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ere it is, Christmastime already. It seems only weeks ago that I dragged the tree ornaments up to the attic. Now I have to clomp back up there (Spiders, yuck!) and drag them all down again.

Is time moving faster? Or is it just me? The reason I ask is it also seems like only yesterday that I bought my first Atari computer-while the calendar insists that that was almost eight years ago! Eight years! Back then there was no such thing as ANALOG Computing (Can you even imagine that?), though the original publishers, Lee Pappas and Michael DesChenes, were by then mulling over the idea of putting together an Atari newsletter to supplement their already thriving hardware and software store.

In the early 1980s the Atari 400s and 800s were thriving machines. Software packages were being released by the dozens every month, and it seemed as though the dream would last forever. Now as we face 1989, our Atari 8-bit machines-though they still look great to us-have become adrift in a sea of new technology, lost in

by Clayton Walnum

the new wave as more and more software developers devote their attentions to the newer (and thus more profitable), more sophisticated machines.

If you're still out there doing Christmas shopping for someone on your Atari gift list, however, you'll find that there really is a silver lining in every cloud. All the programs that we original 8-bit owners paid \$30 or more for a few years ago can now be found in many discount bins for a fraction of their original cost; sometimes for even less than \$5!

It's old software, but it's still great software. If there's an Atari software dealer near you, you owe it to yourself (and those people on your Christmas list) to get down there and see what he may have to offer. In these days when new 8-bit software is as rare as the dodo bird, I can't think of anything that'll bring a smile to a new Atari 8-bit owner more than a box filled with

classic software from days gone by. Can vou?

Of course, ANALOG is still here to keep all 8-bit owners supplied with helpful information and fine programs. Our files are bursting with great things for 1989, and this issue, though still bearing a 1988 cover date, is no exception.

Game lovers will delight to the fast action and the sensational graphics found in Brian Bradley's DungeonLords. Also, Robin Sherer's Master Memory Map reaches its halfway point with this issue. Nowhere within the pages of a magazine will you find a more complete guide to your Atari's internals. Action! programmers should not overlook (not that you would) Monty McCarty's Action! Graphics Toolkit, a series of Action! graphics routines that you can incorporate into your own programs. And, of course, you'll also find our usual lineup of columns and departments.

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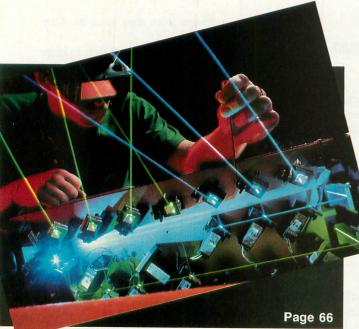
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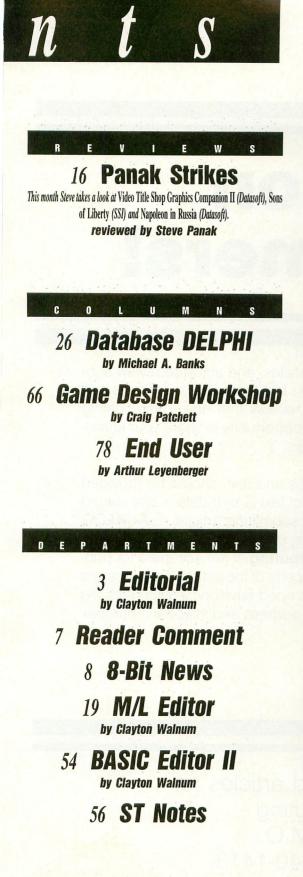
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Lee Brilliant is! Brilliant, that is! His Atari Zucchini series may just be the answer to turning around the waning 8-bit support you referred to in Issue 62's editorial. Well, perhaps that is a bit of an overstatement, but...the article is exciting, and I await each edition eagerly. Keep Lee Brilliant writing these articles. Though I don't usually understand all the subtleties, I invariably learn a little from each one.

As to the use of our 8-bit, or perhaps I should say 8-bits (we have two 800s, two 800XLs and a 130XE), we run the gamut. I manage a trust using AtariWriter for the correspondence, and VisiCalc and SynCalc for the book work.

I also do a fair amount of military writing using the Atari 8-bits. I agree with Arthur Leyenberger that my favorite peripheral is a Tandy 100 laptop. I've used it for trip reports, as well as correspondence.

I also used the Ataris to prepare a book of poetry for publication. It was written by my late grandmother in the last three years of her life. She lived to be 97!

Your magazine is super. I won't tell you it is the only Atari magazine I read, but the articles and ads always keep my interest. And the letters in "Reader Comment" are the first things I read after the "Table of Contents." Good luck, and keep publishing for the good old Atari 8-bit. —Jim Cox Colorado Springs, CO



In response to your recent editorial about Atari users: For the past two years, my kids and I have been programming with the two most underrated and unappreciated languages in the history of personal computing, namely Atari Logo and Atari Pilot. (Anybody remember them?) The Atari implementations of these two gems are easily superior to any other for an 8-bit machine. If Atari had been on the ball nine years ago, our schools would surely be full of Ataris rather than Apples. As it stands, the world has certainly bypassed these two languages, and it's a real shame.

I've often said to friends that, as amateurs, we could easily use up two lifetimes just to explore all the possibilities of our two cartridges and our \$100 computer. While I doubt that any of us will ever become as adept or talented as the individuals who grace the pages of ANALOG, we nevertheless enjoy doing our projects and making our mistakes. We compute more for mental recreation than with the hopes of producing anything really useful. In fact, I sometimes think that the most interesting aspects of both Logo and Pilot are their inherent uselessness! One would never bother writing a fast-action game, much less a disk utility or a spreadsheet program, in either language-they are much too limited and slow. They exist for different purposes altogether, but what they do, they do very well indeed.

Pilot was written with the sole purpose of making it possible for an amateur to write useful educational programs. Period. Originally it was hoped that teachers would use Pilot to create specialized material for their students; but this never happened to any great extent for a variety of economic and social reasons. Pilot remains, however, a wonderful tool for the novice. I have had a great deal of enjoyment creating word and language games in Pilot for my kids and their friends, and I find that they are beginning to try their own hands at it, largely because they can easily (at six and eight years of age) begin to comprehend the logic behind the creation of a program. One needs a lot of simplicity at that age, and I feel that Pilot's clarity makes all the difference.

Logo can be a more demanding enterprise. I'm often enthralled by the range and the elegance of the language, much of which it derives from its daddy, LISP, the first language developed to explore artificial intelligence.

To program in Logo is to be hopelessly drawn into a world of logic and behavior, movement and vector geometry, visions of "flatland" and two-dimensional robotics. The project I have been hung up on lately is trying to simulate the behavior of a living organism within the confines of the Logo microworld. It's hard not to get philosophical when you start fooling around with this stuff!

The kids, however, regard the Logo turtle as a kind of family pet, residing in a strange, colorful universe, and have taught him (or her, depending on who is at the keyboard) to perform various feats of wonder and derring-do. And because the turtle lives in a world created largely by mathematical calculation, they get a good mental workout when they try to get the little guy to do anything.

So that's what one family is doing with its computer. I'm hoping that this letter may encourage other closet Logo and Pilot users to drop us a line and let us know what they are up to. Perhaps someone out there has managed to get a machine-language subroutine to run in Logo (heaven knows, I haven't) or created some other bit of virtuosity (or frivolity) that they would like to share. Perhaps we can swap disks and all get some new ideas! Jenny, Adam and I would love to hear from you.

> -Craig Rothfuss 37 Broad St. #10 Freehold, NJ 07728

MIDI file standard accepted

A new standard file format for sequencers has been accepted by the International MIDI Association (IMA). After many months of proposals and discussions. the MIDI Files format was ratified at the June NAMM trade show. MIDI Files allow MIDI-compatible sequencers, music printing programs and composition software to easily share data with other programs. Through the use of MIDI Files, music can be written in one program, edited in another, transferred to a printing program for transcription and sent to yet another for playback. Passport, Hybrid Arts and Digidesign already have pledged their support of MIDI Files with new versions of their products to be released in the near future.

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Panelologists unite!

Comicbooking Your Atari is a new XE/XL software package specially designed for panelologists (i.e., comic book collectors). At \$19.95, the new system offers collectors an easy-to-use database to track and maintain information about comic book collections. The system focuses on appearance, title, issue number, cost, value and other data pertaining to a collector's library. The system works well for speculation; valuation of a comic book can be made at purchase or sale and to determine an asking price.

The 20-page user's manual reads like a beginning course in data management. The user is taken step-by-step through the system's many features and functions. "The program is so user-friendly," says A.L. Bue, the developer, "that most Atarians will have little need of the manual to get started."

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Printing in color

Users of *The Print Shop*, Broderbund Software's popular desktop publishing program for the XE/XL, can now add special color graphics to their Print Shop documents with the *Color Print Graphics Disk* from WJA Software. WJA is offering twocolor graphics diskettes: Disk 1 contains 100 graphics of a general nature that create 50 two-color graphics. Disk 2 is of a holiday and special occasion theme. Finished two-color graphics are printed using color ribbons, passing the paper through your printer twice. The disks sell for \$6.95 each or \$11.95 for both.

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GEO meets with Atari

Discussions between Merrill Ward Associates, the designers of the new *GEO* desktop operating system for the XE/XL, are continuing. Both Atari and Merrill Ward hope that GEO will become the accepted new standard operating system of the XE/XL computer. *GEO* does for the XE/XL what *GEOS* did for the Commodore 64, giving an 8-bit microcomputer an operating system similar to the GEM system on the 16-bit ST computer.

Although no agreement has been reached, Atari hopes to distribute GEO to the XE/XL community. An upgrade path is being considered for existing owners.

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RAMdisk protection

What do you do when your XE/XL computer crashes while you are using a RAMdisk? Pressing the reset button does nothing; so your only other recourse is to power down your computer: You lose the documents, data, and other important information stored on the RAMdisk. *The Ramdisk Protector*, a hardware/software combination, tricks your XE/XL computer into thinking that the power has been turned off, then back on. It is valuable even without a RAMdisk. The software enables DOS to recognize and provide immediate access to a RAMdisk. Both functions are entirely transparent.

The Protector installs without tools for push-button control. Included are DOS enhancements for support of Atari DOS 2.5 and SpartaDOS. The Ramdisk Protector has a list price of \$22.95.

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Icon conversion utility

Users of *Print Shop*, *Newsroom*, *Award-ware* and *Printpower* can share graphics and icons using *The Converter*, a new graphics utility program from No Frills Software. Icons and graphics can be converted from their original formats to any of the other formats needed by the popular desktop-publishing programs on the XE/XL. The Converter also allows materials to be added to Print Shop icons, so the "larger format" picture programs will have better looking graphics. The Converter includes a graphics editor that can be used to create your own graphics from scratch. The Converter is now available for \$22.95. The program comes with an XE/XL diskette and instructions on its usage.

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New NERDS

A new company in the 8-bit Atari industry, the National Educational Report Drawing Services (or NERDS as they like to be called) has released the second two of a series of graphic data disks for use with The Print Shop. The graphic disks contain 115 biological illustrations for use in educational applications. Disk One contains icons of human and animal circulatory, digestive, endocrine, respiration and reproductive systems. Disk Two contains illustrations of microbiology, insects, basic biochemistry and plants.

NERDS has packaged the graphic sets in easily modifiable form, so Print Shop users will be able to accent the illustrations to their own needs. Each disk is priced at \$15 and is available directly from NERDS. Site licensing for user groups and Lab Packs containing multiple copies for school are also available at special pricing.

NERDS also produces a two-disk blankmap set, periodic table of elements and Quick Pix conversions of the map or biology sets for either Atariwriter or Paper Clip usage for only \$12 each set.

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Wico has introduced a new joystick for Atari computers. The Ergostick is a ergonomically designed joystick that is soft, pliable and form-fits to the human hand. The new joystick fits comfortably in your left or right hand and uses high-tolerance microswitches for high-speed responses. The Ergostick prevents such painful maladies as "Millipede blisters" and "PacMan wrist."

The lower portion of the joystick is made

of a soft plastic that can be easily gripped. Your forefinger is used to push a fire button that is imbedded into the bottom of the joystick. At \$19.95, the Ergostick is an affordable addition to your XE/XL system.

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Full-featured bulletin-board system

modifiable bulletin-board system (BBS) for ing software at no additional charge. Carina the XE/XL computer. Carina II uses Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to allow users to post messages, receive electronic mail, upload/download files and even play interactive games.

The system was written in Atari BASIC; so it is easily modified by BBS operators with a little programming experience. Though Carina II was written in BASIC, its operations are of the machine-language level. The system supports XMODEM file transfers and even the new YMODEM transfer protocol.

Networking will soon be implemented for BBS operators with more than one com-

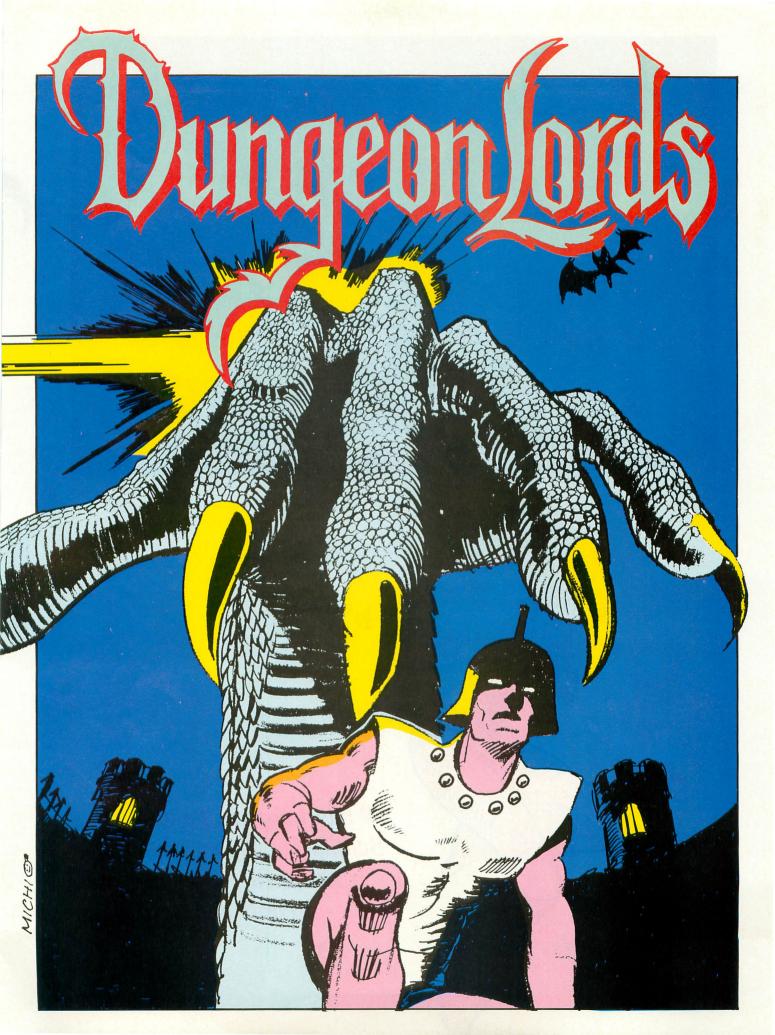
Carina II is an expandable, full-featured, puter. Carina Software will offer the network-II requires SpartaDOS 2.3 or greater and a 500K storage device.

> Carina II is available now for only \$65.00 (including shipping and handling). A multiuser online game, Robowar II, is available for Carina II. This is a five-module game that costs only \$15 additionally when ordering the Carina II system.

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by Brian Bradley

our name is Jon Russel. You're a freelance soldier, not to mention a rogue and a scoundrel to boot. That's okay, though, your friends are the same way. So what are you doing here, sweat dripping from your brow, disrupter pistol at the ready? Well, it seems that during your travels through Space-time with your friends, you have discovered the world of the DungeonLords. Furthermore, while you were hunting a Bantha for dinner, your friends were taken prisoner by the DungeonLords and locked away in the dungeons. So what does a true, blueblooded freelance rogue like yourself do? What else can do you? Traveling through Space-time by yourself can be lonely. So here you are and before you lie the dungeons: evil, dank and smelly. Do you have your pistol ready?



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While you were hunting for a Bantha for dinner, your friends were taken prisoner by the DungeonLords and locked away.

Typing it in

Listing 1 is the BASIC data used to create DungeonLords. You should refer to the M/L Editor article for typing instructions.

How to play

In DungeonLords, each dungeon is created randomly so that you should never encounter the same dungeon twice. The object is to rescue as many of the prisoners as possible. Therefore you will want to get to the next level as quickly as possible. To do this, find all the keys around the maze and use them to unlock the doors guarding the exit. Remember, only one key can be carried at a time.

Every fourth level is the Prison level. To exit this level, you must first rescue the prisoner by touching him. When this feat is accomplished, the exit will appear at the other end of the maze.

There are three types of monsters: snakes, birds and horned demons. Killing any one of these will get you one point. Exiting a dungeon gives you 1,000 points, as does rescuing a prisoner. You may also collect 100 points for each treasure collected around the maze. Every 10,000 points gives you an extra life. The score is displayed at the bottom of the screen. To the right of the score is the level, and to the left are the remaining lives.

Monsters do not shoot, but are deadly to the touch. Each monster will enter the maze via a transporter. These are glowing doorways scattered around the maze. However, monsters will only appear in a transporter when it is glowing red. When it is pulsating blue, it is fairly safe to be around. Once the monsters enter the maze they will wander around the corridors in search of you. If one enters the same corridor you are in and he doesn't have his back to you, he will certainly spot you. If this happens, the monster that sees you will raise an inaudible alarm telling his comrades where you are. Then all of his friends will converge upon the spot you were seen last. Remember, it's not where you are, but where you were seen last! Use

this to your advantage. If you wish to lure the monsters away from an area, allow one of them to see you and follow you away from that area; then kill all of the monsters that saw you and escape. The remaining monsters will rush to where they heard you were last. When they discover that you are no longer there, they will start searching for you starting from that point. Hopefully by that time, you will have made it to where you were going.

To control your on-screen character, use a joystick in Port 1. Simply push this joystick in the desired direction, and Jon Russel will move that way. He will continue moving in that direction until he runs into something, or you change direction. To shoot you have an option; you can use the same joystick for movement as for shooting. To do this, push the fire button down (keep it down), and push the joystick in the direction that you wish to fire. Remember, though, when the button is pressed the joystick controls the firing direction not the movement. The player will continue moving in the direction that he was moving in before the button was pressed. This allows you to move in one direction and fire in another. The alternative for firing is to use the joystick in Port 1 for movement and the joystick in Port 2 for firing. If you do this, you do not need to push the fire button on the second joystick. Simply push it in whatever direction, and that will be the direction in which you are shooting. The pistol that you are using is a unifield disrupter pistol that works on the principle of a concentrated disruption in four-space. This means that you can only have one shot in the air at a time, which leaves you defenseless until the disruption hits something. Therefore, shorter corridors are safer than longer ones, because you can shoot faster.

To make play easier, you can have a friend join you. One person can handle movement on the first joystick, and the other can take control of firing on the second joystick.

Okay, are we all ready to enter the dungeons? Good! Just press Start, and we are off! *continued on page 48*



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n case you haven't noticed, for the past couple of months we've been a little short on new software. Unfortunately, this has been almost exclusively an Atari 8-bit phenomenon, and one I'm at a loss to completely explain. In the first place, I have trouble understanding the vast consumer interest in the Sega and Nintendo game systems. I mean, they have great games, great graphics—but that's all there is to them. They play arcade games. They'd have a lot of trouble dealing with the more complex games available on any of a handful of computer systems. And don't even think of asking them to help you with that late term paper.

I can understand some shift of resources to the ST. It is representative of the machines of the future; machines that enable you to play games you could only dream about a few years ago. But machines like the ST also carry rather high price tags, putting them out of the reach of the vast majority of home users. At least some people consider them high. But such is not the case in the 8-bit category. Used machines abound, and a prudent shopper can set himself up for around \$200. So what's the problem?

Evidently the manufacturers don't perceive that there is a market. Unfortunately, this sticks us Atari users in a catch-22 situation. In order to cast our consumer vote, we need products—products the publishers won't produce without a vote tally. So what's to be done? The answer is simple. We've got to cast our vote in an equally effective way. Write a letter.

When you see a game you think you'd like, and all you see is a Commodore 64 version, write the publisher and request it. If you've got a word processor, the form can be set up easily enough and used repeatedly. It will be recognized as a form letter, but the vote will count nonetheless. If you don't have a word processor, scrawl it out in your own handwriting. And remember to make it legible. If enough letters are received, action will be taken.

As for newcomers, you need not be concerned or frightened away from the Atari, as there exists a large catalog of great games from scores of publishers. In fact, sporadically over the last few months I've listed some of the best. It's mainly the veterans, like myself, who notice the drought of new products.

And while you're all sharpening your pencils, I'll tell you that at least one publisher is taking a chance, showing some sign of a semi-solid spine, by introducing a new war simulation. This is an intrusion directly into SSI's territory, and hence I'll pit this newest product against SSI's latest simulation. But before we begin the bloodbath, let's take a quick look at a utility for a program we looked at a couple of months ago.

Video Title Shop Graphics Companion II Datasoft

19808 Nordhoff Pl. Chatsworth, CA 91311 48K disk, \$19.95

With Video Title Shop, a video camera, a VCR and, of course, your Atari, you are able to generate titles and graphics for your home movies and anything else you might record. When I tested it, I found this inexpensive program to be relatively easy to use and complete. And the release of *Graphics Companion II* makes this tool even more complete.

If you were tuned in earlier, you know all about the Title Shop, and if you weren't, then check out the October '88 issue of ANALOG Computing and become enlightened. Graphics Companion II is basically a data disk for use with the Shop. Thus it is not a stand-alone product. What it gives you is a number of additional fonts, borders and images which can be pasted onto screens. These latter two features are improvements not found in the original program.

That's really about the extent of this one. So, if you have Video Title Shop and want to go a little farther, pick up this companion disk. You might find yourself on your way to Hollywood before you know it.

Sons of Liberty

by David Landrey and Chuck Kroegel SSI

1046 N. Rengstorff Ave. Mountain View, CA 94043 48K disk, \$39.95 Napoleon in Russia-Borodino 1812 by R. Steve Krenek Datasoft 19808 Nordhoff Pl. Chatsworth, CA 91311 48K disk, \$24.95

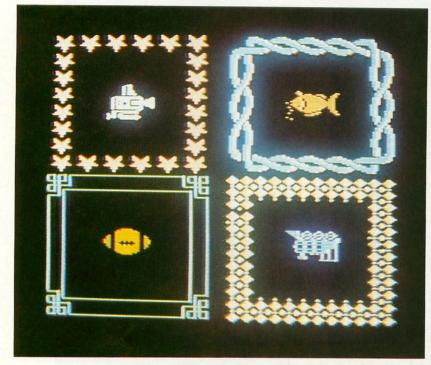
These two war simulations, while coming from two very different companies, are nonetheless very close together in their historical time frame. It is for this reason that I present them to you this month. SSI's latest game, Sons of Liberty, is its first to cover our own country's Revolutionary War. This package has scenarios covering the battles of Bunker Hill, Monmouth and Saratoga. Datasoft's contender, Napoleon in Russia-Borodino 1812, predictably enough allows you to be Napoleon, one of the greatest military tacticians of all time. Unfortunately, this battle is one which led to the Little Emperor's downfall, due to the fact that he let the retreating red menace escape rather than completely destroying them. This game asks the question: Can you do any better?

Sons of Liberty is an introductory to advanced level game, which means that both novices and experts can enjoy re-creating epic battles in our country's fight for independence. Games can take anywhere from two to ten hours to complete, and play progresses along the usual SSI format. Each player (either or both sides can be human or computer controlled) takes turns moving and attacking, with the computer resolving the various conflicts instantaneously. In the basic game the joystick is used to issue orders (the preferred method) while the more advanced options require keyboard input. While this complexity yields more realism, it is at a cost: regular and lengthy disk swaps, which frustrate and slow play. It seems that 48K is just too small to hold it all.

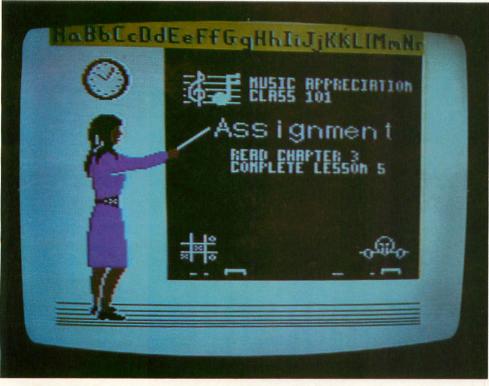
Napoleon, on the other hand, is much more accessible to the novice player. A joystick is used for most input, with the Option, Start and Reset keys used to a lesser degree. Especially different is the way time is handled in this game. A game minute can equal 60 seconds or one second, and time flows continuously, in contrast to SSI's game,

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Video Title Shop Graphics Companion II



in which time (measured in turns) advances as moves are made. The practical difference is that Napoleon is more demanding; during your delays men are dying. Generally, though, the games play pretty much alike. In each you move units and attack the enemy. Unlike Liberty, in Napoleon the computer can control only Russia if you should fail to find a human opponent. Additional realism and difficulty are achieved by optionally taking into account troop fatigue and morale.

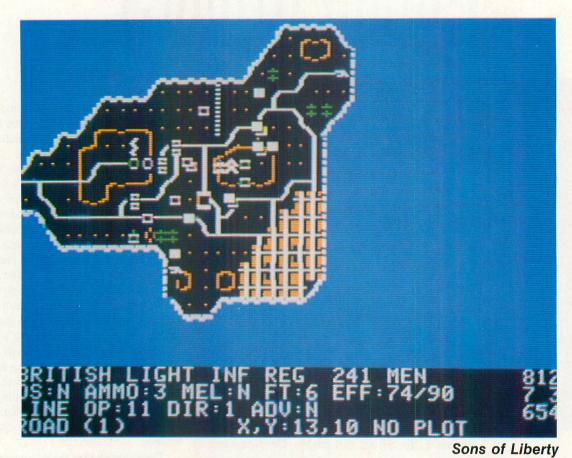
The graphics in Liberty, however, are superior to those of Napoleon. Slightly clearer and more detailed, their superiority is the result of the evolution of SSI's games for a number of years. There's nothing wrong with Napoleon's graphics, though, as this is strictly a judgement call. Noteworthy features of Liberty are the helpful on-screen prompts which continually remind the player of his options. Napoleon's screen is blank by comparison. Sound effects are about equal in both games.

The skirmish over the documentation has to be claimed by SSI. In Liberty it has produced one of its best packages, with two full-color, stiff cardboard maps and reference cards, a 51-page Historical Reference Guide and a 32-page rule book. The best feature of the latter is the seven-page tutorial section that starts even the computer novice on his way to a successful simulation.

