k}}\right\| / \mathrm{mpg}$ <br> $\|\Sigma R\|_{m} / \mathrm{mpg}$. <br> 1.0000 <br> $z_{k} / \mathrm{mpg}$ <br> $x_{k}(-) / m p g$ <br> $R_{k} / \mathrm{mpg}$ <br> $\Sigma R_{k} / \mathrm{mpg}$ <br> $\Sigma\left(\mathrm{O}_{k}-\mathrm{O}_{k-1}\right) / \mathrm{mi}$ <br> MNOC/mi <br> 2.0000 |
| 7 | Record data on side 2 of card <br> END <br> OPTIONAL: |  |  | WDTA | Crd |
| 8 | When something causes $\left\|\Sigma R_{k}\right\|>\|\Sigma R\|_{m}$ to occur it is best to set $\mathrm{P9}=0$ before recording data for next update: 0 |  | STO | 9 |  |
| 9 | You can compute your gasoline costs per mile traveled over the total miles traveled by: |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{RCL} \\ & \mathrm{RCL} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 7 \\ & \div \end{aligned}$ | \$/mile |
|  | Table 2: Instructions and keypresses necessary for use with the mileage-predictor program. |  |  |  |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | 0 | 9.91 | 0.889 | 77406.6* | - | - |
| 0 | , | 8.77 | 0.889 | 77645.2 | 24.1865 | 28.0000* |
| - | 2 | 5.06 | 0.879 | 77784.0 | 24.1117 | 24.4690 |
| - | 3 | 9.45 | 0.879 | 78045.0 | 24.2771 | 24.2925 |
| - | 4 | 8.40 | 0.899 | 78273.1 | 24.4121 | 24.2871 |
| - | 5 | 9.25 | 0.899 | 78519.6 | 23.9571 | 24.3230 |
| - | 6 | 8.10 | 0.899 | 78742.6 | 24.7502 | 24.2308 |
| $0.1 * *$ | 7 | 9.00 | 0.919 | 78942.6 | 20.4222 | 24.3513 |
| 0 | 8 | 10.20 | 0.919 | 79182.8 | 21.6415 | 23.4871 |
| - | 9 | 8.26 | 0.929 | 79389.0 | 23.1913 | 23.0948 |
| 1,2** | 10 | 10.35 | 0.949 | 79627.0 | 21.8224 | 23.1149 |
| 0,1** | 11 | 11.32 | 0.949 | 79866.1 | 20.0447 | 22.8449 |
|  | 12 | 10.42 | 0.969 | 80108.4 | 22.5325 | 22.2798 |
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|  | 16 | 9.25 | 1.05 | 81021.3 | 22.7935 | 22.5473 |
| 0,1** | 17 | 5.05 | 1.05 | 81098.3 | 16.0099 | 22.5967 |
| 0 | 18 | 11.80 | 1.07 | 81367.0 | 24.3652 | 21.2779 |

* Initialization values. Since the $\hat{x}_{1}(-)$ guess was wrong, a type-0 alarm. occurred on the first fill-up $(k=1)$. Other initialization data were: $q=0.02, P_{i}(-)=5, R_{m a s}=1.26$, $|\Sigma R|_{\text {mar }}=2.53, \mathrm{MNOC}=2000$.
**When type-1 alarms occurred, $\Sigma R_{k}$ was set to zero as suggested in the text.

Table 3: Program input data and results (also see figure 3).


Figure 3: Plots of actual data provided to Kalman mileage predictor (see table 3) and the resulting mileage estimates. The filter program provided alarms that resulted in the following repairs:

A: faulty vacuum hose replaced on carburetor
B: valve job
C: loose spark plug wire
Other interesting points on these plots are marked as follows:
0: indicates that the residual magnitude exceeds the alarm threshold
1: indicates that the magnitude of the sum of the residuals exceeds the alarm threshold
2: indicates that oil-change mileage has been reached or exceeded
Mileage measurements are indicated by a circle; mileage predictions are indicated by a cross.
linear regression to obtain a proper value of $r$.

Once a value of $r$ is obtained, you must make a choice of $q$. The choice can be made either analytically or heuristically, but remember that the function of plant noise in the Kalman mileage predictor-monitor is to keep the filter from ignoring new data. At steady state (the value of $k$ large) the effect of $q$ on the error covariance and Kalman gain are given by the relations:

$$
\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} P_{k}( \pm)=\sqrt{r q}
$$

and:

$$
\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} K_{k}=\sqrt{q / r}
$$

respectively. The variance of the residuals is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{R_{k}}^{2}=\sqrt{r q}+r \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equations 4 and 9 demonstrate that the larger the value of $q$; the more responsive the filter is to new data. However, equations 1 and 10 imply that the predictions, $\hat{x}_{k}(-)$, also become noisier as $q$ increases. In addition, the ability of the filter to detect trends in the mileage data decreases, as indicated in equation 8.

Obviously, an optimization problem could be defined here. An elaborate simulation experiment could be designed to select a value of $q$ that would cause the filter to adapt its estimate to track a step function change in the mean value of the measurements within so many updates while still producing an alarm on measurements containing a trend of so many miles per gallon per fill-up.

I prefer the heuristic approach. The idea is to select a sufficiently small $q$ so that $\hat{x}_{k}(-)$ varies slowly with $k$ when the car is operating properly and when driving conditions are similar, A value of $q=0.02$ works well for both of my cars and my driving pattern. If I took my car on an extended trip where highway driving would predominate I would probably increase the value of $q$ by, say, a factor of 10 for one or two fill-ups in



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## Glossary

The following glossary of terms is provided to clarify the meaning of some of the specialized terms used in this article. Definitions have been simplified to avoid the introduction of additional terms.

Convergence: $A$ Kalman filter may be said to converge when the magnitude of the envelope of the residuals is a monotonically decreasing function of the number of filter updates.

Error covariance: In intuitive terms, a statistical estimate of the error in the state vector.

Gaussian noise: Random errors that add algebraically to quantities of interest, such as measurements ( $z_{N}$ ), are frequently considered to have a Gaussian probability density with a zeromean value. For example, the expression:

$$
f\left(v_{k}\right)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi r}} \exp \left(\frac{-v_{k}^{2}}{2 r}\right)
$$

is the probability density for $v_{k}$, the measurement noise term of equation 2 , which has a variance of $r$ and a mean value of zero. Zero-mean random variables are said to be unbiased. A probability density equation gives the probability that a random variable ( $v_{k}$ in the above equation) assumes a particular value.
Kalman gain: A function of the error covariance (the measurement matrix which relates the measurement vector to the state vector) and the measurement noise covariance (or variance in the case of a filter with a single element measurement vector). It is a measure of the confidence the filter places in the current measurement. The smaller the gain, the less confidence the filter has in the measurement.

Least-squares sense optimum estimator: An algorithm that produces estimates for which the sum of the squares of the errors in the estimates is minimum.

Linear Kalman filter: A filter in which the equations expressing the measurements in terms of the elements of the state vector are linear equations.

Measurement noise: $A$ random unbiased error which corrupts the measurements.
Overdetermination/underdetermination: If there are more elements in the measurement vector than in the state vector, the Kalman filter is overdetermined. If there are fewer elements in the measurement vector than in the
state vector, the Kalman filter is underdetermined.

Plant noise: An additive unbiased random quantity representing some actual physical process which causes the state vector to have statistical variability. Plant noise has the effect of preventing the Kalman gain from approaching zero as the number of updates increases. Kalman filter designers sometimes use this effect to implement an adaptive filter. In such filters, the sequence of residuals is tested for bias. When bias is detected, artificial plant noise is introduced into the filter. This increases the Kalman gain, which in turn causes the filter to increase its confidence in the incoming measurements when compared to its predictions. When the residuals are again unbiased, the plant noise is reduced.

Regression analysis: $A$ process by which a least-squares optimum curve is fit to a set of data points. When the curve is a straight line, the process is called linear regression analysis.
Residual: A Kalman filtering term that denotes the difference between the actual measurement vector and the predicted measurement vector.

Standard deviation: A statistical term that is a measure of the expected or observed spread of data points about the mean value. Quantitatively, two thirds of the data points are within one standard deviation, plus or minus, of the mean value.

State vector: Any set of quantities sufficient to completely specify the unforced motion of a dynamic system.
Variance: The variance of a set of $n$ measurements, $x_{i}(i=1$ to $n$ ), is given by the formula:

$$
\text { variance }=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\left[\left(x_{i}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}\right]}{(n-1)!}
$$

where $\bar{x}$ is the mean value of the set. The square root of the variance is called the standard deviation.
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order to allow the filter to adapt its estimate to the anticipated improvement in gasoline mileage.

## Example

Figure 3 shows the measurement data, $z_{k}$, as a function of $k$ for my 1973 MGB. Also shown are significant maintenance events during the time period covered by the data. Until the thirteenth fill-up, I did not rely on the Kalman mileage predictormonitor because all initialization data was based on speculation. On the twelfth fill-up, I calibrated the filter using the data from $k=5$ through $k=12$. Since this data contains a trend, I used linear regression to obtain a value of $r=0.4 \mathrm{mpg}^{2}$. I then reprocessed the data using $r=0.4$, $q=0.02, P_{1}(-)=5 \mathrm{mpg}^{2}, x_{1}(-)=$ $28 \mathrm{mpg}, R_{\text {max }}=2 \sqrt{0.4}$, and $|\Sigma R|_{\text {max }}$ $=4 \sqrt{0.4}$.

Figure 3 indicates the occurrence of each type of alarm and superimposes the predictions, $x_{k}(-)$, on the plot of $z_{k}$ versus $k$. The filter alarms will indicate the need for maintenance at the proper time. The history of input and output data for the MGB are given in table 3.

One powerful feature of the Kalman filtering technique lies in its use of a recursive algorithm. Though the filter's output is based upon all data entered since initialization, the data is not saved. Thus, the amount of memory required to produce successive estimates is minimal and con-stant-an essential feature of algorithms implemented on the HP-67/97. The filter program monitors gradual degradation of fuel economy, despite the action of noise and variations due to external sources. While other methods (plotting a graph or regression analysis) could be used, the Kalman technique is elegantly simple. $\quad$ I

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# The Infamous Traveling-Salesman Problem A Practical Approach 

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You may not need a computer to tell you the shortest distance between two points, but you may need one if you are trying to find the shortest route from ciny to city when many are involved.

This problem is commonly known as the traveling-salesman problem and is referred to by mathematicians and computer scientists as an NP-complete (nondeterministic polynomial) problem.
The difficulty lies in the number of different routes a salesman can take from city to city. If only five cities are involved, the number of different routes is a manageable 41 (4 factorial or 24). But the number of routes increases exponentially. So with nine cities, for example, the number of routes jumps to 8 ( 5040 ). And with 12 cities, the number of possibilities for the trip reaches suggering 40 million. That's lot of calcula. tions-even for a computer. In fact, it is not too hard to imagine a travelingsalesman problem that would take the world's most powerful computer centuries to solve.
The fact that NP-complete problems take so long to solve is both a burden and a blessing. The obvious
disadvantage is that it is difficult or impossible to solve some very useful problems. But it is a blessing as well since it lends inself to the design of systems to encode information for security purposes. This fact comes at a time when computer fraud is insreasing.
Interestingly, the travelingsalesman problem was discussed in an article entinted, "What Computers Cannot Do " (BYTE, January 1980. page 100). Indeed, there is no known way, at present, to solve all travelingsalesman problems in a simple and elegant manner or in relatively short time. Even the recent breakthrough by the Russian mathematician Leonid G Khachiyan, which solves the linear-programming class of problems, leaves the travelingsalesman problem unsolved (See 'Khachiyan's Algorithme Part 1: A New Solution to Linear Programming Problems," BYTE, Augus 1980, page 198, and "Khachiyan's Algorithm. Part 2: Problems with the Algorithm," BYTE, September 1980, page 242, by G C Berresford, A M Rockett. and J C Sievenson.) However, with a limited number of towns, the traveling-salesman prob-
lem is mosu certainly solvable.
In this article, we discuss a BASIC program that can solve a 12 -city problem in less than an hour-not bad, considering that there are 40 million possibilities and that the program was written in BASIC on an 8 -bit microcomputer. (Unless otherwise noted. execution times stated are based on SwTPC [Southwest Technical Products Corporationl 6800 computer system with a 1 MHz system clock using TSC |Technical Systems Consuhantsl BASIC.)

We loaded the program into a Control Data Cyber 175 large-scale com. puter to see what it could do with the traveling-salesman problem. The 12 -city problem, which requires 47 minutes on the microcomputer, was solved by the Cyber in less than four seconds. When a 16 -cily problem was given to the Cyber, the execution time was 41 seconds. This is truly astounding. considering that there are 1.3 trillion possiblities for this trip.

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and faster cycle rate are other factors that increase its speed. But such a powerful computer is not the ultimate answer to solving NP-complete problems. Even the Cyber would be hardpressed to solve a 50 -city problem in our lifetime.

## About the Program

We wanted to develop a program that would be useful in many ordinary situations. For example, while it's possible that you might have to visit 100 or more points in one trip, it's not very likely. It seemed that if we could develop a program that would compute the shortest trip for an 11- or 12 -city problem in less than an hour, then the program could solve a large number of real-life situations. Also, we wanted to write a program that could be used on virtually every computer system. (This meant that we had to use BASIC.) But this hampered our goal of fast execution time because BASIC is ordinarily interpreted and, therefore, slow. As previously noted, execution time would be much faster if the program could be compiled.
We first tried to solve the travelingsalesman problem by using a sampling technique in which only a few of the possibilities are calculated. From this sample, the best route for the trip is the answer. Sampling seemed a viable solution; it would certainly reduce the total execution time because all possibilities are not evaluated. The technique does not yield the best route for a trip (at least not normally), but we hoped it would give a good solution.

We were disappointed by the results of this approach, however. Looking back, it is easy to see why: if only a small percentage of the possibilities are examined, on the average, the probability of finding the best route is also very small. In addition, even if only $1 \%$ of the possibilities of a 12-city trip are examined, the total that must be tried is still very large $(400,000)$. The weaknesses of sampling were further illustrated by a simple experiment with friends, which showed that a

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The solution to reducing the execution time lies in a technique similar to that used in computer chess programs. It is basically a decision-treepruning method. In the case of the traveling-salesman problem, the idea is to skip over newly examined routes that are poorer than the best route found up to that point.
For example, assume a 6 -city problem, with city 1 the starting and ending point. Also, assume that the path thru cities $1,2,3,4,5,6$, and back to 1 has been calculated to require 400 miles. (This may or may not be the shortest route; it merely represents the shortest path found thus far.) The program must now generate another path and evaluate it.

Assume the new path is $1,4,2,3$, $5,6,1$. If after evaluating the distance from 1 to 4 to 2 to 3 , the accumulated distance is found to be greater than 400 miles, there is no need to continue the evaluation. Continuing would only prove what we already know-that this path is not the shortest. More important, it means we can skip the permutation $1,4,2$, $3,6,5,1$.

Now suppose we know that the shortest possible route involving any three cities then ending at city 1 covers 150 miles. We could then say that if the distance from 1 to 4 to 2 to 3 is greater than 250 miles, there is no point in calculating further. The distance from 3 thru two cities to 1 , regardless of the choice of the intermediate cities, will add at least 150 miles to the 250 miles already calculated. The total trip must be at least 400 miles, so it cannot be shorter than a route we already know.
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Of course these shortest-possibletrip values (stored in an array called M in the program) are not obvious and must be calculated. Indeed, their calculation forms the solution to the problem. We first calculate $M(2)$, which is the shortest possible trip touching any city other than city 1 and ending at city 1 . Next we calculate $\mathrm{M}(3)$, the shortest route involving two cities then ending at city 1 , using $\mathrm{M}(2)$ to reduce the number of permutations. Then $M(2)$ and $M(3)$ help in calculating $M(4)$, and so on. Calculating each successive element, $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{N})$, is approximately N times as complex as calculating the previous element. Because of powerful pruning, the time that is saved in calculating the higher-order elements of M more than makes up for the time spent in earlier M-element calculations.

In the 6-city problem, after calculating $M(2)$ thru $M(5)$, we slightly modify the routine to account for a fixed starting point. The resulting answer is the best route for the traveling salesman.

It is largely thru use of this technique that the 12 -city problem requires less than one hour; it would normally require 40 days if all routes were fully evaluated. Put another way, of the 40 million possibilities, perhaps only several thousand need to be completely evaluated.

The execution time can be reduced further by converting specific numeric variables to intergers. The program is shown in listing 1 using standard floating-point variables (to allow it to be applicable to most

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## How to Use the Program

In this section we discuss two examples. Each illustrates certain features of the program and how they are used. In listing 2, we assume that a traveling salesman is responsible for visiting 12 cities in Illinois, in no particular order.

The program begins by prompting the user to supply the number of destinations to be visited, in this case 12. The program then gives the user three methods for entering the location of the cities. The first method allows the user to supply the location of the cities in rough polar coordinates, using a distance from a reference location and an angle in the form of a map heading (ie: $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S}$, NNW, etc).

The second method allows the user to supply the location of the cities' polar coordinates, using a distance from a reference location and an angle from a reference direction expressed in degrees.

Both of these methods force the user to supply the location data with respect to a reference. In listing 2, the reference is the city of Chicago. Any point may be a reference. In fact, the reference point need not be one of the cities in the problem. However, there must be only one reference point. With the data supplied exclusively thru these methods, the program constructs an "inter-destination" table, which gives the distance from every city to every other city. All computed

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```
20 JF Nく4 TIIEN FRINT "TOO FEW TOWNS. 10 IT YOURSELFI": GOTO 10
30 IIM \([(N, N)\), \(T(N+1)\), \(C(N+1), ~ K(N+1)\)
40 nIM \(N(N), N(N), A(N), A \$(N)+M(N)\)
```



```
60 REM INSTRIICTIONS FOR SELECTING INFIIT METHOO
```



```
80 PRINT:PRINT
90 PKINT "TYPE 1 IF YOU WANT TO INFUT THE ANGLE AS MAP OIRECTIONS"
100 PKINT TABC 9 );"(E.G. SW, NNW, E, ENE ETC.)"
110 PRINT
120 PKINT "TYPE 2 IF YOU WISH TO INPUT THE ANGLE USING POLAR COORIINATES"
130 PRINT TAR 9 ) \({ }^{* \prime}(E . G .0 \text { DEGREESaEAST }+270 \text { DEGREES=SOUTH ETC. })^{\prime \prime}\)
140 PRINT : PRINT "TYPE 3 IF YOU WISH TO INPUT ALL LATA VIA THE"
150 PRINT TAB(9)事INTEK-DESTINATION TABLE."
160 PKINT : INPUT MEIHOO 1. 2: OK 3 - i IH
170 IF IK<>1 AND IK<>2 AND IKく>3 THEN 160
180 IF IM=3 THEN 590
```



```
200 FOK M=1 TO N
210 GOSUB 2490
220 NEXT M
```



```
240 PRIMT : PKINT
250 PKINT TAR 15): "INFUT DATA TO BE USED"
260 PRINT TAB(B): "DESTINATION DISTANCE BEARING"
270 FOR Mal TO N
290 IF IMal THEN 300
290 PRINT K; ". "; N\$(M); TAB(32); R(M); TAB(49); A(K): GOT0 310
```



```
310 NEXT M
```



```
330 REK : EDIT MODE FOK EDITING INPUT DATA
```



```
350 INPUT "DO YOU MANT TO EDIT ANY (Y/N! "; Q\&
360 IF LEFT \(\$(0 \$+1)={ }^{*} N^{\circ}\) THEN 430
370 PRINT : PKINT "TYPE O TO ENLI EHI TING WHEN ASKEG *WHICH UNE' . : PRINT
380 PRINT : INFUT WHICH ONE *: \(M\)
390 IF \(\mathrm{K}=0\) THEN 230
400 IF H<1 OR M>N THEN 380 ELSE GOSUB 2490
410 COTO 380
```



```
430 REN CONSTRUCT INTEK-DESTINATLON IABLE 宽
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\(450 \mathrm{FOK} \mathrm{M}=1 \mathrm{~N}-1\)
460 Y \(1=\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{H})\) ( SIN (A(M) H .01743329 )
\(470 \mathrm{XI}=\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{M}) ⿻ \operatorname{COS}(\mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{M})\) ) , 01745329)
480 FOR L \(\mathrm{L} H+1\) TO N
490 Y2af( 1 ) SINi A(L) ) *, 01745329)
```



