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SOFTLINE

The Official Sinclair Spectrum Software Club Magazine.

No.1

Matchpoint

An exciting game of skill and tactics. Also in this first issue:

*Fascinating Adventure Games,
Business, Household, and Personal Programs

*PLUS: Arcade Games, also Languages,
Education, and many other selections



Welcome
to the Club—
and to your
first issue
of **SOFTLINE!**

Our selected Software Cassette of the Issue: **Matchpoint**

Dear Member,
It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Club, and to send to you with your introductory cassettes, the first issue of your Official Club Magazine, **SOFTLINE**.

Here you'll find a wide selection of outstanding software cassettes—and a few 'top ten' favourites—all at a saving of at least 20% off the R.R.P! And there's the selected **SOFTWARE CASSETTE OF THE ISSUE**—'Matchpoint'—a dramatic game of skill and tactics that will, no doubt, provide hours of excitement for all the family.

Leaf through the following pages of **SOFTLINE** now, and you'll see that as well as 'Matchpoint' there's lots of other exciting new software to choose from—new Arcade Games, including 'Stop the Express,' a new Computer Language, micro-PROLOG, Adventure Games, Education, and much more—and look at the savings you can enjoy!

So start saving now by confirming your membership—just return your Statement with your payment to reach us within the next 10 days, together with your next order. Then you can look forward to all the regular benefits of Club Membership!

Yours sincerely,

Roger Heywood.

Tennis at its best—with all the facilities you'd expect of a championship court.

With Matchpoint, you can play Tennis against your Spectrum, or a friend...and when you want a break between sets, you can relax and watch an exhibition match!



There's a detailed scoreboard, ball boys, and even an attentive crowd that watches every shot played!

So first, choose whether you want to be in the quarter finals, semi-finals...or the final of a major championship (You'll need excellent ball control and fast reflexes for this!). Then select a one or two player game – and you're off! Control your footwork and swings of the racket, and you'll make fine backhand and forehand shots, lobs, dropshots and volleys. You can add extra power too, if you're heading towards the ball.

But there's more to it than just good tennis strokes...you'll need

skill and tactics if you're going to win the Match Point Open Championship. And remember, the crowd is watching your every move!

An exciting game of skill for all the family. It's just like being at Wimbledon – except that you can control the destiny of the match!

Full-colour high-resolution graphics. Written by PSION for 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price: £7.95.

Club Price: £6.40. Code: 4036.

This software cassette will be sent to you automatically in approximately two months time, unless you indicate otherwise on the Order Form.



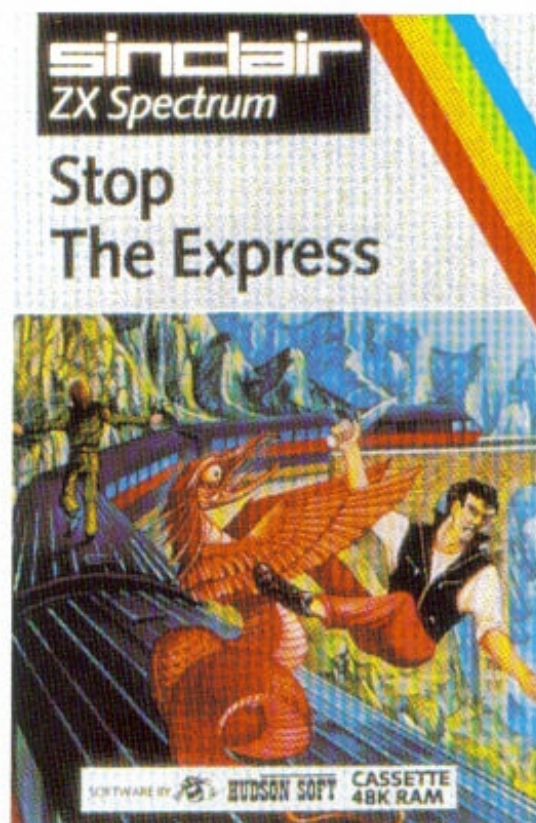
Specially Selected Alternatives

– to the Software Cassette of the Issue.

If you do not wish to receive Matchpoint, and would prefer instead to take an alternative software cassette (or cassettes) from the many shown in this first issue of

your Club Magazine – or if you'd like Matchpoint plus some other selections – simply follow the ordering instructions in the accompanying leaflet.

NEW ARCADE GAME



STOP THE EXPRESS!

