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Looking forward to Chicago

The Chicago TI fair is nearly here. This event has been a highlight of the year for me since 1985. This and other fairs are a great opportunity to meet the people who make the TI work. This includes programmers, vendors and users. It's difficult to visit one of these events and not have a good time. Not only are you immersed in things TI, but there are new friends to be made, old friendships to be revived and plenty of things to see and do. Just poring over the hundreds of items displayed by vendors can absorb hours of time. Couple this with seminars, giveaways and good conversation, this and similar events are a motherlode for anyone interested in the TI. They are absolutely indispensible for anyone looking for a hard-to-find piece of software or hardware. If you've got a shopping list, these fairs are your mall.

of us will disappear. But until then, I'm going to enjoy the opportunity to have a good time with other TIers. I hope you do, too.

OASIS STILL PRIORITIZING

I don't know how long it takes to get one's act together, but Oasis Pensive Abucators certainly has to be taking it to new heights. Now we hear that OPA has moved into a three-story building, with two floors dedicated to manufacture and one as a sales floor. Whoa! That's a lot of space, much of which, no doubt, will be dedicated to something other than the TI. At this point the company is promising to rebuild it's credibility in the TI community by putting the manufacture of its TIM product on a fast track. Frankly, people have been waiting for this for years. I don't think it's going to generate a lot of interest, certainly not among those who have already been burned by the company's slipshod approach to customer service. I hope this means that OPA is turning over a new leaf. I just find it hard to believe.

The downside to this and other fairs, of course, is that they are diminishing in size and number. Several hundred users is now considered a good draw when five years ago the numbers topped a thousand. How long they continue depends entirely on users like you and vendors. I suspect the fairs will last as long as MICROpendium. Once people get tired of the TI, both

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Getting MDOS going

Recently I received MDOS V.2.00 from you. First I had problems getting it running correctly. MDOS booted from hard disk, but then failed to execute the AUTOEXEC file present in the ROOT directory of the hard disk, and showed the system prompt A>. Changing the prompt to E> and starting AUTOEXEC by hand resulted in the execution of AUTOEXEC

worked fine.

Alfred Slovak Vienna, Austria

Gap filled in by alert reader

This is to extend thanks to Tony Knerr, of Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Tony's letter, as published in the August issue, fills in a gap that I didn't realize was there. Since I have only a "simple" P-Gram in my machine, there was no need to set up for paging the contents of the card. My apologies go to any of my readers who have P-Gram Plus and have run into this particular problem. The only change I would make to Tony's suggestion is that I'd include the R in those two lines of

source code that he recommended adding, so they'd read:

 $R_{1,>9804}$ (or >9808 or >980C) LI R1.@>80FA MOV

That would keep the added lines consistent with the rest of my source code, which always uses the R for registers, just to keep me from getting confused. I don't know whether the assembler would tolerate having part of the source file use the R and part not use it, as I've always used the R

(what else?).

Now I realized that I had to change the defaults in MDOS telling the system where to look for AUTOEXEC. Using John Birdwell's Disk Utilities 4.2 I found the string DSK1. several times (about four or five). After changing them all into HDS1. everything and, of course, included the R option when assembling.

It's really great to see that there are readers like Tony out there, paying close attention to our work. His comments are most welcome any time.

> **Bruce Harrison** Hyattsville, Maryland

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Several speakers have been confirmed for the TI International World's Faire in Gurnee, Illinois, Nov. 12, sponsored by the Chicago and Milwaukee users groups, according to Don Walden of the Chicago Users Group. Lee Bendick of Newark Ohio, collector of TI hardware, who owns a TI99/2 and T199/8, will speak on the CC40 Tim Tesch will do a presentation on his program CYA. He is releasing extra enhancements for the program at the fair and will be selling CYA at a special fair price of \$13. He has added some test programs for joysticks, mouse port and to check HFDC for the version of the EPROM and whether it has a 32K or 8K, DIP switch locations of the floppies and the HFDC's CRU address Jim Schroeder and Walden will make a presentation on PFM Plus and other topics.

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User groups to be represented include the Mid-South Users Group, Hoosier Users Group, Sheboygan 99ers, TI User Group of Will County and the Lima User Group. Dan Eicher, Jeff White and Mike Maksimik, who are developing SCSI DSR for MDOS will attend, Walden says. Brad Snyder, also scheduled to attend, has replaced Maksimik as developer of the TI EPROM DSR. The SCSI (small computer systems interface) has been under development by Bud Mills Services for some time. International visitors are expected from Germany and The Netherlands, Walden says, and some will probably attend from Canada as well.

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Extended BASIC

Arrows and fusion

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Michel Montmigny from Sherbrooke, Quebec, sent me a whole collection of programs he wrote, many in Pascal, but some in Extended BASIC and even more in TI BASIC. Here are two of his XB programs, short but very well coded.

The first one, ARROWS, is a simple game, but very hard to win. You must shoot an arrow. When launched, it must cross the whole screen to touch the target at the right. Easy? Not when six long moving shapes continually cross your field! Even more so if they move in opposite directions. The game uses the Speech Synthesizer, something I have never discussed in my tutorials because I don't use mine. The only changes I have done to Michel's program is to translate the text from French to English, modify the CHARDEF for the arrow to make it easier to type, adding a yellow target at right and some sound to hear when the arrow hits it if you don't have a Speech Synthesizer. I also added one more arrow to shoot for game (you now have

moving sprites are CALLed by line 210: the complicated formula is just to make sure they are evenly spread, and that their motion is set at random. Then the big arrow that you must shoot is put on screen, and Tex speaks to you if you have a synthesizer.

Finally, the top of the screen is refreshed: the remaining arrows (char. 134) sounds (line 300). You are then asked if you want to play another game. If so, ALL the moving SPRITES are DELeted, the screen cleared, and you go back to line 200 to reinitialize Tex.

The second program, FUSION, is a utility that can be fun to play with. You enter two characters from the keyboard, and the program combines them into one and gives you its hexadecimal code. It could be easily modified to use characters that had been redefined beforehand (you could enter two hex strings instead of the characters, or leave out the ACCEPTS and enter their definitions as program lines; in both cases, the character definition is held by C\$ and D\$, here CALL CHARPATed in line 180). The program is very simple, except for the fusion routine in lines 190-260, which I will not even start to try to explain. The only change from Michel's program is the translation of the text strings.

are displayed, as well as your total points for the current game (zero when you start, of course). Note that if, when Tex waits for a key to press, you see the big arrow blink, don't worry: it is because there are sometimes more than four sprites on the same row and the arrow, having the highest number, disappears.

To launch the big arrow, you simply press the famous "any key." If you still wonder which key it is, I have one attached to my key chain. As soon as you press a key, sprite No. 7 is set into MO-TION (you can make it slower of faster by making the second value, 50, higher or lower). CALL COINC looks for a coincidence between all sprites; if there is one (C), Tex beeps and CALLs STOP, which immediately stops the arrow and reLO-CATEs it at the left of the screen (line 240). The remaining ARrow number is decremented; if no arrow left, you end the game in line 290, otherwise you are taken back to line 230 to display the remaining arrows and reset your total points. If there is no coincidence, Tex goes back to line 260 until the big arrow reaches pixel column 225 (there are 256 such columns, but the position is calculated from the upper left corner of the sprite). If your arrow successfully reached the target, everything STOPs, you earn 150 points, and Tex may speak to you if you have a Speech Synthesizer. If not, line 280 will sound something that is close (?) to the sound of an arrow reaching a target. In both cases you go back to line 240: this winning arrow is still yours to shoot, since the variable AR is not modified. Each game ends when you have no more arrows left, in line 290: the big arrow SPRITE (No. 7) is DELeted, and the high score displayed. If it is higher than the one from a previous game, it will flash with

ARROWS

*** ARROWS *** by Mich 100 el Montmigny, Sher-TI, 1986 !216 110 ! transl. by L. Dorais, Ottawa UG, Dec. 1992 !111 120 CALL CLEAR :: CALL VCHAR . (1, 1, 31, 48):: CALL VCHAR(1, 3)1,31,48)!129 130 CALL SCREEN(5):: FOR T=1TO 8 :: CALL COLOR(T, 16, 2): : NEXT T :: CALL COLOR(13,11 ,2,14,11,1)!141140 DISPLAY AT(7,9) BEEP: "A R R O W S": : : : : (USE A NY KEY TO SHOOT) " !047 150 DISPLAY AT(22,2): "DO YOU" HAVE A SPEECH": SYNTHESIZE R (Y/N)? N" :: ACCEPT AT(23, 21) VALIDATE("YN") SIZE(-1):A\$:: IF A\$="Y" THEN SP=1 !150 160 CALL CHAR(128, RPT\$("03", 16)&RPT\$("C0",16),136,RPT\$(") 1E",8))!157 170 Z\$="00000000" :: CALL CH AR(132,Z\$&"FFFF0000"&Z\$&Z\$&" 00000406FFFF0604"&Z\$)!143 (See Page 7)

six).

Line 120 is a new trick: the border character, ASCII=31, is CALL VCHARed at the left and the right of the screen to create a nice border, which will be colored blue in line 130. The character sets with letters and digits are then made white on black (space will therefore be black, too) and more sets are colored, for the yellow arrows and the grey target. The introduction screen is then displayed. When you answer the question, more CHARDEF is done (char. 128 will be the long moving shapes, 136 the target, 132 the arrows, both the arrow sprite and the small "remaining ones"). Then CALL sub CLS to erase the screen with the space character drawn vertically from the upper left

(24x28=672, line 350), reset the High-Score to zero, and make the sprites big. In line 200, we initialize some strings:
D will be used to modify the vertical motion of the long moving shapes (by negating it, then making it positive again, in line 210: D=-D). PT is the total points, AR the beginning number of arrows to shoot. The

ARROWS AND FUSION—

(Continued from Page 6) 180 CALL CLS :: HS=0 :: CALL MAGNIFY(4):: CALL VCHAR(10, 31,136,8)!038 190 ! === game === !235200 RANDOMIZE :: D=1 :: PT=0:: AR=5 !193 210 FOR T=7 TO 27 STEP 4 :: CALL SPRITE(#(T-3)/4, 128, (T+5)/4, INT(RND*256)+1, T*8-7, D* INT(RND*41+30),0):: D=-D :: NEXT T !052 220 CALL SPRITE(#7,132,10,96 ,17):: IF SP THEN CALL SAY(" #READY TO START")!105 230 DISPLAY AT(2,18):RPT\$(" "&CHR\$(134),AR)!111 240 DISPLAY AT(2,2)SIZE(12): "POINTS"; PT !228 250 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S=0THEN 250 ELSE CALL MOTION(# 7,0,50)!248 260 CALL COINC(ALL,C):: IF C THEN CALL SOUND(100,110,0,2 20,0,330,0,-8,0):: CALL STOP T: AR=AR-1 :: IF AR=-1 THEN 290 ELSE GOTO 230 !238 270 CALL POSITION(#7, X, Y):: IF $Y \le 225$ THEN 260 ELSE CALL STOP :: PT=PT+150 :: IF SP

300 HS=PT :: FOR T=1 TO 8 ::DISPLAY AT(2, 22):"" :: CALL SOUND(-99, T*110, 0):: DISPLA Y AT(2,22):HS :: NEXT T !110 310 DISPLAY AT(22,3): "DO YOU" WISH TO PLAY": TAB(4); "ANOTH ER GAME (Y/N) ?" !042 320 CALL KEY(0, K, S) :: IF S=0 THEN 320 :: IF K=89 THEN CA LL DELSPRITE(ALL):: CALL CLS :: GOTO 200 1087 330 IF K<>78 THEN 320 ELSE C

A SECOND :" :: ACCEPT AT(8, 23)SIZE(-1):B\$:: IF B\$=" T HEN 160 !091 170 DISPLAY AT(11, 6): "one mo ment please" !246 180 E = " :: CALL CHARPAT(AS C(A\$), C\$):: CALL CHARPAT(ASC)(B\$),D\$)!060 190 FOR I=1 TO 16 !111 200 E=0 :: C=POS(H\$, SEG\$(C\$,I, 1), 1) - 1 :: D = POS(H\$, SEG\$(D))(1,1),1)-1 !074

210 FOR N=3 TO 0 STEP -1 !17

100 ! *** FUSION *** by Mich el Montmigny, Sher-TI, 1986 1206 110 ! transl. by L. Dorais, Ottawa UG, Dec. 1992 !111 120 CALL CLEAR :: CALL VCHAR (1,1,31,48):: CALL VCHAR(1,3 1, 31, 48)!129130 CALL SCREEN(5):: FOR C=1 TO 14 :: CALL COLOR(C, 2, 16) :: NEXT C :: H\$="0123456789A BCDEF" !172 140 DISPLAY AT(3,9): "F U S I O N" !171 150 DISPLAY AT(6,3): "ENTER A CHARACTER :" :: ACCEPT AT(6 ,23)SIZE(-1):A\$:: IF A\$="" THEN 150 !179 160 DISPLAY AT(8, 4): "AND NOW

FUSION

350 SUB CLS :: CALL VCHAR(1, 3,32,672):: SUBEND !237

ALL CLEAR :: END !160 340 SUB STOP :: CALL MOTION(#7,0,0):: CALL LOCATE(#7,96, 17):: SUBEND !066

2 220 IF $C-2^N >= 0$ THEN CC = 1:: C=C-2^N ELSE CC\$="0" !15 0 230 IF $D-2^N >= 0$ THEN DD = 1":: D=D-2^N ELSE DD\$="0" !15 240 IF CC\$="1" OR DD\$="1" TH EN $E = E + 2^N ! 201$ 250 NEXT N !228 260 E\$=E\$&SEG\$(H\$, E+1, 1):: N EXT I !186 270 CALL CHAR(128, E\$):: DISP LAY AT(11,5) BEEP: "result: "; CHR\$(128): :: " hexadecim al code": :" "&E\$!028 280 DISPLAY AT(19, 4): "PRESS [Q] to quit": :TAB(10); "ANOT HER KEY": TAB(10); "to continu e" !225 290 CALL KEY(0, K, S) :: IF S=0 THEN 290 !103 300 IF K<>81 AND K<>113 THEN CALL VCHAR(1,3,32,672):: GO TO 140 ELSE CALL CLEAR :: EN D !197

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TT::GOTO 240 ! boing!!! ! 218 290 CALL DELSPRITE(#7):: DIS PLAY AT(2, 15): "HISCORE" :: I F PT<=HS THEN DISPLAY AT(2,2) 2):HS :: GOTO 310 !024

THEN CALL SAY("#GOOD WORK"): : GOTO 240 !087 280 FOR T=1 TO 5 :: CALL SOU ND(100,500,3*T,-6,3*T):: NEX



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It pays to be

By BRUCE HARRISON ©1994 B. Harrison

Back in your author's early childhood, there was no such thing as television. Network shows existed on the radio, and these provided much of the entertainment in our house. There were some shows with truly ridiculous ideas behind them. (Television didn't change that!)

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- * SIDEBAR 40
- * FIRST PART, TWO SOURCE FILES
- * FOR USE IN "CONVERTING" FROM
- * OPTION-3 TO OPTION-5 WITHOUT
- * HAVING ORIGINAL PROGRAM'S
- * SOURCE CODE.

As we were getting ready to write this, an old radio show came to mind. It was titled "It Pays to Be Ignorant". As we recall, it had a theme song that went "It pays to be ignorant, to be dumb, to be stupid, to be ignorant...." It was a quiz show on which the contestant who gave the dumbest answer to the question was the winner.

That came to mind because the main topic for this month's column came from a fellow who asked me what most TI programmers would call a dumb question. It happened one Sunday evening, while I was pecking away at my TI, trying to solve some knotty problem in the Compiler. The phone rang. The caller was a gentleman from Massachusetts, and he had several questions, all wrapped around the idea of taking an existing Option-3 assembly program and converting it to Option-5. He was trying to see if our Part 14 (Crossing the Bridge) would be useful, but not having any luck understanding the process. We explained that to use what's in Part 14, one needed to start with the source code for the program in question. Since he had only the object file, we told him that conversion would be impossible. Anybody who knows anything about TI assembly knows that! We sent the gentleman a disk with some things to solve a couple of other problems he'd encountered, but his question about conversion without the source code kept nagging at us. The mind keeps working on something like this, even without much conscious thought. We kept hearing "What if we.... No! That won't work because...." Maybe 15 or 20 ideas came and went in this manner, but then finally there was an idea that just might work.

SFIRST/S FIRST SOURCE FILE * IN THE TWO PLACES WHERE DEBUG APPEARS, * IT SHOULD BE REPLACED BY THE ENTRY * LABEL FROM THE OPTION-3 PROGRAM (SEE TEXT FOR DETAILS) SFIRST, SLOAD DEFINITIONS REQUIRED BY TI SAVE DEF UTILITY DEBUG, EAUT, WST REFS TO OPTION-3 AND SLAST/O REF SFIRST SLOAD LWPI WST LOAD TEMPORARY WORKSPACE R9,EAUT LΙ POINT R9 AT STORED UTILITIES LI R10,>2000 POINT R10 AT >2094 IN LOW MEMORY R4,>2676->2000 LOAD R4 WITH NUMBER OF BYTES TO LI MOVE PUTUT MOV MOVE ONE WORD, INCREMENT POINTERS *R9+,*R10+ BY TWO DECT R4 DECREMENT COUNT BY TWO JNE PUTUT IF NOT ZERO, REPEAT OPERATION @DEBUG BRANCH TO OPTION-3'S ENTRY POINT END

THE BRIGHT IDEA

If we took our "sandwich" from Part 14, and separated it into two source files, inserted REFs and DEFs in various places, then assembled the two parts of the sandwich into separate object files, we could do this impossible task. We would use the "linking" feature of the E/A Object loader (as we seldom do) to give these modules information about each other and the original object file, and the "can't be done" would become a "here's how."

Several conditions must be met for this method to work. First,

* END OF S *	FIRST/S SECOND SOURC	ΓΈΤΙΓ
	ES REQUIRED	
	WITH ANY OPT	TON-3
*		
DEF	SLAST, EAUT,	WST, SAVIT
EVEN	ſ	INSURE THAT EAUT IS AT AN EVEN MEMORY
LOCATION		
EAUT BSS	>2676->2000	LENGTH OF BSS IS >676 BYTES
REF	SAVE	REFERENCE TI'S SAVE UTILITY
SLAST		
* SLAST MAI	RKS THE END O	OF WHAT THE SAVE UTILITY WILL PUT IN
MEM-IM FIL		
SAVIT		
MOV	R11,@>8300	STASH R11
LWPI	WST	LOAD OUR TEMPORARY WORKSAPCE
LΙ	R9,>2000	POINT R9 AT BEGINNING OF AREA TO BE
SAVED		
LI	R10,EAUT	POINT R10 AT MEMORY LOCATION ABOVE
\mathbf{LI}		000 LOAD R4 WITH NUMBER OF BYTES TO
MOVE		
GETLP MOV ERS BY TWO	*R9+,*R10+	MOVE ONE WORD AND INCREMENT POINT-

the object file must be in relocatable code. Many are, since in most cases for an Option-3 file there's no need to AORG the program. The other requirement is that one must know the entry point label for the program. That seemed a likely thing, since one can't run an Option-3 from the Editor/Assembler without knowing the entry point. (Except for Auto-Start.) (See Page 9) DECT R4 DECREMENT COUNT BY TWO JNE GETLP IF NOT ZERO, REPEAT AT LABEL GETLP B @SAVE BRANCH DIRECTLY TO TI'S SAVE UTILITY BSS 32 OUR TEMPORARY WORKSPACE END

WST

* END OF SLAST/S

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We decided to try a little experiment, using a handy Option-3 file called DEBUG, which was supplied with the E/A package. As shown in the sidebar, we split the sandwich into a part called SFIRST/S, which includes a ref to the label DEBUG, and SLAST/S, which didn't need any tailoring except to have a couple of DEFs added.

Here's how it worked. We assembled SFIRST/S into SFIRST/O, and SLAST/S into SLAST/O. Now we went into E/A, selected Option-3, and started loading object files. First, we loaded DSK4.SFIRST/O. Next, DSK5.DEBUG, then DSK4.SLAST/O, and finally DSK5.SAVE. (This last is the TI SAVE utility.) Now we got to the Program Name prompt, and typed in the word SAVIT. This meant we'd run the part of the SLAST file that captures the E/A utilities and places them within the saved Option-5 file, then branches to TI's SAVE to actually create the Option-5 program files. We answered the SAVE prompt with DSK5.DEBUGOP5, and sure enough that worked. Before the mail comes in, we'll admit openly that making an Option-5 out of the debugger doesn't, in itself, make any sense. The idea was to prove a concept, not to do something useful. DE-BUGOP5 worked perfectly, whether loaded from E/A, or from our RAMdisk menu loader. Q.E.D.

*	NEXT PART IS THE EXPERIMENT IN ROUNDING NUMBERS USING XMLLNK THIS MUST BE USED WITH THE XB PROGRAM SHOWN BELOW FOR TESTING
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STEP BY STEP

Okay, let's say you have an Option-3 file, and that you know the entry point, and you know that it's relocatable. (We'll tell you how to find out in a couple of paragraphs.) Follow these steps in order: 1. Assemble SLAST/S into SLAST/O. 2. Edit SFIRST/S. Replace the two occurrences of DEBUG with the entry point name for your Option-3 program. Save that to disk and assemble it into SFIRST/O. 3. Find a disk that has TI's SAVE utility on it. Copy that onto the same disk with SFIRST/O, SLAST/O, and the original Option-3 object file. (From here on, we'll assume that disk is in drive 1, but, of course, any drive will do.) 4. Get into E/A Option-3. At the File Name prompt, type in DSK1.SFIRST/O Enter. 5. When that finishes loading, type in the name of the original object file, then Enter. 6. When that finishes loading, type in DSK1.SLAST/O Enter, and follow that loading with DSK1.SAVE Enter. . 7. After DSK1.SAVE has loaded, leave the entry field blank and press Enter. Answer the Program Name prompt with SAVIT Enter.

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NUMREF	F EQU	>200C	NUMERIC REFERENCE
NUMASO	G EQU	>2008	NUMERIC ASSIGNMENT
XMLLN	K EQU	>2018	XML LINKAGE VECTOR
CIF	EQU	>20	CONVERT INT TO F.P.
CFI	EQU	>12B8	CONVERT F.P. TO INT
FAC	EQU	>834A	F.P. ACCUMULATOR
*			
* CODE	E SECT	FION	
*			
	DEF	TEST	DEFINE ENTRY LABEL
TEST	LWP]	(WS	LOAD OUR WORKSPACE
	CLR	RO	CLEAR RO, NOT ARRAY
	ΓI	R1,1	FIRST PARAMETER
	BLWP	@NUMREF	GET PARAMETER VALUE
	BLWP	@XMLLNK	USE XML LINKAGE
	DATA	CFI	CONVERT TO INTEGER (ROUNDS)



8. You'll now have a prompt from TI's SAVE utility on the screen. Type in the name you are going to use for your Option-5 program file. (e.g., DSK1.MYOPT5) Press Enter. Drive 1's activity light will come on while the Option-5 file(s) are being aved.
9. Now you'll have on disk a program file or a series of them, depending on length. This should run from any method you choose to use for loading Option-5 programs. (See Page 10)

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We promised to tell you how to tell whether an object file is absolute or relocatable. The answer depends on whether the object file is in compressed or uncompressed format, but you can tell in either case. Get into E/A Option 1, (Edit), and load the object file for editing. Several things can happen here that may alarm you, but just bear with us and proceed as instructed. You may get a Memory Full warning when loading the object file. Just ignore that, press enter, and then 2 to edit. For compressed object files, you'll get a Control Character Removed warning. Ignore that too. In edit, you'll just look first at the first record in the file (top line of the screen). The first thing in that line, for an uncompressed file, will be a number in hex notation. If that number is 00000, this file is absolute, and can't be converted by our method. Anything other than 00000 means the conversion will probably work. For compressed files, there won't be a readable number there in the first line. Instead, look down the leftmost column on the screen, where the tags are. If there's a series of Bs and/or 9s down the left column, then this is absolute code and conversion won't work. If the left column contains As and/or Cs, then this is relocatable code, and conversion will probably work. In any case, after you've examined the object file with the editor, just get out of there, preferably with Function-=, so you won't be tempted to save this file back to disk. Don't save after this "edit"! If your answer was "yes" from this check, then use the step-by-step procedure above to do your conversion. There may be cases where this method won't succeed, as for example if the Option-3 file was close to filling the memory without adding our "sandwich." Should you need help, please give us a call at (301) 277-3467, any time from 9 a.m. through midnight Eastern time, seven days a week. This column is living proof that no question is too dumb! We may not immediately have the solution, but don't get discouraged, we'll keep trying.

	DATA BLWP	@XMLLNK CIF @NUMASG >83E0 @>6A	USE XML AGAIN CONVERT BACK TO F.P. RE-ASSIGN TO XB VARIABLE LOAD GPL WORKSPACE BRANCH TO GPL INTERPRETER
*			
* DA'I *	'A SEC'	PION	
WS	BSS END	32	OUR OWN WORKSPACE
* 17NF	05 50		Mittem / e
*	or so	OURCE FILE	TESTIS
* PRC * THE	GRAM	LISTING OF FO BE USED CT FILE TES SOURCE ABO	WITH T/O, MADE
1 ! T	EST PH	ROGRAM - ROT	UNDING
		ASSEMBLED F	ILE TEST/O
		DOMAIN	
		E HARRISON	
	LL IN	ED BASIC ON	
		AD("DSK1.TE	ST/0 *)
		A NUMBER ":	•
40 CA	LL LI	VK("TEST",A	.)
50 PR	INT A:	ANOTHER?	(Y/N) •
		((0,K,S)	
		THEN 60	
80 IF	K=89	OR K=121 TH	4EN 30

delete all of the file name from the entry field, and press Enter. Any and all defined labels in that file will be shown on the screen. If there's only one, then that's the entry label you'd use at two places in SFIRST/S. If there are two or more, apply some educated guess logic to figure out which is the main entry, or else just select one of them and run the program from Funnelweb. If it seems to work as you'd expect, then you've guessed correctly. If not, try this process again and make a different selection.

ANOTHER WHAT IF

There's another potential hazard to this process for converting Option-3 to Option-5, and that's the case where the original Option-3 was set up with an auto-start label. If that's the case, the Option-3 file will start executing as soon as it loads from E/A, and you'll never get the chance to load either the SLAST/O or SAVE files. Yes, this too can be overcome, thanks to the genius of Tony McGovern. Funnelweb has an Option-3 loader which will simply ignore the auto-start, and allow you to continue with loading until you're ready to run something. Select Loaders from Funnelweb's menu, then the L/R Auto Off choice from the menu that appears. The only trick required here is that, after loading the SAVE utility, you'll have to press Function-3 to clear the entry field. Now press Enter, and use the left-right arrow keys to select SAVIT from the list of DEFs then on the screen. Press Function-6 with SAVIT selected, and you're in business. Here's another thanks to Tony McGovern, for a great feature in Funnelweb. This loader that's provided by Funnelweb can also be used to find the entry point for a "mystery" Option-3 file. Simply select the Load/Run or the L/R Auto Off choice, then enter the object file's name and let it load. When it finishes, press Function-3 to

SERENDIPITY RESULTS

As so often happens in this business, we find out purely by accident that certain things on our TI behave in ways we didn't expect. That was the case with XB's Print Tab function, as we explained last month. Now our work on the Compiler has yielded another unexpected but pleasant surprise.

In the Compiler's own subroutines, we used XMLLNK to invoke the Convert Floating Point to Integer (CFI) routine in the console. In the way we are using it, it does exactly what we needed, taking an eight-byte floating point number at FAC and converting that to a two-byte integer at FAC. This routine produces weird results for numbers outside the range of -32768 through 32767, but that was of no concern to us, since such numbers were not involved in the situation we were working with. In one of our Demo XB programs for the compiler, we used an INPUT statement so the user could decide how many times to execute a FOR-NEXT loop. INPUT places that number into a flo. ing point variable, as you'd expect. In the process of using that number to control the FOR-NEXT loop, the compiled program takes that floating point number into FAC and uses CFI through **(See Page 11)**

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XMLLNK to convert it to an integer as the loop's limit value. Just to see what would happen, we typed in a number that included a decimal part, as in 10.25. The program just ignored the decimal, and ran 10 repeats of the FOR-NEXT loop. Seeing that this worked, we tried entering 10.5, and were surprised to see the loop execute 11 times, not 10. Other quick checks followed, and, in all cases, if the decimal part was .499999 or less, the CFI routine rounded it off to the lower integer value, while if the decimal part was .5 or greater, the CFI routine correctly rounded to the next integer.

