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To find out the latest software and the best to buy for your computer read this month's special software review extra.

In preparation for the Christmas season when many of you will be buying presents not only for your friends but also for your own purposes, we have put together eight pages of software reviews for you to get a thorough look at what's available on the market. We've tried, as far as possible, to include software for as many machines as is feasible but if your own is not catered for this month look out for it in the December issue of *Personal Computing Today*.

Another special report is devoted to the newly released Sinclair Research **Microdrives**. These are the long awaited 3" disc drive units that Sinclair announced at the time of the Spectrum's launch. You'll find a comprehensive review of this new disc system in our **Add-on Action** feature. If you've got a Spectrum you must turn to those pages.



Programs to key in run on the **CBM 64, Oric, Atari, Spectrum** and **VIC-20** to name but a few. Don't forget, if you don't own any of those machines you can too use the programs by adapting them to run on your own computer with the help of our Hints on Conversion section.

And don't forget that we are always on the lookout for new, good programs to publish. We are willing to look at programs for the top selling micros (VIC, Oric, Atari, Spectrum, CBM64), whether the programs are games, useful routines, programming techniques, educational programs or utilities. But please remember to send us a tape of your program so that we can test it quickly, along with all the relevant documentation you can provide, and a clearly printed program listing dumped from a printer. So get your fingers to the keyboard and put your programs in the post.

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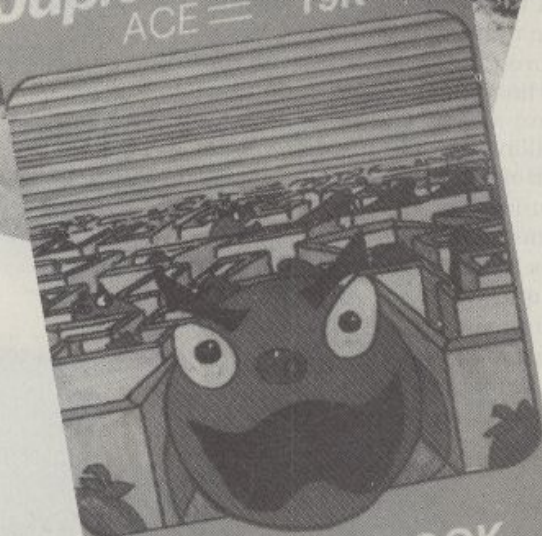
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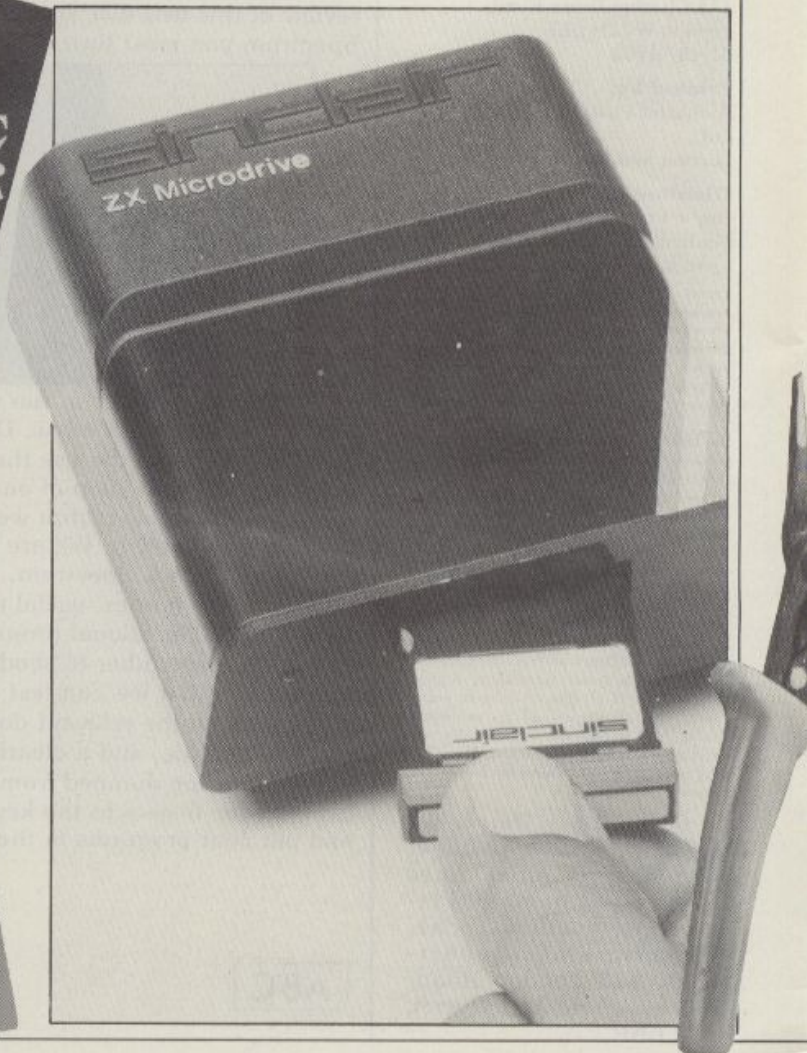
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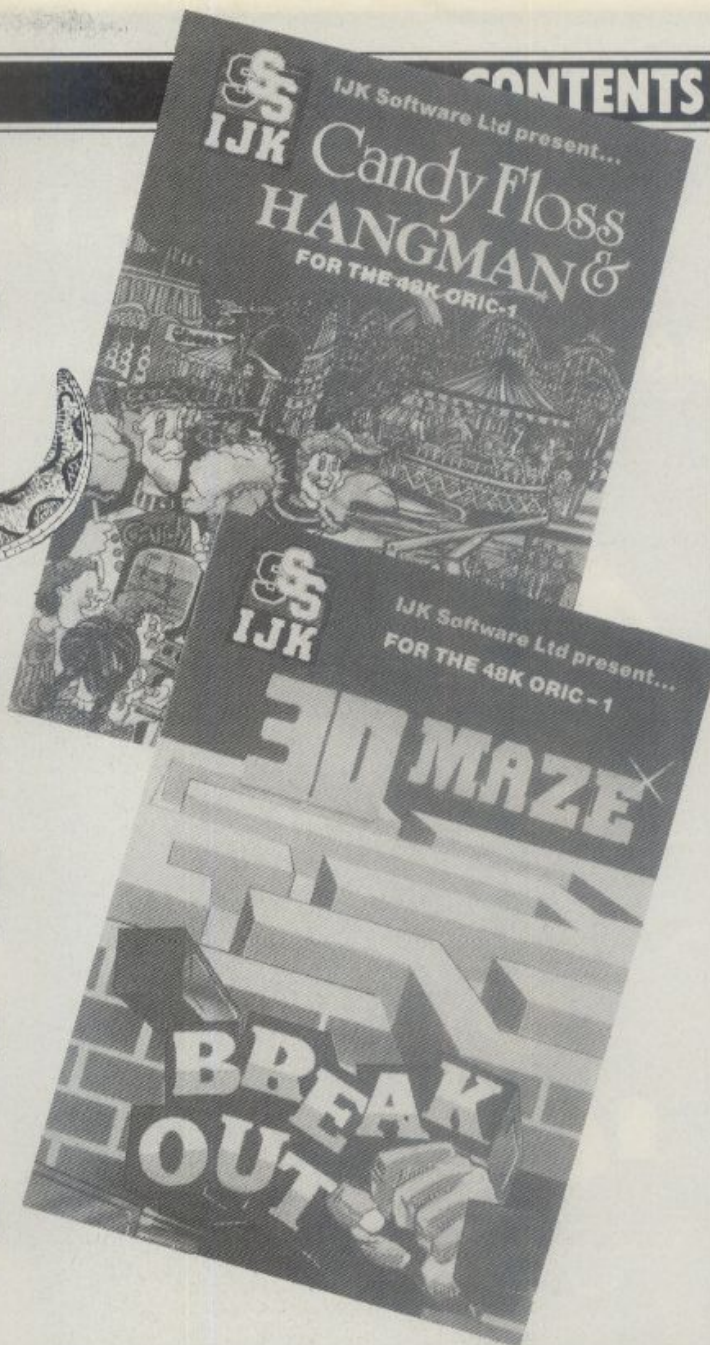
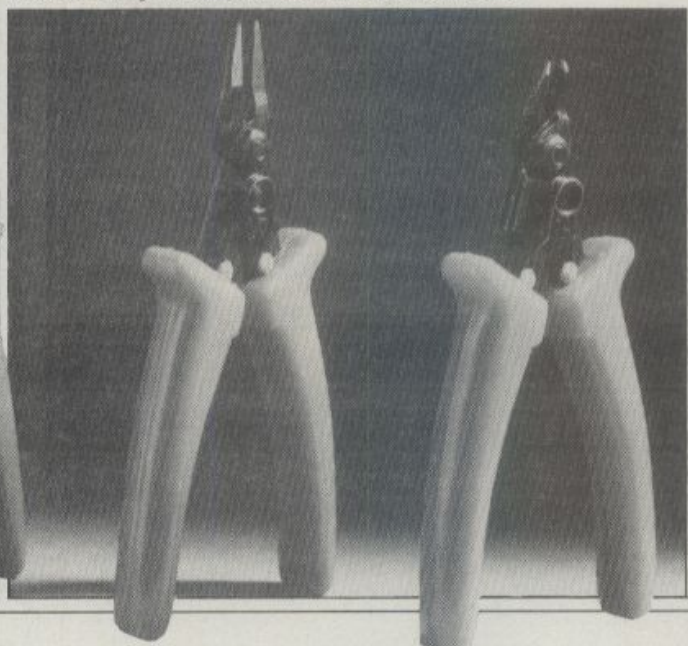
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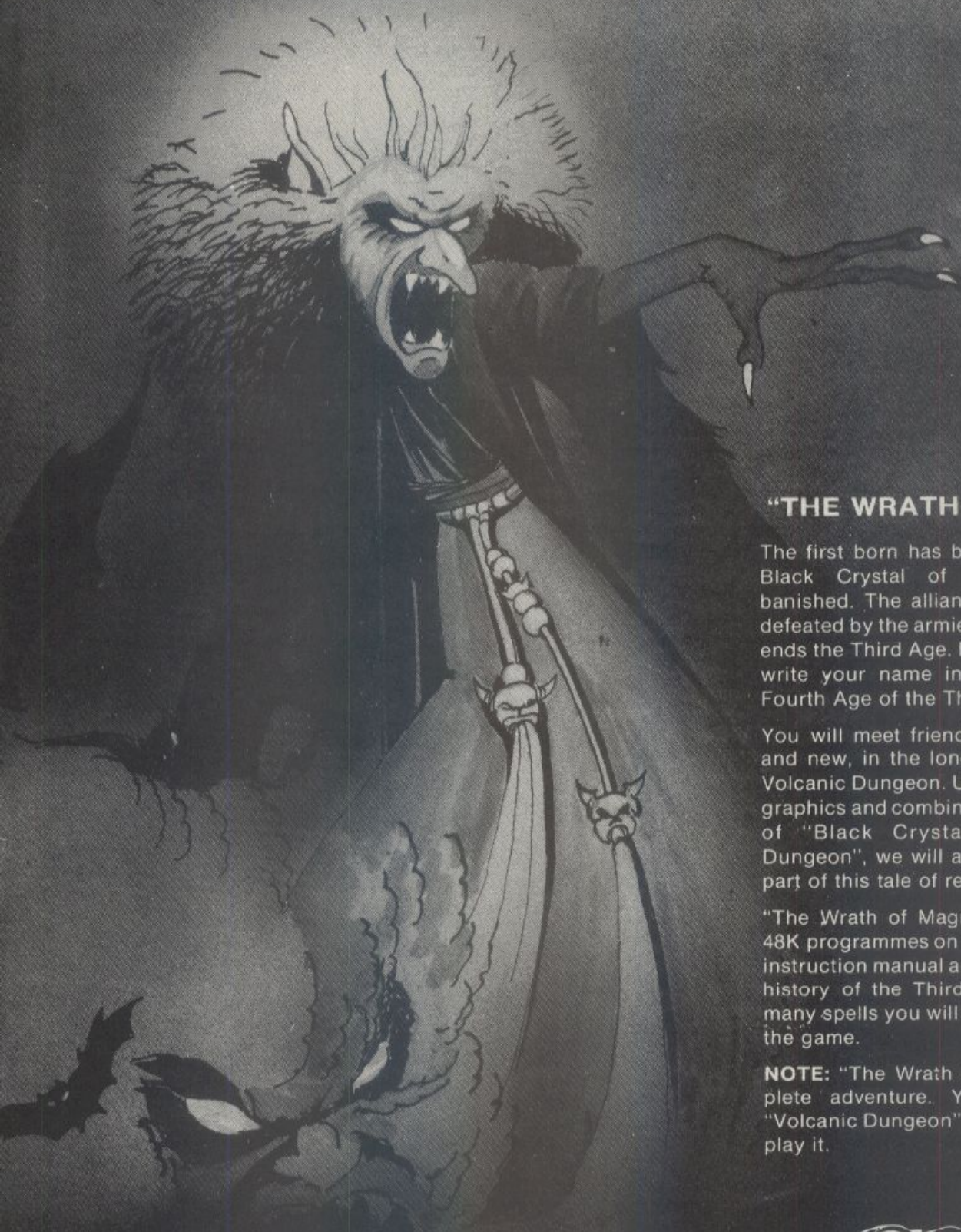
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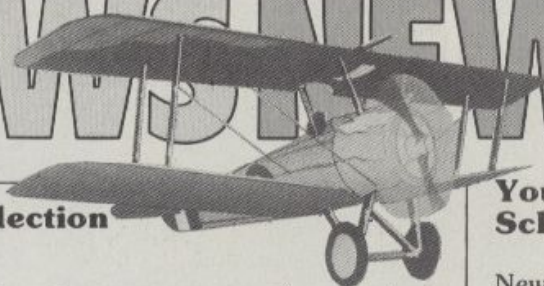
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## Software Selection

As always there have been many new software releases over the past month.

**Terminal Software** announce "the first game for the Commodore 64 that two can play simultaneously". Super Dogfight's 100% machine-code fast action sprite graphics with full colour and realistic sound effects enables *simultaneous* two-player action. Another feature is its use of 100% screen wraparound for uninterrupted play. Two more games from Terminal make up their Autumn trilogy for the Commodore 64: Super Skramble and Super Gridder. All three games cost £9.95. Look out for our review of them in the December issue.

A new name has appeared in the software business, operating out of Birmingham. **Express Software** Limited have produced five titles of software for the Oric-1 computer. The titles include Space Quest, Bandit, Breakout, Surround and Brad, who looks set to become a cult hero of the James Bond mould. Brad is an ex-SAS man battling against alien forces and has a happy knack of getting involved in many exciting adventures.

Horace, the popular cartoon character who appears in a series of captivating Spectrum games, will soon be available for Commodore 64 and Dragon 32 microcomputers. The new versions of Horace went on sale in mid-September and other versions will follow soon from **Melbourne House**. Recommended retail price is £5.95 per game. Melbourne House have also announced that The Hobbit is soon to be available for the BBC, Oric and Commodore 64 Computers. This cassette is slightly more expensive at £14.95.

**Silly Software** – no, it's not a joke, but a new software company to open its doors. With its innovative and interesting marketing techniques, the company promises to produce some exciting software for home computers. Their first release for the Dragon 32, "Movie Producer", involves the player as Peeko Sputburg, the movie producer who after selling his script is plunged into the hallyballoo of the movie world. The packaging, so we are told, is REALLY GOOD – it's in 3D, the first time that this medium has ever been used for software packaging? The cassette comes complete with the special red and green glasses to produce the full 3D effect! The cassette, at £7.95, can be obtained from **Silly Software, 61 Thornhill, North Weald, Epping, Essex; Tel. 0378 82 2171.**

In August, **Longman**, Britain's largest educational publishing firm launched a series of early learning programs on cassette for children aged between four and eight years. The programs have been designed to be usable by children on their own or with parental encouragement, presenting early learning skills to complement their school education. All the programs employ the full graphic and sound resources of the Sinclair ZX Spectrum (16K or 48K models) and retail at £7.95 each.

## Youth Training Scheme

News has come to us which might be of interest to some of you leaving school at Christmas. The Computer Insight Youth Training Programme is a scheme to introduce young school leavers to microcomputers. It aims to give them a comprehensive appreciation of their capabilities in order to allow them to make a meaningful contribution to the microcomputer

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Linked with the 13 week course, which is designed in blocks of one to two weeks over a period of 50 weeks, will be a stint of relevant work experience with a sponsor. Places on the course are taken very quickly and anyone interested should contact

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## Sord Micro Bus Takes to the Hills

Any readers living or holidaying in Wales may have had sightings in the valleys of a multi-coloured double decker bus bearing the words 'Sord Computers' over the summer.

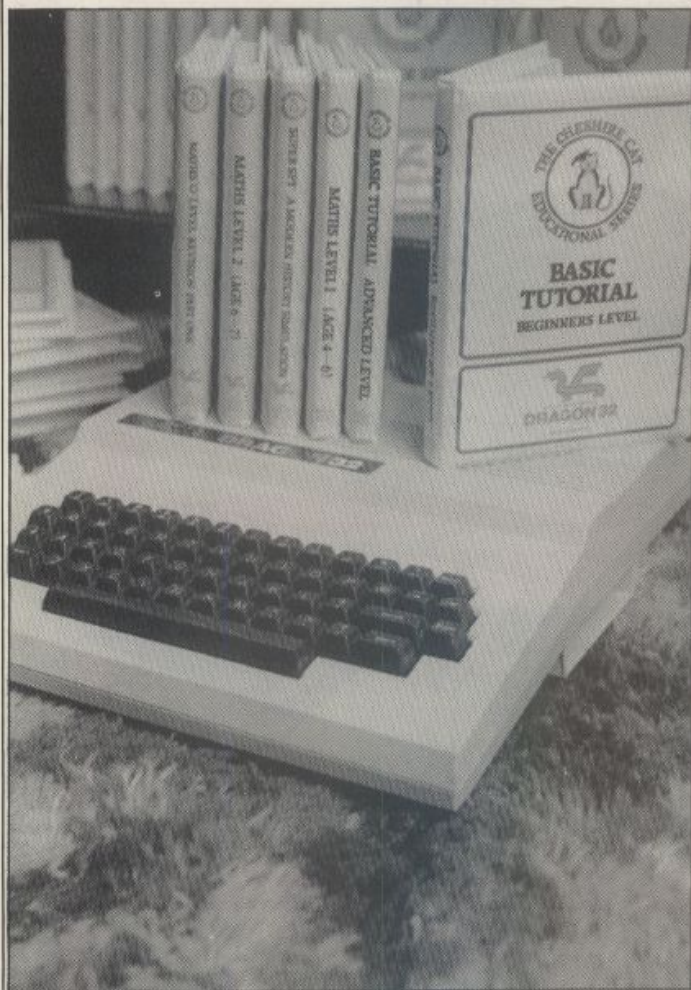
The bus is the novel and practical idea of Coteglade Ltd, the recently appointed, Swansea based, Sord Computer dealer and is kitted out with the full range of Sord computers and peripherals. Andy Shercliff, general manager of Coteglade's Computer Division sees the bus as being the best method of

getting out and demonstrating the computers to potential customers. With the bus shows, exhibitions, markets and shopping centres, to name but a few potential customer traps, can be visited. Andy Shercliff says, "As there is no way that a person in Bangor or Aberystwyth is going to travel to Swansea simply to see us, we must go to them." Service at your doorstep and free refreshments to boot!!

CGU and Sord UK have reduced the retail price of their M5 Computer to £149.95 including VAT but their software prices remain unchanged.



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## Housewives Revolutionise Home Computing Industry

The gaping hole in the software range for children is being filled up with an exciting series of entertaining educational products by a group of young, Cheshire housewives who operate under the name of Ampalsoft.

All keen, skilled programmers, they and their husbands bemoaned the lack of good quality educational software for their children, and subsequently realised that they had the expertise between them to produce and market such a range. With a group of top teachers, programmers and other necessary talent they have formed a cooperative and after only 12 months are having phenomenal success.

Their **Cheshire Cat Education Series** of software combines strong educational programs in an entertaining games format using all the full colour, sound and graphics facilities of the top home computers available today.

Already on their stock list is a series of maths programs from pre-school to 'O' Level, history and physics for the Dragon 32, Oric and BBC microcomputers. Having realised the potential of these cassettes and of the many soon to be released programs, Curry's and Boots have started to market them.

**Brainwave '83**, the Home Computing, Video and Electronics Family Show is to be held in the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre on 4-6 November. This new show promises to be very popular, providing for the whole family with giveaways, pop personalities, games palaces and a spectacular bonfire night party and fireworks outside the exhibition hall. On a more serious note, companies such as Atari, Sinclair, Oric and Ideal Toys are among those who have chosen Brainwave to spearhead their Christmas marketing campaigns, so you can be sure of a well stocked hall and an informative time. Brainwave will feature microcomputers in finished and kit form, electronics kits, video games, electronic toys, software packages, books and electronic gadgets. If you can't make it, look out for an in depth review of the show in our January issue.

Not to be outdone, Scotland too is staging its first Home Computer and Electronics Show, following close on the heels of Brainwave '83 on 11-13 November. This exhibition, in the Anderston Centre, Glasgow, promises to provide an exciting day out with plenty of Home Computers, hardware, software and add-ons, in addition to some Hi-Fi and Video Equipment on display. The Anderston Centre is well sited for vehicle access with good parking and is next to the main bus depot and five minutes from Central Station.

## Watchdogs for Hard and Software

Recent information from the **Computer Trade Association** suggests that members feel a need for some grouping of software authors. None of the groups within the C.T.A. is directly representative of such a group and to rectify this, they are launching a membership drive to attract authors into a Society under the auspices of the C.T.A. Such a move is important since the C.T.A. is at present making a number of submissions to H.M. Government which could have effects on software authors, both directly and indirectly. It is also felt that as a body which represents all aspects of the trade, the C.T.A. could act as a mediator in disputes between the software authors and the software houses.

More plans are afoot to form a group representing retailers who deal in the small micro systems and leisure programs. The thinking behind this is to improve the exchange of information and for the design and promotion of retail staff training schemes. All in all, the C.T.A. seem to be helping the consumer towards a brighter and more satisfying future.

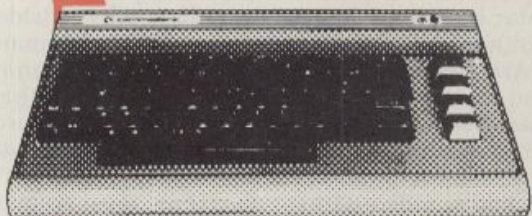
However, the Guild of Software Houses has beaten the C.T.A. into existence. This Guild has been set up by a number of leading Software Houses, including Bugbyte, New Generation, Quicksilver, Salamander, Silversoft, Softek and Virgin Games. Not only individual customers will benefit from the Guild - there is a Dealer Charter for the trade as well and a Code of Conduct for Software Houses' dealings with one another, outlawing the poaching of programs and programmers. With all these conditions attached to membership, the Guild Logo will quickly become a sign of quality and service to customers and dealers alike. So look out for it.



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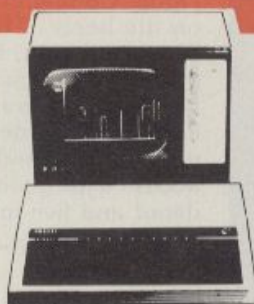
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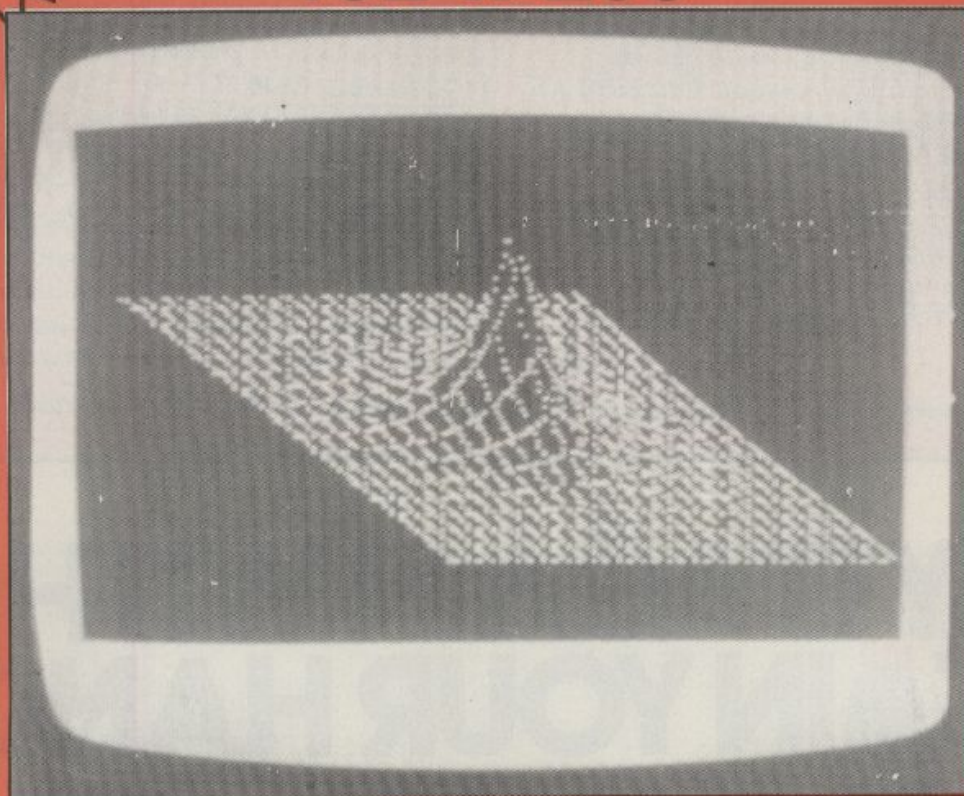
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The barrel of the rifle is visible in the sand in front of the long grass. As you would expect, it can be moved back and forth across the screen, but the novelty comes in

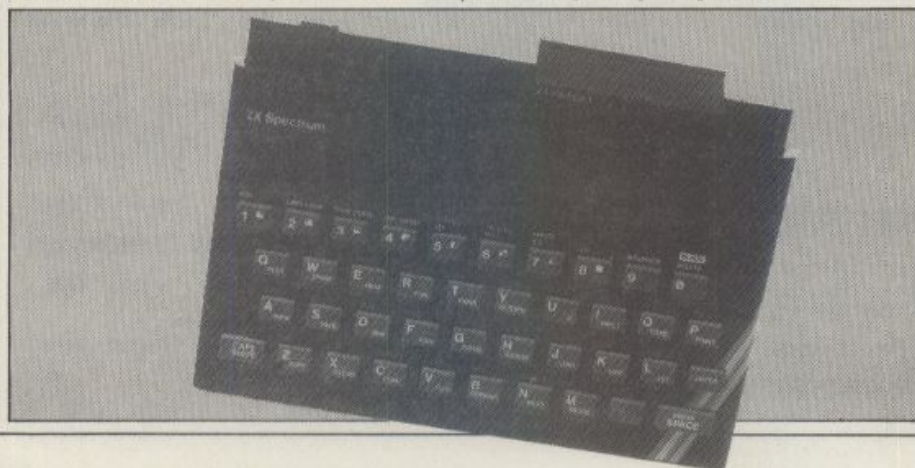
when the gun needs to be lined up or down. In conflict with the demand for haste is the need for fine judgement in aiming. The oblong in which the rifle can move is a duplicate of the area in which the animals' heads appear. To score, the rifle has to be in the character square which corresponds to a square occupied by the target above. At first it may seem impossible to decide, but this skill is quickly acquired.

A shot is registered briefly on the screen and a direct hit is obvious and scores 10 points. The cumulative score is continuously displayed. The animals' heads appear randomly — either panther or boar of varied hues — anywhere in the long grass or even out of the top of it. They disappear equally at random. The 'time limit' is decided by the number of heads to appear.

The control keys for the rifle are:

8 to move right  
5 to move left  
7 to move up  
6 to move down  
0 to fire

These instructions are given at the start of the game. The animals' heads are four graphic blocks in size; the two forming the upper part of the head are the same in both animals. When typing in the program, use the GRAPHICS key and press the alpha key(s) printed within inverted commas, e.g. "AB".





## PINK PANTHER

## Variables Used

d,a: Down and across print position for animal head  
 g,f: Ditto, rifle  
 s,h: Score, high-score  
 j,k: Head and shot counters  
 b,c,i: Randomisers (with d,a)  
 e\$: Panther or boar graphics  
 n,p: Loop controllers etc.  
 l\$: Final word of end message

## HOW IT RUNS

Lines 110-140 Randomise a) position of head, b) whether panther or bear c) colour and d) print.  
 Line 145 Counter to end game if 100 heads printed.  
 Lines 150-170 Move rifle back and forth and up and down within set limits, and print. NB "I" use: Space, GRAPHICS+I, Space.  
 Lines 180-190 Cause head to disappear at random.  
 Line 200 Fires rifle.  
 Lines 500-540 Sound shot, if on target show effect, sound victory BEEPS, increases and prints score (otherwise shot briefly registered on screen), count shots and end game if 50.  
 Lines 600-630 Print guidance on use of rifle, with background cords.  
 Lines 740-770 Paint scenery, and provide for score and high-score.  
 Lines 1000-1500 Initialise variables.  
 Lines 2000-2800 Create graphics.  
 Lines 3000-3800 Use colour and sound for unmistakable ending, provide for new game.  
 Lines 4100-4400 Selectively clear screen, up-date high-score if necessary, send micro through the end of Sets Scene routine to complete selective screen clearance and through variables back into the game action.

## HINTS ON CONVERSION

Pink Panther is written completely in BASIC so there are no problems of POKE conversion. Sinclair BASIC is slightly non-standard mainly in the use of one-key keywords but difficulties should not exist. If USR graphics (animals' heads and rifle) are not available, ingenious use of keyboard graphics should suffice. Line 3000 achieves a flashing BORDER by running quickly through the colours, ending with the original BORDER colour, using the same loop variable to vary the pitch of the BEEPS. INKEY\$ equates to GET, GET\$.

## PROGRAM LISTING

```

10 REM Pink Panther by Jack Knight
20 LET h=0
30 GO SUB 2000
40 GO SUB 600
50 BEEP .5,0
99 REM MAIN LOOP
100 PRINT PAPER 8;AT d,a;" ";
T d+1,a;"
110 LET a=INT (RND*29)+1: LET f=INT (RND*3)+1: LET c=INT (RND*2)+1: LET d=INT (RND*5)+1
120 IF c=0 THEN LET e$="CD"
130 IF c=1 THEN LET e$="GH"
140 PRINT INK b; PAPER 8;AT d,e;"AB";AT d+1,a;e$
145 LET J=J+1: IF J>=100 THEN GO TO 3000
150 LET f=(INKEY$="8" AND f<=28)-(INKEY$="5" AND f>=1)

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160 LET g=g+(INKEY$="6" AND g<=17)-(INKEY$="7" AND g>=14)
170 PRINT INK 1;AT g,f;" I ";AT g-1,f+1;" ";AT g+1,f+1;" "
180 LET i=INT (RND*36)
190 IF i=30 THEN GO TO 100
200 IF INKEY$="0" THEN GO TO 50
210 GO TO 150
499 REM SHOTS
500 BEEP .05,-10
510 IF ATTR (g-12,f+1)<>40 AND ATTR (g-12,f+1)<>32 THEN PRINT PAPER 8;AT g-12,f+1;"0": LET s=s+10: BEEP .1,1: BEEP .05,15: PRINT PAPER 1; INK 7;AT 21,7;s
515 PRINT PAPER 8;AT g-12,f+1;"0"
520 LET k=k+1: IF k>=50 THEN GO TO 3000
530 PRINT PAPER 8;AT g-12,f+1;"
540 GO TO 100
599 REM OPENING
600 BORDER 1: PAPER 6: CLS
610 PRINT AT 2,8;"**PINK PANTHER**"
TAB 9;"To move rifle:-"
TAB 12;"RIGHT=";"B";TAB 12;"LEFT=";"5";TAB 12;"UP=";"7";TAB 12;"DOWN=";"6";TAB 9;"To fire rifle:-"
TAB 12;"PRESS"
TAB 5;"Limit on shots and time"
620 FOR n=1 TO 4: FOR p=1 TO 30: BEEP .02,p: BEEP .02,30-p: NEXT p: NEXT n
630 CLS
699 REM SETS SCENE
740 FOR n=20 TO 21: FOR p=0 TO 31: PRINT PAPER 1;AT n,p;" ": NEXT p: NEXT n
750 PRINT INK 7; PAPER 1;AT 21,1;"SCORE:";TAB 19;"HI-SCORE:"
760 FOR n=0 TO 2: FOR p=0 TO 31: PRINT PAPER 5;AT n,p;" ": NEXT p: NEXT n
770 FOR n=3 TO 6: FOR p=0 TO 31: PRINT PAPER 4;AT n,p;" ": NEXT p: NEXT n
999 REM VARIABLES
1000 LET d=0: LET a=0
1100 LET f=15: LET g=16
1200 LET s=0: LET k=0: LET j=0
1300 RANDOMIZE
1500 RETURN
1999 REM GRAPHICS
2000 FOR n=1 TO 7
2100 READ n$
2200 FOR p=0 TO 7
2300 READ q: POKE USR n$+p,q
2400 NEXT p: NEXT n
2500 DATA "A",127,255,255,243,243,127,125,125,"B",254,255,255,207,254,254,190,"C",127,252,252,124,127,127,63,31,"D",254,63,63,62,254,254,252,248,"G",31,31,30,22,6,6,6,3,"H",248,248,120,104,96,96,96,192
2600 DATA "I",24,24,60,126,255,255,255,255
2660 RETURN
2999 REM END
3000 FOR n=1 TO 3: FOR p=6 TO 1 STEP -1: BORDER p: BEEP .1,15+p: BEEP .1,15-p: NEXT p: NEXT n
3100 IF k>=50 THEN LET l$="SHOTS"
3200 IF j>=100 THEN LET l$="TIME"
3300 IF k>=50 AND j>=100 THEN LET l$="END"
3400 PRINT INK 1;AT 3,4;"YOU'VE RUN OUT OF ";l$
3500 FOR n=1 TO 200: NEXT n
3600 PRINT INK 1;AT 5,5;"FOR AND THER GO PRESS-"; FLASH 1;AT 6,13;"ENTER"
3700 IF INKEY$=CHR$ 13 THEN GO TO

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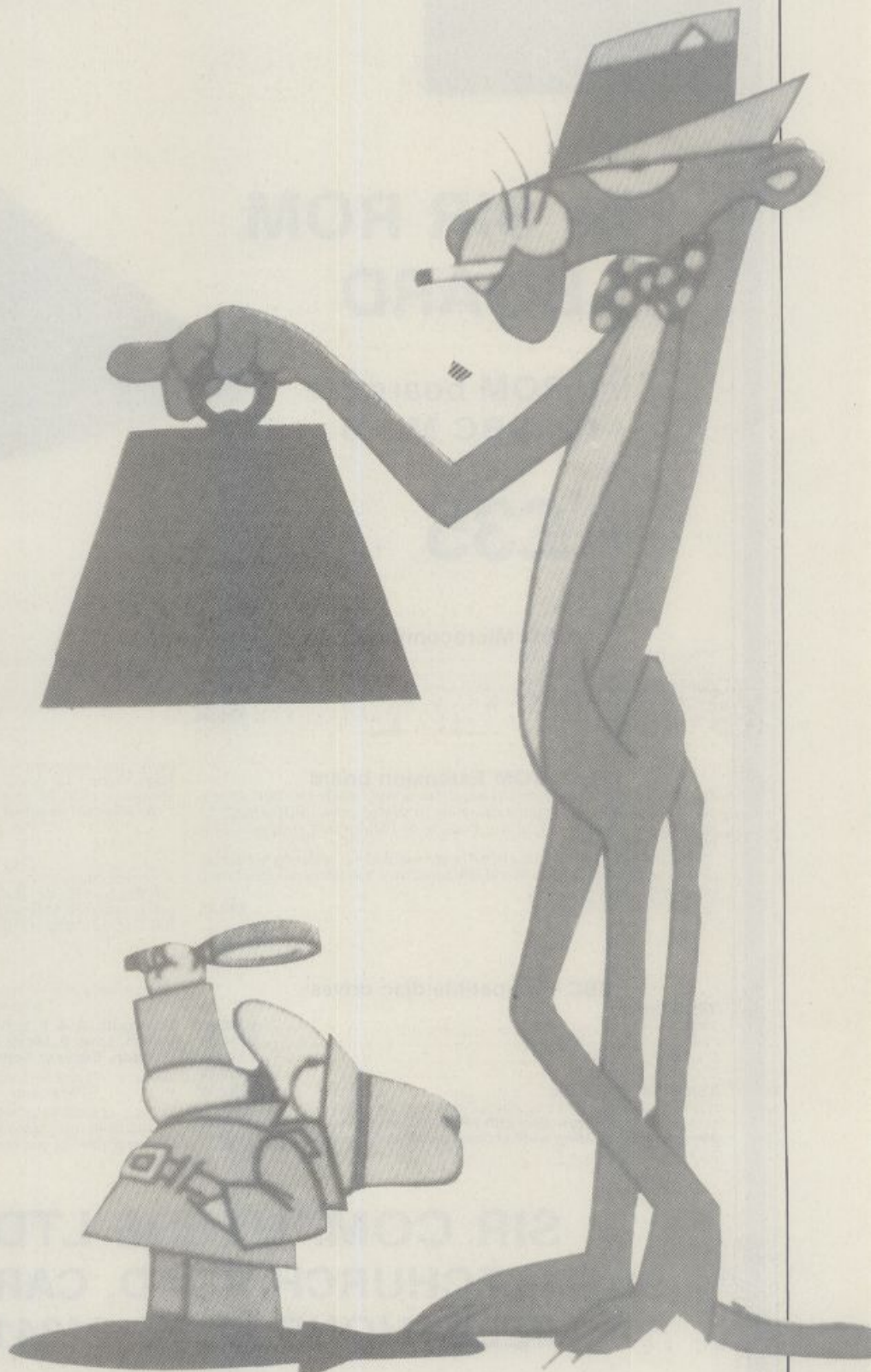
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Q 4000
3800 GO TO 3700
3999 REM NEW GAME
4100 PRINT PAPER 1; AT 21,7; "
; PAPER 6; AT 9,f+1; "
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4200 IF s>h THEN LET h=s: PRINT
PAPER 1; INK 7; AT 21,26; h
4300 GO SUB 780
4400 GO TO 50
```

SCORE:      HI-SCORE:  
The wild boar shows his  
face...

SCORE:      HI-SCORE:  
Now the Pink Panther sets  
off...

SCORE: 10      HI-SCORE:  
And here the Panther is in the  
pink no longer.







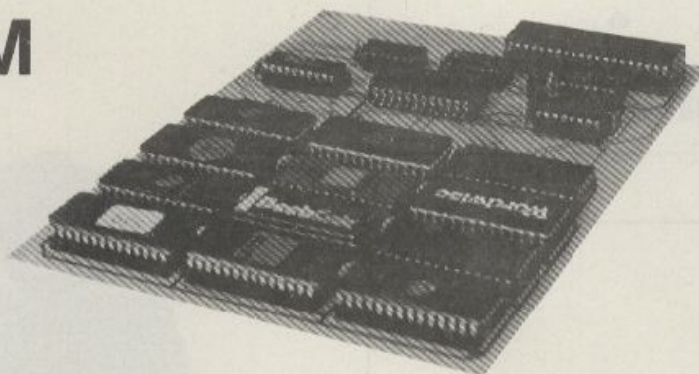
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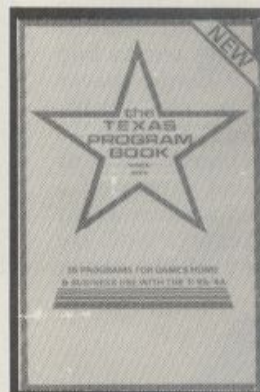
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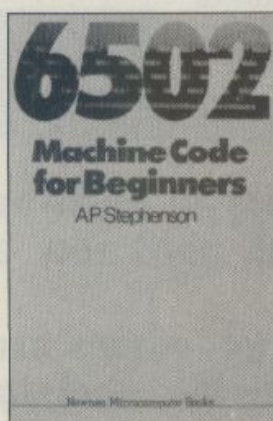
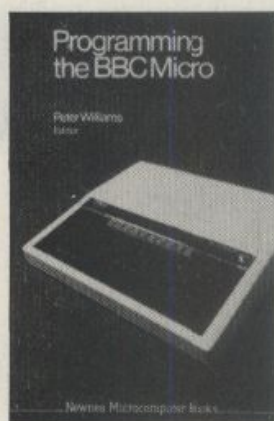
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Dear Sirs,

I typed the CBM 64 'Grand Prix' program into my machine and after a while on Level nine I managed to beat 8478. My score was 12114. Do you know whether or not this is a record?

