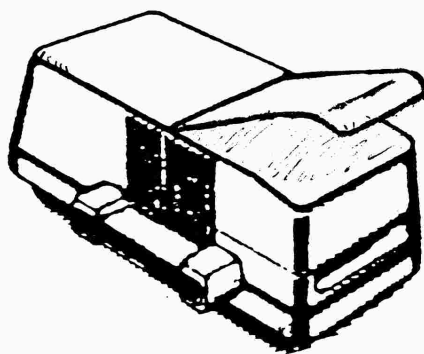
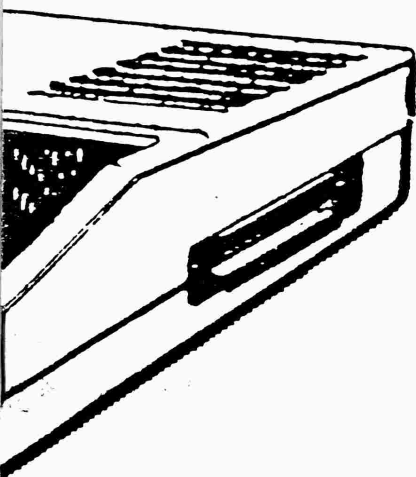


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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you about, among other things, your excellent magazine. One reader thinks it is a bit expensive, but I totally disagree with this view and think it is cheap at the price when you compare it with other magazines which cater to the TI99/4a. Other mags have on average one program and possibly one or two reviews, whereas 99/4a is totally devoted to items, programs, reviews etc about the Texas. By the way, I especially liked Beagle Hike and Jungle Fever. I also liked the section 'Sound Advice'.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Clelland (13)

(Well WE can't help it if people keep sending in these nice letters)

Dear Sir/Madam,

- congratulations on the production of a value-for-money, informative magazine. Keep up the good work.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Pond

(It's Sir, actually - hope that clears up any confusion...)

Dear Sir,

As a new subscriber to 99/4a, I have just received issues 3 and 4, and I must say that I am very pleased with them, they are very good value for my money.

I am a new starter to computing, and have only recently started using EB, and found your article on 'Expanding the TI' very informative.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R.W.Potts

(of course we agree, sir)

Dear Sir,

I have got the first two issues of your magazine and have found them to be helpful and informative.

Yours faithfully,

P.W.Nicholson

(we wish to affirm that, contrary to popular belief, these letters are NOT written by fictitious characters)

Dear Sirs,

A rather belated thankyou for Issue 4 of the '99/4a' magazine. It gets better all the time, and I hope that you receive sufficient support for its continued production. As a technical writer in an entirely different field, I can appreciate the sweat that goes into producing it.

(did everyone get that? - Ed)

The program listings are excellent and no wonder that Spontaneous Reaction won a prize. Pity about the loss of the instructions with the original listing, but after three months they were a bit superfluous!

Is it possible to give me any hints on how to negotiate screen 3 of Miner 2049er?

Yours faithfully,

Mr G.D.Denton

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for my copy of 99/4a magazine. It is one of the best I have read, and the program listings are excellent (Keep it up).

Yours faithfully

Mr K.F.Hughes

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a cheque for the fifth edition of your brilliant 99/4a magazine,

Yours faithfully,

S.King

(thankyou Auntie)

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

I find it simultaneously exciting and depressing when I reflect on some of the capabilities of the TI99/4a Home Computer that sits on my desk.

Exciting to think that it has graphic, sound, and many technical and programming features that were years ahead of its time, and that have given you and I many hours of fun, education and practical use.

Depressing to think that, as a computer, it has been underrated and overlooked, and that time has now passed, allowing other machines to steal the limelight and catch up in certain areas.

But hang on - there are still ways in which my TI is unique. There are aspects that I would be bound to miss if I had another computer. THERE ARE AREAS IN WHICH THE TI IS STILL TECHNOLOGICALLY AHEAD. One of these is in its SPEECH capability, and we will include a look at this in our feature 'Look Who's Talking'.

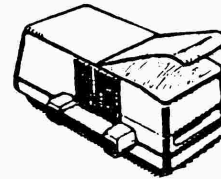
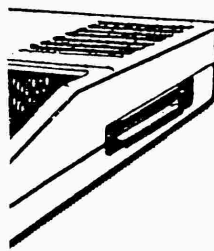
Can you believe we have completed Vol.1 of TI99/4a? Time has passed very quickly, and we can only thank YOU for the support you have shown, even when we let you down with delays and missed deadlines. What is pleasing is that we are still on an upward trend, even though others are struggling. It is only because we reckon that YOU still won't give up on the TI and 99/4a (and why should you?) that we don't hesitate to press on with Vol.2. Watch the PARCO mailshots for news, as we intend to make it worth your while subscribing again, and we also want to hear your views on '99/4a' on cassette.

In the first issue of Volume 2 we hope to review a brand new Hardware System from Germany, where plenty of exciting things are happening still for the TI. We'll say no more here, but just keep those tongues hanging out for more news soon!

OK - you're free to get stuck into the rest of the magazine now

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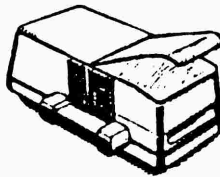
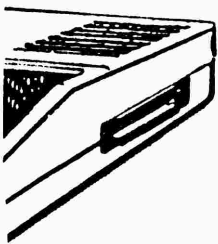
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LOOK WHO'S TALKING



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To follow last issue's feature on graphics packages, we promised you an article on SOUND. There are a number of ways in which your computer excels through the sounds it is capable of producing. As well as the sound chip itself, (capable of emitting 3 tone and one noise channel), there is the speech capability of the TI99/4a. Even now, after the passing of several years, the TI is way ahead of the opposition in this area. What follows here is an outline of the potential of your 99/4a in sound, music and speech. It is not meant to be comprehensive, but hopefully I will answer some of the questions frequently posed, as well as providing some listings that illustrate the point.

We all like to hear the splat of an alien biting the dust, and I guess it is no surprise that SOUND EFFECTS probably constitute the major part of the sound chip's work. This is not a tutorial, so I won't stop to explore the whys and wherefores, but here is a little program to amuse you:-

```
100 FOR I=1 TO 2
110 FOR J=1 TO 6
120 CALL SOUND(1,1730,0)
130 NEXT J
140 FOR K=1 TO 3
150 NEXT K
160 FOR L=1 TO 50
170 NEXT L
180 NEXT I
190 FOR M=1 TO 400
200 NEXT M
210 GOTO 100
```

You will find that little program most effective in Extended Basic, and the following even more so:-

```
100 FOR I=1 TO 2
110 FOR J=1 TO 5
120 CALL SOUND(1,1270,0)
130 CALL SOUND(1,1100,0)
140 NEXT J
150 FOR L=1 TO 50
160 NEXT L
170 NEXT I
180 FOR M=1 TO 400
190 NEXT M
200 GOTO 100
```

Ring a bell? Well we'll leave sound effects there - we have concentrated on them before, and doubtless will again.

Music has been featured much in these pages before, so you will be familiar with TI capabilities and how to make use of them. In case you have the slightest doubt about your computer's musical ability, get a load of this. The following program will treat you to a rendition of 'TEXAS TRAFFIC', a piece written specially for the TI99/4a by Paul Templar, who recently contributed an excellent tutorial on music for the TI99/4a.

```
10 CALL CLEAR
20 CALL SCREEN(11)
30 RESTORE
40 A$="TEXAS TRAFFIC"
50 J=5
60 K=6
70 GOSUB 340
80 A$="A MUSICAL FANTASY"
90 J=7
100 K=6
110 GOSUB 340
120 A$="FOR THE TI-99/4A"
130 J=9
140 K=6
150 GOSUB 340
160 A$="COMPOSED BY"
170 J=11
180 K=6
190 GOSUB 340
200 A$="PAUL TEMPLAR"
210 J=13
220 K=6
230 GOSUB 340
240 CALL SCREEN(7)
250 A$="PLEASE WAIT"
260 J=19
270 K=6
```


280 GOSUB 340	880 NEXT I	7,1319,1319,1319,1319,1175,1
290 A\$="LIGHTS ON RED"	890 FOR I=1 TO 12	175,1175,1175,1047,1047,1047
300 J=21	900 READ AP(I)	,1047,1175,1175,1175,1175
310 K=6	910 NEXT I	1260 DATA 587,587,587,587,78
320 GOSUB 340	920 FOR I=1 TO 12	4,932,932,784,932,587,659,74
330 GOTO 380	930 READ PA(I)	0,784,784,784,784,740,740,74
340 FOR N=1 TO LEN(A\$)	940 NEXT I	0,740
350 CALL HCHAR(J,K+N,ASC(SEG	950 FOR I=1 TO 12	1270 DATA 1397,1397,1397,139
\$ (A\$,N,1)),1)	960 READ PQ(I)	7,1319,1319,1319,1319,1397,1
360 NEXT N	970 NEXT I	397,1397,1397,1397,1397,1397
370 RETURN	980 CALL CLEAR	,1397,698,880,880,262
380 REM	990 CALL SCREEN(13)	1280 DATA 523,523,523,523,69
390 JJ=1	1000 A\$="ALL CLEAR"	8,698,698,698,659,659,659,65
400 JAJ=1	1010 J=12	9,587,587,587,587,523,523,52
410 DIM A(16),B(16),AB(16),C	1020 K=11	3,523
(120),E(120),F(120),AA(8),BB	1030 GOSUB 340	1290 DATA 587,587,587,587,29
(8),BA(8),CC(8),EE(8),CE(8)	1040 FOR I=1 TO 16	4,294,294,294,370,466,466,29
420 DIM ZA(60),AZ(60),ZZ(60)	1050 CALL SOUND(D,A(I),0,B(I	4,466,294,277,262,330,392,34
,AP(12),PA(12),PQ(12)),2,AB(I),2)	9,415
430 D=-1000	1060 FOR V=.01 TO .01	1300 DATA 330,392,262,392,19
440 FOR I=1 TO 16	1070 NEXT V	6,330,131,330,196,392,131,39
450 READ A(I)	1080 NEXT I	2,349,698,698,349,330,165,33
460 NEXT I	1090 DATA 698,880,880,523,88	0,165
470 FOR I=1 TO 16	0,880,880,880,1047,932,880,7	1310 DATA 175,349,131,349,17
480 READ B(I)	84,698,659,587,523	5,349,131,349,175,349,131,34
490 NEXT I	1100 DATA 175,220,220,131,22	9,185,370,185,370,196,392,14
500 FOR I=1 TO 16	0,220,220,220,659,932,880,78	7,370
510 READ AB(I)	4,698,659,587,523	1320 DATA 196,392,147,185,19
520 NEXT I	1110 DATA 698,880,880,523,88	6,233,147,185,233,147,165,18
530 FOR I=1 TO 120	0,880,880,880,1047,932,880,7	5,196,392,147,392,196,392,14
540 READ C(I)	84,698,659,587,523	7,392
550 NEXT I	1120 FOR MM=1 TO 2	1330 DATA 196,392,147,392,19
560 FOR I=1 TO 120	1130 FOR Q=1 TO 2	6,392,131,392,175,349,131,34
570 READ E(I)	1140 FOR I=1 TO 120	9,175,349,131,349,175,220,22
580 NEXT I	1150 CALL SOUND(D,C(I),0,E(I	0,131
590 FOR I=1 TO 120),9,F(I),12)	1340 DATA 698,1047,1047,523,
600 READ F(I)	1160 FOR V=.01 TO .01	175,349,131,349,175,349,131,
610 NEXT I	1170 NEXT V	349,175,349,131,349,185,370,
620 FOR I=1 TO 8	1180 NEXT I	185,370
630 READ AA(I)	1190 DATA 698,523,698,784,88	1350 DATA 196,392,147,370,19
640 NEXT I	0,698,880,932,1047,880,1047,	6,392,147,392,392,466,466,29
650 FOR I=1 TO 8	1175,1047,932,880,932,784,93	4,392,294,139,131,165,392,17
660 READ BB(I)	2,932,587	5,415
670 NEXT I	1200 DATA 932,932,932,932,78	1360 DATA 165,392,131,392,19
680 FOR I=1 TO 8	4,932,932,587,932,587,659,74	6,330,131,330,196,392,131,39
690 READ BA(I)	0,784,587,784,880,932,784,93	2,349,440,440,262,349,349,26
700 NEXT I	2,1047	2,440
710 FOR I=1 TO 8	1210 DATA 1175,1047,932,880,	1370 IF JJ=2 THEN 1490
720 READ CC(I)	784,698,659,784,698,698,698,	1380 FOR I=1 TO 8
730 NEXT I	880,523,523,523,523,698,880,	1390 CALL SOUND(D,AA(I),0,BB
740 FOR I=1 TO 8	880,523	(I),9,BA(I),9)
750 READ EE(I)	1220 DATA 880,880,880,523,69	1400 FOR V=.01 TO .01
760 NEXT I	8,523,698,784,880,698,880,93	1410 NEXT V
770 FOR I=1 TO 8	2,1047,880,1047,1175,1047,93	1420 NEXT I
780 READ CE(I)	2,880,932	1430 DATA 1397,1319,1245,104
790 NEXT I	1230 DATA 784,932,932,587,93	7,1397,1319,1245,1047
800 FOR I=1 TO 60	2,932,932,932,784,932,932,58	1440 DATA 349,330,311,262,22
810 READ ZA(I)	7,932,932,932,1047,988,1047,	0,196,175,523
820 NEXT I	1319,1175	1450 DATA 698,659,622,523,44
830 FOR I=1 TO 60	1240 DATA 1047,932,880,784,7	0,392,349,262
840 READ AZ(I)	40,784,880,784,698,659,587,6	1460 JJ=JJ+1
850 NEXT I	59,698,1397,1397,1397,1319,1	1470 IF JAJ=2 THEN 1760
860 FOR I=1 TO 60	319,1319,1319	1480 NEXT Q
870 READ ZZ(I)	1250 DATA 1397,1397,1397,139	1490 FOR I=1 TO 8

```

1500 CALL SOUND(D,CC(I),0,EE
(I),9,CE(I),9)
1510 FOR V=.01 TO .01
1520 NEXT V
1530 NEXT I
1540 DATA 698,659,587,659,69
8,523,440,349
1550 DATA 175,349,175,349,17
5,175,349,349
1560 DATA 349,330,294,330,34
9,262,220,175
1570 FOR QQ=1 TO 2
1580 FOR I=1 TO 60
1590 CALL SOUND(D,ZA(I),0,AZ
(I),14,ZZ(I),4)
1600 FOR V=.01 TO .01
1610 NEXT V
1620 NEXT I
1630 DATA 932,1175,1175,698,
175,1175,698,1175,1047,1175,
1245,1047,932,880,784,831,88
0,1047,1047,698
1640 DATA 1047,1047,523,1047
,988,1047,1175,1047,932,880,
784,880,932,1175,1175,698,11
75,1175,698,1175
1650 DATA 1047,1175,1245,104
7,932,880,784,880,932,698,93
2,1047,1175,1047,932,880,932
,698,587,698
1660 DATA 698,698,698,698,13
97,1397,1397,1397,1245,1245,
1245,1245,622,622,622,622,44
0,440,440,440
1670 DATA 880,880,880,880,46
6,587,587,349,587,587,587,58
7,622,622,622,622,1245,1245,
1245,1245
1680 DATA 698,698,698,698,13
97,1397,1397,1397,698,698,69
8,698,698,698,698,698,349,34
9,349,349
1690 DATA 233,233,349,349,23
3,175,196,220,262,262,349,34
9,262,262,349,349,262,262,34
9,349
1700 DATA 262,175,196,220,26
2,262,349,349,262,262,349,34
9,262,262,349,349,233,175,19
6,220
1710 DATA 262,262,349,349,26
2,262,349,349,233,233,349,34
9,262,262,349,349,233,233,34
9,349
1720 NEXT QQ
1730 JAJ=JAJ+1
1740 JJ=1
1750 NEXT MM
1760 FOR RR=1 TO 2
1770 FOR I=1 TO 12
1780 CALL SOUND(D,AP(I),0,PA
(I),9,PQ(I),9)
1790 FOR V=.01 TO .01
1800 NEXT V