Today's sidebar contains a little routine you can use from Extended BASIC to see how this works, plus a short XB program to allow testing of this "rounding" process. In this case, we've reconverted the integer to floating point so that we could use NUMASG to report the result back into XB and print it. We have run tests, and the only anomaly we found was that, for negative numbers, the rounding does not go to the next integer until the decimal part is >.5. Thus -10.5000 will round to -10, while -10.50000001 will round to -11.

Finally, we apologize if we seemed to poke fun at our friend in Massachusetts, whose phone call inspired the first part of our column. Like many of our readers, and like your author, he was struggling with trying to make his TI do something new, and had gotten frustrated enough to call for help. Many columns ago, we promised not to scold our readers by name, and we've kept that promise. Our friend in Massachusetts will no doubt recognize his case as we've described it. We hope he'll be happy that thanks to his having the courage to ask his question, an answer has been created that may help dozens of other users in our community. Next month's topic is undecided. Perhaps we'll get another phone call that will lead to yet another discovery in our quest to know everything there is to know about this wonderful but strange machine. The only thing sure is that we will write a column for next month's issue, as this "old windbag" always has something to say.

Geneve 9640

'X-raying' the Geneve floppy

By JIM UZZELL ©1994 DDI Software

This article is intended to explain what and where information is stored on the floppy disk. The important sectors are 0,1 and the File Descriptor Record. While the previous statement is basically true, after reading through the information you will see that sectors 0,1 are the only constant sectors. Both sector 1 "SubDir" and FDR's can be anywhere on the disk.

3rd Sub Directory Filename 002C-0035 Directory link for FDR of 3rd Sub Dir 0036-0037 Sector allocation bit map (AU) 0038-00EB This is a sector by sector bit map of sector use, 1=used 0=available. The first byte at >38 is for sectors 0 through 7(a fresh for-

So, get out your favorite sector editor and do some exploring. **SECTOR 0 - Volume Information Block VIB**

CONTENTS ADDRESS

Disk name-up to 10 characters 0000~0009

Total number of sectors on disk 000A-000B 9(>09) sec/trk 40 trks 92160 SS/SD >0168=360

bytes

21000					
	>0280=640	SS/DD	16(>10)	40	163840
	>02D0=720	SS/DD	18(>12)	40	184320
	>02D0=720	DS/SD	9(>09)	40	184320
	>0500=1280	DS/DD	16(>10)	40	327680
	>05A0=1440	DS/DD	18(>12)	40	368640
	>05A0=1440	SS/DD	18(>12)	80	368640
	>0A00=2560	DS/QD	16(>10)	80	655360
	>0B40=2880	DS/QD	18(>12)	80	737280
	>1680=5760	HiDen	36(>24)	80	1474560
000C	Number of se	ectors/t	track (see al	oove)	
000D-000F	DSK (>4453				

matted DD or less with no subdirectories will have >03 which equals 0000 0011 or 2 sectors used—read right to left—sector 0 and sector 1), next byte is for sectors 8 through 15, and so on. For QD each bit equals 2 sectors, HiDen equals 4 sectors.

NOTE 1

It is highly recommended that you create sub directory prior to placing files on a disk because MDOS uses the next available sector to create the directory link to the file descriptor records, which would place the sub directories directory link at sector 2, 3, 4 and may make it possible for recovery of files easier in case the disk crashes.

SECTOR 1 DIRECTORY LINK

Each 16-bit word lists the sector number of the File Descriptor Record for an allocated file, in alphabetical order of the filenames. Each Subdirectory will have a sector identified as its directory link and will be structured the same as sector 1.

SECTOR 2 FILE DESCRIPTOR RECORDS FDR CONTENTS ADDRESS

>50 = Disk protected >20 = Not protected 0010 Number of tracks >28=40 >50=80 0011 Number of sides/density 0012-0013 >0202 DS/DD >0101 SS/SD >0202 DS/QD >0102 SS/DD >0203 DS/HD >0201 DS/SD 1st Sub Directory Filename 0014-001D Directory link for FDR of 1st SubDir See 001E-001F NOTE 1 2nd Sub Directory Filename 0020-0029 Directory link for FDR of 2nd SubDir below 002A-002B

0000-0009	File name-up to 10 chara	acters	
000A-000B	Extended Record Length	(if =>256)	
000C	Filetype NOT PROTECTED	PROTECTED	FILE CHANGE
FLAG			
	>00=DIS/FIX	>08	>10
	>01=Program(memory-image	e) >09	>11 See
	>02=INT/FIX	>0A	>12 NOTE 2
	>80=DIS/VAR	>88<	>90 below
	(See Page	12)	

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>82=INT/VAR>8A>92000DNumber of (MAXRECSIZE) records/sector or records/AU000E-000FNumber of sectors allocated to the file0010For memory-image program files and variable-lengthdata files this contains the number of bytes used in the lastdisk sector of file. This is used to determine end-of-file.0011MAXRECSIZE of data file (logical record length if<256 else 0)</td>0012-0013File record count, but with the second bute heine

0012-0013 File record count, but with the second byte being the

high-order byte of the value. (i.e. >2301=>0123)0014-0015Date of creation0016-0017Time of creation0018-0019Date of last changesecs are /2 remainder dis-

located as needed, one sector at a time, from the next available pool of sectors unused. A Subdirectory Directory Link map will be allocated the same as a FDR as described in this section.

NOTE 2

You should never see these codes on a floppy only system. These codes are used as part of the hard drive structure. For hard drive, this byte in bit form of 76543210, will have bit 4 set if file has changed since last backup, i.e. I/V which equals >82 and in bit form would be 1000 0010 and would be 1001 0010 or >92 if file has changed. Also bit 5 will be set if file is a "DSK1" type file.

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001A-001B Time of last change 001C-001E Block link

For a file which is "not fractured", these three bytes point to the sectors on which the file is stored. If we let the 6 nybbles of these bytes be represented by >UVWXYZ then the word formed from >0XUV will be the sector number of the first sector of the file and >0YZW will be the logical offset of the last sector of the file. That is, the number of sectors in the file will be >0YZW + >0001(File Descriptor Record is not included in the sector count). If the file is "fractured", then this three-byte block refers to the first segment of the fractured file and will be followed by as many additional three-byte blocks as there are additional file segments. In each block the word >0XUV is the starting sector of the segment and the word >0YZW is one less than the total number of sectors used by the file through the current segment.

FILE STORAGE

Files are placed on the disk in first-come/first served manner. The first file written will start at sector >0042, and each subsequent file will be placed after it. Sectors >2 through >41 are reserved for File Descriptor Records. File data will be stored in these sectors if no other sectors are available. If more than 64 files are stored on a disk, additional File Descriptor Records will be al-

HOW TO DISTINGUISH A PROGRAM FROM A PROGRAM IMAGE FILE

Using a sector editor, find the first sector of the program, this can be done by using DSKU edit feature or looking at the file descriptor record of program at >1C->1E. Look at the *first three words* of that first sector. Now XOR word two with word three. If word one is equal to the result then it is either a MYBASIC, Basic, or X-Basic program. If word one is equal to the *two's* complement of the result then it is a protected program. If the result is neither then it is a program image file.

EXAMPLE

C305 A243 9EB8 Protected MYBASIC program 3CFB A243 9EB8 Not Protected

A243 1010 0010 0100 0011 word two 9EB8 1001 1110 1011 1000 word three

1100 0011 0000 0100

 00+1	0000 0100	
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C305 1100 0011 0000 0101 word one Protected

XOR and TWO'S complement are explained in E/A manu-

Hardware, software brokerage announced

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Raymond Frantz of Phoenix, Arizona, has announced that he is setting up as a broker of used TI99/4A hardware, software and books.

Frantz says he is doing this as a service to users, with charges intended to cover his costs only. He says he does not buy anything, but rather lists and arranges sales of materials.

For further information, send a No. 10 self-addressed envelope with 52 cents of postage attached, to Raymond Frantz, "Broker of 99/4A Stuff" Worldwide, 502 N. 51st St., Ste. 2, Phoenix, AZ 85008-6649. tions or workspaces that don't fit them well. The injuries, called cumulative trauma disorders, can lead to severe back and neck pain, eyestrain and tendinitis, as well as carpal tunnel syndrome, according to Nancy Osterman, director of the Workplace Ergonomics Institute at Quill Corporation. A booklet called "The Easy 8-Step Ergonomics Guide" details techniques that help reduce the risk of such disorders. For a free copy of the booklet, contact Quill Corporation, Workplace Ergonomics Institute, Public Relations Dept., 100



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Extended BASIC Color Programming Tutor is a good place to start

The following program, called "Color Programming Tutor," was written by Jim Peterson. It's a tutorial on the use of color in Extended BASIC. It requires a memory expansion and works best with a color monitor. Peterson, who owned Tigercub Software, died early this year.

OSUB 1980 ! STOP, WAIT, WIPE ! 068 190 GOSUB 2150 ! GET BORDER

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200 DISPLAY AT(3,1): "The co

REEN(S):: DISPLAY AT(12,5):C \$(S):: DISPLAY AT(15,5):"CAL L@SCREEN(";STR\$(S);")" :: GO SUB 2330 ! DISPLAY, LABEL SC REENS !209 330 NEXT S :: GOSUB 2330 ! P AUSE !255 340 CALL CLEAR :: GOSUB 2150 1017 350 DISPLAY AT(3,1):" The se cond command is CALL":" COLO R." !163 360 DISPLAY AT(6, 1): " The pr intable characters on":" the keyboard are divided":" int o 12 sets of 8":" characters each." !029 370 DISPLAY AT(12, 1):" In Ex tended Basic, set 0":" and s ets 13 and 14 are also" !205 380 DISPLAY AT(14,1):" avail able for color, but":" sets 15 and 16 cannot be":" used. " :: CALL CHAR(64,@\$):: GOSU B 1980 ! RESTORE @, GET BORD ER !212 390 GOSUB 2260 ! PRINT ALL C HAR SETS 1242 400 CALL CHARSET :: DISPLAY AT(1,1):" Each set can be gi ven a":" different foregroun d and":" background color. T he" !188 410 DISPLAY AT(4,1):" foregr ound color is the":" color o f the character, the":" back ground is the color of "!035 420 DISPLAY AT(7,1):" the re st of the print": " space." ! 253 430 DISPLAY AT(9,1): " Some c ombinations of colors":" con trast much better than":" ot hers." !144 440 DISPLAY AT(12,1):" The s hades of color can":" vary g reatly depending on" !039 (See Page 14)

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100 CALL CLEAR :: MB\$="187E6 600DBA53C2442187E55E76618182 45AA5C35A8199420000667EA5C3D B24BD5A66BD7E817E7E5A3CC3A51 80066429900" ! USED IN LINE 378 !139 110 CALL SCREEN(16):: CALL C HARPAT(64,@\$):: CALL CHAR(64 ,"0",37,"3C4299A1A199423C"): DIM C\$(16), A\$(16), K@\$(14), L\$(12):: RANDOMIZE :: GOSUB 2150 !145 120 B,C,D,F,G,J,K,L,R,S,T,X,

lors and their codes":" are: " !002 210 RESTORE 2090 !143 220 FOR J=1 TO 16 :: READ C\$ (J):: DISPLAY AT(J+6,3):" "; C\$(J):: NEXT J :: GOSUB 1980 ! LIST CODES AND COLORS !15 3 230 DISPLAY AT(6,1): " These are the colors --" :: FOR D= 1 TO 400 :: NEXT D :: CALL C LEAR :: GOSUB 2350 ! TO DISP LAY AND LABEL COLORS !240 240 CH=24 :: CALL CLEAR :: F OR R=4 TO 18 :: CALL COLOR(R -4, R-2, R-2):: CALL HCHAR(R, 1 ,CH,32):: CH=CH+8 :: NEXT R HORIZONTAL RAINBOW !119 250 CH=40 :: FOR C=7 TO 21 : : CALL VCHAR(1,C,CH,24):: CH =CH+8 :: NEXT C :: FOR D=1 T 0 500 :: NEXT D :: GOSUB 213 0 ! VERTICAL RAINBOW !135 260 CALL VCHAR(1,31,1,96):: GOSUB 2150 ! EDGES AND BORDE R !219 270 DISPLAY AT(6,1):" There are three different": comma nds to put color on":" the s creen." !054 280 DISPLAY AT(10,1):" CALL SCREEN will color the": " ent ire screen, or any part":" o f it that has not been":" co lored by another command." : : GOSUB 1980 !152 290 !@P+ !062 300 CALL CHARSET :: CALL CHA R(64, "0"):: FOR SET=2 TO 8 : : CALL COLOR(SET, 2, 16) :: NEX T SET ! SUB @ FOR SPACE !010 310 !@P- !064 320 FOR S=2 TO 16 :: CALL SC

Y,Z,CH,COL,K2,SE,SET,TM,TW,T X, X@, Z@, CN(1), R@(1), L2, P=0!038 130 C\$(1), @\$, B\$, CC\$, A\$(1), C@\$,CH\$,C44\$,C52\$,X\$,BB\$,M@\$(1),L1\$,L2\$,L\$(1)="" !166 140 !@P- !064 150 GOSUB 2790 ! SAVE LOWER CASE HEX CODES !138 160 DISPLAY AT(3,10):"TIGERC UB": :" COLOR PROGRAMMING TUTOR": : TCX-1115 %Tigercu b Software": :!157 165 ! programmed by Jim Pete rson. Copyright 1984 Tigercu b Software, 156 Collingwood Ave., Columbus OHIO 43213 !0 46

170 DISPLAY AT(10,1):" The T I-99/4A Home Computer":" can put 15 vivid colors on":" t The screen at one time, and 1222 180 DISPLAY AT(13,1):" can c reate an endless vari-":" et y of colorful effects." :: G