```
S10 IF \(X 1>X 2\) THEN \(X T=X 1-X 2\) ELSE \(X T=X 2-X 1\)
520 If \(Y 1>Y 2\) THEN YTEY1-Y2 ELSE YTミY2-Y1
530 ZT=SOK XTHXT + YT\&YT )
S40 M M, L \()=Z T\) : \(D(L+H)=Z T\)
SSO NEXF 1.
560 MEXT in
5706070680
580
```




Some people say BASIC09 is really a PASCAL in disguise, others say it's still BASIC. You'll understand this delightful dilemma when you look at both versions of the "bubble sort" program shown below: both can be run by BASIC 99 . The program on top is unstructured and hard to understand, but it's traditional BASIC. The program on the bottom is well-structured and easy to follow, a virtue of PASCAL. With BASIC09 you can program either way, or mix the best of both. It's like getting two languages for the price of one.


## Makes programs better

BASIC09 has five kinds of loop structures: WHILE . . DO, REPEAT . . UNTIL,


LOOP . . ENDLOOP, FOR . . NEXT and IF . .THEN . . ELSE. If one of the five built-in data types (byte, integer, real, string, and boolean) doesn't suit the problem, you can make a new one of your liking with the TYPE statement. Need a tree, linked list, or symbol table? Complex nonrectangular data structures using any combination of data types are easy to define. Modular programming breaks down large programs to smaller, more manageable elements. BASIC 9 lets you create independent program modules called "procedures" with local variables for recursion plus parameter passing to any other BASICD9 or machine language procedure. There is a complete set of statements for device-independent sequential or random I/O, plus a superlative PRINT USING system.

## Makes programs faster

No full-feature BASIC for any 8-bit microprocessor is faster than BASICø9, because it is an interactive compiler. As each program line is entered, it is instantly compiled to a smaller, faster form. Because BASIC09 automatically converts programs back to original "source" form for listing, it is as friendly and easy-to-use as traditional interpreter BASICs. Each procedure can be independently compiled to positionindependent, reentrant, ROMable format. Microware ${ }^{\circledR}$ developed a new ultra-fast 9-digit-accuracy floating point math system just for BASICD9. And if that's still
not fast enough, there's BYTE and INTEGER arithmetic.

## Features that make programs easier to write

The compiler is integrated with a fullfeature string AND line-number oriented text editor. If you make a mistake, BASIC 09 tells you instantly. String-oriented commands such as search, change, change all occurances, delete, and insert can be used on programs with or without line numbers. There's an automatic line renumbering function too.

## Features that make programs easy to test

Debugging often takes longer than writing a program. That's why BASICD9's integral high-level debugger sets it apart from all other compiled OR interpretive languages. The TRACE command shows you each statement executed in BASIC form, plus the result of any expression evaluation. STEP lets you run one or more statements at a time. LET and PRINT allow you to examine or change the values of variables, by name. STATE lists procedure calling order. And there are nine other debug commands. If you need to correct a program, you can edit, recompile, and rerun it in seconds.
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tivting 1 contimutis:
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610 FOK $\mathrm{H}=1 \mathrm{TO} \mathrm{N}$
620 PRINT $M$; ", NAME OF DESTINATION "i
630 INFUT N\$
640 N $\$(H)=N \$$
650 NEXT H
660 PRINT : G010 730

680 REA * DISPLAY INTER-DESIINATION TAELE *

700 INPUT "LC YOU WANT TO EDIT CF EXAMINE THE INTEK-DESTINATICN TABLE *; OF
710 IF LEFT $\$(0 \$ 11)$ "N $^{\prime} \mathrm{N}^{2}$ THEN 1080
720 PRFINT : PKIMT
730 PRINT TAE(15): "*** INTEK-LESTIMATION TAELE ****"
740 PRINT TAG! 14 ) " "VALUES FCUNDEL TO NEAREST INTEGEf("
750 FOR $M=1$ TO N
760 PRINT TAEN 3*M-1) ${ }^{2} \mathrm{M}$;
770 NEXT H
780 FOR $\mathrm{H}=1 \mathrm{TO} \mathrm{N}$
790 PRINT:FRINT Hi "." ${ }^{\prime}$ TAB(5);
800 FOR L=1 TC N
810 PRINT INT(D(H,L) 4.5$)$; TAE(5* $\mathrm{L}+4)$;
g20 NEXT L
Q30 NEXT H
840 PRINT

860 KEEH * ELIT HOLE FOR EHITING INTER-LESTINATION TAELE *

880 INPUT "LC YOU WISH TC EDII ANY VALUES (Y/N) "; as

900 PRIMT:PRINT
910 PRINT " 10 ALTER, USE FORMAT : FROM, TO,NEW UISTANCE,"
920 FRINT "FOR EXAMPLE, $2,4,512$ ALTERS THE DLSTANCE FROM LESTINATION 1"
930 PRINT "TO DESTINATION 2 TO SI2, UISTANCE FROM DESTINATION 2 TO"
940 PKINT "DESTINATION 1 IS ALSO CHANGED."
950 PRINT "INFUT 0,0.0 10 LEAUE EDIT MODE."
960 PKELNT:PRINT
970 I=1
980 PKINT I; ". "; "FFCH+T0, DIS=";
990 INPUT MPL,DI
1000 IF $H=0$ THEN 680
1010 IF MzL THEN PRINT "ILLEGAL INFUT" : COTO 980

1030 ( $\mathrm{K} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{L}$ ) $\equiv \mathrm{DCI}$
$1040 \mathrm{ML}, \mathrm{M})=\mathrm{DI}$
$1050 \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{I}+1$
1060 G010 980

1080 kEH : GET STARTING AND ENDING DESTINATIONS *

1100 INPUT " HHAT IS YCUF BEGINNING LOCATION -; EL
1110 IF GL <1 OF EL>N THEN 1100
1120 INFUT "MHAT 15 YOUF ENUING LOCATION ": EL
1130 IF EL<L OF EL>N THEN 1120
1140 IF GL $=E L$ THEN $K=N$ ELSE KZN-1
1150 IF Kく4 THEN PRINT "TOO FEL TCWNS, UC IT YCUFSELF!" : 60 T0 1080

$1: 70$ REM **** EEGINNING ANU ENHING FOINT IS SAME, FIND OPTIMUM POINT
1180 5 $5=0$
1190 FOR MㅋN 10 N

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1200 SU=0
1210 FOF L=1 TO N
1220 SU=5U + W(L,M)
1230 NEXT L
1240 IF SUSSU IHEN OL=M : SU*SU
12:%0 NEXT M
1280 IF K<4 THEN FREINT "TOO FEW TOUNS, LO IT YOUFSELF!" : GOTO 1080
1270 T(1)=0L : C(1)=0L : T(N+1)=OL : C(K+1)=0L
```



```
1290 REM * CALCULATE TOTAL. FOSSIGILITIES FOR TRIF**
1300 REM *********************************************
1310 TP=1
1320 FOR M=1 TO K-2
1330 TP=TP倝 N+1)
1340 NEXT H
1350 FRINT "TOTAL FOSSIGILITIES FOR TRIF"* TP
1360 FEN ####*******************************************
1370 REM # CALCULATE FOSSIGLE UESTINATIONS TO UISIT *
1380 REM #***********************************************
1390 FOR PP=2 TO K
1400 FOR M=1 TO N
1410 FOR L=1 TO K+1
1420 IF M=T(L) THEN 1450
1430 NEXT L
1440 T( FF*)=N
1450 MEXT M
1460 MEXT PF
```



```
1480 REM * FREFARATION COHFLETE, NOW CALCLLATE SHOKTEST TRIF.*
1490 REM * HOWEUER, GEFOKE EXECUTING GENEKAL TKIF KOUTINE *
1500 REM * FIKST COMFUTE SFECIAL CASE OF F=2, *
1510 REM ************************************************************
1520 M(2)=32000
1530 FOR L=2 TO K
1540 5=0(T(L),T(K+1))
1550 IF 5<M(2) THEN m 2)=5 ; C(2)=T(L)
1560 NEXT L
1570 REM ####*************************
1590 REH * GENERAL CASE FOR P>2 *
1590 REH **************************
1600 LL=2 : LU=4
1610 SW=32000 : F=0
1620 FOK PF=3 T0 K+1
1630 IF PF<<<K+1 THEN P=FF ELSE F%K : LL=1 : LUF3
1640 FOR L=1 T0 K
1650 K(L)=L
1660 NEXT L
1670 H=LL+1
1680 IF H<>F THEN }192
1690 KEM *&## CALCULATE TOTAL USSTANCE FKOM TOWN 2 THKOUGH F + F TO K+1
1700 5=0
1710 IF H<4 THEN 1750
1720 FOK MzLL TO H-2
1730 S=5 + U(T(H),T(M+1))
1740 NEXT H
1750 5N=S + K(T(H-1),T(H)) + WT T(H)+T(K+1))
1760 KEM #### SAUE UISTAHCE AND TOWNS OF IKIF IF IT IS A EETTER ROUTE
1770 IF SU>SW THEN 1820
1700 5A=5b : 5k=50
1790 FOR L=2 TO K
1800 C(t)=T(L)
1810 NEXT L
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Variable Description
A() This array is used to store the polar coordinate angle of the destination. If map headings ( $N, S W, \ldots$ ) are used as input data, they are converted to an angle before they are stored in this array.
AS() This array is used to store map headings for the destinations if the user enters the data using this method.
BL User-specified beginning location of the trip.
C) This array contains the route of the shortest trip found thus far. Each time the shortest-trip-search routine finds a path shorter than that previously encountered, the cities that make up this newly found shortest route must be saved to expedite the searching of subsequent routes. When the program ends, the $C$ array contains the answer to the problem.
D() This two-dimensional array contains the inter-destination table.
EL User-specified ending location of the trip.
F This flag variable is used in evaluating trip distances. When the last city in a sequence is changed, the new distance is calculated by merely correcting the previous distance for the change in the last city. However, some changes require a change in the next-tolast city as well. The flag alerts the distance-calculation routine that such a change has been made. This forces the routine to calculate the entire distance of the sequence from the beginning.
H, $K(H)$ The combinatorial algorithm used requires that destinations be changed and evaluated for a possible shortest route. Given a sequence of cities (stored in array $T$ ), these two variables tell the program to exchange the Hth city in that sequence with the city whose position in the sequence is $K(H)$.
$I M$ Three input methods are available to input the location data to the program. This variable is equal to 1,2,
or 3, depending on the input method the user chooses.
$L$ A variable used to control a FOR...NEXT loop.
LL,LU After all of the elements of $M$ are calculated, limits $L L$ and LU are changed from 2 to 1 and from 4 to 2 respectively: then the last $M$-element calculation is repeated. Changing these limits brings the fixed starting aity into the calculation, and the resulting minimum path is the solution to the traveling-salesman problem.
OL Optimum location to start and end the trip. If the user requests that the starting and ending point be the same, the program calculates the optimum location to begin and end, for greatest efficiency in calculating the routes. When the shortest trip has been found by the program, the point used in the calculation is rotated back to the point requested by the user if the optimum location differs from that specified by the user. This step substantially reduces the total execution time by making optimum use of decision-tree pruning.
M A variable used to control a FOR...NEXT loop.
M() The shortest-trip-search routine begins by searching for the minimum distance from a single city to the ending location specified by the user. The program then searches for the minimum distance from any two cities ending the route in the location specified by the user. This process continues until the shortest route is found. This array is used to store the minimum distance found for a particular number of cities. It is used extensively to reduce the search time by preventing obviously poor routes from being evaluated.
$N . K$ The variable $N$ represents the number of destinations specified by the user at the beginning of the program. The variable $K$ may or may not be equal to $N$. If the user wishes to start and end in the same location, $K=N$. However, if the starting and end-
ing point differ, $K=N-1$.
N\$() This character-string array is used to store the names of the destinations specified by the user (ie: New York, Chicago, etc).
$P$ This variable indexes the M-element calculations. As $P$ sequences from 2 thru $K$, each of the elements of $M$ is calculated in turn.
PP A variable to control a FOR...NEXT loop.
$R()$ This array is used to store the distances from the reference location to all destination points. The value is supplied by the user for each of the destinations.
S,SA, These variables are all used in
SD,ST, the shortest-trip-search
SW routine. They represent the results of various partial or complete distance calculations.
SU,SV These variables are used to calculate the optimum location to begin and end a trip. The optimum location may or may not coincide with the location specified by the user. See the definition of variable OL.
TP This variable equals the total number of possible combinations for a trip. It is not used by the program; it is calculated to give the user an appreciation of the number of possible routes.
$T$ Each of the destinations supplied by the user is represented by a number stored in this array. This array is permuted many times before the final result is found and stored in the array $C$.
$\chi 1, \chi 2$, All of these variables are used $X T, Y 1$, to calculate the distance beY2, YT, tween cities. They serve as

ZT the basis for the construction of the inter-destination table. The variable pair $\chi_{1}, Y_{1}$ and the pair X2, Y2 represent the $x$ and $y$ components of two cities with respect to the reference location. The variable pair $X T$ and $Y T$ are the $x$ and $y$ components of the absolute distance between the two cities, irrespective of the reference. These two variables are used to compute the line-of-sight distance ZT between the two cities.


Listing 1 continued：

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1820 IF K゙(H)=K THEN 1850
1830 K゙(H)=k゙(H)+1
1840 EX=T(H) : T(H)=T(K(H)) : T(K(H))=EX : GOTO 1750
1850 IF H=K゙ THEN 1900
1860 REM **** RETURN TOWNS BETWEEN H ANI K TO ORIGINAL ORILER
1870 FOK L=H TO K゙-1
1880 EX=T(L) : T(L)=T(L+1) : T(L+1)=EX
1890 NEXT L
1900 k( H)=H : H=H-1 : F=1 : GOTO 2060
1910 REM **** GENERAL ALFHA-GETA CHECK
1920 IF H=LL THEN H=H+1 : GOTO 1680
1930 S=0
1 9 4 0 ~ I F ~ H \& L U ~ T H E N ~ 1 9 8 0 ~
1 9 5 0 ~ F O R ~ L = L L ~ T O ~ H - 2 ,
1960 S=S+LK T(L),T(L+1))
1970 NEXT L
1980 ST=S + IN(T(H-1),T(H))
1990 IF ST + M(F-H+2)>SW THEN 2060
2000 REM **** CONTINUE ROUTE EUALUATION
2 0 1 0 ~ H = H + 1
2020 IF H=F THEN 1700
2030 ST=ST + IKT(H-1),T(H))
2040 F=1 : GOTD 1990
2 0 5 0 ~ R E M ~ * * * * ~ F A T H ~ A L R E A I I Y ~ T O O ~ L O N G , ~ T K Y ~ N E X T ~ F E R M U T A T I O N
2060 IF K゙(H)=K゙ THEN 2100
2070 K(H)=K(H)+1
2080 EX=T(H) : T(H)=T(K(H)) : T(K(H))=EX
2090 IF F=0 THEN 1980 ELSE F=0 : GOTO 1920
2100 FOK L=H TO K゙-1
2110 EX=T(L) : T(L)=T(L+1) : T(L+1)=EX
2 1 2 0 ~ N E X T ~ L
2130 K゙(H)=H: H=H-1
2140 IF H<>1 THEN F=1 : GOTO 2060
2150 IF LL=1 THEN 2260
2160 M(F')=SA
2170 IF F=K THEN SW=I(T(1),C(2)) + M< F') : GOTO2240
2180 SW=32000
2190 FOK L=F'+1 TO K
2200 S=LKC(2),C(L))
2210 IF S<SW THEN SW=S
2220 NEXT L
2230 SW=SW+M(F)+.01
2 2 4 0 ~ N E X T ~ F F '
2250 REM *******************************************************************
2260 FEM * FEFMUTATION COMPLETE, IIISFLAY FESULTS. HOWEVERY IF OFTIMUM *
2270 FEM * FEGINNING ANI ENIING FOINT WAS USEII INSTEAI OF FOINT
2280 REM * FEQUESTEI GY USEF, ROTATE BACK.
2290 REM ****************************************************************
2300 IF HL@EL THEN 2380
2310 IF C(1)=FL ANL C({K+1)=EL THEN 2380
2320 C(К゙+1)=EL
2330 REM **** ROTATE ONE CITY
2340 FOR L=1 TO K゙-1
2350 EX=C\L) : C{L)=C(L+1) : C(L+1)=EX
2360 NEXT L.
2 3 7 0 ~ G O T O ~ 2 3 1 0
2380 PFINT : F'RINT : M=1
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2400 FRINT M; "."; TAF(6); N$(C(M)); TAK(24)! I;'
2410 M=M+1 ; IF M%N゙+1 THEN 2450
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[^24]```
2420 IF \(M=k\) +1 THEN \(I I=0\) ELSE \(I=(I N T((I K C(M), C(M+1))+.05) * 10)) / 10\)
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2440 M=M+1 : IF \(M\) M \(=\) K゙ャ1 THEN 2390
2450 FRINT
2460 FRITHT "THE SHOKTEGT TRIF IS ";(INT((SAt.05)*10)):10
2470 ENI
2480 FEM \(* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * ~\)
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2510 FRINT : FRINT M; ".";
2520 FRINT TAB(5); "NAME OF IIESTINATION ";
2530 INFUT N\$(M)
2540 F'RINT TAB(5); "IISTANCE FROM FEFEFENCE ";
2550 INFUT FR(M)
2560 IF IM=1 THEN 2600
2570 FRINT TAB(5); "ANGLE (0 LIEGFEES=EAST) ";
2580 INFUT A(M)
2590 FETUFN
2600 FFINT TAB(5); "MAF HEAIIING ";
2610 INFUT A\$(M)
2620 IF \(A \$(M)=" E "\) THEN \(A(M)=0\) : FETUFiN
2630 IF \(A \$(M)=" E N E "\) THEN \(A(M)=22.5: ~ F E T U R N\)
2640 IF \(A \$(M)=" N E "\) THEN \(A(M)=45\) : FETUFN
2650 IF \(A \$(M)=" N N E "\) THEN \(A(M)=67.5:\) FETUFN
2660 IF \(A \$(M)=" N\) THEN \(A(M)=90\) : FETURN
2670 IF \(A \$(M)=" N N W "\) THEN \(A(M)=112.5: ~ F E T U F N\)
2680 IF \(A \$(M)=" N W "\) THEN \(A(M)=135\) : RETUKN
2690 IF \(A \$(M)=" W N W "\) THEN \(A(M)=157.5:\) FETUFN
2700 IF \(A \$(M)=" W "\) THEN \(A(M)=180\) : \(\mathbb{H} E T U R N\)
2710 IF \(A \$(M)=" W S W "\) THEN \(A(M)=202.5:\) RETURN
2720 IF \(A \$(M)=" S W "\) THEN \(A(M)=225: F E T U F N\)
2730 IF \(A \$(M)=" S S W "\) THEN \(A(M)=247.5: ~ F E T U R N\)
2740 IF \(A \$(M)=" S "\) THEN \(A(M)=270\) : RETUFN
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A machine-readable copy of the program is available from co-author Richard Parry for $\$ 9$ on a 5 -inch disk. The disk is formatted for TSC's FLEX Version 2.0 for 6800-based systems.
2750 IF $A \$(M)=" S S E "$ THEN $A(M)=292.5: ~ F E T U R N$
2760 IF $A \$(M)=" S E "$ THEN $A(M)=315$ : FETUFN
2770 IF $A \$(M) \ll E S E "$ THEN 2600 ELSE $A(M)=3.37 .5$ : RETUFN


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Listing 2: Sample run of the traveling-salesman program. The results of this run are shown in figure 1 . The problem here is to find the shortest path that will allow a salesman to visit each city only once, beginning from and returning to Peoria. The execution time is 47 minutes on a SwTPC 6800 system.

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Listing 3: An eperyday application of the trapeling-sale sman program. This particular program will chart the best route for someone who muse do eight errands at eighe differen locenions and then pick ap the babysitter. Execution time is 17 minutes on a SwTPC 6800 system.

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distances are line-of-sight distances. For the present example, these distances are fairly accurate because major highways run between most of the Illinois cities mentioned. In other examples, such as those involving travel thru a city, the line-of-sight distances may be grossly inaccurate because of one-way streets which dictate roundabout routes.

The third method for entering data allows the user to insert all distances directly in the inter-destination table. For this method to be used, the user must know the distance between every possible pair of points. In practice, a traveler will not have this information. But, over a period of time it is possible to get it. This input
method is the most accurate, since true distances are used instead of line-of-sight distances.

In most situations, the user will start with one of the first two methods and then edit the interdestination table by inserting known distances. Listing 3 shows how the inter-destination table can be edited.

In listing 2 polar coordinates are used to input the data. The program prompts the user to supply the name, distance, and angle of each of the 12 cities. When this step is completed, the program displays the input data in neat tabular form-this lets the user easily check the accuracy of the information. If an error is discovered, the user may edit the data before it is used.

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The program then constructs the inter-destination table and gives the user the option to have it displayed. The user must now supply the starting and ending locations for the trip. In this example, Peoria (city 1) is the point from which the salesman starts and to which he returns. The program then executes the search algorithm and finds the shortest route. The time required for this calculation is 47 minutes.

All 12-city problems do not require this amount of time. The input data plays a major role in determining the execution time. In fact, our studies have shown that a 10 -city problem can require more time to solve than an 11-city problem because of the tendency of the decision-tree-pruning method to use certain data more efficiently.

The program ends by displaying the shortest route as well as the distance between the cities and the total distance for the trip. For the sample run, the total distance is 761.6 miles. The results are shown in figure 1. In this particular example, we referred to an Illinois road map and changed 45 of the 132 line-of-sight distances to true traveling distances. With this more accurate data, the path was identical. Only the total distance changed.

Figure 2 illustrates an everyday application of the traveling-salesman problem. It will pick the most efficient route for someone who must, for example, do eight errands at eight different locations and then pick up the baby-sitter. The sample run in listing 3 shows how the data is supplied to the program using map headings. Note that two errors were made while supplying the data. The example shows how the edit mode is called to correct the errors. Both the school's distance and the bike shop's map heading are altered.

When all the location data has been supplied, the program constructs the inter-destination table. We now want to edit the table, because we know that several of the line-of-sight distances are inaccurate. Of the 90 distances in the table, 10 distances are

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altered. When editing is complete, the table is displayed again to show that it has been modified correctly.

The user must supply the starting and ending points, in this case his home. With this input, however, it is possible that the shortest route computed would require that the babysitter be picked up first, which means that the baby-sitter would be forced to tag along on all the errands. To eliminate that problem, the babysitter's house is supplied to the program as the end point. In this way the user can place some constraints on the route.

Before the program searches for the shortest route, the total number of possibilities for the trip is calculated and displayed. In this case, there are 40,320 possible paths.

When the search is completed, the best route is displayed as well as the distance between each point and the next point in the path. The total distance of 41.2 miles is also displayed. Figure 2 shows this path as a dotted line. The solid line is the route that would have been calculated if only the line-of-sight distances had been used. The figure vividly shows the need to supply the program with accurate distances.
In preparing this article, I gave maps to friends to see just how well they could do compared to the computer. In general, my friends did well. In fact, in some cases a person calculated the correct solution or near-correct solution more quickly than the computer. However, this apparent case of a person outperform-


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An examination of figure 2 shows the drastic path change that occurs when true distances are used instead of line-of-sight distances. This stems from the fact that it is difficult or perhaps impossible for a person to visualize many points in which the true traveling distances have no relationship to the proximity of the points on a map.

## Conclusion

Getting from one place to another efficiently is becoming increasingly important as the price of energy keeps climbing. This is true for anyone who travels, but it is particularly true for those who travel a great deal, such as salesmen. The need to plan trips in advance is obvious. However, planning a trip even when the number of destinations is relatively small is a hard task for a human as well as for a computer. By using a decision-treepruning method, the program execution time can be drastically reduced.

The BASIC program described here has its limits, but it should be of help in solving many practical problems. Until a major breakthrough is made, solving this NP-complete problem will remain difficult and timeconsuming.

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Figure 1: Resistor networks used to ensure that input signals are within the proper range for use with $A / D$ converter boards. The component values specified in figure $1 a$ will divide the input voltage by a factor of 50 . The circuit shown in figure $1 b$ provides current division by a factor of 5. Both factors are taken into account by the Applesoft BASIC program in listing 1.

Listing 1：This Apple BASIC program performs data－logging functions．The A／D con－ verters and the clock／calendar are initialized with the routines in listings Ib thru Id．

## （1a）

## JL 1：＇1

（1）REM ：LOAD MACHINE I－ANGUAGE CONTFIOL FROCREAMS
a0 $115=$ CHIFs（ 4 ）
iso FRINT LIS；＂ULOAD ENERGY A／IS．D indo＂
40 FFIINT Lis；＂RLDAII ENE：FGY A／LD7．0 H．10＂
5O FRINT LIS：＂RI．OAL ENERGY，OEJO＂
GO FIEM ：IIUN MACHINE LANGUACE PROGTAAMS
\％O CALL SO374 （\％）CALL－936
100 REM ：GET CON：TANTS FOF LEFT PORTION OF SCFEEN
$110 \mathrm{~F} 1=0: T \mathrm{~F}=0:$ HOTIM $=24$
120 LEFTELGE $=0:$ WILTH $=25$
130 FOKE 32，LEFTELGE：FOKE 33．WI
ath
：140 FOKE 34，TF：FOKE 35，ROTRM
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160 VTAE Si：PRINT＂THE PRESEN
170 UTAE क：PRINT＂THE FRESENT U OLTAASE IS
130 UTAH 7 ：FRINT＂THE PRESENT $G$ UINENTI I S＂
1．9O U＇AAE 8：FRINT＂THE PRESENT＇W ATTAGE IS＂
$\therefore 00$ UTAF 10：FRINT＂THE AUERAGE WATTAGE IS＂
2． 10 UTAK 13：PRINT＂THE PEAK
220 UTAE 15：FFINT＂THE TIME
df maximum
$2: 30$ VTAK 17：FFKINT＂NUMEEF OF K
240 UTAE 10：PKINT－NUMEEK OF：
SAMFLES IS＂
260 KEM ：CHECK FOR COMPLETEI Conversion
：$/ 70$ PM ：$=$ ，VEEK（ 774 ）：MN $=$ FEEK（ 718）
23011 HN 2 O THEN GOTO 270
2GO FEM ：STORAGE LOCATIONS：7E\％

$000 z^{i=2 F S G}$
NIO KEM ：UDLTAGL
$\therefore Z O$ VA $=($ VEEK $(Z+2))$
350 JH $=(\operatorname{PEEK}(L+3)), 10$
340 VC ：$=($ F゚LEK $(z+4))$ ， 100 $5: 0$ UII $=$ VEEK $(Z+5)$ ， 1000 360 REL．M ：CUKFLLNT
ㄲo C：A＝（FEEK（ $z+7$ ））
340 CL $=($ VEK $(z+B) / 10$
$3 \% 0 \mathrm{CC}=(\operatorname{FEEK}(z+9)), 100$
$400 \mathrm{CH}=(\mathrm{FEEK}(z+10)) / 1000$
410 KEM ：TIME ANB DATE
420 TA $=$ FEEK（Z）
$4: 100$ TH $=$ FEEK（Z
440 TC $=1)$

$45010=$ PEEK $(z-3)$
460 TE $=$ PEEK（z $\quad$－ 4 ）
470 TF $=$ PEEK $(z-5)$
4 TGO $T G=P E E K(z-6)$
490 TH $=$ PEEK $(2 \cdots)$
：000 TI $=$ FEEK（Z - 日）
510 TJ $=$ PEEK $(z-9)$,
520 TK $=$ PEK $(z-10), ~$
E．30 TL $=$ PEEK $(Z-11)$
g． 40 REM ：GET VOLTAGE LHATA
$550 U_{1}=U A+U H+V C+U V$
iico $V=V T$＊SO
G． 70 KEM ：GET CURKENT LATA
$\leftrightarrows \& O C T=C A+C R+C C+C D$

590 C $=$ CT＊
600 IF $V>300$ THEN GOTO 270 410 REM ：SET KIGHT POFTION OF SCREEN FOK TIME UFDATE
620 LEFTELIGE＝20：WILTH $=10$
630 FOKE 32，LEFTELGE：FOKE 33．WI LITH
640 FOKE 34，TP：FOKE 35．HOTTM
©SO REM：UPWATE TIME ONCE FEK
SECONI
\＆ 60 UTAE S：PKINT TF；TE；＂；＂ithit Cin：nsitita
G＞0 REM ：AFTER ONE MINUTE， SAMFLE A／D＇S FDK NEW DATA
（ $80 \mathrm{x}=(7 \mathrm{~F} * 10)+\mathrm{TA}$
690 IF $X=0$ THEN GOSUE 750
フOO FOKE 7．4：POKE 7，4：FOKE 7，4
$\geqslant 10$ GOTO 270
720 ENII
Y30 KEM ：SUEROUTINE FOR LATA UF Lhate
740 REM ：N＝NUMHER OF SAMFLES
$750 \mathrm{~N}=\mathrm{N}+1$
760 KEM ：PCEFRESENT POWER READING
$770 \mathrm{FC}:=\mathrm{C} * \mathrm{U}$
780 KEM ：ACCUMULATED NUMEEF OF K．W．H．
790 KWH $=\mathrm{KWH}+(\mathrm{FCC} / 60000)$
$900 \mathrm{TT}=\mathrm{TT}+\mathrm{FP}$
g．10 REM ：PAFAUERAGE FOWER
日20 1：A ：＝TT／N
O30 KEM ：SUERUUTINE TO GET FEAK FOWER
E， 40 IT KFK $\leqslant$ FC THEN GOSUE 1080
$850 U=1 N T(V * 10+.5) / 10$
日フ0 FCC $=$ INT（PC＊ $10+.5) / 10$
$980 \mathrm{AA}=\mathrm{INT}(\mathrm{PA} * 10+.5) / 10$
$990 \mathrm{KK}=\mathrm{INT}(\mathrm{FK} * 10+.5) / 10$
$900 \mathrm{KWHI}=1$ NT（KWH＊ $1000+.5) /$
210 KEM：CLEAK FIGHT FORTION OF SCREEN
920 UTAY 1：CALL－95E
9：30 UTAE 2：PRINT TJJTI；＂／＂；THiT Gi＂ノ＂itlitK
840 UTAE S：PRINT TFitE；＂：＂； Cin：mitujta
＂PSO UTAE $6:$ PKINT Vi＂＂
480 VTAEI $\overline{4}$ PRINT Ci＂．＂
Y70 UTAEI 日：PFINT PCI＂＂，

1000 UTAE 15 PFFINT TG：TS：＂：＂：T
；T3；＂：＂；T2；T1
1.010 UTAEI 17：PKINT KWH：＂＂
1.020 UTAE 18：PRINT Ni＂…
$1.030 \mathrm{X}=0$
1040 REM ：CHECK SEC．CUUNT，GO TU MAIN STREAM AFTEF A 1 SEC －DELAY
1050 TA $=$ ：FEEK（76日）
1060 IF TA $=0$ THEN GOTO 1050
1.070 RETURN
$1.080 \mathrm{RR}=\mathrm{FC}$
1090 T1＊TA：T2＝TE：T3＝TC
1100 T4＝TLITTE＝TE：TG＝TF
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| C：52E：AI | 10 | CO | 18 | LDA | \＄cono | HEIT 4 |  |  |
| C：S2E：AD | DO | Co | 19 | LDA | \＄CODO |  |  |  |
| C：531：29 | OF |  | 20 | AND | ＊\＄0F |  |  |  |
| C：533：${ }^{\text {cil }}$ | 05 | 03 | 21 | STA | \＄305 | istore | EIT | 4 |
| C536：A9 | 00 |  | 22 | LDA | \％$\$ 00$ | BLOAD A | WIT | H 00 |
| C：536：A9 | 00 |  | 23 | LDA | ＋\＄00 |  |  |  |
| C：S3A：80 | D0 | CO | 24 | STA | \＄CODO | －START | CONU | UERSITINS |
| C53n：${ }^{\text {c }}$ | D0 | co | 25 | STA | \＄cono |  |  |  |
| C：540：80 | 06 | 03 | 26 | STA | \＄306 | ISIGNAL | SAM | MF＇LE DONE |
| C：543：日0 | 04 | 03 | 27 | STA | \＄306 |  |  |  |
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Listing 1 continued:

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| C464:A9 | 27 |  | 48 |
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| 1:467: 49 | 80) | co | 5 |
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| L477:19 | 80 | Co | 56 | LILA | \$COB0, Y |  |  |
| C47A:29 | OF |  | 57 | ANI | + \$0F |  |  |
| C47L:911 | CO | 02 | 58 | STA | \$02c0, x |  |  |
| C47F:CA |  |  | 59 | IEX |  |  |  |
| C480:A9 | 29 |  | 60 | LIIA | \$ $\$ 29$ |  |  |
| C482:99 | 81 | co | 61 | STA | \$C081, Y | GET M | MONTH |
| C485: 59 | 80 | co | 62 | LIIA | \$COBO, Y |  | MONTH |
| c:486:29 | OF |  | 63 | AND | +\$OF |  |  |
| C48A:7D | CO | 02 | 64 | STA | \$02co.x |  |  |
| C48L:CA |  |  | 65 | IEX |  |  |  |
| C48E:A9 | 2 A |  | 66 | LIMA | *\$2A |  |  |
| L490:99 | 81 | CO | 67 | STA | \$C081, Y | GET M | MONTH |
| [:493: 89 | 80 | co | 68 | L.ILA | \$COBO.Y |  |  |
| c496:29 | OF |  | 69 | ANII | * $\$ 0 \mathrm{~F}$ |  |  |
| L498:71 | CO | 02 | 70 | STA | \$02co.x |  |  |
| C49E:CA |  |  | 71 | LEX |  |  |  |
| C49C:A9 | 2 E |  | 72 | LIIA | +52H |  |  |
| [:49E:97 | 81 | co | 73 | STA | \$C081, Y | GET Y | YEAR |
| C4A1: Er | 80 | co | 74 | LIIA | \$COBO, Y |  |  |
| C4A4:27 | OF |  | 75 | ANI | * 5 OF |  |  |
| C4AG:91 | CO | 02 | 76 | STA | \$02co.x |  |  |
| L4A9:CA |  |  | 77 | DEX |  |  |  |
| L4AA:A9 | 2 C |  | 78 | LIA | +\$2C |  |  |
| C4AC:99 | 81 | CO | 79 | STA | \$cosi, Y | GET Y | YEAR |
| LUAF : Eq9 | 80 | co | 80 | LDA | \$COBO, Y |  |  |
| C4E2:29 | OF: |  | 81 | ANI | * $\$ 0 \mathrm{~F}$ |  |  |
| C4E4:911 | co | 02 | 82 | STA | \$02co.x |  |  |
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| C4FF:99 | 81 | CO | 86 | STA | \$C081, Y |  |  |
| L4C2:20 | $3 F$ | FF | 87 | JSK | \$FF3F |  |  |
| C4C5:40 |  |  | 88 | RTI |  |  |  |
| L4C6:08 |  |  | 89 | FHF |  | - CAL | LL THIS LOC. |
| [:4C7:48 |  |  | 90 | P'HA |  | ; TO | START PROG. |
| C4CE:8A |  |  | 91 | TXA |  |  |  |
| C4Cy:48 |  |  | 92 | PHA |  |  |  |
| C4CA:20 | CE | FF | 93 | JSR | \$FFCE |  |  |
| C4CI: EA |  |  | 94 | TSX |  |  |  |
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| C414:OA |  |  | 97 | ASL. | A | MULT | EY 2 |
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| C4D8: AA |  |  | 101 | TAX |  |  |  |
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| C4DE:8山 | FE | 03 | 103 | STA | \$03FE | 1LO-I | INTER UEC. |
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| C4E0:91 | 81 | CO | 105 | S'TA | \$cos 1. x |  |  |
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module that can be directly interfaced with the Apple II computer to give accurate energy measurements.

The module's principle of operation is fairly simple. The clock calls for an interrupt once each second. Data is sampled and placed in a memory location where an Applesoft BASIC program assembles it into voltage, current, power, and energy readings. The clock/calendar card and the A/D cards must be fitted with 2112-type programmable memories to hold the machine-language programs shown in listing 1 (two devices per card). The machine-language programs were written to be "slot dependent," and unless they are modified, the clock/calendar must reside in slot 4 , the voltage $A / D$ card in slot 5 , and the current A/D card in slot 7.

The Applesoft program in listing 1 uses a split screen to display the data. Because a clock/calendar module is used, you have the ability to record the date when the samples are taken, along with the time of maximum readings (often extremely important to solar- and windgenerator experimenters). The program displays the present voltage, current, and power being produced by the source, along with average and peak power, number of kilowatt-hours, number of samples, and time of maximum readings. The date and time are updated once per second, with the remainder of the data being updated once each minute.

If the power is being fed into a constant load, only one A/D converter will be necessary because you'll be able to calculate power from the equation:

$$
P=\frac{E^{2}}{R}
$$

where $P$ is power in watts, $E$ is voltage, and $R$ is the load resistance in ohms. If this is the case, delete lines 40,360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 570, and 580 from listing 1 . Modify line 770 to read $\mathrm{PC}=(\mathrm{V} \mid 2) / \mathrm{R}$ and line 590 to read $C=V / R$, where $R$ is the resistance of your load.

The A/D converter has a full-scale reading of 3.999 V , but the range can be extended with the use of a voltage divider. For example, the wind-driven generator I work with produces a maximum of +200 V DC. Figure 1a shows the voltage-divider network used in that application. The voltage-divider network reduces 200 V to 4 V , which is a 50 -to- 1 reduction. (Note that 50 is the multiplier constant in line 560 of the program.) The $50 \mathrm{k}-$ megohm potentiometer permits calibration, while the two 1-megohm resistors and the fuses protect the Apple and the converter boards from trouble.

Current can be measured indirectly by sampling the voltage drop across a series resistance. (See figure 1b.) In my work application, currents of up to 20 A can be expected, so a shunt resistance of 0.25 ohms was made from a piece of 30 gauge wire, $2 \% / 10$ inches long. Again, the 50 k -ohm potentiometer permits calibration and the two 1 -megohm resistors and the fuses provide protection. This current divider produces a 5-to-1 division (note the multiplier in line 590 of listing 1).

Further product information can be obtained from California Computer Systems. Santa Clara CA 95050. I will try to answer correspondence concerning the software if a self-addressed. stamped envelope is enclosed. Address correspondence to Dr William H Murray, Engineering Science Department. Broome Community College. Binghamton NY 13902.

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The BASIC program INFLATION (see listing 1) reads in the United States' CPI (Consumer Price Index) from 1945 to the present as a one-dimensional array. It computes how much a certain amount in the past would buy today, or how much a current sum would be worth in yesterday's dollars. Within limits, it extrapolates inflationary trends into the future. (The limit being the assumption that inflation will continue at a steady, predictable rate. If you believe that, boy, do I have a bridge for youl)

The program helps when you are making a decision to buy something-check the item against an old catalog and see how much of a price increase is justified by inflation. You can also find out how much of a pay raise you actually got last time, or how to set the price of a piece of real estate. My own use for it has been in the preparation of a book on the space program, trying to get a realistic perspective on how much a few billion dollars is really worth, from Eisenhower to Reagan. (Answer: $\$ 10$ billion $1952=\$ 36$ billion 1981.)

One technical point is that there are now two Consumer Price Indices, our government having discovered that a dollar is worth more to a poor person than to a rich one. The CPI-W index is based on the purchasing patterns of urban wage-earners and clerical workers; the CPI-U index is weighted toward the needs of the retired and unemployed. I've used the former index, figuring that rather few people buy their computers with food stamps.

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Listing 1: This Applesoft BASIC program, using Consumer Price Indices for past years, can calculate the current value of $\$ 50$ from the year 1956, or help determine the increase in value of a piece of property due to inflation. Lines 190 and 210 must be updated every year.

| 10 | REM | ****** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | REM | ** INFLATION ** |
| 30 | REM | *************** |
| 40 | REM |  |
| 50 | REM | **. A P.ROGRAM GIVING |
| 60 | REM | DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS FOR |
| 70 | REM | ANY TWO YEARS BETWEEN |
| 80 | REM | 1945 AND THE NEAR FUTURE |
| 90 | REM |  |
| 100 | REM | ( NOTE THAT STATEMENTS |
| 110 | REM | 190 AND 210 MUST BE |
| 120 | REM | ANNUALLY UPDATED.) |
| 130 | REM |  |
| 140 | DIM | $X(2000)$ |
| 150 | REM |  |
| 160 | REM | ** READ IN CONSUMER |
| 170 | REM | PRICE INDEX |
| 180 | REM |  |
| 190 | FOR | $I=1945 \mathrm{TO} 1981$ |
| 200 | READ | $\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{I})$ |

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[^26]400 REM ** PUT ANSWER INTO
410 REM "DOLLAR" FORMAT
420 REM
430 IF P2 = INT (P2) THEN P\$ = "\$" + STR\$ (P2): GOTO 450
$440 \mathrm{P} \$=\mathrm{F} \$ \mathrm{t}$ + STR\$( INT (P2)) + LEFT\$ ( STR ( P 2 - INT (P2 )) , 3)
450 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT "IF IT COST \$"; P1;" IN "; Y1
460 PRINT "THEN IT WOULD COST "; P\$;" IN "; Y 2;"."
470 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT "ANOTH ER COMPUTATION? (Y OR N)": PRIN?

480 INPUT $Q \$$
490 IF Q\$ = "Y" GOTO 290
500 END
510 PRINT: PRINT : PRINT "WHAT RATE OF INFLATION"
520 PRINT "DO YOU PREDICT?"
530 PRINT "(EXPRESS AS DECIMAL)"

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# News and Speculation About Personal Computing 

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cSNET Approved: The National Science Foundation has approved the establishment of CSNE T (computer science network), a cooperative effort of computer scientists to establish a com-puter-based communications network that will interconnect research groups in universities, industry, and government. Based on recent advances in computernetworking technology, including international protocol standards and the availability of commercial packet networks, CSNET will provide a means for collaborative work at the forefront of computer-science research. CSNET will initially link host computers on a number of other communications networks, including ARPANET, Telenet, and Tymnet. Later, it may be expanded to include other networks.

C omputer Sales Up: The Department of Commerce (DOC) estimates that this year US computer makers will ship $\$ 32.8$ billion worth of computers, up from $\$ 26$ billion last year. This is an increase of $15 \%$ after inflation. 1980 saw a $24 \%$ increase over 1979. DOC estimates that personalcomputer sales in 1980 exceeded $\$ 1$ billion, a $100 \%$ increase over 1979. US computer exports are four times that of the Japanese, five times that of the French. seven times that of the West Germans, and almost ten times that of the British. DOC notes, however, that the Japanese are moving ag. gressively into- the US and are expected to capture
$30 \%$ to $40 \%$ of the personalcomputer market.

VIdeodisk Players And Mlcrocomputers Comblned: The newest rage in DBS (data-base systems) and CAl (computeraided instruction) is the combination of a videodisk player and microcomputer system. This allows large, highly intelligent, and lowcost CAI or DBS programs to be created. The videodisk player (VDP) is usually hooked up to the computer system via an RS-232C serial interface or IEEE-488 bus channel.

A user can interrogate and directly access any part of the information on the VDP in a fully interactive manner, with a typical response time of 1 second. For example, the DiscoVision VDP can store up to 100,000 megabytes on either side of a VDP disk. That's roughly the contents of 180 volumes of 300 pages each or about fifteen years' worth of BYTEs. With this approach, an immense library of information is instantly accessible to the user. Doctors, lawyers, engineers, and any other professionals constantly accessing reference material can have a complete library at their fingertips.

In CAI, the VDP/microcomputer combination makes high-fidelity mono- or multiple-channel audio, color video, and data a vailable. If voice-input equipment matures, it's conceivable that the microcomputer keyboard may not even be needed.

SSM Microcomputer Products demonstrated a VDP/
microcomputer system this past April at the San Francisco Computer Faire. The system used a DiscoVision Associates VDP (which is a joint venture of IBM and MCA) and an Apple II.

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eddle and Palvenen Back In BusIness: In 1975 a small out fit by the name of MOS Technology introduced a microprocessor called the 6502. Nobody paid much attention to it with heavyweights like Intel's 8080 and Motorola's 6800 around. Yet, the 6502 presented some unique features, and a few smart designers latched on to it (eg: Apple Computer Inc). Then in 1976. MOS Technology introduced a single-board computer called the KIM. Before the KIM, few had ever conceived of a whole computer on a single printed-circuit board; and, in 1977. MOS Technology shook everybody with the first "totally integrated personal computer"-the PET.

The 6502 went on to surpass the 8080 and 6800 in sales. The KIM and PET were copied by many companies and spearheaded the rocketlike growth of the personalcomputer market.

The two fellows who started and led MOS Tech. nology through its pioneering projects were John O Paivenen (founder) and Chuck Peddle (the technical guru). In late 1976, the company was bought by Commodore International, and John and Chuck lingered there for awhile, then left. They have now started a new venture called Sirius Systems Technology, Scotts

Valley, California. Their first product will be a computer system to compete in the small-business-computer field. Strangely enough, it will use an Intel 8085 microprocessor.

A mateur Data Net Urged: A data-communications network for amateurs is being developed by AMRAD (Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation). A formal proposal for funding of the AMNET (amateur network) project has been submitted to ARRL (American Radio Relay League). In it, AMRAD calls for a North American computer-communications network composed of seven HF (high-frequency) nodes (packet radio stations) tied into local VHF (very high frequency) message systems. (See the July 1981 "BYTE. LINES," page 214.) A portable node may be added later.

If approved, ARRL will serve as the network manager, AMRAD as the developer, and the VADCC (Vancouver Amateur Digital Communications Group) as the system designer. AMRAD hopes to have its link in operation soon. Different message formats are being developed for electronic mail, information conversations, and file transfer.

Two data-communications networks are already on air, one in Vancouver, British Columbia, and the other in San Francisco. Both systems use the VADCG packet-node-controller boards.

In other data-communications news, Kelly Smith, one

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On enother front, Navi* tion Inc, the maker of low cost modems, has set up a free computeraccessble information number. The sys tem is avaliable 24 hours day. The data rate is 300 bps (bits per second). Ta gain access, dial (213) 887 6880 and type CAT followed by Return You'll be given an eishteen-item menu of the information files (es: there are modem and primer tests). The files are updated monthly.

Another UNiX Users Group Formedt Uniopst is a new oryanization for LNIX fans. it intends to publish a monthly journal and a members' directory. Uni-cops will hold a convention the thrd week of October in San francisco Membership is 324 For details, write to UniODS. POB 5182. Walnut Creek CA 94596, or call (115) 933 856

R eckwon Carg Off Bubble Mamorlate Rockwell International, one of the eparliest entrants in the bubble-memory market. is abandoning the race. Company sources concede that the bubble-memory market refused to develop expected The company will continue making the 256 K . bit bubblememory devices for military applications. Rockwell had been working on a 1-meatabit bubble device. Intel. Texas Instruments. and National Semiconductor are still making bubblememory de-
vices, and Motorola is expected to enter the market.

Thaximum KC Donaky Pretilletett Stanford University's tames 0 Meindl has predicted that the maximum number of transistors fabricated on a single integratedcircuit chip will be 1 billion and that this density will be reached by the turn of the century. That's bie leap from current 8 -bit microprocessors. which have about 30000 transistors, or Intel's new iAPX432 32-bit microprocessor, which has approximately 150,000 transistons on each of the integrated circuits in its three-chip set.

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Intel also has selfacor. recting memory system it switches meomory banks into and out of asytem.

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Endom News metr Atari will "private-label" microcomputer systems for Sears Roebuck. ... Tandy will so imo the OEM (original equipment manufacturinge computer business. Incidemally, Tandy reported net sales for January 1981 of $\$ 141.3$ million, 4 from $\$ 112.3$ million last vear, 26\% gain. .. Venture Development Corportation, Wellesley, Massachusetts, is predicting that shipments of personal computers will increase from fewer than 400,000 units in 1980 to almost two million in 1985. That's an effective fowth rate of $37 \%$ per vear. ... RCA has been selected to design and install the Postal Service's first electronic mail system. It's projected to be operating by 1982. .. Intel Corporation has reduced the price of the plastic-packale version of the 8088 microprocessor to \$14.10, in quantities ower 100 . The 8088 is instruction-set-compatible with the 16 -bit 8006 microprocessor, but uses an 8-bit data bus. . .

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# Micromodem Support in Apple Pascal 

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When I added Apple Pascal to my Apple II Plus system, I discovered that a few of my peripheral-device cards not made by Apple Computer Inc didn't work under the system. One was the Hayes Microcomputer Products Micromodem II direct. connect modem. Although the Pascal BIOS (basic input/output system) recognizes the Micromodem as a communication card, the BIOS does not contain the soft ware necessary to control the modemis operations.

In BASIC. I could easily call and communicate with other modemequipped systems, or have them call me. In Pascal, my system can't answer the phone even though the REMIN: and REMOUT: devise names are associated with the Micromodem I/O card. This happens because BIOS doesn't use the Hayes modem's on-cardfirmware as Apple's DOS (disk operating system) and monitor ROM (readoonly memory) do.

Various solutions were possible. In the February 1981 issue of BYTE, Thomas H Woteki described an Apple Pascal support procedure for the Hayes modem. (See "A Pascal Library Unit for the Micromodem II," page 106.) His method included modifyitg the BIOS routines in the SYSTEM.APPLE disk file and using a fair amount of machine-language routines. I decided against modification of the BIOS to maintain program compatibility with other Apple Pascal users. By using a programming trick that permits direct examination and modification of memory locations from Pascal, I knew I could reduce the amount of machine.
language code needed. The final solution was to write a set of Pascal routines to supply some of the original Hayes modem firmware's services and use them in programs as needed.

I have several programs that would use these routines, so I wanted to have them compiled separately from the calling programs. Apple Paccal offers separately compiled routines through the "unit" option. A program gains access to the contents of the unit

> Accessing memory locatlons directly from Pascal reduces the amount of machlne-language code required.

during compilation through inclusion of a "uses" statement. The objectcode file from the compilation is linked with the unit's obiect-code file to make an executable program. Basically. unit consists of three parts:

- the unit header, which specifies the name of the unit just as the program header does for normal programs. The name chosen is included in the USES statement of calling programs -the "interface" portion, which specifies usable items to the calling program. These items could be procedures or functions, and include global data declarations
-the "implementation" portion. which specifies actual routines and
functions that implement this unit and its interfaces

The code included in the interface portion of the Mieromodem unit was determined by functions I needed. The BIOS didn't support dialing other systems, answering incoming calls, or hanging up the phone. Additionally. I thought that a function to determine if new data is a vailable (similar to the APPLESTUFF "keypress" routine) would be useful because A.pple Pascal is not interrupt-driven. Thus the Pascal routines to be coded were:
> function MM._DIALER (NUMBER: stritg): boolean:
> function MM—ANSWER (TIMING_ENABLED: boolean): boolean: function MM_KEYPRESS: boolean:
> procedure MM_HANGUP:

Before programming the implementation portion. I had to solve the fundamental problem of accessing the Control and Status registers on the Micromodem card. Actually. I needed to fool Pascal into allowing access to the contents of actual memory locations. This was accomplished through the infamous Pascal TRIX record, shown in listing 1. which sets up a relation between the variables ADDRESS and MEMORY like that produced by the EQUIVALENCE statement in FOR. TRAN.

To use the TRIX record, an assignment to the variable ADDRESS (the address field) is done followed by a read or write using the MEMORY

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Listing 1: The TRIX record structure in Apple Pascal produces a relation between the variables ADDRESS and MEMORY like that produced by the EQUIVALENCE statement in FORTRAN.

