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ABSTRACT

Designed to be an introduction to the Atari microcomputers for beginners, the interactive computer program listed in this document is written in the Pilot programing language. Instructions are given for entering and storing the program in the computer memory for use by students. (MES)

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INTRODUCTION TO THE ATARI COMPUTER  
A PROGRAM WRITTEN IN THE PILOT  
PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

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INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION TO THE ATARI COMPUTER IS A PROGRAM WRITTEN IN THE "PILOT" PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE. TO USE THE PROGRAM, THE "PILOT" LANGUAGE CARTRIDGE MUST FIRST BE INSERTED IN THE COMPUTER. NEXT, THE USER MUST COPY A DOS 2.05 PROGRAM ON A BLANK COMPUTER DISK. THEN, THE PROGRAM IS TYPED INTO THE COMPUTER MEMORY AND SUBSEQUENTLY SAVED FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS IN THE "PILOT" INSTRUCTION BOOK.

THE PROGRAM WAS WRITTEN WITH THE BEGINNER IN MIND. ONCE THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN CORRECTLY ENTERED AND SAVED, IT SHOULD BE USED BY BEGINNERS. USERS WILL FIND THAT THE PROGRAM TALKS TO THE THEM.

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10 R: INTRODUCTION TO THE ATARI COMPUTER  
20 \*PLEASE  
30 \*AGAIN  
40 T:  
50 T: HI, I'M AN ATARICOMPUTER. FOLLOW MY COMMANDS AND WE'LL  
GET ALONG FINE. AFTER YOU TYPE AN ANSWER TO ONE OF MY  
60 T: QUESTIONS PRESS MY RETURN KEY.  
70 T:  
80 T: WHO ARE YOU? \  
90 A: \$NAME  
100 T:  
110 T: HOW OLD ARE YOU? \  
120 A: #A  
130 T:  
140 T: \$NAME IS #A YEARS OLD. I'M A BABY COMPARED TO YOU. HOW  
OLD DO YOU THINK I AM? \  
150 A: #Y  
160 T:  
170 T: YES YOU ARE CORRECT, I AM #Y YEARS OLD. YOU ARE VERY  
SMART. WE WILL GET ALONG FINE. ARE YOU READY? \  
180 A:  
190 M: YES  
200 T:  
210 TY: GREAT!  
220 TN: TOO BAD LET'S TRY AGAIN.  
230 JN: \*AGAIN  
240 T:  
250 T: DO YOU SEE THE CURSOR ON THE SCREEN? \  
260 A:  
270 T:  
280 M: YES  
290 TY: GREAT! CAN YOU CAUSE IT TO MOVE? \  
300 TN: IT'S THE LITTLE LIGHTED SQUARE ON THE SCREEN. CAN YOU  
CAUSE IT TO MOVE? \  
310 A:  
320 M: YES  
330 T:  
340 TY: HOW? \  
350 \*OVER  
360 TN: PRESS THE SPACE BAR, ANY LETTER OR NUMBER KEY. HOW  
CAN YOU CAUSE IT TO MOVE? \  
370 A:  
380 T:  
390 M: SPACE, NUMBER, LETTER  
400 TY: OUTSTANDING! YOU ARE LEARNING ALL ABOUT ME VERY  
QUICKLY. YOU GET AN A+ FOR THAT OPERATION.  
410 TN: OOPS, LET'S REVIEW.  
420 JN: \*OVER  
430 T:  
440 T: CAN YOU LOCATE THE CONTROL KEY? \  
450 A:

460 T:  
470 M: YES  
480 TY: GOOD IT CAN BE USED FOR A VARIETY OF FUNCTIONS. I'LL  
SHOW YOU ONE!  
490 JY: \*MINE  
500 \*AAGAIN  
510 TN: LOOK ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE KEYBOARD. DO YOU SEE IT  
NOW? \  
520 A:  
530 T:  
540 M: YES  
550 TY: GOOD!  
560 JY: \*OK  
570 JN: \*AAGAIN  
580 \*OK  
590 \*MINE  
600 T:  
610 T: NOW LOCATE THE NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, AND WEST ARROW  
KEYS. CAN YOU FIND THEM? \  
620 A:  
630 T:  
640 M: YES  
650 TY: YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB \$NAME. ANOTHER HIGH GRADE  
GOES IN YOUR RECORD!  
660 JY: \*OOK  
670 \*OOOK  
680 TN: GOSH \$NAME YOU REALLY ARE HAVING TROUBLE, BUT DON'T  
WORRY TOGETHER WE CAN WIN. LOOK AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF  
690 TN: THE KEYBOARD. DO YOU SEE THE KEYS NOW? \  
700 A:  
710 T:  
720 M: YES  
730 TY: GREAT!  
740 JY: \*OOK  
750 TN: OH WELL, LETS TRY AGAIN.  
760 JN: \*OOOK  
770 \*OOK  
780 T:  
790 T: HOLDING DOWN THE CONTROL KEY WHILE PRESSING ONE OF THE  
ARROW KEYS WILL MOVE THE CURSOR IN A DIRECTION  
800 T: INDICATED BY THE ARROW.  
810 T:  
820 T:  
830 T: OK, NOW TRY MOVING THE CURSOR \$NAME.  
840 T:  
850 T: WHICH WAY DID THE CURSOR MOVE? \  
860 A:  
870 T:  
880 M: U, D, L, R  
890 TY: GOOD JOB \$NAME, YOU'VE GOT THE IDEA.  
900 JN: \*OOK  
910 T:  
920 T: THE KEYBOARD HAS MANY OTHER IMPORTANT KEYS. DO YOU SEE  
THE "ESCAPE" KEY? \  
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930 A:  
940 T:  
950 M: YES  
960 TY: HOW IS IT LABELED? \  
970 \*000K  
980 TN: LOOK AT THE UPPER LEFT CORNER OF THE KEYBOARD. HOW IS  
IT LABELED? \  
990 A:  
1000 T:  
1010 M: ESC  
1020 TY: AH \$NAME YOU'RE MY BEST STUDENT SO FAR.  
1030 JN: \*000K  
1040 T:  
1050 T: MY KEYBOARD HAS MANY OTHER IMPORTANT KEYS. SOME OF  
THEM ARE DELETE, BREAK, CAPS, AND SO ON. LOCATE THEM!  
1060 T:  
1070 \*0000K  
1080 T: LOCATE AN ATARIWRITER OR AN ATARIWRITER PLUS DISK.  
YOUR TEACHER HAS ONE, ASK HIM.  
1090 T:  
1100 T: WHO CAN YOU ASK FOR AN ATARIWRITER DISK? \  
1110 A:  
1120 T:  
1130 M: TEA  
1140 TY: RIGHT AGAIN. AT THIS RATE \$NAME, SOON YOU'LL KNOW  
MORE ABOUT ME THAN I DO.  
1150 JN: \*0000K  
1160 T:  
1170 T: YOU'LL LEARN ALOT MORE ABOUT ME BY USING A MASTERDISK  
LIKE ATARIWRITER.  
1180 T:  
1190 T: WELL \$NAME YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB WITH THIS LESSON.  
TELL ME WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR A GRADE IN A PERCENT.  
1200 T: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR A GRADE? \  
1210 A: #F  
1220 T:  
1230 T: \$NAME GETS #F  
1240 T:  
1250 T: NOW ASK THAT TEACHER OF YOURS HOW TO BOOT UP THAT  
MASTER DISK AND I'LL SEE YOU LATER.  
1260 T:  
1270 T: DO YOU WISH TO DO THIS AGAIN? \  
1280 A:  
1290 M: YES  
1300 JY: \*PLEASE  
1310 TN:  
1320 TN: OK WELL SEE YOU LATER.  
1330 T:  
1340 E: