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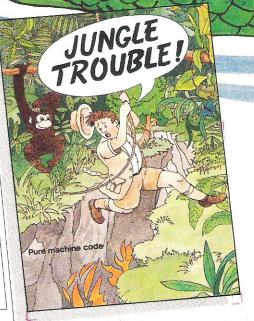
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COMMODORE 64 BASIC BEGINNER'S PACK...

A subtle blend of software and book to enliven the dullest of Commodore 64's.

The Software

Honey Aid 1: a complete utility that adds 28 new commands to Commodore 64 BASIC, in three groups.

- Toolkit: these commands help you to create your own programs in BASIC. One day you'll wonder how you did without them.
- Graphics: use colour and hires graphics with ease decorate and colour your 64.
- Synthesizer: build all the SID chip's features into your program. No need for POKEs, just use Honey Aid's BASIC-like commands.

In addition - on the tape:

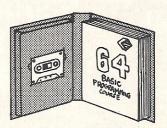
- Char Gen: a full-featured character generator that will redefine any or all of the standard 64 characters, even the ones used by Char Gen – while it runs.
- Sprite Gen: a sprite generator to define sprites normal or enlarged, single colour or multicolour. Displays the sprite as it's defined. Transforms the design into DATA statements.
- Composatune: explores the SID chip. Allows you to type in a tune and to store this in DATA statements. Later, you can recover this to re-create the tune. Buildasound: lets you explore all the features of SID and hear them in action.
- Guesser: a unique computer-aided-simulation (CAL) of a number-guessing game. Demonstrates how each statement works and shows it all in action.
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- Blockade: a two-player game, trap your opponent, they're trapped - you win.
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The Book

A 360-page text that guides you step-by-step, through the 64's BASIC - learning as you go! Each piece of software on the tape (and many more) is developed stage-by-stage. Once the fundamentals of BASIC are mastered, the specialities of the 64 are introduced.

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NEWS

Micronet 800 for 64 users

Commodore 64 users will soon be able to subscribe to Micronet 800, the award-winning 30,000 page magazine service on Prestel. Micronet have prepared a dedicated database for the 64 to be launched in August. The Micronet modem Communication Cartridge, available nationwide for £43 (excluding VAT), is required to download software from this database.

As a member of Micronet, the 64 user will have access to downloadable software 24 hours a day – some of it free of charge

In addition to this, software from software houses such as Llamasoft, Anirog and Bubble Bus will be on sale for up to 20 per cent less than the retail price.

Other attractions include the Micronet electronic 'Mailbox', daily microcomputer news, the electronic bulletin board for swapping hardware and software and a 24-hour technical advice service. Also Micronet's new 'Open-University' style home education service, armchair shopping, 'Starnet' –

the interctive strategy game for hundreds of players, programming courses and ICPUG's own pages for Commodore enthusiasts.

The Micronet and Prestel subscription charges amount to £1 a week, plus the cost of a local telephone call which is 38 pence an hour, evenings and weekends.

Only Micronet will be supplying the unique communications cartridge for downloading software, together with modern, although any standard V21 or V23 modem can be used.

Oxfam appeal

Oxfam are appealing for computer software through their chain of shops in the London area. They would appreciate software, especially games cassettes, for personal and home computers of any make.

The appeal is being staged in London, although any of Oxfam's 650 shops all over the country would welcome donations,

Many of you may have games that you have tired of through excessive play, or that are no longer a challenge to your skills, so why not donate them to a worthy cause?

Oxfam are also appealing to manufacturers and retailers for any items which could be spared.

Take your donations to any of Oxfam's shops in the London area, or contact Bernie McDermott or Liz Shannon at Oxfam, 172 Archway Road, London N6. Tel: 01-348 4225 or 01-341 3087.

Commodore to rival IBM

Commodore could well become IBM's major PC plugcompatible rival according to sources quoted in the independent IBM magazine, PC.

American analysts and software houses say that Commodore's position is strengthened significantly by the recent deal with Bytec-Comtern for the rights to IBM compatible technology used in the Hyperion, together with the agreement with Intel to second source the 8088 chip.

The article concludes with a prediction that Commodore will undercut IBM's prices by 40-50 per cent.

In response to this article Commodore's marketing manager, John Baxter, comments: "The industry is increasingly recognising that Commodore's competitive strength lies in its policy of being totally self-sufficient in manufacturing."

"We have demonstrated our ability to outstrip all competitors in other segments of the market and it's clear that independent observers now see us as poised to repeat that process in the PC sector."

Education offer extended

Demand for Commodore's special discount scheme for schools and colleges has resulted in the extension of the scheme to the end of this school term.

Over 1,000 Commodore computer systems have been purchased by schools and colleges under the scheme which has been in operation for three months. The system costs £299.99 (excluding VAT) and comprises a 64, floppy disk drive, LOGO software and Simon's BASIC 1. This presents

a saving of £170 over normal retail prices.

Commodore's marketing manager, John Baxter, says: "The Commodore 64 has already proved throughout Canada, USA and Europe that it is the ideal classroom computer—it has, for example, over 80 per cent of the educational computer market in Germany.

"Our system is half the price of other comparable systems and hopefully this is enabling more schools to introduce computers."

Record sales for Commodore

Worldwide sales of Commodore are currently totalling over \$100 million a month (that's about £67 million).

Sales in the education sector are making an increasing contribution to worldwide sales, while Commodore's biggest sales success is the 64, of which nearly 500,000 have been sold in the last year in the UK alone.

CBM's parent company, Commodore International, more than doubled its sales in the nine months ended March 31 1984. Sales rose from \$469 million in the same period last year to a record \$967 million, ensuring sales exceeding \$1 billion by the end of the company's financial year on June 30.

Chairman Irvine Gould comments: "The primary contributor to Commodore's record results in the third quarter and nine month period was continuing strong sales of Commodore's microcomputer systems to the business, educational and home markets.

"The current final quarter's results are expected to benefit from a continuing strong demand for the Commodore 64."

PRODUCT NEWS

It's Magic Voice

Commodore's speech module, the Magic Voice for the 64 is due for release shortly.

The module gives the 64 a voice which can imitate the voice of a male, female or child. Because the speech is digitised, inflections are preserved. The module fits into the cartridge port and has a port of its own permitting other cartridges to be 'stacked' on top. This enables it to give a voice to cartridges utilising its features, but will also allow other cartridges to work normally.

The module contains the data for the 26 letters of the alphabet, plus numbers and vocabulary of 187 commonly used words. Commodore also intend to produce a disk with extra vocabulary.

In addition, the module enables both speech and music and voice and graphics to be generated simultaneously and it is programmable from Commodore Basic or machine code.

To utilise Magic Voice, Commodore are developing a range of 'talking' software. The first programs will be educational — helping children to read, write and count.

The first in the series is Talking books which comprise two packages entitled Magic Garden and Magic Toolbox. Each one contains five stories intended to teach children how to read and write.

The first four programs in BJ the Bear series (The second in the series): Get Ready to Think, Get Ready to Read, Get Ready to Write and Get Ready for Numbers will be dealt with at a more advanced level in programs with titles such as Start to Read and Continue to Read

Manuals for parents and teachers accompanying the programs will explain how to get the best from the software.

Even further in the future, Commodore plan to release an educational cartridge entitled A bee C's, adventures and foreign language software.

Contact: Commodore, 675 Ajax Avenue, Slough, Berkshire SL1 4BG. Tel: 0753 79292.

Home Office

Audiogenic have launched Home Office for the 64 on cassette and claim that it combines the functions of a wordprocessor with a data base system for £12.95.

It is intended to be used both in the home or in a small office. Letters, documents and reports can be edited and filed for future reference and the system provides functions such as text manipulation, formatting commands — centering, underlining, double-spacing, variable margins and a sorting routine.

The program also includes an integral machine code centronics type interface routine for parallel printers. A manual accompanies the program.

Contact: Audiogenic, PO Box 88, Reading. Tel: 0734 595647.

DIY alarm

If you live in fear of things going bump in the night, the DIY burglar alarm system from Micro-Security may be just the thing you need.

The complete kit costs £99 excluding VAT and P&P and operates with either a VIC-20 or 64. It contains the I/O interface, security program on tape or disk, control unit, external alarm bell, internal buzzer, panic button, ten sets of magnetic reed contacts for windows and doors, cabling and cable clips.

The alarm can be set to ring for any length of time during the day or night and a timed exit/entry delay ensures that the alarms are not sounded during normal exit and entry. Micro-Security claim that the kit is easy to install and operate. It comes complete with installation and operation instructions.

Contact: Micro-Security, P.O. Box 18, Havant, Hants PO9 3LB.

Dust free

Inmac have extended their range of dust covers for computers and peripherals. Covers for the Commodore range cost £8.50 each and give protection against damage caused by spills, food and dust. They contain anti-static additives which prevent static build-up, can be wiped clean and are made with heavy duty six layer vinyl.

Inmac advise that some insurance companies are now insisting on anti-static covers for equipment not in use.

Inmac are also selling packs of twenty standard floppy disks at prices starting from £36, which they claim is a 15% saving on their previous disk prices.

There are five types of ½ inch disks shrink wrapped in boxes. Prices range from £36 for a single side, single density soft sector disks to £58 for dual side, quad density, soft sector disks.

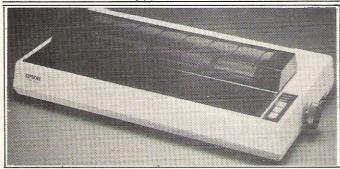
Contact: Inmac (UK) Ltd, Davy Road, Astmoor, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 1PZ. Tel: 09285 67551.

Griffin

Griffin Software have recently released three educational programs for the 64, each costing £8.99.

Wordspell is a spelling aid for children aged from five years upwards. It provides an introduction to the key rules of English spelling. Numberfun is made up of two programs for children aged six and upwards. Colourful graphics are used to teach traditional methods of addition and subtraction. The multiplication tables are taught in Tablesums. This program is divided into two parts and is aimed at six year olds.

Contact: Griffin Software, Frederick Street, Birmingham B1 3HT. Tel: 021 236 2552.



Printer

Epson's new wide 15 inch carriage dot matrix printer, the RX-100 is now available in the UK for £450+VAT. The printer is provided with an IEEE-488 interface and is compatible with the Commodore Pet.

The RX-100 is a replacement for the MX-100 and Epson claim that it is an improved version – more versatile, with a higher print quality. It prints at 100 characters per second and can halve the speed for applications.

requiring reduced noise. Other features include a tractor and friction feed, two full 96 ASCII character sets, II International character sets and 32 graphic characters. The 9×9 dot matrix head has a graphic capability and improvements include proportional spacing and Elite and Pica type sizes.

Contact: Epson (UK) Ltd, Dorland House, 388 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 6UH. Tel: 01 902 8892

PRODUCT NEWS

Scope

ISP Marketing Ltd claim that their new program, Scope 64 will "revolutionise programming".

Scope 64 is full structurable language intended to handle graphics, sprites, colour, sound, music and animation. It contains 46 command words written in BASIC Rem statements. As far as possible the SCOPE words resemble their BASIC counterparts and all the instructions are compiled in machine code.

The program can be used by both inexperienced and competent programmers on the 64 and is accompanied by manual. It costs £17.95 on cassette or £19.95 on disk.

Purchasers of ISP utilities will be eligible to free membership of the "Scope Users Club". Its purpose is to keep members up-to-date with the latest news in programming and the provision of a telephone "Hot-line" will enable members to get help on programming problems.

Contact: ISP Marketing Ltd, Ryman House, Markham Street, London SW3. Tel: 01-

351 5867.

Learning is fun

Intelligent Quest Software, a new division of the Avalon Hill Game Company, have released two new educational programs: Divex and ABC Caterpillar.

They are an American firm and at present neither of these programs are available in Britain.

Divex tests a child's knowledge of multiplication and division within the framework or a arcade game. Answering the questions correctly is the only way to play the game successfully. A cassette version priced at \$16 (£10.60 approximately) will be available soon.

The ABC caterpillar will help children aged three to eight with their spelling. The child controls a bright green caterpillar and gobbles letters up in alphabetical order. The program is available for the VIC-20 priced at \$16 and will soon be on cassette for the 64.

Contact: Intelligence Quest Software, 4517 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21214, USA. Tel: (301) 254 5300.



Datapad

Voltmace recently produced the Datapad 16, a 16-way programmable keypad for the 64 and the Delta 3SC joystick.

The keypad plugs into the two nine-way joystick sockets of the 64. A program on cassette accompanies the keypad, enabling the alphanumeric values of the keys to be selected. The keycaps supplied are numbered zero to nine. The datapad is set in a dark smoked acrylic frame and

will cost £29.95.

Voltmace have also launched the Delta 3SC joystick, which is intended to be used while sitting in a chair rather than hunched over a table. It costs £10. The joystick has a ball and socket joint, rotary slide switches and offers a choice of three fire buttons.

Contact: Voltmace, Park Drive, Baldock, Herts. Tel: 0462 894410.

Bright Green

New company Bright Green Software have made their debut with Go Sprite, a sprite editor for the 64.

Managing Director, Stuart Bishop, creates his software with the principle of a "Rolls-Royce rather than a steamroller" and believes that programs should be "user friendly" if they are to be successful.

Go Sprite, the company claim, can be used by both beginners and experienced 64 users to control sprites and generate animation sequences. The program requires a joystick and costs £10.

Bright Green are currently developing a software "Lego" idea, enhancing several programs and will be releasing two games in the near future.

Contact: Bright Green Software, c/o Tigress Marketing Ltd, 127 Fawe Road, Putney, London SW15 2EG. Tel: 01 871 1136.

Music Writer

Music Writer from Commodore will enable any aspiring Andrew Lloyd Webbers to compose their own musicals on the VIC-20 (with 8K or 16K expansion). It retails at £4.99

The program converts the VIC-20 keyboard into a piano keyboard and up to three different voices can be used in composition — separately or together. The tempo and composition of completed tunes can be played back with additional special effects such as legato mode.

Music Writer is complemented by Music Composer, available on ROM cartridge for the 64, priced at £9.99.

Music can be composed using the computer keyboard and then played back. The tunes can be changed and manipulated to give a wide variety of different effects. Special effects include waveform, filtering and vibrato.

Basic

Clive Prigmore's Beginners Basic's has just been released and costs £9.95. It is intended to teach beginners the principles of programming in Basic and can be used with the 74.

Techniques and ideas are introduced with worked examples and exercises. Advanced concepts are also tackled and instructions are included on how to program for business, games and home education.

Contact: WHS Distributors, St John's House, East Street, Leicester.

The key to security

Microdeal claim to have designed the perfect solution to foil software pirates — the Microdeal Software Key.

Chas Robertson of Northern Software Consultants, after months of research, finally produced a dongle which has circuits embedded in rock-hard plastic resin. It is claimed to be virtually uncopyable and when plugged into the joystick port will generate a combination of signals specific to each game from Microdeal's range of Tom Mix games.

The dongle does not prevent back-up copies of the game being made, but does prevent them being played without it. Microdeal are incorporating each of the keys in their Tom Mix games (both cassette and disk versions) with no increase in price Snackman for the VIC-20 is part of the new Tom Mix labels and costs £8 on cassette and £9.95 on disk.

Other recently released games from Microdeal include Arena 300, Cuthbert in Space, Cuthbert goes Walkabout, Cuthbert in the Jungle, Danger Ranger, Grabber and Pengon.

Contact: Microdeal Ltd, 41 Truro Road, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 5JE. Tel: 0726 3456.

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- 2. A printed copy of all invoice details.
- 3. Accumulated totals of different types of transactions.
- 4. The facility for coping with a multi-rated VAT
- 5. Information needed for the preparation of VAT returns.
- 6. The facility to sort and print transactions by date, invoice reference or customer/supplier

The package is capable of dealing with up to 100 transactions in a single batch and the different transaction types are processed in separate batches, which are then printed out as a permanent record. Cumulative totals for gross takings, VAT at standard rate etc. are stored in a data file on disk or tape which can be loaded at the start of every session to provide 'brought forward' totals for the program.

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- 2. Petty Cash in hand for up to 3 separate Cash Accounts.
- 3. A listing of all nominal account titles (maximum 199), most of which are user definable).
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The program is therefore a complete 'stand alone' accounting software package, ideal for both business users, and practising Chartered Accountants, since an infinite number of different Cash Books may be kept on a single CBM64.

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Accounts program C.0806, so that a Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet can be prepared from data held in the Cash Book program.

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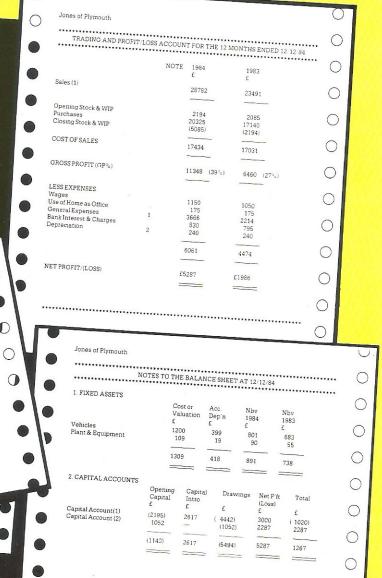
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CBM - new models

The new Commodore 16 and Plus/4 computers were the major attraction at the 5th International Commodore Show held in June at London's Novotel. Over the three days of the exhibition 15,200 people viewed new products and games and took part in competitions. For those of you who couldn't attend, here is a round-up of new products launched at the show

Commodore 16

The Commodore 16, designed for the first-time user, is offered as a starter pack comprising the computer, cassette unit, Introduction to BASIC Part 1 and four recreational programs-all for £129.99.

Featuring the full-size keyboard of the 64, the Commodore 16 is finished in charcoal grey.

Technical Specifications:

16K RAM Standard - 12K RAM user accessible for BASIC programs

ROM

32K ROM Standard (includes operating system and BASIC interpreter)

Microprocessor

7501 Microprocessor .89 to 1.76 MHz clock

Display

40 columns × 25 lines of text Colours

121 colours (15 colours: 8 luminance levels + black



Characters

Upper and lower case letters, numerals and symbols. Reverse and flashing characters. All PET graphic characters.

Display modes

Text characters. High resolution graphics/multi-colour graphics. Split screen text/high resolution graphics or multicolour.

Resolution

320 × 200 Pixels

Sound

2 Tone generators or 1 Tone and 1 white noise generator

Volume 9 volume levels

Keyboard

Full size/full stroke design

66 keys total. 4 cursor control keys. 4 programmed (reprogrammable) function keys (up to 8 user defined functions possible). Colour control keys. HELP key. Upper and lower case character set. Graphics charac-

Inputs/outputs

Commodore 16 user port. Commodore serial port. ROM cartridge and parallel disk drive port. 2 joystick ports. Commodore 1531 cassette unit interface port. Monitor output composite/chrominance/ luminance. Audio input/ output. Power supply input.

Features

Built-in BASIC 3.5 - over 75 commands including built-in graphics and sound commands. Built-in Machine Lanquage Monitor with 12 commands. Screen Window capa-

Commodore Plus/4

Until recently known as the 264, the Plus/4 takes its name from the four integral applications software packages: a word processor, an electronic spreadsheet, a database and a business graphics package.

All four packages can share and exchange information and the Plus/4's screen window facility allows two packages to be viewed simultaneously. The Plus/4 costs £249

Technical specifications:

Memory

64K RAM Standard - 60K RAM user accessible for BASIC programs

ROM

32K ROM Standard (includes operating system and BASIC interpreter)

Microprocessor

7501 microprocessor .89 to 1.76 MHz clock

Display

40 columns × 25 lines of text Colours

121 colours (15 colours: 8 luminance levels + black)

Characters

Upper and lower case letters, numerals and symbols. Reverse and flashing characters. All PET graphic characters.

Display modes

Text characters. High resolution graphics/multi-colour graphics. Split screen text/high resolution graphics or multicolour

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Keyboard

Full size/full stroke design

Keys

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67 keys total. 4 cursor control keys. 4 programmed (reprogrammable) function keys (up to 8 user defined functions possible). Colour control keys. HELP key. Upper and lower case character set. Graphics character set. Reset button. Escape key

Inputs/outputs

User port. Commodore serial port. ROM cartridge and parallel disk drive port. 2 joystick ports. Commodore 1531 cassette unit interface port. monitor output - composit/ chrominance/luminance. Audio input/output. Power supply input

Features

Built-in BASIC 3.5 - over 75 commands including built-in graphics and sound commands. Screen Window capability



With the launch of the two new Commodore computers comes a new range of compatible peripherals, most of which are also compatible with the VIC-20, CBM 64 and SX-64:

MC8 801 Dot Matrix Colour Printer -£399.99

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ADCOMP

Adcomps's latest product, the X100S intelligent plotter has built-in plot routines, two Z80 processors, a large 20 Kbyte memory and can print extremely precise drawings and curves in four different colours - black, red, green and blue. It

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Contact: Adcomp UK Ltd, 56 Long Street, Dursley, Glos. Tel: 0453 46065.

ADMAN

'Hello' said the 64 on Adman's stand - the new 64 speech synthesiser was going through its paces. Adman also revealed that they are no longer producing the VIC-20 version.

Contact: Adman Electronics Ltd., Ripon Way, Harrogate HG1 2UA. Tel: 0423 62642.

ALLIGATA

Arcade facilities on the Alligata stand featured their newest games: Son of Blagger, Guardian, Eagle Empire, Killer Watt and Loco, launched at the show.

Contact: Alligata Software Ltd., 178 West Street, Sheffield. Tel: 0742 61318.

ANAGRAM SYSTEMS

Anagram launched their new Cash Book 64 program. Aimed at the self-employed or the small business man, it is based on standard double entry book keeping practice. Features of the system include VAT summaries, Audit Trails, Budget Summaries and performance as well as Trial Balance and a cash/bank book, It retails at £75 including VAT.

Contact: Anagram Systems, 60a Queen Street, Horsham, W. Sussex. Tel: 0403 59551.

ANIROG SOFTWARE

Anirog released three new games for the 64 - Petch, House of Usher and Ice Hunter the latter of which we featured in our games compeition. Each one has the Anirog Turboloader and is available on either cassette at £6.95 or disk for £9.95. In the future they will be launching Gas-Kit, a package combining graphics and sound facilities for £14.95.

Contact: Anirog Software, 29 West Hill, Dartford, Kent. Tel: 0322 92518.

APSTOR

Apstor introduced two hard disk systems at the show: the Alpha 10 removable cartridge mass-storage subsystem on the 8000 and 700 series which retails at £3.600, and the Beta 5 with 5+5 Mb of storage for £2,995.

APS are also planning to introduce two other systems, the Gamma 20+20 and the Delta 5+5, costing £3,600 and £1,400 repectively.

Contact: APS Microsystems Ltd, 2-8 Foredown Drive, Portslade, Sussex. Tel: 0273 422512.

ASK

ASK previewed a range of educational programs for the 64 which will be released later this year. Number Chaser and Number Painter are on cartridge for £9.99; Words Words Words on three cassettes at £11.99; Facemaker and Number Puzzler on cassette for £4.99 and finally Hide and Seek and Lets Count on two cassettes for 9.99.

Contact: Applied Systems Knowledge Ltd, London House, 68 Upper Richmond Road, London SW15, Tel: 01-874 6046.

AUDIOGENIC

Audiogenic displayed their latest disk based games - Alice in Videoland, Frantic Freddie, Forbidden Forest and Aztec Challenge on arcade stands. Each game retails at £12.95. Also on display was the Koalapad touch tablet which costs £79.95 together with the Koalapainter graphics program on disk.

Future plans include Caverns of Khafka – a graphics adventure game, the Gibson light pen with accompanying software and a range of Koalaware Software.

Contact: Audiogenic Ltd, PO Box 88, Reading, Berks. Tel: 0734 664646.

BUBBLE BUS

The now familiar red doubledecker bus housed the latest range of games from Bubble Bus. They previewed several games - Easydesign 64, a program designed to teach the Sign language and Strike Force featuring a powerful laser cannon, helicopters and fighter jets.

Future plans include an adventure graphics game and Quadrillon, a disk incorporat-

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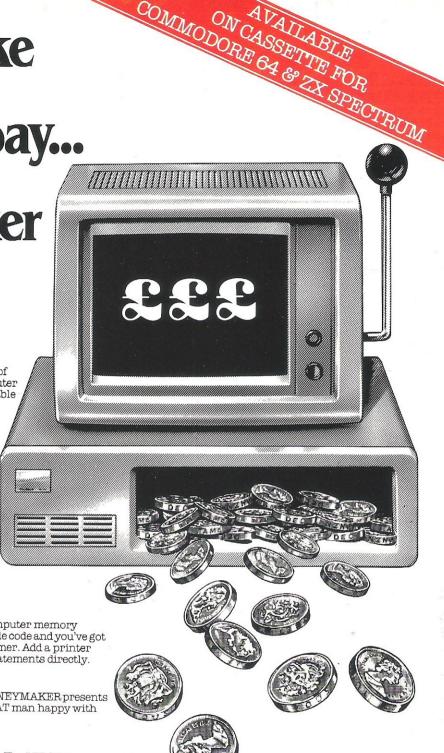
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GRANADA PUB-LISHING

A number of books for both the 64 and VIC-20 were introduced including 'Get more from the VIC-20' by Owen Bishop and 'Business Systems' on the Commodore 64.

Contact: Granada Publishing, 8 Grafton Street, London W1. Tel: 01-493 7070.

HANDIC SOFTWARE

Two new software products and a new expansion unit were launched by Handic. Word Result for the 700 series is a companion to Calo Result and is retailing at £250 and Real Estate 64, a monopoly-type game with 3D graphics, costs

£14.95 on disk.

The Superbox 64, has a built-in IEEE interface with three cartridge slots and hardware slot switches and is priced at £94.95.

Contact: Handic Software, 5 Albert Road, Crowthorne, Berks. Tel: 0344 778800.

INTERCEPTOR MICROS

Two new games for the 64 – Tales of the Arabian Nights and Where's my bones, both with ultra load were launched at the show together with Pulse an extended version of Interceptor's original assembler.

Cassette versions cost £7 and disks retails at £9 each.

Contact: Interceptor Micros, Lindon House, The Green, Tadley, Hants. Tel: 07356 71145.

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Contact: Milton Keynes Information Technology Exchange, Midsummer House, 429 Midsummer Boulevard, Saxon Gate West, Milton Keynes. Tel: 0908 668866.

JCL SOFTWARE

The 64 assembler, a new assembler for the 64 was introduced at the show. Features include toolkit and a text editor and it will be available on catridge for about £45.

Contact: JCL Software Ltd., 47 London Road, Southborough, Tonbridge Wells, Kent. Tel: 0892 27454.

LCL

Francis Drake Adventure. Game for the 64 on cassette priced at £7.95 and 'Brainteasers for the Commodore 64' by G Ludinski retailing at £5.95 are the two newest releases from LCL, specialists in Educational products.

Contact: Ludinski Computer-Assisted Learning, 26 Avondale Avenue, Staines, Middlesex. Tel: 0784 58771.

MATOR

Mator launched a number of products: the Sharkette hard disk with an integral tape streamer for the 8296 and 700. prices range from £4,567; Squid, a network for 64's which allows the sharing of eight peripherals between users, retailing at £80 per part, and PERCH, a communications emulation package costing £600 which will connect the Commodore PC (due for release in 1985) to either the ICL. mainframe or the IBM 278073780.

Contact: Mator, Willett House, 12 Grand Avenue, Hove, Sussex. Tel: 0273 726464.

MC2

The new Safetrack suspension filing system for floppy disks stores 5.25 and 8 inch disks in existing filing cabinets or can be used as a free-standing unit.

Contact: MC2 Ltd, 235 The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19. Tel: 01-540 9370.

MELBOURNE HOUSE

Melbourne are planning the release of a range of adventure games specialising in either graphics or text. Arabian Nights and Castle of Terror were previewed at the show and future adventure games such as Hampstead, Sherlock Holmes, Motor Bike and Mugsy are promised for future release.

Contact: Melbourne House, Castleyard House, Castleyard, Richmond. Tel: 0438 316561.

MICRO POWER

Cybertron Mission, Ghouls, Swoop and Felix in the Factory were released by Micro Power on cassette for the 64 at £6.95 each.

Also on display was the Questprose Incredible Hulk game from Adventure International which, according to a company spokesman, is a "step backwards in adventure games"! It is available on cassette for £9.95. Versions featuring Dr Strange and Spiderman are also planned.

Contact: Micro Power Ltd, Northwood House, North Street, Leeds. Tel: 0532 458800.

MILLS ASSOCIATES

Two mannequins – a secretary fed up with her faulty compu-

ter and an engineer in overalls—illustrated the company's function. They provide maintenance contracts for Commodores' Business computers.

Contact: Mills Associates Ltd, Wonastow Road, Monmouth, Gwent. Tel: 0600 4611.

MIRRORSOFT

Count with Oliver and Look Sharp were featured on Mirrorsoft's stand and are the first in their early learning series for the 64.

Both are available on cassette for £7.95. Two utility programs, also for the 64, were previewed: Go Sprite – a sprite generator and animator which can be controlled with joysticks, keyboard and light pen, and Game Creator.

Contact: Mirrorsoft, Holborn Circus, London EC1. Tel: 01-822 3947.

OXFORD COMPUTING SYSTEMS

OCS previewed Turbo, a three dimensional racing game. It pushes graphics and sound to the limits and will cost £7.95 on cassette.

OCS plan to add more compilers to their existing range with the help of an inhouse system known as the Metacompiler. In addition, tools such as the graphics, screen editors and a 'design your own racing circuit' used to design Turbo will be marketed. Contact: Oxford Computer Systems, Hensington Road, Woodstock, Oxford. Tel: 0993 812700.

PERSONAL PERIPHERALS

Personal Peripherals launched the Super Sketch II tablet together with Master Illustrator software for £59. Four software

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packages – the Master Home Planner, Business Presentor, Super Music Box and Super Sketch are being developed.

They also introduced the SuperStik joystick.

Contact: Personal Peripherals Inc, 930 N. Beltline Road, Suite 120, Irvine, Texas 75061, USA. Tel: 0101 214 901440.

PRECISION SOFTWARE

Four home applications to be used with Superbase 64 were released at the show. Each Homebase can be bought for £17.95. Programs include birthdays, shopping, address books and diet plans.

Additional new programs include Stepping Stones. Costing £9.99 each, the programs can be altered to suit business requirements such as travel agencies and estate accounts. Two other programs, insurance broking and pharmacy labelling, are retailing at £52.

Contact: Precision Software, 6 Park Terrace, Worcester Park, Surrey. Tel: 01-3307166.

QUICKSILVA

Trashman, Escape and 3D Tunnel for the 64 were previewed at the show and are available on cassette for £7.95. Traffic, a Hungarian program will be released later this year.

Contact: Quicksilva, 92 Northam Road, Southampton. Tel: 0703 201169.

ROMIK SOFTWARE

Romik introduced Fig Forth, a version of Forth, at the show. Available on disk it costs £14.99.

Plans for future releases include a disassembler package, and two games for the 64 – Anter-Planter and the Great Nordic War.

Contact: Romik Software, 272 Argyll Avenue, Slough. Tel: 0753 71535.

SMALL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Small Systems exhibited their new range of high speed single and multi-user hard disk systems which allow 64 users to share a single drive. Features include an integral on-line tape back-up and a built-in error correction code. The 14Mb size costs £4,295 and the 92Mb size costs £6.645.

Contact: Small Systems Engineering Ltd, 2/4 Canfield Place, London NW6. Tel: 01-3287145.

STACK 100

Stack previewed a drawing software program for the 64 which will cost £5 on cassette. It is designed for technical applications and has two screens. The templates contain flowcharts and electronic diagrams which can be used to design circuit diagrams.

Contact: Stack Computer Services, 290-298 Derby Road, Bootle, Liverpool. Tel: 051 933 5511.

STONECHIP ELECTRONICS

Stonechip previewed two new software programs – Draw program for £9.99 and Breakthrough for £4.99 both on cassette. They also introduced Sketch Shutter another software program.

Stonechip will be marketing Supersketch II from Personal Peripherals.

Contact: Stonechip Electronics, Brook Trading Estate, Deadbrook Lane, Aldershot, Hants. Tel: 0252 318260.

SULIS SOFTWARE

Sulis introduced a range of educational software on cassette for £9.95 – Just a Mot, Starter Word Splits, Word Power, Junior Word Splits, Beseiged and Open Sesame. Future plans include software for the Commodore 16.

Contact: Sulis Software, 4 Church Street, Abbey Green, Bath. Tel: 0225 61929.

SUPERSOFT

Supersoft launched two new games Pesky Painter and Star Command on cassette for £6.95. They also introduced Interdictor Pilot, a space flight combat simulator, Music Master which plays and composes music for £17.95 and a Graphics Design program for £9.95.

Contact: Supersoft, Winchester House, Canning Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middlesex. Tel: 01-861 1166.

TADIRAN ISRAEL

ESL launched a number of products for the Commodore business machines: ED-NET. an IEEE-433 transparent network solution for educational use: a hard disk Host adaptor system with a removable 5Mb hard disk which can be used on either the 64 or 700 with ED-NET; MAGIC, Manager of Animation Graphics in CAI; ED-WORD, a high calibre bilingual word processor for use on the 8032, 8296, 700 and 64: ED-GRAPHICA a high resolution graphic system for the 64 and 700; an Application Generator based on the B+TREE Data Retrieval System and B+TREE, a Data Base Management System.

Contact: E.S.L. Software Systems, 115 Dizengoff Street, Tel-Aviv 64397, Israel. Tel: 03 234059/03 233130.

3D DIGITAL DESIGN

3D introduced the General Purpose Interface System which can operate with the 64. It combines analogue and digital inputs and outputs and is designed to be used in laboratory and research environments.

Contact: 3D Digital Design and Development Ltd, 18/19 Warren Street, London W1. Tel: 01-387 7388.

TANDATA

Tandata launched a number of products: the TM100 operating on 1200/75bps V23 full duplex mode; the TM120 includes a 300/300 capability and costs £165 and software which allows the micros to act as a viewdata terminal which will work with the entire Commodore range. 64 software costs £32 on disk and £42 on ROM and for both the VIC-20 and Pet, software costs £27.

Contact: Tandata Martketing, Albert Road North, Malvern, Worcs. Tel: 06845 86421.

VALIENT DESIGNS

The Valient Turtle, a remotecontrolled Robot with rechargeable batteries was introduced at the show. Designed for educational applications, the turtle is supplied with a remote-control communicator box and with a disk or cassette containing LOGO interface and/or a Turtle graphics package. It retails at £228.85.

Contact: Valient Designs, Park House, 140 Battersea Road, London SW11. Tel: 01-720 3947/627 0470.

VIZA SOFTWARE

Viza launched Vizastar, a fully integrated spreadsheet, database and graphics package for the 64, priced at £60.84.

Contact: Viza Software, 9 Mansion Row, Brompton, Gillingham, Kent. Tel: 0634 813780.

PPLICATION

Electronic lady

Dutch computer experts Chriet Titulaer demonstrate future possibilities of the computer with their model to show the effect of oral contraception on women

For Dutch computer experts Chriet Titulaer Productions the question from the Wyeth Company sounded very simple: can you construct a model through which the female monthly cycle can be explained and with which the effect of oral contraception (pill usage) can be visualised? EVE became the answer to the question.

The model to be built, should on the basis of a model of the female body, perform the following functions: make the normal menstruation cycle visible and beside this visualise the hormone level in the blood; to show the effect of hormones on some organs; to visualise the effect of two different sorts of hormonal contraceptives.

A stream of hormones in the blood was to be depicted in the model (a 'run effect' of lights or LED's) and a glow effect in some organs. The hormone level in the blood should be made visible by means of differences in intensity of the lights. The hormone level should also be visible on a monitor. The client supplied a detailed list of organs to be visualised in the model and a graph with the lapse of the hormone levels during the monthly cycle.

The heart of the design became a Commodore 64 microcomputer. It is nice to realise that this application fully exploits the possibilities of the computer and its operational memory to the last bit. The software, developed by Henk Weteling, occupied the whole operational memory of the computer. The loading of the program using a (Commodore) cassette recorder takes about 10 minutes.

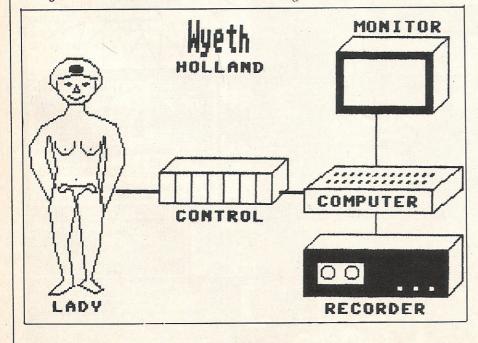
The program is controlled by sound pulses which are on an audio cassette. The audio cassette is played in a Philips stereo cassette recorder. The explanation about the monthly cycle and the working of the pill is recorded on one track of the tape and the control pulses are on the other. The model has been constructed in such a way that a new

audio cassette can be recorded at any time. A control pulse is recorded on tape by a button. The same model can therefore bbe used with different groups (specialists, G.P.'s laymen) who can have explanations on their own levels. The pulses of the audio cassette reach the 64 through the input/output port. The computer in its turn can give the cassette recorder a command ("rewind the tape"). The computer also recognises the authentic control tapes. If by accident the cassette containing the computer program is inserted into the Philips recorder the program will not start.

The complete EVE demonstration model consists of the following parts: Commodore 64 computer; a rack with control electronics; an audio cassette recorder; a cassette recorder functioning as input for the Commodore; a monitor; and a photograph of a female body with about 350 lights.

The control buttons have been removed from the audio cassette recorder and have been replaced by an interface, ie a cable running from the control electronics to and from this recorder. The connection between the model with the lights and the control electronics is made by a 63 core cable.

A demonstration of EVE starts with the loading of the program. When this is done the run command can be started. The computer asks the user whether he wants manual operation or not. When manual operation is not chosen (eg for trade show) the number of cycles can be adjusted. A text containing 4 lines of 29 characters at most can be put in. This option creates the possibility to welcome special visitors via the program on the screen or to add an appropriate text for a certain exhibition. The various parts have been built into an Akai cube, which has been supplied with a small glass door with a lock, a backwall with a vent grating and a drawer for the Commodore. The start button has been adjusted on top of the cube to make the operation



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The software packet can undoubtedly be called a clever composition. In the graph which is being composed, the concentrations of four different substances (LH, FSH, progestagene and ustrogene) is reflected.

The vertical axis changes constantly so that the four substances are dealt with alternatively. In the graph on the monitor these four substances have a different symbol indication, in the model with the lightbulbs they are differently coloured. Different colours are not chosen for use on the monitor because the graphic possibilities of the Commodore 64 are much greater if just one colour is used.

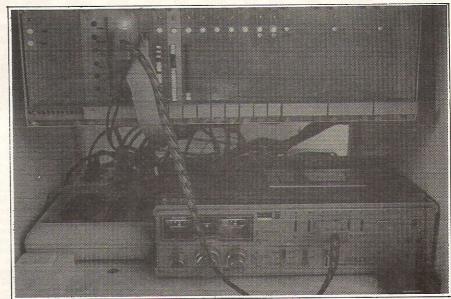
The uniqueness of this computer application is on the one side represented in its hardware and on the other in its software.

Jac Swillens, who only recently passed his exam at a technical school, has developed the control electronics, ie a rack with 15 printed circuits for the hardware. Jac made the design for the eight different printed circuits (some of them are used more than once in the rack) and had them manufactured in Belgium. The complicated control electronics actually consist of only one example. The model now is much more universally applicable because you can also depict the refining process in the petrochemical industry or traffic control in a city, with minor alterations. For controlling the lights in the model only 2

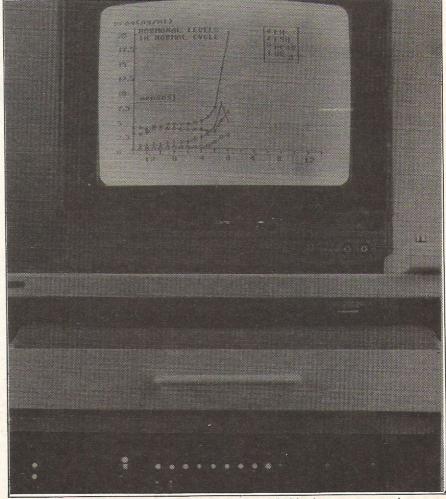
bits in the Commodore I/O userport are used. 72 bits output were needed for the model. The applied technology can easily be expanded to control hundreds of output bits. The uniqueness does also concern the software which not only is ingenious and easy to handle but also full of nice surprises:

- the program tests the correct working of the model and indicates possible mistakes;
- the program asks questions and informs the user;
- the program even contains the moving logo of the client Wyeth.

The software is written in BASIC together with the (Simon's Basic) option of Commodore. EVE is a 'live' demonstration of the possibilities we have with a computer in the year 1984. Wyeth undoubtedly will draw much attention with this model. In the first place because with this, useful and impressive information about the pill usage can be given, but also because EVE radiates a smart sample of technical ingenuity.



The controlling electronics (above) consist of a rack with 15 (of which eight are different) quick interchangeable and specially developed print plates



The monitor showing the hormone levels and beneath this, the computer and controlling electronics

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Dear Sir

I bought a 64 in February of this year and have had to take it back three times to be exchanged. They all displayed the same fault and I am beginning to wonder whether all of the latest 64's are faulty or if I am doing something wrong!

The problem appears to be in the SID chip, in the volume control register (address 54296). Every time I reduce the volume under program control by POKEing decreasing values [(16)] into address 54296 this produces an unpleasant 'click' from the speaker, ruining many special sound effects. This occurs when using my TV receiver and my hi-fi system (through the output jack) and also occurs if the VOLUME command of SIMON'S BASIC is used to reduce the volume (whether or not the waveform has been set).

I would normally assume I was doing something wrong except that the same problem doesn't occur when I use the school 64 in the same configuration.

The school 64 is one of the earlier models, manufactured in West Germany with mustard colour keys whereas mine is a recent model. Is there any difference and what am I doing wrong?

W P Conway, London.

There are differences between the SID chip of the older and newer models of the 64. The main changes are in the filters. To eliminate the clicking sound, try reducing the volume by setting the 'release values' rather than POKEing to change the volume directly. By doing this the volume will die slowly, rather than POKEing the volume directly during a sound thus causing the click sound.

It is unlikely that Commodore intended the SID chip to make the clicking sound, so there may be a small fault in your machine. Dear Sir

I am 14 years old and live in Portugal. I have a VIC-20 and am very interested in music synthesisers especially as I play the organ.

I would like to know if my synthesiser can be plugged into the VIC-20 and if it can, what accessories are necessary.

I would also like a booklet that shows all the things I can plug into the VIC.

John De Lousa Portugal

The Vic-20's sound capacity is not as good as the 64 and we have not heard of any synthesisers that it can be used with.

Commodore produce a booklet which lists a variety of products — games, utilities, educational programs which are VIC-20 compatible. Write to Vicsoft, 675 Ajax Avenue, Slough, Berks.

Dear Sir

I recently saw a program featuring a development rack. Printed circuit boards with extra chips and Eproms slot into the rack and it connects them to a computer system. The rack can be used in the development stages of a program. What I would like to know is whether there is a rack available for the 64?

Antonio Windas Hull

The simple answer is that there isn't! The 64 has a large enough memory for most programming purposes and so there isn't a market for memory expanders.

Dear Sir

I have not had much success with the auto-run program in the April issue.

I have checked it several times, but every time I run it, I get a "number of data value error." When I try to save something with it using the SYS command, the tape recorder just keeps winding on and on! When I type RUN/STOP RESTORE, the screen just goes blank. Can you help?

Is there any information for a disk version of the auto-run program?

A Conlan N Ireland

Accidently typing commas at the end of

a line is one of the most common mistakes and by your description it sounds as if you have added one comma too many! Re-check your program.

We haven't developed an auto-run program for disks yet, but we have had a number of enquiries about a disk version and so we will probably be publishing one in the near future.

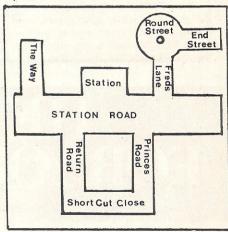
Dear Sir

Please could you HELP!

I am having trouble with the Adventure Game in the November 1983 issue. I have been locked in a station, blown up and run over by buses and I'm still going in circles! I can't get past the locations shown in the enclosed sketch. Am I making a mistake?

J A Quintin Norwich Norfolk

JA Quintin's diagram illustrates his predicament



We assume that you included the line that we omitted from the published program because you wouldn't have got of the tube station otherwise! Judging from the diagram it looks like you missed line 10060 because you haven't included End Road. If not, just check the listings again because there are no errors in the program. Happy adventuring!

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Oxford Pascal

Tired of Basic? Find Machine Code awkward to use? Read on about Oxford Pascal for the 64.

From Oxford Computer Systems (Software) Ltd, 'Oxford Pascal is a complete implementation of the popular programming language PASCAL running on the 64.'

That is what they claim. How true is this? Read on:

First we will explain what PASCAL is. PASCAL is a high level 'structured' programming language that is taught as a first language at most universities (they don't like Basic). The advantage of PASCAL over BASIC is that PASCAL is structured — that is to say PASCAL programs are much easier to read and understand, which makes the debugging of the program much easier as well.

A PASCAL program can be separated into three different sections:

1. Variable declarations consist of constants, data types, and variable as in lines 1030-1100 of the example PASCAL program at the end.

2. The functions and procedures can be multi-line and are like small programs in themselves, being possible to split them into the same three sections. In the example there are three procedures being used, these are lines 1110-1230, 1240-1350, and 1360-1460.

3. The Main Program. Although the procedures come in the listing before the main program, when it is run control is sent directly to the main program. In the example line 1470.

One other thing to note is that on examination of the PASCAL example,

there is not a single reference to a line number (in fact line numbers are not used and if GOTO's are required, they are labelled with numbers) but in the equivalent BASIC version, there are quite a few GOTO's and GOSUB's.

The data TYPEs mentioned in (1) are very complex and would take up too much time to explain in this review but when mastered can be used to great effect as they are very powerful.

Another major advantage of PASCAL over BASIC is the execution time. PASCAL programs run much faster than BASIC because they are compiled first. This means that the PASCAL source program (example listing) is compiled to P-CODE which is a pseudo-machine code program which is run on the system's P-CODE interpreter. An example of the increase of speed would be to compare the PASCAL and the BASIC program examples. The PASCAL program took about 2 minutes to run and the BASIC version took just under 7½ minutes.

Does Oxford PASCAL measure up to standard PASCAL? Yes, and more. Oxford PASCAL is a full implementation of Standard PASCAL and also gives some added commands. These are for High Resolution graphics and sound.

The manual is detailed and understandable, not only giving explanations of the commands and what they do but also explaining the rudimentaries of PASCAL programming.

Oxford PASCAL is compiled to

P-CODE with the resident compiler but it can be compiled on disk to load in as a program with a SYS call.

Oxford PASCAL comes on tape for £14.95 or disk for £49.95. The disk version is compatible with a 1541 disk drive or a 4040, 8050, 8250 via interpod (another product from Oxford Computer Systems Ltd.).

We reviewed Oxford PASCAL on the latter of the two systems using a 4040 disk drive.

Conclusions

At a price of nearly £50 for the disk version, this program is a must for the serious programmer wishing to expand his (or her) programming knowledge at a reasonable price (we have seen a version of PASCAL for another micro retail at about £250).

Further Reading

QUICK PASCAL by David L. Matuszek, John Wiley & Sons. INTRODUCTION TO PASCAL by Rodney Zaks, Sybex inc.

Product: Oxford PASCAL Company: Oxford Computer Systems (Software) Ltd., Hensington Road, Woodstock, Oxford OX7 1JR. Tel: 0993

Description: Programming language **Computer Requirements:** CBM 64+Tape or Disk drive.

Price: £14.95 (tape) or £49.95 (disk).

```
1000 program e(output);
1010 (* This program calculates the value of the mathematical
1020 constant 'e' to 100 decimal places *)
1030 const
        max = 105;
1040
1050 type
        digit = 0..9;
1060
        longint = array [1..max] of digit;
1070
1080 var
        term, sum: longint;
1090
        i,n,count:integer;
1100
1110 procedure divide(var num:longint;
                           den:integer);
1120
1130 var
        i,carry,top:integer;
```

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```
1410 i:=max;
1420 repeat
1150 begin
                                          1410
1160 carry:=0;
       for i =1 to max do
1170
                                         1430
                                                  count:=term[i]+count;
1180
     begin
                                          1440
                                                    i := i-1
                                        1450
1199
       top:=10*carry+num[i];
                                                until (count)0) or (i<=1)
1200
         num[i]:=top div den;
                                          1460 end;
                                        1470 besin
1210
         carry:=top mod den;
1220
                                          1480
                                                  n:=3;
1230 end;
                                          1490
                                                  term[1]:=5;
                                       1500
1510
                                                  for i := 2 to max do
1240 procedure add(var num.plus:longint);
                                                  term[i]:=0;
                                         1520
                                                 sum:=term;
1260 i,carry,temp:integer;
                                        1530
                                                 sum[101]:=5;
1270 begin.
                                          1540
                                                 begin
1280
     carry:=0;
                                               repeat
                                          1550
1290
      for i:=max downto 1 do
                                          1560
                                                      count:=0;
1310 temp:=num[i]+plus[i]+carry;
1320 carry:=temp div 40:
1300 begin
                                          1570
                                                       divide(term,n);
                                       1580
                                                      add(sum,term);
                                                 n:=n+1;
                                       1590
1330 num[i]:=temp mod 10;
                                          1600
                                                      zero(count,term)
1340 end
                                        1619
                                                  until count=0;
page;
1350 end;
                                        1615
                                      1620
                                                  write('Exp(1)=2.');
1360 procedure zero(var count:integer;
                                    1630 for i =1 to 100 do
1370
              term:longint);
1380 var
                                         1640
                                                      write(sum[i]:1)
1390 i integer;
                                          1650 end
1400 begin
                                          1660 end.
```

```
10 REM BASIC PROGRAM TO CALCULATE THE 1060 TEX(I)=INT(TP/N)
20 REM MATHEMATICAL CONSTANT /E/ TO
                                               1070 CA=TP-TEX(I)*N
30 REM 100 DECIMAL PLACES.
                                              1080 NEXT
40 DIM TEX(105), SUX(105)
                                               1090 RETURN
50 N=3
                                               2000 REM
60 TEX(1)=5
                                               2010 REM EQUIVALENT OF PROCEDURE ADD
70 SU%(1)=5:SU%(101)=5
                                               2020 REM
80 CO=0
                                               2030 CA=0
90 GOSUB1000
                                               2040 FORI=105T01STEP-1
100 GOSUB2000
                                               2050 TM=SUX(I)+TEX(I)+CA
110 N=N+1
                                               2060 CA=INT(TM/10)
2070 SU%(I)=TM-CA*10
120 GOSUB3000
130 IFCOC>0THEN80
                                               2080 NEXT
140 PRINT"EXP(1)=2.";
                                               2090 RETURN
150 FORI=1T0100
                                               3000 REM
160 PRINTMID#(STR#(SUM(I)),2,1);:NEXT
                                               3010 REM EQUIVALENT OF PROCEDURE ZERO
170 END
                                               3020 REM
1000 REM
                                                3030 I=105
1010 REM EQUIVALENT OF PROCEDURE DIVIDE
                                               3040 CO=TE%(I)+CO
1020 REM
                                                3050 I=I-1
1030 CA=0
                                                3060 IFNOT((CO)0)OR(I(=1))THEN3040
1040 FORI=1T0105
                                                3070 RETURN
1050 TP=10*CA+TE%(I)
                                               READY.
```

The above is an example of a PASCAL program and the BASIC equivalent (which do you prefer?)

REVIEWS

SWITCHABLE 16K RAM

Fox Electronics' Vixen Switchable 16K RAM expansion cartridge expands the VIC-20 memory quickly and efficiently.

The VIC-20's memory map can be divided into four 16K memory blocks and, by setting the switches in certain combinations, these blocks can be utilised to give four different memory configurations: in Mode 1, there is 8K of memory in blocks 1 and 2 giving 16K RAM; in Mode 2, 3K of memory is put in RAM 1-3 and 8K in block 1 producing a total of 11K altogether; in Mode 3, 3K of memory is in RAM 1-3 and the 8K in block 3 is not seen by the computer. Finally in Mode 4, the 16K can be used with a standard 8K cartridge to give a total of 24K.

With the cartridge fitted, modes one to four will have the following bytes free; 19967, 11775, 6655 and 3583.

The switch presented no problems and the cartridge worked extremely well.

Product Name:

Vixen Switchable 16K RAM

Product:

16K memory expansion board for VIC-20

Company:

Fox Electronics Ltd, Fox House, 35 Martham Road, Hemsby, Nr Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, Tel: 0493 732420

Features:

Cartridge with attachment for expansion port.

Switches can be set to give four memory combinations: 16K, 8K and 3K, 3K only and 16K (for use with 8K cartridge)

Documentation:

Adequate leaflet

Warranty:

1 year

Price:

£34.95 inc VAT.

LONGMAN EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE

Longman have produced a set of programs for the 64 designed to reinforce classroom learning for six to ten year olds. The three programs in this early learning series — BMX Number Jump, 3D Hypermaths and Word Wobbler — incorporate the basic skills of reading, spelling and arithmetic into colourful and exciting games.

The games are only intended to supplement skills children have already acquired at school. They are not complex arcade games requiring lightning reflexes, the only requirement besides some arcade competence (using a joystick for example) is answering the questions speedily and accurately. Even a child who regularly tots up ten thousand on Space Invaders will have trouble with these games if he can't add 17 and 9 or subtract 5 from 13 quickly.

Of course childrens' abilities vary and so there are a range of levels to allow for the variations. In Word Wobbler there are five levels of difficulty. For example, children can be asked to spell 'pup' in the lowest level or 'unicorn' in the highest. Similarly in both maths programs the easier levels deal with simple addition, whereas the harder ones ask multiplication questions.

The maze in BMX Number Jump consists of bright green bushes, water jumps, gates and boxes containing various numbers. Seven levels of difficulty incorporate the three basic maths skills using numbers 0 to 99. An example is the multiplication tables. The player controls a BMX bike, a familiar theme for most children, and a pink kangaroo lurks in the corner ready to knock the bike over on contact. A sum appears on one side and the answer lies somewhere in the maze. If the player can get to the correct answer box before the kangaroo the next question is posed. After getting five questions right the player goes onto the next level and the kangaroo gets faster.

It's an amusing game and the bike does some great wheelies. There is no time for mistakes as the kangaroo moves fast and once you've mastered the bike controls it gets to be quite an exciting game.

In 3D Hypermaths the action takes place in space as the player dodges meteors en route to the black hole. The difficulty levels are similar to those in BMX Number Jump.

On one side of the screen, the score, the question and the answer board are shown and to successfully attain the heights of Galactic Commander, the player has to push the ship forward using the joystick until the answer flashes on screen. Once five questions ave been answered correctly and the twisting tunnel is negotiated without sustaining too many knocks, the player moves up the ranks.

To attain success, the player has to keep the ship under control and get the answer right encouraging the development of speed and skill in maths as well as developing dexterity and coordination.

Spelling words correctly is the primary aim in Word Wobbler. More than

1500 words are divided into difficulty levels. Letters are arranged haphazardly on a grid and a word pops up on the edge of the screen. It then disappears and by guiding the letter getter along conveyor belts the player goes from one letter to another avoiding yellow word wobbling aliens. If the wrong letter is chosen or the player overstays he is zapped into the sky and descends by parachute losing one of his five lives. There is also an option for the kids to participate by inserting their own words.

As the games continues alien appearances increase and the letters change places on the grid in mid-game.

All three programs are excellently designed. The game formats are fairly simple and the use of colourful imaginative graphics will help to stimulate a child's interest. We found some of the questions and game situations quite testing so even the most advanced child will find a level to suit them.

Product:

Educational Software

Titles:

BMX Number Jump, 3D Hypermaths and Word Wobbler

Company:

Longman Software, Longman House, Burnt Mill, Harlow, Essex, CM20 2JE. Tel: 0279 26721

Applications:

Educational aids for 6-10 year olds

Documentation:

Adequate explanatory leaflets

Hardware:

64, cassette recorder, joystick essential **Price**:

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HINTS AND TIPS

Mini monitor

This month we have a useful program for the 64 that we have called mini-mon (for want of a better name), which allows you to access the computer's memory directly.

Mini-Mon

This program has five commands: M (Memory display), X (exit), L (Load), S (Save), and: (Alter memory).

The reason for the command: is that the memory display command puts a ':' at the front of the line and you can alter the memory just by moving the cursor to the required byte, change it and press return.

Memory Display

The Syntax for memory display is: MADR1 ADR2

Where ADR1 and ADR2 are the start and end addresses of the memory to be displayed in hex, eg M9000 9281 will display the memory that this program occupies.

The memory display format is the address followed by eight bytes of memory all displayed in hex: .:9000 A2 FF 9A A9 0D 20 D2 FF

Hence the command ':'. To change a byte in memory, use the cursor keys to position the cursor over the required, change it (remember in hex), and press the return key. Any alterations to the line will be made.

Load

This routine loads a block of memory from any input device (tape or disk). The format for this is:

L"filename",01 for tape or L"filename",08 for disk.

Be careful that the program being loaded does not overwrite mini-mon.

Save

This routine allows you to save a specified block of memory again to tape or disk. It is called by:

S"filename",01,ADR1,ADR2 for tape or: S"filename",08,ADR1,ADR2 for disk.

Where ADR1 is the start of the block of memory and ADR2 is the end address plus one.

Exit

This routine just returns you to Basic. X
Note: Mini-mon will work with the
Basic ROM switched out but if you take it
out, make sure it is in before using the X
command.

```
10 I=36800:T=0
20 READA: IFA=-1THEN50
30 POKEI, A: I=I+1
40 T=T+A:GOT020
50 IFT 87409THENPRINT"CHECKSUM ERROR": END
60 IFI 37509THENPRINT"NO. OF DATA ERROR"
70 PRINT" MENTER MINI-MON WITH SYS36800."
80 PRINT"MTO SAVE MINI-MON, ENTER MINI-MON AND"
90 PRINT"TYPE S"CHR$(34)"MINI-MON"CHR$(34)",01,8FC0,9286"
100 DATA169,192,133,51,133,53,133
110 DATA55,169,143,133,52,133,54
120 DATA133,56,76,0,144,0,0
                                                            300 DATA252,189,133,146,201,32,208
                                                            310 DATA14,32,218,144,32,29,145
                                                            320 DATA32,218,144,189,133,146,240
130 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0
                                                            330 DATA3,76,234,144,169,13,32
140 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0
                                                            340 DATA210,255,169,46,32,210,255
150 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0
                                                            350 DATA169,58,32,210,255,32,104
160 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0
                                                            360 DATA145,32,252,144,160,0,177
170 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0
                                                            370 DATA251,32,2,145,169,32,32
380 DATA210,255,200,192,8,208,241
180 DATA0,0,0,0,0,0,0
190 DATA0,162,255,154,169,13,32
200 DATA210,255,169,46,32,210,255
                                                            390 DATA32,234,255,32,225,255,208
                                                            400 DATA3,76,0,144,165,251,24
410 DATA105,8,133,251,165,252,105
210 DATA32,184,144,32,207,144,32
220 DATA218,144,189,133,146,160,0
                                                            420 DATA0,133,252,197,254,144,190
230 DATA217,118,146,240,8,200,192
                                                            430 DATA240,3,76,0,144,165,251
240 DATA5,208,246,76,234,144,232
                                                            440 DATA197,253,144,179,76,0,144
250 DATA152,10,168,185,124,146,72
                                                            450 DATA76,116,164,160,0,32,18
260 DATA185,123,146,72,96,189,133
                                                            460 DATA225,201,13,240,8,153,133
270 DATA146,201,32,240,3,76,234
                                                            470 DATA146,200,192,89,208,241,169
280 DATA144,32,218,144,32,29,145
                                                            480 DATA0,153,133,146,96,162,0
290 DATA165,253,133,251,165,254,133
```

INTS AND TIPS

```
10 ! MINI-MON SOURCE CODE FOR THE 64 1240 20 ! FOR VIC, CHANGE JMP $A474 AT EXIT 1250 1251
  40 !
1000 *=$9000
1001 ! MAIN INPUT AND COMMAND PARSER
1002 ! ROUTINE.
1003 !
                    LDX #$FF
1010 START
                       TXS
1015
                      LDA #$0D
1019
                       JSR $FFD2
1020
                      LDA #$2E
1030
                       JSR $FFD2
                     JSR INPUT
JSR SCDQT
JSR SCSP 1380
LDA BUFFER,X 1390
LDY #$00 1400
CMP CLIST,Y 1410
BEQ FOUND 1420
INY 1430
CPY #$05 1440 MEM2
CPY #$05 1450 MEM3
1455
1459
1050
1060
1070
1080
1090
1100 LOOP1
1110
1120
1130
1140
1150
1180 FOUND
1185
                       TYA
1190
                       ASL A
1200
                       TAY
                       LDA CADDR+1,Y
1210
                       PHA
1220
                       LDA CADDR, Y
1230
```

```
PHA
     1250 RTS
1251 ! ROUTINE TO DISPLAY MEMORY
     1252 !
     1260 MEM LDA BUFFER,X
1270 CMP #$20
    1270
 1270
1280
BEW MEM1
1290
JMP QUESTION
1300 MEM1
JSR SCSP
1310
JSR GETADDR
LDA $FD
1310
1320
1330
1340
1350
1360
1370
              LDA $FD
STA $FB
STA $FB
LDA $FE
STA $FC
LDA BUFFER,X
CMP #$20
BNE MEM2
JSR SCSP
JSR GETADDR
JSR SCSP
LDA BUFFER,X
                               LDA BUFFER,X
                        BEQ MEM3
                               JMP QUESTION
                               LDA #$0D
                               JSR $FFD2
  1459
1460
                               LDA #$2E
                               JSR $FFD2
                         LDA #$3A
     1470
      1480
                               JSR $FFD2
    1490
                               JSR DISPADDR
    1500
                               JSR SPACE
    1510
                         LDY #$00
```

HINTS AND TIPS

```
1710 JMP START

1711 ! EXIT ROUTINE

1712 !

1720 EXIT JMP $A474

1721 ! ROUINE TO INPUT A LINE AND STORE

1722 ! IN THE BUFFER

1723 !

1724 START

1725 START

1726 EXIT JMP $A474

1727 ! ROUINE TO INPUT A LINE AND STORE

1728 START

1729 START

1720 START

1720 START

1720 START

1721 START

1722 START

1723 START

1724 START

1725 START

1726 START

1727 START

1728 START

1729 START

1729 START

1729 START

1720 START

    CPY #$10
BNE GBYTE2
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  2560
25-
              1980 QUESTION LDA #$0D
1990 JSR $FFD2
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                JMP GBERROR
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       2570 LOGOT 2580
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  TYA
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        2580
                                                                                               LDA #$3F
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                ORA BYTE+1
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BASIC PROGRAMMING

Roll the dice

This month we have two useful programs for the 64 and one for the unexpanded VIC-20.

```
1 REM
                                                         This program could be used as a
2 REM
3 REM
 REM
                                                         subroutine for a larger program or just
           ANIMATED DICE ROLLER
                                                         used when playing board games. It
4
 REM
                                                         simulates the rolling of two dice on the
        *******
 REM
                                                         screen using Sprites that give a 3D effect.
6 REM
                                                         The dice are not weighted towards any
                           FEB. 1984
 REM
        C.G & E.J. BULL
                                                         number and just use the random
8 REM
                                                         number generator in the 64.
9 REM
                                                            The program was written by CG and
10 PRINT"":POKE52,48:POKE56,48:CLR:V=53248:
S=54272:D=12800
                                                         EJ Bull
15 PRINT" WORDDOOR PLEASE WAIT - SETTING UP!"
19 REM SET SOUND
20 POKES,247:POKES+1,53:POKES+5,0:POKES+6,1
25 REM SET VIC CHIP
30 FORP=0T015STEP4:POKEV+P,120:POKEV+P+1,125:POKEV+P+2,200:POKEV+P+3,125:NEXT
40 POKEV+16,0:POKEV+23,255:POKEV+29,255
45 REM SET COLOUR
50 FORC=39T046:POKEV+C,1:NEXT
55 REM FILL DATA FOR SPRITES
60 READQ: IFQ=-99THEN80
70 POKED,Q:D=D+1:GOTO60
80 REM SET SPRITE POINTERS
90 FORP=0T06STEP2:POKE2040+P;206+P/2:POKE2041+P;206+P/2:NEXT
95 PRINT"I"
99 REM ROLL THE DICE
100 FORROLL=1T05+INT(RND(1)*10):POKES+4,129:POKES+24,15
110 POKEV+21,2↑(INT(RND(1)*4)*2)OR2↑(INT(RND(1)*4)*2+1):POKES+4,0:NEXT
120 POKES+24,0:POKE2040,200+INT(RND(1)*6):POKE2041,200+INT(RND(1)*6):POKEV+21,3
125 FORL=1T010:PRINT"M":NEXT:PRINTTAB(7)"HIT ANY KEY TO ROLL AGAIN"
130 GETA$: IFA$=""THEN130
140 POKE2040,206:POKE2041,206:GOTO95
599 REM DATA FOR 10 SPRITES
600 DATA 0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0
601 DATA 0,15,255,240,15,255,240,15
602 DATA 255,240,15,255,240,15,255,240
603 DATA 15,255,240,15,255,240,15,231
604 DATA 240,15,231,240,15,255,240,15
605 DATA 255,240,15,255,240,15,255,240
606 DATA 15,255,240,15,255,240,15,255
607 DATA 240,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
 608 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
 609 DATA 0,15,255,240,15,255,240,15
 610 DATA 255,48,15,255,48,15,255,240
 611 DATA 15,255,240,15,255,240,15,255
 612 DATA 240,15,255,240,15,255,240,15
 613 DATA 255,240,15,255,240,12,255,240
 614 DATA 12,255,240,15,255,240,15,255
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615 DATA 240,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
616 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
617 DATA 0,15,255,240,15,255,240,15
618 DATA 255,48,15,255,48,15,255,240
619 DATA 15,255,240,15,255,240,15,231
620 DATA 240,15,231,240,15,255,240,15
621 DATA 255,240,15,255,240,12,255,240
622 DATA 12,255,240,15,255,240,15,255
623 DATA 240,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
624 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
625 DATA 0,15,255,240,15,255,240,12
626 DATA 255,48,12,255,48,15,255,240
627 DATA 15,255,240,15,255,240,15,255
628 DATA 240,15,255,240,15,255,240,15
629 DATA 255,240,15,255,240,12,255,48
630 DATA 12,255,48,15,255,240,15,255
631 DATA 240,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
632 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
633 DATA 0,15,255,240,15,255,240,12
634 DATA 255,48,12,255,48,15,255,240
635 DATA 15,255,240,15,255,240,15,231
636 DATA 240,15,231,240,15,255,240,15
637 DATA 255,240,15,255,240,12,255,48
638 DATA 12,255,48,15,255,240,15,255
639 DATA 240,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
640 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
641 DATA 0,15,255,240,15,255,240,12
642 DATA 255,48,12,255,48,15,255,240
643 DATA 15,255,240,15,255,240,12,255
644 DATA 48,12,255,48,15,255,240,15
645 DATA 255,240,15,255,240,12,255,48
646 DATA 12,255,48,15,255,240,15,255
647 DATA 240,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
648 DATA 0,32,0,0,112,0,0,248
649 DATA 0,1,156,0,3,158,0,7
650 DATA 255,0,15,255,128,31,255,192
651 DATA 63,255,224,127,159,240,255,159
652 DATA 240,255,255,224,127,255,192,63
653 DATA 255,128,31,255,0,15,254,0
654 DATA 7,156,0,3,152,0,1,240
655 DATA 0,0,224,0,0,64,0,255
656 DATA 31,255,248,25,231,152,31,255
657 DATA 248,31,255,248,25,231,152,31
658 DATA 255,248,0,0,0,31,255,248
659 DATA 31,255,248,31,255,152,31,255
660 DATA 152,31,255,248,31,255,248,31
661 DATA 255,248,31,255,248,31,255,248
662 DATA 31,255,248,25,255,248,25,255
663 DATA 248,31,255,248,31,255,248,0
664 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,127
665 DATA 0,1,191,128,3,223,192,6
666 DATA 110,96,14,118,112,31,251,248
667 DATA 63,253,252,79,254,254,207,243
668 DATA 0,127,242,254,63,253,228,31
669 DATA 251,232,14,119,240,6,111,224
670 DATA 3,215,192,1,167,128,0,127
671 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0
672 DATA 0,1,0,0,7,128,0,28
673 DATA 192,0,124,192,1,255,224,7
674 DATA 255,224,25,255,240,25,255,240
675 DATA 15,243,248,15,243,200,7,255
676 DATA 204,7,255,252,3,255,242,3
677 DATA 255,206,1,159,63,1,156,252
678 DATA 0,243,240,0,207,192,0,63
679 DATA 0,0,124,0,0,48,0,0
680 DATA -99
READY.
```

BASIC PROGRAMMING

Graphic Editor

Yet another character editor for the unexpanded VIC-20. This program was written by CR Craig and, to fit it inside the unexpanded VIC, the instructions come separately.

Key use

- U Move the cursor UP.
 N Move the cursor DOWN.
 H Move the cursor LEFT.
 J Move the cursor RIGHT.
- shJ Scroll the display characters one position to the left (will not scroll past character 0).
- shH Scroll the display characters one

- position to the right (will not scroll past character 59).
- F1 Invert part or all of character being edited.
- F3 Mirror part or all of character being edited.
- P5 Display number of characters together. You will be asked the dimensions of the display area followed by each character number going from left to right on each line.
- F7 Copy the character being edited to another character.
- G Choose another character to edit.

- shE LOAD or SAVE characters will LOAD or SAVE the definitions of the 20 characters being displayed at the top of the screen.
- CLR Clear part or all of the character being edited.
- shCLR Re-start program resetting commodore characters.
- SPACE If the screen should become untidy due to REDO FROM START error message etc. this will Re-set the screen.
- A Plot a point at the cursor on the character being edited.
- D Delete a point.

Note: sh stands for the SHIFT key + key.

```
REM ***********
 REM *
            BY
 REM * G.R.CRAIG
4 REM **********
 CLR: POKE51, 0: POKE52, 28: POKE55, 0: POKE56, 28: POKE650, 255
6 C=36879:U=C-10:S=7817:CS=38537:H=0:D=0:RO=32768:DI=0:V1=C-4:POKEV1+3,15:J=7168
 FORZ1=0T010:ON(Z1)GOSUB50,90,58,95,90,55,90,60,96,66:NEXT:H=0:D=0:GOT016
9 GETC$: IFC$=""THEN9
10 IFC$="3"THENPOKEC,27:GOSUB120:GOTO1
11 GOSUB90:OL=01:OC=02:POKEV1,200:GOSUB30:IFC$<>"U"ANDC$<>"N"ANDC$<>"J"ANDC$<>"H
"THEN17
12 POKEV1,230:IFC$="N"THENH=H+1+(H>6)
13 IFC$="U"THENH=H-1-(H<1)
14 IFC$="H"THEND=D-1-(D<1)
15 IFC$="J"THEND=D+1+(D>6)
16 GOSUB90:GOSUB31:OL=214:OC=3:GOSUB30:GOTO9
17 POKEV1,0:IFC$="A"THENOL=209:OC=0:GOSUB30:GOSUB64:GOSUB66:GOT016
18 IFC*="D"THENOL=215:OC=2:GOSUB30:GOSUB64:GOSUB66:GOT016
19 IFC$=" \"THENDI=DI+1+(DI)39):GOSUB96:GETC$:GOTO19
20 IFC$="|"THENDI=DI-1-(DI<1):GOSUB96:GETC$:GOTO20
21 IFC$="G"THENGOSUB55:C$=" "
22 IFC$="%"THENGOSUB82
23 IFC$="m"THENGOSUB82
24 IFC$=""THENGOSUB70
25 IFC$="I■"THENGOSUB40
26 IFC$="F"THENGOSUB100
27 IFC$="W"THENGOSUB110
28 GOSUB66:H=0:D=0:IFC$<>" "THEN GOTO16
29 GOSUB50:GOSUB60:GOSUB96:GOSUB66:GOTO16
30 POKES+D+(22*H),OL:POKECS+D+(22*H),OC:POKEV1,0:RETURN
31 O1=PEEK(S+D+(22*H)):02=PEEK(CS+D+(22*H)):RETURN
40 INPUT": HEIGHT (1-6)"; Z:GOSUB90: INPUT": WIDTH (1-4)"; X
41 IFZ>60RZ<10RX>40RX<1THENGOSUB120:G0T040
   S=S-6:CS=CS-6:FORL8=1T0Z:FORL9=1T0X
43 GOSUB90:INPUT"■# CHAR (0-59):";OL:IFOL<00ROL>59THENGOSUB120:GOTO43
44 OC=0:H=L8:D=L9:GOSUB30:NEXT:NEXT:S=S+6:CS=CS+6:RETURN
                                   、Immeabcdefghijklmnopqrs加入
50 PRINT" TIME A
 POKEC, 25: 25: 25
51 PRINT"以":POKEU,255:FORT=1T08:PRINT"*脚即即以認00000000":NEXT
52 PRINT"阅闻则则能 /-
                                      、I▲★■VIC GRAPHIC EDITOR▲★翻 1 5
     ":RETURN
55 INPUT" CHAR (0-59): N"; CH: IFCH(60ANDCH)-1THENRETURN
56 GOSUB120:GOT055
58 INPUT": GROUP (0-15): M"; GR: IFGR<16ANDGR>-1THENRETURN
59 GOSUB120:GOTO58
```

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60 FORL1=0T07:V=128:GC=PEEK(J+(CH*8)+L1):FORL2=0T07:D=L2:H=L1:POKE(S-44)+L2,CH:0
L=215:00=21
61 POKE(CS-44)+L2,L2:IFGC>=VTHENOL=209:OC=0:GC=GC-V
63 GOSUB30: V=V/2: NEXT: NEXT: RETURN
64 X=D:A=0:V=128:FORL9=0T07:D=L9:GOSUB31:IF01=209THENA=A+V
65 V=V/2:NEXT:POKEJ+(8*CH)+H,A:D=X:RETURN
66 PRINT" $100000": FORT=1T08: PRINTTAB(13); " AL=0
                                               ####"PEEK(J-1+(8*CH)+T):NEXT:RET
URN
70 GOSUB80:Z=H:X=H:IFQ=1THENZ=0:X=7
71 FORL1=ZTOX:C$="":FORL2=7T00STEP-1:D=L2:H=L1:GOSUB31:IF01=215THENC$=C$+"0":GOT
073
72 C$=C$+"1"
73 NEXT:FORL5=1T08:D=L5-1:H=L1:OL=209:OC=0:IFMID*(C*,L5,1)="0"THENOL=215:OC=2
74 GOSUB30: NEXT: GOSUB64: NEXT: RETURN
80 INPUT": 1=ALL 0=LINEW"; Q: IFQ<2THENRETURN
81 GOSUB120:GOTO80
82 GOSUB80:Z=H:X=H:IFQ=1THENZ=0:X=7
83 FORL1=ZTOX:FORL2=0T07:D=L2:H=L1:GOSUB31
84 OL=209:OC=0:IF01=2090RC$="\d"THENOL=215:OC=2
85 GOSUB30:NEXT:GOSUB64:NEXT:RETURN
90 PRINT"%":FORT=1TO10:PRINT:NEXT:PRINT"%
                                                              TIT": RETURN
95 GOSUB90:PRINT"
                       PLEASE WAIT":FORT=0T060*8:POKEJ+T,PEEK(R0+((31*8)*GR)+T)
:NEXT:GOSUB90:RETURN
96 FORT=0T019:POKE7703+T,DI+T:NEXT:PRINT"就吸吸滤槽";DI;"用 ";TAB(19);DI+T-1:RETURN
100 INPUT"TRUTTTMIN=MSAVEN ORD 0N=MLOAD ":0
102 IFO>10RO<0THENGOSUB120:GOTO100
103 PRINT" POKEU, 240: OPEN1, 1, 0, "CHA"
104 FORL1=J+(DI*8)TOJ+((DI+205*8)-1
105 SV=INT((L1-J)/8):IFO=0THENINPUT#1,A:POKEL1,A:POKEC,29:PRINT"™LOADING:";SV
108 POKEC, 25: NEXT: CLOSE1: POKEU, 255: C$=" ": RETURN
110 Z=CH:GOSUB55:FORL1=0T07:POKEJ+(8*CH)+L1,PEEK(J+(8*Z)+L1):NEXT:CH=Z:C$=" ":RE
TURN
120 GOSUB90:POKEV1,230:POKEC,26:FORT=1TO500:NEXT:POKEC,25:POKEV1,0:RETURN
READY.
```

Time

This is a useful program written by William Fong that, when run, will display the time constantly at the top left corner of the screen. The program runs in interrupts on the 64 and the time is displayed in reverse field.

```
0 REM ** TIME ** BY WILLIAM FONG **
1 PRINT"D=":P=49152:POKEP+4129,0:POKEP+4128,0
2 DEF FNA(G)=INT(G/10)*16+(G-INT(G/10)*10):POKE792,193
3 FORN=0T091:READD$:Q=ASC(LEFT$(D$,1))-48:W=ASC(RIGHT$(D$,1))-48
4 POKEP+N,(Q+(Q)9)*7)*16+(W+(W)9)*7):NEXT
5 U=P+48:H=INT(U/256):L=U-H*256:J=INT(P/256):I=P-J*256
6 POKEP+8,L:POKEP+9,H:POKEP+16,L:POKEP+17,H:POKEP+24,L:POKEP+25,H
7 POKEP+81,I:POKEP+86,H:POKEP+7182,PEEK(P+7182)OR128:SYSP+79
8 INPUT"MHOURS";Z:POKEP+7179,FNA(Z):INPUT"MINUTES";X:POKEP+7178,FNA(X)
9 INPUT"SECONDS";C:POKEP+7177,FNA(C):POKEP+7176,0:PRINT"DM":NEW
10 DATAA2,00,0D,0B,DC,29,7F,20,00,00,0A2,03,AD,0A,DC,20,00,0A,A2,06,AD,09,DC
11 DATA20,00,0A,D,08,DC,A9,BA,8D,02,04,8D,05,04,A9,07,8D,02,DB,8D,05,D8
12 DATA4C,31,EA,48,29,F0,4A,4A,4A,4A,18,69,B0,9D,00,04,68,29,0F,18,69,B0,9D
13 DATA01,04,A9,07,9D,00,D8,9D,01,D8,60,78,A9,00,8D,14,03,A9,00,8D,15,03,58,60
READY.
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Osborne 01	1.4	4.4	11.7	11.6	12.4	21.9	34.9	6.1	19.9	
Apple 111	1.7	7.2	13.5	14.5	16.0	27.0	42.5	7.5	24.7	
ACT Sirius 1	2.0	7.4	17.0	17.5	19.8	35.4	55.9	4.3	24.8	
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Program lister

This month we have a routine for the 64 which could be useful in the Basic Aids. It scrolls the listing by use of the cursor keys. The routine was written by K.K.Loke and all that we have done is to select a new location so that it does not conflict with previous routines.

The routine wedges into the Basic warm start vector and can be used to scroll the listing giving a bi-directional lister.

This is obtained by moving the cursor to the bottom of the screen and pressing cursor down, or moving the cursor to the top and pressing cursor up. When listing up, three blank lines are inserted and the line is listed at the top.

To exit the lister, press the CLR/HOME key. To re-enable, press the return key.

Note that this routine will be permanently disabled by the RUN/STOP RESTORE keys or the previously published merge routine and can be re-initialised by SYS(50928).

The suggested modifications to the ROM routine calls to enable the routine to work on the VIC-20 are:

*EA13:E5B4:E716:E9F0:ECEF:E9C8:E9FF: E9A9:A637:A613:A474:A6C9:A483

+EAA1:E5CF:E742:EA7E:EDFC:EA56: EA8D:EA32:CD37:C613:C474:C6C9:C483

Where * are the values for the 64 and + should replace them for the VIC.

The other change would be the values stored into \$0300/1 for resetting then 'ierror' vector the values for the VIC are:

Lo byte (1st) Hi byte (2nd) 2390 LDA #\$4F 2410 LDA #\$E4

The program is presented in the usual two ways. First is the assembler source file (MIKRO) and then the program that you are more likely to use, the Basic Loader. With the loader, just type it in and then run (save it before running). If there are no errors in the data, your lister is now running.

```
1000 C6F0
    1010 C6F0
                                                                     1020 C6F0
                                                                                     PROGRAM LISTER
    1030 C6F0
    1040 C6F0
                                                                                    BY K. K. LOKE 1984
   1050 C6F0
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   1060 C6F0
   1070 C6F0
                                                                    !--- NEW VECTORS ----
                                                                                                                                                                                                                            ! PUT NEW 'WARMSTART' V
   1080 C6F0 A9FB
                                                                                                                   LDA #<IMAIN
ECTORS
    1090 C6F2 A0C6
                                                                                                                   LDY #>IMAIN
                                                                                                                   STA $0302
    1100 C6F4 8D0203
                                                                                                                    STY $0303
    1110 C6F7 8C0303
   1120 C6FA 60
                                                                                                                   RTS
    1130 C6FB
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             ! PUT NEW 'IERROR' VECT
   1140 C6FB A905
                                                                     IMAIN
                                                                                                                   LDA #<CTOG
ORS
    1150 C6FD 8D0003
                                                                                                                   STA $0300
    1160 C700 A9C7
                                                                                                                   LDA #>CTOG
    1170 C702 8D0103
                                                                                                                   STA $0301
   1180 C705
    1190 C705
                                                                      !--- WAIT & TOGGLE CURSOR ----
    1200 C705 A5C6
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             ! TEST FOR INPUT FROM K
                                                                     CTOG
                                                                                                                   LDA $C6
EYBOARD
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             ! NO INPUT, KEEP CURSOR
    1210 0707 8500
                                                                                                                   STA $CC
   FLASHING
   1220 C709 F0FA
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             ! REPEAT IF NO INPUT
                                                                                                                   BEQ CTOG
    1230 C70B 78
                                                                                                                    SEI
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```
1240 C70C A5CF
                        LDA $CF
                                                ! TEST CURSOR BLINK PHA
SE
1250 C70E F00C BEQ KPRESS
1260 C710 A5CE LDA $CE
                                                ! 'OFF' ?
                                               ! ON, GET CHAR UNDER CU
RSOR
1270 C712 AE8702
                        LDX $0287 ! GET COLOUR UNDER CURS
OR
JR
1280 C715 A000 LDY #$00
1290 C717 84CF STY $CF
1300 C719 2013EA JSR $EA13
                  I TIY #$00
                                                ! SWITCH 'OFF' CURSOR
                                                ! REPLACE ORIGINAL CHAR
ACTER
         ! & COLOUR TO SCREEN
1310 C71C
! INPUT FROM KEYBOARD
1350 C71F C911
                                               ! CURSOR UP ?
                      1360 C721 F007
1370 C723 C991
 1380 C725 F003
1390 C727 4CD1C7
1400 C72A 2016E7 CPUT
$D6
                                               ! GET POSITION OF CURSO
1410 C72D A5D6
                        LDA $D6
                        CMP #$18
1420 C72F C918
                                                 !CLOSEBOTTOM OF SCREEN
              BEQ ULIST
CMP #$00
BNE CTOG
                                                ! YES
1430 C731 F07B
1440 C733 C900
1450 C735 D0CE
                                                 ! TOP OF SCREEN ?
                                                ! NO, GET NEXT CHAR
1460 C737
! GET SCREEN LINE ADDR.
LOW
1550 C747 85AC STA $AC
1560 C749 B5D8 LDA $D8,X ! GET SCREEN LINK ADDR.
1570 C74B 20C8E9 JSR $E9C8 ! COPY ONE LINE TO ANOT
HER
1580 C74E CA DEX
1590 C74F 10EC BPL SCOPY
                                                 ! IF .X ISN'T 0, DO NEX
T LINE
1600 C751 20FFE9 CLINE JSR $E9FF
1610 C754 A9C7 LDA #>RETURN
                                                ! CLEAR 1ST SCREEN LINE
                                                 ! REPLACE RTS ADDR. PUL
LED BY
                PHA
LDA #KRETURN-1
PHA
PHA
1620 C756 48
                                                 ! $E9A9. SAVE HI BYTE
1630 C757 A963
1640 C759 48
1650 C75A 48
                                          ! SAVE LO BYTE ON STACK
! DUMMY ADDRESSES FOR E
989 PL 818
1660 C75B 48 PHA
1670 C75C A201 LDX #$01
                                                ! SET SCREEN LINE INDEX
Tri 1
1680 C75E 8DA502 STA $02A5
1690 C761 20A9E9 JSR $E9A9
                                   !CLOSERE-SET SCREEN LIN
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K TABLE
                   RETURN DEC $D6
BNE SCOPY2
 1700 C764 C6D6
                                              ! SCROLL SCREEN DOWN 3X
 1710 C766 D0D3
 1720 C768
                   ! .--- (-) LIME NO. SEARCH ---- ! START SEARCH FROM
 1730 0768
                   BSTART LDA $2B
 1740 C768 A52B
 1750 C76A A62C
                                 LDX $20
 1760 C76C A62C
1770 C76E A001
                                LDX $20
LDY #$01
                                                               ! BEGINNING OF BASIC
                                                               ! POINT TO HI BYTE OF L
                   SADDR
INK ADDR.
1780 C770 855F
1790 C772 8660
                                 STA $5F
                                 STX $60
1800 C774 48
                                PHA
                                LDA ($5F),Y
 1810 C775 B15F
                                                               ! CHECK FOR END OF BASI
                         BEQ LADDR
SEC
                                                               ! YES
 1820 C777 F029
 1830 C779 38
                                                              ! PREPARE C FOR SUBTRAC
TION
 1840 C77A C8
                                                               ! POINT TO LO BYTE OF L
                                IHT
INE NO.
                               LDA ($5F),Y
                                                               ! LOAD IT
1850 C77B B15F
                  SBC $14
 1860 C77D E514
                                                             ! SAME AS CURRENT LINE
NO LO ?
 1870 C77F C8
                               INY
                                                               ! POINT TO HI BYTE OF L
INE NO.CLOSE
                  LDA ($5F),Y
                                                               ! LOAD IT
 1880 C780 B15F
 1890 C782 E515
                                SBC $15
                                                               ! SAME AS CURRENT LINE
NO HI ?
                   BCS LADDR1
STX $FC
 1900 C784 B00B
                                                             ! YES
1910 C786 86FC
                                                             ! HI BYTE OF LINE ADDR.
 1920 C788 68 PLA
1930 C789 85FB STA $FB
1940 C78B 88 DEY
1950 C78C 2037A6 JSR $A63
                                                               ! LO BYTE OF LINE ADDR.
                               JSR $A637
                                                               ! GET ADDR. OF NEXT LIN
E
 1960 C78F 90DD
                                 BCC SADDR
                                                              ! CONTINUE SEARCH
                                PLA
 1980 C792 C52B
                                CMP $2B
                                                              ! LINE FOUND=1ST LINE I
N MEM ?
                               BNE LADDR+1
 1990 C794 D00D
 2000 C796 E42C
2010 C798 D009
                            CPX $20
                  BNE LADDR+1
LDA #$FF
STA $14
                                                ! NOT EQUAL
! EQUAL
! STORE MAX
! IN 14 & 1!
! GET LAST !
! FOUND, TI
! GET LO BY
! STORE IT
! GET HI BY
! STORE IT
                                                            ! NOT EQUAL
 2020 C79A H9FF
2030 C79C 8514 STA $14
2040 C79E 8515 STA $15
2050 C7A0 B0C6 BCS BSTART
PLA
 2020 C79A A9FF
                                                               ! STORE MAX LINE NO
                                                               ! IN 14 & 15
 2050 C7A0 B0C6 BCS BSTF
2060 C7A2 68 LADDR PLA
2070 C7A3 A5FB LDA $FB
                                                               ! GET LAST LINE
                                                              ! FOUND, TIDY STACK
                                                              ! GET LO BYTE ADDR.
 2080 C7A5 855F
                               STA $5F
 2090 C7A7 A5FC
                                 LDA $FC
                                                             ! GET HI BYTE ADDR.
                                 STA $60
 2100 C7A9 8560
                           CLC
 2110 C7AB 18
 2120 C7AC 9009
                       BCC LIST
                                                               ! FORCED
 2130 C7AE
 2140 C7AE !--- (+) LINE NO. SEARCH ----
2150 C7AE E614 ULIST INC $14
                                                         ! INCREMENT CURRENT LIN
E NO.
                  BNE LLADDR
 2160 C7B0 D002
 2170 C7B2 E615 INC $15
2180 C7B4 2013A6 LLADDR JSR $A613
 2170 C7B2 E615
                                                              ! FIND ITS ADDR.
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2190 C7B7
2200 C7B7
                    !--- LIST LINE. ----
 2210 C7B7 A001 LIST LDY #$01
                                                                  ! POINT TO HI-BYTE OF L
INK ADDR.
 2220 C7B9 B15F
2230 C7BB D007
                                 LDA ($5F), Y
                                                                  ! END OF BASIC ?
                                                                  ! NO
                            BNE LIST1
                                 STA $14
                                                                  ! YES SET 0 IN
 2240 C7BD 8514
                               STA $15
 2250 C7BF 8515
                                                                  ! 14 & 15
 2260 C7C1 4C74A4
 2260 C7C1 4C74A4 JMP $A474
2270 C7C4 C8 LIST1 INY
                                                                  ! PRINT 'READY'
                                                                 ! POINT TO LO BYTE
 2280 C7C5 B15F
2290 C7C7 8514
                                LDA ($5F),Y
                                                                  ! LOAD IT
                                STA $14
                                                                  ! STORE IT
                                                                 ! POINT TO HI BYTE
 2300 C7C9 C8
                                  INY
                                                                 ! LOAD IT
! STORE IT
 2310 C7CA B15F
                                 LDA ($5F), Y
                                 LDA ($5⊦),Y
STA $15
.MP $A6C9
 2320 C7CC 8515
2330 C7CE 4CC9A6
                                 JMP $A6C9
                                                                  ! LIST LINE
 2340 C7D1
2350 C7D1
 2350 C7D1 !--- RESTORE IERROR VECTORS ----
2360 C7D1 ! & EXIT TO WARM START
2370 C7D1 8D7702 IPUT STA $0277
                                                                 ! REPLACE BYTE INTO BUF
FER
                                                                 ! NO. OF CHAR. IN BUFFE
 2380 C7D4 E6C6
                                 INC $C6
R=1
                                 LDA #$8B
 2390 C7D6 A98B
                                                                 ! RESET 'IERROR' VECTOR
                               STA $0300
LDA #$E3
 2400 C7D8 8D0003
2410 C7DB A9E3
2420 C7DD 8D0103
                                 STA $0301
 2440 C7E0 4C83R4 2450 C7E0
                                JMP ≸A483
 2450 C7E3
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10 I=50928:T=0
 20 READA: IFA=-1THEN50
 30 POKEI, A: I=I+1
 40 T=T+A:GOTO20
 50 IFT()31298THENPRINT"XXXCHECKSUM ERROR.":END
 60 IFIC>51171THENPRINT"MUNO. OF DATA ERROR":END 290 DATA177,95,240,41,56,200,177
70 SYS50928:PRINT"MUH/- LISTER INITIALISED" 300 DATA95,229,20,200,177,95,229
80 END
100 DATA169,251,160,198,141,2,3
110 DATA169,251,160,198,141,2,3
110 DATA140,3,3,96,169,5,141
120 DATA0,3,169,199,141,1,3
130 DATA165,198,133,204,240,250,120
140 DATA165,207,240,12,165,206,174
150 DATA19,234,32,180,229,201,17
170 DATA240,7,201,145,240,3,76
180 DATA209,199,32,22,231,165,214
190 DATA201,24,240,123,201,0,208
200 DATA201,24,240,133,214,162,24
210 DATA32,240,233,224,0,240,13
220 DATA189,239,236,133,172,181,216
230 DATA32,200,233,202,16,236,32

310 DATA21,176,11,134,252,104,13
320 DATA208,9,169,355,136,208,133,20,133,20,133,20,133
320 DATA208,9,169,3,133,214,162,24
420 DATA166,164,200,177,95,133,20
430 DATA139,240,233,224,0,240,13
430 DATA139,141,0,3,169,227,141
230 DATA32,200,233,202,16,236,32

READY.
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240 DATA255,233,169,199,72,169,99
250 DATA72,72,72,162,1,141,165
260 DATA2,32,169,233,198,214,208
270 DATA211,165,43,166,44,166,44
280 DATA160,1,133,95,134,96,72
310 DATA21,176,11,134,252,104,133
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Sprite routines

This month we are publishing seven Sprite manipulation routines for the 64, written in machine code

The main routine is to display the Sprite in large on the right hand side of the screen. The Sprite is represented by a large dot (point on) and a small dot (point off). There are five routines to reverse, invert, mirror, transfer, and rotate a certain Sprite, and also a routine to save off the Sprites to tape or disk.

Display

This routine is called by SYS49152, spno. It will display a large version of the Sprite spno (0-255) on the screen. Note the values passed through on all of the routines are the actual block location of the Sprite in bank 0.

Reverse

This routine is called by SYS49239,spno and will reverse each point (eg if on, turn off and vice-versa).

Invert

This routine is called by SYS49254,spno. It will turn Sprite spno upside down.

Mirror

This routine is called by SYS40306,spno. It mirrors the Sprite down the center axis so that the Sprite is facing the other way.

Transfer

This routine is called by SYS49379,no1,no2 and will copy the Sprite in no2 into the area for Sprite no1.

Rotate

Called by STS49403,no, this routine will rotate Sprite no 90 degress anticlockwise. Note that due to the nonsquare shape of the Sprite, the right hand 3 points all the way down will be lost.

Save

When all of your Sprites are completed, you can save them off using SYS49533,no1,no2, "filename",dev. This will save the memory between and including no1 and no2. The Sprites may then be loaded in with LOAD "filename",dev,1. Note devise the device number (1 for tape and 8 for disk).

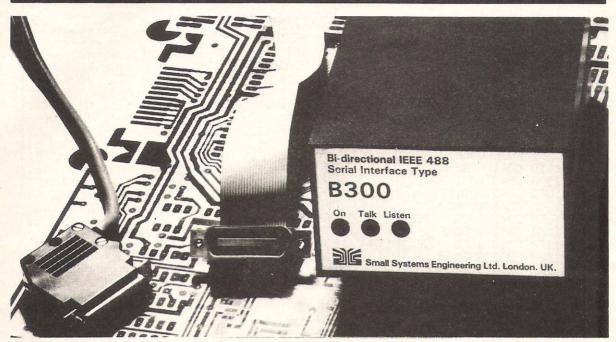
Note: The routines are presented in MIKRO 64 source code and can be entered using MIKRO, or by using mini-mon in hints and tips and changing the bytes shown in the third column of numbers on the source.

To save the routines off, using any monitor enter .S"SPRDISP",dev,-C000.C1E0

!SYS49152,NO

10	0330		II	=	\$0200	3
100000000000000000000000000000000000000	033C		JJ	=	\$02C:	1
30	Ø33C		IIDIVS	-	\$02C2	2
40	033C		UI	=	\$0200	3
50	033C		BIT	==	\$02C4	4
60	0330		TEMP	=	\$02C5	5
The second secon	0000		*=\$C000			
1010	0000	206701	DISPLAY	JS	R GETL	OC
1020	0003	2066E5		JS	R \$E566	6
1030	C006			LI	A #17	
1040	0008	20D2FF		JS	R \$FFD:	2
1050	COOB	A911		LD	A #17	
1969	COOD	20D2FF		JS	R \$FFD	2
1070	C010	A000		LD	Y #\$00	
1080	C012	A20F	AGAIN	LD	X #\$0F	
1090	CØ14	86FE		ST	X \$FE	
1100	C016	A91D	POSITION	LD	A #29	
1110	CØ18	20D2FF		JS	R \$FFD	2
1120	CØ1B	C6FE		IE	C \$FE	
1130	CØID	R6FE		LI	X \$FE	
1140	C01F	DØF5		BN	E POSI	TIOH
1150	C021	203700		JS		
1150	0024	C8		IH	Y	
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1180	CØ28	C8		IN		
1190	0029	203700		JS	R DISP	

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1200 602C C8 INY
1210 C02D A90D LDA #$0D
1220 C02F 20D2FF JSR $FFD2
1230 C032 C03F CPY #63
1240 C034 D0DC BNE AGAIN
1250 C036 60 RTS
1255 C037 !
  1255 C037 !
1260 C037 B1FB DISP LDA ($FB),Y
1270 C039 85FE STA $FE
1280 C03B A980 LDA #$80
1290 C03D 85FD STA $FD
1300 C03F 25FE LOOP2 AND $FE
1310 C041 F008 BEQ ZERO
1320 C043 A9D1 LDA #209
1330 C045 20D2FF JSR $FFD2
1340 C048 4C50C0 JMP NEXTBIT
1350 C048 A92E ZERO LDA #46
1360 C04D 20D2FF JSR $FFD2
1370 C050 46FD NEXTBIT LSR $FD
1380 C052 A5FD
1380 C054 D0E9 BNE LOOP2
1400 C056 60 RTS
1410 C057 !
1420 C057 2067C1 REVERSE JSR GETLOC
1498 C854 B859
1498 C855 60
1418 C857
1428 C857 2867C1 REVERSE JSR GETLOC
1438 C85A A83E LDY #62
1440 C85C B1FB REV LDA ($FB),Y
1458 C85E 49FF
1468 C868 91FB STA ($FB),Y
1478 C862 88 DEY
1488 C863 18F7 BPL REV
1498 C865 60
1510 C866 2867C1 INVERT JSR GETLOC
1528 C863 A5FC LDA $FC
1540 C868 85FE STA $FE
1550 C863 A5FB LDA $FB
1560 C86F 18
1578 C874 A888 LOOP4 LDA ($FB),Y
1610 C878 8582 STA $802
1620 C87C 91FB LOOP4 LDA ($FD),Y
1630 C87C 91FB STA ($FD),Y
1640 C882 C8 INY
1670 C883 C883 C8FD
1580 C887 C6FD BEC $FD
1780 C888 C6FD DEC $FD
1780 C888 C6FB INC $FB
1780 C888 C68FB INC $FB
1780 C888 C68FB
1780 C888 C68FB INC $FB
1780 C888 C68FB
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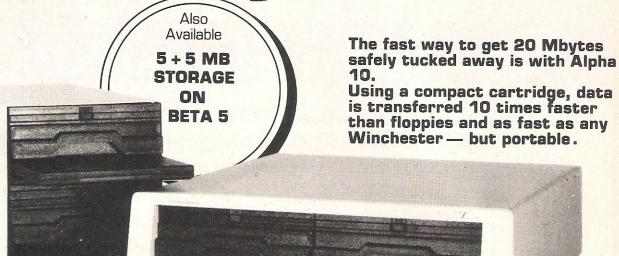
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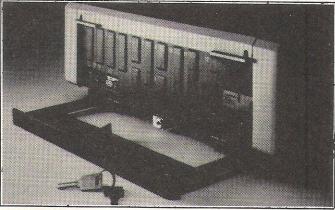
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PRODUCT SURVEY

Words, words, words

Last month we looked at wordprocessors in general and two wordprocessors for the Commodore 64 in particular. This month we continue our product survey with more general information about wordprocessors and a look at some more for the 64.

The most important aspect of a wordprocessor is compatibility. Not just compatibility in the sense in which the word is usually used in computing circles but compatibility at the manmachine interface — in other words how easy is it for you to use!

All Commodore 64's are the same but all human beings are different. This means that a wordprocessor that I enjoy using might drive you up the wall with irritation.

In some cases, where a great deal of wordprocessing needs to be done, people find themselves using more than one wordprocessing package. To those who are new to wordprocessing or have only ever used one package or even none at all this might sound a little too much like masochism. After all, learning how to use one package is difficult enough without complicating life by having to learn how to use any more. And then to switch back between one and another ... sheer lunacy!

But it's not half as difficult – or stupid – as it may sound.

As we pointed out last month, the built-in editing features of the 64 are so good that writing a wordprocessing package is easier than it might be. It also means that most wordprocessing packages are the same in most respects. There may be a few differences which mean you have to be careful. CLR usually clears the screen but in many wordprocessors it simply takes you back to the beginning of the text. You have to be careful to remember which wordprocessor you're working on in case you lose all your text with a CLR!

On the whole there really is no problem switching from one word-processor to another.

There are packages that are suited to churning out thousands of words of copy which need to be printed out in fairly basic form and there are packages which need to be formatted before a word is typed in. In the latter instance this means that you decide on things like the page width, length spacing and justification beforehand and the words appear on the screen almost as they will appear on the printed page. This is obviously enormously useful if your main use of a wordprocessor is producing complicated business forms and tables. The formatting commands can, of course, be changed at any time.

You can never really see on the screen exactly what you will get on the printed page unless you're using one of the less sophisticated printers. This is because the better printers give proportionally spaced letters. This means that the 'i' or 'l' will take up less space than the 'm' or 'w'. On the screen, of course, each character takes up exactly the same amount of space.

Another obstacle in the way of letting you see exactly what you will get as you are typing is that the 64 screen is a 40 column screen – it can usually only type 40 characters per line. It is possible to 'upgrade' the 64 so that it has an 80 column screen and there is at least one wordprocessing package which I have heard of, but not seen, which gives you an 80 column screen.

The size of the screen is almost always a disincentive to buying the 64 to use as a wordprocessor. But it takes surprisingly little time to get used to it. As long as the wordprocessing package enables you to move quickly throughout the text there is usually little problem in

using a 40 column screen rather than the 80 column screen which most people seem to prefer. With an 80 column screen one can't help wondering what the resolution of the characters is like – especially if you're using a television set and not a monitor.

In fact, a monitor is always better for word processing than a television set. This is because the signals fed to a TV set from a computer need to be converted into the sort of broadcast signals that the TV normally receives from TV transmitters. Most monitors can receive a composite video signal which gives a better result than the broadcast signal.

Even better for normal use is an RGB monitor. This is capable of receiving separate signals for red, green and blue – the three primary colours which are needed to make up any other colour. If you intend using your 64 almost exclusively for wordprocessing you won't need to worry about colour so your best bet would probably be a monochrome monitor. We will be covering monitors in much more detail in a forthcoming issue.

These two features will help you but once you've made a shortlist of one or two software packages you should try to talk to someone who is using it, preferably putting it to the same sort of use that you envisage.

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Easy Script it does not format the text as it is typed in. Before you can get into the writing you must choose printer options and then select the write mode from the menu.

Printing: **** Fairly standard printing commands and facilities. Perfectly adequate for most purposes but nothing really exceptional.

Documentation: ***** Excellent manual that goes into great detail. Perhaps the best touch is the section by the programmer who explains the thinking behind his programming. It also gives you an insight into the capabilities of the program that might otherwise take months to discover.

General comments: The package as a whole is oddly inconsistent. But then that's a characteristic of just about all wordprocessors. It seems that every word processor has some aspects which are so good that you wonder why no one else has copied them. The splitting up of the Main Text and Extra Text is one of those good ideas which ought to have been copied many times over! Wordpro is at least partly menu driven with a menu line consisting of a group of letters at the top of the screen. Most people who have used a number of wordprocessors must have realised how similar Easy Script is to Wordpro - or should it be the other way round?

Wordcraft

Writing: ***** The first point to note about Wordcraft is that you can't change background or type colours. You're stuck with black type on an off white background. Most people will undoubtedly find this no problem at all, but it would be nice to have a choice. The beep noise as you type is interesting since it changes depending on which key you press. If you don't like it you can switch it off. Wordcraft does not format as you type and it stores text in its own memory in pages. Each screenful constitutes a page so you can only see a page at a time. This can be confusing because you can't really see the bottom of one page and the top of the next together on the same screen.

Editing: *** You can move around the page you're on fairly easily but in order to jump to another page you must specify the page number. This seems to be an unnecessary restriction. It's fairly easy to get used to after a while but at first it can be frustrating hopping around trying to find the right page if you've been used to scrolls and pans. Wordcraft is markedly different from other wordprocessors as far as editing is concerned. Information storage and retrieval: **** A good package as far as storing and retrieving information is concerned. Has all the usual facilities such as Merge

Printing: ***** This is where Wordcraft seems to be at its best. There seems to be more in the manual about printing than anything else, for one thing, which helps to strengthen the feeling that the strongest part of the package is its printing.

Documentation: ** How can 51 pages possibly be enough for a wordprocessing program of any power? And the 51 pages include the contents, introduction and index.

General comments: In spite of the shortcomings of the manual Wordcraft is easy to use. Because it's menu driven the manual is not quite as important as it might otherwise be. Would suit either the office or the home.

Script 64

Writing: ***** Any program that has a section headed 'Load and start typing' must start off with an advantage. Thankfully, it's not just hype. You really can load and start typing straight away. Like some of the other programs Script 64 is saved in the computers memory a screen at a time. It does not format text as you type. This program allows you to specify how big the screen should be as long as it's less than a full screen. One problem is that as you're typing you don't always know when the next paragraph will occur and yet Script 64 treats each new screen as the beginning of a new paragraph. It's quite easy to get round this but even the program writers recommend that you don't completely fill each screen with text.

Editing: *** Comforting to know that in some cases of accidental deletions you can still recover text! Unfortunately the fact that Script 64 saves text in screens does pose problems. It means, for instance, that moving around large pieces of text can be slower. Information storage and retrieval **** One big difference between this and many other wordprocessors is that it saves in screens and in files of 40 screens. The memory of the 64 can hold a maximum of 40 screens at a time - that's well over 800 lines which compares favourably to most other wordprocessors. 999 screens can be saved on each disk.

Printing: **** Script 64 seems to be perfectly satisfactory in all respects. Formatting text for the printer appears to be fairly easy.

General comments: A very neat package with some distinct advantages over some of the others. The big drawback for many users may be the method of saving by screen. Other users, of course, may find it an advantage!

Paperclip

Problems beyond our control prevented Paperclip from reaching us in time for this feature. It has been recommended but we will reserve judgement until we have had an opportunity to use it.

Product: Easy Script

Company: Commodore, 675 Ajax Avenue, Slough SL1 4BG. Tel: 0753

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Product: Paperclip

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As one London businessman recently discovered finding the right computer system can be just as difficult for experienced computer users as for newcomers to the field of high technology.

Fred Pearson has been running his unique, highly personalised touring and sightseeing business — Take-A-Guide — for 24 years. Operating in the highly competitive American marketplace means that he must be constantly updating and improving the service in order to keep attracting top clients such as Saudi Arabian princes and film stars like Robert Redford, Lauren Bacall and Anne Bancroft.

Fred had been operating a computerised accounts system on punched cards, using a mainframe on a bureau basis, since 1969. The advent of fast, affordable micros convinced him that it was the time to review computerisation at Take-A-Guide.

The decision making process he employed to find the best solution is a model which could well be followed by other potential systems buyers.

First Fred Pearson experimented. He perused the computer magazines, went to exhibitions and fairs and put hypothetical questions to suppliers and programmers. It didn't take long to realise that he had a relatively up to date picture of what technology could achieve, but that it would take a very long time to explain his requirements to all possible suppliers in order to weigh up the

alternatives.

Because Fred recognised that he was likely to need specially written software, to cope with the unique needs of Take-A-Guide and handle the various management reports he required for VAT and Inland Revenue purposes; he decided to write a detailed specification report, which would answer any question likely to be put by a would-be supplier.

Fred took himself away from his busy office for a full six months to write the report and to allow himself time to consider in detail how a computerised system would affect his business and exactly how its power could best be utilised.

Fred then mailed 100 copies of his specification report to dealers and suppliers whose names he had collected over a two year period. "This response was quite astonishing," he recalls. "The top quote was £24,000 with no guarantee of success and most estimated around £7,000 just for writing the software. I got the distinct impression that most dealers quoted on the most expensive system rather than on the most effective for my needs. It took a little time to sort out the sensible proposals".

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