Yours sincerely,  
Philip Hall (age 14)  
Hull

**Editor's reply:** As far as I know it's the highest score to date. If anyone else has scored more points in this program how about letting me know if you have topped Philip's record? Thanks for your letter Philip and I'm glad to hear that you have enjoyed playing this game.

Dear PCT

I am writing to complain about the Factfile listing carried in PCT. I note with growing dismay that several good quality micros are excluded. Surely the concept behind such an exercise is to convey as much information as possible to readers. Could it be that you are only narrowing down the field to the most popular micros? If so, why has a machine such as the Lynx been overlooked? For its price I feel that the Lynx range of microcomputers offers much more than other micros such as the BBC. I know that you must publish programs and information for the more popular micros, but spare a thought for users of less popular machines who regularly subscribe to your magazine.

Could I also suggest that the amount of space taken up by the Factfile be reduced in order to make room for reports on up and coming micros, or alternatively, that the Factfile appear bimonthly?

I hope these ideas prove fruitful in the coming months.

Yours faithfully,  
Colin McKerr  
Lurgan, N. Ireland

**Editor's reply:** You will be pleased to see that we have already rectified the omission of the Lynx range of micros from our Factfile. As you suggest, we do have to limit our reference sections to the most popular micros on the market or we would be running a complete magazine of specifications. As for the programs we publish, we do try to keep a balance between the most popular micros, but again, this is only possible if we receive a balanced submission from readers – so all you Lynx owners get writing! Your final comment is a good idea, although we do already report on the latest micros to come onto the market. Thanks for your hints and keep sending them in.

Dear PCT

I'm twelve years old and have been using the TI99/4A for the last six months. By now I am getting quite familiar with computing. When I read the letters written to you and see the complaints of the Tandy



TRS-80 and TI99/4A owners about the lack of programs printed for their machines in PCT, I get annoyed. I accept the fact that you have to cater for the more popular computers and think you do a good job in maintaining a balance between programs for all the machines. I wonder, however, if you could give me some information as to which book might contain more programs for the TI99/4A.

As I said earlier, keep up the good work.

Yours faithfully,  
David Penny  
Cwmbran

**Editor's reply:** Thank you for realising that we do try to cover as many popular micros as possible and to please all of our readers some of the time. With regards to further programs for the TI99/4A I can only suggest that you visit as many Texas dealers as possible, who should keep a good stock of such books.

Dear PCT

You probably aren't familiar with me because I come from Australia! I buy your computer magazine every month and I think it is excellent. I own a ZX Spectrum and am very excited to key in your programs. However, I prefer games and would be grateful if you would *please* have more of them instead of utilities.

By the way, I thought I might give you a hint that maybe a little more colour would improve the look of the magazine. But all my friends agree with me that PCT is the best magazine out. Just one last thing, because I live so far away, I never get a chance to enter your competitions, since all editions we receive are one month out of date. So, please for Australian readers' sakes could you extend the completion date? I'm very sorry if I ask too much of you.

Yours faithfully,  
Leonardo Esposito  
Australia

**Editor's reply:** I'm sorry that you can't enter any of our competitions but unfortunately, as you say in your letter, copies of the magazine do not arrive in your country until after the closing date. There is nothing we can do about this I am afraid because there is no way of speeding up worldwide distribution.



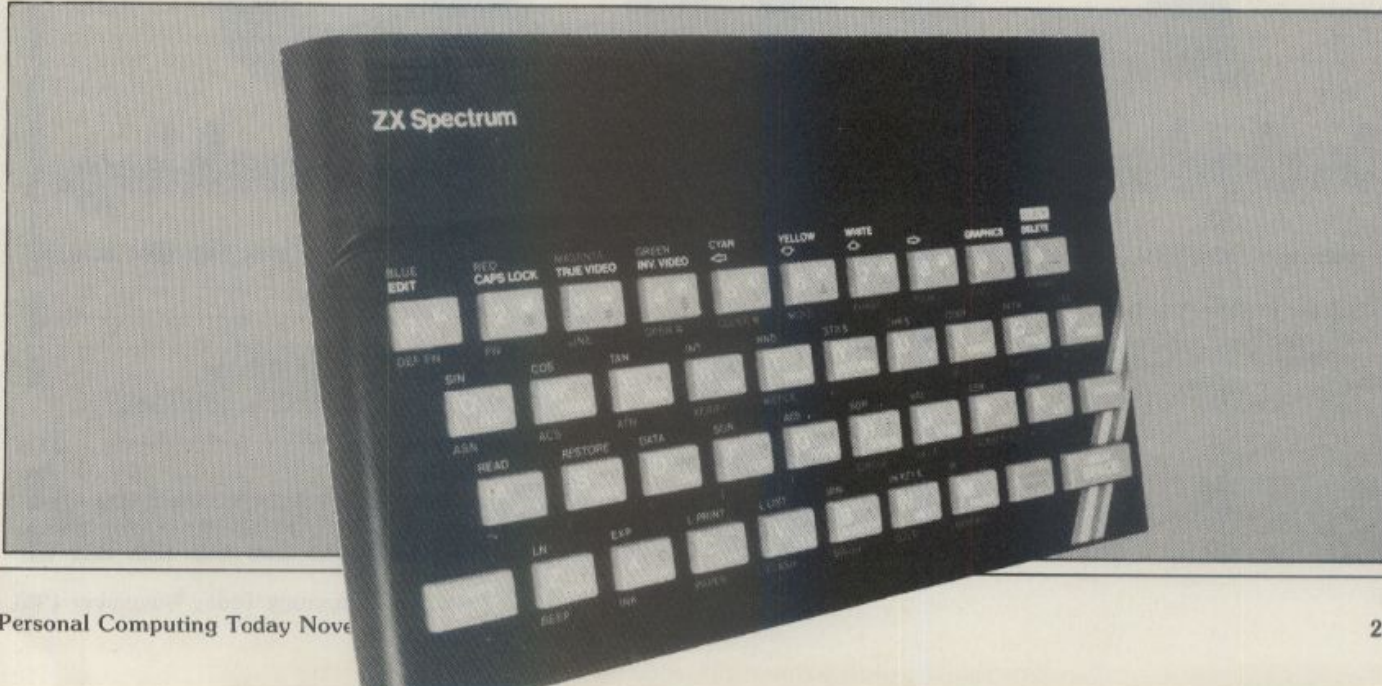
Dear PCT

I find your magazine very good and helpful for beginners (like me) but would like to make a suggestion which might improve it, and this is to have a book review section each month.

Unfortunately, I missed January's issue of PCT, how would I obtain this and finally, I have a game program which I would like to submit to PCT, how do I go about this?

Yours faithfully,  
A Kahttri  
Coventry

**Editor's reply:** To take your questions in order. We do review books from time to time, but as you will appreciate, there are so many on the market that it would be difficult for any reviewer to fairly carry out a survey and report on them. Also we are limited to a certain number of pages for each issue and these are already well-filled. Your second problem is easily solved by writing to Distribution and Subscriptions, Harlequin Business Systems, 513 London Road, Thornton Heath, Croyden, Surrey, giving details of the issue you require and they will tell you how to obtain it. Finally, for a program submission, please give full documentation, typed and double spaced, relating to how the program runs, any special features of it, conversion ability, a cassette and a full listing, properly printed out. We are always happy to receive programs for possible publication in future issues.





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# ANY SORT



**Here's a useful routine put together by E M de Sylva. It will enable you to sort out terms in relevant programs and put them in numerical or alphabetical order.**

Any Sort will be useful to anyone who needs to sort terms in either numerical or alphabetical order or indeed both mixed, in which case priority is given to numeric strings. This does not mean that a line (%66 CHARACTERS) will only be checked for the first few alphanumerics in the string. Try ABCDEFGHIJKLMOP against ABCDEFGHIJKLMOP or 123456789123456789123 against 123456789123456789122.

The program gives five options besides directly entering terms to be sorted. These are as follows:

A. It allows you to view the

sorted terms for confirmation on a long list.

B. Allows addition of new items to an existing list without loss of original data.

C. Has the facility to store lists on tape.

D. Has the facility to read an existing list from tape.

E. Incorporates a printer routine for hard copy of list. (Codes in this routine are for a Epsom 80F/T Type 3 with Sharp Graphics.)

As an added feature the sorted list is paged so that the list can be viewed 20 lines at a time.

## HOW IT RUNS

Line 8	Sets the number of lines.
Lines 19-25	Display options.
Lines 26-31	Option selection.
Line 36	Title input.
Line 37	Sequences AS (terms).
Lines 38-41	Terms input routine.
Lines 45-50	Display sorted list.
Lines 56-62	Sort routine.
Line 65	Select next page.
Line 69	Title change option.
Lines 71-75	Write list to tape.
Lines 80-84	Read list from tape.
Lines 87-92	Printer routine.

## HINTS ON CONVERSION

The program can be easily converted to run on any machine as the heart of the program consists of only seven lines (56-62 sort routine). The rest of the program is almost all cosmetic in terms of formatting. Contrast inverted arrows are cursor movements and a contrast inverted "C" indicates "clear screen".

The graphic symbol that appears on lines 34 and 47 is the bottom right key on the Sharp MZ-80K keyboard but this can be changed to any symbol desired as its function is purely to end the input sequence. The maximum amount of lines in a list may be set at line 8 which has been set arbitrarily at 100.



