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Please, please, please put a new ribbon on your printer before you run off a listing for publication.

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## Where do we go from here?

To date, Tiny BASIC has dominated the issues of this Journal. Perhaps that is as it should be in view of the fact that Dr. Dobb's Journal initially came into being for the single purpose of discussing T.B. There will continue to be considerable information about T.B. carried in at least the next several issues. We are particularly interested in publishing implementations on microprocessors other than the 8080.

However, we do not mean to be "pushing" Tiny BASIC, or even full-blown BASIC. We do not consider it to be a particularly desirable language for many - perhaps most - purposes (see "A Critical Look at BASIC," written by the originator of Tiny BASIC, in the preceeding issue). It's simply "better than nothing," and sometimes even better than an assembler. It was fun to do, but it is now time to begin moving on to more worthy and useful projects and languages.

We have already begun to move. In the area of systems software, we expect to publish details of assemblers, debuggers, and an already-up-and-running floppy disc operating system within the next several months. In some cases, we will present complete implementation and user documentation, including annotated source code. In other cases, we will publish partial details of such systems, and directions on how they may be purchased for little more than the cost of their reproduction.

By the Fall, we expect to publish some exciting graphics software, and some more music software. All of this will be available at very low cost and/or will be in the public domain.

We will continue the active pursuit of "realizable fantasies." By this, we mean projects that we feel are 1) within the bounds of current technology and knowledge, 2) can be implemented by members of the hobbyist community, and 3) can, for the most part, be realized within the next 24 months, or less.

This specifically includes projects concerned with computer music, real-time video graphics, computer speech, and unusual input techniques (e.g. the "Touchless Sensing..." article on page 13).

We will also explore more esoteric uses of home computers such as residential environmental control, electronic phone books, biofeedback, computer animation, community memory and shared memory, computer networking via radio and telephone, electronic newspapers, and who knows what else.

If no other means is available, we will pursue these projects in the same manner as was so successful with the Tiny BASIC project: 1) We will propose a project in broad outline form. 2) That will be followed with a moderately detailed outline of how it might be accomplished. 3) Finally, we will publish information concerning the implementations, improvements, and variations that result.

For simple projects, Steps 1 and 2 may require only two articles. For more exotic ventures, it will take a number of articles to get through the outline and design stages.

You are part of this. The Journal staff and hangers-on will propose and detail some of these projects. However, the Journal is primarily a communication medium and intellectual rabble-rouser. As often as not, the proposals and designs and certainly the implementations will come from you.

You. . . the hobbyist / inventor / dreamer. Send us your ideas, your creations, your problems, and your solutions, so that we may share them with everyone. The more we all share; the more we all gain.

Send us your realizable fantasies.

## Quik bits

## SEATTLE COMPUTER HOBBYISTS UNITE

The Northwest Computer Club held its first meeting on January 12th. The Seattle area almost had three clubs start, independently of one another, in January. Fortunately, however, their organizers discovered each other and joined forces.

They meet at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month, usually at the Pacific Science Center. Their first newsletter was published in March. The Editor is Bob Wallace, Box 5415, Seattle WA 98105, (206) 524-6359 (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.). Phone him for subscription information, or write: Northwest Computer Club, Pacific Science Center Foundation, 200-2 Ave N., Seattle WA 98109.

## NEW JERSEY COMPUTER FESTIVAL

Over 2 K hobbyists are expected to attend the May 2 nd Amateur Computer Convention in Trenton, NJ. The gathering, called the "Trenton Computer Festival," will include exhibits, technical talks, panel discussions, and (perhaps most important) ample opportunity for personal interchange. It will be held at Trenton State College.

It is sponsored by the TSC Digital Computer Society, and the Amateur Computer Group of New Jersey. For details, contact: Prof. Sol Libes, Union County Technical, Scotch Plains NJ 07076, (201) 889-2000; or Dr Allen Katz, Trenton State College, Trenton NJ 08625, (609) 771-2487.

## MICROCOMPUTER APL

MAPLE stands for Microcomputer APL Enthusiasts, a group interested in promoting the development of APL for micros. APL is an exotic computer language designed by Ken Iverson in the early 1960's. It uses a highly compact notation and contains a number of quite powerful operations.

MAPLE is interested in serving as the focus for design and implementation of microprocessor APL interpreters, firmware to support the APL character set on TVT's and matrix printers, etc. Those interested in working on such projects should contact John Sikorski, Box 574, Northwestern University Medical School, 303 E. Chicago Ave, Chicago IL 60611.

## TINY BASIC IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

We hear that a version of Tiny BASIC has been implemented for the MOS Technology 6502, and has been seen scurrying about at the Southern California Computer Society. Anyone know if there is truth in that rumor? If so, wanna place it in the public domain via publication in Dr Dobb's Journal? We'd be delighted to do so.

## SCCS GROWS AND GROWS

The Southern California Computer Society has told us that they have about 3000 members, and are currently processing about 1500 new membership applications.

## DIABLO PRINTERS FOR OEMers

For those who are into daisy-wheel printers, Diablo is hiballing their printer developments. The HyType II is in production, and is rumored to be a considerable improvement over the HyType I

OEMers (Original Equipment Manufacturers) can buy 'em for about $\$ 1,335$ in single-unit quantities. With appropriate stationery, you or your distributer probably could do so, also. There is currently a 3-4 month backlog on orders. Diablo has also announced 45- and 55-CPS printers, and more options: bottom paper feed, end-of-ribbon and paper-out signals, 8-bit parallel microprocessor and RS-232 interfaces, more type faces and ribbon options, etc. Diablo is located at 24500 Industrial Blvd, Hayward CA 94545.

## 8080 SYSTEMS FOR THE WELL-TO-DO

If you are a wealthy software phreaque, and not much into hardwaring, Microkit, Inc., is making a complete 8080 development system for $\$ 3,850$. It includes an 8 K memory, alphanumeric CRT display, ASCII keyboard, two cassette tape units, and software including a monitor, editor, assembler, and debugger. The tape units use a proprietary recording technique to squeeze 2000 BPS out of audio cassettes with "reliability comparable to digital cassettes."

They are located at 2180 Colorado Ave, Santa Monica CA 90404; 213-828-8539.