```
type TRIX =
    record
        case boolean of
        false:(ADDRESS:integer);
        true:(MEMORY: ^char);
    end;
```

Listing 2: The BTRIX record structure is a modification of TRIX for operation on individual bits. Due to the 16-bit operation of the packed-array type, some care must be taken during its use.

```
type
    BBITS = packed array[0..7] of boolean ;
    BTRIX =
        record
        case boolean of
            false:(ADDRESS:integer);
            true:(BITS:^BBITS);
        end;
```

Listing 3: This short Pascal program demonstrates the use of the TRIX record.

```
type TRIX =
    record
        case boolean of
        false:(ADDRESS:integer);
        true:(MEMORY:^char);
        end;
procedure MM SET_MODEM (CBYTE:char);
var MMII:TRI\overline{X}
begin
        MMII.ADDRESS := -16251+32;
        MMII.MEMORY^ := CBYTE;
end;
begin
(* Just Hangup the Modem *)
    MM_SET_MODEM(Chr(0));
end.
```

field. The "record" structure makes the integer field into a character pointer.

The TRIX record is adequate except for operations on individual bits in a character. It is common to test bits in I/O interfaces to determine the current status and service required (such as reading a character). For the Micromodem, bit testing is used to determine whether the phone is ringing or if a carrier tone has been detected on the phone line. The bitoperation TRIX record is shown in listing 2. Using the BTRIX record does have its side effects, however. A packed-array type causes the ADDRESS field to point at a word ( 16 bits or 2 bytes) not just a character ( 8 bits or 1 byte). When a
reference to the MEMORY field is done, 2 bytes are read or written. This is normally not a problem because Pascal allocates data structures of that type in a word.

Reading 2 bytes can be a problem for the Micromodem because the Status and Data registers are adjacent bytes in the address space. A test of the Data Ready status bit will cause the character to be read and thrown away. (The MM KEYPRESS function in the unit MICROMODEM was written in assembly language to circumvent the double-byte reference.) The example program in listing 3 demonstrates the use of the TRIXtype records.


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Listing 4: Apple Pascal support "unit" for the Hayes Microcomputer Products Micromodem II. Since the Pascal language system does not use the on-board firmware included with this peripheral card, functions to support dialing, answering calls, and automatic hang-up are provided in this procedure. Note that the "-_" (underline, ASCII decimal 95) character is used to make the listing more readable, and that the " ( )" braces often replace the "(* *)" comment delimiters.

```
MICROMODEM.TEXT (c) 1980 Scott G. Robinson Sept. l4, l980 Page l
{D.C. Hayes Micromodem II Support Unit}
```

(*\$S+*)
unit MICROMODEM;
MI C R O M O DEM II SUP P ORT
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120 Upland Rd.
Marlboro, Ma.
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```
interface
    function MM_KEYPRESS : boolean;
    function MM-DIALER(NUMBER:string) : boolean;
    function MM-ANSWER(TIMING_ENABLED: boolean) : boolean;
    procedure MM
implementation
    const
        These ensure Phone Co. standards }
        DIAL PULSE = 120;
        DIAL_PAUSE = 60;
        DIGI\overline{T}}\mathrm{ DELAY = 1200;
        A_2_SECC_DELAY = 3400;
{ These describe the Micromodem Registers }
        SLOT X 16 = 32;
        MODE\overline{M}\equiv-16251;
            M_OFFHOOK = 128;
            M-INIT = 8;
            M_ORIG = 4;
            M XMTE = 2;
            M-300BAUD = 1;
        STATUS = -16250;
            S PE = 64;
            S_OVRN = 32;
            S_FE = 16;
            S_RESET = 8;
            S_CD = 4;
            S_XRDY = 2;
            S-RRDY = 1;
        CONT\overline{ROL = -16250;}
            C_INIT = 3;
            C-8BITS = 21;
        DATA}=-16249
    type
            TRIX = record
                        case boolean of
                        false:(ADDRESS:integer);
                                true:(MEMORY:^char);
                                end;
        BBITS = packed array[0..7] of boolean;
        BTRIX = record
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Listing 4 continued:

```
case boolean of
    false:(ADDRESS:integer);
    true:(BITS:^BBITS);
end;
```

var
DIGIT : integer; \{ Holds digit while dialing
I,J : integer;
CD,RI : boolean;
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Molds digit while dialing } \\ \text { Misc loop control vars } \\ \text { Indicates carrier or ring }\end{array}\right\}$
procedure WAIT(HOWLONG:integer|;
Delay for specified amount
var DELAY : integer;
begin
for DELAY := 1 to HOWLONG do ;
end $\{$ WAIT $\}$;
function MM_GET_STATUS(BIT_NUMBER:integer): boolean;
Test STATUS BIT_NUMBER and return true if set
WARNING! An assembly language routine should
be used in data transfer usage
because PASCAL may read the DATA reg
along with the STATUS reg thus
causing lost characters or worse.
var MMII: BTRIX;
begin
MMII.ADDRESS := STATUS+SLOT X_16;
MM GET STATUS:=MMII.BITS^[B̄TT_NUMBER];
end $\left\{\bar{M} M \_G \bar{E} T \_S T A T U S\right\}$;
function MM_GET_MODEM(BIT_NUMBER:integer): boolean;
Test MODEM BIT_NUMBER and return true if set
var MMII: BTRIX;
begin
MMII.ADDRESS := MODEM+SLOT X_16;
MM GET MODEM: =MMII.BITS^[BIT]NUMBER];
end \{MM_GET_MODEM\};
function MM_GET_DATA: char;
Return copy of DATA reg as char
NOTE: PASCAL's unitread should normally
be used for this function.
var MMII: TRIX;
begin
MMII.ADDRESS := DATA+SLOT_X_16;
MM_GET_DATA: =MMII. MEMORY^;
end $\left\{\bar{M} M \_G \bar{E} T\right.$ DATA $\}$;
procedure MM_SET_CONTROL(CBYTE:char);
set CONTROL reg with CBYTE
var MMII: TRIX;
begin
MMII.ADDRESS := CONTROL+SLOT_X_16;
MMII.MEMORY^ := CBYTE;
end $\{M M$ _SET_CONTROL $\}$;

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procedure MM_SET_MODEM(CBYTE:char);

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Set MODEM reg with CBYTE
var MMII: TRIX;
begin
    MMII.ADDRESS := MODEM+SLOT_X_16;
    MMII.MEMORY^ := CBYTE;
end {MM_SET_MODEM};
procedure MM_SETUP;
    Initialize ACIA chip to 8-bits/char {
begin
    MM_SET_CONTROL(Chr(C_INIT));
    MM-SET_CONTROL(Chr(C_8BITS));
end {\overline{MM_SETUP};}
(*$P*)
function MM KEYPRESS;
    MM_KEYPRESS returns true if a character is
    reädy for input from the micromodem
external;
function MM_DIALER;
    MM DIALER attempts to establish communication
    with a modem after dialing NUMBER. If successful
    the function is "true" otherwise "false".
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        begin
    \{ Start by taking the phone line "off-hook" \}
MM SET MODEM (Chr (M OFFHOOK)) ;
WA $\bar{T} T\left(A^{-}\right.$2_SEC_DELAY);
\{ Then dial-NUMBER requested. \}
for $I:=1$ to length (NUMBER) do
case NUMBER[I] of
${ }^{\prime} 0^{\prime},{ }^{\prime} 1^{\prime}, 2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}, 5^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}, 7^{\prime}, 8^{\prime}, 9^{\prime}:$
begin
DIGIT := ord(NUMBER[I])-ord("0");
if DIGIT = 0 then DIGIT := l0;
repeat
WAIT(DIAL_PAUSE) ;
MM SET MODEM(Chr(0));
WĀT(DĪAL_PULSE);
MM SET MODEM(chr(M OFFHOOK));
DIGIT $\overline{\mathrm{G}}=\mathrm{DIGIT}-1 \overline{\mathrm{i}}$
until DIGIT $=0$;
WAIT(DIGIT_DELAY);
end;
** : WAIT(A_2_SEC_DELAY);
end \{case\};
\{ Set Originate Mode and wait for the carrier \}
MM_SET_MODEM (chr (M_OFFHOOK + M_ORIG));

CD := false;
J := 8;
repeat
WAIT(A_2_SEC_DELAY);
CD : = $\overline{\text { not }}$ (MM_GET_STATUS (2));
J := J-l;
until ( $\mathrm{J}=0$ ) or CD ;
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Listing 4 continued:
if not(CD) then MM SET MODEM(chr(0))
else MM_SET_MODEM ( $\overline{\mathrm{C} h r}(\overline{\mathrm{M}}$ OFFHOOK + M ORIG + M_INIT

+ $^{-}$M_XMTE + M_300BAUD) ) ;
MM_DIALER := CD;
MM ${ }^{-}$SETUP;
en $\bar{d}$ \{MM_DIALER\};
function MM_ANSWER;
MM ANSWER answers the telephone if ringing occurs during the wait interval and returns "true" if a carrier is detected otherwise "false"
begin
Wait for Ring indication and then carrier
J := 20;
CD := false;
RI := false;
repeat
I := 0;
repeat
if not (MM_GET_MODEM(7)) then RI := true;
I : = I +1 ;
until ( $\mathrm{I}=500$ ) or RI ;
if TIMING_ENABLED then $\mathrm{J}:=\mathrm{J}-1 ;$
until ( $J=0$ ) or RI;
if RI then
begin
\{ Answer the phone and wait for carrier \}
MM_SET_MODEM (chr (M_OFFHOOK + M_XMTE + M_300BAUD + M_INIT));
I $\bar{i}=o \bar{r} d\left(M M \_G E T \_D A \bar{T} A\right) ;$ Ensure ${ }^{-}$valid $C D^{-}$bit \}
J := 15;
repeat


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            WAIT(A 2 SEC DELAY);
            CD := not(MM_GET STATUS(2));
            if TIMING EN\overline{A}BLE\overline{D}\mathrm{ then J := J-l;}
            until (J=0) or CD;
                end;
If carrier wasn't found then hangup the phone ]
    if not(CD) then MM_SET_MODEM(chr(O));
    MM_ANSWER := CD;
    MM_SETUP;
    en\overline{d}{MM_ANSWER};
procedure MM_HANGUP;
    HANGUP hangs up the telephone and returns to
    the caller.
    begin
    MM SET MODEM(chr(0)):
    en\overline{d}{H\overline{A}NGUP};
begin {Main Program just Initializes }
    MM SETUP;
end Tunit MICROMODEM}.
```

Listing 5: Assembly-language routine for the 6502 microprocessor that determines if the next character to be received is waiting in the Micromodem, eliminating problems caused by attempts to retrieve a character before it is ready. The name MM_KEYPRESS is derived from its similarity to the APPLESTUFF "keypress" routine, which performs the same function for the Apple keyboard.

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;MM_KEYPRESS support for MICROMODEM
.TITLE "MM_KEYPRESS support for MICROMODEM"
    MM KEYPRESS returns a boolean value indicating
    whether a character is waiting in the micromodem
    and can be read with UNITREAD in PASCAL
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;-------------------------------------------------------------------
RETURN .EQU 0 ;Return Address
SLTXl6 .EQU 020
MMSTAT .EQU OCOA6 ;Status Register
    .FUNC MMKEYPRE
function MM_KEYPRESS : boolean;
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STA & RETURN & \\
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\section*{Listing 5 continued:}

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Listing 6: Sample utility program that gives the user menu-driven access to the Micromodem support procedure, MICROMODEM.
```

MMUTILI.TEXT
(c) 1980 Scott G. Robinson Sept. 14, 1980
{Micromodem Utility Routine}

```
program MMUTIL;
uses APPLESTUFF,
(*\$UMICROMODEM.CODE*)
            MICROMODEM;
    Micromodem Utility Routine
    Demonstrates the usage of the micromodem
        support unit.
    Author: Scott G. Robinson
                120 Upland Rd.
                Marlboro, MA 01752
```

const
KEYINP=2;
MMINPUT=7;
MMOUTPUT=8;

```
var
    ANYCHAR : char:
    DONE : boolean;
    NUMBER : string[32];
    RESULT : boolean;
    PCHAR : packed array[0..0] of char:
procedure PRINT_MENU;
begin
    page (output):
    writeln("D.C. Hayes Micromodem II Utility");
    writeln(");
    writeln(");
    writeln("Pick an option from the following list:");
    writeln("");
    writeln(" \(\#->\) Number to Dial \(=`\), NUMBER) ;
    writeln("");
    writeln("
                                D --> Dial the number");
    writeln( \(\quad\) A --> Answer the phone");
    writeln( \(\quad H \quad-->\) Hangup the phone \({ }^{-}\));
    writeln( \(\quad T \quad-->\) Go into Terminal mode");
    writeln("");
    writeln("Type <esc> to leave program");
end \{PRINT_MENU\};
begin

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DONE : Calse
NUMEER : = "999-9999":
repeat
RESULT : E E E U
PRINT MENT:
cead(keyboard.ANYCHAR) :
if ANYCHAR \&s chr (27) then
case ANYCHAR of

begin
page (output):
writeln('Enter Telephone Number to dial:"):
ceadln(NUMEER):
end
' \(A\) ". " \(\mathrm{a}^{\prime}\) "
begin
page (output):
writelnt'Waiting for call... ):
RESULT : \(=\) RM_ANSWER(true):
end:
"0", " \({ }^{\circ}\) ":
begin
page (output):
writeln('Dialing *, NumeER):
RESULT : * MM_DIALER (NUMMER):
end:
'H", h': MM_HANGUP:
"T"。" "
begin
page(output):
writeln("Terminal mode - type "P to exit"):
RESULT: false:
cepeat
if keypress then
begin
unit cead (KEYINP, PCHAR \((0), 1,1)\) :
if PCHAR \((0)\) - chr (16) then RESULT se true
else unitwifte (myOUTPUT, PCHAR \(\{0], 1, \ldots 1)\) :
end:
if M_KEYPRESS then
beğin
unitread (MMINPUT,PCHAR(0),1, 1):
write (PCHAR(0)):
end:
until RESULT:
end:
end |case|
else
DONE t: TRUE:
if not (RESULT) then
begin
page (output):
Writeln('Operation Failed, type <space> to continue"): repeat read (keyboard, ANYCHAR): until (ANYCHAR - "): end:
until DONE:
end.

Text commued Irom poge 310 :
The remaining program listings contain comments that detail the full implementation of the unit. These listings contain characters that you are probably not used to seeing in Apple Pascal unless you have an ex-
ternal terminal. The "-" (underline) character breaks names to make them more readible. You can leave out the "_-" everywhere it appears and the program will work. The brace characters " 1 J " replace the comment delimiters "( \(=)^{\prime}\) ", in most
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Life After Death
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"All this and heaven too!" \\ - Mathew Henry's Life of Philip Henry \\ "And shall I couple Hell?" \\ -Shakespeare's Hamlet
}

In the conventional game of Life, death is final, and birth is the beginning. Cells simply vanish when they die, and they appear magically out of nowhere when births occur. The void on both ends saddened me. I could not accept Life without hope or a spiritual dimension. The result is Life After Death. After all, we create the microcosms known as cellular automata and make the rules known as state transitions. We can just as easily change the rules. If we want a cell to have an existence in the hereafter, then so be it.

In Life After Death, cells that die pass on to another state of existence; they enter a netherworld. Likewise, when a birth occurs, a cell from the other world descends to become the newly born cell, a gift from cell heaven or a reincarnation, if you will. More on this later.

The idea behind Life After Death is to explore Life systems with a view to generating interesting moving video displays or attractive printed patterns. This kind of study, however, poses several problems. One is the time and effort required to modify algorithms for new Life systems. A second problem is the slow execution
of high-level interpretive languages. (Few of us have the time or inclination to tackle such studies in machine language or assembly language.) A third problem is the difficulty involved in analyzing results and manipulating output. This article illustrates one approach to simplifying these problems. It also suggests the many structures and rules that can be readily implemented.

A good starting point is offered by Jonathan Millen in "One-dimensional Life" (BYTE, December 1978, page 68). One-dimensional Life is easy to program in high-level languages. It also runs fast enough for study purposes.

A program to run this one-dimensional form of Life is shown in listing 1. It is written in extended BASIC for the Radio Shack TRS-80 Model I microcomputer. This version uses a wrap-around procedure so that the first cell, \(\mathrm{UN}(1)\), is treated as being


Figure 1: \(A\) parallel pattern in the hereafter, H-line, is formed by negating the current Life pattern, P-line, and then rotating it by a circular shift to the left.
adjacent to the last cell \(\mathrm{UN}(\mathrm{E})\), where E represents the number of elements in the cellular universe, or Life-line. The ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) codes 32 and 191 represent a blank and a fully white video character block on the TRS-80. To facilitate study, the program displays each line as it's generated. But, the entire screen can be changed by storing the lines and then displaying them after a time delay between displays.

\section*{Adding a Hereafter}

One way to add a hereafter is to specify a parallel one-dimensional universe of cells, or H -line (hereafter line). Once a pattern is formed in the real world, or P-line (present line), two events immediately take place. First, an H-line is formed as a negation of the P-line of zeros and ones, ie: each zero or off-cell in P - is paralleled by an on-cell or a one in H , and vice versa. Second, the H-line drifts relative to the P-line by rotating one cell to the left. (These events are shown in figure 1.) The rules for Millen's one-dimensional Life are now applied to the P-line, but with a significant exception. An otherwise possible birth will not occur unless a parallel cell in the spirit world is on. Likewise, a moribund cell will not die unless the adjacent cell in the hereafter is vacant. Its time has not come. (This is illustrated in figure 2.)

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Listing 1: Radio Shack Level II BASIC program for one-dimensional Life using Millen's rules. The Life-line wraps around to form a logical circle composed of E elements. Lines are displayed successively as generated until the screen is full. The display then returns to the top of the screen and continues.