```

```

1810 NEXT I
1820 DATA 932,1175,1175,698,
1175,698,784,880,466,466,466
,466
1830 DATA 466,587,587,349,58
7,349,392,440,370,370,370,37
0
1840 DATA 233,294,294,175,29
4,175,196,220,330,330,330,33
0
1850 NEXT RR
1860 CALL CLEAR
1870 A$="PLAY IT AGAIN Y/N"
1880 J=10
1890 K=6
1900 GOSUB 340
1910 CALL KEY(0,K,KK)
1920 IF K=89 THEN 10
1930 IF K<>78 THEN 1910 ELSE
1940
1940 STOP

```

Before we leave music, you may find this routine interesting:-

```

100 CALL CLEAR
110 FOR A=1 TO 108 STEP 2
120 READ B,C
130 FOR D=1 TO B
140 CALL SOUND(-1000,C,0)
150 CALL SOUND(-1000,C*1.015
,0)
160 NEXT D
170 NEXT A
180 CALL SOUND(-1,10000,30)
190 DATA 1,587,1,523,2,494,2
,587,2,587,2,587,2,659,4,587
,1,587,1,523,2,494,2,587
200 DATA 2,784,2,880,10,988,
2,587,2,988,2,988,2,988,2,98
8,4,880,1,880,1,784,2,740,2,
784,2,880,2,988
210 DATA 10,880,2,494,2,587,
2,587,2,587,2,659,4,587,1,58
7,1,523,2,494,2,587
220 DATA 2,784,2,880,10,988,
2,587,2,1047,2,1047,2,1047,2
,1047,4,988
230 DATA 1,988,1,880,2,784,2
,587,2,988,2,880,8,784

```

You can experiment with the value by which the variable C is multiplied in line 150, (set here at 1.015).

Maybe you are one of the many people who lashed out and got a Speech Synthesizer after witnessing PARSEC for the first time at your mate's place. Impressed with the thought of writing your own 'talking programs', you were perhaps a little disappointed to find that it could only be achieved with the purchase of more equipment. But now

you're skint of course! Well, now you've had a chance to save up again, but you want to know what the options are before you part with any more readies. So here goes:-

a) EXTENDED BASIC gives you, amongst many other features, immediate ability to access the synthesizer's built-in vocabulary. What this means is that the range of frequently-used words (373 in all) that have been programmed into the synth already can be 'spoken' by your computer through using the command CALL SAY.

e.g. CALL SAY("HELLO")

As I have said, this is NOT a tutorial, so I will not go deeper into the mechanics, suffice to say that with this option you are more or less restricted to that built-in vocabulary. It is possible to split words and add suffixes ('ed','ing',etc), but it gets a bit cumbersome and complex. If you already have EB, 32k, and disk-system, however, there is another option available to you:-

b) TEXT-TO-SPEECH is available from Parco, and comes on disk. Although it runs with Extended Basic, it contains Assembly Language routines that give true 'Text-to-Speech' facilities. That is, your vocabulary is not restricted. Whatever you ask the computer to say, it will do so. In the main, words can be spelt as normal, and pronunciation will be correct. Should this not be the case, then it is simply a matter of altering spelling to suit. Hence you may have to substitute SAIRAH for SARAH and so on. Not so very complicated, eh? What the subroutines in fact do for you, once loaded is rather complicated. Text-to-speech is "a type of speech technology in which words are broken down into parts of speech called allophones. An allophone is one two or more articulatory and accoustically different forms of the same phoneme. A phoneme is the smallest unit of speech that distinguishes one utterance from another." Told you it was complicated, didn't I? But the hard work is done by the software. XLAT translates the text string of your choice into allophones, and the SPEAK subroutine 'speaks' the text out through the synthesizer. In addition you can use various symbols to alter the pitch and slope of the voice. Thus you have the ability to emphasize

certain syllables, give inflection to a phrase (as in asking a question), and changing the overall pitch of the voice lower or higher. The instructions with this package are very full and informative, and the beauty of it is that sophisticated speech can be incorporated easily into EXTENDED BASIC programs. Please note that 32k expansion and disk system are required, as well as Extended Basic and Speech Synthesizer.

c) TERMINAL EMULATOR II is a command module with two linked, but individually useful applications. One is the world of communications that is possible through linking your computer via a modem to a telephone line. The other is the true 'Text-to-speech' capabilities that concern us here. As with the TEXT-TO-SPEECH package discussed above, the conventions here are the same. The advantage is that no memory expansion or disk system is required, just the TE2 module itself, plus synthesizer of course. It is hard to describe the effect of using TE2 for the first time. It is so powerful, yet so easy. Actually, it is even easier to use than the 'TEXT-TO-SPEECH' above, since the subroutines are built into the module, and once you have opened a file after the fashion:

```
10 OPEN #1:"SPEECH",OUTPUT
```

All you need to do then is PRINT to that file, e.g.:

```
20 PRINT #1:"I AM MAGIC"
```