## PROGRAM LISTING

```

1 REM*****
2 REM*
3 REM* E.M. DE SYLVA.
4 REM*
5 REM* 1982.
6 REM*
7 REM*****
8 DIMA$(100)
9 PRINT"####"
10 PRINT"
11 PRINT"
12 PRINT"
13 PRINT"
14 PRINT"
15 PRINT"
16 FORA= 5TO 36:PRINTTAB(A); "":NEXTA
17 FORX=1TO4000:NEXT
18 REM**DISPLAY OPTIONS**
19 PRINT"1"; "#####1 ENTER TERMS TO BE SORTED."
20 PRINT"#####2 VIEW SORTED TERMS."
21 PRINT"#####3 ADD NEW TERMS TO BE SORTED."
22 PRINT"#####4 SAVE TERMS ON TAPE."
23 PRINT"#####5 LOAD TERMS FROM TAPE."
24 PRINT"#####6 PRINT LIST OF TERMS."
25 PRINT"#####7 FINISH."
26 REM**OPTION SELECTION**
27 GETZ$: IFZ$="" THEN27
28 Z=VAL(Z$)
29 IF (Z=1)+(Z=2)+(Z=3)+(Z=4)+(Z=5)+(Z=6)+(Z=7) THEN31
30 GOTO27
31 ONZGOTO32,45,33,68,78,87,94
32 Q=0:N=0
33 PRINT"0"
34 PRINT"TO END SEQUENCE ENTER '*' ON IT'S OWN"
35 REM**TITLE OPTION**
36 INPUT"LIST TITLE ";D$:PRINT"D"
37 Q=Q+1:N=Q
38 REM**TERMS INPUT ROUTINE**
39 INPUT"ENTER TERM ? ";A$(Q)
40 IF A$(Q)="" THEN42
41 GOTO37
42 PRINT"D":PRINT
43 GOSUB 56
44 REM**DISPLAY SORTED LIST**
45 PRINT"D"; "#####";D$;"0"
46 FOR I=1TON
47 IF A$(I)="" THEN50
48 PRINT I;TAB(5);A$(I)
49 IF (I=20)+(I=40)+(I=60)+(I=80) THENGOSUB63
50 NEXT I
51 PRINT"#####FINISHED THANK YOU."
52 PRINT"#####PRESS ANY KEY"
53 GETE$: IFE$="" THEN53
54 GOTO19
55 REM**SORT ROUTINE**
56 Q1=N
57 O1=A$(Q1):FOR I=0TO Q1-1
58 IF A$(I)<O1$ THEN 60
59 O2=A$(I):O1=A$(I):A$(I)=O2$
60 NEXT
61 A$(Q1)=O1$:Q1=Q1-1:IF Q1>1 THEN 57
62 RETURN
63 PRINT"#####PRESS ANY KEY"
64 REM**SELECT NEW PAGE DISPLAY**
65 GETC$: IFC$="" THEN65
66 PRINT"C":RETURN
67 REM**TITLE CHANGE OPTION**
68 PRINT"#####PLEASE ENTER THE LIST TITLE."
69 PRINT"00":INPUT"TITLE ";D$
70 REM**WRITE TERMS TO TAPE**
71 WOPEND$
72 PRINT/TN,D$
73 FORI=1TON
74 PRINT/TA$(I)
75 NEXTI:CLOSE
76 PRINT"#####FINISHED":GETE$:
IFE$="" THEN76
77 GOTO19
78 PRINT"#####LOAD CASSETTE"; "#####"
79 REM**READ TERMS FROM TAPE**
80 OPEN
81 INPUT/TN,D$

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82 FORI=1TON
83 INPUT/TA$(I)
84 NEXTI:CLOSE:Q=N
85 GOTO76
86 REM**PRINTER ROUTINE**
87 PRINT/P"D"; "####";TAB(25);D$
88 PRINT/P""
89 FORI=1TON
90 IF A$(I)="" THEN92
91 PRINT/PI;TAB(5);A$(I)
92 NEXTI
93 GOTO19
94 PRINT"#####"
95 PRINT"
96 PRINT"
97 PRINT"
98 PRINT"
99 PRINT"
100 END

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## What you'll see on the screen.

- 1 ENTER TERMS TO BE SORTED.
- 2 VIEW SORTED TERMS.
- 3 ADD NEW TERMS TO BE SORTED.
- 4 SAVE TERMS ON TAPE.
- 5 LOAD TERMS FROM TAPE.
- 6 PRINT LIST OF TERMS.
- 7 FINISH.

TO END SEQUENCE ENTER '\*' ON IT'S OWN

## LIST TITLE PROGRAMS 1

ENTER TERM ? DIRECTORY	BASIC	000
008		
ENTER TERM ? BASIC+	M/C	012
044		
ENTER TERM ? XBASIC V2.2	M/C	048
072		
ENTER TERM ? SKETCH PAD	BASIC	078
082		
ENTER TERM ? FAST LOADER	M/C	086
088		
ENTER TERM ? VALLEY	BASIC	090
132		
ENTER TERM ? CRIBBAGE	BASIC	135
192		
ENTER TERM ? DEMO	BASIC	197
269		

## PROGRAMS 1

1	BASIC+	M/C	012	044
2	CRIBBAGE	BASIC	135	192
3	DEMO	BASIC	197	269
4	DIRECTORY	BASIC	000	008
5	FAST LOADER	M/C	086	088
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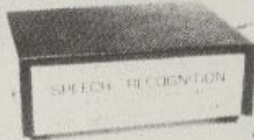
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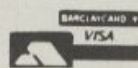
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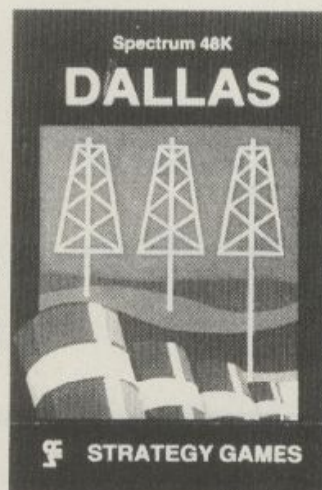
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Dear PCT

I am an owner of a Texas TI99/4A and am fortunate enough to be doing computer studies later this year, and I am also a keen programmer. Please could you give me some advice as to whether I should keep my Texas and add on peripherals (which is rather expensive) or purchase a different computer under £200 with all the facilities and memory capacity I will require (i.e. fast Basic and Machine Code).

Yours faithfully,

A. Simmons

Chesham

We would suggest that rather than spend additional money on the Texas TI99/4A, which would work out rather expensive to provide the system you require, you think about purchasing another microcomputer. The one which springs to mind in this case is the recently released Acorn Electron. This advanced machine offers 64K bytes of memory and BASIC interpreter. Full character sets including upper and lower case characters with genuine descenders are provided. Additional text characters can be defined by the user, and text and graphics can be freely mixed. A multi-way connector is provided at the rear of the basic microcomputer for the addition of expansion units containing interfaces to additional hardware. The new manual has an excellent section on assembler language and the price is £199.99. But do remember that the ultimate choice is up to you. Why not pay a visit to a local computer shop and try out several different computers to see which you prefer?

Dear PCT

With reference to the Billiards program in the September issue of PCT, I wish to point out a few errors/omissions and to suggest a possible improvement.

Firstly, the program as listed does not draw the bottom edge of the table and results in the player being able to knock the ball off the playing area. This is easily amended by the inclusion of the following:

135 FOR I=48881 TO 48919

137 POKE I,148:POKE I+640,148:NEXT

Secondly, it is impossible to 'Pot' a ball in the corner pockets as the program does not allow diagonal shots. Therefore, it is necessary to enlarge the corner pockets by the inclusion of the following lines:

165 POKE 48242,126:POKE 48278,126

175 POKE 48882,126:POKE 48918,126

If readers would like to be able to play diagonal shots

this can be accomplished by the deletion of line 404. "Tactical" shots can then be re-introduced by amending the value of NC in line 400 e.g. NC = 1 moves one place in the direction specified, NC = 2, two places etc.

The use of the SHIFT key to play "soft" (or "tactical" as above suggestion) is not allowable unless the player has remembered to press CTRL T before he plays. If he does this, when Oric asks him for another game, the player must remember to use shifted Y or N. A smoother way of accomplishing this would be to include PRINT CHR\$(20) in lines 1015 and 2015.

The sound in line 20 is annoying because the program lacks a PLAY 0,0,0, function. Try:

20 PLAY 1,0,T,375:WAIT 50

22 PLAY 0,0,0,0:RETURN

However, try as I may, I cannot get the program to issue me a new ball once the first has been potted, perhaps you can enlighten me.

Yours sincerely,

Martyn Davies

Weston Super Mare

Thank you for taking the trouble to detail these amendments, Martyn. I'm sure many readers will like to try them. As for your own enquiry, our programming expert tells me that line 2110 needs a little manipulation in order to bring a second ball into play. Thus, part of that line should read, :IFNB ≥ 10RNB < 10THENRUN. Hope this solves your problem.

Dear PCT

Please could you tell me if it is at all possible to upgrade an Oric 1 (which I have decided to buy) from the 16K version to the 48K. If not please could you tell me if Oric may reduce its prices in the near future (so I can buy the 48K model to start with)?

Andrew Potter

Nottingham

**I'm afraid that at the present time it is impossible to upgrade the Oric 1 16K model to the 48K and we are told that Oric have no plans to alter this situation. With regards prices, Oric have recently dropped them for both models and the 48K version now costs £139.95**

Dear PCT

I am in the midst of final preparations for emigrating to Australia. I have tried a number of local retailers and cannot find the complete answer as to whether my ZX



Spectrum (or for that matter any other computer) will be compatible with Australian television sets. One retailer suggested that vision will be, whilst the sound will not, and that the only way round this problem would be to play the sound through a video recorder - I would, however, have thought that the video recorder would not be compatible either.

Any comments? If the Spectrum is not compatible, do you know of any easy modifications that I can carry out to solve the problems?

Yours faithfully,  
J Calvert  
Scunthorpe

**Spectrum Customer Services at Camberley (0276 685311) told us that the ZX Spectrum is incompatible for sound and vision with Australian TV sets but that modifications can be carried out in Australia by Spectrum agents, Australian Consolidated Marketing Corporation (Imports), PTY Ltd, 86 Nicholson Street, Abbotsford, Melbourne 3067 (Tel. Melbourne 4193033). This should solve both problems.**



Dear PCT

I am contemplating buying a 48K ZX Spectrum as a home computer. Along with this I will need to buy a portable television, which I am hoping to get second hand. I don't want to spend more than £50 on this and would like your advice as to the best TVs available that would be compatible with a ZX Spectrum, as I have been slightly worried over a letter printed in the July issue of PCT concerning the incompatibility of some TVs with the ZX Spectrum.

Thank you very much.  
Yours faithfully,  
C Chan  
Canterbury

**We took the advice of Sinclair Research on this one. The only televisions not compatible with the ZX Spectrum are those with Japanese components, the reason for this being to do with the colour quality. Having said that, however, they told us that the portable Sony works perfectly and, indeed if you can find a second hand one for under £50, it would seem to be a good buy.**

Dear PCT

I have bought a second hand Sinclair ZX80 as a first computer. Please could you tell me what software, books, and hardware are available for this machine?

Also, I am having problems with loading and saving to my cassette recorder. The cassette machine I am using is a Tandy CTR-37 and the leads are the leads I got with the computer.

Please could you advise me how to correct this?

Yours faithfully,  
Timothy Kemp  
Huddersfield

**The Sinclair ZX80 is now a very dated computer having been superseded by two more models from the same stable. Unfortunately, because of this there are very few firms which now produce software/add-ons to run with the ZX80.**

**As for your tape recorder, I suggest you get in touch with Sinclair Research of Cambridge to see what they can advise you to do. I am afraid that it may be that your ZX80 has seen better days, but I hope that this isn't the case.**

## CORRECTIONS

Some people have been having trouble getting the TI-99/4A High Res Editor from our September issue to work. The most common mistake was made by not reading the "How it Runs" section, where it was explained that line 590 uses control characters which cannot be displayed by the printer. However, we have to admit that there may have been an error in the listing for Line 590. Several readers have told us that they can only get the program to work properly if ON POS "EXSD123456789".CHR (K).1 is substituted for the original line "123456789 EXDS".

**Our thanks go to all those who wrote in, not only the letters which we have printed here. We have noted your comments and welcome any advice readers might like to give.**

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# DYNAMIC DISASSEMBLER

**David Berry has assembled an excellent program in the form of a 6809 disassembler for Dragon users.**

Dynamic Dragon Disassembler (4D for short) is a comprehensive 6809 disassembler. It not only converts op codes into assembler mnemonics but also correctly handles all 220 post bytes. Written largely in BASIC with a small machine code routine, it is non-the-less fast enough to easily keep ahead of my 30 cps printer.

### Using the program

The program starts with an input area. Memory is examined to determine whether the required data file is present and the program loads it from tape if it is not. The data file occupies RAM from 0600h to 0EABh and contains all the possible "one byte" 6809 mnemonics together with relevant addressing modes and number of bytes associated with each instruction.

The input phase continues with requests for start and end addresses of the op code to be disassembled. Standard Dragon number input rules apply so use &H for Hex.

Output can be directed to either screen or printer and this selection is required as the next input. If the printer is selected you then have the option of inputting a title which is then printed as a heading above the disassembled code.

The program has a facility for single stepping. This can be selected by inputting "Y" to the next prompt. Each time "Y" is subsequently pressed a single line of output is produced. Any other keypress will switch the program to continuous output. Pressing "Y" at any stage will then reset single stepping.

If an area of memory is known to contain data rather than code (such as look-up tables, start up data, indirection addresses, etc.) a routine can be selected which provides a column listing of location addresses and their contents. This facility is

invoked by entering "D" in response to the next prompt — "C" will select normal code disassembly.

Subroutine "Decode" is called immediately after the input phase and input to the routine is the address of the next location to be examined. The data in RAM is formatted thus:

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<cr><MNEMONIC><10>
<ADDRESS MODE><10>
<No BYTES><cr>
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The opcode is used by Decode to index the data file. The search is actually carried out by a machine code routine located at 0E96h. The only exceptions to this search technique are where the op code consists of two bytes; these are handled by the routines called "Second tier" and "Third tier".

Output parameters from the routine are: mnemonic in M\$, address type in T\$, and number of bytes in BYTE.

Program lines 270 to 330 then select the routine appropriate to the type of addressing mode for the particular op code under consideration. Direct, inherent, relative, immediate, and extended addressing modes are handled by the relevant routine.

Indexed and indirect addressing is handled by the subroutine of the same name. For those of you who are not familiar with 6809 machine code; indexed addressing is provided for by the inclusion of a so called "post byte" which immediately follows the op code and defines the indirection or indexing technique to be used.

There are 220 legal post bytes, but luckily for disassembler writers these fall into two classes. The first class lends itself to simple calculation; the second class is a repeating sequence modified by the particular bits set in the post byte. Lines 1450 to 1630 handle the simple "five bit"

class of post byte, and lines 1640 to 2060 the second class.

### Character changes

Of interest here is the use of VARPTR to facilitate character changes within strings. VARPTR (P\$), on the Dragon returns the address of the first of four bytes which describe the string. Pointer+0 has the string length, pointer+2 and pointer+3 hold the address of the first byte of the string itself. In other words, VARPTR provides for indirection to the strong first byte.

The data statement in line 1640 contains the basic repeating sequence for class two post bytes. Read the data statement as it stands and add on the appropriate index register name or addresses, substituted for "R" and "MM" and "NN" respectively; all the indexed modes are covered. Enclosing the indexed modes in square brackets then provides representation of the indirect modes. Correct interpretation is provided by this routine.

The print routine at 2170 formats the output correctly and sends it either to the printer or the screen. All numbers are output in Hex. Relative jumps and five-bit indices are converted to positive/negative values. All other output is normal Hex.

Output format is: ADDRESS, MNEMONIC, MODE, PARAMETER, MACHINE CODE. Mode being indicated by "d" for direct, "\*" for relative jumps, "#" for immediate, "i" for indexed or indirect, and "x" for extended. On the screen the machine code appears beneath the disassembled mnemonic.

### Parameter changes

Various controls can be input at any time to change the initial para-



meters. "P" will direct the output to the printer; 'S' to the screen. Single stepping can be changed as described elsewhere. "Q" (quit) will end the run prematurely. It is im-

portant to end properly as the processor is run at double speed and because the program modifies the data statement in line 1640 this must be reset.

Most of the machine code I write lives above 7000h hence the CLEAR statement in line 40. You may need to change this to suit your own requirements.

## PROGRAM LISTING

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PRINT 32,"===DRAGON 6809 DISASSEMBLER===";
60 IF PEEK(&H0600)=13 GOTO 90
70 PRINT "==START TAPE TO LOAD DATA FILE=="<CLOADM"DATA"
80 PRINT 336,STRING$(32," ");
90 POKE &HFD7,0
100 PRINT 295," ";
110 INPUT"ENTER START ADDRESS";ML
120 INPUT"ENTER END ADDRESS";EA
130 IF EA<ML OR ML<0 OR EA<0 OR ML>&HFFFF OR EA>&HFFFF THEN GOTO 40
140 PRINT 224,"SELECT PRTR (P) OR SCRN (S) ? ";
150 Z0=INKEY$;IF Z0="" GOTO 140 ELSE PRINT Z0
160 IF Z0="P" THEN Z=-2;PRINT 224,STRING$(255,"");PRINT 309,"";PRINT 389,"
"/);PRINT 2469,"/);PRINT 224,"TITLE";LINE INPUT H$;PRINT 224,STRING$(255,"
") ELSE Z=0
170 PRINT 2256,"SINGLE STEP (Y/N) ? ";
180 X0=INKEY$;IF X0="" GOTO 170 ELSE PRINT X0
190 PRINT 320,"DATA AREA OR CODE ? ";
200 S0=INKEY$;IF S0="" GOTO 190 ELSE PRINT S0
210 PRINT 2;PRINT 2;H$;CHR$(13)
220 IF S0="D" GOTO 2290
230 IF S0="C" GOTO 200
240 IF X0="Y" THEN X=1 ELSE X=0
250 ML=ML
260 GOSUB 450
270 IF T0="D" GOSUB 1020 GOTO 360
280 IF T0="N" GOSUB 1090 GOTO 360
290 IF T0="R" GOSUB 1140 GOTO 360
300 IF T0="E" GOSUB 1290 GOTO 360
310 IF T0="I" GOSUB 1450 GOTO 360
320 IF T0="S" GOSUB 2070 GOTO 360
330 IF T0="X" GOSUB 2130 GOTO 360
340 CLS;PLAY"TS;AA";PRINT"DATA FILE ERROR"
350 POKE &HFFD6,0
360 GOSUB 2170
370 GOSUB 2440
380 IF G=ASC("Q") GOTO 410
390 IF X=1 THEN X0=INKEY$;IF X0="" GOTO 390
400 IF ML<EA+1 GOTO 240
410 PRINT 2;,"END OF RUN"
420 POKE &HFFD6,0
430 POKE JJ,ASC("R")
440 END; NORMAL END.
450 'SUBROUTINE DECODE.
460 PT=&H0600
470 OC=PEEK(ML)+1
480 M0=""
490 IF OC=&H11 GOTO 660
500 IF OC=&H12 GOTO 050
510 IF OC=&H100 THEN M0="" STU";T0="E";BYTE=3;RETURN
520 IF OC>0 THEN POKE &H0E93,OC;EXEC &H0E95;RT=PEEK(&H0E94)*&H100+PEEK(&H0E95)
530 PT=PT-1
540 MT=PT+1
550 PT=PT+1
560 IF PEEK(PT)<&H0D GOTO 550
570 PT=PT-1
580 BYTE=PEEK(PT)-&H30
590 PT=PT-2
600 TYPE=PEEK(PT)
610 T0=CHR$(TYPE)
620 FOR I=MT TO PT-1
630 M0=M0+CHR$(PEEK(I))
640 NEXT I
650 RETURN
660 'SECOND TIER CODES.
670 ML=ML+1
680 OC=PEEK(ML)
690 IF OC<&H21 THEN PRINT 2;,"ERROR E5 - 2ND TIER CODES"
700 IF OC<&H30 GOSUB 450;M0="" L"+RIGHT$(M0,(LEN(M0)-1));BYTE=3;RETURN
710 IF OC=&H3F THEN M0="" SWI2";T0="N";BYTE=1;RETURN
720 GOSUB 950
730 TA=OC AND &H0F
740 IF OC>&H0F GOTO 810
750 IF TA=&H03 THEN M0="" CHPD";RETURN
760 IF TA=&H0C THEN M0="" CHPY";RETURN
770 IF TA=&H0E THEN M0="" LDY";RETURN
780 IF TA=&H0F THEN M0="" STY";RETURN
790 PRINT 2;,"ERROR E6B - SECOND TIER CODES"
800 RETURN
810 IF TA=&H0E THEN M0="" LDS";RETURN
820 IF TA=&H0F THEN M0="" STS";RETURN
830 PRINT 2;,"ERROR E6A - SECOND TIER CODES"
840 RETURN
850 'THIRD TIER CODES.
860 ML=ML+1
870 OC=PEEK(ML)
880 IF OC=&H3F THEN M0="" SWI3";T0="N";BYTE=1;RETURN
890 GOSUB 950
900 TA=OC AND &H0F
910 IF TA=&H03 THEN M0="" CNPU";RETURN
920 IF TA=&H0C THEN M0="" CMPS";RETURN
930 PRINT 2;,"ERROR E7- THIRD TIER CODES"
940 RETURN
950 'MSB SPLITTER FOR 2&3 TIER'
960 TA=OC AND &H0F
970 IF TA=&H0A OR TA=&H0B THEN T0="2";BYTE=3
980 IF TA=&H0D OR TA=&H0E THEN T0="D";BYTE=2
990 IF TA=&H0B OR TA=&H0E THEN T0="I";BYTE=2
1000 IF TA=&H0D OR TA=&H0F THEN T0="E";BYTE=3
1010 RETURN
1020 'SUBROUTINE DIRECT.
1030 IF BYTE<2 THEN PRINT 2;,"ERROR E1 - DIRECT ADDRESSING"
1040 A0=HEX$(PEEK(ML+1))
1050 IF LEN(A0)<2 THEN A0="0"+A0
1060 A0="d "+A0
1070 ML=ML+2
1080 RETURN
1090 'SUBROUTINE INHERENT.
1100 IF BYTE<1 THEN PRINT 2;,"ERROR E2 - INH ADDRESSING"
1110 A0=""
1120 ML=ML+1
1130 RETURN
1140 'SUBROUTINE RELATIVE.
1150 IF BYTE<2 AND BYTE<3 THEN PRINT 2;,"ERROR E3 - RELATIVE"
1160 IF BYTE<3 GOTO 1220
1170 ML=ML+1
1180 JM=PEEK(ML)
1190 IF JM>&H7F THEN JM=&H100-JM;A0="x "+HEX$(JM) ELSE A0="x "+HEX$(JM)
1200 ML=ML+1
1210 RETURN
1220 ML=ML+1
1230 JM=PEEK(ML)
1240 ML=ML+1
1250 JM=JM&H100+PEEK(ML)
1260 IF JM>&H7FFF THEN JM=&HFFFF-JM;JM=JM+1;A0="x "+HEX$(JM) ELSE A0="x "+HEX$(JM)
1270 ML=ML+1
1280 RETURN
1290 'SUBROUTINE IMMEDIATE.
1300 IF BYTE<2 AND BYTE<3 THEN PRINT 2;,"ERROR E4 - IMMEDIATE"
1310 IF BYTE=3 GOTO 1380
1320 ML=ML+1
1330 A0=HEX$(PEEK(ML))
1340 IF LEN(A0)<2 THEN A0="0"+A0
1350 A0="E "+A0
1360 ML=ML+1
1370 RETURN
1380 ML=ML+1
1390 VA=PEEK(ML)*&H100+PEEK(ML+1)
1400 A0=HEX$(VA)
1410 IF LEN(A0)<4 THEN A0="0"+A0;GOTO 1410
1420 A0="E "+A0
1430 ML=ML+2
1440 RETURN
1450 'SUBROUTINE INDEXED.
1460 ML=ML+1
1470 IF PEEK(ML)>&H7F GOTO 1650
1480 B=PEEK(ML)
1490 IF B<&H20 THEN R0="X";GOTO 1530
1500 IF B<&H40 THEN R0="Y";GOTO 1530
1510 IF B<&H60 THEN R0="U";GOTO 1530
1520 R0="S"
1530 C=B AND &H10
1540 IF C=&H10 GOTO 1590
1550 C=B AND &H0F
1560 A0="I "+HEX$(C)+R0
1570 ML=ML+1
1580 RETURN
1590 C=B AND &H0F
1600 C=&H10-C
1610 A0="I "+HEX$(C)+R0
1620 ML=ML+1
1630 RETURN
1640 DATA "R","R+",",R+",",R-",",R",",B,R","R,R","ILL","NN,R","MNN,R","ILL
","D,R","NN,PC","MNN,PC","ILL","MNN"
1650 B=PEEK(ML);POKE JJ,ASC("R")
1660 IF B<&H0B THEN R0="X";GOTO 1700
1670 IF B<&H0C THEN R0="Y";GOTO 1700
1680 IF B<&H0E THEN R0="U";GOTO 1700
1690 R0="S"
1700 C=B AND &H0F
1710 RESTORE
1720 I=0
1730 REPO P0
1740 IF I<C THEN I=I+1;GOTO 1730
1750 C=VARPTR(P0)
1760 C=PEEK(C+2)*&H100+PEEK(C+3)
1770 IF C<0 THEN C=65536+C
1780 L=LEN(P0)
1790 FOR I=C TO C+L
1800 IF PEEK(I)=ASC("R") THEN POKE I,ASC(R0);JJ=I
1810 NEXT I
1820 IF PEEK(C)=ASC("M") GOSUB 1920
1830 IF PEEK(C)=ASC("N") GOSUB 2000
1840 C=B AND &H10
1850 IF C=&H10 GOTO 1890
1860 A0="I "+P0
1870 ML=ML+1
1880 RETURN
1890 A0="I [" +P0 +"]"
1900 ML=ML+1

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1910 RETURN
1920 ML=ML+1
1930 D=PEEK(ML)*256+PEEK(ML+1)
1940 D=HEX$(D)
1950 IF LEN(D)<4 THEN D="0"+D:GOTO 1950
1960 P=RIGHT$(P,(LEN(P)-4))
1970 P=D+P
1980 ML=ML+1
1990 RETURN
2000 ML=ML+1
2010 D=PEEK(ML)
2020 D=HEX$(D)
2030 IF LEN(D)<2 THEN D="0"+D
2040 P=RIGHT$(P,(LEN(P)-2))
2050 P=D+P
2060 RETURN
2070 'SUBROUTINE EXTENDED.'
2080 IF BYTE<3 THEN PRINT EZ,"ERROR E5 - EXTENDED"
2090 GOSUB 1300
2100 A=RIGHT$(A,(LEN(A)-1))
2110 A="X"+A
2120 RETURN
2130 'SUBROUTINE ILLEGAL.'
2140 A="(- ERR CODE"
2150 ML=ML+1
2160 RETURN
2170 'PRINT ON PRINTER.'
2180 D=HEX$(ML)
2190 IF LEN(D)<4 THEN D="0"+D:GOTO 2190 ELSE D="0"+D
2200 PRINT EZ,TAB(1);D;TAB(10);M;TAB(20);A;TAB(31);";
2210 PRINT CHR$(8);";
2220 FOR I=NL TO ML-1
2230 K=HEX$(PEEK(I))
2240 IF LEN(K)<2 THEN K="0"+K
2250 PRINT EZ,K;";
2260 NEXT I
2270 PRINT EZ
2280 RETURN
2290 'DATA AREA LISTING.'
2300 FOR K=NL TO EA STEP 16
2310 IF K="Y" THEN X=1 ELSE X=0
2320 NL=K
2330 ML=K+16
2340 M=" DATA"
2350 A="*****"
2360 GOSUB 2170
2370 GOSUB 2440
2380 IF G=ASC("G") GOTO 2410
2390 IF X=1 THEN X=INKEY$:IF X=" " GOTO 2390
2400 NEXT K
2410 POKE &HFD6,0
2420 PRINT EZ,"END OF DATA RUN"
2430 END
2440 'CONTROLS.'
2450 G=PEEK(135)
2460 IF G=ASC("Y") THEN X=1
2470 IF G=ASC("P") THEN Z=-2
2480 IF G=ASC("S") THEN Z=0
2490 RETURN

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DATA FILE. 0600h TO 0E90h.

# 0600	DATA	0000 4E 43 47 20 44 20 32 00 45 30 31 20 50 20 31
# 0610	DATA	0000 45 30 32 20 58 20 31 00 43 4F 4D 20 44 20 32
# 0620	DATA	0000 4C 53 52 20 44 20 32 00 45 30 35 20 58 20 31
# 0630	DATA	0000 52 4F 52 20 44 20 32 00 41 53 52 20 44 20 32
# 0640	DATA	0000 41 53 4C 2F 4C 53 4C 20 44 20 32 00 52 4F 4C
# 0650	DATA	0000 44 20 32 00 44 45 43 20 44 20 32 00 45 30 42
# 0660	DATA	0000 58 20 31 80 49 4E 43 20 44 20 32 00 54 53 54
# 0670	DATA	0000 44 20 32 00 4A 40 50 20 44 20 32 00 43 4C 52
# 0680	DATA	0000 44 20 32 00 45 31 30 20 58 20 31 00 45 31 31
# 0690	DATA	0000 58 20 31 80 4E 4F 50 20 4E 20 31 80 53 59 4E
# 06A0	DATA	0000 43 20 4E 20 31 80 45 31 34 20 58 20 31 80 45 31
# 06B0	DATA	0000 58 20 31 80 4C 42 52 41 20 52 20 33 00 40
# 06C0	DATA	0000 53 52 20 52 20 33 00 45 31 38 20 58 20 31 80
# 06D0	DATA	0000 41 20 4E 20 31 80 4F 52 43 43 20 23 20 32
# 06E0	DATA	0000 45 31 42 20 58 20 31 00 41 4E 44 43 43 20 23
# 06F0	DATA	0000 32 00 53 45 58 20 4E 20 31 00 45 58 47 20 23
# 0700	DATA	0000 32 00 54 46 52 20 23 20 32 00 42 52 41 20 52
# 0710	DATA	0000 32 00 42 52 4E 20 52 20 32 00 42 46 49 20 52
# 0720	DATA	0000 32 00 42 4C 53 20 52 20 32 00 42 48 53 2F 42
# 0730	DATA	0000 43 43 20 52 20 32 00 42 4C 4F 2F 42 43 39 20 52
# 0740	DATA	0000 32 00 42 4E 45 20 52 20 32 00 42 45 51 20 52
# 0750	DATA	0000 32 00 42 56 43 20 52 20 32 00 42 56 53 20 52
# 0760	DATA	0000 32 00 42 50 4C 20 52 20 32 00 42 40 49 20 52
# 0770	DATA	0000 32 00 42 47 45 20 52 20 32 00 42 4C 54 20 52
# 0780	DATA	0000 32 00 42 47 54 20 52 20 32 00 42 4C 45 20 52
# 0790	DATA	0000 32 00 4C 45 41 58 20 49 20 32 00 4C 45 41 53
# 07A0	DATA	0000 49 20 32 00 4C 45 41 53 20 49 20 32 00 4C 45 41
# 07B0	DATA	0000 53 20 49 20 32 00 50 53 48 53 20 23 20 32 00
# 07C0	DATA	0000 53 4C 53 20 23 20 32 00 50 53 48 53 20 23 20
# 07D0	DATA	0000 32 00 50 53 4C 53 20 23 20 32 00 45 33 38 20 56
# 07E0	DATA	0000 31 00 52 54 53 20 4E 20 31 00 41 42 58 20 4E
# 07F0	DATA	0000 31 00 52 54 49 20 4E 20 31 00 43 57 41 49 20
# 0800	DATA	0000 23 20 32 00 40 53 4C 20 4E 20 31 80 45 33 45 20
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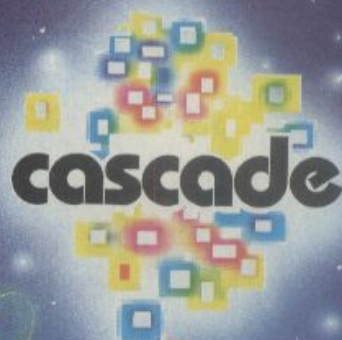
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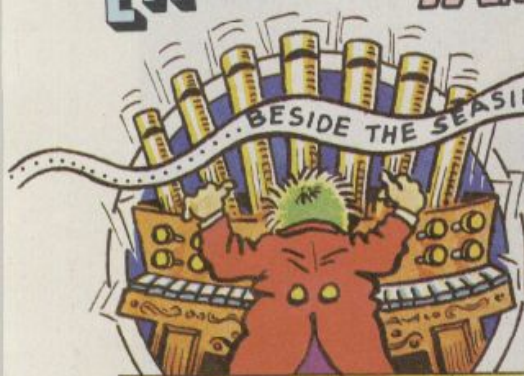
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# SOFTWARE REVIEWS

Each month PCT will be presenting pages of reviews of the computer programs currently available. We have engaged a team of reviewers, each of whom is a seasoned user of his/her particular machine — and has the crazy streak that means they enjoy playing computer games!

All types of software will, however, be reviewed in these pages; but with around 85% of all home-computer software being of the playful variety, you will be seeing more games than anything else!

Our 'Ratings Table' headings are:

## Program Quality

Here we're looking to see how well written the program is, and how well it exploits the computer's capabilities. Also, how logical is the structure of the program? Does it require the user to make guesses to use it?

## Crashproofing

We all hit the wrong key sometimes,

do we not? Go on, admit it. If the program has been well written, all should not be lost. If, for example, the machine is asking you to enter "Yes" or "No", then any other key except Y or N should illicit no response whatsoever. In other words, how tolerant is the program of us humans?

## Value For Money

Quite frankly, some software on sale today is vastly overpriced. With the low cost of cassette tapes, why should simple games cost up to £12 per tape? We judge this one on an overall basis — how much work have the suppliers put into the program and is the price reasonable?

## Presentation On-screen

How good are the graphics used in the program? If the instructions are provided on screen, are they both readable and easy to understand? This section examines the

visual aspects of the package — vital for games!

## Ease Of Use

If the program is for, say, an 'action' game, then the author's choice of keys is very important. Try playing "Invaders" with the movement keys reversed, and the "Fire" button right next to 'Reset'! There are many, many ways in which life can be made easy for the program user. We want to see them all used!

## Supplied Instructions

Regardless of whether the instructions come on sheets of paper, or are presented as text on-screen, they should be as clear and as concise as possible.

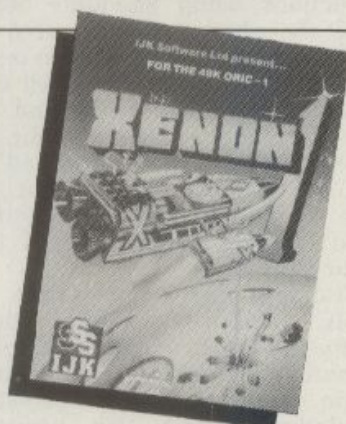
Ratings are done on a "Five stars is excellent, one is hopeless" basis, with the reviewer then scoring the supplied package as a whole on a percentage scale.

**This month our software reviews section is bigger than ever, with eight pages in all. Read on for the first part and turn to p89 for the second part.**

**Title:** Xenon-1  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** IJK Software  
**Machine:** Oric -1 48K  
**Price:** £8.50

This is a must for Oric owners who like fast action arcade style games. With three space ships at your disposal you journey through space to the planet Randon encountering alien Aards that you must destroy. You are then bombarded by meteorites and finally you reach Randon only to be attacked by Paratrons. Having survived all this you must then take on and destroy the Zorgon battle star.

A great fun game liable to promote a nervous breakdown until you learn the techniques and develop your reactions, and then — you've



guessed — you increase the skill level and get blasted out of existence again.

Written almost entirely in machine code the program has very high quality high resolution graphics and all the usual battle type sounds. The instructions are

good but omit to tell you how to record your name on the "hall of fame" scoresheet — and it's no good trying to LIST the program to help you. The program itself is crashproof even to the most over excited fingers.

I found the game so compelling that I didn't care about the "hall of fame" or the score I achieved, I just wanted to get past those Paratrons to have a go at the battle star.

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## Ratings Table

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Overall	90%



## SOFTWARE REVIEWS

**Title:** Candyfloss  
- Hangman

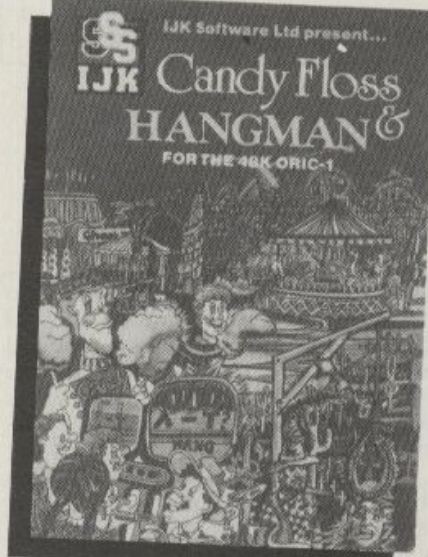
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** IJK Software  
**Machine:** Oric-1 48K  
**Price:** £7.50

Another tape from IJK Software with two games; this one making use of Oric's sound and graphics capabilities to good effect.

Candyfloss is a selling game in which you run your own business making and selling candyfloss on Blackpool's Golden Mile. There are the comforting sounds of the sea breaking on the beach and tunes to accompany the weather forecast as you battle to make enough money to buy another cassette! But be wary for there are also several disasters to trap you.

The program is written entirely in BASIC, is easy to use and is crashproof. Up to 15 people can play though I think for such a large group the progress of the game would be too slow.

The screen presentation uses low resolution graphics and is colourful and appropriate to the game. The only trouble is that having played it a few times I quickly lost interest - as well as capital and assets!



Hangman is a splendid version of the favourite game and again combines the best of Oric's musical and graphic abilities. The rules and progression of the game are well known and need no explanation here. The program contains seven categories each of 60 words with the facility for you to add your own category and words if you wish. The instructions are adequate and the game provides good fun for all ages.

The low resolution graphics mode draws the victim and you can watch his expression change as the game progresses.

P.W.

### Ratings Table

Program Quality	• • • •
Value for Money	• • •
Presentation On-screen	• • • •
Ease of Use	• • • •
Crashproofing	• • • • •
Supplied Instructions	• • •
Overall	65%

**Title:** Maze 3D -  
Breakout

**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** IJK Software  
**Machine:** Oric-1 48K  
**Price:** £7.50

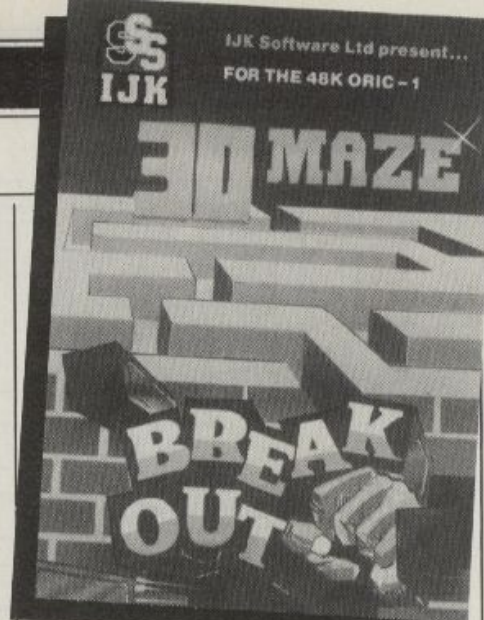
With two games on this cassette you are sure of variety from the outset.

Maze-3D follows the traditional line of random maze generation with predetermined start and finish cells, the object being to make your way through the maze with the minimum number of moves and the shortest thinking time. The program is written in BASIC and utilises one short machine code subroutine in conjunction with Oric's high resolution graphics to produce the 3D display of up to eight cells with walls or gaps to left and right as and when they occur. The exit is marked with two large Xs filling the end wall. A map is available on request, the map display being made up of redefined lower case characters.

The program was easy to use, instructions being adequate but I found the choice of keys used to move through the maze rather inappropriate. The instructions tell you to use "L" to move forward and " " and " " to move left and right. In fact you have to use the unshifted ",", " and "•" to move left and right. As there is minimal need for reaction speed I would have preferred the cursor shift keys.

Random maze generation in BASIC can take a considerable time and for the larger mazes the display reassuringly provides an indication of the progress of the necessary calculations which can typically take about three minutes to complete.

Breakout is an entertaining version of the arcade game with several options for both the construction of the walls and the speed of play to demolish them. At its fastest it was far too much for me, the occasional



hit of the 'square' ball being more attributable to luck than skill. At moderate speeds I found the game compelling and liked the refinement of automatically progressing the difficulty rating to match acquired skill. Paddle motion is provided through left and right cursor shift keys and "Z" and "C" keys allowing single or double handed operation. Instructions and screen presentation were both good.

P.W.

### Ratings Table

Program Quality	• • •
Value for Money	• • • •
Presentation On-screen	• • • •
Ease of Use	• • • •
Crashproofing	• • • • •
Supplied Instructions	• • •
Overall	75%

**Title:** Star Trek

**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Program  
**Power**  
**Machine:** BBC A or B  
**Price:** £5.50

Of course, nearly everyone who has played a game on one of the well-established micros has probably played one version or other of 'Star Trek', a game inspired by the TV series.

Basically Star Trek (the game) consists of a network of sectors and quadrants which contain stars, planets, bases and klingons in varying quantities. Time is usually counted by each move the player makes, although there are real-time versions. Most often, the objective is to kill Klingons. Although never having achieved the highest accolade in the Lance Micklus version, I sometimes suspect that the unmentioned objective is the authentic one - To Boldly Go Where No Man Has Gone Before -



using weapons only when necessary.

Be that as it may, this version of the game quite definitely tells you that 20 Klingons must be destroyed. I blundered into the game with the expertise of a Blake's 7 fan, and was somewhat peeved to find that my ship's computer had bombed out without having suffered a single attack. As I traversed the Galaxy (with difficulty) I found that the Klingons seemed to be diminishing in number without my having fired a single phaser or photon torpedo. Was this a 2-player game on 2 computers, I wondered - I had heard such wonderful things about the BBC micro! I looked for the tell-tale sign of leads disappearing under the door, but nothing! In frustration I pressed RETURN and found even fewer Klingons around. Having decided the computer was definitely on my side I tried releasing a photon torpedo towards the nearest star. Now in all the other versions I have played that would have meant at least a court-martial! But no, the star obligingly absorbed the energy. This is a game for cissies, I thought, and reached for the ON/OFF switch.

I cannot conceal my disappointment in this game. The BBC has much to offer in colour graphics and sound. A wealth of Star Trek versions exist to be enhanced. This game gave minimal sound 'blips', coarse graphics, and very little colour. And as a version of Star Trek it is just not good enough! Rushed through to cash in on the BBC market? As yet I've not seen a game that caused me to regret that I didn't rush out to buy a BBC machine - and this one serves to reinforce my view!

K.C.

## Ratings Table

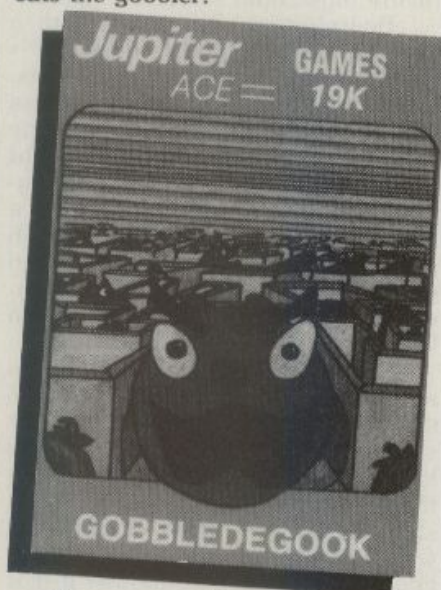
Program Quality	• •
Value for Money	•
Presentation On-screen	•
Ease of Use	• • •
Crashproofing	• • •
Supplied Instructions	• • •
Overall	20%

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Gobbledegook</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Tape</b>
<b>Supplier:</b>	<b>Jupiter Cantab</b>
<b>Machine:</b>	<b>Ace 19K</b>
<b>Price:</b>	<b>£7.95</b>

This version of the game is not particularly user-friendly and suffers from a profound identity crisis. It is first of all the game that dares not speak its

name, which of course should really be P-man. And in fact this is just a FOURTH re-hash of that tired old arcade game, but on the body of the cassette it proclaims itself as GOBBLEDEGOOK and tells you to load and run it under that name. You could waste a lot of time trying, but eventually a close study of the cassette case will reveal that the magic word is NOT as you were told but in fact GOBBLEGOOK - that is, without the central 'DE'.

Even then your troubles may not be over, since the volume level for loading is very critical. But persevere, and you will be rewarded with a maze full of dots, a voracious mobile mouth to consume them, 'gooks' to eat the mouth if it is insufficiently nimble, and 'powerpacks' which if consumed enable the gobbler to eat gooks for seven seconds. You have two levels of cannibalistic difficulty and three lives, one of which the on-screen instructions say you "lose" every time a gook eats the gobbler.



If you are either very young or very new to computer-games you will be struck by the marvellous originality and ingenuity of all this and delighted by the continuous noise emission which accompanies it. The game makes up with speed what it lacks in colour and the players' scores are recorded on screen. Even experienced arcade players will be kept hard at it manipulating the Ace's rubber keys to improve their scores.

A good implementation, once you have it running, but pricey for what you get.

G.M.

## Ratings Table

Program Quality	• • •
Value for Money	• •

Presentation On-screen	• • • •
Ease of Use	• • •
Crashproofing	• • • •
Supplied Instructions	• • • •
Overall	65%

<b>Title:</b>	<b>The Castle</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Tape</b>
<b>Supplier:</b>	<b>Bug-Byte</b>
<b>Machine:</b>	<b>Spectrum</b>
	<b>16/48K</b>
<b>Price:</b>	<b>£6.95</b>

This 16K adventure takes place in a musty old castle, which seems to belong to a rather anti-social wizard, who on finding out he has visitors, promptly sets them the task of obtaining six treasures he has hidden in one of the rooms. Failure to collect these articles will result in your having to wander through the castle ad infinitum. An excellent inlay card provides an entertaining storyline as well as above average hints and instructions, but missing the usual LOAD " " note.

The game turns out to be pure text adventure (in 16K what do you expect), which unfortunately suffers from an unresponsive and soggy keyboard. This causes numerous spelling mistakes and rather odd spacings when normal typing pressure is applied, but the technique soon becomes obvious. The program will accept the occasional spelling error, but it is annoying having to keep deleting words and retyping them. The choice of words has to be thought hard about due to the obviously limited vocabulary, but there are hints given to help. Also some of the programmer's humour is conveyed in some of the witty replies given. As adventure games are not exactly my forte I was a little stumped at first, but with perseverance and a little HELP from my friends, I achieved quite a respectable score.

In comparison with other 16K adventure games, I suppose this one from Bug-Byte is par for the course, but obviously the idea is to continually improve the standards and I feel that with this one they are on the right track, even if it is a little expensive.

G.W.

## Ratings Table

Program Quality	• • • •
Value for Money	• • •
Presentation On-screen	• • •
Ease of Use	• • •
Crashproofing	• • • •
Supplied Instructions	• • • •
Overall	65%



## SOFTWARE REVIEW

**Title:** Bonka  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** J. Morrison  
**Machine:** Dragon 32  
**Price:** £7.95

On loading this game an impressive title page scrolls up the screen. The instructions then follow 15 seconds later.

A little man is controlled with the cursor control keys and no joystick is needed. You can make him run up and down ladders and across different levels, with the objective of making 'Meanies' fall and break their necks. To do this you dig holes everywhere possible and wait for a meanie to fall into one. You then race to a hole and 'Bonk' (push) him through. You have to be quick however, for as soon as the meanies turn yellow they can escape out of the holes. Points are awarded on how far a meanie falls.

There are two ways you can die: (a) Your oxygen runs out or (b) You collide with a meanie. You have three lives in all and can select the difficulty of the game. It has four speeds and you can select from one to nine meanies. As the game progresses, difficulty increases. It logs the top five high scores with the players' names.

The graphics and colour are very good and the man especially is very realistic. However, there was no sound during the game, which was a bit disappointing. Unfortunately the game required too high a degree of accuracy making it infuriatingly hard to go up ladders or 'Bonk' a meanie down a hole. A slight bug in the program was that you couldn't dig holes near ladders.

Definitely good value for money, despite the bugs, as you soon got addicted to it.

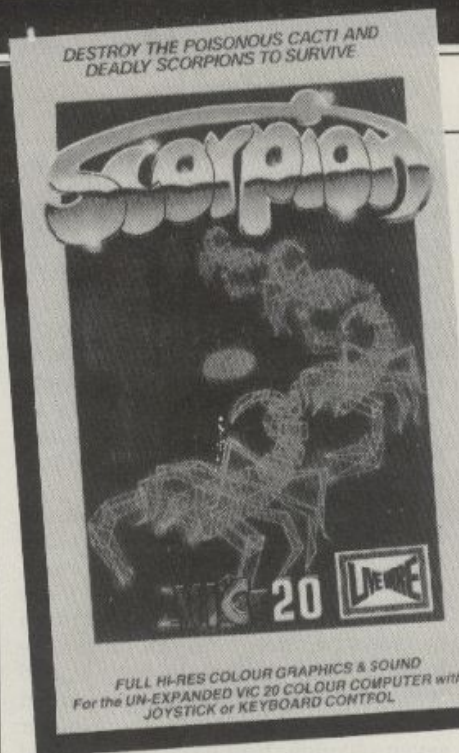
S.F.

### Ratings Table

Program Quality	. . . . .
Value for Money	. . . . .
Presentation On-screen	. . . . .
Ease of Use	. . . . .
Crashproofing	. . . . .
Supplied Instructions	. . . . .
Overall	75%

**Title:** Scorpion  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Sumlock  
**Machine:** Unexpanded VIC-20  
**Price:** £7.95

Scorpion is Sumlock's version of the



Arcade game 'Centipede'. When the game is loaded the computer plays a short burst of the "Star Wars" theme music and starts the game.

Scorpion can be played with a joystick or using the computer's keyboard. You start with three lives. Cacti are randomly strewn across the screen and a centipede-type creature starts to descend from right to left. Whenever it is hit the centipede splits from the spot where a segment was destroyed and each part finds its way through the cacti in opposite directions. The centipede also changes direction when it hits a cactus.

Every so often a spider bounces across the lower portion of the screen gobbling up cacti, but if your ship comes into contact with it you lose one life. Every few games, on the 2nd and 3rd screens, an object shaped like a piece of seaweed wends its way across the cacti field. High points can be obtained if it is hit on the 2nd screen upwards. Rocks fall from the top and leave a trail of new cacti.

After a whole centipede has been destroyed a new screen is generated and everything has a different colour. The only drawback is that no further instructions are given after those shown at the beginning of the game.

J.G.

### Ratings Table

Program Quality	. . . . .
Value for Money	. . . . .
Presentation On-screen	. . . . .
Ease of Use	. . . . .
Crashproofing	. . . . .
Supplied Instructions	. . . . .
Overall	90%

**Title:** Franklins Tomb  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Salamander  
**Machine:** Dragon 32  
**Price:** £9.95

This arrived in novel, colourful packaging which immediately caught my eye and my interest.

When run it displays a black and white title page and plays the Pink Panther Theme. You are Dan Diamond, an ex-cop, and a letter in the morning post says "Please come you are our only hope!". You go to the address stated and there you find a large stone crypt looming out of the darkness. You slowly walk in and start falling further and further down, eventually landing in the entrance room. You light your candle with one of the burning torches and you set off on an exploration of a network of rooms (i.e. the aquarium and embalming room) and passages. Your final goal is to find and unlock the secret of the tomb. Throughout the game you find and use many objects which help you to explore and discover the catacomb of rooms.

In all the game has a vocabulary of 50 verbs and 80 nouns. The solutions to the problems require lateral thinking and sometimes the odd silly conclusion. Franklins Tomb is a hundred percent BASIC program and I would have preferred it if it had been machine code, as response was about 3 - 5 seconds. It is one of the traditional text only adventures and comes complete with a 20 page booklet containing 24 well drawn illustrations of various unusual locations in the adventure.

It uses a formatted screen which constantly tells you the objects you are carrying (a maximum of six), the room descriptions and available exits. The save game facility is available and very useful.

If I had solved the puzzle quickly I would have considered £10 a lot of money to pay, but as it is I might be writing off to Salamander for extra clues.

S.F.

### Ratings Table

Program Quality	. . . . .
Value for Money	. . . . .
Presentation On-screen	. . . . .
Ease of Use	. . . . .
Crashproofing	. . . . .
Supplied Instructions	. . . . .
Overall	87%



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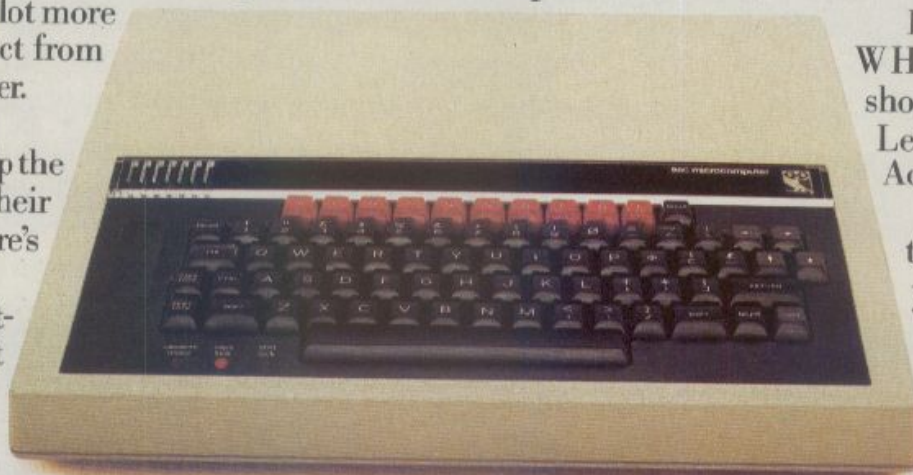
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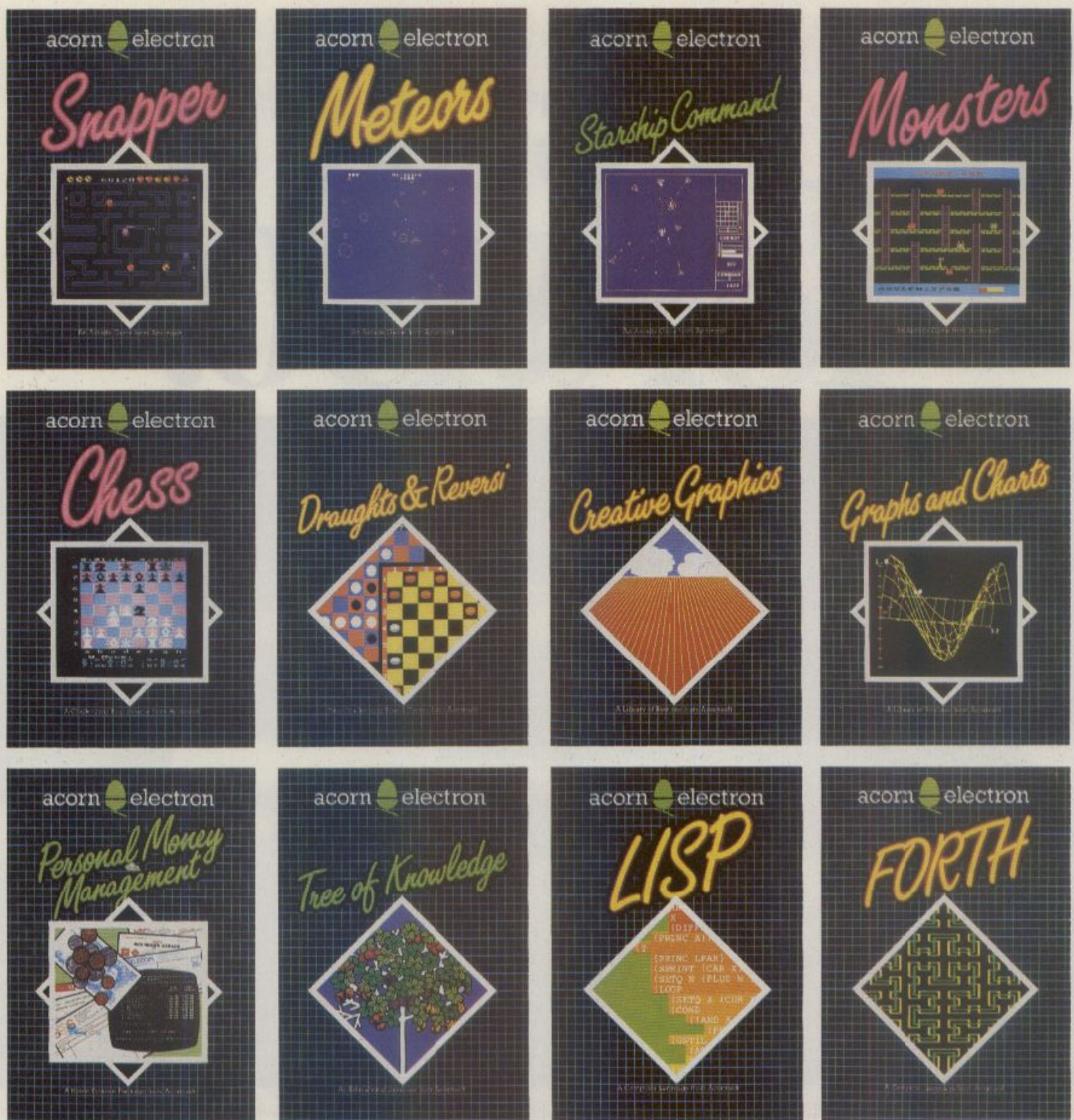
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## SPECTRUM MICRODRIVES

# ADD ONS

## David Harwood critically reviews the long-awaited Microdrives for the Sinclair Spectrum

At last the elusive Microdrives are available (to all?) and in celebration I purchased a new pen to write this review. Why a new pen? The old one had long since dried up during the months of expectancy. Was the waiting worthwhile? I'll leave you to be the judge. When the Spectrum was announced in April 1982, these Microdrives were eagerly awaited. With a promised 100K of storage, a transfer rate of 16K bytes a second and an average access time of 3.5 seconds, who would not have been excited. Also promised was an RS232 Interface, which, when connected to your computer, would allow you to add a good quality printer to your Spectrum set up. Well, after these early anticipations many owners recently ended their period of waiting.

Originally, the Interface unit was promised for £20 and the Microdrive for £50. The interface unit is priced at £49.95 (£29.95 if purchased with a Microdrive) and the Microdrive is priced at £49.95. So in order to have one Microdrive it would cost you (for those who are now running for your calculators) a total of £79.90, which is somewhat above the earlier price structure. However, the Interface 1 unit does allow connection of up to eight microdrives, a network facility and also an RS232 interface, which is an improvement on the original specification. But is this worth it and is the Microdrive as fast as is wanted and expected?

### From The Outside

The Microdrive is 90mm x 85mm x 40mm in size. Situated on the right is an edge connector, which is attachable to the Interface 1 unit by a cable. On the left is a further edge connector, which can be used to add additional Microdrives to your configuration by



means of a 2-way electrical connector. The Microdrives must also be joined together by a fitted bracket, which is screwed to the underside of both. Up to a maximum of eight Microdrives is allowed, each one being numbered. Number one nearest to the computer, two the next one and so on, to the left hand end of line.

At the front of the microdrive is an LED red light, which comes on whenever the microdrive is accessed. Only one may be accessed at any one time.

On the right of the LED light is an opening into which the cartridge is placed. You are warned not to remove the cartridge when the red light is on. I refrained from temptation as the Microdrive was only lent to me and I didn't want to ruin it at best, or blow up the remainder of my gear at worst.

According to the manual you can, as soon as the Interface unit is

fixed, switch on and then attach your Microdrive(s). I found that unless the Microdrives were added before power-on, the error message 'Microdrives Not Present' arose on the screen. I also discovered that the plugs of the ribbon cable, which allows communication between the computer and Microdrive, needed to be connected in a particular manner or else 'Microdrives Not Present' was printed again. I had to ensure that the ribbon cable was on top of the plugs and not below. Is this an idiosyncrasy of my review unit or an omission from the instruction manual? So take care and look at the illustration.

### The Cartridges

Regrettably only one cartridge is supplied with the Microdrive, which is not really sufficient as most users would, I feel, want to use their Microdrives to their maximum potential and would not wish all the demonstration programs, which Sinclair very kindly supplied, as they take up a lot of storage space.

There is a limit of 50 files, as stated earlier, but if a lot of data storage and program storage is used, it is unlikely you will ever reach the 50 before you run out of cartridge memory.

Data can be sent to and come from various parts of the computer system. Such parts are known as channels e.g. Keyboard, Microdrive, Screen etc. The routes along which data flows to and from these channels are known as streams. In the computer system, the number of these streams can be from 0 to 15, and the stream number is always preceded by a hash symbol. Four streams come already linked, but the streams from four to 15 are there for your own use. In the programs listed I have used stream four, which the com-



## ADD-ONS

puter attaches to the new channel "numbers" on the microdrive.

## Interface 1

As mentioned above the interface has three functions, an RS232 interface, of which an additional lead is needed for £14.95 to run a printer. I feel this is a little too steep just for a cable. The spectrum can operate at all the standard baud rates, from 50-19,200, and operate on two printer channels. Channel t allows only ASCII codes to be sent and channel b allows the full spectrum character set, without the keywords, but including the control codes for use with your printer.

The interface 1 also allows the added commands to handle the Microdrive, Network and RS232 interface and also new error codes.

The interface also allows programs and data to be sent or received from a ZX Microdrive and to or from a spectrum local network. The network facility enables up to 64 spectrums to be connected up to 100 metres apart. Each Interface 1 is supplied with a 2-meter lead which plugs into the left hand socket of your Interface 1 to output to the network, while the right hand socket is available for input from the network. A Spectrum is not allowed to be switched on or off on the Network while communication is in progress, but may be switched off on the net provided communication is not in progress.

Each computer on the net needs to be given an identification number — and when done you enter FORMAT "n"; number with only two computers in the network, there is no need to use this statement as both automatically become station one.

To send a program along the network to say, station two, you need to type in SAVE \* "n";2. Meanwhile station two should prepare his computer by typing LOAD \* "n";x1 (you being station 1). Station two should then verify the program, by typing VERIFY \* "n";x1, and station one should repeat his sending of the program.

You can send data along the network, provided all stations are ready. There is also a special channel called broadcast, with which you can pick up any program or data that is being sent along the network. This facility will be very useful — classrooms, where the teacher sends out a message, which is received by all pupils.

The network opens up the

possibility of great interface games between many users, and of doubling the software — houses will soon cotton on to this new section of industry.

Below is a summary of the commands to control the Microdrive, network system and RS232 interface.

CAT \* Lists all the files in the cartridge cassette placed in Microdrive X. (X can be from 1-8)

CAT # Y;Z sends the catalogue of cartridge placed in Microdrive X to stream Y (Y can be 0-8)

CLOSE # Y Close the channel and leaves the stream four with no channels attached.

ERASE "n";y;"name" Erases the file, called name, from the cartridge in microdrive Y

FORMAT "m"; y; "name" Formats the cartridge in microdrive Y and gives it a name

FORMAT "n"; Z gives your computer an identification number 2.

FORMAT "t"; baudrate ) sets the baudrate

FORMAT "b"; baudrate ) and appropriate channel to be used by the interface

PRINT INKEY\$ FFY Immediately returns a string from channel Y, be it from a file, network, or RS232 Interface providing stream four has been opened. If no character is available, returns the null string

INPUT #Y; a Inputs the variable from stream Y, provided stream # Y has been opened from file, network or RS232 Interface.

LOAD # "m";x;"name" — loads the program from cartridge in Microdrive X called — name.

LOAD # "n";X — loads the program sent from station number X, off the network.

LOAD # "b" — loads the program sent over the RS232 Interface.

MERGE and VERIFY can be used the same as LOAD.

MOVE # Y TO # Y1 MOVES Data stream #Y to stream #Y1

MOVE "m"; X; "Name" to # Y1 moves data stored on cartridge in microdrive X, called Name to stream Y1

MOVE "m"; X; "Name" to "m"; X1; "Name 1" — Moves file called name, stored on cartridge in microdrive X and stores 4 on cartridge in microdrive X1 and calls it Name X 1.

MOVE only works with data and not programs

OPEN #Y, channel — links specified channel to stream # Y in

order to allow BASIC INPUT/OUTPUT to that channel. Stream must be "K", "S" "P"

OPEN #Y; "n"; X — opens a channel on station X on the network, and a Heecnes stream Y to it.

OPEN #Y; "m"; Y1; "name" — opens up a new channel to Microdrive Y1 called by name, and attaches this channel to stream # Y.

PRINT # Y; data — Output data to stream # Y, which must have been previously opened.

SAVE # "m";x; "name" — stores the program in memory to the cartridge in Microdrive X and calls it name.

SAVE # "n"; X — sends the program memory along the network to station number X

SAVE # "b" — sends the program over the RS232 Interface

SCREEN \$ and LINE can be used in the above SAVE statements.

The manual is intended for use with the microdrive and Interface 1, and takes you step-by-step from setting up your interface, then your Microdrive, and then starting straight away. I feel the manual was lacking in many respects. Each statement was touched upon too lightly and non too clearly, especially if you have not experienced any file handling.

The manual is available for £5 incl VAT and P&P as a separate item. This again is far too high. I would pay £2 maximum for such a pamphlet.

## Final Conclusions

Yes, the Microdrives are useful, but their speed is not as fast as one would have hoped. It is by far easier and quicker to use a Microdrive to store your programs than the usual cassette-recorder method. Also the Microdrives do open up file-handling, although at a slow speed, but if you cannot afford a "proper" disc set-up, then slow file-handling is better than no file handling at all.

The interface also allows Network — systems to be set up, enabling attractive games to take place between other Spectrum users.

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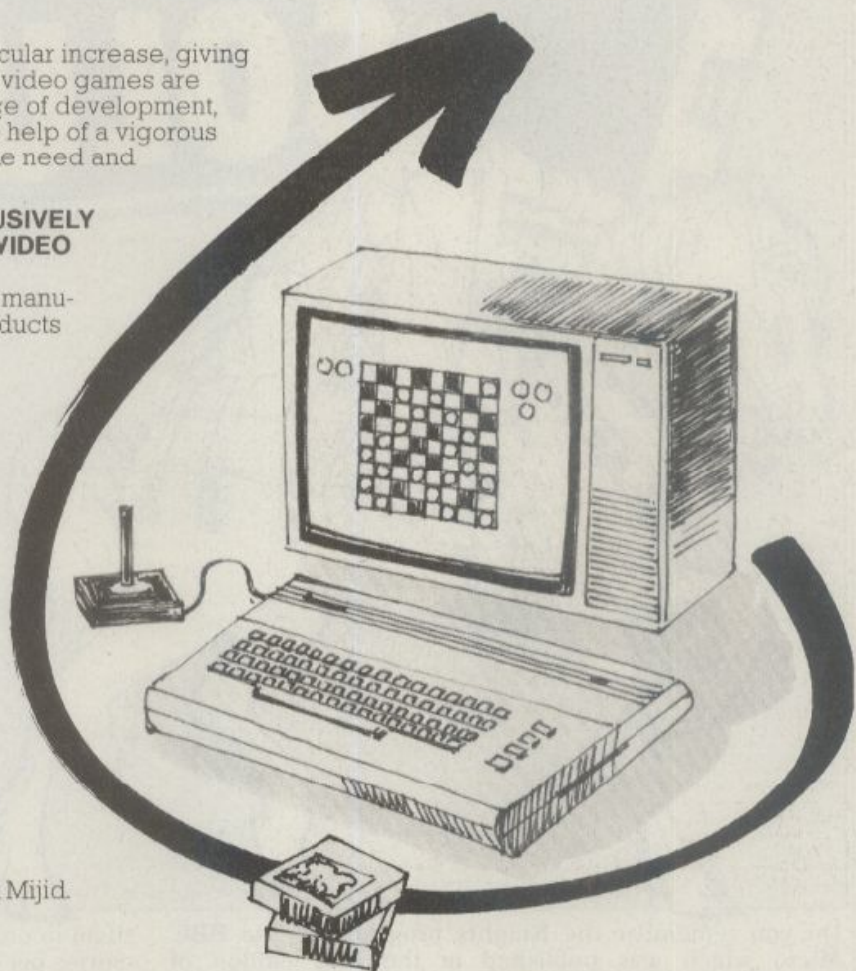
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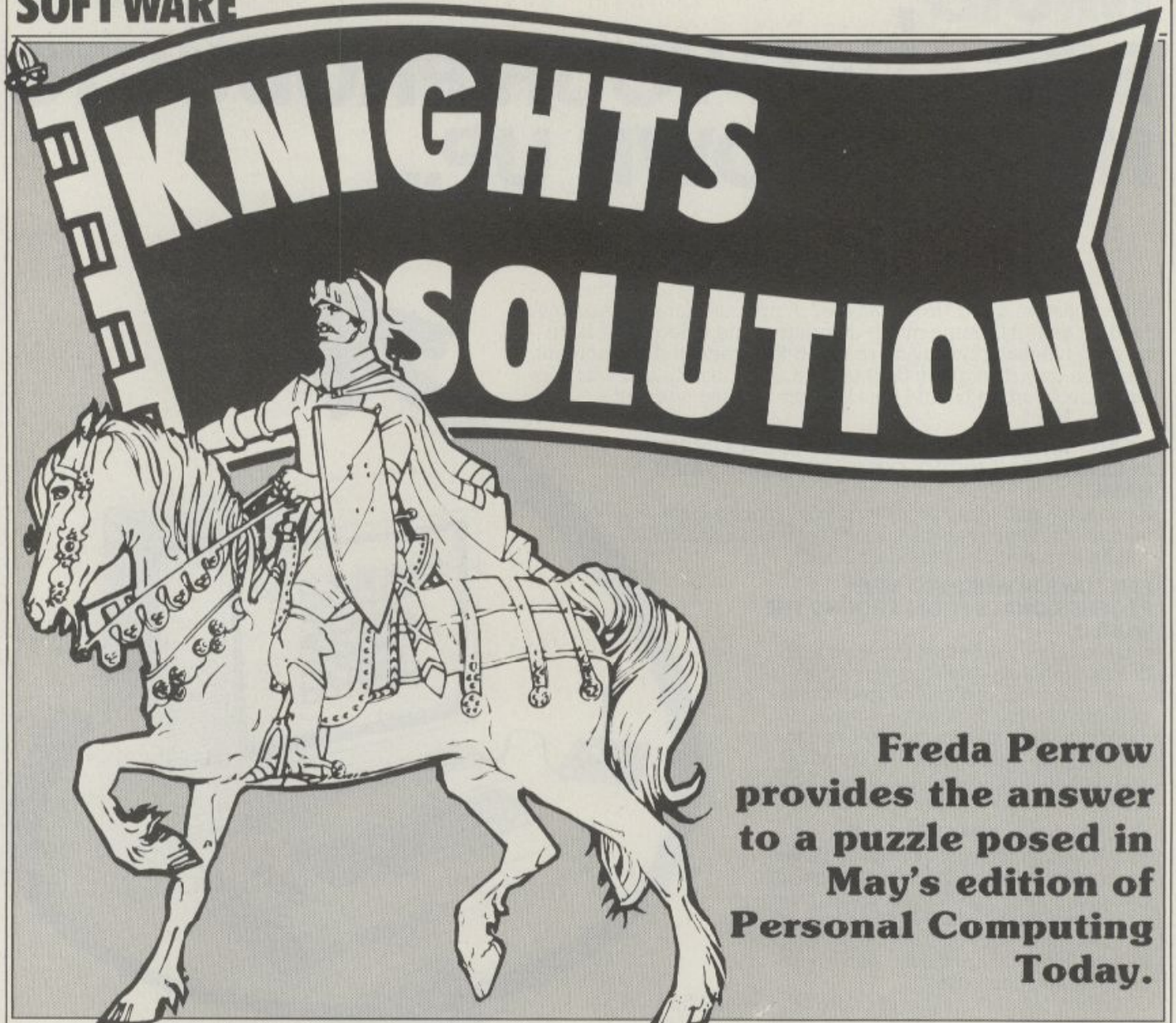
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**Freda Perrow  
provides the answer  
to a puzzle posed in  
May's edition of  
Personal Computing  
Today.**

Do you remember the Knights program for the BBC Micro which was published in the May edition of *Personal Computing Today*? I admitted at the time that I hadn't succeeded in completing the puzzle and I must confess that I still haven't, but a colleague has. He assures me that there are many ways in which the puzzle can be completed. I finally persuaded him to part with one solution so that I could incorporate it into the program as an example and also to prove (especially to myself!) that it could be done.

By adding the listing given here the program will give the player the option of playing the game as it was originally presented or of watching the computer show off just how it can be done.

For those of you that can boast of having solved the puzzle you can incorporate your own solution in the data statements. Just log down your moves and then enter

them in order with eight moves per line. That is 16 data entries per data line. When entered you should have 128 entries.

### Second chance

If you missed the original article in the May edition and you would like a listing of the program I will happily send you one providing you send me a couple of first class stamps to cover the cost. My address is given below. Alternatively you can obtain the May edition from the back issues department of Argus Specialist Publications at 513 London Road, Thornton Heath, Croydon, Surrey.

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```
611 PRINTAB(0,28)"WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?"/"HOW THE MICRO DOES IT?"
612 PLAY=0:GOTO 614
613 IF PLAY<>"Y" AND PLAY<>"N" THEN 612
614 IF PLAY="Y" THEN PLAY=1:PRINTAB(0,28)"PRESS SPACE-BAR TO MOVE
KNIGHT"/"SPC(24) GOTO 630 ELSE PLAY=0
615 IF PLAY=1 THEN PROCCOMPLAY:ENDPROC
1110 DEFPROC COMPLAY
1120 READX:READY
1130 W=INKEY(200):SOUND1,-15,100*NRND(100),1
1140 PRINTAB(30,12),X
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1150 PRINTAB(30,14),Y
1160 ENDP
1200 DATA 1,2,3,8,5,7,7,1,8,3,7,1,0,2,6
1210 DATA 4,2,2,4,1,6,2,8,3,7,3,8,7,5,6
1220 DATA 7,3,7,7,3,8,1,7,3,6,2,8,1,6,2,4
1230 DATA 1,2,3,3,2,1,4,2,6,1,8,2,7,4,0,6
1240 DATA 6,7,8,8,7,6,6,8,6,4,8,2,7,1,5
1250 DATA 3,1,1,3,2,2,1,7,2,6,4,4,3,5,3
1260 DATA 6,8,4,6,3,7,1,5,2,3,1,4,3,5,5
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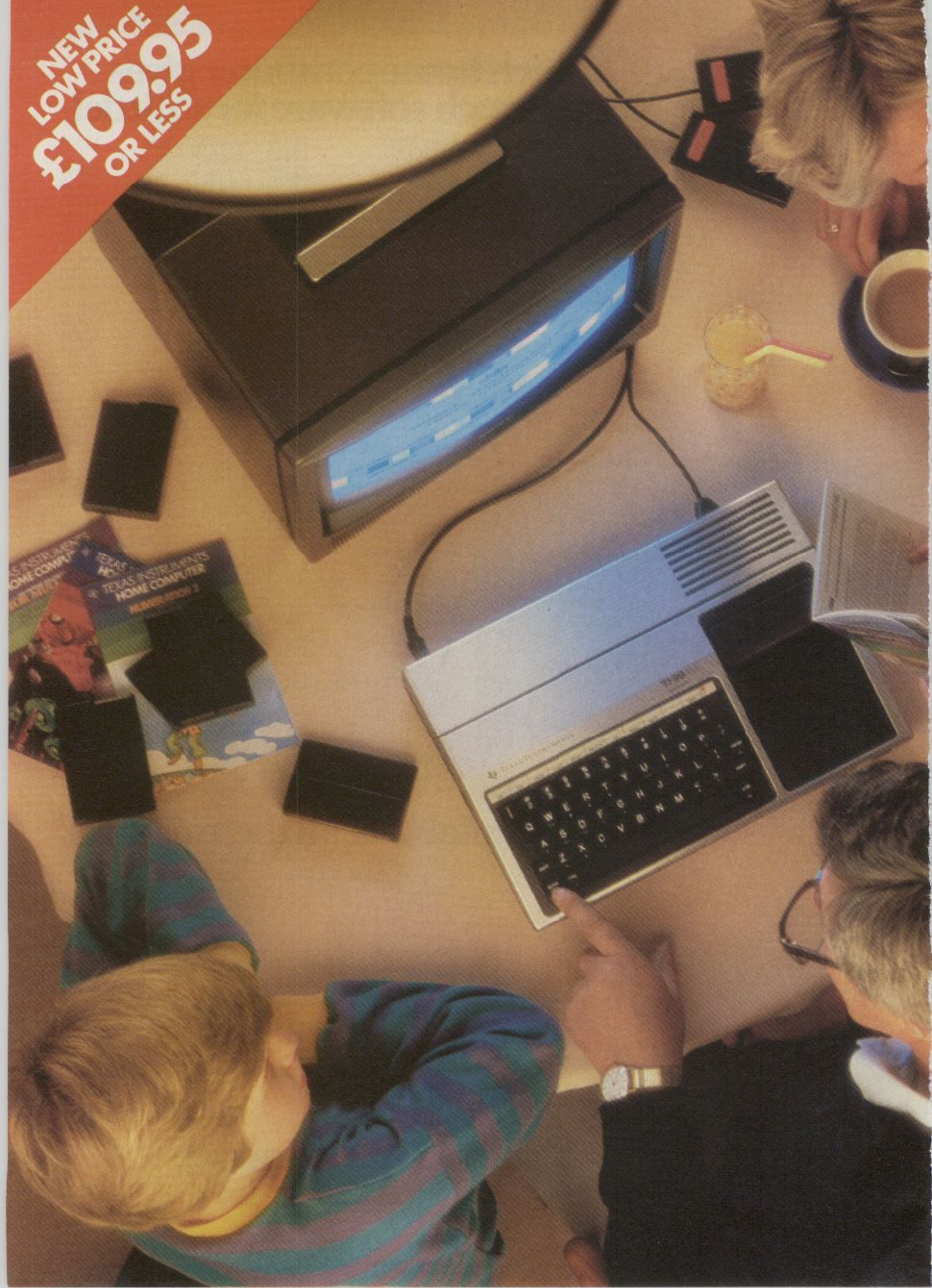
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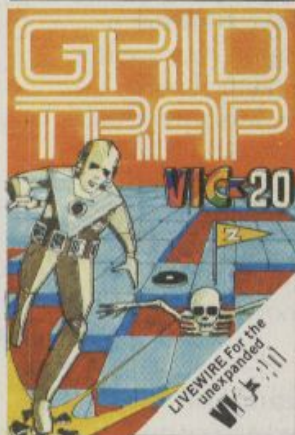
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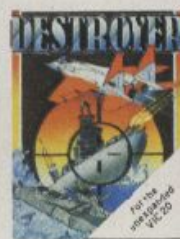
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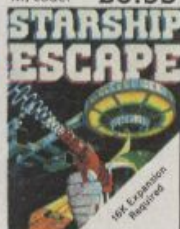
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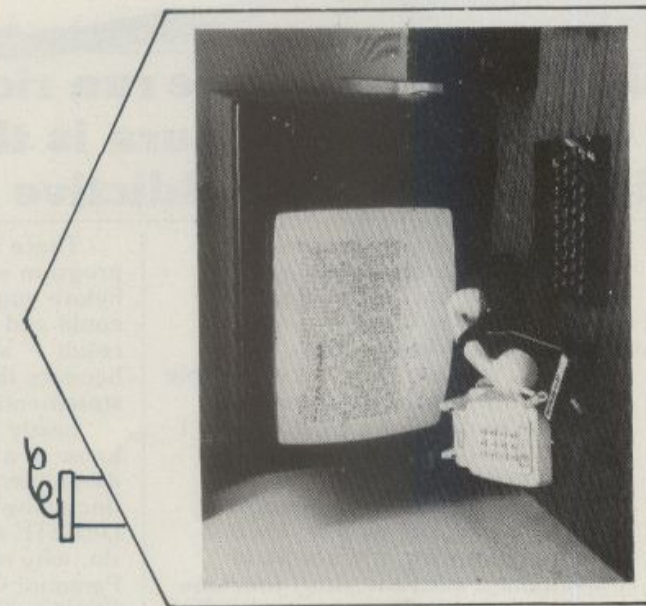
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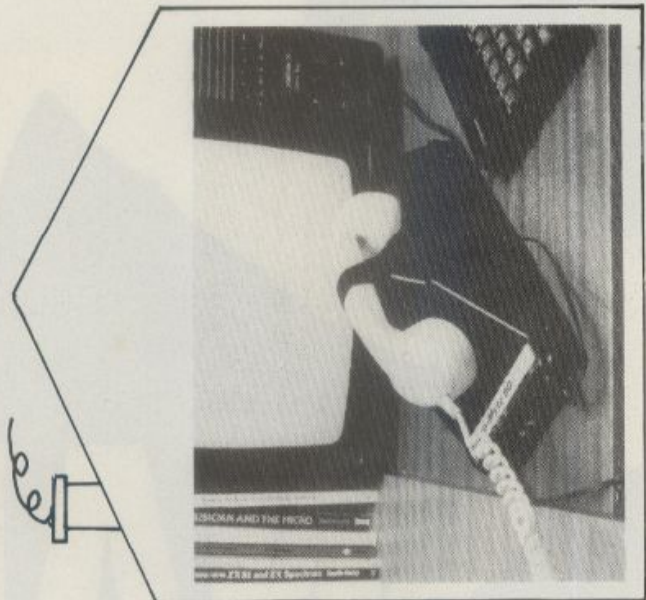
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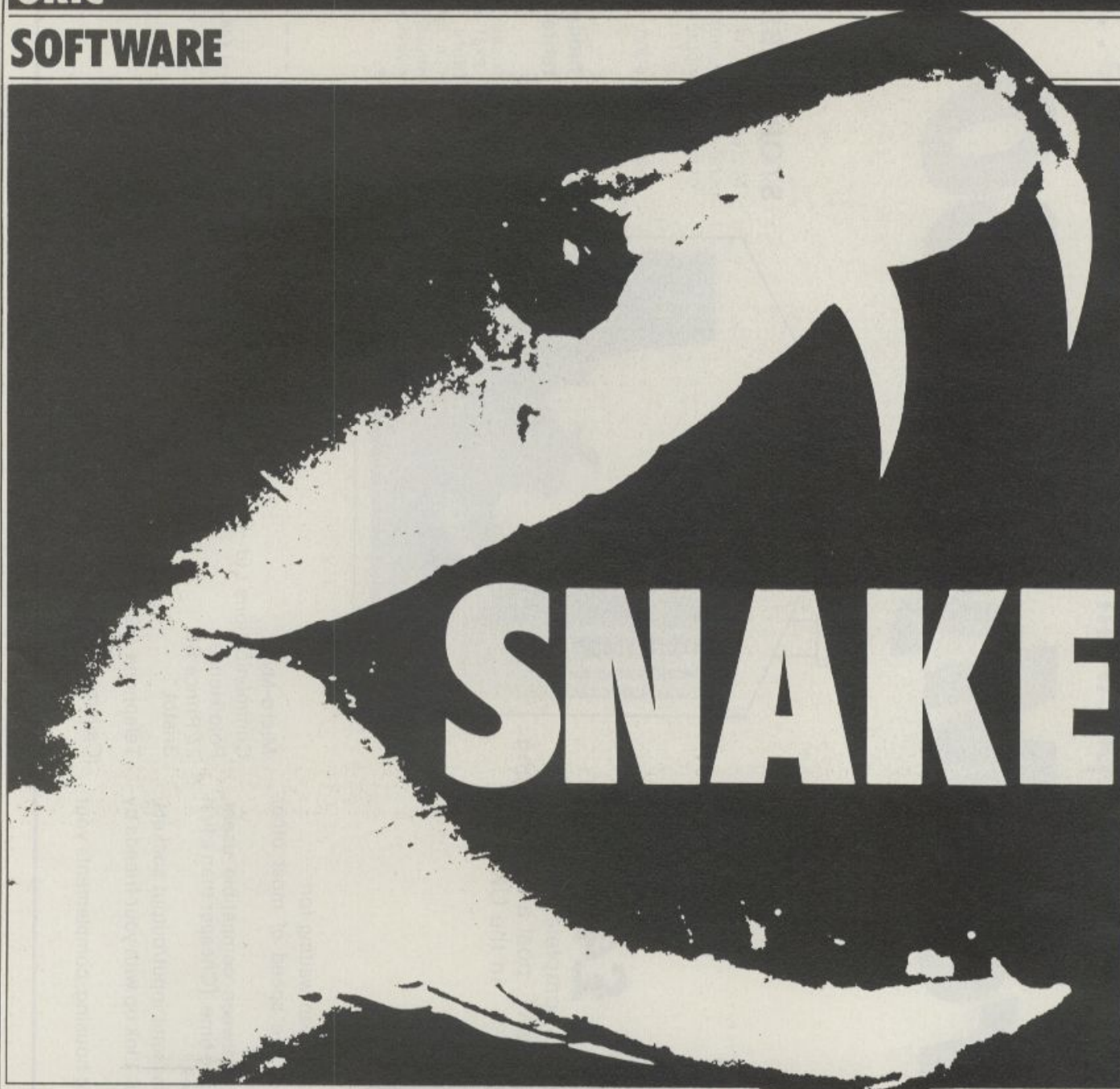
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The program basically sets up the X and Y co-ordinates of the 40 segments at the beginning of the

program, scans the keyboard takes appropriate action and recalculates the 40 segments' co-ordinates. The original program, which was written entirely in BASIC, was too slow to be playable so I wrote a short machine code routine to do all the calculations. I could have speeded up the program even more if I had written the key scanning etc. in machine code as well, but as I am used to using Assembler and not hand compiling, even the short machine code routine in the program gave me a headache!

There are a lot of pokes in the program so make sure you save it before you run it, otherwise you could end up with a very surprising result - such a crash! Also, because the gosubs branch to REM statements they must be typed in.

Lastly does any one out there know of a good Assembler/Dis-assembler or a utility package (including RENUM, AUTO, DELETE etc) for the Oric? If you do, why not write to Your Letters, Personal Computing Today, 145 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0EE.



## HINTS ON CONVERSION

The program contains plenty of REM statements and is reasonably well structured so you should not have many difficulties converting it to run on other machines. Nevertheless, here are a few hints.

Remember that the Oric's screen is 40 x 25 so if you have a machine like the VIC 20 or the Spectrum take the smaller screen into account. If you have the Sord you could use TEXT mode perhaps and on the BBC you could use MODE1.

PLOT X,Y,A\$ is equivalent to PRINT TAB(X,Y):A\$.

REPEAT-UNTIL loops should be replaced with GOTO loops unless you have a BBC in which case you can replace all the GOSUBs with PROCs.

SHOOT is a command to make a gunshot sound.

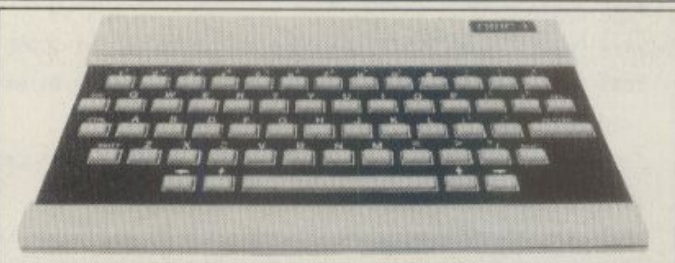
ZAP is a command to make a zapping (!?) sound.

The machine code routine has to be rewritten but that should not be too difficult.

## HOW IT RUNS

Lines 30-260 Main loop.  
Lines 1450-1490 Initialise variables.  
Lines 1500-1570 Assemble machine code.  
Lines 1579-1590 Redefine various character.  
Lines 1600-1790 Instructions.  
Lines 1800-2000 Set up the screen.

Lines 2010-2040 Find the character in front of the millipede's head and take appropriate action.  
Lines 2100-2140 Die.  
Lines 2200-2220 New screen.  
Lines 2300-2330 Procedure called after three lives have been used.



### VARIABLES

SC% Score.  
LI% Lives left.  
LE% Screen.  
K\$ Key pressed.  
LG% Length of millipede.  
A\$ Direction of millipede.  
CH% ASCH code of the character in front to millipede's head.  
HI% HI score.  
DIE Flag to indicate whether the millipede is dead or not.

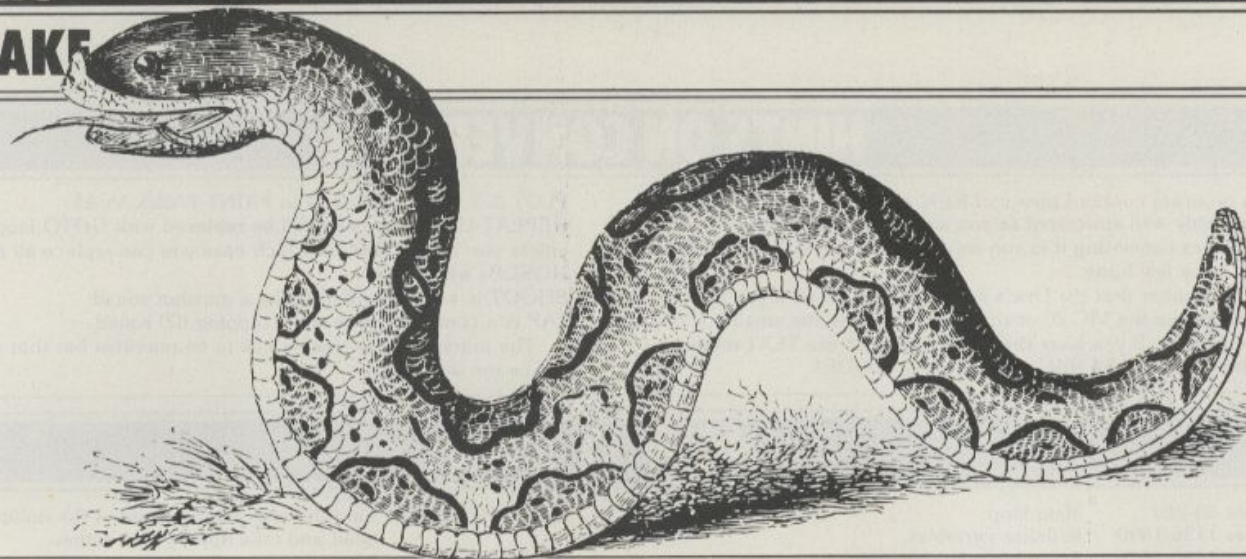
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10 TEXT:GRAB:HIMEM #B400
20 GOSUB1500:GOSUB1600
30 SC%=0:LI%=2:LE%=1
40 GOSUB1800:GOSUB1450
60 REPEAT:K$=KEY$
70 IF K$="Z" THEN A$="LEFT"
80 IF K$="X" THEN A$="RIGHT"
90 IF K$="/" THEN A$="UP"
100 IF K$="\" THEN A$="DOWN"
110 PLOT PEEK(47730+LG%),PEEK(47780+LG%)," "
120 IF A$="LEFT" THEN POKE47730,PEEK(47730)-1
130 IF A$="RIGHT" THEN POKE47730,PEEK(47730)+1
140 IF A$="UP" THEN POKE47780,PEEK(47780)-1
150 IF A$="DOWN" THEN POKE47780,PEEK(47780)+1
160 CH%=SCRN(PEEK(47730),PEEK(47780))
170 IF CH%<>32 THEN GOSUB2010
180 S$=RIGHT$(STR$(SC%),LEN(STR$(SC%))-1):PLOT10,24,S$
190 CALL 47700
200 PLOT PEEK(47730),PEEK(47780),"&"
210 PLOT PEEK(47730+LG%),PEEK(47780+LG%),"&"
220 PLOT PEEK(47729+LG%),PEEK(47779+LG%),"&"
230 UNTIL DIE OR LG%>38
240 IF DIE THEN GOSUB2100:IF LI%>=0 THEN GOTO40
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250 IF LG%>38 THEN GOSUB2200:GOTO40
260 GOSUB2300:GOTO30
1450 REM Initialise
1460 FOR X=0T040:POKE(47730+X),X+15:NEXTX
1470 FOR Y=0T040:POKE(47780+Y),15:NEXTY
1480 A$="RIGHT":LG%=2:DIE=FALSE
1490 RETURN
1500 REM Assemble machine code
1510 FORA=0T017:READB
1520 POKE47700+A,B:NEXTA
1530 HI%=20
1540 DATA#A0,#20,#B9,#71,#BA
1550 DATA#99,#72,#BA,#B9,#A3,#BA
1560 DATA#99,#A4,#BA
1570 DATA#88,#D0,#F1,#60
1579 REM Define wall
1580 FORA=46344T046351:READB:POKEA,B:NEXT
1581 DATA63,25,63,38,63,25,63,38
1582 REM Define food
1583 FORA=46360T046367:READB:POKEA,B:NEXT
1584 DATA12,33,0,45,45,0,33,12
1585 REM Define segment
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## SNAKE



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1585 FORA=46564T046391:READB:POKEA,B:NEXT
1587 DATA12,18,30,45,45,30,18,12
1588 REM Define rock
1589 FORA=46592T046599:READB:POKEA,B:NEXT
1590 DATA12,14,31,15,29,61,63,30
1595 POKE#26A,10
1599 RETURN
1600 REM Instructions
1610 CLS:PRINT
1620 PRINTCHR$(4)SPC(13)"MILLIPEDE":PRINTCHR$(4)
1630 PLOT1,1,10:PLOT1,2,10:PLOT0,1,CHR$(6):PLOT0,2,CHR$(5)
1640 PRINT:PRINTSPC(10)"By Shingo Sugiura":PLOT1,4,CHR$(1)
1650 PRINT:PRINT" You must guide the growing millipede"
1660 PRINT"towards the ripe fruits while avoiding:"
1670 PRINT"the rocks and the wall."
1680 PRINT:PRINT" If you try to guide him backwards he
will bite himself and die."
1690 PRINT:PRINT"CONTROLS:-":PLOT0,13,CHR$(2)
1700 PRINT:PRINT"'Z' ----- left.."
1710 PRINT:PRINT"'X' ----- right.."
1720 PRINT:PRINT"'.' ----- up.."
1730 PRINT:PRINT"'/' ----- down.."
1740 PRINT:PRINT"@ ---- Rock..."
1750 PRINT:PRINT"# ---- Food..."
1760 PRINT:PRINTCHR$(140):" Press SPACE BAR to play."
1770 PLOT0,24,CHR$(4)
1780 REPEAT:UNTILKEY#=" "
1790 RETURN
1800 REM Form screen
1810 CLS:PRINTSPC(13)"MILLIPEDE":PLOT1,0,CHR$(6)
1820 FOR H=2T036
1830 PLOT H,2,"I":PLOT H,22,"I":NEXT
1840 FOR V=2 TO 21
1850 PLOT2,V,"I":PLOT36,V,"I":NEXT
1860 PLOT3,24,CHR$(1):PLOT4,24,"SCORE:"
S#=RIGHT$(STR$(SC%),LEN(STR
$(SC%))-1)
1870 PLOT10,24,S#:PLOT19,24,CHR$(2):PLOT20,24,"HI-SCORE:"
1880 H#=RIGHT$(STR$(HI%),LEN(STR$(HI%))-1):PLOT29,24,H#
1890 PLOT3,25,CHR$(4):PLOT4,25,"Lives left:"
1900 L#=RIGHT$(STR$(LI%),LEN(STR$(LI%))-1):PLOT15,25,L#
1910 PLOT19,25,CHR$(5):PLOT20,25,"SCREEN:"
1920 LE#=RIGHT$(STR$(LE%),LEN(STR$(LE%))-1):PLOT27,25,LE#
1930 FOR OB=1 TO LE#*3+10
1940 X=RND(1)*32+3:Y=RND(1)*17+3
1950 PLOTX,Y,"0":NEXT:REM ROCKS
1960 FOR FO=1 TO 30
1970 X=RND(1)*32+3:Y=RND(1)*17+3
1980 PLOTX,Y,"#":NEXT:REM FOOD
2000 RETURN
2010 REM Check what's in front
2020 IF CH%=35 THEN SC%=SC%+1:LG%=LG%+2:ZAP:RETURN
2030 DIE=TRUE
2040 RETURN
2100 REM Death
2110 SHOOT:LI%=LI%-1
2130 WAIT100
2140 RETURN
2200 REM New screen
2210 LE%=LE%+1:WAIT100
2220 CLS:RETURN
2300 REM Finale
2310 FORA=1T012
2320 MUSIC2,3,A,0:PLAY3,0,7,2000
2330 WAIT50:PLAY0,0,0,0
2340 NEXT
2350 PRINT"Press SPACE BAR to replay."
2360 REPEAT:UNTIL KEY#=" "
2370 IF SCNDHI% THEN HI%=SCN
2380 RETURN

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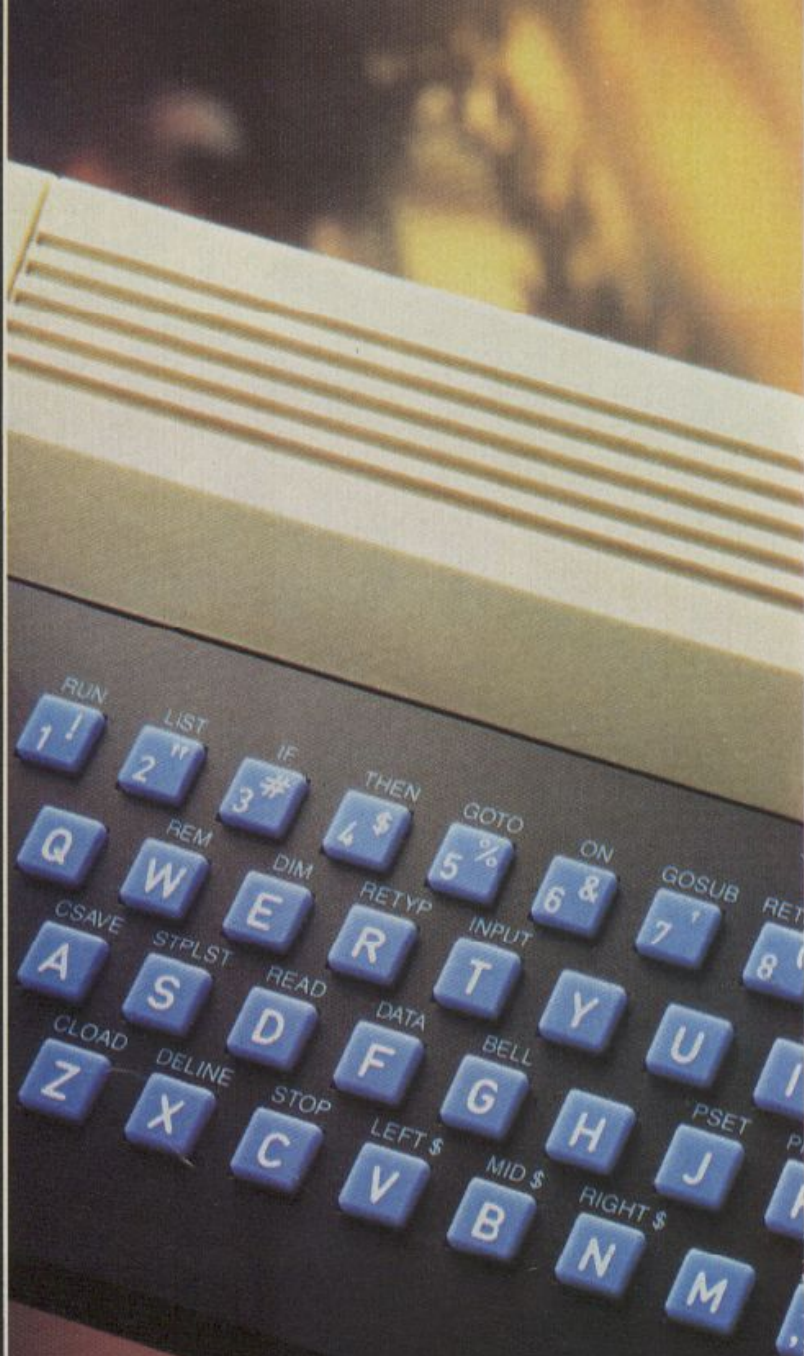
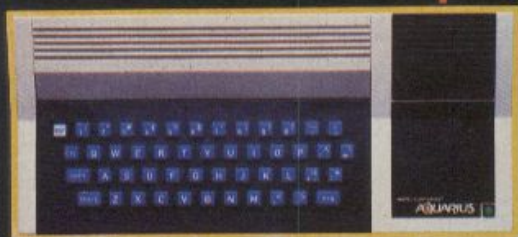
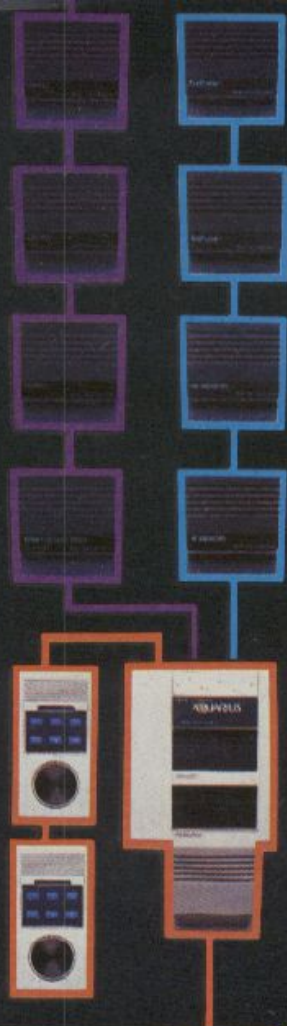
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## HARDWARE REVIEW

## ELECTRON ACTION

**We take a look at Acorn's bright new star and assess its potential.**



Atom, Proton and now Electron. From the beginning there has been a consistency and individuality in Acorn's hardware, software and styling. The Proton of course became the BBC Microcomputer. The series now continues with the launch of Acorn's 'home' computer, a stylish machine, an excellent package but inevitably some compromises. The Electron is packed with BBC based facilities e.g. BBC BASIC, Assembler, Modes 0-6 and sound. There are also many differences and some disappointments.

### New Dimensions

The Electron is an exciting micro. There is a lot of performance packed into the tough cream plastic shell – at least that is what the adverts say and it is what we would expect from the BBC stable. The size feels right, about the length and breadth of a BBC keyboard. We are told that the casing has withstood the rigours of the British Aerospace testing laboratories.

The mains transformer comes separately as part of the mains plug. It is quite a weighty object but appears not to put any strain on the wall socket and sits comfortably beside other plugs on a double socket. The power supply lead is sensibly long enough to reach a desktop or table. The Electron manages without an on/off switch.

The UHF connection and cassette DIN plug are likely to be the most frequently used connections but there are also VIDEO (for monochrome monitor) and RGB (for colour monitor) outputs.

The underside of the computer reveals an edge connector – sensibly protected with a polythene cover and some threaded mouldings which will take the strain of future Acorn add-ons. The credits state: "Designed in Great Britain" but "Constructed in Malaysia".

Taking off the lid reveals a beautifully laid out board with the outstanding feature the flat pack ULA, which has been custom designed by Acorn to carry out many of the functions of the Electron.

### What You Get

The total Electron package which retails at £199 consists of the computer hardware, an excellent manual, Welcome cassette and introductory book entitled "Start Programming With the Electron" by Masoud Yazdani. Newcomers to computing will find the manual helpful as they proceed but might well benefit from carefully going through the "Start Programming" book which introduces procedures and structured programming from the very beginning. The book introduces all the main interest areas

including sound and graphics and does so in a very helpful manner with exercises, summary charts and examples. Turtle graphics are also utilised to demonstrate some of the programming capabilities of the Electron. There are cassette versions of the longer programs included on the Welcome tape.

The new owner of the Electron is also going to be interested in seeing immediately what the Electron can do. The Welcome tape fulfills this purpose.

The programs ideas are lifted from the BBC Welcome tape but adapted to show off the Electron. The Keyboard demonstration reveals the slightly different positioning of some keys, like the square brackets on the COPY key which itself has moved up beneath the BREAK key (so watch out). These are all differences from the BBC keyboard and will not affect newcomers. They will presumably take to the single key entry of BASIC keywords immediately while seasoned BBC typists naturally opt for the full word or abbreviated input – both of which are still catered for. Single key entry remains a big plus on the Electron especially since both RUN and OLD also include a carriage return for instant action.

### Sound and Graphics

The sound capabilities of the



## ELECTRON ACTION



Electron are excellent when compared with most other machines although they fall well short of the BBC's. Only one sound channel can be used at any one time but the noise channel remains for games' enhancement. The Welcome tape has a simple demonstration of a keyboard instrument accompanied by the appropriate notes displayed on the screen.

The Electron makes do with six of the seven modes which the BBC possesses. Mode 7, the teletext mode, is missing and software incorporating Mode 7 is treated as though it were Mode 6. This can lead to some amusing displays of control characters and lines of text printed twice as the Electron interprets the Mode 7 commands literally.

Hardware compromises mean that the high resolution modes 0,1, and 2 perform graphics drawing functions considerably slower than the BBC. Compared with other machines (including the Commodore 64) the speed is acceptable and the colour and resolution far superior. The excellent software control of BBC BASIC remains, and there are commands for sideways and righthand fill. The Welcome tape has a neat drawing utility which fully exploits all these points. The high resolution graphics are also demonstrated with two programs that build up pictures of an island complete with swaying palms and some planets whose motion is brilliantly simulated.

### Missing

Of course some things have gone missing from the Electron when compared with the BBC.

These include the analogue input, user port, printer interface, disc interface, Tube and serial interface port. Acorn however have plans to provide add-ons for most if not all of this hardware in the near future. Certainly the BBC BASIC commands remain (ADVAL returns a value for instance) and the operating system calls are all documented for these future additions.

### Filling the Gap

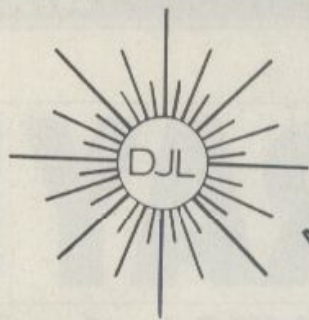
At the Acorn User Show back in August there was much testing going on in the first three graphics modes. Everyone had their own favourite routine learned off by heart to try out the newcomer. Despite the noticeable slowing down (compared

with the BBC), everyone seemed happy that the little machine could perform in this class at all. Those who use the BBC microcomputer in school will naturally take to the Electron at home and this gives the new Acorn computer an edge over its rivals in the 'home' computer market.

The advanced BASIC, so positively stressed in the accompanying package and the instant availability of some excellent software make the Electron very attractive to the computer novice. Those who already own computers could well look to the Electron as a passport to more advanced performance and to the use of peripherals like disc and printer which the Electron will eventually support.



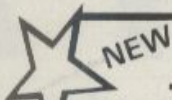




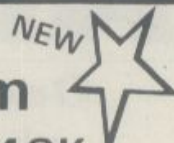
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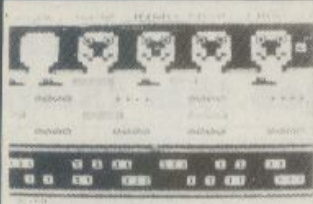


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### HOW IT RUNS

All the necessary arrays are set up in Line 10. All data to be used later on is put into Line 20, whilst Line 30 contains all the words put together in one string, i.e. without spaces. Line 40 fills the two arrays with the data from line 20. It is important here, to note that the first number is 1 and not zero. Line 50 lets you see the results of your efforts. When you enter a number from 1 to 10 the appropriate word will appear.

### PROGRAM LISTING

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10 DATA 1,4,5,7,8,10,11,19,20,24,25,29,30,33,34,38,39,43,
   44,47
20 DIM WORDS$(47),START(10),FINISH(10)
30 WORDS$="COINKEYBOXHAMBURGERFLUTEMONEY
   DOORCHAIRTABLELAMP"
40 FOR I=1 TO 10:READ S,F:START(I)=S:FINISH(I)=F:
   NEXT I
50 INPUT A:PRINT WORDS$(START(A),FINISH(A)):GOTO 50
  
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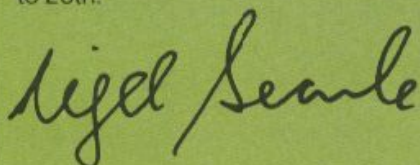
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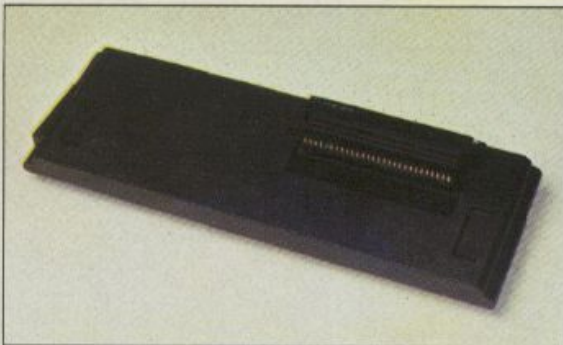
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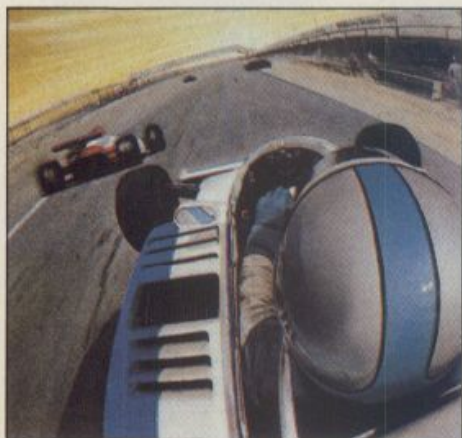
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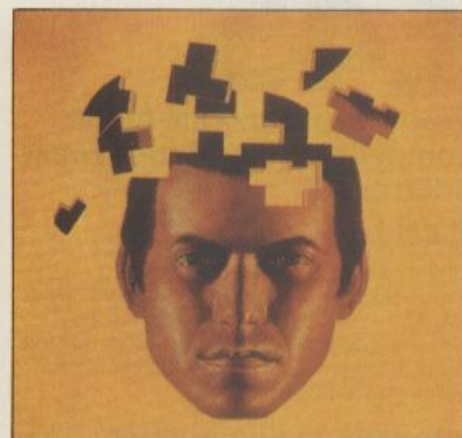
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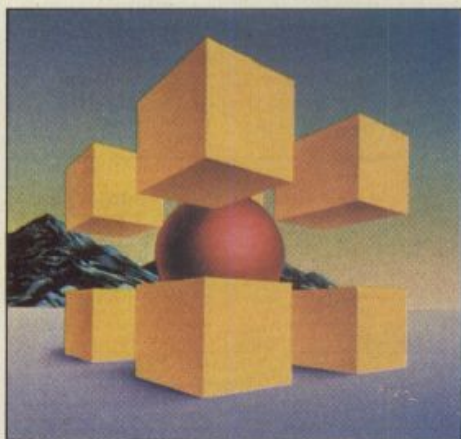


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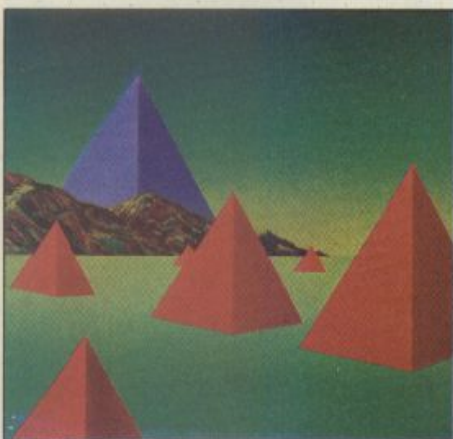
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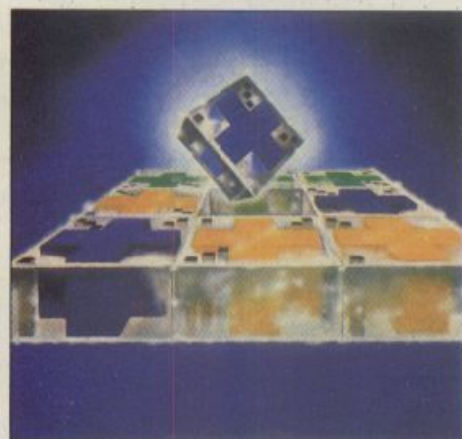


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7959 IF=15THEND-284
7960 IF=15THEND-2
7961 FORI=V2V036TEP12
7962 POKE31,01
7963 POKE36879,15 POKE36877,151 POKE36770,0 FORD=10200 NEXT
7964 POE E12,35 FORD=10200 NEXT
7965 POKE31,02 FORD=10200 NEXT POKE31,35
7966 NEXT RETURN
8999 END
9000 POE /5679,122
9010 POKE 51,255 POKE52,27
9020 POKE55,255 POKE56,27
9030 FOR=4TC051
9040 POKE160=1,PEEK(32769+1) NEXT1
9050 FOR=470(940-1) REARD IF=501THEN10005
9060 POE E160=1,3300,0 NEXT
9070 POKE36869,255
9078 DATA5,34,20,0,20,34,65,0
9088 DATA 65,34,20,1,20,34,20,0
9073 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0
10000 DATA 24,36,56,56,36,24,36,182
10001 DATA 24,36,56,56,36,24,36,195
10002 DATA 0,0,0,0,255,0,0,0
10003 DATA 0,0,0,0,255,1,0,0
10004 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
10005 DATA0001
10006 RETURN
20000 IF=15THEND0202010
20010 IF=24THEND417 POKE36879,15 POKE36876,241 FORD=10100 NEXT POKE36879,0 POKE
36876,0
20011 ODSUB40000
20012 SC=BC+1 IFSC=9THEND02030000
20030 D0T0112
20038 IF=241=241,10130,0,0,0,0,0,0
20039 POKE36879,15 POKE36876,241 FORD=10100 NEXT POKE36879,0,0 POKE36876,0
20041 ODSUB40000
20042 SC=BC+1 IFSC=9THEND03030000
20048 D0T0112
30000 PRINT"3" POKE36879,220
30010 PRINT"END OF GAME"
30020 PRINT"NO ONE WON"
30030 POKE36879,15 FORD=12070250 POKE36876,04 NEXT04
30040 "ORL=241,101208TEP1 POKE36876,1,NEXTL
30050 POKE36876,1 POKE36879,0 POKE36876,5,0
30070 PRINT " "
30080 PRINT"PRESS O TO PLAY OR B TO FINISH"
30090 DETH: IFM="O" THEN13
30100 IFM="B" THEN1 END
30110 D0T30000
30111 END
40000 IFPEEK(7864)*PEEK(7866)+ANDPEEK(7868)*PEEK(7965) THEN40500
40001 IFPEEK(7980)*PEEK(7918)+ANDPEEK(7912)*PEEK(7950) THEN40500
40002 IFPEEK(7954)*PEEK(7952)+ANDPEEK(7956)*PEEK(7954) THEN40500
40003 IFPEEK(7980)*PEEK(7980)+ANDPEEK(7952)*PEEK(7980) THEN40500
40004 IFPEEK(7956)*PEEK(7918)+ANDPEEK(7954)*PEEK(7912) THEN40500
40005 IFPEEK(7956)*PEEK(7912)+ANDPEEK(7956)*PEEK(7912) THEN40480
40006 IFPEEK(7964)*PEEK(7951)+ANDPEEK(7956)*PEEK(7912) THEN40500
40007 IFPEEK(7964)*PEEK(7918)+ANDPEEK(7952)*PEEK(7912) THEN40500
40008 RETURN
40080 PRINT"3" POKE36879,253 PRINT: IF=151 ENDPRINTTB(3),"X WINS"
40091 IF=24THENDPRINTTB(3),"O WINS"
40092 FORC=1,104000 NEXT
40093 D0T013

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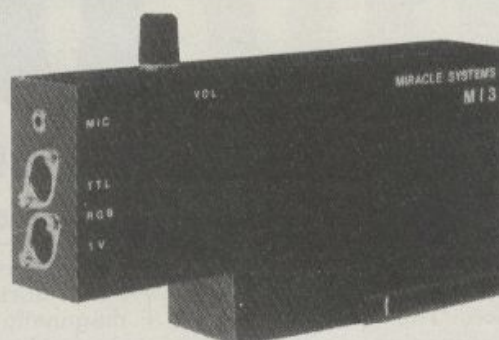
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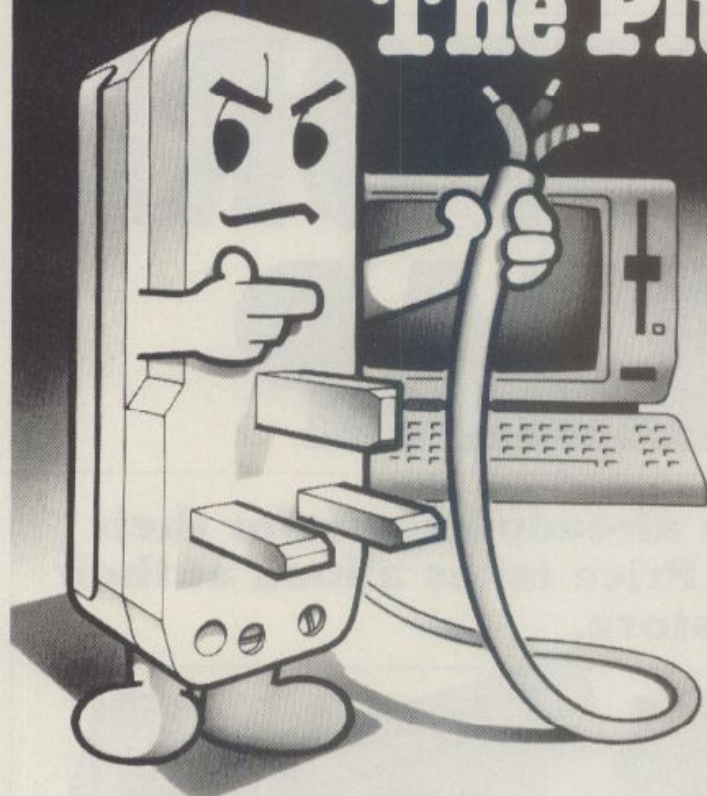
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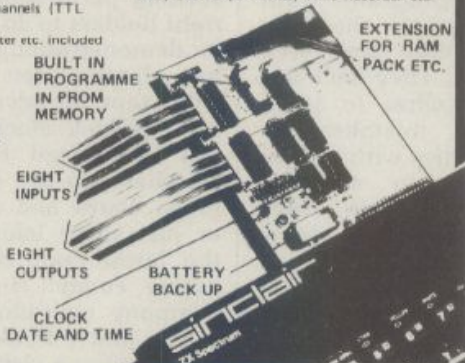
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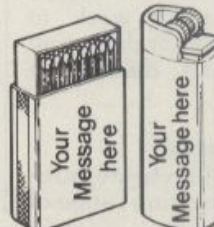
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# LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

**Sumlock (Manchester) are already known for their software. This month Jane Price takes a look at their retail store.**

Although readers may have seen or heard of several Sumlock stores around the country, they are independent. The Manchester store, at **198 Deansgate**, has a light, bright uncluttered showroom, displaying microcomputers, peripherals and software, unimpinged upon by run of the mill electrical goods.

All the systems stocked are on display and ready to be activated for demonstrations. The systems stocked are: Atari, Spectrum, Vic 20, Commodore 64, Dragon 32, BBC micro and for the business user, the Sharp M8-B0A.

Sumlock's aim is to provide a complete and comprehensive service to all their customers. Their way of accomplishing this is simple and common sense. They employ young, enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff, whose advice is supplemented by the more expert and very approachable Directors, all of whom have a background in electronic engineering. Any problem can be exhaustingly discussed with the member of staff most knowledgeable on the subject.

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## Software Sense

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software (they currently employ two programmers on the premises as well as marketing programs from freelance programmers) they are obviously up to date and well stocked in this area. They have few problems deciding what to stock and rarely make mistakes. In addition to taking titles with proven popularity from other software houses, they will obtain titles requested by a customer. New titles and products are viewed and tested in the shop by the staff, and if popular, a larger stock will be ordered.

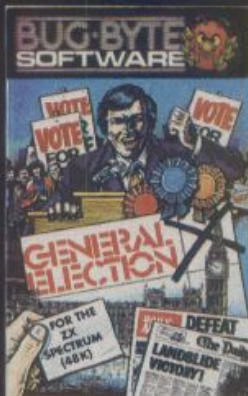
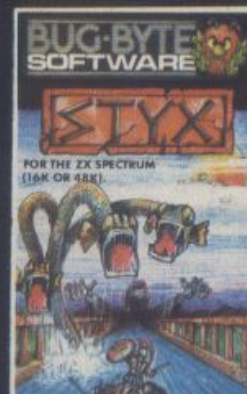
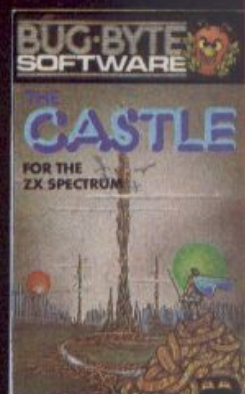
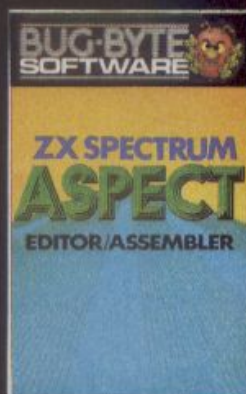
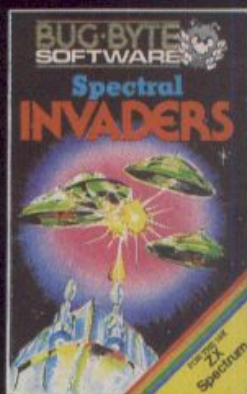
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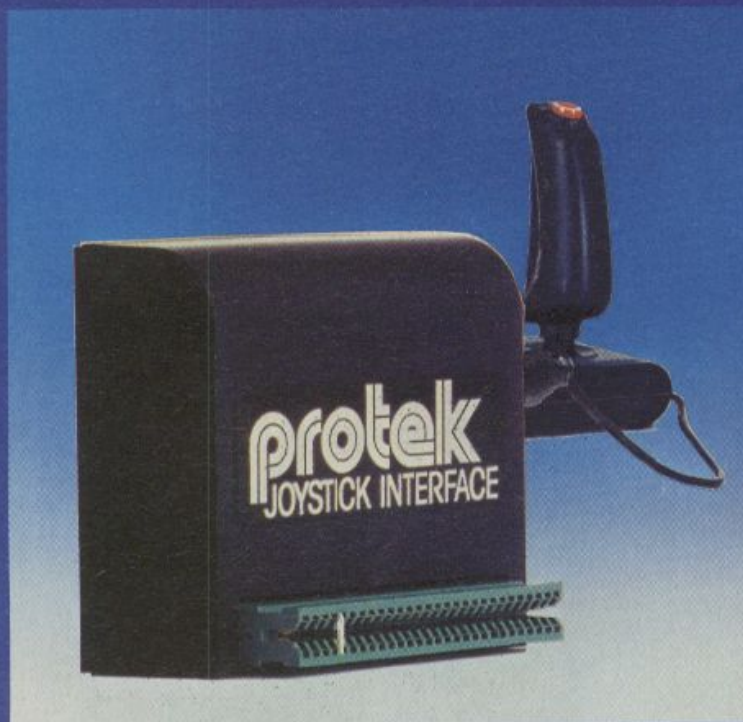


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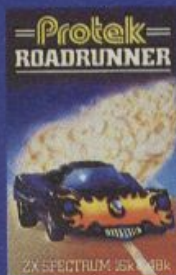
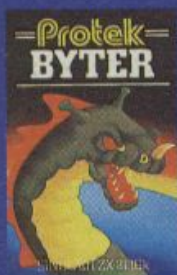
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The Electron plugs straight into virtually any TV set and cassette player. It comes with a user guide, a manual on basic programming and an "Introductory" cassette which will show you a little of what it can do with its 64k of memory (32 ROM; 32 RAM).

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The Acorn  Electron.





# TOOLKIT

## Machine code causes untold problems for programmers but C Hamilton has put together some facilities to make writing and de-bugging it easier.

Here I have written about half a dozen facilities intended to make the task of writing and de-bugging machine code much easier.

The program is driven from a menu and using it I hope you will all find a few problems you may have come across when machine code programming solved, as I did.

The first facility is a disassembler to convert the code in memory back to assembly language. A few points to note: immediate operands are displayed in hexadecimal, binary and ASCII where appropriate. Relative branches are shown as destination addresses and signed decimal offsets. The display from the disassembler uses the following pattern:

Address: hex. codes mnemonic operand

The second facility is a memory dump which simply displays the contents of memory as follows:

Address: memory as hex.  
memory as ASCII

If the content of a memory location isn't a printable character, eg. codes less than 32, they are represented in the ASCII section by a '.'.

The third facility is a search routine which will search through memory for a particular sequence of bytes. The sequence to be searched for can be entered either as a list of numbers, Hex or decimal, or as a string of

characters. The routine is not particularly fast but it can search through at about 1K per minute, no matter how long the sequence is, up to a maximum of 255 bytes.

Next comes a facility for changing the contents of memory. An address and its contents are displayed and you have the following options: to change the contents, to set the address, to increment or decrement the address, to pad a block of memory with a value or, finally, to copy a block of memory from one location to another.

The fifth facility is simply a Hex to decimal (and vice versa) converter. The sixth however takes a two digit Hex number and returns the associated mnemonic, if there

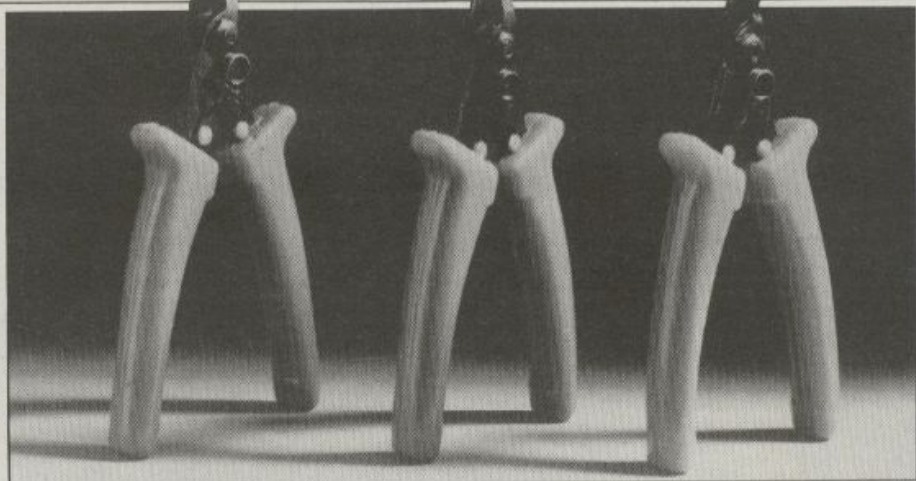


## TOOLKIT

is one, or if you enter a mnemonic it will return the Hex codes associated with the addressing modes it uses.

On the disassembler, memory dump and sequence search routines there is an option to pause the output at any time by pressing SPACE. Pressing it again will restart, pressing ESC will abort the routine and pressing P will toggle the printer on and off. Having mentioned the printer I had better say that the output of the disassembler and memory dump can be directed to a printer and further, that the length of the printer line can be set from 10 to 255 characters.

Any time an address is requested it can be entered either as a decimal or hexadecimal number the Hex numbers preceded by a "#".



## HOW IT RUNS

The running of the program together with a description of the important variables is explained in the REM statements so I feel it is unnecessary to duplicate them here.

## HINTS ON CONVERSION

Any Oric specific POKes or PEEKs have been explained in the REMs so that equivalents can be found. The only other Oric specific commands used are the MUSIC, PLAY and PING commands, these are used only to signal input errors and are not essential, but error indications are more noticeable with them.

Obviously the disassembler and opcode/mnemonic converter work only for the 6502 but the other facilities apply equally well to all other processors.

Those machines which don't have REPEAT UNTIL can imitate it by changing the REPEAT and UNTIL lines as in the following example:

100 REPEAT	becomes	100 REM REPEAT
•		•
•		•
•		•
•		•
•		•
•		•
•		•
•		•
190 UNTIL A>10		190 IF A<= 10 THEN GOTO 100

## PROGRAM LISTING

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1 REM *****
2 REM ** 6502 M/C Tool Kit **
3 REM **   C Hamilton   **
4 REM ** Documented Copy **
5 REM *****
6 REM
7 REM
9 REM ** Jump to Preliminaries **
10 GOSUB10000:GOTO9000
999 REM ** Disassembler **
1000 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(27)"Disassemble":PRINT:PRINT
1009 REM ** AD = address, ST = start address
1010 AD=ST
1020 REPEAT
1029 REM ** DS = data, BY = number of bytes in operand
1030 DS=DS*(PEEK(AD):BY=VAL(D$):TY=VAL(MID$(D$,5)))
1038 REM ** TY = addressing mode, OU$ = output string
1039 REM ** Address
1040 OU$=RIGHT$("0000"+MID$(HEX$(AD),2),4)+": "
1049 REM ** Hex
1050 FORI=0TOBY
1060 OU$=OU$+RIGHT$("00"+MID$(HEX$(PEEK(AD+I)),2),2)+" "
1070 NEXTI
1079 REM ** Pad with spaces
1080 FORI=LEN(OU$)TO16:OU$=OU$+" ":NEXTI
1089 REM ** Mnemonic
1090 AD=AD+1:OU$=OU$+" "+MID$(D$,2,3)+" "
1099 REM ** Branch according to addressing mode
1100 IFTYTHENGOSUB1900+200*TY
1109 REM ** Move to next instruction
1110 AD=AD+BY
1119 REM ** Display string, to printer if set
1120 PRINTOU$:IFPRTHENPRINTOU$:GOSUB9400
1129 REM ** Check for interrupt
1130 GOSUB9700
1140 UNTIL AD>FH
1149 REM ** Wait until ready
1150 GOSUB9900
1159 REM ** Return to main menu
1160 RETURN
1997 REM ** Addressing Modes and Operands**

1998 REM ** Immediate **
1999 REM ** Get operand
2000 IMM=PEEK(AD):X=IMM:Y%=128
2009 REM ** Hex
2010 OU$=OU$+"H"+RIGHT$("00"+MID$(HEX$(IMM),2),2)+" "
2019 REM ** Binary
2020 FORI=1TO3
2030 IFY%>XTHENOU$=OU$+"0"ELSEOU$=OU$+"1":X=(-Y%
2040 Y%=Y%/2
2050 NEXTI
2059 REM ** ASCII, if appropriate
2060 IFIMM>31ANDIMM<127THENOU$=OU$+" "+CHR$(IMM)+" "
2070 RETURN
2199 REM ** Absolute **
2200 OU$=OU$+RIGHT$("0000"+MID$(HEX$(DEEK(AD)),2),4):RETURN
2399 REM ** Absolute,X **
2400 GOSUB2200:OU$=OU$+"X":RETURN
2599 REM ** Absolute,Y **
2600 GOSUB2200:OU$=OU$+"Y":RETURN
2799 REM ** Relative **
2799 REM ** OS = offset, check for negative
2800 OS=PEEK(AD+1):IFOS>127THENOS=OS-256
2809 REM ** BR = destination address
2810 BR=AD+OS:OU$=OU$+RIGHT$("0000"+MID$(HEX$(BR),2),4)+" ["
2819 REM ** Offset in signed decimal
2820 IFOS<0THENOU$=OU$+"- "ELSEOU$=OU$+"+"
2830 OU$=OU$+MID$(STR$(OS-1),2)+""]
2840 RETURN
2999 REM ** Zero Page **
3000 OU$=OU$+RIGHT$("00"+MID$(HEX$(PEEK(AD)),2),2):RETURN
3129 REM ** 3 chars implies mnemonic
3199 REM ** Zero Page,X **
3200 GOSUB3000:OU$=OU$+"X":RETURN
3399 REM ** Zero Page,Y **
3400 GOSUB3000:OU$=OU$+"Y":RETURN
3599 REM ** Accumulator **
3600 OU$=OU$+"A":RETURN
3799 REM ** (Absolute Indexed) **
3800 OU$=OU$+"("GOSUB2200:OU$=OU$+"":RETURN
3999 REM ** (Pre-indexed Indirect,X) **
4000 OU$=OU$+"("GOSUB3000:OU$=OU$+"X":RETURN

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4199 REM ** (Post-indexed Indirect), Y **
4200 OUS=OUS+"(":GOSUB3000:OUS=OUS+"):Y":RETURN
4999 REM ** Opcode/Mnemonics **
5000 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(25)"Opcode Mnemonics":PRINT:PRINT
5010 PRINT" Enter either:";PRINT:PRINT
5020 PRINT" a two digit hex number, Nb. '00':PRINT
5030 PRINT" not required or";PRINT:PRINT
5040 PRINT" a three character mnemonic";PRINT:PRINT
5050 PRINT" Enter FF to finish.":PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
5100 REPEAT
5109 REM ** Get input, remove leading '0's
5110 INPUT">:":A$:PRINT:IFASC(A$)=35THENA$=MID$(A$,2)
5119 REM ** Only allow 2 or 3 characters
5120 IFLEN(A$)<2ORLEN(A$)>3THENPRINT"Invalid.":PRINT:GOTO5110
5129 REM ** 3 characters implies mnemonic
5130 IFLEN(A$)=3THENGOSUB5200:GOTO5160
5139 REM ** Opcode given
5149 REM ** Check for legal value
5140 IFVAL("00"+A$)=OANDA$<>"00"THENPRINT"Invalid.":PRINT:GOTO5110
5149 REM ** Reinststate leading '0'
5150 N$="0"+A$:GOSUB5300
5160 PRINT:PRINT
5170 UNTIL A$="FF"
5179 REM ** Return to main menu
5180 GOTO9005
5198 REM ** Mnemonic given
5199 REM ** Search for matches within opcode data
5200 FORN=0TO255
5209 REM ** AM$ = addressing mode , BY$ = number
of bytes in operand
5210 GOSUB5500:IFOP$=A$THENPRINTH$ "AM$ "BY$
5220 NEXTN
5230 RETURN
5299 REM ** Opcode given
5300 N$=VAL(N$):GOSUB5500
5309 REM ** Check for unassigned
5310 IFOP$="???"THENPRINT"Unassigned."ELSEPRINTOP$ "AM$ "BY$
5320 RETURN
5498 REM ** Convert opcode / mnemonic
5499 REM ** D$ = data , OP$ = mnemonic , H$ = opcode
5500 D$=D$(N):OP$=MID$(D$,2,3):H$=RIGHT$("00"+MID$(HEX$(N),2),2)
5509 REM ** AM$ = addressing mode
5510 IFOP$="???"THENAM$="ELSEAM$=AM$(VAL(MID$(D$,5)))
5519 REM ** BY$ = number of bytes in operand
5520 IFOP$="???"THENBY$="ELSEBY$=CHR$(ASC(D$)+1)+" bytes"
5530 RETURN
5999 REM ** Memory Dump **
6000 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(28)"Memory Dump":PRINT:PRINT
6009 REM ** UP = number of bytes per line, depends on line length
6010 IFPRTHENUP=B*INT((PL-B)/32)ELSEUP=8
6015 IFUP>32THENUP=32
6019 REM ** AD = start address, multiple of UP
6020 AD=INT(ST/UP)*UP
6030 REPEAT
6040 AS$="":OUS=RIGHT$("0000"+MID$(HEX$(AD),2),4)+": "
6050 FORI=1TOUP
6059 REM ** D = code
6060 D=PEEK(AD):AD=AD+1
6069 REM ** Bytes in hex
6070 OUS=OUS+RIGHT$("00"+MID$(HEX$(D),2),2)+" "
6079 REM ** A$ = bytes in ASCII, where appropriate
6080 IFD>31ANDD<127THENA$=A$+CHR$(D)ELSEA$=A$+"."
6090 NEXTI
6099 REM ** Hex followed by ASCII
6100 OUS=OUS+" "+A$
6109 REM ** Display, to printer if set
6110 PRINTOUT$:IFPRTHENLPRINTOUS:GOSUB9400
6119 REM ** Check for interrupt
6120 GOSUB9700
6130 UNTIL AD>FH
6139 REM ** Wait until ready
6140 GOSUB9900
6149 REM ** Return to main menu
6150 RETURN
6499 REM ** Poke Memory **
6500 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(27)"Poke Memory":PRINT:PRINT
6510 PRINT" An address is shown, enter:":PRINT:PRINT
6520 PRINT" two digit hex number to be poked":PRINT
6530 PRINT" S; set address":PRINT
6540 PRINT" cursor left, decrement address":PRINT
6550 PRINT" cursor right, increment address":PRINT
6555 PRINT" P, pad memory with value":PRINT
6560 PRINT" M, move block of memory":PRINT
6565 PRINT" ESC, return to main menu":PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
6569 REM ** I0$,I1$ = strings of allowed input characters
6570 I0$="0123456789ABCDEFSPM"+CHR$(8)+CHR$(9)+CHR$(27)
6580 I1$=LEFT$(I0$,16)+CHR$(127)+CHR$(13)
6600 REPEAT
6609 REM ** Display address
6610 PRINTRIGHT$("0000"+MID$(HEX$(PA),2),4)" = ":
6614 REM ** Display current contents
6615 PRINTRIGHT$("00"+MID$(HEX$(PEEK(PA)),2),2)" % ";
6619 REM ** Get command, check for ESC
6620 IN$=I0$:GOSUB6900:IFIN=22GOTO6750
6629 REM ** S, set address
6630 IFIN=17THENGOSUB6800:GOTO6740
6634 REM ** P, pad memory
6635 IFIN=18THENGOSUB6850:GOTO6740
6639 REM ** M, move block of memory
6640 IFIN=19THENGOSUB6870:GOTO6740
6644 REM ** cursor left/right decrement/increment address
6645 IFIN>19THENPA=PA-(IN=20)*(PA>0)+(IN=21)*(PA<#FFFF):PRINT:
GOTO6740
6649 REM ** Add leading '0'
6650 N$="0"+A$:PRINTN$:IN$=I1$
6659 REM ** Get another hex digit
6660 REPEAT
6669 REM ** Get character, check for RETURN
6670 GOSUB6900:IFIN=13GOTO6720
6679 REM ** Limit to '0' + two digits
6680 IFLEN(N$)=3ANDIN<17THENMUSIC1,1,1,0:PLAY:0,1,8~0:GOTO6670
6689 REM ** Only delete if at least one digit there
6690 IFIN=17ANDLEN(N$)>1THENN$=LEFT$(N$,LEN(N$)-1):PRINTA$:
6699 REM ** Add on next digit
6700 IFIN=17THENN$=N$+A$:PRINTA$:
6719 REM ** Repeat until RETURN pressed
6720 UNTILA$=CHR$(13)
6730 PRINT:N$=VAL(N$):POKEPA,N$:PA=PA-(PA<FFFF)
6740 PRINT:PRINT
6749 REM ** Repeat until ESC pressed
6750 UNTILA$=CHR$(27)
6759 REM ** Return to main menu
6760 GOTO9005
6798 REM ** Change address
6799 REM ** Get input, force leading '0'
6800 INPUT"address = ":N$:IFASC(N$)<>35THENN$="0"+N$
6809 REM ** Set new address
6810 PA=VAL(N$)
6819 REM ** Only allow character if it is in IN$
6820 RETURN
6848 REM ** Pad memory
6849 REM ** Get start, finish addresses and value
6850 PRINT"PAD":GOSUB9800:INPUT" value = ":IN$
6854 REM ** Force leading '0' on value
6855 IFASC(N$)<>35THENN$="0"+N$
6859 REM ** Pad memory between limits
6860 N$=VAL(N$):FORAD=STTOFH:POKEAD,N$:NEXTAD
6865 RETURN
6868 REM ** Move block of memory
6869 REM ** Get addresses of block to be moved
6870 PRINT"MOVE BLOCK":PRINT:PRINT"From:":GOSUB9800:PRINT:PRINT
"to:":PRINT
6874 REM ** Get destination addresses
6875 INPUT" Start address = ":DS:DS=VAL(DS$)
6879 REM ** Check for valid address
6880 IFDS<0ORDS>#FFFFTHENMUSIC1,1,1,0:PLAY:0,1,800:GOTO6875
6884 REM ** Transfer block byte by byte
6885 FORAD=STTOFH:POKEAD,PEEK(AD):DS=DS+1:NEXTAD
6890 RETURN
6899 REM ** Get character
6900 REPEAT
6910 GETA$:IN=0
6920 FORI=1TOLEN(IN$)
6930 IFA$=MID$(IN$,I,1)THENIN=I
6940 NEXTI
6950 UNTILIN>0
6960 RETURN
6999 REM ** Find Sequence **
7000 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(27)"Find Sequence":PRINT:PRINT
7010 PRINT" To find a sequence of bytes in memory":PRINT
7020 PRINT"type in the sequence as one of these :-":PRINT:PRINT
7030 PRINT" a list of Decimal numbers.":PRINT
7040 PRINT" a list of Hex. numbers, # not needed."
7050 PRINT" a String of characters, max. 255":PRINT:PRINT
7060 PRINT"Which option D,H or S? ";
7069 REM ** Get sequence format option
7070 REPEAT:GETA$:UNTILA$="D"ORA$="H"ORA$="S"
7079 REM ** S$ = source sequence
7080 PRINTA$:S$="":IFA$="S"THENGOSUBB500ELSEGOSUBB800
7089 REM ** Get start, finish addresses
7090 GOSUB9800:AD=ST
7099 REM ** Just the first occurrence or all of them?
7100 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"First or all occurrences (F/A) ? ";
7110 REPEAT:GETA$:UNTILA$="F"ORA$="A"
7119 REM ** FO = flag, 0 = all, 1 = first only
7120 IFA$="F"THENFO=1ELSEFO=0
7130 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"Searching . . . . .":PRINT:PRINT
7139 REM ** TB$ = cursor control string
7140 TB$=CHR$(1):FORI=1TO16:TB$=TB$+CHR$(9):NEXTI
7498 REM ** Build string from memory
7499 REM ** AF = address of next byte after current string
7500 F$="":AF=AD+LEN(S$)-1
7510 FORI=ADTOAF:F$=F$+CHR$(PEEK(I)):NEXTI
7514 REM ** Switch off cursor
7515 POKE#26A,PEEK(#26A)AND254
7519 REM ** For each match
7520 REPEAT
7529 REM ** Step through memory
7530 REPEAT
7539 REM ** FF = found flag
7540 PRINT"Match found at":FF=FALSE
7550 REPEAT
7559 REM ** Display address of start of current string
7560 PRINTTB$RIGHT$("0000"+MID$(HEX$(AD),2),4)
7569 REM ** If matched then set flag
7570 IFF$=S$THENFF=TRUE
7579 REM ** Increment addresses and update string
7580 AD=AD+1:AF=AF+1:F$=MID$(F$,2)+CHR$(PEEK(AF))
7589 REM ** Check for interrupt
7590 GOSUB9700
7600 UNTIL FF OR AD>FH OR AF=#FFFF
7606 REM ** Stop searching if:
7607 REM ** 1: only looking for first and found it
7608 REM ** 2: past given finish address
7609 REM ** 3: run out of memory to search !
7610 UNTIL (FFANDFO) OR AD>FH OR AF=#FFFF
7614 REM ** Switch cursor back on
7615 POKE#26A,PEEK(#26A)OR1
7619 REM ** Blank out last display if not a match
7620 IFNOTFFTHENPRINTCHR$(11):
7629 REM ** Wait until ready
7630 GOSUB9900
7639 REM ** Return to main menu
7640 GOTO9005
7999 REM ** Get sequence as a list of numbers
8000 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"type in sequence, ** to finish, press":PRINT
8010 PRINT"RETURN after each:":PRINT:PRINT
8020 REPEAT
8029 REM ** Get number, check for last

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8030 INPUT": "IN:IFN="GOTO8080
8039 REM ** If hex chosen as default then force leading 'H'
8040 IF A$="H"AND ASC(N$)<35 THEN N$="H"+N$
8050 N=VAL(N$)
8059 REM ** Check for legal value
8060 IFN<0OR N>255 THEN MUSIC1,1,1,0:PLAY1,0,1,800:GOTO8030
8069 REM ** Add onto source string
8070 S$=S$+CHR$(N)
8079 REM ** Stop when '*' entered
8080 UNTIL N$="*"
8090 RETURN
8499 REM ** Get sequence as a string
8500 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"Type in string (Max. length = 255)":PRINT
:PRINT
8510 REPEAT
8519 REM ** Get character, check for RETURN
8520 GETA$:IFA$=CHR$(13):GOTO8570
8524 REM ** Check for CTRL/T and toggle CAPS
8525 IFA$=CHR$(20) THEN PRINTA$:GOTO8520
8529 REM ** Refuse to accept more than 255 characters
8530 IF LEN(S$)=255 AND A$<>CHR$(13) THEN ING:GOTO8520
8534 REM ** If string is empty and DEL pressed then ignore
8535 IF LEN(S$)=0 AND A$=CHR$(127) GOTO8520
8539 REM ** Remove last character from string if DEL pressed
8540 IFA$=CHR$(127) AND LEN(S$)>1 THEN S$=LEFT$(S$,LEN(S$)-1):GOTO8560
8545 IFA$=CHR$(127) AND LEN(S$)=1 THEN S$="":GOTO8560
8548 REM ** Add character onto source string
8549 REM ** If character is a control then display space instead
8550 S$=S$+A$:IF ASC(A$)<32 THEN A$=" "
8560 PRINTA$
8569 REM ** Stop when RETURN pressed
8570 UNTIL A$=CHR$(13)
8580 RETURN
8999 REM ** Main Menu **
9000 REPEAT
9005 CLS:PRINT:PRINT
9010 PRINT:PRINT"The following options are available:":PRINT:PRINT
9020 PRINTSPC(10);"1 Disassemble":PRINT:PRINTSPC(10);"2
Dump memory":PRINT
9030 PRINTSPC(10);"3 Find sequence":PRINT:PRINTSPC(10);"4
Poke memory":PRINT
9040 PRINTSPC(10);"5 Convert hex/dec":PRINT:PRINTSPC(10);"6
Opcode/anemonic":PRINT
9045 PRINTSPC(10);"7 Select printer":PRINT:PRINTSPC(10);"8
Goodbye":PRINT
9050 PRINT:PRINT"Which do you want ? ":
9059 REM ** Get option, BOOP if illegal
9060 REPEAT:GETD$:D=VAL(D$):IF D<0OR D>8 THEN MUSIC1,1,1,0:PLAY1,0,
1,800
9065 UNTIL D>0AND D<9:PRINTD$
9069 REM ** Branch to choice
9070 OND GOTO9100,9200,7000,6500,9500,5000,9300
9079 REM ** Check for Goodbye
9080 UNTIL D=8
9084 REM ** Clear top line
9085 FORI=#B800TO#BFA0:POKEI,32:NEXTI
9089 REM ** Reset keyboard/VDU vector and END
9090 CLS:POKE#26A,3:END
9099 REM ** Get start, finish addresses and branch to disassembler
9100 BOSUB9800:GOSUB1000:GOTO9005
9199 REM ** Get start, finish addresses and branch to memory dump
9200 BOSUB9800:GOSUB6000:GOTO9005
9299 REM ** Set up printer
9300 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"Press:":PRINT:PRINT" P to toggle printer,"
:PRINT
9302 PRINT" L to change line length,":PRINT:PRINT"
RETURN to return to
menu":PRINT
9304 PRINT:PRINT" Nb. pressing P resets top of page.":PRINT:PRINT
9306 PRINT"Which do you want ? ":
9309 REM ** Get command
9310 REPEAT:GETA$:UNTIL A$="P"OR A$="L"OR A$=CHR$(13):PRINTA$
:PRINT:PRINT
9319 REM ** Return to main menu if RETURN pressed
9320 IFA$=CHR$(13):GOTO9005
9329 REM ** Toggle printer on/off if P pressed and reset line count
9330 IFA$="P" THEN PR=ABS(PR-1):LL=1
9339 REM ** Get new line length if L pressed
9340 IFA$="L" THEN REPEAT:INPUT"Length = ":PL$:PL=VAL(PL$):UNTIL PL>
10AND PL<255
9344 REM ** Display printer status
9345 BOSUB9350:GOTO9300
9349 REM ** Set new LPRINT line length
9350 POKE#31,PL:D$="Printer ":IF PR THEN D$=D$+"ON"ELSE D$=D$+"OFF"
9360 D$=D$+"/"+MID$(STR$(PL),2)+": "
9369 REM ** Display printer status on top line
9370 FORI=1TOLEN(D$):POKE#B8B1+I,ASC(MID$(D$,I,1)):NEXTI
9380 RETURN
9399 REM ** Printer paging routine
9400 LL=LL+1
9409 REM ** Move paper over perforations
9410 IF LL>64 THEN LPRINT:LPRINT:LL=1
9420 RETURN
9499 REM ** Dec/Hex Converter **
9500 CLS:PRINT:PRINTTAB(24)"Dec/Hex Converter":PRINT:PRINT
9510 PRINT" To use simply type in the number to be"
9520 PRINT"converted, all hexadecimal numbers must":PRINT
9530 PRINT"begin with a 'H'":PRINT
9540 PRINT" Entering 0 will cause a return to the":PRINT
9550 PRINT"main menu.":PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
9559 REM ** TB$ = cursor control string
9560 TB$=CHR$(11):FORI=1TO15:TB$=TB$+CHR$(9):NEXTI
9600 REPEAT
9609 REM ** Get number
9610 INPUT": "N$:N=VAL(N$):PRINTTB$:
9614 REM ** Check for valid input
9615 IFN=0AND LEFT$(N$,2)<>"#0"AND ASC(N$)<48 THEN PRINT"Invalid,"
:PRINT:GOTO9610
9620 IFN>#FFFF THEN PRINT"Too large.":PRINT:GOTO9610
9625 IFN<-32767 THEN PRINT"Too small.":PRINT:GOTO9610
9629 REM ** If negative decimal then complement with #FFFF
9630 IFN<0 THEN N=#FFFF+N+1
9634 REM ** If hex then display +ve and -ve decimal equivalents
9635 IF ASC(N$)<35 AND N<#80 AND N<#100 THEN PRINTN$or "-i-("N$+100-N$)
:GOTO9660
9640 IF ASC(N$)>35 THEN PRINTN$:IFN<#8000 THEN PRINTN$or "-i-("N$+10000-N$)
:GOTO9660
9649 REM ** If decimal then display hex equivalent
9650 IF ASC(N$)<35 THEN PRINT"HEX"RIGHT$(N$,"0000")+MID$(HEX$(N),2,4):
9660 PRINT:PRINT
9669 REM ** Stop when 0 is input
9670 UNTIL N=0
9679 REM ** Return to main menu
9680 GOTO9005
9699 REM ** Check for interrupt
9700 K$=KEY$:IF K$="" THEN RETURN
9709 REM ** If ESC pressed then abort
9710 IF K$=CHR$(27) THEN AD=FN+1:RETURN
9719 REM ** If P pressed then toggle printer and reset line count
9720 IF K$="P" THEN PR=ABS(PR-1):LL=1:GOSUB9350:RETURN
9729 REM ** Wait until SPACE or ESC pressed
9730 REPEAT:GETK$:UNTIL K$=" "OR K$=CHR$(27)
9739 REM ** If ESC pressed then abort
9740 IF K$=CHR$(27) THEN AD=FN+1
9750 RETURN
9799 REM ** Get start and finish address
9800 PRINT:PRINT
9809 REM ** Get start address
9810 INPUT" Start address = ":ST$:ST=VAL(ST$)
9814 REM ** Check if valid, 0 <= start <= #FFFF (65535)
9815 IF ST<0OR ST>#FFFF THEN MUSIC1,1,1,0:PLAY1,0,1,800:PRINT
"Invalid.":GOTO9810
9819 REM ** Get finish address
9820 INPUT" Finish address = ":FH$:FH=VAL(FH$)
9824 REM ** Check if valid, start <= finish <= #FFFF (65535)
9825 IF ST>FHOR FH>#FFFF THEN MUSIC1,1,1,0:PLAY1,0,1,800:PRINT
"Invalid.":GOTO9820
9830 RETURN
9899 REM ** Wait until SPACE pressed
9900 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(21)"Press SPACE to continue.":
9910 REPEAT:GETA$:UNTIL A$=" "
9920 RETURN
9996 REM ** Preliminaries
9997 REM ** Preliminaries
9998 REM ** Location #26A = keyboard/VDU vector
9999 REM ** Set 40 column white/black
10000 CLS:POKE#26A,39:PAPER=INK7
10004 REM ** Clear top line and make it white/red
10005 FORI=#B800TO#BFA0:POKEI,32:NEXTI:DOKE#B8B0,#711
10008 REM ** PR = printer on/off flag, PL = printer line length
10009 REM ** Location #26B holds Y co-ord of cursor, set to line 9
10010 PR=0:PL=9:GOSUB9350:POKE#26B,9
10020 PRINT:PRINTTAB(25)"6502 M/C TOOL KIT":PRINTTAB(25)"-----
-----":PRINT
10030 PRINTTAB(24)CHR$(96)" C Hamilton 1:6:83":PRINTTAB(24)"-----
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10034 REM ** Switch off cursor
10035 PRINTCHR$(17)
10040 DIM D$(255),AM$(12)
10049 REM ** D$( ) = opcode data
10050 FORI=0TO255:READ D$(I):NEXTI
10059 REM ** AM$( ) = addressing modes
10060 FORI=0TO12:READ AM$(I):NEXTI
10070 WAIT200
10074 REM ** Switch cursor back on
10075 PRINTCHR$(17)
10080 RETURN
10095 REM ** Opcode data
10096 REM ** Chars Meaning
10097 REM ** 1 number of bytes in operand
10098 REM ** 2-4 anemonic
10099 REM ** 5-6 addressing mode
11000 DATA 0ERK0,1ORA11,0777,0777,0777,10RA6,1ASL6,0777
11010 DATA 0FHP0,1ORA1,0ASL9,0777,0777,2ORA2,2ASL2,0777
11020 DATA 1EPL5,1ORA12,0777,0777,0777,1ORA7,1ASL7,0777
11030 DATA 0CLC0,2ORA4,0777,0777,0777,2ORA3,2ASL3,0777
11040 DATA 2JSR2,1AND11,0777,0777,1B1T6,1AND6,1RDL6,0777
11050 DATA 0FLP0,1AND1,0RDL9,0777,2B1T2,2AND2,2RDL2,0777
11060 DATA 1EM15,1AND12,0777,0777,0777,1AND7,1RDL7,0777
11070 DATA 0SEFC,2AND4,0777,0777,0777,2AND3,2RDL3,0777
11080 DATA 0RT10,1EOR11,0777,0777,0777,1EOR6,1LSR6,0777
11090 DATA 0FHA0,1EOR1,0LSR9,0777,2JMP2,2EOR2,2LSR2,0777
11100 DATA 1EVC5,1EOR12,0777,0777,0777,1EOR7,1LSR7,0777
11110 DATA 0CL10,2EOR4,0777,0777,0777,2EOR3,2LSR3,0777
11120 DATA 0FLA0,1ADC11,0777,0777,0777,1ADC6,1RDR6,0777
11130 DATA 0FLA0,1ADC1,0RDR9,0777,2JMP10,2ADC2,2RDR2,0777
11140 DATA 1EV55,1ADC12,0777,0777,0777,1ADC7,1RDR7,0777
11150 DATA 0SE10,2ADC4,0777,0777,0777,2ADC3,2RDR3,0777
11160 DATA 0777,1STA11,0777,0777,1STV6,1STA6,1STX6,0777
11170 DATA 0DEV0,0777,0TXA0,0777,2STV2,2STA2,2STX2,0777
11180 DATA 1BC05,1STA12,0777,0777,1STV7,1STA7,1STX7,0777
11190 DATA 0TYA0,2STA4,0TXS0,0777,0777,2STA3,0777,0777
11200 DATA 1LDY1,1LDA11,1LDX1,0777,1LDY6,1LDA6,1LDX6,0777
11210 DATA 0TYA0,1LDA1,0TAX0,0777,2LDY2,2LDA2,2LDX2,0777
11220 DATA 1BC55,1LDA12,0777,0777,1LDY7,1LDA7,1LDX7,0777
11230 DATA 0CLV0,2LDA4,0TSX0,0777,2LDY3,2LDA3,2LDX4,0777
11240 DATA 1CPV1,1CPM11,0777,0777,1CPY6,1CPM6,1DEC6,0777
11250 DATA 0INV0,1CPM1,0DEX0,0777,2CPY2,2CPM2,2DEC2,0777
11260 DATA 1N55,1CPM12,0777,0777,0777,1CPM7,1DEC7,0777
11270 DATA 0CLD0,1CPM4,0777,0777,0777,2CPM3,2DEC3,0777
11280 DATA 1CPX1,1SBC11,0777,0777,1CPX6,1SBC6,1INC6,0777
11290 DATA 0INX0,1SBC1,0NOP0,0777,2CPX2,2SBC2,2INC2,0777
11300 DATA 1BED5,1SBC12,0777,0777,0777,1SBC7,1INC7,0777
11310 DATA 0SED0,2SBC4,0777,0777,0777,2SBC3,2INC3,0777
11319 REM ** Addressing modes
11320 DATA Implied,Immediate,Absolute,"Absolute,X","Absolute,Y"
11330 DATA Relative,Zero page,"Zero page,X","Zero page,Y"
11340 DATA Accumulator,(Absolute indexed)
11350 DATA "(Pre-indexed indirect,X)","(Post-indexed indirect),Y"
0 REM ** C Hamilton 1:6:83 **

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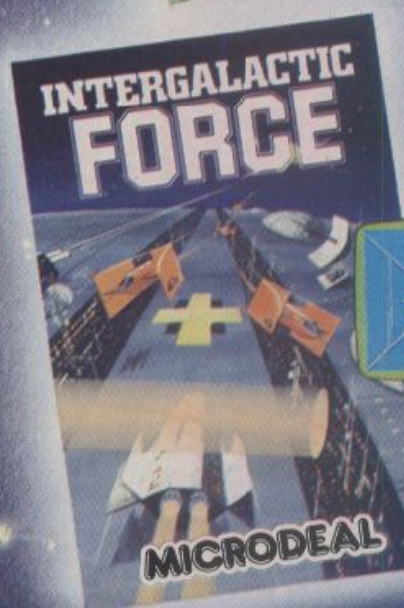
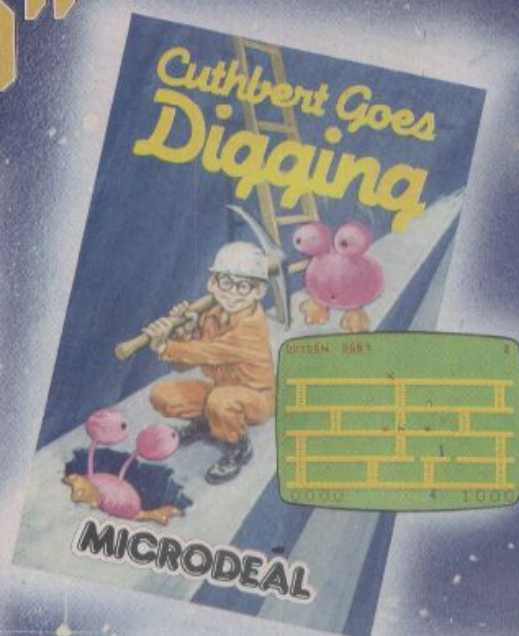
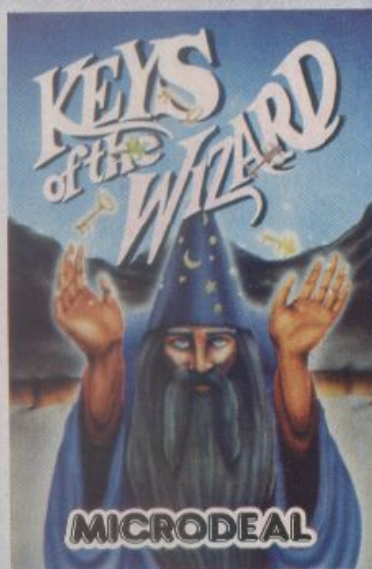
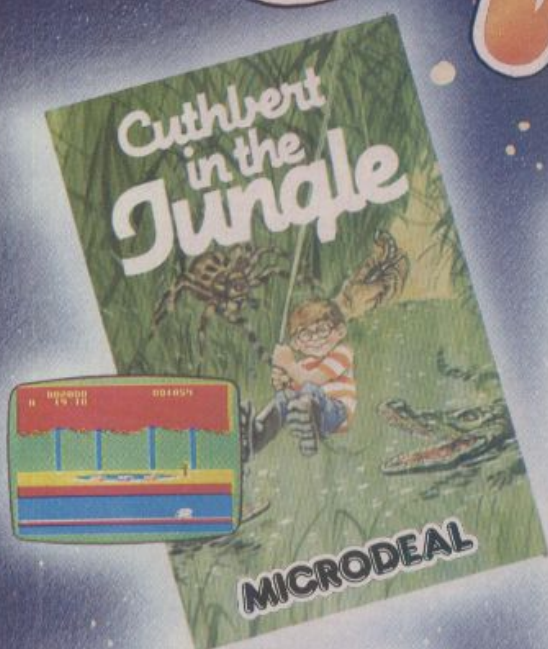
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**Title:** Harrier Attack  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Durell Software  
**Machine:** Oric 16K/48K  
**Price:** £5.95

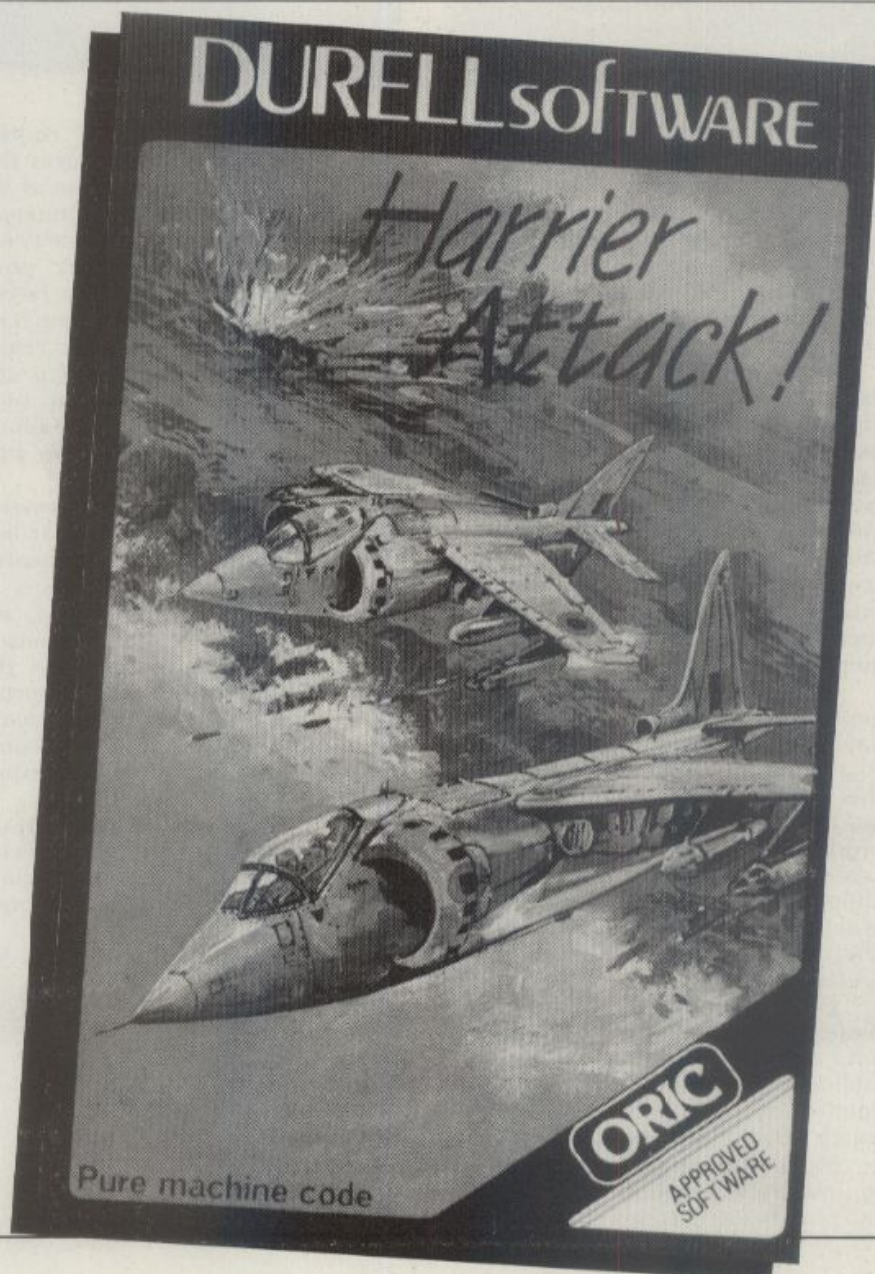
This sky battle game called Harrier Attack is graphically quite eye-catching once you have lasted the duration of the loading process.

Although the long loading time is not the fault of the software supplier, Durell, nevertheless it is definitely offputting for the eager user.

The game itself consists of an aircraft carrier carrying two Harrier jump jets. Using the keyboard you control the craft positioned at the rear of the carrier. As soon as the carrier comes into view on the screen from the left hand side you must launch the harrier into the sky. There are lots of small black clumps of dots which are supposed to represent flak released from enemy landguns which come into view once your harrier has flown over the landscape. On skill level one you aren't damaged by this ammunition, but as you become more adept at the game and progress to more difficult levels this flak will prove lethal to your harrier.

On Level five the going really gets tough. The screen action hots up and takes place at supersonic speed. You must have your wits about you and fingers on the keys throughout in order to avoid being blown up the instant the game gets going.

Graphically the game is good,





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but it is difficult to play mainly because there are too many keys to press — a joystick would improve the game no end. Altogether you have to use five keys, up, down, left and right (for fast and slow speeds) as well as the space bar which you use to fire missiles.

A brave attempt from Durell in Harrier Attack.

### Ratings Table

Program Quality	• • •
Value for Money	• • •
Presentation On-screen	• • • •
Ease of Use	• • • •
Crashproofing	• • • •
Overall	65%

**Title:** Krazy Kong  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Anirog Software  
**Machine:** VIC 20 + 16K  
**Price:** £7.90

A crazed gorilla strikes again in this version of the popular arcade game. I had never played this type of game before, and therefore found the lack of detail in the instructions very frustrating. However, a young friend came to the rescue, instantly putting my high scores of 100 and 150 to shame.

After watching the 'technique' for a few minutes, I was away... On the first stage, ladder climbing and collecting objects is hampered only by the occasional barrel plummeting down the scaffolding. I quickly learned to ignore the umbrellas and handbags as these scored only 50 points each, and this was not commensurate with the time saved by reaching the top quickly.

The second stage consisted of gaps in the path which could only be navigated by a nifty forward jump. Again, instructions on how to do this were lacking, but trial and error made this aspect more demanding. Thirdly came the lifts. Timing here was essential (and at first I found it difficult to get here often enough to practise) as jumping on and off the lifts, while dodging barrels, is a precise art.

On the fourth and final stage, roofing supports have to be knocked out, and when complete the scaffolding collapses, bringing about the demise of the unkindly ape. But watch out for the deadly fireballs!

My first attempts with keyboard control were ungainly, with p . l ; and shift being used for UP, DOWN,



LEFT, RIGHT, and JUMP respectively. I did obtain high scores this way, but after the frustration of being belted by a barrel, I was annoyed at losing my hard-won chance to see my name in lights. **Enter your name AAA** prompted the screen. I typed in my initials and nothing happened. After thumping the return key several times (to see if it still worked, you understand) my high score was put down to one Albert Algernon Andrews, or someone with similar prefixes.

Further trials with the joystick solved the problem. I think it bad that this game is obviously geared to a joystick user, when hours of hard experience have proved to my satisfaction that keyboard control, particularly when jumping on the lifts, is by far superior. A few instructions on how to claim your reward would have cost nothing, but would certainly have added to my enjoyment.

But don't let these minor criticisms put you off an otherwise excellent game. It is challenging, fun, at times irritating, and above all, very good entertainment.

N.C.M.W.

### Ratings Table

Program Quality	• • • • •
Value for Money	• • • • •
Presentation On-screen	• • • • •
Ease of Use	• • • • •
Crashproofing	• • • • •
Supplied Instructions	• •
Overall	85%

**Title:** Enter the Dragon  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Melbourne House  
**Machine:** Dragon 32  
**Price:** £5.95

This is a compendium of fourteen games taken from the book "Enter the Dragon". Firstly I will review each one individually and then give my overall view at the end.

**REACT.** In this game the computer awards points on how quickly you press the key displayed on the screen. The main disadvantage is that it only uses keys 0, 1, 2, and 9. Definitely room for development as it only uses 2K.

**NUMBER CRUNCH.** In this game you have to numerically order the digits one to nine from a tumbled sequence. To do this you are allowed to reverse groups of digits. It is very boring once you learn a simple sequence.

**FROG.** This is a game where you have to swap two groups of frogs around by making them jump over each other. The graphics and colour were very good. The solution again required a very simple sequence.

**SIMULATION.** This simulates fishing fleets and the random geographical forces they undergo. There is no participation by a player — pointless rubbish.

**FRUIT MACHINE.** This program shows the revolving reels of a fruit machine and there is no participation by the player. The graphics are good and clear, but there is no game.

**BUBBLESORT.** This is a program which sorts a maximum of fifteen numbers — I could sort them quicker myself!!

**INVADER.** This slow, simple invader type game with bad graphics had a too sensitive joystick and unresponsive fire button.

**ROADRACE.** You have to manoeuvre a car between a series of posts which are far too close together. Bad graphics again.

**ALIEN.** Here you have to kill the flying aliens. It has reasonable graphics, but NO scoring system.

**ELIMINATOR.** This is a simple version of scramble except you have to shoot the saucer which comes and kills your humanoids. The graphics were again reasonable.

**METEOR.** Here you have to hit the meteors coming towards you. Mediocre graphics again.

**TALKING.** This inputs your



speech and outputs it at a later time. Fascinating except for an unfortunate amount of crackling.

**DRAUGHTS.** This game plays draughts well and it has good graphics. However, I don't like the way the pieces are moved.

**ADVENTURE.** The descriptions of the rooms in this all text adventure are poor and its vocabulary is limited.

Overall this tape was very poor. The programs were slow and the keyboard unresponsive. I would have been very disappointed if I had bought it.

S.F.

### Ratings Table

Program Quality	*
Value for Money	*
Presentation On-screen	* *
Ease of Use	*
Crashproofing	* *
Supplied Instructions	* *
Overall	20%

**Title:** Holy Grail  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Severn Software  
**Machine:** Oric 1 48K  
**Price:** £5.95

The name of this program conjures up all sorts of pictures in the mind's eye particularly those to do with the notorious Monty Python Comic team.

Unfortunately, it's nowhere near as entertaining. This is an adventure game with both text and graphics. The graphics consists of a square containing blocks within it which is supposed to represent a castle in which the Holy Grail has been hidden. You control a little man who is in search of the grail and you have to manoeuvre him around the castle.

Directly underneath the grid is some data telling you what floor level of the castle your man is on, what number move you are on, and whose turn it is. Unfortunately the text is very difficult to read and is therefore very taxing on the eyes if looking at it for a long time.

Graphically the game is very uninspiring, the user defined characters are so small that it is difficult to see exactly what they are. Most of the action takes place within the blue grid and you soon get tired of staring at it.

But despite that I am sure there are many adventure lovers who will find this game an interesting challenge and fun to play.

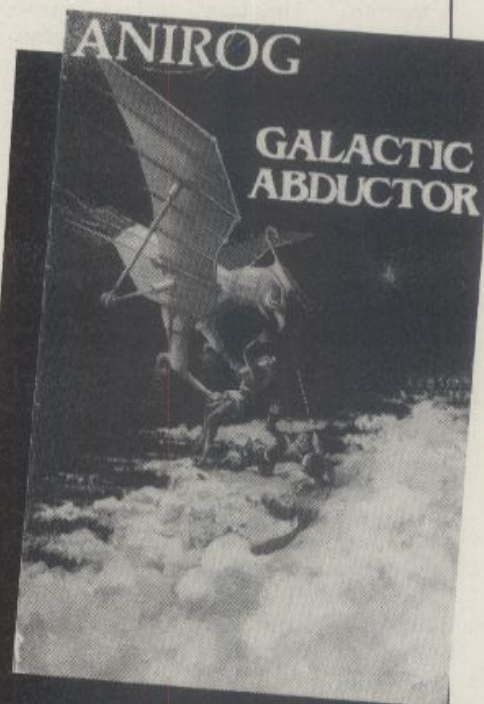
### Ratings Table

Program Quality	* * *
Value for Money	* *
Presentation On-screen	* *
Ease of Use	* * *
Crashproofing	* * * *
Overall	45%

**Title:** Galactic Abductor  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Anirog Software  
**Machine:** VIC 20 + 16K  
**Price:** £6.00

Swarms of armoured space-hawks, intent only on the kidnap of your little stick-men, are the target in this second-generation invaders game. In this one however prepare to pound your joystick!

The space-hawks attack from varying places around the screen and I was particularly impressed with the phase where they rise over the horizon to regroup for the next attack. Just to make the game a little more difficult, it takes many shots to penetrate the armour casing and to finally dispose of a single hawk. During the attack, eggs are dropped which promptly turn into bombs. There is no escape, other than left and right firing missiles, which seem useless in a rapid fire situation. From time to time a man



is 'abducted' and the message **Got Me!** accompanies the sight of a little human being grabbed by the talons of the predator and being carried off the screen.

The graphics in this program are imaginative, and the sound effects unusual. Control is by joystick only, and I would plead with all software manufacturers to make sure that this fact is clearly shown on the outside of the package. Not everyone owns a joystick.... Instructions for use were concise and clear. Mastering the controls is a matter for hours of practice.

Generally, this was a fast and challenging game which should be included in your collection.

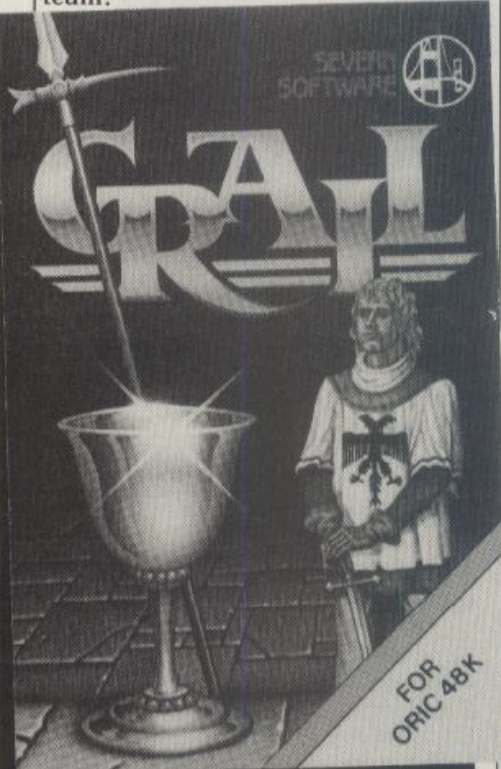
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### Ratings Table

Program Quality	* * * *
Value for Money	* * *
Presentation On-screen	* * * *
Ease of Use	* * *
Crashproofing	* * * *
Supplied Instructions	* * *
Overall	75%

**Title:** Xerus  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Electronic Leisure  
**Machine:** Unexpanded Vic 20  
**Price:** £6.00

This game is a variation on the Invaders theme, described as "a





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creative fast action game with excitement". However, it is a game with which one soon becomes bored.

An increasing number of aliens which closely resemble diagrammatical representations of fallopian tubes zigzag their way down the screen and, if allowed to land, turn into flying saucer shapes which explode after a short delay.

Tiny arrows are expelled from the bellies of the aliens and have to be avoided. All that is left for the player to do is dodge left and right, firing the laser, which is blessed with a repeat facility.

The game is programmed for either joystick or keyboard operation, the Z, C and Commodore keys producing LEFT, RIGHT and FIRE. In view of the lack of choice of movement in this game, there is no advantage in joystick control. The display is jerky, and laser bots are easily confused with the attackers' missiles.

One pleasing feature of the program is that while it is written for the unexpanded machine, RAM packs do not have to be removed before loading. The pack for review contained an information sheet that was more detailed than the instructions printed on the cassette sleeve, and I hope that the information sheet will be included with the retail package as at least it gives a brief resumé of the object of the game.

I worried that I was missing some important point about this game, but in reality it is just another shoot the invaders escapade. A disappointment.

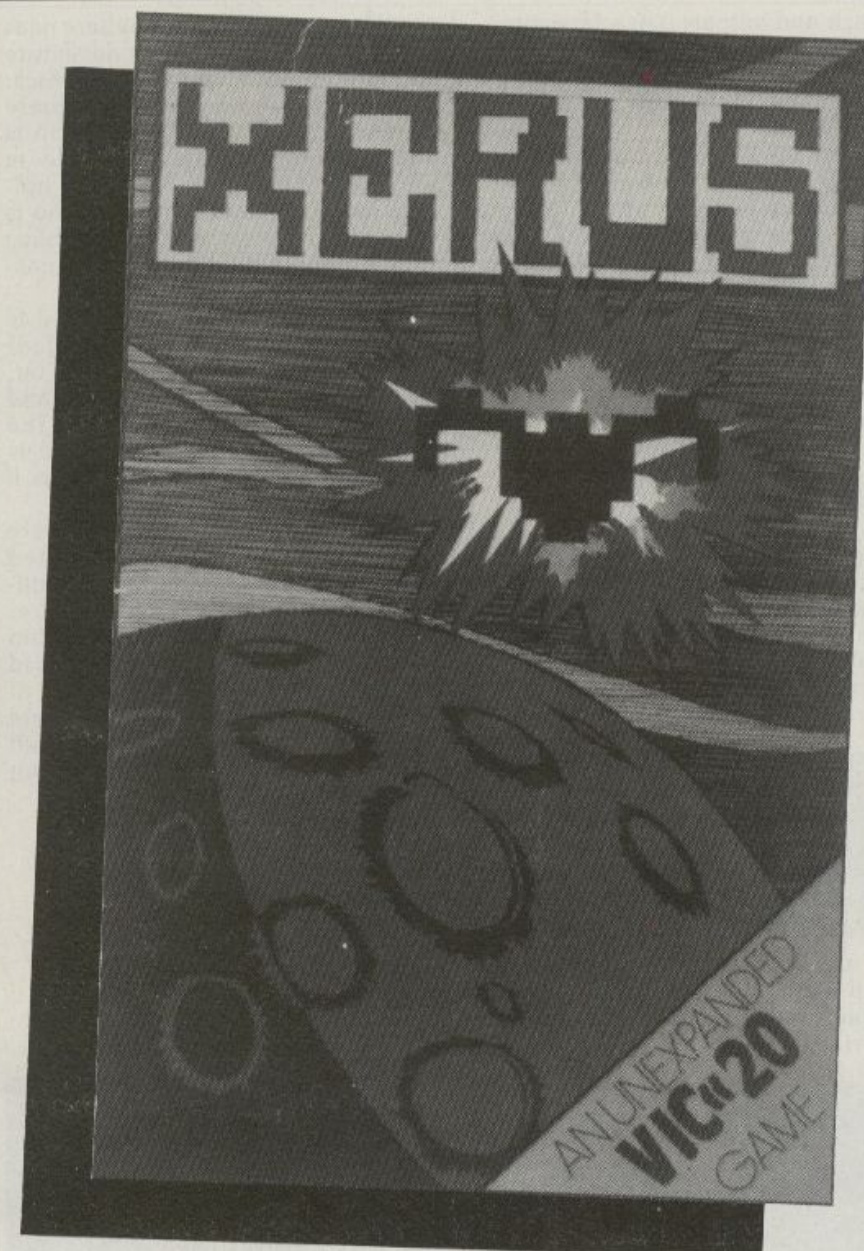
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## Ratings Table

Program Quality	* * *
Value for Money	* *
Presentation On-screen	*
Ease of Use	* * * *
Crashproofing	* * *
Supplied Instructions	* * *
Overall	40%

**Title:** Backgammon  
**Type:** Tape  
**Supplier:** Microdeal  
**Machine:** Dragon 32  
**Price:** £8.00

Unfortunately the tape is not supplied with specific instructions on play, so you have to be a backgammon player to appreciate it. On loading you choose the number of players. Zero means the computer



plays itself, one you play the computer, and two you play a friend. A level of difficulty is then selected (0 - easy, to 9 - impossible) and the option of whether to use Microdeal's light pen, which would make the game a lot easier to play. Sound and dice roll input are then selected and the screen changes to high resolution graphics, which are nowhere near as good as the standard of graphics I have come to expect. Generally there were too many numbers flashing on and off.

The main advantage of the tape is that you haven't got to persuade a friend to play with you - the computer will, and it has a good error trapping system.

A disadvantage is there are too many numbers to remember. To make a move, not only do you have to remember your dice throws and

work out your move, but you have to work out the reference numbers of the points you are moving to and from. This is nothing at first but later in the game it gets taxing. I enjoyed watching the computer play itself at level nine, except the speed made it impossible to assimilate the computer's tactics.

Overall, it is not a game I would pick as I would prefer to play the game on one of the traditional boards.

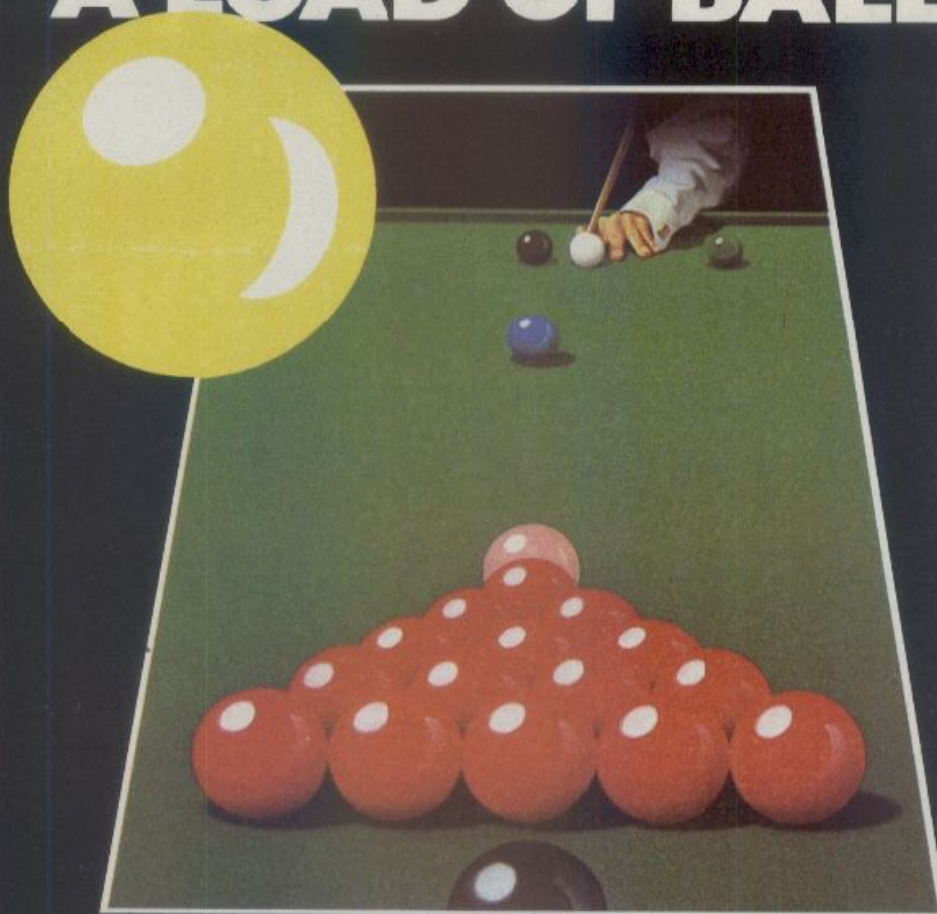
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## Ratings Table

Program Quality	* * *
Value for Money	* *
Presentation On-screen	* *
Ease of Use	* * * *
Crashproofing	* * *
Overall	40%



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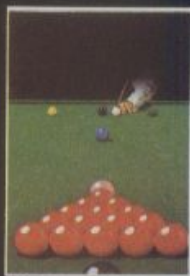
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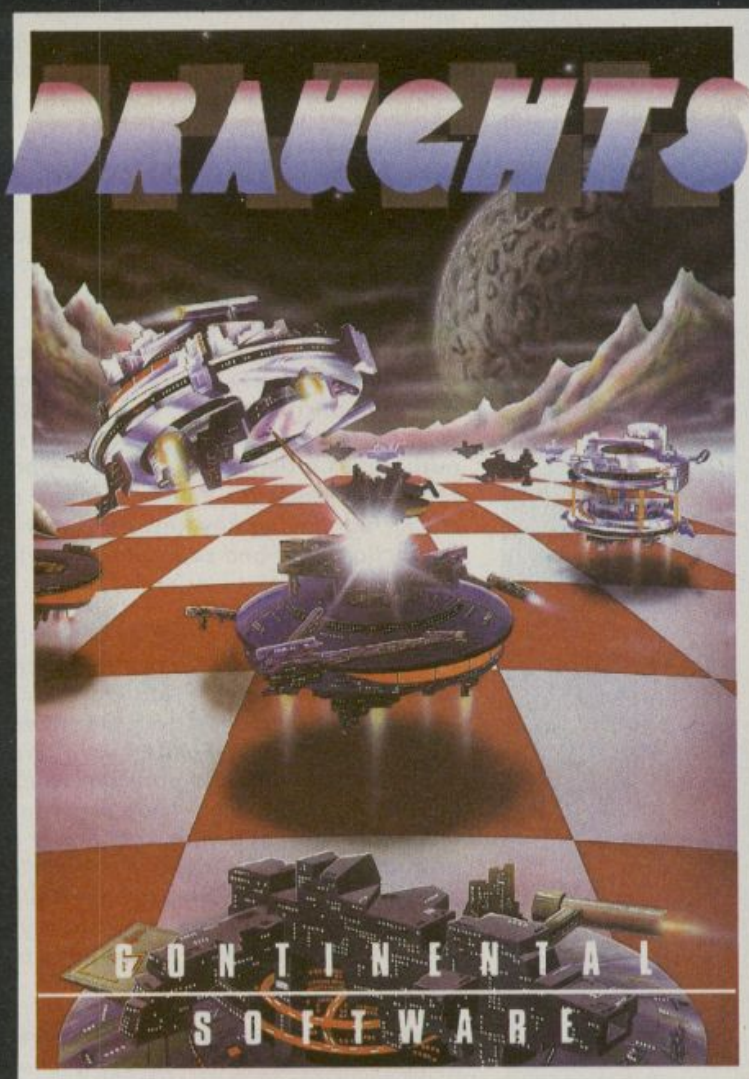
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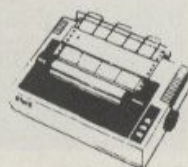
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Factfile is our regular buyer's guide to microcomputers. Herein you will find all the important facts and figures on 28 of the most important micros on the market under £1000. The idea is that you are able to directly compare what different manufacturers are offering you and how much they are charging you for it. Many brochures and adverts bury the reader in a mass of irrelevant facts and figures, which make it difficult to judge one against the other.

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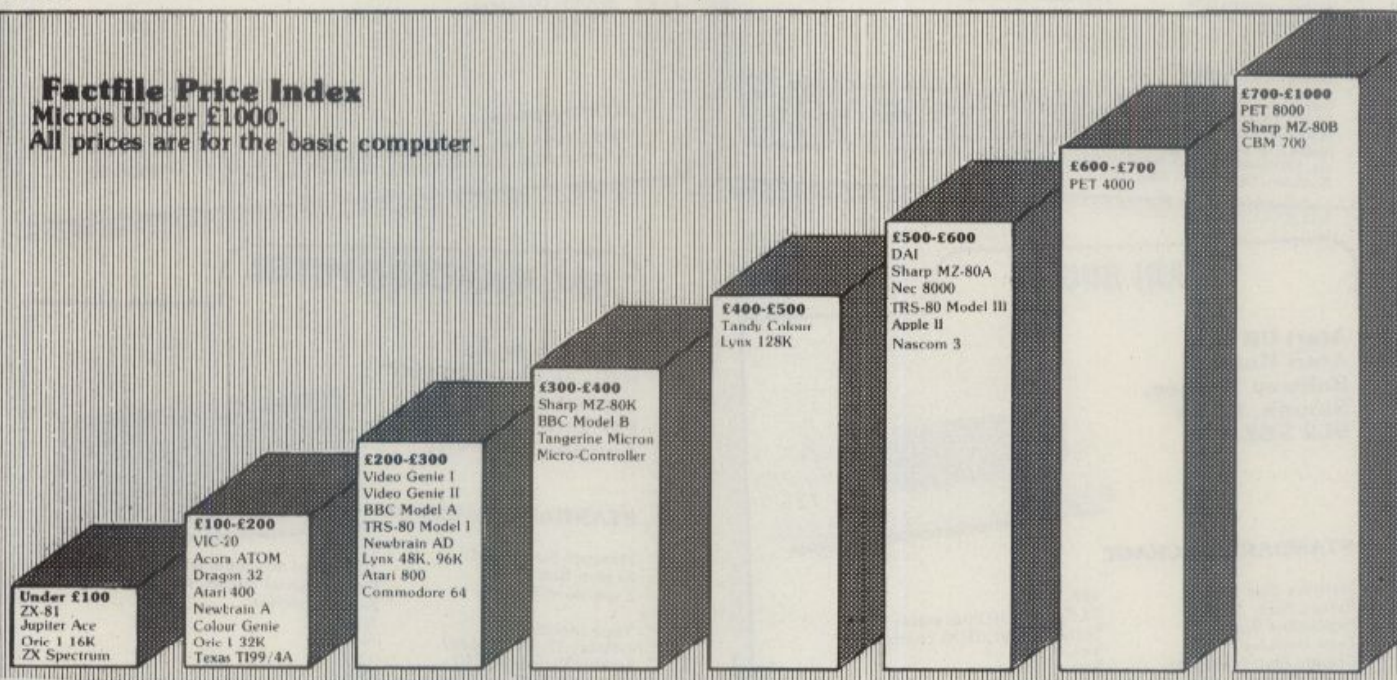
Just look down the price index to discover which machines are in your price-range and then consult the 'cards' on each. All the information is in a standard form and has all been checked by our technical staff. The section is presented alphabetically.

As new machines become available, we will add them into the FACTFILE as soon as we can.

## Factfile Price Index

Micros Under £1000.

All prices are for the basic computer.



## Factfile

**RAM:** Stands for Random Access Memory and it is in there to accept the user's programs. Amount of memory is measured in "thousands of bytes" or "K" ie, 8K. A byte is a computer 'word' or single piece of information, made up of eight 'bits' which are just 1 or 0. Hence you need thousands of bytes to store a reasonable size program, since each letter, number, full stop, comma, line number, etc, uses up computer 'words' quite rapidly.

As a guideline - you can get about 50 program lines into 1K and 250 into 8K. This is a rough estimate - don't take it literally! The figures are not straight multiples, because you need to allow the machine space to work on your listing, once you've typed it in.

**ROM:** Read Only Memory. The machine can look and see what is stored in the memory, but it cannot alter the contents, nor store anything new. Generally used for control programs, where the micro consults the memory to see what to do next at various points in the program. Languages, such as BASIC, are stored in ROM and allow the machine to interpret what you type in, in terms of its own 'machine code'.

**SIZE OF BASIC:** The number of bytes occupied by the BASIC language is important, as it is an approximate guide to the BASICs versatility. The more powerful the language, the easier it should be to use.

**BUS CONNECTION:** A socket on the micro which allows it to be linked up to various add-ons. This can take the form of many various items, ie, expansion box, printer, disc drives, plotting device. In short a BUS is an information 'window' through which the micro communicates with the outside world.

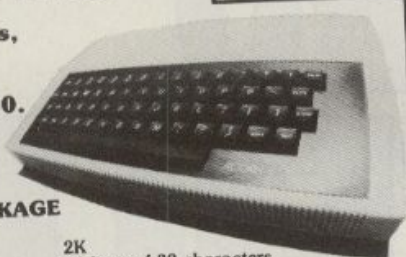
**SERIAL/PARALLEL OUTPUT:** This refers to the manner in which the micro transmits data to other units. If it puts out information in a long string, one bit after another, down a single wire or connector, it is a serial output. Parallel output is where pins or wires carry information simultaneously and are 'read' together as a block by whatever it is the micro is communicating with.

**VIDEO OUTPUT:** an output which will drive a monitor, as opposed to a TV set, allowing it's use as a screen for the computer.



### ACORN ATOM

Acorn Computers,  
4A Market Hill,  
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Tel: 0223-245200.



#### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	2K
Screen Size	16 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connector, Printer, Video output
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8K
Average Price	£140 kit, £174.50 built

#### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	12K internal, 32K external options	£45-149
Printer	Yes	£232
Monitor	No	£259
Disc Drives	Yes	£11.50
Other Languages	Yes	—
Multi-user	Yes	£50
Capabilities	Yes, BBC BASIC	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	Yes	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

Centronics-type connector, Technomatic Ltd, 17 Burnley Road, London NW10, £8.50; TMS 5100 Talking Board, GM Microtronics Ltd, Unit 14, Godinton Way Industrial Estate, Godinton Road, Ashford, Kent, £82.95; DUO-1 64K add-on, Audio Computers, 87 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend-on-sea, SS5 2JJ, £64 kit, £70 built; MZ163 RAM expansion boards, Timedata Ltd, 57 Swallowdale, Basildon, Essex SS15 5BZ, £59.50-76.

### ATARI 400

Atari UK Ltd,  
Atari House,  
Railway Terrace,  
Slough, Berks  
SL2 5BZ.



#### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16K
Screen Size	24 lines of 40 characters
Expansion Sockets	Serial output, BUS connector
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8K
Average Price	£149.99

#### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	No	—
Printer	Yes	£199.90
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	Yes	£299.99
Other Languages	Yes	£39.79
Multi-user	Yes	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	Yes	TBA

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

TMS 5100 Talking Board, GM Microtronics Ltd, Unit 14, Godinton Way Industrial Estate, Godinton Road, Ashford, Kent, £82.95

### ATARI 800

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#### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	48K
Screen Size	24 lines of 40 characters
Expansion Sockets	Serial output, BUS connector
Tape Included?	Yes
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8K
Average Price	£299.99

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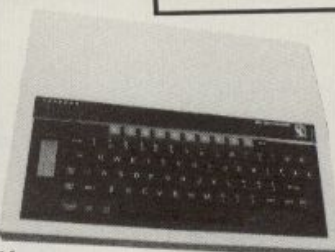
	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	Yes	£199.99
Printer	No	—
Monitor	Yes	£299.99
Disc Drives	Yes	£39.79
Other Languages	Yes	—
Multi-user	No	—
Capabilities	Yes	TBA
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	Yes	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

TMS 5100 Talking Board, GM Microtronics Ltd, Unit 14, Godinton Way Industrial Estate, Godinton Road, Ashford, Kent, £82.95; Carrying case, CJE Microcomputer, 25 Henry Avenue, Rustington, W. Sussex, BN16 2PA, £18.50

### BBC MICROCOMPUTER

BBC Model A,  
BBC Microcomputer  
Systems,  
PO Box 7,  
London W3 6JX.



#### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16
Screen Size	32 lines of 40 characters (max)
Expansion Sockets	Parallel serial output, analogue output, Bus connection
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	16K
Average Price	£299

#### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	up to 32K	£100
Printer	TBA	—
Monitor	Yes	£200
Disc Drives	TBA	—
Other Languages	TBA	—
Multi-user	Yes	—
Capabilities	TBA	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	TBA	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

Disc drives, single and dual, Cumara Ltd, 35 Walnut Street Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4UN, Tel: 0483 50321, £199-799; BBC Cassette Recorder, Microage Electronics, 135 Hale Lane, Edgeware, Middx, £28; Colour Monitor, PortaTel Conversions Ltd, 25 Sunbury Cross Centre, Staines Roach West, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx, TW16 7BB, £299; Floppy Disc Controller Kit, Midwich Computer Co Ltd, Newitt House, Northgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1HQ, £95.00; Analogue Joystick, Light Pen, Stack Computers, 290-298 Derby Road, Bootle, Liverpool.



## BBC MICROCOMPUTER

**BBC Model B  
BBC Microcomputer  
Systems,  
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London W3 6JX**



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	32
Screen Size	30 lines of 80 characters
Expansion Sockets	Serial and parallel output, analogue output, printer BUS connection
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	16K
Average Price	£399

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	No	TBA
Printer	TBA	—
Monitor	No	TBA
Disc Drives	TBA	TBA
Other Languages	TBA	—
Multi-user	Yes	TBA
Capabilities	TBA	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	TBA	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

**Disc drives, single and dual,** Cumara Ltd, 35, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4UN, Tel: 0483 503121, £199-799; **BBC Cassette recorder,** Surrey GU1 4UN, Tel: 0483 503121, £199-799; **BBC Cassette recorder,** Microage Electronics, 135 Hale lane, Edgware, Middx, HA8 9QP, £28; **Colour Monitor,** Portatel Conversions Ltd, 25 Sunbury Cross Centre, Salres Road West, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx, TW16 7BB, £299; **Floppy Disc Controller Kit,** Midwich Computer Co Ltd, Hewitt House, Northgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 1HQ, £95.00; **Carrying Case,** CJE Microcomputers, 25 Henry Avenue, Rustington, W. Sussex, BN16 2PA, £18.50.

## COMMODORE PET 4000

**Commodore,  
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Slough, Berks**



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16 or 32K
Screen Size	25 lines of 40 characters
Expansion Sockets	IEEE 488 standard, parallel output
Tape Included?	Yes
Display Unit Included?	Yes
Usable Domestic TV?	No
Size of BASIC	12K
Average Price	£632.50, £799.25

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	No	—
Printer	Yes several	£454-1604
Monitor	N/A	—
Disc Drives	Yes	£396
Other Languages	Yes, single or dual	£454-1029
Multi-user	—	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

**Universal Interface,** Technomatic Ltd, 17 Burnley Road, London NW10, £149; **TMS 5100 Talking Board,** GM Microtronics Ltd, Unit 14, Godinton Way Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent, £82.95; **64K DRC Module,** Audio Computers, 87 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend-on-sea SS5 2JJ, £70 kit, £80 built.

## COMMODORE PET 8000

**Commodore,  
675 Ajax Avenue,  
Slough, Berks**



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	32K or 96K
Screen Size	25 lines of 80 characters
Expansion Sockets	IEEE 488 standard, parallel output
Tape Included?	Yes
Display Unit Included?	Yes
Usable Domestic TV?	No
Size of BASIC	12K
Average Price	£980, £1374

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	No	—
Printer	Yes various	£454-1604
Monitor	N/A	—
Disc Drives	Yes single or dual	£454-1029
Other Languages	Yes	—
Multi-user	—	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

**Universal Interface,** Technomatic Ltd, 17 Bunley Road, London NW10, £149; **TMS 5100 Talking Board,** GM Microtronics Ltd, Unit 14, Godinton Way Industrial Estate, Godinton Road, Ashford, Kent, £82.95; **64K DRC Module** Audio Computers, 87 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend-on-sea SS5 2JJ, £70 kit, £80 built.

## COMMODORE VIC20 STARTER PACK

**Commodore,  
675 Ajax Avenue,  
Slough, Berks**



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	5K
Screen Size	23 lines of 22 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connection, Disc, Printer, Serial output, joystick
Tape Included?	Yes
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8K
Average Price	£139.99

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	3K, 8K, 16K expansion options	£30, £45, £75
Printer	Yes	£270
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	Yes	£396
Other Languages	Yes	£38.95
Multi-user	—	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

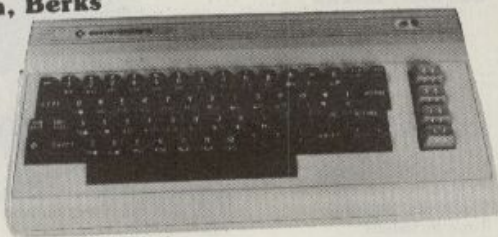
**VCR-20,** 20K RAM cartridge, Audio Computers, 87 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend on Sea SS5 2JJ, £39 kit, £45 built; **Expansion Board,** 3K-16K, Arlon on Sea SS5 2JJ, £39 kit, £45 built; **Microelectronics Ltd,** Gibyn Industrial Estate, Caernafon, Gwynedd, Wales LL55 2BD, £220. Languages: VIC Forth, Adda Computers, 154 Victoria Road, Acton, London, W3.



# REFERENCE FACTFILE

## COMMODORE 64

Commodore,  
675 Ajax Avenue,  
Slough, Berks



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	64K
Screen Size	25 lines of 40 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS, Serial, Video
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8K
Average Price	£229.

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

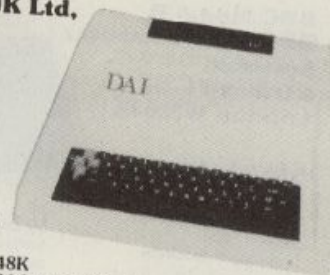
	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	No	—
Printer	Yes	£230-276
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	Yes	£229
Other Languages	Yes	—
Multi-user	—	—
Capabilities	Yes	—
BASIC Extensions	Yes	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

Light Pen, 4 slot motherboard, Joystick, RS232 Interface, Stack Computers, 290-298 Derby Road, Bootley Liverpool. 051-933 5511.

## DAI

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Cirencester,  
Gloucestershire,  
GL7 2PF



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	48K
Screen Size	24 lines of 60 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connection, Serial output, joystick socket
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	16K
Average Price	£575

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	No	—
Printer	No	—
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	Yes	TBA
Other Languages	No	—
Multi-user	—	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (toolkits)	Yes, maths pack	£149

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

None Reported

## DRAGON 32

Dragon Data Ltd  
Queensway,  
Swansea  
Industrial Estate,  
Swansea, SA5 4EH



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	32K
Screen Size	16 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	Yes
Display Unit Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	16K
Average Price	£199

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	—	—
Printer	No	—
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	No	—
Other Languages	Yes	—
Multi-user	No	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

Joystick, Light Pen, 4 slot motherboard, Stack Computers 290-298 Derby Road, Bootle, Liverpool. 051-933 5511.

## JUPITER ACE

Jupiter Cantab  
22 Foxhollow  
Bar Hill  
Cambridge  
CB3 8EP



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	3K
Screen Size	24 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	Not known
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	Resident language is FORTH at 8K
Average Price	£89.95

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	TBA	—
Printer	TBA	—
Monitor	TBA	—
Disc Drives	TBA	—
Other Languages	TBA	—
Multi-User Capabilities	TBA	—
BASIC extensions (toolkits)	N/A	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

None Reported.



## LYNX

**Computers**  
33a Bridge Street,  
Cambridge CB2 1UW



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	48K, 96K, 128K
Screen Size	24 lines of 40 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connections
Tape Included?	Yes
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	1.5K
Average Price	£225, £299, £445

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	96K for 48K version	£89.95
Printer	Yes	—
Monitor	Yes	—
Disc Drives	Yes	—
Other Languages	Yes	—
Multi-user	Yes	—
Capabilities	—	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	Yes	—

### OTHER ADD-ONS:

## NASCOM 3

**Lucas Logic, NASCOM**  
Microcomputers Division,  
Welton Road,  
Wedgenock Industrial  
Estate,  
Warwick, CV34 5PZ.  
Tel: 0926-497733



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	0-48K
Screen Size	25 lines of 40 or 80 character
Expansion Sockets	Parallel & serial outputs, BUS connections
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8-10K
Average Price	£549

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	up to 48K (max)	£130
Printer	Yes	£215-1285
Monitor	Yes	£99-120
Disc Drives	Yes, single or dual	£470-685
Other Languages	Yes	£50
Multi-user	Yes	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	Yes	-15-50

### OTHER ADD-ONS:

**Olivetti disc drives, single and dual**, Kram Electronics, Victoria House, 17, Highcross St., Leicester, LE1 4PF, £179.349; **A/D Board**, 10, Research Ltd, 6, Laleham Avenue, Mill Hill, London NW7 3HL, £120 + VAT; **Hobbit - mini-cassette system**, Ikon Computer Products, Kiln Lane, Laugharne, Cwmnathen, Dyfed, £99 + VAT; **Disc drives, single and dual**, Micro-Spares, 19, Roseburn Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5N9, £199-279.

## NEWBRAIN

**Grundy Business Systems Ltd,**  
Grundy House,  
Somerset Road,  
Teddington  
TW11 8TD.



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	32K
Screen Size	25 lines of 40 or 80 characters
Expansion Sockets	Printer, serial, video, data bus
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No (Single line option on model AD)
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	18K
Average Price	£199 model A, £299 Model AD

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	64 - 512K,	£75 - £445
Printer	—	—
Monitor	—	—
Disc Drives	NYA	—
Other Languages	NYA	—
Multi-user	NYA	—
BASIC extensions	NYA	—

### OTHER ADD-ONS:

None Reported.

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**Oric Products International,**  
Coworth  
Mansion,  
Coworth Park,  
London Road,  
Sunninghill, Ascot,  
Berkshire, SL5 7SE.



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16K, 48K
Screen Size	28 X 40
Expansion Sockets	Yes
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8K
Average Price	£99.95, £139.95

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	N/A	—
Printer	TBA	—
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	TBA	—
Other Languages	N/A	—
Multi-user	—	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions	TBA	—

### OTHER ADD-ONS:



### SHARP MZ-80A

Sharp UK Ltd,  
Thorn Road,  
Newton Heath,  
Manchester  
M10 9BE  
Tel: 061-205 2333



#### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	48K
Screen Size	25 lines of 40 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connector
Tape Included?	Yes
Display Unit Included?	Yes
Usable Domestic TV?	No
Size of BASIC	12K
Average Price	£549

#### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	No	£450-800
Printer	Yes	—
Monitor	N/A	£600
Disc Drives	Yes, dual	£45
Other Languages	Yes	—
Multi-user Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

OTHER ADD-ONS:  
None Reported

### SHARP MZ-80B

Sharp UK Ltd,  
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#### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	64K
Screen Size	25 lines of 40 or 80 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connector
Tape Included?	Yes
Display Unit Included?	Yes
Usable Domestic TV?	No
Size of BASIC	16K
Average Price	£990

#### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	Yes	£120
Printer	Yes	£450-800
Monitor	N/A	—
Disc Drives	Yes, dual	£600
Other Languages	Yes	£45
Multi-user Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

Multi-vision and triple-vision, Datron Micro Centre, 2 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield S7 1FD, £35-79

### SHARP MZ-80K

Sharp UK Ltd,  
Thorn Road,  
Newton Heath,  
Manchester  
M10 9BE



#### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	48K
Screen Size	25 lines of 40 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connector
Tape Included?	Yes
Display Unit Included?	Yes
Usable Domestic TV?	No
Size of BASIC	12K
Average Price	£350

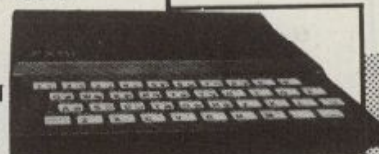
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	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	No	£450-800
Printer	Yes	—
Monitor	N/A	£600
Disc Drives	Yes, dual	£45 upwards
Other Languages	Yes	—
Multi-user Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

OTHER ADD-ONS:  
None Reported

### SINCLAIR ZX 81

Sinclair Research,  
6 Kings Parade,  
Cambridge CB2 1SN



#### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	1K
Screen Size	24 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connections
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8K
Average Price	£49.95 built

#### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	16K RAM pack	£29.95
Printer	ZX Printer	£59.95
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	No	—
Other Languages	No	—
Multi-user Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

#### OTHER ADD-ONS:

Memory expansion unit 16K or 64K, Memotech Ltd, 3 Collins St, Oxford OX4 1XL, £39.95-79; Memory Expansion 64K, Downsway Electronics (UK) Ltd, Dept M, Downsway House, Epsom Road, Ashted, Surrey, £59.95; Key Bleep Unit, Microtronix, 3 Buxton Avenue, Coulton, Nottingham, N94 3RR, £8.85 kit, £9.95 built; Maximem 1.1, East London Robotics, Finlandia House, 14 Darwell Close, East Ham, London, E84 BT, £93.50; Music Synthesiser + 16 line control port, William Stuart Systems Ltd, Dower House, Billicicay Road, Herongate, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3SD, £19.50; Full-size keyboard, Protos Computer Systems, Fome Computing, 20 Ashtree Road, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2SF, £64.95; ZX99 Automatic tape control, Data-cassette, 44, Shroton Street, London NW1 6UG, £59.95.



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### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16-48K
Screen Size	24 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connections
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	10K
Average Price	£125 or £175

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	48K RAM for 16K version	£60
Printer	ZX Printer	£59.95
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	ZX Microdrive	TBA
Other Languages	No	—
Multi-user	No	TBA
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

### OTHER ADD-ONS:

**Memory Expansion 32K**, Downsway Electronics (UK) Ltd, Dept M, Downsway House, Epsom Road, Ashted, Surrey; £42.50

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**Tandy Corporation,  
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Tameway Tower,  
Walsall,  
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WS1 1LA.**



### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	4 or 16K
Screen Size	16 lines of 32 or 64 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connection
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8 or 12K
Average Price	£229 or £339

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

RAM	DETAILS	PRICE
	32K extra in expansion unit	£349
Printer	Yes	£239-1200
Monitor	Yes	£100
Disc Drives	Yes	£369
Other Languages	Yes	£100
Multi-user	No	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	Yes	£100

### OTHER ADD-ONS:

**Disc drives, single and dual**, Cumana Ltd, 35 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4UN, £199-799; **Olivetti disc drives single and dual**, Kram Electronics, Victoria House, 17 Highcross St., Leicester LE1 4PF, £179-349; **48K internal RAM**, General Northern Microcomputers, (GNOMIC) 46 Middle Street, Blackhall, Marlepool, Cleveland, £70 + VAT; **32K RAM card**, Audio Computers, 87 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend on Sea, SS5 2JJ, £40 kit, £46 built.

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### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	4-48K
Screen Size	16 lines of 32 or 64 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connection, parallel & serial output
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	Yes
Usable Domestic TV?	No
Size of BASIC	16K
Average Price	£599-1799

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	16K modules	£70
Printer	Yes various	£239-1200
Monitor	N/A	—
Disc Drives	Yes	£600
Other Languages	Yes	£100
Multi-user	No	—
Capabilities	Yes	£100
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	Yes	£100

### OTHER ADD-ONS:

**Disc drives**, Cumana Ltd, 35, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4UN, £199-799; **Olivetti disc drives single and dual**, Kram Electronics, Victoria House, 17, Highcross St, Leicester LE1 4PF, £179-349; **48K internal RAM**, General Northern Microcomputers, (GNOMIC), 46 Middle Street, Blackhall, Hartlepool, Cleveland, £70 + VAT; **32K RAM card**, Audio Computers, 87 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend on Sea, SS5 2JJ, £40 kit, £46 built.

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### STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16-32K
Screen Size	16 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	Serial output, ROM pack, joystick socket
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	8-16K
Average Price	£499

### MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	No	£239-1200
Printer	Yes various	—
Monitor	No	£439
Disc Drives	Yes	—
Other Languages	No	—
Multi-user	No	—
Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

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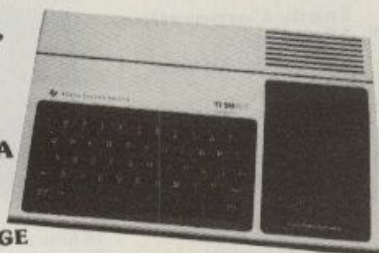
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Division,  
Manton Lane,  
Bedford MK41 7PA



## STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16K
Screen Size	24 lines of 32 characters
Expansion Sockets	ROM pack, Bus connector, joystick, socket
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	14K
Average Price	£199

## MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	up to 48K (max)	£300
Printer	Yes	£275
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	Yes	£300
Other Languages	Yes	£50-£100
Multi-user Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	Yes	£100

## OTHER ADD-ONS:

Speech Synthesiser, Texas Instruments, £46.60; Terminal Emulator II, Texas Instruments, £37.80; RS232 Interface, Texas Instruments.

## COLOUR GENIE

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Bently Bridge,  
Chesterfield Road,  
Matlock  
Derbyshire DE4 5LE  
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## STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	32K
Screen Size	24 lines of 40 characters
Expansion Sockets	Parallel & serial output, expansion BUS
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	16K
Average Price	£168

## MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	16K	£38.56
Printer	Yes	£220
Monitor	No	—
Disc Drives	No	—
Other Languages	No	—
Multi-user Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

## OTHER ADD-ONS:

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## STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16K
Screen Size	16 lines of 64 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connector
Tape Included?	Yes
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	12K
Average Price	£279

## MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	optional 48K in expansion unit	£200
Printer	Yes	£210
Monitor	Yes	£69-99
Disc Drives	Yes, single and dual	£220-375
Other Languages	No	—
Multi-user Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

## OTHER ADD-ONS:

Disc drives, single and dual, Cumara Ltd, 35 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4UN, £199-799; Olivetti disc drives single and dual, Kram Electronics, Victoria House, 17 Highcross St, Leicester LE1 4PF, £179-349; EG3014 Expansion box with 16K/32K RAM, Swanley Electronics, 32 Goldsel Road, Swanley, Kent BR8 8EZ, £199-213; 48K internal RAM, General Northern Microcomputers, GNOMIC, 46 Middle Street, Blackhall, Martlepool, Cleveland, £70 + VAT; 32K RAM Card Audio Computer, 87 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend-on-sea, SS5 2JJ, £40 kit, £46 built.

## VIDEO GENIE II

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## STANDARD PACKAGE

Memory Size (RAM)	16K
Screen Size	16 lines of 32 or 64 characters
Expansion Sockets	BUS connector
Tape Included?	No
Display Unit Included?	No
Usable Domestic TV?	Yes
Size of BASIC	13K
Average Price	£299

## MANUFACTURER'S EXPANSIONS

	DETAILS	PRICE
RAM	optional 48K in expansion unit	£200
Printer	Yes	£210
Monitor	Yes	£69-99
Disc Drives	Yes, single and dual	£220-375
Other Languages	No	—
Multi-user Capabilities	No	—
BASIC extensions (Toolkits)	No	—

## OTHER ADD-ONS:

Disc drives, single and dual, Cumana Ltd, 35, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4UN, £199-799; Olivetti disc drives single and dual, Kram Electronics, Victoria House, 17 Highcross St, Leicester LE1 4PF, £179-349; EG3014 Expansion box with 16K/32K RAM, Swanley Electronics, 32 Goldsel Road, Swanley, Kent BR8 8EZ, £199-213; 48K internal RAM, General Northern Microcomputers, GNOMIC, 46 Middle Street, Blackhall, Martlepool, Cleveland, £70 + VAT; 32K RAM Card Audio Computers, 87 Bournemouth Park Road, Southend-on-sea, SS5 2JJ, £40 kit, £46 built.



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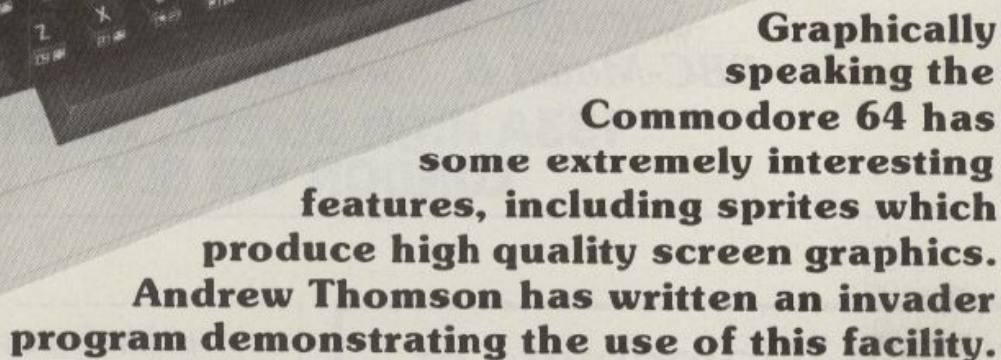
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We've tried to sort out the confusion, and the sheer numbers, to present an easily understood list for each machine. Where possible, we have eliminated duplications, so that the same tape with a different label is not listed twice. Rather it should be credited once, with as many suppliers as we could find.

## Table Codes

In order to fit as many programs as possible into our pages, we have had to use codes for some columns, considerably shortening the wording.

The information given for each program is: Title, memory required to run it, company producing it,

whether tape/cartridge or disk, type and supplier and price.

The codes we have used are:

## Program Type

- GM = Game
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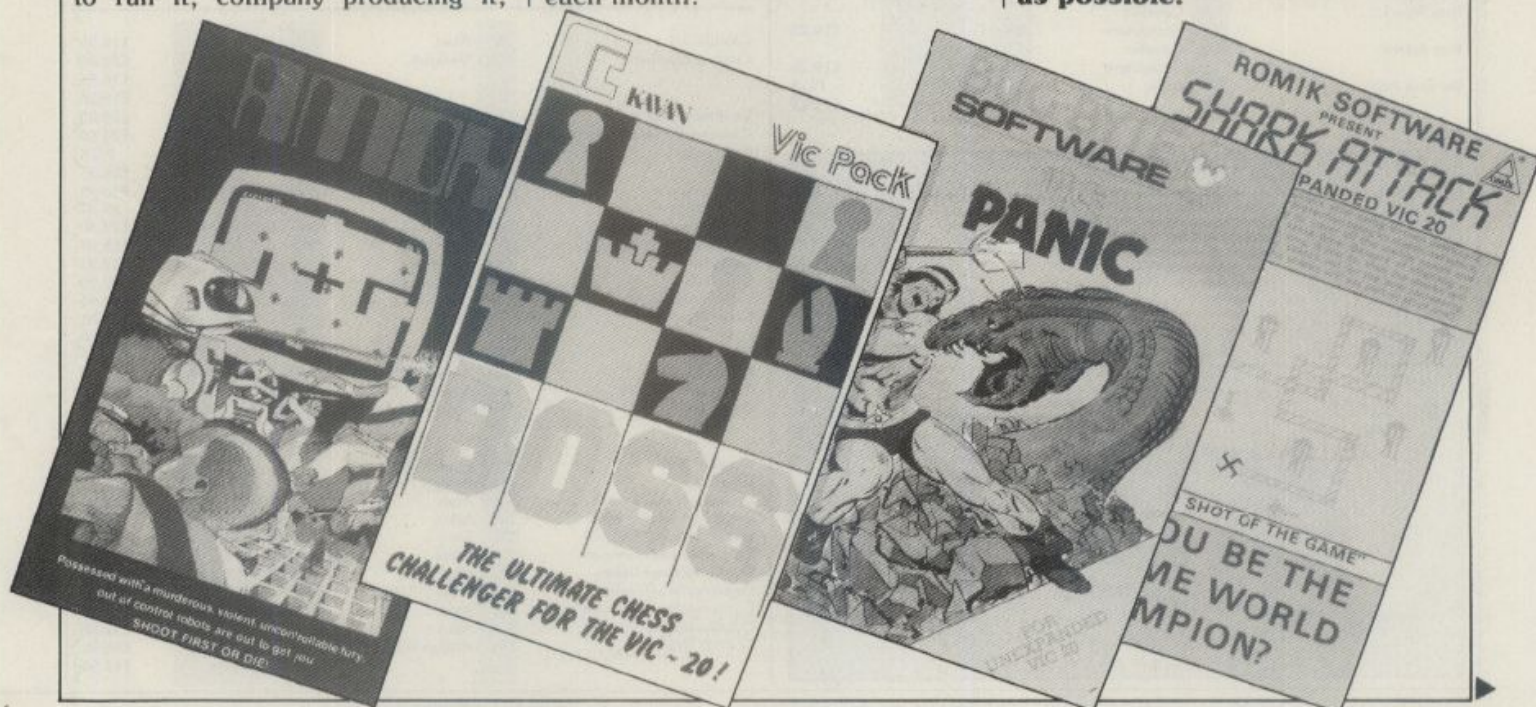
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- L = Listing (sold as print-out)

Due to overwhelming response we have been forced to alternate machines included in our checklist each month.

This month, we have re-coded all the dealers, and their names and addresses will now appear in the section to which they refer. This should lead to clearer referencing and help your search.

## Not Here?

To companies whose products are not listed herein we can only say **TELL US ABOUT IT!** This applies particularly to the smaller retailer who may sell only half a dozen or so programs for one machine. If you produce software for any of the machines on the market today, then we would love to include your wares in our checklists. Send it in to us, marked for the attention of the Editor (in our format *Please!*) or ring Jane Price on 01-437 1002 as soon as possible.





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Alien Hell	Gm	Synco	24K	D CRs		£16.95
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Arcade Baseball	Gm	Arcade Plus	16K	D CRs		£18.95
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Assembler	Ut	Quality S/W	16K	C MA		£39.95
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Atari Word Processor	Bs	Atari	32K	C MI		£18.95
Atari Word Processor	Bs	Atari	32K	C MA		£16.50
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Basic A Plus	Ut	Atari		BR		£13.95
Basic A Plus and Operating System A	Ut	Atari		MI		£16.75
Basic Program Compress.	Ut	Atari	16K	C CE		POA
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Basics of Animation	Ed	OSS S/W	48K	D MA		£52.50
Basics of Animation	Ed	OSS S/W	48K	D MA		£99.50
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Bug Attack	Gm	Atari		MI,GE,SI		£9.95
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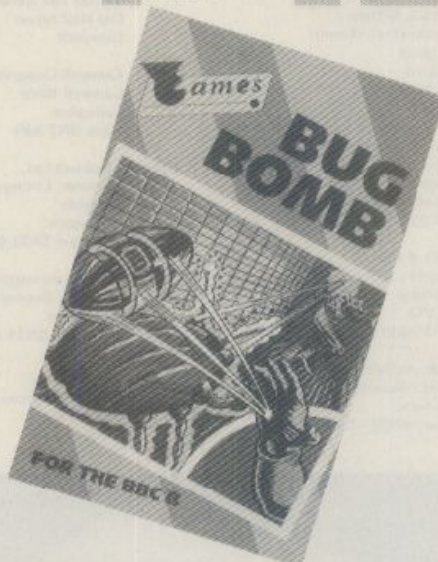
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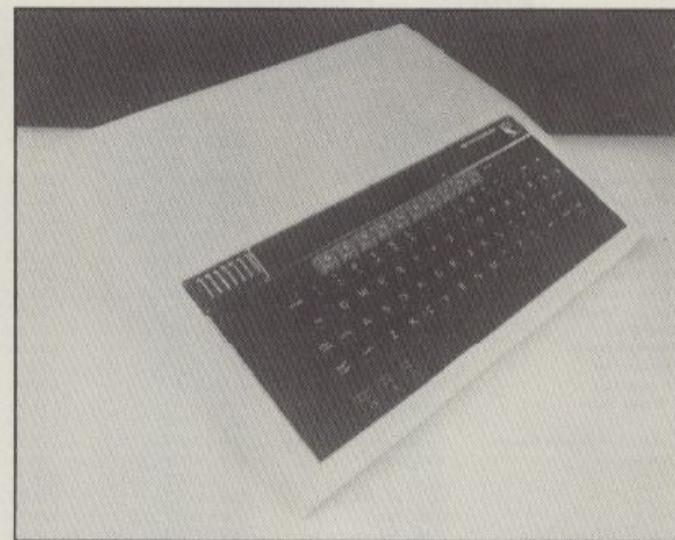
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Tack Trek	Gm	Atari	24K	C CE	POA	£13.50
Tank Trap	Gm	Quality S/W	16K	C NA		£8.95
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Tanktics	Gm	Avalon Hill	32K	C ER		£16.95
Tari Trek	Gm	Quality S/W	16K	C NA		£8.95
Teachers Pet	Ed	Allrian	16K	C AL		£14.00
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Tele Link	Gm	Atari	16K	R GE,SI		£21.50
Tele Link	Ut	Atari	16K	R MI,SI		£19.95
Telelink	Ut	Data Soft	16K	R MA,SI		£14.95
Terrie	Gm	Atari	32K	C CE	POA	£16.75
Text Editor	Bs	Allrian	32K	D AL		£30.00
Text Wizard	Ut	Data Soft	16K	D MI		£99.95
The Count	Gm	Adventure Int.	24K	C NA,SI		£14.95
The Cranston Manor				MI		£16.50
Adventure	Gm	Allrian	32K	D AL		£30.00
The Vaults of Zurich	Gm	Allrian	24K	C AL		£19.50
The Predictor	Bs	Allrian	32K	D AL		£27.95
The Rings of the Empire	Gm	Allrian	16K	C AL		£15.50
Threshold	Gm	On-Line	32K	C GE,SI		£24.95
Thunder Island	Gm	Analog S/W	16K	C NA		£10.95
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Tournament Pool and 8 Ball Pool	Gm	Thorn EMI	16K	C ER,MA,GE		£19.95
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Two Heads of the Coin	Gm	Adventure Int.	32K	C MI		£16.50
Ulysses	Gm	On-Line	40K	D GE		£24.95
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Visicalc	Bs	Personal S/W	32K	D NA,SI		£119.95
Voodoo Castle	Gm	Adventure Int.	24K	C NA,SI		£14.95
Voyager	Gm	Avalon Hill	32K	C ER,AV		£12.95
Waterloo	Gm	Chrystal	48K	C ER,SI		£32.99
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World War III	Gm	Chrystal	48K	C ER,MI,SI		£19.99

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Action of the Heart	Ed	Garland Comp.	32K	C GA		£11.76
Adventure	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo		£6.95
Adventure	Gm	Program Direct	32K	C P		£5.99
Adventure Quest	Gm	Level 9 Computing	32K	C LE		£9.90
Algebraic Manipulation	Ut	Acornsoft	16K	C EL,AC		£9.95
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Alien Destroyers	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo		£6.95
Alien Dropout	Gm	Superior Software	32K	C SUp		£6.50
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Arrow of Death (1)	Gm	Digital Fantasia	16K	C JJ		£6.95
Arrow of Death (2)	Gm	Digital Fantasia	16K	C DI		£8.95
Airlift	Gm	Bug Byte	32K	C JJ		£5.50
Angle(4)	Ed	Chalksoft	32K	C Cha		£6.95
Append It	Ut	Aztec S/W	16K	C AZ		£3.00
Asteroids/Frong	Gm	Aardvark Software	16K	C AAs		£4.00
Asteroid Belt	Gm	Electronics Applied	32K	C EL		£11.50

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<b>AC</b>	Acornsoft Ltd 4a Market Hill Cambridge CB2 3NJ 0223 316039	<b>CHa</b>	Chalksoft Ltd Lowmoor Cottage Tonedale Wellington Somerset TA21 0AL
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<b>AZ</b>	Aztec Software 25 St Marks Road Deepcar Sheffield S30 5TS	<b>DAI</b>	Database 27 City Road Stoke Staffs
<b>BB</b>	BBC Publications The British Broadcasting Corporation 35 Marylebone High Street London W1M 4AA	<b>DAv</b>	Davansoft 1 Delapoe Drive Haverfordwest Dyfed SA61 1HX
<b>BR</b>	Bridge Software 36 Fernwood Marple Bridge Stockport SK6 5BE	<b>DI</b>	Digital Fantasia 24 Norbreck Road Norbreck Blackpool Lancs



Asteroid Belt	Gm	Computer Concepts	16K	C COe	£7.80
Astro Navigator	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C FO,Pro	£6.95
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Backgammon	Ut	Bug Byte	32K	C AN,LI	£8.00
Balloons	Gm	C J E	32K	C CJ	£6.00

Basic Maths	Ed	Aztec S/W	16K	C AZ	£3.00
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Bounty Pirates	Gm	Aztec S/W	16K	C AZ	£5.50
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Breakout	Gm	I.J.K. S/W	16K	C IJ	£3.95
Breakout	Gm	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy	£3.75
Bridgeman	Gm	Bridge S/W	32K	C BR	£7.90



Call Your Bluff	Gm	Square Software	16K	C SQ	£6.00
Capitol Cities	Ed	Square Software	16K	C SQ	£6.00
Carbohydrate Metabolism	Ed	Garland Comp.	32K	C GA	£18.24
Cashbook A	Do	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mla	£3.95
Cashbook B	Do	Micro-aid	16K	C Mla	£3.95
Caves of Anoron	Gm	FBC Systems	32K	C PRo	£7.00
Cat & Mouse	Gm	Micro Power	16K	C PRo	£4.95
Cells and Serpents/ Stockmarket	Gm	ASP Software	16K	C AS	£11.45

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Characters	Ut	Computer Concepts	32K	C COe	£6.67

Character Generator	Ut	MP S/W	32K	C MP	£3.00
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Characters	Ut	Computer Concepts	16K	C COe	£6.67
Characters & Envelope Definer	Ut	Electronics Applied	32K	C Ele	£5.50

Chess	Gm	Bug Byte	32K	C AN	£11.50
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Claws	Ed	Bryants S/W	16K	C BRy	£3.75
Cards	Gm	Micro-Aid	16K	C MP	£2.95
Cobra/Robo-Swamp	Gm	Software for All	16K	C SO	£6.95
Cobra/Robo-Swamp	Gm	Software for All	32K	C SO	£6.95
Code Race	Gm	Computer Concepts	16K	C COe	£6.67
Code Race	Ut	Computer Concepts	32K	C COe	£6.67
Colossal Adventure	Gm	Level 9 Computing	32K	C LE	£9.90
Connect 4	Gm	Database Software	32K	C DAi	£5.90
Constellation	Ed	Micro Power	32K	C PRo	£5.95
Cookbook Wizardry	Do	Database Software	32K	C DAi	£7.50
Cowboy Shoot-out	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo	£5.95
Creative Graphic Pack	Ut	Acornsoft	16K	C EL,AC	£9.95
Creative Graphics	Ut	Acornsoft	32K	C EL,AC	£9.95
Crossed Words	Ed	Aztec S/W	16K	C AZ	£6.50

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**GA** Garland Computing  
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**GO** Golem  
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**Mla** Micro-Aid  
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**Mim** Micromai  
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**Mlk** Miking Software  
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**ND** N Darwood Ltd  
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**SA** Salamander Software  
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**SQ** Square Software  
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2 Nicholas Gardens  
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## SOFTWARE LISTING

**BBC**

Title	Program Type	Program Produced By	Memory Req'd	How Sold	Supplier Codes	Prices
Data-Quiz	Ut	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy		£4.88
Database	Bs	Computercat	16K	C COc		£11.95
Database	Bs	Software for All	16K	C SO		£9.95
Defchr	Ut	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mla		£2.95
Defender	Gm	Acornsoft	32K	C ELAC		£9.95
Desk Diary	Bs	Acornsoft	32K	C ELAC		£9.95
Desk Diary	Bs	Acornsoft	16K	C AC		£9.95
Devil's Causeway	Gm	Anirog Computers	16K	C ANi		£6.00
Dissassembler	Ut	Micro Power	16K	C PRo		£5.95
Dissassembler	Ut	Program Direct	16K	C P		£3.00
Dissassembler	Ut	Davansoft	16K	C DAu		£5.95
Dissassembler	Ut	C J E	16K	C CJ		£5.00
Distances	Ed	Microcomputers	32K	C Mla		£2.95
Digital X-Word Compiler	Gm	N. Darwood	16K	C ND		£6.00
DNA Replication	Ed	Garland Comp.	32K	C GA		£17.65
Dragon Rider	Gm	Salamander Software	32K	C SA		£6.95
Dragon Quest II	Gm	Bug Byte	32K	C LI		£11.50
Dragon Quest	Gm	Bug Byte	32K	C LI		£11.50
Drawing	Ut	B.B.C.	16K	C BB		£10.00
Dungeon Adventure	Gm	Level 9 Computing	32K	C LE		£9.90
Early Learning	Ed	B.B.C.	16K	C BB		£10.00
Early Numbers	Ed	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy		£4.80
Early Warning	Gm	A&F Software	16K	C AA		£6.00
Educational (1)	Ed	Golem	16K	C GO		£8.05
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7 Educational Games	Gm	Micromail	32K	C MIm		£5.75
Eldorado Gold	Gm	Program Power	32K	C PRo		£7.99
Electric	Ed	Database Software	16K	C EAu		£5.50
European Studies	Ed	Aztec S/W	32K	C AZ		£6.50
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Fairytale	Gm	Molimerx	32K	C MO		£10.06
Feasibility Experiment	Gm	Digital Fantasia	32K	C DI		£8.95
Filer	Bs	Micro Power	16K	C PRo		£8.95
Firien Wood	Gm	MP S/W	32K	C NP		£6.50
Flags	Ed	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mla		£2.95
Flush	Ut	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mla		£1.00
Football Pools Predictor	Do	Mayday Software	16K	C ND		£4.99
Footer	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo		£6.95
Frezy	Gm	Persoft	16K	C PE		£5.75
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Fruit Machine	Gm	Superior Software	32K	C SUp		£6.50
Fruit Machine	Gm	Bug Byte	32K	C BU		£5.50
FORTH	Ut	Acornsoft	32K	C AC		£16.85
Fun Games	Gm	B.B.C.	16K	C BB		£10.00
Galactic Commander	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo		£6.95
Games Pack I	Gm	Computersmith	16K	C COm		£5.50
Galaxians	Gm	Superior S/W	32K	C SUp		£7.00
Game of Logic	Ed	N. Darwood	16K	C ND		£8.00
Games of Logic and cunning	Gm	Golem	16K	C GO		£9.20
Games of Strategy	Gm	B.B.C.	16K	C BB		£10.00
Games Pack II	Gm	Micromail	32K	C MIm		£6.75
Genetic Code	Ed	Garland Comp.	32K	C GA		£17.65
Geography Italy	Ed	Corona S/W	32K	C COr		£5.00
Ghost/Diamonds	Gm	A Lane	16K	C ALa		£3.00
Ghost Maze	Gm	Software for All	32K	C SO		£6.95
Grand Prix	Gm	Software for All	32K	C SO		£5.95
Golf	Gm	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy		£4.88