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14E1 FGF:J=1 TG LENGF丰%

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2G IF TEG THEN BOTG E-E

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2% IF N= O Bre N== THEN LIN:IS=1
ES TE=T1:T1=TE:I=I+1
24G JF IGE-1 GIG 1EG

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Z0GFE Y=\ TOE

```



The rules for Life After Death can now be stated:
- Every cell in the hereafter is set opposite in state to its corresponding cell in the parallel current pattern immediately after it is established.
- The cells in the hereafter then drift (rotate) one position to the left. The cause of this drift is not known. Perhaps the drift is more apparent than real. While the world rushes on with its daily concerns of growth and survival, the occupants of the
tenuous spirit world simply fade into memory.
- The cells of the pattern are scanned. A birth occurs if a cell is off and has 2 or 3 neighbors and the adjacent spirit cell is on. A neighborhood consists of 2 cells to the left and 2 cells to the right of the cell being scanned. The changes are deferred until the next step is complete.
- A death occurs if a cell in the pattern is on and has 0,1 , or 3 neighbors and the adjacent spirit world cell is off. Changes reflecting births and


Figure 2: Without a spirit in the adjacent otherworld cell, an otherwise possible birth cannot occur. If the adjacent space in the hereafter is occupied, an otherwise moribund cell cannot die.
deaths are now made in the patternline. A new cycle of rules can now be applied.

To achieve the objective of easy exploration, Millen's onedimensional Life (MIL) was implemented in APL, as shown in listing 2. This gives results identical to the results of the BASIC version in listing 1 except that the APL program is set up for printing. This particular version was run on an APL microcomputer, the MCM-70, of Micro Computer Systems. Readers who studied the article by Mark Niemiec "Life Algorithms" (BYTE, January 1979, page 90) will see that this is the same type of APL algorithm used for John Conway's two-dimensional Life, but much simpler in the one-dimensional system. [Editor's note: John Conway is the English mathematician who invented the game of Life.] The heart of the algorithm is in line 6 of listing 2 . The extended pattern (universe) is rotated 2 and 1 positions to the left and 2 and 1 positions to the right. The 4 shifted patterns are then summed.

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The advantage of using APL becomes evident when we modify the program to achieve Life After Death, (LD1), as shown in listing 2. All we have to do is replace line 3 , which is a do-nothing line in MIL, with a new line. This defines the hereafter, H , as the negation of the pattern, \(P\), rotated 1 cell to the left. This is done with the built-in editor, which is a standard feature of APL. The new variable joins the logical operations in line 9. OLD represents survivors; NEW and H represent births; P and H represent those whose time has not yet come. Note how closely the coding follows the concept (negate, rotate). It's easy and fast. Another advantage is the ease of display manipulation.

Preliminary experiments with these two programs, MIL and LD1, reveal a weakness in Life After Death. While one-dimensional patterns usually settle down to oscillating forms, the LD1 forms become stationary objects with a tendency to drift to the right of the screen (see figure 3). Failure to generate interesting patterns by a simple extension of one-dimensional Life is another example of a long known fact-it is difficult to improve existing Life systems. This applies to Millen's simplified system as well as to Conway's two-dimensional Life. The remainder of this article explores ways out of this difficulty. Some of the suggestions may well apply to the standard game of Life.

Before we discuss the addition of a netherworld, it is worth noting that we are dealing with a generalization of the game of Life. We are adding parallel structures with their own transition rules and with rules for interaction between the structures. In the present case, we have two or three parallel, interacting, one-dimensional spaces. Theorists may be quick to point out that Life After Death is equivalent to a simple onedimensional Life with more than two states for cells and with more complex transition rules. Thus, the states "on" and "off" are augmented by the
states "off but candidate for on" and "on but candidate for off." There are practical advantages with the present approach-ease of handling and pat-tern-generation spinoffs. We can, for example, print only the hereafter or netherworld Life-lines (by replacing \(P\) in line 4 of LD1 [listing 2] with H , for example), or we can combine the different Life-lines in various ways for display effects. Note the simplicity of specifying a display. An array of characters is indexed by an array of integers with the result taking the shape of the indexing array.
The introduction of a netherworld, N , brings complications. To speed things along, we will use a cellular theology of heaven and hell. As creators of such a system, we now face difficult choices. Shall hell be the negation of heaven or the reversal? Shall it drift or rotate in the opposite direction and how far? There are more problems. Shall dead cells go to one place or the other or both if vacancies exist? Shall the spirits of the newborn come only from heaven, or shall the innocence of the newborn be corrupted from below? After some experimentation, LD3 and LD6 emerged as interesting for patterngeneration potential. They are shown in listing 2 and are compared with MIL and LD1 in the last two columns of figure 3.

LD3 leans toward a variety of oscillators and stationary forms, while LD6 leans more toward stationary forms with some tendency for wider growth. Both of these tripleline forms of Life allow birth if an adjacent cell is occupied in either heaven or hell. Both of them also require an opening in at least one of the parallel lines for an otherwise allowable death to occur. They differ in that hell for LD3 is a combined negation, reversal, and rotation of one cell to the right. LD6, on the other hand, sees the netherworld as a simple contrary rotation of the heavenly pattern 2 cells to the right. These modifications are shown in line 3 of LD3 and LD6 in listing 2. The birth and death consequences show up in line 9. To assist in the interText continued on page 332

Listing 2：These APL programs for four different Life systems differ in lines 3 and 9 only．Program MIL gives the same results as the BASIC program in listing 1．LD1 adds a hereafter，H．LD3 adds a netherworld，N．LD6 does the same，but defines N differently （see text）．The influence of the parallel \(N\)－and \(H\)－lines is determined in line 9 of each program．
```

    DISPLAY 'MIL'
    0VF+S MIL P
    1 +0\times12\times\rho,S\leftarrow(10S),(1+S)「\capP\leftarrow,P
    2R+00P+(1+S)\rho((「0.5\times(1+S)-nP) \rhoG+0),P='1'
    3START:X*''
    4 
    5->0\times1 (G&G+1)>-1+10S
    6 SUM*+/[1]2 1 '1 ' 2 P(4, \rhoP) pP
    7 OLD\leftarrow(2=SJM }\timesP)\vee4=SJM\times
    8NEW\leftarrow(2=SU.G\times~P)\vee3=SJM }\times~~
    9 P&OLDVNEW
    10 +START
\nabla
DISPLAY 'LD1'
0\nablaR\leftarrowS LD1 P
1 +0\times12\times0,S*(10S),(1+S)「 \rho,P
2R+0\rhoP*(1+S)\rho((「0.5x(1+S)-0P) O'G+0),P='1'
3START:H+1 D~P
4 \<' []'[P+1],' ',G
5 <0\times1 (G+G+1)>> 1+1\rhoS
6 SUM++/[1]2 1 1 1 2 O (4,oP) OP
7OLD\leftarrow(2=SJM }\timesP)\vee4=SJM\times
8NEW\leftarrow(2 =SUM }~~P)\vee3=SUM\times~
9 P\& (P\wedgeH)\vee (NEW^H)\veeOLD
10->START
\nabla
DISPLAY 'LD3'
OVF+S LD3 P
+0\times12\not=\rho,S+(10S),(1+S)「\rhoP\leftarrow,P
2R+0\rhoP\&(1+S)\rho((「0.5\times(1+S)-0P) \rhoG\leftarrow0),P='1.'
3START:N+}\mp@subsup{}{}{-}10\emptyset~H+10~
\Pi\&' ['[P+1],' ', }
O < l (G+G+1)> }\mp@subsup{}{}{-}1+1\rho
SUM++/[1]2 1 - 1 -
OLD\leftarrow(2=SUM\timesP)\vee4=SUM\timesP
8NEW\leftarrow(2=SUM\times~P)\vee3=SUM\times~P
9 P\leftarrow(P^H^N)\vee(NEW^H\veeN)\veeOLD
10 ->START
\nabla
DISPLAY 'LDG'
O\nablaR+S LD6 P
1 +0\times\imath 2* 0,S\leftarrow(1\rhoS),(1+S)「\rhoP\leftarrow,P
2R+0\rhoP+(1+S)\rho((「0.5x(1+S)-OP) \cap\rho
3START:N*-}2DH+1D~
4 D*' D'[P+1],' ',
5 >0\times1 (G+G+1)>-1+1\rhoS
SUM++/[1]2 1 - 1 -
OLD*(2=SUM\timesP)\vee4 =SUM }\times
NEW\leftarrow(2=SUM\times~P)\vee3=SUM }\times~
P\&(P\wedgeH^N)\vee(NEW^H\veeN)\veeOLD
10 +START

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Tuxt contimed from paty 3．30：
pretation，the three phrases in line 9 of LD3，for example，can be read as：
－Cells whose time has not yet come （ $\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{H}$, and N ）
－Cells that are newborn（NEW，H，or N）
－Cells that survive（OLD）
The use of the reversal operation （backward order）in LD3 leads to an interesting property．The uniqueness of a pattern is determined not only by the sequence of on and off cells，but by its position with respect to the wrap－around point or＂ends＂of the Life－line．This is shown in figure 4 where the patterns 1011100 ． 0101110 ． and 0010111 are compared using LD3．Another point to note with cir－ cular or wrap－a round life is that the number of elements and their parity （odd or even）will modify the results when interacting patterns crowd the available space and approach the wrap－around point．Things get more interesting and complicated with larger patterns and Lile－lines than are shown here．Many continue to evolve after a few dozen generations．These are left for the interested reader to explore．For those lacking access to APL，it will be necessary to modify the BASIC program accordingly． Whik not terribly difficult，it will take much more time and effort． Although APL has its problems， when it comes to speed of creating an application and maintaining（modify－ ing）it，has no peer among languages．

Now what about pattern genera－ tion？Many possibilities are open to us using what we have developed here．One scheme would be to fill the screen，then select a different pattern by program every time the scan starts at the top of the screen．Alterra－ tively，a new pattern could be created by some random change in the pat－ tern of the first video line．Likewise， the graphic characters can be changed on each new full screen cycle Another variation would be to switch algorithms．Strong symmetries can be produced by rurning the reversed order line display on each half， quarter，and so on，of the screen．If

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Figure 3：Componson of the four APL Life systems using four simple starting pateens． The Lfelinzs are 15 edils wide and wert run for 15 gentrations．

|  | $\stackrel{\text { LD3 }}{\text { FIFTEEN CELLS }}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { LD3 } \\ \text { SIXTEEN CELLS } \end{gathered}$ |  | generation 2ero pattern |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0000 |  | 0 O 0 | 0 | 101000010111000000 |
| 1 | 000 |  | 000 | 1 |  |
| 2 | 0000 |  | 00000 | 2 | $\chi_{\text {(sixteenth cell) }}$ |
| 3 | 吅吅 |  | 00 00 | 3 | (sixteenth cell) |
| 4 | $0 \square 00$ |  |  | 4 |  |
| 5 | 00 00 |  | $00^{0}$ | 5 |  |
| 6 | $\square 0 \square$ |  | OO OD | 6 |  |
| 7 | 00 00 |  | $0 \square 00$ | 7 |  |
| 8 | 0 [0] |  | OTSD | 8 |  |
| 9 | O0 00 |  | 00000 | 9 |  |
| 10 | 0 OD |  | 0 OUDED 0 | 10 |  |
| 11 | 0000 |  | $00_{0}$ | 11 |  |
| 12 | 0 OL |  | 00 00 | 12 |  |
| 13 | 0000 |  | 0000 | 13 |  |
| 14 | 0 OD 0 |  | 00000 | 14 |  |
| 15 | OD 00 |  | OU 0 O | 15 |  |
| 0 | O 000 |  | $\square 000$ | 0 | (0)000001011100000 |
| 1 | 000 |  | 0000 | 1 |  |
| 2 |  |  | OD 0 O | 2 |  |
| 3 | 00 00 |  | 0 O 000 | 3 |  |
| 4 | 000000 |  | $\bigcirc \square 1000$ | 4 |  |
| 5 | 200 00 |  | 0 OL OD | 5 |  |
| 6 | 02000 0 | 0 | OUD | 6 |  |
| 7 | 000000 |  | 0 00 | 7 |  |
| 8 | 000000 |  | OD 0 | 8 |  |
| 9 | 000000 |  | 0 00 | 9 |  |
| 10 | 000000 |  | OD 0 | 10 |  |
| 11 |  |  | 0 00 | 11 |  |
| 12 | 00000 |  | 00 | 12 |  |
| 13 | 00 000 |  | 0 O0 | 13 |  |
| 14 15 | 000 00000 00000 |  | 000 | 14 |  |
| 15 | 00000 |  | 0 00 | 15 |  |
| 0 | 0000 |  | 0 O |  | 101000000101110000 |
| 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 10100000101110000 |
| 2 | 00000 |  | $0 \square^{0} 000$ | 2 |  |
| 3 |  |  |  | 3 |  |
| 4 | 0 0 00 00 |  | ODO 0 | 4 |  |
| 5 | - 00 0 0 | 0 | 0000 | 5 |  |
| 5 |  |  | 000 | 6 |  |
| 7 | 00 |  | 00 0 | 7 |  |
| 8 | $\square$ |  | 0 00 |  |  |
| 9 | 0 |  | प0 | 9 |  |
| 10 | 0 |  | $\bigcirc 00$ | 10 |  |
| 11 | 0 |  | OU 0 | 11 |  |
| 12 | 0 |  | $\square 00$ | 12 |  |
| 13 | 0 |  | 10 0 | 13 |  |
| 14 | 0 |  | 0 [0] | 14 |  |
| 15 | 0 |  | OD 0 | 15 |  |

Figure 4: The results for Life system $L D 3$ are sensitive to the relative position of the starting pattern, in this case 10111, and the parity (odd or even) of the number of cellsin the Life-line. This is a consequence of the reversal operation used in forming the $H$-line (see text); it's another simple way to generate display patterns.
the routines are implemented in machine language, they will change much faster. Generally, this makes patterns more interesting. It would also allow lines to be traversed up and down at good speeds so that changing borders or rectangles might be designed. The key to pattern generation thru Life forms is that patterns are evolved not by programming their development but by changing the input data. This is easier than programming specific displays, and it may at times produce some spectacular surprises. The monotony or limited variation that is characteristic of programmed displays is easily avoided with the Life approach.

Many people say that the game of Life is addictive. One purpose of this article is to show how you can study Life without spending entire days in front of your computer. For example, I conducted trials of various tripleline Life systems while I went about other business by writing short supervisory programs ( 3 short APL lines) that could grind out sequences of pattern variations. I occasionally find it relaxing to experiment with Conway's Life. But I try to avoid the tube-trance syndrome by keeping a notebook on starting patterns and then placing a cardboard screen in front of the tube. On suitable occasions, I let myself peek. If a bare piece of cardboard is too stark for you, label it something like "Conway Cage" or "Anti-Medusa screen."

One final observation on the game of Life. We all have had the experience of demonstrating our home computer to non-computertype guests who just stand by and yawn. I have found one sure-fire way to hold their interest: say nothing about Life, simply draw their initials or even their names on the screen. Then hit the start key. The reaction is always the same, a cry or a gasp as they see the familiar lines suddenly disintegrate or explode into strange patterns. Now as you explain what your computer does, they won't be bored. You'll have their attention -they've just seen your machine do something magical.

# DOSPlus: Double-Density Operating System for the TRS-80 

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Percom's Doubler, an add-on circuit board that allows your TRS-80 to store and retrieve data from the Radio Shack disk drives in doubledensity mode, has been on the market for almost a year now (see the review "Percom's Doubler" on page 344 in this issue of BYTE). The board comes with Percom's Double-DOS (disk op-
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erating system), an adaption of Radio Shack's TRS-DOS that lets you use the doubler board without buying a DOS from another source.

Double-DOS is simply Radio Shack's TRS-DOS with the BACKUP, FORMAT, and COPY commands altered to operate in double-density mode. The COPY command has been changed to let you use special syntax to specify when you are going to transfer files to and from single-density DOS disks. Thus, as soon as you have installed the board and turned on the system, you can immediately enter double-density mode.

The disadvantage of the DOS supplied by Percom is that you can only use double-density formatted disks; single-density disks cannot be mixed with double-density disks. You can transfer files to and from single-density disks, but you cannot read data files, read the directory, or use the disks in any other way while running Percom's double-density DOS.

There is, however, another doubledensity DOS on the market that can do this and more: DOSPlus is a complete rewrite of TRS-DOS. Available from Micro Systems Software of Hollywood, Florida, it is a doubledensity DOS that not only outperforms Percom's double-density DOS, but also outperforms most of the single-density DOSs. DOSPlus has all the features of TRS-DOS (and Percom's Double-DOS), so I won't detail the duplicate functions. Instead, I will focus on the additions to TRS-DOS by DOSPlus, beginning with the LIB (library) functions.

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## DOSPlus Commands

The LIB command clearly shows the additions that have been made by DOSPlus (see table 1 for a comparison list of the library functions supplied by TRS-DOS and DOSPlus). There are also alterations in some of the commands that are common to both operating systems. I'll start with those and then deal with the new commands.
The first command usually given when a new disk is loaded is DIR (directory). With DOSPlus, instead of just getting the names of the entries in the disk's directory track, you get each file's protection attributes; logical record length, which is 256 for programs, 1 for ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) files, and anything in between for data files; the number of logical records used by the files; the number of sectors occupied by the files; the number of granules used by the files; the number of segments each file is broken into; and the position in the last sector of the end-of-file byte (see listing 1). At the bottom of the directory display is a final line that indicates the number of free (unoccupied) granules left on the disk, and what that equals in actual bytes.
Also, some changes have been made in the parameters allowed by DOSPlus. In TRS-DOS you can specify:

> DIR :1 (S,I,A)
where $S$ means display system files in addition to normal files, I means display invisible files in addition to normal files, and A means display the information on all the files.

In DOSPlus you can specify:

> DIR :1 (S,I,D,P)
where $S$ means display system files in addition to normal files; I means display invisible files in addition to normal files; D means display all those files in the directory that are currently considered dead files, in addition to the normal files (dead files are files that have been KILLed; they can be recovered if you haven't written a new file over the dead file); and $P$
means send the directory display to the line printer. Typing in DIR alone under DOSPlus displays all visible files, statistics, and free disk space in granules and bytes.
The next major difference is in the FREE command. Rather than give the number of available free granules in the disk drives, DOSPlus gives an actual map of the disk drive specified, clearly labeling those granules used by the directory (a D is displayed), and by programs or data files (an X is displayed). Unused granules have only a period displayed (see listing 2).
Another improvement is in the COPY command. It is not necessary to repeat the name of a file to copy it. For example:

## COPY MYFILE/CMD:0:1

does the same thing as the TRS-DOS command:

## COPY MYFILE/CMD:O TO MYFILE/CMD:1

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| TRS-DOS | DOSPIUs |
| APPEND | APPEND |
| ATTRIB | ATTRIB |
| AUTO | AUTO |
|  | BREAK |
|  | BUILD |
|  | CLEAR |
| CLOCK | CLOCK |
|  | CONFIG |
| COPY | COPY |
|  | CREATE |
| DATE | DATE |
| DEBUG | DEBUG |
| DEVICE | DEVICE |
| DIR | DIR |
|  | DO |
| DUMP | DUMP |
|  | FORCE |
| FREE | FORMS |
| KILL | FREE |
| LIB | KILL |
| LIST | LIB |
| LOAD | LIST |
| PRINT | LOAD |
|  | (handled by LIST) |
| PROT | PAUSE |
| RENAME | PROT |
| TIME | RENAME |
| VERIFY | RS232 |
|  | TMME |
|  | VERIFY |
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Table 1: Comparison of functions provided by Radio Shack's TRS-DOS versus those provided by DOSPlus.

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Listing 1: An example of the DOSPlus directory function.

| D I RECTORY | DRIVE: 0 |  | D0S | $\begin{gathered} 3.15- \\ \text { \#LOG } \end{gathered}$ | 01/22/81 - |  | 3.2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FILENAME |  | ATTRE | LRL |  | \#PHY | \#GRN | \#SEG | EOF |
| TBASIC | CMD | N*U6 | 256 | 16 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 120 |
| DISKZAP | CMD | N*U6 | 256 | 11 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 166 |
| COM64768 | ORJ | N* $\times$ O | 256 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| LISTER | CMD | N* $\times$ O | 256 | 21 | 21 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| TRANSFER | CMD | N*U6 | 256 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| CRUNCH | CMD | N*U6 | 256 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 65 |
| CLRFILE | CMD | N*U6 | 256 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 153 |
| DISKDUMP | CMD | N*U6 | 256 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 84 |
| SPOOL | CMD | N* U6 | 256 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 95 |
| COPY1 | CMD | N* U6 | 256 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 144 |
| PURGE | CMD | N*U6 | 256 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 70 |
| COMPARE |  | N*×0 | 256 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 36 |
| RESTORE | CMD | N: N 6 | 256 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 50 |
| RASIC | CMD | N* $\times$ O | 256 | 21 | 21 | 5 | 2 | 47 |
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Listing 2: An example of the DOSPlus FREE function.


There are other improvements but they are minor.

## New Library Commands

BREAK lets you disable the break key to prevent people from using it to get into your programs.

BUILD lets you build a file of DOS commands that can be executed one right after the other. You can build a file that can go from a "boot-up" all the way to running a BASIC program (and setting the memory size to protect a machine-language program and any necessary disk buffers), without the operator having to do anything except press the Reset button.

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PAUSE halts program execution (usually a file being executed by the DO command) so the user can perform a needed operation such as inserting a data disk. It can be executed from BASIC by using the CMD " " command.

RS232 automatically prints out the switch settings of the RS232 board.

## DOSPlus Utilities

The BACKUP utility works essentially the same as the BACKUP supplied with TRS-DOS except it is possible to BACKUP a 35 -track disk to a 40 -, 77-, or 80 -track (or any number in between) disk, without losing the additional tracks. This means that although you have purchased a 35-track DOS, you can convert it to a 40-track DOS simply by using FORMAT to make a 40 -track disk, and then using BACKUP to move all of the system files, utility files, and any other files on your 35 -track disk, to the 40 -track disk. You can also reverse the procedure and BACKUP a 40 -track disk to a 35 -track disk. If you have used only 34 tracks of your 40-track disk, this will work without problems, but if you have used all 40 tracks of your 40-track disk, then you will lose those files on the last 5 tracks.

FORMAT is similar to the TRSDOS; the difference is that DOSPlus asks you how many tracks you want to format onto the new disk. Any number from 35 to 80 is acceptable.

CLRFILE is an interesting utility that lets you set the contents of a disk file to all $0 s$, achieving the results of KILLing a file without altering the file's directory entry. The end result is
as if you used the CREATE command to preallocate space to a file.

COPY1 allows single-drive owners to copy a file from one disk to another without keeping a system disk in drive 0.

CRUNCH is a compression utility that removes unnecessary blanks and REM statements from a BASIC program. CRUNCH will ignore lines containing DATA statements to preserve the integrity of any string DATA. Unlike all the other compression utilities, this one is executed from DOS and reads the BASIC program file and writes it back to the disk under a new name. Thus, you have two files on the disk instead of one-your source file and your new file.

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RESTORE is an emergency use utility. It recovers files that you've accidentally KILLed. It cannot recover files that have been overwritten by SAVEs or DUMPs that you've done since you KILLed the target file.

SPOOL is good for handling large amounts of printer output when you don't want to tie up the computer. This program sets up a buffer in memory (you set the size when you call up this utility) in which output to the printer is stored as it is generated. This buffer is dumped to the printer as fast as the printer can accept it, but if the program is generating data faster than this, the buffer holds the data until it can be printed. This allows more efficient use of the computer's time, since it no longer has to

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## DOSPlus BASIC

DOSPlus is sold with two different BASICs on the disk. Both are written in Z80 Assembly Language code, unlike Microsoft BASIC that is written in 8080 code. It has many advantages over the BASIC sold by Radio Shack (and Percom). You can:
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Any DOS command can be executed from BASIC by typing CMD"DOS command". (This works
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powerful debugging tool a programmer could have.
Three main differences exist between DOSPlus BASIC and memorysaving DOSPlus TBASIC (Tiny BASIC): BASIC gives you 35,978 available memory locations; TBASIC gives you 40,205 . TBASIC does not have expanded error messages (TBASIC says SN ERROR instead of SYNTAX ERROR). And TBASIC does not allow DOS commands from BASIC.

Overall, DOSPlus is a well written and executed DOS. It includes many features not found on other DOSs. It certainly outperforms Percom's Double-DOS. And even though you have to buy it as a separate unit from the Doubler board, it is worth the money, considering its power.

## Update

Since his review was written, Micro Systems Software has released version 3.3 of DOSPlus which contains several new features as well as some changes to original functions. Version 3.3 is available in three formats: singledensity Radio Shack TRS-80 Model I, double-density TRS-80 Model I with the Percom Doubler, and doubledensity TRS-80 Model III. Except for some minor aspects of the system conversion (ie: single-density to doubledensity conversion) utilities and storage capacity, these three versions of DOSPlus are identical from the user's point of view. In fact, DOSPlusequipped Model IIIs and Model Is can read each other's double-density disks.
Several changes were made to the basic system configuration. The version 3.3 CONFIG utility no longer assigns a separate drive number to each side of a double-sided disk drive; it defines them as one drive with two sides, $A$ and $B$. Thus, the user may have either four single-sided drives or three double-sided drives on a system (only three double-sided drives are supported because the select signal for the fourth drive is used as a side-select signal). Unlike version 3.1 DOSPlus, all disk drives on a given system are assigned the same number of tracks.

CONFIG also can access a mode where TRS-80 graphics characters may be directly transmitted to compatible
printers such as the Epson MX-80 and the Okidata Microline-80.

Version 3.3 DOSPlus has an improved RS232 command that lets you alter as well as display the serial interface control parameters. You can specify the communications rate in bits per second, alter the format of a data word (number of stop bits, word length, and parity), and control the handshaking protocol for interfacing with virtually any RS232C-compatible device.
The CLEAR command has been modified so that it clears memory starting at location 5700 hexadecimal.
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Percom supplies almost no information on the hardware modification, although it gives very detailed (almost intimidating) directions for the simple installation. Installation consists of removing the large, conspicuous disk-controller integrated circuit from the interface, plugging it into the little board, and then plugging the board into the original disk-controller socket. There's no trace cutting or soldering. Percom's printed-circuit board has ten small integrated circuits, a few capacitors and resistors, a second disk controller, and a socket for the controller from your interface. I was amused that Percom has removed all of the numbers from the devices, yet an advertisement in a major magazine shows a picture of the board on which all of the numbers can be read. The new controller circuit is used for double-density operation, while the old one allows normal operation. The double-density operating system actually boots in single density, then actuates a software switch that changes between the controllers (the first track on the doubledensity disks is really single density).

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An important point of the modification is that if you used your old single-density operating system, you would never know that the hardware modification had been made, except that operation would be more reliable. (For some time, Percom has sold a nice modification called the Data Separator that corrects a reputed design fault in the TRS-80. This board, installed in the same way as the Doubler, prevents read/write and format errors on the highly packed center tracks. The Doubler does the same thing.)

## Software

Percom provides five different operating systems: OS-80D, a modification of its own BASIC-oriented operating system OS-80; DBLDOS, the system provided with the Doubler (which is a modification of TRSDOS 2.1 but with errors and key bounce corrected); and NEWDOS/80 or VTOS 4.0, for which it sells patch programs (called DoubleZaps) that convert the systems for double density. It also sells a "super" version of the NEWDOS/80 patch (DoubleZap 2) that sets individual drives to either single or double density. Thus, just as NEWDOS/80 lets you set up a mixture of $35-$ - 40 -, and 77 -track drives, this lets you mix single- and double-density units.
I haven't used the OS-80 or OS-80D, and I've only briefly used VTOS without Percom's modification, so I'll say nothing about those systems. Percom tells me that the operating systems are continuously upgraded and that revisions will be sent to users who have returned their warranty card. I did not, however, find much need for revision.
The logical place to begin discussing the software is with DBLDOS. DBLDOS is so similar to TRSDOS that the TRSDOS manual is used for DBLDOS (and you'll need it if you're buying drives for the first time). Percom's documentation of the differences is very complete, with more examples than most of us want to read. There are changes in the BACKUP, FORMAT, and COPY functions, in the invocation of BASIC, and in different track numbers and track seek times. (The useless DEVICE function is also eliminated.) The function changes are needed for double density; the others are logical, simple enhancements of TRSDOS.

To back up (save a copy) or format (initialize) a disk, DOUBLE must be entered first. DOUBLE FORMAT :1 (enter) starts the double-density formatting procedure. You are then asked for the disk name, the date, and the number of tracks on the disk. Nonstandard track numbers are supported, and the default value on the number of tracks is 40 .
The command DOUBLE BACKUP :0 TO :1 does what you would expect: it produces a double-density backup of the disk in drive 0 by copying to drive 1 , and with the same number of tracks. DOUBLE BACKUP :0 TO :1 T77, however, would format the disk in drive 1 at 77 tracks, and then back up the information from 0 , regardless of the number of tracks on that drive. Thus, the 35 -track disk that DBLDOS is supplied on can be

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backed up with whatever track format is best for your system. Note that you can't back up a single-density disk to double density or vice versa: the drive that's incompatible with the operating system will simply spin until it realizes that something is wrong, then give you an error message. When making a backup from single to double density (or vice versa), files must be copied individually.
When converting from single to double density, the copy function is the most essential part of DBLDOS. It has been enhanced to operate on a single-drive system in a way that is similar to the old BACKUP function, and except for requiring a lot of disk "swapping" by hand, it works well. In the interest of simplicity, however, I'll describe the use of COPY with a multiple-drive system.
Entering a $\$$ before the file name indicates that the file is on a single-density disk. Thus, COPY \$GARBAGE: 1 TO \$GARBAGE: 2 copies the file between two singledensity disks. COPY \$GARBAGE:1 TO GARBAGE:2 copies a file from the single-density disk on drive 1 to the double-density disk on drive 2 ; this is how you convert your old single-density files to double density. COPY GARBAGE: 1 TO \$GARBAGE: 2 converts a doubledensity file in drive 1 to a single-density file in drive 2 . Of course the disks must be formatted in single or double density, as appropriate.
If you're going to copy from double to single density on a virgin disk, you must format the disk using an old single-density operating system. If no $\$$ 's are specified, then the system assumes you're making a double to double copy. If you're operating completely in doubledensity mode, the COPY function is the same as for single density.
The BASIC-invocation procedure has been changed to conform with the NEWDOS format; no questions are asked after BASIC is loaded. You can specify the memory size and number of files when you call up BASIC. Thus, BASIC 640005 RUN"GARBAGE/BAS" will load BASIC, specify a memory size of 64000 bytes, ask for five files, and run a program named GARBAGE/BAS. The defaults are the same as before, and this usually saves hitting ENTER twice. More importantly, I suspect it saves memory so that the DBLDOS system will fit in the same space as TRSDOS. But whatever the reason, it is an improvement.
The final enhancement in DBLDOS is really only an implementation of modifications that have been available in the TRS-80 for some time. This feature allows you to speed up the disk drives. The system disk includes a program called PATCH/BAS that can be merged with the other programs provided, to give a variety of track-seek speeds. When the program is run, it modifies the operating system to perform at the faster speeds. If your drives allow a seek time of less than 40 ms (and most do) the patch is very worthwhile.