You've seen it on the big screen, but now you are on top of the racing express train – and it must be stopped!

Run along each carriage in an attempt to get to the front – but watch out for fast-approaching bridges! Watch your back, as well ... two knife-throwing bandits are coming up from behind!

Dodge the knives, then wait for a chance to retaliate. As the rare snake-bird passes, you must pluck it from the air, then release it behind you. In seconds, the stunned bird will knock the bandits clear off the train!

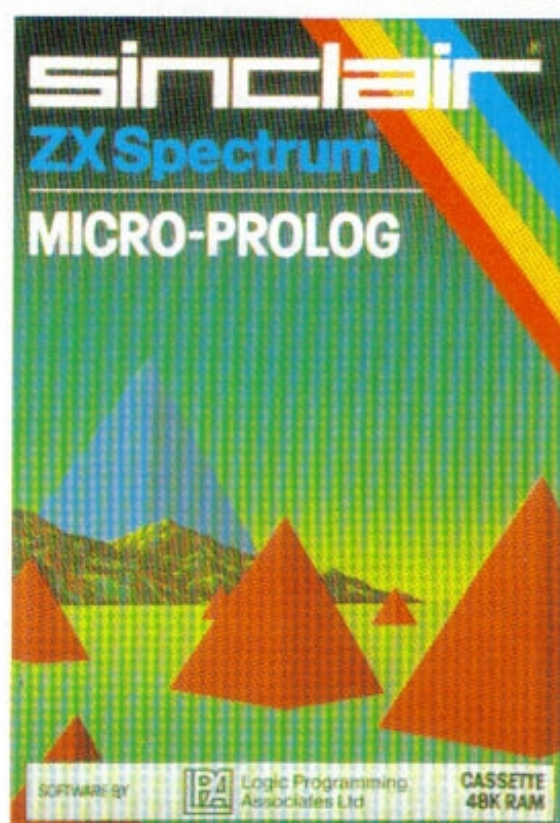
The further you go – the faster the action becomes. And even when you're inside the train, halfway to the front, there's more trouble. Will you ever stop the train? Or have you bought a one-way ticket to disaster?

A fast-moving action game with trouble above, below, in front, and behind you!



Full-colour high-resolution graphics

COMPUTER LANGUAGE



MICRO-PROLOG

As a Spectrum owner, you will be familiar with BASIC. Here's something completely new! PROLOG is a logic programming language chosen by the Japanese for the next generation of sophisticated artificial intelligence machines.

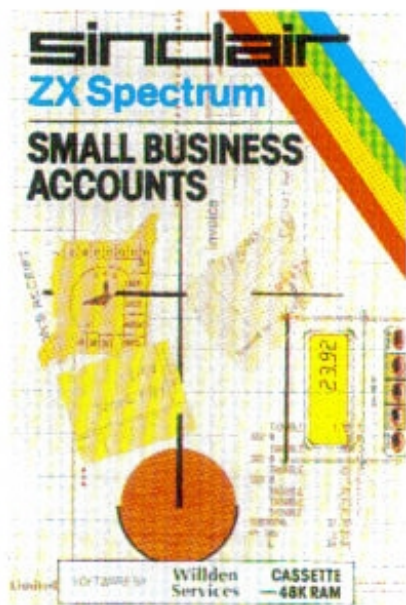
Instead of sequences of instructions to the computer, micro-PROLOG is a language written for the user, which deals with familiar concepts and ideas. It's extremely flexible. With the help of an additional program SIMPLE (included) simple phrases give the computer information which can be used as the basis for dialogue between it and you. Once a micro-PROLOG database is constructed, you can ask the program to answer questions which can become more and more complex, the more advanced you become.

With micro-PROLOG – which includes a User Manual and the micro-PROLOG Primer you can play an important part in the development of a future computer language – and have fun at the same time!

Written by Logic Programming Associates Ltd. for a 48K RAM Spectrum **MICRO PROLOG + Primer Book** Boxed cassette with full documentation. Recommended Retail Price: £24.95. **Club Price: £19.95.** Code: 4401.

Recommended
Retail Price: £5.95
**Club
Price: £4.75**
Code 4034

Something for everyone.



Small Business Accounts

Whatever your business, keeping your accounts in order is often a time consuming and unwieldy operation. Help is at hand! This clear and concise program is specially designed to relieve you of the accounting burden.

It will produce not only essential Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss information, but also VAT returns. An invaluable program for all small businesses.