Golf	Gm	Bug Byte	32K	C BU		£7.00
Golf	Gm	Computersmith	32K	C COm		£5.50
Gomoku	Gm	Micro Power	16K	C PRo		£3.95
Graphics Package	Ut	Salamander Software	32K	C SA		£24.95
Graph and Charts Pack	Bs	Acornsoft	32K	C AC		£9.95
Graph and Charts Pack	Bs	Acornsoft	16K	C AC		£9.95
Great Britain Ltd	Gm	S.W. Hessel S/W	32K	C SH		£5.95
Guzzler	Gm	Computersmith	32K	C COm		£5.50
Hangman	Gm	Aztec S/W	16K	C AZ		£5.50
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Inkosi	Gm	Chalksoft	32K	C CHa		£5.95
Invaders	Gm	Superior S/W	32K	C SUp		£7.00
Invaders	Gm	Software for All	16K	C SO		£6.95
Invaders	Gm	Hexagon S/W	16K	C HE		£6.00
Invaders	Gm	MP S/W	32K	C MP		£6.50
Invisible Man	Ed	Chalksoft	32K	C CHa		£5.95
Inheritance	Gm	S.W. Hessel S/W	32K	C SH		£5.95
Inheritance	Ed	Garland Comp.	32K	C GA		£34.70

J.R.	Gm	Software for All	32K	C SO		£6.95
Jumbles	Ed	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy		£4.88
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Katakombs	Gm	Golem	32K	C GO		£9.20
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Laser Command	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo		£6.95
Letters	Ed	Chalksoft	32K	C CHa		£6.95
Library Dewey Classification	Ed	Aztec S/W	32K	C AZ		£6.50
Link-4-Plus	Gm	ABC Software	16K	C AB		£6.95
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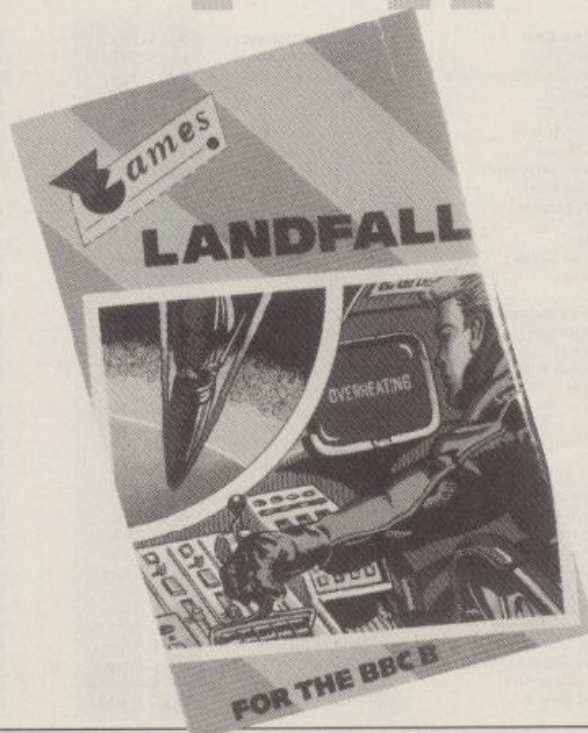
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Mastermind	Gm	Micro Power	16K	C PRo		£3.95
Maze Invaders	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo		£4.95
Maze Man	Gm	C J E	32K	C CJ		£6.00

Micro Budget	Do	Micro Power	16K	C PRo		£6.95
Metrics (5)	Ed	Chalksoft	32K	C CHa		£9.95
Micro Maths	Ed	LCL	16K	C LU		£24.50
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Maths Translation	Ed	Corona S/W	32K	C COr		£5.00
Micro-Derby	Gm	Bug Byte	32K	C BU		£5.50
Micro Man	Gm	Pro S/W	32K	C PS		£8.00
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Model A Invaders	Gm	I.J.K. S/W	16K	C IJ		£4.95
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Money Box	Ed	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy		£4.88
Monsters	Gm	Acornsoft	32K	C AC		£9.95
Monster Battles	Gm	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy		£4.80
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Munchyman	Gm	Micro Power	16K	C PRo		£5.95
Music	Do	B.B.C.	16K	C BB		£10.00
Musical Numbers	Ed	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy		£4.88
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Music Program	Do	Golem	32K	C GO		£6.90
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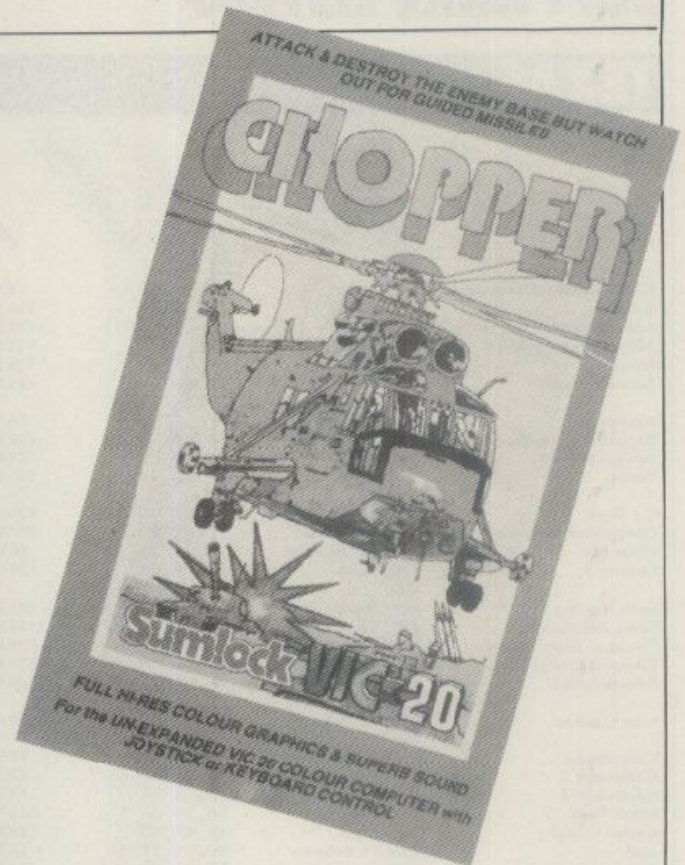
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Payroll	Bs	Micro-Aid	32K	C Mla		£5.95





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Asteroid Lander	Gm	A&F Software	32K	C AA	£8.00
Pharaoh's Tomb	Gm	Acornsoft	16K	C AC	£9.95
Philosopher's Quest	Ut	Hexagon S/W	16K	C HE	£6.00
Picsave	Ut	B.B.C.	16K	C BB	£10.00
Painting	Ut	Acornsoft	32K	C AC	£9.95
Peeko Computer	Ut	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mla	£1.00
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Powerboat Race	Gm	Bug Byte	32K	C BU	£5.50
Polaris	Ut	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mla	£1.95
Procvr	Gm	Aztec S/W	16K	C AZ	£6.50
Princess	Ed	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy	£4.88
Punctuation					
Reversi & Gomuko	Gm	Pro S/W	16K	C PS	£8.00
Reversi 1	Gm	Micro Power	16K	C PRo	£4.95
Reversi 2	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo	£4.95
Road Runner	Gm	A&F Software	32K	C AF	£6.90
Robot	Gm	Miking S/W	32K	C Mik	£4.95
Roulette	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo	£4.95
Searchbas	Ut	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mla	£1.95
Seed Germination	Ed	Garland Comp.	32K	C GA	£18.82
Sequences	Ed	Challsoft	32K	C CHa	£5.95
Sheepdog Trials	Ed	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy	£4.80
Shootout	Gm	MP S/W	32K	C MP	£5.00
Skwosh	Gm	Miking S/W	32K	C Mik	£3.95
Snake	Gm	Computer Concepts	32K	C COe	£6.67
Snapper	Gm	Acornsoft	32K	C AC	£9.95
Sort M/C	Ut	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mic	£1.00
Sortbas	Ut	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mic	£1.00
Soundplan	Ut	ME & P Products	16K	C ME	£10.00
Spacehawks	Gm	Computer Concepts	32K	C COe	£7.80
Spacemaze	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo	£5.95
Spaceflight	Gm	Miking S/W	32K	C Mik	£7.95
Space Adventure	Gm	Pro S/W	32K	C PS	£8.00
Space Warp	Gm	Bug Byte	32K	C BU	£11.50
Space Fighter	Gm	MP S/W	32K	C MP	£8.50
Space Fighter	Gm	Superior S/W	32K	C SUp	£7.00
Space Games Pack 1	Gm	Futura S/W	16K	C FU	£3.99
Space Games Pack 2	Gm	Futura S/W	16K	C FU	£3.99
Space Games Pack 3	Gm	Futura S/W	16K	C FU	£4.99
Space Games Pack 4	Gm	Futura S/W	16K	C FU	£4.99
Space Invaders	Gm	Pro S/W	16K	C PS	£8.00
Space Trek	Gm	Program Direct	32K	C P	£5.99
Space Pirates	Gm	Bug Byte	16K	C BU	£8.00
Speechparts	Ed	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy	£4.88
Squash	Gm	Aztec S/W	16K	C AZ	£5.50
Star Maze	Gm	Database Software	32K	C DA	£7.50
Star Trek	Gm	Micro Power	16K	C PRo	£4.95
Startrek/Candy Floss	Gm	I.J.K. S/W	16K	C IJ	£5.95
Star Trek	Gm	Hexagon S/W	16K	C HE	£5.50
Star Trek	Ed	Micro-Aid	32K	C Mla	£7.95
Statpack	Bs	ME & P Products	16K	C ME	£15.00
Stats 1	Ed	Bryants S/W	32K	C PRo	£4.88
Storybuilder	Gm	Golem	32K	C GO	£9.20
Superlife	Gm	I.J.K. S/W	32K	C IJ	£3.95
Super Hangman	Gm	MP Software	32K	C MP	£6.50
Swamp Monsters	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo	£6.95
Swoop					
Tables Test	Ed	Bryants S/W	32K	C BRy	£4.88
Tape Copy	Ut	Davansoft	16K	C DA	£7.50
Teacher's Toolkit	Ed	Wida Software	32K	C WI	£30.00
Text Processing Pack	Bs	Eduquest	32K	C ED	£10.00
The Frog	Gm	James Hager	32K	C JA	£6.50
The Golden Baton	Gm	Digital Fantasia	16K	C DI	£8.95
3D Maze	Gm	I.J.K. S/W	32K	C IJ	£3.95
The Time Machine	Gm	Digital Fantasia	16K	C DI	£8.95
Timetrek	Gm	Micro Power	32K	C PRo	£6.95
Touch Typist	Ed	Computercat	16K	C COc	£9.95
Tower of Alos	Gm	A&F Software	16K	C AA	£6.90
Towns of Britain	Ed	Aztec S/W	16K	C AZ	£6.50
The Computer Programme					
Programs Vol 2	Do	B.B.C.	32K	C BB	£10.00
The Computer Programme					
Programs Vol 1	Do	B.B.C.	16K	C BB	£10.00
Threed OXO	Gm	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mla	£2.50
3-D Maze	Gm	Hexagon S/W	16K	C HE	£6.00
3D Maze	Gm	Earthshock S/W	16K	L EA	£3.00
Utilities	Ut	Golem	16K	C GO	£8.05
Utilities	Ut	Micro-Aid	16K	C Mla	£4.95
Valley	Gm	ASP Software	32K	C AS	£11.45
Varkman/Meanyes	Gm	Aardark Software	16K	C AAs	£4.00
Vogon Attack	Gm	Micromail	32K	C MIm	£6.33
Water Relations of Plant Cells	Ed	Garland Comp.	32K	C GA	£18.82
What's my number	Gm	Square Software	16K	C SQ	£6.00
Where?	Ed	Micro Power	32K	C PRo	£5.95
White Barrows Conquering	Gm	ASP Software	16K	C AS	£11.45
Everest					
Wordwise	Gm	Computer Concepts	32K	C COe	£74.75
Word Processor	Bs	Pro S/W	32K	C PS	£19.95
Wordy	Gm	Square Software	16K	C SQ	£6.00
World Geography	Ed	Micro Power	32K	C PRo	£5.95
Zombies	Gm	Micro Power	16K	C PRo	£3.95



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Alcatraz II	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£8.95
Artillery	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£7.95
Battlefleet	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£13.95
Black Sanctum	Gm	Mark Data Prods.	16K	C MD	£17.50
Bugout Monitor	Ut	Spectral Assoc	4K	C MD	£19.95
Calisto Island	Gm	Mark Data Prods.	16K	C MD	£17.50
Cave Hunter	Gm	Mark Data Prods.	16K	C MD	£19.95
Chromasette	Gm	Cload Inc	16K	C MD	£5.95
Color Baserk	Gm	Mark Data Prods.	16K	C MD	£19.95
Colour Invaders	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£19.95
Compuvoice	Ut	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£44.95
Croid	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£11.95
Editor Assembler	Ut	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£34.95
Game Of Life	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£13.95
Graphic Animator	Gm	Spectral Assoc	4K	C MD	£9.95
Laser Command	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£9.95
Lothars Labyrinth	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£13.95
Madness & Minotaur	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£17.95
Magic Box	Ut	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£24.95
Magikube	Gm	Computer Ware	16K	C MD	£17.50
Mazerace	Gm	Computer Ware	16K	C MD	£14.95
Meteoroids	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£19.95
Scarfman	Gm	Cornsoft	4K	C MD	£11.95
Secs	Ut	Datasoft	16K	C MD	£19.95
Sigmon	Ut	Datasoft	16K	C MD	£19.95
Sound Source	Ut	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£24.95
Space Traders	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£13.95
Space War	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£19.95
Storm	Gm	Computer Ware	16K	C MD	£19.95
Sub Hunt	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£13.95
3D Drawing Board	Gm	Computer Ware	16K	C MD	£19.95
Typing Teacher	Gm	Spectral Assoc	16K	C MD	£19.95
Voyager	Gm	Avalon Hill	16K	C MD	£14.95

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### Supplier Code

**MD** Microdeal  
Deal House  
Luxulyan  
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Cornwall PL30 5E  
0726 850821



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## SOFTWARE LISTING

### TEXAS

Title	Program Type	Program Produced By	Memory Req'd	How Sold	Supplier Codes	Prices
3D O's and X's/Mastermind	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C AP		£4.95
A-Maz-Ing	Gm	Texas	8K	R BR		£24.00
Addition, Subtraction I	Ed	Texas	8K	R MI, BR		£35.00
Addition, Subtraction II	Ed	Texas	8K	R BR		£35.00
Attack	Gm	Texas	8K	R BR		£30.00
Adventure Land	Gm	Texas	8K	C BR		£24.95
Battlefront	Gm	TX Software	16K	C TX		£6.00
Beginning Grammar	Ed	Texas	8K	R BR		£20.00
Blackjack Poker	Gm	Texas	8K	R BR		£24.00
Blasto	Gm	Texas	8K	R BR		£25.00
Car Wars	Gm	Texas	8K	R BR, MI		£25.00
Chequebook Manager	Bs	Texas Max	16K	D BR		£19.00
Chess File	Gm	TX Software	16K	C TX		£6.00
Connect 4	Gm	Texas	8K	R BR		£24.00
Early Reading	Ed	Texas	8K	R BR		£35.00
Editor Assembler	Ut	Texas	8K	R BR		£115.00
Electrical Eng'g Library	Bs	Texas Max	16K	C BR		£24.00
Electrical Eng'g Library	Bs	Texas Max	16K	D BR		£35.00
Extended Basic	Bs	Texas	8K	R BR		£100.00
Four in a Row	Gm	TX Software	16K	C TX		£6.00
Gamestape 1	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C AP		£1.95
Gamestape 2	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C AP		£3.95
Gamestape 3	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C AP		£4.95
Ghost Town	Gm	Texas	8K	C BR		£24.95
Golden Voyage	Gm	Texas	8K	BR AB		£24.95
Golf	Gm	TX Software	16K	C TX		£6.00
Graphing Package	Do	Texas Max	16K	C BR		£14.00
Graphing Package	Do	Texas Max	16K	D BR		£19.00
Hangman	Gm	Texas	8K	R BR		£24.00
Haunted House	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C AP		£5.95
Household Money Management	Do	Texas	8K	R BR		£25.00
Hunt The Wumpus	Gm	Texas	8K	R BR, MI		£25.00
Hustle	Gm	Texas	8K	R BR		£30.00
Lunar Lander	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C AP		£4.95
Mailing List	Bs	Texas Max	16K	D BR		£60.00
Market Simulation	Bs	Texas	32K	C BR		£9.00
Market Simulation	Bs	Texas	32K	D BR		£19.00
Maths Routine Library	Ed	Texas Max	16K	C BR		£24.00
Maths Routine Library	Ed	Texas Max	16K	D BR		£35.00
Maze/Towers of Hanoi	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C AP		£5.95
Mind Challenges	Gm	Texas	16K	R BR		£24.95
Minimemory	Ut	Texas	8K	R MI		£89.95
Mission Impossible	Gm	Texas	8K	C MI		£24.95
Multiplication	Ed	Texas	8K	R MI		£35.00
Munchman	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI		£29.95
Music Makers	Do	Texas	8K	R MI		£35.00
Music Maker	Ed	Texas	16K	D MI		£14.00
Music Skills Trainer	Ed	Texas Max	16K	C MI		£19.00
Music Skills Trainer	Ed	Texas Max	16K	D MI		£24.00
Mystery Funhouse	Gm	Texas	8K	C MI		£24.95
Nim/O's and X's	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C AP		£4.95
Number Magic	Ed	Texas	8K	R MI		£18.00
Oldies but Goodies	Gm	Texas Max	16K	C MI		£9.00
Oldies but Goodies	Gm	Texas Max	16K	D MI		£14.00
Othello	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI		£40.00
Personal Financial Aid	Do	Texas	8K	C MI		£9.95
Personal Record Keeping	Do	Texas	8K	R MI		£50.00
Personal Report Generator	Do	Texas	8K	R MI		£70.00
Physical Fitness	Do	Texas	8K	R MI		£20.00
Pirate Adventure	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI		£39.95
Pre-School Learning Fun	Ed	Texas	8K	R MI		£17.00
Programming Aids I	Ut	Texas	16K	C MI		£9.00
Programming Aids I	Ut	Texas	16K	D MI		£14.00
Programming Aids II	Ut	Texas	16K	D MI		£24.00
Programming Aids III	Ut	Texas	16K	D MI		£19.00
Pyramid of Doom	Gm	Texas	8K	C MI		£24.95
Roulette/Craps	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C AP		£4.95
Savage Island I	Gm	Texas	8K	C MI		£29.95
Savage Island II	Gm	Texas	8K	C MI		£29.95
Saturday Night Bingo	Gm	Texas Max	16K	C MI		£14.00
Soccer	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI, BR		£30.00
Sorcerers Castle	Gm	Apex S/W	16K	C BR		£5.95
Speech Editor	Ut	Texas	8K	R AP		£35.00

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Supplier Code	MI	Micro & Video Palace
		62-64 Kensington High Street London W8 01 937 8587
AP		Apex Trading Ltd 115 Crescent Drive South Brighton BN2 6SB
BR		Brighton Gamer 24 Gloucester Road Brighton Sussex 0273 698424
CHI		Childsplay Software 8 Vyner Grove Ashton on Mersey Sale M33 5GR 061 973 4302
MH		Mik-Soft 132 High Street Kempson Bedford MK41 7BN 0234 852045
RU		Rumbelows Shops Nationwide
TX		TX Software 109 Abbotswood Harlow Essex CM18 6TQ

Statistics	Do	Texas	8K	R MI	£45.00
Strange Odyssey	Gm	Texas	8K	C MI	£24.95
Structural Eng'g Library	Bs	Texas	16	C MI	£24.00
Structural Eng'g Library	Bs	Texas Max	16K	D MI	£35.00
TI Logo	Ut	Texas	48K	R MI	£160.00
TI Invaders	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI, BR	£40.00
TI Trek	Gm	Texas Max	16K	D MI	£14.00
Teach Yourself	Ed	Texas	32K	C MI	£20.00
Extended Basic					
Teach Yourself	Ed	Texas	32K	D MI	£29.00
Extended Basic					
Teach Yourself Basic	Ed	Texas	32K	C MI	£30.00
Teach Yourself Basic	Ed	Texas	32K	D MI	£40.00
Terminal Emulator	Ut	Texas	8K	R MI	£57.00
The Count	Gm	Texas	8K	C MI	£24.95
Tombstone City	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI, BR	£40.00
Tunnels of Doom	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI, BR	£40.00
UCSD PASCAL 4	Ut	Texas	48K	D MI	£380.00
US Football	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI	£24.00
Video Chess	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI, BR	£50.00
Video Games I	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI, BR	£25.00
Video Games II	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI	£25.00
Voodoo Castle	Gm	Texas	8K	C MI	£24.95
Yahtzee	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI	£30.00
Zero Zap	Gm	Texas	8K	R MI	£24.00





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3-D Maze	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C SU,Slg	£8.30
				XI	£8.62
A-Maz-Ing	Gm	Audiogenic	8K	C Mlc	£6.99
Alpha Blaster	Gm	Sumlock	5K	C SUm	£7.95
Alien	Gm	Commodore	3K	R SU,MI,SR, Slg, CAd, BR COa,TW,Mlc	£19.95
Alien Attack	Gm	Adcom	5K	C MI	£7.00
Alien Attack	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C XI,Slg	£8.62
Alien Blaster	Gm	Paysoft	5K	C TW	£5.25
Alien Blaster	Gm	MAC	3K	C MOr	£5.50
Alien Blitz	Gm	Audiogenic	3K	C Mlc,GE	£7.99
Alien Blitz	Gm	Audiogenic	5K	C BR	£7.99
Alien Maze	Gm	Adcom	8K	C MI	£7.50
Alien Maze	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C SU,Slg	£8.30
				XI	£8.62
Alien Invasion	Gm	Computermat	3K	C AVo	£8.95
Alien Wars	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C SU,Mlr	£8.30
				XI	£7.80
				Slg	£8.62
Amok	Gm	Audiogenic	5K	C Mlc,GE	£6.99
Ant Raiders	Gm	PR Software	3K	C TH	£7.95
				PRs	£7.50
Asteroid Belt	Gm	Adcom	8K	C MI	£7.50
Asteroid Belt	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C Slg,XI	£8.62
Asteroid Blitz	Gm	Mossoft	3K	C MOs	£6.00
Asteroids	Gm	Bug Byte	5K	C TH	£8.99
Astro Fighters	Gm	Sumlock	5K	C SUm	£6.95
At the Circus	Gm	Sumlock	5K	C SUm	£5.95
Avenger	Gm	Commodore	3K	R SU,MI,SR, Slg,CAd,BR COd,TW,Mlc	£19.95
				C TH	£8.99
A.V.I.T.W.	Gm	Bug Byte	5K	C TH	£8.99
Balloon	Gm	MAC	3K	C MOr	£5.50
Balloon Bomber	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C Slg,XI	£8.62
Bill Sowerbutts	Do	Micro Computer	16K	C Mlt	£4.99
Gardening Hints		S/W			
Bill Sowerbutts	Do	Micro Computer	16K	C Mlt	£4.99
Gardening Hints		S/W			
Blitz	Gm	Commodore	3K	C COD	£4.99
Boxing	Gm	MAC	5K	C MOr	£4.95
Booby Trap	Gm	MAC	3K	C MOr	£5.50
Bomber	Gm	Mossoft	3K	C MOs	£4.00
BOSS	Gm	Audiogenic	8K	C TH	£14.99
Calorie Counter	Do	Mavac Ent.	8K	C MAV	£3.50
Car Drive	Gm	Adcom	5K	C MI	£7.00
Car Drive	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C Mlr, SU	£8.30
				Slg	£7.80
				Slg	£8.62
Car Race	Gm	Adcom	5K	C MI	£7.00
Car Race	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C Slg,XI	£8.62
Cattle Roundup	Gm	Computermat	3K	C AVo	£8.95
Charset 20	Gm	Adcom	8K	C MI	£8.00
Charset 20	Gm	Rabbit S/W	3K	C CR	£4.99
Chase	Gm	Computermat	3K	C AVo	£8.95
Chess	Gm	Commodore	3K	R TH	£24.95
Chopper	Gm	Sumlock	5K	C SUm	£6.95
Cloudburst	Gm	Audiogenic	3K	R TH	£19.99
Code Breaker	Gm	Adcom	5K	C MI	£5.00
Code Breaker	Gm	Rabbit S/W	3K	C CR	£2.99
Cosmic Battle	Gm	Adcom	5K	C MI	£8.00
Cosmic Battle	Gm	Rabbit S/W	3K	C CR	£4.99
Cosmic Blaster	Gm	MAC	3K	C MOr	£5.50
Crazy Balloon	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C Slg,XI	£8.62
Data Pack	Ut	Sumlock	5K	C SUm	£8.95
Death Maze	Gm	Mossoft	3K	C MOs	£5.00
Defenda	Gm	Llamasoft	5K	C TH	£9.95
Deflection	Gm	Adcom	5K	C MI	£7.00
Deflection	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C Slg,XI	£8.62
Destroyer	Gm	Sumlock	5K	C SUm	£7.95
Dice	Gm	MAC	3K	C MOr	£5.50
Diggles Kitchen Vol 1	Do	Micro Computer	16K	C Mlt	£4.99
		S/W			
Diggles Kitchen Vol 2	Do	Micro Computer	16K	C Mlt	£4.99
		S/W			
Diggles Kitchen Vol 3	Do	Micro Computer	16K	C Mlt	£4.99
		S/W			
Dissassembler/Data	Ut	Aardvark S/W	8K	C AAr	£5.00
Writer/Joystick Read	Gm	MAC	3K	C MOr	£5.50
Dive Bomber	Gm	Adcom	8K	C MI	£7.50
Dragon Maze	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C SU,Slg, XI	£8.30
				XI	£8.62
Dune Buggy	Gm	Rabbit S/W	3K	C CR	£4.99
Duplicate	Gm	Paysoft	5K	C TW	£5.25
Editor	Ut	Soft Toys	3K	C EM	£8.00
Explosion	Gm	Big Softie	3K	C BI	£4.50

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Supplier Code		CAr	Camden Electronics (Systems Division) 462 Coventry Road Small Heath Birmingham 021 773 3240
AAR	Aardvark Software 15 Queensbury Avenue Hartlepool Cleveland TS26 9NW	CE	Castle Electronics 15 Castle Street Hastings East Sussex 0424 437875
AD	Adamssoft 18 Norwich Avenue Rochdale Lancs OL11 5JE	CHa	Chalksoft Ltd Lowmoo Cottage Tonedale Wellington Somerset TA21 0AL
AN	Anglo American Software 138a Stratford Court Sparkhill Birmingham 021 771 2995	COD	Commodore Information 675 Ajax Avenue Slough Berks 75 79292
AV	Avalon Hill Games 650 High Street North Finchley London N12 01 445 3044		



AVO	AVO Software Distribution 131 Lord Street Hoddesdon Herts EN11 8NG	CR	Cream Computer Shop Rabbit Software 380 Staton Road Harrow Middx 01 863 0833
BA	Baust Computing Consultants 31 Peak Lane Fareham Hants PO14 1RX 0329 281480	EM	Emjay 17 Langbank Avenue Rise Park Nottingham NG5 5BU
BI	Big Softie 5 Aston Park Finaghy Belfast BT10 0JG	FB	FBC Systems Ltd 10 Casteefields Main Centre Derby 0332 365280
BRI	Bridge Software 36 Fernwood Marple Bridge Stockport Cheshire SK6 5BE	GE	Gemini Electronics 50 Newton Street Manchester M1 061 236 3083
BR	Brighton Gamer 24 Gloucester Road Brighton Sussex 0273 698424		



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Title	Program Type	Program Produced By	Memory Req'd	How Sold	Supplier Codes	Prices
Fire Trek	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C Mlr,SU		£7.80
				SI		£8.30
				SIg		£8.62
Fly Snatcher	Gm	PR Software	3K	C TH		£7.95
				PRs		£7.50
Frog/Varkman	Gm	Aardvark S/W	12K	C AAr		£5.00
Frogger	Gm	Rabbit S/W	8K	C CR		£7.99
Game Graphics & Graphics						
Games Tape I	Gm	Titan	3K	C TI		£5.00
Grand Prix	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C Mlr,SU		£8.30
						£7.80
Graphvics	Ut	Adamssoft	3K	C AD		£19.00
Graphvics	Ut	Adamssoft	8K	C AD		£19.00
Gunfight	Gm	Sumlock	5K	C SUM		£6.95
Gridtrap	Gm	Sumlock	5K	C SUM		£7.95
Gun Men	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C Mlr,SU		£7.80
				SI,SIg		£8.30
Hamurabi	Gm	Mavac Ent.	13K	C MAV		£3.50
Hangman	Gm	Paysoft	5K	C TW		£5.25
Hangman Maths	Gm	Audiogenic	3K	C Mlc,GE		£7.99
Head On	Gm	Computermat	3K	C AVo		£8.95
Headon	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C SIg,XI		£8.62
Highways Plot	Gm	Adcom	8K	C MI		£5.00
Horse Race	Gm	Mavac Ent.	5K	C MAV		£3.00
Hires/Multicolor Utilities	Ut	Adamssoft	3K	C AD		£13.00
ICBM	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C SIg,XI		£8.62
Invader Fall	Gm	Hi-Tech	3K	C SU,SIg,SI		£8.30
						£8.62
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## Address

A label or name (usually a *binary* or *hexadecimal* number) specifying a particular *memory* location.

## Array

A special variable that is used to hold large amounts of string or numeric information in a row and column format.

## Assembly Language

Means of representing *program* statements in mnemonics and conveniently handling *memory* addressing by use of symbolic terms.

## BASIC

Beginner's All Purpose Symbolic Instruction Code. An easy to learn, widely used computer language.

## Bit

A single *binary* digit, representing either a 'one' or a 'zero'.

## Bug

An error in *software*.

## Byte

A *binary* number, usually of eight *bits*. It can represent a number from 0 to 255 (8-bit byte) as there are 256 possible combinations of "ones" and "zeros" eight bits long.

## Cartridge

A self-contained unit storing either ROM or RAM which plugs into a computer to expand the memory or provide a program.

## Character Set

The list of letters, numbers and symbols that you can use to write programs and display information.

## CP/M

A standard disc operating system that in theory allows software packages to be run on different machines. It stands for Control Program for Microcomputers.

## Cursor

Character or graphic symbol used by the computer to denote where it's printing. Also used as a prompt to input information or a command.

## Data

Simply, information. The raw material that the computer processes.

## Debug

To correct the errors in a *program*.

## Disc

Magnetic storage device allowing fast random access to a large volume of *data*. A full-size hard disc will hold, say, 5 megabytes or more; a smaller *floppy disc* typically holds from 80 to 250 kilo bytes but in either case the capacity is being increased all the time.

## Display Mode

Means of indicating the form in which the computer's output will appear on the VDU screen. It is either text only, text and graphics or graphics only. The display mode is usually represented by a number and the difference between these numbers indicates the change in the display capabilities of the screen, for instance on the BBC computer Mode 0 gives a higher resolution than Mode 1.

## DOS

Disc Operating System. This refers to the piece of computer code that controls the action of the disc drive. On some machines this code has to be loaded into the machines memory and on others it is present in the ROM onboard the disc drive. The DOS tells the disc drive how to load and save programs on the disc as well as carrying out any disc management functions such as updating the directory.

## Dummy Variable

This is a variable that is defined at the beginning of a program that has no use until later on in the program.

## EPROM

Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory. When programming, writing typically takes one minute and erasing, by ultra-violet light, 10 minutes or longer.

## Get

A BASIC command. It tells the computer to search the keyboard and bring back the value of the first key pressed.

## Gosub

A BASIC command telling the computer to go to a subroutine within a program.

## Gcol

A colour command used in BBC Basic.

## Hard Copy

A computer printout or listing on paper.

## Hardware

All the electronic and mechanical components making up a computer system.

## Hex

Shortened version of hexadecimal, meaning '6 plus 10', which is a funny way of saying 16. It refers to the number system with a base of 16. This uses 0 to 9 and then A to F of the alphabet to represent its 16 digits. Two hex digits can be conveniently used to represent a byte (eight bits).

## High Resolution

This means that you can pinpoint one dot on a screen rather than one square, giving you graphical pictures of much greater detail and accuracy.

## Instruction

A set of *bits* which causes the CPU to carry out a particular task in a program.

## Interface

Circuit which connects different parts of a system together and performs any processing of signals in order to make transfer possible (ie serial-parallel conversion).

## I/O

Input/Output. A computer generally has one or more *ports* through which it communicates with 'the outside world' — peripheral devices such as a keyboard, video display (VDU), printer etc. An I/O port may be just an input or just an output or it can be bidirectional.

## Kilo (K)

Normally means 1000, but stands for 1024 ( $2^{10}$ ) when referring to memory.

## Language

A repertoire of commands — symbols, expressions etc, used to 'call up' the instructions or procedures a processor can execute.

## Location

Physical position; *memory* location is the same as *address*.

## Loop

*Program* technique where one section of program (the loop) is performed many times over.

## Machine Language (or Code)

The lowest (and most tediously detailed)



level of *program instructions*. All higher level coding must be converted to *machine language* (by *compiler* or *interpreter*) before a *processor* can obey it.

## Memory Map

Chart showing how *memory* is used by a computer. The arrangement of *data* and *program* within the memory.

## Menu

A set of options displayed on-screen by a computer program from which the computer user can make a selection to implement.

## Modulator

A device, included in every good hobby computer, which takes the computer's output and converts it to an RF signal on a suitable TV channel, giving you a cheap, convenient visual display.

## Monitor

(1) The first level of computer *operating systems*: the *program* which turns *machine code* commands into action, managing input, output etc.  
(2) A TV-type device which is specially constructed to handle video signals from a computer that does not have a *modulator*.

## Parallel / Serial

Denotes the manner in which the computer's output is sent to its peripheral devices. Serial means that the information is passed out one byte after another and it uses a system of special characters to signify control codes of the device. Parallel communications are sent out along a series of wires using the high or low state of the wire to indicate which bits are set and therefore making up a byte.

## Pascal

A very powerful, structured computer language, available on a variety of microcomputers.

## Peek

This BASIC command reads a value from a location in the computer memory. It can be used to access either RAM or ROM.

## Peripheral

Device attached to a computer, eg *printer*, *plotter*, *disc* unit, but not necessarily essential to its use.

## Pixel

The single dot that is used to create characters displayed on the VDU. Also

the smallest display unit when using high resolution graphics.

## Poke

This command places a value in a location of the computer's memory. It can only be used to access RAM or control registers.

## Port

Terminal which the CPU uses to communicate with the outside world.

## Print At

A BASIC command telling the computer where to begin printing.

## Print Out

Same as *hardcopy*.

## Program

A set of *instructions*, which tells the computer to perform a sequence of tasks also called *software*.

## PROM

Programmable Read Only Memory. Proms are a special form of *ROM*, which can be individually programmed by the user.

## Qwerty

The traditional typewriter keyboard layout adopted by computer designers.

## RAM

Random Access Memory. *Data* may be written to or read from any location in this type of memory.

## Register

A general-purpose *memory*, or set of *memory locations*, built into the *micro-processor* itself. Sometimes, particular registers may be designated for a specific purpose.

## RND

In BASIC this stands for RANDOM and instructs the computer to select random numbers, it is often used in games programs. Because the numbers thrown up are mathematically related to the number preceding they are called pseudo-random numbers, not true random-numbers.

## ROM

Read Only Memory. *Memory* device which has its *data* content established as part of manufacture and cannot be changed.

## Routine

A whole *program* or part of a program designed to perform a single function or action.

## RS232

A communications *interface* used for *modems* and for serial *printers*.

## Sequential File

This is a data file that can be created on either a disc or a cassette system. As its name suggests, the information is stored one piece after another. If this information is to be changed or modified in any way then the whole file has to be read back into memory and then written back again once the changes have been made.

## Software

The different kinds of *program* required to work a computer.

## Source Code

*Program* written in one of the *high-level languages* and requiring *compilation* into *machine language* before use.

## String

A sequence of characters used in a program.

## Subroutine

A part of a *program* which performs a specific task and which is available for use elsewhere in a program, as often as you like.

## Syntax

The grammar of a programming language.

## Tab

Really stands for tabulate and allows you to automatically put figures and/or words into columns, forming a table.

## Toolkit

Name given to a piece of code that runs in a computer independently of any other programs and adds commands to the machine's language to make the process of programming or debugging easier. Commands such as Renumber, Auto and Trace are common in toolkits. Toolkits take the form of a program that is loaded into the machine on power-up or a chip that is inserted on the circuit board which is then initialised by a SYS or USR call from the operator.

## Variable

A symbol used in programming which is assigned a numeric memory address. You can change the value of variable at will to suit the program you are writing.

## VDU

Visual Display Unit. Usually a TV set in hobby computers, but may be a video monitor which accepts the output directly from the computer.

## Z80

Widely used microprocessor. It is used in the ZX81, Spectrum and TRS-80.

## 6502

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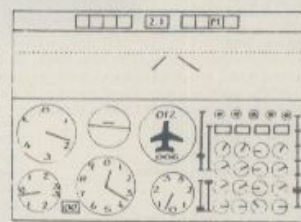
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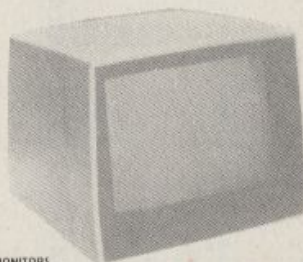
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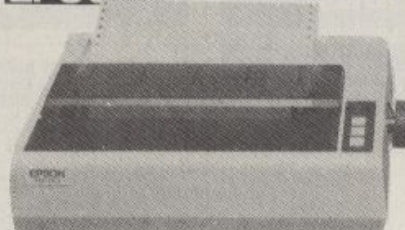
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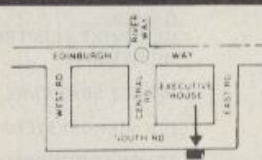


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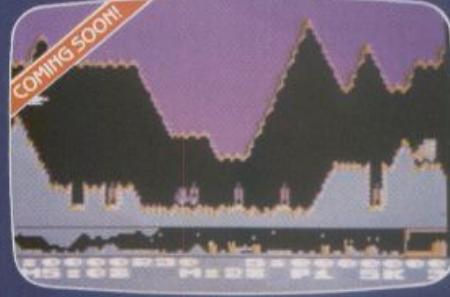
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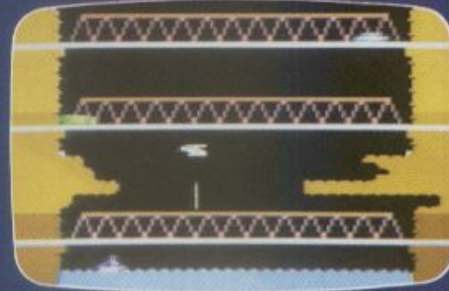
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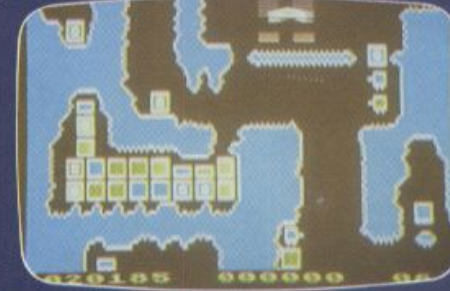
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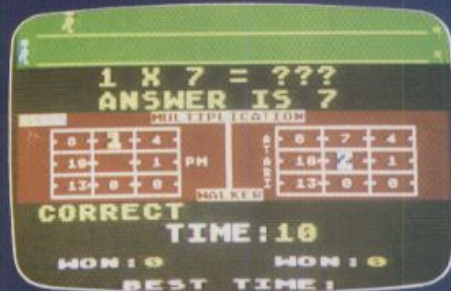
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