With virtually no delay, the text will be spoken. As with TEXT-TO-SPEECH, symbols and commands can be used to affect the voice quite easily. The instructions with the module are not as comprehensive as with TEXT-TO-SPEECH, but we will run a tutorial on the subject if enough of you write in. In the meantime, have a look at the following program. It starts up with an impression of Norman Colyer (he of the faulty microphone), then announces some of the latecomers to the TI Users Convention.

```
100 DIM WORD$(16)
110 DIM PRINT$(16)
120 CALL CLEAR
130 CALL SCREEN(2)
140 FOR I=9 TO 16
150 CALL COLOR(I,8,1)
160 NEXT I
170 FOR I=3 TO 8
180 CALL COLOR(I,7,1)
190 NEXT I
200 CALL COLOR(2,7,1)
```

```

210 N=16
220 OPEN #1:"SPEECH",OUTPUT
230 PRINT 1:"//36 120"
240 FOR I=30 TO 0 STEP -1
250 CALL SOUND(-500,4555,I)
260 NEXT I
270 PRINT #1:"_HELL O ,. TES
TING TESTING "
280 GOSUB 1470
290 PRINT #1:"_1 2 . KK KK _
1 2 . _1 2"
300 FOR I=0 TO 15
310 CALL SOUND(-1000,6039,I)
320 NEXT I
330 GOSUB 1470
340 GOSUB 1470
350 PRINT #1:"PF .PF _1 2 PF
360 FOR I=30 TO 10 STEP -1
370 CALL SOUND(-500,5200,I)
380 NEXT I
390 PRINT #1:"KK .KK "
400 GOSUB 1470
410 PRINT #1:"_ IS THIS MY"
420 PRINT #1:""
430 GOSUB 1470
440 PRINT #1:""
450 PRINT #1:"FONE WORKING"
460 PRINT #1:"IS TH "
470 PRINT #1:""
480 PRINT #1:","RUFFOAN SWITC
HED ON"
490 PRINT #1:""
500 GOSUB 1470
510 GOSUB 1470
520 GOSUB 1470
530 PRINT #1:""
540 PRINT #1:"TESTING "
550 PRINT #1:"KK"
560 CALL SOUND(-80,-4,0)
570 PRINT #1:"TING . TESTING
"
580 PRINT #1:"CAN YOU"
590 PRINT #1:""
600 PRINT #1:""
610 GOSUB 1470
620 GOSUB 1470
630 PRINT #1:"ME O K?"
640 CALL SOUND(200,3000,0)
650 FOR I=30 TO 0 STEP -1
660 CALL SOUND(-100,2999,I)
670 NEXT I
680 GOSUB 1470
690 FOR I=0 TO 30 STEP 6
700 CALL SOUND(-100,2999,I)
710 NEXT I
720 PRINT #1:"_1 . 2"
730 GOSUB 1470
740 GOSUB 1470
750 GOSUB 1470
760 GOSUB 1470
770 FOR I=20 TO 0 STEP -1
780 CALL SOUND(-500,4987,I)
790 NEXT I
800 PRINT #1:"PF. PF. KK KK"

810 GOSUB 1470
820 GOSUB 1470
830 FOR D=1 TO 20
840 CALL SCREEN(9)
850 NEXT D
860 GOSUB 1470
870 CALL SCREEN(9)
880 PRINT #1:"THANK YOU .LAD
IES AND GENTLE MEN"
890 FOR I=1 TO N
900 READ WORD$(I)
910 NEXT I
920 FOR I=1 TO N
930 READ PRINT$(I)
940 NEXT I
950 FOR I=1 TO N
960 PRINT "-----
-----":
970 PRINT PRINT$(I):
980 PRINT "-----
-----":
990 CALL VCHAR(1,2,46,24)
1000 CALL HCHAR(1,2,46,30)
1010 CALL VCHAR(1,31,46,24)
1020 CALL HCHAR(24,2,46,30)
1030 FOR C=3 TO 8
1040 CALL COLOR(C,16,1)
1050 NEXT C
1060 PRINT #1:WORD$(I)
1070 FOR D=1 TO 14
1080 CALL COLOR(2,D,1)
1090 NEXT D
1100 CALL COLOR(2,7,1)
1110 FOR C=3 TO 8
1120 CALL COLOR(C,7,1)
1130 NEXT C
1140 NEXT I
1150 DATA "ANNOWNCING LATE C
UMMERS","TO THE _T.I. USERS
CONVENTION","MISTER AND MIS
SIS FURRALL BOX"
1160 DATA "AND THEIR SON .
PERREE FURRALL BOX","MISTER
AND MISSIS STIX","AND THEIR
DOORTER. _JOI . STIX"
1170 DATA "MISTER AND MISSIS
RAMMIXPANSION","AND THERE F
REND WHO IS THIRTY 2 , . KAY
"
1180 DATA "MISSIS ROW PRO SE
SSER","AND HER HUZBAND MIKE
, . ROW PRO SESSER"
1190 DATA "ROD HULL ","AND H
IS EE MEW LATOR, TOO ","THE
MEMRY FAMILY","AND THERE NEW
BABY . MINNEE . MEMRY"
1200 DATA "THE, ETRICORDER F
AMILY","AND THEIR MAMA . CAS
S. ETRICORDER"
1210 DATA " ANNOUNCING LAT
ECOMERS ","TO THE TI US
ERS CONVENTION"
1220 DATA "mr and mrs FURRAL
BOCKS ","and their son
PERRY FURRALBOC
KS"
1230 DATA "mr and mrs STICKS
","and their daugh
ter JOY STICKS"
1240 DATA "mr and mrs rammic
k-spanshan ","and their fr
iend who is 32 KAY"
1250 DATA "mrs ROWPROCESSER"
,"and her husband
MIKE ROWPROCESSER"
1260 DATA "rod hull","and hi
s EMU LAITA TOO"
1270 DATA "the MEMRY family
","and their new baby
MINI MEMRY"
1280 DATA "the etricauda fam
ily ","and their mama
CASS ETRICAUDA"
1290 CALL CLEAR
1300 CALL SCREEN(2)
1310 PRINT #1:"//25 80"
1320 PRINT #1:" HAY . YOU"
1330 PRINT #1:"/50 150"
1340 PRINT #1:","YEP?"
1350 PRINT #1:"//25 80"
1360 PRINT #1:" WOTS ALL TH
IS ,FOUR?"
1370 PRINT #1:"//50 150"
1380 PRINT #1:" ITS A DEMON
STRAISHUN OF _TERMINAL EMUL
ATOR TOO , . YOU MOOR ON"
1390 PRINT #1:"//25 80"
1400 PRINT #1:"FAR . OUT ,MA
N , . I MUST RUSH TO PARCO A
ND BY ONE"
1410 PRINT #1:"//50 150"
1420 PRINT #1:"NOW THATS WOT
I CALL A WISE MAN"
1430 PRINT #1:"//36 120"
1440 FOR D=1 TO 2000
1450 NEXT D
1460 STOP
1470 CALL SCREEN(9)
1480 CALL SCREEN(2)
1490 RETURN

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CRAPO ELECTRICA

the P A R C O story - contd.

It is probably worth reflecting at this point that Frankly's father, Big Ed, had always wanted his son to tackle something exciting and extravagant - like working down the Mace - but no, Frankly was always one of those unambitious types who are content just to conquer the universe and anything else that happens to be around at the time. And so it was, with as much inevitability as Jimmy Tarbuck laughing at his own jokes, that Frankly's ship CRAPO ELECTRICA had become the number one outfit in Tecasus Galaxy.

Frankly paused to look at himself in the mirror.

"Hell's Teeth!", he blurted.

Petty Gripe turned his tranny up, caught the remainder of that over, then rushed in to discover the reason for Poorish's outburst.

"What is it, Sir?", he panted, pretending to be out of breath and terribly concerned.

"I must be the Smartest Alec in history!" chuckled Poorish with a fat, satisfied grin.

"I couldn't agree more" smiled Gripe, wishing he could agree more. Gripe wanted Poorish to think that he was his biggest idol, but in fact that honour strictly speaking belonged to Hardly Didmore, who was totally idol.

At that precise lightyear something very strange happened. Whether it was the effects of a cataclysmic megastorm in some nearby field of cosmic turbulence, or Gripe opening his sandwich-box is hard to tell, but whatever it was sent the ship into violent tremors.

"It's o.k. chaps!" barked Poorish, trying to be heard above the clatter of equipment and personnel being hurled around the room. "We're going through a price war!"

Salad Rosebowl's expression was a mixture of relief and panic - sort of pralif.

"Just got the banking done in time," Salad struggled to keep her desk in order as the ship lurched again. "but how long will this war last? I've got orders to sort out, you know!" she complained, although no-one could actually make out what she was saying since she had the bankbook clenched firmly between her teeth; having amply occupied her arms already with folders, ring-binders, box-files, wadges of A4, a calculator, stapler, Access machine, paper-clips, Bulldog clips, scissors, another pair of scissors that everybody wondered what had happened to, a prawn wolemeal sandwich and 23 biros in assorted colours.

CRAPO ELECTRICA was going through what might justifiably be called a warp. Everyone clung to their seats just wishing it would soon be over. Then, as suddenly as it had begun, it just carried on. But then, a stroke of luck - a void appeared on the horizon. Frankly grappled with the controls in a desperate attempt to guide the ship into the void. Unfortunately the void was empty, and the ship plummeted straight through the void floor and into who knows where.

In a side street near The Restaurant at the End of the Universe sat the Chippy at the Back of the Cosmos. And that was precisely where our chums found themselves. As they sipped a peculiar brew not unlike the odd mixture in Gripe's flask, a cosmic combo serenaded them at the end of their table. The horrendous melodies

X were all too familiar - a selection from the Call Sound of Music. One of the creatures paused and held out a green drumstick-like limb.

"Hi, We're the Symbolics, "He grinned a smarmy alien grin. "I'm Sym, can I introduce my friend B...."

His words were lost as the withered frame of the other alien, who was slumped over an out-of-tune keyboard, ploughed carelessly into the next piece, apparently oblivious to anything going on around him, or for that matter what notes he was hitting. They had tortured our friends already with Do Re Mi and If Not Else, and were just destroying These are a Few of my Favourite Subroutines when Gripe could take no more.

X "You carry on breathing garlic at the dozy one Salad, while I keep my gun on the creep!" rasped Gripe with calm authority. The party edged slowly back out of the room. It was a tense moment. Salad was thirty yards away from her target, and the effect was now becoming marginally reduced. Gripe wondered why the creep wasn't at least making a move. The creep wondered why this humanoid was waving a staple gun around.

They made a bolt for the door. On finding that it didn't fit, they gave it up as a bad job, and although not actually being pursued by anyone, the group took off like a bat out of Gripe's sandwich-box. Luckily they were able to grab a ride in an open-topped interstellar taxi.

"Phew! That was a close thing" gasped Poorish. "Never mind, we'll soon be back in the comfort and safety of our own ship."

It was at that moment, as Hardly woke up long enough to stretch, yawn, and peer skywards from his seat, that some idiot passing overhead must have decided to heave his pudding overboard. I conclude this, since just as Hardly opened his eyes the full force of a banana trifle met him smack in the laughing tackle. On noticing his plight, the rest of the crew were moved to come to his aid quickly with tissues, in between wetting their corporate selves.

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X Anyway, to cut an incredibly long story just about bearably long, they were soon safely back on board the starship assuming normal duties.

"Got a bloke on the phone called Parsnips or something, sir. He wants Thermal paper."

"Thermal paper?" chuffed Frankly as he polished his cheque-book. "The silly man must have one of those damn thermal printers from the 20th century. What's the idiot doing with one of those?"

"You sold it to him last Thursday, sir" replied Gripe.

"Okay, no problem Petty, leave it to me." he smiled, wondering what the hell he was going to do about it.

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The silent night sky was split by the roar and flash of the Starship charging up its engines on its way toward the next mailshot.....

- WILL THEY GET THE THERMAL PAPER???
- WHAT WILL GRIPE HAVE NEXT IN HIS SANDWICH BOX???
- WILL SALAD GET THE BANKING DONE???
- WHO IS RICHARD TWYNING???
- HOW CAN I FINISH THIS STORY???

The answers to these and many of the other questions that have been baffling nobody will probably not be found in the next issue of 99/4a, but get your copy anyway.

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This time round we have two TI Basic games (in case you thought we had forgotten you), and a game and utility in Extended Basic.

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* ZOMBIES and POTHOLES ** David Martin *

TI Basic
Joystick optional

You've been trapped on Zombie island with some hungry Zombies. These Zombies are very clever, and home in on your position - but they're also rather short-sighted, and the island is littered with bottomless pits. Using the arrow keys or a joystick, you must move around the island so that when the Zombies walk towards you they will fall down a hole. If you clear a screen of Zombies you must then get to the quay at the bottom right of the screen, and you will then go on to another, more difficult screen. If you manage to clear four screens you will be rescued. If you fall down a hole or get caught by a Zombie you will die. At the end of the game you will be able to type in your name if you have a new high-score, and you will be given the option to play again.

ZOMBIES & POTHOLES

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10 REM ZOMBIE POT-HOLES
    BY DAVID MARTIN
20 CALL CLEAR
30 CALL SCREEN(2)
40 HI=0
50 HI$="?????????"
60 DIM MEM(24,32),RZ(32),CZ(
  32)
70 RESTORE
75 REM GRAPHICS
80 FOR I=1 TO 10
90 READ C,M$
100 CALL CHAR(C,M$)
110 NEXT I
115 REM FILL ARRAYS
120 FOR C=1 TO 32
130 MEM(2,C)=1
140 MEM(23,C)=1
150 NEXT C
160 FOR R=1 TO 24
170 MEM(R,1)=1
180 MEM(R,32)=1
190 NEXT R
200 CALL CLEAR
210 DEAD=0
220 SK=1
230 SN=1
240 CALL SCREEN(2)
250 PRINT TAB(7);"SETTING UP
    NOW": : : : : : : : : : :
    : : : : : : : : : :
260 FOR S=1 TO 8
270 CALL COLOR(S,16,1)
280 NEXT S
290 FOR S=9 TO 14
300 CALL COLOR(S,1,1)
310 NEXT S
320 RESTORE
325 REM SET UP SCREEN
330 CALL HCHAR(3,1,128,640)
340 CALL VCHAR(1,1,32,24)
350 CALL VCHAR(1,32,32,24)
360 ZMBI=SK*2
370 FOR R=3 TO 22
380 FOR C=2 TO 31
390 MEM(R,C)=0
400 NEXT C
410 NEXT R
420 RANDOMIZE
430 FOR I=1 TO 10
440 C=INT(RND*30)+2
450 CALL HCHAR(3,C,32)
460 MEM(3,C)=1
470 C=INT(RND*28)+2

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2460 PRINT "BYE . . .": "HO
PE YOU ENJOYED YOURSELF!":
: : : : :
2470 END

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* SENTINAL 1 ***** Adrian Bunting *
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TI Basic

Welcome to 'splat-em-up' Sentinal One. Your mission is to defend yourself against the horde of aliens that are homing in on you from all sides. The game is not that complex or original, but is really well presented and playable.

Note that Adrian has used Control Characters to display the aliens in the instruction phase. When you have typed up to line 420, RUN the program to initialize the characters, then when you come to line 4070, the aliens can be incorporated into the PRINT statements by pressing CTRL and the respective key as follows:-

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T - MERCATOR
U - LIMPETOID
V - THE THING
W - STOMPER
X - TEEGAN
Y - ZOID BEAST
Z - ENERGY BLOB

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SENTINAL 1

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100 REM *****
110 REM * SENTINAL ONE *

120 REM * BY *
130 REM * ADRIAN BUNTING *
140 REM * TI. BASIC *
150 REM * 19/7/84 *
160 REM * UNDER STRICT *
170 REM * COPYRIGHT *
180 REM *****
190 REM
200 REM * INITIALISATION *
210 REM
220 CALL CLEAR
230 CALL SCREEN(14)
240 GOSUB 4290
250 PRINT "ADRIAN BUNTING PR
ESENTS.....": : : : : :
: : :
260 GOSUB 4340
270 FOR I=1 TO 48
280 READ CC,HEX$
290 CALL CHAR(CC,HEX$)
300 NEXT I
310 DATA 128,"102828444482FE
82",132,"82FE824444282810",1

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380 DATA 103,"FC0000000C18F0
E0",104,"40C0E0F0DBCC6C3",1
05,"30180C0C0C0C0C0C",106,"C
1C0C0C0C0C0C06030"
390 DATA 107,"8CCC6C3C1C0C0C
08",108,"1F3F63C303030303",1
09,"E0F0180C00000000",110,"0
303030303030303"
400 DATA 111,"FC783030303030
30",112,"30303030303078FC",1
13,"1F3F60C0C0C0C0FF",114,"E
0F0180C0C0C0CFC"
410 DATA 115,"FFC0C0C0C0C060
30",116,"FC0C0C0C0C0C1830",1
17,"3060C0C0C0C0C0C0",118,"C
0C0C0C0C0603F1F"
420 DATA 119,"000000000C18F0
E0",120,"1C3C6CCC0C0C0C0C",1
21,"0C0C0C0C0C0C0C0C",127,"0
07E7E7E7E7E7E00"
430 SC=0
440 LIVES=3
450 CALL SCREEN(7)
460 CALL CLEAR
470 CALL COLOR(12,5,1)
480 CALL COLOR(13,9,1)
490 CALL COLOR(14,8,1)
500 CALL COLOR(15,4,1)
510 CALL COLOR(16,11,1)