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(Continued from Page 13) 450 DISPLAY AT(14,1): your TV set and its color": adju stment. They can also": var y greatly in depth and "!165 460 DISPLAY AT(17,1): brigh tness depending on the": co mbinations and propor-":" ti ons of colors on the":" scre en." :: GOSUB 1980 !196 470 DISPLAY AT(9,1): "The fo llowing program will":" show you the 3375 possible":" co mbinations of screen, " !171 480 DISPLAY AT(12,1):" foreg round and background": colo rs - but it takes 11":" minu tes to run, so you can" !068 490 DISPLAY AT(15,1):" stop it any time with the":" Q ke y." :: GOSUB 1980 !233 500 FOR J=1 TO 6 :: PRINT " THIS IS A TEST": : :: NEXT J !211 510 PRINT " FOREGROUND": :" BACKGROUND": : SCREEN": : : : : : :: CALL CHAR(64, "FFFF FFFFFFFFFFFFF")!175 520 FOR G=3 TO 8 :: CALL HCH AR(G,22,64,5):: NEXT G :: K2 =1 !212 530 FOR J=2 TO 16 :: FOR L=3 TO 7 :: CALL COLOR(L, K2-ABS (K2=17), J):: NEXT L ! GO THR U FOREGROUND COLORS !251 540 DISPLAY AT(16, 14)SIZE(4) :" "&STR\$(J)&" " !238 550 FOR K2=2 TO 16 :: IF K2= J THEN 620 1022 560 DISPLAY AT(14, 14)SIZE(4):" "&STR\$(K2)&" " !031 570 FOR L=3 TO 7 :: CALL COL OR(L, K2, J) :: NEXT L ! GO THRU BACKGROUND COLORS !134580 FOR S=2 TO 16 !122 590 DISPLAY AT(18, 14)SIZE(4) :" "&STR\$(S)&" " :: CALL SCR EEN(S)! GO THRU SCREEN COLOR

N(16):: FOR SET=1 TO 8 :: CA LL COLOR(SET, 2, 1):: NEXT SET :: CALL CHAR(64, "0")! RESTO RE !191 _650 DISPLAY AT(2,1):" WANT T O TRY YOUR OWN COLOR": COMB **INATIONS?":** :!117 660 DISPLAY AT(4, 1): "SELECT: ":" SCREEN COLOR CODE #":" F OREGROUND COLOR CODE #":" BA CKGROUND COLOR CODE #" !048 670 DISPLAY AT(10, 1): " THE R ESULT MAY NOT BE":" LEGIBLE, SO READ THIS NOW!": :" SELE CT AND ENTER SCREEN, ": FORE GROUND AND BACKGROUND" !245 680 DISPLAY AT(15,1): COLOR S (1-16)": :" THEN ENTER:":" S TO CHANGE SCREEN COLOR":" F TO CHANGE FOREGROUND": " B TO CHANGE BACKGROUND" !029 690 DISPLAY AT(22, 1): " OR Q TO QUIT" !187 700 ACCEPT AT(5,22)SIZE(2)VA LIDATE(DIGIT)BEEP:S :: IF S< 1 OR S>16 THEN 700 !196 710 ACCEPT AT(6, 26)SIZE(2)VA LIDATE(DIGIT)BEEP:F :: IF F< 1 OR F>16 THEN 710 !172 720 ACCEPT AT(7, 26)SIZE(2)VA LIDATE(DIGIT) BEEP:B :: IF B< 1 OR B>16 THEN 720 !171 730 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREE N(S):: GOSUB 750 !000 740 GOTO 760 1073 750 FOR SET=2 TO 8 :: CALL C OLOR(SET, F, B):: NEXT SET :: RETURN !163 760 DISPLAY AT(6,1):" SCREEN COLOR ";C\$(S):: DISPLAY AT(12,1):" FOREGROUND ";C\$(F):: DISPLAY AT(18,1):" BACKGROU ND ";C\$(B)!110 770 DISPLAY AT(20,1):" TO CH ANGE": TAB(6); "SCREEN COLOR T YPE S": TAB(6); "FOREGROUND TY PE F":TAB(6); "BACKGROUND TYP E B" !127 780 DISPLAY AT(24,5):"TO QUI T, TYPE Q" !112 790 CALL KEY(3,K,ST):: IF ST <1 THEN 790 ELSE IF K=81 THE N 850 ELSE IF K<>83 THEN 810 195 800 S=S+1-(15*ABS(S=16)):: C

ALL SCREEN(S):: DISPLAY AT(M ,1):"SCREEN COLOR ";C\$(S):: GOTO 790 !034 810 IF K<>70 THEN 830 :: F=F +1-(15*ABS(F=16)):: GOSUB 75 0 !017 820 DISPLAY AT(12,1): " FOREG ROUND ";C\$(F):: GOTO 790 !08 4 830 IF K<>66 THEN 790 :: B=B +1-(15*ABS(B=16)):: GOSUB 75 0 !226 840 DISPLAY AT(18,1):" BACKG ROUND ";C\$(B):: GOTO 790 !05 9 850 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREE N(16):: FOR SET=1 TO 8 :: CA LL COLOR(SET, 5, 16):: NEXT SE T !221 860 CALL CHARSET :: DISPLAY AT(3,1):" The format of the CALL":" COLOR statement is": " CALL COLOR(set number, ":" foreground color number, " !1 37 870 DISPLAY AT(7,1): backg ound color number)":" For i " nstance:":" CALL COLOR(2,5 ,16) " !086 880 DISPLAY AT(11,1):" If th e foreground and back-":" gr ound colors are the same, ":" for instance CALL COLOR" !0 27 890 DISPLAY AT(14,1):" (2,5, 5), any character in":" that set will print as a":" soli d block of color." !244 900 DISPLAY AT(18,1):" CALL COLOR does not put any":" co lor on your screen. You":" m ust use PRINT, CALL HCHAR" ! 227 910 DISPLAY AT(21,1):" or CA LL VCHAR to display":" chara cters that you have":" color ed.":" Press any key" :: GOSUB 2000 !142 920 DISPLAY AT(6,3): "NOW" :: DISPLAY AT(8,6):"THIS" :: D ISPLAY AT(10,9):"IS" :: DISP LAY AT(12,12): "IMPORTANT!!! :: DISPLAY AT(20,15): "PRESS ANY KEY" !117 (See Page 15)

S !212 600 CALL KEY(3,K,ST):: IF K= 81 THEN 640 !079 610 NEXT S !233 620 NEXT K2 !019 630 NEXT J !224 640 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREE

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930 DISPLAY AT(12,12): "impor tant" :: DISPLAY AT(12,12): " IMPORTANT!!!" :: CALL KEY(0, K,ST):: IF ST<>0 THEN 940 EL SE 930 ! JIGGLE WORD !036 940 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREE N(8)!236 950 DISPLAY AT(2,1): "When y ou turn on the compu-": " ter , the screen color is ": " #8 suppose we change the":" bac kground color of Set 1,":" w hich contains the space" !12 0 1080 DISPLAY AT(19,1):" char acter, to light yellow:":" C ALL COLOR(1,2,12)" :: DISPLA Y AT(24,5):"Press any key" ! 068 1090 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S< 1 THEN 1090 !140

1100 CALL COLOR(1,2,12):: GO

SUB 1980 ! COLOR SET 1 !242

1110 DISPLAY AT(2,1): "The s

rs by":" CALL VCHAR(1,31,1,9 6)." !219 1210 DISPLAY AT(11,1):" This can give an entirely":" dif ferent contrast to your":" c olor combinations." !207 1220 DISPLAY AT(15,1):" This `window' is not":" affected by scrolling, but":" is era sed by CALL CLEAR, " !072 1230 DISPLAY AT(18,1):" so c lear the screen by":" CALL V CHAR(1,3,32,672)" !055 1240 CALL VCHAR(1,31,1,96)! SCREEN WINDOW !026 1250 DISPLAY AT(23,3): "Press any key" :: CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF ST<1 THEN 1250 !154 1260 CALL VCHAR(1,3,32,672): : CALL COLOR(1,2,16):: CALL SCREEN(2):: CALL VCHAR(1,31,1,96):: GOSUB 1630 ! WINDOW WIPE !179 1270 DISPLAY AT(2,1):" CALL COLOR(1,2,16)":" CALL SCREEN (2)":" CALL VCHAR(1,31,1,96) ":" FOR SET=2 TO 12" !110 1280 DISPLAY AT(6,1): "CALL C OLOR(SET, 2, 16)":" NEXT SET": : : : " PRESS: ": " S TO CHAN GE SCREEN COLOR" !206 1290 DISPLAY AT(13,1):" X T O CHANGE SET 1 BACK-":" GRO UND": " B TO CHANGE OTHER BA CK-":" GROUNDS" !101 1300 DISPLAY AT(17,1): " F T O CHANGE FOREGROUNDS": Q T O QUIT" !046 1310 B=16 :: C=3 :: F=2 !049 1320 CALL KEY(3,K,ST):: IF S T<1 THEN 1320 !030 1330 ON POS("SXBFQ", CHR(K), 1)+1 GOTO 1320, 1340, 1350, 136 0,1390,1400 !147 1340 S=S+1-ABS(S=16)*15 :: C ALL SCREEN(S):: GOTO 1320 ! GO THRU SCREEN COLORS !039

cyan (pale blue)" !063 960 DISPLAY AT(6, 1): "The fo reground color of all":" the character sets is":" #2 bla ck" !030 970 DISPLAY AT(10,1):" And t heir background color":" is #1 transparent" !044 980 DISPLAY AT(13,1):" Since the background color":" is TRANSPARENT, the cyan": col or SHOWS THROUGH !!! !232 990 DISPLAY AT(22,1):"Press any key" !065 **V1000 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S<** >0 THEN 1020 !004 1010 DISPLAY AT(14,1):" is the cyan" :: FOR D=1 TO 10 :: NEXT D :: DISP LAY AT(14,1):" is TRANSPAREN **T** the cyan" :: GOTO 1000 ! FLASH WORD 1079 1020 CALL CLEAR :: DISPLAY A T(2,1): "When you turn on th e compu-":" ter, or after yo u CALL":" CLEAR, the screen is filled" !103 1030 DISPLAY AT(5,1): (exce pt for a strip at top": and bottom) with 24 rows":" and 32 columns of the blank" !2 14 1040 DISPLAY AT(8,1):" space -bar character, ASCII":" cod e 32." !071 1050 DISPLAY AT(11,1):" Sinc

pace characters are":"all ye llow and the punctua-":"tion characters in Set 1 are":"b lack on yellow, but all" !13 4 1120 DISPLAY AT(6,1): "the ot her character sets are":"sti 11 black on transparent, ":"s o the cyan screen color":"sh ows through." !047 1130 DISPLAY AT(10,1):" This can be very useful,":" but is very confusing if":" you don't understand it!" !100 1140 DISPLAY AT(15,1):" Don' t change the background":" c olor of Set 1 unless you":" know what you're doing!" !04 1150 DISPLAY AT(20,1):" Of c ourse, we can also":"change the background color": "of th e other sets.": :"Press any key" !070 1160 CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF S T=0 THEN 1160 !120 1170 FOR SET=2 TO 12 :: CALL COLOR(SET, 2, 12) :: NEXT SET:: GOSUB 1980 ! CHANGE ALL S ETS BACKGR COLOR !004 1180 DISPLAY AT(2,1): "The e dge character 1 is al-":" wa ys transparent. After you":"

1350 B=B+1-ABS(B=16)*16 :: C have changed the space" !06 e the space character":" has ALL COLOR(1, F, B):: GOTO 1320 no foreground pattern, ": " a 6 ! GO THRU BACK COLORS !153 1190 DISPLAY AT(5,1):" chara nd the background color is" 1360 B=B+1-ABS(B=16)*15 ! GOcter to a color, you":" can 1054 THRU SET 1 BACK COLORS !055 make the screen color":" sho 1060 DISPLAY AT(14,1):" tran 1370 GOSUB 750 !064 w on the left and right" !14 sparent, you can't see":" it 1380 GOTO 1320 !124 of course." !146 5 (See Page 16) 1200 DISPLAY AT(8,1): borde 1070 DISPLAY AT(16,1):" But

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(Continued from Page 15) 1390 F=F+1-ABS(F=16)*15 :: G OTO 1370 ! GO THRU FORE COLO RS 1049 1400 CALL SCREEN(4):: GOSUB 2130 !193 1410 DISPLAY AT(3,1):" Small areas of color on a":" blac k screen appear washed":" ou t and almost colorless, " !24 1420 DISPLAY AT(6,1):" but a re very bright when":" the b order is white." !086 1430 DISPLAY AT(10,1):" Smal l areas of color on a":" whi te screen appear too":" dark , but are brighter when" !11 8 1440 DISPLAY AT(13,1):" the border is black." :: GOSUB 1 980 1070 1450 !@P+ !062 1460,DATA 00,18,24,3C,42,5A, 66,7E,81,99,A5,BD,C3,DB,E7,F F !244 1470 !@P- !064 1480 RESTORE 1460 !022 1490 FOR J=1 TO 16 :: READ A \$(J):: NEXT J :: CALL COLOR(LL VCHAR(1,31,1,96)!139 1500 GOSUB 1520 !069 1510 GOTO 1550 !099 ETS !067 1530 Y = INT(14 * RND + 2) :: IF Y =X THEN 1530 !197 EXT SET :: RETURN !103 :: GOSUB 1580 ! RANDOM SYMME TRICAL REDEFINED CHARS !170 1560 GOTO 1600 ! JUMP OVER I N-LINE GOSUB !124 1570 !@P+ !062 1580 FOR L=1 TO 4 :: X=INT(1 6*RND+1):: B\$=B\$&A\$(X):: CC\$ =A (X) & CC\$:: NEXT L :: CALL CHAR(CH, RPT\$(B\$&CC\$,4)):: B \$,CC\$=NUL\$:: RETURN !250 1590 !@P- !064 1600 FOR J=1 TO 3 :: CALL HC HAR(INT(20*RND+3), INT(25*RND

+5, CH):: NEXT J :: NEXT CH !117 1610 IF TM=1 THEN 1640 ELSE CALL SCREEN(16):: GOSUB 1630 1068 1620 GOTO 1650 !199 1630 FOR SET=2 TO 12 :: CALL COLOR(SET, 2, 16):: NEXT SET :: RETURN !115 1640 CALL SCREEN(2)! CHANGE TO WHITE W/BLACK BORDER !033 1650 FOR J=1 TO 5 :: GOSUB 1 520 ! SCATTER CHARS !078 1660 NEXT J :: TM=TM+1 :: GO SUB 1980 !178 1670 IF TM=2 THEN 1680 ELSE CALL CLEAR :: CALL COLOR(1,1 6,16):: CALL SCREEN(16):: CA LL VCHAR(1,31,1,96):: GOTO 1 500 1023 1680 FOR SET=1 TO 12 :: CALL COLOR(SET, 4, 16):: NEXT SET :: CALL CLEAR :: CALL CHARSE T :: GOSUB 2800 !129 1690 CALL SCREEN(16):: DISPL AY AT(6,1):" If the foregrou nd and back-":" ground color s are the same":" the charac ter will print as" !160 1700 DISPLAY AT(9,1):" a sol 1,2,2):: CALL SCREEN(2):: CA id block of that color": : : :" FOR SET=2 TO 12":" CALL COLOR(SET,SET,SET)":" NEXT S ET" :: GOSUB 1980 !006 1520 FOR SET=2 TO 8 :: X=INT 1710 CALL CLEAR :: FOR SET=2 (14*RND+2)! RANDOMLY COLOR S TO 13 :: CALL COLOR(SET, SET ,SET):: NEXT SET :: GOSUB 22 00 ! DISPLAY CONCENTRIC SQUA RES !224 1540 CALL COLOR(SET,X,Y):: N 1720 FOR D=1 TO 300 :: NEXT D :: GOSUB 2130 !031 1550 FOR CH=40 TO 88 STEP 8 1730 DISPLAY AT(6,1):" If th e foreground and back-":" gr ound colors are different":" the results are even more" 1073 1740 DISPLAY AT(9,1):" color 1920 IF X<>1 THEN 1930 :: CA ful.": : :" FOR SET=2 TO 13" :" CALL COLOR (SET, SET, SET+1) ":" NEXT SET" :: GOSUB 1980 !102 1750 CALL CLEAR :: FOR SET=2 TO 13 :: CALL COLOR (SET, SET ,SET+1):: NEXT SET :: GOSUB 2200 ! DISPLAY CONCENTRIC SQ

UARES !155 1760 FOR D=1 TO 400 :: NEXT D :: GOSUB 2130 !032 1770 DISPLAY AT(3,1):" As yo u have already seen in":" th e screen borders and":" wipe s, redefined characters" !03 5

1780 DISPLAY AT(6,1):" in tw o colors can give very":" co lorful effects. You can":" 1 earn one way to create" !146 1790 DISPLAY AT(9,1):" these by listing lines":" 3780-38 80, which produce": the scr een border." :: GOSUB 1980 ! 179 1800 GOSUB 2450 ! TO FLASH T EXT ON AND OFF 1207 1810 GOSUB 2530 ! FOR BLENDE D COLORS !197 1820 GOSUB 2810 ! FOR SPRITE ROUTINES !110 1830 CALL CHARSET !118 1840 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL)!115 1850 DISPLAY AT(12,1)ERASE LL:" THIS WILL BE THE GRAND" :" FINALE OF THIS LESSON." ! 188 1860 FOR CH=40 TO 136 STEP 8 :: GOSUB 1580 ! REDEFINE SY MMETRIC CHARS 1035 1870 NEXT CH :: GOSUB 3260 ! 187 1880 CALL COLOR(1,1,1):: GOS UB 2200 ! FOR CONCENTRIC SQU ARES !242 1890 FOR J=1 TO 5 :: GOSUB 3 260 !215 1900 NEXT J :: CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREEN(5):: FOR J=1 TO 30 :: X=INT(10*RND):: IF X< >0 THEN 1920 ! PICK RANDOM B ICOLORS !208 1910 CALL CLEAR ! RANDOM BAR S ROUTINE !195

LL SCREEN(INT($14 \times RND + 2$))!058 1930 CALL HCHAR(INT(22*RND+2), INT(26*RND+4), INT(13*RND+5))*8, INT(20*RND+2))!033 1940 CALL VCHAR(INT(22*RND+2), INT(26*RND+4), INT(13*RND+5))*8, INT(10*RND+2))!046 (See Page 17)

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(Continued from Page 16) 1950 IF J>10 THEN 1970 ! RAN DOM SYMMETRIC GIANT SPRITES ERROR: Procedure File Not Found!

1009 1960 CALL SPRITE(#J, INT(12*R ND+5)*8, INT(15*RND+2), 100, 12 0, INT(10*RND) - INT(10*RND), INT(10*RND) - INT(10*RND))!1781970 NEXT J :: GOTO 3120 !23

OR RANDOM COLORED BORDER DES IGN !010 2160 Z=INT(12*RND+5):: IF Z= Y THEN 2160 !066 2170 !@P+ !062 2180 CALL COLOR(14,Z,Y):: CA LL HCHAR(1,2,143,30):: CALL HCHAR(24,2,143,30):: CALL VC HAR(1,2,143,24):: CALL VCHAR (1,31,143,24):: RETURN !167 2190 !@P- !064

2200 FOR X=1 TO 12 ! DISPLAY

CALL HCHAR(9,1,128,256):: C ALL HCHAR(17,1,136,256)!106 2360 !@P+ !062 2370 DATA 4,3,13,8,6,5,10,9, 7, 12, 11, 14, 2, 15, 16 ! 147 2380 !@P- !064 2390 RESTORE 2370 :: R@(1)=3 :: R@(2) = 11 :: R@(3) = 19 !17 8 2400 FOR J=1 TO 15 STEP 3 :: FOR COL=1 TO 3 :: READ CN(C

OL):: CALL COLOR(11+COL, CN(C

1980 DISPLAY AT(23,15):"pres s any key" ! GOSUB TO HOLD, WAIT FOR KEY, RANDOM WIPE !1 84 1990 !@P+ !062 2000 CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF S T<1 THEN 2000 !197 2010 !@P- !064 2020 TW=TW+1-2*(ABS(TW=2)):: X = INT(15*RND+2)!1782030 Y=INT(15*RND+2):: IF Y= X THEN 2030 !188 2040 CALL COLOR(14, X, Y) :: ON TW GOTO 2050,2060 !077 2050 CALL VCHAR(1,1,143,768) :: GOTO 2070 !026 2060 CALL HCHAR(1,1,143,768) 1029 2070 CALL CLEAR :: RETURN !2 19 2080 !@P+ !062 2090 DATA 1 TRANSPARENT, 2 BLACK, 3 MEDIUM@GREEN, 4 LIG HT@GREEN, 5 DARK@BLUE, 6 LIG HT@BLUE,7 DARK@RED,8 CYAN !214 2100 DATA 9 MEDIUM@RED,10 L IGHT@RED,11 DARK@YELLOW,12 L IGHT@YELLOW, 13 DARK@GREEN, 14 MAGENTA, 15 GREY, 16 WHITE, DU MMY !254 2110 !@P- !064 2120 CALL SCREEN(4)!149 2130 CALL CLEAR :: FOR SET=1 TO 12 :: CALL COLOR(SET, 2, 3

CONCENTRIC SQUARES !127 2210 CALL HCHAR(X, 1+X, 8*X+32 ,30-X-TX)!130 2220 CALL HCHAR(25-X,1+X,8*X +32,30-X-TX)!117 2230 CALL VCHAR(X,1+X,8*X+32 ,25-X-TX)!148 2240 CALL VCHAR(X,31-X,8*X+3 2,25-X-TX):: TX=TX+1 :: NEXT X :: TX=0 :: RETURN !123 2250 ! TO PRINT ALL SETS AND CHARS !207 2260 FOR CH=128 TO 143 :: CA LL CHAR(CH, "00FF81818181FF") :: NEXT CH :: CALL COLOR(13, 2,16,14,2,16)!163 2270 FOR SE=0 TO 14 :: PRINT " SET"; SE; TAB(9); ""; :: FOR L=24+SE*8 TO 30+SE*8 :: PRIN T CHR\$(L);" ";:: NEXT L :: P RINT CHR\$(L):: NEXT SE ! PRI NT ALL !145 2280 PRINT : : : : : PRESS A NY KEY" :: GOSUB 2150 ! GET BORDER 1056 2290 CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF S T<1 THEN 2290 !232 2300 FOR SET=0 TO 14 :: CALL COLOR(SET, SET+2, 1):: NEXT S ET :: CALL COLOR(1, 2, 16) :: C ALL SCREEN(2):: CALL VCHAR(1 ,31,1,96):: GOSUB 1980 ! COL OR EACH SET DIFFERENTLY !233 2310 CALL COLOR(1, 2, 1) :: GOS UB 2120 !205

OL), CN(COL)):: DISPLAY AT(R@ (COL), 5) SIZE(16): C\$(CN(COL))1033 2410 NEXT COL :: DISPLAY AT(24,5)SIZE(15):" TOUCH ANY KE Y" !156 2420 CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF S T<1 THEN 2420 !107 2430 NEXT J :: RETURN !234 2440 ! ROUTINE TO FLASH TEXT ON AND OFF 1042 2450 FOR SET=1 TO 12 :: CALL COLOR(SET, 1, 1) :: NEXT SET !048 2460 PRINT " As you have jus t seen, the": character set s can be given":" the transp arent foreground" !172 2470 PRINT " color before te xt is placed":" on the scree n, and then":" changed back to another" !222 2480 PRINT " color to sudden ly become":" visible. You ca n do the":" same with graphi : : : : ! 043 2490 FOR T=1 TO 3 :: FOR SET =1 TO 12 :: CALL COLOR(SET, 1 ,1):: NEXT SET !247 2500 FOR SET=12 TO 1 STEP -1 :: CALL COLOR(SET, 2, 1):: NE XT SET !159 2510 FOR D=1 TO 100 :: NEXT D.:: NEXT T :: GOSUB 1980 !2

):: NEXT SET :: RETURN ! GOS UB TO RESTORE COLORS !172 2140 FOR SET=1 TO 12 :: CALL COLOR(SET,2,3):: NEXT SET : : RETURN !061 2150 X=INT(42*RND+1)*2-1 :: CALL CHAR(143, SEG\$(MB\$, X, 16)):: Y=INT(12*RND+5)! GOSUB F

2320 RETURN !136 2330 FOR D=1 TO 200 :: NEXT D :: RETURN ! DELAY !014 2340 ! ROUTINE TO DISPLAY AN D LABEL COLORS 1039 2350 FOR SET=12 TO 14 :: CAL L COLOR(SET, 1, 1):: NEXT SET :: CALL HCHAR(1,1,120,256)::

42 2520 RETURN !136 2530 CALL CLEAR :: CH\$=RPT\$("AA55",4)! ROUTINE TO SHOW B LENDED COLORS !098 2540 DISPLAY AT(8,1): "The 1 5 basic colors can be":"blen (See Page 18)

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(Continued from Page 17) ded into hundreds of":"shade s by combining two of":"them in a character which" !207 2550 CALL CHARPAT(34,C@\$):: CALL CHAR(37,C@\$)!107 2560 DISPLAY AT(12,1):"is re defined by CALL CHAR":"(CH,R PT\$(%AA55%,4))" :: DISPLAY A T(24,1):"Press any key" !226 2570 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S< 1 THEN 2570 !090

this effect may" !219 2750 DISPLAY AT(13,1): "not b e the same on all TVs." :: D ISPLAY AT(24,1):"Press any k ey" !086 2760 CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF S T<1 THEN 2760 !192 2770 CALL CLEAR :: CH\$=RPT\$("AA",8):: GOSUB 2600 !017 2780 FOR SET=2 TO 12 :: CALL COLOR(SET,2,1):: NEXT SET : : RETURN ! RESTORE ALL TO BL ACK ON TRANSP 1241 2790 X=0 :: FOR CH=40 TO 136 STEP 8 :: X=X+1 :: CALL CHA RPAT(CH,K@\$(X)):: NEXT CH :: RETURN ! SAVE HEX CODES OF LOWER CASE !196 2800 X@=0 :: FOR CH=40 TO 13 6 STEP 8 :: X@=X@+1 :: CALL CHAR(CH,K@\$(X@)):: NEXT CH : : RETURN ! RESTORE LOWER CAS E CHARS 1026 2810 CALL CLEAR :: GOSUB 280 0 ! SPRITE ROUTINES !176 2820 DISPLAY AT(2,1):" The t hird way to place":"color on your screen is by":"the use of sprites." !017 2830 DISPLAY AT(6,1):" You c an have up to 28 of":"them o n the screen at one":"time. The only problem is":"that i f you put more than" !061 2840 DISPLAY AT(10,1):"4 of them in a horizontal":"row, only the 4 lowest":"numbered ones will be":"visible." !1 99 2850 DISPLAY AT(15,1):" Each sprite can be of the":"shap e of any character, or":"can be any redefined char-":"ac ter." :: GOSUB 1980 1099 2860 DISPLAY AT(3,1):" By us ing MAGNIFY(4), and":"redefi ning an ASCII which is":"div isible by 4 with":"CALL CHAR (CH, RPT\$(% F%, 64)), " !051 2870 DISPLAY AT(7,1): "you ca n color an area of":"4 x 4 p rint spaces." !148 2880 !@P+ !062 2890 CALL MAGNIFY(4):: FOR C H=128 TO 140 STEP 4 :: CALL

CHAR(CH, RPT\$("F", 64)):: Z@=Z @+1 :: CALL SPRITE(#Z@,CH,Z@ +4,100,40+Z@*32):: NEXT CH : : GOSUB 1980 !DISPLAY 4 BLOC KS !213 2900 !@P- !064 2910 !@P+ !062 2920 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL):: D ISPLAY AT(3,1):" A sprite ca n be given any":"color, rega rdless of the":"color assign ed to the set":"from which i ts character is":"taken." !0 18 2930 !@P- !064 2940 DISPLAY AT(12,1):RPT\$(" A",28):: DISPLAY AT(14,1):RP T\$("Z",28)!PRINT ROWS OF A, Z !108 2950 CALL MAGNIFY(2):: CALL SPRITE(#1,65,11,90,8,0,10,#2 ,90,5,110,8,0,10):: GOSUB 19 80 ! SPRITES A & Z !005 2960 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL):: C ALL CHARPAT(44,C44\$):: CALL CHARPAT(52,C52\$):: CALL CHAR (123,C44\$,96,C52\$)!REDEFINE COMMA & 4 FOR NEXT TEXT !018 2970 CALL SCREEN(8):: DISPLA Y AT(5,1):" A sprite can hav e only one":"color{ but up t o `sprites":"can overlay ea ch other{ and" !199 2980 DISPLAY AT(8,1): "sprite s can overlay the":"colors p roduced by the other":"metho ds" !SPRITES OF OVERLAID SQU ARES !240 2990 M@\$(1)="FFFFC0C0C0C0C0C0C 0C0C0C0C0C0C0FFFFFFFF0303030 30303030303030303FFFF" !069 3000 M@\$(2)="00003F3F3030303 0303030303F3F0000000FCFC0C0 COCOCOCOCOCFCFC" !210 3010 M@\$(3)="0000000000F0F0C0 C0C0C0F0F00000000000000000000000F0F 030303030F0F0" !095 3020 M@\$(4)=RPT\$("0",13)&"30 30303"&RPT\$("0",24)&"C0C0C0C " !229 3030 CALL CHAR(124,M@\$(1),12 8,M@\$(2),132,M@\$(3),136,M@\$(4))!205 3040 CALL MAGNIFY(4):: CALL

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2580 GOSUB 2600 !130
2590 FOR SET=2 TO 12 :: CALL
 COLOR(SET,2,1):: NEXT SET :
: GOTO 2720 !173
2600 CALL CLEAR :: FOR CH=40
 TO 136 STEP 8 :: CALL CHAR(
CH, CH$):: NEXT CH 1037
2610 CALL VCHAR(1,1,40,768):
: DISPLAY AT(24,1): " ANY
KEY TO GO ON " !172
2620 FOR B=2 TO 16 :: FOR F=
2 TO 16 :: IF F=B THEN 2640
!119
2630 CALL COLOR(2,F,B)!063
2640 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S<
>0 THEN 2660 !115
2650 FOR D=1 TO 100 :: NEXT
D :: NEXT F :: NEXT B !169
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2660 CH=40 :: FOR C=3 TO 28 STEP 2 :: CALL VCHAR(1,C,CH, 48):: CH=CH+8 :: NEXT C :: D ISPLAY AT(24,1):" ANY K EY TO GO ON" !066 2670 F=2 :: B=2 !124 2680 FOR S=2 TO 14 :: CALL C OLOR(S, F, B) :: F = F + 1 :: IF F =17 THEN F=2 :: B=B+1 !130 2690 IF B=17 THEN 2670 !167 2700 CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF S T <> 0 THEN RETURN !108 2710 NEXT S :: GOTO 2680 !06 0 2720 CALL CLEAR :: GOSUB 280 0 ! ROUTINE TO SHOW BLEEDING 1228

2730 DISPLAY AT(6,1): "The h

orizontal scan of your":"TV set may also produce":"multi color effects by" !094 2740 DISPLAY AT(9,1):"bleedi ng colors into each":"other, especially when the":"patte rn is vertical.":" However,

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SPRITE(#1,124,2,80,112,#2,12 8,16,80,112,#3,132,11,80,112 ,#4,136,16,80,112)!152 3050 FOR CH=40 TO 52 STEP 4 :: FOR L=1 TO 4 :: X\$=SEG\$(" 0018243C425A667E8199A5BDC3DB E7FF",INT(16*RND+1)*2-1,2):: BB\$=BB\$&X\$:: CC\$=X\$&CC\$:: NEXT L !OVERLAID SYMMETRIC SPRITES !013

 3060 CALL CHAR(CH, RPT\$(BB\$&C
 139

 C\$,4)):: BB\$,CC\$="": NEXT
 3140 FOR P=12

 CH !233
 : PRINT TAB(3)

 3070 CALL SPRITE(#5,40,1,120
 P :: PRINT TAB(3)

 ,112,#6,44,1,120,112,#7,48,1
 3150 CALL DEB

 ,120,112,#8,52,1,120,112)!14
 3160 GOSUB 32

 1
 3170 Z=INT(7)

 3080 DISPLAY AT(24,1):"Press
 OSUB 3180,32

3110 END !139 3120 CALL CLEAR :: FOR S=2 T 0 14 :: CALL COLOR(S, 1, 1) ::NEXT S !187 3130 FOR L=1 TO 12 :: FOR L2 =1 TO 12 :: X\$=CHR\$(INT(13*R ND+5)*8):: L1\$=L1\$&X\$:: L2\$ =X L2\$:: NEXT L2 :: L\$(L) = L1\$&L2\$:: PRINT TAB(3);L\$(L):: L1\$,L2\$=NUL\$:: NEXT L ! 139 3140 FOR P=12 TO 2 STEP -1 : : PRINT TAB(3);L\$(P):: NEXT P :: PRINT TAB(3);L\$(1);!111 3150 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL)!115 3160 GOSUB 3250 !014 3170 Z=INT(7*RND+1):: ON Z G OSUB 3180,3220,3190,3220,320 0,3220,3210 :: GOTO 3160 !13 3180 FOR C=2 TO 14 :: CALL C OLOR(C, 1, 1) :: GOSUB 3250 ::NEXT C :: RETURN !210 3190 CALL SCREEN(INT(15*RND+ 2)):: RETURN !100

3200 X=INT(15*RND+2):: FOR C =2 TO 14 :: CALL COLOR(C, X, X):: NEXT C :: GOSUB 3250 :: RETURN !232 3210 FOR C=2 TO 14 :: X=INT(15*RND+2):: CALL COLOR(C,X,X):: GOSUB 3250 :: NEXT C :: RETURN 1232 3220 FOR C=2 TO 14 :: X=INT($13 \times RND + 2) \cdot 192$ 3230 Y=INT(13*RND+2):: IF Y= X THEN 3230 !111 3240 CALL COLOR(C, X, Y) :: GOS UB 3250 :: NEXT C :: RETURN 1165 3250 CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF S T<>0 THEN STOP ELSE RETURN ! 133 3260 FOR S=2 TO 14 :: X=INT(15*RND+2)!210 3270 Y=INT(15*RND+2):: IF Y= X THEN 3270 ELSE CALL COLOR(S,X,Y)!218 3280 NEXT S :: RETURN !243

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,112,#6,44,1,120,112,#7,48,1
,120,112,#8,52,1,120,112)!14
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3080 DISPLAY AT(24,1):"Press
any key to continue" !215
3090 FOR J=1 TO 8 :: CALL CO
LOR(#J,INT(15*RND+2)):: CALL
KEY(0,K,ST):: IF ST<>0 THEN
RETURN ! CHANGE SPRITE COLO
RS !244
3100 NEXT J :: GOTO 3090 !20

April 29 at Reed Hall on the campus of the Ohio State University at Lima, Ohio, according to Charles Good of the Lima Users Group.

The Lima Multi User Group Conference has been scheduled for

The event is free of charge for those attending. Vendors may also set up displays free of charge. Tables may be set up after 4 p.m. April 28, according to Good.

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San Diego TI SIG folds

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The TI SIG (special interest group) of the San Diego Computer Society has ceased meeting because of a lack of interest, according to David Sichak, newsletter editor of the society.

San Diego is also the home of the Southern California Computer Group, which is scheduled to host the TI Fest West in February

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Hard drives

Different types and characteristics of drives described

By GARY COX

(Reprinted from the June 1994 newsletter of the Mid-South 99ers)

This article was originally written for an IBM compatible, but I have modified the article to make it generic enough to apply to any computer, I hope.

Where did the term "hard disk" come from? Obviously it came from the way the disk was constructed, as, unlike floppy disks that can bend, hard drive platters are solid and thus they cannot bend. Another name for a hard drive is "Fixed Disk" or "Winchester." The meaning of the term "Fixed Disk" is obvious as the disk is fixed in place and cannot be removed (although removable hard drives exist but they are actually fixed in a case that can be removed from the housing). The term "Winchester" is also used to describe a hard drive. The term "Winchester" goes back to the 1960s where IBM developed a high-speed hard disk that had 30 megabytes of fixed platter storage and 30 megabytes of removable platter storage, thus calling the disk a 30-30 drive. However, instead of the disk being called a 30-30 drive, it gained the nickname "Winchester" referencing the "Winchester 30-30 caliber rifle." Nowadays the term "hard drive" is usually the only term that is used, but you may see references to older hard drives and controllers as "Winchester" drives or "Winchester" controllers. **BASIC COMPONENTS** The basic components of all hard drives are the same; each hard drive contains at least one disk platter, rewrite heads, a head actuator or arm, a platter motor or spindle actor, a circuit board, connectors and a case. The platters are stored one on top of another with spacing in between for the read/writer heads to magnetically store data on the media. All the inner workings are sealed inside a metal housing that protects the platter and heads from dirt and dust. In fact, the tolerance between the platter and head is so close that even one particle of dust can cause a scratch on the platter surface, thus damaging the drive as one particle of dust is larger than the gap between the head and the platter. There-

fore, a hard drive should never be opened! Hard drives are manufactured in dust-free "Class 100 clean rooms" which are cleaner than operating rooms! CMI (Computer Memories Incorporated) had trouble with a contaminated clean room that caused some of the early hard drives manufactured by them to be contaminated, thus causing a variety of problems, including a total disk crash.

timing signals and thus was replaced with MFM coding.

Another type of drive coding is RLL, which stands for Run Length Limited. RLL is more complicated than MFM, but allows for the placement of more data on the disk for the given amount of space. RLL may often be referred to in technical publications as RLL 2,7, referencing that the run length is limited to 7. Also used is RLL 3,9 (also called ARLL) which increases disk space even more. Drives for use as MFM and RLL come new from the factory completely blank, as the encoding for MFM and RLL drives is created during the low-level format. This low-level format is done by the user by invoking a built-in program in the ROM on the controller or by using a program to low-level format it. The low-level format creates the tracks that the drive uses to store data. As well, the low-level format locates any bad areas and locks them off. Thus, the encoding method is determined by the controller that you use, but with an MFM drive you should use only an MFM controller and with an RLL drive use only an RLL controller, as doing otherwise can cause intermittent problems and/or loss of data! Another type of encoding used on hard drives is ESDI, which stands for Enhanced Small Device Interface, which was created to allow for larger data capacity and speed in hard drives, as MFM and RLL drives are limited to under 140 megabytes due to their design. ESDI is really more of a standard of control rather than an encoding method, as ESDI was designed as an "intelligent" controller that could potentially handle not only hard drives, but floppy drives, tape backups, etc. However, I have never seen ESDI used for anything other than hard drives. Another type of encoding used on hard drives is SCSI, which stands for Small Computer Systems Interface. SCSI is also really more of a standard of control rather

Each hard drive usually contains more than one platter with a head attached to an arm on each of the platters creating a surface for data (kinda like a record player).

A variety of types of hard drives exists, with each type using a different method of

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between the head and the platter.

coding the information on the disk. The different coding methods provide for the different sizes, reliability and speed of the hard drive. The different coding methods are more or less a reflection of the changes in technology over the years. The physical size of the hard drive is no indication of the amount of storage space, as a very large (full height) drive might be only 10 megabytes where a hard drive smaller than the size of your hand might be able to store 300 megabytes! The encoding method as well as the way the drive is build determines the drive's size in megabytes. MFM DRIVES MFM-type drives are among the oldest and most common found in older computers. MFM stands for Modified Frequency Modulation and originated out of FM Encoding or Frequency Modulation Encoding. FM Encoding is an outdated coding scheme that used half the disk up just for



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(Continued from Page 20) than an encoding method, as SCSI is an "intelligent" control method used not only to control hard drives but other devices such as tape drives, floppy drives, CD-ROMs, printers, etc. Up to seven devices can be attached to a SCSI controller as long as each device has an individual ID number. SCSI drives usually come in large capacities and are often low-level formatted at the factory or come with lowceives as actually being the next sector, but in actuality it could be physically several sectors down the platter. In skipping several sectors, this method gives the computer time to catch up before more data is thrown into it. So a 1 or 3 interleave would be sequential sectors set up every 3 physical sectors. A 1-to-1 interleave would be the best case, where each sector is actually set up the same as what is physically there. Only on those hard drives that can be terleave set as they are factory set at 1 to 1. If an interleave is set wrong, it will only slow down your drive as, if the next sector and wait until that sector comes around again, which takes time. **TRACK** — A track is concentric circles that hold data on a hard disk platter with a track being composed of, not physical tracks, but magnetically allocated areas on the hard disk. **SECTOR** — A section of one track is called a sector; usually 512K bytes of data are contained per sector. **ZONE BIT RECORDING** — Since the tracks toward the outside of the disk are longer than those toward the center of the disk, due to the disk circular design, a lot of space toward the outside is wasted. Thus, a recording method called Zone Bit Recording (ZBR) was created to which tracks toward the outside of the platter have more sectors per track than the inside

low-level formatted can an interleave be set up, thus IDE drives cannot have an incomes around too soon and the computer is not ready for it, it will skip that sector of the platter, but each sector still contains only 512K bytes of data.

CYLINDER — A cylinder is basically the combination of identical track numbers on each platter of the disk of which each platter of a disk is stacked on top of each other; thus, just imagine a cylinder as being a rod vertically through each track on the platters. The usefulness of a cylinder is that it is one of the components used to find an address on the hard disk, with the other components being the head number and sector number. **CLUSTER** — A cluster is basically the number of sectors that the operating system uses each time space on the hard disk is needed. **TRACK 0**— Track 0 on a hard drive is very important, as when the drive is first powered up it goes to track 0 to recalibrate the position of the heads, as that is the only position where the drive can physically tell where the head is located. Also at track 0 the file allocation table (FAT) resides. The FAT contains information about the location of files and bad tracks. In closing, the encoding on the hard drive determines the drive's size in megabytes as well as its speed and efficiency. The cylinders, heads and sectors make up the scheme in locating addresses for data on that drive. A combination of all of the above and more is what is actually involved in the workings of a hard drive. I hope that this gives you some insight into the interworkings of a hard drive.

level formatting software.

Nowadays the most common type hard drive is IDE, which stands for Imbedded Drive Electronics. On IDE drives the controller is actually built onto the drive itself; thus, only a sort of simple interface card is used to interface the drive into the computer databus. IDE drives are low-level formatted at the factory and should never be formatted by the user. Attempting to low-level format an IDE drive will probably destroy it! IDE drives only need to be partitioned and high-level formatted.

Some of the terms that you might run across with hard drives are as follows: **INTERLEAVE** — Since the drive continuously spins at 3600 RPM and the drive head reads the data off a platter at that speed it is possible that your computer or controller card cannot accept data from the hard drive as fast as the hard disk is reading it. Since the platter cannot be slowed down, the sectors on the hard disk are spread out differently, so that the head will physically pass over a specified number of sectors before it reads more data where that sector is what the drive per-

Western Horizon announces product availability

old keyboard like other upgrades, he emfrom Western Horizon Technologies, actem. phasizes. Both manual and auto-switch cording to Don O'Neil of the company. An AT-Keyboard and ROM Upgrade keyboards can be used. O'Neil says it provides an expanded \for the TI99/4A is available for \$65. The and partially optimized new version of the upgrade does not include the keyboard. TI operating system to scan both key-According to O'Neil, the upgrade alboards in the system simultaneously. The lows the use of any standard AT keyboard new ROMs are expandable to 64K for fu-(See Page 22) on a 99/4A in conjunction with an existing

console keyboard. It does not replace the Several new products are available

ture enhancements to the operating sys-Also included are "bug fixes" for Advanced Video Processor Cards owners with RS232 problems, and "bug fixes" for other 80-column cards. According to the company, the product is compatible with all existing 80-column cards (TIM, Mech

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The unit also provides an upgrade path for 64K of 0-wait state RAM for future enhancements or programs. (This RAM does not function as standard 32K memory.)

The interface installs inside the console, is "clipped" on to the 9900 and requires only one solder joint for installation. For another \$20 plus shipping, WHT will install the interface. O'Neil notes that the company stocks many kinds of AT 101 keyboards starting at \$20. Scheduled for release in late 1994 (pending completion and 20 pre-sale orders) is the latest version of Rich Gilbertson's RXB, Version 6.0. "Rich has painstakingly hand entered all the original TI Extended BASIC source code from printouts he acquired," O'Neil says, "then carefully proceeding, debugged the entered code to generate a complete set of commented source codes for TI's XB." According to O'Neil, Gilbertson has cleaned up and sped up much of TI's XB code, and because of the larger space available in the WHT module and GRAM emulator devices (32K GROM as compared to XB's original 24K) was able to add many new features found in other versions of Extended BA-SIC, only this time, seamlessly. Besides speed, O'Neil says, Gilbertson hopes to include full 80-column support, a new editor and other features. RXB 6.0 also features 100 percent TI XB compatibility. RXB 5.58 is also available in diskette format for GRAM emulator owners (GRAM Kracker, P-GRAM, Gramulator, Geneve, etc.) from CaDD Electronics, 81 Prescott Rd., Raymond, NH 03077, (603) 895-0119.

The company is now carrying XBIII by Winfried Winkler through special arrangement with the author. This new XB from Germany is the same XB that Asgard once carried. According to O'Neil, this version has many new features to allow a user more control over hardware, new commands, 25-50 percent faster program execution, and 100 percent TI XB and BASIC compatibility. er-up for automatic configuration of Geneve or 99/4a usage, and provides a set of DSR links for banking in and out memory, according to the company. Future revisions of the DSR may contain RAMBO compatibility, an advanced memory manager, and other features (pending developer input).

Estimated ship date is late 1994.

Western Horizon Technology is also developing a Super VGA Video Interface designed to replace old VDP processors on both 99/4A and Myarc Geneve systems through hardware modifications as a P-Box peripheral said to all the existing software for 80-column cards, as well as providing a true VGA-compatible video output for VGA and SVGA monitors and providing video resolutions of up to 1280x1024 pixels (with 1 megabyte or 2 megabytes memory) and up to 16.8 million colors (in 640x480 mode with 1 megabyte memory). This new video card will work with existing RGB monitors (composite output is not available from this card; an external VGA to video adapter must be used) in resolutions up to 640x480 in 16.8 million colors, according to the manufacturer, including all the standard Geneve and 80column video modes. (Modes above 640x480 require an SVGA monitor.) The SVGA Video Interface comes standard with 704k dedicated video memory, and is expandable to 1216K and 2240K memory. Estimated ship date is late 1994. For further information, contact Western Horizon Technologies, 3297 Woody Lane, San Jose, CA 95132 (408)-934-0352, or E-Mail doneil@delphi.com

Shipment of XB-III is also pending 20 pre-sale orders.

TURBO Video at \$25.00 is an upgrade for the Myarc Geneve 9640 said to speed video display up to 25 percent. It is a dropin replacement for Myarc's original design.

The company plans to release 4a Memex Jr, an offshoot product from the original planned 4a Memex card, which it says will works with a Geneve 9640 or 99/4a to provide up to 4 megabytes of RAM available for programs. (MDOS 2.0 currently only supports 2 megabytes.) Upgradeable in 512K increments for \$25 per 512K, this card is designed to replace any other memory card on a 99/4a, or add to Geneve memory. MDOS-like access on the 99/4a is documented for C and FORTRAN programmers to access the memory instantly, according to the company. Version 1.0 of the DSR provides a pow-

Hardware project

Have an AT keyboard? Here's a project to consider

By FRANK FRANKENBERGER This article originally appeared in the

Computer Voice, the newsletter of the Southern California Computer Group.—Ed. This simple project is neither new nor original. However, with the advent of Don O'Neil's AT keyboard interface and ROM

upgrade, it may come in handy for those who use the AT 101 keyboard and want to store the TI console back out of the way. With this project you can either set the Widget within easy reach, or you can change your current single cartridge with (See Page 24)

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EXTENSION-

(Continued from Page 23) out the need of digging out the TI console. This idea was taken from an article originally written by Arthur Hazboun of Harbor City, California, and published in the February 1988 issue of MICROpendium. However, the 1988 project was not designed with the AT keyboard in mind.

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the cartridge case, with the ribbon cable running out the back of the box.

It is now time to separate the wires at the other end of the ribbon cable, about 1^{1/2} inches and strip back about one-quarter inch so you can solder the other end of the cable to the 36-pin PC Mount connector. The pins on the connector should be numbered. However, if yours are not, the diagram in Fig. 2 should be followed. On the old cartridge case, remove and discard the unusable PC board, dust cover and spring. Cut a slot in the back of the cartridge for the 36-wire ribbon cable to pass through.

MATERIALS

1 — old double-sided contact cartridge (Munchman, Microsurgeon, etc.)

1 — Old cartridge case
 1 — 36-pin PC Mount connector

3 to 6 feet of 36-wire ribbon cable

Low-wattage soldering iron, flux and solder You can substitute a 36-pin card edge connector (female) in place of the 36-pin PC Mount connector, if you can find one.

Open the cartridge case with the dual

wires will fit over the PCB with enough room to solder the ends to the card edge contacts ($2^{1/4}$ inches). Strip back about one-quarter inch of insulation from each wire and solder them to the card edge contacts, away from where it plugs into the GROM port.

TEST THE CABLE

If you have checked your work and everything is done properly, then you should test the cable in your system *before* you install the PC Mount connector into the empty cartridge case. If the extension cable is working properly, you can install the PC Mount connector into the empty cartridge case with hot glue.

The connector should extend out of the front of the empty shell as far as possible. You may want to plug in a cartridge to see how far out it needs to extend. After you have it properly positioned, you need to use the hot glue all around the inside even over the wires. After the hot glue has set thoroughly, you can assemble the top of the cartridge and hot-glue in the holes. When all is set and hard you have a very strong and handy GROM extension.

contacts and remove the printed circuit board (PCB). Cut across all the traces at the back of the contact area so that the rest of the components on the board are separated from the card edge contacts. A small Dremel-type grinder will work perfectly for this. However, you can use an Xacto knife or single-edge razor blade to cut the traces. Removal of the chips is not necessary, unless you want to make sure you have plenty of room to run the cable through the hinged area of the cartridge case.

Cut a slot in the middle of the hinged section of the cartridge case wide and high enough for the 36-wire ribbon cable to pass through.

Separate the wires of the cable at one

The contact order for the PCB is shown in Fig. 1

On most ribbon cables, wire No. 1 is a different color from the remaining wires to make it easily identifiable. The rest of the wires are numbered in order, 2-3-4-5-6, etc. Carefully solder the wires of the ribbon cable to the PCB board contacts. Make sure to solder them in their correct order: 1-1, 2-2, 3-3, etc. When you've finished soldering, check your work to ensure that no solder has flowed onto any adjacent contact.

One last detail is to label your cartridge cases. Do this so that if someone else spots it they will know what it is (maybe). GROM Extension is one label suggestion. If you don't plan to use the TI console at all, or you can't find a 36-pin connector,

you may consider removing the L-shaped 36-pin connector from the motherboard and use it instead. If you do this you will need to cut the PCB down so it is about half its original size. This is to ensure that



MICRO-REVIEWS

The TI Educational World of Tony Falco and Adventure **Compendium II**

By CHARLES GOOD In the case of the two products reviewed this month I am deviating from my usual practice of offering to directly send my readers public domain or shareware software I review. The following two collections of public domain and shareware software were compiled by and are sold by the M.U.N.C.H. user group as a fundraiser project. As librarian of the enormous Lima User Group software library I am familiar with lots of the public domain 99/4A software that has been around for many years. Although much of what I describe below is older software, some dating from 1982, most of it is new to me, meaning I haven't () een it before. This means that the software is probably not in your personal or user group library, and old software that hasn't been seen before is usually just as interesting to a user as new software. Send your money for what I describe here to M.U.N.C.H. c/o James Cox, 905 Edgebrook Dr., Boylston MA 01505. If you want to talk to me or send me software to review my evening phone is 419-667-3131, my internet email address is cgood@lima.ohio-state.edu and my post office address is P.O. Box 647 Venedocia OH.

music, making full use of all the TI's bells and whistles. The technical quality and interesting design of his XB programs are comparable to what Jim Peterson used to produce. I am amazed that we Tlers aren't more familiar with this talented individual.

school kids and remind me of TI's Story Machine cartridge. You type a word from the game's list and a sprite appears on screen. Sometimes you can then type another word like LEFT or FLY and specify movement of the sprite. If you type something the game doesn't recognize you are given unlimited additional opportunities to get things right. Eventually the screen fills with all these sprites walking, driving, flying, sailing, etc. Sound effects used with each sprite are well done. For example, for the different kinds of mobile pictures such as cars and planes you hear their motors rev up as they start moving, and each motor sounds different. Word-World was originally published in 99er.

M.U.N.C.H.'s entire Tony Falco collection consists of 5 SSSD disks and 94 files. They are asking \$8.95 plus \$3 postage for the complete set. Topics include basic math, algebra, foreign language drill, writing music, spelling, health, basic computer, geography, drawing, and just for fun games. Each disk comes with an XB LOAD that allows you to run everything on the disk from a menu. It would take too much space to describe all the programs individually, so I will highlight some that I find particularly interesting. CRAYON-BOX. This is a drawing program that doesn't require joysticks. By moving the cursor with keyboard keys you leave behind blocks of color 8x8 pixels. These color blocks can each be any of 11 colors and any of 8 shapes (squares, rectangles, triangles, solid or alternating pixels, etc.). Kids can make some really colorful interesting designs, or you can play with the 11 pictures that come on the disk with Crayon-Box. Probably the most surprising part of this program is its screen dump. Press "P" and you are in for a surprise if you don't know what to expect. Your printer grinds on and on and on as your picture is automatically printed six different ways before the printer stops. Some are large, some are small. Some

USA-MAP gives you a rather blocky map of the United States and asks you to identify the state indicated. If you guess the wrong state or type nonsense the correct answer is given. If you guess the correct state, but misspell the name, the computer tells you to try again and spell the state's name correctly this time. The program recognizes the difference between "correct" but misspelled answers and incorrect answers. HEALTHEXAM. On the basis of on a 1982 Blue Cross/Blue Shield questionnaire, this program asks you a long list of multiple choice questions. The usual overweight, family history, and smoking questions are included as well as a bunch of questions designed to gauge your emotional health. Do you live a stressful life? At the end you are given a numerical score and short written evaluation. I like this program because it says I am in "excellent health." Computers, being very exact machines, always tell the truth. Adventure

The TI Educational World of Tony Falco

Tony Falco is a high school teacher who has been with the TI community for a long time. He had a couple of his Extended BA-SIC programs published in 99er Magazine have a white background and some have a way back when and still sometimes attends meetings of M.U.N.C.H. user group, black background. Some are vertical and although these days he writes software for some are horizontal on the printer paper. mother computers besides the 99/4A. For Each of the screen colors is represented by the benefit of his students and his children a different dot density. WORD-WORLD, ARMY-WORLD, he has written lots of XB software, mostly POLICE-WORLD. These are all similar of an educational nature. His programs are spelling games for early elementary full of color graphics sprites speech and

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(Continued from Page 25) This comes archived on two DSSD disks (not DSDD as stated in the July 94 issue of MICROpendium). The Geneve and 99/4A archiver programs are included so you can unpack the disks. Cost is \$6.95 plus \$2 postage. Included are adventures that require the XB, Tunnels of Doom, and Adventure modules. Everything is in English, but some of these adventures were written by German TI users and are probably new to most of us in the states. DUNE for the TOD module. Dune was a popular science fiction book. It is now a very popular game for IBM and maybe also MAC PCs. As evidence of its popularity, there is a DUNE newsgroup on the internet. My kids spend hours and hours playing Dune on our home PC and the soundblaster sound effects drive me nuts. Now there is a version for the 99/4A, and at least there is no sound. Dune is a planet with a desert environment that contains the most valuable substance in the universe, a particular kind of spice. Two groups are each trying to harvest the maximum amount of this limited resource. You are the Atreides and the enemy are the Harkonnens, just like the book. You meet all kinds of creatures and weapons includ-

Garfield, comic strip cat, has lost his toys and has to hunt through the basements in the neighborhood to find them. The neighborhood pets and pests want to keep the toys for themselves, but Garfield has a group of friends to help get them back.

NINJA for the TOD module. A party of adventurers must enter the Ninja temple and retrieve gems within. Also, they need to find the Ninja's golden throwing star. Getting out of the temple alive before the Ninja destroys his gems is not easy. The following eight adventures each require the Adventure module: Escape from Alcatraz, Bigfoot, Escape from Cannibal Island, The Mystery of Cap' Kidd, The Great White North Adventure (save the world from contaminated beer), Moon Adventure, Nessy (Loch Ness of course), and Travelling (you are a passenger on a jet with no pilot). Each of these adventures is new, to me. None of them are my user group's software library. Among the adventures that run from XB is ALADDIN. This is a very complex game that runs similarly to an Adventure module game, with no graphics. Lots of files load into memory at the appropriate time. The story pretty much follows the fairy tale. You have to rescue the beautiful princess from the Sultan's palace. It helps if you find and figure out how to use the magic lamp.

You also get Carfax Abbey, an old fa- $\nabla^{\mathbb{P}}$ vorite of mine that has been enhanced so it loads faster. The game hasn't changed, but it now takes tens of seconds rather than minutes to load Carfax. There is also "Visitor From Outer Space" and "Nasty." Nasty isn't really an adventure so I don't know why it is included in the package. Nasty seems to take over your computer and delivers humorous on-screen messages and altered color bar and first menu screens. The adventure I guess is trying to figure out how to get out of Nasty and back into regular old Console or Extended BA-SIC without shutting down your system. Last but not least, Adventure Compendium II includes a group of fast Infocom game loaders. They are all much faster than the original and are all generic loaders. This means that the same loader can be used to load all the Infocom games. Just put your GAME1 and GAME2 files for the particular game you want to play in DSK1. Your game will start in 10-20 seconds. The original Infocom loaders took 4. more than a minute to start a game. There ' is an XB loader and an EA5 loader for 40 column systems. These both have a nice lowercase character set. You also get two different 80-column loaders. One will work with any 80-column TI system and the other will run directly out of MDOS on a Geneve.

ing sand spinners, sand splitters, sand throwers, sand jumpers, sand ghosts, sand dragons, etc.

GARFIELD for the TOD module.

BUGS & BYTES

OPA said prioritizing TIMs

According to BUG-Bytes, a publication of the Brisbane Users Group in Australia, OPA (Oasis Pensive Abacutors) of Canada has stated that filling outstanding orders will be part of its main short-term goal in the TI arena, to rebuild its credibility and reputation. Manufacture of TIMs will be a priority, according to this report. OPA has recently moved to a new building, according to the report, with two floors for manufacture and research and development and another for retailing.

Ink jet, bubble jet printers worth a look for TI users

By JAN PERKEN

The following article appeared in the newsletter of the Cleveland Area User Group, and others.—Ed. Is ink jet is a new technology?

No! It is approximately 40 years old. I personally worked on a small conveyor for Eveready, the battery company, to datecode watch batteries. The technology we used was ink jet. The dispensing unit was made by the AB Dick Company. It cost big bucks and was messy. That was about 15 years ago. IBM commercially produced jet-style printers 25 years ago. These printers needed special

paper. They were slow and prone to clogging. New ink jets use replaceable print heads with a new supply of ink each time the old supply runs out. A new print head for the HP Desk Jet is about \$22. Ink refills are available that can be used to refill the head about twice, giving about 2,000 How does it work? A small droplet of

copies with each refill. The refill costs \$10. ink is forced out of a very small tube. This takes place many times a second and the printers have some 50 to 60 jets.

Ink jets in the future will not replace (See Page 27)

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(Continued from Page 26) laser printers. The Canon bubble jet has a resolution of 300 dots per inch. The Hewlett-Packard Desk Jet 500 has a resolution of 300 dots per inch. Both use ink jet technology. On the other hand, new laser printers can support 1,200 dots per inch resolution. For graphics, laser printers give superior gray shading. However, ink jets excel at printing text. Their graphic output is also good but not up to the standards of a good laser printer. The ink jet handles paper differently than a laser printer. The laser hardware is also much more expensive. Color ink jet printers are also available at affordable prices while color laser printers are very expensive. I was able to borrow an HP Desk Jet 500 printer to play with. This printer weighs 14 pounds. It has a tray to hold paper and stacks copies on a top of the supply tray. Santa, and the finance company, plus some discount coupons and a company discount, helped purchase a Canon Bubble Jet 230, the wide version of the BJ-200. It was purchased for Computer Aided Design. Even though the BJ-230 prints on 11x17-inch paper, it is small. My wife observed, "It's so small, and so expensive!" It is also light, weighing about seven pounds. The paper tray holds 100 sheets and is angled into the printer. The paper is bent less by the Canon than by the HP. So, you ask, who cares? Remember, labels tend to peel when bent around a small diameter, though I have yet to figure out how to print labels on the ink jet printer without wasting a sheet. The answer will come in time.

The HP came with a good manual. Newer ones do not, and the manual needs to be purchased separately. You can't keep cutting costs without cutting out something. The HP Desk Jet 500 sells for about \$250. The manual is important if came out higher on the page than they should have. That's a problem caused by using a 24-pin printer with 9-pin graphics. What I need to do is to get it to emulate a 9-pin printer. (After finishing this article I found the line spacing to be the problem when printing graphics. A 24-pin printer defines the 9-pin increment as a different value. For example, ESC A is n/72 in 9pin and ESC A is n/60 in 24-pin.) You can get the BJ-200 for about \$250.

you plan to use control codes to print. It also explains PCL (Printer Control Language). This language is standard to laser copiers.

Cartridges can be added to the HP to emulate Epson FX printers. However, I didn't get a chance to try this with TI graphics, though I don't see why it wouldn't work. The cartridge costs about \$60. Also, font and memory cartridges are available. A driver disk for users of Microsoft Windows is included.

The bubble jet cam with a manual, which provides much information but would be better with more examples. The Canon BJ emulates an IBM X24E and an Epson LQ 510. However, few examples are given. An Epson LQ manual would be handy. The BJ doesn't use PCL, but it comes with a drivers for Windows users that address the printer as a Canon bubble jet. Both HP and Canon offer telephone help lines and automated fax help lines. Canon also offers a BBS. I've seen some reviews in which the Canon BJ printer outscored the HP Desk Jet. Canon's newer design may have given it an edge. Both printers offer useful features and both work with TI or IBM computers. However, without the emulation cartridge, the HP won't work with Epson codes when using TI-Writer. But a transliteration file can fix that. BASIC code can be written without much trouble. PCL codes are another matter. The Canon in Epson emulation takes very few changes for text when using a TI. Graphics are another matter about which I'm not sure. Perhaps someone with more expertise in graphics could offer some advice. Both support standard Centronics cabling, so there's no problem plugging them into a TI system. Either printer would be a good addition to a TI or PC system.

I printed some TIPS graphics and they

USER NOTES

Saving time with System III conversions

This comes from Bill Gaskill of Grand Junction, Colorado. He writes:

If you have ever used Irv Crowley's System III Checkbook and Budget Man-

time-consuming because of the number of		3380
programs that make up System III. Be-	PART3	230
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line numbers in each program where DSK		520
access code is located, in case I ever want-		2030
ed to change things back, or alter the na-	PART4	230
tive code in any other way. After doing so,		420
the idea that others might be able to save		1320
some time by knowing where the DSK ac-		1500

ager you probably know that it comes in a variety of versions depending upon the capacity of your floppy disk drives. Recently I decided to take my DSSD version and convert it from DSK1 and DSK2 to DSK3 and DSK4 for use on my new Horizon RAMdisk. PART2 The task of doing so proved to be quite



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When the files get corrupted, they often overwrite the size of the file. One suddently is faced with gibberish on the screen with a file size of 8844 kbytes. I know from bitter experience that if I simply delete the file, it usually destroys the contents of the whole RAMdisk. This (See Page 29)

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(Continued from Page 28) is because the apparent file size is greater than the capacity of the RAMdisk.

I recently found a simple solution. Like Archimedes in the bath, I suddenly saw the light. If I simply rename the file as %%%, it automatically becomes the last file where the headers are located on sector 1. Using Disk Patch in Funnelweb, I simply delete the last header. Problem solved. No file, no corruption. It's a pity we couldn't apply the same logic to politicians. the other, very similar but more versatile for development of options, is called POS:STR\$.

I have written a longer, crash-proof version which adds a printer routine, a forwarding balance option (for use with check registers or bank statements (deposits are entered with a minus sign). It will probably be in Southwest99ers October newsletter — it will definitely be on our Disk of the Month for that month as DECJUSTIFY. It is a considerable improvement of my earlier attempt to modify Earl Raguse's miniature version printed in a long-ago LA99ers newsletter, which did not always align properly and was prone to crashes if the user forgot to avoid illegal inputs. This earlier version appeared on the SW99ers DOM for July 1994 as JST-FY/DEC. For kicks I have added a little program (GOSUBTNSHN) that users can add to their programs for any kind of waiting portion of their program, or use as an attention getter, etc.

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152
200 IF A2$="." THEN A$=A$&"0
0" !232
210 PRINT TAB(C-POS(A$,".",1
));A$ !036
220 GOTO 120 !199
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POS:STR\$

1 REM [POS:STR\$] 8-30-94 STRING VERS. OF POS:NUMER

Another way to line up decimals

The following is from Leonard Taffs, of Tucson, Arizona. He writes:

My eye caught the User Note "Lining" up decimals" in the August 1994 edition. It was timely to come across the article because my work as new treasurer for a local non-profit organization has required my 7 ;oing over all the group's records. For this I needed a printout of the entries. Having a program that aligns the amounts properly saves a lot of wear and tear on the eyes. Tabbing can be achieved to line up decimals properly with the statement: TAB(C-POS(A\$,".",1)), where C is the desired column. There is a problem with the decimal program program — it does not align all amounts, even if the &MISS-ING 5 data items are added. I solved the dilemma inadvertently by choosing to have entries first entered as strings (which later are converted to numeric values). I am incluing two versions of a short routine that line up decimals and also add zeroes when TI drops them. One, called POS:NUMER, is for numerical input and

POS:NUMER

1 REM [POS:NUMER] 8-30-94

STRING VERS. OF POS:NOMER SUMMARY BY W.L.TAFFS SW99ers TUCSON, AZ.85711 !0 35

2 !!131

3 REM ENTERING NUMBER AS A STRING ENABLES USE OF ALPHA CHARACTERS TO DIRECT MENU OPTIONS !0

76 4 !!131

5 REM SUCH AS ADDING PRINTER ROUTINES, ETC., OR INCORPORATING THIS ROUTINE IN A LARGER PROGRAM. 1096 6 !!131 100 CALL CLEAR !209

SUMMARY BY W.L.TAFFS SW99ers TUCSON, AZ.85711 !0 32 100 CALL CLEAR !209 110 C=15 !049 120 INPUT "(NUMR) AMT: ":A !255 130 A\$=STR\$(A)!172 140 L=LEN(A\$)!177 150 P=POS(A\$, ".",1)!015 160 IF P THEN 170 ELSE A\$=A\$ &".00" :: GOTO 210 !179 170 A2\$=SEG\$(A\$, P, L)!001 180 A2=LEN(A2\$)!010

READER TO READER

Gerle Vogt, 14350 IH-35 S., Von Ormy, TX 78073, writes:

Could you find anyone out in the TI 4A world who could tell

Back in the late '80s there was a disk producer named QS,
Quality Software. They put out a number of interesting items,
such as QS-RAMdisk (for Foundation card), QS-Banner Maker,
QS Disk Labeler, QS Writer, QS Sideways, QS Convertor, Disk
Manager IV, Quick Copier II and others. All these disks had
some sort of extremely obscure protection scheme and could not
be copied, or fixed when they did not work.
us how to crack this stuff? Some of the programs our user group has either don't run or only run sometimes.
Reader to Reader is a column to put TI and Geneve users in contact with other users. Address questions to *Reader, c/o MICROpendium, P.O. Box 1343, Round Rock, TX 78680.* We encourage those who answer the questions to forward us a copy of the reply to share with readers.

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(Continued from Page 29) 240 A2 = LEN(A2\$)!010250 IF A2=2 THEN A\$=A\$&"0" ! 152 260 IF A2\$="." THEN A\$=A\$&"0 0" !232 270 PRINT TAB(C-POS(A\$, ".", 1));A\$!036 280 GOTO 120 !199

GOSUBTNSHN

n program's place you need ! 255 100 INPUT "READY FOR PROGRAM !":K\$!100 30000 REM [WINDOWSHIN] 8-30-94 EXPERIMENT A WAY TO MAKE A WINDOW (IN PROGRESS) !136

30130 CALL HCHAR(24,3,ASC(". "),27)!244 30140 FOR C=1 TO 24 !104 30150 DISPLAY AT(X2-1,28):A\$ 1070 30160 X2=X2-1 !142 30030 A\$=RPT\$(".",1)!020 30170 NEXT C !217 30040 CALL CLEAR !209 30180 DISPLAY AT(12,3): " YOU R ATTENTION PLEASE! ." !031 30060 A1\$=CHR\$(46)!203 30190 FOR A=1 TO 150 :: NEXT A !240 30080 CALL HCHAR(1,3,ASC("." 30200 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S <>1 THEN 30240 !156 30210 IF K=13 THEN CALL CLEA R :: GOTO 100 !113 30220 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S <>1 THEN 30220 !136 30240 GOTO 30040 !028 30250 RETURN !136

30120 NEXT B !216

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30070 X=X+1 !041

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It is possible to call a file by using DSK.DISKNAME.FILENAME instead of DSK1.FILENAME. The program will start the search on DSK1 for a disk named DISKNAME. If this disk is not found on DSK1., the search will continue on DSK2, and so on, until the disk is found. When it is found, the file called FILENAME will be loaded from the disk.

I find this search from drive to drive to be slow, so the only use is for disks that should be put in DSK1. This is useful if you have only one drive, a hard disk with DSK emulation or a RAMdisk on CRU >1000.

If you have a TI controller on CRU >1100, then the search from BASIC will begin with any RAMdisk on CRU >1000, if one is present, and then in sequence before an error message is given: DSK1 to DSK2 to DSK3 then "I/O ERROR 57." A RAMdisk DSK9 on CRU >1200 or higl. will not be reached. I have a Myarc HFDC (DSK5-8) on CRU >1000 and a TI controller (DSK1-3) (See Page 31)

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(Continued from Page 30) on CRU >1100. This gives the following search order: WDS1 to DSK5 to DSK6 to DSK7 to DSK8 to DSK1 to DSK2 to DSK 3 before generating the "I/O ERROR 57" message. A RAMdisk on a high CRU address will not be reached because the TI card will prevent this. A copy of Multiplan that is stored on a subdirectory such as WDS1.DSK.TIMP thus will load nice and quickly. If I remove the TI card but keep the Myarc HFDC on CRU >1100 together with a Horizon RAMdisk (DSK9) on a high CRU address, then the search will be: WDS1 to DSK1 to DSK2 to DSK3 to DSK4 to DSK9 before generating the "I/O ERROR 50" message. As you can see, a high CRU can now be reached. If I repeat the same search from Extended BASIC, the search is repeated twice before generating an error message. This applies to all three of the above examples. With only the TI card in place I get DSK1 ▲ to DSK2 to DSK3 to DSK1 to DSK2 to SK3 before generating the "I/O ERROR 07" message. The Myarc card gives error "I/O ERROR 00." I don't know if this is caused by my Dijit AVPC or if it is the same on a normal TI99/4A. This trick is handy to make a program drive independent. However, one drawback is that if the user relocates a program to a RAMdisk from a floppy or hard disk, it won't work unless the RAMdisk is renamed or the diskname reference is changed in the program.

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