## 16K BASIC FOR THE 8008

The following publication is available for $\$ 4.25$ from NTIS: National Technical Information Service 5285 Port Royal Rd, Springfield VA 22161
No. PB-235 874--Weaver, A.C., M.H. Tindall, and R. L. Danielson, A Basic Language Interpreter for the Intel 8008 Microprocessor. 52 pp .

A BASIC language interpreter has been designed for use in a microprocessor environment. This report discussed the development of 1) an elaborate text editor and 2) a table-driven interpreter. The entire system, including text editor, interpreter, user test buffer, and full floating point arithmetic routines fits in 16K words.

## MONTEREY CPU'S-COMPUTER PHREAQUES UNITED

A new computer "club" is starting up in the Monterey/ Carmel/Seaside/Pacific Grove area of California, named "CPU." They have about 15 or 20 members [as of April 8th; things change fast]. For more data, contact:

Mac McCormick
2090 Cross St.
Seaside CA 93955
(408) 393-2422

Letters
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## FREEKSHOW DELIGHT

People's Compusymbolator Conglomeration:
30Jan76
Re: Tiny BASIC, of course!
The whole project is a wonderful idea. I favor interactive languages, thus, highly value the IL approach for the multilinguic reason mentioned by William Catteg. Of course, for step 1, I'll keep it simple (stupid) by concentrating on TBASIC (TASIC? TINIC?). What's more basic than basic BASIC? Prime? Simple? Backbone? (OSTEOBASIC?) Keel? Plain? With that end in view, I hope Dennis A., Bernard G., and Happy L. will find my check and send me the journal.

I haven't had time to contemplate every aspect completely, 'though the letters in PCC Vol. 4, No. 2 \& 3 are elucidating. The only suggestion I have that would make a useful feature available at low added overhead: a way to get at the remainder from division, \& overflow from multiplication (comparable to access to an MQ register on the hardware level). Use a reserved word? (REM, for instance--not a function, rather like a variable containing the remainder or overflow from the last or *operation.) No-K.I.S.S. A reserved variable (R)? No--don't deplete our already small collection of variables. Alright, then, a symbol \%, perhaps. I've included an example of how I think a dialog using it might look.

A direct or "top-level" dialog:
System in italics. Me in boldface.
? PRINT 35/3 CR
. . . 11
? PRINT \% CR
... 2
? PRINT $\%+1,2+\%$ CR
... 3... 4
? PRINT 2*3, \% CR
... 6... 0
? PRINT $9 / 5, \%, \% / 3, \%, \%^{*} 2, \%, \%^{*} 7, \%$ CR
? PRINT 3 * $10923, \%, 4 * 8192, \% \mathrm{CR}$
$\begin{array}{cccc}1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ ? & \text { REM- } & \uparrow & \\ \text { R CR }\end{array}$
1234
? REM- VALUE OF THESE ARE MATHWISE $=1 * 32768 \mathrm{CR}$ 1234 (Syntax error message--TBASIC doesn't have a REM)

Intuitively, doesn't seem to me to need very much extra interpreter overhead. Might be able to use it for borrow/carry of the $-, \&,+$ operations too. It seems like a good compromise feature.

Pax \& lux,
Chris Johansen
Freekshow Electronworks

## 176 Grove St

Auburndale MA 02166


Chris, I dig you on the remainder problem. In regular BASIC, we do it like this
$\operatorname{LET} \mathrm{Q}=\operatorname{INT}(\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{B})$

$$
\text { LET } \mathbb{R}=A-Q^{*} B
$$

Or, in Tiny BASIC, using integer arithmetic, LET $\mathbf{Q}=\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{B}$
LET $\mathbb{R}=\mathbf{A}-\mathbf{Q}^{*} \mathbf{B}$
If you want only the remainder, do it like this:
LET $\mathbf{R}=\mathbf{A}-(\mathbf{A} / \mathbb{B})^{*} \mathbf{B}$
In some BASICs there is a $M O D$ function, which computes remainder.

$$
\operatorname{LET} \mathbb{R}=\operatorname{MOD}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})
$$

Do, do, do tell me about Freekshow Electronworks!!! One of the next moves for $P C C$ will be slowly into electronic music and art and biofeedback and ... computer sound and light environments, . . --Bob Albrecht

## PROPOSED FUNCTIONS FOR TINY BASIC

 Tiny BASIC a la DragonTo make things easy for tiny kids and old dragons, I would like to see the Tiny BASIC RND function look like this:
$\operatorname{RND}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})$ gives random integer from a to b , inclusive
$\operatorname{RND}(1,100)$ gives random integer from 1 to 100 , inclusive
$\operatorname{RND}(100,1)$ gives random integer from 1 to 100 , inclusive
And, of course, $a$ and $b$ can be expressions.
Still thinking about things for kids, here are some addititional functions I'd like to see . . . (someday).
$\operatorname{SGN}(a) \quad 1$ if $a>0,0$ if $a=0,-1$ if $a<0$
TAB (a) Tab to print position a
$\operatorname{MOD}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})$ Remainder on dividing $a$ by $b$
GCD(a,b) Greatest Common Divisor of $a$ and $b$
$\mathrm{XCH}(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})$ Exchange a and b
$\operatorname{MAX}(a, b)$ Maximum of $a, b$
$\operatorname{MIN}(a, b)$ Minimum of $a, b$
LPF(a) Least Prime Factor of a
GPF(a) Greatest Prime Factor of a
Or should we šcrap BASIC and start over?
The Dragon
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Menlo Park CA 94025

## MODS TO DOMPIER'S MUSIC PROGRAM \& ALTAIR HARDWARE GLITCHES/FIXES

Dear Editor,
I am sending you my modifications to
March 30, 1976
Steve Dompier's
Altair music program [see Dr Dobb's Journal, Vol. 1, No. 2, p. 6]. Using this program you can store several tunes in memory and select which one will be played by using the sense switches. Each tune is stored with its first note at HI adr. "XXX," and LO adr. " 000 ." ("XXX" is any HI address available in memory.) Each tune will be played when its HI adr. is selected by the sense switches. If a new address is selected, ine first tune will complete, and then the next one will start.

Perhaps some of your readers would also be interested in some of the problems I had in de-bugging my Altair. The fix for the RAM board has been published before, but it is still not in the Altair manual.