Are there any software incompatibilities with the DBLDOS operating system? The answer is, any machinelanguage program that does its own reads and writes from disk must be considered suspect. Z80ZAP/CMD,

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DIRCHECK/CMD, and the machine-language version of SuperZap will not work (although the BASIC version will), and RSM2D will not work with disk commands. Patches (using PATCH/BAS) for Electric Pencil, SUPERSCRIPT, the MISOSYS DISK*MOD EDTASM, and the Microsoft editor are provided. Microsoft compiled BASIC works, except for a minor and apparently unimportant change in the use of the Break key. Microsoft FORTRAN-80 is compatible. I'm sure that there are other programs that don't work, but they must be few in number since they would have to have their own disk I/O (input/output) routines, and not many do. All of my own utilities (and I have many) work well.

## Problems

Are there any disadvantages to DBLDOS and the Doubler? Yes. The disadvantages become apparent if you have to convert many disks to double density, if you want to use double- and single-density disks on different drives at the same time, or if you want to use cheap disks and cheap drives. Every file must be individually copied from single to double density, and if you have several hundred files it is a very tedious task. Percom should have provided a single-to-double-density backup facility to remedy the problem.

Similarly annoying is the fact that neither the FREE nor DIR command will work on a single-density disk with DBLDOS installed. Thus, when you copy files from single to double you must have another list of file names that were produced using a single-density operating system. Suppose you have a three-drive system and a single-density disk installed in drive 2 . If you type FREE, the system will "hang up" while drive 2 makes ten passes, then gives you a meaningless error message. Suppose that, while in DOS, you type GRIBBLE by mistake: the machine will search drives 0 and 1 and then hang up on drive 2 while it is trying to find this absurd, nonexistent file. The delays are irritating, and Percom's advertising doesn't alert you to the problem. Worse, the way I read the advertising suggested that single-density disks could be directly accessed from DBLDOS, and a conversation with a sales engineer left me with the same misconception. If you rely on DBLDOS you should have only double-density disks in the drives unless you are converting from one density to the other.

Percom's answer to this problem was that there is not enough memory to allow mixed-disk (double and single density) operation, although such a system could have been programmed. I can't believe that the system couldn't have been designed so that it would at least recognize a single-density disk and immediately respond with an error message. Also, DIR and FREE utilities (perhaps \$DIR and \$FREE) that work with single-density disks would have made things much easier. Both programs should have loaded into the same space.

Percom's documentation warns against using disks that are not rated for 40 -track and double-density use. If you try to format a bad disk several errors will occur, and if
more than five errors occur the system will refuse to format the disk. I use the cheapest disks available, and some are more than two years old. I found only two out of ten disks that could not take double density, and they only failed on the oldest and most battered of my three drives. I called Percom, and an engineer said they were having a problem discovering which disks worked best with which disk drives (including their own), When I told him I was using MPI (Micro-Peripherals Inc) drives, his response was, "Oh, that explains it - they've been checking their drives for double density for more than a year...."

Not all drives are created equal.
Many of the drives that are rated for double density perform well only with disks that are certified for doubledensity use. I was lucky. If you're not sure whether or not your drives will work with the commonly a vailable disk media, be prepared to pay for double-density-rated disks, or to replace your drives. (Percom warns that early Shugart Associates drives, as sold by Radio Shack, may not work with double density, although several of my friends use them successfully.)

## More on Software

Can these problems be overcome if you use other operating systems? NEWDOS/80 works the same in double density as in single, except that the enhancements for file copying are the same as those used in DBLDOS. And the problems are there as well. All of the utilities that come with NEWDOS/80 also work, except for SuperZap, which is a real loss. The DoubleZap 2 for NEWDOS/80 overcomes all of my previous complaints. If you have a multiple-drive system, any of the drives will automatically operate as single or double density as soon as the command ADR (automatic density recognition) is given after power-up. The status of the drives can be found and changed with the command DSET. Thus DSET may respond with: $0=A / D, 1=A / S, 2=S$, indicating that drive 0 is in automatic mode with double density assumed for the first try, 1 is automatic but in single, and 2 is set in single. DSET $2=\mathrm{D}$ would change drive 2 to fixed double, while DSET $2=$ A/D would make it automatic. The only time I use DSET is to format a disk in single density or to find the setting of the drives.

There are some other changes in DoubleZap 2, and most relate to the allocation of disk space. The operating system now works with "logical track numbers," each composed of ten physical sectors. Since there are eighteen sectors on a track, the physical track and logical track numbers are different. This has few repercussions except when you are copying. A disk copy is done by logical tracks, so you see 70 tracks copied on a 40 -track drive. SuperZap (the machine-language version now works) also looks at logical tracks unless the DFS (display files sector) option is used. This use of logical tracks means that when a disk is copied it must already be formatted, and the copy must be done with the NFMT (no format) option. Otherwise, the copy would try to use the old for-

mat routine (which is still there and can still be used for single-density formatting).

Copying from single to double density must be done using the CBF (copy by file) specification, since the track numbers are different. Double-density formatting is done with the DBLFMT command, which works in the same way as the old FORMAT. A final difference is that when a system disk is copied, the single-density track 0 must be written by a separate routine loaded by the command FIXBOOT. A complete copy sequence for a system disk would look like the following:

## DBLFMT :1 NAME 12/12/80 <br> COPY :O TO :1 12/12/80 NFMT FIXBOOT 1

All of the other features of NEWDOS/80 seem to work well, and with double, single, and mixed density. This includes DIRCHECK, FREE, DIR, and every command I tried. In my estimation, the DoubleZap 2 modification of NEWDOS/80 is almost essential for serious use of the modified system.

Are there any remaining problems? Very few. I had some trouble installing DoubleZap, but that was my own fault. Installation is complex, but it is very well described. It does require that all zaps (software patches) through 31 be applied to the old system, and I made a mistake in zap 31 that took me some time to locate.


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(Presumably, the mistake would have found me sooner or later.) The double-density system is not compatible with some of the more recent NEWDOS/80 zaps, but Percom has provided modified zaps.

A real problem lies in the use of DBLFMT. I found that it would not work on virtually any of my disks; it told me there were verification errors on the upper tracks. Upon inquiry, Jim Stutsman of Software Etc, who wrote the system, sent me a zap that solved the problem. Apparently the verify uses a worst-case test, and a less stringent test (as used in DLBDOS) passes many more disks. He did warn me to use the modification at my own risk, since bad disks might be formatted.

What about service for any problems that might arise? Although I had problems when I bought the unit, I later found that a knowledgeable sales engineer was always available when I called. I have had no hardware problems, and the three sets of initials on the board that I received showed that it had been very well checked. Percom's literature describes one of the best service arrangements I have seen, and its reputation for service on disk drives is very good. All of my encounters with the manufacturer have been pleasant, and the response has always been helpful and refreshingly forthright.

## Overall

Should you buy the Doubler system? If you want more disk space, and particularly more room on each disk, then this seems a practical choice. If you are satisfied with your present system, then it's a gimmick, and unless you like gimmicks you don't need it. If you have 77-track drives, the Doubler will give you more space than you would have with installation of 8 -inch drives. If you have 40 -track drives, for $\$ 200$ you can have almost as much space as you would with a 77 -track unit. If you have a single 35 - or 40 -track drive, it might be cheaper to sell your drive and buy a 77-track system.

The Doubler seems to be most useful to a multipledrive user who must store large amounts of data or many programs; that is, the same person who might consider buying 8 -inch drives. In this case, the "super" NEWDOS/80 operating system is almost essential. Most users who need additional drive space will have many files to copy, and the ability of DoubleZap 2 to allow copying of whole disks really improves speed. Of course, the ability to mix double- and single-density disks is also nice.

In summary, I like the Doubler; it's the greatest improvement to my system since I installed disks. It is well designed and reliable, the manufacturer is helpful, the software support is outstanding, and the flexibility of having five operating systems available is great. There's room for improvement in the procedure for converting from single to double density with the operating system provided, but I'm sure that will come. The TRS-80 has had a reputation for being a toy, but with the right enhancements it is a professional machine. The Doubler 'is one such enhancement.

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# Videx Keyboard and Display Enhancer 

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If you plan to use your Apple II computer for word processing and are looking for a lowercase adapter, the Videx Keyboard and Display Enhancer may be your answer. Several adapters allowing an Apple to display lowercase letters on the screen are available. But a problem occurring with most Apple word-processing systems,

## At a Glance

## Name

Videx Keyboard and Display Enhancer

## Use

Provides the Apple II with a full ASCII keyboard and 96 ASCII display characters

## Manufacturer

Videx Inc
897 NW Grant Ave
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Price
\$129

## Dimensions

$61 / 4$ - by $51 / 2$-inch card, fits on motherboard under the keyboard

## Features

Uppercase/lowercase display, 96 ASCII display characters, all 128 ASCII codes available from keyboard, shift keys operate as a normal typewriter, Reset
disable, user-definable character sets by changing EPROM

Hardware needed Apple II or Apple II Plus, compatible with most other peripherals and word-processing software available

Manual
84 pages, 6 by $8^{1 / 2}$ inches

## Software

Modifications to existing software, where necessary, are well documented in manual

## Comments

Of interest to those seeking uppercase/lowercase display and standard keyboard operation, including shift key for uppercase; of particular use to anyone using an Apple for word processing
or any software using uppercase and lowercase, is that the Apple keyboard does not recognize most shifted keys. It will, for instance, identify I and shift-I as the same character, even if you wanted one of them to be lowercase. The most popular adaptation has been to use the ESC (Escape) key as a pseudoshift. When ESC is pressed, a character is actually sent to the computer. Therefore, most text editors have required any character you want capitalized to be preceded by an Escape character. If you wanted the word HUMBUG in all capitals, you'd have to type ESC, H, ESC, U, ESC, M, ESC, B, ESC, U, ESC, G. This tedious process is necessary with most other lowercase adapters because they modify only the display, not the input from the keyboard.

The Videx Keyboard and Display Enhancer modifies both the display and the keyboard input. It uses a jumper to the keyboard ROM (read-only memory) to allow acceptance of standard shift-key operations, and it displays uppercase and lowercase letters on the screen. With this device, you can use an Apple as you would a typewriter. In addition, the Enhancer allows you to change RESET to work only when the CTRL (Control) key is pressed, a useful safety feature for people with early-production Apples. It also allows you to remap character sets by modifying the 2716 EPROM (erasable programmable ROM) included on the board.

## The Hardware

The Keyboard Enhancer comes on a $61 / 4$ - by $51 / 2$-inch card that fits onto the Apple motherboard beneath the keyboard. It replaces the character-generator chip, and two other chips are moved from the motherboard to the Enhancer board. Also, a jumper wire is attached to the keyboard circuit on the underside of the keyboard. Installation takes about an hour, since the Apple housing must be disassembled to reach the required circuits. The manual gives detailed and easy-to-follow instructions for installation, with many photographs. It can be accomplished easily by a novice.

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The Revision 7 version contains an additional set of four switches. One setting of these switches selects whether a set of flashing characters will be numerals and special characters or lowercase letters. The other setting for these switches changes inverse characters to flashing characters, or vice versa.

## Compatibility

The de facto standard for lowercase adapters has been the one produced by Dan Paymar. The Videx board works with any software compatible with the Paymar adapter. The manual also contains simple modifications allowing Apple Writer, a word-processing program from Apple Computer Inc, to work with the Enhancer. Also in the manual are patches allowing Pascal and either Applesoft floating-point BASIC or Integer BASIC to use the lowercase capabilities. The manual details modifications for any Apple configuration, describing each option available.

The Keyboard Enhancer works with any peripheral card compatible with the Paymar adapter, including the Videx Videoterm 80-column board, the Microsoft SoftCard (except that the SoftCard changes all display output to capitals, though some 80 -column boards correct this), and the Hayes Microcomputer Products Micromodem II. A single-byte adjustment to the Micromodem software is also given in the manual.

## Conclusions

When I opened the Enhancer package, I was quite skeptical. There were prominent disclaimers saying Videx would not be liable for damage done to any hardware as a direct or indirect result of installing its product. "The entire risk as to its quality and performance is with the buyer." That sounded ominous! After finally getting the nerve to risk the health and well-being of my Apple, I pulled it apart and installed the Enhancer. From step one of the installment, I was extremely impressed with the documentation. The simple instructions answered every question I had. Buyers are not left scrambling for back issues of magazines or newsletters to find fixes for software. The price is $\$ 129$, twice that of other lowercase display adapters, but if you do much word processing, it's worthwhile.

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# Animation in <br> Computer-Assisted Instruction 

# The Replication of DNA 

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CAI, or computer-assisted instruction, programs have achieved a high level of effectiveness as surrogate teachers. These programs present the student with written material on a video display and invite a response to written questions-a valuable approach, as the computer can be programmed to answer according to the individual response, and either reinforce correct answers or aid in the discovery of errors (see figure 1). Unfortunately, the effectiveness of this traditional use of CAI programs is limited by the student's interest in the material and his ability to read it. In many cases, a student does not learn effectively from the written wordwhether it appears in a book or on a video screen.

## An Example of a Lesson

This article will present a CAI lesson module that uses animated graphics and sound, in addition to the written word, to introduce material to a student. The module is not truly interactive, since my purpose is to demonstrate the use of animation and sound in computer-assisted instruction, but it would be a straightforward procedure to make it interactive. The program is written for the Radio Shack TRS-80 in Level II BASIC, but it can be adapted to other personal computers.

The subject of the module is the replication of a DNA. (deoxyribonucleic acid) molecule, which, since it concerns the transmission of hereditary


Figure 1: The common CAI program follows this general flowchart. The instruction is repetitive, and since only simple text is displayed, no real advantage is gained through the use of a video display.
information, is one of the most important topics in any biology course.

## The Audio Program

The program in listing 1 uses the BASIC instructions SET and RESET to control the TRS-80 video graphic display and present diagrams that represent the structure of the DNA molecule. (The POKE instruction can be used on other systems.) These diagrams move on the screen, in demonstration of how a DNA molecule replicates itself in the nucleus of a living cell, while an audio text, recorded on cassette tape and controlled by the program, explains the figures and the written information on the video screen. The key BASIC instruction is the Level II output instruction OUT port, value. On the TRS-80, output port 255 controls the cassette recorder: a value of 5 in the OUT instruction turns the recorder on, and a value of 16 turns it off.
The instructor prepares both the visual display and the accompanying audio material on a cassette tape. The most laborious aspect of the preparation concerns the coordination of the display with its accompanying sound. Once the instructor has recorded the audio information in proper sequence, he must determine its duration so that the program can delay the visual display and coordinate it with

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Listing 1：This program，designed for use with the CAl lesson module and written in Level II BASIC for the Radio Shack TRS－80，presents an animated visual display of DNA replication．

The subroutine beginning at line 890 fixes the location of a nucleotide on the screen， with its base facing downward．The subroutine beginning at line 760 places a nucleotide on the screen with its base facing upward，and moves it vertically．The values of $Q$ and $Z$ determine which nucleotide is to be displayed（for thymine，$Q=1$ and $Z=1$ ；for adenine，$Q=2$ and $Z=1$ ；for cytosine，$Q=1$ and $Z=2$ ；and for guanine，$Q=2$ and $Z=2$ ）．The subroutines beginning at lines 580 and 670 present an entire segment of a DNA molecule，and call the subroutines at lines 890 and 760 as needed．

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the audio material. In the program of listing 1 , the subroutine beginning at line 950 turns on the recorder, line 960 converts the duration of the audio material (expressed in seconds and stored in the variable TM) to the appropriate terminal value of a FORNEXT delay loop (lines 960 and 970), and line 990 turns the recorder off.

## Video Animation

The program listing contains many comments, but an explanation of some of the graphics may also be helpful. The subroutines beginning at lines 890 and 760 do most of the work. The former fixes the location of a nucleotide (one of the basic structural units of DNA) on the screen, with its base facing downward. The latter subroutine places a nucleotide with its base facing upward, and moves it vertically, as needed. In each case the values of two variables, Q and $Z$, determine which nucleotide will be displayed.
At those moments when the entire

DNA molecular segment is to be presented, the subroutines at lines 580 and 670 come into play. These subroutines call one nucleotide-locating subroutine for each nucleotide on the molecule. (This makes it easy to expand the program to show DNA segments that are longer than the fourunit chain presented here.)

## A Sample Lesson

Before a lesson begins, the material is recorded on tape, and the cassette is placed in the recorder. (The connecting cable from the computer must be removed from the earphone jack on the recorder for the speaker to be activated.) The recorder must be set in the play mode before the program is started.
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companying photos, but many of the displays are animated so it is impossible to convey the true image.

## Audio Transcript

$D N A$ is a molecule found in the nuclei of all living cells. In this lesson we'll examine the role it plays in the process of cell division. The DNA molecule is a double chain of nucleo(1a)

tides; let's look at a section of this molecule. (Display in photo la appears.)

Here we see part of the double chain. Now let's split it down the middle to examine its structure. (Photo 1b.)

We see the chain split down the middle. Each section of the chain consists of a nucleotide, and each nucleo(1b)


Photo 1a and 1b: The initial displays help to orient the introductory information that is played on the computer-controlled cassette recorder.

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Photos 2a thru 2d: Series of displays that shows the possible variations in any nucleotide. Each nucleotide section may have a base with a unique combination of two or three bonding sites, and several possible lengths.

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tide has a different base. Let's take a look at each one.

Now we see a nucleotide with the base thymine hanging downward. (Photo 2a.) Observe that there are two places where bonding can occur. Let's look at another nucleotide.
In this example, the base is adenine, and it is facing upward. (Photo 2b.) Notice that the base is larger than thymine and that it also has two places for bonding. Therefore, if \(n u\) cleotides with thymine and adenine should meet, they can form a chemical bond and unite.
Another nucleotide uses the base citosine. (Photo 2c.) As we see, it is small and has three bonding sites.

The fourth nucleotide has the base guanine. (Photo 2d.) Its large size and the presence of three bonding sites allow it to unite with citosine.

Hereditary information is determined by the order of the nucleotides along the DNA molecule. This is known as the genetic code. (Photo 3a.) One DNA molecule may have more than 1000 nucleotides along the chain, so the number of possible combinations is enormous. This is the property that allows such variety among life forms.

We will now explore the question of how genetic information is passed from mother to daughter cells. The first action in the replication process is the splitting of the DNA molecule. Here we see part of a DNA molecule. (Photo 3b.)

Here we see one-half of the split molecule. Free nucleotides begin to bond to each half of the molecule. Observe that the bonding occurs only when adenine pairs with thymine, or when citosine pairs with guanine. (Photos 3c, 3d, 3e, and 3f.)

The replication has finished, and a new DNA molecule, identical to the original, has been formed from each half of the double chain. (Photo 3g.) We have seen how the molecule \(D N A\), found in all living cells, replicates itself and passes the genetic information to new cells. -

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Anyone who has tried to track down glitches and bugs on a data bus has probably looked with envy at advertisements for those multi-thousand-dollar logic analyzers. If those Cadillac devices are out of your price range, you might like to try the Byte Catcher. This device has quickly become an invaluable addition to my test bench.

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you simply want to know if a program reached a certain stage. Unfortunately, the days of the front panel with that row of blinking address lights and a single-step switch are gone. Did a certain memory select signal come up when it was supposed to? Is that PROM (programmable read-only memory) putting out correct data?

The Byte Catcher can answer most of these questions. It is based on Advanced Micro Devices' 25LS2521, an 8 -bit Equal-to Comparator. This 20 -pin TTL (transistortransistor logic) integrated circuit puts out a logic-low signal whenever the eight \(A\) inputs are equal to the eight \(B\) inputs. By switch selecting the \(A\) inputs you can catch that elusive byte on the fly whenever it occurs. The match can be as short as about 10 ns, which is fast enough for most microcomputer circuits.

A separate enabling line on the chip allows you a ninth input, which is usually used as a data strobe. You can use any number of the eight inputs. I often set the Byte Catcher to watch a single line. On the other hand, ganging two of these devices together allows you to monitor all sixteen address lines.
With the addition of a few gates for polarity selection, a DIP (dual-inline package) switch, a 555 timer, and two LEDs (light-emitting diodes), you end up with a fairly powerful multibit logic probe.

The components fit nicely on a breadboard strip, or you can mount the circuit in a box. Since the entire circuit pulls a maximum of only 65 milliamps (with both LEDs on), you can usually take your power off the circuit under test.
Figure 1 shows the Byte Catcher's design. The 8-bit "word" for comparison is preset on the switch SW1. I used an 8 -line mini-DIP type, but there are various other types - a thumbwheel hexadecimal switch might be nice for a box-mounted version. The set data is negative logic (that is, a closed switch for a logic zero) because TTL is

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The optional input trigger (pin 1 of IC2) is handy for creating a "window"; the device will only signal a match when the input trigger is active. For example, you might want to search the data bus for a particular byte, but only when some specific device-select signal is active. SW2 allows either an active high or active low trigger. With the exclusive OR gate (IC2), the rule is to set the switch for the same polarity as your desired trigger: to ground for active low, to VCC for active high. If the trigger is not used, leave the switch on VCC, since an open TTL input pulls itself high; or better, tie the trigger high.
The remainder of the circuit gives you a visible clue of what is going on in the test. More often than not, I take the comparator's output (pin 19 of IC1) and use it as a scope trigger or send it back into the test circuit to generate an interrupt or some other function.
For poking around in a circuit, however, it is handy to use LEDs. The RC (resistor-capacitor) network ( R 1 and C1) provides a fast trigger pulse for the 555; if the data matches and stays matched for longer than the timer's
duty cycle, it stays latched on and you don't know what's happening. R2 and C2 provide the 555 (rigged as a monostable multivibrator) with an on-time of about a half second; you can change this value to suit your taste. Or, you can substitute a beeper for the LED.
The LED (D1) will light for any data match down to about 10 ns . I use the cross-coupled NAND gate set-reset latch to "remember" a data match, in case I have my head buried in a circuit when it occurs. D2 will light and stay lit when a match occurs. SW3 resets the latch and turns the LED off again. This feature can be eliminated if desired.
You can add any bells and whistles which occur to you. For example, to gang two of the comparators together, you would tie the enable out (pin 19) of the first to the trigger input (pin 1) of the second and use the second enable out as your signal. Tying these two directly to the address bus gives you a switch-selectable, memorymapped device-select strobe.
Another possibility is to use a pre-settable binary or decade counter (such as a 74LS161) to keep track of how many "hits" occur, or as a trigger input divider (flag a data match on the third....or fifth...or tenth..occurrence of a certain signal). Further gating of the inputs from the device under test could be added for various boolean functions. Or the output (pin 19 of IC1) could be tied back into the polarity selector on the exclusive-OR gate for further decoding. The possibilities are almost endless; I have found I can usually rig up whatever logic I need quickly, with the Byte Catcher as my basic test instrument.


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of the Byte Catcher Logic Analyzer. The 25 LS 2521 integrated circuit is an 8-bit Equal-to Comparator made by Advanced Micro Devices which outputs logic low whenever the eight A inputs are equal to the eight B inputs. Parts placement is not critical. See the text for a number of possible variations and modifications to this circuit.


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July 22-24
Diagnostic Software: Planning and Design, the Registry Hotel, Bloomington MN. This is a seminar for design, test, and diagnostic engineers and managers. Design examples, lectures, informal sessions, and individual and group diagnostic-programming sessions are part of the course. Tuition is \(\$ 495\). Contact Professor Donald D French, Institute for Advanced Professional Studies, One Gateway Center, Newton MA 02158, (617) 964-1412.

July 27-August 10
Computer Camp East, various sites throughout New England. For details, see July 13-24.

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Workshops in Digital Sound Synthesis and Processing, Digital Music Systems Inc, Boston MA. These workshops will provide a handson introduction for elec-tronic-music composers and performers, recording engineers, psychoacoustic researchers, and others who work in the digital-audio field. The topics to be covered are fundamentals of digital audio, unit generators, automated synthesis and processing, nonlinear techniques, digital delay, filtering and reverberation, digitalaudio hardware, and future trends. The fee is \(\$ 300\). Contact Digital Music Systems Inc, POB 1632, Boston MA 02110, (617) 542-3042.

August 10-14
Reliability and Life Testing, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Engineers and scientists involved with the reliability, design, product assurance, quality, and safety aspects of components, equipment, and systems are invited to attend this course. The fee is \(\$ 775\). Contact the Short Course Program Office, 6266 Boelter Hall, UCLA Extension, Los Angeles CA 90024, (213) 825-1047.

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The Seventh International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, University of British Columbia, Vancouver British Columbia, Canada. This conference examines computer applications of medical diagnosis, computeraided design, robotics, programmable automation, speech understanding, vision, and other artificial-intelli-gence-related topics. A tutorial program and artifi-cial-intelligence exhibits are to be presented. For more information, contact Louis G Robinson, American Association for Artificial Intelligence, Stanford University, POB 3036, Stanford CA 94305, (415) 495-8825.

August 25-28
Vector and Parallel Processors in Computational Science, Chester, England. The conference will concentrate on hardware, software, algorithms, applications, and case studies concerning vec-
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August 28-30
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September 9-11
Eurographics '81, Technical University, Darmstadt, West Germany. Almost seventy exhibitors are expected to attend this computer graphics show. Detailed information can be obtained from Diebold Deutschland GmbH, Attn: Dr H J Grobe, Feuerbachstrasse 8, D-6000 Frankfurt/Main, West Germany.

September 10-13
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WESCON/81, Brooks Hall, Municipal Auditorium, and Hilton Hotel, San Francisco CA. Sessions on communications, components and devices, computer and microprocessor hardware and software, office automation, and memory systems will be presented. Computer equipment and related products exhibits will be featured. Contact Electronic Conventions Inc, Suite 410, 999 N Sepulveda Blvd, El Segundo CA 90245, (213) 772-2965.

September 16-18
Diagnostic Software: Planning and Design, Boston MA. For details, see July 22-24.

September 16-18
The Engineer as a Communicator, Crystal City Marriott, Arlington VA. This conference will feature discussions on communications technology, information gathering, storage, and retrieval, using computers in technical communications, and other related topics. Contact Dr Daniel Rosich, School of Business Administration, University of Connecticut, Stamford CT 06903, (203) 322-1673.

\section*{September 24-25}

Microprocessors: Hardware, Software, and Applications, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester MA. Among the courses to be offered are hardware and software basics, selection and evaluation of microprocessors, memory and input/output systems, multiprocessor systems, real-time system design, and circuit testing and debugging. For more information, contact Ginny Bazarian, c/o Office of Continuing Education, Worcester

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Electronic hardware design, like any creative endeavor, has its high points and its low points. A personal low point has always been the time it takes to draw usable schematics. The problem is compounded when you consider that after the schematic is drawn and the hardware prototyped, the schematic must be modified (in any number of colors) as the circuit is debugged. Then, of course, the circuit has to be redrawn. And usually by me.

At a trade show a few years ago, I saw a high-quality graphics terminal that was used with a light pen to draw schematic diagrams. A menu of devices was available from the keyboard, and the light pen was used to place the selected device on the screen. Fantasticl... and only \(\$ 150,000\).
Technology marches on. Some time ago, Apple Computer announced a new product-a Graphics Tablet. My Apple already had Pascal and an M \& R Enterprises Sup'r'terminal board, so I only needed the Graphics Tablet (and some software) to build a computer-aided drafting system (see photo 1).
I began the project with a great deal of enthusiasm. Being fairly proficient with Pascal, I did not anticipate any major problems. It was only after I read the fourth page of the Graphics Tablet operation manual that I began to realize I might have bitten off more than I could compile. It read, ". . . the Graphics Tablet software will not operate ... in an Apple Pascal environment." I immediately
called the Apple Software Hotline (408-996-9868).
Fortunately, the people at Apple were very helpful. They explained that the reason the tablet would not interface to Pascal was that the Pascal BIOS (basic input/output subsystem) did not recognize its existence. They sent me a copy of the BIOS initialization routines, from which I was able to write an assembly-language linkage routine to read data from the pad and transfer it back to Pascal. (Not one to dwell on failures, suffice it to say that it took me three weeks of experimentation to reach that point.)
The program that accomplished this feat was called PAD.ASSY.TEXT (see listing 1). It contained two procedures, one for setting the default parameters, and the other for reading the pad, flashing the cursor, and scal-


Photo 1: The author's computer-aided drafting system for the Apple II computer. Addition of a Graphics Tablet, a Sup'r'terminal 80-column display board, and some software can take the drudgery out of designing electronic circuits.
ing the results. Both procedures worked in essentially the same manner. First, I accessed hexadecimal location CFFF to disable any active read-only memories in the C800 thru CFFF range (one is found on the Sup'r'terminal board). Then the slot number that contained the Graphics Tablet interface card was stored at hexadecimal location 7F8 and in the 6502 microprocessor's X-register (a small piece of information missing from the Graphics Tablet manual).

The first address of the slot where the interface card was located was accessed (with a load or store instruction) to enable the read-only memory. (In my case, this was slot number five.) Now the subroutines in the read-only memory were available to the processor. After I called the routines that I needed, I turned off the read-only memories at hexadecimal C800 and executed a return. Pascal's BIOS took care of turning the Sup'r'terminal read-only memory back on.

After reading the tablet and flashing the cursor, the x and y coordinates were stored at decimal locations 645 thru 648. Pascal recovered this data using the PEEK intrinsic that I added to my library (see "Notes on Absolute Location Interfaces to Apple Pascal," September 1980 BYTE, page 324). After \(\mathrm{c}^{0}\) mpiling the main program the Pascal linker linked the program to PAD.ASSY. CODE.
As soon as I could read data from the tablet, I began to work on the program, which I had named LOGIC-

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Listing 1: Assembly-language routine that reads data from the Graphics Tablet for use in Pascal.