520 GOSUB 4290
530 PRINT TAB(5);"INSTRUCTIO
NS (Y/N)?: : : : : :
:
540 GOSUB 4470
550 GOSUB 4620
560 GOSUB 4340
570 GOSUB 4420
580 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
590 IF S=0 THEN 580
600 IF K=89 THEN 3820
610 GOSUB 4420
620 CALL CLEAR
630 CALL SCREEN(2)
640 CALL COLOR(12,14,1)
650 PRINT TAB(10);"SENTINAL
1":
660 GOSUB 4620
670 A=2
680 AA=6
690 B=2
700 BB=16
710 C=2
720 CC=26
730 D=12
740 DD=26
750 E=22
760 EE=26
770 F=22
780 FF=16
790 G=22
800 GG=6
810 H=12
820 HH=6
830 Q=16
840 Z=128
850 FOR I=1 TO 8
860 FL(I)=1
870 NEXT I
880 FOR I=1 TO 8
890 RANDOMIZE
900 J(I)=INT(RND*7)+148
910 NEXT I
920 CALL HCHAR(A,AA,J(1))
930 CALL HCHAR(B,BB,J(2))
940 CALL HCHAR(C,CC,J(3))
950 CALL HCHAR(D,DD,J(4))
960 CALL HCHAR(E,EE,J(5))
970 CALL HCHAR(F,FF,J(6))
980 CALL HCHAR(G,GG,J(7))
990 CALL HCHAR(H,HH,J(8))
1000 REM
1010 REM * MAIN LOOP
1020 REM
1030 CALL HCHAR(12,16,Z)
1040 GOTO 2630
1050 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
1060 IF S=0 THEN 2630
1070 IF K=83 THEN 1110
1080 IF K=68 THEN 1170
1090 IF K=76 THEN 1240
1100 REM *ROTATE LEFT*
1110 IF Z<129 THEN 1120 ELSE
1130
1120 Z=136
1130 Z=Z-1
1140 CALL SOUND(-99,-5,15)
1150 GOTO 1030
1160 REM *ROTATE RIGHT*
1170 IF Z<135 THEN 1190
1180 Z=127
1190 Z=Z+1
1200 CALL SOUND(-99,-5,15)
1210 GOTO 1030
1220 REM * LAZER FIRE *
1230 REM *UPWARDS*
1240 IF Z<>128 THEN 1370
1250 CALL SOUND(50,300,0,200
,0)
1260 CALL VCHAR(2,16,139,10)
1270 IF FL(2)=1 THEN 1280 EL
SE 1320
1280 SC=SC+10
1290 CALL SOUND(50,-7,0)
1300 FL(2)=0
1310 GOTO 1330
1320 SE=SE-10
1330 CALL VCHAR(2,16,32,10)
1340 B=7
1350 GOTO 2630
1360 REM *DOWNARDS*
1370 IF Z<>132 THEN 1500
1380 CALL SOUND(50,300,0,200
,0)
1390 CALL VCHAR(13,16,139,10
)
1400 IF FL(6)=1 THEN 1410 EL
SE 1450
1410 SC=SC+10
1420 CALL SOUND(50,-7,0)

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1430 FL(6)=0	,0)	2580 Q=16	3210 FL(8)=1
1440 GOTO 1460	2000 FOR I=13 TO 22	2590 A=7	3220 IF HH=16 THEN 3280
1450 SC=SC-10	2010 Q=Q+1	2600 AA=11	3230 CALL SOUND(5,600,0).
1460 CALL VCHAR(13,16,32,10)	2020 CALL HCHAR(I,Q,136)	2610 GOTO 2630	3240 GOTO 1050
1470 F=17	2030 NEXT I	2620 REM *ALIEN MOVEMENT*	3250 REM
1480 GOTO 2630	2040 IF FL(5)=1 THEN 2050 EL	2630 RANDOMIZE	3260 REM * ENDING *
1490 REM *RIGHT*	SE 2090	2640 ON INT(RND*8)+1 GOTO 26	3270 REM
1500 IF Z<>130 THEN 1630	2050 SC=SC+10	50,2730,2800,2880,2950,3030,	3280 LIVES=LIVES-1
1510 CALL SOUND(50,300,0,200	2060 CALL SOUND(50,-7,0)	3100,3180	3290 CALL HCHAR(12,16,140)
,0)	2070 FL(5)=0	2650 CALL HCHAR(A,AA,32)	3300 FOR V=0 TO 30 STEP 5
1520 CALL HCHAR(12,17,138,11	2080 GOTO 2100	2660 A=A+1	3310 CALL SCREEN(16)
)	2090 SC=SC-10	2670 AA=AA+1	3320 CALL SOUND(-170+VOL,-7,
1530 IF FL(4)=1 THEN 1540 EL	2100 Q=16	2680 CALL HCHAR(A,AA,J(1))	V)
SE 1580	2110 FOR I=13 TO 22	2690 FL(1)=1	3330 CALL SCREEN(2)
1540 SC=SC+10	2120 Q=Q+1	2700 IF A=12 THEN 3280	3340 NEXT V
1550 CALL SOUND(50,-7,0)	2130 CALL HCHAR(I,Q,32)	2710 CALL SOUND(5,500,0)	3350 IF LIVES<1 THEN 3550
1560 FL(4)=0	2140 NEXT I	2720 GOTO 1050	3360 M\$="SHIPS "
1570 GOTO 1590	2150 Q=16	2730 CALL HCHAR(B,BB,32)	3370 ROW=10
1580 SC=SC-10	2160 E=17	2740 B=B+1	3380 COL=12
1590 CALL HCHAR(12,17,32,11)	2170 EE=21	2750 CALL HCHAR(B,BB,J(2))	3390 GOSUB 3720
1600 DD=21	2180 GOTO 2630	2760 FL(2)=1	3400 M\$=STR\$(LIVES)
1610 GOTO 2630	2190 REM *SOUTH-WEST*	2770 IF B=12 THEN 3280	3410 ROW=10
1620 REM *LEFT*	2200 IF Z<>133 THEN 2420	2780 CALL SOUND(5,600,0)	3420 COL=19
1630 IF Z<>134 THEN 1760	2210 CALL SOUND(50,300,0,200	2790 GOTO 1050	3430 GOSUB 3720
1640 CALL SOUND(50,300,0,200	,0)	2800 CALL HCHAR(C,CC,32)	3440 M\$="SCORE "
,0)	2220 FOR I=13 TO 22	2810 C=C+1	3450 ROW=12
1650 CALL HCHAR(12,6,138,10)	2230 Q=Q-1	2820 CC=CC-1	3460 COL=12
1660 IF FL(8)=1 THEN 1670 EL	2240 CALL HCHAR(I,Q,137)	2830 CALL HCHAR(C,CC,J(3))	3470 GOSUB 3720
SE 1710	2250 NEXT I	2840 FL(3)=1	3480 M\$=STR\$(SC)
1670 SC=SC+10	2260 IF FL(7)=1 THEN 2270 EL	2850 IF C=12 THEN 3280	3490 ROW=12
1680 CALL SOUND(50,-7,0)	SE 2310	2860 CALL SOUND(5,500,0)	3500 COL=18
1690 FL(8)=0	2270 SC=SC+10	2870 GOTO 1050	3510 GOSUB 3720
1700 GOTO 1720	2280 CALL SOUND(50,-7,0)	2880 CALL HCHAR(D,DD,32)	3520 FOR D=1 TO 500
1710 SC=SC-10	2290 FL(7)=0	2890 DD=DD-1	3530 NEXT D
1720 CALL HCHAR(12,6,32,10)	2300 GOTO 2320	2900 CALL HCHAR(D,DD,J(4))	3540 GOTO 620
1730 HH=11	2310 SC=SC-10	2910 FL(4)=1	3550 M\$="SCORE "
1740 GOTO 2630	2320 Q=16	2920 IF DD=16 THEN 3280	3560 ROW=12
1750 REM *NORTH-EAST*	2330 FOR I=13 TO 22	2930 CALL SOUND(5,600,0)	3570 COL=12
1760 IF Z<>129 THEN 1980	2340 Q=Q-1	2940 GOTO 1050	3580 GOSUB 3720
1770 CALL SOUND(50,300,0,200	2350 CALL HCHAR(I,Q,32)	2950 CALL HCHAR(E,EE,32)	3590 M\$=STR\$(SC)
,0)	2360 NEXT I	2960 E=E-1	3600 ROW=12
1780 FOR I=11 TO 2 STEP -1	2370 Q=16	2970 EE=EE-1	3610 COL=18
1790 Q=Q+1	2380 G=17	2980 CALL HCHAR(E,EE,J(5))	3620 GOSUB 3720
1800 CALL HCHAR(I,Q,137)	2390 GG=11	2990 FL(5)=1	3630 M\$="ANOTHER GO (Y/N)?
1810 NEXT I	2400 GOTO 2630	3000 IF E=12 THEN 3280	3640 ROW=14
1820 IF FL(3)=1 THEN 1830 EL	2410 REM *NORTH-WEST*	3010 CALL SOUND(5,500,0)	3650 COL=8
SE 1870	2420 CALL SOUND(50,300,0,200	3020 GOTO 1050	3660 GOSUB 3720
1830 SC=SC+10	,0)	3030 CALL HCHAR(F,FF,32)	3670 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
1840 CALL SOUND(50,-7,0)	2430 FOR I=11 TO 2 STEP -1	3040 F=F-1	3680 CALL SOUND(5,(RND*1000)
1850 FL(3)=0	2440 Q=Q-1	3050 CALL HCHAR(F,FF,J(6))	+110,25)
1860 GOTO 1880	2450 CALL HCHAR(I,Q,136)	3060 FL(6)=1	3690 IF S=0 THEN 3670
1870 SC=SC-10	2460 NEXT I	3070 IF F=12 THEN 3280	3700 IF K=89 THEN 430
1880 Q=16	2470 IF FL(1)=1 THEN 2480 EL	3080 CALL SOUND(5,600,0)	3710 IF K<>78 THEN 3670 ELSE
1890 FOR I=11 TO 2 STEP -1	SE 2520	3090 GOTO 1050	3760
1900 Q=Q+1	2480 SC=SC+10	3100 CALL HCHAR(G,GG,32)	3720 FOR I=1 TO LEN(M\$)
1910 CALL HCHAR(I,Q,32)	2490 CALL SOUND(50,-7,0)	3110 G=G-1	3730 CALL HCHAR(ROW,COL+I,AS
1920 NEXT I	2500 FL(1)=0	3120 GG=GG+1	C(SEG\$(M\$,I,1)))
1930 Q=16	2510 GOTO 2530	3130 CALL HCHAR(G,GG,J(7))	3740 NEXT I
1940 C=7	2520 SC=SC-10	3140 FL(7)=1	3750 RETURN
1950 CC=21	2530 Q=16	3150 IF G=12 THEN 3280	3760 CALL CLEAR
1960 GOTO 2630	2540 FOR I=11 TO 2 STEP -1	3160 CALL SOUND(5,500,0)	3770 PRINT "BYE !!!": : : : :
1970 REM *SOUTH-EAST*	2550 Q=Q-1	3170 GOTO 1050	3780 END
1980 IF Z<>131 THEN 2200	2560 CALL HCHAR(I,Q,32)	3180 CALL HCHAR(H,HH,32)	3790 REM
1990 CALL SOUND(50,300,0,200	2570 NEXT I	3190 HH=HH+1	3800 REM * TITLES *
		3200 CALL HCHAR(H,HH,J(8))	3810 REM

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3820 CALL CLEAR
3830 GOSUB 4420
3840 GOSUB 4290
3850 PRINT TAB(4);"SENTINAL
1-RED ALERT": : : : : :
: : : :
3860 GOSUB 4340
3870 FOR I=1 TO 9
3880 CALL SOUND(-200,200,0)
3890 CALL SOUND(-200,180,0)
3900 FOR D=1 TO 50
3910 NEXT D
3920 NEXT I
3930 CALL CLEAR
3940 GOSUB 4290
3950 PRINT " YOU ARE COMMAN
DER OF THE": "BATTLESHIP 'S
ENTINAL 1' AND": "IT IS YOU
R MISSION TO KILL ": :
3960 PRINT "ALL ALIENS IN YO
UR SECTOR ": "OF THE GALAXY
.": " YOU HAVE A FLEET OF
THREE": :
3970 PRINT "SHIPS BUT WHEN I
N BATTLE;": "YOU ONLY HAVE
ENOUGH ENERGY": "TO FIRE YO
UR BLASTER AND ": :
3980 PRINT "ROTATE YOUR SHIP
.": : :
3990 PRINT TAB(8);"HIT ANY K
EY"
4000 GOSUB 4620
4010 GOSUB 4340
4020 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
4030 IF S<1 THEN 4020
4040 CALL CLEAR
4050 GOSUB 4420
4060 GOSUB 4290
4070 PRINT "ALIENS YOU MIGHT
ENCOUNTER": : " - ME
RCATOR": " - LIMPETOID": "
D": " - THE THING": :
4080 PRINT " - STOMPER
": " - TEEGAN": "
- ZOID BEAST": "
- ENERGY BLOB": :
4090 PRINT " - SPACE W
EED": : " HIT ANY KE
Y": :
4100 GOSUB 4620
4110 GOSUB 4340
4120 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
4130 IF S<1 THEN 4120
4140 GOSUB 4420
4150 CALL CLEAR
4160 GOSUB 4290
4170 PRINT TAB(10);"CONTROLS
": : :
4180 PRINT TAB(6);"S - ROTAT
E LEFT": :
4190 PRINT TAB(6);"D - ROTAT
E RIGHT": :
4200 PRINT TAB(6);"L - LIQUI
DATE": : : : : :

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4210 PRINT TAB(8);"HIT ANY K
EY": : : :
4220 GOSUB 4620
4230 GOSUB 4340
4240 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
4250 IF S<1 THEN 4240
4260 GOSUB 4420
4270 GOTO 620
4280 REM * MAKE CHARS DIS *
4290 FOR I=1 TO 12
4300 CALL COLOR(I,1,1)
4310 NEXT I
4320 RETURN
4330 REM * MAKE CHARS APP *
4340 FOR I=1 TO 8
4350 CALL COLOR(I,16,1)
4360 NEXT I
4370 FOR I=9 TO 12
4380 CALL COLOR(I,2,1)
4390 NEXT I
4400 RETURN
4410 REM * BELL *
4420 FOR I=0 TO 30 STEP 5
4430 CALL SOUND(-99,698,I,19
24,I)
4440 NEXT I
4450 RETURN
4460 REM * TITLE *
4470 ROW=11
4480 FOR I=1 TO 15
4490 READ COL,HEX
4500 CALL HCHAR(ROW,COL,HEX)
4510 NEXT I
4520 IF ROW=11 THEN 4530 ELS
E 4550
4530 ROW=12
4540 GOTO 4480
4550 RESTORE 4570
4560 RETURN
4570 DATA 8,96,9,97,10,100,1
1,101,12,104,13,105,14,108
4580 DATA 15,109,16,111,17,1
04,18,105,19,113,20,114,21,1
17,24,120
4590 DATA 8,98,9,99,10,102,1
1,103,12,106,13,107,14,110
4600 DATA 16,112,17,106,18,1
07,19,115,20,116,21,118,22,1
19,24,121
4610 REM * BOARDER *
4620 CALL HCHAR(1,1,127,32)
4630 CALL HCHAR(24,1,127,32)
4640 CALL VCHAR(2,1,127,22)
4650 CALL VCHAR(2,32,127,22)
4660 RETURN

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* GORILLA ***** Andrew Lord *

Extended Basic

The object of the game is to climb the platforms and rescue the girl before the gorilla gets to her.

You begin on the bottom platform where a lever will appear at a random position. You must then pull the lever which will cause a ladder to appear, again at a random position. Walk over to the ladder and you will climb automatically up to the next platform, where another lever will appear at a random position. You must do this on four levels; when you reach the top level you must hurry past the gorilla and reach the girl.

Bonus points are awarded for collecting the umbrella and handbag which are placed on platforms two and four.

The gorilla is constantly dropping rocks down at you. If you are hit by one of the rocks you lose one of your three lives. You will also lose a life if the gorilla reaches the girl before you do.

The next screen is harder, as the girl is placed nearer the gorilla, giving you less time to reach her. If you lose a life a gravestone will be displayed at the position you were killed. If you lose all your lives, your 'spirit' will float away from your gravestone!

At the end of the game your score will be displayed, along with the level that you reached, and you will be asked if you wish to play again.

Controls:-

'S' = LEFT
'D' = RIGHT
'P' = PAUSE

Scoring:-

Reaching a lever	25 points
Climbing ladder	50 points
Taking umbrella	100 points
Taking bag	100 points
Saving girl	500 points

GORILLA

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100 REM *****
110 REM ****GORILLA****
120 REM ** BY A.LORD **
130 REM *** 17/4/85 ***
140 REM *****
150 CALL CLEAR :: CALL CHAR(
88,"FFFFFFFFFFFFFFF"):: CAL
L CHAR(46,"00000000F0F0F0F
):: CALL COLOR(8,7,8,2,7,8)
160 DISPLAY AT(1,2):" XXX X
XX XXX X X X XXX"
170 DISPLAY AT(2,2):" X X X
X X X X X X X X"
180 DISPLAY AT(3,2):" X. X
X XXX X X X XXX"
190 DISPLAY AT(4,2):" X X X
X XX X X X X X"
200 DISPLAY AT(5,2):" XXX X
XX X X X XXX XXX X X"
210 DISPLAY AT(13,1):"
BY ANDREW LORD"
220 CALL CHAR(100,"003048808
0838F9FFF7F7F7DFEFE7E700003
07CF4FEF6FAFCF8D89C0C008080"
)
230 CALL MAGNIFY(4):: CALL S
PRITE(#1,100,7,120,117)
240 CALL SOUND(100,392,0)
250 CALL SOUND(100,392,0)
260 CALL SOUND(200,392,0)
270 CALL SOUND(200,392,0)
280 CALL SOUND(100,392,0)
290 CALL SOUND(100,440,0)
300 CALL SOUND(100,494,0)
310 CALL SOUND(100,523,0)
320 CALL SOUND(200,587,0)
330 CALL SOUND(200,587,0)
340 CALL SOUND(200,587,0)
350 CALL SOUND(500,494,0)
360 DISPLAY AT(23,1):" PR
ESS ANY KEY TO BEGIN"
370 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S=0
THEN 370
380 CALL DELSPRITE(#1)
390 CALL CLEAR
400 LIVE=3 :: L=1
410 RANDOMIZE
420 CALL MAGNIFY(4)
430 CALL CLEAR
440 CALL SCREEN(2)
450 CALL COLOR(8,9,2)
460 CALL CHAR(90,"00000000FF
A5FF")
470 CALL SOUND(330,880,0)::
CALL HCHAR(6,1,90,32)
480 CALL SOUND(330,988,0)::
CALL HCHAR(10,1,90,32)
490 CALL SOUND(330,784,0)::
CALL HCHAR(14,1,90,32)
500 CALL SOUND(330,392,0)::
CALL HCHAR(18,1,90,32)
510 CALL SOUND(990,587,0)::
CALL HCHAR(22,1,90,32)

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520 REM ** DEFINE CHARS**
530 CALL CHAR(80,"1824D4C4AA
5A6C300000000000000000000000
0000000000000000000000000000"
)
540 CALL CHAR(120,"000000000
002020404080810107CFEFE")
550 CALL CHAR(122,"000000000
0000000000000000000000000000"
)
560 CALL CHAR(32,"0000000001
070F1F1F3F000000000201000000
00C0F0F8FCFCFE808080808000")
570 CALL CHAR(128,"0F1C3D3C3
C3D3F3E3E3E3F3C3D3C3D3DE0707
878F878F8F8F8F8F87878F8F8F"
)
580 CALL CHAR(36,"0F1020203F
797F7F3F00000000000000008040
40C0E0E0E0C0")
590 CALL CHAR(122,"000000000
000000000000000000000000")
600 CALL CHAR(125,"000000000
000000000000000000000000")
610 CALL CHAR(116,"083F08080
83F0808083F0808083F080810FC1
01010FC101010FC101010FC1010"
)
620 CALL CHAR(68,"0107020603
030207")
630 CALL CHAR(69,"0707070303
070E04")
640 CALL CHAR(70,"E0E0F03070
E03018")
650 CALL CHAR(71,"881838F8F0
703870")
660 CALL CHAR(76,"0107020603
030207")
670 CALL CHAR(77,"0707070301
000001")
680 CALL CHAR(78,"E0E0F03070
E03018")
690 CALL CHAR(79,"881838F8F0
E0E0E0")
700 CALL CHAR(60,"004063333F
1F1F0F0F070F0F1F1F0406000000
80008090E08080C0C0E0E080C0")
710 CALL CHAR(104,"011311090
7030301030707070707070280C8B
890E0C0C080C0E0E0E0E0E0E040"
)
720 CALL CHAR(108,"07070F0C0
E070C1811181C1F0F07070780E04
060C0C040E0E0E0C080000080"
)
730 CALL CHAR(112,"07070F0C0
E070C1811181C1F0F0E1C0E80E04
060C0C040E0E0E0C0C0E07020"
)
740 V=214
750 REM ** SPRITES **
760 CALL SPRITE(#1,100,7,12,
10,0,1):: CALL DELSPRITE(#2)
770 T=141
780 CALL SPRITE(#10,104,16,1

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3,V,0,0)
790 CALL SPRITE(#13,33,14,11
0,9)
800 CALL SPRITE(#14,37,12,58
,200)
810 CALL SPRITE(#3,108,5,141
,10,0,6)
820 CALL SPRITE(#6,120,4,T,(
INT(RND*244)+1))
830 CALL POSITION(#1,A,B)::
CALL SPRITE(#20,80,15,A+17,B
+20,10,0)
840 REM **KEY INPUT**
850 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S=0
THEN CALL MOTION(#3,0,0)::
GOTO 910
860 IF K=ASC("S")THEN CALL P
ATTEN(#3,70):: CALL MOTION(
#3,0,-8):: CALL SOUND(10,110
,3):: CALL PATTERN(#3,77)
870 IF K=ASC("D")THEN CALL P
ATTEN(#3,112):: CALL MOTION
(#3,0,8):: CALL SOUND(10,110
,3):: CALL PATTERN(#3,108)
880 IF K=ASC("P")THEN 1500
890 CALL POSITION(#3,X,Y)::
IF Y<12 THEN CALL MOTION(#3,
0,8)
900 IF Y>242 THEN CALL MOTIO
N(#3,0,-8)
910 CALL COINC(ALL,C):: IF C
=-1 THEN 1000
920 SD=SD+1 :: IF SD=23 THEN
SD=20
930 CALL POSITION(#20,N,M)::
IF N>143 THEN GOTO 830
940 GOTO 840
950 CALL COLOR(#3,16)
960 CALL MOTION(#3,0,0,#1,0,
0,#20,0,0):: CALL SOUND(1000
,3000,0,3190,0):: CALL PATTE
RN(#3,128):: LIVE=LIVE-1 ::
IF LIVE=0 THEN 1350
970 FOR DEL=1 TO 1000 :: NEX
T DEL
980 GOTO 760
990 REM **COINCS**
1000 CALL COINC(#1,#10,20,C)
:: IF C=-1 THEN 950
1010 CALL COINC(#3,#20,16,C)
:: IF C=-1 THEN 1300
1020 CALL COINC(#3,#6,14,C):
: IF C=-1 THEN 1160
1030 CALL COINC(#3,#2,12,C):
: IF C=-1 THEN 1080
1040 CALL COINC(#3,#10,25,C)
:: IF C=-1 THEN 1200
1050 CALL COINC(#3,#13,15,C)
