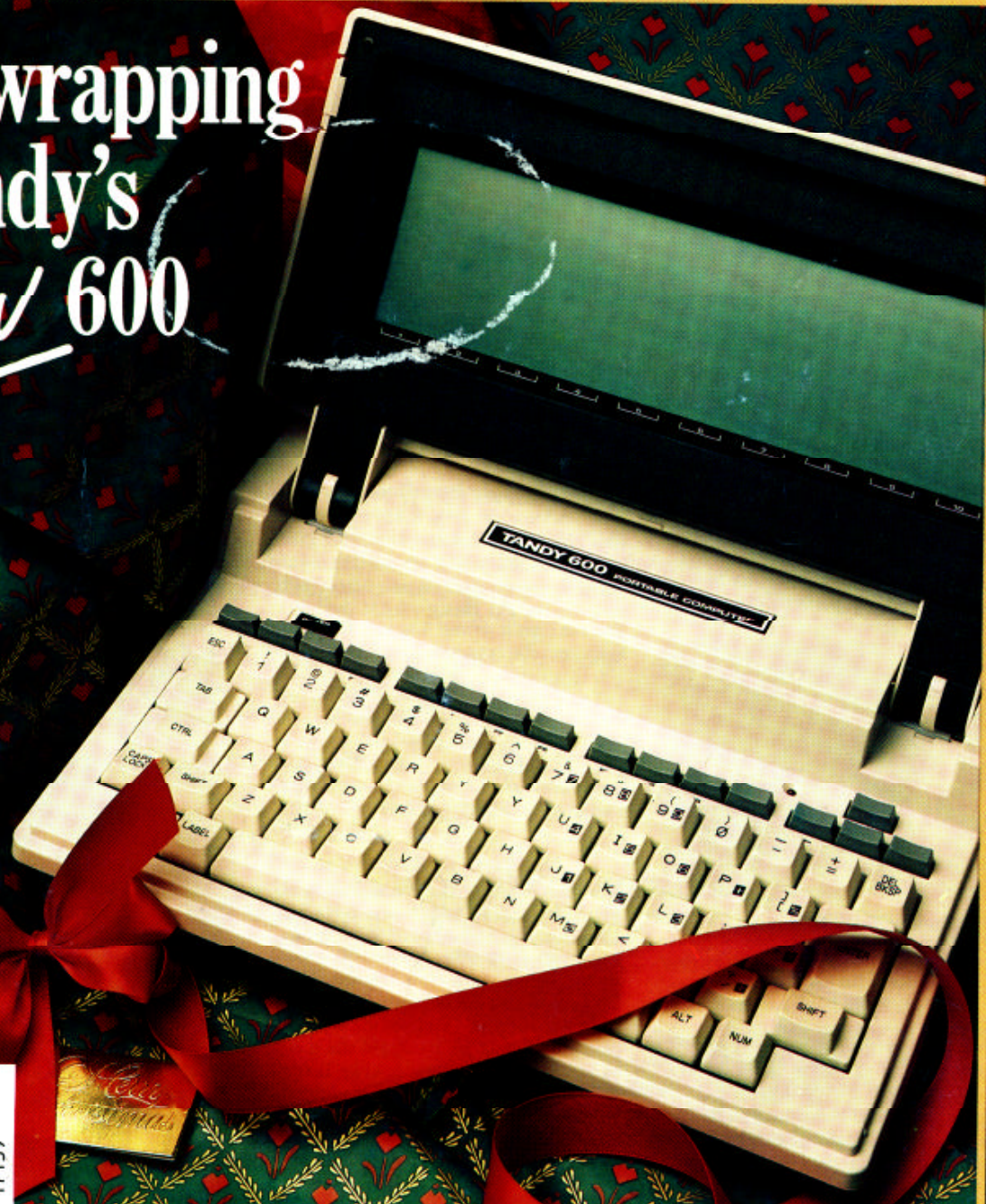


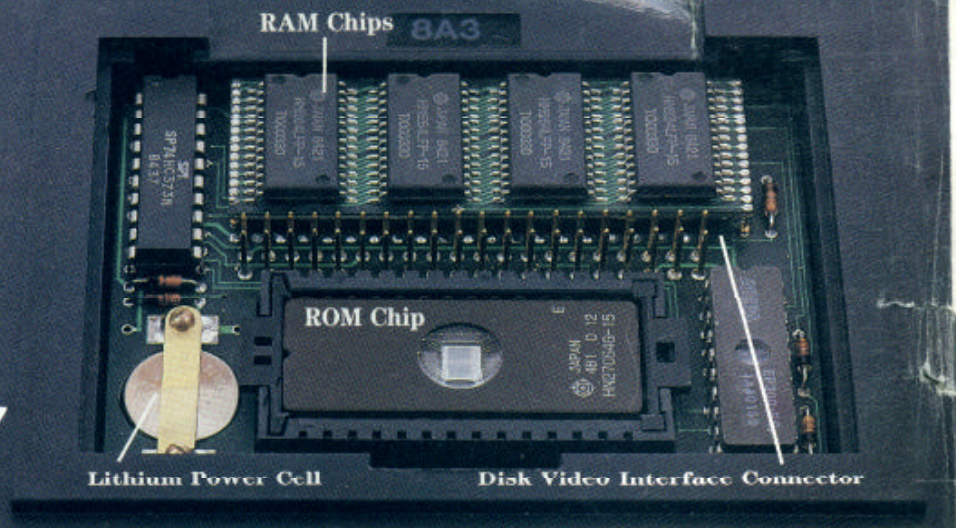
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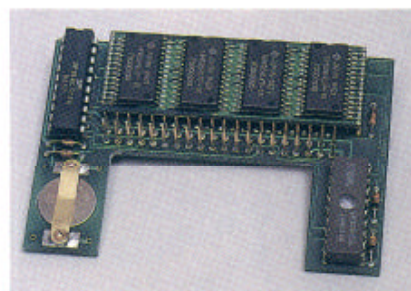


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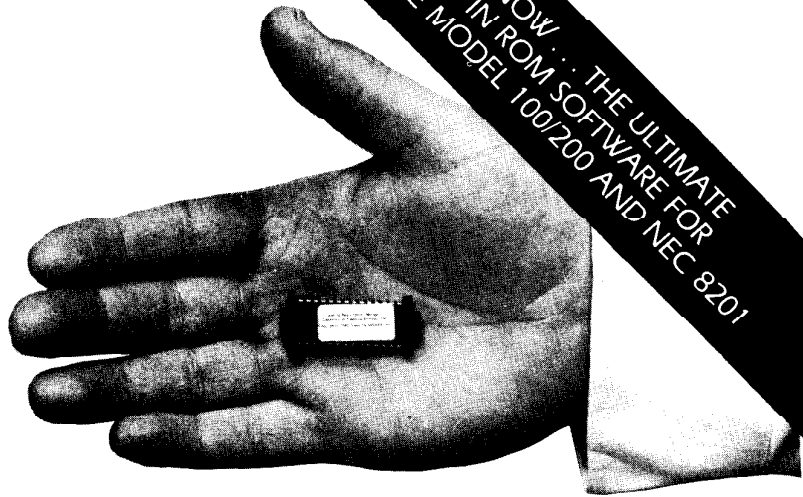
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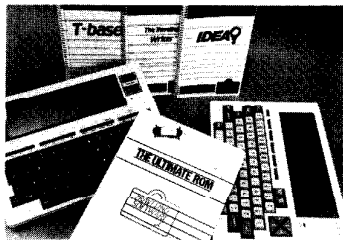
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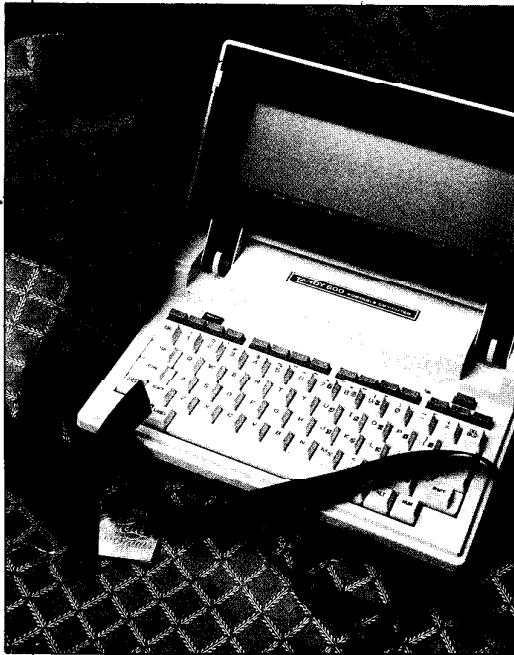
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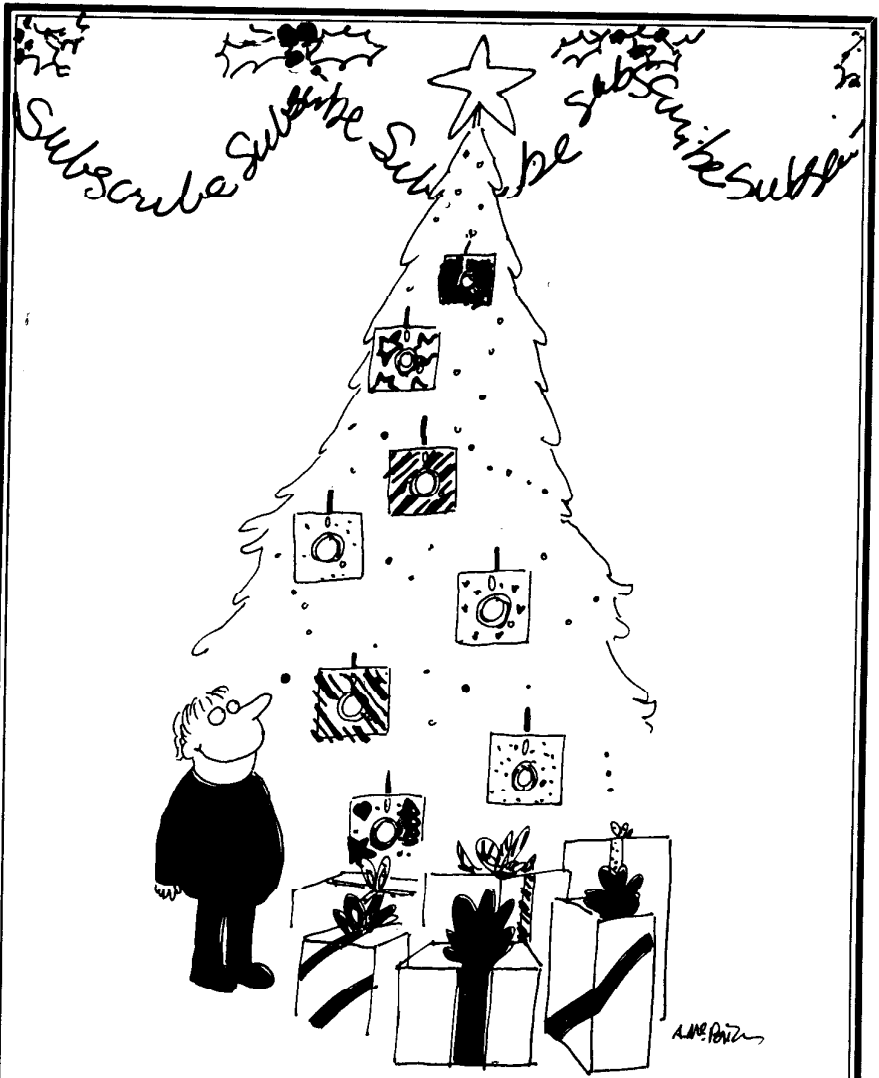
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The last few months have seen a rash of ROMware introductions: Portable Computer Support Group's Write ROM, Traveling Software's Ultimate ROM, Polar Engineering's Cleuseau, Tandy's Interactive Solutions, and on and on.

There are as yet few players in the option ROM market. That's because the obstacles to putting programs on chips are financial, not technological. Thanks to pioneer work by Polar's Tom Bennett, the mechanical and electronic techniques are well understood. But the process of mastering a ROM and manufacturing the first production run is a fiscally daunting one. The high entrance fee in the option ROM derby has limited full-scale participation to a couple of large companies.

MY ROM'S BETTER THAN YOUR ROM

The two main players are Dallas-based Portable Computer Support Group and Traveling Software of Seattle. PCSG and Traveling Software have commanded a lion's share of the Model 100 third-party software market for almost two years. Although a couple dozen other firms offer very fine products for the 100 and 200, only PCSG and Traveling Software (and Tandy, of course, but that's a different story) have the financial clout to be pioneers in the option ROM wilderness.

Predictably enough, the two companies have become fierce rivals. When one introduces a product, the other quickly announces a knock-off with a lower price or extra features. It's the "anything you can do, I can do better" approach to product marketing.

Because of the intense competition, product development is proceeding at a fast and furious pace. Some products hardly have time to establish themselves before they're outdated.

Six months ago PCSG introduced the Six-ROM Bank. The ad proclaimed that it would let users access Lucid, Write ROM and other firmware applications instantly. It cost \$269 — not counting the price of the software.

Then Traveling Software introduced the Ultimate ROM. You get virtually the same capability for \$239.95.

PCSG responded with Super ROM, an Ultimate ROM clone that includes its best-selling spreadsheet manager, Lucid. If you read the Super ROM ad closely, you'll notice some small italic print in the lower right corner: *Got stuck with somebody else's multi-ROM? We'll upgrade it for \$100.* There's really no question about whose multi-ROM they mean.

It didn't take Traveling Software long to retaliate. Ultimate ROM II, introduced in the New Products department of this issue, is bigger, better and faster than its predecessor.

Like PCSG, Traveling Software offers a \$100 rebate to owners of selected ROMs. And we all know who tops the "selected" list.

It's easy to get caught up in the spectacle, watching these two companies spend vital resources clobbering each other instead of concentrating on business. It's quite a show.

But the competition isn't just entertaining; it's productive. It's paying off in immediate benefits to all of us who use Tandy laptops.

In their constant attempts to outdo each other, PCSG and Traveling Software are outdoing themselves, stretching their research and development dollars to the maximum and introducing products that dazzle. The competition is even helping to drive costs down. So we're all better off.

The danger, of course, is that one company might gain the upper hand, might drive the other out of the laptop market and into a safer occupation like crocodile wrestling or exhibition skydiving. If one loses, we all lose.

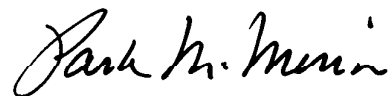
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As you may have noticed on the cover of this issue, we've made a name change. Thanks to the new Tandy 600 we will, at least for the time being, call ourselves *Portable 100/200/600*. We know it's a mouthful but it's the only name that truly represents what we're all about. Don't worry though. We still respond to *Portable 100*, *Portable 100/200* and the occasional, "Hey you."

Speaking of the 600, it's the subject of our cover story this month. This is the second issue in a row that's featured a Tandy product on the cover. Are we showing favoritism? Not at all. It's just that Tandy has introduced two significant products at essentially the same time. They were ready to be reviewed and we did just that.

Also included this month are some programs that we think are just downright fun. A hearing test, an egg nog recipe, bearing and distance calculations, and more. In addition, we've reviewed a number of leading products — including PCSG's Six ROM Bank, which lets you use Write ROM, Lucid, Ultimate ROM, Super ROM and Ultimate ROM II all at once in the same machine if you've a mind to.

All together, they make this the largest issue in our history. Appropriately enough, it comes at that time of year when giving is better than receiving. Merry Christmas.



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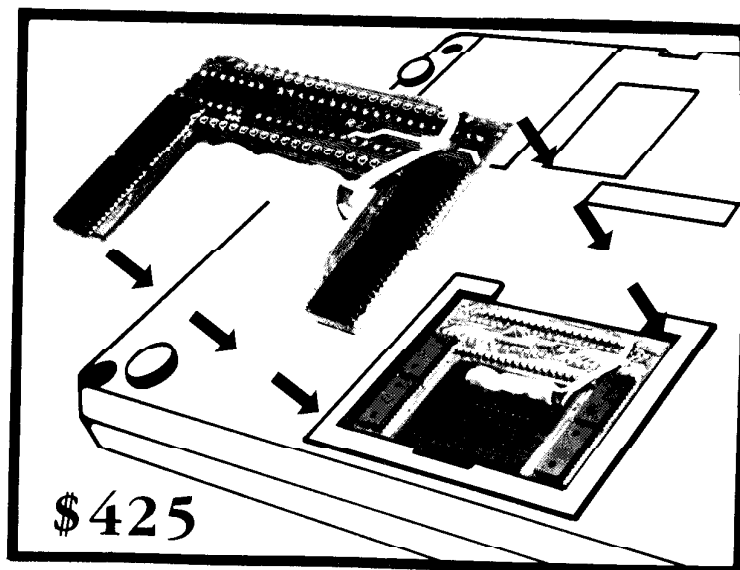
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What is also fantastic is that you don't have to have the ROM in place to use the additional RAM. Whenever you take out the snap-in ROM it leaves behind a tiny machine code program that lets you switch from bank to bank just by pressing ENTER.

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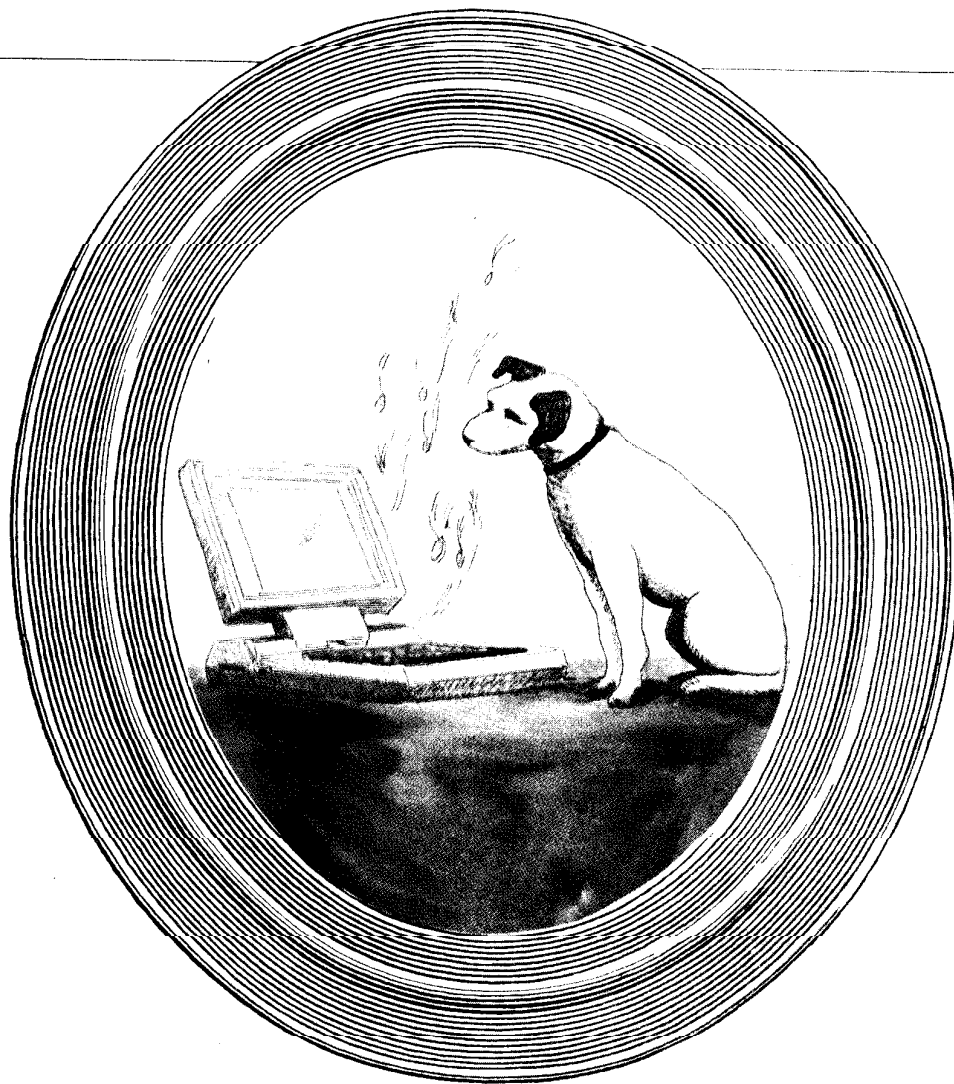
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High-Tech Hearing Test

By Janet Goldenberg

If you've ever experimented with the Model 100's sound generator, you've probably learned how to play simple tunes, using the SOUND command and the table of pitch values on page 180 in the user's manual. Programming music this way is tedious and awkward; but as Samuel Johnson said about dogs walking on their hind legs, you're surprised it can be done at all.

What you may find even more surprising, however, is that the Model 100 is not limited to the pitches in the table. The table list ranges from pitches 12535 to 415, but a cryptic phrase above it indicates the full range is actually 16383 to 0. (Despite what the manual says, *lower* numbers sound *higher* pitches, not vice versa.) By trying the following two-line program, you can demonstrate for yourself that the Model 100 will produce notes somewhat lower, and far higher, than the ones in the table. In fact far higher than you can hear.

```
10 FOR P=16383 TO 0 STEP -50
```

```
20 SOUND P,2:NEXT P
```

Notice how the pitches climb and then vanish entirely, except for the soft on-off click of the tone generator. If you start this *glissando* higher in its range and ascend it more gradually, this auditory vanishing point is more pronounced:

```
10 FOR I=1000 TO 0 STEP -25
```

```
20 SOUND I,16:NEXT I
```

SOUNDING OFF

In trials on human subjects I've determined this pitch threshold varies with the hearer. For me it's around pitch 200; for you it may be slightly lower or higher. What this implies is that at least some of Model 100's "silent" high notes are actually ultrasonic tones. These are the frequencies, above human hearing, which your dog responds to when you blow a dog whistle and which bats use to navigate in the dark.

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HEARING TEST

Table 1

HEARING & SOUND EMISSION OF SUNDRY ANIMALS & DEVICES IN HERTZ (CYCLES PER SECOND)

HEARING:

Crococile	20 - 6,000
Human	20 - 20,000
Dog	15 - 50,000
Cat	60 - 65,000
Bat	1000 - 120,000
Moth	3000 - 150,000
Porpoise	150 - 150,000

SOUND EMISSION:

Dog	452 - 1080
Human	85 - 1100
Cat	760 - 1520
Horse	320 - 3040
Piano	30 - 4100
Dog Whistle	12,000 - 14,000
Sonar	10,000 - 50,000
Bat	10,000 - 120,000

*Model 100 150 - 190,000+

Sources: Life Science Library: Sound & Hearing, Time, Inc., 1965 and The New Columbia Encyclopedia, Columbia University Press, 1975.

Why was this talent built into the Model 100? Not only couldn't Tandy explain it when asked recently, but they didn't even know about it. "Ultrasound? You've got to be kidding," responded product manager Stuart Weinstock through a spokesperson. "That's the first we've heard of it. We certainly didn't design it that way." Nonetheless, though I didn't confirm this with an oscilloscope, logic suggests it exists.