On the 4 K dynamic RAM board, connect pin 10 of IC "T" to ground (pin 11) instead of to plus 5 volts. If IC "T" is already installed you must remove it to get at the PC board land that must be removed. Also, connect a .01 MFD capacitor from pin 5 of IC " $T$ " to ground. These changes stabilize the operation of the protect flip-flop.

On the CPU board, some of the capacitors being supplied for C 5 in the clock circuit are off tolerance, causing the 02 clock pulse to be too wide. This prevents the CPU from writing into memory correctly. (In my case, the result of any arithmetic operation was octal 377 written into memory.) The Mits engineer I talked to suggested trying other 100pf capacitors for C5. I didn't have any so I instead changed R42 to 5.6 K and this worked fine.

If your kit comes with a little blue capacitor for C5 you should be on the lookout for this problem.

Bob Wilcox
902 N. Washington
Owosso MI 48867

## DOMPIER'S ALTAIR MUSIC PROGRAM MODIFIED

| ADR | DATA |
| :--- | :--- |
| 000 | 333 |
| 001 | 377 |
| 002 | 147 |
| 003 | 056 |
| 004 | 000 |
| 005 | 176 |
| 006 | 376 |
| 007 | 377 |
| 010 | 312 |
| 011 | 000 |
| 012 | 000 |
| 013 | 026 |
| 014 | XXX (Tempo: higher = slower) |
| 015 | 005 |
| 016 | 302 |
| 017 | 022 |
| 020 | 000 |
| 021 | 106 |
| 022 | 015 |
| 023 | 302 |
| 024 | 015 |
| 025 | 000 |
| 026 | 025 |
| 027 | 302 |
| 030 | 015 |
| 031 | 000 |
| 032 | 043 |
| 032 | 303 |
| 033 | 303 |
| 034 | 005 |
| 035 | 000 |
|  |  |

## GRAMMAR GLITCH IN <br> EXTENDABLE TINY BASIC SPECS

Dear PCC,
In the Nov., '75 issue of PCC [reprinted in Dr. Dobb's Journal, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 10], John Rible's extendable Tiny BASIC seems to have an error in its grammar. The entity <iline> does not appear in the righthand side of any rule. This would seem to mean that there is no way to utilize this rule. To correct this is a manner which will follow the author's intent, I would recommend changing the rule
<program>: :=<pline>
to
<program>: :=<pline> |<iline>
Thanks for your attention.
Donald D. Hartley

Dear Sir,
March 26, 1976
I ordered a system 3 assembled from SPHERE in September 1975 during their introductory offer period. Until now, almost 180 days after I sent the check, I have not yet received the system. I already wrote them another nasty letter a few days ago. If I don't hear from them in early April, I will write another nasty letter and send copies to all the hobbyist computer clubs in the States. Also I will have to write to FTC concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,
Eugene Cheng
Box 6177 T.S.T.
Kowloon, Hong Kong

Jim:
April 12, 1976
$D D J$ could perform a great service to hobbyists by coming down hard on kit manufacturers who have lousy documentation. Send out a call for very carefully done criticisms on documentation. Bob Albrecht
P.O. Box 310

Menlo Park, CA 94025

## TINY BASIC EXPANDERS, TAKE NOTE

Dear Bob,
28 Aug 1975
It would be nice to have CLOAD, CSAVE for cassette LOAD/DUMP. Also eventually a floating point package to replace the integer arithmetic.

## 3723 Jackstadt

Paul Farr
San Pedro CA 90731
Dear Tiny BASIC,
I have a suggestion. Identify all subroutines required, then split them into 8080 and 8008 Groups. Let those of us with 8008 s in on a good thing.

By the way, I think a stack should be included in the 8008 program as it is easy and cheap to add.

Sincerely, 2914 Snyder Ave
Lee Hanson
Cheyenne W.Y 82001
Hey implementers: How 'bout trying to isolate 8080 code that will cause 8008 owners headaches? Then they will need only to modify those headache routines in order to share your software and praise your thoughtfulness. --JCW, Jr

Dear Sirs,
19 Jan. 1976
I am currently working on a Tiny BASIC interpreter to run on my Altair 8800, and at the same time, am interested in the educational aspects of computers.

613 Willow Oaks Blvd
M.B. Bloodworth

Hampton VA 23669

## TINY BASIC

\& MICRO-8
Dear Editor 3/31/76
I noted your request for Tiny BASIC suggestions:

1. KEY WORD TABLE: with key words ("PRINT", builtin fuctions like ABS, etc.--ignore or eliminate LET in stored programs?) versus a special 8 -bit code assigned to it (codes from octal 200 to 377 could be reserved for such special purposes, and 040 through 137 would be regular ASCII characters) versus the address of a routine to perform the execution for that keyboard.

Interpretation routines would be set up to use this same table to convert both ways between key words and those special coded bytes. (I.e., for when a user enters a program, the key words get condensed to a single byte and stored in memory; and when the program is LISTED, these special bytes get converted back to keywords.)

If there are several parameters or "control modes" that need to be controllable by the user as well as accessible to the user (by displaying the "status" of something?), then it may be advantageous to modify that table so each "definition" (which need only be 1 byte) implies the address of the parameter in memory, and the address of a pair of subroutines. One to take input from a keyboard, perform a code conversion unique to this pair of subroutines, and store the resulting data in the proper memory location. The other would perform the reverse conversion and output the result.

This would have the overall effect of making your

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## See page 33 for details $\&$ form.

if several tables are used.
2. OUTPUT PAGE WIDTHS: you will, no doubt, find it necessary to allow for different page widths (line lengths) on different output devices, etc. TVT-I \& II have 32 characters per line; and have no need of carriage returns if you want to continue on the next line, after storing the last character on the previous line. Note, however, that carriage returns on TVT-I (I don't know about TVT-II--haven't studied the RE schematics in detail) do not blank the characters they skip over (in the original version, anyway).

It will be highly desirable not to split words/numbers between lines, therefore it is necessary to more than just have Tiny BASIC call a user-defined subroutine to output characters. The user may also want to output to more than one device in the same session--further complicating the problem of different line lengths. I suggest you have 2 routines:
a) One that is given a string of characters to be outputted without splitting between lines. (Say, with beginning address in HL and end address in DE, or length? or 1 register?) This routine would then take appropriate action depending on whether this additional segment will fit on the current line, by making use of access to the current line length accessible to it-but not to the program that called it.
b) Another--user-defined--subroutine that handles the actual output characters, which is separate from the userdefined line length parameter. (I have implemented a scheme very similar to this on the IBM 360 and the-then RCA Spectra 70 --which have the same user $=$ non-privileged instructions, but the I/Omacros are quite different--in which the same program could be used in either batch or time sharing mode as well as accommodate a variety of page widths on printers and terminals.)

## 3. INFIX (ALGEBRAIC) EXPRESSION INTERPRETA-

TION: If you want, I can supply information on an algorithm that uses stacks for result numbers and saving binary operators that have to be delayed one operand/expression before execu-tion--without having to scan the algebraic expression more than once.

While I find your Tiny BASIC project intriguing, I am not interested enough to spend the money to subscribe to yet another journal. Pop, (Victor W. Amoth) doesn't seem to think computer hobbyists need high level languages, even though his programming experience is almost entirely confined to BASIC on GE time sharing--he's still very "green" at programming in machine language on the Mark-8.

My expertise runs the full range from hardware through software to continued fraction series for transcendental functions. I'm interested in further developing the "asynchronous I/O ports" I implemented. They make hardware automatically take care of "waiting," etc., and make possible my 180 cps TVT-I


The Community Computer Center (CCC) will act as a repository for program tapes; both source tapes and binary tapes. Everyone wishing to contribute programs to the public domain may do so by forwarding appropriate paper tapes to CCC. In particular, if you are hesitant about submitting a program for publication in Dr. Dobb's Journal because you don't want to hassle with its distribution, you are encouraged to forward the tapes to CCC and the documentation to the Journal for publication.

The CCC will thus serve as a desirable alternative and supplement to the User Groups that are controlled and operated by many of the processor manufacturers, some of whom charge up to $\$ 100$ for "membership" and access to the programs that their customers developed and offered to the User Group, without compensation.

There is no membership fee for access to the tapes from the Community Computer Center. Instead, one pays only for the duplication and mailing costs:

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(weighed after punching on fanfold tape)
(Add $6 \%$ tax for orders mailed to a California address)
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$\$ 1$ on orders exceeding \$5
Payment must accompany all orders. Orders will be mailed
First Class, within 3 days of receipt.
Lists of available tapes will be published, periodically, in Dr. Dobb's Journal, as well as being available from CCC:

Community Computer Center
1919 Menalto Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
(415)326-4444

The following source tapes are currently available. They are programs written for the version of BASIC that is implemented for the HP 2000F minicomputers, and are discussed in What To Do After You Hit Return (available from the PCC Bookstore, \$6.95).

Number Guessing Games $\$ 12$
Number 2
Abase 3
Trap 2
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Clocks 3
Bagels 2
Quadgt 3
Button 2
Word Games $\$ 10$
Letter 2
Abagel 3
Hangmn 3
Madlib 6
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23Mtch 2
Batnum 3
$\mathrm{Nim} \quad 4$
Chomp 3
Zot

Hide-n-Seek in 2D \$4
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2
Mugwmp 2
Snark 2
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Dangle 2
Sunsgn 3
Biosin 3
Mandal 3
Life 3
Amaze 3
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Welcome to the Caves \$9
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Wumpus 4
Caves2 5
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Hamrbi 3
King 5
Civil2 7
Market 5
Stock 5
Policy ... ..... 4
Polut 4
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Zeros 3
Taxman 3
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Motie 5
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duplication charge and tax, as above
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## SIGNETICS 2650 KIT FOR UNDER $\$ 200$

[from Roy Blacksher, MOS Microprocessor Applications Manager, Signetics, 811 E. Arques, Sunnyvale CA 94086; (408) 739-7700]

The Signetics Adaptable Board Computer, ABC 1500, is a modular microcomputer containing a CPU, memory, I/O ports and support circuitry. It is designed to cover a broad range of applications from software development to system hardware prototyping. Cost performance trade-offs have been carefully considered to achieve maximum flexibility and allow the card to be tailored to a variety of individual requirements.

The basic configuration consists of the 2650 microprocessor, 512 bytes of read/write memory (four 2112 static RAM's), 1 K bytes of 2608 ROM with PIPBUG*, two 8 T31 I/O ports and buffering on data, address and control lines. A single +5 volt supply will be required to power the card and communicate with a serial 20 ma current-loop terminal.

Modifications to the basic system can be easily made to allow for various memory configurations and operating modes. Unused plated-through holes are provided for the PROM memory chips ( 82 S 115 's). Other options are jumper selectable.

The ABC 1500 is sold either as a completely assembled and tested card (2650 PC1500) or in kit form (2650KT9500). The kit is priced below $\$ 200$.

## FEATURES

-- Expandable printed circuit card: unused area on card filled with plated-through holes on .300 -inch centers for wirewrap sockets.
-- 1 K bytes of PIPBUG ROM (in socket).
-- 512 bytes of RAM
-- Two latched I/O ports
-- Four non-extended I/) read/write user strobes.
-- Tri-state buffers on data, address and control lines.
-- Serial input/output port.
-- Single +5 volt supply requirement (1.7A max.) for card and 20 ma current loop interface ( $\pm 12$ volt supply for RS 232 interface).
-- Simple memory and $\mathrm{I} / \mathrm{O}$ port decoding with two 16 -pin dips.
-- Interrupt and single step capability.
-- Simple clock configured from dual monostable multivibrator.
-- 24 K memory expansion capability.
-- Directly compatible with 4K RAM card (2650PC2000) and power supply demonstration base (2650DS2000).
-- Card dimensions: $8^{\prime \prime} \times 6.875^{\prime \prime}$ with a 100 -pin connector along the 8 " dimension.
*PIPBUG is a basic monitor having the following commands:

## ALPHA CHARACTER INPUT COMMAND

| A | Alter memory |
| :--- | :--- |
| B | Set breakpoint |
| C | Clear breakpoint |
| D | Dump memory to papertape |
| G | Go to address |
| L | Load memory from papertape |
| S | See and alter registers |

Note: the program is entered by resetting the card. The terminal will then respond with an asterisk (*).