:: IF C=-1 THEN 1550
1060 CALL COINC(#3,#14,15,C)
:: IF C=-1 THEN 1590
1070 GOTO 840
1080 SCORE=SCORE+50 :: CALL
POSITION(#3,X,Y)

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1090 CALL SOUND(1500,1500,0,
1600,0)
1100 CALL MOTION(#3,0,0)
1110 FOR I=1 TO 32
1120 X=X-1 :: IF X<10 THEN X
=13
1130 CALL LOCATE(#3,X,Y):: N
EXT I
1140 T=T-32
1150 GOTO 820
1160 CALL MOTION(#3,0,0):: S
CORE=SCORE+25 :: CALL PATER
N(#6,124)
1170 IF T<45 THEN 850
1180 CALL SPRITE(#2,116,11,T
,(INT(RND*235)+1))
1190 CALL DELSPRITE(#6):: CA
LL SOUND(50,440,0,550,0):: G
OTO 840
1200 SCORE=SCORE+500 :: CALL
MOTION(#1,0,0,#3,0,0,#20,0,
0)
1210 FOR I=0 TO 30 STEP 2
1220 CALL SOUND(-10,110,15,1
10,15,220,15)
1230 CALL SOUND(-100,110,I,1
10,I,220,I)
1240 CALL SOUND(-100,110,I,2
20,I,330,I)
1250 CALL SOUND(-100,220,I,2
20,I,110,I)
1260 CALL SOUND(-100,110,I,1
10,I,220,I)
1270 NEXT I
1280 V=V-9 :: L=L+1 :: IF L=
6 THEN CALL SOUND(200,1000,0
,3250,0,6750,0):: LIVE=LIVE+
1
1290 GOTO 760
1300 CALL MOTION(#20,0,0,#1,
0,0,#3,0,0)
1310 CALL DELSPRITE(#20,#6,#
2):: CALL PATTERN(#3,128)::
CALL COLOR(#3,16)
1320 LIVE=LIVE-1 :: IF LIVE=
0 THEN 1350 :: CALL SOUND(30
00,-8,0)
1330 REM ** END OF GAME **
1340 FOR DEL=1 TO 1100 :: NE
XT DEL :: GOTO 760
1350 CALL POSITION(#3,AB,CD)
:: IF AB<69 THEN CALL SPRITE
(#15,60,16,AB,CD,10,5)
1360 IF AB>69 THEN CALL SPRI
TE(#15,60,16,AB,CD,-10,5)
1370 CALL POSITION(#15,S,D):
: IF S<10 THEN CALL DELSPRI
TE(#15):: GOTO 1400
1380 IF S>180 THEN CALL DELS
PRITE(#15):: GOTO 1400
1390 GOTO 1370
1400 CALL CLEAR :: CALL DELS
PRITE(ALL)

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1410 CALL SCREEN(8):: CALL C
HARSET :: DISPLAY AT(10,1):"
YOU HAVE BEEN TOTALLY KILLED
"
1420 DISPLAY AT(12,1):"YOU S
CORED A TOTAL OF";SCORE
1430 DISPLAY AT(14,12):"PDIN
TS"
1440 DISPLAY AT(16,3):"YOU R
EACHED LEVEL : ";L
1450 DISPLAY AT(20,1):"DO YO
U WANT TO PLAY AGAIN?" :: DI
SPLAY AT(22,13):"(Y/N)"
1460 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S=
0 THEN 1460
1470 IF K=ASC("Y")THEN CALL
CLEAR :: GOTO 400
1480 IF K=ASC("N")THEN CALL
CLEAR :: STOP
1490 GOTO 1460
1500 CALL MOTION(#1,0,0,#3,0
,0,#20,0,0)
1510 FOR DEL=1 TO 120 :: NEX
T DEL
1520 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S=
0 THEN 1520
1530 CALL MOTION(#1,0,1,#20,
10,0)
1540 GOTO 840
1550 CALL MOTION(#3,0,0):: C
ALL DELSPRITE(#13)
1560 FOR S=0 TO 30 STEP 10 :
: CALL SOUND(200,400,S):: NE
XT S
1570 SCORE=SCORE+100
1580 GOTO 840
1590 CALL MOTION(#3,0,0):: C
ALL DELSPRITE(#14)
1600 FOR S=0 TO 30 STEP 10 :
: CALL SOUND(200,400,S):: NE
XT S
1610 SCORE=SCORE+100
1620 GOTO 840

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* PAPER SAVER ***** M.Rajyaguru *
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Extended Basic
32k RAM Exp
Disk System
RS232
Printer

This is what Mr Rajyaguru has to say about his useful utility:-

"The program was written for the purpose of listing programs and saving paper, as I am a serious programmer who finds it useful to stop the wasting of paper.

I came across the idea from my tutor at school who had a similar program for the 380Z in RML Basic.

The program is written for the Memory Expansion, but can be made to run without it, although this obviously prevents it from holding as much. With the expanded system it will hold about 295 lines. At present I am trying to change it so that it can handle any program size, this will be slower, but it will access more - it will also let you paginate, allowing you to have more page numbers.

Once the program has been typed in the following will be requested by the computer:-

'LOG DRIVE(1-3)?'

Here the drive number is entered.

'FILENAME?'- (10 chars max)

Here the name of the file to be listed is entered. After this you will have to wait until the program has been loaded.

'DEVICE NAME?'

The name of the output port is entered here.

'DATE?'- (11 chars max)

The date is entered here, if ENTER is pressed then no date will appear with the title.

Once all these have been entered, you may wish to go back to re-enter certain data. You can do this by pressing 'FCTN/E', this will allow the cursor to go up one line.

If you wish to stop the printing, then by pressing 'FCTN/4' you will have the option of closing the file or carrying on."

N.B. THE PROGRAM THAT YOU WANT TO LIST WITH 'PAPER SAVER' MUST PREVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN 'LISTED' TO DISK, e.g.:

'LIST "DSK1.INVADERS"'

PAPER SAVER

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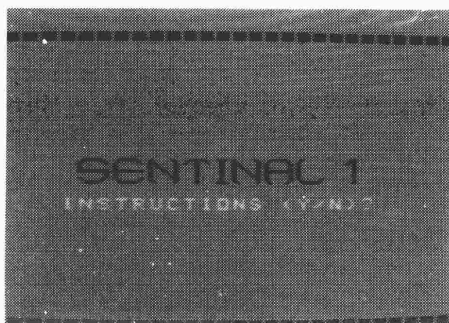
10 ON ERROR 900
20 ON BREAK NEXT
30 CALL KEY(3,K,S)
40 REM LISTER(SAVES PAPER)
50 REM
60 REM CREATED BY
   M. RAJYAGURU
70 REM
80 REM  VARIABLE LIST
90 REM
100 DIM LINE$(1000)
110 LET HLINEL=1
120 LET HLINER=0
130 LET DDRIVE$="1"
140 LET ARRAYLOC=-1
150 LET PRINT$=""
160 LET AUX$=""
170 REM
180 REM  DISPLAY
190 REM
200 CALL CLEAR
210 DISPLAY AT(1,10):"PAPER
SAVER"
220 DISPLAY AT(2,9):"-----
-----"
230 DISPLAY AT(4,1):"LOG DRI
VE(1-3)? "&DDRIVE$
240 ACCEPT AT(4,17)BEEP SIZE
(-1)VALIDATE("123"):DDRIVE$
250 IF DDRIVE$="" THEN LET D
DRIVE$="1" :: GOTO 230
260 DISPLAY AT(6,1):"FILENAM
E ? "
270 ACCEPT AT(6,12)BEEP SIZE
(-10)VALIDATE(UALPHA,DIGIT,"
,"):FILENAME$
280 REM LOAD DATA INTO
   MEMORY

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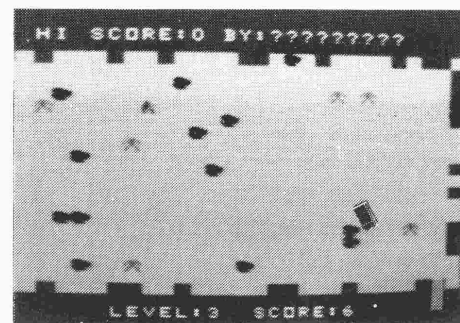
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290 REM
300 OPEN #1:"DSK"&DDRIVE$&".
"&FILENAME$,INPUT
310 LET ARRAYLOC=ARRAYLOC+1
320 IF EOF(1)<>0 THEN 410
330 LINUT #1:LINE$(ARRAYLOC
)
340 IF LINE$(ARRAYLOC)="" TH
EN 400
350 LET POSS=POS(LINE$(ARRAY
LOC)," ",1)
360 IF POSS>=6 OR POSS=0 OR
POSS=1 THEN 380
370 IF SEG$(LINE$(ARRAYLOC),
POSS-1,1)>="0" AND SEG$(LINE
$(ARRAYLOC),POSS-1,1)<="9" T
HEN 310
380 LET ARRAYLOC=ARRAYLOC-1
390 LET LINE$(ARRAYLOC)=LINE
$(ARRAYLOC)&LINE$(ARRAYLOC+1
)
400 GOTO 310
410 CLOSE #1
420 REM
430 REM PRINT LINE$ ON PARER
440 REM
450 DISPLAY AT(8,1):"DEVICE
NAME? "
460 ACCEPT AT(9,1)BEEP SIZE(
-28):DEVNAME$ :: CALL KEY(0,
K,S):: IF K=11 THEN ARRAYLOC
=-1 :: GOTO 270
470 DISPLAY AT(11,1):"DATE?"
480 ACCEPT AT(11,7)SIZE(11):
DATE$ :: CALL KEY(0,K,S):: I
F K=11 THEN 460
490 OPEN #1:DEVNAME$&".EC.LF
",VARIABLE 132
500 LET T=20-INT(LEN(FILENAM
E$&" "&DATE$)/2)
510 PRINT #1:CHR$(27);"-";CH
R$(1);CHR$(14);TAB(T);FILENA
ME$&" "&DATE$;CHR$(27);"-";C
HR$(0)
520 REM USE CONDENSED
CHARECTER SET
530 PRINT #1:CHR$(15)
540 LET HLINER=INT(ARRAYLOC/
2)+1
550 LET LEN_LEFT=LEN(LINE$(H
LINER))
560 LET LEN_RIGHT=LEN(LINE$(
HLINER))
570 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
580 IF S=0 THEN 600
590 IF K=2 THEN CALL ST_BREA
K
600 IF LEN(LINE$(HLINER))<=6
5 AND LEN(LINE$(HLINER))<=65
THEN 700
610 IF LEN(LINE$(HLINER))>=6
5 AND LEN(LINE$(HLINER))>=65
THEN 750
620 IF LEN(LINE$(HLINER))<=6
5 AND LEN(LINE$(HLINER))>=65
THEN 800
630 IF LEN(LINE$(HLINER))>=6
5 AND LEN(LINE$(HLINER))<=65
THEN 850
640 IF HLINER>=INT(ARRAYLOC/
2)AND LINE$(HLINER)<>"" THEN
680 ELSE IF HLINER<=INT(ARR
AYLOC/2)THEN 550
650 PRINT #1:CHR$(18)
660 CLOSE #1
670 STOP
680 LET LINE$(HLINER)=""
690 GOTO 550
700 REM IF THEY ARE BOTH UND
ER 70 CHARS.
710 PRINT #1:CHR$(10);TAB(0)
;LINE$(HLINER);TAB(68);LINE$
(HLINER)
720 LET HLINER=HLINER+1
730 LET HLINER=HLINER+1
740 GOTO 640
750 REM IF BOTH BIGGER THEN
70 CHARS
760 PRINT #1:CHR$(10);TAB(0)
;SEG$(LINE$(HLINER),1,65);TA
B(68);SEG$(LINE$(HLINER),1,6
5)
770 LET LINE$(HLINER)=" "&S
EG$(LINE$(HLINER),66,LEN_LEF
T-65)
780 LET LINE$(HLINER)=" "&S
EG$(LINE$(HLINER),66,LEN_RIG
HT-65)
790 GOTO 640
800 REM IF DIFFRENT SIZES
810 PRINT #1:CHR$(10);TAB(0)
;LINE$(HLINER);TAB(68);SEG$(
LINE$(HLINER),1,65)
820 LET LINE$(HLINER)=" "&S
EG$(LINE$(HLINER),66,LEN_RIG
HT-65)
830 LET HLINER=HLINER+1
840 GOTO 640
850 REM X>60 Y<60
860 PRINT #1:CHR$(10);TAB(0)
;SEG$(LINE$(HLINER),1,65);TA
B(68);LINE$(HLINER)
870 LET LINE$(HLINER)=" "&S
EG$(LINE$(HLINER),66,LEN_LEF
T-65)
880 LET HLINER=HLINER+1
890 GOTO 640
900 REM ERROR HANDLING
910 CALL ERR(ERR_C,ERR_T,ERR
_S,LN)
920 IF ERR_C<>130 THEN STOP
930 IF LN<>300 THEN 960
940 ON ERROR 900
950 PRINT LN :: RETURN 260
960 ON ERROR 900
970 CALL ST_BREAK
980 RETURN NEXT
990 SUB ST_BREAK
1000 DISPLAY AT(23,1):"
LIST BREAK"
1010 DISPLAY AT(24,1):" S=RE
START C=CLOSE & STOP"
1020 LET LOOP=LOOP+1
1030 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
1040 IF S=0 THEN 1090
1050 IF K=83 THEN 1210
1060 IF K<>67 THEN 1090
1070 PRINT #1:CHR$(18)
1080 CLOSE #1 :: STOP
1090 IF LOOP<=15 THEN 1020
1100 DISPLAY AT(23,1):""""
1110 LET LOOP2=LOOP2+1
1120 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
1130 IF S=0 THEN 1180
1140 IF K=83 THEN 1210
1150 IF K<>67 THEN 1180
1160 PRINT #1:CHR$(18)
1170 CLOSE #1 :: STOP
1180 IF LOOP2<=5 THEN 1110
1190 LET LOOP,LOOP2=0
1200 GOTO 1000
1210 DISPLAY AT(23,1):""""
1220 SUBEND

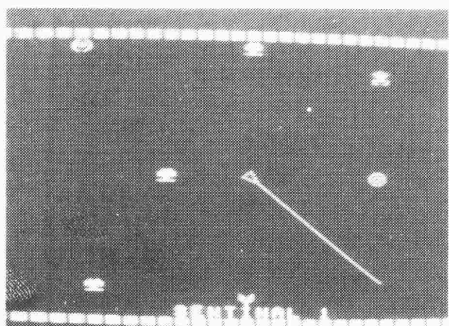
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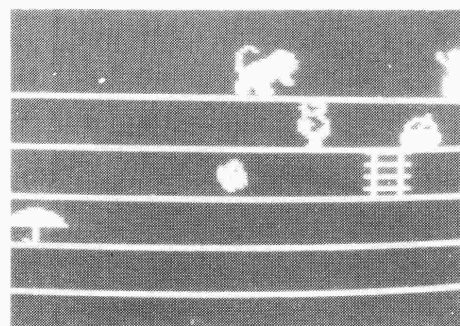
SENTINAL 1



ZOMBIES



SENTINAL 2



GORILLA

BRIGHT SPARKS



Well, we promised you cleverdicks some more Assembly meat to chew on, and thanks go to Graham Marshall for this article.

By the end of this tutorial you will be able to define, move, magnify and detect coincidences between sprites using the Minimemory and Line-by-Line Assembler.

Defining sprites in Assembly Language is completely different from doing so in Extended Basic. Instead of the single command 'CALL SPRITE', many commands are required to load the information into a set of tables. These tables are only memory locations where the computer expects to find information about sprites. There is a table for the sprite attributes, one for patterns, and one for motion.

To define patterns, the appropriate values must be placed in the sprite pattern table. This table starts at address >0400, the character starting there is given the character number 128 (>80); since each character takes up 8 bytes these are the memory locations:-

>0400 to >0407	for character	>80	(128)
>0408 to >040F	"	"	>81 (129)
>0410 to >0417	"	"	>82 (130)
>0418 to >041F	"	"	>83 (131)

The character codes are worked out in the same way as in the BASIC 'CALL CHAR' statement. They are moved to the sprite pattern table in the VDP ram using a routine called VMBW (Video Multiple Byte Write). The following program segment will do this:-

LI R0,>0400 - for VMBW routine, R0 must contain the VDP ram address where we want to start writing (in this case >0400 for character >80)

LI R1,CH - in the VMBW routine R1 must contain the Label (like line no.) where the data to be written starts.

LI R2,32 - R3 must contain the number of bytes we want written into the VDP ram (in this case 32 bytes for 4 characters)

BLWP @>6028 - this command uses the VMBW routine to write the data into the VDP ram - the VMBW routine is located at address >6028

CH DATA >FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,
>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,
>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,
>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF

To display the sprite on the screen, the location, pattern number, and colour must be entered into the sprite attribute table. This table starts at address >0300, each sprite taking up 4 bytes.

e.g. to display sprite #1 at point >7F,>5F (127,96) with character number >80 (128) and colour black (1), the following addresses must contain the following values:-

>0300 must contain >5F (y-location)
 >0301 >7F (x-location)
 >0302 >80 (character no.)
 >0303 >01 (colour: values
 in assembly are
 1 less than in
 Basic)
 >0304 >D0 (If no other
 sprites, D0 will
 cancel them. If
 other sprites
 are used it will
 contain the 1st
 value of sprite
 #2 attributes,
 its y-location.)

The next program segment will
 display sprite #1 at location (>7F,5F),
 coloured black, with a character number
 >80.

LI R0,>0300 - R0 contains the
 address in VDP ram
 to be written to

 LI R1,AT - R1 contains the
 label where the data
 to be written starts

 LI R2,5 - 5 bytes to be write

 BLWP @>6028 - this statement uses
 the VMBW routine to
 write the data into
 the VDP ram, the
 VMBW routine is
 located at >6028

 AT DATA >5F7F,>8001,>D000
 - this statement has
 the data to be
 written in the order
 it must be written

To magnify sprites there are two
 bits in a special register called a VDP
 write only register, and the two
 magnification bits are in VDP R1. There
 are 8 of these registers, which control
 various aspects of the screen display.
 To change the magnification, the last
 two bits of VDP R1 must be changed
 to:-

00 for unmagnified sprites/1 character
 01 magnified sprites/1 character
 10 unmagnified sprites/4 character
 11 magnified sprites/4 character

The VDP register consists of 1
 byte, to change the magnification only
 the last two bits of VDP R1 must be
 changed - if any other bits are changed
 then the program may crash. So to
 change it either >E0,>E1,>E2, or E3
 must be entered into VDP R1. The
 default is >E0, giving 1 character
 unmagnified sprites. There is a routine
 to change the VDP registers, it is
 called VWTR (Video Write To Register)
 Address >83D4 must contain the value in
 VDP R1, since every time a key is
 pressed the value in this address is
 transferred to VDP R1 - therefore if it
 is not changed, the sprites will become
 1 character and unmagnified if a key is
 pressed. The next program segment will
 make the sprites 4 characters and
 magnified.

LI R0,>01E3 - For VWTR routine
 the left byte of R0
 must contain the
 number of the VDP
 register to be
 written into, the
 right byte must
 contain the value
 to be written (>E3
 gives enlarged
 magnified sprites)

BLWP @>6034 - the VWTR is at
 address >6034

LI R0,>E300

MOVB R0,@>83D4 - moves the left byte
 of R0 into CPU ram
 address >83D4

Sprite motion is slightly more
 difficult, since three things must be
 done. Firstly the values for the sprite
 velocity must be entered into the
 sprite motion table. This table starts
 at address >0780 - each sprite takes up
 four bytes in the motion table, one for
 y-velocity, one for x-velocity. Since
 the computer uses the last two they can
 be forgotten about.

Positive velocities range from:

>00 to >7F or 0 to 127

Negative velocities range from:

>FF to >80 or -1 to -128

e.g. to give sprite velocity of (6,-1) the sprite motion table must contain the following values:

>0780 must contain >FF (y-velocity)
 >0781 must contain >06 (x-velocity)
 >0782 and >0783 must be left alone
 >0784 to >0787 used for #2, etc.

Secondly, the number of sprites moving must be put into location >837A so if sprites #1 and #2 are moving the address must contain 2, if only sprite #32 is moving the address must contain 32 (>20)

Lastly, to move the sprites you must enable interrupts to let the sprites move, and disable them to let the rest of the program run. It is not important to understand this, but only to know how to do it. This next program segment will set the sprite in motion:-