To calculate just how high these ultrafrequencies might be, I first calibrated one of the Model 100's lower, audible octaves with its equivalent on the piano, whose pitch frequencies are well known. Then, invoking a basic principle of acoustics, I doubled these numbers to obtain the frequencies for each higher octave. Adult humans normally hear between 20 and 20,000 vibrations per

second (also called "cycles per second" or "hertz"). Children can hear as high as 40,000 vps, dogs up to 50,000 vps. The Model 100, by my calculations, can theoretically produce pitches higher than 190,000 vps, which would put it in a league with bats, porpoises and the U.S. Navy. Whether the Model 100's speaker can actually handle frequencies that high is another question. (Top-of-the-line stereo tweeters rarely exceed 25,000 vps.) But at the lower end of the scale, at least, I've proved to my satisfaction that sound indeed comes out — even if we can't hear it.

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

To make use of this peculiar feature, I wrote a program that turns the Model 100 into a crude version of the audiometer they used to test your hearing in

Table 2.0: Pitch Values

OCTAVE

NOTE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
G	12538	6269	3134	1567	784	392	196	98	49	24
G#	11836	5918	2959	1479	739	370	185	92	46	23
A	11172	5586	2793	1396	698	349	175	87	44	22
A#	10544	5272	2636	1318	659	329	165	82	41	21
B	9952	4976	2488	1244	622	311	155	78	39	19
C	9394	4697	2348	1174	587	294	147	73	37	18
C#	8866	4433	2216	1108	554	277	139	69	35	17
D	8368	4184	2092	1046	523	261	131	65	33	16
D#	7900	3950	1975	987	494	247	123	62	31	15
E	7456	3728	1864	932	466	233	116	58	29	15
F	7032	3516	1758	879	439	220	110	55	27	14
F#	6642	3321	1660	830	415	208	104	52	26	13

HEARING TEST

Table 2.1: Frequencies

OCTAVE

NOTE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
G	196	392	784	1586	3136	6272	12544	25088	50176	100352
G#	207	415	830	1660	3320	6640	13280	26560	53120	106240
A	220	440	880	1760	3520	7040	14080	28160	56320	115640
A#	233	466	932	1864	3728	7456	14912	29824	59648	119296
B	247	494	988	1976	3952	7904	15808	31616	63232	126464
C	264	528	1056	2112	4224	8448	16896	33792	67584	135168
C#	277	554	1108	2216	4432	8864	17728	35456	70912	141824
D	294	588	1176	2352	4704	9408	18816	37632	75264	150528
D#	311	622	1244	2488	4976	9952	19904	39808	79616	159232
E	330	660	1320	2640	5280	10560	21120	42240	84480	168960
F	349	698	1396	2792	5584	11168	22336	44672	89344	178688
F#	370	740	1480	2960	5920	11840	23680	47360	94720	189440

grade school. As you may recall, that device had earphones through which you listened for tones in either ear. When you heard one, you raised a hand. One essential difference in my program is that while audiometers usually test in the 100-10,000 vps range, the Model 100 can test you only at the high end of the range since its absolute lowest pitch (16383) is around 150 vps.

Another difference is that your ability to hear a given pitch depends on how loudly it's played. Since the Model 100's volume can't be increased, it's unlikely you can hear all the way to 20,000 vps. Finally, since the Model 100 lacks stereo channels and earphones, you can't test each ear individually, nor can you exclude outside noise. Within these limits, however, you can have fun hearing how you stack up against friends and pets.

I tried this recently in a friend's living room in the Sierra foothills, where six of us had gathered with sundry dogs and cats. Interestingly, while most of the humans heard an average maximum of around 12,000 vps, the women heard

higher frequencies than the men. One woman, a horse trainer who claimed that as a child she could hear bats squeaking, topped us all by hearing over 16,000 vps.

Though we couldn't measure their responses exactly, the animals' body language seemed to indicate they were registering some "silent" high sounds we were missing. One of the dogs dropped to the rug and rolled his eyes as if pleading with us to stop, and all the cats left the room, though that wasn't too unusual.

Eager to test the Model 100 to its limits, I went outside to try it on Echo, my friends' Appaloosa mare. At the first ultrasonic squeak, Echo perked up her ears and moved closer to the fence — but I can't be sure of the cause. It may have been the Model 100, or it may — just possibly — have been the carrot in my other hand. □

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Listing 1: Hearing Test

This program uses the Model 100's ultrasonic range to test your hearing. After playing each note, starting at SOUND 50 or about 49,140 hertz, the computer asks if you have heard it. If you answer no, it proceeds to the next lower pitch value at an interval of 20, then asks you again. When you finally answer yes, the program tells you the highest pitch you heard, in hertz. Note that children and women can generally hear higher tones than can older adults and men.

```

30 ' *           HEARING TEST           *
40 ' *           (HRTST, BA)           *
50 ' *           By Janet Goldenberg    *
100 CLS
:FOR S=1000 TO 0 STEP -50
:SOUND S,2
:NEXT S
    
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200 PRINT "This is a text of your high-frequency
hearing..."
:FOR X=1 TO 500
:NEXT X
300 CLS
:PRINT"Listen to the interval between"
400 PRINT"the two clicks. If you hear nothing,"
500 PRINT"type 'N <ENTER>', and the computer"
600 PRINT"will test you with the next lower tone."
700 PRINT"if you hear something, type 'Y <ENTER>',"
800 PRINT"and the computer will report what"
900 PRINT"frequency you heard."
1000 FOR X=1 TO 500
:NEXT X
1100 INPUT"        READY (press <ENTER>);R$
:FOR X=1 TO 500
:NEXT X
1200 CLS
:PRINT"LISTEN..."
:FOR X=1 TO 500
:NEXT X
1300 FOR N=50 TO 350 STEP 20
:SOUND N,50
1400 INPUT"Did you hear that tone (Y/N)";A$
1500 IF (A$="Y") OR (A$="y") THEN 1600 ELSE NEXT N
1600 CLS
:PRINT"The highest pitch adults can normally"
:PRINT"hear is 20,000 vibrations per second
(Hz)."
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1700 PRINT"In this test you heard approximately"
INT(110/N*22336) "Hz."
1800 FOR X=1 TO 500
:NEXT X
:PRINT""
1900 INPUT"Do you want to try again (Y/N)";B$
2000 IF (B$="Y") OR (B$="y") THEN 1200 ELSE END
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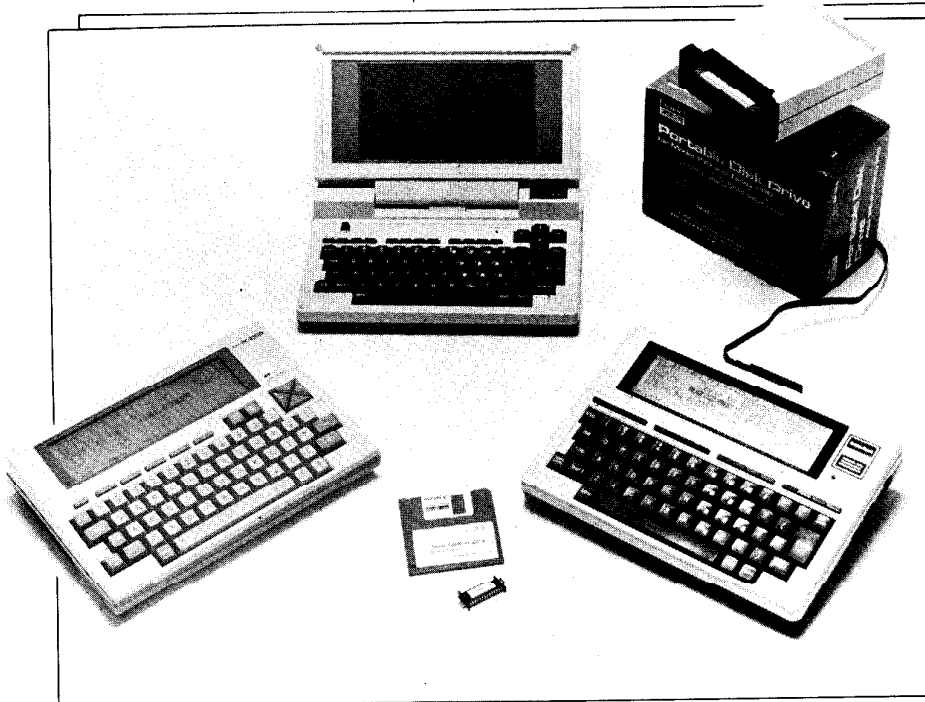
Listing 2: Pet Reveille

Next time your dog or cat drops off to sleep, try this ultrasonic alarm and see what happens. Note that in the higher audible octaves, the melody may not sound right to you. That's because people normally have trouble distinguishing pitches at the high end of the hearing spectrum.

```

20 CLS
:PRINT "        Pat Reveille"
30 'Transcribed by J. Goldenberg
40 PRINT "You can play this tune in any of 9
octables, each octave higher than the other"
50 PRINT "1-5 = Humans      .6 = You and Dog
7-8 = Dogs, Cats  9 = Bats, NATO"
70 INPUT"Octave (1-9)";R
80 IF R=1 THEN X=1
90 IF R=2 THEN X=2
100 IF R=3 THEN X=4
110 IF R=4 THEN X=8
160 IF R=5 THEN X=16
170 IF R=6 THEN X=32
180 IF R=7 THEN X=64
190 IF R=8 THEN X=128
200 IF R=9 THEN X=256
210 G=12538/X
220 C=9394/X
230 E=7456/X
240 GP=6269/X
260 GOSUB 5000
270 SOUND C,8
:SOUND E,16
:SOUND C,8
280 GOSUB 5000
290 SOUND G,8
:SOUND C,24
2000 FOR J=1 TO 5
:SOUND E,8
:NEXT J
2100 SOUND GP,16
:SOUND E,8
:SOUND C,8
2200 SOUND E,8
:SOUND C,8
:SOUND E,8
:SOUND C,8
:SOUND G,8
:SOUND G,8
:SOUND G,8
:SOUND G,8
:SOUND G,8
:SOUND G,24
2600 PRINT""
:INPUT"ENCORE (Y/N)";E$
2700 IF (E$="Y") OR (E$="y") THEN 20 ELSE END
5000 SOUND G,8
5100 FOR I=1 TO 2
5200 SOUND C,8
:SOUND E,4
:SOUND C,4
:SOUND G,8
:SOUND E,8
5300 NEXT I
5400 SOUND C,8
:SOUND E,4
:SOUND C,4
:SOUND G,8
5500 RETURN
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THE MIGHTY GET MIGHTIER



Traveling Software, the Seattle-based software company for portable computers, has announced its second generation program ROM: The Ultimate ROM II.

The Ultimate ROM II, available for the Model 100, Tandy 200 and NEC PC-8201, is a major upgrade of the company's Ultimate ROM, introduced in the August issue of Portable 100/200. The new firmware contains a new word processor and 80-column display program, as well as enhanced versions of Idea and T-base.

The Ultimate ROM II's new word processing package is T-Word. According to Mark Eppley, president of Traveling Software, "T-Word has many additional text editing and formatting functions such as overwrite mode, page plotting and search and replace. And, with ROM-VIEW 80, you now have full 80-column text editing capability."

ROM-VIEW 80 enables BASIC, TEXT and TELCOM to function in an 80-column display mode. The firmware generates a smaller 60-column character set for the Model 100 or NEC PC-

8201; lines longer than 60 columns are automatically scrolled during editing. All editing functions of the computer's built-in TEXT program are available under ROM-VIEW 80. This program is not currently available in the Tandy 200 versions of the Ultimate ROM II.

Two of Traveling Software's programs included in the original Ultimate ROM, Idea and T-base, have undergone substantial modification, according to Eppley. T-base, a relational database program, now includes advanced math calculation and is five times faster. Idea, an outline processor, is also five times faster.

A new feature of Idea is optional ThinkTank file compatibility. Files created by ThinkTank, an MS-DOS outline processor by Living Videotext, can be converted to and from Idea format. ThinkTank files are compressed five times during the conversion process, so as to fit into the laptop computer's limited random-access memory (RAM). According to Eppley, "It's possible to take a 100K ThinkTank file from your IBM PC and use it in a Model 100 as a 20K Idea

file."

Another feature of the new firmware is a gateway for future support of the new Tandy portable 3.5-inch disk drive. "We don't want to pre-announce any new products," said Eppley, "but we thought it was important to our customers to know that we have built the foundation for disk drive support into the Ultimate ROM II."

The Ultimate ROM II is available for the same price as the original firmware: \$229.85. Upgrades from the Ultimate ROM are \$49, and through January 1, Traveling Software is offering \$100 off with the trade in of selected ROM products. The Ultimate ROM II is also sold through Radio Shack's Express Order Software (EOS) — catalog number 90-0409 for the Model 100 version, number 90-4010 for the Tandy 200. Or, contact Traveling Software directly at 11050 Fifth Ave., Seattle, WA 98125, (800) 343-8080.

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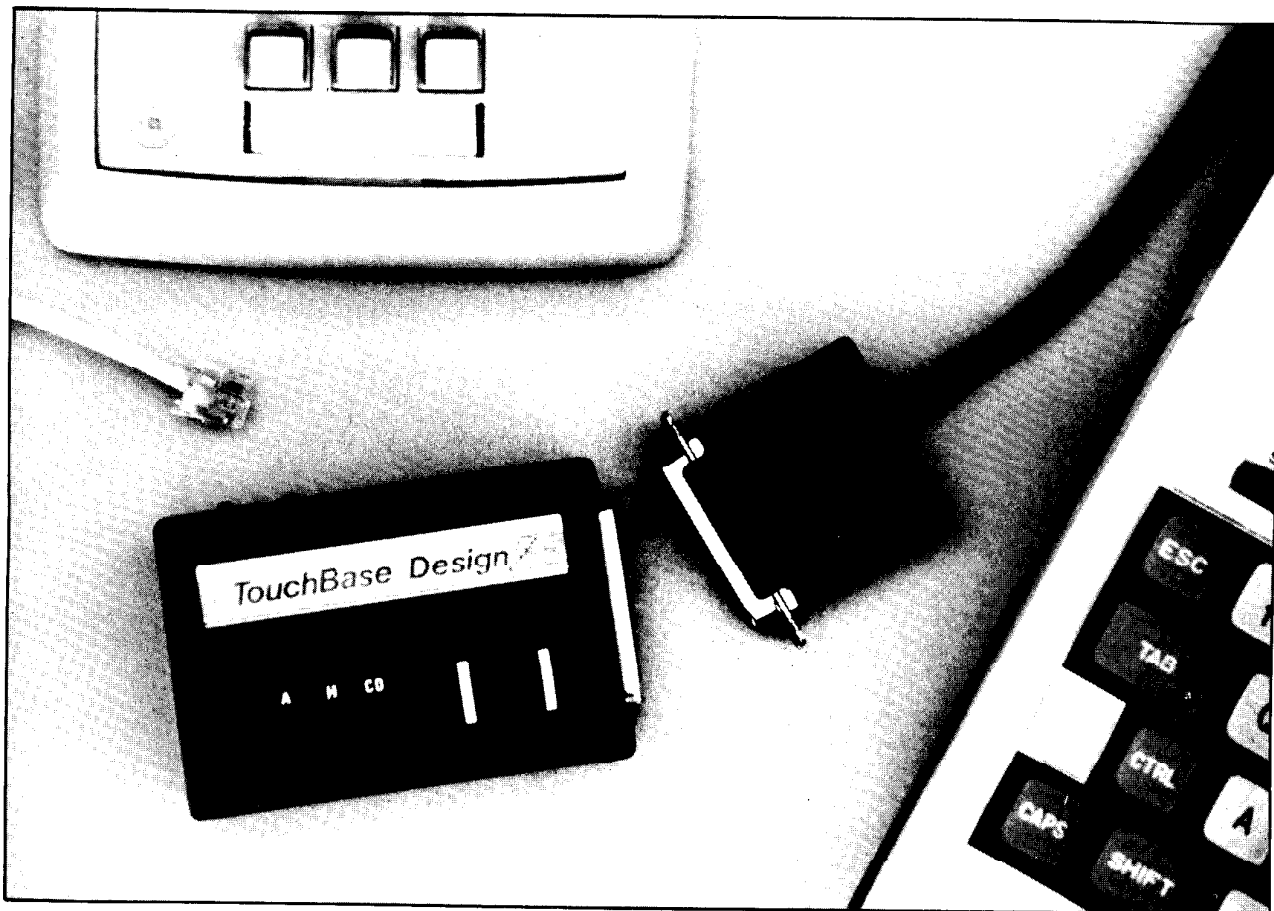
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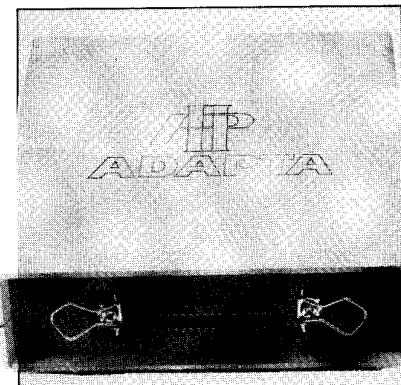
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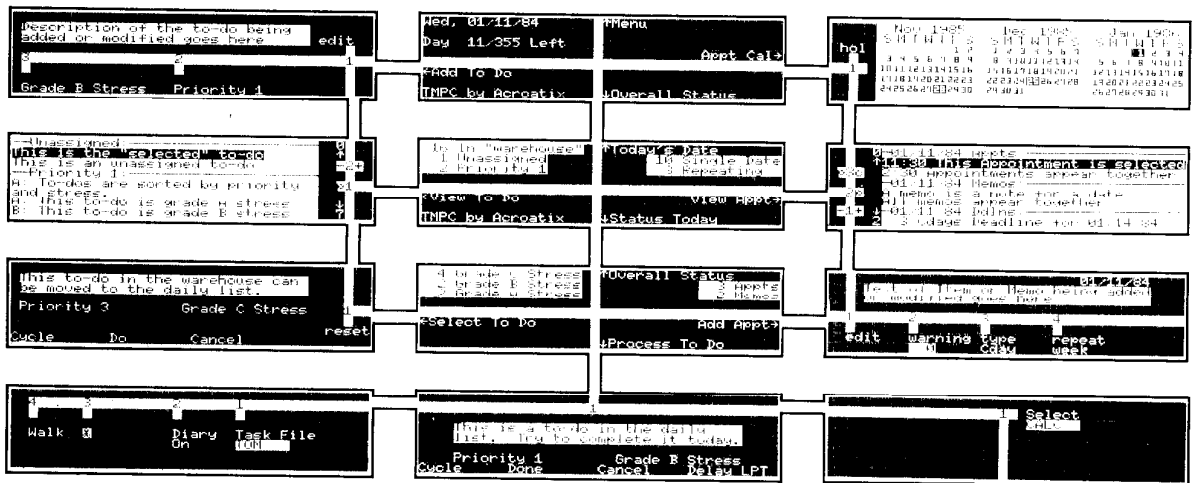
The parallel interface uses ACK and BUSY to control the parallel port data stream. The connector is Centronics-type parallel.

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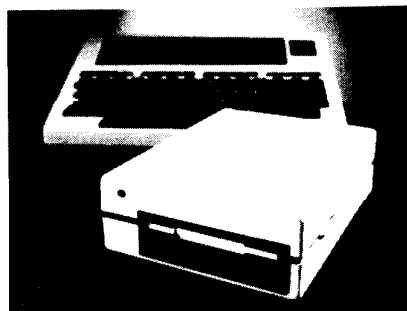
The calendar program is usable for two reasons, first it is designed correctly, and second you have the memory (358K) on the diskette to log and access a tremendous amount of notes over a long period of time.

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Tandy Takes The High Road

By J. D. Hildebrand

Amid speculation, controversy, prophecy, before-the-fact second-guessing and a fair amount of fanfare the Tandy 600 was introduced October 28, 1985.

The introduction followed months of media guesswork and official denials, most centered around a non-existent MS-DOS laptop capable of running programs written for the IBM PC. Speculation continued even following an official denial from Radio Shack market planning director Ed Juge.

For Tandy watchers and laptop-industry enthusiasts the Tandy 600 is immediately a disappointment. Never mind

that the benefits of IBM compatibility haven't been proved in the laptop market. Never mind that the 600 is easier to use than MS-DOS computers by several orders of magnitude. Never mind that it's got more power than most laptop users are ever likely to need. The widespread reaction will be that it's behind the times, obsolete upon introduction — not Tandy's best effort.

In introducing this system at this time, Tandy has chosen to follow a perilous strategy. The company isn't following the current wisdom that says users want MS-DOS laptops. Instead, they're focusing on feedback to the Model 100

and Tandy 200, introducing the system users say they need.

The success of the Tandy 600 will ultimately depend upon whether computer purchases are based on hype-fueled wants or business needs.

SYNERGISM

Buckminster Fuller defined synergy as the quality distinguishing a system whose behavior couldn't be predicted from the behavior of its parts. All computers are synergistic systems to some extent. The Tandy 600 is more unpredictable than most.



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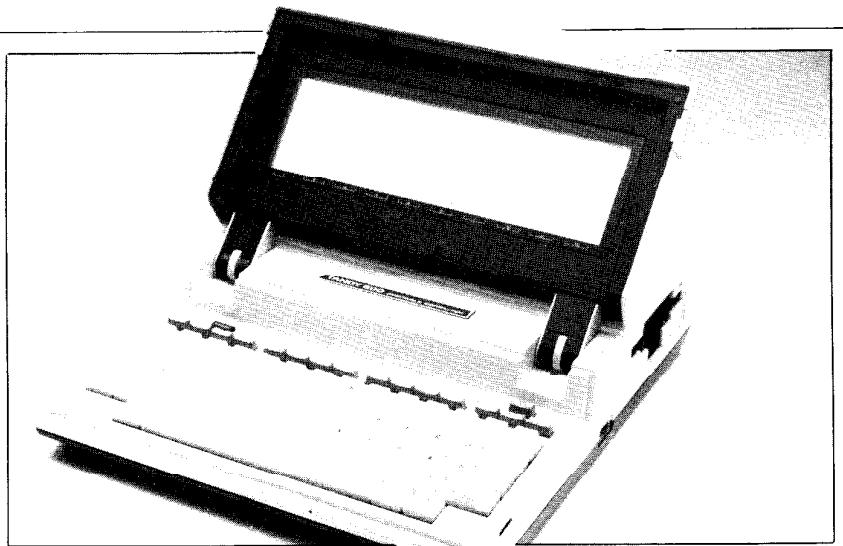
TANDY 600

Still, a discussion of the whole is meaningless without some enumeration of the parts. For the record, here they are:

- 32 kilobytes (K) of random-access memory (RAM), expandable to 224K.
- A flip-up, 80 by 16 liquid-crystal display (LCD).
- A built-in 300 bits-per-second (bps) modem.
- An internal 3.5-inch disk drive that stores 360K of programs and data.
- A 16-bit 80C80 complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (CMOS) microprocessor.
- An RS-232 port and a Centronics-compatible parallel printer interface.
- An expansion bus for addition of an external floppy drive or other peripherals.
- Built-in rechargeable batteries, and an AC adapter/charger.
- Read-only memory (ROM)-based applications: System Manager, Word, Calendar, File, Telcom and Multiplan.
- One option ROM socket (accessible by removing Multiplan) that holds BA-SIC or other ROMs.

The entire package retails for \$1,599 with 32K of RAM. Memory upgrades from Tandy cost \$399.95 for each 96K of add-on RAM.

Like the 100 and 200, the 600 has a 72-key keyboard. Current Tandy laptop users will feel comfortable with its layout: 10 programmable function keys, an embedded numeric keypad, plus dedi-



The 600's 16-line, 80-character display locks at any convenient viewing angle.

cated keys for Break/Pause, Print, Ctrl, Label, Alt and Num.

A recessed button marked "Power" sits above the first four function keys, just where a similar button is placed on the 200. However, its operation is different. The 200's pop-up button is designed to turn the computer on and off when users open and close the case. But Tandy found users got into the habit of turning the computer off when they were done. Then when they closed the case they turned it back on, diminishing battery life. So the 600's power must be turned on and off deliberately.

Power is an important issue with the 600. Because Tandy rates its battery life at just six to 11 hours (depending on disk, printer and RS-232 use), the built-in nickel cadmium batteries, or nicads, need frequent charging. This is probably Tandy's poorest design decision. Imagine you're traveling on business when your power runs low. Would you rather pull some spare batteries out of your briefcase and replace them, or find a power outlet to plug in the bulky recharger and leave the computer sitting for 14 hours to recharge?

Compounding the problem is the fact

How the 600 Fits In

Model	Price	Screen/Modem	Memory	Applications	Storage
Model 100	\$599	8x40 LCD yes	24K RAM 32K ROM	BASIC, TEXT, TELCOM, SCHEDL, ADDRS	
Epson Geneva	\$995	8x80 LCD no	64K RAM 32K ROM	CP/M, BASIC, WordStar, Portable Calc, Portable Scheduler	internal cassette
NEC Starlet	\$995	16x80 LCD yes	64K RAM 32K ROM	CP/M, BASIC, WordStar, Portable Calc, Portable Scheduler	
Tandy 200	\$999	16x40 LCD yes	24K RAM 72K ROM	BASIC, TEXT, TELCOM, MULTIPLAN, SCHEDULE, ADDRS	
Tandy 600	\$1,599	16x80 LCD yes	32K RAM 160K ROM	WORD, CALENDAR, FILE, TELCOM, MULTIPLAN	360K micro-floppy
Data General One	\$2,695	25x80 LCD no	256K RAM 32K ROM	MS-DOS, BASIC, memo writer terminal emulation	360K micro-floppies
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that running the unit from AC power via the recharger/adaptor doesn't recharge the batteries. And the user manual cautions, "Always allow enough time for a full charge when recharging the batteries." You've had your six to 11 hours of use — now leave the computer alone for 14. This restriction limits the 600's use as a portable.

Further compromising portability is the 600's sheer bulk. Users marvelled at the 200's specs — 11.75 by 8.5 by 2.25 inches, it weighs just 4.5 pounds. The 9.5-pound Tandy 600, in contrast, measures 12.75 by 11.5 by 2.5 inches. It's too big to fit into a briefcase and too heavy to carry far without major motivation.

Is this a fair complaint? Yes and no. A

computer this big, especially one without a handle, isn't conveniently portable. But it's probably the smallest computer you can build with an internal disk drive. If portability is more important to you than disk storage, choose the 100 or 200. If you need a drive, the 600's for you.

The 600's 80-character, 16-line LCD isn't as readable as the 100's or the 200's. This probably isn't a fair complaint either; the 100 and 200 have the most legible LCDs in the industry, and anything else suffers by comparison. On its own merits the 600's screen is perfectly readable under most lighting conditions, at least for short periods of time. A thumbwheel on the side of the com-

puter allows users to vary contrast, and the unit's case mechanism allows the operator to lock the screen at virtually any angle.

MICROSOFT WORKS

The key to the 600 is its bundled software, developed — like MS-DOS and the firmware that comes with Tandy's other laptops — by Microsoft of Bellevue, Washington. The ROM-based programs are collectively called Microsoft Works, and they include a System Manager, Word, Calendar, File, Telcom and Multiplan. In a departure that gives keen insight into Tandy's plans for the 600, BASIC isn't included. This computer is for professional users, not primarily for hobbyists or programmers. For the latter, a \$129.95 BASIC ROM is available. It fits into the unit's single option ROM socket, replacing Multiplan.

The 600's 80C88 microprocessor — a CMOS version of the 16-bit chip that controls the IBM PC — is capable of addressing far more memory than the eight-bit chip inside the 100 and 200. The prospect of 224K of RAM should have most current Tandy laptop users foaming at the mouth, or drooling a little at least.

Expansion memory is expensive but important. Each of the built-in applications requires work space (ranging from 3,700 bytes in Word to 6,500 bytes in Telcom). While the built-in disk drive makes memory-based file storage space less necessary, most users will probably purchase at least one 96K RAM upgrade. Economies of scale and third-party suppliers should eventually drive the cost of the upgrade far below Tandy's current \$399.95 retail price.

In contrast to the "invisible operating system" that controls the Model 100 and Tandy 200, the 600's System Manager is dismayingly visible. This is the first Tandy laptop you can't thrust into a new user's hands confident of immediate adoption. Hours of practice and thorough manual reading are required. With practice, using the 600 could eventually become second nature, but never intuitive.

When you turn the computer on you're confronted with a list of applications and a command line across the bottom of the screen. The arrow keys step you through the applications, allowing you to highlight selected programs with the familiar wide-bar cursor.

The space bar moves a second wide-bar cursor over the commands that appear on line 14 of the 600's LCD. You may select Copy, Delete, List, Name, Options, Run or Set. These are operating



Like its tiny Tandy cousins, the 600 (center) has a 72-key keyboard with an embedded numberpad.

Method in Tandy's Madness

Though this be madness, yet there is method in 't.

William Shakespeare
Hamlet, Act II, Scene 2

Everyone expected Tandy's next laptop computer to run MS-DOS. *Everyone.* IBM-compatible laptops are the next big thing, after all, and anyone who introduces one will quickly and automatically become rich. Right?

Wrong. IBM-compatible laptops were released at an astonishing rate during the past 12 months, beginning with the introduction of the Hewlett-Packard 110, Texas Instruments Pro-Lite and Data General One in late 1984. Today more than 20 such units are available from almost as many vendors. Market analysts continue to cite surveys proving conclusively that the PC-in-a-briefcase will meet unheralded success among corporate buyers who need full-

powered computers they can carry around.

Reality hasn't kept pace with the analysts' predictions. The truth is that the MS-DOS laptops currently on the market don't sell in the consumer marketplace. They're the perfect solution to problems virtually no one has.

To be fair, some IBM-compatible laptop vendors have found limited success in vertical and niche markets. Grid Systems Corp. has posted slow but steady growth specializing in government and military applications. Auditors prefer the DG One. The TI Pro-Lite has evolved into a portable adjunct to a desktop artificial intelligence workstation based on the TI Professional. But these are small successes compared to the researchers' prophecies and the vendors' hopes.

Let's face it. The number of executives affluent enough to part with \$6,000 for a complete IBM-compatible laptop system and gung-ho enough to recalculate Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheets at 35,000 feet in-

stead of relaxing over a cocktail with their compatriots is limited. Severely limited.

Contrast the philosophy behind these products with the thinking behind Tandy's laptop line and you'll see a clear distinction. The other manufacturers design the most sophisticated laptops technology allows, build them, and think about the users later. Tandy designs systems based on what users need.

Tandy has confounded the analysts and the second-guessers by refusing to introduce an IBM-compatible laptop — a task the company is singularly well qualified to do. The 600 pleases, but doesn't astound. It fails to blaze new technological trails.

Tandy's main distinction from the rest of the industry, most of whom are suffering reduced sales and layoffs, is commitment to the user's needs and priorities. It's an old-fashioned approach to doing business, but it serves the company well.

—J.D. Hildebrand

system utilities that allow you to manipulate files, set the system clock and configure the computer for a given printer. So far so good, except that you've got two input modes governing selection of a file or program.

But that's not all. Toggle the Label key (the command line disappears) and you'll see definitions for the system's 10 programmable function keys. Press Shift-Label and you get a second set. Ctrl Label yields a third set.

Confused yet? Hang on. There's more.

Press F3 and the list of applications at the top of the screen disappears, replaced by a second screen that includes the programs along with the data files associated with them. So if you've created text files with Word, they show on one of the screens but not the other.

Now insert the utility disk that comes with the system. It has programs for formatting and copying disks, installing device drivers and so on. (Device drivers? Is this really a Tandy laptop?)

Tap F3 to display the installed applications and — nothing from the disk appears. You have to instruct the computer to search the disk drive for applications with a command confusingly called "Options."

The Options utility prompts the user for a drive name. Search the manual and you'll find the internal drive is named A.

(Options accepts any single letter as a drive name, but B through Z refer to external units. You don't get an error message — but you don't get any data from the drive, either.)

Once you've used the Options command to inform Microsoft Works that there's a disk in the drive, the applications display changes. Below the built-in applications are mysterious entries: .60, .70, .90, .DVR and .LIB. Next to those in a second column are the names of the programs on the supplied utility disk: Format, Install, Diskcopy, Printer, Dbcalls. The gibberish in the first column turns out to be file extensions like the .BA and .DO extensions used by the Model 100.

Now that the system knows where to find the disk-based applications you can run them with the Run command, right?

Wrong. Before the 600 can execute any disk-based program (or manipulate any disk-based file) the user must load it into RAM with the Copy command. It really isn't all that complicated — it's all explained on page 237 of the Owner's Manual.

There's a logic behind these operations that eventually makes sense, but the fact remains: The 600 isn't as intuitive, friendly or simple as the 100 and 200. Before the owner can use it, he or she must do some homework.

BUILT-IN APPLICATIONS

The Word that comes with the 600 bears no true relationship to Microsoft's similarly titled desktop-computer classic. It is nonetheless an excitingly powerful and easy-to-use product.

Editing commands are available via the programmable function keys in regular, shifted and Ctrl modes — a total of 30 options. The program supports both one-by-one and global search-and-replace, and includes a strikeover option for those users frustrated with the 100's insert-only dictum. Right justification, page numbering, variable tab-setting, paragraph formatting, centering, negative indenting, margins and on-screen repagination are all available.

A unique feature is Word's Jump % command, which allows the user to scroll immediately to an approximate place within a document — 50 percent through, for example, or 75 percent through. Jump Page scrolls immediately to the top of the selected page of documents that have been paginated on the LCD.

Tandy's owners manual claims that Calendar is merely an appointment manager, but its potential applications are actually much broader. The program is a primitive project manager that allows users to define and view the starting and ending dates of subtasks that make up a

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complete job — and to assign them priorities. Based on monthly calendars and daily lists of events, the program is as easy to use as it is powerful. It even includes an alarm that beeps at the user when it's time to start an appointment — even if the computer is turned off.

File is similar to the database subprogram of Lotus 1-2-3. It arranges records and fields of data as rows and columns of a spreadsheet. Simple, clear commands allow the user to specify the type and format of data that can be included in each column (field), and to sort the database in ascending or descending order based on any field.

What File lacks is a report generator. However, it does share data files with Word and Multiplan. While it isn't a true database manager, it does organize information and help verify its accuracy.

Telcom is a more powerful version of the Model 100's TELCOM, with some important additions. The program has four modes: Command, Script, Terminal and Answer.

Command mode is the most similar to Model 100 TELCOM. The screen clears except for the command line, which reads Answer, Connect, Disconnect, Modify, Options, Run, Script and Transfer. Modify is similar to Model 100 TELCOM's STAT, but presents a menu of communications options instead of forcing the user to wing it. Users can set word length, protocol, baud rate, parity, duplex, stop bits and more from the menu. Connect is similar to Model 100

TELCOM's CALL option.

Script mode is a fancy name for the program's auto-logon and auto-dial functions. Prompts guide the user through established session scripts. (Choosing Respond, for instance, prompts the user with *Respond to: . . . With:*) With the 600's Set Wake command option, it allows the operator to direct the computer to wake up in the middle of the night, log onto CompuServe or The Source, send a message, download data and log off — all in unattended mode.

Terminal mode is just like Model 100 terminal mode. It's the state the computer is in when it is communicating with another computer.

Answer mode allows the 600 to function as a simple bulletin board. The operator can instruct the computer to answer the phone, prompt the remote user for a password, transmit and receive information, and hang up.

Tandy 600 Multiplan is similar to Tandy 200 Multiplan, except that the larger LCD makes its use more convenient and practical. Microsoft's ROM-based laptop implementation of Multiplan is powerful and useful.

CO-RESIDENT FUNCTIONS

In addition to the applications that appear on the menu, two utilities are almost always available via function keys.

Calc is an adding-machine emulator that appears in a window at the right side of the screen. It allows users to total a column of numbers quickly without interrupting a Word or File session. It's

most convenient when used with the embedded numeric keypad.

Alarm displays any appointments from Calendar whose start times have passed. It allows users to postpone or reschedule appointments without ceasing work.

POSITIONING IS ALL

Tandy frequently surveys its users for feedback on its computer products. That's how the 200 was born — Tandy found that corporate clients needed a slightly larger screen, a spreadsheet and so on.

This was also the process that led to the introduction of the 600. But in this case the survey was more likely based on non-users than users. The Tandy 600 meets the objections of corporate buyers who rejected the 100 and the 200 as too limited. As such, it's probably not the right computer for users who are happy with their current Tandy laptops.

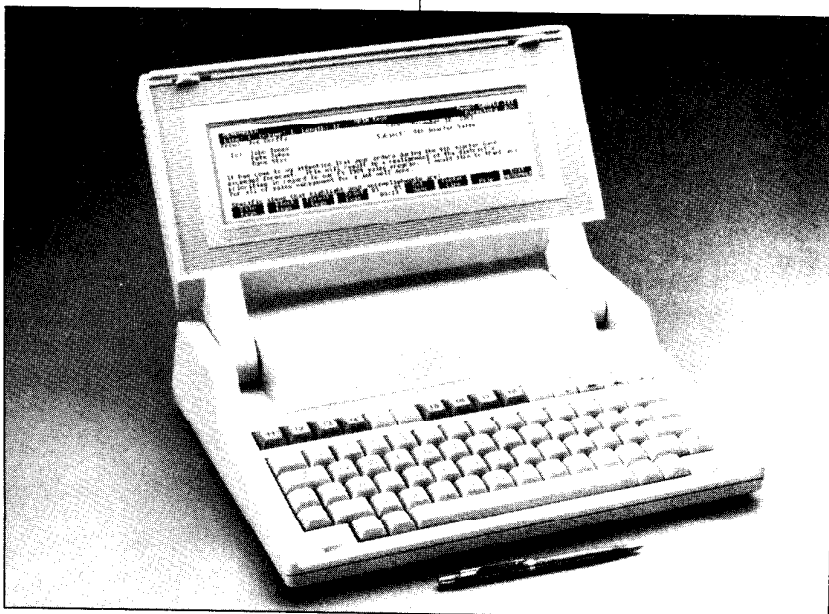
The best-selling laptop computers on the market are the Model 100 and its NEC counterpart, the 8201, both of which were designed by Kyocera in Japan. Second on the list is the Hewlett-Packard HP 110, a nine-pound portable with built-in word processing, telecommunications, spreadsheet and simple filing firmware. These specifications are almost identical to the Tandy 600's.

Further similarities suggest that the 600's design was dictated in part by the success of the HP 110. Both have 16-line, 80-character LCDs, for instance. Both have 300-bps modems. Both communicate conveniently with desktop computers — the HP 110 via a proprietary interface card and the 600 via serial port-to-serial port communications and a null modem. Both feature proprietary operating systems.

In the 600, Tandy has delivered a product competitive with the second-best laptop on the market — at half the price. Better, even — one of the main complaints against HP's portable is its lack of an internal disk drive.

Maybe this is the reasoning behind those features of the 600 that make Model 100 and Tandy 200 users shake their heads in bewilderment.

After all, Tandy was *already* responsible for the best-selling laptop of all time. With this one stroke the company may steal the second largest share of the market from the competition. □



The 600's specs are suspiciously similar to those of the \$2,999 HP-110 from Hewlett-Packard.

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A Clock-Work Tandy

By Alan L. Zeichick

Time is Money. That's the theme that we expounded in the July, 1985 issue of Portable 100/200. Five months later, we have another theme: Time is Fun.

For some arcane reason, clock programs are always favorites. I've written lots of clocks for IBM 370 mainframes, my old TRS-80 Model III and various IBM-compatible microcomputers.

Less than 24 hours after I saw my first Model 100, I had completed a small analog clock program in BASIC. That program, in addition to drawing groans from the Portable 100/200 staff, taught me how the little wonder worked.

Some programmers use prime number generation as a programming benchmark. Others use disk-based random-

access file sorting. So, what's wrong with clocks?

LITTLE BOXES

When the Tandy 200 appeared, everyone said, "Oh, no! Not another clock program!" So, I didn't write just any old clock — I created a random-pattern masterpiece.

The Tandy 200 analog clock, BIGBEN.BA, does more than give the time — it displays an ever-changing pattern of dots on either side of the clock. Why? Don't ask.

Features such as alarms, hourly chimes and a sweep-second hand aren't included in this implementation. Feel free, though, to add any features your imagination desires.

ALAN IN PROGRAMLAND

The BIGBEN.BA listing is pretty straightforward.

Lines 1000 through 1220 indicate the commands used to control BIGBEN and variables used in the program. Pressing Z zeros the seconds — useful for synchronizing with a time signal. R redraws the clock face if the random pattern becomes too atrocious. The M key (or F8 if defined to MENU) returns to the Tandy 200 main menu screen.

Variables and the BASIC environment are initialized between lines 1240 and 1280. The variable RD is π the reciprocal of the number of radians in a circle. This constant is used for the angle calculations for the clock's hands.

(Text continues on page 54)

Listing 1: BIGBEN.BA.

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1000 ' Alan L. Zeichick
1010 ' Analog Clock for Tandy 200
1020 '
1030 ' Keys Used
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1050 ' M, F8   Return to MENU
1060 ' R       Redraw clock
1070 ' Z       Zero out seconds
1080 '
1090 ' Variables Used
-----
1110 ' AP$     AM/PM flag
1120 ' DX     Dot X-coordinate
1130 ' DY     Dot PSET/PRESET flag
1140 ' HX     Hour X-coordinate
1150 ' HY     Hour Y-coordinate
1160 ' IN$    Keyboard input
1170 ' RD     Constant for radians
1180 ' MX     Minute X-coordinate
1190 ' MY     Minute Y-coordinate
1200 ' OH     Old hour
1210 ' OM     Old minute
1220 ' T$     Old time

1230 '
1240 CLEAR 100
1250 DEFINT D, O
1260 CLS
1270 OM = 99
1280 RD = 3.1415926535#/180
1290 '
1300 ' Put in the box
1310 '
1320 LINE (0,0)-(239,123),1,B
1330 LINE (58,0)-(182,123),1,B
1340 '
1350 ' Put in hour marks
1360 '
1370 FOR OH = 0 TO 11
1380   MX = 120.5+58*SIN(OH*30*RD)
1390   MY = 62.5-58*COS(OH*30*RD)
1400   LINE (MX-1,MY-1)-(MX+1,MY+1),1,B
1410   NEXT OH
1420 '
1430 MX = 0
1440 MY = 0

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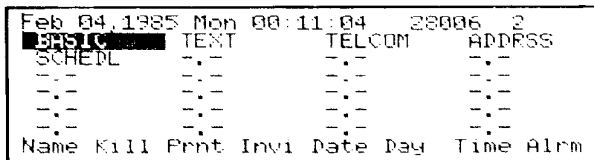
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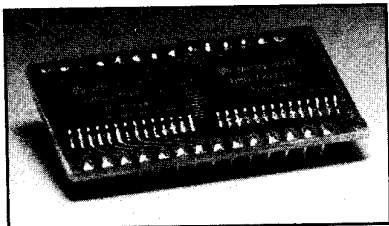


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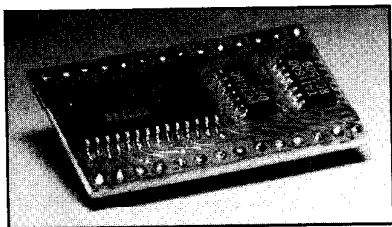
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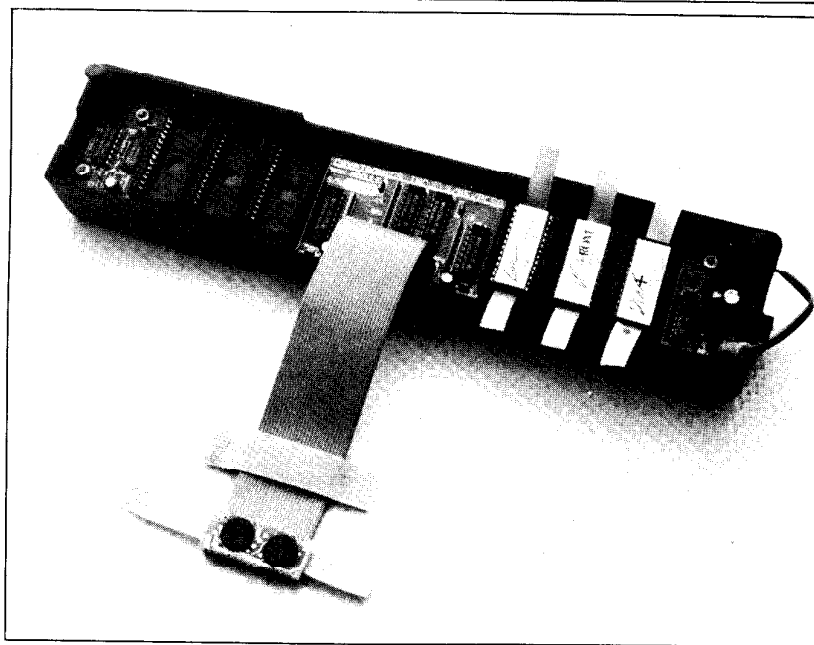
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The 6 ROM Bank contains a rechargeable battery with approximately 30 hours of normal use between charges. The actual amount of usage depends on what you're doing with your 100. Running a printer, disk drive or both will take more juice than doing simple text editing. It uses the same charger which comes with your Model 100 so you won't have to spend money on one you don't need.

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Here is how I set up my system.



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First I put in the 128K RAM Bank from PCSG. I put RAM Plus which accompanied the RAM Bank into chip holder number 1. That means there's now active ROM-based software to manage all four banks of information. If you read my comparison review between PG Design and PCSG RAM banks, my main reason for liking the PG Design setup is that it came with cassette based software to manage the RAM banks, while the PCSG would only load software to switch between banks when the RAM Plus chip was taken out. Now, with RAM Plus in holder number 1, I needn't waste any of my precious memory to hold memory management software.

I placed Lucid in chip holder number 2. Now, I'm keeping all my working spreadsheets in Bank 2. Since I have a total of four separate 32K RAM banks available for use, I keep each of my favorite programs in separate areas. This makes for less confusion when I want to work on something and need to find it immediately.

For example, say I'm currently in

Bank 4 using my text processing program, Write ROM. I finish writing a report and want to go over to Bank 2 to continue development work on a spreadsheet. I exit Write ROM and turn off the machine. Then I turn the rotary switch to ROM-bank 2 and flip the 100 back on. While in RAM-bank 1, I enter BASIC and type CALL 63012,1 which activates RAM Plus. By pressing F3, I can put a "GOTO Bank #" program into each memory bank. Now I can move the cursor to GOTO2.CA, enter BASIC and key my CALL numbers to bring up my spreadsheet.

If, when I was in Write ROM, I'd already left the GOTO program in each bank, the process would be even easier. Either way, it is not much work for such convenience.

In chip holder number 3, I keep a Disk Plus ROM. If you have an older version of Disk Plus, you should consider getting the latest version. In addition to all the normal goodies about using your disk-based microcomputer as a storage media, you can now convert a Lucid

spreadsheet to a VisiCalc format, which can then be loaded directly into other spreadsheets such as Lotus 1-2-3 and Multiplan.

MOVING SPREADSHEETS

If I now wanted to activate DISK Plus to move the spreadsheets up to my Compaq, I turn off the 100, move the rotary switch to chip number 3 and turn the machine back on. Then I place the cursor over GOTO2.CA in the main menu to return to Bank 2. Next I place the cursor over Lucid, press Return and DISK Plus is now active. When I exit DISK Plus, I'll find it in the main memory menu in place of Lucid.

Yes the Model 100 now, in addition to being a really neat working machine, has become an ideal development machine. Since I travel constantly, I can work on client's spreadsheets while on a plane. Then when I arrive home, plug in my Smartcable between my Compaq and portable, switch to Bank 2, activate DISK Plus, transfer up the Lucid spreadsheet, go to the Compaq, convert that spreadsheet to a VisiCalc format, boot 1-2-3, read it in and then continue to work with or expand the spreadsheet to my heart's content. Too bad it doesn't work in reverse.

I also tested the 6 ROM Bank with Traveling Software's Ultimate ROM, and found that it worked fine. So if you already own it and wish to use it with DISK Plus and the other PCSG programs, you'll have no problem.

Perhaps you noticed that I did not mention documentation. It is the typical complete yet chatty type of documentation produced by PCSG for all of its products. However, in this case it is not necessary to completely understand it to use 6 ROM Bank. There are only two rules you must remember to make things work out and to avoid erasing memory banks when changing chips.

First, always return to the Model 100 main menu *before* you do anything. Do not change the rotary switch to address a new chip when you are in any type of program whatsoever.

And second, turn off the Model 100 before you move the rotary switch to select your new chip.

The second step is not always necessary. But I'd recommend it, rather than to try to remember which programs you can and cannot switch out of, and which chips are where and why.

I can say that you do not need the documentation from experience. I tested unit number 2 and have had absolutely no problems with it. That says a lot to

me, since in using and beta testing much hardware and software over the years, I'd expect that number 2 off a "production line" would normally fry a chip or two and I'd need to get to number 1,000 or so before everything worked with no problems, and as advertised.

I only had one problem with the 6 ROM Bank. I couldn't remember which ROM chip I had in which number chip holder. The accepted practice was to lift it up and see what color of ribbon is sticking out the top side of the 6 ROM Bank. I found out that PCSG color codes the ribbon attached to each of its chips. For example, Lucid is blue, Write ROM is pink, RAM Plus is gray and Disk Plus is dark green. Well, I immediately looked and discovered that my Disk Plus chip had a plaid ribbon. That's the trouble with working with early versions prior to standardization, not to mention using other chips that aren't color coded.

Anyway what I finally did is just list the ROMS in order, by position, in pencil across the front of my Model 100. If you were to see my Model 100, you'd find all sorts of pokes, calls and small one line programs written there. Now I have my semi-permanent 6 ROM Bank menu reminder there also.

Try as I might, I couldn't come up with any other problems. Perhaps PCSG could figure some way to switch banks and chips by reading my mind? □



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By J. R. WILSON

In the beginning there was the cassette and the way it worked made Model 100 users scream. Next came the Tandy Disk/Video Interface (DVI) — and more screams. Finally some relief

with Chipmunk and PIC's portable disk drive.

However, the cassette remained the only truly portable "permanent" storage device for these new highly portable computers. Improved hardware, such as Tandy's paperback-sized CCR-82 cassette recorder, made life easier, but still not perfect. Far from perfect.

Most cassette users followed the pattern established by software companies, loading each file onto tape at least three times. The reasoning was that the first attempt almost never took, the second frequently failed and "third time's the charm."

Unfortunately, the only way to be certain of all this is to reload the file, which is time consuming and sometimes impossible if you're pushing the limits of your random access memory (RAM).

Now, Traveling Software has made the first serious effort to do something about the first — and almost certainly still most prevalent — mass storage device for portables. T-backup is a cassette storage/recovery program that copies everything in a memory bank to tape. It's fast, taking only three and a half minutes to dump an entire 32K of RAM. Data can be recovered in the same amount of time.

So what?

Alright. It also *verifies* the dump, directly comparing what's in RAM with what was stored on tape — again in three and a half minutes — and tells you if it worked or not.

You want more?

More you get. When storing files, T-backup asks you to give the backup file a six-character name, to distinguish it from other saves you make. Then you're given another 28 spaces for any other comments you desire (perhaps a short-hand listing of all the files you're storing).

When you verify a save, you identify the backup file you want verified by the six-character name. T-backup searches the tape for that name, then displays the file information: name, size of memory bank stored (based on the maximum RAM installed in your computer when the files were stored), date, time and the descriptive comment you wrote at the time.

To restore, you also respond with the file name and, once located, the file's descriptive information is displayed. If you've given several files the same name, you can page through them by answering "no" to the "Begin Y/N" prompt and running T-backup's restore mode again. When you do order it to begin, the

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backup file will be reloaded in — you guessed it — three and a half minutes.

If the transfer is good, the program displays: TRANSFER OK PRESS SPACE. If not, you get: TRANSFER BAD! PRESS SPACE. The latter can be caused by a number of factors, including improper equipment connections, tone or volume problems, a bad tape, or even a mismatched recorder.

Speaking of the latter, my experience while preparing this review leads me to urge strongly that you use the same recorder both coming and going. For that matter, the most reliable recorder I've used, both with T-backup and the old fashioned way, is the CCR-82, which is beautifully designed with the user in mind.

T-backup is simplicity itself to use. You need load only one file from, naturally enough, a cassette (the traditional Traveling Software audio tutorial is on the flip side) and the excellent documentation guides you through its few operating points. If that doesn't work, the function-key driven screens tell you exactly what to do — including a little reminder to verify each backup.

This is not to say all is perfection, of course. For instance, you can run into problems if you're using certain RAM expansion modules. Also, there have been reports on CompuServe's Model 100 SIG of recorders continuing to run after the program should have finished, and other lesser problems.

I didn't encounter any of these, but I did have a real scare when I tried to reload files saved from one memory bank into another. Basically, it didn't work.

The reason, however, makes sense. Say you dump the contents of bank two to tape, then later try to reload them into bank one. The bank-switching .CO files which downloaded bank two with the rest of RAM are not the same as the ones used in bank one. The result is chaos in .CO city and real problems for the would-be user. That is why I simply name my T-backup files Bank1, Bank2 and Bank3. Then I make certain that's where I put them when it comes time to reload.

T-backup is a good companion for the lap portables. It speeds up cassette storage/recovery, gives the user greater confidence in the medium and offers a nice identification system that enables you to create a library of backups.

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So, even with these few minor faults, T-backup rates 3.5 stars on a 4-star scale. □

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By RONALD F. BALONIS

On the basis of the short description in the Radio Shack Catalog, you'd think this was just another ordinary assembler and debugger. The description, however, is deceiving. This is definitely not an ordinary one; it's a veritable programmer's toolbox. If you write, or want to write, machine language programs for a Model 100, this assembler and debugger, along with perseverance and persistence, is all you need to do it.

I've been waiting for this one. Machine language makes the bytes go farther and faster, and with a little computer like the Model 100, it also makes it bigger.

PACKED FULL OF FEATURES

The Model 100's 80C85 processor is a first cousin to the ubiquitous 8080 microprocessor of the early days of computing. Its instructions are a subset of the Z80. That makes machine language programming on the Model 100 easier for both novice or expert. There's a decade of published software, technique and practice to learn from. And, the Model 100's ROM's routines are well documented too, just waiting to be used.

The Assembler/Debugger's manual really impressed me. The manual follows the same writing style as the Model 100's; it's clear, concise and leads you through the Assembler/Debugger with a sequence of examples that explain the commands and show what they do. Step by step, it takes you from the initial loading of the Assembler/Debugger program, ZBGASM, through an assembly example program which fills the screen with a graphic character. Then through ZBUG's commands by debugging the example program. And on to examples that demonstrate its programmer's calculator mode: +, -, /, *, MOD, and Logicals.

Then it documents and tells how to use some of the read-only memory (ROM) routines. Finally, in its last sec-

tion, the manual documents and describes the 8085 op code commands using Intel mnemonics.

The Assembler/Debugger is written by Microsoft and its style is a blend of the first machine language tools, EDTASM and TBUG, that Radio Shack's grew up on. The source file format is the same: tab between the fields — label, opcode and operand. Use a semicolon to precede remark documentation. The assembler supports, essentially, the same functions as EDTASM except that the mnemonics are Intel's instead of Zilog's.

The assembler's source files are written with the 100's text editor. The source file for assembly can be either a cassette or random access memory (RAM) file, and the object code can be assembled directly to memory or as a file to cassette or RAM. The assembler is machine language quick: assembly of the (30 byte) example program, without listings, took just one second. With listings it assembled at the speed of the listing device, about five seconds for the LCD and 30 seconds for the printer.

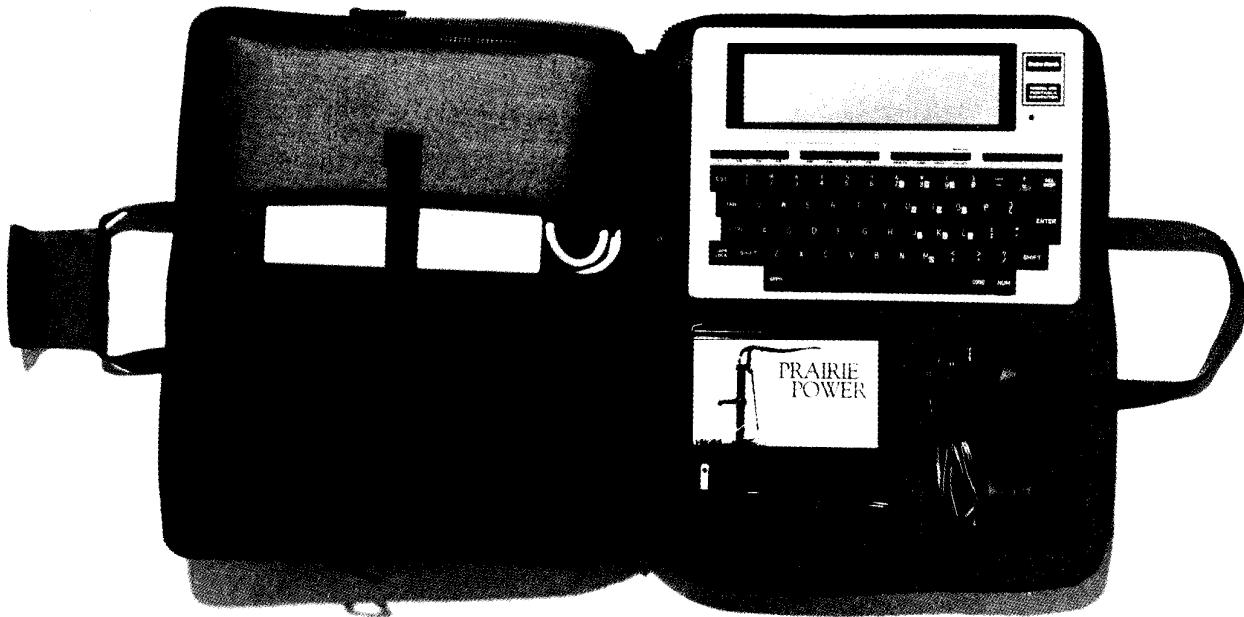
It is the debugger, ZBUG, that differentiates this assembler and debugger from the ordinary. ZBUG does all the usual debugging things: examines and changes memory, sets and removes break points, examines registers, moves memory, loads and saves to cassette or RAM.

But, ZBUG also works in any of three number bases input or output: decimal, octal or hex. It also displays memory in byte, word, ASCII or mnemonic chunks. In the mnemonic mode, it functions as a disassembler. And, when a machine language program is assembled directly to memory, you can debug it using either the usual memory address mode or the symbolic label mode. It means that, with ZBUG, you can debug using the symbols of your program.

As with all Microsoft programs, the Assembler/Debugger is user friendly. An extensive list of error-prompts guides your use and programming efforts. The error-prompts in combination with the unique commands make debugging machine language almost as easy as BASIC.

There's another feature, the one I like most, that sets it apart from the ordinary debugger. It has a command to select its console device: LCD, LPT, or COM. COM is the RS-232 port. By making COM the console device and using the T (type out) command, it sends an ASCII listing of a range of memory out the port. The ASCII listing file can then be edited into a source file. It saves a lot

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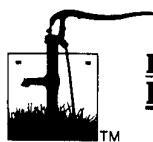
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of programming time and effort, and gives you the ability to make source files of the machine code routines in your 100.

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OF COURSE THERE'S A CATCH

The first is memory. ZBGASM is 8,203 bytes long and needs 5,121 bytes of running room in RAM. This means

that if ZBGASM is saved as a RAM file, you need a 32K Model 100 to use the Assembler/Debugger. However, all is not lost. If you just load it from cassette and run it, a 24K machine will do. Basically, to use the Assembler/Debugger you've got to develop good memory management practices. A good idea anyway, because the fatal error is a fact of machine language life. When you're assembling, the machine should only contain the files and programs you need.

The second is mnemonics. ZBGASM

recognizes the original Intel mnemonics, not the Zilog ones that Radio Shack-ers grew up on. Of course, becoming bilingual isn't so bad. If you're going to be able to use the machine language technique created for the Z80 or 8080, you'll have to be.

Overall, the Assembler/Debugger contains almost all the tools you need to write machine language programs for the Model 100. All that's missing are the algorithms and the technique. But, fortunately, they're available too. They come with time and practice.

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By PAUL J. PERRY

Model 100 owners who've been limping along using the built in text printing facilities might pounce on DO4MAT as one of the first low cost, powerful text formatters available. But saying that it's low cost and has great features does not do it justice.

OH NO, NOT ANOTHER ONE

This may be exactly what you are thinking right now. But companies selling text formatters today are serious about it. Most of the "fly by night" software outfits are all working on programs for the Amiga computer. They've abandoned the portable market.

DO4MAT sold by BKInc has some wonderful features and a great low price in the bargain. Be forewarned though, it is not simple to use. DO4MAT has advanced features not available with other cassette-based text formatting programs. The more experienced you are, the better off you'll be.

The Model 100 is used mainly for word processing by most of its owners. Yet it's a well known fact that the Model 100's text printing abilities are limited, to say the least. A lot of text formatters have been developed to right this wrong. Some have hit the mark, many have fallen far short. DO4MAT fills an important gap.

REVIEWS

This program comes on cassette tape and requires that you first load a program called INIT.BA. This readies your computer to load and execute the program. Once it's been done you can load DO4MAT anytime.

Unlike other text formatting programs, there's no worry about loading machine language code. I had no problems loading the program. If you have trouble, however, try using the BASIC Soundoff command. The Model 100 performs more reliably when this command is in effect.

DO4MAT, like other text formatters, allows you to set right, left, top and bottom margins. Variable line spacing, centering and justified right margins are all permitted as well. But this is where the similarities with other programs stop.

ADVANCED FEATURES

DO4MAT uses "dot commands" which are included in the text of the input file to produce formatted output. Also called embedded commands, dot commands are instructions to DO4MAT for formatting your document. For example, .ce turns text-centering on. These are the same type of commands which powerful word processors like Wordstar use. Your documents are created with the TEXT processor, and the dot commands are inserted into the file using TEXT.

The manual says "The design goal for DO4MAT is to provide a powerful and comprehensive set of commands that allows the cassette based Model 100 system to be useful for reasonably sophisticated document applications." This is true, but it takes some reading and rereading to learn how to use all the features.

The program includes the ability to use headers and footers. The header can include the date, time and page number. It supports cut sheet mode where the program will wait after each page is printed for you to put a new piece of paper into your printer. Conditional skipping of text is also supported.

A special feature of DO4MAT is that it includes a special file called PRT-CAP.DO which specifies special printer codes for your printer. Just specify what type of printer you own while ordering the program. If BKI does not support your printer, instructions are included to show you how to create your own customized file. This lets you embed easy to use dot commands to allow use of special features within your printer — like underlining, italics, bold print, subscripts and superscripts. You can also easily

change the width of your printed text by using a dot command.

An exciting capability is a keystroke reduction feature which lets you assign a word or string to a single character. An example would be while writing this review I could define E to mean DO4MAT. Then whenever I want to use "DO4MAT" in my review all I have to do is type E.

DO4MAT provides a comprehensive set of tab specifications which allow a high degree of control over the format-

ting of tables and columns. Up to ten tab positions may be specified. Each position may individually specified to be left justified, right justified, centered, or aligned on a specified character. Also the intervening space between the text that was entered prior to depressing the Tab key and the text that is positioned according to the tab specification is filled with the tab fill character. The default tab fill character is the blank. The tab fill character may be changed to
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Bugs and Secret Features of Model 100 BASIC

Minor details that Tandy neglected to tell us about our favorite programming language.

By Gary F. Simons

The documentation on BASIC in the Model 100 owner's manual leaves something to be desired. Missing information and even misinformation are prevalent. And the software isn't without blemish either.

In developing text processing software, I've discovered a number of bugs and undocumented features in Model 100 BASIC's file and string handling capabilities. These are described below. The accompanying table summarizes the problems found in the implementation or documentation of 25 BASIC keywords.

SOFTWARE BUGS

RUN,R (page 176) is supposed to run a program without closing the files currently open. Instead it gives a ?SN (syntax) error and does nothing.

TAB(n) skips to column n+1 before printing the next item in a PRINT statement. Although the argument may range from 0 to 255, when the total length of the line to be output approaches or exceeds 255, TAB comes up short. For instance, open a test file in random access memory (RAM) for output as file 1, then execute the following:

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PRINT #1, TAB(250);"1234"  
PRINT #1, TAB(250);"12345"  
PRINT #1, TAB(250);"123456"
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We expect lines of successively increasing length. Instead, the result is three lines, each 254 characters long. The second TAB gives 249 spaces and the third only 248. The statement PRINT #1, TAB(250);"1234567" produces a line of length 255 (thus a TAB of 248).

When PRINT has no expression list, it produces a blank line on the screen.

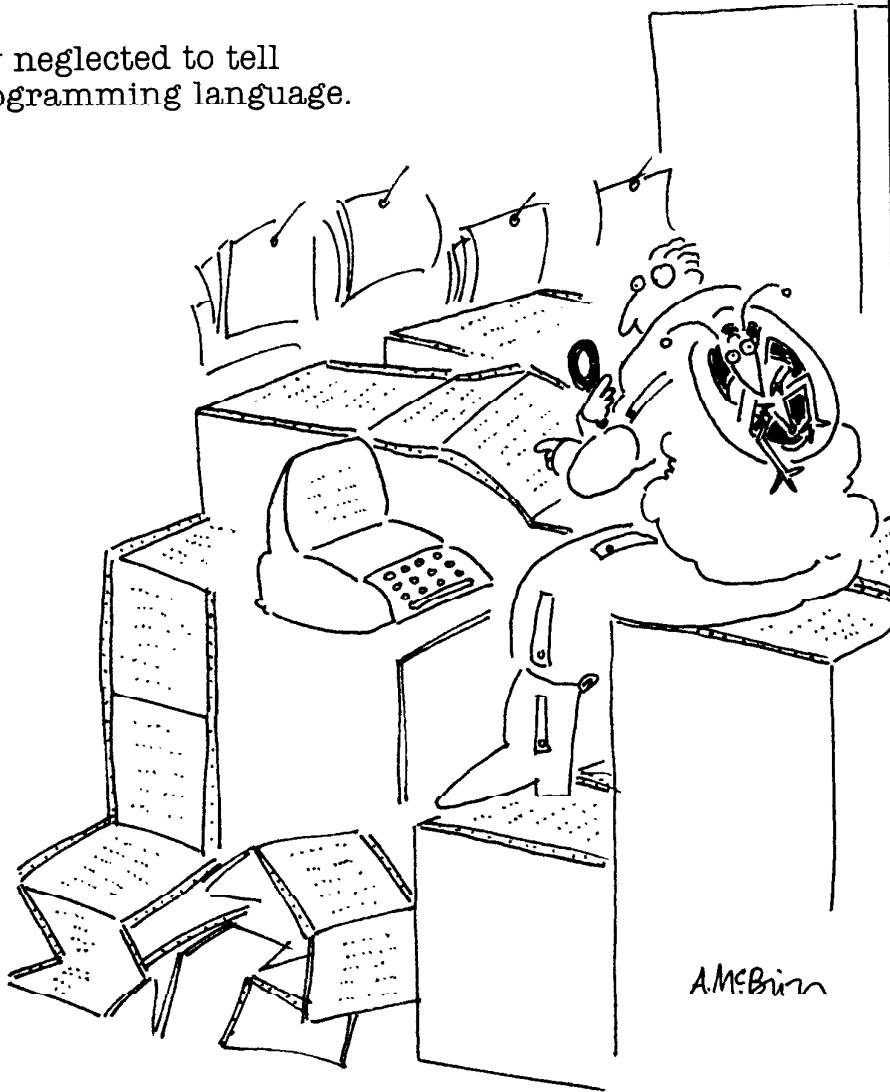
Similarly, PRINT #1 by itself should produce a blank line in file 1. Instead it gives a ?SN (syntax) error and halts program execution. To achieve the desired result it is necessary to say PRINT #1,""

The LINE INPUT # command in direct mode gives a ?SN (syntax) error. The message turns out to be a bogus one

and the requested input operation is in fact performed. Oddly enough, the errant message is not given if the length of the input string is 2 or less.

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Navigating On Your 100

By R. D. Boudinot

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passed our highest expectations for quality and clarity."

Lucid Spreadsheet: This is the one PICO magazine says "blows Multiplan right out of the socket" and Infoworld performance rated as "excellent" and said "makes the Model 100 compute." Gives you features you cannot get with Lotus 123. Lets you build spreadsheets in your Model 100 that would consume 140-150K on a desktop. Program generating capability with no programming knowledge required. Variable column widths. Includes find and sort with function key control. It's fast, recalculates like lightning. No feature has been taken from the original, only new ones added.

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acters read thus far are lost. For instance, if the statement `A$=INPUT$(5,1)` reads 3 characters and then hits end of file, the operation aborts with an `?EF` (end of file) error and the last 3 characters of the file are thrown away. The value of `A$` remains what it was before the attempted `INPUT$` operation. File 1 is set to the end of file and any subsequent attempts to read from it give end of file. There is no way to get back the unknown final characters of the file.

The implementers of Model 100 BASIC may regard this to be an undocumented feature of the language rather than a bug. If so, it was a poor design decision. Anything that loses valid data sounds like a bug. A reasonable implementation would be to set the target string (`A$` in the example above) to the characters input thus far, and then signal end of file. Under the present implementation, the `INPUT$(n,f)` function can be safely used for file input only when `n` equals 1, in which case the parameterization of `n` is not a very useful feature.

DOCUMENTATION BUGS

There are a number of points at which the implementation behaves correctly as one would expect BASIC to behave, but the manual's description is incorrect. At a superficial level there are typographical errors, like the failure to indicate the closing quote in the example for `DAY$` on page 135, or the description of `DEFSTR` (Define String Variables) on page 136 which says that the example "defines as integer type all variables" listed. This is clearly a word processing mistake in which the explanation for `DEFINT` was copied but not sufficiently edited. Other documentation bugs go deeper than these.

The documentation for `TAB(n)` says that "TAB skips `n` spaces before printing the next data item" (page 182). That description more accurately describes what `SPACE$(n)` does in a `PRINT` statement. `TAB(n)` moves the print position to column `n` and then prints the next item in the next column (that is, `n + 1`). If the print position already exceeds column `n`, then `TAB(n)` has no effect.

The owner's manual states that "MAXRAM contains the memory size of your Model 100" (page 157). That statement is misleading at best. I got suspicious when on my 24K machine, `PRINT MAXRAM` produced 62960 which made it look like I had a full house of 32K ROM plus 32K RAM. It turns out that the lower 32K are taken up by the ROM,

and then the 8K RAM blocks are filled in from top to bottom. Thus the empty 8K on a 24K machine are in the middle at hex addresses 8000 to 9FFF. The `MAXRAM` function therefore has nothing to do with memory size; it merely tells the highest address the system will let you use.

`STR$` converts a numeric expression to a string representation of its value. The documentation (page 182) fails to

mention one important feature. The first character in the resulting string gives the sign of the number, either as `"."` if negative or as a space if positive. Therefore the example given in the manual is wrong. If `BAL` is set to 133, then `B$ = "$" + STR$(BAL) + ".00"` does not set `B$` to `"$133.00"`, but rather to `"$ 133.00"`.

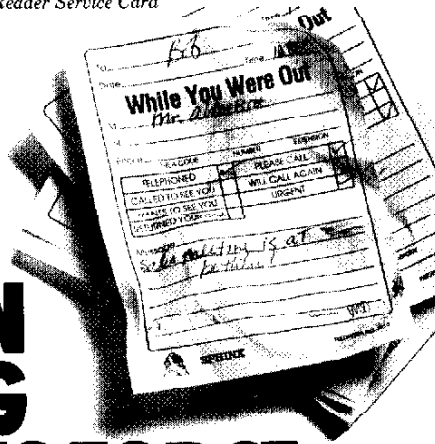
`MID$` may occur on the left hand side of an assignment statement to replace

ALPHABETICAL SUMMARY LISTING

A summary of bugs and undocumented features of Model 100 BASIC listed alphabetically by keyword. Also given is the number of the page in the owner's manual on which these notes can be written in the margin.

KEYWORD	PAGE	COMMENT
ABS	127	missing; returns absolute value of numeric expression
ASC	127	missing; returns ASCII code for first character in a string; null string gives <code>?FC</code>
CONT	132	altering program clears all variables, closes all files
DAY\$	135	closing quote omitted in example
DEFSTR	136	defines as string, not "integer"
END	138	also closes all files
FILES	140	marks ".BA" program currently loaded with asterisk
INPUT\$	147	loses last characters if EOF hit in middle of operation
KILL	150	trying to delete current program file (starred in FILES) gives <code>?FC</code>
LINE INPUT #	154	missing; reads to next carriage return or 255 characters, whichever comes first; carriage return and following line feed not returned; gives <code>?SN</code> in Direct Mode on lines 3 or longer, but gives result
MAXFILES	157	clears all variables and closes all files
MAXRAM	157	not memory size, but highest address you can access; empty RAM blocks at bottom
MID\$	159	position parameter of 0 gives <code>?FC</code>
MID\$ -	160	length parameter is not ignored
NEW	161	also closes all files
OPEN	165	<code>?BN</code> error means <code>MAXFILES</code> must be set higher
PRINT	168	expression list is optional; gives blank line if absent
PRINT #	169	terminates lines in RAM files with carriage return (code 13) followed by line feed (code 10); gives <code>?SN</code> if expression list omitted
PRINT @	169	missing; prints at given screen position, where position is <code>row * 40 + column</code> (see worksheet on page 210)
RUN,R	176	gives <code>?SN</code>
SAVE	177	gives <code>?FC</code> if there is a starred file in FILES display
STR\$	182	returns a leading space on positive numbers
STRING\$	182	gives <code>?FC</code> on null string
TAB	182	skips to column <code>n+1</code> , but only if that column not passed; comes up short when total line length nears 255
VAL	184	ignores leading blanks and trailing non-digits; returns zero if no digits
	211	<code>BKSP</code> generates 8, <code>TAB</code> generates 9, <code>ENTER</code> generates 13

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characters in the middle of a string. It takes three parameters: the string to change, the position in the string at which the characters are to be replaced and a length parameter. The owner's manual says, "Length is optional; if present it is ignored" (page 160). Quite to the contrary, the length parameter when present tells how many characters in the target string are to be replaced.

The manual gives the following example: 1000 MID\$(A\$,5) = "ABCDEF." If A\$ equals "00000000" beforehand, then this statement sets A\$ to "0000ABCD." The documentation would lead us to believe that 1000 MID\$(A\$,5,2) = "ABCDEF" would have the same effect. But the length parameter is not ignored; it says to replace only 2 characters, beginning with the fifth. Therefore A\$ is set to "0000AB00".

UNDOCUMENTED COMMANDS

There are a number of commands missing altogether from the "BASIC Keywords" section of the owner's manual (pages 127 to 185). What should be the first two in the list are missing: ABS which returns the absolute value of a numeric expression, and ASC which returns the ASCII code for the first character of a string expression. These do appear on page 12 of the Quick Reference Guide. Two other missing commands are PRINT @ and LINE INPUT #. These appear in the Quick Reference Guide, but not with enough documentation to explain their use.

PRINT @ prints the named items at a specific screen position. For instance, PRINT @140,TIME\$ prints the current time at position 140. The trouble is, the documentation doesn't explain where position 140 is. The key to the puzzle is found in the "Print @ Worksheet" on page 210. There we find that the rows of the screen are numbered from top to bottom as 0 to 7, and the columns from left to right as 0 to 39. A screen position for PRINT @ is computed as R*40+C, where R is the row address and C the column. If you prefer counting from 1 to 8 and 1 to 40, then the formula becomes (R-1)*40+(C-1).

So where is position 140? The row address is the integer quotient of 140 divided by 40, or 3, and the column address is the remainder of 140 divided by 40, or 20. Counting from 1, that is row 4 and column 21.

The LINE INPUT command for keyboard input is documented, but not the corresponding command for file input. For example, LINE INPUT #1,A\$ reads the next line from the file opened as 1

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and puts it into A\$. As documented for LINE INPUT (page 154), this command assigns the next line of input (including all commas, leading blanks and quote marks) to the string variable. But there are a number of extra details one must know to use the command on a typical RAM file.

Since the maximum length of a string variable is 255 characters, the command can input no more than 255 characters. Therefore, the command inputs all characters up to the next carriage return (ASCII code 13) or it inputs the next 255 characters, whichever comes first. When 255 characters are read, the end of the line has not yet been reached. The next LINE INPUT # command continues reading with the 256th character of the line. If a line is exactly 255 characters long, then the first call to LINE INPUT # reads the 255 characters, and the next call hits the carriage return and returns a null string of length 0. The terminating carriage return is not returned as part of the string. Thus the only way to know if the string returned by LINE INPUT is a complete line, or only part of a line, is to test the length. If the length is less than 255, then the string had a terminating carriage return and there is room to concatenate a CHR\$(13) to the string if that would simplify processing. If the length is 255, then the end of the line has not yet been reached.

When outputting to a RAM file, PRINT # puts both carriage return and line feed (ASCII codes 13 and 10, respectively) at the end of a line. LINE INPUT # reads everything up to the next carriage return. If the character after that is a line feed, then that character is consumed as well and not returned. If, however, one uses the INPUT\$(n,f) function to read a RAM file, all the carriage returns and line feeds are returned as individual characters. Thus, LINE INPUT # appears to have a bug. If a line feed immediately precedes a carriage return, LINE INPUT # misses the carriage return and reads two lines at once.

UNDOCUMENTED FEATURES

It is well documented that the CLEAR command sets all numeric variables to zero, sets all string variables to empty and closes all open files. However, there are three undocumented instances where Model 100 BASIC performs the clear function as a side effect: on MAXFILES, on NEW and when a program is altered. Setting MAXFILES does a clear. This means the MAXFILES command must precede any statements which initialize variable values. NEW

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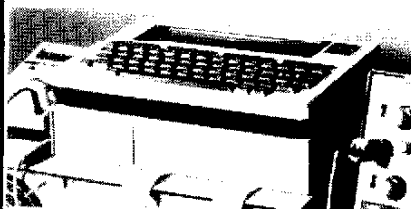
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not only clears the variables as stated in the owner's manual (page 161), but it also closes all open files. Whenever a program is altered, all variables are cleared and all files closed. This can be a nuisance in program debugging, for every time a patch to the program is made, all variables and files must be set up again before retesting. This feature should be noted under CONT (page 132) where it is observed that you cannot resume program execution if you alter the program; the reason is that BASIC does a CLEAR. Also undocumented is the fact that the END command (page 138) automatically closes all open files (but does not clear variables).

The documentation often fails to describe what happens with functions on boundary conditions, and what the sources of error are. For instance, with ASC and STRING\$, if the string argument is null then the result is an ?FC (illegal function call) error. If the string is longer than one character, only the first character is used and the remainder is ignored.

On the string segmenting functions (LEFT\$, MID\$, RIGHT\$), if the string argument is null there is no error; the result is null. If the position parameter

exceeds the length of the string, then no error results; a null string is the answer.

Zero values for the length parameter in these functions yield a null string. However, a zero value for the position parameter of MID\$ results in ?FC (illegal function call). Always initialize a variable before using it for the position pointer.

VAL (page 184) converts a string to its numeric value. All leading blanks are ignored. All trailing non-digits are ignored. If the string contains no digits, then zero is returned without an error.

The OPEN command (page 165) generates the ?BN (bad file number) error if MAXFILES has not been setup in advance to handle the required number of files.

The description of PRINT (pages 168-9) fails to mention that the expression list is optional and that PRINT by itself produces a blank line.

The description of FILES (page 140) fails to describe the meaning of the asterisk that appears at times following the name of a file. This appears to mark the name of the ".BA" file which is currently in use. When you enter BASIC by selecting a ".BA" file in the menu, that file will be starred. When

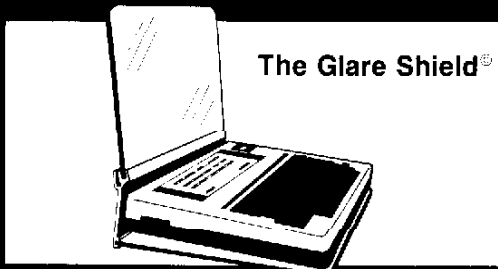
you enter by selecting "BASIC" in the menu, no file is starred. However, once you SAVE a program to RAM, that file is starred. Also, if you enter via "BASIC", but then LOAD a ".BA" file, that file is starred.

The SAVE command has a built-in interlock with the asterisk (another undocumented feature). Whenever the FILES display has a starred current program file, any attempts to SAVE the program to RAM (even under a different name) are blocked by an ?FC (illegal function call) error. Saving the program in ASCII format with the ".A" suffix is not prohibited. Similarly, it is not permitted to KILL the currently loaded ".BA" file. This too generates an ?FC error.

Three of the keys which generate ASCII codes are not documented in the "ASCII Character Code Tables" on page 211. Bksp (backspace) generates code 8. Tab generates code 9 and Enter generates code 13. □

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anything you like, such as a period.

A wonderful feature is the ability to call up an alternate input file. This allows you to set up one commonly used file such as your letterhead which would include your name, address and phone number. You can then specify a command which allows you to call up the information in that file at the beginning of each of your letters. You would not have to re-type this information each time. This saves time as well as memory because the desired text does not take up memory at the beginning of each text file.

This feature can be extended into a mail merge file. An example would be to set up two different files. One file would be a form letter and the other would be a list of names and addresses. You can then command DO4MAT to print your letters. Presto! You have a personalized letter for each person on your list.

The first version of the program I received was Rev. 1.0. I did not have any problems with it. Approximately a week later BKI sent Rev. 1.1, which corrects a bug which made the program lose the last word of a page in cut sheet mode (pause at end of page) The new version was fixed.



THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING

By now you probably have your check signed, sealed and delivered. I don't blame you. It's a great program but nothing's perfect. I've left the bad news till last.

DO4MAT is a BASIC program approximately 8.5 kilobytes (K) long. This means it requires a 24K computer but works better on a 32K machine. Execution speed isn't slow considering that it's in BASIC.

Another gripe I have is with the manual. It's not very well written. First it was printed on a dot matrix printer, making it hard to read. Second, there's no index, making it hard to find something without looking through all 70 pages.

Furthermore there's no quick reference card you'd expect with a program this advanced. I wouldn't recommend this program to a beginner because in BKI's quest to include as many advanced features as possible they dropped that old standby: user friendliness. The company's customer support, however, is very good.

Despite the above gripes, DO4MAT is a good program. Some of the features rival those available on a desktop computer. I'd recommend it to anybody who wants or needs a very powerful cassette-based text formatter but at the same time doesn't want to shell out all his hard-earned bucks to buy a more expensive program on ROM. □

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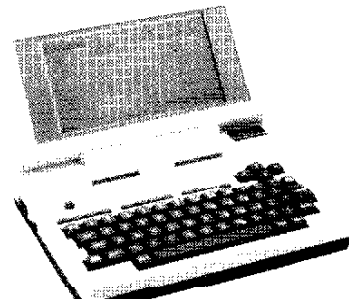
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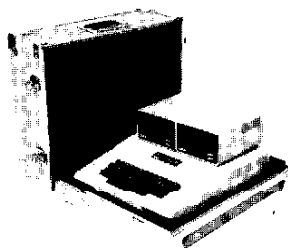
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EGGNOG (from page 45)

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100 'EGGNOG PARTY PLANNER
110 'by FRED W. FORRESTER
120 PRINT
    :INPUT "How many guests will you serve";G
    :PRINT
130 PRINT "How many drinks will you serve each"
140 INPUT "guest (allowing 6 oz. per guest)";D
150 CLS
160 '(E)GGNOG;(B)OURBON;(R)UM;WHIPPING (C)REAM
170 E=4.75
    :B=.9
    :R=.45
    :C=.6
180 E1=(E*G*D)/8
    :E2=INT(E1)
    :E3=(E1-E2)*8
    :E4=INT((E3+.005)*100)/100
190 B1=(B*G*D)/8
    :B2=INT(B1)
    :B3=(B1-B2)*8
    :B4=INT((B3+.005)*100)/100
200 R1=(R*G*D)/8
    :R2=INT(R1)
    :R3=(R1-R2)*8
    :R4=INT((R3+.005)*100)/100
210 C1=(C*G*D)/8
    :C2=INT(C1)
    :C3=(C1-C2)*8
    :C4=INT((C3+.005)*100)/100
220 PRINT "You need the following for your party
    of";G
230 PRINT
240 PRINT "Press Q for quantities needed"
250 Z$=INKEY$
    :IF Z$="" THEN 250
    :CLS
260 PRINT "You need the following"
270 PRINT "EGGNOG           ";E2;"CUPS AND ";
    E4;"OZS."
280 PRINT "BOURBON           ";B2;"CUPS AND ";
    B4;"OZS."
290 PRINT "RUM                 ";R2;"CUPS AND ";
    R4;"OZS."
300 PRINT "WHIPPING CREAM ";C2;"CUPS AND ";
    C4;"OZS."
310 PRINT
    :PRINT "Press I for instructions"
320 X$=INKEY$
    :IF X$="" THEN 320
330 PRINT "Pour the eggnog into a large bowl. Add"
340 PRINT "the liquors one cup at a time, stirring"
350 PRINT "slowly. Whip the cream (no flavoring),"
360 PRINT "cover and chill. When ready to serve,"
370 PRINT "fold in the whipped cream, and sprinkle"
380 PRINT "with nutmeg. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!"

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CLOCK (from page 28)

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1450 '
1460 ' put in random dots
1470 '
1480 DX = RND(1) * 113 + 1
1490 DY = RND(1) * 2
1500 IF DX > 57 THEN DX = DX + 125
1510 IF DY THEN PSET (DX, RND(1) * 122 + 1) ELSE
PRESET (DX, RND(1) * 121 + 1)
1520 '
1530 ' Check for keyboard commands
1540 '
1550 IN$ = INKEY$
1560 IF IN$ = "" THEN 1630
1570 IF IN$ = "M" OR IN$ = "m" THEN MENU
1580 IF IN$ = "R" OR IN$ = "r" THEN 1260
1590 IF IN$ = "Z" OR IN$ = "z" THEN TIME$ =
MID$(TIME$,1,5)+":00"
1600 '
1610 ' Calculate & display time
1620 '
1630 T$ = MID$(TIME$,1,5)
1640 OH = VAL(MID$(T$,1,2))
1650 IF OH < 12 THEN AP$ = " AM" ELSE AP$ = " PM"
1660 IF OH > 12 THEN OH = OH - 12
1670 IF OH = 0 THEN OH = 12
1680 '
1690 PRINT @256,DATE$
1700 PRINT @374,STR$(OH)+MID$(TIME$,3,6)+AP$
1710 '
1720 ' If it's the same minute, reiterate
1730 '
1740 IF VAL(MID$(T$,4,2)) = OM THEN 1480
1750 '
1760 ' Remove the last minute's hands
1770 '
1780 LINE (120,62)-(120.5+MX*54,62.5-MY*54),0
1790 LINE (120,62)-(120.5+HX*40,62.5-HY*40),0
1800 '
1810 ' Calculate new hand positions
1820 '
1830 OM = VAL(MID$(T$,4,2))
1840 MX = SIN(OM*6*RD)
1850 MY = COS(OM*6*RD)
1860 HX = SIN((OM/60+OH)*30*RD)
1870 HY = COS((OM/60+OH)*30*RD)
1880 '
1890 ' Draw new hands
1900 '
1910 LINE (120,62)-(120.5+MX*54,62.5-MY*54)
1920 LINE (120,62)-(120.5+HX*40,62.5-HY*40)
1930 '
1940 ' Return to infinite time loop
1950 '
1960 GOTO 1480

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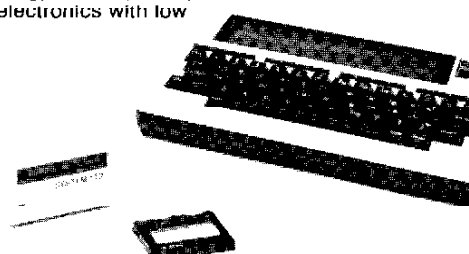
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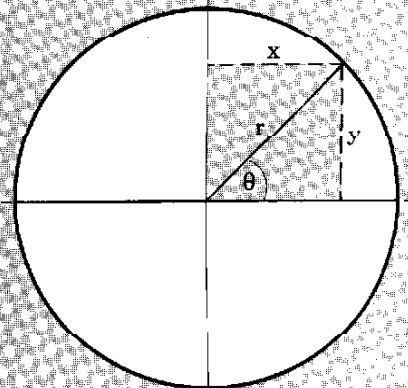
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CLOCK (from page 28)

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Figure 1: In a circle, if r is the radius (length of the hand) and theta is the angle in radians, then $x = r \sin(\theta)$ and $y = r \cos(\theta)$.



If the angle θ is in radians, then $x = r \sin(\theta)$; $y = r \cos(\theta)$

DOT TO DOT

The random dots are created in lines 1480-1510. Two random-number calls generate the x-coordinate and color (black or white) of the dot. If the dot's x-coordinate is located between 1 and 57, then it goes in the left side. If it's greater than 57, add a displacement of 125 to move the dot to the right side. Another random-number call determines the y-coordinate of the dot.

The keyboard is scanned between lines 1550 and 1590. If no key has been depressed, then the individual comparisons are skipped.

The correct time is read and processed in lines 1630 through 1670. The 24-hour format time is converted to 12-hour AM/PM format. Lines 1780 and 1780 print the time and date on the screen, and can be deleted if that feature's not desired.

Line 1740 checks the current minute

CLOCK

against the last time the hands were drawn. New hands are drawn only on a new minute.

Every minute, the old hands are removed by lines 1780 and 1790. The hour hand is 40 units long, the minute hand 54 units long.

The coordinates for the hour and minute hands are calculated by lines 1830 through 1870. The hour hand is accurately moved fractionally with the minute hand.

The new hands are drawn in lines 1910 and 1920. Line 1960 returns to the perpetual loop, and another round begins.

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Lines 1370-1410 can be a guide for drawing circles: Just change the value 58 to the radius and 120 and 62 to the desired center. Set the 11 in the FOR statement to a multiple of 360 less one, such as 35 for 10-degree increments. In figures, that's $(360/10)-1$. Finally, adjust the 30 in the trigonometric function to that same degree increment.

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3. If the hour is greater than 12, then subtract 12. So, 13:00 becomes 1:00 and 21:30 becomes 9:30. Of course, 12:00 stays 12:00.

4. If the hour is the hour after midnight — 00 — then make it hour 12. Some 24-hour clocks call that hour 24, some (including the Model 100 and Tandy 200) call it hour zero. We'll just call it 12:00 AM. □

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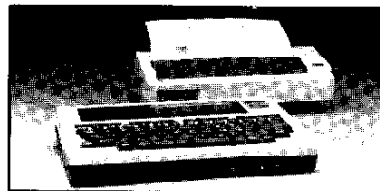
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BEARDI BASIC Program Listing

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100 REM BEARING and Distance calculator BEARDI
110 REM given Latitude and Longitude
120 REM of two points
190 PRINT "ENTER FROM LAT/LONG"
200 INPUT "enter LAT deg,min ";F1,F9
205 F1=F1+F9/60
210 INPUT "enter LONG deg,min ";P2,P9
215 F2=F2+F9/60
220 PRINT "ENTER TO LAT/LONG"
230 INPUT "enter LAT deg,min ";T3,T9
235 T3=T3+T9/60
240 INPUT "enter LONG deg,min ";T4,T9
250 T4=T4+T9/60
560 Z=57.2958
570 A=F1/Z
580 O=P2
590 B=T3/Z
600 L=O-T4
610 IFL>180 THEN L=L-360
620 IFL<-180 THEN L=L+360
630 L=L/Z
640 D=(SIN(A)*SIN(B))+((COS(A)*COS(B)*COS(L))
660 D=-ATN(D/SQR(-D*D+1))+1.5708
670 C=(SIN(B)-(SIN(A)*COS(D)))/(COS(A)*SIN(D))
690 C=-ATN(C/SQR(-C*C+1))+1.5708
700 IF L<0 THEN H=360-(C*Z)
710 IF L<0 THEN GOTO 730
720 H=C*Z
730 CLS
740 PRINT USING "Bearing = ###.# Degrees";H
750 PRINT USING "Distance = #####.## Nautical Miles";D*Z*60
760 PRINT USING "Distance = #####.## Statute Miles";D*Z*60*1.15078
770 PRINT USING "Distance = #####.## Kilometers";D*Z*60*1.8518518518518
780 INPUT H
790 CLS
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There are many reasons for calculating bearing and/or distance between two known locations. Applications include, among others, making enroute "fixes" for aircraft flight planning, similar calculations for marine navigation and even determining what direction to point an antenna for amateur radio or television purposes.

When you can do these calculations other uses arise, such as calculating how many degrees off course KAL 007 would have had to be in order to brush Russian airspace. Invention is the mother of necessity.

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

Using this program requires that the location of two points stated as latitude and longitude be known. The combination of latitude and longitude are also referred to as coordinates.

Latitude defines locations relative to the equator. The equator is zero (0) degrees latitude, the North Pole is 90 degrees north and the South Pole is 90 degrees south. When using the BEARDI program enter north latitudes as positive numbers between zero (0) and 90. Enter south latitudes as negative, between zero and -90.

Longitude defines positions east and west of a line connecting both poles and

passing through Greenwich, England, a borough of London which was formerly the site of an astronomical observatory. Locations west of the prime meridian are defined by the range zero to 180 degrees west. Locations east of the prime meridian are defined by the range 0 to 180 degrees east. The line connecting the poles on the opposite sides of the earth is ambiguously defined as both 180 degrees east and 180 degrees west of the prime meridian.

When using BEARDI, latitudes between 0 and 180 degrees east are entered as positive and western latitudes are negative. For example, because all the United States lies east of the prime meridian and north of the equator, all latitudes and longitudes are positive.

SPHERICAL TRIGONOMETRY

Two equations based on spherical trigonometry (see Table 1) are required to calculate bearing and distance between two points. The first equation calculates distance between the two points in degrees of arc relative to the center of the earth (one degree = 60 nautical miles). The second calculates the bearing between the two points in degrees.

The bearing calculated is from the first point to the second point; north is zero degrees, east is 90 degrees, south is

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Table 1.

EQUATIONS USED TO CALCULATE BEARING AND DISTANCE

$$\cos D = \sin A \sin B + \cos A \cos B \cos L$$

$$\cos C = \frac{\sin B - \sin A \cos D}{\cos A \sin D}$$

where: A = FROM latitude in degrees

B = TO latitude in degrees

L = FROM longitude - TO longitude

If the result is outside the range ± 180

360 is algebraically added or subtracted

to give a result between ± 180 and -180 .

D = Distance along great circle path from FROM to TO in degrees of arc relative to

the center of the earth.

C = True bearing from North is L is positive

If L is negative then true bearing = $360 - C$

Table 2.

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OF SOME MAJOR AIRPORTS OF THE WORLD

Facility	Latitude (deg, min)	Longitude (deg, min)
Boston (BOS)	+42,22	+71,0
Chicago (ORD)	+41,59	+87,54
Dallas (DFW)	+32,54	+97,02
Los Angeles (LAX)	+33,56	+118,24
Miami (MIA)	+25,54	+80,17
New York (JFK)	+40,38	+73,46
San Francisco (SFO)	+37,37	+122,23
Washington, DC (IAD)	+38,57	+77,27
Barbados (MKPB)	+13,04	+59,30
Bermuda (MXKF)	+32,22	+64,41
Brazil (RIO)	-22,49	+43,15
London (LHR)	+51,28	+0,27

180 degrees and west is 270 degrees. The bearing identifies the shortest path to the other point over the face of the earth. This path is generally referred to as the great circle route.

Note that it is a quirk of spherical geometry that, with few exceptions, the great circle bearing between two points is almost never simply the opposite direction. The bearing calculated by BEARDI is the great circle heading from the first point to the second. To cal-

culate the bearing from the second point to the first, the data must entered in reverse order.

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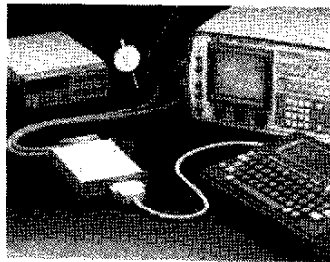
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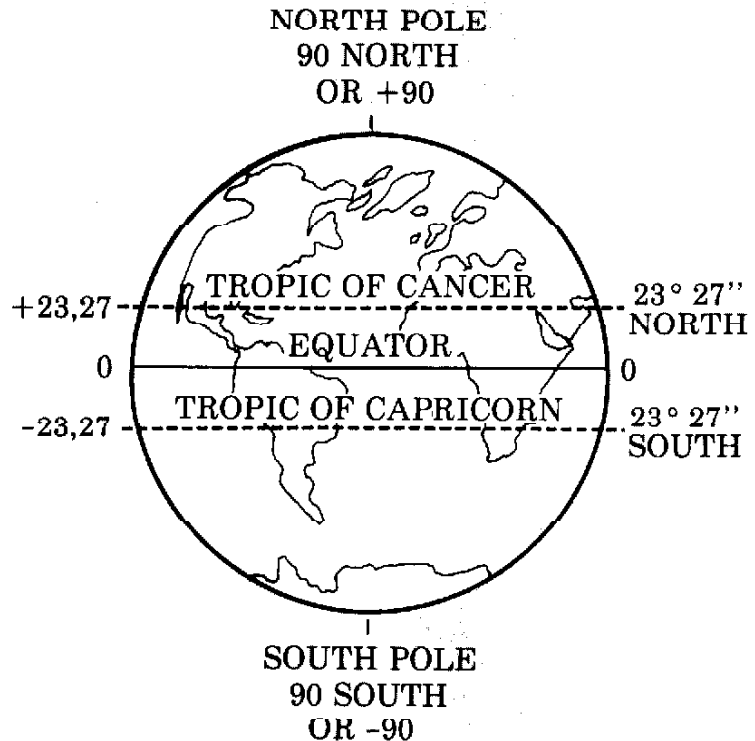
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Figure 1.



The BEARDI program prompts for degrees and minutes. Two entries *must* be entered in response to the prompt. If rough calculations are being made, and only degrees are known, you must enter a value of zero for minutes.

You should keep in mind that at the equator one degree equals 60 nautical miles (at sea level). Errors introduced by such rounding could, therefore, be significant. In most cases minutes are available and should be used.

The program doesn't prompt for seconds but they may be included by dividing them by 60 and adding the fraction to the minutes entry. A prompt for seconds could easily be added to the program also. The value entered for seconds must be divided by 3600 and added to the fractional degrees currently calculated by the program.

The program first prompts for the latitude and longitude of the FROM point and then prompts for the coordinates of the TO point. The Model 100 will pause for approximately two seconds after the data are entered before displaying the results.

If you want to use the routine as a subroutine called by an application program delete lines 100 through 250, add a

Return statement at line 800, and from the calling program GOSUB 560 with F1, F2, T3, T4 set to the FROM and TO latitude and longitude, respectively.

LIMITATIONS

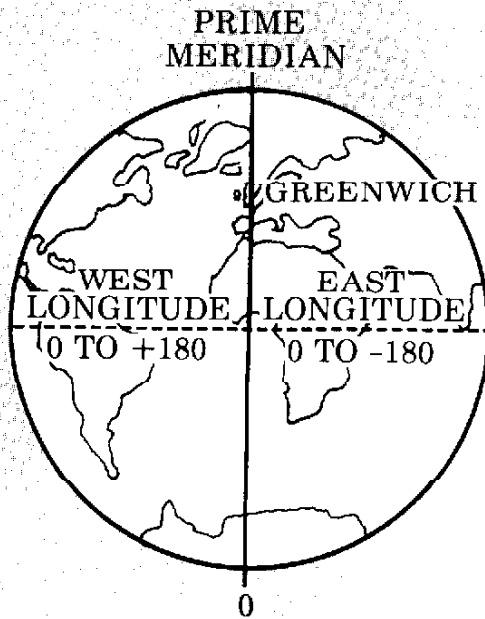
One caution must be noted regarding limitations of the program. Three situations cause a significant error. They are:

- If the FROM location is one of the poles. The bearing from the North Pole can only be south and from the South Pole, it can only be north. In these two unique cases, adequate information for proceeding from the FROM point to the TO point is not provided.

- If FROM and TO are antipodes — exactly opposite points on the earth's surface. When calculating between antipodes an error of more than a few miles is introduced. However, the distance between antipodes is approximately 12,428.44 statute miles and this error is not likely to be significant. What's more, in a navigation application, if the bearing and distance are again calculated enroute, the error would no longer be present.

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Figure 2.



• If the points being measured are extremely close together. One second off represents an error of 88 feet at the equator. In such cases, the error may be only a matter of feet but could represent a significant percentage.

The bearings calculated by the program are with reference to true north (the axis of rotation of the earth). If referencing a magnetic compass, a correction for magnetic deviation must be made. The magnetic North Pole is not exactly at the true North Pole. Also, in a few regions major mineral deposits of ferrous ores cause compasses to be further compromised. To give a few examples, the magnetic deviation in Miami, Florida is one degree west, the deviation in Washington D.C. is nine degrees west, in Dallas, Texas it's seven degrees east and, incredibly, magnetic disturbances as great as 47 degrees exist near the peak of Elk Mountain, Colorado.

General purpose maps do not routinely indicate magnetic deviation. However, virtually all visual aviation and marine maps plot reference lines of variation. When using a map which gives an easterly magnetic variation, subtract that number of degrees from the true bearing calculated by BEARDI.

If the variation is west then add it to the true bearing. By making this correction the actual compass bearing to the destination point is derived.

For applications such as aiming an antenna mounted on a rotor, no complicated corrections need to be made. The rotor should simply be adjusted once, when true north has been determined. However, for vehicles in motion, such as aircraft or ships, the correction for magnetic deviation must be periodically adjusted.

WHERE TO FIND DATA

In addition to general purpose maps which routinely depict latitude and longitude with some degree of accuracy, the National Ocean Survey publishes several series of both aviation and marine navigation maps of the world. Some of these depict latitude and longitude in considerable detail. Local zoning and planning maps also generally note latitude and longitude. □

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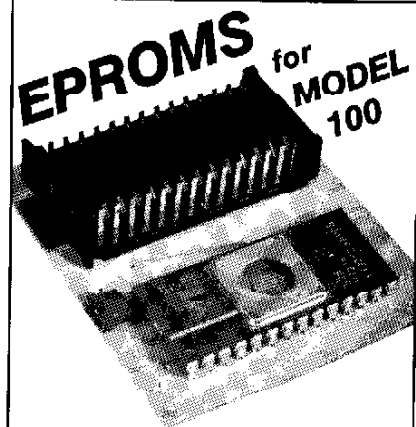
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WRITE ROM's "pixel mapping" feature shows you an instant picture on the screen of how your printout will look on paper.

In all there are 64 separate features and functions you can do with WRITE ROM, and some of these features are truly breakthroughs for the Model 100.

First, WRITE ROM lets you do search and replace. Any word or phrase in a document can be searched for and replaced with any other phrase where the search words appear.

Second, WRITE ROM lets you send any text (formatted or not) to any other computer over the phone with just a function key. What's more, it dials and handles sign-on and sign-off protocol automatically.

Third, WRITE ROM has a wonderful feature called *Library* that lets you record favorite phrases, words or commonly used expressions (often called boilerplate).

Any place you wish *Library* text to appear you just type a code. WRITE ROM automatically inserts the text just like a Xerox Memory Writer. Picture what you can do with that kind of capability.

WRITE ROM is blindingly fast. No one can claim faster operation. Because it is on ROM it uses virtually none of your precious RAM. It works with any printer, serial or parallel. You can make a duplicate copy of a document file under a new filename. Rename or delete (kill) any RAM file with function key ease.

This description only scratches the surface of this amazingly powerful piece of software. Dot commands allow control of such things as margins, centering, line spacing and other changes in the middle of a document. Most are *WordStar™* compatible.

A mailmerge feature allows you to send the same document to every name on your mailing list, personalized for each recipient.

WRITE ROM enables you to do underlining, boldface and correspondence mode as well as any other font feature like superscripts that your printer supports, in a way that many users say "is worth the price of the program."

To underline you don't have to remember a complicated printer code. You just type CODE u, and to stop underline, CODE u again. The CODE key is to the right of your spacebar. Boldface? CODE b to start and stop. Easy to remember and do. Five different printer features of your choice.

We couldn't list all the features here. For example, you can select not just double space but triple or any other. You can use your TAB

key in a document. WRITE ROM allows you to indent. This means you can have paragraphs with a first line projecting to the left of the rest of the paragraph. WRITE ROM has a feature unique for any word processor on any computer. It's called *FORM*. *FORM* is an interactive mechanism that lets you create screen prompts so that you or someone else can answer them to fill out forms or questionnaires.

With *FORM*, any place that you had previously typed a *GRAPH T* and a prompt in a document, WRITE ROM will stop and show you that prompt on the screen. You can type in directly on the screen and when you press F8 you see the next prompt. It goes to a printer or a RAM file.

Think how you can use *FORM*. A doctor or nurse could use it for a patient's history with each question appearing on the screen. An insurance salesman could use it for his entire questionnaire. You could construct a series of prompts to answer correspondence, typing the answers, even using *Library* codes. This feature lets you answer letters in rapid-fire fashion, each with personalized or standard responses.

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EQUIVALENT FUNCTIONS



In the table accompanying Larry Berg's letter "A Basic Comparison" in your September issue, the Model 100 is shown as having no equivalent function for EQV, IMP and MOD.

This is untrue. The table shows NOT(A XOR B), NOT(A OR B) and A-INT(A/B)*B as "identical functions and parameters." These also work but on experimenting with my Model 100, I found the original commands work equally well with less typing, memory usage and execution time.

Examples of command format:

A MOD B = NOT(A XOR B)

A IMP B = NOT(A OR B)

A MOD B = A-INT(A/B)*B

My Model 100 has been a constant companion for over a year and I appreciate your magazine very much as a source of information and ideas.

Bruce P. Williams
Detroit Lakes, MN

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED WHILE WRITING A PROGRAM

I accidentally created this program trying to accomplish a graphic setup.

Though small, it draws about 119 different graphic kaleidoscope designs using the line-box command.

I thought it might be of some interest to your readers.

```
1 CLS
:FOR Z=1.5 TO 60 STEP .5
2 B=0
:FOR P=1 TO 5
:FOR A=0 TO 32 STEP Z
:X=239-B
:Y=63-A
:GOSUB 7
3 LINE (B,A)-(X,Y),1,B
:B=B+Z
:NEXT A
4 FOR A=32 TO 0 STEP -Z
:X=239-B
:Y=63-A
:GOSUB 7
5 LINE (B,A)-(X,Y),0,B
:B=B+Z
:NEXT A,P,Z
6 END
7 IF X<0 THEN X=0
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8 IF Y<0 THEN Y=0
9 IF X>239 THEN X=239
10 IF Y>63 THEN Y=63
11 IF B>239 THEN B=239
12 RETURN
```

Richard C. Hobbs
Lisbon Falls, ME

Thanks for the program. We're only too happy to share it with our readers. However, since some of them out there are Tandy 200 users, we'd like to make an addendum. To take advantage of the full screen on the 200, change the number 32 in lines 2 and 4 to 64 and the 63 in lines 2, 4 and 10 to 127. — Ed.

THAT'S NEWS TO US

I've been told by NEC that you publish a monthly newsletter dealing with the NEC 8200 line. I have a NEC 8201A and am interested in seeing a copy of your publication and possibly subscribing if it looks good. Please send information about subscribing and a copy of the newsletter.

H. Noel Thomas
Seminole, FL

Camden Communications, Inc. does not publish a NEC specific newsletter at this time. However, Portable 100 magazine reviews and advertises many products that are pertinent to the NEC PC-8201 user. — Ed.

USER GROUP NOTES

The Calgary Portable Computer Group has been founded and presently consists of 60 members and is growing. They are actively soliciting information from other user groups as well as product and computer seminars and exhibit information. Anyone involved in promoting the Model 100/Tandy 200, M-10 and NEC portables is invited to contact Craig J. McLay, 41-1011 Canter-

bury Drive S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, (403)238-0990.

Model 100 and Tandy 200 owners who would like to start a users' group in the Detroit area should contact J.R. Cairns, 836 Dover Drive, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127.

The Leesburg (Indiana) BBS has a new telephone number: (219) 594-5843. LBBS can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week

PORTABLE NOTEBOOK

I found the article "Take Note" in your September issue interesting and expect that the "code" choices the author has devised are quite useful. When I first became aware of the Model 100's existence, its potential as a portable notebook struck me immediately. Our office is obtaining several for this use.

We have developed a concept for integrating an outliner program into a system (using IBM PCs) which should add considerable power to the organization of notes in a report larger than the Model 100 can handle. Do you know of anyone who has employed an outliner program in this manner and what luck they may have had with it? I hope to be able to try some things soon, but have not had time as yet.

Robert B Person
Montana Legislative Council
Helena, MN

Funny you should ask. We just received a press release from Traveling Software about Ultimate ROM II (see New Products). This upgraded version of their Ultimate ROM chip includes an improved Idea outline processor which features optional Thinktank file compatibility. This means files created with Thinktank can be converted to run in Idea format and vice versa. It would be something worth looking into. — Ed. □

What The Future Holds

Last month we explored compound interest and its effect on investments. This month we expand on that principle and learn what impact interest rates have on such things as annuities and loans.

The following is reprinted from "Financial Decision Making With Your TRS-80 Model 100 Including 18 Programs" by Leslie Sparks (Book No. 1799), with permission of the publisher, Tab Books Inc., Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214. —Ed.

Although there are many cases where we are interested in lump sum payments, it is more common to be interested in the effects of time on periodic payments. For example, we may want to know how much we will have in five years if we can save \$100 per month. Or we may want to know how much we can withdraw from savings each month if we want the savings to last four years. These are examples of *annuity* problems.

An annuity is defined as a payment (or receipt), usually of a fixed amount, made at stated predetermined intervals.

Most commonly payments are made at the end of the payment period and is called an *ordinary annuity*. If the payment is made at the beginning of the period, the annuity is called an *annuity due*.

We'll look at both types of annuities. Two programs, ANUIT1.BA and ANUIT2.BA are included to provide some solutions to both types of problems.

In order to fix the concept, let's work through an example and then derive the formulas. Suppose we set \$1,000 aside at the end of each year for the next five years. The money will earn 6 percent interest per year compounded annually. How much will we have at the end of the fifth year? At the end of the first year \$1,000 is deposited and earns 6 percent interest for the next year. Also at the end of the second year we deposit the second \$1,000. The value of our account at the end of the second year is \$1,000 (initial deposit) + \$60 (interest on the first \$1,000) + \$1,000 (the second deposit) = \$2,060. At the end of the third year we deposit the third \$1,000 and

so on.

We can use the same example to demonstrate the difference between an ordinary annuity and an annuity due. Remember that ordinary annuity payments are made at the end of the period; payments for an annuity due are made at the beginning or each period. Thus, if our example problem were for an annuity due, we would make the first deposit at the beginning of the first year. At the end of the first year we would have \$1,000 + \$60 (the interest earned). At the end of the second year we would have \$1,000 (the first deposit) + \$60 (the interest earned for first year) + \$1,000 (the second deposit) + \$123.60 (interest earned during the second year on \$2,060).

These two examples show that the difference between an ordinary annuity and an annuity due is one year's worth of interest.

Although it's possible to work any annuity problem this way, it's easier to use annuity formulas. For an annuity due:

(Text continues on page 67)

Listing 1. Annuity due program ANUIT1.BA.

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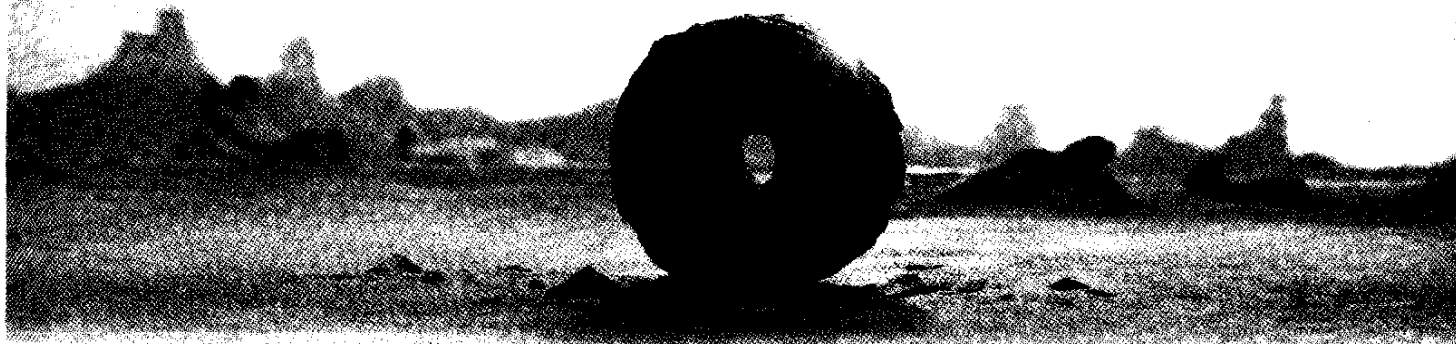
1 REM ANNUITY DUE PROGRAM VERSION 1.0
2 REM FOR TRS-80 MODEL 100 BY LES
3 REM ANUIT1.BA
4 CLEAR
5 DEFINT J,L
6 CL%=CHR$(27)+"E"
7 C1%=CHR$(27)+"K"
11 A$="1234567890,+--"
12 AZ%=CHR$(13)+CHR$(31)+CHR$(30)+CHR$(42)+"M"
   +"m"
14 DIM F$(4),T$(5),X(5)
15 JR=16:
   JS=2:
   FORJ=0TO4:
   READF$(J):
   NEXTJ
16 FORJ=0TO4:
   READT$(J):
   NEXTJ
40 J=1
50 CLS:
   JF=0
60 PRINT STRING$(39,"=")
70 PRINT "ANNUITY DUE PROGRAM FOR MODEL 100"
72 PRINT " version 1.0 by LES."

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80 PRINT" SELECT DESIRED OPTION":
PRINT" <F>UTURE VALUE OF ANNUITY.":
PRINT" <P>RESENT VALUE OF THE ANNUITY."
85 :
PRINTSTRING$(39,"=")
86 PRINT@280,"Please press F OR P. Q QUILTS.":
90 Y$=INKEY$:
IF Y$="" THEN N90 ELSE J=INSTR("QqFfPp",Y$)
92 IF J=0 THEN N90
95 IF J < 3 THEN CLS:
PRINT:
FILES:
END
100 IF J > 4 THEN GOSUB 900 ELSE GOSUB 500
110 GOTO 50
500 REM CALCULATE FUTURE VALUE
505 CLS
510 T$="CALCULATE FUTURE VALUE OF ANNUITY"
520 T$(4)="FUTURE VALUE"
540 NT=4
550 GOSUB 900
552 IF Y$="M" OR Y$="m" THEN RETURN
555 PRINT@280,STRING$(39," ");
560 REM FIND MISSING ITEM
570 J9=0
572 FORJ=0TONT:
IF X(J)=0 THEN J9=J+1

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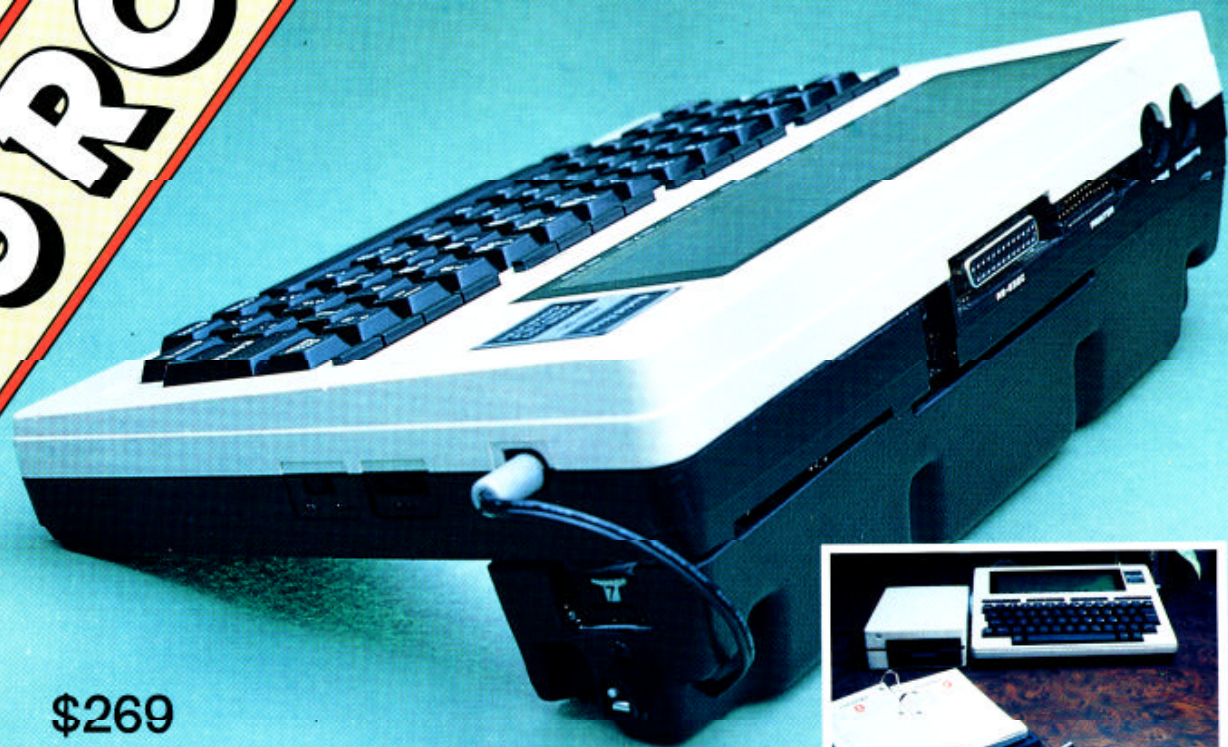
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ANNUITIES (from page 62)

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574 NEXTJ
576 IF J9 > 1 THEN CLS:
PRINT " ERROR. TOO MANY UNKNOWN'S.":
FOR J=0 TO 500:
NEXTJ:
GOTO 550
578 J=0
580 IF X(J)=0 THEN N=0 ELSE J=J+1
590 IF J > N THEN CLS:
PRINT " YOU SPECIFIED EVERYTHING. ERROR.":
FOR J=1 TO 400:
NEXTJ:
GOTO 550
595 GOTO 580
600 J9=J+2:
LC=0:
ON J GOTO 630,640,660,680
605 PRINT @280, " FINDING INTEREST RATE.":
610 R=.15/X(2):
RL=0:
RB=1/X(2)
612 E1=(1+R)^(X(2)*X(1)):
C1=X(3)*(E1-1)
615 R1=(1+R)*C1/X(4)
620 IF ABS(R-R1)/R < .00001 THEN 628
624 IF LC > 15 THEN CLS:
PRINT " ERROR WILL NOT CONVERGE":
PRINT " TRY AGAIN":
FOR J=0 TO 500:
NEXTJ:
GOTO 550
625 LC=LC+1:
IF R > R1 THEN RL=RB ELSE RB=R
626 R=(RL+RB)/2:
GOTO 612
628 X(0)=R*100*X(2):
X(0)=INT(1000*X(0)/1000:
GOTO 550
630 PRINT @280, "CALCLATING NO. OF YRS.":
R=X(0)/100/X(2):
R1=1+R:
V=X(4)/X(3)
632 C=V*R/R1+1:
X(1)=LOG(C)/LOG(R1)/X(2)
638 GOTO 550

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640 PRINT @280, " FINDING NR. OF PERIODS/YR.":
LC=0:
N=1:
642 R=X(0)/100/N:
R1=1+R:
V=X(4)/X(3):
C=V*R/R1+1
644 XN=LOG(C)/LOG(R1)/X(1)
646 IF ABS(XN-N)/N < .001 THEN 650
648 N=XN:
LC=LC+1:
IF LC > 16 THEN 655 ELSE 642
650 IF XN < 1 THEN 657 ELSE X(2)=INT(XN+.5):
GOTO 550 LIST 657
655 CLS:
PRINT " ERROR. ERROR.":
656 PRINT " DID NOT CONVERGE. TRY NEW INPUT.":
FOR J=0 TO 500:
NEXTJ:
GOTO 550
657 CLS:
PRINT " ERROR ERROR. ":
PRINT " LESS THAN ONE PAYMENT/YR.":
FOR J=0 TO 700:
NEXTJ:
GOTO 550
660 PRINT @280, "CALCULATING AMT OF PAYMENT.":
R=X(0)/100/X(2)
665 X(3)=X(4)/(1+R)/((1+R)^(X(2)*X(1))-1)*R
670 GOTO 550
680 PRINT @280, "CALCULATING FUTURE VALUE.":
R=X(0)/100/X(2)
690 X(4)=X(3)*(1+R)*((1+R)^(X(2)*X(1))-1)/R
695 GOTO 550
900 CLS:
T$="CALCULATE PRESENT VALUE OF ANNUITY.":
910 T$(4)="PRESENT VALUE":
NT=4:
JS=2
920 GOSUB 9000
922 IF Y$="M" OR Y$="m" THEN RETURN
925 PRINT @280, STRING$(39, " ");
930 J9=0
940 FOR J=0 TO NT:
IF X(J)=0 THEN J9=J9+1

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$$FV1 = S[(1+r)^n - 1][1+r]$$

where FV1 is the future value of the annuity due (a lump sum), S is the amount of the payment, r is the interest rate per period and n is the number of periods. The equation for the present value of an annuity due is:

$$PV1 = S[(1+r)^n][1+r]$$

where PV1 is the present value of the annuity due. This equation says that if we set aside PV1 dollars now at an interest rate of r per period, we can withdraw S dollars per period for n periods.

The equation for an ordinary annuity are:

$$FV = S \frac{(1+r)^n - 1}{r}$$

where FV is the future value of the ordinary annuity and all the other terms are as defined for the annuity due. The present value of an ordinary annuity is given by:

$$PV = S \frac{1 - (1+r)^{-n}}{r}$$

where PV is the present value of an ordinary annuity.

There are two types of annuity problems. The first is the future value problem, which (obviously) uses the future value formulas for solution. The future value problem involves a lump sum that you'll receive in the future, provided that you set aside a given sum at regular intervals. Generally, you either know

the lump sum you need and want to know what the regular savings have to be, or you know how much you are setting aside and want to know the value of the lump sum.

The other general problem is the present value problem. In this case you have a lump sum now and want to receive it in the form of regular payments for some time in the future. To solve this type of problem, you use the present value formulas.

Quite often we are interested in both type of problems at the same time. A retirement fund is an example of a case where we may have both a present value and a future value problem: as long as

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ANNUITIES

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950 NEXTJ
960 IF J9>1 THENCLS:
PRINT:
PRINT" ERROR ERROR.":
PRINT" TOO MANY UNKNOWN.":
FORJ=0TO500:
NEXTJ:
GOTO 920
970 J=0
980 IFX(J)=0THEN1010 ELSE J=J+1
990 IF J>NT THENCLS:
PRINT" ERROR. YOUR SPECIFIED EVERYTHING.":
PRINT" TRY AGAIN.":
FORJ=0TO500:
NEXTJ:
GOTO920
1000 GOTO 980
1010 JS=J+2:
ON J GOTO 1100,1200,1300,1400
1019 PRINTQ290,"FINDING INTEREST RATE.":
1020 REM FIND INTEREST RATE
1022 RL=0:
RB=2.0/X(2):
R=0.12*NOTE LIMITS MAX INTERESTRATE
1024 R1=.12/X(2):
LC=0:
C=X(4)/X(3)
1026 E1=(1-(1+R1)^-(X(1)*X(2)))/R1
1030 R=C/E1-1

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1034 LC=LC+1
1036 IF ABS(R-R1)/R1<.001THEN1042
1038 IF LC>28 THENCLS:
PRINT"ERROR. ERROR.":
PRINT" DID NOT CONVERGE TRY NEW DATA.":
FORJ=0TO500:
NEXTJ:
GOTO920
1039 IFR>R1 THENRB=R1 ELSE RL=R1
1040 R1=(RL+RB)/2:
GOTO1026
1042 X(0)=R1+100*X(2):
GOTO920
1100 PRINTQ280,"calculate no of years.":
1110 R=X(0)/100/X(2)
1120 C=X(4)/(X(3)*(1+R))*R
1122 IF C>=1 THENCLS:
PRINT" MONEY WILL LAST FOREVER @ THIS RATE.":
":
FORJ=0TO700:
NEXTJ:
X(1)=9999999999:
GOTO920
1130 X(1)=-1*LOG(1-C)/(X(2)*LOG(1+R))
1140 GOTO920
1200 PRINTQ280," CALCULATE NO OF PERIODS/YR. "

1201 LC=0
1210 N1=6:

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R=X(0)/100
1212 R1=R/N1:
C=X(4)/(X(3)*(1+R1))*R1
1214 IF C>1 THEN N1=N1*2:
GOTO1212
1220 R1=R/N1:
C=X(4)/(X(3)*(1+R1))*R1
1225 IF C>1 THEN LC=LC+1:
N1=N1+1:
IF LC>22 THEN 1244 ELSE 1220:
1230 N2=-1*LOG(1-C)/(X(1)*LOG(1+R1))
1235 LC=LC+1
1240 IF ABS(N2-N1)/N1<0.005 THEN 1250 ELSE N1=(N2
+N1)/2
1244 IF LC>20 THEN CLS:
PRINT" ERROR ERROR":
PRINT" DID NOT CONVERGE AFTER ";LC:
FOR J=0 TO 600:
NEXT J:
GOTO 920
1245 GOTO 1220
1250 X(2)=INT(N2+.5):
GOTO 920
1300 PRINT@280,"CALCULATING AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.
R=X(0)/100/X(2)
1310 X(3)=X(4)*R/((1-(1+R)^-(X(2)*X(1)))/(1+R)
1320 GOTO 920
1400 PRINT@280,"CALCULATING PRESENT VALUE.":

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R=X(0)/100/X(2):
R1=(1+R)^(X(1)*X(2))
1410 X(4)=X(3)/R*(1+R)*(1-R1)
1420 GOTO 920
9000 REM DATA INPUT
9001 REM (C) 1983 L.E. SPARKS
9002 REM MAY BE FREELY USED
9010 CLS
9015 PRINT T$
9020 PRINT STRING$(39,"=")
9040 FOR J=0 TONT
9050 PRINTTAB(2) T$(J);TAB(21):
PRINT USING F$(J);X(J)
9060 NEXT J
9065 IF JQ=-9 THEN 9800
9070 PRINT @ (JS*40)+JR,"->";
9075 PRINT@280,"ARROWS MOVE ->, * CALCULATES M
RETURNS";
9080 Y$=INKEY$:
IF Y$="" THEN 9080
9090 IF INSTR(A$,Y$)<>0 THEN 9500
9095 IF Y$="M" OR Y$="m" THEN JF=-9:
RETURN
9100 JZ=INSTR(AZ$,Y$):
IF JZ=0 THEN 9080
9110 ON JZ GOTO 9120,9120,9140,9250
9120 PRINT@ (40+JS)+JR," ";
9122 JS=JS+1:
IF JS>NT+2 THEN JS=2

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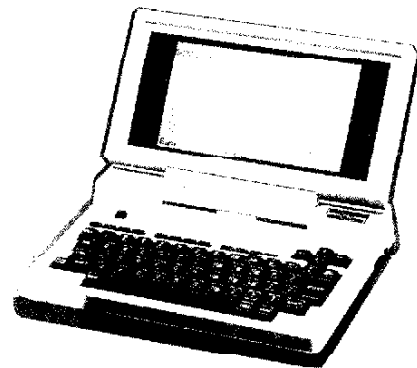
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9124 PRINT@(JS*40)+JR,"->";
9130 GOTO 9080
9140 PRINT@(40*JS)+JR," ";
9150 JS=JS-1:
IF JS<2 THEN JS=NT+2
9152 PRINT@(40*JS)+JR,"->";
GOTO9080
9250 RETURN
9500 PRINT@(40*JS)+JR,C1$;
9505 PRINT@280,"ENTER REST OF DATA PRESENTER
WHEN DONE";
9510 V$=Y$
9530 PRINT@(40*JS)+18.V$;CHR$(95);" ";
9540 Y$=INKEY$:
IF Y$="" THEN 9540
9550 IF Y$=CHR$(13) THEN 9700
9560 IF Y$<>CHR$(29) THEN 9600
9570 IF LEN(V$)=0 THEN 9530
9580 V$=LEFT$(V$,LEN(V$)-1):
9590 Y$=""
GOTO 9530
9600 IF INSTR(A$,Y$)=0 THEN 9530
9610 V$=V$+Y$
9620 GOTO 9530
9700 X(JS-2)=VAL(V$)
9710 JS=JS+1:
IF JS>NT+2 THEN JS=2
9720 GOTO 9010
9800 JQ=0:

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PRINT@280,"PRESS * FOR PAY SCH, A FOR ANOT
HER";
9810 Y$=INKEY$:
IF Y$="" THEN N9810
9815 IF Y$="" THEN N9830 ELSE IF Y$="A" THEN N90
34000 DATA ##.###%,##.##,###,"###,#####.##"
,"#####.###"
35000 DATA INTEREST,NUMBER YRS,NO PERIOD/YR,AMT
PAYMENT,FUTVAL,END

```

Listing 2. Ordinary annuity program ANUIT2.BA.

```

1 REM ANNUITY PROGRAM VERSION 1.0
2 REM FOR TRS-80 MODEL 100 BY LES
3 REM ORDINARY ANNUITY VERSION
4 CLS
5 CLEAR
6 DEFINT J,I,L
7 CL$=CHR$(27)+"E"
8 C1$=CHR$(27)+"K"
11 A$="1234567890,+--"
12 AZ$=CHR$(13)+CHR$(31)+CHR$(30)+CHR$(42)+"M
"+"m"
14 DIM F$(4),T$(5),X(5)
15 JR=16:
JS=2:
FOR J=0 TO 4:
READ F$(J):
NEXT J

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Typical XOUT.BA Menu

RAM	32768	RAMRES	D	401	SPREDDC	1507:
DO4MAT	8489	CHAP02D	937:			
BA4MAT	201	CHAP03D	1853:			
basic		DOSD	D	48:		
LIST1	201	PRTCAPD	464:			
LIST2	D	801	part	2		
2221	Free	28968	Used	1	29189	Total

Save List 4mat Kill Awtl Menu

Typical XIN.BA Menu

XIN	8	CHAP01D	+200:
XOUT	8	CHAP02D	-240:
DO4MAT	8	CHAP03D	1853:
BA4MAT	8	DOSD	0:
LIST1	D	-120	PRTCAPD
LIST2	D	801	SPREDDC
NAMES	D	401	SPREDDC
7510	Free	21673	Used
			29189 Total

Save List 4mat Kill Awtl Menu



- XOUT.BA -

- Displays memory contents in memory address order
- As files are highlighted memory statistics are changed to reflect values if Kill selected.
- RA files are stored on tape as standard colonated files.

- Label line alternatives with statistics line by toggling the label key.
- Any combination of files can be highlighted by positioning the pointer and pressing space or enter. No action is taken until commanded by a function key, and then all highlighted files are affected.
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- DO4MAT.BA -

- Formats documents using embedded command descriptions for many features, including columns, underlining, bold print, filling and adjusting.
- Optional headers and footers may include the date, time and page number.
- Specify printer make and model. (Customizing directions given for printers not yet implemented.)

- XIN.BA -

- Displays tape contents in tape position order.
- As files are highlighted memory statistics are changed to reflect values if Load selected
- If the file name exists in both the tape and memory directories, the difference (+, -) in size is shown

- BA4MAT.BA -

- Formats BA files so that the individual basic commands are listed one per line indented from the basic line number.
- Additional indentation occurs to diagram the IF-THEN-ELSE structures in the program
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16 FORJ=0TO4:
  READT$(J):
  NEXTJ
40 J=1
50 CLS:
  JF=0
60 PRINT STRING$(39,"=")
70 PRINT "ORDINARY ANNUITY PROGRAM FOR MODEL
  100"
72 PRINT " version 1.0 by LES."
80 PRINT" SELECT DESIRED OPTION":
  PRINT" <F>UTURE VALUE OF ANNUITY.":
  PRINT" <P>RESENT VALUE OF THE ANNUITY."
85 :
  PRINTSTRING$(39,"=")
86 PRINT@280,"Please press F OR P. G QUILTS.":
90 Y$=INKEY$:
  IFY$=""THEN90ELSEJ=INSTR("QqFfPp",Y$)
92 IF J=0THEN90
95 IF J < 3 THEN CLS:
  PRINT:
  FILES:
  END
100 IFJ>4THENGOSUB 900 ELSE GOSUB 500
110 GOTO 50
500 REM CALCULATE FUTURE VALUE
505 CLS
510 T$="CALCULATE FUTURE VALUE OF ANNUITY"

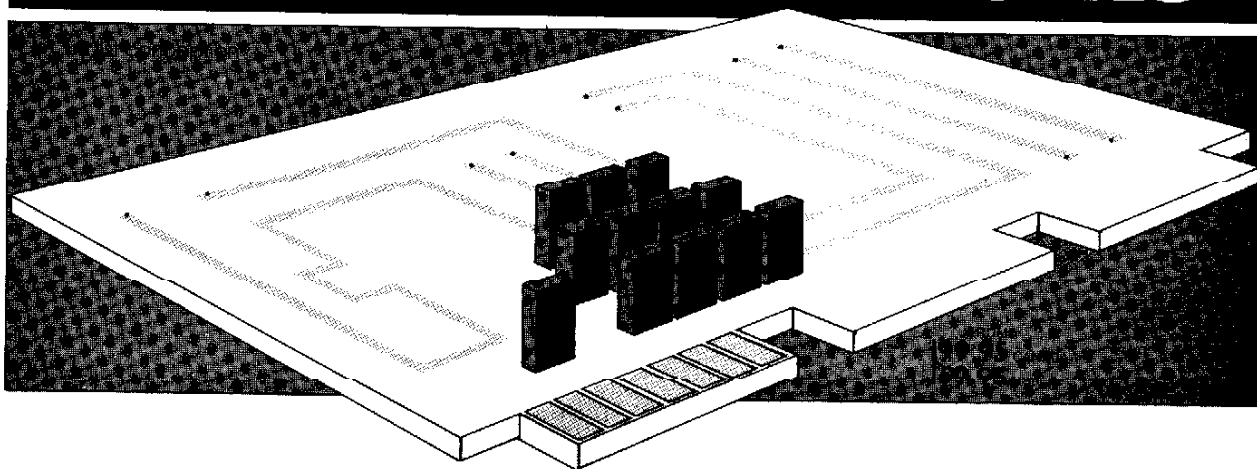
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520 T$(4)="FUTURE VALUE"
540 NT=4
550 GOSUB 9000
552 IFY$="M"ORY$="m" THEN RETURN
555 PRINT@280,STRING$(39," ");
560 REM FIND MISSING ITEM
570 J9=0
572 FORJ=0TONT:
  IFX(J)=0THEN J9=J9+1
574 NEXTJ
576 IFJ9>1THENCLS:
  PRINT" ERROR. TOO MANY UNKNOWN.":
  FORJ=0TO500:
  NEXTJ:
  GOTO550
578 J=0
580 IFX(J)=0THEN600ELSEJ=J+1
590 IFJ>NTTHENCLS:
  PRINT" YOU SPECIFIED EVERYTHING. ERROR.":
  FORJ=1TO400:
  NEXTJ:
  GOTO550
595 GOTO 580
600 JS=J+2:
  LC=0:
  ONJGOTO630,640,660,680
605 PRINT@280," FINDING INTEREST RATE.":
610 R=.15/X(2):
  RL=0:

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RB=1/X(2)
612 E1=(1+R)^(X(2)*X(1)):
C1=X(3)*(E1-1)
615 R1=C1/X(4)
620 IF ABS((R-R1)/R)<.00001 THEN 628
624 IF LC>15 THEN CLS:
PRINT" ERROR WILL NOT CONVERGE":
PRINT" TRY AGAIN":
FORJ=0TO500:
NEXTJ:
GOTO550
625 LC=LC+1:
IFR>R1 THEN R1=RELSERB=R
626 R=(R1+R)/2:
GOTO612
629 X(0)=R*100/X(2):
X(0)=INT(1000*X(0))/1000:
GOTO550
630 PRINT@280,"CALCLATING NO. OF YRS.":
R=X(0)/100/X(2):
R1=1+R:
V=X(4)/X(3)
632 C=1+V*R:
X(1)=LOG(C)/LOG(R1)/X(2)
638 GOTO 550
640 PRINT@280,"FINDING NR. OF PERIODS/YR":
LC=0:
N=1:
642 R=X(0)/100/N:

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R1=1+R:
V=X(4)/X(3):
C=1+V*R
644 XN=LOG(C)/LOG(R1)/X(1)
646 IF ABS(XN-N)/N<.001 THEN 650
648 N=XN:
LC=LC+1:
IFLC>16 THEN 655 ELSE 642
650 IF XN<1 THEN 657 ELSE X(2)=INT(XN+.5):
GOTO550 LIST 657
655 CLS:
PRINT"ERROR. ERROR."
656 PRINT "DID NOT CONVERGE. TRY NEW INPUT.":
FORJ=0TO500:
NEXTJ:
GOTO550
657 CLS:
PRINT"ERROR ERROR. ":
PRINT"LESS THAN ONE PAYMENT/YR.":
FORJ=0TO700:
NEXTJ:
GOTO550
660 PRINT@280,"CALCULATING AMT OF PAYMENT.":
R=X(0)/100/X(2)
665 X(3)=X(4)/(1+R)/((1+R)^(X(2)*X(1))-1)*R
670 GOTO 550
680 PRINT@280,"CALCULATING FUTURE VALUE.":
R=X(0)/100/X(2)
690 X(4)=X(3)*((1+R)^(X(2)*X(1))-1)/R

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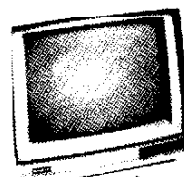
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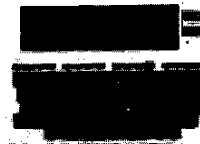
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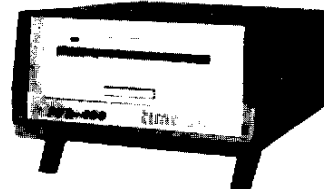


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695 GOTO 550
900 CLS:
  T$="CALCULATE PRESENT VALUE OF ANNUITY."
910 T$(4)="PRESENT VALUE":
  NT=4:
  JS=2
920 GOSUB 9000
922 IF Y#="M" OR Y#="m" THEN RETURN
925 PRINT@280,STRING$(39," ");
930 J9=0
940 FOR J=0 TO NT:
  IF X(J)=0 THEN J9=J9+1
950 NEXT J
960 IF J9>1 THEN CLS:
  PRINT:
  PRINT" ERROR ERROR.":
  PRINT" TOO MANY UNKNOWN.":
  FOR J=0 TO 500:
  NEXT J:
  GOTO 920
970 J=0
980 IF X(J)=0 THEN 1010 ELSE J=J+1
990 IF J>NT THEN CLS:
  PRINT" ERROR. YOUR SPECIFIED EVERYTHING.":
  PRINT" TRY AGAIN.":
  FOR J=0 TO 500:
  NEXT J:
  GOTO 920

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1000 GOTO 980
1010 JS=J+2:
  ON J GOTO 1100,1200,1300,1400
1019 PRINT@280,"FINDING INTEREST RATE.":
1020 REM FIND INTEREST RATE
1022 RL=0:
  RB=2.0/X(2):
  R=0.12*NOTE LIMITS MAX INTEREST RATE
1024 R1=.12/X(2):
  LC=0:
  C=X(3)/X(4)
1026 E1=(1-(1+R1)^(X(1)*X(2)))
1030 R=C*E1
1034 LC=LC+1
1036 IF ABS(R-R1)/R1<.0001 THEN 1042
1038 IF LC>38 THEN CLS:
  PRINT" ERROR. ERROR.":
  PRINT" DID NOT CONVERGE TRY NEW DATA.":
  FOR J=0 TO 500:
  NEXT J:
  GOTO 920
1039 R1=R
1040 GOTO 1026
1042 X(0)=R1*100*X(2):
  GOTO 920
1100 PRINT@280,"calculate no of years.":
1110 R=X(0)/100/X(2)
1120 C=X(4)/(X(3))*R

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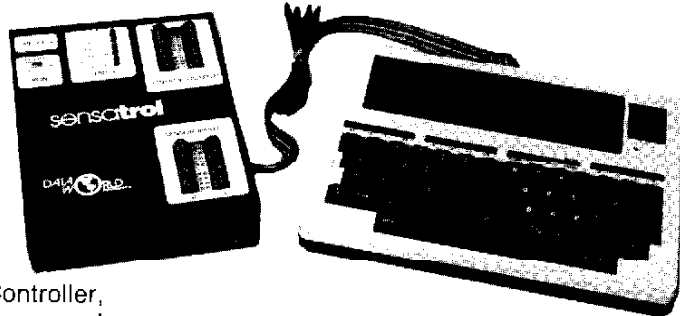
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we are paying into the fund, we have a future value problem, but if we want to know how much to withdraw from the retirement fund, we have a present value problem. The two programs ANUIT1.BA and ANUIT2.BA can be used to solve both the present value and future value problems. ANUIT1.BA is for annuity due problems, ANUIT2.BA is for ordinary annuity problems. The two programs require the same information to run.

Because ordinary annuities are more common, the remaining discussion will cover ANUIT2.BA.

As soon as you run ANUIT2.BA you see the display shown in Figure 1. The

Figure 1: Introductory display for ordinary annuity program.

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=====
ORDINARY ANNUITY PROGRAM FOR MODEL 100
  version 1.0 by LES.
  SELECT DESIRED OPTION
  ( F )UTURE VALUE OF ANNUITY.
  ( P )RESENT VALUE OF THE ANNUITY.
=====
Please press F OR P. Q QUITs.
    
```

program needs to know if you are working a future or present value problem. Answer the question by typing P for present or F for future. If you want to quit and return to BASIC, press Q. If you type any other key, the program will reject your answer, ask you to press either F, P or Q and then wait for your response.

As soon as you answer the question, the computer displays the data entry form (Figure 2). You move from item to

Figure 2: Annuity data entry form.

```

CALCULATE FUTURE VALUE OF ANNUITY
=====
INTEREST      0.000%
NUMBER YRS    0.00
NPERIOD/YR    0
AMT PAYMENT   $0.00
FUTURE VALUE  $0.00
ARROWS MOVE -> * CALCULATES H RETURNS
    
```

item by pressing the up and down arrow keys. You can also move to the next item by hitting the Return key.

Enter the data for the items you know and enter zero for the item you wish to solve. As soon as all the data is entered, press the * key to start calculations. If you entered zero for more than one item, an error message will be displayed and you'll be returned to the data entry form to fill in the missing information. If you entered data for all the items, another error message appears and you'll be returned to enter a zero in the appropriate place. While the program is calculating the answer, it displays the item that it's calculating.

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When the calculations are complete, the answer is printed on the screen. If you want to send the results to a printer, simply hit the Print key. The advantage to doing the print this way is that all the input data and the answer are shown. Some time later you'll be able to figure out what problem you were working on and not have to depend on remembering the data.

If you wish to do additional calculations, simply enter new data. If you want to quit or you want to work on a different *type* of annuity problem, press M and you'll be returned to the first menu.

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Figure 3: Data entry form for loan calculation.

LOAN CALCULATOR PROGRAM BY LES

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AMT LOAN      --> $0.00
INTEREST      0.000%
PAYMTS/YR     0
NO. YRS       0.00
$PER PERIOD   $0.00
ARROWS MOVE ->, * CALCULATES
    
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Once all your data has been entered on the screen, press * to begin calculations. The answer will appear on the same screen.

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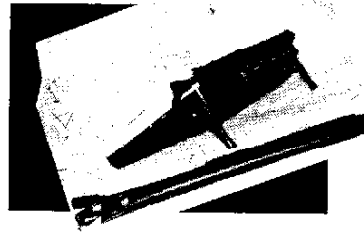
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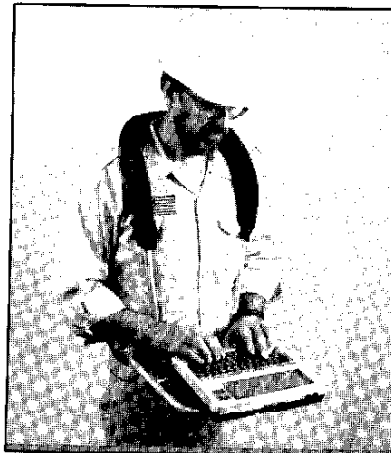
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1122 IF C>=1 THEN CLS:
PRINT "MONEY WILL LAST FOREVER @ THIS RATE
":
FOR J=0 TO 700:
NEXT J:
X(1)=9999999999:
GOTO 920
1130 X(1)=-1*LOG(1-C)/(X(2)*LOG(1+R))
1140 GOTO 920
1200 PRINT @280, "CALCULATE NO OF PERIODS/YR.
":
1201 LC=0
1210 N1=6:
R=X(0)/100
1212 R1=R/N1:
C=X(4)/X(3)*R1
1214 IF C>=1 THEN N1=N1*2:
GOTO 1212
1220 R1=R/N1:
C=X(4)/(X(3)*(1+R1))*R1
1225 IF C>=1 THEN LC=LC+1:
N1=N1+1:
IF LC>22 THEN N1244 ELSE R1220
1230 N2=-1*LOG(1-C)/(X(1)*LOG(1+R1))
1235 LC=LC+1
1240 IF ABS(N2-N1)/N1<0.005 THEN N1250 ELSE N1=(N
2+N1)/2
1244 IF LC>20 THEN CLS:
PRINT "ERROR ERROR":

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PRINT "DID NOT CONVERGE AFTER "; LC:
FOR J=0 TO 600:
NEXT J:
GOTO 920
1245 GOTO 1220
1250 X(2)=INT(N2+.5):
GOTO 920
1300 PRINT @280, "CALCULATING AMOUNT OF PAYMENT
":
R=X(0)/100/X(2)
1310 X(3)=X(4)*R/((1-(1+R)^-(X(2)*X(1)))/(1+
R))
1320 GOTO 920
1400 PRINT @280, "CALCULATING PRESENT VALUE.":
R=X(0)/100/X(2):
R1=(1+R)^-(X(1)*X(2))
1410 X(4)=X(3)/R*(1-R1)
1420 GOTO 920
9000 REM DATA INPUT
9001 REM (C) 1983 L.E. SPARKS
9002 REM MAY BE FREELY USED
9010 CLS
9015 PRINT T#
9020 PRINT STRING$(39, "=")
9040 FOR J=0 TO NT
9050 PRINT TAB(2) T$(J); TAB(21);
PRINT USING F$(J); X(J)
9060 NEXT J
9065 IF JQ=-9 THEN N9800

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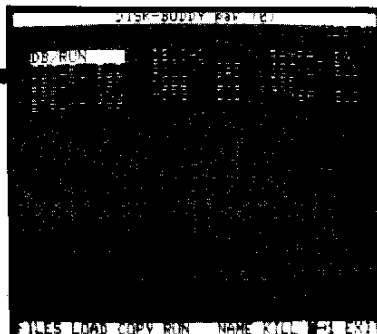
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9070 PRINT @ (JS*40)+JR,"->";
9075 PRINT @280,"ARROWS MOVE ->, * CALCULATES
      M RETURNS":
9080 Y$=INKEY$:
      IF Y$="" THEN 9080
9090 IF INSTR(A$,Y$)<>0 THEN 9500
9095 IF Y$="M" OR Y$="m" THEN JF= ? :
      RETURN
9100 JZ=INSTR(AZ$,Y$):
      IF JZ=0 THEN 9080
9110 ON JZ GOTO 9120,9120,9140,9250
9120 PRINT @ (40*JS)+JR," ";
9122 JS=JS+1:
      IF JS>NT+2 THEN JS=2
9124 PRINT @ (JS*40)+JR,"->";
9130 GOTO 9080
9140 PRINT @ (40*JS)+JR," ";
9150 JS = JS-1:
      IF JS<2 THEN JS=NT+2
9152 PRINT @ (40*JS)+JR,"->";
      GOTO 9080
9250 RETURN
9500 PRINT @ (40*JS)+JR,C1$;
9505 PRINT @280,"ENTER REST OF DATA PRESENTER
      WHEN DONE";
9510 V$=Y$
9530 PRINT @ (40*JS)+18,V$;CHR$(95);" ";
9540 Y$=INKEY$:
      IF Y$="" THEN 9540

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9550 IF Y$=CHR$(13) THEN 9700
9560 IF Y$<>CHR$(29) THEN 9600
9570 IF LEN (V$)=0 THEN 9530
9580 V$=LEFT$(V$,LEN(V$)-1):
9590 Y$="":
      GOTO 9530
9600 IF INSTR(A$,Y$)=0 THEN 9530
9610 V$ = V$ + Y$
9620 GOTO 9530
9700 X(JS-2)=VAL(V$)
9710 JS=JS+1:
      IF JS>NT+2 THEN JS=2
9720 GOTO 9010
9800 JQ=0:
      PRINT @280,"PRESS * FOR PAY SCH, A FOR ANO
      THER";
9810 Y$=INKEY$:
      IF Y$="" THEN 9810
9815 IF Y$="*" THEN 9830 ELSE IF Y$="A" THEN 90
34000 DATA ##.###,##.##,###,"###,#####.##
      ","#####,#####.##"
35000 DATA INTEREST,NUMBER YRS,NO PERIOD/YR,AM
      T PAYMENT,FUTVAL,END

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Listing 3. Loan payment program LOAN.BA.

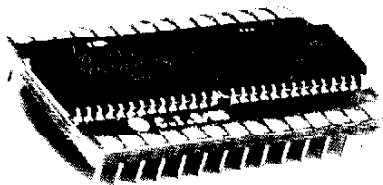
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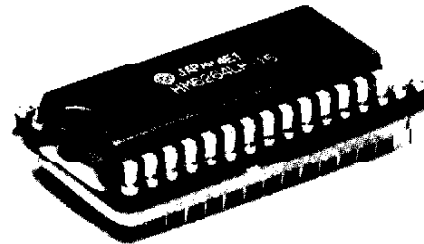


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4 REM WRITTEN IN MICROSOFT BASIC
5 REM FOR TAB BOOKS
9 DEFINT J,N,I:
  CLS
10 CLS
11 A$="1234567890,+--"
12 AZ$=CHR$(13)+CHR$(31)+CHR$(30)+CHR$(42)
14 PRINT STRING$(40," ");
  PRINT"LOAN PROGRAM BY LES."
15 JR=16
30 DIM T$(5),X(5),F$(5),P(90),PI(90),B(90)
35 FOR J=1 TO 5:
  READ F$(J):
  NEXT J
40 J=1
50 READ T$:
  IFT$="END" THEN 70 ELSE T$(J)=T$
60 J=J+1:
  GOTO 50
70 NT=J-1
80 J1=2:
  JS=J1
90 GOSUB 9000
100 REM CHECK TO SEE WHAT IS MISSING
105 JC=0
110 FOR J=1 TO NT:
  IF X(J)=0 THEN NJF=J:
  JC=JC+1

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120 NEXT J
130 IF JC=0 THEN CLS:
  PRINT"ERROR YOU HAVE SPECIFIED ALL,":
  PRINT"REENTER DATA":
  FOR J=1 TO 1000:
  NEXT:
  GOTO 90
140 IF JC>1 THEN CLS:
  PRINT"ERROR, TOO MANY UNKNOWNNS,":
  PRINT"REENTER DATA,":
  FOR J=1 TO 1000:
  NEXT J:
  GOTO 90
150 ON JFGOTO 200,300,400,500,700
200 R=X(2)/100/X(3)
210 R1=1-(1+R)^(X(3)*X(4))
220 R2=R/R1:
  X(1)=INT(X(5)/R2*100)/100
230 GOTO 90
300 R=12/X(3)/100
305 IF X(5)*X(3)*X(4)<X(1) THEN NR=0:
  GOTO 312
310 R1=X(5)*(1-(1+R)^(X(3)*X(4)))/X(1)
312 IFR>0 THEN 320 ELSE CLS:
  PRINT"CANNOT MAKE THIS LOAN."
314 PRINT"INTEREST RATE IS 0 OR LESS."
316 PRINT"PRESS ANYKEY TO CONTINUE."
318 IF INKEY$="" THEN 318 ELSE 90

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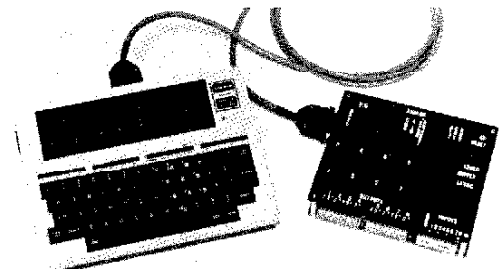
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320 IF ABS(R-R1)/R<=.001 THEN 330 ELSE R=R1
325 GOTO 310
330 X(2)=R*100/X(3)
340 GOTO 90
400 REM CALCULATE NO PERIODS/YR
410 N=1:
  JN=1
420 R=X(2)/100/N
430 R1=1-(1+R)^(N*X(4))
440 XN=X(1)*X(2)/100/(X(5)*R1)
450 JN=JN+1:
  IF ABS(XN-N)/N<=.1 THEN 430
460 N=INT(XN):
  IF JN=12 THEN 470 ELSE 420
470 CLS:
  PRINT:
  PRINT"DID NOT CONVERGE TO NO. PAYMENTS/YR"

472 PRINT"BEST GUESS IS ":INT(XN)
475 PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"
476 Y$=INKEY$:
  IF Y$="" THEN 476 ELSE 90
480 X(3)=INT(XN+.5)
490 GOTO 90
500 REM CALCULATE NO OF YEARS
510 R=X(2)/100/X(3)
520 AR=X(1)*R/X(5)
530 A1=1-AR

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535 IF A1>0 THEN 540 ELSE CLS
536 PRINT"YOU CAN NOT MAKE SUCH A LOAN,"
538 PRINT"PRESS ANYKEY TO CONTINUE,"
539 INKEY$:
  IF INKEY$="" THEN 539 ELSE 90
540 X(4)=-LOG(A1)/LOG(1+R)/X(3)
550 GOTO 90
700 REM CALCULATE MONTHLY PAYMENT
710 R=X(2)/100/X(3)
720 R2=1-(1+R)^(X(3)*X(4))
730 R2=R2/R
740 X(5)=X(1)/R2
750 X(5)=INT(X(5)*100)/100 'ROUND TO CENT
760 JQ=-9
770 GOTO 90
9000 REM DATA INPUT
9001 REM (C) 1983 L.E. SPARKS
9002 REM MAY BE FREELY USED
9010 CLS
9015 PRINT" LOAN CALCULATOR PROGRAM BY LES"
9020 PRINT STRING$(39,"=")
9040 FOR J=1 TO NT
9050 PRINT TAB(2) T*(J);TAB(20);
  PRINT USING F$(J);X(J)
9060 NEXT J
9065 IF JQ=-9 THEN 9800
9070 PRINT @ (JS*40)+JR,"->",
9075 PRINT @ 280,"ARROWS MOVE ->, * CALCULATES";

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  IF Y$="" THEN 9080
9090 IF INSTR(A$,Y$)<>0 THEN 9500
9100 JZ=INSTR(AZ$,Y$):
  IF JZ=0 THEN 9080
9110 ON JZ GOTO 9120,9140,9140,9250
9120 PRINT@(JS*40)+JR," ";
9122 JS=JS+1:
  IF JS>NT+J1-1 THEN JS=J1
9124 PRINT@(JS*40)+JR,"->";
9130 GOTO 9080
9140 PRINT@(40*JS)+JR," ";
9150 JS=JS-1:
  IF JS<J1 THEN JS=NT+J1-1
9152 PRINT@(40*JS)+JR,"->":
  GOTO 9080
9250 RETURN
9500 PRINT @(40*JS)+JR," ";
9505 PRINT@290,"ENTER REST OF DATA PRESS ENTER
  WHEN DONE";
9510 V$=Y$
9530 PRINT@(40*JS)+18,V$;CHR$(95);" ";
9540 Y$=INKEY$:
  IF Y$="" THEN 9540
9550 IF Y$=CHR$(13) THEN 9700
9560 IF Y$<>CHR$(29) THEN 9600
9570 IF LEN (V$)=0 THEN 9530
9580 V$=LEFT$(V$,LEN(V$)-1):
9590 Y$="":

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GOTO 9530
9600 IF INSTR(A$,Y$)=0 THEN 9530
9610 V$ = V$ + Y$
9620 GOTO 9530
9700 X(JS-1)=VAL(V$)
9710 JS=JS+1:
  IF JS>NT+J1-1 THEN JS=J1
9720 GOTO 9010
9800 JQ=0:
  PRINT@280,"PRESS * FOR PAY SCH, A FOR ANOT
  HER";
9810 Y$=INKEY$:
  IF Y$="" THEN 9810
9815 IF Y$="*" THEN 9830 ELSE IF Y$="A" THEN 90
9820 GOTO 9810
9830 REM FIGURE PAYMENT SCHEDULE
9840 REM P(I)=PRINCIPLE PAID/PER
9850 REM PI(I)=INTEREST PAID/PER
9860 REM B(I) = BALANCE LEFT PER PER.
9870 B=X(I):
  PT=0:
  PI=0:
  FOR J=1 TO X(3)*X(4)
9880 PI(J)=R*B:
  P(J)=X(5)-INT(PI(J)*100)/100:
  PI=PI+PI(J):
  PT=PT+P(J):
  B(J)=B-P(J)
9885 B=B(J)

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9890 NEXT J
9900 CLS 'NOW PRINT IT OUT
9910 PRINT" LOAN SCHEDULE "
9920 PRINT@41,"PER PAY$, INT PRIN BA
L"
9930 FOR J=1TOX(3)*X(4)
9935 PRINTUSING"###";J;
9940 PRINTX(5);TAB(12);INT(PI(J)*100/100;TAB
(19);P(J);TAB(27);
9960 PRINTUSING"###.###^";B(J)
9970 IFINT(J/5)-J/5<>0THEN9990
9975 PRINT@280," PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE *
RETURNS";
9980 Y$=INKEY$;
IF Y$=""THEN9980
9982 IF Y$="*"THEN 10000 ELSE CLS
9984 PRINT@41,"PER PAY$, INT PRIN BAL
"
9990 NEXTJ
10000 PRINT@280,"PRESS H FOR HARDCOPY * RETURN
S";
10010 Y$=INKEY$;
IF Y$=""THEN10010ELSEIF Y$="*"THEN90ELSEIF Y$
<>"H"THEN10010
10020 CLS
10030 PRINT" READY PRINTER:
"
10040 LPRINT" OUTPUT FROM LOAN PROGRAM,"
10050 LPRINT

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10060 LPRINT"SUMMARY DATA."
10070 LPRINT
10080 FOR J=1TONT:
I PRINTTAB(5);T*(J);TAB(25);X(J)
NEXTJ:
LPRINT
10090 LPRINTUSING" TOTAL INTEREST PAID $$$$$
,###.###";PI
10110 LPRINT
10120 LPRINT"LOAN SCHEDULE"
10130 LPRINT"PERIOD";TAB(12)"PAYMENT";TAB(22)"
INTEREST";TAB(33);"PRINCIPLE";TAB(45);"
BALANCE"
10140 FOR J=1TOX(3)*X(4)
10150 LPRINTTAB(3);J;TAB(12);
10160 LPRINTUSING"$$$$#,###.###";X(5);
LPRINTTAB(25);
10170 LPRINTUSING"$$$$#,###.###";PI(J);
LPRINTTAB(38);
LPRINTUSING"$$$$#,###.###";P(J);
LPRINTTAB(55);
10180 LPRINTUSING"$$$$#,#####.###";B(J)
10190 NEXTJ
10200 GOTO 90
19999 DATA "$$$$#,#####.###",##.###%,###,###.
##,"$$$$#,#####.###"
20000 DATA AMTLOAN,INTEREST,PAYMTS/YR.NO.YRS.$
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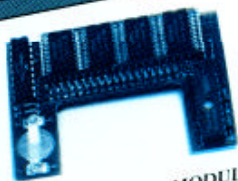
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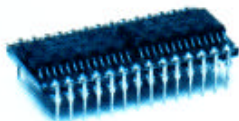
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