## PUBLIC INTEREST SATELLITE ASSOCIATION

The Public Interest Satellite Association (PISA) was formed in October, 1975, as a non-profit national organization to explore how satellite communications technology can be adapted to meet the long-distance telecommunications needs of non-profit users.

For the past fifteen years, satellites have been providing global links via television, radio, telephone, data, telex and facsimile for business, industry, and the military. Up to now, though, the technology, for a number of reasons, has been beyond the reach of public groups, despite the fact that satellites have been developed with nearly $\$ 80$ billion of public funds. But recent technical breakthroughs in the field promise to greatly reduce satellite costs, and make the technology available for low-cost public use. To spearhead the public effort that will be required to turn this potential into reality, PISA has been formed.

PISA's goals are to:

1) Help non-profit groups understand the many facets of satellite technology;
2) Assist these groups in examining their long-distance
communications costs, and in determining how satellites-and what kinds of satellites--may better serve their needs; and
3) Explore ways the technology can be used by them to form new networks of information exchange, and to improve their outreadh to the public-at-large.

In March, 1975, PISA received grants from the Stern Fund and the Ottinger Foundation to permit the following first steps to be taken:

1) Conduct a survey of the communications needs, uses, and costs of non-profit organizations;
2) Prepare written material informing these groups about satellites, the potential benefit they hold for the non-profit community, and what must be done to realize this potential;
3) Design one or more demonstration projects, using available NASA experimental satellites, to give non-profit groups some experience with the technology; and
4) Plan PISA's organization structure.

For additional information, write or call:
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## DON'T KEEP IT A SECRET!

Let us know what exciting new software and systems you are working on. We'll tell everyone else (if you wish). Maybe someone is also working on the same thing. You can work together and get results twice as fast. Or, may be someone else has already done it; no reason for everyone to reinvent the wheel.

Dur Want list

Careful, detailed comparison and contrast of the several versions of Tiny BASIC we are publishing. Systems software for the public domain, including:

- Tiny BASIC versions for the
INTEL 8008
Motorola/AMI 6800
RCA COSMAC

SIGNETICS 2650
MOS Technology 6502
Fairchild F-8

- Tiny block-structured languages for Microprocessors


## PASCAL-like <br> ALGOL-like

- Resident structured and unstructured assemblers

Any old assemblers
PL360-like

- Interactive Debuggers
- Graphics Software

For the TV Dazzler
For any TV interface (including schematics)

- Music software

Like Dompier's program ( $D D J$, V. 1, No. 2)
Like Wright's Alpha Numeric Music (PCC Bookstore)

- File systems for cassettes

This is a partial list. It will change before the ink drys. We welcome your suggestions for additions.

## COMPUTER PROCESS FOR RAPID PRODUCTION OF MUSICAL COMPOSITIONS

## [reprinted from Stanford University's

March 31, 1976, Campus Report]
A complete cycle of music production from the composer's mind to the page the musicians play-has been developed at Stanford's Center for Research in Music and Acoustics.

Here's how it works:
Prof. Leland Snith, working at the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory on Arastradero Road, types a composition into the computer.

The computer then transmits all the necessary parts either directly to a Xerox copier or to a plotter. The latter makes a king-sized reproduction of the score which can be reduced in size mechanically.

Fither copy produces an engravingquality format from the Xerox in about 15 seconds.

The same procedure, done the old way by a music publisher, might take as long as two years, with the necessary engraving, printing, binding, and publishing. At Stanford it can take less than two weeks, including final editing.

The advantage of Smith's system is that it eliminates the need for copyists. The computer supplies all the parts for the instruments based on the master copy typed into the PDP-1 0 computer.

At the moment, the process is strictly for academic purposes. It allows composers like Smith to prepare works for performance or enables graduate students to prepare scores for their degree requirements.

Smith feels it is inevitable that such a system will become the standard method for the publication of music.

But Smith's work on music printing has been done without formal sponsor-ship-literally, on his own time.

He sometimes gets to the Lab at $4 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to take advantage of the quiet and the availability of the computer.

Michael McNabb, a Stanford graduate student in music now studying in Paris, wrote an impressionistic piece called "Solstice". which was premiered by the Stanford Symphony under Prof. Mark Starr a few weeks ago.

It was prepared and produced entirely by computer, with Smith's help.
"It took longer to rehearse than it did to edit it," Smith said.

One of his own projects shows how a computer can help.

Francesco Bonporti, an obscure 18th
century Italian composer, once had the misfortune to get his work accidentally mixed up with that of the great Johann Sebastian Bach.

This came about when Bach, taken with Bonporti's ingenious "inventions" for violin and string bass, hand copied the latter's work. When someone else included four of them in Bach's collected works, they were credited to Bach's genius until researchers discovered the error.

Using the computer printing method, Smith developed and expanded Bonporti's "Inventio Septima" ("Seven Inventions,") adding a double scherzo of his own, based on Bonporti's original.

Smith published it under his own "logo," the San Andreas Press, with the credit line: "Graphic Realization by PDP-1 0 Computer."

The computer printed the entire score and the title page, including a "snapshot" of an oaktree against rolling Peninsula hills-the "San Andreas" monogram.

Smith has produced computer scores for Renaissance and Baroque chamber groups of ancient instruments in the original notation-square instead of round notes; or special notation for the 17 th century lute.

Students in Prof. George Houle's classes in early music already are finding this handy for producing music required for their master's degrees.

The computer is coupled with a video display screen, which presents a five-line music staff on the operator's command. The notes appear in response to the proper typing on the keyboard.

These are fed into the computer which transmits them direct to the Xerox or to the "Calcomp" plotter, whichever is desired.

The plotter, about 40 inches wide, has two parallel metal arms across the width. On these, a special ink-laden pen travels sedately back and forth, placing the notes on the treble or bass staff while the drum moves up or down to accommodate the notation.

To the casual observer it looks as though a giant musical Ouija board was in action, operated by an invisible hand.

Smith foresses the day when hundreds of computer-produced scores, reduced to digital form, can be stored in the Library of Congress.

From any place in the country, he predicts, a musician could dial up the Library's computer, code the correct numerals for Dvorak's Fifth Symphony, for example, and have the full orchestral score delivered by telecopier.

The cost could be billed to his phone or be provided for by a coin-in-the-slot arrangement. The computer in the $\mathrm{Li}-$ brary of Congress could assess the royalties due the composer, if necessary, and credit the amount to his account.

