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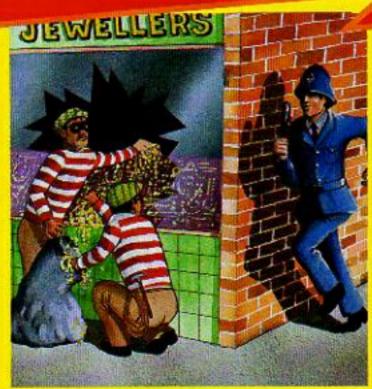


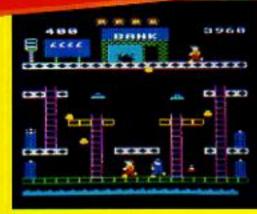


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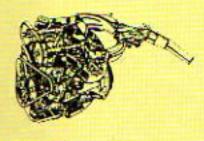


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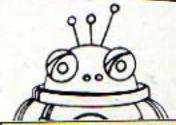
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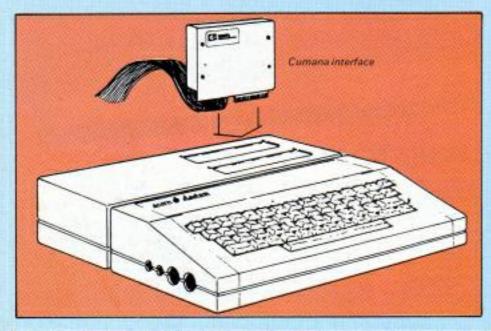
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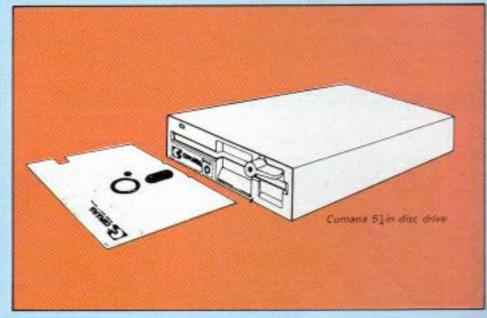
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Educational software galore for Electron

A NATIONWIDE investigation by Acorn has revealed that there are up to 1,000 educational software titles currently available for the Electron.

The study was launched in the wake of mounting criticism from concerned parents who have been unable to locate suitable scholastic programs for their children.

After the problem was first highlighted in Electron User, Acorn decided to crack the case of the missing software.

Within only 10 days the company had come up with a list of almost 250 titles – and it has already been suggested that this may be just a quarter of those on the market.

"In all, there could be up to 1,000 titles out

NEW BRIDGE 'CONTRACT'

AN improved version of Contract Bridge has been released by Alligata Software.

The firm is offering owners of the original version a "new for old" deal costing £1 for cassette exchange and £3 for cassette to disc upgrade.

there", said Gareth Williams, the Acorn marketing consultant in charge of the project.

"While we knew there was a lot available, I was surprised to find out just how much and that the quality of most is so good".

Breakdown

Gareth Williams is now collating the Electron list – the first ever – which gives a complete breakdown of each program.

Apart from the title, the name of the software publishers and the price, it provides details of the type of subject covered, whether tape or disc and if any printed text is available with the program.

"What we have found to date is that the software covers across the range, without shortfalls in any one area", says Gareth Williams.

Availability

However, as comprehensive as the Electron list will prove to be, it does not in itself solve the basic availability problem.

"This can only be achieved by persuading the dealers to stock educational software", admits the Acorn man.

"Up to now their objection to this is that it is too slow moving in comparison to games. And as a result, takes up too much of their valuable shelf space.

"However, I think they are going to miss out if they don't. After all, it's the parents who shell out the money for the computers hoping it will help them with their education.

"So if this situation carries on they may simply decide it isn't worthwhile to buy one. If this happens then everyone is in trouble – including the dealer".

Special supplement

ACORN'S unique list of educational software available for the Electron is to be published as a special supplement with the next issue of *Electron User*.

This will be undertaken as part of the magazine's ongoing commitment to the campaign to make a wide range of scholastic programs readily available to readers.

"Once Electron users have seen what is available, they will at least know what to order from their dealers", says Derek Meakin, the managing editor of Electron User.

"In this way, it will demonstrate to retailers just how large the demand is for these products.

"And from there on they will hopefully realise the undoubted potential in carrying a range of educational software. In this way, the entire problem could be solved".

Retail training aid

MINI Office, the chart topping software package for the Electron from Database Software, is being used as a teaching aid by leading UK computer retailers, W.H. Smith.

Shortlisted for two major categories in the 1985 British Microcomputing Awards, Mini Office has been selected to bring the message home to W.H. Smith staff that home com-

puters have a serious application.

The company is currently using the program in its mobile training classroom, which is on a nationwide tour.

Capable

"We have a lot of staff and we want them to know what the goods are capable of which they are selling." said a training spokesman.

W.H. Smith chose

Mini Office because its four programs – word processing, database, spreadsheet and graphics – emphasise how easily a computer can be turned into an inexpensive office tool.

"At its revolutionary low price of £5.95, Mini Office is a truly cost effective way of introducing the business concept of computers to our staff", said the man from W.H. Smith.



NEW BOBBY DAZZLER

FORMER England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton is the inspiration behind a new Electron football simulation game.

Using Charlton's knowledge of the game, simulation specialists DACC have come up with Bobby Charlton Soccer.

The program includes a management module, enabling the player to master team building skills, a match play module, plus voice instructions and play hints

Radio boost

THE school radio series "Maths with a Story" has been augmented by two software packs for the Electron, designed for home users as well as teachers.

Written by former maths teacher Peter Smith, the programmes, aimed at the primary age group, have been given extensive trials in schools.

The BBC Publications software is being published in two cassette packs costing £10.95 each – the first now, the second in September.

The second of the maths radio series is being repeated this summer and autumn. from the great soccer maestro himself.

Available soon will be the extra World Cup and Canon League modules. Prices range from £11.95.

Playing

the game

FOR the first two

days of the Elec-

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Elite stand will be

open to the general

public. Visitors will

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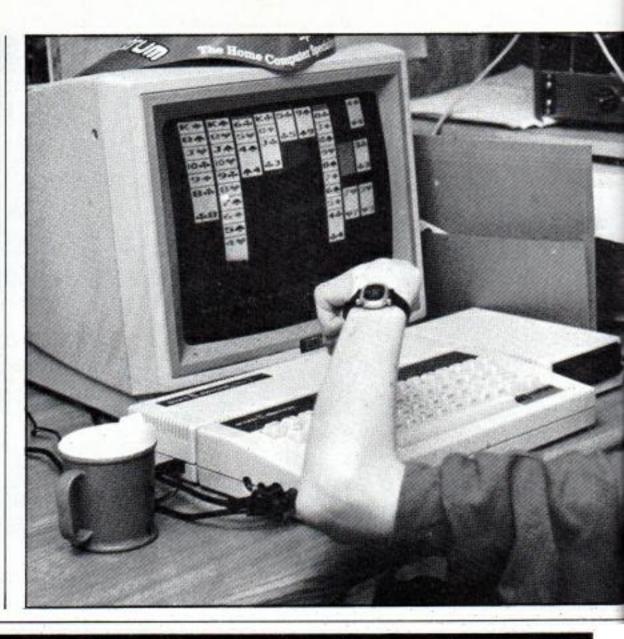
first Elite-athlon

session finishes at

3pm.

The stand will be

selling game.



ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE BIG SHOW

THE National Elite Championships are to be a major attraction at the first of this year's Electron & BBC Micro User Shows.

> Six finalists, from an entry of 5,000, have the chance of winning equipment and software to the value of £1,000.

Forming the last stage of the competition – the world's first championship for the bestselling "cult" space game – is a two-day Elite-athlon to be held at the Show on the Saturday and Sunday.

Finalists will be called on to play a new, second processor version of the all-colour game now with faster graphics. It will be the first public showing of this version.

Elite has sold more than 100,000 copies since its launch.

Its success has prompted Acornsoft to sign a licensing agreement for Commodore and Spectrum versions.

"Naturally we are very pleased they have chosen our show as the venue for the final", says Derek Meakin, head of Database, the show's organisers.

"It will certainly be a major attraction at an event which will once again prove to be the launching pad for all that's new in the world of the Electron".

Sports quiz released

THE third in the Kosmos Software series of Answer Back quiz programs for the Electron has been released.

Answer Back Sport combines tennis and football games with a series of quizzes on sporting subjects.

The games can be run

separately or in conjunction with the quizzes, but either way the objective is to beat the Kosmos team.

A master control program is first loaded into the Electron, allowing any of 26 quiz topics to be selected. Subjects covered range from athletics to water sports.

As with the other titles in the series, Answer Back Sport includes the facilities to enable the user to create, edit and save an unlimited number of new, multiple-choice quizzes.

Price is £9.95.



Electrons brought in to train handicapped

SEVERELY handicapped and disabled residents of Cheshire Homes are using Electrons to entertain, educate and train themselves for jobs.

With backing from the Manpower Services Commission, Robin Nixon and Steve Ludlow have set up extensive computer facilities at two Cheshire Homes - Seven Springs and Heatherley - using Electrons.

To "interface" a resident to a micro may need individual input controls, and these are produced in workshops at each Home.

The computer software may also need to be modified, and this too is done on the premises, with the new versions being made available to other Cheshire Homes.

Experience to date has been highly encouraging, say those involved in the scheme.

Quicker thinking

AN enhanced version of the challenging mental arithmetic program Quick Thinking has been produced for the Electron by Mirrorsoft.

Quick Thinking Plus comes in two parts and costs £6.95. Newfor-old upgrades cost

Multivaders puts the player in charge of a robot invasion prevention force. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division tasks have to be completed successfully within prespecified time limits.

Levels of play can be set so that children can play against adults with-

In Robot Tables the aim is to perform speedy mental multiplication to make robots good enough to pass the critical eye of the quality controller.

For stargazing Electron owners, Mirrorsoft has brought out Star Seeker on cassette for £9.95.

It allows the user to follow planets, track stars and discover constellations - and trace the path of Halley's Comet as it passes the

out being at a disadvantage.

LOGO PACKAGE

A COMPLETE schools and home Logo package for the Electron has been launched by Honeyfold Software.

It consists partly of a set of classroom lessons presented in a format designed for the primary school.

They are supplemented by a set of work cards which integrate with the text. A companion guide assists the teacher in putting over its contents and explains the major teaching points.

Reflecting the needs of the older reader, "A Guide to Logo for Parents and Teachers" is also provided.

Honeylogo on tape or disc with the parentteacher guide costs £16.

Computers have helped people with poor control to write perfect letters and produce geometric computer graphics.

The games that are often the start of computer interest have helped them develop control and dex-

Worthwhile jobs can be performed by residents - helping with the accounts, for example, or organising fundraising projects.

Favourite

They are better able to follow educational courses, both in mathematical subjects and the arts, including languages. Spanish is a favourite course for use on holidays.

There are, of course, residents who are not at all interested in computers and are happy to leave new technology to others. This is accepted and respected.

But, for many, computers like the Electron are proving valuable and adaptable communications devices, and a means to pursue other interests.

A programme called COMPAID - Computer Aid for Speech-Impaired and Disabled People -

was started by Lorna Ridgway, then chairman of management, at Seven Springs early in 1982.

Robin Nixon told Electron User: "We were mainly concerned with solving the communication difficulties of some of our moreseverely-disabled residents, using customised input devices and software.

Converted

"To get the project under way, we converted an old storage room into a computer room and took on eight previously unemployed trainees on a part-time basis under the Opportunities for Volunteering scheme".

Under the supervision of Stuart McKears, the computer tutor, the trainees' tasks were to learn the basics of programming and computer use, and in turn pass these on to the residents.

The scheme struggled at first because there was only one readily-available program, but the situation eased with the advent of the Electron and BBC micros with their extensive software range.

One of the first projects of COMPAID was a large-letter word-processor program to help visuallyimpaired people to read. This was followed by a two-switch-operated drawing program called Rainbow.

As well as communication and graphic design software, games such as Patience (see picture) were created to amuse and stimulate the residents.

Says Nixon: "Many commercially available

games are designed with keyboard or joystick input in mind and, being in machine code, are hard to adapt.

"Having ascertained that two switches were the maximum that our most severely disabled residents could easily use, we set about writing some games to help with the assessment and improvement of coordination".

One such game is Lunar Run, a machine code arcade-style action game which can be played using the joystick fire buttons or the Space and Return keys.

Other projects tackled included a portable Morse communicator for Mark, a resident who has lost virtually all sight and hearing.

Amplifier

Text typed in at the keyboard was converted into Morse Code, which was then output via the cassette interface to a high powered amplifier.

The Morse can then be felt - not heard through a set of headphones.

Using this system, Mark won an essay competition on how best to spend £650 for a career.

The cash was spent on adapting a hand-held computer as a Morse communicator, so he no longer needs to come to the computer room when he wants to have a

For the past 18 months COMPAID has been funded by the Manpower Services Commission Community Programme. There are four full-time computer trainees, eight part-time trainees and three workshop trainees.

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THIS month we'll be leaving our ANDs, ORs and ELSEs and moving onto the Basic keyword GOTO.

Simple to grasp but complicated in action, GOTO is one of the most powerful commands at the disposal of Basic programmers. With it you can do all sort of interesting things, sending the program here, there and everywhere as need

The trouble is that like all powerful things it can be misused, and it often is. Because of this GOTO is frowned upon in polite programming society.

In Electron Basic there are other ways of achieving the same results as a GOTO and it's usually better to use them.

However you have to learn what GOTOs are all about before you can really understand the value of these other methods. And, used sensibly, they're not as awful as some people make out.

In fact I could go as far as to say that there are no bad GOTOs, just bad program-

Anyway, those are my excuses for teaching you about GOTOs and I'm sticking to them. Please note that although I'm showing you how to use them, that doesn't mean I want you to use them. And, if you do (as you will), don't tell anyone that I told you

After all that preamble, let's see the beast in action. Try Program I and, when the thrill wears off, press Escape to bring it to a halt.

> 10 REM PROGRAM I 20 PRINT "HELLO" 38 GOTO 28

Program I

Line 10 is just the REM that gives the program a title, while line 20 prints the friendly message. The GOTO rears its head in line 30.

What it does is to tell the program that it is to go to the line number following the aptly named GOTO and carry on from there. In this case the GOTO of line 30 tells the Electron to go back to line 20 of the program.

It duly does this, printing out the message and then

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comes to line 30. Here the GOTO again sends the micro back to process line 20, the message is printed, it goes onto line 30 and the whole thing starts over again.

As there is no end to the way lines 20 and 30 cycle, it's called an infinite loop. In this case I meant it to be an infinite loop, but usually they crop up by accident, causing programs to "hang".

Even though the above example is fairly simple, you can see the power unleashed by a GOTO. We have a three line program producing thousands of HELLOs.

To be a little bit theoretical for a moment, this has been done by altering the flow of control of the program. This is simply the order in which the micro processes the program's lines. The program controls the micro, the lines that it consists of telling the Electron what to do.

Up until now all our programs, except for one case, have started at the lowest line number and worked relentlessly through lines of ascending numbers. Line 10 was

processed, then line 20, then 30 and so on. The flow of control was simple and straightforward.

When we came to conditionals we found out how IFs and THENs could decide if all or part of a program line was processed, but still control passed from one line to the line with the next highest number.

Only with the FOR ... NEXT loops did we come across a case where the program jumped backwards. The linear flow of control we were used to was changed into a loop (we'll deal with this next month.)

As you can see, using GOTO has a profound effect on the flow of control. Have a look at its use in Program II:

> 10 REM PROGRAM II 20 PRINT "HELLO" 30 GOTO 10

Program II

Here the Electron starts at line 10 and then goes on to lines 20 and 30 as normal. Line 30, however, contains a GOTO which sends the Electron back to line 10.

Here it carries on as usual, working through the program line by line, until it hits the GOTO again and control of the Electron passes to line 10.

Try changing line 30 to:

30 GOTO 30

Can you explain what is happening? It's another infinite loop.

Let's leave GOTO for a moment and look at Program 111:

10 REM PROGRAM III 20 INPUT "Number", number 30 IF number > 20 THEN PRI NT number" is greater than

Program III

20°

If you've been following the series so far this should cause you no difficulties.

Line 20 asks for a number and if the number is greater than 20, line 30 tells you so.

Now suppose, for reasons best known'to yourself, that you wanted the message to be on a separate line.

You might think that you could put the message in line 40 and get to it via a GOTO after the condition of line 30. Program IV shows what I

It looks fairly convincing

10 REM PROGRAM IV 20 INPUT "Number", number 30 IF number > 20 THEN GOT 40 PRINT number" is grea ter than 20°

Program IV

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doesn't it? All that we've done is to move the message of line 30 to line 40 and "glue" the two together with a GOTO. The trouble is, it doesn't work.

The program is fine so long as the numbers you enter are above 20, but look what happens when you type in a number like 12.

You get told:

12 is greater than 20

Can you figure out why this has happened? Let's take the case where you enter a number that is greater than 20, say 100.

The Electron comes to line 30 of Program IV and checks the condition after the IF.

As 100 is greater than 20 the condition is true and the micro goes on to perform whatever comes after the THEN.

Here it finds a GOTO and, ever obedient, it goes to line 40 and prints out the message. So far, so good.

Suppose, however, that you had entered 5, which is obviously not greater than 20. Now the condition of line 30 is false, so the Electron ignores everything after the THEN and goes on to the next line as normal.

Line 40 tells it to print out a message, and so it does.

Never mind the fact that the message is wrong, the Electron just does what it's told. Line 40 says print a message, there's nothing to stop the program reaching line 40, so the message gets printed.

As you can see, using a GOTO can have unexpected consequences. Line 40 is printed in either case.

When the number is greater than 20 the GOTO ensures that line 40 is obeyed. In the other case, the program carries on to line 40 just by doing what it does normally, going from one line to the next.

The remedy is simple. What we really meant at line 30 was that the Electron was to print the message if the condition was true or else to stop there. Program V shows how this is achieved.

Here the END after the

10 REM PROGRAM V 20 INPUT "Number", number

30 IF number > 20 THEN GOT 0 40 ELSE END

40 PRINT number" is grea ter than 20"

Program V

ELSE of line 30 does just that. If the condition is false the micro goes to the part after the ELSE; finds the END there and halts. Line 40 doesn't get processed.

From this you should see that using GOTO thought-lessly can cause all sorts of problems. In this case it was easy to find where the fault lay, but in long complicated programs it can be very hard to spot the error. Usually it's come from an ill advised GOTO.

What makes things worse is the way that the bugs can hide, only coming out to play at odd times.

After all, if we hadn't have tested Program IV with numbers less than or equal to 20, we'd have never noticed the bug.

Of course, if we'd have shown our masterpiece to our friends they'd find the values that trigger the error straight away!

Program VI shows an attempt to make Program V print a message if the number input is less than or equal to 20. Before you type it in and run it have a look at it and see if you can see any flaws.

Line 30 looks fairly convincing. If number is greater than 20 the condition is true and the GOTO after the THEN sends the Electron to the appropriate message at line 40. If it isn't the case, the GOTO after the ELSE is obeyed and line 50 produces its message.

Try it and see.

Have a look at the condition of line 30. Make sure that you test the program with values that make it both true and false so you can find out what happens in every eventuality.

As you'll find, the program works well enough if the numbers are less than or equal to 20. The trouble is that when you give number a value above 20 you get both messages instead of just the one you

10 REM PROGRAM VI
20 INPUT "Number", number
30 IF number>20 THEN GOT
0 40 ELSE GOTO 50
40 PRINT number" is greater than 20"
50 PRINT number" is less
than or equal to 20"

Program VI

wanted. It's exactly the same problem as before.

When the condition of line 30 is false then control immediately goes to line 50 and the message is correct. However, when the condition is fulfilled with a value of number such as 25, then things go wrong.

The GOTO after the IF sends control to line 40, which the Electron then obeys. This would be fine if things stopped there, but then control goes to line 50 – why shouldn't it? There's nothing to stop it.

Now you get the second, erroneous message. The program has crashed into a line you didn't want to be obeyed in those circumstances.

Program VII shows how

things can be improved with the appropriate ENDs to bring things to a halt:

18 REM PROGRAM VII
28 INPUT "Number".number
38 IF number)28 THEN GOT
0 48 ELSE GOTO 58
48 PRINT number" is greater than 28":END
58 PRINT number" is less
than or equal to 28":END

Program VII

One thing you might have noticed is that there is no real reason for using GOTOs at all in the above example. The program could be written without them using simple IFs.

This is true of many of the times that GOTO is used. Often there's a simpler way of doing things, less fraught with difficulties than using GOTO.

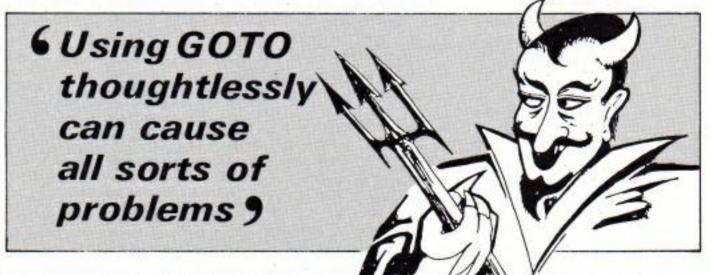
The trouble is that it's often easier to slap in a quick GOTO with all its dangers than to think of the simpler method.

There's no surer sign of a poor programmer than a listing filled with GOTOs. They have a sort of "if in doubt, use a GOTO" mentality which makes programs almost unintelligible.

What can make things worse is when they discover that you don't always have to put in the GOTOs. Program

10 REM PROGRAM VIII
20 INPUT "Number".number
30 If number>20 THEN 40
ELSE 50
40 PRINT number" is grea
ter than 20":END
50 PRINT number" is less
than or equal to 20"

Program VIII



VIII shows what I mean.

While line 30 isn't all that difficult to understand, when you get a lot of them together listings become almost impossible to follow. Notice also that in line 50 I've left off the END.

The point I've been trying to make is that GOTOs are easy to understand but complicated to use. When you start using them they have all sorts of unexpected side effects.

Suppose we wanted to add a final message to Program VII. You might think that all we had to do was add a line like line 60 in Program IX.

18 REM PROGRAM IX
28 INPUT "Number", number
30 IF number>20 THEN GOT
0 40 ELSE GOTO 50
40 PRINT number" is greater than 20":END
50 PRINT number" is less
than or equal to 20":END
60 PRINT "That's all folks!"

Program IX

Try it and see what happens. There's no final message because of the ENDs of lines 40 and 50. And you can't solve the problem by just leaving them out.

Again, try it and see what happens. What you have to do is shown in Program X.

Here the ENDs have been replaced by GOTOs pointing to the final message. Whichever path through the program the Electron takes after line 30, it still ends up printing the message of line 60.

Notice that once you start using GOTOs you've got to use them all over the place to "leap over" bits of code you don't want.

Suppose that number was 5 in the last program. Then the flow of control would go from line 30 to line 50 (avoiding line 40) and on to line 60. On the other hand, if number was greater than 20 the program would go from 30 to 40 and then on to 60, avoiding line 50.

As the number of GOTOs in a program mounts, so the number of leaps grows, as do 10 REM PROGRAM X
20 INPUT "Number", number
30 IF number>20 THEN 60T
0 40 ELSE 60TO 50
40 PRINT number" is greater than 20":60TO 60
50 PRINT number" is less than or equal to 20":60TO
60
60 PRINT "That's all folks!"

Program X

the chances of landing in the wrong place.

Remember that if it can go wrong it will, and the more GOTOs you use the more things will go wrong and the harder it will be to sort them out.

If you want to see a real horror, take a look at Program XI.

18	REM PROGRAM	XI
20	GOTO 48	
38	60T0 50	
48	GOTO 48	
50	GOTO 88	
60	60TO 38	
78	PRINT "MADE	IT": END
88	GOTO 78	

Program XI

I leave it to you to figure out what's happening. The flow of control is all over the place, leaping from line to line in gay abandon.

You'd be surprised at the number of people who write programs like this and then wonder why things go wrong!

Figure I is an attempt to show what is happening. From it you should be able to see why programming using lots of GOTOs is called spaghetti programming.

Before you leave Program

XI, try renumbering it with: RENUMBER 100

or

RENUMBER 5

Not only will your Electron renumber the lines, it will also deal with the line numbers after the GOTOs.

Now after all my warnings against the use of GOTO I'll give you an example of when I think it is justified, in the form of Program XII.

This is what is known as a mugtrap. It is designed to avoid people putting in erroneous inputs to your programs.

Bibby's first law of programming states that if you ask someone to input in a number between 1 and 10 they will enter 11 or -1 or anything but what you ask.

Mugtrapping deals with this by ignoring any input not in the required range.

Line 30 does the work. If number isn't in the required range then the GOTO sends the program back to line 20 and lets the mug have another go. The program won't proceed to line 40 until number is in range.