DESIGN. At first, I had intended to include the initialization of the logic symbols in the program, but the program got very large, very fast. I then decided to create a file with the logic symbols in it (I needed the practice). I used the example on one of the disks supplied with the Apple's language card (APPLE3, the butterflies program) as a basis for converting
groups of strings into boolean arrays. The program LOGIC.SYMB.TEXT (see listing 2) was the result.
As you can see from the listing, each named shape is a square array of pixels (picture elements), 16 elements on a side. Some of the larger devices (eg: JK flip-flop, MSI) are made up of two shapes, end to end. There are ten initialization procedures (INIT1 thru

INIT10): Pascal, it seems, has a limit to the number of (code) words in a procedure. When executed, the program creates two files called LOGIC. CHARSET and USER.CHARSET. The files must exist on the prefix disk prior to running LOGICDESIGN. The source file (LOGIC.SYMB.TEXT) and the code file (LOGIC.SYM.CODE) used to create the character-set files

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The program LOGICDESIGN（see listing 3，on page 415）performs an initialization of the tablet and then， waiting for input from the tablet， loops in the procedure MYPLOT． The bottom three rows of the tablet are used as a menu（see figure 1）for selecting the device to be plotted or the function to be executed．

The command menu，from the lower leftmost corner of the tablet to the lower right－hand corner（ie：the bottom row），is decoded as follows：

CLEAR SCREEN：clears the graphics screen
CLEAR BLOCK：clears a section of the screen
CLEAR LOCK：clears the horizontal and vertical locks
HORIZ LOCK：sets the horizontal lock
VERT LOCK：sets the vertical lock
LIST ITEMS：lists the device names on the text screen
LOAD：loads an image file to the HIRES screen
SAVE：saves the HIRES screen to an image file
EXIT：leaves the program（does a SAVE first）
PRINT SCREEN：transfers the HIRES screen to the printer
ERASE BORDER：removes the border from the HIRES screen
DRAW BORDER：draws a border around the HIRES screen
LABEL：writes characters on the HIRES screen
DRAW LINES：draws horizontal or vertical lines only

EAT RIGHT：deletes lines going to the right
EAT LEFT：deletes lines going to the left
EAT UP：deletes lines going upwards EAT DOWN：deletes lines going downward
SET USER：allows the user to create a new device
TOGGLE DEBUG FLAG：sets／clears debug flag

The next two rows up from the bot－ tom of the tablet are used to select devices for plotting（see figure 1）． Representations of the devices that can be plotted are shown in the boxes in these two rows．When the program is running，the user simply selects the device he wants to plot or the com－ mand he wants to perform from the tablet＇s menu．The Sup＇r＇terminal screen displays the active mode and other useful information（see photos 2 a and 2 b ）．

I wrote the program LOGICDE－ SIGN a little at a time and added new functions as I debugged the old ones．Such is the beauty of Pascal． Two procedures do most of the work： the first，MYPLOT，is inside a never－ ending loop in the main program（the variable HELLFREEZESOVER does not ever become true）．MYPLOT calls MENU if the pen is pushed down outside of the tablet area that is mapped on the Apple＇s HIRES（high－ resolution）screen（ie：if VALIDXY is false）．If the pen is pushed down within the screen area，the active device is plotted（if you＇re in the plot－ ting mode）．

When you enter MYPLOT，it checks to see if the pen is down over the CLEAR pad in the upper left－hand
corner of the tablet：this executes a special function．It exclusive－OR＇s the last device plotted，thus making it dis－ appear from the screen．The variable D is used to determine which device to plot．If \(D\) is 0 ，then nothing is plotted．The procedure MENU selects the device that will be plotted or calls a sequence of procedures to effect a specific function．MENU begins by setting \(D\) to 0 ．It then divides \(X\) and \(Y\) by a value that neatly generates in－ tegers concurrent with the boundaries of the boxes on the tablet．（The actual value of the divisor may be different on another tablet．）A set of nested
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Photo 2：Component types available for drafting．All figures shown are created by the program in listing 2.
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Figure 1：Graphics Tablet menu．The bottom row is dedicated to plotting functions，while the second and third rows from the bottom contain component types to be plotted．

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CASE statements determines the function that is to be performed.

The procedures SAVESCREEN and LOADSCREEN can (with one or two minor alterations) be found in the Pascal Reference Manual in section 2.2.6.2 (untyped files). These procedures are used to save (or load) the Apple's HIRES display to (or from) a disk file. The disk files are sixteen blocks long ( 8 K bytes). HIRES image files are appended with .SCRN for the purpose of directory identification. I have considered compressing the data in order to save disk space, but unfortunately I haven't found a method that guarantees this result. I have tried various approaches, including counting the number of similar dots in succession. This works, but if there are more than 4 K changes (on-to-off, off-to-on) then the disk file exceeds sixteen blocks. (I'd be glad to hear any innovative ideas in this area.)

The procedures CONVERTFROM and CONVERTO are used to convert small integer values (between 0 and 16) to and from the boolean array USER3. The values that are stored are the plot offsets used by the "drawblock" statement in MYPLOT. The offset aligns the cursor with a specific point in the plot array. CONVERTO is called by SETUSR. SETUSR allows
you to define two devices that are then saved on disk in the file USER.CHARSET, along with the offset information.

GETXY reads the tablet. When this routine is called, it loops around the external procedure READPAD until the pen is pushed down. It then sets the condition of VALIDXY and fixes the \(Y\) value. (The tablet's 0,0 is at the top left, Pascal's is the bottom left.)

The final routine that I will mention is PRINTOUT. PRINTOUT is decidedly implementation-dependent. My printer is a HyType I (old, slow, and occasionally reliable) with a serial interface, and it has a limited graphics capability. This limitation is primarily one of time: at 300 bps (bits per second) it takes about \(11 / 2\) hours to print the screen; to generate a dot, I print "dot-space-space", and "spacespace" for no dot. (See figure 2.) In order to increase the speed of this process, I look ahead at the beginning of each line, and stop after the last dot in the line. (I also try to avoid printing pictures with borders.)

The sequence of screens in photo 3 labeled "CMOS frequency doubler" gives you some idea of the ease of designing with this system. It took about \(I 1 / 2\) minutes to reach the stage shown in photo 3 . I then changed the


Figure 2: Sample hard copy produced by HyType I with serial interface.

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This program has all of the appearances of one that will grow for-

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ever. I already have several ideas for additions, and have had abundant input from friends. And although I have managed to resist the urge to
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Photo 3: Sequence of displays in an actual design project. Diagrams 3a thru 3c were created in less than two minutes, and the circuit was slightly changed in photo 3d. The finished product is shown in photo \(3 e\).

Photo 4: Definition of nonstandard devices. Each component is composed of a 16 by 16 pixel array; two menu items allow users to draw their own components on the video screen.
(4b)

modify long enough to write this article, now that it's done.... Did I hear someone say, "Boolean equations as input, schematics as output"?

Listing 2: Apple Pascal program INITLOGIC for creating the components displayed on the video monitor.



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    SHAPEFILE^`:=WIPFR; put(SHAPEFILE):
    SHAPEFILE^:=ZENFR; put(SHAPEFILE)
    SHAPEFILF`:=LCOIL; put(SHAPEFILE)
    SHAPEFILE `:=RCOIL; put(SHAPEFILE);
    SHAPEFILE^:=VRESIST; put(SHAPEFILE): (* create dummy userfile *)
    r ewrite(USERFILE,'USER.CHARSET');
    USERFILE^:=USERI; put(USERFILE);
    USERFILE^:=USER2; put(USERFILE);
    USERFILE^:=USER3; put(USERFILF);
    close(USERFILE,lock);
        enत;
    (*$P*)
    |**************** INIT1 *******************************************
    Creates arrays from strinqS.
    Called from : Main proc̣ram loop.
    ******************************************************************)
procedure INITl;
begin
write('.');
HOW:=15;
MAKESHAPES(INV,' XX ');
MAKESHAPES(INV,'X X ')
MAKESHAPES(INV,'X X ');
MAKESHAPES(INV,' XX
for I:=1 to 12 तo
MAKESHAPES(INV,' ')
ROW:=15;
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Listing 2 continued:

MAKESHAPES(NAND,'XXXX '):
for \(I:=1\) to 5 do
MAKESHAPES (NAND,' '); end;
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(*Sp*)
|****************INIT3

* Creates arrays from strings.
* Called from : Main prog̣am loop.

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procedure INIT3;
    begin
        write('.'):
        ROW:=15;
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE, ' XXXX ( \({ }^{\prime}\) );
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE, ' \(x \quad x \times \quad\) ');
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE, ' \(x\) XX ');
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE, ' \(x\) \(x\) ');
        MAKESHAPES(ANDGATE, \(x\) \(x\) ');
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE, ' \(\mathrm{X} \quad \mathrm{x} \quad{ }^{\prime}\) );
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE,' \(x \quad x \quad\) ');
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE, \({ }^{\prime} x \quad x \quad{ }^{\prime}\) );
        MAKF.SHAPF.S (ANDGATF., \(x\) XX ');
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE, \({ }^{1} \mathrm{X} \quad \mathrm{XX}\) ');
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE, ' \(x x x x\) ');
        for I:=1 to 5 तo
        MAKESHAPES (ANDGATE, ' ');
        ROW: =15;
        MAKESHAPES(BUFFER,'X ');
        MAKESHAPES (BUFFER, 'XX 1);
        MAKESHAPES(BUFFER, ' \(x \times\) ');
        MAKESHAPES (BUFFER,' \(x \quad 1\) );
        MAKESHAPES(BUFFER,'x \(x\) ij;
        MAKESHAPES(BUFFER,' \(X \quad\) X ');
        MAKESHAPES(BUFFER,'X \(\mathrm{XXXXX} \quad\) 1);

        \(\begin{array}{ll}\text { MAKESHAPES(BUFFER,' } X \quad x & \text { '); } \\ \text { MAKESHAPES(BUFFER, } X \quad x X & 1) ;\end{array}\)
        \(\begin{array}{ll}\text { MAKESHAPES(BUFFER, ' } \mathrm{X} x \mathrm{x} & \text { '); } \\ \text { MAKESHAPES(BUFFER, } \mathrm{x} x \mathrm{x} & \text { '); }\end{array}\)
        \(\begin{array}{ll}\text { MAKESHAPES (BUFFER, } X \times X & \text { ' } \\ \text { MAKESHAPES (BUFFER, ' } \mathrm{Xx} \times \mathrm{X} & \text { '); }\end{array}\)
        MAKESHAPES(BUFFER, ' \(x\) \(x\) ');
        MAKESHAPES(BUFFER, \(x\) ');
        MAKESHAPES(BUFFER, 1 1);
        MAKESHAPES(BUFFFR,' ');
        ROW: =15;
        MAKF.SHAPES(RESISTOR, \(\quad x \quad x \quad x \quad{ }^{\prime}\) );
        MAKF.SHAPES(RESISTOR, ' \(x \times \times \times \times \times \times \times \times x^{\prime}\) );
        MAKESHAPES(RFSISTOR, \(x \times x\) y \(x\) );
        for \(I:=1\) to 13 clo
        MAKESHAPF.S(RESI STOR,' ');
        ROW:=15;
        for I:=1 to 5 do
        MAKESHAPF.S (GND, \(\quad\) ( );
        MAKESHAPES(GND, 'XXXXXXX 1);
        MAKESHAPES(GND, ' 1 ;
        MAKESHAPES(GND,' XXXXX ');
        MAKESHAPES(GND, ' 1 );
        MAKF.SHAPFFS(GND, XXX 1);
        for I:=1 to 万 तo
MAKESHAPES(GND, 1
        end;
        (*Sp *)
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        \((* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *\) INIT4
        Creates * *
        Creates arrays from strinas.
        Called from : main proqram loop. *
        ****************************************************************)
        procedure INIT4;
            begin
            write('.');
            ROW: \(=15\);
            MAKESHAPES(PLUS5,' \(\mathrm{xxx} \quad \mathrm{xxx} \mathrm{'}^{1}\) ):
            MAKESHAPES(PLUSS, ' \(\left.x x x X x \quad x \quad x \quad{ }^{1}\right)\);
            MAKESHAPES(PLUSS, ' \(\mathrm{XXXXX} \times \mathrm{XXX} \times \times \mathrm{X} \quad 1\) );
            MAKESHAPES(PLUSS,' \(\left.\mathrm{xxx} \quad \mathrm{x} \quad \mathrm{x} \mathrm{'}^{\prime}\right)\);
            MAKESHAPF:S (PLUSS, \(x \quad x \times x \quad 1\) );
            for I: \(=1\) to 5 तo
            MAKESHAPES (PLUSS,' \(x\) ');
            for \(I:=1\) to \(G\) do
            MAKESHAPES(PLUS5,' '):

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ROW: =15;
for I:=1 to 4 do
MAKESHAPES (CAP,' \(x\) ');
MAKESHAPES (CAP,'xxxxxxx 1);
MAKE ŞHAPES (CAP,' ');
MAKESHAPES(CAP,' \(\quad\) '):
MAKESHAPES(CAP,'xXXXXXX ');
for \(\mathrm{I}:=1\) to 4 do
MAKESHAPES(CAP,' \(x \quad 1\) );
for I:=1 to 4 do
MAKESHAPES(CAP,
ROW: =15;
MAKESHAPES(DOT,' XX ');
MAKESHAPES(DOT,'XXXX ');
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MAKESHAPES(DOT,' XX
for I:=1 to 12 तo
MAKESHAPF.S(DOT,' '):
ROW: =15;
MAKESHAPES(INTHING,'X '):
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MAKDCHAPES INTHING, x '):
MAKESHAPES(INTHING, \(x\) '):
\(\begin{array}{ll}\text { MAKESHAPES(INTHING,' } \mathrm{X} & \text { '); } \\ \text { MAKESHAPES(INTHING,'X }\end{array}\)
for I:=1 to 9 do
MAKEShAPES(INTHING,' '):
end;
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*SP*)

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    procedure INIT5;
    begin
        write('.');
        ROW: =15;
        MAKESHAPES(OUT,' \(x\) ');
        \(\begin{array}{ll}\text { MAKESHAPES (OUT,' } & x \\ \text { MAKESHAPES (OUT, } & x \\ \text { MAKESHAES }\end{array}\)
        MAKESHAPES (OUT, 'xxxxxx i);
        \(\begin{array}{ll}\text { MAKESHAPES (OUT,' } \\ \text { MAKESHAPES (OUT, } & x\end{array}\)
        MAKESHAPES(OUT,' \(x\) ')
        for I: =1 to 9 do
        MAKE SHAPES (OUT, ' 1 );
        ROW:=15;
        MAKESHAPES(MSITOP,'XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX');
        for \(I:=1\) to 15 do
        MAKESHAPES (MSITOP,'x \(x\) ');
        ROW:=15;
        for I:=1 to 15 तo
        MAKESHAPES(MSIBOT, ' \(x \quad X^{\prime}\) );
        MAKESHAPES(MSIBOT,'xXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX');
        ROW: \(=15\);
        MAKESHAPES(JKTOP,' \(\quad x \times \quad\) ');
        MAKESHAPES (JKTOP,'
        MAKESHAPES (JKTOP, \(\quad x^{2} \times \mathrm{x} \quad\) '); ;
        MAKESHAPES(JKTOP,' \(\quad\) xxxxxxxxxxxx');
        \(\begin{array}{lll}\text { MAKESHAPES(JKTOP,' } & x & \left.x^{\prime}\right) ; \\ \text { MAKESHAPES (JKTOP, } & x & \left.x^{\prime}\right) ;\end{array}\)
        MAKESHAPES(JKTOP,' \(x\) x \(x\) ();
        MAKESHAPES(JKTOP, \(\left.\quad x \times x \times x x^{\prime}\right)\);
        MAKESHAPES(JKTOP,'XXXXX \(x \times x \times 1\) );
        MAKESHAPES(JKTOP,' \(\left.\quad x \times x \times x \times x^{\prime}\right)\);
        MAKESHAPES(JKTOP,' \(x \times x \times x \times 1\) );
    for I:=1 to 3 तo

        ROW:=15;
    MAKESHAPES (JKBOT,' \(x \quad x \times \quad x^{\prime}\) );
        \(\begin{array}{lll}\text { MAKESHAPES (JKBOT, } & x x \times & \left.x^{\prime}\right) ; \\ \text { MAKESHAPES (JKBOT, } & x & \left.x^{\prime}\right) ;\end{array}\)
    MAKESHAPES(JKBOT,' \(\left.x \quad x X X X X^{\prime}\right)\);
    \(\begin{array}{lll}\text { MAKESHAPES (JKBOT, } & x & \\ \text { MAKESHAPES(JKBOT, } & x & x^{\prime} \text { ); ; } \\ x^{\prime} \text { ); }\end{array}\)
    MAKESHAPES (JKROT,' \(x \times \times \times \times \times{ }^{\prime}\) );
    MAKESHAPES (JKBOT, ' \(x X X X X \times x \times x \times x^{\prime}\) );
    MAKESHAPES (JKBOT,' \(\quad x \times \times \times \times \times x^{\prime}\) );

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403 & 1 & \(8: 0\) & 1154 \\
464 & 1 & \(9: 0\) & 1 \\
405 & 1 & \(9: 0\) & 0 \\
406 & 1 & \(9: 1\) & 0 \\
467 & 1 & \(9: 1\) & 10 \\
408 & 1 & \(9: 1\) & 14 \\
409 & 1 & \(9: 1\) & 38 \\
410 & 1 & \(9: 1\) & 62 \\
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412 & 1 & \(9: 1\) & 110 \\
413 & 1 & \(9: 2\) & 124 \\
414 & 1 & \(9: 1\) & 158 \\
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422 & 1 & \(9: 2\) & 340 \\
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\hline 434 & 1 & 9:1 & 618 & for I:=1 to 2 do & & & & & \\
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\hline 439 & 1 & 9:1 & 738 & MAKESHAPES(DBOT,' & & x \(\times\) & '); & & \\
\hline 440 & 1 & 9:0 & 762 & end; & & & & & \\
\hline 441 & 1 & 9:0 & 780 & & & & & & \\
\hline 442 & 1 & 9:0 & 780 & (*\$P*) & & & & & \\
\hline 443 & 1 & 9:8 & 780 & (*************** INIT7 ******* & ****** & ******* & ************** & & \\
\hline 444 & 1 & 9:0 & 780 & * \({ }^{\text {a }}\) & & & * & & \\
\hline 445 & 1 & 9:0 & 780 & Creates arrays from str & rinas. & & * & & \\
\hline 446 & 1 & 9:0 & 780 & * \({ }^{\text {a }}\) & & & * & & \\
\hline 447 & 1 & 9:0 & 780 & Called from : Main proar & aram. & & * & & \\
\hline 448 & 1 & 9:0 & 780 & * \({ }^{\text {a }}\) & & & * & & \\
\hline 449 & 1 & 9:0 & 780 &  & ****** & ******* & *************) & & \\
\hline 450 & 1 & 10:D & 1 & procedure INIT7; & & & & & \\
\hline 451 & 1 & 10:0 & \(\square\) & begin & & & & & \\
\hline 452 & 1 & 10:1 & \(\square\) & write('.'); & & & & & \\
\hline 453 & 1 & 10:1 & 10 & ROW: \(=15\); & & & & & \\
\hline 454 & 1 & 10:1 & 14 & for I: =1 to 3 do & & & & & \\
\hline 455 & 1 & 10:2 & 28 & MAKESHAPES(HCAP, \(\quad x\) & \(x\) & '); & & & \\
\hline 456 & 1 & 10:1 & 62 & MAKESHAPES (hCAP,'xxxxx & xxxx & \(\left.{ }^{\prime}\right) ;\) & & & \\
\hline 457 & 1 & 10:1 & 86 & for I: =1 to 3 do & & & & & \\
\hline 458 & 1 & 10:2 & 100 & MAKESHAPES(HCAP,' \(\quad\) ¢ & \(x\) & '); & & & \\
\hline 459 & 1 & 10:1 & 134 & for I: \(=1\) to 9 do & & & & & \\
\hline 460 & 1 & 10:2 & 148 & MAKESHAPES (hCAP,' & & \(\left.{ }^{\prime}\right)\) & & & \\
\hline 461 & 1 & 10:1 & 182 & ROW: \(=15\); & & & & & \\
\hline 462 & 1 & 10:1 & 18 ¢ & for \(\mathrm{I}:=1\) to 4 तo & & & & & \\
\hline 463 & 1 & 10:2 & 200 & MAKESHAPESIDIODE, ' \(\quad \times\) & & & 1; & & \\
\hline 464 & 1 & 10:1 & 234 & MAKESHAPES (DIODE, 'xxxxx & xxx & & 1: & & \\
\hline 465 & 1 & 10:1 & 258 & MAKESHAPES(DIODE,' \(\quad x\) & & & 1; & & \\
\hline 466 & 1 & 10:1 & 282 & MAKESHAPES (DIODE,' \({ }^{\text {dxx }}\) & & & 1; & & \\
\hline 467 & 1 & 10:1 & 306 & MAKESHAPES (DIODE,' Xxx & & & ); & & \\
\hline 468 & 1 & 10:1 & 330 & MAKESHAPES (DIODE, ' xxxx & xxx & & \(1 ;\) & & \\
\hline 469 & 1 & 10:1 & 354 & for I: \(=1\) to 3 do & & & & & \\
\hline 478 & 1 & 10:2 & 368 & Makeshapes (diode,' x & & & 1; & & \\
\hline 471 & 1 & 10:1 & 402 & for I:=1 to 4 do & & & & & \\
\hline 472 & 1 & 10:2 & 416 & MAKESHAPES (DIODF, ' & & & 1; & & \\
\hline 473 & 1 & 10:1 & 450 & ROW: = 15; & & & & & \\
\hline 474 & 1 & 10:1 & 454 & MAKESHAPES(HDIODE, ' & & & '); & & \\
\hline 475 & 1 & 10:1 & 478 & MAKESHAPES(HDIODE,' & xx \({ }^{\text {x }}\) & & \({ }^{1)}\); & & \\
\hline 476 & 1 & 10:1 & 502 & MAKESHAPES (HDIODE,' & xxx x & & \({ }^{1)}\); & & \\
\hline 477 & 1 & 10:1 & 526 & MAKESHAPES (hDIODE, 'xxxx & xxxxx× & & '); & & \\
\hline 478 & 1 & 10:1 & 55. & MAKESHAPES (HDIODE,', & \(x \times x\) x & & 1); & & \\
\hline 479 & 1 & 10:1 & 574 & MAKESHAPES (HDIODE,' & \(x \mathrm{x}\) x & & \({ }^{1}\) ); & & \\
\hline 480 & 1 & 10:1 & 598 & makeshapes chdiode,' \(^{\prime}\) & \(\times \mathrm{x}\) & & '); & & \\
\hline 481 & 1 & 10:1 & 622 & for I:=1 to 9 do & & & & & \\
\hline 482 & 1 & 10:2 & 636 & MAKEShAPES (hDIODE, ' & & & \({ }^{1}\); & & \\
\hline 483 & 1 & 10:1 & 670 & ROW: \(=15\); & & & & & \\
\hline 484 & 1 & 10:1 & 674 & MAKESHAPES (OPAMP, \({ }^{\text {PX }}\) & xxx & & \(1 ;\) & & \\
\hline 485 & 1 & 10:1 & 698 & MAKESHAPES (OPAMP, \(\quad x\) & \(x\) & & ); & & \\
\hline 486 & 1 & 10:1 & 722 & MAKESHAPES (OPAMP,' x & \(x\) x & & \(1 ;\) & & \\
\hline 487 & 1 & 10:1 & 746 &  & \(x{ }^{x} \times\) & & ) & & \\
\hline 488 & 1 & 10:1 & 770 & MAKESHAPES \({ }^{\text {P }}\) (OPAMP,' XXXX & xxx & & \(1 ;\) & & \\
\hline 489 & 1 & 10:1 & 794 &  & x & ') & \(1 ;\) & & \\
\hline 490 & 1 & 10:1 & 818 & MAKESHAPES (OPAMP,' \(\quad x\) & & & \(1 ;\) & & \\
\hline 491 & 1 & 10:1 & 842 & makeshapes (OPAMP, \({ }^{\text {d }}\) & & xxx') & & & \\
\hline 492 & 1 & 10:1 & 866 & MAKE SHAPFSS \({ }^{\text {copamp, }}\) ' \(x\) & & \(x \quad\) ') & ); & & \\
\hline 493 & 1 & 10:1 & 890 & MAKESHAPES (OPAMP, ' \(\quad\) ' & & ') & ): & & \\
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\hline 497 & 1 & 10:1 & 986 & MAKESHAPES (OPAMP, \({ }^{\text {a }}\) & \(x^{x} \times\) & & \(1 ;\) & & \\
\hline 498 & 1 & 10:1 & 1010 & MAKESHAPES \({ }^{\text {P }}\) (OPAMP,' X & & & \(1 ;\) & & \\
\hline 499 & 1 & 10:1 & 1034 & MAKESHAPES (OPAMP,' & & & ); & & \\
\hline 500 & 1 & 10:0 & 1058 & end; & & & & & \\
\hline 501 & 1 & 10:0 & 1084 & & & & & & \\
\hline 502 & 1 & 10:0 & 1084 & (*Sp*) & & & & & \\
\hline 503 & & 10:0 & 1084 & (*************** INIT8 ****** & ****** & ******* & ************** & & \\
\hline 504 & 1 & 10:0 & 1084 & & & & & & \\
\hline 505 & 1 & 10:0 & 1084 & Creates arrays from strin & rinas. & & * & & \\
\hline 506 & 1 & 10:0 & 1084 & * callad & & & * & & \\
\hline 507 & 1 & 10:0 & 1084 & Called from: Main procta & aram. & & * & & \\
\hline 508 & & 10:0 & 1084 & * Called from: Main progr & & & * & & \\
\hline 509 & 1 & 10:0 & 1084 & **************************** & ** & * & *************) & & \\
\hline 510 & 1 & 11:D & & procedure INIT8; & & & & isti & ing 2 continued on page 412 \\
\hline 511 & 1 & 11:0 & \(\square\) & begin & & & & & \\
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\hline 680 & 1 & 13:0 & 906 & * MAIN program starts here \\
\hline 681 & 1 & 13:0 & 906 & * \\
\hline ¢8 2 & 1 & 13:0 & 906 & ********************************************************) \\
\hline 683 & 1 & 1:0 & \(\square\) & begin \\
\hline 684 & 1 & 1:1 & 0 & write('initializing array'); \\
\hline 685 & 1 & 1:1 & 52 & INIT1; \\
\hline 686 & 1 & 1:1 & 54 & INIT2; \\
\hline 687 & 1 & 1:1 & 56 & INIT3; \\
\hline 688 & 1 & 1:1 & 58 & INIT 4 ; \\
\hline 689 & 1 & 1:1 & 60 & INIT5; \\
\hline 690 & 1 & 1:1 & 62 & INITG; \\
\hline 691 & 1 & 1:1 & 64 & INIT7; \\
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\hline 693 & 1 & 1:1 & 68 & INITS; \\
\hline 694 & 1 & 1:1 & 70 & INITIO; \\
\hline 695 & 1 & 1:1 & 72 & writeln; writeln('writing̣ "LOGIC.CHARSFT" to disc'); \\
\hline 696 & 1 & 1:1 & 131 & SAVESHAPES; \\
\hline 697 & 1 & 1:0 & 133 & end. \\
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Listing 3: Apple Pascal program LOGICDESIGN accepts plotting inputs from the Graphics Tablet.