A free User Manual is supplied with your cassette. Written by Willden Services for a 48K RAM Spectrum. Boxed cassette with full documentation.
Recommended Retail Price: £12.95.
Club Price: £10.40.
Code: 4605.



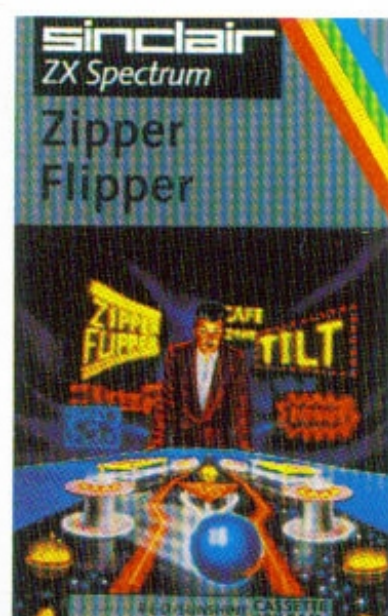
Chess Tutor 1

Now! A new way of learning all about Chess – using your ZX Spectrum. Chess Tutor 1 starts right at the beginning: by teaching you about the chess pieces and the way they move, including castling, en passant, promotion, check, checkmate, stalemate and perpetual check.

Next the basic tactics – pins, forks, double attacks, and skewers.

There are over 120 exercises and more than 200 questions for you to answer – coupled with hints and demonstrations. All you need to learn about Chess, or to brush up on your present game.

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound. Written by Braveline Ltd. for a 48K RAM Spectrum. Boxed cassette with full documentation.
Recommended Retail Price: £9.95.
Club Price: £7.95.
Code: 4308.



Zipper Flipper

With Zipper Flipper you can turn your screen into a colourful pinball machine – with a difference! When you break through a wall, you can also play a fruit machine!

You can try your luck against four other players. Pull the plunger back – and release your first pinball (there are five in all). Use the flippers to keep the ball on play, and hit the Pinball bumper (25 points) or pockets (5, 10 or 50 points).

Knock out the wall of multi-coloured bricks and you've activated the fruit machine. Then FIRE to nudge the fruits to a higher score!

A colourful game you'll never tire of.

Full-colour high-resolution graphics. Written by Hudson Soft for a 48K RAM Spectrum.
Recommended Retail Price: £5.95.
Club Price: £4.75.
Code: 4035.

Double bargain

Espionage Island

While on a reconnaissance flight to find the secrets of an enemy island, your plane is hit by enemy fire. You must abandon your plane before it crashes, then make your way to the heart of the enemy stronghold.

Beware of the natives... and use all the chances you get to confuse the enemy. Then when you've discovered the island's secret, return to your aircraft carrier for what should be a hero's welcome...

Written by Artic for a 48K RAM Spectrum.
Recommended Retail Price: £4.95.



Embassy Assault

You are the nation's top agent, and your job is to acquire top-secret codes from the strongroom of a foreign embassy.

But the detailed layout of the embassy is unknown.... the success of your mission depends on your speed and sense of direction.

Use your compass to ascend or descend stairs, pass through doors... seek out the coderoom - then retrace your steps and leave as quickly as possible - because time is not on your side!

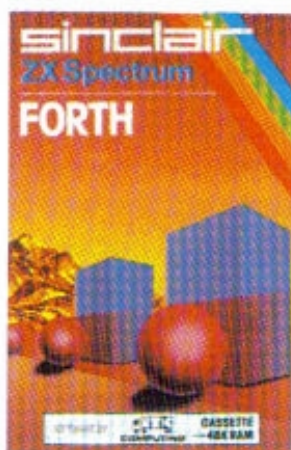
Written by ICL for a 16K or 48K RAM Spectrum.
Recommended Retail Price: £6.95.



**DOUBLE
BARGAIN
CLUB PRICE
£6.95**

Both cassettes can be yours for £6.95 - a saving of £4.95! Code: 4037.

Languages & Utilities

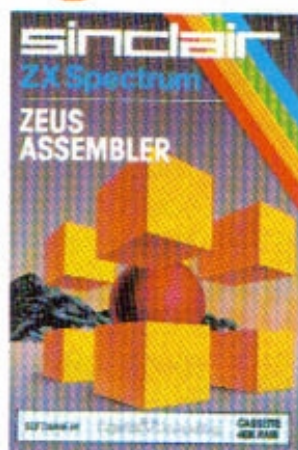


Forth

Discover a new programming language which combines the simplicity of BASIC with the speed of machine code. FORTH'S compiled code occupies less than a quarter of the equivalent BASIC program - and runs ten times as fast! It's an interactive language - so the easiest way to learn it is to use it!

Boxed cassette with full documentation. (FREE User Manual plus an Editor Manual).

Recommended Retail Price: £14.95



Zeus Assembler

A powerful and easy-to-use programming aid, designed to simplify the entire process of producing machine code programs - enabling you to write in assembly language instructions.

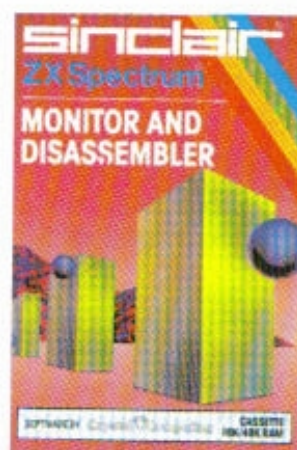
The program is supplied complete with a comprehensive range of support facilities.

Written by Crystal Computing for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Boxed Cassette with full documentation.

Recommended Retail Price: £12.94.

Club Price: £10.35

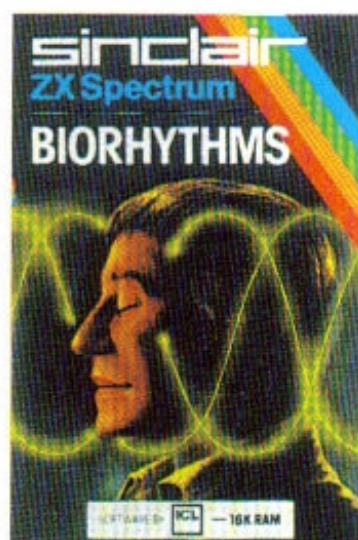


Monitor and Disassembler

This translates code into comprehensible assembly language instructions. It enables you to examine the BASIC ROM, investigate the workings of your Spectrum, or to analyse your own machine code routines. The Monitor aids the entry, inspection, modification and debugging of your machine code programs. The complete program can be used in conjunction with Zeus Assembler.

Written by Crystal Computing for a 16K

Personal Business & Household



Biorhythms

Now you can use your Spectrum to examine the fascinating patterns of your biorhythms. The computer introduction will explain the science of your biorhythms in no-nonsense terms: you can discover how they change with time, and search for critical days – when you may be at a very low ebb either physically, emotionally or intellectually – or perhaps all three. Of course, it will also indicate when you are likely to be at your best too!

Written by ICL for a 16K or 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price: £6.95.
Club Price: £5.55.
Code: 4007.



Collector's Pack

For stamps, records, butterflies or coins... whatever your interests, this marvellous program is easily modelled to your needs. Up to 1,500 records can be stored, with plenty of room for detailed information.

Once you've programmed the structure, it's easy to keep details up to date, examine details held, and print out information.

Written by ICL for a 48K RAM Spectrum.
Recommended Retail Price: £6.95.
Club Price: £5.55.
Code: 4603.



Club Record Controller

It can be a challenging task being a Club Secretary! Well, here's a program to help. It holds records of up to 300 people – with names, addresses, and up to 9 other types of information vital to your Club.

You can list names, examine files, and alter and update records held. You can also use the program to maintain your address book, with names, addresses and telephone numbers.

Written by ICL for a 48K RAM Spectrum.
Recommended Retail Price: £6.95.
Club Price: £5.55.
Code: 4604.

Personal & Education

Cattell IQ Test

Now you don't have to visit a psychologist – or pay a fee – to discover your IQ... because Victor Serebriakoff, International President of Mensa, has produced Professor Cattell's test for your ZX Spectrum!

Here's your opportunity to pit your wits against the first accredited standardised test available to the general public... it should prove to be a fascinating test for you and your friends.



Magnets



– a Science Horizons program with complete supporting documentation for parents and teachers.

Try your skill against an opponent – or your Spectrum – in this battle of the Magnets! With an army of small magnets the child sets out to conquer the powerful super magnets of an opponent.

Your only weapon is magnetic force – which can either attract or repel.

The strategy is simple: attract as many small

Education

Blackboard Software.

— involves children in games which teach as they entertain.

Each one of the five programs below has a step-by-step example section and gives correct answers after a number of attempts.

They're fun too!



Speech Marks

Using the Spectrum keyboard, a cursor guides speech marks to the correct position.

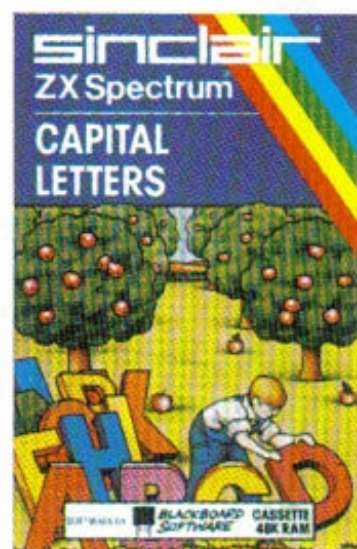
There are three levels of difficulty for each section. After correctly completing five sentences from each, guide Max the mouse through a maze – but beware of Persian cats!

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound.

Written by Blackboard Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price: £4.95.

Club Price: £3.95. Code: 4319



Capital Letters

The child corrects sentences without opening capitals by guiding a figure to the appropriate letter.

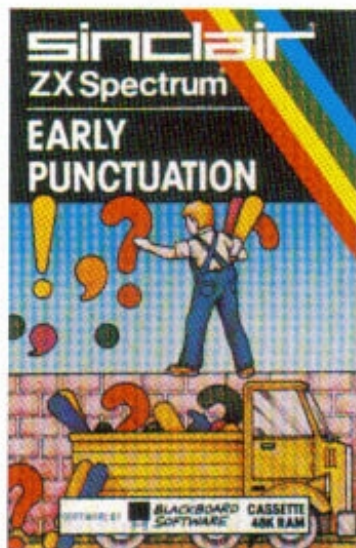
For each correct answer an apple grows on a tree. After ten correct answers the child's skill is needed to save the apples as they fall to the ground.

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound.

Written by Blackboard Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price: £4.95.

Club Price: £3.95. Code: 4321.



Early Punctuation

An animated matchstick man marches above displayed sentences – and when the child decides which punctuation mark is missing and where to insert it – the matchstick man drops the mark into place.

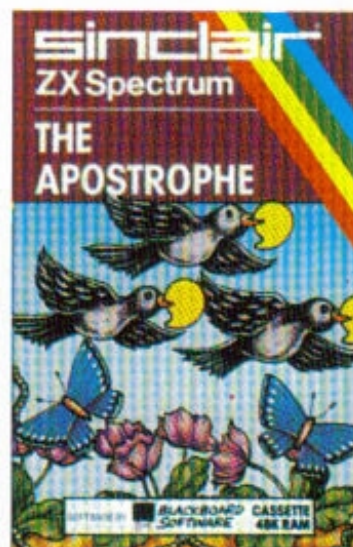
After each sentence is completed, there's a fun shooting game.

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound.

Written by Blackboard Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price: £4.95.

Club Price: £3.95. Code: 4318.



The Apostrophe

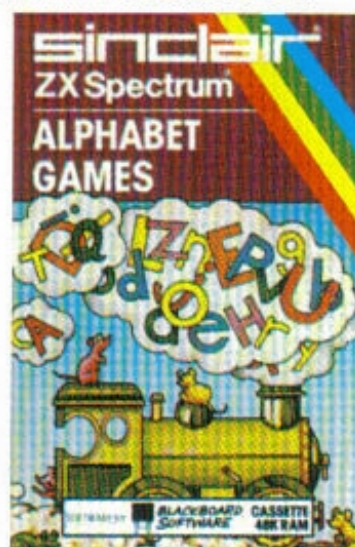
A bird appears with a worm (the apostrophe) in its beak. Use the keyboard to make the bird drop the worm into the correct place.

When ten sentences have been corrected, play the Grub Game by pressing the correct character to change the grub into a butterfly.

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound.

Written by Blackboard Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

Recommended Retail Price: £4.95.



Alphabet Games

Alphagaps – The child must fill in the missing alphabet having seen the correct version.

Random Rats – Press the letter key that is displayed to destroy rats in the cellar!

Invaders – Stop them from landing on Earth by pressing the appropriate letter.

Full-colour high-resolution graphics with sound.

Written by Blackboard Software for a 48K RAM Spectrum.

COMING SHORTLY

Your next issue of SOFTLINE will bring details of more exciting software cassettes, including:

'Estimator Racer' and 'Number Painter' by Psion; 'Logo' and 'Cyrus Is Chess'.