This is one area where I

10 REM PROGRAM XII
20 INPUT "Number in rang
e 1-10" 'number
30 IF number(1 OR number
>10 THEN GOTO 20
40 PRINT number " is in
range"

Program XII

think using GOTO is allowable. After all, I can't see anything that complicated in just going to the previous line.

However, there are some who would still frown on this and go to ridiculous lengths to avoid it. So if you use a GOTO in a mugtrap you didn't get the idea from me.

If you want a bit of fun, try altering Program XII so that it allows the user three goes and then prints out a rude message if he still doesn't get it right.

Program XIII is a variant of Program XIII. Here I've stored the line number in the variable notinrange. This may seem a little strange, but notice how line 40 seems to make a lot more sense.

If I have to use a GOTO I much prefer to use it this way, as when things go wrong I find it easier to understand something like:

200 GOTO explosion rather than the anonymous:

200 GOTO 900

The only drawback to this method is that RENUMBER can't be used. Try:

RENUMBER 15

on Program XIII, run it and you'll see why.

10 REM PROGRAM XIII
20 notinrange=30
30 INPUT "Number in rang
e 1-10" 'number
40 IF number(1 DR number
>10 THEN GOTO notinrange
50 PRINT number " is in
range"

And that's about it for this month. A whole article telling you about something that I'd advise you not to use! Such is the strange world of computer programming.

Having said that, have a go at using GOTO in your programs. You'll find that as the programs increase in length and GOTOs, so the errors multiply. Finally, take a look at Program XIV:

18 REM PROGRAM XIV
28 LET variable=1
30 PRINT variable
40 LET variable=variable
+1
50 IF variable <=10 THEN
60TO 30

Does this remind you of anything? If it does, then go to the top of the class.

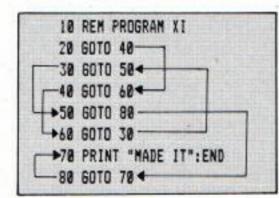


Figure 1: Spaghetti programming

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co-ordinates of lefthand

Calculates

coordinates of right hand

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THIS month I thought we'd have a look at the use of recursion in pattern drawing with Trees.

This program defines a procedure to draw two branches of a tree. The procedure then calls itself over and over from within the procedure to form the final pattern.

0 10 REM TREES 20 REM TREVOR ROBERTS 38 MODE 1 Initially calls 40 PROCtree (600,100,0,10 procedure 8.100) 50 END 60 DEF PROCtree (seeds, se edy, level, offsetx, offsety) 170 MOVE seedx, seedy Moves graphics 80 DRAW seedx-offsetx.se cursor to base pomt edy+offsety 198 MOVE seedx, seedy 100 DRAW seedx+offsetx.se edytoffsety 110 REM Calculates left c

Draws left branch

Draws right branch

pordinates 120 sxl=seedx-offsetx:syl

=seedv+offsety:lvl=level+1 130 IF Ivida THEN PROCETE e(sx1,sy1,1v1,100,100) 148 REM Calculates right

coordinates 150 sxr=seedx+offsetx:syr =seedy+offsety:lvl=level+1

160 IF 1v1(6 THEN PROCETE e(sxr,syr,lv1,100,100) 170 ENDPROC

uses left point as base for a new part of branches

Uses righthand point in procedure call



Figure I: Parameters used in PROCtree

PROGRAM EXPLANATION

10,20	The usual REMs explaining what's going	
	on.	100
30	Puts the Electron in Mode 1. Try the other graphics modes.	120
_ 40	This calls PROCtree, the parameters in the brackets telling the micro that the pattern is to start at point 600,100. The level is to be called level 0 and the X and Y offsets are	
	both to be 100. Again, try other values and — see what happens.	130
50	Stops the program crashing into the procedure definition.	_
60-170	Form the definition of PROCtree. It's here the Electron will look when the procedure is called from the main program. Figure I shows how the parameters in the brackets correspond to the two branches drawn by PROCtree.	150,160
70	Moves the graphics cursor to the initial point,	
80	Draws the branch to the left by joining the — previous point to one calculated using the offsets.	
90	The graphics cursor goes back to the initial	170

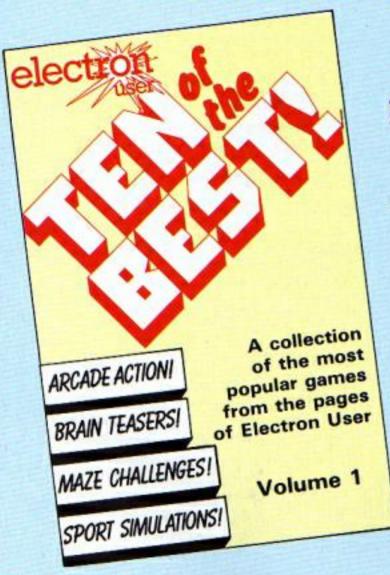
point, ready to draw the second branch. Now the branch to the right is drawn.

This line isolates the coordinates of the lefthand point of the initial branch, storing them in sxl and syl. These will be used as the initial point for another pair of branches. /v/ takes account of the fact that the level these new branches start at will be one higher.

Recursion in action. PROCtree is called again, this time using the end point of the previously drawn lefthand branch as the starting point. It is the coordinates of this point, along with the adjusted level and the standard offsets, that are passed to the procedure. This happens until the sixth level is reached.

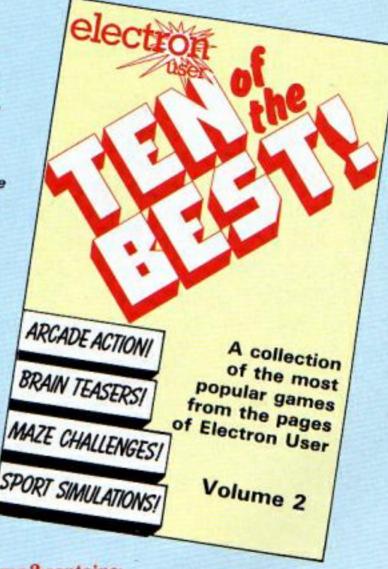
These lines again call the procedure repeatedly until the sixth level is reached. Each time the procedure is called another pair of branches will eventually be drawn. This time it uses the righthand points of previous branches as the starting points of the new branches drawn with PROCtree. Ends the procedure definition.

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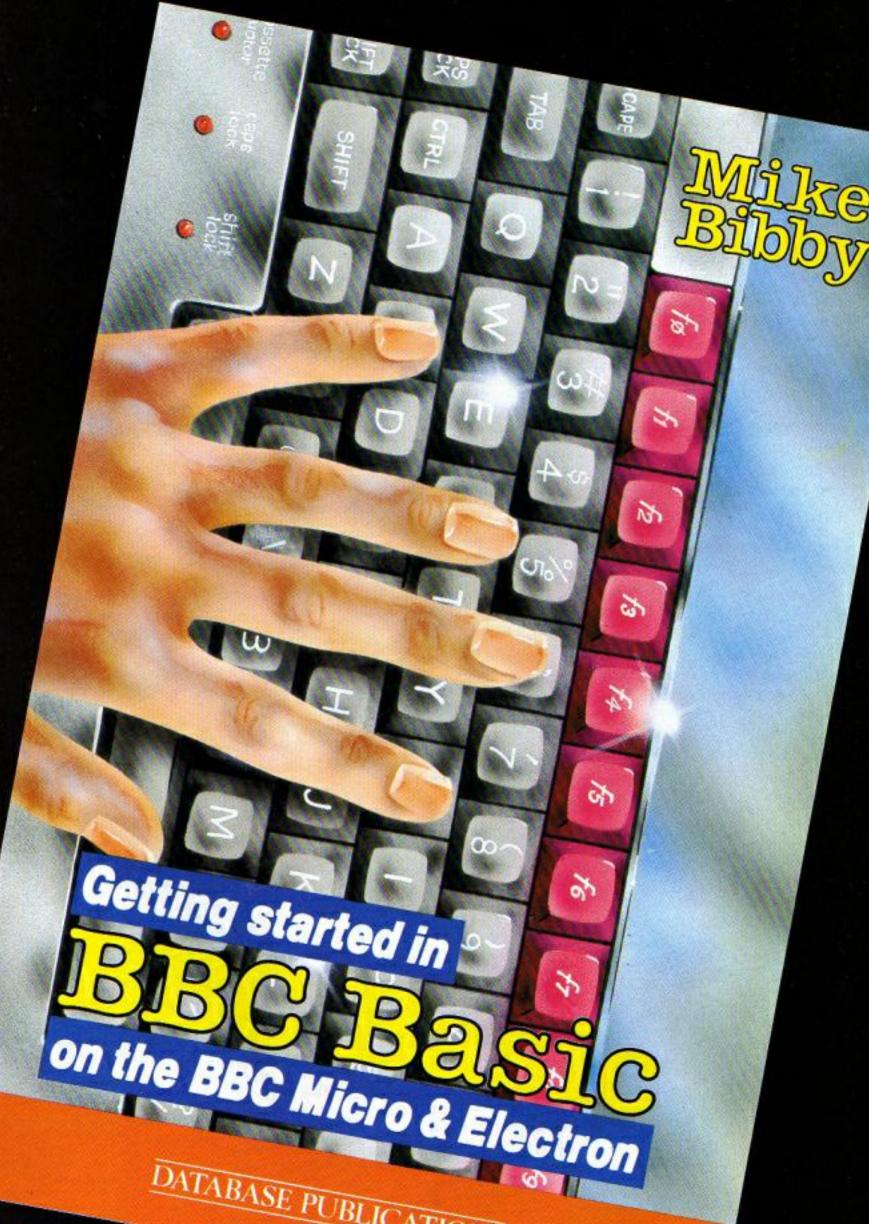
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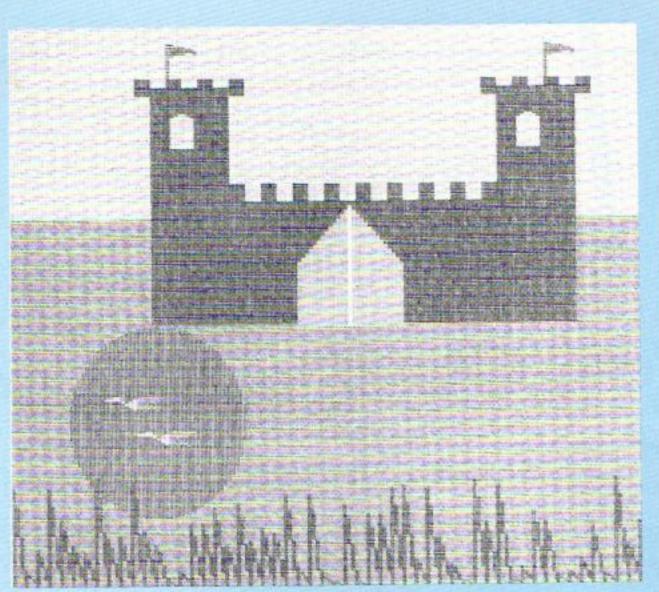


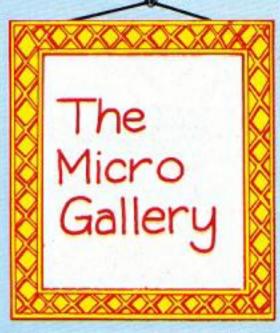
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10 REM CASTLE 28 REM by Adam Wortley 30 REM (C) ELECTRON USER 50 REM 70 MODE2 90 VDU 23,0,8202;0;0;0; 90 PROCinit 100 PROCSKY 110 PROCpool (300, 300, 175) 120 PROCorass 130 PROCcastle 140 REPEAT: UNTIL FALSE 150 END 150 DEFPROCSKY 178 COLOUR132 180 CLS 190 VDU 28.0.31.19.11 200 COLOUR 130 210 CLS 228 VDU 26 230 ENDPROC 240 DEFPROCpool (X,Y,R) 250 GCOL 0,6 260 LOCALI,J 270 FOR I=Y+R TO Y-R STEP -4 290 J=SQR(ABS(R*R-(I-Y)*(I-Y111

298 MOVE X-J.I

300 DRAW X+J.I

320 MOVE X.Y

318 NEXT

338 ENDPROC 340 DEFPROCOTASS 350 MOVER.0 360 GCOL 0.3 370 FOR M=0T01279 STEP 24 388 DRAW M. 8 398 DRAH M, RND (288) 400 NEXT 410 ENDPROC 420 DEFPROCcastle 430 COLOUR 3:COLOUR 132 448 VDU 28,4,28,19,8 450 LET AS=STRING\$(3," ") 468 LET B\$=STRING\$(8,CHR\$ 2251 478 LET C\$=CHR\$226+STRING \$(13,CHR\$229) 488 LET D\$=" "+CHR\$ 238+A "+CHR\$ 238 498 LET Es=" "+CHR\$ 231+A "+CHR\$ 231 508 LET F\$=CHR\$224+CHR\$22 4+CHR\$224+CHR\$225+* +CHR\$224+CHR\$224+CHR\$224+CH R\$225 510 LET G\$=CHR\$226+CHR\$22 9+CHR\$229+A\$+CHR\$226+CHR\$22 9+CHR\$229 528 LET H\$=CHR\$226+CHR\$22 7+CHR\$229+A\$+CHR\$226+CHR\$22 7+CHR\$229 530 LET I\$=CHR\$226+CHR\$22

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UR 134: PROCDUCK

778 ENDPROC 788 DEFPROCDUCK 798 COLOUR 4: VDU 232 800 COLOUR 2: VDU 233 810 ENDPROC 820 DEFPROCinit 838 VDU 23,224,248,248,24 0,240,255,255,255,255 840 VDU 23,225,240,240,24 8,248,248,248,248,248 850 VDU 23,226,15,15,15,1 5, 15, 15, 15, 15 868 VDU 23,227,231,195,12 9,129,129,129,129,129 878 VDU 23,228,129,129,12 9,129,129,129,129,129 880 VDU 23,229,255,255,25 5,255,255,255,255,255 898 VDU 23,238,192,248,25 900 VDU 23,231,128,128,12 8,128,128,128,128,128 910 VDU 23,232,0,48,241,1 1,7,3,1,0 928 VDU 23,233,8,126,252, 248,224,240,248,36 938 LET X=1380 948 ENDPROC This listing is included in this month's cassette



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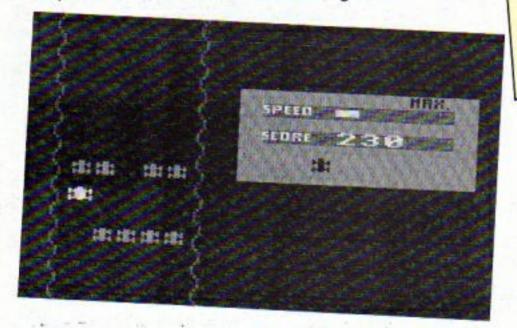
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PROCEDURES

PROCvar

PROCdown PROCmove_man PROCrnd

PROCsetup PROCch **PROCdead PROChonus**

PROCins PROCHI_SC Sets the variables, envelopes and

characters.

Moves opposing cars.

Moves your car. Chooses three random numbers and

places them in arrays.

Draws screen.

Prints score.

Changes screen display and chooses

number of rows. Prints instructions. Prints high score table.

VARIABLES

ac%, UP% Position of your car. SC% Score. X%, Z%, Q% Position of opposing cars. HI\$, HI% High score. E%(), W%() Random numbers.

10 REM DODGE

28 REM BY STEPHEN MERRI **GAN**

REM (C) ELECTRON USE R 1985

48 ON ERROR GOTO 1298

50 MODE6: VDU23,1,0;0;0;

8: PROCins

68 MODES

78 PROCvar

80 VDU23,1,0:0:0:0

98 VDU20

100 DIN WX(6):DIN SX(6): DIM EX(6):DIM HIX(7): DIM H I\$(7):FOR I=5T01STEP-1:HIX(I)=18:HI\$(I)="STEVIE":NEXTI

118 PROCEND

120 PROCsetup

138 REPEAT: PROCdown: PROC move_man:UNTIL WEX=1

148 MODE6: IF SCX>HIX(5) PROCHI

158 PROCHI_SC: MODE5: PROC var: VDU23,1,8;8;8;8;9: VDU20:P RDCrnd:PROCsetup:60T0136

168 DEF PROCVAR

178XX=5: acX=2: UPX=24: ZX=8 :STEVIEX=108:SCX=8:CX=10:CC % T=0: Q% =10: ER% =11: A\$=" " :UYX=0:LIX=3:WEX=0:JJX=0

188 RESTORE1588

198 FORA=224 TO235

200 READQ, W.E.R.T.Y.U.I

218 VDU23, A, Q, W, E, R, T, Y, U,I

220 NEXTA

238 ENVELOPE1, 2, -12, 8, 16

,32,64,1,-40,-10,18,-126,12 6,126

248 ENVELOPE2,1,-18,-5,-3,5,7,10,127,0,0,-126,126,1 26

250ENDPROC

268 DEF PROCdown

278 ZX=ZX+1: XX=XX+1: IF C C%=10%=0%+1

288 PRINTTAB(2, Z%-1); A\$; TAB(2,XX-1);A\$: IF CCX=1 PRI NTTAB (2, 97-1): A\$

298 COLOURI

300 IF CCZ=1 PRINTTAB(2, Q%);B\$

318 PRINTTAB(2, Z%); C\$; TA

B(2, XX); D\$ 320 IF XX=UPX AND AX=acX

THEN PROCCH

338 IF IX=UPX AND BX=acX THEN PROCCH

340 IF CCX=1 AND QX=UPX: IF VVX=acX THEN PROCch

350 IF XX=UPX AND AX()ac

X THEN PROCdead

360 IF IX=UPX AND BX()ac

I THEN PROCdead

378 IF CCX=1 AND QX=UPX: IF VV%()ac% THEN PROCdead

380 IF ZX>UP%THEN PROCES

390 IF ZX>UPXTHENZX=8

400 IF XX>UPX+5THENXX=5

418 IF QX>UPX+18THENQX=1

420 FOR ANYX=1TOSTEVIEX: **NEXTANYZ**

438 ENDPROC 448 DEF PROCeove man 450 COLOURS 460 IF INKEY (-67) THENACI =ac%+1:PRINTTAB(ac%-1,UP%); ": GOTO488 478 IF INKEY (-98) THENACY =ac%-1:PRINTTAB(ac%+1.UP%); 488 IF ac%>6THENac%=6 IF ac%(2THENac%=2 500 PRINTTAB(ac7, UP7); CH R\$225 518 ENDPROC 520 DEF PROCEND 530 PRINTTAB(2,UP%+1);A\$:TAB(2,UP%+6);A\$: IF CC%=1 P RINTTAB(2, UP%+11); A\$ 548 YUX=INT (UYX/28) 550 560 GOSUB 690 570 FORIX=2 TO 6: WX (IX)= 224:5%(I%)=224:E%(I%)=224:N EXTIX 8%=RND(5)+1:W%(B%)=2 588 26 590 AX=RND(5)+1:SX(AX)=2 26 600 IF CCX=1 VVX=RND(5)+ 1:E% (VVX)=226 618 IF CCX=1 B\$=CHR\$EX(2)+CHR\$E%(3)+CHR\$E%(4)+CHR\$E %(5)+CHR\$E%(6) 628 C\$=CHR\$W%(2)+CHR\$W%(3) +CHR\$W%(4) +CHR\$W%(5) +CHR\$ WZ (6) 5% (6)

638 D\$=CHR\$S%(2)+CHR\$S%(3) +CHR\$S%(4) +CHR\$S%(5) +CHR\$ 648 UPX=UPX-1

650 IF UP%(ER% THENUP%= ERX

660

670 IF STEVIEX > STEVIEX =STEVIEX-2:UYX=UYX+2

680 ENDPROC

698 COLOUR130: COLOUR0: PR INTTAB (10,11);" =LEFT\$ (CHR\$227+CHR\$227+CHR\$ 227+CHR\$227+CHR\$227,YU%):PR INTTAB(10,11); CHR\$228+CHR\$2 29+CHR\$226+E\$+CHR\$226:COLOU R131:RETURN

700 DEF PROCsetup 718 VDU20: COLOUR131: COLO UR8: CLS: R=0 728 COLOUR129: FORI=1T07: PRINTTAB(9,9+1);

": NEXTI: COLOUR138

730 605UB690 748 COLOUR139:PRINTTAB(1 0,13); CHR\$232+CHR\$233;* ": COLOUR129: COLOUR3: PRINT TAB(12,15); CHR\$224+CHR\$224+ CHR\$224; TAB(16,18); CHR\$234+

750 COLOUR2: COLOUR131 760 FORI=1T029:PRINTTAB(1, I); CHR\$ (238+R)+" R\$ (238+R)

CHR\$235

770 IF R=1 R=0 ELSE R=1 788 SOUND8,-15,1,1:NEXT ENDPROC

DEF PROCCH 888 818 SCX=SCX+CX:SOUND1,-1 5,50,1

820 IF SCX=300 OR SCX=90 OR SCX=1600 OR SCX=2200 PRINTTAB(2, Q%); A\$; TAB(2, Z%); A\$; TAB(2, XX); A\$; PROCbonus

838 COLOUR8: COLOUR138: PR INTTAB(13,13); SCX: COLOUR131

840 ENDPROC DEF PROCdead

LIX=LIX-1

878 FOR I%=15TO1 STEP-1: SOUND1,1,12,1:SOUND1,1,12*5 .1:PRINTTAB(acx,UPX); "X":NE XIIX

880 IF LIX-1()-1 COLDUR3 :COLOUR129:PRINTTAB(13,15); LEFT\$ (CHR\$224+CHR\$224+CHR\$2 24,LI%-1);" *: COLOUR131

898 PRINTTAB(2,9%); A\$; TAB (2, Z%); A\$; TAB(2, X%); A\$

900 QX=10: XX=5: ZX=0

910 *FX15,1

KEY=INKEY(100)

IF CX=0 UPX=17ELSEUP 7=19

948 IF LIX=0 WEX=1

958 PROCENT

ENDPROC 960

978 ENDPROC

980 DEF PROChonus

COLOURS

STEVIEX=STEVIEX+5

1010 PRINT TAB(8,8) *B 0 N U S"

1020 FORSX=1T05STEP1:SOUN D1,1,5%*5,1:SOUND1,1,100,1: NEXTSX:FORSX=15T01STEP-2:SO UND1,1,50,1:SOUND1,1,5%+5,2 :NEXTSX

1838 FORI=1 TO688: NEXT 1048 PRINTTAB(8,8);"

1050 SCX=SCX+50

1060 +FX15,1 1070 SOUND1,-15,50,2 1080 KEY=INKEY(50):SDUND1 ,-15,50,1 1890 VDU19,3,2;8;8;8

1100 KEY=INKEY(50):SOUND1 ,-15,100,2

1118 VDU19,1,4;8;8;8 1120 KEY=INKEY (50): SOUND1 ,-15,150,3

1130 IF CCX=0 60SUB1150 E LSE GOSUB 1178

1148 ENDPROC

1150 JJX=JJX+8: IF JJX>58 JJ1=58

1168 STEVIEX=(58-JJX):UYX = (42+JJX): ZX=0: XX=5: QX=10: C C%=1:UP%=19:ER%=16:PROCrnd: RETURN

1178 JJX=JJX+8: IF JJX>58J J%=58

1180 STEVIEX=(58-JJX):UYX = (42+JJ%): ZX=0: XX=5: QX=10: C CX=8: UPX=24: ERX=11: PROCENT: RETURN

1190 DEF PROCHI 1200 INPUTTAB(8,5); "YOU A RE IN THE TOP 5": TAB(B,6):"

C(7); "Please enter your nam e"; TAB(13,13); "----"; TAB(13,12)S\$:S\$=LEFT\$(S\$,10):HI\$(7)=S\$:HI%(7)=SC%

1210 FOR I=5 TOISTEP-1 1220 IF HIX(7)>HIX(I) PRO Cswap 1238 NEXTI

1248 ENDPROC

1250 DEF PROCSWAD 1260 HIX(I+1)=HIX(I):HI\$(

I+1)=HI\$(I) 1270 HIX(I)=HIX(7):HI\$(I)

=HI\$(7)

1280 ENDPROC

1290 MODE6: SOUND1,-15,100

,1::REPORT:PRINT" at line " :ERL:END

1300 DEF PROCins

1310 CLS

1320 PRINT'SPC(12); "INSTR UCTIONS"

1330 PRINTSPC(12); "-----

1340 PRINT"You are in a r acing car on a busy track."

1350 PRINT"Two rows of op posing cars will come" "str aight for you. This will in crease" "to three and as th e game progresses" "will re turn to two but this time t he"'*speed will be increase d. *

1360 PRINT' Each time you pass the rows of cars" "yo u will move up the track, th us" reducing your time to react."

1370 PRINT' As you play,t he screen display changes." 1380 PRINT' SPC(12); "Your keys are:"

1390 PRINT'SPC(14);"Z- LE FT"

PRINT'SPC(14): "X- RI 1400 SHT"

1418 PRINT'SPC(12); *PRESS SPACE*

1428 REPEAT UNTIL GET\$="

1438 ENDPROC

DEF PROCHI SC 1440

1450 CLS

1468 PRINTTAB(7,4); *****

FOR I=1 TO 7 PRINTSPC(7):"*

1490 NEXT

1500 PRINTSPC(7): ******** *************

**

1510 FOR I=1T05

1520 PRINTTAB(9,5+1); I;" ";HI\$(I);TAB(22,5+I);HIX(I)

1538 NEXTI

1548 PRINT "SPC(5); "D O YOU WANT INSTRUCTIONS (Y/ N) *

1550 REPEAT: BB\$=GET\$: UNTI L BB\$="Y" OR BB\$="N"

1560 IF BB\$="Y"CLS:PROCin 5

1570 ENDPROC

1588 DATA24,98,126,98,24, 90,126,90,24,189,255,189,60 ,189,255,153,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0, 0,0,0,255,255,255,255,0,0,0 ,221,149,221,81,209,0,0,0,1 83,37,181,37,183,0,0,8,8,16 ,16,32,32,32,32,32,32,16,16 ,8,8,8,8,8,219,146,218,82,2 19,0,0

1590 DATAG, 187, 178, 179, 17 0.171.0.0.8.87.117.87.85.85 .85.0,0,80,80,32,80,80,84,0

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IT must be the dream of every programmer to get the maximum happening in a program from the minimum amount of typing in.

If, at the same time, it's possible to make the program more understandable and run more quickly then that would be wonderful.

This article shows one way in which such a seemingly optimistic dream can come true.

It's amazing how often you need to use the same piece of code over and over again.

There seem to be lots of occasions when it's all too easy to repeat yourself and this can make your listing remarkably long.

The first example, Program I, which doesn't do anything very special, shows what I mean.

10 REM PROGRAM I 20 PRINT Title Page" 38 PRINT*Press space to continue" 48 REPEAT UNTIL GETS=" " 50 CLS 68 PRINT"Instructions" 78 PRINT*Press space to continue" 80 REPEAT UNTIL GET\$=" " 98 CLS 188 PRINT"Play the game" 118 PRINT*Press space to continue* 128 REPEAT UNTIL GET\$=" " 130 CLS 148 RUN

Program I

It's a very silly program in which lines 20 60 and 100 represent whole chunks of code.

Now consider lines 30, 40 and 50. Lines like these are frequently needed in programs. They hold things up until the Space bar is pressed and then clear the screen before moving on to the next section of the program.

You'll notice that lines 70, 80 and 90 are just the same as 30, 40 and 50, and so are lines 110, 120 and 130.

Wouldn't it be nice if there was some way of avoiding this? Well, there is a structure available to do this job. It's called the subroutine.

A subroutine is a chunk of

GOSUB – for those routine tasks

ROGER FROST explains this powerful structure which can help make your programming much more efficient

code that can be accessed (or used) from any point in a program by the Basic keyword GOSUB.

When the program reaches a GOSUB statement it jumps to a separate section of code (the subroutine) and processes it.

At the end of the subroutine another Basic keyword, RETURN, is found. This shouldn't be confused with the Return key on the Electron.

When the RETURN statement is reached the computer goes back to the main program immediately after the GOSUB command. Figure 1 shows what's happening.

Normally the Electron deals with one line after another, 10 then 20, then 30. As you can see from Figure I, GOSUB changes all this.

When it comes to line 30 the Electron shoots off to the subroutine at 100. Here it obeys the following lines until it comes across a RETURN which sends it back to the line after the original GOSUB. It

then carries on as normal.

You may want to use lots of subroutines in your program so, to avoid confusion, each one is labelled with the line number it begins at.

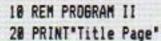
To call up a subroutine starting at line 500 you type in GOSUB 500. Figure II shows a program route with two subroutines.

Program II is a rewrite of Program I, but using a subroutine to replace those repeated lines.

As you can see, that's cut down on the repetition of lines. In fact one of the main uses of subroutines is to make the computer carry out a task more than once with just one piece of code.

At first sight Program II seems to offer little advantage over Program I. It's only one line shorter, but for each additional occasion you wanted the subroutine, extra lines would be saved.

Apart from saving on typing time, you also use less of your precious RAM. This could be



38 GOSUB98

48 PRINT"Instructions"

58 GOSUB98

68 PRINT"Play the game"

78 60SUB98

80 RUN

98 REM Subroutine for mo ving to next stage of progr am

100 PRINT"Press space to continue"

110 REPEAT UNTIL GETS=" "

120 CLS

130 RETURN

Program II

very important if you were writing a long program, particularly in a memory-munching mode.

You may notice that an extra REM statement has come in at line 90. It really is worth labelling subroutines in that way so that if you have several you can quickly tell what each one is for.

If you find you have to use the RENUMBER command when programming, you need have no fears regarding GOSUBs with a line number. Your clever Electron will automatically adjust the GOSUB line numbers for you.

Try adding this extra line to Program II:

15 PRINT Author - Fred Bloggs*

Now RENUMBER it (Func B will do the job.) You will find

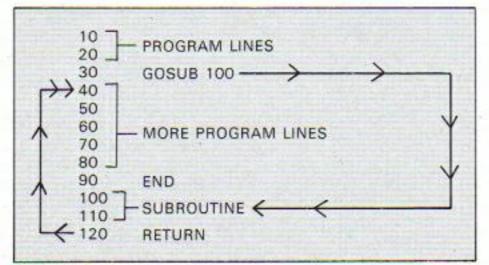


Figure 1: Program control for a single subroutine

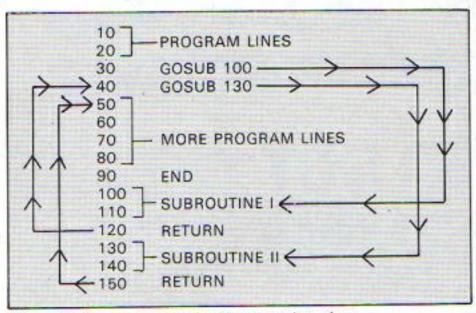


Figure II: Program control with two subroutines

that the subroutine now starts at line 100 and all the GOSUB statements have changed to GOSUB 100. Clever, isn't it?

It is, however, quite a good idea to use a standard numbering system. Subroutines could start at lines 1000, 2000, 3000 etc. This helps to make the program easier to follow, but it needs forward planning to avoid having to renumber.

Using subroutines can aid your programming in that each subroutine can be devoted to a single task.

Large programs are more manageable when they are broken down into smaller sections. It's a very good example of divide and conquer!

If you look at the listings for many programs, particularly those originally written for other computers, you might see a start something like this:

> 10 GOSUB 500 20 GOSUB 1000 30 GOSUB 3000 40 GOSUB 5000

Each subroutine will be devoted to a specific task and may even be an off-the-peg routine that the programmer had stored away ready to use.

In Program II the GOSUB statement had an actual line number after it. If you want to live dangerously you can use a variable instead of a line number.

Program III shows what I mean.

This little program just calls three subroutines at lines 100, 200 and 300. This could be a very snappy start to a program, but great care and forethought are needed because this

18 REM PROGRAM III
28 FOR X=100 TO 300 STEP
100
30 GOSUB X
40 NEXT X
50 END
100 PRINT*SUBROUTINE 1*
110 RETURN
200 PRINT*SUBROUTINE 2*
210 RETURN
300 PRINT*SUBROUTINE 3*
310 RETURN

Program III

cannot be renumbered successfully.

If you were to use the RENUMBER command on Program III you'd get an error message "Failed at line number" whatever. This happens because, clever though your Electron is, it does not know the value of X until you run the program.

However this is a minor drawback compared with the effect using variables in subroutine calls can have on a program's readability. After all,

GOSUB instructions

makes a lot more sense than

GOSUB 12345

While we're talking about line numbers, you may like to know that it's possible to GOSUB to a calculated line number that's calculated while the program is actually running.

You could use this technique within a game to jump to a random routine. Program IV shows a safe, slow way of selecting one out of three routines.

This could be replaced by Program V, making use of an expression to calculate which number to jump to for the subroutine.

Not only has this saved three lines of code, but it's

18 REM PROGRAM IV
28 X=RND(3)
38 IF X=1 THEN GOSUB188
48 IF X=2 THEN GOSUB288
58 IF X=3 THEN GOSUB388
68 END
188 PRINT"X=1"
118 RETURN
288 PRINT"X=2"
218 RETURN
388 PRINT"X=3"
318 RETURN

Program IV

speeded things up, as the computer no longer has to work through the IF statements.

In fact, to repeat Program IV 100 times takes 1.85 seconds while Program V does the same job in 1.48 seconds. Mind you, while Program IV will happily renumber, Program V will not.

Don't expect either of them to do anything wonderful as they stand. Remember that the subroutines in them represent a chunk of code with a specific task.

One of the most powerful features of GOSUB occurs 18 REM PROGRAM V
28 GOSUB(108*RND(3))
38 END
188 PRINT"X=1"
118 RETURN
288 PRINT"X=2"
218 RETURN
388 PRINT"X=3"
318 RETURN

Program V

when it is used with the keyword ON. This can allow you to overcome some of the problems with both Programs IV and V.

Listing I shows how it can be used.

10 REM Listing I 20 N=RND(4) 30 ON N GOSUB 100,250,560,780

Listing I

You could invent your own subroutines to go at lines 100, 250, 560 and 780.

Notice that using this technique allows you to pick on any line number, and not just those which can be calculated easily.

If N is 1 then the subroutine starting at line 100 would be used. For N equal to 2 the

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program jumps to line 250, while if N is 3 the jump is to line 560, and so on.

Of course the 100, 250, 560 and 780 are just exam-

This technique can greatly help with a mammoth task like writing an adventure program.

Having said that, care must be taken to ensure that there are enough lines to GOSUB to. If line 30 was just:

30 ON N 60SUB 100,250,560

your program would crash if N became 4. The error message would be "ON range at line

If you wanted, it's perfectly in order to have the same line more than once. Line 30 could become:

> 30 ON N GOSUB 100,250,560,250

The RETURN command will still take you back where you started from.

Now you may have heard



some people talk about structured programming. Such people are not very fond of subroutines, and will shake their heads in sorrow if they see one in a program, muttering words like "untidy" or "spaghetti".

They don't like the way subroutines can jump all over the program. Poor programmers tend to use them to get

out of tight corners, with almost inevitable incomprehensibility and disaster.

However many home micros have nothing better than GOSUBs, so if you want to write code for different computers you need to get used to the subroutine.

One point in favour of the humble subroutine is that it's possible to transfer subroutines from one program to another. This can really speed up programming.

Also a program that is broken up into sections is more easily understood by other people (such as the editor). Remember that meaningful variable names will help other people as well.

If you look through the listings printed in Electron User you won't find too many GOSUBs or RETURNs. This is because there is a better, and usually faster structure available in BBC Basic called the procedure.

These are a sort of super subroutine, and they will form the basis for a future article.

Finally, despite the dreadful mutterings of its detractors, the subroutine is a powerful structure which can allow you to break your program down into manageable sections.

You could find this advantageous both at the writing and de-bugging stages.

Carefully used, GOSUB can shorten a program, simplify it and make it run faster.

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Software Surgery

THE COLUMN THAT TAKES A LOOK INSIDE THE LATEST RELEASES

Addcomm Vine Micros

AS the name indicates this is a utility program which adds commands to your Electron, giving you, in effect, an even more extended Basic.

It is stored on a ROM chip and to be able to use it you must have a ROM card or box such as the Slogger ROM Box.

The added commands fall into four categories:

- · Graphics.
- Logo graphics.
- Toolkit commands.
- Miscellaneous.

Electron graphics are already superb, but the Addcomm commands make them even better. There are, for example, commands for creating circles and ellipses. They are really easy to use.

For instance:

10 MODES

20 CIRCLE640,512,400

will draw a circle of radius 400 screen units with its centre at the centre of the screen. If you don't like your screen being 1280 units across and 1024 units up, you can scale it.

SCALE0, 18, 8, 10

will make the screen 10 units across and 10 units down. To get a similar circle you need:

CIRCLES,5,4.

On the scaled screen you cannot use MOVE, DRAW or

You get a better bit of Basic with Addcomm

PLOT but you can use SMOVE, SDRAW and SPLOT.

Any line in a program can mix Basic and Addcomm statements or variables. So:

CIRCLEX, Y, RND (500)

is quite acceptable. Extra parameters give arcs.

If you've ever envied the colour fill routines you see in commercial programs it's easy with Addcomm. The statement FILL with X and Y coordinates will fill from the point specified to the edge of the screen or to a non-background colour.

This will fill any shape, however complex, even through text. If you fancy patterned filling, CFILL allows you to specify a mix of colours for individual pixels.

It's even possible to have a non-upright screen by using ROTATE, or to shift the whole thing up or to the side with the TRANS command.

Logo graphics give you the

100DIM choice%(55)

chance to create displays with minimal use of coordinates. It's rather more like using a

First you decide where to start on the screen (LMOVE). This sets the position of the Logo cursor.

You choose your PEN (dots, lines or fills) and then the ANGLE to draw and the distance to ADVANCE.

If you prefer relative rather than absolute angles, TURN can be used to rotate a specified number of degrees. LCIRCLE and LELLIPSE draw circles/ellipses or arcs around the Logo cursor.

The Toolkit commands offer a mix of useful and informative commands.

MEM displays in decimal and hex how much memory your program takes and what is spare. This is based on your current mode, so put yourself into the correct mode when using it.

CHAR is a superb com-

mand enabling you to design/ edit VDU23 characters. There are dozens of programs which do this, but this one can be used while you're actually writing your program.

GOODPROG attempts to mend a Bad Program, while FKEYS displays on screen the contents of your function keys. Both work well, and, because Addcomm becomes a part of your computer they sit there waiting to be used in crisis situations.

The same applies to LVAR, which lists all the variable names you've used. This can really help to avoid a muddle.

VERIFY is a facility that was missed out on the Electron. It checks that what has been saved on tape exactly matches the same program in memory.

LLIST is a line listing command. Unlike ordinary LIST, LLIST can be included in a program. Silly? Not at all. My error routine, when debugging programs is now:

ON ERROR
MODE6:REPORT:PRINT*at
line*;ERL:LLIST ERL:END

This tells me the error and displays the problem line.

Using FIND it is possible to list the whole program, including the possibility of different list formats such as multistatement lines broken up.

Whenever I program I like to use meaningful variable names. It makes life easier for me, but the computer can handle the resident integer

10MODE1:RX=RND(-TIME):VD U19;4;8;:PRINTTAB(1,10) "Aut o selection of twenty four numbers "TAB(10,13) "for foot ball pools "TAB(4,20) "Press space bar to get numbers":R EPEATUNTILGET=32:CLS 20DIM CX(55):FORSX=1T024

20DIM CX(55):FORSX=1T024 30NX=RND(55):IFCX(NX)(>0 THEN30

40C%(NX)=NX:NEXT:PRINT': FORP%=1T055:IF C%(P%)(>0 PR

INT PX 50NEXT

Program II: Compacted

10REM POOLS SELECTOR
20REM By Rog Frost
30REM
40REM
50MODE1
60rnd=RND(-TIME)
70VDU19;4;0;
80PRINTTAB(1,10)*Auto se
lection of twenty four numb
ers*TAB(10,13)*for football
pools*TAB(4,20)*Press spac
e bar to get numbers*
90REPEATUNTILGET=32:CLS

110FORselectionX=17024
120numberX=RND(55)
130IFchoiceX(numberX)(>0
THEN120
140choiceX(numberX)=numberX
150NEXT
150NEXT
150PRINT'
170FORprintoutX=17055
180IF choiceX(printoutX)(
>0 PRINT printoutX
190NEXT

Program I: Long pools selector

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variables (A%-Z%) more quickly and efficiently.

Using the Addcomm command GREPL I can ask for a variable such as pos_of_frog and change it right through the program to F%.

SREPL finds each variable you might want to change and then gives you the option to change it or not.

I can now use variables that I understand and when the program is fully de-bugged change to short fast variables.

Not only that, I can use KILLREM to remove all REM lines and then the superb COMPACT to combine lines, thus saving more memory and processing time.

Programs of mine that I have put through the processes save about one third of the original memory – and run more quickly in to the bargain.

Programs I and II are identical in what they do (selecting football pool numbers) but Program II has had its variables changed and its REMs removed.

It has then been compacted and renumbered. Table I shows the differences, which are quite dramatic. Imagine the effects on long programs.

So far all has been very good, but three of the miscellaneous commands are dreadful. POPGOS, POPREP and POPFOR allow you to jump out of subroutines, REPEAT/ UNTIL loops and FOR/NEXT loops.

All of these make for very bad programming and should be avoided.

Another command, LGOTO, is like GOTO but instead of jumping to a specified line number you jump to a label.

It works fine, but so far I've had no particular use for it. SETWIN allows you to predefine seven text windows which can then be called with

the WIN command. It's easier than VDU 28.

The last miscellaneous command is SORT. This can be used to sort string arrays into alphabetical order.

In truth, it actually produces Ascii order with upper case letters before lower case. It's a very fast sort taking just 0.75 seconds to sort 100 words into order.

To sum up, Addcomm is brilliant, particularly the graphics and the toolkit, but there is a small price to pay in terms of memory.

It requires 256 bytes of RAM for its own use and so it pushes page up to &FOO. If you are going to load a long commerical program it's as well to turn Addcomm off. To do this type ADDCOMM and then hit the Break key. *FX163 will turn it on again.

Firmware like Addcomm requires good documentation, and Vine Micros has achieved a winner here. The 72 page manual is clear, concise and simple giving full syntax and examples for each of the forty commands.

Addcomm is the most valuable piece of software I've got. Every Electron owner who does some programming should consider getting it. It's easily worth the £28.

Rog Frost

Storm in a micro

Tempest Superior Software

YES, this is the superb arcade game of the same name, converted by Superior Software for the Electron, and released with the full approval

	Program I	Program II
Time taken	2.1 seconds	1.9 seconds
Program length	394 bytes	246 bytes
Variable storage	291 bytes	232 bytes
Spare memory	7763 bytes	7970 bytes

Table I: Addcomm advantages



of Atari who created the original.

It involves protecting the universe from aliens who are swarming through the star gates.

Your ship, armed with a blaster and super zapper, can skip round the rim of the star gate in clockwise or anti clockwise directions.

As the flippers, spikers, flipper tankers, fuseballs and pulsars emerge they can be destroyed with a quick spray of missiles from your blaster—well, theoretically anyway, it's not quite so easy in practice.

The aliens are semiintelligent and tend to move in your general direction if they can, so you have to watch out for any that make it through the star gate.

If you get in a really tight spot you can use your super zapper which destroys all the aliens in the gate. However it can only be used once per screen.

When most of the aliens have been destroyed your ship enters the star gate to proceed to the next. At this point there may well be several spikers left which must be avoided by blasting a clear route when the message "Avoid Spikes" appears.

There are eight star gate patterns and 255 levels of play. At the start of each game there is the option of one or two players and any odd numbered star gate can be selected.

The sound and graphics are excellent and it's quite an exciting game to play. Also it is quite an original idea.

My only criticism is that there isn't a high score table or a joystick option – but it is compatible with both Plus 1 and 3.

Arcade fans will thoroughly enjoy this classic.

Roland Waddilove

Don't mind if I do...

The Complete Cocktail
Maker
Acornsoft

ONE of the main uses of home computers, apart from alien zapping, is the storage and retrieval of information in databases.

These can be based on any topic and The Complete Cocktail Maker is a database concerned with that complex set of drinks.

It contains information on over 300 with details of how much of each ingredient is needed.

Not only that, but it tells you how to mix them and what type of glass to serve them in.

On loading you are presented with the command menu which gives you four options.

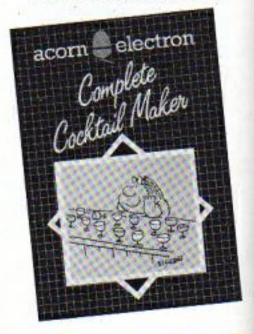
Browse allows you to look through all the recipes in alphabetical order. For each drink you are given the liqueur flavour needed, the spirit required as well as any other ingredients.

The recipe also suggests what decorations to use and the mixing method. A picture is drawn of the type of glass to use which also gives some idea of the final colour of the drink.

Option two is A Drink Containing. You specify which ingredients you want, chosen from four different lists. Any cocktail containing your specified substances is then displayed on the screen.

In the event of none being found the program reverts to Browse mode.

A Drink Made Using sounds



almost identical, but in fact means that not all of the ingredients have to be used in the cocktails.

You could enter the entire stock of your drinks cabinet and find all the cocktails you could make.

The final option allows you to enter the name of a cocktail and the computer will display its recipe. It you enter part of the name all drinks containing the letters you entered will be found.

The program comes with a 12 page booket which explains clearly how to use the program. The whole package is well produced and, if you are into cocktails, it's very useful.

The trouble is, it contains no samples.

Rog Frost

Grovel before go

Twin Kingdom Valley Bug-Byte

THIS graphical adventure combines some of the better elements of monster-bashing with the puzzles usually associated with text-only adventures.

There are 175 "pictures" in the adventure and since you can "look" at some of the objects within the locations this leads me to assume there are about 160 actual locations.

You play the typical greedy adventurer and the object of your quest is to collect all the treasure you can find and deposit it safely. When you've scored the maximum points of 1024 you will find that you have a further problem. What to do next.

The program loads in several parts and full instructions are given during loading.

When the adventure starts you're asked to choose one of six options. These determine whether you have the graphics displayed or not and the type of messages you want about your location.

You can alter these during the course of the game by typing OPTION. As soon as you have made your choice the adventure proper begins.

You find yourself on a road outside a cabin. Inside the cabin are three objects that will come in handy.

At this point I would suggest you save the game, as should you die the program simply ends.

If you have a game saved you can restart by using *LOAD, otherwise you have to load the game back in from the start.

I think it quite inexcusable for Bug-Byte not to have given you the option of playing another game. On saving the game, using *SAVE, you will see that you're in fact saving three programs, one of which is 24 blocks long.

Anyway, back to the game.

You'll find that over 100 locations are readily accessible and are generally logical.

For example, moving North and then South brings you back to the location you started from. However, this isn't always the case, especially when underground, so making a map is a must.

You will meet various characters most of whom, if armed, will attack you on

An elf will carry things for you, but is sometimes reluctant to let you have them back. This same elf is also a positive nuisance when mapping underground – he kept picking up the objects I was dropping in order to make my map!

It is possible to frighten off or kill the characters you meet but you need to be at maximum strength (190 points) and armed with a better weapon than them.

This is also a good way of obtaining any treasure they may be carrying since they quite often drop them if you are winning.

Watch out for your strength points after doing battle, they will be very low and any further combat will probably finish you off.

A good tip if your strength is low is to WAIT for a bit since every command you give builds up your strength. If you are near Watersmeet a quick dip will work wonders.

On the subject of strength points, don't drink too much ale in the local inn - it's definitely not good for you.

The graphics are excellent and quickly drawn but tend to slow the game down a lot, so doubtless you'll do the same as me and use the Option command to turn them off.

I've mapped about 140 locations and collected a few treasures but frankly, I don't think I'm nearer to finishing than when I started.

I've tried giving the crystal ball to the castle witch but keep getting killed.

I've tried throwing water, oil and everything else at the dragon but still can't get the master key.

I'm afraid that the adventure doesn't generate enough atmosphere for me to want to persevere with it.

Having said that, if anyone has completed it and would like to send me a map of it I will mention them in my bedtime prayers.

Overall, Twin Kingdom Valley is impressive. It is extremely well programmed and packaged. However, the save game facility and the abrupt ending, along with the characters in the program, who are more of an impediment than a problem, tend to make me reluctant to recommend it.

Yet the mail I've received about it tends to indicate that a lot of people do like it. My advice therefore, is to go to your friendly computer dealer, grovel and try before you buy!

Merlin

Deft fingers the key in Free Fall

Free Fall Acornsoft

THE story line goes "When the Alphoid battleship attacked Deep Space Station Coriolis and Alphoid life forms injected the air supplies with their own cyanide-based atmosphere, only one crew member managed to don his space suit in time.

"Unable to reach the armoury, he must face the Alphoid warriors barehanded to defend not only his own life but also the vital computer records which the Space Station contains".

The object of Free Fall is to control that sole crewman to help him survive as long as possible and to kill as many Alphoids as he can. It sounds easy.

However there are a few nasty creatures lurking around bent on getting our lone spaceman – the Craboids, Lobstoids, Batoids and Waspoids.

Craboids are pleasant little creatures that will bite through a space suit and poison the occupant with a nerve toxin. As you might guess, this causes our spaceman to lose all control and to thrash about with convulsions.

As light relief, Lobstoids breathe fire and use up the oxygen supply. They also burn whoever comes in range.

The Batoids are nice fellows who fly around catching and throwing bombs.

Last, but far from least, the deadliest of them all are the Waspoids. "They have a sting which is worse than the bite of a Craboid, they can breathe fire like the Lobstoid and they can fly as well as a Batoid".

To control the spaceman requires dexterity of three fingers on each hand and a thumb for the space bar.

Catching a bomb requires another finger. This might sound a bit difficult, but the keys are well positioned and control is soon gained.

Several features are so good that, hopefully, they'll become standard on all games.

There are two panic buttons that can be operated at any time. (I did. Often!) The Escape key causes the game to be aborted and the program restarted, while the Copy key is used to hold the game. This can be for an indefinite time, the Delete key being used to restart the action.

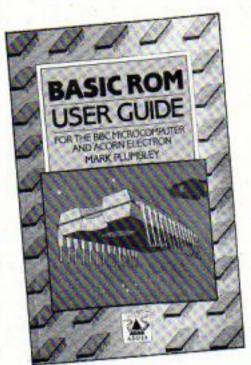
Sound can be switched on or switched off at any stage.

One excellent aspect of this program is the screen display. Not only are the characters and their movement of a high standard but there are also displays showing heart rate, air supply, high score and present score.

I thoroughly enjoyed getting to grips with this value for money package. Recommended.

John Woollard

BOOK SHEIF



How Basic really works

Basic Rom User Guide for the BBC Microcomputer and the Acorn Electron, by Mark Plumbley (Adder Publishing, Cambridge)

THE Basic ROM User Guide is designed to cover one area of computer technology that is frequently ignored – the Basic ROM. This book is therefore extremely useful if you want to find out how your computer really works.

You may not know it, but Basic is a computer program. Its purpose in life is to convert the programs you write into machine code. Basic is stored in a ROM chip so that it is available as soon as you switch on your machine.

It is an extremely complex program and includes all of the functions, statements, error handling routines and commands that you can use in your programs.

This book succeeds in describing that complex process in clearly-explained units. It begins with a brief introduction to machine code programming and a description of the 6502 microprocessor.

This section includes an outline of the instruction set and registers.

The Guide then moves straight into the task of explaining the structure of the Basic program, which is treated as a system.

The comprehensive glossary of terms at the back of the book is extremely useful. In addition there is an extensive index so cross-referencing and finding one's way around the book is relatively easy.

As I read further and further into the book I became more and more tempted to try things out. It certainly does encourage exploration and self-awareness – there are a lot of examples and programs to illustrate the text.

I kept discovering new and useful short-cuts to my programming and techniques to improve my old programs.

However, there is one serious drawback to using the facilities of the Basic ROM directly and not through the usual *FX calls – the programs may not be transferable from one machine to another.

The book does list the differences between BBC Basic I, BBC Basic II and Electron Basic.

If you are writing for your machine only, then there is no problem. But, if the program is to be transferred to another machine, then problems may easily arise.

This text provides a very useful handbook for the advanced programmer and a useful guide to those who wish to find out more about their computer.

It contains listings for a complete disassembler and a very useful routine for recovering "bad programs". The section on error analysis and recovery after an error is most enlightening.

In all, this book fills a gap left by many user guides and texts on the Acorn range of computers.

John Woollard

INSIDE ADVENTURES

How to Write Adventure Games for the BBC Micro and Electron, by Peter Killworth (Penguin Acorn Computer Library)

AS you sit at your micro in the early hours of the morning, puzzling over some tricky problem in the latest adventure from your favourite software house, do you ever wonder what is going on in the mind of the programmer?

Well, here's a book written by Acornsoft's top adventure writer, Peter Killworth.

After a brief introduction to adventuring, the author starts with a discussion of how the games are written.

The best way to explain any problem is by example, so three adventures are created and their development discussed in detail.

"Caves" involves exploring a random network of caves and passages, searching for treasure. "Mini" is an adventure with only four rooms and is surprisingly complex. "Roman" is a larger, more-involved adventure, set in Ancient

The reader is taken through each stage, step by step. First the plot needs to be outlined, then the game logic worked out before any code is written.

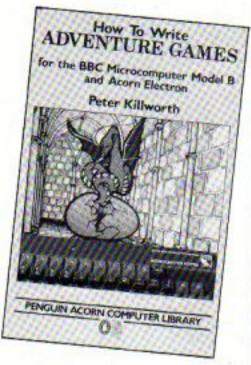
The most complicated and difficult part of the program is the database for storing the location of the objects, rooms and occupants.

A great deal of time is spent looking at this to try to find the most efficient way of storing the data.

I had to read through the text several times before I even remotely understood how the author was storing and retrieving the information.

It's amazing how much information Mr Killworth can cram into a few simple variables. Every bit is significant and often shows whether something exists, or is possible, or present, and so on.

"Mini" is an adventure with



only four locations, but is packed full of puzzles, messages, objects and magic words.

This is an excellent, typical adventure. Don't be put off by the number of rooms, this is irrelevent. It's the structure that is important.

Chapter five describes how an advanced database is constructed and a program which can be used by the reader to construct a database for his own adventures is presented.

The program enables you to enter the objects, rooms and vocabulary for the adventure and then stores it in the most efficient way.

The following chapter develops routines for extracting the information from the database, using "Roman" as an example.

Finally there is a complete listing of the adventure "Roman".

This is an excellent book from a superb programmer which gives an insight into how adventures are constructed. It's not an easy text to follow, so I can only recommend it to advanced programmers or those wanting an intellectual challenge.

If you have written a few simple adventures and want to know how the professionals do it, then this book is definitely for you.

Roland Waddilove

The ultimate guide to the Electron!

This detailed guide to the Electron's operating system is a must for every serious Electron user.
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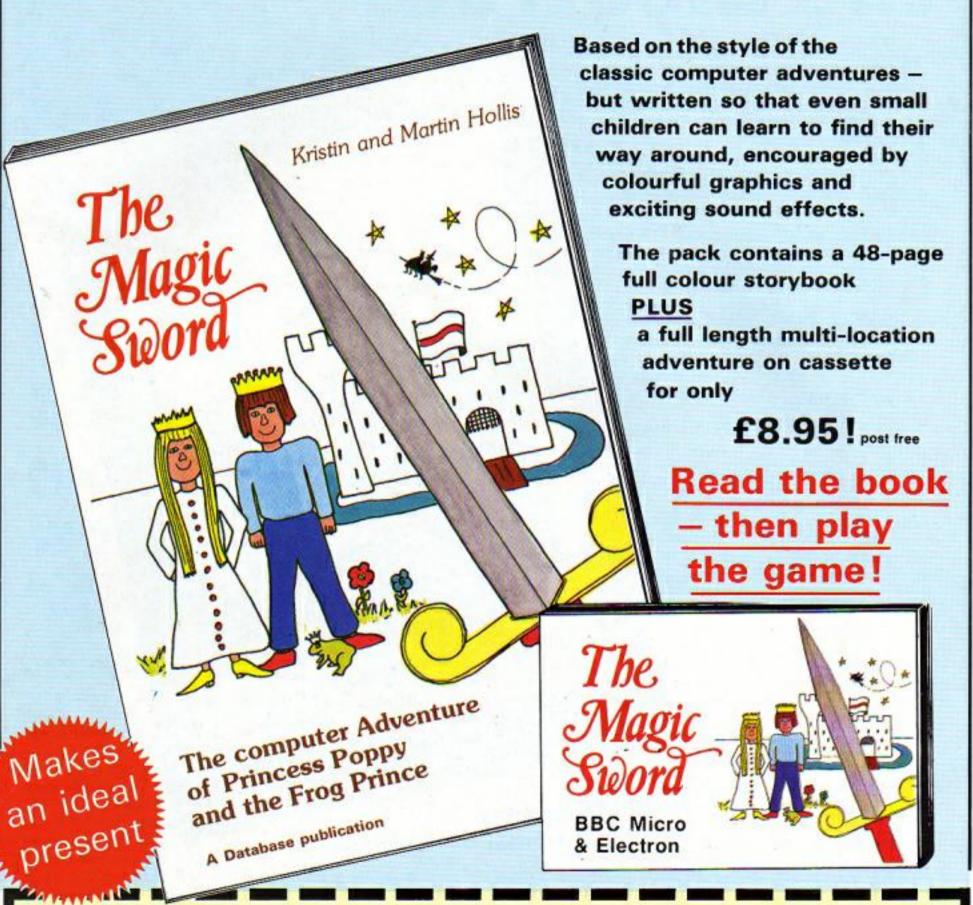
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STRINGALONGASCROLLA

IT would seem from previous editions of *Electron User* that text scrolling programs are very popular. Two have been published, both written in Basic.

This however is a major drawback, for string manipulation in Basic is a cumbersome process.

To illustrate my point take a look at Program I. Its objective

10 REM PROGRAM I
20 REM BASIC STRING HAND
LING
30 MODE6
40 A\$="ELECTRON USER"
50 PRINTTAB(10,10); A\$
60 A\$=LEFT\$(A\$,3)+CHR\$32
+RIGHT\$(A\$,9)
70 PRINTTAB(10,11); A\$

Program 1

is simple, to take a string and replace its third character with a space.

Just look at line 60. As well as cumbersome this process is slow.

What is needed is an easy way to manipulate strings.

A better approach is to find

STEPHEN MARTIN shows how string manipulation can be made much easier – and at the same time much more efficient

```
10 REM PROGRAM II
20 REM ALTERNATIVE STRIN
6 STORAGE
30 MODE6
40 DIM string% 13
50 *string%="ELECTRON US
ER"
60 PRINTTAB(10,10); *stri
ng%
70 string%?3=32
80 PRINTTAB(10,11); *stri
ng%
```

Program II

an alternative way of storing the string in memory which will allow us to manipulate it in such a way that we can examine and change individual characters within it.

This is easily accomplished as Program II shows. It works like this:

Line 40 reserves space in memory for string. It has to be

178UNTIL A\$="1" OR A\$="2"

1801FA\$="1"PROCdemo1 ELSE

210PRINTTAB(15.20) "FAST E

220PRINTTAB(15,22)"IT SAY

160REPEAT: A\$=6ET\$

190DEFPROCdemo1

PROCdemo2

200CLS

H!

the exact length of the string.
Line 50 places the string in
memory and line 60 prints it.
Line 70 places CHR\$32 at
position 3 in the string.

This program produces

```
18 REM PROGRAM III
  28 REM TEXT SCROLLER
  30 MODE6
  35 VDU23,1,0;0;0;0;0;
   48 DIM string% 14
   50 $string X=" ELECTRON U
SER"
   60 PRINTTAB(18,18);$stri
ng%
   70 TEMP=string%?0
   80 FORT=0T013
   98 string%?T=string%?(T+
1)
  100 NEXT
  110 string%?13=TEMP
  120 GOT060
```

Program III

exactly the same effect as Program I but it is simpler and much faster.

We can now construct a program using this technique which will scroll text across the screen. Look at Program III. Line 40 reserves space for the string and 50 puts the string in memory.

Line 70 stores the first character and 80, 90 and 100 swap memory locations to produce scroll.

Line 110 puts the stored character at the end of the string to produce the wrap around.

Program III is probably the most efficient you can make it using Basic.

For even greater speed you need to use machine code. Fortunately this type of string storage and manipulation requiring repeated swopping and changing of memory locations is ideal for programming in machine code.

Program IV shows you how. It also demonstrates how to display part of the string so you can have a string of 100 characters long displaying 10 characters at a time on the screen.

10REM PROGRAM IV 20REM MACHINE CODE SCROL

LER

30MODE6

48*KEY180. | MRUN | M

50VDU23,1;0;0;0;0;

60DIM string% 48

78*string%=" MACHINE COD E SCROLLER BY STEPHEN MARTI

N"

80new=string%

90start=string%+1

100nua=40

11@PROCassemble

120CLS

130PRINTTAB (9,5) "MACHINE

CODE SCROLLER*

148PRINTTAB (14,18) "WHICH

DEMO?"

150PRINTTAB(16,12)*1 OR 2

230PRINTTAB(9,6)*PRESS BR
EAK FOR MENU*
240PRINTTAB(0,24);\$string
2
250PRINTTAB(0,18);\$string
2
260CALL QX
270GOTO250
280DEFPROCdemo2
290CLS
300PRINTTAB(10,6)*PRESS B

REAK FOR MENU" 318PRINTTAB (13, 15) "THE AB ILITY TO* 320PRINTTAB(13,17) "SHOW 0 NLY PART* 330PRINTTAB (13, 19) *OF THE MESSAGE" 348PRINTTAB(13,21)" AT A TIME IS" 358PRINTTAB(13,23)* AVAI LABLE" 360FORT=10T030 370PRINTTAB(0+T,18); CHR\$(string%?T) 380NEXT 390CALL QX 400G0T0368 410DEFPROCassemble 428DIH Q1 58 438P%=Q% 4486

450LDX#8
460LDA new
470STA&70
480.LOOP
490LDA start,X
500STA new,X
510INX
520CPX**nu*
530BNE LOOP
540LDA&78
550STA stringX**nu**-1
560RTS
5701
580ENDPROC

This listing is included in this month's cassette tape offer. See order form on Page 61.

By MARK JOHNSON

ESMERALDER, the cook's help, has been the baron's favourite for a long time, but after her latest lunchtime offering of a burnt boiled egg she is out of favour.

The wicked baron has punished her by locking her in the tower.

She is destined to be there for a long time, so undaunted you have scaled the castle wall in order to reach her and carry her away to safety.

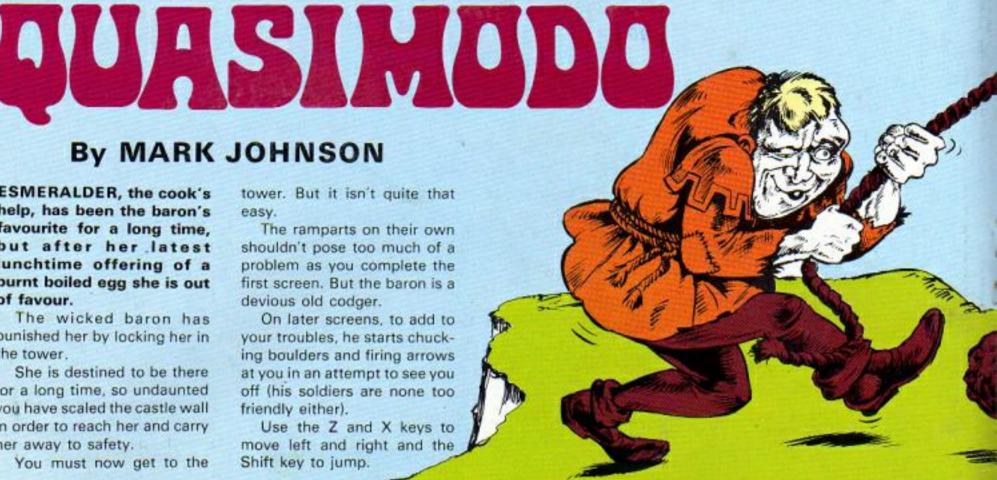
You must now get to the

tower. But it isn't quite that

The ramparts on their own shouldn't pose too much of a problem as you complete the first screen. But the baron is a devious old codger.

On later screens, to add to your troubles, he starts chucking boulders and firing arrows at you in an attempt to see you off (his soldiers are none too friendly either).

Use the Z and X keys to move left and right and the Shift key to jump.



Quasimodo listing

- 4 REM QUASIMODO
- 5 REM (C) Electron User
- 6 REM BY MARK JOHNSON
- 18 HSC=1000
- 28 ONERROR BOTO38
- 38 MODE1: VDU23.1:8:8:8:8
- 48 COLOUR131:CLS
- 58 COLOUR1: PRINTTAB(15.2) "QUASIMODO"
- 60 PRINTTAB(15,3) ****** ****

78 COLOURS: PRINT "You au st jump the ramparts , guard s,rocksand arrows to rescue Esseralder!"

88 PRINT 'SPC5"KEYS .. " " SPC15"Z..LEFT" 'SPC15"X..RI SHT "' 'SPC12"SHIFT...TO JUM

98 PRINTTAB (5,22) WRITTE N BY.. MARK JOHNSON"

188 VDU4: COLOUR1: PRINTTAB (8,26) "CHOOSE WHICH SCREEN.

118 PRINTTAB (9,28) 1.. EAS Y TO 3.. HARD"

128 PRINTTAB (14,38) "SCREE N?": REPEAT UNTIL SET() FALSE : IF BET(49 OR BET)51 BOTO 1 20 ELSE SCN=GET-48: COLOURO

130 MODE5: COLOUR131: COLOU R8:CLS:VDU23,1;8;8;8;8:PRIN TTAB (4,15) "GET READY!!!"

140 FOR W=0 TO 2000: NEXT: PROCTUNE: CLS

150 PROCINITIAL

168 PROCSCREEN

170 REPEAT

180 IF INKEY (-98) AND X>0 THEN SOUND8,-15,50,1:COLOUR B:PRINTTAB(X,Y)SPACE\$: X=X-1 :PRINTTAB(X,Y); MAN2\$

198 IF INKEY (-1) AND RIGHT =TRUE AND X<17 THEN COLOUR® :PROCHANJUMPRIGHT ELSE IF I NKEY(-1) AND Y=13 AND RIGHT =FALSE THEN SOUND1,1,28,5:C OLOURO: PROCJUMP

288 IF INKEY (-67) AND X(1 9 THEN SOUND8,-15,58,1:COLO URB: PRINTTAB(X,Y) SPACE\$: X=X +1:PRINTTAB(X,Y)MAN2\$:RIGHT *TRUE ELSE RIGHT=FALSE

218 FOR V=0 TO LEVEL +2: NE XTV

228 IF ARM1=TRUE THEN PRO CARWMOVE

238 IF ARM=TRUE AND RND(L EVEL+4)=1 AND ARWI()TRUE TH EN ARW1=TRUE: SOUND8,1,80,3

248 IF SCN>1 AND RND (LEVE L#4)=1 AND ROCK(>TRUE THEN ROCK=TRUE: SOUND8,1,200,3

250 IF ROCK=TRUE THEN PRI NTTAB(ROK, 11); ROK\$: ROK=ROK+

260 IF ROK=18 THEN PRINTT AB(ROK,11); " : ROK=0: ROCK= FALSE

278 IF X=ROK+1 AND Y<>13 THEN PRINTTAB(ROK, 18) " ":P ROCDEAD

280 IF X=19 THEN SCN=SCN+ 1: X=8: SC=SC+BONUS: PROCSCREE

298 IF GUARDS=TRUE THEN P ROCGUARDS

300 COLOURO: PRINTTAB (X,Y) : MANS

318 IF X=4 DR X=5 DR X=8 OR X=9 OR X=12 OR X=13 OR X =16 DR X=17 AND Y=13 THEN P ROCDEAD

320 IF LIVES(1 THEN GOTO8

330 IF Y(13THEN PRINTTAB(X.Y) SPACE\$: Y=Y+1

340 IF Y=13 AND A=X THEN PRINTTAB(X,Y)SPACE\$: PROCDEA

350 IF BONUS(10 THEN BONU S=SCN+400: PROCDEAD

360 BONUS=BONUS-10

378 COLOURS: PRINTTAB (8,27) BONUS": PRINTTAB(0,28); BON

380 COLOURO: PRINTTAB (15,2 7) "SCORE": PRINTTAB(15,28); S

390 FOR F=ITOLIVES: COLOUR 8: PRINTTAB (F, 4) MANS; CHR\$18; SPACES: NEXT

480 UNTIL FALSE

418 DEFPROCINITIAL

420 *FX11.4

438 VDU23,1,8;8;8;

440 VDU19, 2, 6;0;

450 VDU19,0,4:0:

468 ENVELOPE1.0,1,-1,0,20 ,20,8,126,8,8,-126,126,126 478 ENVELOPE2,1,8,8,8,58, 25, 25, 127, -1, -1, -1, 126, 98

480 LEVEL=6: ROK=0: ROCK=FA LSE: GUP=TRUE: LIVES=3: X=0: Y= 13:A=16:6=13:SC=@

490 RIGHT=FALSE: ARM1=FALS E: BUARDS=FALSE: HIT=FALSE: AR N=FALSE: BELL=TRUE: ESM=FALSE

500 MAN\$=CHR\$17+CHR\$1+CHR \$145+CHR\$11+CHR\$8+CHR\$17+CH R\$8+CHR\$144

510 MAN2\$=CHR\$17+CHR\$1+CH R\$152+CHR\$11+CHR\$8+CHR\$17+C HR\$0+CHR\$144

528 GRD\$=CHR\$147+CHR\$11+C HR\$8+CHR\$146

538 ESM\$=CHR\$149+CHR\$11+C HR\$8+CHR\$148

548 BEL\$=CHR\$150

558 ARW\$=CHR\$151+CHR\$32+C HR\$32

560 ROK\$=CHR\$32+CHR\$154

578 SPACE\$=CHR\$32+CHR\$11+ CHR\$8+CHR\$32

580 VDU23,144,8,28,60,52, 126,258,248,248

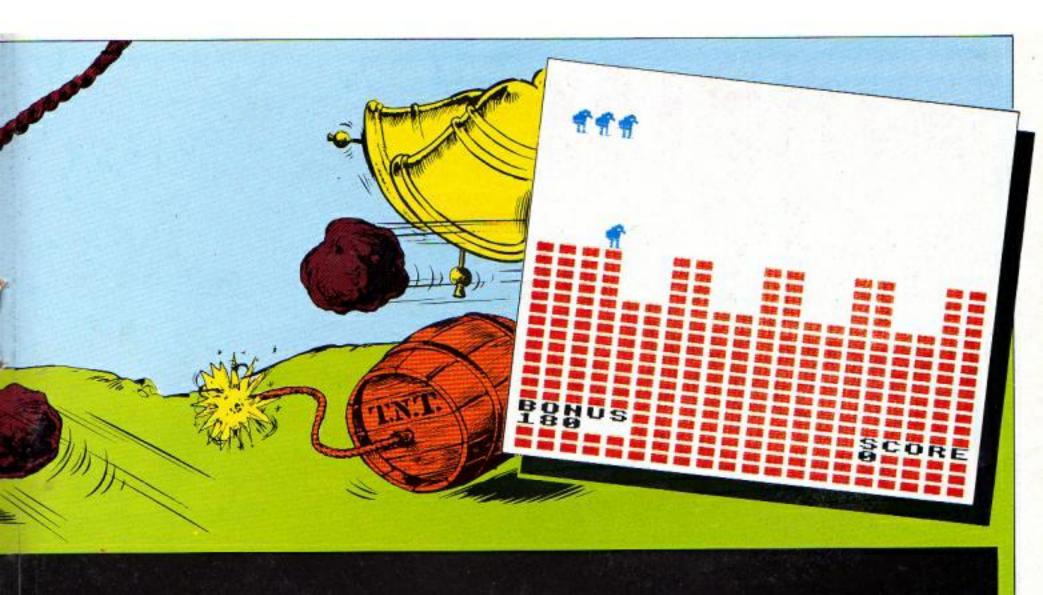
590 VDU23,145,248,248,120 ,40,40,40,40,60

600 VDU23,146,24,60,126,1

82,66,66,255,255 610 VDU23,147,255,255,255

,126,126,102,102,231

628 VDU23,148,8,60,60,108



,60,28,28,30 630 VDU23,149,56,248,56,5 6,124,254,254,68 640 VDU23,150,16,56,56,56

,124,254,254,16

650 VDU23,151,0,1,66,255, 66,1,0,0

668 VDU23,152,248,248,126

,34,34,34,67,64

670 VDU23,153,255,129,129 ,129,129,129,129,255

688 VDU23,154,8,68,126,25

5,255,126,60,0

698 ENDPROC

700 DEFPROCSCREEN

710 IF SCN=2 OR SCN=3 THE N SOUND1,2,140,8:SOUND1,2,1 50,4

728 IF SCN=4 THEN PROCESM TUNE:FOR J=0TO2000:NEXT

730 CLS

748 COLOUR3: COLOUR129: PR1 NTTAB(8,15);: FOR F=8 TO 339 : VDU153: NEXT

750 FOR N=14T017:FOR F=4
T017STEP4:COLOUR131:PRINTTA
B(F,N); ":NEXTF:NEXTN

768 IF SCN<>4 THEN BONUS= SCN+488

770 IF SCN=1 THEN GOTOB10 780 IF SCN=2 THEN GUARDS= TRUE:GOTO B10

798 IF SCN=3 THEN GUARDS= TRUE:BELL=FALSE:ARW=TRUE:ES M=TRUE:GOTO820

800 IF SCN=4 THEN SCN=1:A

RW=FALSE:GUARDS=FALSE:LEVEL =LEVEL-1:BONUS=SCN+500:LIVE S=LIVES+.5

810 COLOUR2:PRINTTAB(19,1 0);BEL\$:IF LEVEL(1 THEN LEV EL=1:ENDPROC ELSE ENDPROC

920 IF ESM=TRUE COLOUR2: PRINTTAB(19,5);ESM\$:COLOUR1 29:COLOUR3:PRINTTAB(18,6);C HR\$153+CHR\$153+CHR\$8+CHR\$10 +CHR\$153:COLOUR131

838 ENDPROC

848 DEFPROCMANJUMPRIGHT

858 SDUND1,1,8,18

860 PRINTTAB(X,Y); SPACE\$: Y=Y-1:PRINTTAB(X,Y); MAN2\$:P RINTTAB(X,Y); SPACE\$: X=X+1:P RINTTAB(X,Y) MAN\$:PRINTTAB(X ,Y); SPACE\$: X=X+1:PRINTTAB(X ,Y) MAN2\$:PRINTTAB(X,Y); SPACE\$

878 IF SCN>1 AND X>4 AND (6=Y OR 6=Y+1 OR 6=Y-1) THEN PROCDEAD

888 ENDPROC

898 PRINTTAB(2,10) "G A M E O V E R":FOR F=0 TO 2500 :NEXT

900 COLOUR1: CLS: PRINT''S PC5"QUASIMODO"

918 COLOURS:PRINT "H I 6 H S C O R E 5"

928 IF SC>HSC THEN HSC=SC 938 PRINT' SPC3"HIGH SCOR E=":HSC

940 PRINT 'SPC3"YOUR SCOR

E=";SC

958 PRINTTAB(5,38) "PRESS SPACE"

968 +FX15,8

970 REPEAT UNTIL GET=32

988 GOTO38

998 DEFPROCGUARDS

1000 PRINTTAB(4,6)SPACE\$;P RINTTAB(8,6)SPACE\$:PRINTTAB (12,6)SPACE\$:PRINTTAB(16,6) SPACE\$

1010 IF GUP=TRUE THEN G=G-

1828 IF GUP=FALSE THEN 6=6

1030 IF G=17THEN GUP=TRUE

1848 IF G=11 THEN GUP=FALS

1050 COLOURS:PRINTTAB(4,6) GRD\$:PRINTTAB(8,6)GRD\$:PRIN TTAB(12,6)GRD\$:PRINTTAB(16, G)GRD\$

1868 ENDPROC

1878 DEFPROCARWHOVE

1080 PRINTTAB(A,13)ARW\$

1898 A=A-1

1100 IF A=0 THEN PRINTTAB

0,13) " : ARW1=FALSE: A=17

1110 ENDPROC

1120 DEFPROCDEAD

1138 LIVES=LIVES-1:FOR F=4
TO7:SOUND0,-15,F,2:NEXT:FOR
F=0T0500:NEXT:PRINTTAB(X,Y
)SPACE\$:X=0:Y=13:BONUS=SCN+
500

1140 ENDPROC

1150 DEFPROCJUMP

1160 PRINTTAB(X,Y)SPACE\$:Y =Y-1:PRINTTAB(X,Y)MAN\$:PRIN TTAB(X,Y)SPACE\$:Y=Y-1:PRINT TAB(X,Y)MAN\$:PRINTTAB(X,Y)S PACE\$:Y=Y-1:PRINTTAB(X,Y)MA N\$:PRINTTAB(X,Y)SPACE\$:Y=Y-

1178 IF Y(8 THEN Y=8

1188 ENDPROC

1198 DEFPROCESMTUNE: RESTOR

E1248

1200 FOR Q=1 TO10: READAS, I : SOUND1, -15, AS+20, I: NEXTQ: E NDPROC

1210 DEFPROCTUNE

1228 RESTORE1238:FOR Q=1TO 14:READZ,V:SOUND1,-15,Z-38,

V: NEXTQ: ENDPROC 1230 DATA48, 3, 44, 3, 48, 3, 52 .3, 48, 3, 44, 3, 48, 3, 52, 3, 48, 3

,44,3,48,3,52,3,48,8,34,7 1240 DATA38,10,48,7,50,5,4

8,18,38,7,38,4,48,5,62,6,69 ,4,62,6

1258 IF ERR=17 THEN GOTO 4 8 ELSE MODE6:REPORT:PRINT E RL:*FX12,8

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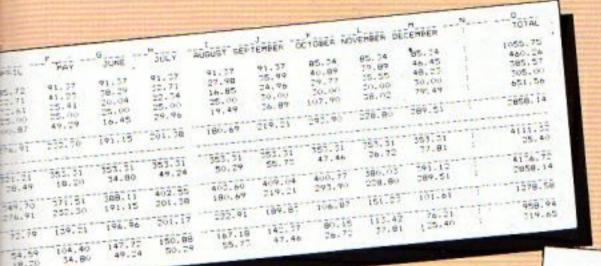
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THERE'S a definite trend towards multiple statements and/or graphics in adventures these days.

Does anyone use multiple statements? Do graphics really promote an atmosphere or are they just a nuisance? Is it true that anything new has to be good? Who knows what can come out of it – From big Acorns do little Electrons grow and all that!

Personally I prefer to turn the graphics off when possible, once I've seen them. The game usually progresses faster and adventures without them are often better as they have to use the memory better. What do you think?

On to the adventure Top Ten. So far we have received marks from lots of people, but, amazingly, for only four different adventures.

Please give marks for them all, not just the ones you like best. If you think the program is dire, then mark it accordingly. So get your pen and paper out.

I'd like to thank everyone who wrote in with answers to last month's problems. In particular Mark Steadman and Phillip Cook. I would also like to thank Michael Dunlop and Katy King for their advice and opinions. It's nice to hear what you think about adventures as well as where they are causing you problems.

Andrew Dickman writes to say that he can't even get into the castle in **Sadim Castle**. I have to presume that he means the gates that you can see when the game starts.

These are the gates to the castle grounds, not the castle as such. Fix the farmer's roof and do a deal with the monk.

Brynn Edmondson is stuck in *Eye of Zoltan*. He wants to know what the password is for getting into the castle. Password IS the password!

HE is also stuck in **The**Incredible Hulk. He wants to know how to get rid of the bees and get the wax. One of the domes is worth EXAMining if you are a Scott Adams FAN!

John Miloren is having problems with Wheel of Fortune. Can you put things into the empty basket? No. Something will put itself in later.

How do you befriend the farmer, troll, spider and fly? Later. You can't. Bring it something it likes. You don't want to.

Go into the fly's cave and immediately out and into the spider's cave.

Can you stop the trapdoor from closing? No, no need to.

Where do the characters all go to when you come back up through the trapdoor? The policeman continues his beat on the other side of the canal and the tramp goes home for his tea.

How do you go down the well the second time? You

don't. Try spinning something.

How do you get across the canal bridge? From the other side!

David Yates has written to say that if you type in EAT SPICES in **Sphinx Adventure**, the program crashes with a "BAD ARGUMENTS AT LINE 363" message. You have been warned.

Now some problems I need help with:

J.E. Squire wants to know what, if anything, can be done in the inner sanctum and what is the significance of DAVE KNEW in **Sphinx Adventure**.

H. Bastein is having problems in **Strange Odessey**. How does he get to the Jovian Mine without getting squashed and into the Black Hole without getting ripped apart?

Terry Mealing wants to know where some of the jewels are in *Crown Jewels* – and I want to know who produces Crown Jewels, as I've never heard of it!

I have been taken to task by P. Eastwood for not finding the treasure in my review of **Java Star**. Apparently the treasure is easy to find and I must be stupid for missing it.

Some late news is that Epic has produced help sheets for all of its adventures and they are free to anyone sending an SAE – to Epic, NOT to me.

In view of the vast numbers of letters I am getting about Twin Kingdom Valley, I am going to do a special on it next month.

Yes, I finally dug my old maps out and went back and solved it. For those of you who are wondering what to do with your 1024 points, watch this space.

Now, let's get back to answering some more readers' questions:

C.F. Dodds can't get off the beach in Softek's *Eye of Zoltan:* If you have mapped everywhere, use your treasures before you STORE them.

Terry Mealing wants to know how to get both the sword and the key box in Stolen Lamp - DON'T.

Nicola King, Chris Wilson, R. Henderson and H. Bastien are all having problems with Twin Kingdom Valley.

To kill the dragon, one of the things you find in the castle should be examined carefully—it looks deadly. To get out of the maze with the witch, you need to bribe a guard with a bag of gold.

The giant is in the desert king's dungeon and so is the princess. Get there from the cave near watersmeet.

You can't do anything with the secret of life until you have done everything else. To help the sick giant, take him to watersmeet.

The master key will open just about anything, but the door to the south turret in particular. The rod isn't that much use, although waving it will bridge a gap.

Gordon Hoy and David Yates are having fun with Sphinx Adventure.

The mithril ring and stake are both across the everglades past the crocodile. If the sword breaks, then use your hands when trying to kill the dragon and the ogre.

The safe door doesn't need keys, only a magic word, and the boat and mouse are in the vampire's castle. You will need to map the maze of coloured rooms and metal passages and junctions. Sorry!

If you want Merlin's help write to:

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and enclose an SAE if you would like a reply.



come up with a brilliant but dangerous solution by fitting the remaining airships with reflective material on the base.

The brave pilots have put their lives on the line by flying back and forth over the alien's position to provide you with a mirror to fire at and thereby reflect your photons on to the aliens.

If you miss the mirror and hit the ship it will be destroyed

- and you only have five of them.

Every now and then the aliens launch a bomb which bursts above you and showers you with high explosive minibombs.

While in flight this bomb also disables your gun - most frustrating, but this is what we learn to live with in computerland!

In order to score you have to position your "sight" so that the photon hits the mirror on the airship and the reflected photons meet the alien.

The sight is a "+" at the top of the screen and is the point through which your photons will pass if not interrupted by the mirror.

Once fired, the photon's path is set and cannot be changed - it cannot be guided.

As both the ship and the alien are always moving a hit with every shot would be miraculous.

For this reason there are no levels, and the idea is to score more hits than anyone else before you are killed.

VARIABLES

X coordinate of sight. XS% X coordinate of base. XB% XP% X coordinate of photon. Y coordinate of photon. YP% X coordinate of bomb. Xbomb Y coordinate of bomb. Ybomb X coordinate of ship. XSHIP XBAD X coordinate of alien. Movement rate of alien. BAD% Horizontal movement rate of photon. diffx Vertical movement rate of photon. diffy SHIP% Movement rate of ship. score% Current score. Lives left. lives% Random time before bomb is launched. time

FLAGS

launched dead% photon

Has bomb been launched? Is game finished? Has photon gun been fired?

ARRAYS

X(12), Y(12) Coordinates for shower bombs.

name\$(10) score(10)

Names on hi-score table. Their scores.

PROCEDURES

PROCscreen Draws battle scene, score etc. VDU 23s, initialises variables. **PROCinit** Creates new ship. **PROCship PROCbaddy** Creates new alien. **PROCmoveship** Moves ship. PROCmovebaddy Moves alien. Moves sight on your command. PROCmovesight **PROCbase** Creates base. Moves base on your command. **PROCmovebase** Photon launched, sound, flight until result **PROCphoton** of shot. Rubs out what was hit and shows

PROCexpl explosion.

PROCscore PROCbomb **PROCshower**

After random time, called to launch bomb. Bomb bursts and showers down mini-

Increments score.

PROChiscore

Compares score with previous scores. If hi-score asks for name and displays table.

PROCinstruct PROCerror

PROCtable

Displays instructions. Calls Mode 6 and reports error.

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10 REM REFLECT

15 REM (C) Electron User

28 REM By K.B. Turner

25 ON ERROR: MODE 6: PROCe

38 DIM X(12),Y(12);Y(1)= 200

40 DIM name\$(10),score(1

45 ENVELOPE 1,1,5,5,5,12 ,12,12,126,8,8,-126,126,126

46 ENVELOPE 2,1,-5,-5,-5, ,12,12,12,126,0,0,-126,126, 126

50 FOR S=1 TO 10

60 name\$(S)="Electron":s

core(S)=0

70 NEXT

75 MODE 6: VDU 19,1,2;0;

76 PROCinstruct

77 HODE 5

79 PROCinit

80 VDU 23.1.0:0:0:0:0:

98 VDU 5

100 PROCecreen

110 PROCship

120 PROChaddy

130 PROChase

140 VDU 41CLS

158 MOVE 780,180:6COL0,3: FOR C=180 TO 188:PLOT77,780

FOR C=100 TO 100:PLOT77,700 ,C:NEXT

160 MOVE 636,180:GCOL0,1: DRAW 1279,180:DRAW 1279,288 :DRAW 636,288:DRAW 636,180

178 VDU 5

188 MOVE 8,8:GCOL8,1:DRAW 8,1823:DRAW 1279,1823:DRAW

1279,8:DRAW 0,8

185 PROCscore

198 REPEAT

200 PROCeovesight

218 PROCeoveship

228 PROCeovebaddy

238 PROCeovebase

248 IF INKEY (-99) THEN p hoton=TRUE: XPX=XBX+32: diffx =((XSX+32-XPX)*5B)/780: MOVE XPX, YPX: GCOL3, 1: DRAW XPX+d

iffx, YPX+diffy

250 IF photon THEN SOUND 1,1,0,8:REPEAT:PROCphoton:P ROCmovesight:PROCmoveship:P ROCmovebaddy:PROCmovebase:U

NTIL photon=FALSE

268 PROCscore

280 IF TIME time THEN lau

nched=TRUE: Xbomb=XBAD: Ybomb =464:MOVE Xbomb, Ybomb: 6COL3 ,3:PRINTCHR\$245

290 IF launched THEN REPE AT:PROCbomb:PROCmovesight:P ROCmoveship:PROCmovebaddy:P ROCmovebase:UNTIL Y(1)<100 OR dead%:TIME=0:time=RND(80 00):Y(1)=200:launched=FALSE

300 UNTIL dead%:lives%=0: PROCscore

310 +FX15,0

320 MODE 2

325 VDU 23,1,8;8;8;8;

330 PROChiscore

348 IF A\$="Y" THEN 60TO 7

5

358 END

360 DEF PROCecreen

365 FOR col=0 TO 3:VOU 19

,col,0;8;:NEXT

388 MOVE 8,727: DRAW 58,48 8: DRAW58,388: DRAW188,288: DR AW688,288: DRAW688,388: DRAW 588,388: DRAW658,688: DRAW658 ,488: DRAW 1279,488

390 MOVE 0.0:6COL0,3:FOR Y=0 TO 726:PLOT 77.0,Y:NEXT

400 MOVE 646,0:FOR Y=0 TO 595:PLOT 77,646,Y:NEXT

418 MOVE XSX,926:GCOL3,2: PRINT"+"

415 VDU 20,19,3,2;0;

428 ENDPROC

430 DEF PROCInit

440 BADX=8:XSX=640:XBX=10 8:YPX=230:diffy=50:launched =FALSE:SHIPX=16

450 score%=0:dead%=FALSE: photon=FALSE:lives%=5

470 VDU 23,255,3,14,12,56 ,48,224,192,192,23,254,192, 112,48,28,12,7,3,3,28,10,27 ,19,23

498 VDU 23,251,129,255,24,68,68,68,66,129,23,258,24,68,68,126,126,126,66,129

500 VDU 23,249,7,12,48,10 2,164,128,185,136,23,248,12 ,178,194,70,25,9,193,90,23, 247,96,36,38,112,64,33,18,1 2,23,246,18,6,17,177,142,72

,48,0 510 VDU 23,245,0,24,126,2

55,255,126,24,0 520 exp1\$=CHR\$249+CHR\$248 +CHR\$8+CHR\$8+CHR\$18+CHR\$247 +CHR\$246

538 ENDPROC

540 DEF PROCShip

550 XSHIP=800

560 MOVE XSHIP,856:GCOL3, 2:PRINT CHR\$255;CHR\$254:MOV E XSHIP,856:GCOL3,1:PRINT C HR\$253:CHR\$252

578 ENDPROC

580 DEF PROChaddy

598 XBAD=668+RND (554)

600 MOVE XBAD, 432: 6COL3, 2 :PRINT CHR\$251

618 TIME=8:time=RND(18888

628 ENDPROC

638 DEF PROCegveship

640 MOVE XSHIP,856:GCOL3, 2:PRINTCHR\$255;CHR\$254:MOVE XSHIP,856:GCOL3,1:PRINT CH R\$253:CHR\$252

650 XSHIP=XSHIP-SHIP%: 1F XSHIP<300 OR XSHIP>800 THEN SHIPX=-SHIPX

660 MOVE XSHIP,856:GCOL3, 2:PRINTCHR\$255;CHR\$254:MOVE XSHIP,856:GCOL3,1:PRINT CH R\$253;CHR\$252

678 ENDPROC

680 DEF PROCmovebaddy

698 MOVE XBAD, 432: GCDL3, 2

:PRINT CHR\$251

700 XBAD=XBAD+BADX: IF XBA D>1214 OR XBAD<660 THEN BAD X=-BADX

718 MOVE XBAD, 432:6C0L3, 2 :PRINT CHR\$251

728 ENDPROC

730 DEF PROCeovesight

740 IF NOT INKEY (-104) A ND NOT INKEY (-103) THEN EN DPROC

750 MOVE X51,926:GCOL3,2: PRINT*+*

760 IF INKEY (-184) THEN XSX=XSX+32

778 IF INKEY (-183) THEN XSX=XSX-31

780 MOVE XSX,926:GCOL3,2: PRINT*+*

798 ENDPROC

800 DEF PROChase

810 MOVEXBX,232:6COL3,2:P RINT CHR\$250

820 ENDPROC

830 DEF PROCeovebase

848 IF NOT INKEY (-98) AND NOT INKEY (-67) THEN ENDP

ROC

850 MOVE XBX.232:6COL3.2:

PRINT CHR\$250

868 IF INKEY (-98) THEN X BX=XBX-16: IF XBX<100 THEN X BX=100

878 IF INKEY (-67) THEN X 8%=X8%+16:IF X8%>535 THEN X 8%=535

880 MOVE XBX,232:GCOL3,2: PRINT CHR\$250

898 ENDPROC

980 DEF PROCehoton

910 MOVE XPX, YPX: GCOL3, 1: DRAW XPX+diffx, YPX+diffy

928 IF POINT(XPX+diffx,YP X+diffy)=2 THEN PROCexpl

938 IF POINT(XPX+diffx,YP X+diffy+5)=1 THEN diffy=-di ffy:YPX=888:SOUND 1,2,188.7 948 IF POINT(XPX+diffx,YP

% T+diffy)=3 OR YP%)926 OR XP %)1279 OR XP%(8 THEN SOUND 1,-15,288,5:photon=FALSE:di ffy=58:XP%=XB%+32:YP%=238:E NDPROC

958 XPX=XPX+diffx:YPX=YPX +diffy

968 MOVE XPX, YPX: GCOL3,1: DRAW XPX+diffx, YPX+diffy

978 ENDPROC

980 DEF PROCexpl

990 IF YPX+diffy=830 THEN X1=XSHIP:Y1=888:MOVE XSHIP ,856:GCOL3,2:PRINTCHR\$255+C HR\$254:MOVE XSHIP,856:GCOL3 ,1:PRINTCHR\$253+CHR\$252:liv esX=livesX-1:IF livesX=0 TH EN deadX=TRUE

1000 IF YPX+diffy=430 THEN X1=XBAD:Y1=464:MOVE XBAD,4 32:GCOL3,2:PRINTCHR\$251:sco reX=scoreX+150

1010 IF YPX+diffy=230 THEN X1=X8X:Y1=264:MOVE X8X,232 :GCOL3,2:PRINTCHR\$250:dead% =TRUE

1020 MOVE X1,Y1:GCOL3,2:PR
INT expl\$:SOUND0,-15,5,10:F
OR delay=1 TO 500:NEXT:MOVE
X1,Y1:PRINT expl\$

1838 IF YPX+diffy=838 THE N PROCehip

1040 IF YPX+diffy=430 THEN PROCbaddy

1050 IF YPX+diffy=230 THEN PROChase

1868 ENDPROC

1070 DEF PROCScore

1000 0%=200404 1898 VDU4: COLOUR 1: PRINTTA B(8,8) "SC: ", score%; TAB(8,2) "LIVES: "; lives%: VDU 5 1100 ENDPROC 1110 DEF PROChomb 1120 IF Xbonb=400 AND Ybon b=700 THEN PROCshower: ENDPR OC 1138 MOVE Xbomb. Ybomb: SCOL 3.3:PRINTCHR\$245 1140 Ybomb=Ybomb+32: IF Ybo ab>700 THEN Ybosb=700 1150 IF Ybomb=700 THEN Xbo mb=Xbomb-64: IF Xbomb(488 TH EN Xboab=400

3,3:PRINTCHR\$245 1178 IF Xboab=488 AND Yboa b=700 THEN SOUND 0,-15.6.5: MOVE Xbomb. Ybomb: GCOL3, 3:PR INTCHR\$245:FOR N=1 TO 12:X(N) =RND (400) +100; Y(N) =600+RN D(100): NEXT: GCOL3.3: FOR N=1 TO 12: PLOT 69, X(N), Y(N): NE XT

1160 MOVE Xbomb, Ybomb: GCOL

1180 ENDPROC 1190 DEF PROCshower 1200 GCDL3, 3: FOR N=1 TO 12

:PLOT 69,X(N),Y(N):NEXT 1218 FOR N=1 TO 12: Y(N)=Y(

N)-32:NEXT 1220 GCOL3,3:FOR N=1 TO 12 :PLOT 69, X(N), Y(N):NEXT

1230 FOR N=1 TO 12

1248 IF POINT (X(N), Y(N))=1 THEN X1=XBX:Y1=264:MOVE XB %,232:6COL3,2:PRINTCHR\$250:

PROCexpl:dead%=TRUE:TIME=0 1250 NEXT

1260 ENDPROC

1278 DEF PROChiscore

1280 7=0

1290 FOR S=1 TO 10

1300 IF score%)score(S) TH EN Z=Z+1

1310 NEXT

1320 COLOUR3: PRINT ""

You scored "

1325 COLOUR 1: PRINT "

":score%

1330 COLOUR 3:PRINT

you are"

1340 IF I=0 THEN PRINT ... NOT"

1350 COLOUR 5: PRINT " o n the high score"

1360 PRINT "" TABLE LIVES:

1378 FOR C=1 TO 2000: NEXT 1380 IF Z)0 THEN PROCtable 1390 FOR c=1 TO 5000: NEXT 1400 CLS 1405 *FX15.0 1418 PRINT TAB(0,15) "Anoth er game?(Y / N)" 1420 REPEAT: As=INKEY\$(0):U NTIL AS()"" 1430 ENDPROC 1440 DEF PROCtable 1450 CLS 1468 COLDUR 3 1465 *FX15.8

1478 PRINTTAB(8,4) "What is

your name?" 1488 INPUT TAB(4,15), name\$

1490 FOR C=1 TO Z

1500 name\$(C-1)=name\$(C):s core(C-1)=score(C)

1518 NEXT

1511 score(Z)=scoreZ:name\$

(Z)=name\$ 1515 CLS

1520 COLOUR 3:PRINT" RD

LL OF HONOUR"

1530 PRINT 1548 6%=400505

1550 FOR C=10 TO 1 STEP -1

1560 COLOUR 1

1578 PRINT'score(C): ".....

":name\$(C) 1575 GCOL8,6: MOVE 8,8: DRAW

0.1023: DRAW 1279, 1023: DRAW 1279.8: DRAW 8.8: MOVE 8.939 : DRAW 1279,939 1580 NEXT 1598 ENDPROC 1600 DEF PROCINSTRUCT 1610 PRINT " The aliens are patrolling a walled p lateau. All airborne weapon proved useless s have against them. The only we

apon which can destroy them

ch is very heavy and is gro

is the

'PHOTON GUN' whi

und-based." 1628 PRINT .. The FLEET C ONMANDER has come up with a brilliant idea. All aircra ft have beenfitted with ref lective material on the ba se. Your PHOTONS must hit t his base to be reflected back onto the aliens."

1638 PRINT' If you hit the ship you will destroy i t and you only have FIVE le ft. The'+'sign at the top of the screen is your si ght and is the point throug h which thePHOTON will pass if not interrupted."

1640 PRINT'' TAB(5) "PRESS SPACE BAR TO CONTINUE"

1650 REPEAT UNTIL GET=32 1668 CLS 1678 PRINT' TAB(16) "CONTR DLS" TAB(16) "----" 1680 PRINT "Z ------ Move base LEFT" " X ---------- Move base RIGHT* '* (----- Move sight (+) LEFT"'"> ----- H ove sight (+) RIGHT" "SPAC E BAR ---- Fire PHOTON GUN" GOOD LUCK!

1690 PRINT TAB(5,23) "PRESS SPACE BAR TO CONTINUE. ": RE PEAT UNTIL GET=32 1695 CLS:PRINT TAB(2,2)"A FEW MOMENTS DELAY, THEN BE READY.... *TAB(13,6) *By the way "TAB (2,18) "Watch ou t for the shower books!" 1788 FOR DELAY=1 TO 4888:N EXT

1710 CLS: ENDPROC 1720 DEF PROCerror 1738 REPORT: PRINT" at Line ": ERL 1750 ENDPROC

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MACHINE code is the language which microprocessors such as the 6502 used by the Electron understand. It consists simply of binary numbers in the range 0 to 255.

As you can imagine, this is very difficult to follow and next to impossible to write. You get line after line of 0s and 1s.

So instead of using straight machine code we normally work with assembly language.

This is a great deal easier to manage, as mnemonics are used to represent each instruction. If you wanted to

R type=7 OR type=12 PROCpri

write a machine code program you would normally write it in assembly language and use an assembler to convert this into machine code.

An assembler is a program which will take a series of assembly language mnemonics and convert them into machine code proper.

To read a machine code program then you do the reverse – convert it into assembly language using a disassembler.

A disassembler is the opposite of an assembler, taking an unintelligent mach-

510 PRINT " "; "address; ":

10 REM Disassembler 28 REM By R.A. Waddilove 30 REM Version 3 40 REM (c) Electron User 50 MODE 6 60 PROCinitialise **70 REPEAT** 80 PROCinput 98 REPEAT 100 chars="" 110 PROCfind code 120 IF found PROCdisassem ble ELSE PRINT TAB(18); "No such code"::address=address +1 138 PRINT TAB(36); char\$:* 140 UNTIL INSTR("Ii", GET\$ 150 UNTIL FALSE 168 END

178 DEF PROCdisassemble

188 IF (type AND type(5)

OR (type)8 AND type(12) PRO

Corint (byte1%) : address=addr

190 IF type=5 OR type=6 D

nt(byte1%):PROCprint(byte2%):address=address+3 200 IF type=8 OR type=0 a ddress=address+1 210 RESTORE 1010 228 FOR 1%=0 TO (EVAL("&" +code\$) AND &FF00) DIV &100 230 READ anemonic\$ 240 NEXT 250 PRINT TAB(18); anesoni c\$;" ': 260 PROCprint_data 270 ENDPROC 280 DEF PROCinitialise 298 VDU 19,1,6;8;19,8,4;8 300 PRINT'TAB(13) "DISASSE MBLER" 'TAB (7) "ROM's"; 310 FOR IX=0 TO 15 328 IF IX?&2A8 PRINT'IX;" : "::ROM=IX:PROCroms 330 NEXT 340 PRINT ' TAB (10) " I=inpu t new address"." Hold down any other key to disassembl

350 ENDPROC 360 DEF PROCroms 378 AX=&8009:FX=0 388 REPEAT byte%=FNbyte(A 2) 398 IF byte%>31 AND byte% (127 VDU byte% 488 AX=AX+1 410 IF byteX=0 FX=FX+1:PR INT" ": 420 UNTIL FX=2 430 ENDPROC 440 DEF PROCinput 450 INPUT' Start address =":address\$ 460 address=EVAL address\$ 478 IF address>&7FFF AND address(&C000 INPUT " ROM n umber *: ROM ELSE ROM=-1 480 ENDPROC 498 DEF PROCfind code 500 IF ROM>-1 byte%=FNbyt e(address):byte1%=FNbyte(ad dress+1):byte2%=FNbyte(addr ess+2) ELSE byte%=?address: byte1%=address?1:byte2%=add ress?2

528 PROCorint(byte%) 530 RESTORE 1020 540 REPEAT 550 READ code\$ 560 UNTIL (EVAL("%"+code\$)AND &FF)=byte% OR code\$="F FFFFF" 578 IF code\$="FFFFFF" fou nd=FALSE ELSE found=TRUE: ty pe=(EVAL("&"+code\$)AND &FF0 999)DIV &19998 580 ENDPROC 598 DEF FNbyte(B%) 600 '&F6=B1:Y1=ROM 618 =USR(&FFB9) AND &FF 620 DEF PROCprint (B%) 630 IF B%>31 AND B%(127 c har \$= char \$+ CHR\$ (B%) 648 IF B%(16 PRINT "2": 650 PRINT: "BZ;" ": 660 ENDPROC 670 DEF PROCorint data 680 REM accumulator 698 IF type=0 PRINT "A":: **ENDPROC**

ine code program and converting it back into a list of assembly language mnemonics.

As you probably know, the Electron has a pretty powerful assembler built in to the Basic ROM. This can be used to write machine code programs in assembly language.

What's lacking is a disassembler for reading machine code programs. This isn't quite as essential as an assembler, but is still a useful tool.

The program presented here will fill that gap. It's a powerful disassembler which will convert 6502 machine code back into assembly language mnemonics.

A disassembler is useful for checking whether a machine code program has assembled correctly or if it's become corrupted for some reason.

Also it's interesting to explore the ROMs and follow the various routines within them. These can be selected and disassembled quite easily.

When run, the disassembler will print a list of all the ROMs present and their number.

If you opt to disassemble from an address between

		DISAS	SEMI	BLER	
R	0M' 4 11 12	UIEW Acorr BASIC	E1.	S 1.00 1982 Acord Expansion	1.00
Hold do	wnI	any oth	new	address cey to disa	ssembl
Start a	ddr 00	ess=785	LDA	8.600	
903:F0	ØF.	96	BEG	8913	
208:85	77		SÍA	877	w
38D 85	78	86	STA	8.78	×
90F:80	99		LBA	(877). Y	u
913:85	22		STH	8.77	w
317 28	ËÉ	FF	JSR	oswrch	
210:92	語	89	FBB	#8.1B	
<u> </u>	41		LDA	0841	A
921:20	84	69	LDR	89C7	
926:20	čż.	89	JSR	8907	
928 85	72		STA	8.72	-

&8000 and &BFFF you will be prompted for a number. Just type in the number of the ROM you'd like to disassemble and the propgram will do the rest.

The disassembler has been designed to use up as little memory as possible so that a machine code program can sit in the memory at the same time and be disassembled.

The program is reasonably intelligent, so that when a common operating system call is encountered its name will be printed instead of just the address.

byte2%; ", X"; : ENDPROC

Whether you're a serious machine code programmer or just a dabbler, you'll find it such a useful tool you'll wonder how you ever managed without it.

The program needs 4k of memory which can be anywhere, so set PAGE to any value from &EOO (or &1DOO for Plus 3 disc drivers) to &5000 before loading it. This will enable a machine code program to be *LOADed to the memory left over and disassembled.

The start address for dis-

assembly can be entered in decimal or hex. The ROM number, however, must be in decimal.

A hard copy can be obtained by pressing Ctrl+B when you enter the address.

Be careful when entering data statements. When the program is running type in a few machine code programs and test the disassembler. There are several to choose from in the Electron User Guide.

The second set of data statements might seem a little strange. Each item is a three byte hexadecimal number, &AABBCC.

&CC is the first byte of the object code. Each byte is compared with this until a match is found. If there is a match then &BB is a pointer to the instruction and &AA is the type of addressing mode. PROCprint_data shows the various modes.

FNbyte(B%) reads a byte of data from a paged ROM. The address is placed in &F6/&F7 and the ROM number in the Y register. CALL &FFB9 reads the byte, and returns with it in the A register.

700 ON type GOTO 720,740, 760,780,800,880,900,910,930 ,960,980,1000 718 REM immediate 720 PRINT "#&"; "byte1%;:E NDPROC 730 REM zero page 748 PRINT"&"; "byte1%; : END PROC 750 REM zero_page_x 760 PRINT %": "byte1%: ", X" :: ENDPROC 778 REM zero_page_y 788 PRINT"&": "byte1%: ", Y" :: ENDPROC 790 REM absolute 808 B%=byte1%+256*byte2%: RESTORE 1878 810 FOR JX=0 TO 11 820 READ OScall\$, OScall% 830 IF 8%=OScall% PRINT O Scall\$::8%=-1 848 NEXT 850 IF 8%>-1 PRINT"&": "B%; 860 ENDPROC 870 REM absolute_x 882 PRINT"&": "byte17+256*

890 REM absolute y 900 PRINT"&": "byte1%+256* byte2%; ", Y"; : ENDPROC 910 ENDPROC 928 REM relative 930 IF byte1%(128 PRINT*& "; "address+bytel%; ELSE PRI NT"&"; "address-(256-byte1%); 940 ENDPROC 950 REM pre_indexed_indir ect 960 PRINT"(&": "byte1%: ", X)"::ENDPROC 978 REM post indexed indi rect 980 PRINT"(&";"byte1%;"). Y":: ENDPROC 990 REM indirect 1888 PRINT"(&": "byte1%+256 *byte2%; *) ":: ENDPROC 1010 DATA ADC. AND. ASL. BCC. BCS, BEQ, BIT, BMI, BNE, BPL, BRK ,BVC,BVS,CLC,CLD,CLI,CLV,CM P.CPX,CPY,DEC,DEX,DEY,EDR,I NC. INX. INY. JMP. JSR. LDA. LDX. LDY.LSR,NOP.ORA,PHA,PHP.PLA

,PLP,ROL,ROR,RTI,RTS,SBC,SE C, SED, SEI, STA, STX, STY, TAX, T AY, TSX, TXA, TXS, TYA 1020 DATA 80A00, A2201, 2220 5,20206,82408,12209,20A,522 0D,5020E,90910,82211,32215, 30216,80D18,72219,6221D,602 1E,51020,A0121,20624,20125, 22726,82628,10129,272A,5062 C,5012D,5272E,90730,80131,3 0135,32736,82038 1030 DATA 70139,60130,6273 E,82948,A1741,21745,22846,8 2348,11749,204A,5184C,5174D .5204E.90B50.B1751.31755.32 056,80F58,71759,6175D,6205E ,82A6@,A0061,20065,22866,82 568,10069,286A,C186C,5006D, 5286E,90070,80071 1040 DATA 30875,32876,82E7 8,70079,6007D,6287E,A2F81,2 3184,22F85,23086,81688,8358 A.5318C.52F8D.5308E.90390.B 2F91,33194,32F95,43096,8379 8,72F99,8369A,62F9D,11FAB,A 1DA1,11EA2,21FA4,21DA5,21EA

6,833A8,11DA9

1050 DATA 832AA,51FAC,51DA D,51EAE,90480,81DB1,31FB4,3 1DB5,41EB6,810B8,71DB9,834B A,61FBC,61DBD,71EBE,113C0,A 11C1,213C4,211C5,214C6,81AC 8,111C9,815CA,513CC,511CD,5 14CE,908D0,811D1,311D5,314D 6,80ED8,711D9

1060 DATA 611DD,614DE,112E 0,A28E1,212E4,228E5,218E6,8 19E8,12BE9,821EA,518EC,52BE D,518EE,905F0,828F1,328F5,3 18F6,82DF8,728F9,628FD,618F E,FFFFFF

1070 DATA osfind.&FFCE.osb put.&FFD4.osbget.&FFD7.osar gs,&FFDA.osfile.&FFDD.osrdc h.&FFE0.osasci.&FFE3.osnewl ,&FFE7.oswrch.&FFEE.osword, &FFF1.osbyte.&FFF4.oscli.&F

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100VDU23,1,0;0;0;0;
110REM setup of variables
120radius=400
130angle=0
140REPEAT
150REM increment angle
160REM the shorter the st
p
170REM tighter the patter
180REM +0.01 is nice
190angle=angle+.1
200x=FNformx
210y=FNformy
220PRDCdraw(x,v)

230UNTILFALSE

240END
250REM**************
260DEFPROCdraw(x,y)
270REM change colour
280col%=col%+1
290IF col%>6 THEN col%=0
300REM sets graphics bac
kground
310REM then clears graphi
cs screen
3206COLO,col%+128
330REM set graphics windo
w
340REM to produce a 200 b
y 200
350REM square

400REM change formulae for

410REM for different curves

420DEF FNformx

430=540-radius*SIN(angle)

440DEF FNformy

450=412+radius*COS(angle)

This listing is included in

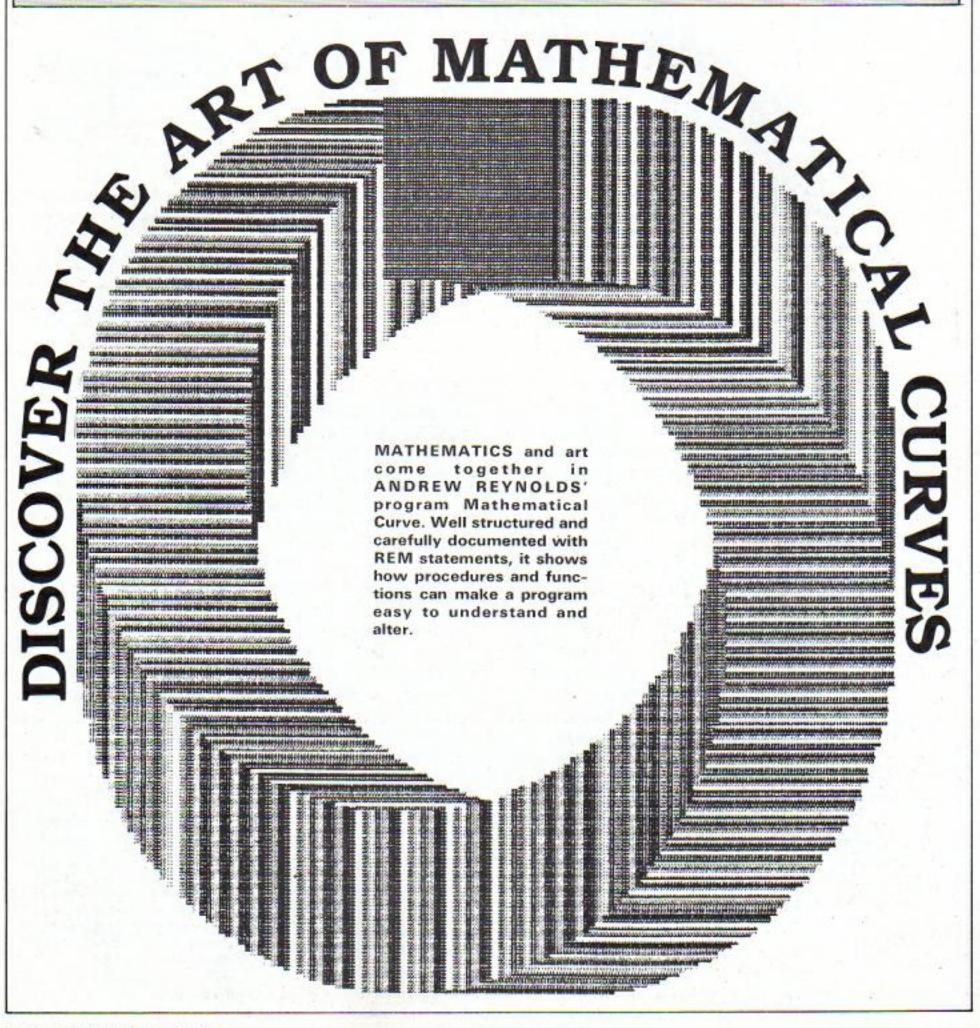
360VDU24, x; y; x+200; y+200;

370CL6

380ENDPROC

390REM*********

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sole logic game. TALL LETTERS
Large characters made simple.
BANK ACCOUNT Keep track of
your money CHARTIST 3D graphs.
FORMULAE Areas, volumes and
angles.

On the June 1984 tape;
MONEY MAZE Avoid the ghosts to
get the cash. CODE BREAKER A
mastermind is needed to crack the
code. ALIEN See little green men
the Electron way! SETUP Colour
commands without tears.
CRYSTALS Beautiful graphics.
LASER SHOOT OUT An
intergalactic shooting gallery.
SMILER Have a nice day!

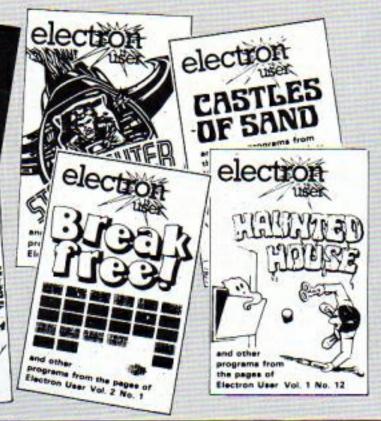
On the May 1984 tape:
RALLY DRIVER High speed car
control. SPACE PODS More aliens
to annihilate. CODER Secret
messages made simple. FRUIT
MACHINE Spin the wheels to win.
CHASER Avoid your opponent to
survive. TIC-TAC-TOE Electron
noughts and crosses. ELECTRON
DRAUGHTSMAN Create and save
Electron masterpieces.

On the April 1984 tape: SPACEHIKE A hopping arcade classic. FRIEZE Electron wallpaper. PELICAN Cross roads safely. CHESSTIMER Clock your moves. ASTEROID Space is a minefield. LIMERICK Automatic rhymes. ROMAN Numbers in the ancient way. BUNNYBLITZ The Easter program. DOGDUCK The classic logic game.

On the March 1984 tape:
CHICKEN Let dangerous drivers
test your nerve. COFFEE
A tantalising word game from Down
Under. PARKY'S PERIL Parky's
lost in an invisible maze.
REACTION TIMER How fast are
you? BRAINTEASER A puzzling
program. COUNTER Mental
arithmetic can be fun! PAPER,
SCISSORS, STONE Out-guess
your Electron. CHARACTER
GENERATOR Create shapes with
this unlift.

On the February 1984 tape;
NUMBER BALANCE Test your
powers of mental arithmetic.
CALCULATOR Make your Electron
a calculator. DOILLES Multi-coloured
patterns galore. TOWERS OF
HANOI The age old puzzle. LUNAR
LANDER Test your skill as an
astronaut. POSITRON INVADERS
A version of the old areade favourite.

On the introductory tape:
ANAGRAM Sort out the jumbled letters. DOODLE Multicoloured graphics. EUROMAP Test your geography. KALEIDOSCOPE Electron graphics run riot.
CAPITALS New upper case letters.
ROCKET, WHEEL, CANDLE Three firsworks programs. BOMBER Drop the bombs before you crash. DUCK Simple animation. METEORS
Collisions in space.



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EMANE!

HAVE you ever really understood how a car engine works? Never mind – sit back and let your Electron show you.

The program first draws and names the relevant pieces of machinery involved.

It then runs through the four cycles that make up a petrol driven internal combustion engine.

Each step is clearly labelled. Once you can follow the sequence, things can be speeded up by holding the space bar down continuously.

The program makes extensive use of procedures with lots of meaningful names, and should be easily followed.

Fiat Regata 100s Twin cam engine

By DAVE ROBINSON

FOUR STROKE ENGINE

1. INDUCTION

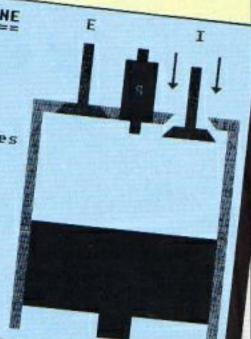
Exhaust valve closes

Inlet valve opens

Piston moves down

Petrol/Air mixture drawn into cylinder

Press SPACE



Engine listing

10 REM PETROL ENGINE

20 REM DAVE ROBINSON

30 REM (C) ELECTRON USER

40 :

50 MODE1

68 ON ERROR PROCEFFOR: EN

D

70 VDU23,1,0;0;0;0;

88 PROCchars

90 PROCtitle

188 PROCdiagram

118 REPEAT

128 PROCengine

130 UNTIL FALSE

148 END

150 :

168 DEFPROCCHars

178 VDU23, 224, 255, 255, 255

,255,255,255,255,255

180 VDU23, 225, 255, 254, 252

,248,248,224,192,128

190 VDU23,226,128,192,224

,248,248,252,254,255

200 VDU23, 227, 255, 127, 63,

31,15,7,3,1

210 VDU23,228,1,3,7,15,31

,63,127,255

228 VDU23,238,24,24,24,24

,24,24,24,24

238 VDU23, 231, 24, 24, 24, 24

,255,126,68,24

200,120,00,21

248 VDU23,232,24,68,126,2

55,24,24,24,24 258 A\$=CHR\$238+CHR\$8+CHR\$

18

268 B\$=A\$+A\$

278 d arrow\$=B\$+CHR\$231

280 u_arrow\$=CHR\$232+CHR\$

8+CHR\$18+B\$

298 ENDPROC

300 :

310 DEFPROCtitle

328 COLOUR2

330 PRINTTAB(6,3) "INTERNA

L COMBUSTION ENGINE"

340 PRINTTAB(6,4)STRING\$(

26, "=")

350 COLOUR3

368 PRINTTAB(2,8) A diagr assatic explanation of the

378 PRINT' internal worki

ngs of a single cylinder*
380 PRINT'TAB(2)*from a f

our stroke petrol engine." 398 PRINTTAB(2,17) "This i

s the type of engine fitted

400 PRINT' to most motor vehicles in use today."

418 PROCnext (12,26)

428 ENDPROC

438 1

440 DEFPROCHEXT (AZ, BZ)

450 COLOUR1

460 PRINTTAB(AZ,BZ) "Press SPACE"

478 REPEAT UNTIL GET=32

488 ENDPROC

498 :

500 DEFPROCdiagram

510 CLS: COLOUR3

529 PRINTTAB(1,3) FOUR ST

ROKE ENGINE"

538 PRINTTAB(1,4)STRING\$(

18,"=")

540 PROCcylinder

558 PROCpiston

560 PROCrod

578 PROCplug

580 PROCvalve("I")

598 PROCvalve ("E")

600 PROCnext (3, 28)

618 ENDPROC

620 :

638 DEFPROCengine

648 PROCinduct

658 PROCnext (3,27)

668 PROCCOMP

678 PROCnext (3, 27)

680 PROCignite

698 PROCnext (3,27)

700 PROCexhaust

718 PROCnext(3,27) 728 ENDPROC

730 :

748 DEFPROCcylinder

750 COLOUR2

768 PRINTTAB(2,7) CYLINDE

R.

770 COLOUR1

788 VDU7

790 FORIX=10 TO 28

888 PRINTTAB(21,1%)CHR\$22

01

818 PRINTTAB (39, 1%) CHR\$22

4

828 NEXT

830 PRINTTAB(22,10)CHR\$22

4

848 PRINTTAB (23,18) CHR\$22

858 PRINTTAB(27,18)CHR\$22

860 PRINTTAB (28, 18) STRING

\$(5,CHR\$224)

878 PRINTTAB (33, 18) CHR\$22

5

888 PRINTTAB (37, 18) CHR\$22

7 898 PRINTTAB (38,18) CHR\$22

988 key=INKEY(188)

918 ENDPROC

920 :

930 DEFPROCpiston

948 COLOUR2

958 PRINTTAB(2,18) "PISTON

960 VDU7

978 VDU28,22,28,38,13

980 COLOUR131

998 CLS

1000 COLOUR128

1818 VDU26

1828 key=INKEY(188)

1838 ENDPROC

1848 :

1858 DEFPROCEO

1968 COLOUR2

1878 PRINTTAB (2,13) CONNEC

TING ROD"

1888 VDU7

1898 VDU28,29,28,31,21

1100 COLOUR131

1118 CLS

1128 COLOUR128

1130 VDU26

1148 kev=INKEY(188)

1150 ENDPROC

1160 :

1178 DEFPROCPLug

1188 COLOUR2

1198 PRINTTAB(2,16) "SPARKI

NG PLUG"

1200 VDU7

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Classroom Computing on the Electron

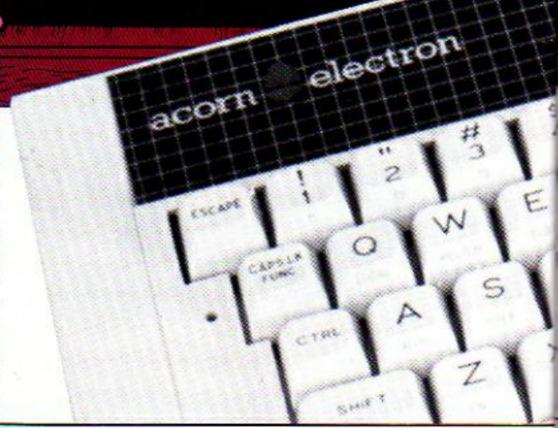
To meet the ever-growing demand for educational programs on the Electron, one of the best-selling educational packages for the BBC Micro has now been adapted and enhanced for Electron users.

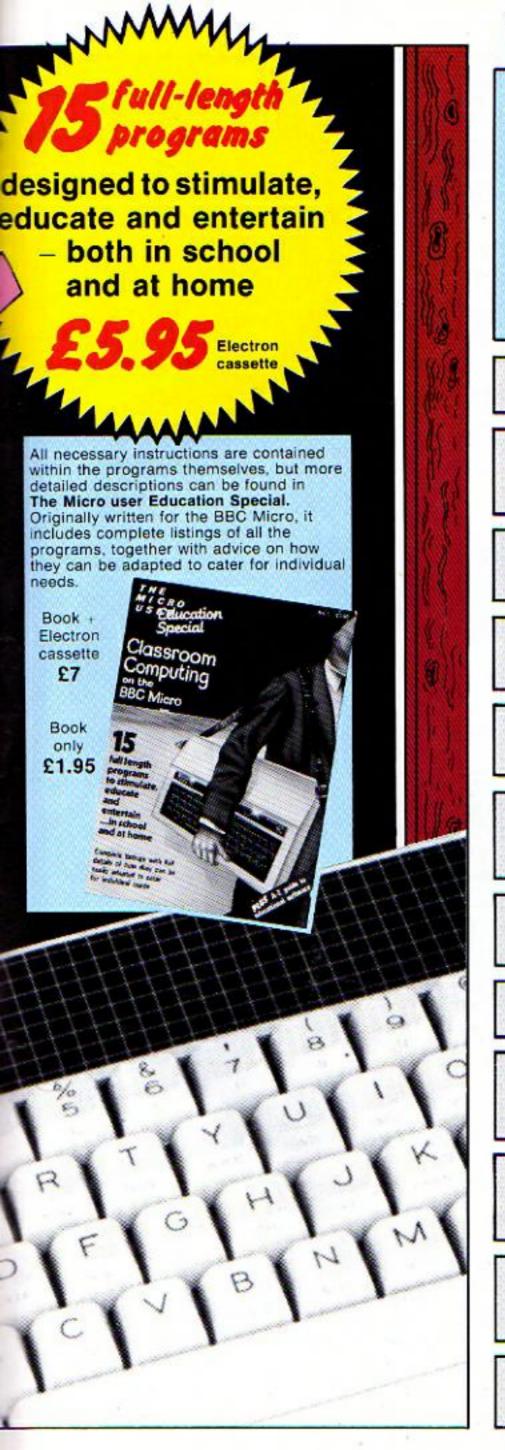
Classroom Computing on the Electron consists of 15 full-length programs, all specially chosen to combine educational validity with sheer good fun.

They range in scope from pre-reading to sixth form maths, and each has been thoroughly tested in the classroom.

The original BBC Micro version was warmly welcomed by teachers and parents, and reports that have come in from all over the country show how well they have proved themselves, both in the school and at home.

Now, in this new version, you can help turn your Electron into a valuable learning centre.





MATHS TRIO

Three invaluable elementary maths programs, which give the child guided practice and also graphically demonstrate the reasoning behind the sums.

Tuadd: Teaches how to add up two digit numbers, including carry and is illustrated with animated graphics. At various stages in the addition the child has to tell the Electron what to do next.

Tusub: Covers subtracting two digit numbers where the units 'won't go'. The Electron shows the subtraction in all its stages with graphics designed to illustrate the reasons behind each stage.

Tumult: Helps with elementary multiplication of two digit numbers – in particular where there are 10s to carry.

Calculator: Sums at a stroke! We turn your micro's screen into an easy-to-use calculator.

Table Mountain: Despite ever-changing fashions in maths teaching, tables still have to be learned. This program adds a lively new dimension to what is all too often tedious rote.

Gottit!: An intriguing two player word guessing game packed full of educational potential. Has three levels of difficulty.

House: Gentle, pictorial word, number and colour recognition for the very early reader or for those with learning difficulties.

Gallery: Based on a shooting gallery, this typing tutor will not only have parents, teachers and children touch-typing with ease — it's fun, too!

Whatnumber?: "I'm thinking of a number" is a well known classroom standby. We've taken it much further in this computer version, giving children far more flexibility in their strategy.

Bridge Breaker: Find the hidden word before it is too late. This is an exciting and novel way to reinforce vocabulary and spelling skills.

Snap: Practice vital pre-reading skills with this letter and number recognition game. Also helps develop coordination.

Manipulation: This is a compulsive and thoughtprovoking maths game. Given the four rules of number and three integers to work with, how close can you get to the target number?

Matrices: Takes the calculations out of matrix manipulation, leaving the student free to understand the underlying concepts. (To obtain the fullest benefit from this program see The Micro User Education Special.)

Hidden Answers: Designed to help primary school children understand a maths learning technique called mapping maths. It explores the ideas of mapping with the use of simple number bonds.

Curvefit: Drawing lines of best fit between points, this program will find applications from the infants class to the sixth form.

Engine listing

From Page 45	valve opens"	2118 PRINTTAB(8,21) by exp	2548 PRINTTAB(XX-1,11)STRI
	1670 PROCopen("I")	anding gases"	NG\$(3,CHR\$224)
1210 COLOUR3	1688 PRINTTAB(8,19) Piston	2128 PROCdown	2550 PRINTTAB(XX-2,11)CHR\$
1220 VDU28, 29, 18, 31, 6	aoves down*	2130 ENDPROC	228
1238 COLOUR131	1698 PROCdown	2140 :	2568 PRINTTAB (XX+2,11) CHR\$
1240 CLS	1788 COLOUR2	2150 DEFPROCexhaust	226
1250 VDU26	1718 PRINTTAB(8,22) Petrol		2578 key=INKEY(188)
1260 COLOUR128	/Air mixture'	2170 FOR IX=1 TO 3	2580 ENDPROC
1278 PRINTTAB (38,5) CHR\$224			
1280 PRINTTAB (30,11) CHR\$22	into cylinder*	2190 NEXT	2688 DEFPROCOUNT
1000 001 01101 - 001 0110171	1730 PROCIN	2208 PRINTTAB (23, 12) SPC15	2610 COLOUR3 2620 FOR IX=13 TO 19
1298 COLOUR1: COLOUR131	1748 ENDPROC	2218 COLOUR1	
1386 PRINTTAB (38,8) "S"	1758 :	2228 PRINTTAB (3,18) "4. EXH	2630 SOUND1,-15,1%+50,2
1318 COLOUR128	1760 DEFPROCCOMP	AUST*	2648 VDU28,22,1%,38,1% 2650 COLOUR128:CLS
1328 key=INKEY(188)	1778 PROCelear	2230 COLOUR2	
1330 ENDPROC	1788 FOR 1X=5 TO 7		2670 COLOUR131:CLS
1348 :	1798 PRINTTAB(33,11)SPC1		
1350 DEFPROCValve(A\$)	1800 PRINTTAB (37, IX) SPC1	2250 PROCopen("E")	2688 key=INKEY(5) 2698 NEXT
1368 VDU7	1818 NEXT	2260 PRINTTAB(0,16) Piston	2788 key=INKEY(188)
1378 COLOUR2	1828 COLOUR1	moves up"	2718 VDU26: COLOUR128
1380 IF AS="I"THEN PRINTTA	1838 PRINTTAB(3,18)*2. COM	2278 PROCup	2728 ENDPROC
B(2,19) "INLET VALVE"ELSE PR	PRESSION*	2280 COLOUR2	
INTTAB (2, 22) "EXHAUST VALVE"	1848 COLOUR2	2298 PRINTTAB(8,19) "Burnt	
1398 IF A\$="I" THEN XX=35	1850 PRINTTAB(0,13) Inlet	aixture out"	2740 DEFPROCUP
ELSE XX=25	valve closes"	2300 PRINTTAB(23,5)u_arrow	2758 COLOUR3
1488 FOR IX=6 TO 11	1868 PROCclose("I")	\$ 2719 DDINTTAD/27 El. 3555	2768 FOR 1%=19 TO 13 STEP-
1418 PRINTTAB(XX,1X)CHR\$22			2778 COUNTY -15 17458 2
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1428 NEXT	1888 PRINTTAB(8,18) aixtur	2328 ENDPROC	2788 VDU28,22,IX,38,IX
1438 PRINTTAB(XX-1,11)STRI	e compressed*	2330 :	2790 COLOUR131:CLS
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228	1918 : 1928 DEFPROCignite	ELSE XX=25	2828 VDU28,32,1%+7,38,1%+7
1458 PRINTTAB(XZ+2,11)CHR\$	1920 DEFFRUCIGNITE	2368 PRINTTAB(XX-2,11)SPC5	
226	1938 PROCclear 1948 COLOUR1	2370 PRINTTAB(XX,5)CHR\$224	
1468 PRINTTAB(XZ,3)A\$	1946 CULUURI 1050 DDINTIAD/7 10\87 ICH	2380 PRINTTAB(XX-1,10)STRI	2850 NEXT
1478 key=INKEY(188)		N6\$(3,CHR\$224)	2868 key=INKEY(188)
1480 ENDPROC	ITION"	2398 COLOUR129	
1498 :	1968 COLOUR2 1978 PRINTTAB(8,13) "Electr	2488 PRINTTAB(XX-2,18)CHR\$	2898 :
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1518 VDU28,8,38,28,6		226	2918 PRINTTAB(33,5)d_arrow
1520 CLS: VDU26	1980 PRINTTAB(30,1)d_arrow	2428 COLOUR128	\$
1538 ENDPROC	1998 key=INKEY(188)		2928 PRINTTAB(37,5)d_arrow
1540 : 1550 DEFPROCINDUCT	2000 PRINTTAB (0,16) "Mixtur		*
1568 PROCclear	e ignited"	2450 1	2938 ENDPROC
1578 FOR 11=5 TO 7	2818 GCOL8,1	Control Contro	2948 :
1588 PRINTTAB (23, 1%) SPC1	2020 FOR 1X=752 TO 1254 ST	2478 IF A\$="1" THEN XX=35	2950 DEFPROCERTOR
	EP56	ELSE XX=25	2968 VDU22,6
1598 PRINTTAB (27, 1%) SPC1 1688 COLOUR1		2488 PRINTTAB(XX,5)SPC1	
1618 NEXT	2030 MOVEIX,608 2040 DRAW972,632	2490 PRINTTAB(XX-2,10)SPC2	
	2050 NEXT	;TAB(XX+1,10)SPC2	"; ERL
1628 PRINTTAB (3,18) *1. IND	2868 FOR 1X=4 TO 7	2500 COLOUR1	2990 ENDPROC
UCTION"	2070 SOUNDO,-15,IX,2	2518 PRINTTAB(XX-2,18) CHR\$	2776 ENDTINGE
1638 COLOUR2	2080 NEXT	225	This listing is included in
1648 PRINTTAB(0,13) "Exhaus t valve closes"	2090 key=INKEY(100)	2528 PRINTTAB (XX+2,10) CHR\$	this month's cassette
	2188 PRINTTAB(0,19) Piston	227	tape offer. See order
1658 PROCclose("E")	/ MR FRINT WALL - 17	///	form on Page 61.

Micro Messages

I HAVE compiled a list of tips for Elite players who are just starting out.

As soon as you have 1000 credits, buy a front beam laser. You will get 400 credits refunded for the pulse laser.

Replenish your credits back to 1000 credits, then buy an extra cargo bay. This will extend your capacity from 20 tonnes to 35 tonnes, thus increasing the profit on each trip.

Soon after those, both docking computers and an Energy unit are musts.

Never, once you have got your amount of credits above 400, let it fall down below 400 when buying extra equipment because (unless you bought your cargo first) you will not have enough money for a profitable amount of cargo.

Unless you know it is a meteor (asteroid) never shoot anything inside the Safety area. Otherwise the vipers get kill-happy and won't let you dock with a docking computer, or manually (I think).

As soon as you have a beam laser, instead of hyperspacing straight after you get out of the Coriolis, when you get out of the Coriolis, speed right up, switch to rear view, do a loop until the planet is full on your rear view.

Switch to market price or Data on system etc, then wait for the S to disappear, then

The Elite way to become Deadly!

Front view and Jump until something appears on your scanner.

Blast it, make sure you're going away from the planet again and repeat.

This, within a short time, will push your rating up to Above Average.

If you ever get into trouble, for example, Shields Down, hyperspace to the next system, unless the planet is Anarchy or Feudal. In that case, alter it to a safer one. Or, if nothing is on your scanner, in that case slow right down and drift until shields are up again.

I hope that helps the potential combateers.

It should. I'm Deadly, soon to be Elite (hopefully!!) -David Kennedy, Teignmouth.

How do I keep it secret?

I HAVE been computing for only a short time and would like to learn program securityhow I can stop people being able to break into my programs and see what I've written? - D.S. Leng, Cottingham, N. Humberside.

 Add the following line to your program:

1 REM

and enter in direct mode,

?(PAGE+15)=21

This will poke character 21, which disables the VDU, into the first line.

Adding *FX200.3 will disable the Escape and Break keys. Your programs should now be quite secure.

A bug down in the Valley

I HAVE written to Electron User once before, giving some suggestions to improve the magazine (glad to see that Merlin has finally started a column).

It is Justin Leese's letter in the March issue of Electron User which has inspired me to write again.

He tells Katy King and the rest of us that we should SAVE

our initial position on Twin Kingdom Valley, and so, when we die, we could simply LOAD this position in the computer, reducing the time of waiting between games.

Is this a theory or has he tested it? On my copy of the game, and other people's, a saved position will not re-load.

I have not yet solved the adventure, but I now know how to and a saved position seems essential, HELP! David Thompson, Sale, Cheshire.

 I have noticed recently in Micro Messages and my own mail that readers are having difficulty loading and saving their position in Twin Kingdom Valley.

On the review copy I received from Bug-Byte the commands used are *SAVE and *LOAD to save and restore your position.

These commands are documented in the cassette insert and worked perfectly at all times.

I have now finished the game and probably would not have done so had the commands not worked.

I suggest that if anyone has problems with these commands still not working they presumably have a faulty copy and should contact Bug-Byte on 051-709 7071 who will I'm sure be happy to organise a replacement. - Merlin.

SLEEPLESS KNIGH

FOR the third time my wife I did not get the message. called down: "Are you coming to bed or are you sleeping down there again tonight?"

The time was 1.30am. The game was Acornsoft Chess. I had been waiting 45 minutes for my Electron to make the next obvious (indeed the only) move to avoid checkmate.

In sheer desperation - and to prevent further domestic trauma - I pressed Escape, got the Main Menu, switched to Player vs. Player, switched back to the Chess Board and made the obvious move for the poor comatose computer. But

On resuming the vs. Computer game, with no word of thanks for my help, it went back into its slothful routine of a move about every 45 minutes. (Castling took about 50 minutes.)

I have tried everything to speed up a game of chess with Acornsoft Chess - playing at all levels, switching levels during a game, cursing, making stupid moves which a normal opponent would pounce on right away, cheating, typing in derogatory messages - all to no avail.

Acornsoft Chess still plods on its weary come-backtomorrow pace.

Perhaps one of your more experienced readers might devise a way of speeding up the computer chess moves.

Or, better still, perhaps Acornsoft will issue another Chess program more suited to ageing chaps like myself who have not all that much time left in which to play computer chess. - V.J. Horgan, Didcot, Oxon.

 On the higher levels it is rather slow, but is pretty quick on level 0 or 1.

Ghouls have me fooled.

COULD you tell me how to get the treasure and to get on to the rest of the screens in Micro Power's Ghouls? I have tried and tried without success. -Paul Godley.

· Can any of our readers help?

No joy with the joystick

AFTER buying a Plus 1 for my Electron, along with a Volt-mace Delta 14b joystick, I was disgusted to find that the joystick did not work on two of my favourite games – Elite and Zalaga.

Both these games stated that it was possible to use a loystick

I obviously thought it must be a fault in the Plus 1 of the joystick, but when I returned the equipment to the shop where I bought them, there were no faults to be found.

Does this mean that programmers are getting lazy?

Will there be more half-finished games in the future? – Robert Cope (age 13), Chelmsford, Essex.

 Both programs have bugs in which prevent joysticks being used.

You're right to be annoyed, as these bugs should have been spotted before the programs were released. However, even the experts make mistakes occasionally.

Even numbers are odd . . .

I MAY sound sarcastic, but I must complain about two letters (Electron User April issue).

First of all, J. Gooding, you can't have 59,528 on Guardian because 28 is not possible. 20, 25 or 30 is OK, but no even numbers are possible unless they go up in tens.

Also, D.M. Bell, of Manchester, the reason why Elite is so inferior is because the Electron has less memory available than the BBC.

By the way here are my highest scores:

Guardian, 28,060.

Danger UXB, 147,010.

Felix In The Factory 7,440.

Tim Hier (age 13),

Pembrey, South Wales.

Frustration is overcome

WHEN writing programs in the graphic modes, it can be frustrating to try making sense

DON'T GIVE UP - IT WORKS!

I'VE finally worked out how to get the Galactic Hyperspace in Elite to work!

Press F6 (local chart) and make sure the cursor is positioned at the planet you are presently at.

After that, press the buttons Caps Lk Func, Ctrl and H simultaneously and very quickly.

Keep pressing the buttons rapidly until the message "Galactic Hyperspace" appears. You may get times when you think it's not going to work and your fingers are killing you – but don't give up, it will work eventually.

If this ever happens, and it usually does, it helps to change the screen or view after a few rapid bursts of pressing the buttons.

That is – after pressing F6 (local chart) press the buttons very quickly about 20 times and if it still doesn't work press F4 (right view) and press buttons again.

If still no response, change view once again and press buttons.

Like I said before, don't give up – it will work.

One more thing. Don't worry if the message "Hyperspace range" comes up. It always does - so just keep on hitting those keys. - Colin Harris, Stoke Newington.

of your listing when the size of the character set makes it hard to read and edit.

Mode 6 provides the most legible writing, but changing back to this mode each time is time-consuming.

The following program overcomes this problem by inserting control codes into the first line of the program which will change to mode 6, with a blue background, and paged mode on, whenever the program is LISTed.

Also, to overcome the problem of losing the top line of the display, control code 10 is inserted before the program is listed, which moves the display down by one line.

Lastly, as a reminder that the line is still in memory, a short message is shown at the head of the listing.

To produce this effect, first type in the following program carefully, making sure that no spaces lie between the line number O, and the REM statement, nor between the REM and the series of numbers that follow it.

If this is not done, it will result in a "Bad program" error when the program is RUN.

OREM12345678981FIRST LI
NE IN USE
10PX=PAGE+6
20FOR AX=1 TO 10
30READ byte
40[EQUB byte:]
50NEXT
60DATA22,6,19,8,4,0,8,8,

Now RUN the program, and the screen will display an assembly listing. The program should now be ready, so test it by typing LIST. The effects of the program should now be apparent.

Delete lines 10 to 60, and SAVE line 0 for future use by typing:

SAVE "line.0".

To insert this line into other programs, first make sure your own program does not already include a line 0, as this will cause later confusion.

Now to combine the two programs, type:

PRINT*TOP-2
*LOAD "XXXX" SSS

Where XXXX is the file name of your program, and SSS is the result that you should have obtained from TOP-2. The two programs should now be combined, and typing LIST when in any mode should produce a clear and legible listing. — Stephen Harrop, Radyr, Cardiff.

I thought I'd go mad . . .

MANY, many thanks for your help with Mr Freeze (March Electron User). I thought I'd go mad typing it in, but your comments helped me find and correct my mistakes.

I don't know which is better, the game (which is great), or the feeling of accomplishment when it actually ran! Again, thanks. – Cliff Holmes, Rotherham.

• It's nice to hear from someone we've helped. Believe us, we know all too well how frustrating it can be, typing in listings. We do our best to help everyone who writes, but we need two things. The first is a stamped addressed envelope, the second is patience!

Title pages – my method

I HAVE always been envious of the title pages used by games on the Sinclair Spectrum.

I didn't want to let my friends get away with this so I came up with a method similar to the Spectrum's method. It is used by the Island and Planets programs on the Introductory cassette.

It is fairly simple. All you do is save the screen memory direct to cassette.

As the length of the screen memory varies from mode to mode, it goes like this:

Mode 0,1,2 = *SAVE 3000 8000

Mode 3 = *SAVE 4000 8000

Mode 4,5 = *SAVE 5800 8000

Mode 6 = *SAVE 6000 8000

Firstly though you have to draw the picture you want to save and in the same mode with the picture on screen, type the relevant command above.

In Modes 0, 1 and 2 it takes a long time as the screen memory is 20k long. It may be better with a disc drive connected. — Robert Fothergill, Redditch, Worcs.

Solved

IN regard to Polygons (Electron User April issue) I would be grateful if you could explain where is the VDU25 that actually draws the figures in the listing given on Page 56?— R.A. Smith, Camberley, Surrey.

 Line 780 is the machine code equivalent of VDU25.

A Top Ten for games?

THANK you for a great magazine – but please can we have more!

For example, a software chart of the top-selling 10 or 20 games. A hall of fame where readers can send in their best scores. Readers' tips on how to do well at certain games (for example, Elite and Guardian). And more reviews on the hardware and software being produced for the Electron.

Can you tell me: Would it be possible to use Acorn's Plus 3 in conjunction with First Byte's joystick interface? - Steven Haig (age 15), Stockport.

 Unfortunately both the Plus 3 and the First Byte interface use the same area of memory, causing problems if they are both used at the same time.

Either can be used separately, though.

The Plus 3 can be disabled with *NOADFS allowing the interface to be used.

Riddle of the Lost Bracket

SURELY there's a mistake in April's Game of the Month? In the listing line 1670 reads:

x=arrowdev(play,arrow

Surely there should be a bracket at the end as in:

x=arrowdev(play,arrow)

- Dean Warner, Peterborough.
- Sadly, your are right. The listing was all right when it left the editorial office (all our listings are taken from working programs). However, somewhere between here and your magazine the bracket went walkabout.

So far we've had no reports of its progress but we're dreading its arrival in another program!

Our apologies to our readers and Ian Brown, the author.

WHAT would you like to see in future issues of Electron User?

What tips have you picked up that could help other readers?

Now's here is your opportunity to share your experiences.

Remember that these are the pages that you write yourselves. So tear yourself away from your Electron keyboard and drop us a line. And please, if you want a reply, enclose an SAE. The address is:

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Attack — in slow motion

I RECENTLY bought Cylon Attack by A&F Software for my Electron.

The program was written for the BBC Micro, but I found it worked fantastic with my Electron.

Because of this I bought Chuckie Egg and Painter by A&F for the BBC 32k.

When I loaded them into my Electron they worked – but are so slow that they are virtually unplayable.

As I bought them from a clearance sale on a "no return" basis I was disappointed by having spent my money on two very good but slow pieces

of software.

Can you tell me of any routine which I could enter before loading these programs to make them faster?

The only routine I know and have tried is setting the auto repeat to the fastest rate and loading the programs, but this was unsuccessful.

It would be a good idea if readers suggested ways of speeding up slow BBC software and telling other readers which software works.

- Mansoor, Halesowen, West Mildlands.
- The Electron can't be made to run as fast as the BBC, unfortunately.

The simple answer is to buy Electron software – this will run at the correct speed.

By all means borrow BBC

software from friends, but don't buy any without seeing it running. Then you know what it's like.

A question of education

I BOUGHT an Electron 15 months ago hoping to help my sons' education as well as for its entertainment value.

While it has obviously been of assistance in their computer studies, I have been unsuccessful in obtaining any software of an O or A-level standard.

I have seen one mentioned in the December 1984 issue of Electron User – Micro English produced by L.C.L, but have been unable to obtain their address.

Is it, as a non-user, that I do not know what to look for, or is there very little good O and A-level software about? – M.K. Pelling, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

 Most educational software is written for the BBC Micro, but some has been converted for the Electron, though. L.C.L. is at 26 Avondale Avenue, Staines, Middlesex.

Don't make my mistake!

I AM writing to warn other readers about the mistake that I made. I was writing the program for Mark Frost, who requested a rotating circle in the April edition of Electron User.

My friend asked me why integer variables are faster and I demonstrated by allocating values to A% variable and a normal one.

I pressed Break and called

up each variable and showed him how it no longer had the normal variable in memory.

Then to my amazement I discovered the program was now unlistable. Is there any explanation for this?

Incidentally, if anyone wants to protect their programs *FX200,1 makes it inescapable and *FX200,3 makes it inescapable and when broke inlistable. So if

you use these codes always SAVE before running.

I wasn't quite sure what Mark meant about a rotating circle so I have written a rotating disc. If you look closely the effect can be quite good. — Paul Golding, Winchmore Hill, London.

 We don't know why you couldn't list your program.
 We couldn't reproduce the fault.

18 REM **ROTATING DISC**
28 REM By Paul Golding 1
985

38 REM When the program is run the building of each seperate frame takes a while, so you must wait 50 seconds before you can see anything

40 REM it will run faste r on the BBC Computer

50 MODE 2

60 VDU 23,1,0;0;0;0;0;

70 FOR XX=1 TO 11

88 VDU 19. XX.0:0:

98 NEXT

100 CX=1:RX=500

118 FOR BX=1 TO 11

128 MOVE 648,1812

130 GCOL 0,C%

148 FOR A=0 TO 2*PI STEP

0.25

158 DRAW 648+RX+SIN(A),51

2+500+COS(A)

168 NEXT

170 CX=CX+1:RX=RX-50

188 NEXT

198 FOR XX=1 TO 11

288 VDU 19, XZ, 7; 8;

218 PROCpause

220 VDU 19, X%, 8:0:

230 NEXT

248 FOR XX=11 TO 1 STEP - 1

250 VDU 19, XX.7:0;

260 PROCpause

270 VDU 19. X%, 0:0:

280 NEXT

298 SOTO 198

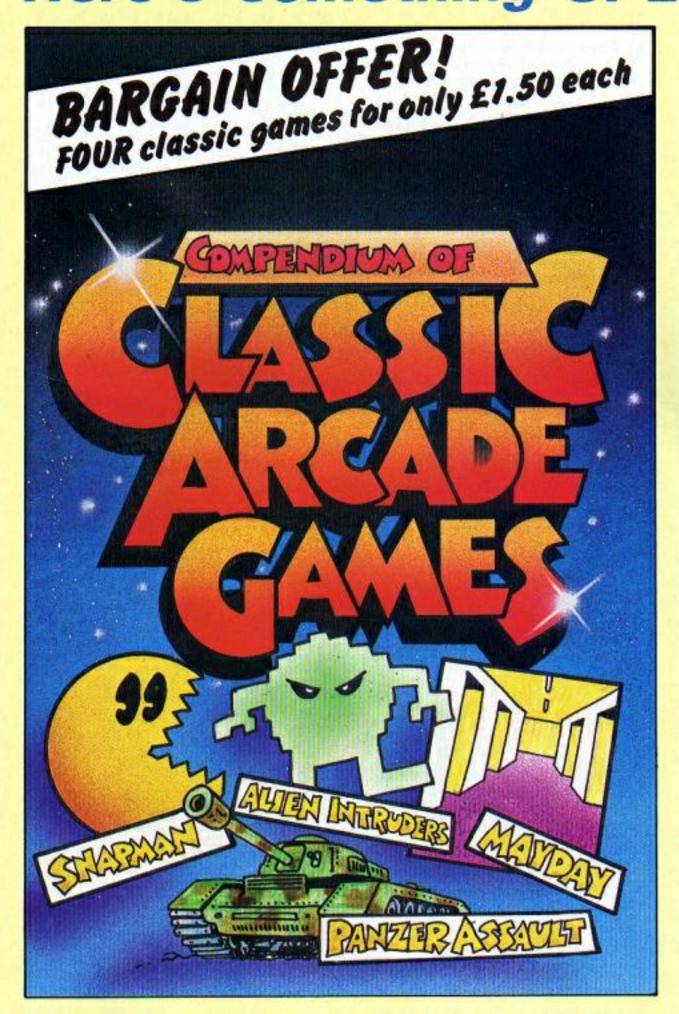
300 END

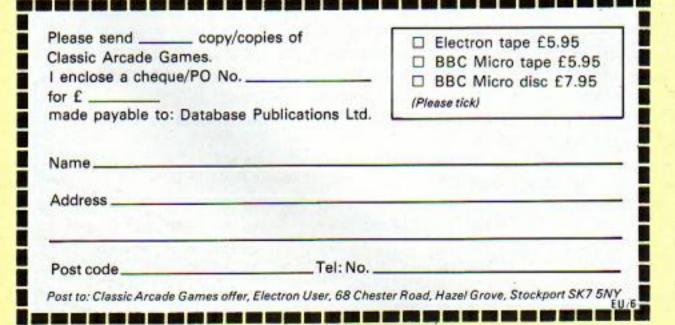
310 DEF PROCpause

320 FOR X=1 TO 50: NEXT

330 ENDPROC

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your team win or lose by the way you instruct them to play. You will be shown a bird's eye view of your half of the pitch. Select and vary the skills of each of your players and then move them individually to whatever position in the field you know will create the best team formation.

Each player is shown with three digits below him relating to skill, accuracy and stamina in the range 1-5. To start off with each man has 3-3-3, giving him a total of 9. So the total for your team is 11x9..99. This total of 99 cannot be exceeded, but the object is for you, the manager, to formulate your winning team using the best possible combinations of positions and skills.

'Of course, as a professional footballer, injuries sustained by myself and team-mates often had a great influence on the outcome of the game. So, to create even more realism, you may add optional 'injuries' to the game, which are allocated randomly to each team by computer...hold your breath as your star forward swivels to shoot or goes in for a hard tackle!"

Once your team is formulated, you are ready to move on from the Management Module to

Module II-Match Play.

With realistic 3D view of the pitch from the 'TV Camera' position the game really comes to life. From the kick off every moment of the match unfolds realistically, with throw-ins, goal kicks, corner

kicks, passing and shooting.'
The game can be played by 2 people, 1 person v the computer or computer v computer. If the game is player controlled your joystick will control one man at once. Pressing the fire button enables computer specialists or direct from DACC.

you to change player...or, if the opposition are attacking your goal, to the goalkeeper.

'If a player is in possession of the ball the fire button initiates a pass or a shot. Control the accuracy and strength of the pass or shot by the extent of joystick movement and the height of the kick by the length of time that the fire button is depressed... from a Bobby Charlton cannonball shot, to a care-fully flighted Bryan Robson through-ball! Although you have set the skill, accuracy and stamina levels of your players during the Manager Module, the more a player is involved in the game, the more energy he uses. his stamina level talls and he runs more slowly! Then, when the player is not under joystick control, his stamina slowly builds up again.

'If the game is under computer control, one or both teams are played entirely by computer. Under joystick control the player controls one man at a time, whilst the computer provides intelligent

action for the other 10.

The skill level you have chosen affects the success of tackles, the accuracy level and the direction of the ball when kicked...what could be more realistic than the Bobby Charlton Soccer Game from DACC?"

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As it stands Activities is an educational program for use by younger school children. It could, however, be modified so that it could be an asset to older children as well.

It has been used by the teachers at my children's school in a slightly modified form on their disc based BBC Micros, and they tell me it is useful and well liked (although maybe they're just being polite).

The idea is to test a child's powers of observation and association.

The Electron selects a random activity from a list and draws some items on the screen which are associated with that activity. It also draws some irrelevant items.

The child's task is to decide which items are relevant and select them by pressing number keys 1-6.

If the selected item is relevant then it's ticked and the computer plays a chord, otherwise the drawing is crossed out and the computer makes a rude noise.

When the child thinks that he or she has all of the right items selected then they can press the F key, whereupon the computer will assess how well they have done.

Any drawings which should have been selected but were not are left on the screen, along with a comment. All irrelevant or correctly selected ones are rubbed out.

After 10 activities (none of which are the same), a score sheet is printed and another turn is invited.

The initial instruction page can be returned to at any time by pressing the Escape key and the sound effects can be turned on or off whenever the computer is expecting a key to be pressed.

Although this all sounds very daunting, in fact most children seem to be able to use the program easily and enjoy doing so.

My children run it on our Electron, but the program was originally written on a BBC, and because I am a lazy typist I'm afraid that the variable and procedure names are in upper case.

Also, because memory is at such a premium in the otherwise superb BBC/Electron computers, the variable and procedure names are rather cryptic.

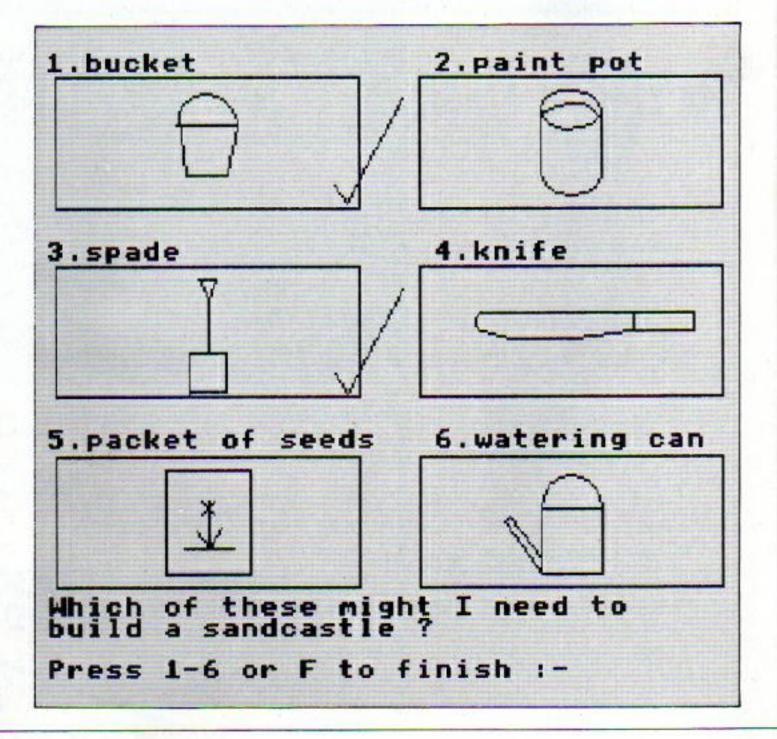
Because of the way the program works, it is essential that you do not renumber it, or at least the DATA statements at lines 10000 onward.

At this juncture it's worth outlining how the program works.

I have seen many programs of a similar nature which require access to a set of data in a random way — spelling games or Hangman spring to mind.

Most programmers seem to access the data in a random way by READing the data into a string array then generating a random number to be used as an array index.

Doing this means that there





are two copies of the data in the aforementioned limited Acorn memory. (When is some bright spark going to bring out a main RAM expansion for the Electron, like there is for the BBC?

Because it is possible in BBC Basic to use the RESTORE statement using a variable or an expression rather than a line number, any DATA statement can be READ by setting the value of the variable to the line number of the DATA statement that you

It looks tricky, but in fact is very easy. This means that you must be careful how you number the DATA statements.

Finally, to save memory space and speed up the drawing process a bit, the resident integer variables have been used to some degree.

As I have already hinted, it is possible to add extra activities and drawings to the list or create a completely different one.

To create a new activity you must add a new DATA statement as follows (numbers are counted from 0):

> 100nn DATA activity name,ni,n2...ni,*

where nn is the number of the activity and n1.n2 etc are the numbers of the associated

There can be from one to six items in the list. The asterisk at the end is to tell the computer there are no more items in the

Line 19999 with the hash sign must be present to show there are no more lists. Each individual drawing is defined as shown:

200nn0 DATA item name, M, x, y, D, x, y, E, x, y, r1, r 2.a1.a2....*

where nn is the item number and x and y are the coordinates of a 500 x 200 grid on which the item is drawn. The graphics interpreter reads these codes as follows:

M,x,y: Moves the graphics cursor to x,y without drawing. D,x,y: Draws a line to x,y from the last graphics point.

E,x,y,r1,r2,a1,a2: Draws part of an ellipse with centre x,y, radii r1,r2 starting at angle a1 and finishing at angle a2.

The angles are measured in radians and increase anticlockwise with 3 o'clock being

These codes may be in any order, but there is no error trapping, so they must be

The asterisk at the end of

the statement is to indicate the end of the drawing. If the codes will not all fit into one DATA statement they may be continued into another one. although the line number for this must be less than 10 more than the initial one (for example, see lines 20100 and 20102).

The final DATA statement with the #indicates no more drawings are present, and it must be there.

If some clever dick of a little Johnnie points out that a so called irrelevant item goes with an activity, just add its number to the activity list.



Activities listing

10REM ACTIVITIES 20REM (C) Electron User 1985

30REM by Mike Plummer 480N ERROR GOTO 1428 SOMODE 6: PROCSETUP 60DIM ANX (5) . QUY (5) : LST\$ =STRING\$ (48, "#"): ITEM\$=LST\$ 70CLS:PRINT TAB(5,10) "Wa it a minute, I am thinking* : VDU 23,1,0;8;8;8; 80RESTORE 10000:LCX=-1:R EPEAT LC%=LC%+1

90REPEAT READ LST\$:UNTIL LST\$="#" OR LST\$="*":UNTIL LST\$="#"

100RESTORE 20000: ICX=-1:R EPEAT ICX=ICX+1

110REPEAT READ ITEMS: UNTI L ITEMS="#" OR ITEMS="+":UN TIL ITEMS="#"

12@REPEAT:RIX=@:WRX=@:TTX =0:MODE4:VDU19,0,4;0;23,1,0 :0:0:0::FOR TEST=0 TO 9:CLS : PROCASK: PROCANS: NEXT: MODE6 : VDU19, 8, 4; 8; 23, 1, 8; 8; 8; 8; 1

PROCSC: UNTIL FALSE 130:

140REM -- Get a set of it ens + some random ones --

150DEF PROCASK: LOCAL NIX. N2%: FOR N1%=8 TO 5: QUX (N1%) =-1:ANX(N1X)=-1:NEXT:HX=TRU

160REPEAT TX=TRUE: N1%=RND (LCX):FOR ICX=8 TO 9: IF NIX =STX(ICX) TX=FALSE

170NEXT: UNTIL TZ 180STX (TEST) =N1%

198RESTORE (9999+N1%):REA D LST\$: NANSX=0: REPEAT READ ITEMS: IF ITEMS()"+" THEN AN %(NANS%) = VAL (ITEM\$): NANS%=N

200UNTIL ITEMS="+"

210FOR N1%=NANSX TO 5:REP EAT: SAMEX=FALSE: QSTX=RND (IC X)-1:FOR N2%=8 TO 5: IF AN% (N2%) = BST% THEN SAME%=TRUE

NX (N1X) =QSTX: NEXT

228NEXT: UNTIL NOT SAMEX: A 230FOR N12=0 TO 5: REPEAT

QSTX=RND(6)-1:UNTIL QUX(QST X) =-1:QUX (QSTX) = ANX (N1X): NE XT

240FOR N1%=0 TO 5:PROCDRI TEM(N1%):NEXT:TTX=TTX+NANS% :NANSX=NANSX-1

250KP\$=""

260PRINT TAB(1,27); "Which of these might I need to"

" ":LST\$+" ?"

270ENDPROC

280:

290REM -- Draw an item (1

300DEF PROCORITEM(NX):QST X=QUX(NX):RESTORE (10+QSTX+ 20000):READ ITEMS:PRINT TAB (1+(N% MOD 2)+28,1+(N% DIV 2) *9) ; NX+1; ". "+ITEM\$

318UX=(NX MOD 2) +680+58:V %=755-(N% DIV 2) *298

328MOVE UZ. VX: PLOT 1.0.28 8:PLOT 1,500,8:PLOT 1,0,-20 0:PLOT 1,-500,0

330D\$="":REPEAT PROCINTPR T:UNTIL D\$="#"

360REM -- Interpret graph ics code --370DEF PROCINTPRT: READ D\$: D\$=LEFT\$(D\$,1) 380IF D\$="E" THEN PROCELL :ENDPROC 3901F D\$()"+" THEN READ X X.YX ELSE ENDPROC 400IF D\$="M" THEN PTX=4 E LSE PTX=5 410PLOT PTX.UX+XX,VX+YX 420ENDPROC 430: 440REM -- Read answer fro 450DEF PROCANS 460AN\$="": REPEAT: REPEAT 478+FX21.8 480PRINT TAB(1,30); "Press 1-6 or F to finish :- "+C HR\$(8):: AN\$=GET\$: IF AN\$="f"

34BENDPROC

350REM:

From Page 55 THEN ANS="F" 4981F AN\$="q" OR AN\$="Q" THEN #FX218,1 5001F AN\$="s" OR AN\$="S" THEN *FX210,0 518UNTIL (AN\$)="1" AND AN \$(="6") DR AN\$="F" 528IF ANS="F" THEN PROCEN CH ELSE PROCNOCH: IF LEN(KP\$)=6 ANS="F": PROCENCH 530UNTIL ANS="F": ENDPROC 548: 550REM -- Number answer h andling --56@DEF PROCNOCH: ANSX=VAL (AN\$)-1: IF INSTR(KP\$, AN\$)=8 KPS=KPS+ANS 5781F QUX (ANSX) =- 2 THEN S DUND 1,-15,192,2:SOUND 1,-1 5.8.4: ENDPROC 580F1=FALSE:FOR N1=0 TO N ANSX: IF ANX(NX) = QUX(ANSX) T HEN FX=TRUE: ANX (NX) =- 2: QUX (ANSX) =-2

590NEXT: IF FX THEN PROCHE ER: MOVE (ANSX MOD 2) +600+51 8.798-(ANS% DIV 2)*298:PLOT 1,20,-30:PLOT 1,90,160:PRO CDEL: ENDPROC

600PROCRASP: MOVE (ANSX MO D 2) *600+50,755-(ANS% DIV 2 1*290:PLOT 1,500,200:PLOT 0 .-500.8:PLDT 1.500.-200:QUX (ANSX) =-1: HX=FALSE: PROCDEL: ENDPROC

610:

620REM -- Small delay --630DEF PROCDEL 640TIME=0: REPEAT UNTIL TI

ME=188

650ENDPROC

668:

670REM -- Blow raspberry

480DEF PROCRASP

698FOR PX=4 TO 7: SOUND 8, -15,P%,5:NEXT

7001F QUX (ANSX) <>-1 THEN WRX=WRX+1

718QU% (ANSX) =-2 720ENDPROC 730:

740REM -- Fanfare --750DEF PROCHEER 760RIX=RIX+1

770FOR PX=5 TO 20 STEP 15 780SOUND 1,-15,53,1

790SOUND 1,-15,69,1 808SOUND 1,-15,81,P% 810TIME=8: REPEAT UNTIL TI

ME = 25

820NEXT: ENDPROC

840REM -- End of answers

handling --

850DEF PROCENCH

860FX=FALSE:FOR NX=0 TO 5 8706%=TRUE:FOR PX=8 TO NA NSZ: IF (QUZ(NZ)=ANX(PZ)) AN D QUX(NX) >-1 THEN GX=FALSE: FX=TRUE

BEENEXT PX: IF 6% OR QUX (N X) (@ THEN LET XX=(NX MOD 2) +20: YX=(NX DIV 2) +9: FOR ZX= YX TO YX+8: PRINT TAB(XX, ZX) :SPC(20):NEXT ZZ

890NEXT NZ

900PRINT TAB(1,27)STRING\$ (78, " *)

918PRINT TAB(8,28);: IF F% THEN PRINT " What abou t this ?" ELSE IF NOT HX TH EN PRINT "You had some wron g guesses!" ELSE PRINT "

VERY WELL DONE !"

920PRINT TAB(0,30)STRING\$ (38." ")TAB(15.38) "Press SP ACE": REPEAT UNTIL GET = " ": ENDPROC

930:

940REM -- Draw an ellipse

950DEF PROCELL: READ XX.YX .R1.R2.A1.A2: INC=40/(R1+R2) :PLOT 4,R1*COS(A1)+UX+XX,R2 #SIN(A1)+VX+YX

960FOR A=A1 TO A2 STEP IN C:PLOT 5.R1*COS(A)+UX+XX.R2 *SIN(A)+V%+Y%: NEXT: ENDPROC

980REM -- Display scores

990DEF PROCSC: CLS: PRINT T AB(5.2): "Your final scores are !-"

1800PRINT" Total number o f items wanted ":TT% 1010PRINT" Total number o f correct answers ":RI% 1020PRINT" Total number o f wrong answers ": WRX 1030PRINT' Press SPACE fo r some one else to try* 1848*FX21,8

1050REPEAT: KEY\$=GET\$: IF KE

YS="q" OR KEYS="Q" THEN *FX

210.1

10601F KEY\$="s" DR KEY\$="S " THEN *FX210.8 1070UNTIL KEY\$=" ": ENDPROC

1080:

1090REM Print instructions

1100DEF PROCSETUP

1110DIM STX(9)

1120*FX18,0

1130*FX11.0 1140CLS

1150VDU 19,0,4;8;23,1,8;8;

1160PRINT: PRINT TAB (15) "AC TIVITIES"

1170PRINT " The computer will decide that it wants" 1180PRINT "to do something and will draw six items" 1190PRINT "on the screen.

along with their name &" 1200PRINT "a number. Some of the items drawn will"

1218PRINT "be needed to do whatever the computer' 1220PRINT "wants to do. Yo

u must tell it what it" 1230PRINT "needs by pressi ng keys 1-6. If the item" 1240PRINT "is needed then

a tick will be drawn by" 1250PRINT "the picture, ot

herwise it will be" 1260PRINT "crossed out. Yo u will have 10 tries"

1270PRINT "then the comput er will tell you your"

1280PRINT "score and ask f or someone else to try." 1298PRINT " Set the sound

effects on by pressing"'*t he 'S' key and turn them of f with the"'"'Q' key. This can be done now or at any"'

"time the computer is waiti ng for a key"'"to be presse d. Select now (S/Q) *

1300REPEAT: *FX21.0

1310key\$=CHR\$(GET AND &5F) 1320UNTIL key\$="S" OR key\$ ="0"

13301F kev\$="S" THEN #FX 2 10.0

1348IF key\$="Q" THEN *FX 2 10,1

1350PRINT '*Press SPACE to start, ESC for this page": 1360*FX21,0 1370REPEAT UNTIL SET\$=" ": CLS

1380FOR ICX=0 TO 9:STX(ICX) =-1: NEXT

1398ENDPROC

1400:

1410REM -- Error trapping

14200N ERROR OFF: IF ERR=17 THEN RUN ELSE MODEA: REPORT :PRINT " at line ";ERL:*FX1 2,8

1438END

1440:

10000 DATA plant some seeds .8.1,2,*

10001 DATA paint the house, 3,4,5,+

10002 DATA have my dinner,6 .7.8.16.*

10003 DATA build a sandcast le,0,9,*

10004 DATA oo for a drive,1 0.11.+

10005 DATA go for a sail,12 .13,14,# 10006 DATA have a drink of

tea, 15, 16, 17,* 10007 DATA fly in the sky.1

8.19.20.* 10008 DATA play cricket,21,

22,23,+ 10009 DATA tell the time, 24

,25,26,# 10010 DATA write a story, 27

,28,29,*

10011 DATA wash the windows ,9,4,30,#

18012 DATA do some woodwork ,28,31,32,33,36,+ 10013 DATA do some cooking,

6.8.34.35.* 10014 DATA mend the car, 10,

36,37,32,38,+ 10015 DATA clean my teeth, 3

9,48,41,# 10016 DATA wash my face, 42, 43,44,45,+

10017 DATA walk in the rain

,46,47,48,+ 10018 DATA do my shopping,4

9,50,51.* 10019 DATA play a tune, 52,5

3,54.

10020 DATA go for a swim, 13 ,43,55,# 18821 DATA play football.21

.56.57.4 18022 DATA have a party,58,

59,60,*

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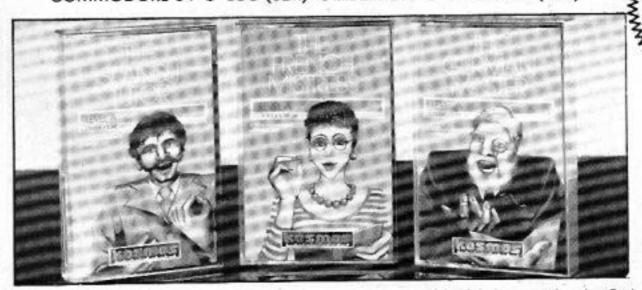
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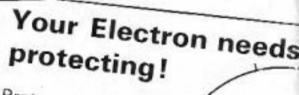
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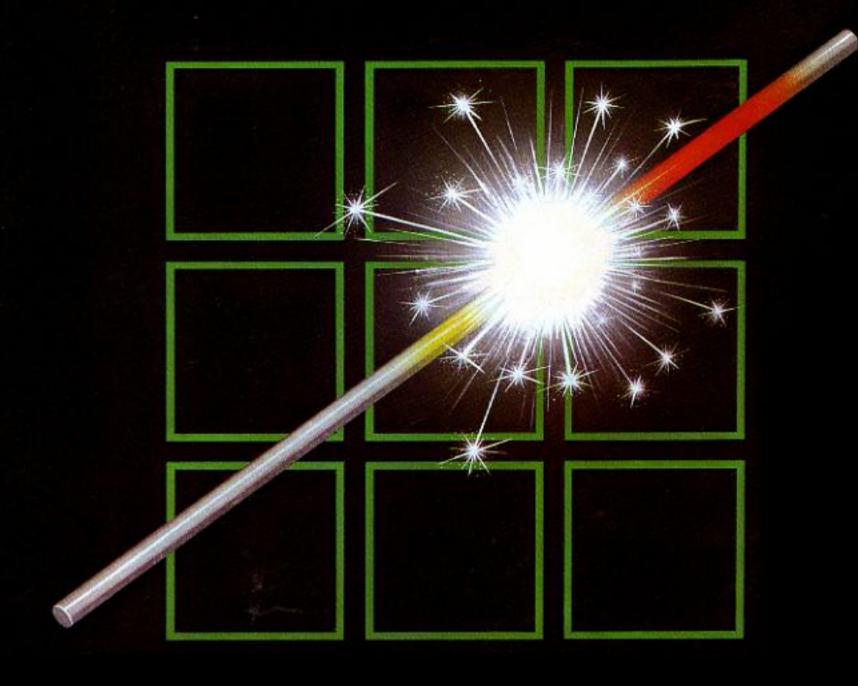
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