1120 REM REPLAY DATA 1130 FOR I=1TOC 1140 ?DATREG=DR(I,1) 1150 TIME=0 1160 REPEAT UNTIL TIME>=DR(1.2) 1170 NEXT I 1180 END 1190 1200 DEF PROCtest keyboard 1210 IFAS="" " THEN ?DATREG=0 1220 IF INKEY(-36) = -1 THEN ?DATREG=5 1230 IF INKEY(-101) = -1 THEN ?DATREG=10 1240 IF INKEY(-68) = -1 THEN ?DATREG=6 1250 IF INKEY(-85) = -1 THEN ?DATREG=9 1260 PT=?DATREG 1270 IF PT<>DR(C-1,1) THEN PROCadd_data 1280 ENDPROC 1290 1300 DEF PROCadd_data 1310 DR(C-1,2)=TIME: REM STORE LAST TIME 1320 TIME=0: REM START NEW TIME 1330 DR(C,1)=PT: REM STORE PORT STATUS 1340 C=C+1: REM INCREMENT COUNT 1350 ENDPROC

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10 REM CBM 64 MOVEMENT MEMORY 15 DIMDR(100,2): REM DIRECTION ARRAY 20 DDR=56579:DATREG=56577 25 POKE650,128 : REM SET KEY REPEAT MODE 30 POKEDDR,255: REM ALL OUTPUT 35 C=1: REM INITIALISE COUNT 40 GETAS 50 GOSUB1000: REM TEST INPUT 70 IF A\$<>"X" THEN FOR I=1T0200:NEXT:GOT040 80 POKE DATREG,0: REM OFF 85 DR(C-1,2)=TI-T: REM ENTER LAST TIME 90 STOP: REM TYPE 'CONT' TO CONTINUE 95 REM REPLAY DATA 100 FOR I=1TOC 110 POKEDATREG, DR(I,1) 120 T=TI 130 IF (TI-T)CDR(1,2)THEN130 140 NEXT 150 END 999 1000 REM TEST INPUT S/R 1005 IFAS=" "THEN POKEDATREG,0 1010 IFAS="T" THEN POKEDATREG,5 1020 IFAS="B" THEN POKEDATREG,10 1030 IFAS="'F" THEN POKEDATREG,6 1040 IFAS="H" THEN POKEDATREG,9 1045 PT=PEEK(DATREG) 1050 IFPT<>DR(C-1,1)THENGOSUB1500 1498 RETURN 1499 1500 REM ADD DATA TO ARRAY 1510 DR(C-1,2)=TI-T: REM ADD LAST TIME 1520 T=TI: REM TAKE NEW TIME 1530 DR(C,1)=PT: REM ENTER CURRENT PORT CONTENTS 1540 C=C+1: REM INCREMENT COUNT 1999 RETURN

This program allows the user to move the vehicle about under keyboard control. As each move is recorded as a direction and a time interval, any errors introduced in the timing of each movement will produce errors in the replay. We are entering into the difficult area of real-time computing, where program structure and execution time can become important factors.

In the next instalment of Workshop we shall take control one stage further by bringing our twin motor vehicle under the control of a joystick.



Now that we can control a vehicle's movement in all directions, many possibilities arise for short programming exercises. You can probably think of many but here are a few ideas:

1) Try to calibrate your vehicle. How long does the relevant number have to be in the data register to make the vehicle move one metre forwards or backwards, or turn through 90 degrees?

2) Design an obstacle course for your vehicle and, using the programs given as a basis, write a program that allows you to 'teach' the vehicle to negotiate the course under keyboard control. Once you have guided the vehicle through its course, the program should take over, guiding the vehicle back to its starting point and retracing the course.

3) Connect up four switches to the buffer box that allow you to control the vehicle externally from the user port.

Memory Movements

It is reasonably simple to write a buggy-controlling program that accepts directions from the keyboard and drives the car accordingly. It is not much more difficult to extend the program so that it stores the operator's commands, and then replays them to the buggy, thus reproducing - in theory - the previous pattern of movement. Comparing the original with the supposed duplicate gives a measure of the software problems caused by dealing with the real world: the computer works in exact numbers and times on a simplistic model of a perfect universe, not allowing for inertia, frictional losses, irregular surfaces and lowtolerance engineering. In the light of this experience, the performance of LOGO-driven floor turtles is impressive