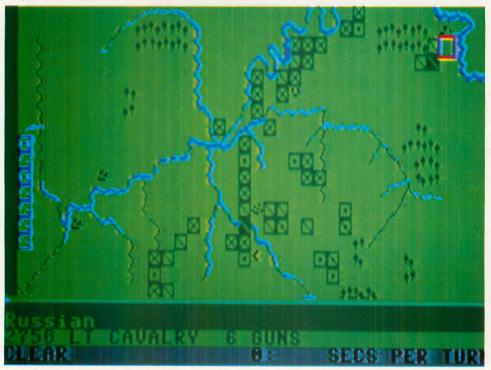
Napoleon, on the other hand, is not as easy to learn. This is due to the lack of a tutorial portion of the manual, rather than inherent game design; because once the command structure is learned, the game is quickly mastered. Nonetheless, Napoleon does include substantial documentation. Its 37-page manual, while not as polished as SSI's, does present this complex game in a concise and more or less organized manner.

In conclusion, Napoleon in Russia is a fastpaced, simple simulation, ideally suited to the impatient novice. Sons of Liberty, on the other hand, has enough complexity to keep even the expert satiated for weeks, maybe months to come. For these reasons, each is recommended.

PANAK STRIKES



Napoleon in Russia-Borodino 1812



M/L EDITOR

For use in machine-language entry.

by Clayton Walnum

Editor provides an easy method to enter our machine-language listings. It won't allow you to skip lines or enter bad data. For convenience, you may enter listings in multiple sittings. When you're through typing a listing with M/L Editor, you'll have a complete, runnable object file on your disk.

There is one hitch: It's for disk users only. My apologies to those with cassette systems.

Listing 1 is M/L Editor's BASIC listing. Type it in and, when it's free of typos, save a copy to disk, then run it.

On a first run, you'll be asked if you're starting a new listing or continuing from a previously saved point. Press S to start, or C to continue.

You'll then be asked for a filename. If you're starting a new listing, type in the filename you want to save the program under, then press RETURN. If there's already a file by that name on the disk, you'll be asked if you wish to delete it. Press Y to delete the file, or N to enter a new filename.

If you're continuing a file, type in the name you gave the file when you started it. If the program can't find the file, you'll get an error message and be prompted for another filename. Otherwise, M/L Editor will calculate where you left off, then go on to the data entry screen.

Each machine-language program in ANALOG Computing is represented by a list of BASIC data statements. Every line contains 16 bytes, plus a checksum. Only the numbers following the word DATA need to be considered.

M/L Editor will display, at the top of the screen, the number of the line you're currently working on. As you go through the line, you'll be prompted for each entry. Simply

type the number and press Return. If you press Return without a number, the default is the last value entered.

This feature provides a quick way to type in lines with repetitions of the same number. As an added convenience, the editor will not respond to the letter keys (except Q for "quit"). You must either enter a number or press Return.

When you finish a line, M/L Editor will compare the entries' checksums with the magazine's checksum. If they match, the screen will clear, and you may go on to the next line.

If the checksums *don't* match, you'll hear a buzzing sound. The screen will turn red, and the cursor will be placed back at the first byte of data. Compare the magazine listing byte by byte with your entries. If a number is correct, press RETURN.

If you find an error, make the correction. When all data is valid, the screen will return to gray, and you'll be allowed to begin the next line.

Make sure you leave your disk in the drive while typing. The data is saved continuously.

You may stop at any time (except when you have a red screen) by entering the letter Q for byte 1. The file will be closed, and the program will return you to BASIC. When you've completed a file, exit M/L Editor in the same way.

When you've finished typing a program, the file you've created will be ready to run. In most cases, it should be loaded from DOS via the L option. Some programs may have special loading instructions; be sure to check the program's article.

If you want the program to run automatically when you boot the disk, simply name the file AUTORUN.SYS (make sure you have DOS on the disk.).

The two-letter checksum code preceding the line numbers here is not a part of the BASIC program. For more information, see the "BASIC Editor II" in issue 47.

LISTING 1: BASIC LISTING

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NF	60 IF F\$(1,2) (>"D:" THEN F1\$="D:":F1\$(3)=F\$:GOTO 80
KL	70 F1\$=F\$
TN	80 TF CHRS(A)="S" THEN 120
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zu	130 POSTION 10,12:? "ERASE IT? ";:GOS UB 500:POKE 752,1:? CHR\$(A) 140 IF CHR\$(A)="M" OR CHR\$(A)="n" THEM CLOSE #2:GOTO 30 150 IF CHR\$(A)<"Y" AND CHR\$(A){"y" T
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GH	180 L1=3:FOR X=1 T0 16:POSITION 13*(X(10)+12*(X)9),X+2:POKE 752,0:? "BYTE #"
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	TO 210
FY	200 BYTE=VAL(N\$) 201 MOD\$=N\$
BU	210 POSITION 22.8+2:? BYTE:" "
YZ	220 RE(V)-RVTEICHVCHM-CUVCHMIBUTEVU.TE
MS	230 NEXT X:CHKSUM=CHKSUM+LINE:IF CHKSU
	MANNA THEN CHESUM-CHESUM-10000
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ĨL	280 IF C=CHKSUM THEN 300
DI	290 GOSUB 440:EDIT=1:CHKSUM=0:GOTO 180
LW	290 GO5UB 440:EDIT=1:CHK5UM=0:GOTO 180 300 FOR X=1 TO 16:PUT #2,BF(X):NEXT X: LINE=LINE+10:EDIT=0:GOTO 170
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KZ	320 GOSUB 500:IF (A=ASC("Q") OR A=ASC("q")) AND X=1 AND NOT EDIT THEN 420 330 IF A()RETRN AND A()BACKSP AND (A(4
PO	"4") J AND X=1 AND NOT EDIT THEN 420 330 IF A()RETRN AND A()BACKSP AND (A(4 8 OR A)57) THEN 320
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DX	331 IF A=RETRN AND N\$="" THEN N\$=MOD\$ 335 IF A=RETRN AND L=0 AND X>1 THEN 35
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JR	340 IF ((A=RETRN AND NOT EDIT) OR A=B ACKSP) AND L=0 THEN 320 350 IF A=DETRN THEN POVE 752 112 H HD
DH	
GG	ETURN 360 IF A()BACKSP THEN 400 370 IF L)1 THEN N\$=N\$(1,L-1):GOTO 390 380 N\$=""
SA	370 IF L>1 THEN N\$=N\$(1,L-1):GOTO 390
5A A5	380 N\$=""
REBB	390 ? CHR\$(BACK5P);:L=L-1:GOTO 320 400 L=L+1:IF L>L1 THEN A=RETRN:GOTO 35
	0
HX	410 N\$(L)=CHR\$(A);? CHR\$(A);;GOTO 320 420 GRAPHICS 0:END 430 GOSUB 440:POSITION 10,10:? "NO SUC H FILE!":FOR X=1 TO 1000:NEXT X:CLOSE
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	430 GOSUB 440:POSITION 10,10:? "NO SUC H FILE!":FOR X=1 TO 10000:NEXT X:CLOSE #2:GOTO 30
FD	H2:GOT0 30 440 POKE 710,48:SOUND 0,100,12,8:FOR X =1 T0 50:NEXT X:SOUND 0,0,0,0:RETURN 450 GRAPHICS 23:POKE 16,112:POKE 53774 ,112:POKE 559,0:POKE 710,4 460 DL=PEEK(550)+256MPEEK(561)+4:POKE DL=1,70:POKE DL+2,6 470 FOR X=3 T0 39 STEP 2:POKE DL+X,2:N FXT X:FOR X=4 T0 48 STEP 2:POKE DL+X,2:N FXT X:FOR X=4 T0 48 STEP 2:POKE DL+X,2:N
	=1 TO 50:NEXT X: SOUND 0,0,0;RETURN
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- AC 490 POSITION 2,0:? "analog M1 editor": POKE 559,34:RETURN HZ 500 OPEN #1,4,0,"K:":GET #1,A:CLOSE #1 :RETURN F

Once you have your BASIC program made into a binary load file, you can start appending data and M/L routines to your main program freely, as long as the data you append has binary load pointers.



BASIC

Binary

by Matthew Arrington

B ASIC to Binary is a utility program that will convert a file written and saved under Atari BASIC or BASIC XL into a binary load file. Binary load files are usually machine-language programs that are loaded from DOS or a quick menu, or they are sometimes named AUTORUN.SYS, and then automatically load when the computer is turned on.

BASIC to Binary will also let you determine what action to take if the reset key should be pressed while your program is running. You can have Reset do one of three things: reset and re-run the program, coldstart or simply reset the computer and return to BASIC's READY prompt. The break key can similarly be enabled or disabled. Disabling Break along with trapping Reset will, of course, make the program unlistable.

Another feature of BASIC to Binary is the ability to have a load title. If you choose to have one, a program title will be displayed while the program is loading in. Last, and certainly not least, is the ability to "relocate" your BASIC program to run anywhere (almost) in memory. This is accomplished by giving BASIC to Binary an address which will be stored at MEMLO (743, 744) during program initialization. This is an ideal way to reserve memory for machine-language subroutines, character sets, etc.

One thing BASIC to Binary won't do, unfortunately, is make your BASIC programs run faster. A compiler this ain't!

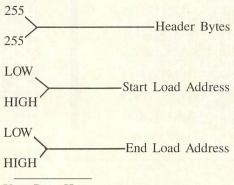
Listing 1 is the BASIC data used to create your copy of BASIC to Binary. You should type this data using the M/L Editor in this issue.

Listing 2 is the assembly source code for BASIC to Binary. You don't have to type it to use the program. It is included for those people who have an interest in assemblylanguage programming.

Why binary?

Atari's binary load process is great for getting things off the disk and into memory with minimum hassle. For example, let's say you're writing a BASIC program and you have a custom character set or some other large amount of data you need to get into memory. Normally your options would be to manually type the data into DATA statements (no thanks) or bring it in from a disk file. Using a disk file is fine while developing a program, but it's a lot nicer having everything in one file for the finished product. Once you have your BA-SIC program made into a binary load file, you can start appending data and M/L routines to your main program freely, as long as the data you append has binary load pointers.

A set of binary load pointers looks like this:



Your Data Here

That's all there is to it!

Another plus to these hybrid files is that they can be loaded from one of the many three-sector quick menus. If you don't have a quick-menu program in your library, I'd suggest getting a hold of one. There is no faster or easier way to load a file from disk than with a quick menu.

Program operation

BASIC to Binary is written in machine language; so it will need to be loaded from the DOS menu. A quick menu won't work, since this program requires DOS for disk access.

After loading you should see the main menu. Options are: 1) Display/Set options, 2) Convert a file, 3) Disk Directory and 4) Return to DOS. Pressing *1* will take you to the "Control Pad." In the Control Pad, the select key is used to select a setting to change. The settings are: Reset, Break, Title and MEMLO. An inverse block will highlight the setting that will be affected when you press Option. Each time Option is pressed, you'll change the highlighted setting's function.

For example, press Select to choose the title setting, then press Option. You will be prompted for a load title. Enter the title, and hit Return. You will then see "ON" in front of the title setting. Note that when entering a title you don't have to worry about centering the title between the prompts. The program will automatically center the title on the screen for you. Once everything is set to your liking, press Start, and you'll be returned to the main menu. You're now ready to turn your BASIC code into binary.

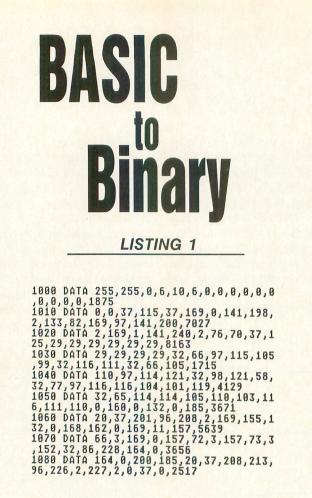
From the main menu press 2 to convert your BASIC program. You'll see the "IN-PUT FILE -" prompt. Enter the filename of the program you wish to convert. If the program is on a drive other than Drive 1, you'll need to enter the device number too ("D2:MYPROG.BAS").

After you have entered the filename and pressed Return, the specified file will be opened and read in. This is the first pass, which consists of reading and counting bytes to find the exact size of your program. When completed, you will be asked for an output file. Use the same procedure to enter the output file as you did for the input file. The output file will be opened, the machine code required to run your BASIC program will be written (two or three sectors), and finally your BASIC program will be copied over. When the copy has completed, you'll be returned to the main menu. From here you can return to DOS and, if BASIC is in the machine, you can try out your newly converted program.

Things to watch out for Disk swapping isn't supported. If you

Disk swapping isn't supported. If you have only one disk drive, be sure you have enough free sectors on the disk for the conversion.

If you need to change the MEMLO address, be sure not to enter an address lower than the address originally shown. Let's say you need to reserve IK, and from the Control Pad you see "MEMLO - 10000." Use the Select key to select MEMLO, and press Option to get the "New address" prompt. Then add 1024 (1K) to 10000 and enter "11024." Locations 10000 to 11023 will then be reserved for your use, and your program will run starting at location 11024.



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-	3010	DAT	A 82	,69,	65,7	5,32	,45,	96,96,84,7
	3020	DAT	A 96	,77,	, 36, 69,7	7,76	,79,	32,45,0,16
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	232,1	42,	3,6,	224,	4,46	54	1.4.1	31,208,173
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Database DELPHU

by Michael A. Banks

ne of the pleasant ironies of working with a magazine is that you're always thinking four to six months in the future. Last month's column, written in early July, found me fighting water shortages and record high temperatures. Now it's mid-August, we've had some rain, and I've had to mow the lawn twice (well, my son Mike has). But, despite the rain and relatively cooler temperatures, we'll probably be mowing the lawn in November. I really believe we're in for a continuation of warm weather; so those of you who live north of the Mason-Dixon Line shouldn't be surprised if you find yourself making holiday visits in shirtsleeves and jackets rather than heavy coats and boots. (New England excepted, of course-without cold weather, it wouldn't be New England.)

Speaking of holiday visits, I'm sure most of you have picked up the holiday spirit by now, and with that in mind I'd like to draw your attention to some appropriate software in the Atari Users' Group databases. Search the Games & Entertainment, Sight & Sound and Recent Arrivals database topics using the keywords HOLIDAY and CHRISTMAS. You'll find some nice surprises. And, in case I've piqued your interest in weather with all this talk of heat waves, you'll find at least one program dealing with the subject in the Education database.

Looking around

In addition to browsing the databases for seasonal software, you might be interested 26

in looking around the Atari Users' Group and trying out some features that are new to you. And there are probably several of those: main menu selections that you've not tried, as well as some features that are not on any menu. Beginning this month, I'm going to show you some of these lesserknown features.

This time out, we'll take a look at some commands that let you examine your online environment, as it were. I'll cover commands that tell you the following:

- who's currently in the group,
- when a specific member was last in the group,
- who's been in recently,
- one-line greeting exchanges,
- the time you've spent online.

Who's on first?

You may have noticed a selection on the Main Menu labeled "Who's Here." This selection (actually a command) displays a list of the usernames of the members currently in the area. Type WHO, like this:

ANALOG> WHO

ANALOG'S ATARI SIG Members online:

(KZIN) BACHAND (ANALOG4) RAH LAZARUS

WHO works at the Main Menu or Forum prompt. At database or workspace prompts, or in Conference, the command must be preceded by a slash, like this: /WHO.

In the example above, you'll notice that two membernames are enclosed by parentheses. This indicates that they are in Conference. (You won't be able to see their conference group until you enter the Conference area, however.)

The entry log

If you want to know when a member was last in, use the "Entry Log." Type EN at the Main Menu. You'll be prompted to enter a username, after which DELPHI will tell you when that member was last on. Or, you can simply type EN followed by the membername, like this:

ANALOG> EN MANUAL

Manny O'Kelly (MANUAL) was last on at 20-DEC-1988 17:10

Note that the member's real name (as entered by the member) is displayed, along with the date and time he was last in the group. This command works at the Main Menu, and in Conference. (When used in Conference, it must be preceded by a slash, like this: /EN MANUAL.)

At the Main Menu, you can also see a list of the last ten members to enter the SIG by substituting for the membername, like this:

	AN	AL	OG>	EN	*
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20-DEC	20:18	MIKE BANKS (KZIN)
20-DEC	20:17	Charles Bachand (BACHAND)
20-DEC	20:03	Clayton Walnum (ANALOG4)
20-DEC	19:59	ROBERT ANSON (RAH)
20-DEC	19:51	L. Long (LAZARUS)
20-DEC	18:14	Andy Eddy (ANALOG2)
20-DEC	18:14	Debbie Jones (HOBBY)
20-DEC	18:09	MAT*RAT (MATRAT)
20-DEC	17:42	Bob Retelle (BOBRETELLE)
20-DEC	17:10	Manny O'Kelly (MANUAL)

All Entry Log times are Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time, depending on the time of year.

One-liners

You can send one-liners to anyone currently in the group with you by typing /SEND followed by the member's username and a brief message (up to 80 characters). For instance, if you typed WHO and saw KZIN in the group and wanted to say "Hi," you would type:

/SEND KZIN Hi!

This works at all prompts except Mail and More? prompts.

If someone sends you a one-liner, you'll see the message, preceded by the member's username, like this:

KZIN>> Hello. What's new?

If you don't wish to receive one-liners (say, you're in Mail and don't want to be disturbed), type /GAG or /BUSY. This will disable the messages. DELPHI will tell the member sending to you that you are busy. To reverse the "gag" and re-enable oneliners, type /NOGAG or /NOBUSY.

Incidentally, if the member to whom you send a one-liner is in the middle of a binary file transfer or certain other procedures, you will be told that he is busy but your message will be delivered later, if possible. If someone sends a one-liner to you while you're thus occupied, you'll be told that you have message(s) waiting when the procedure is completed and prompted to type Y to see them.

Who's who?

In addition to seeing who's currently in the group, and checking who's been in and when, there are several ways to find out more about members, which I'll discuss next month.

Checking the time

Need to check the time but can't find your watch? You can find out the time by typing /TIME at most any prompt in the Atari Users' Group. This command dis-DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing plays the current time and date, and—of more immediate interest to most users the amount of time (hours, minutes and seconds) you've been online, like this:

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ANALOG> /TIME
20-DEC-1988 20:18:15
44 minutes (0h 44m 14s)
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As with the Entry Log, the time displayed is Eastern time.

What's new on DELPHI

DELPHI recently brought two new games online: *Scramble* and *TQ*. Scramble is an interactive game, played in conference areas. Players have 90 seconds to come up with as many words as possible from a Scramble list of 16 letters. The longer the word, the more points a player gets. Players compete with one another and can chat between rounds, or even during a game, to give hints or to distract opponents. Members who just want to practice can ignore everyone else and work on their personal scores.

TQ is a real-time, multiplayer trivia tournament. Each game lasts approximately 30 minutes. Games are held at 9 p.m. and 12 midnight EDT every Sunday and Wednesday evening, in DELPHI's main Conference area (type CONFERENCE at the DELPHI Main Menu).

Atari Users' Group updates

Scramble and another fascinating word game, *FlipIt*!, are available in the Atari Users' Group Conference area, as well. To try out the games, enter the Atari Conference area, join or create a conference group, then type /PLAY to see the Games menu.

A complete tutorial on the Atari Users' Group is now available in the General Interests database topic. At the Atari Group Main Menu, type DA GEN, then type READ ATARI SIG TUTORIAL. You'll find information on all aspects of using the wealth of features the group has to offer and a few pleasant surprises.

Reminders

The popular Atari real-time conference is held in the Atari ST Users' Group every Tuesday at 10 p.m., EST. To join, type CO at the SIG menu, then type WHO at the conference menu. You'll see a conference group name, with a list of the members participating. The name will be preceded by a number. To join, simply type JOIN followed by the number, and you're in! Type to talk. If you get stuck, ask those in the conference group for help, or type /HELP.

If you spend more than three or four hours per month online, you'll want to investigate the DELPHI Advantage Plan. It provides discounts of up to 25% during nonprime time. Type USING ADVANTAGE at the DELPHI Main Menu for details.

Have a question about the SIG? Leave a message in the Atari Forum, or send E-mail to the group manager. If you have a question about DELPHI in general, send E-mail to me, KZIN. And don't forget: You can always type HELP to get information on any area of DELPHI.

That's it for now. Next month: The Member Directory and PEOPLE. Until then, see you online!

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Make the DELPHI Connection!

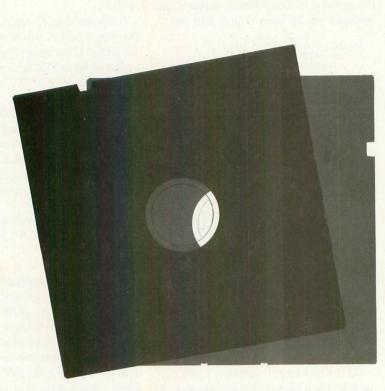
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Master Memory Map Part V

by Robin Sherer

How to read the Memory Map

Beginning users: Read the text that is printed in bold type only. These memory locations will be the easiest for you to use and usually don't involve assembly language.

Advanced users: Read everything! Many areas of memory are not of any practical use, but you can learn a lot about how a computer works by reading the boring parts.

SDMCTL 559 022F

This location is amazing. So many things can be done here that you'll just flip! Maybe not. Anyway, SDMCTL controls something called Direct Memory Access (DMA). Simply put, DMA is the process by which ANTIC, the Atari graphics chip, gets the information from memory it needs to fill in the screen (information for the playfield and for player/missile graphics). Now this process obviously takes time and slows down the 6502 because of that. So what happens if we turn DMA off? Things will run faster. Try it; POKE 559,0 to turn DMA off. Uh-oh, what happened? The screen went blank. But, of course, with no DMA, ANTIC isn't getting the information for the screen; so there's no picture. What good does a computer do without a picture? Well, sometimes you don't need one. For example, if you're doing a lot of calculations, it's more important to get them done quickly than to have an "I'm thinking" message on the screen, and turning off DMA will speed things up by as much as 30% percent! Of course, with a blank screen the user may think that the computer just up and croaked on him; so be sure you give a warning before the lights go off. SDMCTL is a shadow register for DMACTL (54272).

By the way, in case you're still sitting there after the POKE 559,0 with a lifeless computer, just press System Reset or type in POKE 559,34. You can't see the POKE written on the screen, but it will still work when you press Return.

Okay, so we can turn off the screen. Big deal, right? Right, but it's what we can do when we turn the screen back on that counts. SDMCTL lets you make the playfield (the blue screen you PLOT and PRINT onto) wider, narrower or nonexistent. It also lets you turn players and missiles on and off, define how tall you want the players to be and, of course, turn ANTIC on and off.

Let's take a look at a breakdown of SDMCTL and see what does what (Figure 1). To get players and missiles going, see GRACTL [53277] as well.

So, to use SDMCTL, pick the options you want, add their values and POKE away. Note that ANTIC must be turned on if you want a display, and you can only have one type of playfield at a time. While we're on the subject of playfields, you'll probably want to know what "narrow" and "wide" playfields are.

The width of the playfield is measured by something called a "color clock." A color clock is twice as wide as a pixel in graphics mode 8. That means that a character in graphics mode 0 is four color clocks wide. We'll use graphics mode as an example since you can see the playfield is 160 color clocks wide (40 characters times four color clocks per character). A narrow playfield is only 128 color clocks (32 characters) wide, while a wide playfield has 192 color clocks (48 characters). The television set draws 228 color clocks total (including the black border), but not all of these can be seen. As a matter of fact, not all of the 192 in a wide playfield can be seen either, which makes it good for horizontal scrolling.

Is having a wide or narrow playfield as easy as it sounds? Well, yes and no: getting it on the screen's easy (try POKE 559,35 right now), using it properly isn't. Unfortunately, telling SDMCTL that you DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing want a different size playfield doesn't tell the OS that anything's different. To see what I mean, try POKE 559,35 from graphics mode zero. Now you have 48 characters per line, but the OS still thinks you have 40. Try typing stuff in, and you'll see the problem. There is no way around this problem, which means that you have to set up the screen memory yourself if you want to take advantage of this feature. Sorry.

Double-height players, in case you were wondering, have dots the height of those in graphics mode 7, while regularheight players are the height of graphics mode 8. Despite the way I named the two, double-height players are given to you unless you specify otherwise by using SDMCTL.

SDLSTL

560,561 0230,0231

Another important location, SDLSTL holds the address of the display list. Let's talk display lists.

We already know about screen memory: the memory locations that hold the information that is to be displayed on the screen (see SAVMSC at 88,89). How does the computer know how to interpret this memory though? As we learned in SDMCTL, there is a special chip called ANTIC that takes care of the graphics. ANTIC has a list of commands that tells it how to display the screen memory. Oddly enough, this list is called the "display list." Since the display list is made up of commands, it's actually like a little program. And, since the screen memory has to be redisplayed 60 times a second, this program is a continuous loop, running over and over again. Why does the screen memory have to be redisplayed? The TV set draws a picture by making different parts of the screen glow at different brightnesses. The screen, however, will only glow for a very short period of time. Therefore, in order to get a picture to stay on the screen, the TV has to draw it 60 times a second.

For now, let's pretend that a display list is written just like a BASIC program, only with special commands. Let's see what such a display list would look like:

100 DRAW 8 BLANK SCAN LINES 110 DRAW 8 BLANK SCAN LINES 120 DRAW 8 BLANK SCAN LINES 130 CHARACTER MODE 0 LINE... 140 ...WITH SCREEN MEMORY STARTING AT [address] 150 CHARACTER MODE 0 LINE 160 CHARACTER MODE 0 LINE

370 CHARACTER MODE 0 LINE 380 GOTO 100 AND WAIT FOR VBLANK

BIT(S)	PATTERN	VALUE	RESULT
0.1	00	0	No playfield
	01	1	Narrow playfield
	10	2	Regular playfield
	11	3	Wide playfield
2		0	Missiles off
	1	4	Missiles on
3	0	0	Players off
	1	8	Players on
4	0	0	Double height players
	1	16	Regular height players
5	0	0	ANTIC off
	1	32	ANTIC on
6,7			Not used

FIGURE 1: SDMCTL chart

We start by telling ANTIC to leave the first 24 scan lines blank. Scan lines are the height of a graphics mode 8 line, start before the left edge of the screen and go all the way past the right edge. If you look closely at the screen, you can even see them. We leave 24 lines blank so that we can be sure that all of our picture will be on everyone's screen. TV and monitor screens all act slightly differently; so the blank lines will create a frame that can cover the edges of the screen. These blank lines make up the top of the black border that you can see in graphics mode 0.

Next we want to start our mode 0 lines, so we have a mode 0 line command. ANTIC has to know where the



screen memory is before it can start drawing; so we make the first mode 0 command a special one that tells ANTIC that the address of the screen memory will come next. Then, after the screen memory address, we have 23 regular mode 0 commands. Finally, we tell ANTIC to go back to the beginning and start all over again after VBLANK. Remember that VBLANK is the time during which the TV is getting ready to start drawing the picture again. We want to make sure it's ready before ANTIC starts again; so we tell ANTIC to wait until VBLANK is over.