```

LI R0,>0780  - The address in VDP
               ram to be written
               into

LI R1,VE      - The label where the
               value for velocity
               is kept

LI R2,2       - The number of bytes
               to be written

BLWP @>6028   - The address of VMBW

LI R0,>0100   - Sprite #1 to be set
               in motion

MOVB R0,@>837A- loads no. of sprites
               to move in >837A

LO LIM1 2     - enables interrupts

LIM1 0        - disables interrupts

JMP LO        - repeats by jumping
               to LO

VE DATA >FF06 - the values for the
               sprite velocity
               (6,-1)
  
```

Here is the complete program for you to type in and run, you may experiment by changing the patterns, locations, magnification and velocities to get practice at using sprites. To run the program use EASYBUG and type

'E7D00' to execute.

```

LI R0,>0400  )
LI R1,CH     )_____ define
LI R2,32     )_____ pattern
BLWP @>6028  )

LI R0,>0300  )
LI R1,AT     )_____ set
LI R2,5      )_____ attributes
BLWP @>6028  )

LI R0,>01E3   )
BLWP @>6034   )_____ magnify and
LI R0,>E300   )_____ enlarge sprite
MOVB R0,@>83D4 )

LI R0,>0780   )
LI R1,VE     )
LI R2,2      )
BLWP @>6028   )
               )_____ set and
LI R0,>0100   )_____ keep in motion
MOVB R0,@>837A )
               )
LO LIM1 2     )
LIM1 0        )
JMP LO        )

CH DATA >FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,
        >FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,
        >FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,
        >FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF,>FFFF

AT DATA >5F7F,>8001,>D000
VE DATA >FF06
  
```

All of the data statements are at the end of the program, since if the program were to run through them it would crash.

I have not enough space to explain in detail coincidence detecting, so here is a small routine which will jump (for example) to a line starting with a label 'CO' if a coincidence between 2 or more sprites occurs. 'CO' can be changed to a memory location to save memory:

```

MOVB @>837B,R0
ANDI R0,>2000
CI R0,0
JNE CO
  
```

Hopefully now you will be able to write your own assembly language using sprites.

T.I.TBITS

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Here's a few of contributions from readers who enjoy dabbling with their computers, and have come up with more TItbits for us all to share.

Dear Sir,

I hope you can find space in your mag for my 'one-liner' in Extended Basic. Type in lines 100,200 (yes I know that's two lines but we don't count REMs do we?!), then LIST the program before RUNning it. I know this is only a 'one-liner', but plenty of midnight oil was burnt writing it. As the seeds are RAND and not RANDOMIZE, the sequences are predictable, and I was able to watch and alter it so that it ran at its best, so when you have LISTed it and RUN it give it a couple of minutes to get in its best mood.

```
100 S=INT(RND)+1 :: CALL
SCREEN(S+3):: CALL COLOR(S,S
+3,S+3):: X=INT(RND3)+33
:: CALL HCHAR(S,S,X+3,X-7)::
CALL VCHAR(S,S,X+S-8):: FOR
D=1 TO 100+X :: NEXT D :: G
OTO 100
200 ! COLOR
      AND          eee: e:
      CONTRAST     e:: e:
      BY           e:  e:
      LEN REEVES   e:  e:
```

I have also included here another near 'one-liner' that puts a spider in the back of the monitor. Once again, let it run a few seconds.

```
90 !*****
      PET SPIDER
      *****
100 CALL CLEAR :: PRINT "* R
EADY *" :: CALL CHAR(52,"005
4387C38440000",48,"001038383
```

```
80000000"):: DEF RND15=INT(RN
D-5):: CALL SPRITE(#1,52,
2,100,100)
110 QQ=RND :: LL=RND15 ::
CALL MOTION(#1,QQ,LL):: FOR
I=48 TO 52 STEP 4 :: CALL P
ATTERN(#1,I):: FOR D=1 TO 10
:: NEXT D :: NEXT I :: GOTO
110
```

Yours faithfully,

Len Reeves

ED's note:

make sure they type these routines in accurately (you will need to re-enter some lines in edit mode to get the whole line in). The first routine is subtle - you may be tempted to think 'so what?', but spare a minute - watch how colours are affected by being set against other colours. Good 'un, Len.

That Stephen Meadows bloke has been at it again - read what he has to say about Control codes:-

Dear Sir,

- reading the Texas manuals reveals that control keys are used to access telecommunications devices. If so, what have I found? In Extended Basic, pressing the CTRL key and other keys, keywords (similar to Sin Klair's machines, but not as convenient(?)) are available. Using NUM or after a line number, pressing the appropriate key results in the cursor moving forward a space. Press ENTER, then take a look at the line. A keyword has appeared! Here is a list of those I have found (In QWERTY format).

```
1 - TO
2 - STEP
3 - ,
4 - ;
5 - :
6 - )
7 - (
8 - OPTION (type BASE 0/1 after)
9 - OPEN
```

```

0 - THEN
= - CALL
* Q - UNTRACE
W - READ
E - GO
R - INPUT
* T - RESTORE
Y - DELETE
* U - RANDOMIZE
I - DEF
* O - UNBREAK
* P - TRACE
/ - AND
A - ELSE
S - DATA (works with short strings
           of data after)

D - IF
F - GOTO
G - GOSUB
* H - RETURN
J - DIM
K - END
L - FOR
; - PRINT (will print data as nos.
           or in inverted commas,
           but not string, eg A$)

Z - REM
* X - STOP
C - !
V - NEXT
B - ::
* N - BREAK
M - LET
, - 02 "+
. - ON (break,warning,error
       not line nos.)

```

* These words can be used direct, without extra editing, etc. Those with notes will work with some additions, but with limitations, eg. ON, which will take BREAK NEXT, ERROR, and WARNING, but will not accept ON X GOTO n,n,n! Other words can be entered, but not added onto until editing (I hope you understand all this!) when the extra parts can be added on. DATA (CTRL/S) can only take a few items directly, but when edited the full line can be used.

Also FCTN works!

Try FCTN 0 after line no. - XOR

```

FCTN /           - OR
FCTN Q          - ^
FCTN ;          - NOT

```

I'll leave this subject in case I get confused myself - if you want to investigate further, I'll leave it to you -

and more from meddling Meadows:

- while experimenting with my TI I found a useful method of erasing a program during its execution. It could be used in passwords and secret programs, or just to clear the memory without typing NEW. In Extended Basic it runs:

```

1000 ON ERROR 1003
1001 RUN ""
1003 CALL CLEAR

```

Someone might find it useful.

This produces a reasonably authentic series of chimes:

```

100 FOR T=1 TO 6
110 FOR I=0 TO 29
120 CALL SOUND(-1,444,I,110,
I,140,I,-1,I+1)
130 NEXT I
140 NEXT T

```

Here's an alternative to the inaccurate CALL COINCidence statement. Try CALL PEEKing (-31877,X) in EB. If any two sprites have coincided, then 188 is returned in X, else 156 is given. This is the same as the ALL part of the COINC subprogram, but returns different values (normally 0 or -1).

Thankyou Stephen, we look forward to your next volume.

Richard Speed asks:

- ever got bored with the INPUT tone? Yes? Well simply precede the INPUT with a CALL SOUND(-dur,tone,etc). The minimum duration appears to be around -70, you could always have a silent INPUT by setting the volume to 30. Useful!

Lastly, here are a couple of enhancements to existing programs, as suggested by Richard Owen.

MLIST/RPT - TI Mailing List

```

1141 IF SEG$(DEV$,I,3)="PIO" THEN 1170

```

SORCERORS CASTLE - Apex Software

```

530 VC$="NSEWUDTI"
550 ON X+1 GOTO 1580,560,560,560,560,560,56

```

```

0,560,820,2670
860 FOR I=1 TO 6
890 PRINT "you can only carry six
bjects - leave one behind": :
1040 for I=1 to 3
1140 for I=1 TO RMN
1150 B(I,1)=0
1160 B(I,2)=0
1210 B(I,3)=0
1220 NEXT I
1221 OB(1)=0
1222 OB(2)=0
1223 OB(3)=0
1224 VL=0

```

```

1230 GOTO 320
1580 PRINT "use N S E W U D I or T plea
se": :
1640 DATA N (north) S (south) E (east)W
(west) U (up) D (down)T (take) I
(index)
2670 PRINT "1. ";A$(OB(1)):"2. ";A$(OB
(2)):"3 ";A$(OB(3)):"4. ";A$(OB(4)):"5.
";A$(OB(5)):"6 ";A$(OB(6))
2680 GOTO 510

```

That just about wraps it up for this issue, keep them coming!

BUGBUSTERS

Dear BUGBUSTERS,

There appears to be a problem with the DRAGON program on GAMESWRITER PACK 1. On running from the dragon, it printed "YOU DROP..." and BAD VALUE IN 6010.

Also if you hit the wall on right-hand side * BAD SUBSCRIPT IN 960.

Can you help?

D. Swingler

(We welcome comments, Ed)

Dear BUGBUSTERS,

LUNAR RESCUE on page 15 - I get BAD VALUE on line 750, and DATA ERROR on line 910. Being very much a 'new girl' I do not know how to get over this so please HELP!! BEAGLE HIKE page 20 due to bad printing lines 100 to 380 are unreadable, so again can you help!!

(Keep up the good work, TI Users need you)

Mrs P.J.Bascombe

(We don't think any other reports of these LUNAR RESCUE bugs have been reported, so check and double check the whole listing Patricia; as for BEAGLE HIKE, here are the offending lines.)

BEAGLE HIKE

Dear BUGBUSTERS,

GAMESWRITER PACK 2

1. DICERACE - Sometimes when playing this game it shows DATA ERROR and stops the program running. Is this a common fault or are we unlucky?

2. COMMANDO - After playing this game and losing your men, it shows STRING NUMBER MISMATCH IN 5050. Can you give me a correction to remove this?

per pro S.J.Davey

(We welcome readers' comments on DICERACE, as for COMMANDO, anyone struggling with this will find corrections in 'BUGBUSTERS' in issue 3 of 99/4a.)

```

100 RANDOMIZE :: A=5 :: B=0
:: C=0 :: CALL DELSPRITE(ALL
):: GOSUB 1080 :: DISPLAY AT
(2,1)SIZE(10):"b'b'b'b'b" :
: DISPLAY AT(3,1)SIZE(10):"a
cacacacac" :: CALL COLOR(9,1
6,6):: DEF D(E)=INT(E*RND)+1
110 CALL SPRITE(#1,F,16,120,
30,0,0):: CALL DELSPRITE(#6)
:: IF B=3 THEN 970
120 IF B>1 AND B<2.05 THEN 5
30
130 G=D(6):: ON G GOSUB 350,
400,430,470,490,510
140 CALL JOYST(1,H,I):: CALL
HCHAR(22,J+((B*5)*2)/3-1,59
):: CALL HCHAR(22,J+((B*5)*2
)/3,57):: IF G=1 THEN 220
150 CALL COINC(ALL,K):: IF K
=-1 THEN 710
160 CALL PATTERN(#1,F+4):: C
ALL KEY(1,L,M):: IF L=18 THE
N 250
170 CALL COINC(ALL,K):: IF K
=-1 THEN 710
180 IF H=-4 THEN CALL PATER
N(#1,136):: F=136 ELSE CALL
PATTERN(#1,96):: F=96
190 CALL MOTION(#1,0,H*2)::
CALL COINC(ALL,K):: IF K=-1
THEN 710
200 CALL POSITION(#1,N,0)::
IF O<20 THEN H=4 :: GOTO 190
ELSE IF O>230 THEN B=B+0.05
:: GOTO 110
210 GOTO 140
220 IF P=1 OR P=2 THEN CALL
PATTERN(#2,116,#3,120,#4,124
)ELSE CALL PATTERN(#2,104,#3
,108,#4,112)
230 P=P+1 :: IF P>4 THEN P=1
240 GOTO 150
250 Q=0 :: FOR R=-100 TO 100
STEP 20 :: CALL SOUND(-300,
400-(SGN(R)*R),0,400-(SGN(R)
*R),10)

```



```

260 CALL MOTION(#1,R/4,SGN(H
)*(Q*6)):: CALL POSITION(#1,
N,D):: IF D<20 THEN H=4
:: GOTO 260 ELSE IF D>230 TH
EN B=B+0.05 :: GOTO 110
270 Q=Q-SGN(R)/2 :: CALL POS
ITION(#1,N,D):: IF N>120 THE
N CALL LOCATE(#1,121,D)
280 CALL COINC(ALL,K):: IF K
=-1 THEN 300
290 NEXT R :: CALL MOTION(#1
,0,0):: CALL LOCATE(#1,120,D
):: GOTO 140
300 IF G<>3 THEN 710
310 CALL POSITION(#1,N,Q)::
IF N>90 THEN 710
320 CALL MOTION(#1,0,5)
330 CALL KEY(I,H,I):: IF I<>
0 THEN H=0 :: GOTO 290
340 GOTO 330
350 CALL DELSPRITE(#2,#3,#4,
#5):: CALL CHAR(104,"070F1F1
E0C1E0B01020303040F00010170F
830491224CC7B60C0C020F0B0E0E
0")
360 CALL CHAR(108,"1F6080"R
PT$("0",26)"F80601"RPT$("0
",26)):: CALL CHAR(112,"070F
07B4492432190F03030407000303
F0F8FCFC7C7C7B0E0F0E010E080
C0C0")

```

Dear BUGBUSTERS,

I am writing to tell you about two 'BUGS'. One is in DATA-FILER (Dec.), and it is when you try to enter the data that it doesn't work.

I added this line and it worked:

```
2555 IF KEY=126 THEN 610
```

Also the program Spontaneous Reaction does not work when you ask for a 1 player game - it just goes on to an ordinary 2 player game. I have tried everything, but it is a little difficult for me because I am only 12 years old.

C.Jones

(Thankyou Master Jones - the DATA FILER has caused problems. We think that if it is typed correctly, making absolutely sure of the number of spaces in those long strings, that it works. I haven't tried your remedy yet, but we are grateful for your tip. Another way to get round those long strings is to convert them so that the program only looks for the first 3 chars: "EOF" instead of trying to identify the whole string. e.g.:

```
570 IF SEG$(NA$(I),1,3)="EOF" THEN 610
```

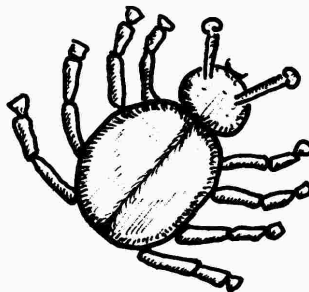
- we would like to hear from readers regarding Spontaneous Reaction, as to whether the same bug has been spotted and rectified)

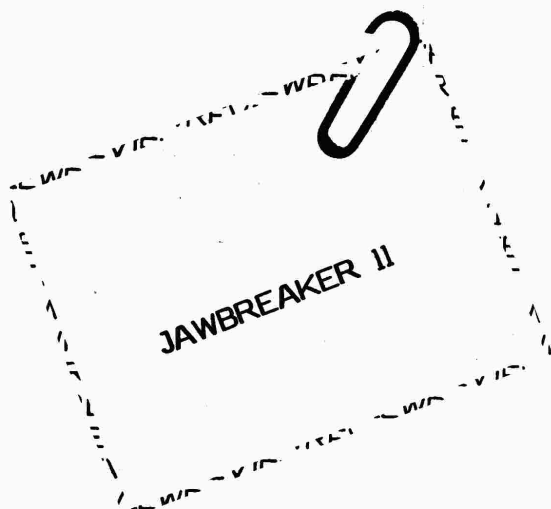
Dear BUGBUSTERS

Could you tell me what the answer is to the game TREASURES OF XEROX Vol.1 Issue 4, Line 4400 (ON SCREEN GOSUB 32767, etc.). What is the correct number, it is driving me mad after typing it in for several hours to find it won't work. I also have to congratulate you on a marvellous magazine. The game and graphics program are brilliant.

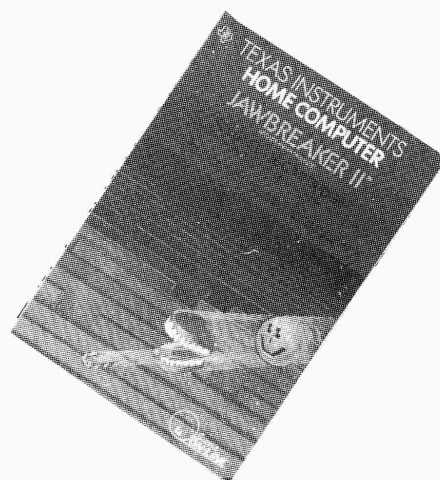
Mr K.F.Hughes

(We stand to be corrected, as usual, but we think that the offending line number (and the following comma) can simply be ommitted. Sorry about the bug - what has happened is that a line has been deleted, then evidently the program was RESequenced. That's ok as long as the line you are deleting isn't directly pointed to by any other line(s) in the program, as must have been the case here. When the RESequence was done, the line number in question couldn't be found, and what happens is that the number 32767 (the highest possible line number) is assigned by default. This is something to be more careful about than we evidently were!)





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J A W B R E A K E R

If you don't like your games fast and furious, then leave JAWBREAKER on the shelf. If you want to spend your leisure time leisurely, forget it. If you are looking for a game that will calm you down at the end of a long day, then don't bother. If you enjoy playing a game with one hand while unwrapping and eating a Kitkat with the other, then I'm afraid this is not the one. Jawbreaker doesn't even give you time to pick your nose.

It would not have been so out of place to call this one JOYbreaker; I can virtually hear the sound of snapping sticks all over the nation as I write.

The screen is divided into five horizontal levels. You take the form of a set of gnashers in mid-screen. There is a door in each of the dividing walls, and the doors are continuously shifting horizontally. A row of dots lines each row, A la Pacman, with energizing capsules at each corner of the screen. Naturally you are being chased, and yes you guessed it, by Grinning Gobblers. In keeping with the Pacman guise, the Gobblers have the advantage until you reach an energizer, whereupon they turn into ghosts and become vulnerable to you for a limited time. Nifty shifting is required to move between the levels, and you can easily be trapped. Various treats such as lollipops appear from time to time for bonus points. When you clear a screen, a toothbrush appears to give

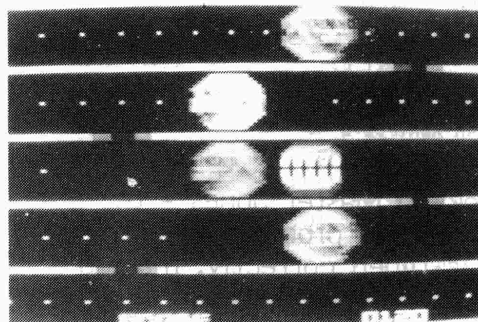
you a quick brush-over. Whether this qualifies the Module as an educational one is not clear, but it certainly won't do any harm!

Okay, having set the scene, what is the appeal?

Firstly the title-screen and music are superb. A lot of thought has gone into this alone, and the options offered include choice of which keys to use for controls (if you aren't using joystick). Difficulty levels range from 'Teddy Bear' to 'Jawbreaker', with the latter being frantic to say the very least. In fact, I can't think of many games that can compete with Jawbreaker for sheer speed. Breathtaking stuff this, for £12.50.

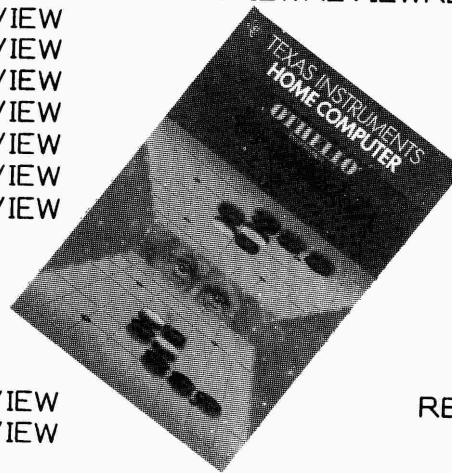
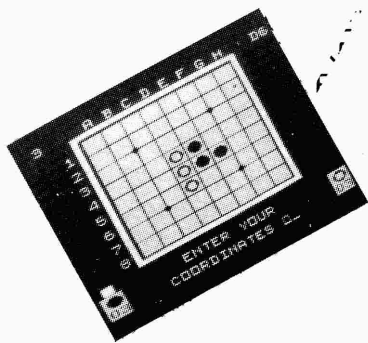
There is, of course a knack to the game. What it actually is evades me, as I keep getting hammered.

I'll have to leave Jawbreaker there, as I have an appointment at the dentist



(taken at high speed)

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I will take you through the game step by step, and hopefully persuade you to buy it because for a module it is remarkably cheap.

The game starts by displaying the grid numbered 1 to 8 vertically, and letered A to H horizontally. There is a lack of colour here, and throughout the game. Standard black screen, green board with white border and medium red for no. of moves and last move.

There is a prompt in cyan, asking whether you would like to create a game in progress. I suggest type 'N' or else you have to set up the board yourself! You are then asked if you would like to play against the computer (most people type 'Y' for ego purposes). You are then given the choice of 8 levels of play. If you have played before, then level 1 is a piece of cake. You are then asked if you want to move first. If you haven't played before let the computer go first.

The object of the game is to capture as many of the opponent's disks as possible by outflanking them. This simply means getting your disks either side of the opponent's (horizontally, vertically OR diagonally), and changing them to your colour.

To place a disk, all you do is type in the desired co-ordinates (column first) and press ENTER. The

computer then changes the disks to the appropriate colour, alters the scores, displays the number of moves, and displays the last move. After a few games you begin to realize the importance of the edge squares, and more importantly the corners. If you have the good fortune to capture a corner first then you shouldn't have much trouble winning the game.

This game really is outstanding. Only two points to criticize - the colours as mentioned are a little dull, and unlike levels 1 to 5 which are very fast, levels 6 to 8 are much slower. The computer can take over 2 minutes making up its mind on the very hardest level, so it is possible to play for an hour and still be on the same game.

If you happen to lose, you are then subjected to the ubiquitous 'Death March', which gets on my nerves. (Always a shame, because when played properly this is a fine piece of music!) If you win, then a cheerful tune is played. The best music is reserved for a draw, which seldom happens.

Overall the program is well written, and has frequently induced me to smoke 20 cigs in an evening session (particularly level 6) and at £9.95 must be a bargain.

If you like to use your head instead of a fire-button (Does that explain those weird indentations in your face, Phil? - Ed) then Parco will certainly oblige.

MODULE review - Phil Donald



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Command Module Review

(Reviewed on account of the fact that lots of people wonder if it is the same as Frogger.) (It isn't.)

Have I often heard it said, or is it just a convenient figment of my imagination that the most effective things are simple things done well? Wherever I got the notion, HOPPER fits the category anyway. I have always thought that when it comes to sitting down at the computer and choosing a game to play, a rather different set of rules comes into effect than the ones in operation when I want to gasp at someone's programming ability or choose to review a meaty package. Somehow I need to have a goal to achieve, yet relax at the same time. I don't want a long drawn out or complex issue at times like that, I want something pleasant to look at and convenient to manipulate. That's why I often revert to Munchman, Invaders, and lately HOPPER.

It was after playing Hopper for a cumulative total of about 6 hours over several days that I realized there is no music written into the module, not even on title screen. Somehow if the game 'works' such details have less import. Nor do the graphics win awards for variety, but who cares if the all important 'playability' factor is present?

You see it's like this. You are a kangaroo - oh yes you are - and you are being pursued around the room by trainers. Scattered about the place are packing crates. In order to evade your pursuers you duck and weave around the crates and 'kick' them into the paths

of the trainers; either to trap them or squash them. And that's it. Mind you, with strategy and fast reflexes you can really pile on the points. If you just squash a trainer, so good, but if you can confine one or more and close in on them to hem them in completely, they die rather more dramatically and you get extra points. Sadistic aren't we? You get points also for knocking the crates around. In fact, as well as wiping out the trainers, you want to clear as many crates from the screen as possible. If a crate is free-standing and you kick it, it shoots across the room to the nearest obstacle, whether it be another crate or the wall. If the crate you kick is already up against something then the crate is crushed. Obviously, the aim is to trap trainers, smash crates to pieces all over the shop, then come back and polish off the poor trainers. Therein lies my ONLY moan, in that once you have trapped the trainers, it is a bit of a plod going round smashing crates without even a time limit or bonus scheme. Still it wouldn't be a real review without one gripe, would it?

Naturally the completion of a screen heralds the dawn of another, harder one. There are ten in all, with a nasty twist on the tenth. You have five lives to play with, and options include one or two player games, and keyboard or joystick control. There is also a useful pause facility in case you get caught short.

To sum up, the impressions that HOPPER leaves are simple but appealing graphics, compelling sound-effects, good joystick response, and fast, addictive animation.

And is that not, my friend, what all good arcade-style computer games are really about?

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USING AND PROGRAMMING THE
TI-99/4A INCLUDING READY
TO RUN PROGRAMS

by Frederick Holtz

a book review

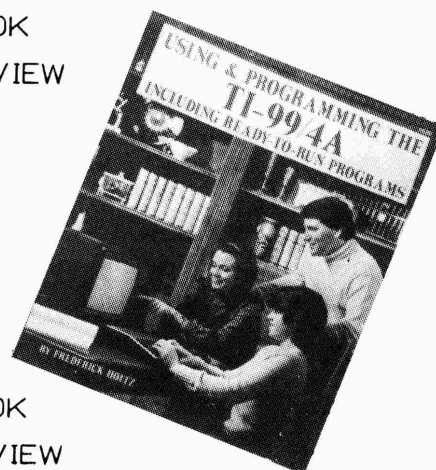
If a book were judged by the length of its title, then this one would need a lorry to carry away the awards. If on the other hand you could judge a book by its cover, then this one surely contains the secret to domestic bliss. You know the kind of thing I mean - the perfect All American happy family poised gleefully around their computer with not a hair, tooth, or rich-oak-bookcase-full-of-luxury-leather-bound-volumes-and-expensive-trinkets out of place.

The thing is - does the content of the book live up to all this? Well actually, it's not bad. I don't suggest that it will replace marriage guidance; or even grab the missus so wildly that she will come to so share your enthusiasm for the computer that she agrees to have a P.E. box instead of a week in Margate; but it's worth a look, all the same.

Best start by sorting out who it's aimed at. Like 'Getting Started' which I reviewed last issue, this book tends not to exhaust any particular subject, but introduces many. By definition then, it will suit the 'man in the street' (who IS he?) rather than the 'Expert'.

Having said that, there are features of considerable note here. One first impression that grabs is the number of photos, diagrams and charts in the book. It's surprising how helpful this can be. Included are illustrations of things that some folk have heard of but never seen, so it's a nice touch. There are a few bits that are either dated or inappropriate, like the fabled TI Thermal Printer and the Monitor, but it's interesting all the same. As for content? Well here again, what impresses is that in amongst the usual mixture of intro/first-steps/examples and glossaries there are some juicy items that you'll be hard pressed to find in other 'basic' books. For instance, there is a whole chapter describing TI and 3rd party software that was available at time of going to

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print. Sadly some of the titles never reached these shores, but the info does make interesting reading nevertheless. Incidentally, it says 1983 inside the cover, yet have prices really changed so in such a short time? Do I hear \$30-\$40 for Scott Adams cassettes? (and I mean JUST the cassettes) Othello (reviewed above) is priced here at \$40 - and how many of you paid \$55 for Early Reading?

Well, that's as may be, but back to business. One section sticks out like a chapter on Himalayan Fruit-Bat Microsurgery in the Blue Peter Annual. Not that it's irrelevant, just that having been gently introduced to the rudiments of TI Basic, you are suddenly launched into a chapter on the TMS9900 Microprocessor Chip and its Assembly Language, without even a quiet warning to fasten your seatbelt! To be fair, I found it really useful, but I just feel for the absolute TI novice (me being just a relative novice), who is expected to come to terms with the fact that "...To perform double-precision multiply operations on unsigned 32-bit numbers with the 9900, a cross multiply technique can be used..." Oh, yeah?

I may have poked fun at various points here, but I actually like the book. It's quite big - over 200 pages and 9" by 8" cover-size, with good quality print and illustrations. If you are looking for an 'introductory' type book, then you will gain a lot from this one. If you already have 'Getting Started' type books, then this will duplicate some info for sure, but TI freaks will want it if only for its sheer enthusiasm and attention to items overlooked or forgotten by otherwise similar books. £7.85

Can't do that

Hello again, time we took another look at problems and answers, don't you think?

Richard Owen has been busy as usual. He writes with suggested answers to various problems that we have printed in previous issues.

First off, that LINE 0 question. Richard says he experienced it once when he turned off the Peripheral Expansion Box. He got an error sound, a cursor on the screen (not flashing), and an error message:

```
* ERROR AT LINE 0
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He then LISTed, but there was no program present.

Well, Richard, it's different to the one I got, since I had no P.E.B. at that time. Has ANYONE out there got any ideas?

Richard has help for Mark McGurn, who asked for a routine to detect if joystick fire-button had been pressed:

```
10 CALL KEY(1,K,S)
20 CALL KEY(2,K,S)
30 IF K=ASC("Q") etc.
40 IF K=ASC("Y") etc.
```

Ta, boyo.

Simon White has also offered a variation on a theme:

For joystick 1:

```
CALL KEY(1,K,S)::IF K=18 etc.
```

For joystick 2:

```
CALL KEY(2,X,S)::IF X=18 etc.
```

Thanks Simon.

Here's a response from Stephen Meadows to Dave Trevorrow's enquiry about DEF Statements:

DEF can be used not only to set a variable to a figure, eg:

```
PI=3.149, DEF PI=3.149
```

but can be used as a quick and easy method of operating formulae, without using subroutines, (though DEF IS called in the same way as an EB subroutine), eg:

```
10 DEF TOTAL=COST1+COST2
20 INPUT COST1,COST2
30 PRINT TOTAL
```

uses less memory than the equivalent program:

```
10 INPUT COST1,COST2
20 TOTAL=COST1+COST2
30 PRINT TOTAL
```

and does not look so scruffy.

The User Guide does describe it adequately in TI's usual 'advanced beginner' style, with a complicated description comprising mostly of "function name...parameter...variables constants...parentheses...string results...etc..." This could be simplified a little (to say the least) but I severely doubt that TI will start reprinting their manuals now!

Now here's some new problems for you Bright Sparks out there to tackle.

Colin Jones wants to know if there is any way to:

- a) stop people listing a program
- b) make the program quit without pressing FCTN/=

In TI Basic!

I have my own ideas about one of Colin's questions, but the idea of this page is for YOU lot to get off yer butts. What do you think?

The relative speeds of TI Basic and Extended Basic have been a topic of some discussion lately. No-one will argue about the general performance of EB, and the fact that most things happen faster than with TI Basic, but it does seem that certain processes are actually SLOWER.

Mr. S.E.Hunt wants to know why, when running the short program below, it is quicker in TI Basic than EB:

```
100 FOR K=1 TO 20000
200 NEXT K
300 PRINT "COMPLETED"
400 END
```

He's right, you know. I just tried it and unless I'm mistaken it's about TWENTY SECONDS slower!

What's more, Stephen Meadows says:

- After testing the speed of Extended Basic against TI Basic, using the archaic 'Kilobaud' benchtests, it came as a surprise to see that TI BASIC was FASTER than EB! It beat EB in seven out of the eight tests with an average of being one and a half seconds ahead! The furthest ahead TI Basic got was 6.4 seconds, though compared with EB's one victory pulling almost 17 seconds ahead. This test used the functions (SIN, LOG, etc) and proved that EB is more suitable for some tasks than others. This lack of speed on EB's part is made up for with the use of multiple statement lines and fast-moving sprites, and only seems to show up in these (rather dated) benchtests -

We'd love to hear from anyone who has gone into this subject in depth.

Mr D.J.Armer requests an article on the use of Control Key (CTRL) and what it does, since " - the handbook does not cover this point very well - "

Good news, Mr Armer, have a peek at this issue's TItbits.

(I'm rapidly coming to the conclusion that the Reference Manual should be re-named the Bruiser Guide.)

Lastly, Richard Twynning writes:

"I have read through the first 99/4a magazine and I saw the piece about turning the cursor into a face for Minimemory, and I tried it with Editor/Assembler and it worked. The statement was:

```
CALL POKEV(1008,60,126,219,255,231,189,
195,126)
```

Could you please tell me how I could turn the cursor into a face using CALL LOAD in EB because there is no CALL POKEV in EB?

That's it for now, folks.

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If you run that program you will see that interesting sound effects can be achieved with the speech chip, as well as speech. This gives you the opportunity of 'layering' sound effects by using this feature plus the noise generator of the sound chip together. Lastly, with a bit of imagination and experimenting, you can get your TI singing! What follows here is a fairly rough and ready attempt to combine both singing and background music.

```
100 OPEN #1:"SPEECH",OUTPUT 240 Z(I)=C
110 DIM W$(16),X(16),Y(16),Z 250 W$(I)=D$
(16),SP$(16),P$(16) 260 NEXT I
120 FOR I=1 TO 16 270 FOR J=5 TO 1 STEP -1
130 READ F$ 280 FOR I=1 TO 16
140 P$(I)=F$ 290 PRINT #1:"/"&P$(I)&" 12
160 FOR I=1 TO 16 8"
170 READ E$ 300 CALL SOUND(J0,X(I),10
180 SP$(I)=E$ ,Y(I),10,Z(I),10)
190 NEXT I 310 PRINT #1:SP$(I)
200 FOR I=1 TO 16 320 NEXT I
210 READ A,B,C,D$
220 X(I)=A
230 Y(I)=B
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330 NEXT J
340 FOR I=1 TO 500
350 NEXT I
360 CALL CLEAR
370 END
380 DATA "12","12","22","22"
,"10","10","12","12","10","6"
,"12","22","14","16","18",""
20"
390 DATA "FEED","","THE","",
"WOR","","LD","","LET","THEM"
,"KNOW","TTS","CHRISS","MAS
S","TIME",""
400 DATA 262,659,392,"FEED",
196,698,392,"","165,784,262,"
THE",196,523,262,""
410 DATA 175,880,440,"WORLD"
,220,698,440,"","196,784,392,
","165,523,392,""
420 DATA 175,880,440,"LET",1
75,698,523,"THEM",165,784,39
2,"KNOW",165,523,330,"TTS"
430 DATA 147,880,349," chris
tmas",147,784,330,"
",196,698,294,"TIME",196,659
,262," "
440 END
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