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\hline 104 & 1 & 1: D & 708 & & \\
\hline 105 & 1 & 1: D & 708 & * & * \\
\hline 166 & 1 & 1: D & 768 & * DISK FILES & * \\
\hline 107 & 1 & 1: D & 748 & * & * \\
\hline 108 & 1 & 1:D & 708 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{********************************************************)} \\
\hline 109 & 1 & 1: D & 768 & & \\
\hline 110 & 1 & 1: D & 7118 & SHAPPFILF: , & (* plotted devices are here *) \\
\hline 111 & 1 & 1: D & 718 & USERFILF. & (* The screen imane file *) \\
\hline 112 & 1 & 1: D & 788 & & : file of SHAPF; \\
\hline 113 & \(\frac{1}{1}\) & 1:D & 1340 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{} \\
\hline 115 & 1 & 1: D & 1340 & * & * \\
\hline 116 & 1 & 1: D & 1340 & * BOOLEANS & * \\
\hline 117 & 1 & 1: D & 1340 & * & * \\
\hline .118 & 1 & 1: D & 1340 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{********************************************************)} \\
\hline 119 & 1 & 1:D & 1340 & & \\
\hline 120 & 1 & 1:D & 1340 & BIT, & (* flags 'rielete lastix' more *) \\
\hline 121 & 1 & 1:D & 1340 & USR, & (* Used in SETUSR could he local *) \\
\hline 122 & 1 & 1: D & 1340 & SAFETY, & (* checks for SAVF on exit *) \\
\hline 123 & 1 & 1:D & 1340 & FLAG, & (* debua - display X\&Y оп screen *) \\
\hline 124 & 1 & 1: D & 1340 & VALIDXY, & (* true if. XAY are on screen *) \\
\hline 125 & 1 & 1:D & 1340 & HELLFREEZFSOVER, & \({ }^{*}\) n \(n\) ever true - for infinite repeats \\
\hline 126 & 1 & 1:D & 1340 & LOCKX,LOC.KY & (* locks X\&Y axis *) \\
\hline 127 & 1 & 1:D & 1340 & & : hoolean; \\
\hline 128 & 1 & 1: D & 1348 & & \\
\hline 129 & 1 & 1: D & 1348 & & \\
\hline 130 & 1 & 1:D & 1348 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{ノ********************************************************} \\
\hline 131 & 1 & 1: D & 1348 & * & * \\
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\hline 133 & 1 & 1: D & 1348 & * &  \\
\hline 134 & 1 & 1: D & 1348 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{********************************************************)} \\
\hline 135 & 1 & 1: D & 1348 & & \\
\hline 136 & 1 & 1: D & 1348 & FILENAME, & (* for LOAD and SAVE names *) \\
\hline 137 & 1 & 1: D & 1348 & I DFAT & (* for names of rlotted devices *) \\
\hline 138 & 1 & 1: D & 1348 & & : stringo \\
\hline 134 & 1 & 1: D & 1430 & CH & (* for inputs and control *) \\
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\end{tabular}

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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 382 & 1 & 11:0 & 218 & ********************************************************) \\
\hline 383 & 1 & 12:0 & 1 & procedure SE.TUSR; \\
\hline 384 & 1 & 12:0 & 0 & beain \\
\hline 385 & 1 & 12:1 & 0 & CLEARTTY; writeln('Build your own device....'); \\
\hline 386 & 1 & 12:1 & 47 & write('Which one (1 or 2) ') : read (CH); \\
\hline 387 & 1 & 12:1 & 88 & if ( \(\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{'l}^{\prime \prime}\) ) or ( \(\mathrm{CH}={ }^{\prime} \mathbf{2}^{\prime}\) ) then heain \\
\hline 388 & 1 & 12:3 & 101 & Cleartty; for \(I:=0\) to 15 do heain \\
\hline 389 & 1 & 12:5 & 114 & gotoxy ( \((1+3)\), 0 ) : write(chr(I+55)); end; \\
\hline 390 & 1 & 12:3 & 140 & for I: =1 to 15 तo heain qotoxy( \(0, I)\); write(chr(I+54)); end; \\
\hline 391 & 1 & 12:3 & 175 & if (CH='1') then USR:=true else USR:=false; \\
\hline 392 & 1 & 12:3 & 192 & for I: =0 to 15 do \\
\hline 393 & 1 & 12:4 & 203 & for K: \(=15\) downto 4 do \\
\hline 394 & 1 & 12:5 & 214 & heqin qotoxy( (15-K+3),(I+1)): read (CH); \\
\hline 395 & 1 & 12:6 & 236 & RIT:=true; \\
\hline 396 & 1 & 12:6 & 240 & case ord( CH ) of \\
\hline 397 & 1 & 12:6 & 245 & 27: exit(SETUSR): (* F.SC. *) \\
\hline 398 & 1 & 12:6 & 251 & 32: BIT: =false; (* SPACF *) \\
\hline 399 & 1 & 12:6 & 257 & 8: heqin if \(\mathrm{K}<13\) then \(\mathrm{K}:=\mathrm{K}+2\) else \\
\hline 400 & 1 & 12:9 & 269 & heçin K: =1: if \(I<>0\) then \(I:=I-1\); end; \\
\hline 401 & 1 & 12:8 & 282 & BIT: =false; end; (* BACK-SPACE *) \\
\hline 402 & 1 & 12:6 & 288 & end; (* end of. case *) \\
\hline 403 & 1 & 12:6 & 346 & if USR then USERI(15-I, 15-K]:=BIT else USFR 2 [ \(15-1,15-\mathrm{K}]:=\mathrm{BI}\) T: \\
\hline 404 & 1 & 12:5 & 399 & end; \\
\hline 465 & 1 & 12:3 & 413 & writeln; writeln; writeln('Select 〈draw from> point ( \(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{y}\) ) >> ') ; \\
\hline 406 & 1 & 12:3 & 483 &  \\
\hline 407 & 1 & 12:3 & 519 & if \(J>15\) then J:=15; if I>15 then I: =15; \\
\hline 408 & 1 & 12:3 & 535 & if \(\mathrm{J}<0\) then \(\mathrm{J}:=0\); if \(\mathrm{I}<0\) then \(\mathrm{I}:=0\); \\
\hline 409 & 1 & 12:3 & 551 & if USR then begin USRIX:=I; USRIY:=15-J; enc \\
\hline 410 & 1 & 12:3 & 564 & else begin USR2X:= I; USR2Y: =15-J; end; \\
\hline 411 & 1 & 12:3 & 574 & writeln; write('Saving user device on disk'); \\
\hline 412 & 1 & 12:3 & 620 & rewrite(USERFILE, 'USER.CHARSET'); \\
\hline 413 & 1 & 12:3 & 645 & USERFILE*: =USERI; put (USERFILE); \\
\hline 414 & 1 & 12:3 & 660 & USERFILE^:=USER2; put (USERFILE); \\
\hline 415 & 1 & 12:3 & 675 & CONVERTO; \\
\hline 416 & 1 & 12:3 & 677 & USERFILE*: =USER3; put (USERFILE); \\
\hline 417 & 1 & 12:3 & 692 & close (USERFILE , lock); \\
\hline 418 & 1 & 12:2 & 701 & end; \\
\hline 419 & 1 & 12:0 & 701 & end: \\
\hline 420 & 1 & 12:0 & 728 & (*\$P*) \\
\hline 421 & 1 & 12:0 & 728 &  \\
\hline 422 & 1 & 12:0 & 728 & * \\
\hline 423 & 1 & 12:0 & 728 & * The only leaitimate exit from LOGICDESIGN \\
\hline 424 & 1 & 12:0 & 728 & * \\
\hline 425 & 1 & 12:0 & 728 & * Called by : menu \\
\hline 426 & 1 & 12:0 & 728 & * \\
\hline 427 & 1 & 12:0 & 728 & ********************************************************) \\
\hline 428 & 1 & 13:D & 1 & procedure FXT; \\
\hline 429 & 1 & 13:0 & 0 & beqin \\
\hline 430 & 1 & 13:1 & 0 & SAFETY: = true; \\
\hline 431 & 1 & 13:1 & 4 & CLEARTTY: \\
\hline 432 & 1 & 13:1 & 6 & write('Do you want to save the screen ?'); read (r.k) ; writeln; \\
\hline 433 & 1 & 13:1 & 69 & if ( \(C H=' y^{\prime}\) ) or ( \(C H=' Y^{\prime}\) ) then SAVESCREFN; \\
\hline 434 & 1 & 13:1 & 84 & if SAFETY then exit(proctram); \\
\hline 435 & 1 & 13:1 & 93 & if not SAFETY then begin writeln; writeln; \\
\hline 436 & 1 & 13:3 & 115 & write('The screen was not saved. Do you want to exit anyway ?'): \\
\hline 437 & 1 & 13:3 & 181 & read (CH); if ( \(\mathrm{CH}={ }^{\prime} Y^{\prime}\) ) or ( \(\mathrm{CH}={ }^{\prime} \mathrm{Y}^{\prime}\) ) then exit (proaram); enc; \\
\hline 438 & 1 & 13:0 & 209 & end: \\
\hline 439 & 1 & 13:0 & 222 & \\
\hline 440 & 1 & 13:0 & 222 & (******************************************************** \\
\hline 441 & 1 & 13:0 & 222 & * * \\
\hline 442 & 1 & 13:0 & 222 & * Sound-off when ready to quo... \\
\hline 443 & 1 & 13:0 & 222 & * \\
\hline 444 & 1 & 13:0 & 222 & * Called by : Border,main. \\
\hline 445 & 1 & 13:0 & 222 & * * \\
\hline 446 & 1 & 13:0 & 222 & *******************************************************) \\
\hline 447 & 1 & 14:D & 1 & procedure BEEPREADY; \\
\hline 448 & 1 & 14:0 & 0 & beq̣in \\
\hline 449 & 1 & 14:1 & 0 & PITCH: =24; DURATION:=15; BEEP; \\
\hline 450 & 1 & 14:0 & 8 & end: \\
\hline 451 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & \\
\hline 452 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & (*S1 PART 3.TEXT*) \\
\hline 452 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & (*SI PART 4.TEXT*) \\
\hline 453 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & (*SP*) (* Part4 of LOGICDESIGN *) \\
\hline 454 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & \\
\hline 455 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 &  \\
\hline 456 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & * \\
\hline 457 & 1 & 15:0 & 20 & * Read tablet and aet the X \& Y coordinates. * \\
\hline 458 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & * Determine if. \(X\) \& \(Y\) are on screen (VALIDXY). \\
\hline 459 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & * \\
\hline 460 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & * Called by : MENU, DRAWLINE,EATLINE,SETLOCK, \\
\hline 461 & 1 & 14:0 & 2 L & * WRITEONSCREEN,CLEARBLOCK,main * \\
\hline 462 & 1 & 14:0 & 20 & * : Listing 3 contimued on pa \\
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                                    if screenbit(I,YMAX-J) then PRINT('.');
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                                    if screenbit(I,YMAX-J) then PRINT('.');
                                    PRINT(' '); PRINT(' ');
                                    PRINT(' '); PRINT(' ');
                                    pencolor(reverse); moveto(I,YMAX-J);
                                    pencolor(reverse); moveto(I,YMAX-J);
                    end;
                    end;
                    CRLF; moveto(I-1,YMAX-J); pencolor(none);
                    CRLF; moveto(I-1,YMAX-J); pencolor(none);
                    if KEY then exit(PRINTIT):
                    if KEY then exit(PRINTIT):
                end;
                end;
            end;
            end;
    beqin (* procedure PRINTOUT *)
    beqin (* procedure PRINTOUT *)
        write(chr(25));
        write(chr(25));
        write('Print the screen (takes a while) - Type "Y" to start.');
        write('Print the screen (takes a while) - Type "Y" to start.');
        read(CH); writeln; if (CH='Y') or (CH='y') then
        read(CH); writeln; if (CH='Y') or (CH='y') then
            begin
            begin
                SETPRINTER
                SETPRINTER
            PRINTIT:
            PRINTIT:
            CLEARPRINTER;
            CLEARPRINTER;
            CRLF;
            CRLF;
                enत;
                enत;
    end;
    end;
{*SP**)
{*SP**)
* Clears Hires screen 1. *
* Clears Hires screen 1. *
    Called by : MENU
    Called by : MENU
**********************************************************)
**********************************************************)
procedure CLEARSCRFEN;
procedure CLEARSCRFEN;
        beçin
        beçin
        CLEARTTY; write('CLEAR THE SCREEN - Are you sure? (Y/N)');
        CLEARTTY; write('CLEAR THE SCREEN - Are you sure? (Y/N)');
        reaत(CH); if (CH='Y') or (CH='y') then initturt)e;
        reaत(CH); if (CH='Y') or (CH='y') then initturt)e;
    end;
    end;
(*************** CANCE:L
(*************** CANCE:L
* Fixes Text screen on leaving any command.
* Fixes Text screen on leaving any command.
    Called by : MENU,MYPCOT,Main
    Called by : MENU,MYPCOT,Main
********************************************************)
********************************************************)
procedure CANCEL;
procedure CANCEL;
        begin
        begin
        CLEARTTY; gotoxy(27,12); write(l*** NO mODE ACTIVE ***');
        CLEARTTY; gotoxy(27,12); write(l*** NO mODE ACTIVE ***');
        PITCH:=6; DURATION:=3; BEEP; PITCH:=4; DURATION:=反; BEEP;
        PITCH:=6; DURATION:=3; BEEP; PITCH:=4; DURATION:=反; BEEP;
        D:=0; CH:='Z';
        D:=0; CH:='Z';
    end;
    end;
(**************** ACCEPT
(**************** ACCEPT
* ACCEPT
* ACCEPT
    Beeps when a MENU command is acceptable.
    Beeps when a MENU command is acceptable.
    Called by : MENU
    Called by : MENU
*********************************************************)
*********************************************************)
procedure ACCEPT;
procedure ACCEPT;
        beg in
        beg in
        PITCH:=(X div 1%) + 5; DURATION:=7; BEEP;
        PITCH:=(X div 1%) + 5; DURATION:=7; BEEP;
    end;
    end;
(*$I PART7.TEXT*)
(*$I PART7.TEXT*)
(*$I PART8.TEXT*)
(*$I PART8.TEXT*)
(*$p*) (* Part8 of LOGICDESIGN *)
(*$p*) (* Part8 of LOGICDESIGN *)
(*************** MENU ************************************
(*************** MENU ************************************
* Main mode selection happens here.
* Main mode selection happens here.
    Main mode selection happens here. *
    Main mode selection happens here. *
    Called by : MYPLOT *
    Called by : MYPLOT *
**********************************************************)
**********************************************************)
procedure MENU;
procedure MENU;
    var XPOS, YPOS : integer;
    var XPOS, YPOS : integer;
    beqin
    beqin
        D:=0;
        D:=0;
        XPOS:=trunc((X+65) / 16.0); (* actual value of the divisor *)
        XPOS:=trunc((X+65) / 16.0); (* actual value of the divisor *)
        yPOS: =trunc((Y-224) / 16.0); (* may vary from Tablet to Tahlet *)
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        yPOS: =trunc((Y-224) / 16.0); (* may vary from Tablet to Tahlet *)
    ```
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 981 & 1 & 20:1 & 36 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{case YPOS of} \\
\hline 982 & 1 & 20:1 & 39 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{3: case xpos of f* Aotton row, left to rinht*)} \\
\hline 983 & 1 & 20: 2 & 42 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{3. begin Clearscreen; cancela end;} \\
\hline 984 & 1 & 20:2 & \(4{ }^{18}\) & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{1: begin} &  \\
\hline 985 & 1 & 20:4 & Sk & & ACCEPT: CLEARBLOCK, CAMCELJ Enda \\
\hline 986 & 1 & 20:2 & 64 & 2: begin & CH:='8': Cleantty, LISTmode, \\
\hline 987 & 1 & 20:4 & 72 & & ACCEPT: SETLOCK: CAWCEL; end, \\
\hline 986 & 1 & 28:2 & \({ }^{0}\) & 3: begin &  \\
\hline 989 & 1 & 28:4 & \({ }^{68}\) & & ACCEPT, SETLOGK, CNNCEL O O A \\
\hline 998 & 1 & 20:2 & 9 N & 1: Megin &  \\
\hline 991 & 1 & 20:4 & 114 & & ACCEPT, SETLOCK: CANCEL, endy \\
\hline 992 & 1 & 20:2 & 112 & 5: begin & LISTALL, end: \\
\hline 993 & 1 & 20:2 & 116 & \(6_{3}\) bealin & ACCEPT: LOADSCRERN: GANGEL, EAA, \\
\hline 994 & 1 & 20:2 & 124 & 7: heain & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{ACCEPT: EAVESCRESM CANCEL, EAM,} \\
\hline 995 & 1 & 20:2 & 132 & e: exti & \\
\hline 996 & 1 & 20:2 & 136 & 9 9: beain & CW: = 'E's CLEARTTY; LISTMODE, \\
\hline 947 & 1 & 28:4 & 144 & & ACCEPT: PAINTOUT: CANCTL, end \\
\hline 998 & 1 & 20:2 & 152 & 10: tregin & CW: * 'r's MOROER; CANCEL, end; \\
\hline 999 & 1 & 20:2 & 162 & 11: toegin &  \\
\hline 1000 & 1 & 20:2 & 172 & 12: bealo &  \\
\hline 1801 & 1 & 20:2 & 184 & 13,14: bec &  \\
\hline 1882 & 1 & 20:4 & 192 & AC & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{CCEPT: ORANLINE: CANCEL, ent} \\
\hline 603 & 1 & 20:2 & 200 & 15: begin & \\
\hline 1684 & 1 & 20:9 & 208 & & ACCEPT: EAFLINE, CANCEL, end, \\
\hline 10 es & 1 & 20:2 & 216 & 16: begio &  \\
\hline 1006 & 1 & \(20: 4\) & 224 & & ACCEPT: EATLINE, CNACEL, end: \\
\hline 1097 & 1 & 20:2 & 232 & 17: begin & Ch: "J', CLCARTTY: LISTMODE; \\
\hline 008 & 1 & 20:4 & 219 & & ACCEPT: EATLINE: CANCEL: end: \\
\hline 099 & 1 & \(20: 2\) & 296 & 18: begis & CH: "R's Cleartita listmodea \\
\hline 1810 & 1 & 20:4 & 256 & & ACCEPT: FATLINE, CANCEL, EA, \\
\hline 1 111 & 1 & 20:2 & 264 & 19.20 \% \({ }^{\text {\% }}\) &  \\
\hline 1012 & 1 & 20:2 & 276 & 21: FLAG: & anot PLAC, \\
\hline 1013 & 1 & 20:2 & 245 & ends i* of & ypose \({ }^{\text {a }}\) " \\
\hline 1414 & 1 & 20:1 & 336 &  &  \\
\hline 1015 & 1 & 20:1 & 355 & 1 : healn 0: \({ }^{\text {axpo }}\) & P05*20: if D>37 then D:e日, Gefypes ends \\
\hline 1016 & 1 & 20:1 & 372 & end: (*) of ypos & case stat \#1 \\
\hline 1017 & 1 & 20:0 & 306 & ends & \\
\hline 1618 & 1 & 20:0 & 464 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{(*sp*}} \\
\hline 198 & 1 & 20:8 & 181 & & \\
\hline 1021 & 1 & 20:0 & 484 & & * \\
\hline 1822 & 1 & 20:0 & 484 & Calls the initial & lieation routines, Joads \\
\hline 1023 & 1 & 20:0 & 404 & shapes, loops in & MyPLot till the exit \\
\hline 1829 & 1 & 20:0 & 404 & routine is calle & d. \\
\hline 1025 & ! & 20:0 & 484 & - & * \\
\hline 1026 & 1 & 20:0 & 484 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{************************************************)} \\
\hline 1027 & 1 & \(1: 8\) & - & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{deqin} \\
\hline 1828 & 1 & 1:0 & - & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{(*)initialize booleans *)} \\
\hline 1029 & 1 & 1:1 & 0 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{SAPETY: etrue:}} \\
\hline 1030 & 1 & 1:1 & 26 & & \\
\hline 1031 & 1 & 1:1 & 30 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{PLAG: ¢falsed} \\
\hline 1832 & 1 & 1:1 & 34 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{LOCKM: etalse:} \\
\hline 1033 & 1 & 1:1 & 30 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{LOCRY: - ¢atsei} \\
\hline 1934 & 1 & 1:1 & 42 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{(*) intelalize ploting mode *)}} \\
\hline 035 & 1 & 1:1 & 42 & & \\
\hline 1936 & 1 & 1:1 & 12 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{}} \\
\hline 1037 & 1 & 1:1 & 48 & & \\
\hline 1030 & & 1:1 & 95 & & \\
\hline 1039 & 1 & 1:1 & 95 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{(* setup pad ant screen *)} \\
\hline 1946 & 1 & 1:1 & 95 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{SETUPAD:} \\
\hline 1041 & 1 & 1:1 & 97 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{IMITTUATLE:} \\
\hline 1042 & 1 & 1:1 & 108 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{(* serup cext screen *)}} \\
\hline 1043 & 1 & 1:1 & 100 & & \\
\hline 104 & 1 & 1:1 & 100 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{CANCEL: LISTMODE:} \\
\hline 1045 & 1 & 1:1 & 104 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{(*) lets dole *)}} \\
\hline 1946 & 1 & 1:1 & 104 & & \\
\hline 1047 & 1 & 1:1 & 184 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
repeat \\
GETXY, myplot:
\end{tabular}}} \\
\hline 1446 & 1 & 1:2 & 104 & & \\
\hline 184 \({ }^{2}\) & 1 & 1:1 & 188 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{until mellpreczesovera}} \\
\hline 1850 & 1 & 1:0 & 113 & & \\
\hline
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\section*{SpeechSynthesizer Module}

The Series III Speech Module can accommodate standard and custom vocabularies up to a total of 256 utterances. It consists of TSI's (Telesensory Systems Inc's) speech synthesizer, vocabulary memory, an on-board speech filter, and an audio amplifier. It is TTL- (transistor-transistor logic) compatible and uses a single +5 V supply. The memory can be a combination of one or two 16, 32, or 64 K ROMs (read-only memories) or PROMs (programmable ROMs), providing up to 128 K bits. With the Series III, about 100 seconds of speech can be stored in ROM. For complete details, contact Telesensory Sys tems Inc, 3408 Hillview Ave, POB 10099, Palo Alto CA 94304, (415) 493-2626.

Circle 575 on inquiry card.

\section*{Lowercase Conversion Kit for TRS-80 and Centronics Printers}

The Conversion Kit I for the TRS-80 and the Centronics 779 printer allows the option of lowercase. This is a full 96 -character ASCll (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) uppercase and lowercase set with the option of changing slash zero to a standard
zero. The kit does not require etch cuts or soldering. Installation can be done with a screwdriver. No program modification or additional interfacing is required. The kit can be removed in a matter of seconds should any warranty repairs on the printer be required. The price is \(\$ 125\). For details, contact Service Technologies, 32 Nightingale Rd, Nashua NH 03062, (603) 883-5369

Circle 505 on inquiry card.

\section*{8-Inch Floppy Disks for North Star}

John D Owens Associates Inc has an 8-inch floppy-disk subsystem for North Star microcomputer users. The 8 -inch drives allow transfers to and from standard North Star 5-inch drives. This software/hardware package is designed to operate in single or double density on 8 -inch floppy disks.

The subsystem's hardware includes a Tarbell double-density controller and dual Shugart 800R drives in a cabinet with power supply, fan; and all cables. The software interface, DMA-DOS, is a single-user CP/M-compatible 8080/Z80 disk operating system that maintains control of the microcomputer systems' resources. Features of DMA-DOS include user-protect passwords; file-write protection and invisibility to the directory; storage for up to six files for printing; batched console processing; user-oriented prompting and error messages; support for disk files of up to 4.2 megabytes; and 20 basic system commands. The subsystem is available from John D Owens Associates Inc, 12 Schubert St, Staten Island NY 10305, (212) 448-6283, for \(\$ 1910\). The software can be purchased separately without the Tarbell interface for \(\$ 150\), or with the interface for s200.

Circle 508 on inquiry card.

\section*{What's New?}

\section*{PERIPHERALS}


\section*{TRS-80 Data Separator}

Parasitic Engineering's 5-inch floppy-disk-drive data separator eliminates most disk errors, including CRC, track locked out, and disk I/O error. The separator uses a phase-locked-loop circuit for error tracking. It plugs inside the TRS-80 Model I Expansion Interface. The data separator is compatible with all TRS-80 software and includes the FD1771 disk controller. The 5 -inch-drive unit is upward compatible with 8 -inch drives.

The data separator costs \(\$ 250\). Contact Parasitic Engineering Inc, 1101 Ninth Ave. Oakland CA 94606, (415) 839-2636.
Circle 512 on inquiry card.

\section*{Interface for IBM Electronic Typewriters}

The Mediamix ETI \({ }^{2}\) connects IBM Model 50, 60, and 75 electronic typewriters to any computer with a Centronics-type parallel port. The device includes a 280 microprocessor and 2 K bytes of programmable memory. It features user-definable codes and characters for any word-processing program and the ability to use all the functions of the IBM typewriters with most programs.

For more information, contact Mediamix. POB 67B57. Los Angeles CA 90067, (213) 4759949. Circle 513 on inquiry card


\section*{Color-Matrix Printer from Britain}

The Integrex CX80 is a new color-matrix printer that doesn't require special-absorbency paper. The machine can print text, graphs, histograms, and videodisplay images in seven colors without restrictions on mixing characters, dot-addressed areas, and color changes on the same line. Stripes from a three-color ribbon are selected to produce the required colors.

The unit is dot-addressable in all seven colors, and a characterset ROM (read-only memory) contains 96 ASCll |American Standard Code for information interchange) and 64 graphics characters. The seven-wire head produces 5 by 7 and 6 by 7 formats. The print width is 80 columns, re-
solution is 60 dots per inch, and print speed is 125 cps (characters per second) in a primary color. There are 15 user-programmable characters. All characters can be printed in double-length and reverse. Buffer length is two lines. Paper movement is programmable.

The printer comes with a Cen-tronics-compatible interface; RS232 C and IEEE-488 interfaces are optional. The Integrex CX80 costs approximately 52000 . For details, contact Integrex Ltd, Portwood Industrial Estate, Church Gresley. Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, DEll 9PT. England. In North America, contact Integrex Inc, 233 N Juniper St, Philadelphia PA 19107. (215) 627-0966.

Circle 514 on inquiry card.

\section*{Serial Interface for the Epson MX-80}

The Epax is a buffered serial interface with selectable data rates for the Epson MX-80 printer. Epax is a single board that installs inside the printer and provides 1000 characters of buffer storage. Transmission restraints can operate in one of two ways: XON-

XOFF signaling or Centronicscompatible handshaking. Buffercontrol characters are user-selectable.

The Epax is \(\$ 175\) from Vardon \& Associates inc, 1401 Walnut Hill Ln, Irving TX 75062. (800) 527-7700; in Texas (214) 6593800.

Circle 515 on inquiry card.

\section*{What's New? \\ MISCELLANEOUS}

\section*{50 W, Triple-Output Power Supplies}

The Series 3050 power supplies feature two models, the 3050-1 A and the \(3050-2 \mathrm{~A}\). The Model 3050-1A has +5 V DC at 6 A and \(\pm 12 \mathrm{~V} D C\) at 1 A , and the Model \(3050-2 \mathrm{~A}\) has +5 V DC at 6 A and \(\pm 15 \mathrm{~V} D C\) at 1 A . Basic specifications include 80\% efficiency: 90 to 130 V AC input; 20 kHz clock oscillator; \(\pm 0.1 \%\) line regulation; \(\pm 0.1 \%\) load regulation: 50 mV peak-to-peak output noise; \(300 \mu \mathrm{~s}\) response time; and 1500 V AC input/output isolation. The units weigh 18 ounces. Output current limit and soft start are standard on both models. No external heat sink is required.

The price for Models 3050-1A and \(3050-2 \mathrm{~A}\) is 595 each. Contact Power General, 152 Will Dr. Canton MA 02021, 1617) 828\(6216 . \quad\) Circle 509 on inquiry card.


\section*{TRS-80 Model I} Development System
The Developmate 81 upgrades the TRS-80 Model I into a full development system. Priced at s329, the Developmate 81 adds Z80 in-circuit emulation and EPROM (erasable programmable read-only memory) and EEPROM pelectrically erasable programmable read-only memory) capabilities. The device plugs into the expansion connector and includes the PROM programmer and the emulator. The unit can handle 2758, 2508, 2716, 2516 , 2532, 2816, and 48016 devices Software for programming and verification is included.

When the target-system hardware and software works under emulation. the program is copied into PROM by the built-in PROM programmer. During emulation development, DMA (direct mem-
ory access) is not supported, nor are the HALT, NMI, RFSH, and M1 signals. Clock speed during emulation is 1.8 MHz . Address mapping is not provided in the emulator, so target-system address assignments must be made to avoid conflict with addresses used by the TRS-80. Any of the 251 unassigned I/O (input/output) ports can be used in the target system. A program can be tested at one address space and run at another without reassembly.

Developmate 81 comes with a power supply. emulation cable, TRS-80 cable, and a universal personality module. The TRS-80 Expansion Interface is not required. For more information, contact Orion Instruments, 172 Otis Ave, Woodside CA 94062, 1415) 851 1172.

\section*{Programmable Character Generator}

The Model 801 character generator is a test instrument that aids in the design and production of raster-scan video displays. The unit is microprocessor-controlled and has an internal frequency synthesizer that provides video dot rates up to 65 MHz . Videosync timing is user-programmable. The unit has a complete set of 5 by 7 and 7 by 9 characters and can display up to 256 characters per row with 128 rows. A built-in battery-backup memory system allows storage of five complete display formats. The unit automatically calculates and displays the vertical. horizontal. and video rates as a result of entered display parameters. It costs S1995. Contact Quantum Data Inc, 455 E Kehoe BIvd, Carol Stream IL 60187. (312) 668-3301. Circle 511 on inquiry card.

\section*{What's New?}

\section*{SYSTEMS}

\section*{Multiuser, Multiprocessor Microcomputer}

The Model 6500 is an \(5-100\) bus, CP/M-compatible system expandable from one to sixty-four users. The motherboard can accommodate up to twelve users, and additional enclosures allowing up to eighteen users each can be added. Each unit contains two microprocessors, 64 K bytes of programmable memory, and serial and parallel I/O (input/output).
OSM's CP/M-compatible MultiUser System Executive operating system is written in 280 code and features automatic print spooling. user selection of a local or a master system printer, file-sharing

interlock, and a password/security system. Directories are provided for user- and common-file areas. Logon/off time is automatically stored.

Options include two 8 -inch double-density double-sided flop-py-disk drives and 29- to 96 -
megabyte hard-disk subsystems. System prices start at \(\$ 5715\). For more information, contact OSM Computer Corporation, 2364 Walsh Ave, Santa Clara CA 95051, (408) 496-6910

Circle \(\mathbf{5 1 6}\) on inquiry card.


\section*{64 K Bytes Standard with SuperBrain}

SuperBrain, an s-100 microcomputer, is now marketed with 64 K bytes of programmable memory instead of 32 K . The retail price of the unit is \(\$ 3495\) SuperBrain features dual 5 -inch floppy-disk drives capable of storing 350 K bytes, Digital Research's CP/M operating system, a 12 -inch video monitor, and two Z80A microprocessors. For more iriformation, contact Intertec Data Systems, 2300 Broad River Rd, Columbia SC 29210, (803) 798-9100

Circle 517 on inquiry card


\section*{6802 SIngle-Board Microcomputer}

The CompTrol-1 Model SBC681 features a 6802 microprocessor and up to 8 K bytes of ROM or EPROM (read-only memory or erasable programmable ROMI. Programmable-memory expansion sockets are provided for a 1 K -byte expansion beyond the 128 bytes inside the 6802 The board is provided with a 6821 PIA (peripheral interface adapter) and/or a 6522 VIA (versatile interface adapter). The VIA
contains an 8 -bit shift register, two programmable 16-bit timers, and two parallel ports. Jumper options select processor-interrupt connections and ROM size.

The board operates at 1 MHz from a single 5 V supply, or with a power-supply option, from an unregulated 8 V supply. Mounting options are provided. For more information on this \(\$ 139.42\) microcomputer board, contact Industrial Micro-Systems Inc, POB 306, Plantsville CT 06479, (203) 628-4844. Circle 518 on inquiry card.

\section*{What's New?}

\section*{Mate Solves Chess Problems on the Apple}

Mate is a chess-problem-solving program that quickly determines whether or not mating is possible within the remaining number of moves, and it can solve mate in \(n\) moves, helpmate in \(n\) moves, and self-mate in \(n\) moves. Mate supports all four promotions, en passant, and castling. Abbreviations for the pieces are in FIDE (World Chess Federationl standard and the board layout uses European notation, but users can define their own abbreviations. Mate consists of instructions to use the program, examples of use, assembly-language code, chess-specific information tables, and a 6 K-byte data area.

Mate requires an Apple 11 or Apple II Plus with 48 K bytes of programmable memory and one floppy-disk drive. It is available for s60 from Mika Korhonen, Neitsytpolku 6 A 8, SF-00140 Helsinki 14, Finland. Circle 519 on inquiry card.

\section*{Lucidata Pascal for Heath Systems}

Version 2.8 of Lucidata Pascal, for Heath systems operating under HDOS, is compatible with all HDOS files and devices. Pascal source programs compile into p-code for execution. Features include random and sequential disk-file access, integer and ninedigit floating-point arithmetic, virtual memory operation, and an assembly-language interface. Supplied on a 5 -inch floppy disk, the system includes fourteen demonstration programs and a manual. The compiler can run in a 24 K-byte HDOS system, but 40 K bytes are recommended. It is available for 595 from Polybytes, 325 19th St SE, Cedar Rapids IA 52403.

Circle 520 on inquiry card.

\section*{Data-Base System for CP/M Systems}

IDM-Cl is a data-base-management system that includes an initialization program, a data-basemanipulation program, and a report writer and generator. Features include up to forty fields. search commands, statistics, reuse of deleted records for key access, error trapping, and more. It requires a dual-disk system with 60 K bytes of programmable memory and CP/M. IDM-C1 costs SI59 from Micro Architect Inc, 96 Dothan St, Arlington MA 02174. |617) 643-4713.

Circle 521 on inquiry card.

\section*{Data-Base System for Commodore Computers}

Jinsam 8.0 for the Commodore 8000 series and Jinsam 4.0 for the Commodore 4000 series computers are data-base-management systems that use relative files, hold approximately 1900 records per data base, allow different data bases on each data disk, and impose no limit on record lengths or number of fields. The programs include the database core, label and report writers that allow sorting of three fields at one time, Wordpro interface for form-letter generation, mathematical and statistical interfaces, four-level password system, auto-time-out feature, auto-dating of all printouts, two recovery systems, and a rotating backup system. Utilities that upgrade data files to new Jinsam systems, change the current data-base form, and generate new data bases from an existing system are included. Jinsam 8.0 controls screen format and displays the maximum defined field lengths. For more information, contact Jini Micro-Systems Inc, POB 274. Riverdale NY 10463.
Circle 522 on inquiry card.

\section*{6809 Cross Assembler}

XASM6809 is a 6809 cross assembler written in FORTRAN N and designed for industrial and scientific applications. The assembler includes free-format input. statement labels up to eight characters long, and compatibility with all the instructions and addressing modes of the target microprocessor. Assembler directives are mostly identical to those found in the original manufacturer's assembler products. Output of complete assembly listings. including object code, source lines, addresses, and the number of machine cycles required for each instruction, is provided. Error messages are inserted into the assembled listings. The assembler comes in a punched-carddeck package for 575 and on magnetic tape for \(\$ 100\). Contact Intelligent Devices of Minnesota, POB 14538. Minneapolis MN 55414, (612) 427-0787.

Circle 523 on inquiry card.

\section*{Form-Letter Module from Muse}

The Form-Letter Module features automatic repetitive printing of letters from mailing-list records using the Muse Address Book software, individual printing of letters without permanent mail-ing-list storage, insertion of mail-ing-list information anywhere in a letter, on-screen prompts, and commands that allow changing the contents of individual letters dependent on the recipient.

The program runs on the Apple II or Apple II Plus with 48 K bytes of memory and a disk drive. It retails for \(\$ 100\). Contact Muse Software, 330 N Charles St, Baltimore MD 21201. (301) 659-7212.

\section*{What's New?}

\section*{SOFTWARE}

\section*{Financlal Planning Software for CP/M Systems}

FPL (Financial Planning Language) can perform profit and loss forecasts, commercial-loan evaluations, pro forma statements, product-line planning, budget planning and consolidation, product evaluation, cashflow management, real-estate acquisition and development analysis, acquisition or merger analysis, and computations for marketing plans and performance, material and labor requirements, and capi-tal-investment analysis. Users can customize worksheets with FPL. Special report functions allow combination, extraction, and comparison of separate sets of data,

FPL operates on any 8080- or Z80-based microcomputer with 60 K bytes of programmable memory, \(C P / M\), and Microsoft BASIC, version 5.X. The program costs 5695 , and documentation alone is \(\$ 30\). Contact Lifeboat Associates, 1651 Third Ave, New York NY 10028, (212) 860-0300.

Circle 525 on inquiry card.

\section*{PET Programs for Young Students}

Meriu-driven addition and subtraction programs, suitable for grades 1 through 6, provide twenty-four levels of difficulty for addition and twelve levels of difficulty for subtraction. Immediate feedback is given, with graphics reinforcing correct responses. The letters and numbers program uses large characters created with PET graphics. Options include matching of one or more items, completing sequences, and filling in missing items.

The match-game program is useful for memory building and for putting lesson reviews into a

\section*{Smart Programs for the TRS-80 Model III}

SmartIII is a smart-terminal program for the TRS-80 Model III. It permits transfer of BASIC programs and source-code files between a remote computer and the local cassette or disk-storage device. The FILE program permits generation and storage of text. then transmission by Smartlll, for those who do not have word processors. AUTOBUF opens and closes the data-storage buffer automatically when up-or downloading. Smartlll recognizes the automatic buffer-open and -close codes transmitted by another Smart-series (ie: Model I or II) program. With SmartIII, the video-display line length can be formatted. Half- or full-duplex operation is software-selectable. The program will automatically send messages to bulletin boards and can be used with any RS-232C-compatible modem.

SmartIll is priced at \(\$ 99.50\) from The MicroPeripheral Corporation, 2643 15 Ist PI NE, Redmond WA 98052, (206) 881-7544.

Circle 526 on inquiry card.
game format. The game can be played with exact matches or paired matches (eg: synonyms or translations). Users can enter their own items or can choose from options including shape matching, math problems and answers. and synonyms. One to four players can participate, and single players can play against the computer. These programs are available for \(\$ 20\) on cassette. They will run on any PET with at least 8 K bytes of memory and versions 1.0, 2.0, or 4.0 of ROM iread-only memory). For information, contact Teaching Tools, POB 12679. Research Triangle Park NC 27709. (919) 851-2374.

Circle 528 on Inquiry card.

\section*{Graphic Writer Program}

The Graphic Writer program allows Apple users to get hard copy of the Gothic, Blippo Black, Roman, Outline, and other character sets available in Apple's Applesoft Tool Kit. This software can be used in conjunction with the Applewriter word-processing program. Graphic Writer can also be used as a stand-alone product for use with PRINT statements within a user's program.

Graphic Writer is available for Silentype and Paper Tiger Model 440G, 445G, or 460G printers. It requires a 48 K -byte Apple II or Apple II Plus, DOS 3.3, the Applesoft Tool Kit, Apple parallel or Centronics interface card, and a printer. It is available from Computer Station Inc, 12 Crossroads Plz, Granite City IL 62040, (618) 452-1860. The suggested retail price is \(\$ 34.95\).

Circle 527 on inquiry card.

\section*{A Gem of a Program}

Amethyst combines Mince, a full-screen editor; Scribble, a text formatter; the BDS C compiler; the Mince command-set source code; and a user-support program. Mince is written in \(C\), so it is possible to personalize or extend the editor. Amethyst can be used as an editor/compiler combination for program development. A user's manual and a book describing theory of operation are included. The program requires a 48 K-byte CPIM system and a video terminal with cursor positioning. Amethyst is \(\$ 350\). Mince and Scribble are si25 each, or \(\$ 175\) for both. Contact Mark of the Unicorn, POB 423, Arlington MA 02174, (617) 489-1387.

Circle 529 on inquiry card.

\section*{What's New? PUBLICATIONS}

\section*{Personal Computer Letter}

The Carl Helmers Personal Computer Letter is a monthly analysis of issues, trends, and current events that affect the smallcomputer industry. A major topic affecting the design, marketing, and support of small-computer hardware and software is discussed in each letter. Some of the forthcoming topics include studies on computer options for. small colleges, mass-storage technology, configurable software, standards, color graphics, the importance of smooth power supplies, object-oriented languages, artificial intelligence, local communications networks, high-level languages, and interactive operating systems.
Another feature of the newsletter is a free personal-computer industry telephone conference call held once a month. With up to twenty people on a conference line, Mr Helmers moderates discussions and answers questions from subscribers about issues concerning popular microcomputers and the industry.
A charter subscription to the newsletter is \(\$ 200\). For more information, contact North American Technology Inc., Strand Bldg, Suite 23, 174 Concord St, Peterborough NH 03458, 16031 924-6048.

Circle 530 on inquiry card.

\section*{Books from Addison-Wesley}

Books on languages, hardware fundamentals, programming, and computer science are featured in the "Books About Computers" catalog from Addison-Wesley Inc, Reading MA 01867, 1617) 944-3700.

Circle 531 on inquiry card.


\section*{Program Listing Catalog}

Personal Computer Applications Software Compendium will contain program descriptions and information on how and where to buy programs written for many different microcomputers. For additional information on how you can be a contributor and place a listing in this book, contact El Dorado Publishing Company, POB 446, Los Alamitos CA 90720.

Circle 532 on inquiry card.

\section*{CMOS Databook}

CMOSIMOS Integrated Circuits is a 688-page book on CMOS (complementary metaloxide semiconductor) and MOS devices. The book includes technical data, application notes, product-classification and func-tion-selection charts, package information, functional diagrams, operating and handling considerations, and ratings and characteristics for all standard digital integrated circuits in RCA's CMOS CD4000 product line. The book costs 57 . Request CMOS/MOS Integrated Circuits, volume number SSD-250B, from RCA Solid State Division, RT 202, POB 3200, Somerville NJ 08876.
Circle 533 on inquiry card.

\section*{Keyboard Catalog}

A catalog of standard keyboards is available from George Risk Industries. Bulletin KB-20 includes data on the company's Model 753, 756, and 771 keyboards, plus models ranging from 10 to 98 keys. Featured are the Process Control Keyboard for in-dustrial-control-system applications, user-programmable ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) keyboards, and keyboard enclosures and accessories. Off-the-shelf models include units for hobby and educational use and keyboards suitable for a variety of prototype, limited production, and specialized applications. Versions for heavy-duty industrial and military applications are also offered.

Your free copy can be obtained from George Risk Industries inc, GRI Plz, Kimball NE 69145, (800) 445-5218; in Nebraska (308) 235-4645.
Circle 534 on inquiry card.

\section*{Guide to Optical Cable}

In its Guide to Optical Cable, Probe Research describes and compares the optical-communications cable being sold in the data and telephone/CATV applications market. Tables compare operating and mechanical specifications of the cables, including type of fiber used, cabling loss. application, cable construction, tensile strength, bandwidth, and more. The report also describes this rapidly changing market, including regulatory implications and the type of purchasing being done. The Probe Guide to Optical Cable is available for \(\$ 50\) from Probe Research Inc. POB 251. Millburn NJ 07041, (212) 732-5415.

Circle 535 on inquiry card.

\section*{What's New?}

\section*{PUBLICATIONS}

\section*{Shirt-Pocket Guide to the 6502}

The 6502 Instruction Handbook is a handy shirt-pocket-sized guide to the 6502 microprocessor. It contains a synopsis of each instruction available for the 6502 . with mnemonic and machine codes in hexadecimal format provided for each addressing mode. Appendices list the instruction set alphabetically by assembler mnemonics and numerically by machine code. A hexadecimaltodecimal conversion chart is provided. A circuit pinout diagram, basic timing information, and diagrams of the architecture are also included.

The 6502 Instruction Handbook is available for 54.95 plus s0.50 postage from Scelbi Publications, 20 Hurbut St, Elmwood CT 06110 . Circle 536 on inquiry card.

\section*{Computer Equipment on CIA's List}

CIA is a publication for advertising new and used computers, software, and related products. Display ad rates range from 535 to \(\$ 175\). The subscriber rate for classified ads is 50.10 per word. and the nonsubscriber rate is s0.30 per word.
For more information on deadlines and subscription prices, contact Computer Instant Ads Association, 277 E 6100 South, Salt Lake City UT 84107, (800) 453-6464; in Utah (801) 268-3000. Circle 537 on inquiry card.

\section*{Power Supply Catalog}

Power General, makers of power supplies, has published a catalog describing its products. For a copy, contact Power General, 152 Will Dr, Canton MA 02021, (617) 828-6216.
Circle 538 on inquiry card.

\section*{Challenge Computer Supplies Catalog}

Challenge Computer Supplies has published its Spring/Summer 1981 Catalog. The company sells computer furniture, magnetic media, computer-paper forms, and related items. For a copy, contact Challenge Computer Supplies Inc, POB 3269, 727 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City CA 94064, (415) 365-8105.
Circle 539 on inquiry card.

\section*{Ampex Offers a Magazine}

Databits is a quarterly magazine designed to keep Ampex customers informed of developments in the Ampex Memory Products Division. The magazine reviews new Ampex computer-product developments, discusses applications of existing products, lists trade shows, and provides technical discussions of various aspects of computer technology. interested readers can obtain a free copy of Databits by writing Ampex Corporation. Memory Products Division, Attn: Marketing Communications M-15, 200 N Nash St, El Segundo CA 90245.

Circle 540 on inquiry card.

\section*{Furniture Catalog}

A color catalog from Structural Concepts Corporation describes furniture for office and personal computers. Both stock and custom units are available. Pre-wired and dedicated electrical circuits are available in some of the furniture. A variety of options and accessories, including pass-throughs and shared terminal turntables, are featured. Contact Structural Concepts Corporation, 17237 Van Wagoner Rd, Spring Lake Ml 49456, (800) 253-5102; in Michigan (616) 846-3300.
Circle 541 on inquiry cafd.

\section*{Catalog Lists TI 9914 Hardware and Software}

TI Source is a catalog and newsletter for \(\mathrm{Tl} 99 / 4\) users. Included in the catalog are software programs for education and science, business and professional applications, games, music, utilities, and languages. Many accessories are listed. The newsletter contains news and reviews of software packages. The free cata\(\log\) and newsletter is available from Microcomputers Corporation, POB 191, Rye NY 10580, (914) 967-8370.

Circle 542 on inquiry card.

\section*{Free}

\section*{Courseware Catalog}

The MicroMedia catalog contains over 400 kindergarten through grade 12 instructional programs, games, packages, and books for use with Apple, Atari, PET, and TRS-80 microcomputers. Organized by subject and grade level, each entry includes program name, type, functional description, and memory requirements. Contact MicroMedia, 686 Sierra Vista Ln, Valley Cottage NY 10989. 1914) 358-2582.

Circle 543 on inquiry card.

\section*{Adventure Games Brochure}

If you are looking for something to do on sleepless nights, try an adventure game from Adventure International. Its catalog describes dozens of fantasy and role-playing games available for TRS-80, Apple, PET, Atari, and Sorcerer microcomputers. For a copy, contact Adventure International, POB 729, Casselberry FL 32707, (800) 327-7172; in Florida (305) 862-6917.

Circle 544 on inquiry card.

\section*{What's New?}

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\section*{Programmable Memory Has 8 K}

The 8112 static programmable memory is pin-for-pin compatible with the 2716 EPROM lerasable programmable read-only memory). Built into the design of the 8112 is a delatched write function that allows incoming data to be controlled by the write-enable function. This arrangement provides for a delayed write. Powerconsumption requirements are lower with the 8112 because the device operates in an enabled and disabled mode. It requires a single +5 V supply. Organized as 1024 words by 8 bits, the 8112 is available in access times of 200 , 300 , and 400 ns. In lots of 100 . prices for the 8112 range from \(\$ 10.70\) to \(\$ 14.70\). Contact GTE Microcircuits, 2000 W 14th St, Tempe AZ 85281. 16021 968-4431.

Circle 545 on inquiry card.

\section*{Computer Stands}

Comstand computer stands hold microcomputers and smallbusiness systems. They have a table height of \(66.5 \mathrm{~cm} \quad(261 / 2\) inches), the same as a typewriter stand. A storage shelf is mounted below the table. There are additional shelves above the table for monitors, disk drives, or other items. The Model 2036, priced at s 150, is 90.5 by \(137 \mathrm{~cm}(36\) by 54 inches) and the Model 2048, priced at \(\$ 165\), is 123 by 120 cm 148 by 47 inches). Both styles have 50 -centimeter- ( 20 -inch) wide tables. An optional printer stand with two shelves and a middle slot for paper feed is priced at \(\$ 140\). Contact Ever Roll, 3988 Troy Rd, Springfield OH 45504. (513) 964-1322.

Circle 546 on inquiry card


A \(31 / 2\)-digit LCD (liquid-crystal display) panel meter has been introduced by Datel-Intersil. The DM-LX3 has a \(3 / 4\)-inch-high dis-
play. Using CMOS (complementary metal-oxide semiconductor) circuitry, the meter uses 17.5 mW \(1+5 \mathrm{~V}\) at 3.5 mA\()\). The device can operate continuously for several months on a battery of four AA alkaline cells. The meter displays digits with an accuracy of \(\pm 0.1 \%\). The board measures 10.5 by 5 by 1 cm (4 by 2 by \(/ 3\) inches).

The DM-LX3 features balanced differential inputs, high-impedance inputs with low-bias currents, autozeroing, selectable display and hold, and blank circuit pads for attenuation or shunt resistors. The DM-LX3 sells for \$57.50. Contact Datel-Intersil inc, 11 Cabot Blvd, Mansfield MA 02048, (617) 339-9341.

Circle 547 on inquiry card.

\section*{EAROM from General Instrument}

The ER4201 EAROM (electrically alterable read-only memory) is an N -channel device for applications that require a small memory and where ease of use and speed are important. The 128 - by 8 -bit ER4201 features +5 V operation in read mode, 350 ns maximum access time, in-circuit electrical word alterability, and on-board address, mode, and data latching. A program command will place the device in the busy mode and initiate an erase followed by a write. This allows the processor and system bus to be freed during the EAROM's \(10 \mu \mathrm{~s}\) reprogramming operation.

In quantities of 250 , the EAROM price is approximately s 11.50 each. For more information, contact General Instrument Corporation, Microelectronics Division, 600 W John St, Hicksville NY 11802, (516) 733-3120.

Circle 549 on inquiry card.

\section*{Keep It Qulet}

Vitech Inc has a sound enclosure that blocks noise pollution from printers, word processors, and Telex machines. The interior and exterior panels are covered with plastic laminate, and the acrylic tops are transparent. Custom covers can be made for any printer. Models start at 5275 .

For more details, contact Vitech Inc, 4555 W 77th St, Minneapolis MN 55435, 16121 831-8757. Circle 548 on inquiry card.

\section*{Multlstrike RIbbon Cartridge}

Aspen Ribbons Inc has a version of the multistrike ribbon cartridge required by NEC (Nippon Electric Companyl printers. The used ribbons can be returned to the company for replacement. Each ribbon costs \(\$ 5\). For additional details, contact Aspen Ribbons Inc, 1700 N 55th St, Boulder CO 80301. (800) 525-0646: in Colorado, (303) 444-4054.

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\section*{What's New?}

\section*{Cross Reformatter for CP/M and DEC Flles}

MicroTech Exports' Reformatter conversion software allows CP/M users to exchange data files with DEC (Digital Equipment Corporation) computers using a floppy disk as the transfer medium. Reformatter runs under CP/M and reads and writes in the DEC RT-11 format. Data files can be transferred bidirectionally, and any fields in the directory can be altered. Reformatter lists the DEC directory and displays the unused areas of the disk. The price of the program is \(\$ 195\) from MicroTech Exports, 467 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto CA 94301, (415) 324-9114.

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\section*{Datapro Offers a Catalog of Reports}

Information processing professionals can look to the 1981 Datapro Report catalog for information comparing electronic data processing, word processing, office, and data communications products. Datapro's free catalog describes studies on fifty-two categories of popular equipment and management methods. The reports contain narratives, comparison charts, prices, specifications, and characteristics on products and services. User ratings are included in many reports, which are priced at \(\$ 15\) each. The cata\(\log\) is available from Datapro Research Corporation, 1805 Underwood Blvd, Delran NJ 08075, 16091 764-0100.

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\section*{Computer Cable and Interface Catalog}

A computer cable and interface catalog is available from CCP Computer Cable Products Division, 147 Gazza Blvd, Farmingdale NY 11735, (800) 645-9434; in New York (516) 293-1610. Described are specifications for RS-

232C, EIA 449 assemblies, and bulk cable. Accessories described in the catalog include ribbon, coaxial kits, switching boxes, plenum and molded assemblies, adapters, and isolated power supplies. Request catalog HIO.

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\section*{High-Speed Memory}

The CI-6800-2 dynamic memory board is designed for Motorola's EXORcisor I and II and Rockwell's System 65. The memory is available in 16 K -, 32 K -, 48 K -, or 64 K-byte configurations. The board features hidden-refresh control logic. The access time is 225 ns and cycle time is 400 ns , which allows the unit to operate as a static programmable-memory device at clock rates in excess of 1.5 MHz . For 2 MHz operation, the memory board can be configured to utilize a cycle-stealing refresh operation.

Memory selection is available in 4 K-byte increments up to 64 K bytes. The memory has on-board even parity, with output jumperselectable to the system bus as a parity error or nonmaskable interrupt. Power consumption is under 7 W .

The prices are \(\$ 565\) for the 16 K-byte board and 5750 for the 64 K-byte board. Contact Chrislin Industries Inc, 31352 Via Colinas \#102, Westlake Village CA 91361, (213)991-2254.

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\section*{All-CMOS Microcomputer}

The Model PPS-12 is an allCMOS (complementary metal-oxide semiconductor) microcomputer system. The system employs an IM6IOO CMOS microprocessor, and has been designed for applications where only battery or solar power is available. Operation requires only a 5 V power supply at less than 0.5 mW . The board includes three parallel I/O (input/output) ports, one RS-232C serial port, a programmable real-time clock, 4 K 12-bit words of CMOS EPROM (erasable programmable readonly memory) and read/write memory, a memory-expansion controller, and an on-board monitor and debugger. The board is also supported by parallel and serial I/O modules, memory-expansion modules, an all-CMOS A/D (analog-to-digital) converter, and bubble memory. The modules can be plugged into any Multibus card cage.

The 12-bit IM6100 microprocessor uses a binary instruction set identical to Digital Equipment Corporation's PDP-8 and VT-78 DECstation minicomputers. Thè single-quantity price for the PPS-1201 is 5999 . For more information, contact Pacific Cyber/ Metrix Inc, 6800 Sierra Ct, Dublin CA 94566. 14151 829-8700.
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\section*{Antl-Static Mats}

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body unit for more mechanical and electrical accessories. All the components can be used separately for experiments. The robot can be controlled by remote-control transmitter/receiver systems or by interfacing a computer into the relay control units.

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RU-II comes with a one-year update, manual, and a free subscription to the Amateur Robotics Designer Newsletter. The price of the RU-II is S1495, plus \(5 \%\) shipping and handling. Contact Hobby Robotics Company, 4055 Lawrenceville Hwy, Suite 410, POB 997, Lilburn GA 30247, (404) 923-5650.

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\section*{Robot for Hobbyists}

The Robot Unit RU-II is a package of mechanical modules that includes the base transport (legs), structural unit (body), and manipulator units |shoulders, arms, and hands). Also included are the relay controls required to drive the motors and a manual pushbutton control box to drive the relays. RU-II comes in kit form, including all parts, except a 12 V battery. There is room inside the

\section*{Digital Multimeter Uses LCD Display}

A hand-held \(31 / 2\)-digit LCD

(liquid-crystal display) digital multimeter has been introduced by Eico Electronic Instrument Company. Priced at 589.95 , the Eico 274 measures \(A C\) and DC voltages, DC current, and resistance in twenty-one ranges. It features single-circuit LSI (large-scale integration) logic, automatic decimal point, and overload protection. Up to 200 hours of operation time are possible from a 9 V transistor power cell. An automatic low-power indicator is provided. Accuracy is better than \(0.8 \%\). Input impedance is 10 megohms. The Eico 274 comes with a 9 V power cell, test probes, carrying case, and a spare fuse. Contact Eico Electronic Instrument Company Inc, 108 New South Rd, Hicksville NY 11801, (516) 681-9300.

Circle 558 on inquiry card.


\section*{Portable Design Kit}

The LD-I Pencil Box Logic Designer is a portable logic-design and breadboarding device. Among its features are a variable clock, two pulsers, eight LED (light-emitting diode) displays, eight logic-level switches, and E \& L instruments' SK-10 breadboarding socket. Power is supplied through batteries or an optional AC supply. All of this is contained within a portable moldedplastic case with a hinged cover.

The LD-1 kit is 575 and the assembled unit is 599.50 . For more information, contact E \& L Instruments Inc, 61 First St, Derby CT 06418, (203) 735-8774.

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\section*{Headcleaning FlexyDisks from BASF}

BASF Headcleaning FlexyDisks clean read/write heads on floppydisk drives in one minute. The disks, available in 5- and 8-inch sizes, are for single-sided floppydisk drives only. Each FlexyDisk can be used up to thirty times. A package of three retails for \(\$ 45\) from BASF Systems Corporation, Crosby Dr. Bedford MA 01730 , (617) 271-4000.

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The V300 series of daisy-wheel printers is available in 25 and 40 cps (characters per second) models. Both models are impact printers that produce letter-quality printing using standard Diablo- or Qume-type 96-character print wheels. The printers can accommodate paper widths of up to 15 inches and can print up to 136 columns. Character spacing is \(1 / 120\) inch minimum, and line spacing is \(1 / 48\) inch minimum.

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\section*{Products from GImix}

Gimix Inc, makers of memories, microprocessors, interfaces, and graphics boards for the SS-50 bus system, has published a brochure of its products. Descriptions and


\section*{Speech Evaluatlon Kits}

The first two of a series of speech-synthesis evaluation kits have been announced by Texas Instruments Inc. The TMSK101 and TMSK201 provide a means of evaluating the TMS5100 and TMS5200 speech-synthesis integrated circuits for speech applications. Both kits use Tl's linear predictive coding (LPC) technique.

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Both kits are available for \(\$ 140\) each. Contact Texas Instruments Inc, Inquiry Answering Service, (Attm: TMSK 101/201), POB 225012. M/S 308, Dallas TX 75265. Circle 567 on inquiry card. prices of all its items, including
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The AP 104 carrying case is for the Apple III. The APIO4 holds the computer, two disk drives, and a Silentype printer. It costs s139. For a video monitor, there is the AP105, which retails for 599. For the TRS-80 Model III, there's the RS204. It sells for \(\$ 129\). The RS205 is a 599 carrying case for the TRS-80 Color Computer. The P403 is designed for the Epson MX-80 and MX-70 printers. It costs 599

For further details, contact Computer Case Company. 5650 Indian Mound Ct, Columbus OH 43213. |614| 868-9464

Circle 570 on inquiry card.


\section*{SS-50 Memory Board}

Boaz Company has introduced a 64 K-byte programmable memory board for the 55-50 bus. The board features transparent refresh at 1 MHz , operation with 6800 and 6809 systems, compatibility with the 20 -bit extended addressing mode, memory selection and
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For complete details. contact Boaz Company, POB 18081. San Jose CA 95158

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\section*{16-Channel, 12-Bit DataAcquisition Circuit}

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The packages include two 8-channel multiplexers, a differentiai amplifier, a sample-and-hold circuit, a latched channel-address register, an input mode control, control logic, and a 12 -bit A/D |analog-to-digital| converter. Inputs can be sixteen single-ended, eight differential, or a combination. Switching between singleended and differential-signal sources or two single-ended inputs is accomplished by the use of the input mode control.

Other features include a \(50 \mu s\) maximum total acquisition and conversion time per channel and input voltage ranges of \(\pm 2.5\), \(\pm 5.0\) and \(\pm 10 \mathrm{~V}\); 0 to +5 V . and 0 to \(\pm 10 \mathrm{~V}\). Output can be in either 8 -bit bytes or 12-bit words. The price is \(\$ 198\) for single units. Contact Analog Devices, Rt I, Industrial Park, POB 280, Norwood MA 02062, (617) 935-5565

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\section*{Laboratory System for the Apple}

Applab is a microcomputer system designed for laboratory applications. When used with an Apple II Plus, Applab can control or collect data from spectrophotometers, chromatography systems, pH meters, strip-chart recorders, and temperature controllers.

Applab's hardware interface features 12 -bit D/A /digital-toanalog) and A/D (analog-todigitall converters with ranges of \(\pm 0.5\) to \(\pm 4.0 \mathrm{~V}\), differential input, and automatic zeroing.

The \(1 / O\) (input/output) subsystem features 8 bits each of input and output, handshaking signals, interrupt circuitry, and TTL- |tran-sistor-transistor logic| compatible signal levels. A real-time clock permits timing of events to an accuracy of 0.1 second. Two 16 -bit timers can be configured as an interval timer, pulse counter, pulse generator, square-wave frequen-

cy generator, or shift register.
Included is the Quicki/O program, which makes it easy to write BASIC programs to control scientific instruments. The Applab interface card. Ouickl/O software on floppy disk, three cables, a selftest adapter board, diagnostic
software, and two manuals are available for \(\$ 495\). For further information, contact interactive Microware Inc. POB 771. State College PA 16801. 18141 238-8294.

Circle 573 on inquiry card

\section*{Multichannel Video Controller}

The MCV-1023 multichannel video controller is Multibuscompatible. It is designed for online information, graphics, and data-processing applications. An on-board microprocessor performs control and logic functions, providing intermixable text and graphics display. Three softwareselectable character fonts, userdefined custom characters, an addressable cursor, an independently addressed status line, and an on-board date and time clock are also included. Characters of differing sizes can be intermixed on the screen. Underlining, strike through, blinking, boxing, reverse, and dual-intensity video fields are included. A paging

feature switches the video on a single display between two sources. allowing screen updating.

Typical graphics operations. such as animation, facsimile presentation, vector lines, point plots, and box or block generation. can be performed with minimal software overhead. in graphics operations, the display is treated as 512 horizontal dots by

256 vertical lines. Communication between the MCV-1023 and the host system is done through programmed input/output and a shared 2 K-byte block of programmable memory. The MCV-1023 evaluation board is 5695 . It is available from Metacomp Inc, 7290 Engineer Rd, Suite F. San Diego CA 92111. 17141 278-0635.

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\section*{INTELLIGENT VIDEO I/O FOR S-100 BUS}


\section*{VIO-X}

The VIO-X I/O Interface for the S-100 bus provides features equal to most intelligent terminals both efficiently and economically. It allows the use of standard keyboards and CRT monitors in conjunction with existing hardware and software. It will operate with no additional overhead in S -100 systems regardless of processor or system speed
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The VIO-X2 offers an 80 character by 25 line format using a \(9 \times 9\) dot matrix allowing high-resolution characters to be used. This model also includes expanded firmware for block mode editing.
Both models support a full set of control characters and escape sequences, including controls forvideo attributes, cursor location and positioning, cursor toggle, light pen location, and scroll speed.
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