Now that we have a basic understanding, let's look at the specifics. First of all, ANTIC doesn't use line numbers. In a real display list, the line numbers would be memory locations. Secondly, ANTIC has abbreviations for all the commands. And thirdly, there is no thirdly. Let's therefore look at the proper way to write the preceding display list. We'll have it start at location 1000 (decimal), although it would usually be much higher in memory:

As you can see, this isn't that much different from our original. LMS, by the way, stands for Load Memory Scan and tells ANTIC that the next two bytes will be the address of the beginning of screen memory. Now, the final step is to convert these commands into numbers that we can POKE into memory. There is a unique number assigned to each command, and Figures 2 and 3 give you those numbers. Before you look at that chart, however, let me explain the other commands that you'll see there:

MAP is the same as CHR, except it's used to indicate a graphics mode rather than a character (text) mode.

JMP is like JVB, except it doesn't tell ANTIC to wait for the end of VBLANK. It's needed because of a quirk in ANTIC that says a display list can't cross a 1K boundary. What's a 1K boundary? It's a memory location that's a multiple of 1024. With display lists created by graphics commands, this is no problem. If you're designing your own, however, and you have to cross such a boundary, JMP over it. While we're on the topic of boundaries, you should also be aware that screen memory is not allowed to cross a 4K boundary. If it does, you have to have a second LMS instruction to get past the boundary. Under normal circumstances, however, this only happens in graphics modes 8 through 11, and the OS will take care of it for you.

HSC, like LMS, is not really a command but rather a modification to a command. It tells ANTIC that this mode line is to have the capability of fine horizontal scrolling.

See HSCROL at 54276.

VSC, you guessed it, is another modification that specifies a fine vertical-scrolling capability. See VSCROL (54277).

DLI is the fourth modification, telling ANTIC that there is to be a display list interrupt at the end of this mode line. Pay particular attention to the "end." See VDSLST (512,513) for more details on DLIs.

Now that you'll be able to understand the chart, why don't you go take a quick peek at it.

Run the following program to take a look at the actual graphics mode 0 display list as it is stored in memory:

100 GRAPHICS Ø 110 DLIST=PEEK(560)+PEEK(561)*256 120 PRINT PEEK(DLIST) 130 IF PEEK(DLIST)⇒65 THEN DLIST=D LIST+1:GOTO 120 140 PRINT PEEK(DLIST+1) 150 PRINT PEEK(DLIST+2) 160 END

Use CTRL-1 to pause the display list. Notice that the last two numbers PRINTed (the address for the JVB) are the same as the values in 560 and 561. If you can't figure out why, drink a couple of cups of coffee and read this whole description all over again. *Here is a hint*: They tell the computer to go back and use the same display list all over again. If you change the numbers here, the computer will use another display list at the new address, which means you could use several display lists at once.

We've pretty much covered the standard graphics display lists, but what about custom ones? It should have occurred to you by now that you can write your own display lists, mixing different graphics modes on the screen.

A few words before we move on. What can you use LMS for other than to tell AN-

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Load Memory Scan (LMS) is a powerful tool that has no steadfast rules about its usage; use your creativity.

TIC where the screen memory is? Nothing! You can, however, tell ANTIC where the screen memory is more than once in the same display list. Why would you want to do that? Well, you have to if you're fine scrolling (see HSCROL and VSCROL). You could also do it to repeat the same line over and over again without wasting memory. LMS is another powerful tool that has no steadfast rules about what to use it for; use your creativity. Here's an example of repeating text. After the program has run, clear the screen and try typing in a line of text.

100 GRAPHICS Ø 11Ø DLIST=PEEK(561)*256+67:POKE 56Ø ,67 120 LOW=PEEK(88) 13Ø HIGH=PEEK(89)+2 136 POKE 89, HIGH 137 POKE DLIST, 112 138 POKE DL IST+1, 112 139 POKE DL IST+2, 112 14Ø DLIST=DLIST+3 150 FOR ROW=0 TO 23 16Ø POKE DLIST, 66 17Ø POKE DLIST+1, LOW 180 POKE DLIST+2, HIGH 19Ø DLIST=DLIST+3 200 NEXT ROW 210 POKE DLIST, 65 22Ø POKE DLIST+1, PEEK(56Ø) 23Ø POKE DLIST+2, PEEK(561)

What's going on here? Essentially we're rewriting a graphics mode 0 display list so that all the lines have LMSes that point to the same address. We also have to change SAVMSC (88,89), so that the OS knows where our new screen memory is. DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing Why isn't the new screen memory in the same place as the old screen memory? Because our new display list overflows into the old screen memory, that's why.

If you press System Reset, a normal graphics mode 0 screen will appear.

SSKCTL 562 0232

SSKTL is used to control the serial port and is a shadow register for SKCTL (53775). As your state of confusion should indicate to you, it is not really a location for the inexperienced. Look at SKCTL if you *are* interested; look at the OS manual if you're *really* interested.

Noname 563

This location is *currently* unused. Atari reserves the right to use it in future versions of the OS, so don't count on it being safe to use.

0233

LPENH 564

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4 0234
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Ever hear of a light pen? The thing that looks like a pen, that you can draw on the screen with and so forth? Well, if you happen to be one of the lucky few who have one, this will tell you what horizontal position on the screen it's pointing to. Neat, huh?

LPENH is a shadow register for PENH (54284).

0235

LPENV 565

This is the vertical position of the light

pen on the screen. It's a shadow register for PENV (54285).

Since light pens defy all reason, a few words about them are probably in order here. Firstly, LPENH and LPENV are set when the light pen is pressed to the screen. LPENV gets the value of VCOUNT (54283) when the pen was pressed (VCOUNT gets incremented by one every two scan lines). LPENH, on the other hand, gets a value based on the number of color clocks that have been drawn so far. See SDLSTL for an explanation of a "color clock." Now I'd be more than happy to give you the range of values that LPENH and LPENV will return as you move a light pen about the screen, but unfortunately the values depend on several things. Run the following program to see what the limits are for your computer. Also see STICKO-3 (632-635).

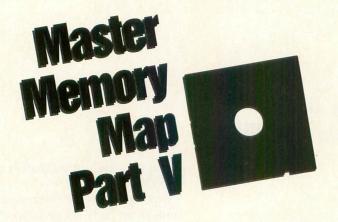
100 GRAPHICS Ø	
105 POKE 752,1	
110 POSITION 2,11	
12Ø PRINT "Light pen	horizontal pos
ition = "	anadore a a a a a a
130 PRINT "	vertical posit
ion = "	
140 POSITION 34,11	
150 PRINT PEEK(564);	";
160 POSITION 32,12	
17Ø PRINT PEEK(565);	";
18Ø GOTO 14Ø	

You should also note that light pens are not very precise. The values can vary slightly even if you hold it steadily at one point on the screen.

If you're writing a program that uses the light pen, be sure to allow for a little variation in the values. This can be done by "sampling" values. Basically, this means read ten or so values every time you need one, throw out the highest and lowest and average the rest to get a single value.

BRKKEY 566,567 0236,0237

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In the "B" version of the OS, this is the vector for the BREAK key interrupt. It is initialized to 59220, which means you will find 84 in location 566 and 231 in location 567. To disable the break key, POKE 143 into 566.

See BRKKEY at location 17 if you want to write your own BREAK key routine and you have the old OS. Also see locations 512 through 535 for more information on interrupt vectors.

0238,0239

Noname 568,569

More "unused" bytes. See the warning at

location 563 about such bytes.

Okay, we're going back to I/O now. The next four bytes make up the Command Frame Buffer (CFB), a table that SIO uses when doing serial bus operations. Remember that the serial bus is what information travels back and forth on. It is *not* designed to be used by you; so you should be reading out of curiosity rather than necessity.

CDEVIC 570 023A

CDEVIC contains the device code.

CCOMND 571 023B

CCOMND contains the command code.

CAUX1 572 023C

CAUX1 contains the command auxiliary byte 1, which comes from DAUX1 at location 778.

CAUX2 573 023D

Finally, CAUX2 contains the command auxiliary byte 2, which SIO gets from DAUX2 at location 779.

TEMP

574 023E

SIO uses TEMP as a TEMPorary storage place (the people who name these things are *so* clever).

ERRFLG 575

5 023F

If any error occurred during device I/O, with the exception of a time-out, ERRFLG is set to 255. Otherwise, if everything is okay, it is set to 0.

Also see STATUS at location 48.

DFLAGS 576 0240

When a disk is booted (the computer is turned on with the disk drive on), the first disk "record"—a segment of information that has been recorded on the disk—is read from sector 1 into memory. A sector is a segment of the disk, shaped like a piece of pie. Some of the information from this record is used to continue the boot. The first byte in the record contains several useful flags. It gets stored in DFLAGS.

DBSECT 577

The second byte tells how many sectors are used in the boot file. It gets stored in DBSECT.

0241

BOOTAD 578,579 0242,0243

Finally, because we have to know where to put the file, the third and fourth bytes give the starting address. They get stored in BOOTAD. Once the OS knows BOOTAD, it moves the record it just read in over to the new address and starts loading in the rest of the file, putting each record after the previous one until the whole file is properly in memory.

BOOTAD gets transferred to RAMLO (4,5) which, because it is in page 0, is used to move the file from the sector buffer to its place in memory.

In most cases, the boot file is DOS, and BOOTAD will hold the address 1792.

COLDST 580 0244

COLDST is fun. The OS sets it to one during the power-up process, and then sets it to zero when everything has been properly initialized. If somebody presses System Reset, the OS looks at COLDST to see whether it was in the middle of power-up, when System Reset was pressed. If it was (COLDST equals one), then the turkey who did the pressing messed up the powerup, and the OS has to start all over again. Otherwise, the OS just treats it like a normal reset.

Fun? That's your idea of fun? Hey, let me finish. The OS isn't too smart; COLDST is the only way it knows whether or not it's in the middle of power-up when System Reset is pressed. That means you can set COLDST to one in your program, and if System Reset gets pressed, the computer will act as if somebody just turned the computer on. Your whole program will be erased rather than broken into (usually System Reset will cause the OS to jump to BASIC, where your program can be LISTed or SAVEd).

Use COLDST along with POKMSK (16) and STMCUR (138,139) to totally protect your BASIC program from being looked at or SAVEd. The disk or cassette they're

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on could still be copied though. Another good use for this trick is to POKE 580,1 and press System Reset instead of using your On/Off switch when you want to load in another program. It saves wear and tear on the computer.

Noname 581 0245

Yet another unused byte for which the warning at location 563 applies.

DSKTIM 582 0246

The disk time-out register. We last saw time-outs at location PTIMOT (28). Well, they're back, this time for the disk drive (PTI-MOT was for the printer). DSKTIM holds the time-out value for the FORMAT command. It is supposedly initialized to 160, but I have seen machines that initialize it to 120 and 224, which I suspect has something to do with different versions of the OS. Anyway, regardless of what it's initialized to, the value in DSKTIM is updated after every STATUS request with the value in DVSTAT+2 (748).

You should look at DTIMLO (774) for *lots* more information on disk time-out, including the exact use for DSKTIM.

LINBUF 583-622 0247-026E

Hey, remember buffers? This is a 40-bytelong buffer used by the screen editor. You see, the screen editor needs a place to temporarily store a line of text when it's moving stuff around on the screen. This is it.

ADDRESS (100,101) is used as a temporary DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing

zero-page pointer to LINBUF during the moving process.

GPRIOR 623 026F

GPRIOR is used to set priorities and to select GTIA modes.

In the wonderful world of Atari graphics, there are two kinds of things that can appear on the screen. First of all, there is the playfield. The playfield is what you get by PRINTing, PLOTing and DRAWTOing. The playfield is made up of as many as five colors, which are specified by the color registers (as in SETCOLOR color register, color, brightness). Each of these colors represents a different part of the playfield. The one with the same color as color register 0 is called playfield 0 and so forth. The one with the background color (color register 4) is called BAK.

The second type of thing that can appear on the screen is player/missile graphics. We'll be getting more into players and missiles in the CTIA/GTIA chip at location 53248, but for now just be aware that there are four players and four missiles that can appear on the screen at the same time as the playfield.

So, where is all of this getting us? Well, if you have player/missile graphics on the screen, and you also have a playfield, which should be seen when the two are in the same place? In other words, which should have priority over the other? GPRI-OR tells ANTIC, the chip that draws the picture, who has the highest priority (i.e., who gets to be seen). Look at the chart in Figure 4.

"PF" means PlayField, "P" means Player. Missiles have the same priority as the player with the same number. Keep in mind that something with a higher priority will appear to move in front of something with a lower priority. Similarly, of course, something with a lower priority will appear to move behind something with a higher priority.

As you probably noticed, only the last four bits of GPRIOR are used to set the priority (make sure only one of those four bits is on). What about the other four? If you set bit 4, then all the missiles will have the same color as playfield 3. That lets you move the missiles together and use them as a fifth player (P4). If you set bit 5, then overlapping player 0 and player 1 will produce a third color in the overlap area. This goes for player 2 and player 3 as well. For machine languagers, or just the curious, the third color is produced by ORing the colors of the two players together.

As long as we're on the subject of overlap colors, if you do set more than one of the last four bits, then in a case where two overlapping objects have the same priority, the overlap area will be black.

In graphics modes 0 and 8, only the color of the text or pixels will be changed if a player or missile flies over them. The brightness will not change.

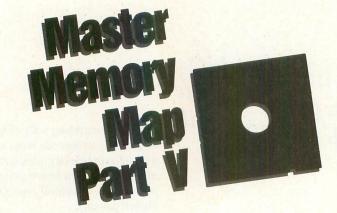
So now we're left with the seventh and eighth bits. They don't have anything to do with priorities or player/missile graphics. Instead they indicate whether or not a GTIA mode is being used, and if so, which one. They work as shown in Figure 5.

You only need to set these bits if you're writing your own display list. Otherwise the OS will take care of them when you use BASIC to call "GR.9, 10 or 11."

GPRIOR is a shadow register for PRI-OR (53275).

GPRIOR	0001 (0)	0010 (2)	0100 (4)	1000 (8)	BIT PATTERN (VALUE)
HIGHER	PO	PO	PFO	PFO	
PRIORITY	P1	P1	PF1	PF1	
	P2	PFO	PF2	P0	
	P3	PF1	PF3+P4	P1	
	PF0	PF2	PO	P2	
	PF1	PF3 + P4	P1	P3	
	PF2	P2	P2	PF2	
LOWER	PF3 + P4	P3	P3	PF3 + P4	
PRIORITY	BAK	BAK	BAK	BAK	

FIGURE 4: GPRIOR chart



The next 24 locations (624-647) hold information about the joysticks, paddles and light pens.

PADDLO 0270 624

PADDL0 holds the current value of paddle 0 (the left paddle in the leftmost plug in the front of the computer). Paddles can have a value ranging from 0 to 228; the further you turn the paddle clockwise, the higher the value.

Paddles are actually little more than a "potentiometer." Let's look at a potentiometer as though it were a bathroom faucet. The computer sends a value 255 worth of water into the faucet, but the amount that comes out depends on how far open the faucet is. If it's all the way open (the paddle is turned clockwise as far as it will go), then almost all of the water will flow through (228 worth). If it's all the way closed (the paddle is turned counterclockwise as far as it will go), then none of the value will flow through. And that's exactly how a potentiometer works, except the computer is sending electricity into it rather than water (paddles aren't waterproof).

If you design a program that uses the paddles, be careful. Most of the time you won't want them to have a range of 0 to 228. For example, if you're using the paddles to move a player, the player will probably move off the screen. So what can you do to get the range that you want? Let's suppose you want to go from LOW to HIGH. First, do the following:

RANGE=HIGH-LOW+1 EACH=RANGE/228

These two lines should come somewhere in your program before you start using the paddles. Then, every time you read the paddle, do the following:

MYVAL=INT(OLDVAL*EACH+.5)+LOW

where OLDVAL is the value of the paddle, and MYVAL is the corresponding number in the range you wanted.

PADDL0 is a shadow register for POT0 at location 53760. Note that the value for the button (trigger) on the paddle can be found at PTRIGO (636).

The following paddle locations work the same as paddle 0, but you change the number of the paddle (of course). Paddles 0 and 1 plug into the leftmost port (hold) numbered 1 on the front of the Atari computer. Likewise 6 and 7 plug into the rightmost port numbered 4 on the computer.

PADDL1

625 0271

The value for paddle 1 and a shadow register for POT1 at 53761.

PADDL2

626 0272

The value for paddle 2 and a shadow register for POT2 at 53762.

PADDL3

627 0273

I'll leave this and the next four for you to figure out. Hint: see the last three locations.

PADDL4 628 0274

PADDL5 629	0275
PADDL6 630	0276
PADDL7 631	0277
STICK0 632	0278

Let's see. PADDL0 was paddle 0, so I wonder what STICK0 is? Could it possibly be joystick 0? Despite all the odds against it, it is. Joystick 0 is the one plugged into the leftmost plug in the front of the computer.

Unlike paddle values, joystick values don't appear at first (or second) to make much sense. Let's take a look at those values (Figure 6).

00	(0)	No GTIA mode
01	(64)	GRAPHICS 9
10	(128)	GRAPHICS 10
11	(192)	GRAPHICS 11

FIGURE 5: GTIA chart

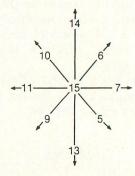


FIGURE 6: Joystick values in decimal

This figure represents the nine possible positions the joystick can be in, along with the value corresponding to each. If you move joystick 0 up, for example, STICK0 DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing

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will have a value of 14. Now, unless you have some brilliant power of observation that I don't, these values don't seem to make any sense. I mean, does "14" mean "up" to you? Not to me. They must make some kind of sense to the computer, however, so let's take a look at them again (Figure 7), this time in binary, the way the computer sees them.

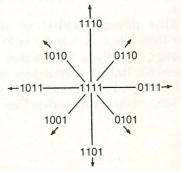


FIGURE 7: Joystick values in binary

It may not be immediately obvious, but now things make sense. Notice how the first bit (the digit on the right) of each value is only equal to zero when the joystick is up (straight up or diagonally up)? And the second bit is only zero when it's down, the third when it's left and the fourth when it's right. So we get Figure 8.

And *that's* why the numbers don't make sense when you first look at them.

0	means ''up''
1	means "not up"
0-	means "down"
	means "not down"
-0	means "left"
-1	means "not left"
0	means "right"
1	means "not right"

FIGURE 8: Joystick bit chart

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Here are a couple of machine-language routines to help you make a little more sense out of the joystick values. One looks for vertical movement and will return a zero for up, one for center and two for down. The other looks for horizontal movement and returns a zero for left, one for center and two for right. As you'll see from the following example, these values can prove to be very practical:

100 DIM STICKV\$(19):DIM STICKH\$(22) 110 FOR CHAR=1 TO 19 12Ø READ CODE 13Ø STICKV\$(CHAR, CHAR)=CHR\$(CODE) 14Ø NEXT CHAR 15Ø FOR CHAR=1 TO 22 16Ø READ CODE 17Ø STICKH\$(CHAR, CHAR)=CHR\$(CODE) 18Ø NEXT CHAR 200 GRAPHICS 0:POKE 752,1 210 PRINT : PRINT "Machine language joystick example" 220 POSITION 10,4:PRINT "VERTICAL V ALUE : " 230 POSITION 8,6:PRINT "HORIZONTAL VALUE :" 24Ø VERT=USR(ADR(STICKV\$),Ø)-1 25Ø HORZ=USR(ADR(STICKH\$),Ø)-1 260 POSITION 26,4:PRINT VERT;" 27Ø POSITION 26,6:PRINT HORZ;" 28Ø GOTO 24Ø 1000 DATA 104, 104, 133, 213, 104, 170, 1 89,120,2,41,3 1010 DATA 201,2,240,1,74,133,212,96 2000 DATA 104, 104, 133, 213, 104, 170, 1 89, 120, 2, 74, 74 2010 DATA 73,2,201,3,208,2,169,2,13 3,212,96

If you wanted to read joystick 1 instead of joystick 0, you'd use USR(ADR(STICKV\$),1) and USR(ADR (STICKH\$),1).

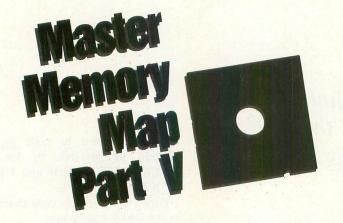
Here's the assembly code that's stored in the DATA statements:

68 68	STICKV	PLA PLA	
8505		STA	\$D5
68		PLA	400
AA		TAX	
BD78Ø2		LDA	STICKØ,X
2903		AND	#\$Ø3
C902		CMP	#\$Ø2
FØØ1		BEQ	DONE
44		LSR	A
85D4	DONE	STA	\$D4
60	DONE	RTS	
68	STICKH	PLA	
68	errorar	PLA	
8505		STA	\$D5
68		PLA	
AA		TAX	
BD7802		LDA	STICKØ,X
44		LSR	A
4A		LSR	A
4902		FOR	#\$Ø2
C9Ø3		CMP	#\$Ø3
DØØ2		BNE	DONE 1
A9Ø2		LDA	#\$Ø2
8504	DONE 1	STA	\$D4
60	DONET	RTS	
~			

STICK0 is a shadow register for the last four bits (the leftmost four) of PORTA at location 54016. It is set to a value other than 15 when a light pen in the leftmost controller jack is pressed on the screen.

STICK1 633 0279

Same as STICK0 except it's a shadow register for the first four bits of PORTA rather than the last two. It's also the value for joystick 1 rather than joystick 0.



			HSC		HSC		HSC	-	HSC	2.77	HSC		HSC		HSC	-	HSC
			nac	vsc	VSC		Hac	VSC	VSC		Hat	vsc	VSC		nac	vsc	VSC
				130	130	LMS	LMS	LMS	LMS			100	190	LMS	LMS	LMS	LMS
						LING	LING	LING	LING	DLI	DLI	DLI	DLI	DLI	DLI	DLI	DLI
BLK	1	00								80							
BLK	2	10								90							
BLK	3	20								AO							
BLK	4	30								BO							
BLK	5	40								CO							
BLK	6	50								DO							
BLK	7	60								EO							
BLK	8	70								FO							
JMP		01								81							
JVB		41								C1							
CHR	2	02	12	22	32	42	52	62	72	82	92	A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	F2
CHR	3	03	13	23	33	43	53	63	73	83	93	A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	F3
CHR	4	04	14	24	34	44	54	64	74	84	94	A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	F4
CHR	5	05	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	95	A5	B5	C5	D5	E5	F5
CHR	6	06	16	26	36	46	56	66	76	86	96	A6	B6	C6	D6	E6	F6
CHR	7	07	17	27	37	47	57	67	77	87	97	A7	B7	C7	D7	E7	F7
MAP	8	08	18	28	38	48	58	68	78	88	98	A8	B8	C8	D8	E8	F8
MAP	9	09	19	29	39	49	59	69	79	89	99	A9	B9	C9	D9	E9	F9
MAP	Α	AO	1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A	9A	AA	BA	CA	DA	EA	FA
MAP	В	0B	1B	2B	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B	8B	9B	AB	BB	CB	DB	EB	FB
MAP	С	0C	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C	9C	AC	BC	CC	DC	EC	FC
MAP	D	0D	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D	6D	7D	8D	9D	AD	BD	CD	DD	ED	FD
MAP	E	0E	1E	2E	3E	4E	5E	6E	7E	8E	9E	AE	BE	CE	DE	EE	FE
MAP	F	OF	1F	2F	3F	4F	5F	6F	7F	8F	9F	AF	BF	CF	DF	EF	FF

FIGURE 2: Display list command chart, hex version

			HSC	HSC													
				VSC	VSC												
						LMS	LMS	LMS	LMS					LMS	LMS	LMS	LMS
										DLI							
BLK	1	0								128							
BLK	2	16								144							
BLK	3	32								160							
BLK	4	48								176							
BLK	5	64								192							
BLK	6	80								208							
BLK	7	96								224							
BLK	8	112								240							
JMP		1								129							
JVB		65								193							
CHR	2	2	18	34	50	66	82	98	114	130	146	162	178	194	210	226	242
CHR	3	3	19	35	51	67	83	99	115	131	147	163	179	195	211	227	243
CHR	4	4	20	36	52	68	84	100	116	132	148	164	180	196	212	228	244
CHR	5	5	21	37	53	69	85	101	117	133	149	165	181	197	213	229	245
CHR	6	6	22	38	54	70	86	102	118	134	150	166	182	198	214	230	246
CHR	7	7	23	39	55	71	87	103	119	135	151	167	183	199	215	231	247
MAP	8	8	24	40	56	72	88	104	120	136	152	168	184	200	216	232	248
MAP	9	9	25	41	57	73	89	105	121	137	153	169	185	201	217	233	249
MAP	10	10	26	42	58	74	90	106	122	138	154	170	186	202	218	234	250
MAP	11	11	27	43	59	75	91	107	123	139	155	171	187	203	219	235	251
MAP	12	12	28	44	60	76	92	108	124	140	156	172	188	204	220	236	252
MAP	13	13	29	45	61	77	93	109	125	141	157	173	189	205	221	237	253
MAP	14	14	30	46	62	78	94	110	126	142	158	174	190	206	222	238	254
MAP	15	15	31	47	63	79	95	111	127	143	159	175	191	207	223	239	255

FIGURE 3: Display list command chart

STICK2 634 027A

Same as STICK1 except it's for joystick 2, and it's also a shadow register for the last four bits of PORTB (54017).

STICK3 635 027B

Joystick 3 (the rightmost one) value and a shadow register for the last four bits of PORTB.

PTRIG0 636 027C

If you press the trigger on paddle zero, PTRIG0 will have a value of zero. If you don't press it, PTRIG0 will have a value of one.

PTRIG0 through PTRIG3 get their values from bits 2, 3, 6 and 7 of POR-TA(54016), respectively. Because these are the same bits that tell whether joysticks 1 and 2 are moved to the right or left (see STICK0), you can use the trick in Figure 9.

PTRIG(1) – PTRIG(0) = – 1 if joystick zero is moved to the left =0 if joystick zero is in the center =1 if joystick zero is moved to the right

FIGURE 9: PTRIG chart

The same holds true for PTRIG(3)-PTRIG(2) and joystick 1. You can use this trick to make horizontal movement easier to program. Just add the value of the PTRIG difference to your old horizontal position. This saves trying to figure out the joysticks. For the same ease in vertical movement, use the routine given for STICK0.

PTRIG1

637

027D

Same as PTRIG0 but for paddle 1.

PTRIG2

638 027E

Trigger value for paddle 2. DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing PTRIG3 027F 639

Trigger value for paddle 3.

0280

PTRIG4 640

Trigger value for paddle 4. PTRIG4 through PTRIG7 get their values from bits 2, 3, 6 and 7 of PORTB (54017), respectively. The same trick for horizontal movement that was described under PTRIG0 can be applied to joystick 2 and joystick 3 using PTRIG4 through

PTRIG5 0281 641

PTRIG7.

Trigger value for paddle 5.

PTRIG6 642 0282

Trigger value for paddle 6.

PTRIG7 643 0283

Guess.

STRIG0 0284 644

Well, here we are again at another new, different and challenging name for a location. For the next three as well, actually. All three STRIG locations hold the values for the joystick button, and work exactly the same way as PTRIG (zero means pressed).

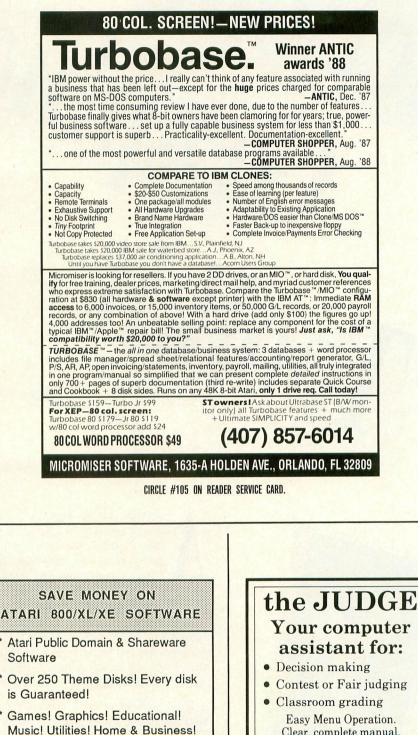
The STRIGS are shadow registers for the TRIGS (53264 to 53267).

STRIG1 645 0285

STRIG2 646 0286

STRIG3 647 0287 DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing

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ction! is a terrific language. It is fast, flexible and surprisingly easy to program in. Unfortunately, as you might have noticed with most other Atari programming languages, it comes up a little short on graphics routines other than the usual plot, DRAWTO and occasional player/missile commands. In an attempt to remedy this, and hopefully to get the ball rolling for more (and better) types of these routines to appear for all languages, here's the Action! Graphics Toolkit.

These routines reflect a bias of mine for working in high resolution, with speed being all important. To achieve this I used Clint Parker's fast graphics-eight plot routine from ANALOG #18. Also, for speed's sake, error trapping is at a bare minimum, so be careful.

Here are some general rules concerning the use of these routines. First, to see the demo program, just type in Listing 1 with your Action! cartridge (check your typing with D:CHECK in Action!) and save a copy before you compile and run it. To use the routines in your own programs, remove the procedure DEMO(), since it is not needed. The variables declared at the beginning of the program should always be included. The screen buffer takes a big chunk of memory; so though there is enough memory for a fairly complex program, you will probably have to compile from disk.

In the descriptions below, the <plot>, <memory> and <text> after each command name tells you the command's type. The range of numbers for anything dealing with plot-type commands are 0-319 for X values and 1-192 for Y. The CX and CY parameters in a command such as BOX must always be larger than the X and Y parameters. The X and Y in such a command will always represent the upper left corner, and CX and CY will be the lower right corner.

The range for text and memory-type commands are 0-39 for X values and 0-191 for Y. Finally, use the COLOR variable normally to select plot colors 0 and 1.

Now, a short description of the commands and how to use them:

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SCREEN(X,Y,CX,XY) - < plot >: This command defines the rectangular area of clipping for all commands which use the PLOT command. Nothing can be plotted outside of the area defined. This command does not work for any command dealing with text or moving blocks of memory.

UNCLIP() - < plot > : Simply returns the screen limits to the default values.

PLOT(X,Y) - <plot>: A very fast plot command slowed down somewhat by the addition of boundary error checking. You can now run a circle off the screen and not fear the dreaded Error 141, cursor out of range.

VLINE(Y,CY,X) - < plot>: A faster wayto draw a straight vertical line than usingDRAWTO. Y must be a smaller number thanCY. X is the axis along which the line willbe drawn.

HLINE(X,CX,Y) - < plot>: The horizontal version of the above, with similar restrictions.

DRAWTO(CX,CY) - < plot >: This will draw a line from the last point plotted to the point specified, slightly faster than the built-in DRAWTO. You can chain your DRAWTO's without PLOTs in between to create a series of lines.

CIRCLE(X,Y,R) - < plot>: Yes, this draws a circle. X and Y will be the center DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing

and R the radius. Remember, you can run circles off the screen or, using SCREEN, show only portions of circles, perhaps to create arcs.

BOX(X,Y,CX,CY) - < plot > : Draws unfilled rectangles.

FRAME() - < plot>: If you want to see the boundaries of the area you SCREENed off, FRAME will draw a border around it.

MOVE(T,F,L,M) - < memory >: Thesame as Action!'s MOVEBLOCK procedure except with the addition of being able to manipulate how the source memory is merged with the destination memory. As in MOVEBLOCK, T is for the destination address, F is for the origin address and L is for the number of bytes to move. If M equals one then the move works just like MOVE-BLOCK. If it is two, then the source is ORed to the destination. A three means it will be ANDed and a four means it will be exclusive ORed. Check the Action! manual to find out what these mean, or better yet, try changing the options in the demo program and see for yourself.

CUT(X,Y,CX,CY) - < memory >: This will allow you to grab a block of screen memory and store it into a buffer for later use. In the demo program, the buffer, array CS, holds 1K of data. You can change it to any size your available memory can support. Remember, the screen is 40 bytes across by 192 lines down which equals 7680 bytes. BLOCK(X,Y,CX,CY,F) — < memory >: Makes a solid block. Useful for erasing areas quickly, special effects, etc. Since this is a memory-related command, its horizontal resolution is only 40, limiting its usefulness somewhat. The F (0-255) parameter, however, allows you to define the pattern made by the block, like colors and vertical patterns.

PASTE(X,Y,M) - < memory >: This putswhatever is in the CS buffer back into screen memory, and using the M parameter allows you the same options as MOVE to alter the result. Only the upper left (X,Y) corner need be provided. The rest is done for you.

PRINT8(ST,X,Y,SZ,M) - < text > : Writes text on the high-resolution screen in 24 (1-24) vertical sizes with the same M options as MOVE and PASTE. ST can be any byte, char or card array. X and Y is where the text will start and SZ is the vertical height—one is normal. In this case, M can be use to remove the white space surrounding the text or to create an inverse video effect. Check out the demo.

OPENW(X,Y,LN,LINES,SZ,N) - < text > :Opens a window into which a text message is written. X and Y determines where the first line of text will start. LN is the length of the longest line of text in the window. LINES is the number of lines of text in the window, SZ is the size of the text and N determines if a frame will be made (1) or not (any other number). To set up a text window, first place your text in the card array, TW. The first line of your text should be in the zero element (TW(0) = "line one") of the array, the second line in the first element and so on, only one line per element. Determine your values for the above parameters, and that is pretty much all there is. The nice thing is that nothing written over by the text window will be harmed. Simply close the text window and it disappears, leaving your screen in its original state. You may have only one window open at a time and preserve the screen.

CLOSEW(D) - < text >: Closes the textwindow with the option to wait a predetermined amount of time. CLOSEW() is enough to just close the window. Since Action! is so fast, if you want a delay of any length, provide a fairly large number for D.

GWINDOW(X,Y,CX,CY,N) - < plot>:Will create a solid-filled high-resolution box with or without a frame. If N equals one, a frame is drawn around the box, any other number means it won't.

Some suggested uses

Here are some ideas to get you started. If for example, you are writing a paint program and need an undo feature, try this: Before a command that will alter the screen is executed, save the screen to the screen buffer (array BF) with the following command MOVEBLOCK(BF,SC,7680); then to retrieve the screen to ''undo'' a mistake, MOVEBLOCK(SC,BF,7680) and the screen is back.

If you have a RAMdisk, you could replace the screen buffer by saving and retrieving the screen to the RAMdisk with bput and bget from the Action! toolkit. It is a little slower, but it works and saves 7680 bytes of program space. Bput and bget are also very useful for saving and loading screens to and from the disk drive.

It is possible to use CUT and PASTE to create simple motion or even animation. There is a simple example in the demo program using CUT, PASTE and MOVE-BLOCK. I used MOVEBLOCK here since it is faster than MOVE.

If you have a Koalapad, Listing 2 gives an Action! routine for drawing with the Koalapad in graphics eight. Listing 3 is a BASIC program that creates data files necessary to run the Koalapad routine. When you run the routine, make sure these files are on a disk in Drive 1. I could have included the data in the program itself, but that would mean typing 456 numbers.

There are a lot more things you can try and many more routines to be written. I hope you find these routines useful.

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LISTING 1

ACTION! GRAPHICS TOOLKIT by Monty McCarty Copyright 1988 by ANALOG Computing CHECKSUM DATA 133 BD 83 64 E9 A4 E3 92 F5 59 85 A6 54 7D C5 8B B1 B8 16 28 F1 09 EC 8C F7 8F CE 4E FB D6 6A 57] CARD SavMsc=88,01dCo1=91, Xmin=[0],Xmax=[319],ET CARD ARRAY Line(192),TW(20) BYTE Color1=709,Color2=710,CPL, CARD ARRAY LINE(192),COLOR2=7744, Color4=712,Char5et=57344, OldRow=90,Ymin=[1],Ymax=[192] BYTE ARRAY D8 (320), BF (7680), C5 (1024), M1 (0) = [128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1], M2 (0) = [\$7F \$BF \$DF \$EF \$F7 \$FB \$FD \$FE] INT FUNC Abs(INT N) IF N(0 THEN RETURN(-N) FI RETURN (N) PROC Screen(CARD X,BYTE Y, CARD CX,BYTE CY) Xmin=X Xmax=CX Ymin=Y Ymax=CY RETURN PROC Unclip() Xmin=0 Xmax=319 Ymin=1 Ymax=192 RETURN PROC Plot(CARD X, BYTE Y) BYTE POINTER LOC OldCol=X OldRow=Y IF X(Xmin OR X)Xmax OR Y(Ymin OR Y)Ymax THEN RETURN FI LOC=Line(Y)+D8(X) IF COLOR#0 THEN LOC^==XM1(X&7) ELSE LOCA==&M2 (X&7) FT RETURN PROC Vline(BYTE Y,CY,CARD X) DO Plot(X,Y) Y==+1 UNTIL Y>CY OD RETURN PROC Hline(CARD X,CX,BYTE Y) DO Plot(X,Y) X==+1 UNTIL X>CX OD RETURN PROC Drawto(CARD CX BYTE CY) BYTE Y,XF,YF,J,AY CARD X,I,AX INT A,B,T,DX,DY AX=01dC01_AY=01dRow Plot(AX,AY) IF CX>AX THEN DX=CX-AX XF=0 ELSE DX=AX-CX XF=1 FT IF CY)AY THEN DY=CY-AY YF=0 ELSE DY=AY-CY YF=1 IF DX(2 AND DY(2 THEN RETURN FI X=AX Y=AY FF XX>DY THEN A=DY+DY T=A-DX B=T-DX FOR I=2 TO DX DO IF XF=0 THEN X==+1 ELSE X==-1 FI IF T(0 THEN T==+A ELSE T IF YF=0 THEN T==+B Y==+1 ELSE Y==-1 FI FI Plot(X,Y)

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OD ELSE A=DX+DX T=A-DY B=T-DY
FOR J=2 TO DY DO
IF YF=0 THEN
    Y==+1 ELSE Y==-1
   FT
   IF T(0 THEN
T==+A ELSE T==+B
IF XF=0 THEN
       X==+1 ELSE X==-1
      FI
   FI Plot(X,Y)
      OD
   FI Plot(CX, CY)
RETURN
PROC Circle(CARD X, BYTE Y, CARD R)
INT CIR, CIRY, CIRXY, CX, CY
CIR=0 CX=R CY=0
   DO
      CIRY=CIR+CY+CY+1
      CIRY-CIRY-CX-CX+1

Plot(X+CX,Y+CY) Plot(X-CX,Y+CY)

Plot(X+CX,Y-CY) Plot(X-CX,Y-CY)

Plot(X+CY,Y+CX) Plot(X-CY,Y+CX)

Plot(X+CY,Y-CX) Plot(X-CY,Y-CX)

CIR=CIRY CY==+1
       IF Abs(CIRXY)+0(Abs(CIRY) THEN
CIRECIRXY CX==-1
FI UNTIL CY>CX
   OD
RETURN
PROC BOX(CARD X, BYTE Y,
CARD CX, BYTE CY)
Hline(X,CX,Y) Vline(Y,CY,CX)
Hline(X,CX,CY) Vline(Y,CY,X)
RETURN
PROC Frame()
   Box(Xmin,Ymin,Xmax,Ymax)
RETURN
PROC Move(BYTE POINTER T,F,
               CARD L, BYTE M)
   CARD C
   IF M(1 OR M)4 THEN
      M=1
   FI C=0
   DO
      IF M=1 THEN
         TA=FA
        ELSEIF M=2 THEN
         TA==%FA
        ELSEIF M=3 THEN
          TA==&FA
        ELSEIF M=4 THEN
          TA==!FA
      FI F==+1 T==+1 C==+1 UNTIL C=L
   OD
RETURN
PROC CUT(BYTE X, Y, CX, CY)
   CARD 5,E,CT
CT=C5 5=5avMsc+(Y-1)*40+X CPL=CX-X
E=5avMsc+CY*40+X ET=E-5
   DO
      Moveblock(CT,S,CPL)
CT==+CPL S==+40
UNTIL S=E OR S>=SavMsc+7680
   OD
RETURN
PROC Paste(BYTE X,Y,M)
   CARD 5,E,CT
CT=C5 5=5avMsc+(Y-1)*40+X E=5+ET
    DO
      Move(S,CT,CPL,M) CT==+CPL S==+40
UNTIL S=E OR S>=SavMsc+7680
    OD
RETURN
PROC Print8(BYTE ARRAY ST,
BYTE X,Y,SZ,M)
   CARD S,E,CT
BYTE A,B,C,D,LEN
CT=SavMsc+Y*40+X B=1 S=CT LEN=ST(0)
    DO C=ST(B)
IF C>127 THEN
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C==-126
      FI
      IF C>31 AND C<96 THEN
       C==-32
       ELSEIF C(32 THEN
         C==+64
      FI E=@CharSet+C*8 A=0
      DO D=0
       DO Move(5+40*D,E+A,1,M)
D==+1 UNTIL D=5Z
     OD 5==+40*5Z A==+1
UNTIL A=8 OR 5>=7680+5avMsc
OD 5=CT+B B==+1 UNTIL B=LEN+1
   OD
RETURN
PROC Block (BYTE X, Y, CX, CY, F)
  CARD 5,E
BYTE L
   5=5avMsc+(Y-1)*40+X
   L=CX-X E=SavMsc+CY*40+X
   DO
     Setblock(S,L,F) S==+40
UNTIL S=E OR S>=SavMsc+7680
   OD
RETURN
PROC OpenW(BYTE X,Y,LN,LINES,SZ,N)
   BYTE W, H, C
   Moveblock(BF,SavMsc,7680)

M=X+LN+2 H=LINES*(5Z LSH 3)+1

Block(X,Y,W,Y+H,0)

Screen(X,LSH 3,Y,W LSH 3,Y+H)
   IF N=1 THEN
     Frame()
   FI Unclip()
   FOR C=0 TO LINES-1 DO
Print8(TW(C), X+1, Y+(5Z*8)*C, 5Z, 1)
   np
RETURN
PROC CloseW(CARD D)
   CARD A
   FOR A=0 TO D DO OD
   Moveblock (SavMsc, BF, 7680)
RETURN
PROC Gwindow(CARD X,BYTE Y,
CARD CX,BYTE CY,N)
   CARD XA,XB
BYTE YA,YB
Screen(X,Y,CX,CY)
XA=(CX-X)RSH 1+X XB=XA
   DO
      IF XA>=X THEN
Vline(Y,CY,XA) XA==-1
      FI
IF XB<=CX THEN
Vline(Y,CY,XB) XB==+1
FI UNTIL XA<X
   OD
   IF N=1 THEN
      Frame()
   FI Unclip()
RETURN
PROC Init()
   CARD I
BYTE POINTER LINELOC
   LINELOC=SavMsc
For I=1 TO 192 DO
Line(I)=LINELOC LINELOC==+40
    OD
   FOR I=0 TO 319 DO
D8(I)=I R5H 3
    OD
RETURN
PROC Demo()
   CARD X,Y,C,D
BYTE KEY=764
    BYTE ARRAY
J1="____File___Edit___Text",
J2="_____
    GRAPHIC5(24) Init() COLOR=1
   Colori=0 Color2=12 Color4=12
Print8(J1,0,0,1,1)
Print8(J2,21,0,1,1)
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Gwindow(25,40,300,85,1) Block(5,50,10,75,128) Block(11,50,16,75,127) Block(17,50,23,75,229) Block(24,50,30,75,170) Block(31,50,36,75,85) Print8("TEXT SIZE 1",0,9,1,1) Print8("TEXT SIZE 2",4,16,2,1) Print8("TEXT SIZE 3",8,29,3,4) Screen(10,100,309,140) Frame() FOR X=0 TO 360 STEP 60 D0 FOR X=0 TO 360 STEP 60 D0 Circle(X,120,D) Circle(X, 120, D) OD 00 00 Unclip() FOR X=5 TO 310 STEP 15 DO BOX(X,170,X+10,185) OD 00 TW(0)="THIS IS" TW(1)="A TEST" OpenW(2,9,7,2,1,1) CloseW(50000) TW(0)="OF THE" TW(1)="POWER OF" TW(2)="THE AMAZING" OPENWER OF COMPANY OpenW(9,9,11,3,2,1) CloseW(50000) TW(0)="ACTION!" TW(1) ="GRAPHICS" TW(2) ="TOOLKIT" TW(2)="TOOLK11" OpenW(16,9,8,3,3,1) Moveblock(BF,SavMsc,7680) Cut(0,1,10,50) FOR X=1 TO 99 DO Paste(X,130,X/20) Moveblock(SavMsc,BF,7680) **ND** TW(0)="PRESS ANY KEY TO EXIT" OpenW(8,84,21,1,4,1) DO UNTIL KEY#255 **OD KEY=255** RETURN



LISTING 2

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CHECKSUM DATA
BYTE XDIR=624,YDIR=625,LEFTB=636,
RIGHTB=637,FL=[0]
INT 0X,0Y,X1,Y1
INT ARRAY X(228),Y(228)
PROC FILLXY()
    BYTE A
    CARD B
   OPEN(1,"D:XARRAY.DAT",4)
FOR A=1 TO 228 DO
B=GETD(1)
       IF A>=183 THEN
       B==+255
FI X(A)=B
   0D CLOSE(1) 0PEN(1,"D:YARRAY.DAT",4)
FOR A=1 TO 228 D0
B=GETD(1) Y(A)=B
    OD CLOSE(1)
RETURN
PROC DRAW()
   IF FL=1 THEN
IF 0X-X1>11 OR 0Y-Y1>11 THEN
RETURN ELSE DRAWTO(X1,Y1)
0X=X1 0Y=Y1 RETURN
FI ELSE FL=1 PLOT(X1,Y1)
        0X=X1 0Y=Y1
    FI
RETURN
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PROC CHECKBUTTONS() DO X1=X(XDIR) Y1=Y(YDIR) IF XDIR(=4 AND YDIR(=4 THEN FL=1 EXIT FI IF LEFTB=0 THEN DRAW() ELSE FL=0 FI OD OD RETURN PROC MAIN() BYTE COL1=709,COL2=710,COL3=712 GRAPHICS(24) COL1=0 COL2=10 COL3=10 COL0R=1 FILLXY() CHECKBUTTONS() RETURN

LISTING 3

CL 15 XDIV=320/228:YDIV=191/228 VN 20 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:XARRAY.DAT" NH 25 FOR A=1 TO 228:B=INT(XDIV*A):PUT #1 ,B:NEXT A:CLOSE #1 WH 30 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:YARRAY.DAT" OH 35 FOR A=1 TO 228:B=INT(YDIV*A):PUT #1 ,B:NEXT A:CLOSE #1

D:CHECK in Action!

by Steven Yates

B ecause of the nature of the Action! system, typing checkers like D:CHECK (Issue 16) cannot be implemented. A lack of line numbers leaves no way to communicate to the user where typos are. Moreover, the flexibility in the source program's form makes finding errors difficult—without requiring the reader to type the program *exactly* as it appears.

D:CHECK in Action! gives you a program (D:CHECK.ACT) which works with the Action! system to provide interactive checking and correcting of typing errors. Instead of printing a list of numbers which you compare to a similar list in the magazine, this Action! version finds the errors and puts you back into the editor at their approximate locations in your source.

This extra power takes some more typing on your part. If you look at Listing 1, you'll notice the first few lines contain a set of numbers headed "CHECKSUM DATA." All other Action! programs printed in ANALOG Computing will have similar lines at the start of their listings.

These lines give D:CHECK in Action! its power. The program generates numbers from what you've typed and compares them to the DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing numbers here. If there are any discrepancies, it will then help you to find the problems so they can be corrected.

When typing in the listing, these lines must be typed in *exactly as printed*.

There are square brackets at the beginning and end of the checksum list, and one space between each value. All values are two-digit numbers and must be typed as such. After these lines are typed, the remainder of the program can be entered in any way you wish.

You may type it as listed, or you may decide not to include the blank lines inserted for easier reading. You may add *more* blank lines, if you like. You may combine short lines to form one line with a space or more between the originals; or you could break long lines into two or more lines, so everything fits on the screen.

The program ignores spaces; so you don't need to indent lines, and you can add spaces if it's more readable for you. D:CHECK in Action! also ignores comments, so you can leave them out and save some typing or add some of your own.

This flexibility of program form is basic to the Action! system which D:CHECK in Action! preserves. Remember, any modifications to the form of the program may make it more difficult to compare to the original if there's a problem—use your judgement. Anything between quotes must be typed exD:CHECK in Action! gives you a program which works with the Action! system to provide interactive checking and correcting of typing errors. actly as shown, including spaces and upperand lower case letters.

The latter presents another problem. Action! allows you to type in whatever case you want, but also offers the option of being case sensitive. This lets you have two or more variables of the same name, with different letters in uppercase to distinguish them.

D:CHECK in Action! offers the same option. If the article doesn't specify otherwise, you may use either case. If the program must be compiled with the case-sensitive option, the words *Case Sensitive* will appear with the checksum data. You must type all letters in the case in which they're listed. Because it must be able to handle other case-sensitive programs, D:CHECK in Action! must also be able to compile under this option; so remember to type each letter properly.

Using it

First, type in Listing 1 and save it. Because the program can't check itself until it compiles successfully, you must be careful keying it in. Don't forget that the program is case-sensitive.

Try compiling. If there are any compile errors, fix them as you normally would. Once D:CHECK in Action! compiles, run it. If the program says there are no problems, you're ready to use it for other programs printed in ANALOG Computing.

If it tells you there are problems, follow the directions below. The program cannot guarantee the locations it gives for errors in its own source file because typing errors may be causing problems with its error-locating routines. Be sure to save a final copy after you've fixed all the errors, as *D:CHECK.ACT* (cassette users may save it as *C:*).

To check another program containing the checksum numbers, type it in and save a copy. With the newly typed program still in memory, go to the monitor. If the article says the program is case-sensitive, use the monitor option command to set it for this; otherwise set this option to "no."

When this is done, type R''D:CHECK. ACT'' (cassette users, type R''C:''). The program will load from disk, compile, then run. It must be uncompiled when stored, because it needs to relocate itself for each program checked.

If the program being checked isn't too large (about 100 disk sectors), time can be saved by loading D:CHECK.ACT into the second editing window. It can then be compiled and run without accessing the disk each time.

To do this, type in the program to be checked and save it. Enter Window 2 by pressing CTRL-SHIFT-2, read D:CHECK.ACT, then enter the monitor and use C and R to compile and run.

To rerun D:CHECK.ACT after a problem's corrected, just enter Window 2 (CTRL-SHIFT-2) before returning to the monitor, then compile and run as before. If you don't move the cursor to Window 2 before entering the monitor, Action! will attempt to compile the program in Window 1, and D:CHECK.ACT won't be executed.

If you get an out-of-memory error when loading or compiling D:CHECK.ACT, make sure your source program is saved and use the monitor boot command to reset Action!. Then reload your program and run D:CHECK.ACT from disk or tape as explained previously.

If the D:CHECK.ACT program says there are no problems, you should be able to compile the program. If it does find a problem, it will display the checksum lines on-screen, with one number highlighted. It will ask if the sum was typed correctly.

Check the highlighted value against the magazine listing. If they don't match, press *N* in response to its question. Return to the editor. The cursor will be on the first digit of the incorrect sum. Retype the sum, return to the monitor and repeat the command to run D:CHECK.ACT.

If the highlighted sum matches that printed in the magazine, press Y. The program will tell you to return to the editor and check the line containing the cursor, plus a certain number of lines following it. The number of lines to check depends mostly on the line length, and blank lines aren't counted.

Find any mistakes you can on these lines, correct them, return to the monitor and rerun D:CHECK.ACT. Once you've found all errors and are given a clean check, save a final copy, then compile and run it, according to the directions in the related article.

It's possible that a program which checks out all right won't compile. If this happens, return to the editor and make sure you didn't insert or delete a space, which would confuse the compiler. Check the word the cursor's on and change it to look exactly as it does in the magazine. This should be the only thing to cause a problem in a properly checked program.

Now you should be able to enjoy printed Action! programs without being frustrated by cryptic compiler errors or having a program compile and not perform as expected. If you remember the difference D:CHECK made in the time it took to get a BASIC program running, you'll type in D:CHECK in Action! as soon as possible. Because the program can't check itself until it compiles successfully, you must be careful keying it in. Don't forget it is casesensitive.

D:CHECK in Action!

CHECK.ACT Steven Yates *** 12/02/85 ; ; CHECKSUM DATA ; [9E 43 B1 2D 74 DD 67 7C ; 13 30 E5 8F 7A CA C9 77 ; AD AE 96 44 B0 F8 99 39 ; EB] BYTE StartChar, CurChar, Count, X, Flag=[0], Character, Sum, ISum, Product, Key, Case=[0], Column=1152, Sensitive=[1], Lines, SumLine, WrongLine, Segment=[0], String=[1], SubString=[2], Space=[32] CARD StartLine, Line=1160, FirstLine=1156 BYTE OPDOY Sums(256) BYTE ARRAY SUMS(256) CARD ARRAY SUMLines(32) BYTE POINTER Length CARD POINTER CurLine, NextLine, WrongSum DEFINE is="=", not="{>", Done="Flag=1" PROC End_Of_Line() DO CurLine=NextLine^ CurChar=7 Length=CurLine+6 NextLine=CurLine+4 IF CurLine=0 THEN EXIT FT UNTIL Length^>0 OD RETURN PROC Quotes() IF Segment is String THEN Segment=0 ELSE Segment=String FI RETURN PROC Ignore() X==-1 Count==-1 Character=0

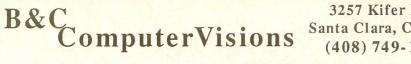
RETURN PROC Check_Line() Character=Peek(CurLine+CurChar) IF Segment is SubString THEN Segment=0 ELSEIF Character='" THEN Quotes() ELSEIF Segment is String THEN ELSEIF Character='' THEN Segment is SubString ELSEIF Character is Space THEN Ignore() ELSEIF Character='; THEN Ignore() CurChar=Length^+6 ELSEIF Case not Sensitive AND Character)96 AND Character=-32 FI Product=(X*Character) R5H Case Sum==+Product CurChar==+1 X==+1 IF X=4 THEN X=1 FI RETURN PROC Find_Sums() DO DO Character=Peek(CurLine+CurChar) IF Character not '; THEN End_Of_Line() ELSEIF Length^>1 THEN EXIT ELSE End_Of_Line() FI IF CurLine=0 THEN Done EXIT FI OD CurChar=8 Character=Peek(CurLine+CurChar) IF Character is '[THEN EXIT FI IF Done THEN PrintE("Listing does not") PrintE("contain checksums.")

Pute() PrintE("Cannot CHECK!") EXIT FI End_Of_Line() OD RETURN PROC Get_Sums() RYTE T BYTE ARRAY Hex(1) Find_Sums() SumLine=0 DO **IF Done THEN** EXIT FI SUMLines(SUMLine)=CurLine CurChar=9 FOR ISUM=0 TO 7 DO FOR I=0 TO 1 DO Hex(I)=Peek(CurLine+CurChar+I) IF Hex(I)>='A THEN Hex(I) ==- ('A-'9-1) FI Hex(I)==-'0 OD Sum=(Hex(0) LSH 4)+Hex(1) Sums(SumLine*8+ISum)=Sum IF Peek(CurLine+CurChar+3) is '] THEN Done EXIT FT CurChar==+3 OD End_Of_Line() **IF Done THEN** Flag=0 EXIT FI SUMLine==+1 OD RETURN PROC Mistyped() Line=StartLine Column=StartChar PrintE("Return to editor and check") Print("the ") Print("the ") PrintB(Lines) PrintE(" lines following the line") Print("the cursor is on for a ") PrintE("typo.") RETURN PROC Bad_SUM() BYTE I IF Case is Sensitive THEN Print("If article does not ") PrintE("specify") Print("case sensitive, use ") PrintE("option") Print("command to set this to ") PrintE("no.") PutE() PutE() FT WrongLine=ISum/8 SUM=ISUM&7 WrongSum=SumLines(WrongLine)+9+Sum*3 WrongSum^==%\$8080 FOR I=0 TO SumLine DO PrintE(SumLines(I)+6) OD Wrong5um^==!\$8080

PutE() Print("Is highlighted sum correct?") Key=GetD(1) Key==%32 PutE()

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PutE()
  IF Key='y THEN
    Mistyped()
  ELSE
    Print("Return to editor and ")
PrintE("correct")
    PrintE("mistyped sum.")
    Line=SumLines(WrongLine)
    Column=(Sum+1)*3
  FT
RETURN
PROC No_Problems()
  PrintE("Program CHECKs out fine.")
  PrintE("Save program and use")
PrintE("according to directions")
PrintE("in the article.")
  Done
RETURN
PROC Check_SUM()
  IF SUM()SUMS(ISUM) THEN
Bad_SUM()
     Done
  FT
  ISUM==+1
RETURN
PROC Initialize()
  IF Peek(1226)=255 THEN
     Case is Sensitive
  FI
  8=1
  CurLine=FirstLine
  Length=CurLine+6
   NextLine=CurLine+4
   IF Length<sup>^=</sup>0 THEN
     End_Of_Line()
   FI
   CurChar=7
   Close(1)
  Open(1,"K:",4,0)
RETURN
PROC D_Check()
   Initialize()
   Get_Sums()
   ISUM=0
   DO
     IF Done THEN
       EXIT
     FI
     SUM=0
     Lines=0
     FOR Count=0 TO 127 DO
IF Count=0 THEN
          StartLine=CurLine
StartChar=CurChar=6
        FI
        Check_Line()
IF CurChar=Length^+7 THEN
End_Of_Line()
          IF CurLine=0 THEN
             Check_SUM()
             IF Done THEN
               EXIT
             FI
             No_Problems()
             EXIT
          FI
          Lines==+1
        FI
     OD
     IF Done THEN
        EXIT
     FI
     Check_SUM()
   OD
   Close(1)
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RETURN



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BASIC by Clayton Walnum Editor II

B ASIC Editor II is a utility to help you enter BASIC program listings published in ANALOG Computing. To simplify the identification of errors, each program line is evaluated immediately after it's typed, eliminating the need for cumbersome checksum listings. When you've finished entering a program using BASIC Editor II, you can be certain it contains no typos.

An option is provided for those who wish to use standard BASIC abbreviations. Also, the program retains all Atari editing features. Finally, for those who prefer to type programs the conventional way, using the built-in editor, a post-processing mode is available. It allows you to check typing after the entire listing has been entered.

Typing in the Editor

To create your copy of BASIC Editor II, follow the instructions below— exactly.

Disk version:

(1) Type in Listing 1, then verify your work with Unicheck (see Issue 39).

(2) Save the program to disk with the command *SAVE* '*D*:*EDITORL1.BAS*''.

(3) Clear the computer's memory with the command *NEW*.

(4) Type in Listing 2, then verify your work with Unicheck.

(5) Run the program (after saving a backup copy) and follow all the on-screen prompts. A data file will be written to your disk.

(6) Load Listing 1 with the command *LOAD 'EDITORLI.BAS'*.

(7) Merge the file created by Listing 2 with the command *ENTER* '*D:ML.DAT*''. (8) Save the resultant program with the command *LIST* "*D*:*EDITORII*.*LST*".

Cassette version:

(1) Type in Listing 1 and verify your work with Unicheck.

(2) Save the program to cassette with the command *CSAVE*. (Do not rewind the cassette.)

(3) Clear the computer's memory with the command *NEW*.

(4) Type in Listing 2 and verify your work with Unicheck.

(5) Run the program and follow the onscreen prompts. A data file will be written to your cassette.

(6) Rewind the cassette.

(7) Load Listing 1 with the command *CLOAD*.

(8) Merge the file created by Listing 2 with the command *ENTER* ''C:''.

(9) On a new cassette, save the resultant program with the command *LIST "C*:".

Using the Editor

Take a look at one of the BASIC program listings in this issue. Notice that each program line is preceded by a two-letter code. This code is the checksum for that line; it's not a part of the program.

To enter a program listing from the magazine, load BASIC Editor II with the *ENTER* command, and run it. You'll be asked if you wish to allow abbreviations (see your BASIC manual). If you do, type Y and press *RETURN*. Otherwise, type N.

Note: If you set BASIC Editor II to allow abbreviations, the program will run slightly slower.

Your screen will now be divided into two "windows." The upper window will display each line after it's processed, as well as the checksum generated for that line. The lower window is where program lines are typed and edited.

When the program's waiting for input, the cursor will appear at the left margin of the typing window. Type a program line and press *RETURN*. The line will be evaluated and reprinted in the message window, along with the checksum generated.

If the checksum matches the one in the magazine, then go on to the next program line. Otherwise, enter the command E (edit) and press *RETURN*. The line you just typed will appear in the typing window, where you may edit it. When you think the line has been corrected, press *RETURN*, and it'll be reevaluated.

Note: You may call up any line previously typed, with the command *E* followed by the number of the line you wish to edit. For example, *E230* will print Line 230 in the typing window. *Do not attempt to edit any program lines numbered 32600 and higher.* These lines fall within the BASIC Editor II program.

If you're using BASIC abbreviations, the two versions of the command E work slightly differently. The command E, without a line number, will call up the line exactly as you typed it. When you append the line number, the line will be printed in its expanded (unabbreviated) form.

Leaving the Editor

You may leave BASIC Editor II at any time, by entering either B (BASIC) or Q (quit). If you type B, the Editor will return you to BAS-IC. Enter *LIST* to review your work, if you wish. Note that lines 32600 and above are the Editor program. Your work will appear before these lines. To return to the Editor, type *GOTO 32600*.

Type Q, and you'll be asked if you really want to quit. If you type Y, the Editor program will be erased from memory, and you may then save your work in any manner you like. If you type N, the Q command will be aborted.

Large listings

If the program you're entering is particularly long, you may need to take a break. When you want to stop, type Q and press *RETURN*, then save your work to disk or cassette. When you're ready to start again, load the program you were working on, then load BASIC Editor II with the *ENTER* command. Type *GOTO 32600*, and you're back in business.

The post-processor

Many people may not want to use BASIC Editor II when entering a program listing, preferring, instead, the Atari's built-in editor. For that reason, BASIC Editor II will allow you to check and edit your programs after they've been typed.

To take advantage of this option, type any magazine program in the conventional manner, then save a copy to disk or cassette (just in case). With your typed-in program still in memory, load BASIC Editor II with the ENTER command, then type GOTO 32600.

Respond with N to the "abbreviations" prompt. When the Editor appears on your screen, enter the command P (post-process), and the first program line will appear in the typing window. Press RETURN to enter it into the Editor.

The line will be processed, and the checksum, along with the program line, will be printed in the upper window. If the checksum matches the one in the magazine, press RETURN twice, and the next line will be processed.

If you find you must edit a line, enter the command E, and the line will be moved back to the typing window for editing.

When the entire listing has been checked, you'll be asked if you wish to quit. Type Y and press RETURN. The Editor program will be removed from memory, and you may then save the edited program in any manner you wish.

Murphy's Law

Anyone who's been associated with computing knows this is the industry Murphy had in mind. You may find that, after typing a program with BASIC Editor II, it still won't run properly. There are two likely causes for this.

First, it may be that you're not following the program's instructions properly. Always read the article accompanying a program before attempting to run it. Failure to do so may present you with upsetting results.

Finally, though you can trust BASIC Editor II to catch your typos, it can't tell you if you've skipped some lines entirely. If your program won't run, make sure you've typed all of it. Missing program lines are guaranteed trouble.

One last word: Some people find it an unnecessary and nasty chore to type REM lines. I don't condone the omission of these lines, since they may be referenced within the program (a bad practice, but not unheard of). If you want to take chances, BASIC Editor II is willing to comply.

When you've finished entering a program using BASIC Editor II, you can be certain it contains no typos.

Listing 1. BASIC listing.

32600 IF FL THEN 32616 32602 DIM L\$(115),5V\$(115),C2\$(2),B\$(1 15),M\$(119),5\$(90),E\$(69),A\$(1):FL=1:5 TMTAB=PEEK(136)+PEEK(137)*256 32604 GRAPHIC5 0:POKE 710,0:P=0:ABR=0: "aLLOH ABBREVINTIONS";INPUT A\$:IF A 5=""" OR A5="Y" THEN ABR=1 32606 B\$(1)=" "18\$(115)=" ":B\$(2)=B\$ 32606 DPEN H17,4,0,"E:":L\$=" ":GOSUB 3 2662:START=0 32618 POKE 766,1:POKE 83,39:POSITION 1 3:IF LEN(L\$)(39 THEN ? L\$:GOT0 32624 32622, L\$(1,38):? L\$(39,76):? L\$(77,L EN(L\$)) \$2622, ?L\$(1,38):? L\$(39,76):? L\$(77,L EN(L\$)) 32622 f L3(1,36) f L3(3),76) f L3(7), L3(7), L3(7), L3(7), L3(7), 22524 POKE 752,0:POKE 766,0:POKE 559,3 4:POKE 82,1:POKE 83,38:PO5ITION 0,10:? "";:INPUT H17;L5:POKE 766,1 32626 IF (L5=""" OR L5=""") AND START= 0 THEN P=1:L5="" OR L5=""" THEN E=1:PO5 17ION 1,10:? SVS GOTO 32624 32630 IF L5="" OR L5="" THEN 32690 32632 IF L5="" AND P=1 THEN 32696 32632 IF L5="" THEN 32624 32636 IF L5="" THEN 32624 32636 IF L5="" THEN 32636" TO CONTINUE": END 5 8:7 "IFFE UDIO JUNI END 32638 IF L\$(1,1)="E" OR L\$(1,1)="E" TH EN E=1:TRAP 32624:EL=UAL(L\$(2)):POSITI ON 1,9:LIST EL:GOTO 32624 32648 SVS-L\$:TRAP 32624:H=UAL(L\$) 32642 START=1:IF P AND NOT E THEN 326 32644 GOSUB 32674: IF NOT ABR OR P THE N 32652 32646 POKE 766,0:? CHR\$(125):POSITION 0,3:L=VAL(L\$):LIST L:? !? !? "CONT":L\$
 122646
 POKE 766,01?
 CHR\$(125):PD5TTION

 0,31L=VAL(L\$):LIST L:? 1?
 'CONT''1L\$

 286
 POSTTION 0,0:POKE 842,13:STOP

 12648
 POSTTION 0,0:POKE 842,13:STOP

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 POSTTION 0,0:POKE 842,13:STOP

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 POSTTION 0,0:POKE 842,13:STOP

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 POSTTION 0,0:POKE 842,13:STOP

 12650
 POKE 842,12:A=USR (ADR (S\$), ADR (L\$),LEN (L\$)

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 12652
 CHKSUM=USR (ADR (M\$), ADR (L\$),LEN (L\$)

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 12656
 CHK:SUM=USR (C\$),CES (1):SUM (C\$)

 12656
 FOKE 85,39:FOKE 752,11FOR (H\$)

 12656
 FOKE 85,39:FOKE 752,11FOR (H\$)

 12656
 FOKE 752,11:POKE 85,36:FOSTTION 1,

 24656
 FOKE 85,1:POKE 85,30:FOSTTION 6,

 7:7
 C25:FOKE 82,1:POKE 752,11:POKE 85,312:POK

 12656
 FOKE 82,1:POKE 91+2,5:FOKE 92,11:POKE 91+2,5:FOKE 91+3,112:POK

 13,112:FOKE 91+4,112:FOKE 91+2,5:FOKE 91+3,112:POK
 F5,112:POK

 147:FOKE 91+4, 682 32680 RETURN 32682 GOSUB 32662:SOUND 0,75,10,8:FOR X=1 TO 20:NEXT X:SOUND 0,0,0,0:POSITIO N 1,3:? "SYNTAX ERROR!":POKE 766,1 32684 POKE 83,38:POSITION 1,10:? 50\$;G A 163.1 JOINT AN ALL STATE AND ALL AND A

32700 POKE 842,13:5TOP 32702 POKE 16,112:POKE 53774,112:RETUR

CHECKSUM DATA. (see issue 39's Unicheck)

32600 DATA 6,665,923,757,809,171,225,8 98,532,499,910,267,912,144,735,8453 32638 DATA 97,358,230,693,706,878,317, 127,36,597,230,258,182,430,168,5315 32658 DATA 864,953,472,385,887,774,72, 687,908,735,625,612,672,184,891,9672 32698 DATA 8,856,85,949

Listing 2. **BASIC** listing.

HASIC listing. 10 DIM L\$(120), ML\$(119), A\$(1) 20 GRAPHICS 0:POKE 710,0:? "DISK OR GA SSETTE"; INPUT A\$:IF A\$()"C" AND A\$()" "THEN 20 30 IF A\$="\c" THEN 50 40 ? "PLACE FORMATTED DISK IN DRIVE"!? "THEN PRESS RETURN":INPUT L\$:OPEN H!, 60, "D'HL.DA?"IGOIO 60 50 ? ?? "READY CASSETTE, PRESS RETURN"; ;INPUT L\$:OPEN H!, 6, 0'C'!" 60 L\$="32600 M\$(1)='L\$(13)=CHR\$(34) 70 K=119:405(34)? H!,15 60 L\$="32600 M\$(2):IS(14)=HL\$(1,50):L\$ (LEN(L\$)+1)=CHR\$(34)? H!,15 60 L\$C'!S''IS(15)=CHR\$(34)? 70 K=119:405(55):L\$(10)=CHR\$(34) 100 H(\$="":N=08:GOSUB 130:L\$(11)=HL\$:L\$ 51 LEN(L\$)+1)=CHR\$(34)? H!,15 51 LEN(L\$)+1]=CHR\$(34)? H!,15 51 LEN(L\$)+1]=CHR\$

47,200,132,212,96 230 DATA 104,104,141,254,6,104,141,253 6,169,0,133,212,216,165,136,133,205,1 65,137,133,206,160,0,177 240 DATA 205,205,253,6,208,8,200,177,2 05,205,254,6,240,15,160,2,177,205,24,1 01,205,133,205,144,228

250 DATA 230,206,176,224,160,4,177,205,201,55,240,4,160,0,240,0,132,212,96

CHECKSUM DATA. (see issue 39's Unicheck)

10 DATA 203,265,465,844,294,973,652,27 0,978,797,278,275,835,209,301,7639 50 DATA 355,94,254,420,935,840,580,41 ,974,564,5435

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The Atari ST computer didn't just happen overnight. It took the creative talents of a number of people to make the ST a useful machine. Most of the software available for the ST was developed by independent computer programmers and sold to ST users through the traditional distributor/dealer channels. Three years after the introduction of the ST, the software industry has reached a crisis.

Selling computer software to Atari ST users has often proved to be confusing, difficult, nerve-racking and futile. Since Atari's motto is "Power without the price," programmers have found that their motto is "Lots of work with little pay." Many programmers have found it not worth their whiles to spend a year of their time on a program that is released by a software publishing company.

Software publishers are usually under-

capitalized, most lacking the resources to do more than package and ship a new software title. The result is an industry where dealers receive new products from distributors that know nothing about the products they are selling. The dealers rarely get any help from the software publisher because the publishers don't have the resources to teach each and every dealer how to use their products.

If a programmer has developed a product that is at all technical, the dealers don't understand it and leave it up to the product's packaging to convince a customer to plunk down some money. For the software consumer it is "Let the buyer beware." Once you take that software home, don't expect much support from your local dealer.

This criticism of dealers and distributors isn't local to the Atari industry; the same can be said about IBM-PC and Macintosh dealers. The difference between the dealers goes back to Atari's motto. When spending \$695 for a copy of Acius *Fourth Dimension* 4GL database for the Mac, inside the large box you will find over 800 pages of documentation, quick reference cards and a program that has been thoroughly tested. With that much documentation, 99% of the end-user questions are answered. With the high list price, Acius can afford a decent advertising and support system for its dealers.

On the Atari side, most software publishers don't have the money to hire professional writers to develop well-written manuals. The most popular desktop-publishing program for the ST comes with documentation full of bad grammar, spelling mistakes and poor organization. Luckily, the program's good user interface makes up for the manual's problems.

The Atari software market is becoming more mature. Buyers have come to expect technological breakthroughs and are becoming more critical of consumer-level products. Three years after the release of the ST, we still haven't seen a desktoppublishing system of the caliber of *Adobe Illustrator* for the Macintosh. We still have not seen a word processor as advanced as *Microsoft Word 4.0* for MS-DOS. The software-buying audience is aware of this.

The software crisis of 1989 is the impending problem of supplying new software to an evermore technically mature, buying public. We have reached the point where the old methods of marketing Atari software no longer work. Atari dealers and distributors will have to become more advanced, or the public will outgrow the Atari ST. The software crisis of 1989 is the impending problem of supplying new software to an evermore technologically mature, buying public.

The story of George

Turtle is a public-domain, hard-disk back-up utility that is available at no charge from DELPHI, CompuServe and GEnie. The program was written by George Woodside, who also authored several antivirus programs that can also be found in the public domain. George is a professional programmer working mosthy on mainframe and minicomputer systems as a systems analyst and project leader.

In the years since the ST was released, George has often produced programs and utilities that make using an ST a lot of fun. George's programs are always of commercial quality, yet he has not yet charged for any of his work. Turtle is a good example of the ingenuity built into his programs: The program creates a temporary RAMdisk-the equivalent to a floppy diskette with files stored in your ST's memory. Files from your hard disk are copied into the RAMdisk. Once the RAMdisk is full. Turtle copies the entire RAMdisk contents onto a floppy diskette. The result is a floppy disk containing a copy of your hard-disk files, but with the use of the RAMdisk, backups are finished in just a few minutes. Turtle was written two years ago, and a better hard-disk, back-up program has yet to surface.

George is working on another ST application. This one will manage picture files from *DEGAS*, *Neochrome* and *Spectrum*. The picture manager will work much like the GEM Desktop; however, instead of managing files, the program will manage pictures created with any of the popular drawing programs for the ST.

George has become a data-compression expert while writing the picture manager; up to 12 different compression techniques will be used to reduce the amount of storage space needed to maintain a set of DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing graphics. George has reported his compression techniques are 10% to 15% more efficient than using *Squeeze*, *ARC* or *Tiny* format.

The picture manager will also maintain an index of all the images in your library. More than 30 floppy disks of images can be indexed, with a powerful mechanism to locate a desired graphic. Simply describe a design, and the picture manager will tell you which floppy disk to insert. The graphic will appear on your ST's screen instantly, regardless of the format. A special animation editor will also be included, and users will be able to create slide shows that include color rotation and other special effects.

George is currently working on the final version of the picture manager, which should be released shortly. If you have a suggestion or interesting idea, he can be reached directly on CompuServe (76537,1342) and GEnie (G.WOODSIDE).

The new GDOS is G+Plus

Charles Johnson and John Eidsvoog have produced their own version of GDOS, the missing part of your Atari ST's GEM operating system, that allows programs to display and print graphic fonts and styles. Johnson and Eidsvoog began the project as curious hackers: They were interested in the inner workings of GDOS and the font system being used. What they found was unexpected.

GDOS was originally developed in C by Digital Research, the creators of the GEM operating system. During the development of the ST, Atari and DRI decided not to include GDOS in the ST's ROM operating system because of physical size limitations of the ROM and problems interfacing new device drivers to the ST version of GEM. Atari fell from grace with DRI shortly after the ST was released, which made hopes of GDOS being made available for the ST slight. Through some delicate maneuverings, Atari eventually bought the rights to produce an ST version of GDOS. First tests of GDOS were embarrassing. The ST Desktop slowed down to a crawl, and most ST programs bombed when run.

After almost a year of work, Atari released GDOS 1.1. The new version arrived amongst a flurry of controversy: Atari had decided to charge a high royalty for use of GDOS with commercial programs. Atari explained that they had spent a lot of money developing GDOS-compatible fonts that came with the licensed version of GDOS. ST software developers were not satisfied with that explanation, and eventually Atari backed off its stance and offered GDOS to developers for a one-time-only fee of \$500.

Similar work on GDOS has been done by staff programmers of the most popular German ST magazine, *68000er Magazine*. A German programmer for the magazine wrote his own version of GDOS with the intentions of publishing the new software in the magazine as an article. A copy of the German GDOS was sent to Atari Senior Engineer Shiraz Shivji in the hopes that Atari would sanction the new GDOS and distribute it to ST users.

Johnson and Eidsvoog originally intended to seek Atari's official approval of the new GDOS, before they realized the delay in releasing the product to the market such a move would cause. Instead, Johnson and Eidsvoog created a partnership, Codehead Software, which is marketing G+Plusdirectly to ST users.

G+Plus is a more technologically superior software product than GDOS. When using GEM-compatible fonts, GDOS forces your ST to load all of the fonts into memory when you power-up your computer. This causes long boot-up periods and severely reduces available memory for your applications-try running a spreadsheet while GDOS is resident, and you will sometimes find less than half the worksheet size available. G+Plus solves this problem by allowing you to define which fonts will be loaded when an application is opened. When running your word processor, many fonts might be loaded. While running a graphics program, a different set of fonts could be loaded.

G+Plus offers many other advantages, which will be covered later in a full ST-LOG review. The package comes with a large instruction manual and has a list price of only \$34.95.