The Stanford computer's value as a research tool has no limits either, Smith feels.

One doctoral candidate already has started a computer-developed thesis, working on a method which could produce thematic catalogues of the works of the classical composers -a job of monumental drudgery if attacked in the traditional manner.

His project will be so comprehensive that it will be able to compare composers? themes, where and when they were used, down to the book, page, and line of the original score. It also will cite the places where the same themes have been used or adapted to other compositions.

Anything the computer does can be stored on magnetic tape for permanent instant recall, or erasure and reuse.

The Smith system could quite readily be adopted by music publishers. "It would cost them only about $\$ 130,000$ to set up this system," Smith says, "but they seem to be afraid or reluctant to make the change."

Smith, 50, is a native of Oakland who was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as an undergraduate at UC-Berkeley. He also earned his master's degree in music at Berkeley, where he studied under the noted composer Roger Sessions.

He took additional postgraduate work at the Paris Conservatory under Olivier Messaien.

Smith taught at Mills and the University of Chicago before coming to Stanford in 1958. He has received many commissions for his original compositions, which include "Orphéus" for harpsichord, harp, and guitar; a string trio, and an opera, "Santa Claus," as well as "Three Pacifist Songs."

While he has been extremely busy in the last few years developing the Center's comprehensive program for editing and printing computer music, he has also found time to produce a piano trio, a "Rhapsody for Flute and Computer," "Arabesque for Small Orchestra," "Six Bagatelles for Piano," a suite for mixed trio, and two motets for mixed chorus.

Almost all of these have been performed at Stanford, the Cabrillo Music Festival, or at other universities.

An accomplished pianist, clarinetist, and bassoonist as well, he has played with the Chicago and San Francisco symphony orchestras. His papers on the computerization of music have appeared in professional journals.

# IT CAN TALK...BUT CAN IT SING? 

Votrax is proposing making the guts of this English language synthesizer system available in kit form for $\$ 1 \mathrm{~K}$. More details, next issue.

Note that the system described below is a turn-key, off-the-shelf item that has been on the market for several years.

The VOTRAX Model VS-6 is a new departure in voice response technology. This unique system combines low unit cost, unlimited vocabulary, operational simplicity and low data requirements to provide the ultimate in flexibility and cost effectiveness. The price of the VS-6 with parallel buffered interface is $\$ 3605$ in single-unit quantity. Purchase prices are discounted for quantity buys starting at two units. Maximum discount is over $50 \%$.

The VS-6 is programmed to speak based on phonetic coding principles. Each eight-bit command word selects one of 61 phonemes (sounds) and one of four levels of inflection (pitch). Utterances are "spelled" phonetically to produce all combinations of words and phrases required by the application. Since words and phrases are stored in the form of digital information in some storage medium, such as magnetic disc or solid-state memory. there is virtually no limitation as to the amount of vocabulary VOTRAX can produce. One well-known computer services company reports a vocabulary in excess of 300,000 words. The value of unlimited vocabulary is that the same low-cost VOTRAX unit can be used for any and all applications.

The use of phonetic coding in the VOTRAX VS-6 permits the production of speech at uniquely low data rates. A rule of thumb indicates that the number of phonemes per word is approximately equal to the number of letters per word. At eight data bits per phoneme command, VOTRAX can achieve continuous speech from input as low as 150 bps.

The VOTRAX VS-6 was developed to fit into a wide variety of applications and physical environments. A complete range of interface types and options makes VOTRAX compatible with virtually all computers, from the largest business mainframes to the smallest microprocessors. The small amount of data and limited controls required to drive VOTRAX permit installation at almost any point in a communications network: host computer, communications concentrator, communications multiplexor, or computer terminal. Data rates of 110 to 9600 bps also allow VOTRAX to fit in with a minimum of change to existing systems. Operating temperature and humidity specifications are such that specially conditioned environments are not required. Applications include: Computer Timesharing, Education, Handicapped Aids, Instrumentation, Manufacturing, Military and Training Simulators.

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## TOUCHLESS SENSING <br> FOR UNDER $\$ 100$

We just spoke with a representative for a manufacturer of low-cost proximity sensors (about \$95@in groups of 50; \$133@ in single units), and turned him on to the hobbyist movement. These sensors are capable of determining the presence or absence of materials some distance away. They can "see" water flowing from a pipe or through a semi-transparent tube, doors that are opened or closed, people, hands, fingers, spokes of a rotating wheel, etc. Their range is from at least 24 inches for sensing highly reflective material, or 40 inches for minimally reflective material, up to about 30 feet when a reflector is used beyond the material "under surveillance." They can even "see" through materials that we normally think of as being opaque (e.g., cardboard, skin, thin wood panels, etc.) much like you can see the glow of a flashlight that you have stuck in your mouth-for some obscure reason--through your cheeks.

We will carry much more extensive information on this within the next several issues. In the meantime, if you are interested in such devices being made available through distributors, mail-order hobbyist sales, and computer stores, write to the manufacturer and tell them so. You might also tell them the maximum that you would be willing to pay for such sensors. Please do not ask them for literature, schematics, etc., however, unless you are planning on purchasing them in quantity. We will be furnishing such information in forthcoming issues; the company is not set up to deal with very small retail sales . . . and we want them to be happy with the hobbyist community . . . and eager to enter our marketplace. We do not want them to avoid the hobbyist market because they feel they can't deal with the end users.

Just let 'em know you are very interested in their making the products available at the lowest possible price, to the hobby community, via the already-existent retail distributors (and, of course, group buys can be set up at any time).

Send your quick statements of interest to: Anthony Lazzara, President, Scientific Technology, Inc., 1201 San Antonio Rd, Mountain View CA 94043.


## DESCRIPTION

The STI Model AL3093 is a self-contained, complete, sensitive non-contact proximity and retro-reflective sensor system component. All circuitry is totally sealed in the shockproof $4.4 \mathrm{~cm}\left(13 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right)$ by 10.1 cm (4.06') long aluminum housing.

The AL3093 responds to any surface or object entering its field of view, irrespective of material. It also detects certain changes of color or texture.

Range of the AL3093 is up to $102 \mathrm{~cm}(40 \mathrm{in}$ ) as a proximity sensor. When used with a retro-reflective target, range is up to 9.8 m ( 30 ft ). Long range units are
available that "see" clear plate glass or 3 mil clear mylar or liquid surfaces at more than 102 cm ( 40 in ).