(from page 25)	
3990 DATA 16,169,120,157,68,3,169,65,1 57,69,3,169,6,157,74,3,4991	L
4000 DATA 169,0,157,75,3,169,3,157,66, 3,32,86,228,16,1,96,3993	,
4010 DATA 162,0,169,12,157,66,3,32,86	,
228,162,0,76,20,77,69,4548 4020 DATA 169,19,157,68,3,169,77,157,6	ō
9,3,169,12,157,74,3,169,6274 4030 DATA 0,157,75,3,169,3,157,66,3,32	Z
,86,228,169,0,141,198,8580 4040 DATA 2,162,16,169,7,157,66,3,169	,
4040 DATA 2,162,16,169,7,157,66,3,169, 0,157,72,3,157,73,3,4045 4050 DATA 68,77,192,77,32,86,228,48,20	5
4060 DATA 157,66,3,169,0,157,72,3,157,	
73,3,152,32,86,228,164,8168 4070 DATA 0,16,210,162,16,169,12,157,0	5
6,3,32,86,228,76,129,77,7017 4080 DATA 96,96,84,121,112,101,32,97,1	L
10,121,32,107,101,121,46,96,6339 4090 DATA 0,160,0,132,0,185,112,77,201	1
,96,208,2,169,155,132,0,8876 4100 DATA 168,162,0,169,11,157,66,3,10	
9,0,157,72,3,157,73,3,4243 4110 DATA 152,32,86,228,164,0,164,0,20	3
0,185,112,77,208,213,162,48,2154 4120 DATA 169,7,157,66,3,169,0,157,72,	
3,157,73,3,32,86,228,6029 4130 DATA 96,226,2,227,2,126,65,0,0,0,	
0,0,0,0,0,0,6813	
LISTING 2	

10 ; BASIC TO BINARY -10/16 ;
20 ; BY: MATTHEW ARRINGTON ;
30 ;
40 ; 055. MAC-65 SOURCE ; 50 :
50 ; 60 .OPT NO LIST
70 ;
80
90 ; MACROS
0100 ;
0110 .MACRO @PT 0120 :
0120 ; 0130 ; PUT TO DEVICE
0140 ; " PUT IOCB#, BYTE "
0150 ;
0160 STY 0
0170 TAY
0180 .IF %0=1 0190 LDX #%1*16
0200 .ENDIF
0210 LDA #11
0220 5TA 834,X ; COMMAND PUT=11
0230 LDA #0
0240 STA 840,X
0250 5TA 841,X 0260 TYA
0270 JSR 58454
0280 LDY 0
0290 .ENDM
0300 ;
0310 ;
0320 ; 0330 .MACRO @GT
0340 ;
0350 ; GET FROM DEVICE (INTERNAL)
0360 ; " GET IOCB# "
0370 ;
0380 .IF X0=1 0390 LDX #X1*16
0400 .ENDIF
0410 LDA #7
0420 5TA 834,X ; COMMAND GET=7
0430 LDA #0
0440 STA 840,X 0450 STA 841,X
0460 JSR 58454
0470 .ENDM
0480 ;
0480 ; 0490 ; PUT BYTE
0500 ;
0510 ; 0520 .MACRO PUT
0530 .IF %0=0
0540 CPT

0550	.ELSE
0560	0PT %1
0570 0580	.ENDIF .ENDM
0590	1
0600	; GET EX. "GET 0"
0610 0620	; .MACRO GET
0630	.IF %0=0
0640	.ELSE
0660	egt X1
0670	ENDIF
0680 0690	.ENDM
0700	PRINT
0710 0720	; .MACRO PRINT
0730	1 on the state of
0740 0750	JMP COVER CTEXT .BYTE %\$2,0
0760	COVER LDY #0
0770	CLOOP STY 0 LDA CTEXT,Y
0790	CMP #'
0800	BNE QCIO
0810	LDA #155 @CIO @PT %1
0830	LDY 0
0840	INY LDA QTEXT,Y
0860	BNE GLOOP
0870 0880	. ENDM
0890	PRINT BUFFER
0900	MACRO PRINTB
0910	LDY #0 QLO STY 0
0930	
0940	.IF %2<256 LDA (%2),Y
0960	ELSE
0970	J LDA X2,Y
0990	ENDIF
1000	; CMP #'•
1020	CMP # • BNE QCO
1030	LDA #155
1040	CCO CPT X1
1060	INY
1070	.IF %2<256 LDA (%2),Y
1090	ELSE
1100	LDA %2,Y .ENDIF
1120	BNE QLO
1130	ENDM
1150	INPUT RECORD/ SAVE EOL
1160 1170	; EX. "INPUT IOCB#"
1180	; .MACRO INPUT
1190) INU #VINIC
1200	LDX #%1*16 LDA #%2&255 ; INBUF LO
1220	5TA 836.X
1230	LDA #%2/256 ; INBUF LO 5TA 837,X
1250	LDA #5 : GET RECORD
1260	5TA 834,X LDA #40 ; BUF LEN
1280	STA 840,X
1290	LDA #0 5TA 841,X
1310	J5R 58454
1320	LDY 840,X LDA #0
1340	STA X2,Y
1350	. ENDM
1360	; .MACRO OPEN
1380	1 water and the second second second
1390	LDX #%1*16 ; IOCB # .IF %4<256
1410	JMP @EXC
1420	COPEN .BYTE %\$4 CEXC LDA #COPEN&255 ; (5:,D:)
1440	STA 836,X

1450 1460	LDA #00PEN/256 5TA 837,X
1470 1480	.ELSE LDA #%4&255
1490 1500	STA 836,X LDA #X4/256 STA 837,X
1510 1520	.ENDIF
1530 1540	LDA #%2 STA 842,% ; OPEN (8,12,4)
1550 1560	LDA #%3 STA 843,X ; AUX1
1570 1580	LDA #3 ; COMMAND OPEN STA 834,X
1590 1600	JSR 58454 .ENDM
1610 ; 1620	MACRO RWSECT
1630 ; 1640 ;	DUNIT, DCOM, DBUFF, SIZE, SECT
1650 ; 1660	LDA #49
1670 1680	STA 768 ; DDEVIC .IF %1>4
1690 1700	LDA X1 .ELSE
1710 1720	LDA #%1 .ENDIF
1730 1740	5TA 769 ; DUNIT LDA #%2
1750 1760	5TA 770 LDA #%6
1770 1780	5TA 771 LDA #%3&255
1790 1800	5TA 772 LDA #%3/256
1810 1820	5TA 773 LDA #31
1830 1840	5TA 774 LDA #X4&255
1850 1860	STA 776 LDA #X4/256
1870 1880	5TA 777 LDA #%5&255
1890 1900	5TA 778 LDA #%5/256
1910 1920	STA 779 JSR 58457
1930 1940 ;	. ENDM
1950 ; 1960 ;	MACRO CLOSE IOCB
1970 1980 ;	MACRO CLOSE
1990 2000	LDX #%1*16 LDA #12 ; COMMAND CLOSE
2010 2020	STA 834,X JSR 58454 ; CIO
2030 2040 ;	ENDM
2050 2060 ;	.MACRO XIO
2070 2080	LDX #%2*16 ; IOCB LDA #%1 ; COMMAND
2090 2100	STA 834,X LDA #%3
2110 2120	STA 842,X ; AUX1 LDA #%4
2130 2140	5TA 843,X ; AUX2 LDA #%5&255
2150 2160	STA 836,X LDA #%5/256 STA 837,X
217Ø 2180	5TA 837,X JSR 58454 ; CIOV
2190 ; 2200	.ENDM
2210;2220	.MACRO POS
2230 ;.	EX POS COL,ROW
2250 2260	LDA #%1 5TA 84
2270	LDA #%2 5TA 85
2290 ; 2300	. ENDM
2310 ; 2320	.MACRO BGET
2330 ; 2340 ;	EX. BGET 1, BUFFER, 10000, LEN
G Comp	Iting

2350	;
2360 2370	LDX #%1*16 LDA #7
2380	STA 834,X ; COMMAND
2390 2400	LDA #%2&255 5TA 836,X
2410	LDA #X2/256
2420	5TA 837.X
2430 2440	LDA #X3&255 STA 840,X
2450	LDA #%3/256
2460 2470	STA 841,X
2480	JSR \$E456 ;CIO ;
2490	LDA 840,X
2500 2510	5TA %4 LDA 841,X
2520	STA %4+1
2530 2540	ENDM
2550	; ; EX. BPUT 1,BUFFER,LEN
2560 2570	;
2570	.MACRO BPUT LDX #%1¥16
2590	LDA #11
2600 2610	5TA 834,X ; COMMAND LDA #%2&255
2620	STA 836,X
2630 2640	LDA #%2/256 5TA 837,X
2650	LDA X3
2660	STA 840,X
2670 2680	LDA %3+1 STA 841,X
2690	JSR \$E456 ;CIO
2700 2710	J ENDM
2720	.ENDM
2730	;
2740 2750	
2760	; *= \$0600
2770 2780	MAXLINE .BYTE 0
2790	INLINE .BYTE 0
2800	FLASH .BYTE 0
2810 2820	TEMP1 .BYTE 0 CHR1 .BYTE 0
2830	CHR2 .BYTE 0
2840 2850	OPTION .BYTE 0 SCRN .BYTE 0
2860	LEN .BYTE 0,0
2870	TEMY .BYTE 0
2880	; LBUFF = \$057E
2900	HATAB5 = \$031A
2910 2920	ZERO PAGE
2930	
2940 2950	, TEMP2 = 203 TEMP3 = 204
2960	PSTART = 224
2970 2980	PEND = 226
2990	MEMBOT = 228 Amount = 230
3000	;
3010 3020	*= \$2700
3030	LOAD SCREEN
3040 3050	; INIT LDA #0 : BLACK
3060	STA 710 ; SCREEN
3070	STA 82
3080	LDA #97 ; RED STA 712 ; BORDER
3100	LDA #1 ; NO CURSOR
3110 3120	STA 752 PRINT 0,"K+++++++++ Basi
to Bi	nary by: Matthew Arrington"
3130	RTS ; CONTINUE LOAD
3140 3150	¥= 738
3160	.WORD INIT ; FOR BIN LOAD
3170 3180	; ₩= \$2700
3200 3210	EXECUTE & RUN BASIC PROGRAM
3220	
3230	THIS ROUTINE GETS SAVED ALONG

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3240 ; WITH BASIC PROGRAM.
3250
3260
3270 BASRUN .BYTE """; BIN LOAD HEAD
ER
            .WORD FILELEN ; LOAD START
.WORD RN3 ; LOAD END
3280
3290
3300
3310
3320 FILELEN *= *+2 ; BASIC FILE LEN
3330
3340 TLINE .BYTE "

"; TITLE STORED HERE
3350
3350 ;
3360 RESET .BYTE 0 ; OPTION FLAGS
3370 BREAK .BYTE 0
3380 TITLE2 .BYTE 0,0
3390 MEMLO .WORD LA12+3
3400
            LDA 6 ; CART PRESENT?
BNE RN2 ; YES CONTINUE
 3410 GO
            LDA 6
 3420
 3430 ;
                            ; CURSOR OFF
 3440
            LDA #1
5TA 752
 3450
RES BASIC. REBOOT
3490 X2 JMP X2 ; LOOD FORM
            LDA #0
                            ; ZERO MARGIN
 3460
3500 ;
3510 RN2 LDA TITLE2 ; DISPLAY TITLE?
3520 BEQ RN3 ; NO
 3530 ;
              OPEN 6,12,1,"5" ; GR. 1
POS 10,0
 3540
 3550
              PRINTB 6, TLINE
 3560
                            ; COUNTINE LOAD
 3570 RN3 RT5
3580 ;
3590 ; MORE BIN POINTER5
3600 ;
WORD 738,739 ;
            .WORD 738,739 ; INIT ADD.
.WORD GO
 3620
 3630 ;
            .WORD X1,LA12+2
 3640
 3650 ;
 3660 ;
 3670 ; INIT MEMLO
 3680
 3690 X1 LDY #0
             LDA MEMLO ; SET REAL MEMLO
STA 743
 3700
3710
 3720 ;
             CLC
ADC #242
STA TEMP2
 3730
 3740
 3750
 3760 ;
 3770
             LDA MEMLO+1
 3780
            STA 744
 3790 ;
            ADC #0
STA TEMP3
 3800
 3810
 3820 ;
 3830 ; INIT RESET VECTORS
 3840 ;
                          ; TRAP RESET?
; BR. IF YES
             LDA RESET
BEQ TRAP
 3850
 3860
 3870 ;
             CMP #2 ; COLD START?
BNE MOVEPOINT ;NO, RESET NORM
 3880
 3890
 AL
             LDA #1 ; DIE ON RESET
STA 580 ; COLST
JMP MOVEPOINT
 3900
 3910
 3920
 3930
             D LDA 13 ; TRAP RESET
CMP #8 ; DOS PRESENT?
BCS DODOS ;BR. IF SO
LDA #INITAL&255 ; SET RESET V
 3940 TRAP LDA 13
 3950
 3960
 3970
 ECTOR
 3980
             STA 12
 3990
             LDA #INITAL/256
             STA 13
 4000
             JMP MOVEPOINT
 4010
 4020
 4030 DODOS LDA 12 ; SAVE DOS INIT V
 EC
 4040
             STA RESET1+1
             LDA 13
STA RESET1+2
 4050
 4060
 4070 ;
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4080 ET VE		LDA	#RESET1&255 ; SET NEW RES
4090		STA	12 #RE5ET1/256
4110 4120	1		
4130 4140 4150			LUE OF MEMLO TO BASIC'S M POINTERS.
4160 4170	MOVI	CLC	T LDA 743
4180 4190 4200			(TEMP2),Y 128,Y
4210 4220	J	LDA	744
4230 4240 4250		ADC STA INY	(TEMP2),Y 128,Y
4250 4270		CPY BNE	#14 MOVEPOINT
4280 4290 4300	1	LDA STA	
4310 4320	;	STA	142 ; RUNSTAK 144 ; MEMTOP (LOW)
4330 4340		LDA	141 ; (HIGH) 143
4350 4360 4370	;	STA	145
4380 4390	1	SET	UP TO RUN
4400 4410 4420		LDA STA STA	#0 \$92 ; BASIC DOES THIS \$CA ; ON COLD START
4430		LDX TXS	#\$FF
4450 4460 4470	J	CLD LDA	\$0222 ; SAVE VBI VEC
4480		STA LDA	VBIX+1
4500		CTA	IIDTULO
4510		STA JMP	VBIX+2 INITAL
4510 4520 4530 4540	; 1	JMP	INITAL IATE VBI TO DISSABLE
4520 4530 4540 4550 4560	; I ; E ; B	JMP MMED REAK	INITAL IATE VBI TO DISSABLE #64
4520 4530 4540 4550 4550 4570 4570 4580	; I ; B ; B BRK	JMP MMED REAK LDA STA STA	INITAL IATE VBI TO DISSABLE #64
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4520 4530 4550 4550 4550 4570 4580 4570 4580 4590 4600 4610 4620 05	; I ; B BRK VBI ; ; RES	JMP REAK LDA STA STA X.B	INITAL IATE VBI TO DISSABLE #64 16 53774 YTE \$4C,0,0 .BYTE \$20,0,0 ; JSR INIT D
4529 4530 4540 4550 4560 4570 4580 4570 4580 4610 4620 05 4630 4640 4650	; I ; B BRK VBI ; ; RES INI	JMP MMED: REAK LDA STA STA STA STA 	INITAL IATE VBI TO DISSABLE #64 16 53774 YTE \$4C,0,0 .BYTE \$20,0,0 ; JSR INIT D LDX #0 BREAK ; DISSABLE BREAK?
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4950 LDA HATABS,X ; SAVE OLD 4960 STA TEMP2+1 4970 LDA #VTBLE/256 ; REPLACE WITH NEW STA HATABS, X 4980 4990 ; ; COPY VTABLE LDY #0 5000 LDX #4 5010 LDA (TEMP2),Y 5020 LA7 5030 STA VTBLE, Y 5040 INY 5050 DEX 5060 BNE LA7 LDY #8 5070 LDX #7 5080 5090 LA8 LDA (TEMP2),Y STA VTBLE, Y 5100 INY 5110 DFX 5120 BNE LA8 5130 5140 ; ; COUNTER LDA #2 5150 5160 STA LA10 5170 ; ; BOOT SUCCESSFUL 5180 LDA #1 5190 STA 9 BOOT STA 8 ; WARMST 5200 5210 ; LDA 49146 STA CART+1 ; CART RUN ADD. 5220 5230 LDA 49147 STA CART+2 5240 5250 5260 CART .BYTE \$4C,0,0 ; JMP TO BASIC 5270 5280 EINPUT LDY LA10 ; GET OFFSET CPY #255 BEQ LA11 END? 5290 ; END ; YES 5300 5310 ; LDA LA12,Y DEC LA10 LDY #1 5320 5330 5340 5350 RTS 5360 5370 LA11 TXA 5380 PHA 5390 LDX LA3 5400 LDA TEMP2 5TA HATAB5,X ;\$031A 5410 5420 INX LDA TEMP2+1 5430 STA HATAB5,X ;\$031A 5440 5450 PLA 5460 TAX LDA #155 LDY #1 ; C/R ; SUCCI ; DONE 5470 SUCCESS 5480 5490 RTS 5500 LA3 .BYTE 0 5510 LA10 .BYTE 0 5520 5530 VTBLE .BYTE 0,0 ; CLOSE .BYTE 0,0 ; OPEN 5540 .WORD EINPUT-1 5550 ; GET ; PUT ; STATUS .BYTE 0,0 5560 .BYTE 0,0 .BYTE 0,0 5570 SPECIAL 5580 .BYTE 0,0,0 ; JMP INIT 5590 5600 5610 LA12 .BYTE "NUR" 5620 ; BYTE "DE " ;RUN POINTERS 5630 5640 .WORD X1 FUR BAS RUN 5650 5660 BASICSTART .BYTE 0,0 5670 .BYTE Ø 5680 ENDRUN .BYTE 0 5690 5700 DISPLAY LIST 5710 5720 DLIST .BYTE 112,112,112,66,64,156 5730 .BYTE 66,104,156,66,144,156,6 6,184,156 5740 .BYTE 66,224,156,66,8,157,66, 48,157 5750 .BYTE 66,88,157,66,128,157,66 ,168,157 5760 .BYTE 66,208,157,66,248,157,6 6,32,158 5770 .BYTE 66,72,158,66,112,158,66 ,152,158 5780 .BYTE 66,192,158,66,232,158,6

6,16,159 5790 .BYTE 66,56,159,66,96,159,66, 136,159 5800 .BYTE 66,176,159,66,216,159,6 5 .WORD DLIST 5810 5820 MENU .BYTE "KOOOO" 5830 .BYTE " ... 5840 .BYTE " I ... 5850 .BYTE " ... 5860 .BYTE " Basic to Binary 411 .BYTE " 5870BYTE " 5880 ... 5890 .BYTE "| 1: Display/Set Optio ... ns .BYTE "| 5900 | **\$**11 5910 .BYTE "| 2: Convert Basic fil 5920 MENU2 .BYTE " ... 5930 .BYTE "| 3: File Directory | ... 5940 .BYTE " 1.4" 5950 .BYTE "| 4: Exit to DOS |BYTE " 5960 |BYTE "L 5970 5980 5990 6000 6010 ; EVERYDAY TYPE SUBROUTINES 6020 6030 6040 ; INPUT A LINE 6050 ; LINE INDEX & ; LINE LEN=0 6060 GETLINE LDA #0 STA INLINE 6070 6090 GLOOP LDA #10 ; 1/6 SEC 6100 STA 536 ; SYS TIMER 6110 TIMLOOP LDA 764 ; STAT KEYBOARD 6120 CMP #255 ; KEY IN? 6130 BEQ CHECKTIME ; BR. IF NO 6140 PRINT 0,"_4"; PRINT CURSOR 6150 JMP GCHR ; GET KEY 6080 6160 6170 CHECKTIME LDA 536 ; SYS TIMER=0? 6180 BNE TIMLOOP ; NO, LOOP 6190 LDA FLASH ; FLASH ON OR OFF BEQ OFF ; TURN IT OFF PRINT 0,"_€"; CURSOR ON LDA #0 ; FLASH OFF=0 STA FLASH ; FOR NEXT TIM JMP GLOOP ; LOOP 6200 6210 6220 6230 FOR NEXT TIME 6240 6250 PRINT 0," €"; CUROSRO OFF LDA #1 ; FLASH ON=1 STA FLASH ; FOR NEXT TIME JMP GLOOP ; LOOP 6260 OFF LDA #1 STA FLASH 6270 6280 JMP GLOOP 6290 6300 6310 GCHR GET 3 ; GET A CHAR 6320 ; ; BACKSPACE? ; BR. IF NOT CMP #'€ 6330 6340 BNE DL 6350 1 6360 LDX INLINE -----SOMTHING TO B5? BR. IF YES NOTHING THERE BNE OK1 JMP GLOOP 6370 6380 6390 OK1 JMP BACK5PACE ; DO BACK5PACE 6400 6410 DL CMP #' ; DELETE LINE? : BR. IF NOT 6420 BNE ENDL ; BR. IF NOT ; SOMTHING TO DEL LDX INLINE 6430 BNE OK2 JMP GLOOP 6440 ; BR. IF YES ; ELSE IGNORE & L 6450 00P 6460 OK2 JMP DLINE ; DO DELETE LINE 6470 ;

6480 6490	ENDL	BNE	#155 NOCTRL	-	END OF LINE?
6500 6510	NOCT	JMP	EOL	тр,	DO ENDLINE
6520	NUCI	BNE	OK3	;	NO DO ENDLINE FILTER CHARS? BR. IF NO
6530 6540	;				
6550 6560		AND	#127 #97	1	STRIP INVERSE LOWWER CASE??
6570 6580		BCC	nrc		RDONCH TE NOT
6590		SBC	#32	1	MAKE IT UPPER RESTORE X LINE TOO LONG? BR. AND SAVE IGNORE KEY & LO
6600 6610	UKS	CPX	MAXLIN	E	LINE TOO LONG?
6620 6630		BNE	OK5 GLOOP	1	BR. AND SAVE IGNORE KEY & LO
0P 6640				'	
6650	ÓK5	STA	1406,X	;	SAVE BYTE FOR NEXT SAVE
6660 6670		SIX	INLINE	1	FOR NEXT SAVE
6680 6690		PU1 JMP		1	SAVE X PRINT CHAR GET NEXT BYTE
6700 6710	1				
6720	BACH	(SPAC	E JSR	ST	
6730 6740	DOBS	5 LDA	. #·4	;	B5 CHAR
6750 6760		PUI	0		PRINT IT
6770		JMP	GLOOP	1	DEC LINE LEN NEXT KEY
6780 6790	;				
6800 6810	DLIN	IE JS			
6820 6830	DODL		₩'4	1	BS CHAR PRINT IT DEC LINE LEN LOOP TILL GONE START AGAIN
6840		DEC	INLINE	;	DEC LINE LEN
6850 6860		BNE	GLOOP	1	LOOP TILL GONE
6870 6880	1				
6890	ÉOL	LDA	#'0	1	DELETE PROMPT
6900 6910			INLINE	;	GET LINE LEN
6920 6930		LDA	ΠN		MARK EOL
6940 6950		RTS		j	RETURN
6960	1_				
6970 6980		RTS	NI 0,		; ERASE CURSOR
6990 7000	;				
7010 7020	РИТЕ	YTE PL	LDX #0	1	IOCB #0 PUT A
7030		RTS		;	RETURN
7040 7050	1				,
7060	i VA	LIDA	TE A F	ILEN	IAME
7080	SETN	AME	LDY #0	1	SET DÉFUALT TO DRIVE ONE
7100	LO	STA	DEF,Y FNAME,	Y '	TO DRIVE UNE
7110 7120		INY CPY	#3		
7130	;	BNE	L8		
7150	'			1;	"D:FNAME"?
7160 7170			#': L5	;	BR. IF NOT
7180		LDY	#2 MOVENA	ME ;	SET OFFSET COPY NAME OVER
7200 7210	i Ls	LDY	#0		"DX:FNAME"??
7220		LDA	LBUFF+	2	
7230		CMP	HOVENA	ME ;	NO, ASSUME "D1:
7250		LDA	LBUFF+		GET D# BYTE
7260			FNAME+	1]	SAVE IT OFFSET
7280	MOUS				
7300	L6	LDA	LBUFF,	Y j	FROM LBUFF.
7310		BEQ	FNAME,	A	
7330		INY			
7350			L6		

7360 7370	; L7 RTS
7380	CALCULATE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN
7400 7410 7420	; TO ADRESS'S SUBTRACT LDA PEND
7420	SEC SEC PSTART
7450	STA LEN
7470	LDA PEND+1 SBC PSTART+1
7490	STA LEN+1
7510	INC LEN BNE L15
7530	INC LEN+1 L15 RTS
7550 7560	; BUF *= *+5125 ; 5K BUFFER
7570	J ENAME *= *+16
7590	STRIP .BYTE 0 DEF .BYTE "D1:" ; DEFUALT DRIVE
7610	DIR .BYTE "DØ:#.#" ; DIRECTORY
7630 7640 7650	ŔUN OPEN 3,4,0,"K:" LDA #DLIST&255; POINT TO STA 560; MY DIS, LIST
7650	STA 560 ; MY DIS. LIST LDA #DLIST/256 STA 561
7680	;
7700 E.	STA 88 ; IN ON THE CHAN
7710	LDA #156 5TA 89
7730	LDA #1 ; CURSOR OFF STA 752
7750 7760	LDA #31 ; RIGHT MARGIN STA 83
7770 7780	}
7790 7800	MAINMENU LDA #0 ; SCREEN OFF STA 559
7810 7820	STA 710 ; CHANGE COLOR LDA #97
7830	STA 712 LDA #2 ; LEFT MARGIN
7850	STA 82 PRINTB 0,MENU ; PRINT MENU
7870	PRINTB 0,MENU2 LDA #33 ; Screen on STA 559
7890 7900 7910]
7920	TWIRLING THING
7940	STA CHR1 LDA #90
7960	STA CHR2 TITLE LDY #11
7980	
8000 8010	STA 40208,X STA 40208,Y
8020 8030	LDY CHR1 LDA CHR2
8040 8050	STY CHR2 STA CHR1
8060 8070	LDX #4 LDY #10
8080 8090	TLOOP LDA 40208,X STA TEMP1
8100 8110	LDA CHR1 5TA 40208,X
8120 8130	LDA 40208,Y STA TEMP2
8140 8150	LDA CHR2 5TA 40208,Y
8160 8170 8180	LDA #0 5TA 20 TTIME LDA 20
8180 8190 8200	TTIME LDA 20 CMP #3 BNE TTIME
8210	LDA #0 JSR TWIST
8230	STA 40208,X
3240	

8250	JSR TWIST
8260 8270	5TA 40208,Y
8280 8290	LDA 764 CMP #255
8300	BNE GOPT
8310 8320	; INX
8330 8340	DEY CPY #2
8350	BNE TLOOP
8360 8370	JMP TITLE TWIST CMP #1
8380 8390	BEQ OVER LDA TEMP1
8400	JMP SWAP
8410 8420	
8430	SWAP CMP #90 BNE F1
8450	JMP SWITCH
8460 8470	BNE F2
8480 8490	JMP SWITCH F2 CMP #67
8500 8510	BNE F3 JMP SWITCH
8520	F3 CMP #81
8530 8540	BNE F4 JMP SWITCH
8550 8560	F4 CMP #82 BEQ ZERO
8570	LDA #82
8580 8590	RTS ZERO LDA #0
8600 8610	RTS SWITCH LDA CHR1
8620	CMP #90
8630 8640	BNE OTHER LDA #67
8650 8660	STA CHR1 LDA #81
8670	STA CHR2
8680 8690	JMP EXIT
8700 8710	OTHER LDA #69 STA CHR1
8720	LDA #90
8730 8740	STA CHR2 Exit LDA #87
8750 8760	RTS
8770	GET OPTION FROM KEYBOARD
8780 8790	GOPT LDA #0 ; ZERO MARGIN
8800 8810	STA 82
8820	AND #127 ; STRIP INVERSE
8830 8840	CMP #97 ; LOWWER CASE? BCC A6 ; BR. IF NOT
8850 8860	GET 3 ; GET KEY AND #127 ; STRIP INVERSE CMP #97 ; LOWWER CASE? BCC A6 ; BR. IF NOT SEC ; ELSE SBC #32 ; MAKE IT UPPER
8870	
8880 8890	BNE A1 ; NO
8900 8910	JSR CONVERT ; GO CONVERT JMP MAINMENU ;
8920	
8930 8940	BNE A2 ; NO
8950 8960	
8970	
8980 8990	A2 CMP #'3 ; HOW ABOUT 3? BNE A4 ; NO
9000 9010	
9020	
9030 9040	BEQ A5 ; YE5
9050 9060	
9070	A5 LDA #39 ; RESET RIGHT
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9140	
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9720 9730				DA			3 A 5 T					25	56											
9740	;																							
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9770			L	DA	1	#1	EN	D	R		1/	25	56											
9780 9790											:т			G	E	г	L	E	N	G	T	н		
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STA ENDRUN-1 ; SAVE END POINT
010010
010020
          HIGH BYTES
010030
010040
          LDA TEMP3
                        ; SAVE START
010050
          STA BASICSTART+1
ADC FILELEN+1 ; ADD IN LEN
STA ENDRUN ; SAVE END
010060
010070
010080
010090
       .
          LDA ENDRUN-1 ; SUBTRACT 1
010100
                    ; FROM END POINT
; (FUDGE)
010110
          SEC
          5BC #1
010120
          STA ENDRUN-1
010130
          LDA ENDRUN
SBC #0
010140
010150
          STA ENDRUN
010160
010170
          SAVE THE EXECUTE ROUTINE
010180
010190
          ALONG WITH ALL BIN POINTERS
010200
010210
           BPUT 2, BASRUN, LEN
010220
010230
          COPY BASIC FILE OVER
010240
          BGET 1,BUF,5125,LEN
STY TEMY ; SAVE ERROR FLAG
BPUT 2,BUF,LEN
010250 L4
010260
010270
010280 ;
          LDY TEMY
CPY #136
BNE L4
                        ; GET ERROR FLAG
010290
                        ; EOF REACHED?
; BR. IF NOT
010300
010310
010320 ;
           CLOSE 1
010330
                        ; CLEAN UP
           CLOSE 2
010340
010350
          RTS
                        ; ALL DONE
010360
          CONTROL PAD ?!
010370
010380
          JSR PUTBYTE
010390 PAD LDA #125
010400
                        ; ZERO MARGIN
          LDA #0
010410
010420
          STA 82
010430
       ;
                   0," Basic to Binary
010440
           PRINT
Control Pade"
010450
           PRINT
                   0,"
             411
010460
           PRINT
                   0,"
                         SELECT : Item to
 change •"
                   0,"
                         OPTION : Changes
010470
           PRINT
 Item#"
           PRINT 0,"
010480
                         START : Exits • •
....
ULU49U PRINT 0,"[]35131] -♦♦BREAK -♦♦
TITLE -♦♦MEMLO -"
010500
010510 ;
          LDA #0
STA TEMP1
                        ; ZERO VARIABLES
010520
010530
          STA OPTION
010540
010550
          TAX
010560 ;
          LDA #8
010570
          STA SCRN
010580
010590 PRINTITEM JSR PITEM ; PRINT OPT
ION
                        ; GET X
010600
          LDX TEMP1
          INX
STX TEMP1
                        ; ADD 1
010610
                          SAVE IT
010620
                        1
          CPX #4
                          ALL DONE?
010630
010640
          BNE PRINTITEM ; NO.
010650
010660 STATCON LDA #8 ; CLEAR CONSOL
          STA 53279
LDA 53279
010670
010680
                           STATUS CONSOL
                        ;
          CMP #7
BCS STATCON ;
010690
                          PRESSED?
010700
                           BR. IF NOT
010710
          TAY
                          SAVE A
010720
          LDA #0
          STA 53279
010730
                           CLICK
                         ;
          STA 54282
010740
                         ; WAIT
010750
                        ; CLEAR CON
010760
        CN1 LDA #8
          STA 53279
010770
                        ; STATUS CON
; HANDS OFF?
          LDA 53279
010780
          CMP #7
010790
                         ; NO, PEOPLE ARE
          BNE CN1
010800
51 OW
010810
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LDA #10

010820

; 1/6 SEC DELAY

010070	5TA 542
010830	STA 542 CN2 LDA 542
010850	BNE CN2 ; LOOP TIL ZERO
010870	; TYA ; RESTORE A
010880	CMP #5 ; SELECT PRESSED?
010900	BEQ CON1 ; YES
010920 010930	; CMP #3 ; OPTION PRESSED? BNE EXITPAD ; NO, EXIT
010940 010950 010950	JMP OPT EXITPAD RTS
010970	; CON1 LDA 88 ; GET SCREEN ADDR
010980 010990	STA TEMP2
011000	LDA 89 STA TEMP3
011020	1
011030 011040	TAX ; POSITON
011050	Z1 LDA TEMP2 CLC
011070	ADC #40 STA TEMP2
011090	LDA TEMP3
011100 011110	ADC #0 STA TEMP3
011120	DEX
011130 011140	BNE Z1
011150 011160	LDY #0 Z2 LDA (TEMP2),Y ; GET BYTE
011170	BEQ Z7 ; END OF BLOCK
011180 011190	AND #127 ; INVERSE OFF STA (TEMP2),Y ; PUT IT BACK
011200	INY ; NEXT BYTE
011210	BNE Z2 ; NO
011230 011240	Z7 LDA OPTION ; LAST OPTION? CMP #3
011250	BNE Z3 ; NO
011260 011270	; LDA #0 ; YES LOOP TO FIR
5T 011280	STA OPTION
011290	LDA #8 ; RESET POSITION
011300 011310	STA SCRN LDA TEMP2
011320	SEC SBC #240
011340	STA TEMP2
011350 011360	LDA TEMP3 SBC #0
011370	STA TEMP3
011380 011390	LDY #0 JMP Z4
011400 011410	Z3 INC OPTION ; NEXT OPTION
011420	INC SCRN
011430 011440	INC SCRN LDY #80
011450 011460	Z4 LDA (TEMP2),Y ; GET BYTE
011470	
011480 011490	CLC ADC #128 ; INVERSE ON
011500 011510	STA (TEMP2),Y ; PUT IT BACK INY ; NEXT BYTE
011520	BNE Z4 ; LOOP
011530 011540	Z6 JMP STATCON'; DONE
011550 011560	PRINT SELECTED ITEM.
011570	PITEM LDA #0 ; ZERO VARIABLES
011580 011590	STA TEMP2 STA TEMP3
011600 011610	; LDA RESET,X ; GET Y VALUE
011620	TAY
011630 011640	; (X*6)+(Y*2)=JMP ADDR ; X=OPTION Y=ITEM
011650	
011670 011680	; MULTIPLY X*6
011690	DOX DEX
011700 011710	

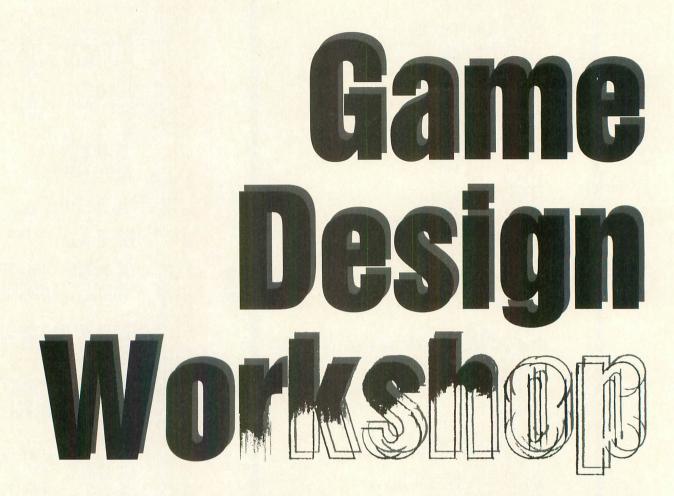
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011720 LDA TEMP2 011730 CLC 011740 ADC #6 011750 STA TEMP2 JMP DOX 011760 011770 011780 MULTIPLY Y*2 A1179A DOY DEY 011800 CPY #255 BEQ ADDEM 011810 011820 011830 LDA TEMP3 011840 CLC ADC #2 STA TEMP3 JMP DOY 011850 011860 011870 011880 011890 ADDEM LDA TEMP3 011900 CLC ADC TEMP2 011910 01197A TAX 011930 ; 011940 LDA TABLE1,X STA GOPRNT+1 LDA TABLE1+1,X 011950 011960 **STA GOPRNT+2** 011970 011980 011990 GOPRNT .BYTE \$4C,0,0 ; JMP XX 012000 PRINT'S TO MAKE TABLE1 012010 **B12B2B** 012030 0010 POS 8,8 012040 PRINT 0,"Trap & Re-Run Prog ram" ram" 012050 RT5 012060 00I1 PO5 8,8 ¤12070 PRINT 0,"Reset Normally 012080 RT5 012090 0012 PO5 8,8 012100 PRINT 0,"Cold Start 012110 RTS 012120 ; 012130 012140 0110 POS 10,8 012150 PRINT 0,"Disabled" 012160 012160 RT5 012170 0111 P05 10,8 PRINT 0,"Enabled " 012180 012190 RTS 012200 012210 0210 PO5 12,8 012220 PRINT 0,"0ff" 012230 RTS RIS 211 POS 12,8 PRINT 0,"ON " INC STRIP ; STRIP CHR OF POS 16,0 PRINT 0,"ENTER TITLE:00" PRINT 0,"ENTER TITLE:00" CHARTON 0,"E 012240 02I1 012250 ; STRIP CHR OFF 012260 012270 012280 012290 1+++++ LDA #19 012300 STA MAXLINE ; 19 CHR LIMIT JSR GETLINE ; GET TITLE 012310 A1232A POS 16,0 PRINT 0,""D"; ERASE PROMPT LDA INLINE; TITLE ENTERED? BNE TIS; BR IF SO DEC STRIP; NO TITLE 012330 B1234B 012350 012360 A1237A JMP NULL 012380 012390 ; TITLE LEN-1 ; SPACE CHR 012400 TI5 LDY #19 012410 LDA #32 012420 012430 TI4 STA TLINE,Y ; ERASE OLD TIT LE 012440 CPY #255 BNE TI4 012450 012460 012470 CENTER TITLE 012480 012490 ; LDX #10 ; MAX TITLE LEN/2 LDA INLINE ; TITLE LEN 012500 012510 012520 012530 TI1 DEX ; DIVIDE TITLE ; LEN BY 2 012540 SEC 5BC #2 012550 BC5 TI1

012570 ; CPX #11 BCC TI9 ; X>10 ? ; NO 012580 A1259A 012600 ; 012610 LDX #0 ; YES 012620 012630 TI9 LDY #0 ; MOVE TITLE 012640 TI3 LDA LBUFF,Y ; GET BYTE 012650 BEQ TI2 ; BR IF END 012660 STA TLINE,X ; SAVE BYTE 012670 INY 012680 INX 012090 JMP TI3 ; LOOP 012700 TI2 DEC STRIP ; STRIP CHR ON 012710 DTS 012710 DONE 012720 012720 ; 012730 0310 PO5 14,8 012740 PRINT 0," 012750 PO5 14,8 012750 PO5 14,8 012760 PNUM 0,MEMLO 11 012770 RTS 012780 012790 0311 POS 16,0 012800 PRINT 0,"NEW MEMLO VALUE IS : 11 STA MAXLINE ; 5 CHRS MAX 012810 012820 012830 ; JSR GETLINE ; GET NUMBER LDA INLINE ; CHECK LEN BEQ NULL ; NOTHING THERE 912849 012850 012860 ASCIINUM LBUFF, MEMLO ; ASCI 012870 I->FP 012880 NULL LDX OPTION ; NULL ITEM LDA #0 ; LOOP TO VALID STA RESET,X ; ITEM 012890 012900 012910 012920 JMP PITEM 012930 012940 TABLE1 .WORD 0010,0011,0012 012950 .WORD 0110,0111,NULL 012950 .WORD 0210,0211,NULL 012950 .WORD 0210,0211,NULL 012970 .WORD 0310,0311,NULL 012980 012990 013000 013010 OPT LDX OPTION ; GET OFFSET 013020 INC RESET,X ; NEXT ITEM 013030 LDA RESET,X INC TO FAR? BR. IF NOT LOOP TO FIRST CMP #3 013040 013050 BNE Z5 LDA #0 013060 013070 STA RESET,X ; ITEM. 013080 Z5 JSR PITEM ; PRINT NEW ITEM 013090 JMP STATCON ; CHECK CONSOL 013100 013110 FILES 013120 013130 FILE5 LDA #125 013140 JSR PUTBYTE 013150 013160 LDA #0 ; ZERO DRIVE BYTE STA DIR+1 013170 013180 ; 013190 ; GET A KEY 013200 GET 3 STA DIR+1 ; STORE AT D# CLOSE 1 OPEN 1,6,0,DIR BPL DD1 ; BR. IF SUCCESSF 013210 013220 013230 013240 III 013250 RTS ; ERROR, RETURN 013260 DI CLOSE 0 ; CLOSE EDITOR OPEN 0,12,0,"E"; GR. 0 LDA #0 ; CHANGE COLOR 013270 DD1 013280 013290 013300 STA 710 013310 DD3 GET 1 013320 BMI DD2 013330 PUT 0 013340 BPL DD3 ; GET A BYTE BR. ON ERROR PRINT BYTE LOOP 013350 013360 DD2 CLOSE 1 013370 PRINT 0,"♦♦Type any key.♦" 013380 GET 3 ; GET KEY 013390 RTS 013400 ; *= 736 ; BIN LOAD RUN 013410 . WORD RUN 013420 A

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The display list

You probably already know at this point that the display list is something that describes how the screen will be set up. For example, the display list for a graphics mode zero screen tells the computer that there are to be 24 graphics mode zero lines on the screen. In graphics mode one, it tells the computer that there are to be ten graphics mode one lines and four graphics mode zero lines (remember that graphics mode one is a split-screen mode). The unique thing about the display list, however, is that you can set it up any way you choose. That means you can design a custom screen that is a mix of whichever graphics modes you choose, and the ability to do this comes in very handy when you're trying to design a game with a special look.

Let's begin by taking a look at a sample display list, in this case for graphics mode 0:

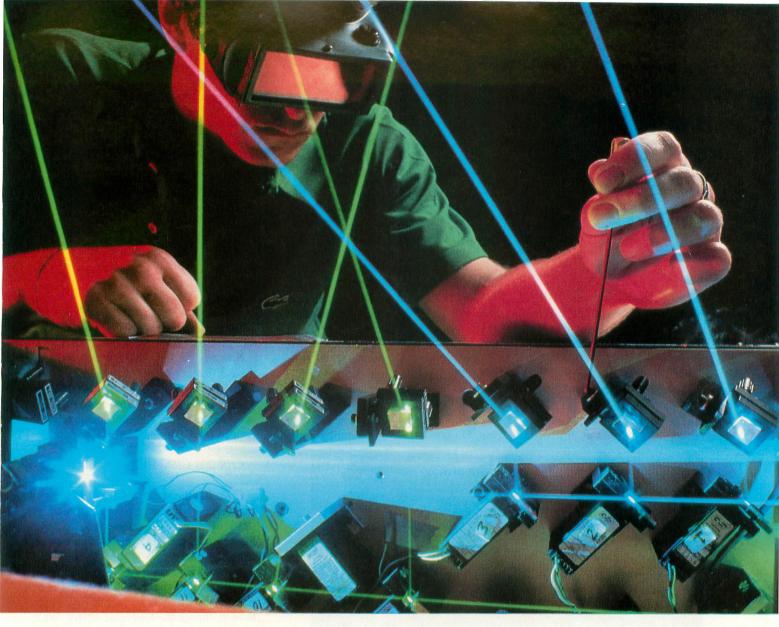
Display list for GRAPHICS 0 (small text)

	BLK 8 —leave eight scan
	lines blank
	BLK 8 —leave eight scan
-	lines blank
	BLK 8 — leave eight scan
	lines blank
	CHR 2 LMS — GRAPHICS 0 lines
	with screen memory
	address
	LMS LOW NUMBER
	LMS HIGH NUMBER
	CHR2
	23 instructions total
	=23 GRAPHICS 0 lines
1	CHR2
	JVB — go back to the beginning of the display list, wait until the end
	of VBLANK, and do it all over
	again!
	JVB LOW
	JVB HIGH

If this was the display list that the computer was using, then it would leave the first 24 scan lines blank (because they're not completely visible on the screen) and then put 24 graphics mode zero lines on the screen. Once it was done with that, it would run into the JVB command, which tells it to go back to the beginning of the display list and wait for the end of vertical blank. Why? You'll recall from our previous discussion on the television screen that the screen has to be redrawn every $\frac{1}{60}$ of a second, and that vertical blank is the time between screens. So by making the display list into a loop that gets executed after every vertical blank, we make sure that screen gets redrawn properly.

You probably noticed that I forgot to explain the LMS after the first CHR2 instruction. LMS stands for "Load Memory Scan," which is just a fancy way of saying "Here's where the screen memory is." In the last column we discussed the need for this feature, and you should make sure that you use an LMS whenever you want to change the address of screen memory. The first line on the screen must have an LMS.

FIGURE 1



If the next one doesn't, then the computer will just assume that the screen memory for that line comes right after the screen memory for the previous line. In the case of graphics mode 0, each line needs 40 bytes, so the screen memory for the second line will begin 40 bytes after the screen memory begins for the first line.

So, what are the steps to creating a display list? First of all, there are a few simple rules that must be followed. If you want to make sure that the whole screen is visible, the display list should begin with three BLK 8 instructions, like in Figure 1. In some cases, like when you're doing vertical scrolling, you may not need them. Assuming you use them, then the main part of the screen should use a total of 192 scan lines if you want to make sure that the bottom of the screen is completely visible. Again, there is no reason why you can't use more. If you use too many, however, the screen will jump. If this happens, just get rid of a few until it stops jumping. The final rule, before we get going, is that no matter what you do to the display list, no matter how badly it gets screwed up, no matter how bizarre the resulting screen looks, you cannot screw up the computer or your program. If something does go wrong, just press System Reset, and you'll go back to a graphics mode 0 screen with your program intact. With these basic rules in mind, let's now take a look at the display list's instruction set.

BLK n: This instruction is used to leave blank scan lines on the screen. We've already seen one possible use—to leave the top of the screen blank so that the rest will be visible. Blank scan lines are also useful when, for some reason, you're not using part of the screen. The more BLK instructions you use, the faster (just a little) your program will run. Unfortunately, there are very few times when you don't use the entire screen. Personally, I hardly ever use them except at the beginning of the screen.

JMP: This is a jump instruction, the equivalent of BASIC's GOTO. The only reason it's needed is because the display list is not allowed to cross a 1K boundary. What's a 1K boundary? It's a memory location that is a multiple of 1024. When the GRAPHICS instruction is used, the display list is automatically positioned so that it does not cross such a boundary. When you design your own display lists, however, you may run into this problem (apparently not very often, however, since I have yet to do it). If you do, then you should put a JMP instruction right before the boundary. It's a three-byte instruction (one for the instruction and two for the address to jump to), so it should begin at the boundary address minus three, and then should jump to the boundary address. If this sounds kind of silly, it's only because it is.

JVB: This is the other jump instruction that we ran across in our example display list above. It tells the computer to go back

to the beginning of the display list and wait until the end of vertical blank before drawing the screen again. Like the JMP instruction, it is also three bytes, with the second two specifying the address of the beginning of the display list. You'll see later exactly how to do this.

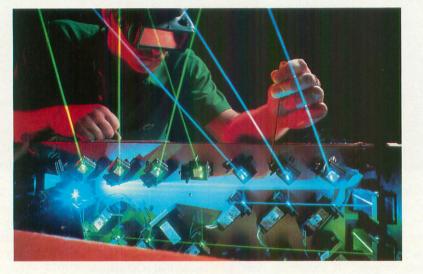
CHR: This specifies one of the character modes. For each character mode line on the screen you would use one of these instructions.

MAP n: This is the same as CHR, except it's used to specify a bit-mapped mode (PLOT and DRAWTO) instead of a character mode.

So much for the basic display-list instruction set. You may have noticed a few things that were missing, like the LMS instruction, for example. Well, the LMS is actually a modification, not an instruction. must be followed by a two-byte address.

DLI: This is used to specify a line with a display list interrupt at the end of it. We'll get into display list interrupts in next month's column.

You can add any or all of these modifications to the CHR and MAP instructions. but, for obvious reasons, the JMP, JVB and BLK instructions can only have the DLI modification. By this stage, you're probably wondering just how to get from CHR 6 LMS HSC, or whatever, to the number that will get POKEd into the display list. If you look at Figure 2 you will find a chart that gives the values for each of the possible instructions. To use the chart, first go down the left-hand side and find the row with the instruction you want to use. Then look at the top of the chart and find the column with the modifications you want to use. Go down the column until you get to



What this means is that the LMS, along with three other modifications, is added on to the above instructions. So you would have a CHR 2 LMS instruction, for example, or a CHR 6 LMS HSC instruction, which would be a graphics mode 1 line with LMS and horizontal fine scrolling. Here are the four modifications possible:

HSC: This is used to specify a horizontally fine-scrolling line.

VSC: This is used to specify a vertically fine-scrolling line.

LMS: We already know that this is used to specify the address of screen memory. An instruction with the LMS modification

the row you want, and you'll find the correct value. If charts bother you, then there is another way. Each instruction and each modification has its own value. If you take the values of the instruction and the modifications you want and add them all together, you'll get the correct value for the whole thing also. Here are the individual values:

BLK 1:	0
BLK 2:	16
BLK 3:	32
BLK 4:	48
BLK 5:	64
BLK 6:	80
BLK 7:	96
BLK 8:	112

JMP:	1
JVB:	65
CHR n:	n
MAP n:	n
HSC: VSC:	16 32
LMS:	64
DLI:	128

You can check for yourself that this method will give the same values as the chart.

Now the big question is, "What are all these different modes?" After all, we've already seen that CHR 2 is not graphics mode 2 but graphics mode 0. What about the other other modes? Here's an explanation of what each of the CHR and MAP modes are:

CHR 2 is GRAPHICS 0.

CHR 3 is the same as GRAPHICS 0 except the characters are ten scan lines high instead of eight. This allows you to have lowercase descenders, which means that the tails on "g," "j," "p," "q" and "y" can drop below the line, as they're supposed to. How do you use this mode? The first step is to redefine the character set. Actually, you only have to change the lowercase letters. What will happen is the computer will take the first two bytes of the character description and stick them on the end of the character. It will then make the first two scan lines of the character blank. For non-lowercase characters, it will leave the bytes in order and make the last two scan lines blank.

You should note that because each character is now ten scan lines high, you can only have 19 rows on the screen (192/10). Make sure of this when you change the display list.

CHR 4 lets you use multicolored characters. We mentioned this mode briefly in the column on character sets. CHR 4 characters are the same size as graphics mode 0 (CHR 2) characters. The difference, however, is in the size of the pixels that make up the characters. The pixels are the same height in both modes, but in CHR 4, they are twice as wide as in graphics mode 0. Why? In order to have four colors per pixel, there has to be two bits per pixel rather than one. This means that each character will be four pix-

PIXEL VALUE	COLOR REGISTER
00	COLOR4 (background)
01	COLOR0
10	COLOR1
11	COLOR2

Now, there is a way to add one more color to get all five colors on the screen at the same time. If you print a CHR 4 character in inverse video (i.e., the normal character value plus 128), then the pixels with a value of 11 binary will get their color from COLOR3 instead of COLOR2.

Finally, in case it isn't obvious, you should note that the procedure for designing a character set for this mode is exactly the same as that for graphics mode 0, with the exception, of course, that you will now be using two bits per pixel instead of one.

CHR 5 is the same as CHR 4 except the characters are twice as high (the same height as graphics mode two).

CHR 6 is GRAPHICS 1.
CHR 7 is GRAPHICS 2.
MAP 8 is GRAPHICS 3.
MAP 9 is GRAPHICS 4.
MAP 10 is GRAPHICS 5.

MAP 11 is GRAPHICS 6.

MAP 12 is the same as MAP 11 except the pixels are one scan line high instead of two.

MAP 13 is GRAPHICS 7.

MAP 14 is the same as MAP 13 except the pixels are one scan line high instead of two. This mode is sometimes called GRAPHICS 7.5 because it's halfway between GRAPHICS 7 and GRAPHICS 8. We'll be using it in our game, so you'll be able to see it in action.

MAP 15 is GRAPHICS 8.

Whew! Well, that's all the modes that the Atari makes available for you, with the exception of the GTIA modes or GRAPH-ICS 9, 10 and 11. We'll be covering those modes later in a special column just for them.

Okay, now we know almost everything that we need to know to actually design a display list, so let's add a few small details and then actually do some designing. First of all, you should know that locations 560 and 561 hold the address of the beginning of the display list. (PRINT PEEK(560) + PEEK(561)*256 will give you the decimal address.) Let's see, what else? Oh, screen memory is not allowed to cross a 4K boundary (a memory location that is a multiple of 4096). In the GRAPHICS modes, the only time this happens is in graphics modes 8 through 11, since in these modes screen memory takes up a total of 7680 bytes, well over 4096. In these modes, an extra LMS is added to the line where the offensive boundary is crossed. This is also what you should do if you need screen memory to cross a 4K boundary. Simply add LMS to the line that will cross the boundary and have it point to the first address after the boundary.

I realize that I have presented a lot of information so far without any concrete examples. This is mainly due to the fact that the display list is probably one of the most powerful graphics techniques that the Atari has to offer. Although it's true that you have to know machine language to push the display list to its limits (which is true with all the other techniques as well), there's more than enough that can be handled from BASIC. You've already seen the powers of fine scrolling in the last chapter, and we're now going to see how to go about mixing modes. Before we do, however, you may want to quickly go back to the last month's column and look again at the sections that involved the display list. Now that you have a better understanding of how the display list works, those sections may make a little more sense to you.

We're now ready to get our screen in the format that we decided on earlier in another column.

The first step is to get an initial display list and screen memory. There's no reason why we can't start off from scratch, but as long as there's a way for BASIC to help us out, we may as well take advantage of it by using the GRAPHICS command, since it automatically sets up a display list and screen memory that we can fool around with. The question is, which graphics mode do we use? In the past, most

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els wide and eight high. While this isn't much use for designing letters (unless you put two characters side by side), it's great for graphics. Regardless of what you end up using this mode for, here's how the computer interprets a character description byte in this mode:

BITS	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
USE	PIXI	EL 1	PIX	EL 2	PIX	EL 3	PIX	EL 4

FIGURE 3

is the same screen memory as GRAPHICS 7.5) and waste the extra memory, which is fine if you've got it to spare, or we can set up for GRAPHICS 6, which uses 1920 bytes for screen memory, much closer to our 1360. The choice is entirely up to you, but I would recommend wasting as little memory as possible, since the less memory your game requires, the more people that will be able to use it. So this will be the first part of our display list redefinition:

4000 GRAPHICS 22:POKE 55 9,0:POKE 756,CB+2

Remember, this is a change to the program that we've been developing throughout the previous columns. Our next step is to find the display list so we can go about changing it. We already did that in last month's column, but here's the line again, just to refresh your memory:

5010 DLIST=PEEK(560)+PEE K(561)*256

Now we're all set to go in and change the display list. Here are the program lines to do:

5020 POKE DLIST+3,86 5030 L=PEEK(DLIST+4)+44: POKE DLIST+5, PEEK (DLIST+ 5)+(L>255):POKE DLIST+4, L-256*(L>255) 5040 FOR X=6 TO 20:POKE DLIST+X,22:NEXT X:FOR X= 24 TO 50:POKE DLIST+X,14 :NEXT X 5050 MEM7=PEEK(88)+PEEK(89)*256+600 5060 POKE DLIST+21,78:PO KE DLIST+23, INT(MEM7/256):POKE DLIST+22, MEM7-INT (MEM7/256)*256 5070 POKE DLI5T+31,78:PO KE DLIST+33, INT((MEM7+32 0)/256):POKE DLIST+32, ME M7+320-PEEK(DLIST+33)*25 5080 POKE DLIST+41,78:PO KE DLIST+43,INT((MEM7+64 0)/256):POKE DLIST+42,ME M7+640-PEEK(DLIST+43)*25 5090 POKE DLIST+51,22:PO KE DLIST+52,22 5100 POKE DLIST+53,22 5110 POKE DLIST+54,6:POK E DLIST+55,70:POKE DLIST +56, PEEK(88): POKE DLIST+ 57, PEEK(89) 5120 POKE DLIST+58,65:PO KE DLIST+59,PEEK(560):PO KE DLIST+60,PEEK(561)

And here is the line-by-line explanation:

5020: This makes the first line a CHR 6 HSC LMS. Remember that the first 24 scan lines are left blank, which requires three BLK 8 instructions. That's why the first CHR 6 line is at DLIST+3 not DLIST.

5030: This is from a previous column, where we decided that we were going to skip over the first 44 bytes of screen memory, using them later to hold the score. If you don't remember why we did this, go back and double-check. In any case, this line sets up the LMS address for the first line on the screen.

5040: Here we set up 15 more CHR 6 HSC lines and 27 MAP 14 lines. Wait a minute, though. Don't we only want 24 MAP 14 lines? And what happened to DLIST+21 through DLIST+23? The reason that things look a little funny at this point is because we want to set up the MAP 14 area in three sections. Remember that the invaders will eventually move far enough down the screen so that they run into the barriers, which are in the MAP 14 section. When they do this, we want to switch the part of the barriers that they run into to a CHR 6 line. We can do that quite simply, but we have to be careful about screen memory, since one CHR 6 line (20 bytes of screen memory) will be replacing eight MAP 14 lines (320 bytes of screen memory). To avoid a problem, we'll put an LMS at the beginning of each group of eight MAP 14 lines (three groups altogether). You'll see this being done in the next few program lines, and you will then understand why we did things in a funny way here.

5050: To make sure that the invaders' screen memory is completely separate from the barriers' screen memory, we'll start the barriers' screen memory 600 bytes past the beginning of the invaders' screen memory. Why 600? Why not! Actually, it could have been anything greater than 444 (20 CHR 6 lines times 20 bytes apiece, plus the initial 44 bytes we skipped over). I just chose 600 to make sure there would be no conflicts.

5060: Now we put the first MAP 14 LMS into the display list. Notice that it fills in the gap we were worrying about earlier.

5070-5080: Here are the other two MAP 24 LMSes. These two go in the middle of the 27 MAP 14s we put in before. The two LMS addresses replace four of the MAP 14s, leaving 23 intact. Add these to the one we set up in Line 5060, and that gives us the 24 that we wanted initially.

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people pick the mode that has the biggest screen memory out of the ones they want to mix. That way, they make sure that there will be enough screen memory for the custom screen. It also means that some of the display list won't need to be changed. This method is fine, but it tends to waste memory. For example, in the screen that we're designing, GRAPHICS 7.5 uses the most screen memory at 7680 bytes. But we're not using that many GRAPHICS 7.5 lines.

We must figure out the total amount of memory that we need for screen memory. We see that it only comes out to 1360 bytes (16*20 + 24*40 + 3*20 + 1*20), a far cry from 7680. That gives us two options. We can either set up for GRAPHICS 8, which 70

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5090-5100: Here we add the last three CHR 6 HSCs. Did you notice that we didn't use an LMS here? That means that screen memory for these three lines will come right after screen memory for the barriers. Is that what we want? No, but the invaders won't appear in these lines until after the MAP 14s have been replaced with CHR 6 HSCs, like I mentioned earlier. Once this happens, the three CHR 6 HSCs here will be attached to the invader screen memory, as they should be.

5110: We're not done yet. Here we put in the CHR 6 and the CHR 6 LMS for the score line (remember that the address for this LMS is the beginning of the original screen memory). 5120: Now we finish the display list with a JVB back to the beginning. Note that unless you're doing fancy stuff with alternating display lists, this is the way to end any display list.

Okay, now our custom display list is in place and ready to go. Unfortunately, we now run into a few problems. First of all, the computer thinks we're in graphics mode 6. This is no problem at the moment, but it will be later when we try to PRINT the score, and when we try and PLOT and DRAWTO in graphics mode 7.5. (There's no problem with the invaders, since we're moving them directly into screen memory.) How do we tell the computer which graphics mode we want to use? Luckily for us, location 87 exists just to tell the computer what graphics mode is being used. All we have to do is POKE location 87 with the graphics mode we want to use (for graphics mode 7.5, we POKE 87,7 since GRAPHICS 7 is the closest thing to it from BASIC). So much for this "problem."

Our next problem is with screen memory. For example, let's suppose that we hadn't shifted screen memory around and that the score line was at the end of screen memory. What if we wanted to PRINT the score? We could try POSITION 0,23: PRINT #6; "SCORE." Would this work? No, because the computer will print the score 460 (23*20) bytes into screen memory, which would be somewhere in our graphics mode 7.5 area. Because the computer only expects there to be 480 bytes of screen memory in graphics mode one, it will not let you get at the score line. So how do we get around this problem? Locations 88 and 89 point to where the computer thinks screen memory is (there is actually a separate chip called ANTIC that interprets the display list and draws the screen. That's why the computer needs locations 87, 88 and 89). So to print the score, we would change locations 88 and 89 to point to the beginning of the screen memory that the score line uses. Then we can POSITION 0.0 and PRINT #6; "SCORE." Add these lines to our program to see what I mean:

> 5180 MEM1=PEEK(DLIST+4)+ PEEK(DLIST+5)*256:5CRL=P EEK(DLIST+56):5CRH=PEEK(DLIST+57) 5190 POKE 87,1:POKE 88,5 CRL:POKE 89,5CRH:POSITIO N 0,0:? #6;" 5CORE:

You'll see another example of this next when we draw the barriers.

Display list interrupts

I know, I know, this section was supposed to be about drawing the barriers. So I lied. But I did mention display list interrupts (DLIs) in the last section, and I promised to explain them; so this will be a relatively quick and painless explanation.

Everybody says that the DLI is the most powerful feature of Atari computers. I don't know about "most," but it certainly is powerful. DLIs let you change the screen colors partway down the screen or have more than one character set on the screen at the same time. They let you scroll part of the screen in one direction and the other part in another direction. They let you reposition players partway down the screen, so that one player appears to be two, three and more. Anything else they can do is up to your creativity and imagination.

You already know that a DLI is a modification to a display list instruction. You'll also recall that ANTIC is the chip that is responsible for drawing the screen. Anyway, when ANTIC gets to a display list instruction with a DLI, it first draws that line and then interrupts the 6502 or main chip. The 6502 executes the DLI routine and then goes back to whatever it was doing before the interruption. And that's all there is to a DLI.

Unfortunately, since the DLI has to do whatever it does in an extremely short amount of time, a DLI routine has to be written in machine language. Luckily though, it's usually very simple machine language. For example, here's a DLI routine to change the color of the screen:

PHA LSA #212 STA WSYNC STA COLBK PLA RTI	
---	--

What this does is save the accumulator value, load the new color value into the accumulator, and then store it into WSYNC at location 54282. When any value is stored into WSYNC, the 6502 refrains from doing anything until the next HBLANK (the time between scan lines). Anyway, then the color value gets stored into the background color register at location 53274, the ac-

cumulator is restored to its original value, and we return from the interrupt.

"But," you may be wondering, "isn't the background color register at location 712?" Actually, only sort of. Location 712 is something called a shadow register, which more or less acts like a messenger to the real color register at location 53274. Does this sound complicated? It is a little. You see, during VBLANK, the value in location 712 is transferred to location 53274. Why? Take another look at the above DLI routine. We'll see it in action a little later on, but for now take my word that it will change the background color, so that part of the screen is one color and the other part is another. Think about this. The DLI changes the color partway down the screen, but how does it know to change it back at the beginning of the next screen? It knows from the shadow register. If it wasn't for the shadow register, you would have to have a DLI at the top of the screen as well. In any case, just remember to change the hardware registers in a DLI, not the shadow registers.

How does the computer know where the DLI routine is? Locations 512 and 513 hold the address of the DLI routine. So to get a DLI going, you would change the display list, store the routine somewhere safe in memory (somewhere that doesn't shift around, which means you can't store it in a string like other routines), set locations 512 and 513, and then

POKE 54286, 192 to turn the DLI on (POKE 54286, 64 will turn it off again). That's all there is to it. Actually, this would be a good time to add our sample routine above to our invaders program and prove to you that it isn't that difficult; so why don't you try adding the following lines to our program:

3100 FOR BYTE=0 TO 10 AD DAT:POKE 1536+BYTE	RE
T:NEXT BYTE 3110 DATA 72,169,212,	141
,10,212,141,26,208,10 4 5100 POKE DLIST+53,15	
OKE 512,0:POKE 513,6: E 54286,192	POK

Here's an explanation of what you just did:

3100: This just reads in the data for the routine and stores it in page 6, where it will be safe.

3110: Here's the data. We'll be taking a closer look at this in a minute, showing you how you can change it for your own use.

5100: This adds a DLI modification to the display list, sets up the DLI routine address, and turns on the DLI.

That wasn't too tough now, was it? But, of

IISC IISC HSC IISC HSC HSC IISC IISC VSC VSC VSC VSC VSC VSC VSC VSC LHS LHS LHS LHS LHS LHS LHS LHS DLI DLI DLI DLI DLI DLI DLI DLI BLK BLK BLK BLK BLK BLK BIK BLK JHF JVB CHR CHR CHR CHR CHR CHR HAP MAP HAP HAP HAP HAP MAP HAP

FIGURE 2

course, all it does is change the color. What if we wanted more than one DLI? Can we do that? Well, yes, but it starts to get a little more complicated. The problem with having more than one DLI is that we have to update locations 512 and 513 each time we change routines. For example, the first routine would have to update the locations to point to the second routine, the second to point to the third, and so on up to the last routine, which would have to update the locations to point back to the first routine.

Not too difficult, right? (Assuming you know some machine language.) Right, but this limits what you can do during the DLIs since there is not much time available. Actually you really can't do much more than change a few locations before you run out of time. If you decide to get adventurous and design your own DLIs, and if you try to do a lot of stuff during them, and if the screen looks kind of funny once they're working, then you have probably used up too much time. In other words, don't expect a DLI to do too much. Oh, and DLIs are best suited for making changes to the screen. Save everything else for your regular program.

Okay, we've now gotten all of the annoying little details out of the way; so let's take a quick look at how you would make changes to the DLI routine I've given you, assuming you want it to do something different. First of all, here's how the numbers in the Line 3110 correspond to the assembly language:

		72	PHA	
	169	212	LDA	#212
141	10	212	STA	WSYNC
141	26	208	STA	COLBK
		104	PLA	
		64	RTI	

What good does this do you? Well, if you wanted to change to a different color, you could just change the first 212 in Line 3110 to something else. Try it. Also, suppose you wanted to change character sets instead of colors. You would change the first 212 to the page address of the second character set, and then you would change COLBK (26, 208) to CHBASE (9, 212). As you can see, this simple DLI routine can be changed by you in a number of ways to get the specific result you want; so don't be afraid to play. I should warn you, however, to save the program before trying a new DLI. If you did something wrong by mistake, there is a chance that you lock up the machine. If you do, and System Reset

doesn't help, just turn the computer off and back on again, and load back the program so you can figure out what went wrong.

Bit-mapping (Part 1)

This is probably going to be one of the easiest sections in this column, because bitmapping is a relatively simple technique at least it is when you're using it for stationary objects, as we are with the barriers. You'll recall that bit-mapping can also be used for simple animation, in which case things can get a little more complicated and also extremely slow. For BASIC games, you're better off only using bitmapping for non-animated objects.

The first step for bit-mapping is the same as that for character sets and for player/missile graphics, deciding what the object is going to look like. Figure 2 is our barrier shape.

Drawing the barriers

The next question is: How do we draw this quickly and easily? Actually, it should be how do we draw these, since there are supposed to be four barriers, not just one. Well, let's look at the methods available to us. We could PLOT each of the points in the barriers, but that would obviously take too long in this case. We could use PLOT and DRAWTO and draw them line by line. This is better, but let's see what else there is. We could use PLOT, DRAWTO and X10 18 (FILL). This is faster still, but doesn't look quite as neat. Finally, we could store the data for the barriers in a string and then use MOVMEM to transfer this data directly into screen memory. This is by far the quickest method, but we're talking here about 40*24=960 bytes of screen memory, and therefore 960 bytes of string space. Keeping memory requirements down is important, so we'll stay away from this method. What's our final decision then? Well, it comes down to PLOT and DRAW-TO or PLOT and DRAWTO with FILL. I'd like to try for a technique that gives the effect of building the barriers, so, as I explained earlier, I personally want to use the visual effect that PLOT and DRAWTO give. There's no reason, however, why FILL could not be added if that's your own personal preference.

Our next step is to figure out the easiest way to use our chosen technique. We're obviously going to want to use some DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing FOR/NEXT loops, since there is a lot of repetition in the barrier shape (and there are also four identical barriers). Let's break the barrier up into groups of horizontal rectangles, since a PLOT and DRAWTO FOR/NEXT loop is good for drawing rectangles. Figure 3 shows our barrier shape broken up this way.

Now we have what we need to start programming. What we'll do is set up three nested FOR/NEXT loops. The outside loop will count off the ten rectangles, the next will count off the horizontal lines in each rectangle, and the inside loop will count off the four barriers. We'll store the vital information about each rectangle in a DATA statement so that the loops can get to it easily.

If I told you right now to try and write the loops I described by yourself, how could you do it? Would you jump right in and start work on the first loop? If you would, then you forgot all about what we discussed at the end of the previous section. (Don't feel too badly, I'm writing this paragraph because I forgot also!) Now do you remember? Because we're using a custom display list, we have to tell the computer where our screen memory is and what mode we're using. The following line will do that for us:

5210 POKE 87,7:POKE 89,I NT(MEM7/256):POKE 88,MEM 7-PEEK(89)*256:COLOR 3

Remember that location 87 tells the computer the BASIC mode number, and locations 88 and 89 tell it the location of screen memory. If you're using a graphics mode that doesn't have a BASIC equivalent (as we are here), then choose the BASIC mode that is closest to it.

Okay, with that out of the way, we can now go ahead and write our loops. Here are the lines to add to our program:

> 5210 POKE 87,7:POKE 89,I NT(MEM7/256):POKE 88,MEM 7-PEEK(89)*256:COLOR 3 5230 RESTORE 5260 5240 FOR X=1 TO 10:READ N,X5,Y,XE:FOR T=N-1 TO 0 5TEP -1:FOR Z=0 TO 3:PL OT Z*40+9+X5,Y+T:DRAWTO Z*40+9+XE,Y+T 5250 NEXT Z:NEXT T:NEXT

5260 DATA 4,16,20,20,4,	L
,20,5,2,15,18,20,2,1,18	
6,2,14,16,20,2,1,16,7,10 ,1,6,20,2,2,4,19,2,3,2,	
8,2,4,0,17	-

And, of course, the explanation:

5230: Any time you have a program with more than one set of DATA statements, it's a good idea to RESTORE the first line of the DATA you want to use. Why? When BASIC encounters a READ statement, it will look for the DATA that comes after whatever it read last. It will not look for the DATA closest to the READ statement. So, since you'll be reading data out of order often, the RESTORE becomes a necessity.

5420-5250: This is our loop. X keeps track of which rectangle we're drawing. N is the number of lines in the current rectangle, XS is the starting X position for the rectangle, Y is the starting Y position, and XE is the ending X position. T keeps track of which line we're drawing within the current rectangle, and Z keeps track of which barrier we're working on. Keeping all this in mind, you should be able to figue out what's going on here.

5260: This is the data for the rectangles. There are four numbers for each rectangle (N, XS, Y and XE), the meanings for which were discussed above.

Well, that's about it. (I told you this was easy.) Incidentally, just in case you decide that you prefer to use FILL, here's a brief introduction to using X10 18:

1. PLOT a point at the lower left-hand corner of your object.

2. DRAWTO the upper right-hand corner.

3. DRAWTO the upper left-hand corner. 4. POSITION the cursor at the lower right-hand corner.

5. POKE location 765 with the number of the color register you want to FILL with. (This number is the same as that you would use with the color command.)

6. Now do X10 18,#6,0,0,"S:".

There is one problem with FILL; the area that you're FILLing has to be empty. If there are any points already turned on within the area, FILL won't work correctly.

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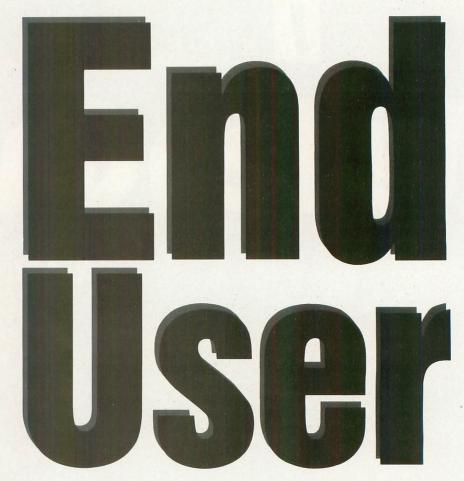
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The fall COMDEX in Las Vegas will have just concluded and as of now, big things are promised there. The future of Atari in the U.S. is being formed right now.

by Arthur Leyenberger

n the June 1988 "End User," I discussed my experiences using a Zenith Z-181 laptop computer on the road, and later back home to transmit files to an 8-bit Atari or ST. You may recall that I liked the machine; in fact it was (and still is) one of the best laptop computers currently available. You may also recall that I ultimately found the "11-pound Zenith Z-181" to be too heavy for comfortable computing on the go.

I then proceeded to wax poetic about what I consider to be one of the best kept secrets in computerdom: the Tandy Radio Shack Model 102 laptop computer. If you want to primarily do some writing while on the move, the Radio Shack Model 102 has become the standard to which other laptop computers are compared. It is used by hundreds, maybe thousands, of journalists, students and all types of people for portable applications such as writing and telecommunicating.

Chief among its strengths are its minimal weight (only three pounds), ease of use and moderate cost (about \$600 for a maxed-out 32K-byte memory machine and separate portable disk drive). However, despite the relative ease with which the Model 102 allows you to become productive while traveling, you do have to make some sacrifices. The most significant drawback to the Model 102 is its 40-character by eight-line LCD screen.

Doing serious work on a computer with a small screen, often in a dimly lit room, is a real eyestrain. The eight lines of text aren't really enough to see previous material while you are composing and writing new work. Further, using a spreadsheet program designed for the Model 102 is an exercise in frustration for the same reason: The screen is not the standard 80 characters by 20 lines that most computers now use. (Even the 8-bit Atari has had 80-column cards, emulators and software for many years.)

My point in mentioning laptop computing in conjunction with using your ST or 8-bit Atari is to tell you about a new computer that has stolen first place in the laptop sweepstakes, as far as I am concerned. It's the Toshiba T-1000 MS-DOS laptop computer. It has one built-in, 720K, 3¹/₂-inch floppy-disk drive, 512K of RAM (Random Access Memory) and is a true PC-compatible computer. Best of all, it weighs in at only 6½ pounds, not much more than my Model 102 and separate disk-drive system.

The T-1000 has MS-DOS in ROM (Read Only Memory), so that MS-DOS does not take up any valuable space in RAM. It has a fold-down, supertwist LCD screen that shows 80 columns by 20 lines. You can also add a 768K memory card that can be configured for expanded RAM, a RAMdisk and a number of other ways.

The thing that makes this computer so exciting is the ease with which you can transfer files to the Atari ST. The 3¹/₂-inch disks that the T-1000 uses are identical to those the ST uses. It gets even better, though. As you may know, the ST can read MS-DOS disks directly. For example, many users have an external 5¹/₄-inch disk drive connected to their ST with which they can read MS-DOS files. A number of programs such as *WordPerfect*, *VIP Professional* (a Lotus 1-2-3 clone) and *Easy Draw* (.GEM files) that run on the ST can use files created by similar MS-DOS programs on a PC.

To transfer files from the Toshiba T-1000 to the ST, all you do is insert the MS-DOS floppy disk in the ST drive. Using the GEM Desktop, you can easily copy any file from it to an ST disk. Just remember, any file can be copied, but MS-DOS programs will not run on the ST (unless you are using an emulator program such as *pc-ditto*, but that's a topic for another column). If you want to transfer files from the Toshiba to an 8-bit Atari, you'll need a terminal program running on both computers and have to use a transfer protocol such as Xmodem. (See the June 1988 "End User" column for detailed instructions for uploading and downloading files to and from Atari and laptop computers.)

The street price of the stock Toshiba T-1000 is about \$700. As an MS-DOS computer with one built-in drive, 512K of RAM, five hours of use per battery charge and the MS-DOS operating system contained in ROM, the T-1000 is an excellent machine. In fact, \$700 is not much more than the cost of a Radio Shack Model 102 with full memory and a separate disk drive.

I have been using a T-1000 for about a month now and highly recommend it.

Second-class users

One of the continuing issues that Atari users have to wrestle with is the lack of responsiveness and support we get from Atari. I won't complain again about the "game image," but related to that problem is the lack of emphasis that Atari seems to be placing on the United States market. DECEMBER A.N.A.L.O.G. Computing There has not been any major advertising for the STs since 1986. Things have gotten so bad that Atari could probably now advertise a stealth computer (the ST) without worrying about false advertising.

Equally important to the success of the ST as advertising is the availability of new products. Developers see no advertising for the ST so they figure the market is stagnant or nonexistent. Atari attempted to court developers in the early days of the ST by selling them \$5,000 ST systems while Apple was *giving* Macs to their developers. Further, the few developers left must continue to deal with the poor support, documentation and programming tools supplied by Atari.

There are plenty of other confusing and inconsistent actions on the part of Atari that continue to irritate existing as well as potential ST owners. I have mentioned before, for example, the lack of upgradability of the ST computer. Despite Atari's claim since the very introduction of the product that they would support the ST and its user, one still has to buy from thirdparty developers memory upgrades that void your warranty. Atari's alternative for a memory upgrade is to buy a new machine.

Whatever happened to the blitter chip that was supposed to improve the graphics on the ST tenfold? It first was going to be an upgrade to existing 520 and 1040 STs, then it wasn't. Now it appears that the blitter is not anywhere near as good as it was originally touted as and for most people the attitude is "Who cares?"

Problems exist too. It has taken a long time for a new version of TOS in ROM to appear. Atari claims it has been working on it and that we should see the new TOS ROMs this fall. Have you seen them?

A variety of other things continue to plague the Atari market as well. When a new product like the 520STFM with an internal double-sided drive is introduced, some stores get the product before others. In fact, some dealers claim that Atari's own Federated Electronic Stores get the new version of the product first, while the existing supply of the old version gets distributed to everyone else.

Apparently, Canada also gets first chance at some new Atari products. The PCF-554 5¼-inch disk drive originally designed for the PC1 (Atari's PC clone) works with Megas and STs and has been available in Canada since late August. If you live up north, you have also had available a math coprocessor board for the Mega, CD-ROM developer kits and the Atari PC Clone for several months.

I recently asked Neil Harris of Atari Corp. about some of these problems. He agreed that communications was a big issue and has hired someone to produce a series of dealer and developer newsletters. In addition, a user group and a MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) newsletter are also being published.

Neil also said that Atari has hired a new public relations agency to get the word about Atari ST computers and products to the press. I agree that a PR campaign to industry insiders is equally as important, if not more so, than a consumer advertising campaign. It seems to me that having a consumer ad campaign alone is trying to do the job in a vacuum. People need to see Atari products mentioned in other than Atari-specific magazines.

Editorial coverage can certainly supplement good advertising. Sam Tramiel, president of Atari Corp., has previously promised "a major ad campaign in the fourth quarter of 1988."

Neil also told me that a dealer council has been established, consisting of 14 of the best dealers nationwide. They meet regularly with top Atari officials to air their views and hear about forthcoming products and programs. In addition, Atari is continuing to put special promotions together to help dealers move products.

(Ed: As this issue was going to print, Neil Harris announced that he was leaving Atari after four years with them. He is taking a position in the Marketing Department of the GEnie telecommunications service.)

It seems clear that Atari is attempting to address some of their problems. However, many Atari users have the perception that the top brass of Atari are either unaware of the issues that affect the user or just don't care. It is only by actions that we can judge how Atari Corp. feels.

By the time you read this, we should know the answer. The promised ad campaign should have happened and hopefully been a success. There should be more dealers, not to mention happier dealers thanks to Atari's efforts. The fall COMDEX in Las Vegas will have just concluded and, as of now, big things are promised there. The future of Atari in the U.S. is being formed right now.

Those that would accuse me of "Atari bashing" have not been paying attention. Most ST users would like to hear some good news for a change. It is really up to Atari, and has been since the Tramiels took over. We who are deeply involved with the Atari community all want the same thing: for Atari to be successful. Isn't that obvious?

Atari has hired a new public relations agency to get the word about Atari ST computers and products to the press.

Déjà vu all over again

David vs. Goliath. You know how the story goes: big multimegabuck company vs. the small start-up company. For the last couple of years, Apple Computer has played the role of Goliath without a corresponding David.

You may recall how Apple threatened a lawsuit against Digital Research Inc., makers of the GEM Desktop and GEM application programs. As a result, DRI was forced to redo the "visual look" of the GEM Desktop for the PC. Consequently there were no more disk or trash-can icons, no more resizable windows (up to four) and no more ease of use.

The "new" GEM Desktop consists of two fixed windows covering the entire screen, with all functions having to be chosen from the drop-down menus. (For you PC GEM users, here's a tip: The GEM Desktop is nothing more than another application program. So, by installing the latest version of GEM 3.0, and then copying certain files from the v1.0 Desktop [DESKHI.ICN, DESKLO.ICN, DESK-TOP.APP, DESKTOP.RSC AND DESK-TOP.INF], you can have the functionality of the original Desktop with the latest version of GEM.)

More recently, Apple filed a major lawsuit against Microsoft, the largest supplier of software for the Macintosh. The suit claims that Microsoft Windows for the PC infringed on Apple's copyrighted Macintosh user interface. There is a subplot going on concerning a 1985 contract between Apple and Microsoft. In this previously confidential agreement, Microsoft acknowledges that the visual displays of Windows 1.0 and five other Macintosh programs are "derivative" of the Macintosh. In return, Apple granted Microsoft "... license to use these derivative works in present and future software programs....

The case between Apple and Microsoft may turn out to be nothing more than a contract case. However, Apple alleges that it is a copyright case. If true, we could finally get to the root of the Macintosh visual-interface controversy in court. That is, that Apple created the Macintosh interface based in some part on the work at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) and from the Stanford Research Institute.

Here's where David comes in. Apple also sued Hewlett-Packard for copyright infringement of the Macintosh interface. They claimed HP's MS-Windows-based New Wave applications environment infringed on Apple's graphical user-interface copyrights (called "audiovisual works" in the suit). I have not seen HP's New Wave but I have heard it outdoes the Macintosh in its power and ease of use.

I never thought I would describe Hewlett-Packard as a David to Apple's Goliath but the title fits since HP is countersuing Apple, alleging unfair business practices and antitrust violations. Specifically, HP charged that "Apple's copyrights are invalid because the concepts that the audiovisual works are based on are derivative of work done by Xerox Corp.; are, if protectable, under the domain of patent law not copyright law; were misrepresented by Apple before the U.S. Copyright Office and the public; and have been used as instruments of monopolization."

Ain't that a mouthful?

Who knows when the litigation will actually appear before the court. But I hope it does come to court so that the issue of graphical user-interfaces can be settled, hopefully once and for all. Neither Apple or any other company should singlehandedly prevent the state of the userinterface art from improving. As a computer user, I have every right to expect that free competition will take place in the market, and that the result will be an improved product.

The GEM Desktop, for instance, is not perfect but it sure is a step in the right direction for an easy-to-use computer interface. When Apple forced DRI to change the Desktop, the result was inferior. That is certainly not progress and represents a sham on Apple's part.

As a holiday wish, let me hope that Apple and Hewlett-Packard have their day in court and that HP wins. And, as a result, companies will again be permitted to create and design the best software they can without fear of reprisal from a company like Apple Computers. I'm raising my glass to you, David, hoping you overpower Goliath for the users.

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