The AL3093 can be mounted anywhere, indoors or out, submerged or in a vacuum. Interference from ambient light, environmental contaminants and thin film accumulations of dust, oil, etc., is virtually impossible in normal operation. A form of automatic gain control (AGC) maintains the modulated beam sensitivity under changing operating conditions.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- Responsive to virtually all objects and materials, many color and texture changes.
- Simple to set up with adjustable, wide sensitivity range-visible alignment indicator-no focusing.
- Range to $102 \mathrm{~cm}\left(40^{\prime \prime}\right)$ in proximity mode, to 9.8 m ( $30^{\prime}$ ) as a retro-reflective control.
- Long, maintenance-free life-solid state throughout, never a bulb to change. Circuit protected output.
- Operates anywhere-rugged, sealed unit is completely self-contained.
- Invisible modulated beam unaffected by ambient light, even bright sun.
- Automatic compensation for fog, dust and other atmospheric or ambient conditions.
- Versatile system component-available in custom O.E.M. configurations.


## OPERATION

The STI Model AL3093 is simple to set up and operate, requiring neither focusing nor critical adjustment. A visible LED indicator glows brightly when the sensor is aligned on target and permits visual monitoring during operation. A potentiometer provides range and target sensitivity adjustment.
Maintenance requirements are practically non-existent. There are no lamps or other components that deteriorate rapidly or periodically in the all solid state circuitry. Service life is conservatively rated at 10 years.
Any number of sensors may be interconnected for simultaneous or sequential operation. Outputs can be ANDed, ORed, or arranged in any other logic sequence.

## USES

The STI AL3093 is useful for every type of non-contact sensing application within its wide range capabilities. Major uses include sensing, counting, routing, positioning, inspecting, measuring, code reading, web monitoring and performing a wide variety of other automated process control functions. Additional applications include safety controls, perimeter or intrusion protection or alarms and many, many others where visible movements or changes must be sensed automatically. A series of externally mounted relay and switch outputs, including delays, latches, and other control circuits are available for use with the AL3093. Externally mounted transformers for any input voltage are also optional.

## SPECIFICATIONS

## ELECTRICAL \& PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

Sensing Range-screwdriver adjustable
Maximum Range
Proximity Mode*
40 in . ( 102 cm ) ( $90 \%$ reflectance surface)
24 in . 61 cm ) (18\% reflectance surface)
Retro-reflective Mode
MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS
30 ft. ( 9.8 m )
*Color and texture affect range in Proximity Mode. Measurements made with Kodak standard (visible) reflectance test cards.

## Input Power

Normally 12 VAC or VDC, or 24 VDC at 200 mA . Externally mounted transformers available for other input voltages.

## Operating Temperature Range

$-50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $+70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(-60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right.$ to $+160^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ )

## Control Options

Time delays, one shots, alarm latches and other modular control options are available for remote, external mounting.


## Output

+10 VDC active pulldown-will sink 100 ma (current shutdown protection approximately 200 mA ) or source 1 mA. Output may be pulled up to higher voltages, e.g. 12 VDC for MOS-type logic, without damage.

## Response Time

Turn-On 0.0005 sec.; Turn-Off 0.01 sec.; Counting speed 6,000 CPM; Normal Cycle Life 10 billion.

## Cabling

Standard 1.5 m ( 5 feet) 5 -conductor for input and output leads. Additional length to 150 m ( 500 feet) and flexible armored conduit available.

## Circuitry

Totally solid state, encapsulated. Withstands shock of 100 g @ 10 milliseconds.

## Multiple Sensor Options

Any number of units may be ANDed or ORed through external logic circuitry. Specify requirements.

## Parser saves pain

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In reading PCC [article, below] I was intrigued by your parsing subroutine, which avoids the direct input of the user (which can prevent game players, etc., from initiating control commands to BASIC itself). This would appear to be very useful in situations where inadvertent input commands could upset or destroy a program, particularly by someone who is not conversant with programming or computer languages. It would appear to be a useful "safety" feature to incorporate in BASIC interpreters.

## yet another BASIC BOMBOUT! or <br> How we learned to live with the INPUT statement [reprinted from PCC, Vol. 3, No. 3 (Jan., 1975)]

Sometimes in the old days, often in the middle of a game, and usually to somebody new to computers, our terminals would say:

ERROR $x \times$ IN LINE $x x x$
READY
(By which the computer meant: "You typed the wrong thing when I asked for INPUT so l've kicked you out of the program. Out of the goodness of my heart, I've described what you did wrong (i.e. ERROR $x x$ ) and where the error happened (i.e. IN LINE $x \times x$ ). To understand it, all you have to do is look at page $x x$ in the reference manual, then look at the program listing (wherever that is or type LIST), and with your thorough knowledge of BASIC (oh, you say you don't speak the language - well, ask somebody then), you can figure out where you went wrong. Naturally, the READY means you're in BASIC so if you type some "random" number (like the input you tried to type in the first place), you might wipe out a line in the program and then . . . To pick up again where you left off, type GOTO xxx - by the way, I zero all variables so you can't really start where you left off so you may as well start over. Be more careful next time!!")

Games encourage non-standard responses - like, I THOUGHT YOU WERE 'IT' when the terminal is asking, WHERE DO YOU THINK THE HURKLE IS HIDING?. People were being heavily discouraged from exploring and seeing what would happen if.

Suppose the terminals would print something like, I'M CONFUSED I NEED 2 COORDINATES FROM 0 TO 9. Then the computer is the dummy - it doesn't understand $m e$. 'Watch me get the computer all confused." Quite different than feeling upset because the program has to be reloaded (on our 10 cps reader - no mass storage, alas) because a few random lines were erased. Blahh!

Our current solution happened in three stages.

1. A subroutine for all input. Pass the number and types (numeric or string) of inputs wanted to the subroutine. Input the entire user response into a character string and parse it. One special input was always recognized - STOP (the user could type STOP anytime to stop the game). We never bothered to tell our game players about Control C (remember, we never wanted a game player to give commands directly to BASIC). Return the inputs and a condition code to the calling routine; $1=$ STOP, $2=$ couldn't find all the inputs you wanted, $3=o . k$. The ' 2 ' would cause a "helpful'" message to be sent to the player and the input would again be requested.

The parsing of the inputted string was complicated because there was no direct way to convert from string to ascii (ascii is the numeric representation of a character) and numeric operations (like subtraction) could not be performed with strings. If we could compute

$$
T=C \$-" 0 "
$$

we'd almost be done; $T$ would equal the digit in $\mathrm{C} \$$ (from 0 to 9 ) (you still need to check if $T$ is from 0 to 9 to see if $C \$$ actually is a digit). For numeric input, we used a FOR-NEXT loop variable as a pointer into an internal character string. If a match were found with the input character, the value of the FOR-loop variable was the ascii representation. (?!?).

The problem (and the reason that step 1 was not our final solution) was that it took a lot of time to parse the input. People got really impatient, especially with multiple terminals running.
2. We eliminated the parsing subroutine. We tried all programs having line numbers greater than 1000 (hopefully, it would be harder to accidently erase a line since most inputs to the games were less than 1000). The player was supposed to ignore an ERROR when (and generally when, rather than if, for first-timers) it occurred and blindly type RUN.

It was faster than before but it didn't solve much - "What does ERROR $x x$ IN LINE $x x x$ mean"? And a player couldn't continue where the game aborted because of the zero-all-variables insanity of our BASIC. So, ...
3. One night, after everyone was asleep and all was quiet, it happened. Did you know that if you compute

$$
T=C \$
$$

$$
\text { and } X=\operatorname{INT}(\operatorname{LOG}(\operatorname{ABS}(T)))+\operatorname{SGN}(T)
$$

that $X$ will be unique for each possible ascii character (on DEC EDU20, at least)? This gives you a unique index into an array where the ascii value of each character can be stored.

So, we redid phase 1 with a streamlined, razzle-frazzle lookup that would gladden the heart of the most hardened hacker. And - our method of parsing INPUT isn't perceptibly slower to the user, even with multiple terminals, than good (or is it bad) ol INPUT.

THE END (We hope.)

| KEYBOARD LOADER FOR OCTAL CODE VIA THE TVT-2 |  |  |  |  |  | 021 | 052 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 022 | 315 |  | CALL | PUT |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 023 | 063 |  |  |  |  |
| Jack O. Coats, Jr, 213 Argonaut, No. 27, El Paso TX 79912 |  |  |  |  |  | 024 | 000 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 025 | 257 |  | XRA | A |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 026 | 006 |  | MVI | B,(-3) | Get minus the |
| This program is being used in a modified form by the EPCG (El Paso Computer Group) for loading machine language pro- |  |  |  |  |  | 027 | 375 |  |  |  | character count |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 030 | 007 | LOOP | RLC |  | Rotate it left 3 bits |
| grams that have been coded in octal. The program does no char- |  |  |  |  |  | 031 | 007 |  | RLC |  |  |
| acter validation so if you enter an invalid character it will be processed just like a valid character (the digits 0 to 7 , and 0 to 3 |  |  |  |  |  | 032 | 007 |  | RLC |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 033 | 117 |  | MOV | C,A | Store it in Reg. C |
| in the most significant digit). This program should work withoutmodification for an eight-level ASR-33 or similar device. |  |  |  |  |  | 034 | 315 |  | CALL | GET | Get a character |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 035 | 077 |  |  |  |  |
| modification for an eight-level ASR-33 or similar device. <br> The program will be loaded, beginning in location 000111. |  |  |  |  |  | 036 | 000 |  |  |  |  |
| Once loaded, a program may be started by typing " $\$$ " as input to this keyboard loader. |  |  |  |  |  | 037 | 315 |  | CALL | PUT | Write out the |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 040 | 063 |  |  |  | character |
| The status input port is port no. 1, and the data I/O port, |  |  |  |  |  | 041 | 000 |  |  |  |  |
| no. 0. In the status word, the high order (left-most) bit is the |  |  |  |  |  | 042 | 376 |  | CPI | $A^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}$ | Compare to the run |
| not-ready flag for the output port. It is high when the output |  |  |  |  |  | 043 | 044 |  |  |  | signal character |
| port is busy and low when the port is ready to accept more output. The right-most bit is used for the input port status bit. It is |  |  |  |  |  | 044 | 312 |  | JZ | RUN | Run the program |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 045 | 111 |  |  |  | entered |
| low when the port is ready to present input, and high while there is no new data available. It is assumed that the input status |  |  |  |  |  | 046 | 000 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 047 | 346 |  | ANI | 7 | Mask out unwanted |
| bit is reset to the high state after data is input. |  |  |  |  |  | 050 | 007 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11 input | nd outpu | at are do | one by subro | utines GET and | 051 | 201 |  | ADD | C | Add it in to the running |
| PUT, respectively. If any other I/O routines are desired, these |  |  |  |  |  | 052 | 004 |  | INR | B | Is that all? total |
| routines must be replaced. For the GET routine, the character is |  |  |  |  |  | 053 | 302 |  | JNZ | LOOP | No: go to loop |
| returned in the accumulator. For the PUT routine, the character is passed to it in the accumulator. These routines may be called |  |  |  |  |  | 054 | 030 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 055 | 000 |  |  |  |  |
| from any user routine as a subroutine as long as the conventions are observed. |  |  |  |  |  | 056 | 167 |  | MOV | M,A | Store it in memory |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 057 | 043 |  | INX |  | Increment the address |
| These routines are not optimized for either memory or time. However, they are a starting place for those who need or desire a crude alternative to the panel switches. |  |  |  |  |  | 060 | 303 |  | JMP | GO | Go again |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 061 | 000 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 062 | 000 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 063 | 365 | PUT | PUSH | PSW | Keep the chtr |
| ADDR DATA |  | LABEL | SYM | OPERAND | COMMENT | 064 | 333 | P1 | IN | STATUS | Get the status |
|  |  |  | ORG | 0 |  | 065 | 001 |  |  |  |  |
| 000000 |  | STACK | EQU | your choic | extigh memory address | 066 | 346 |  | ANI | OUTMAS | Is it ready? |
| 000 |  | RUN | EQU | END+1 | Start of program entered | 070 | 302 |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 000 \\ & 001 \end{aligned}$ | 061 | START | LXI | SP,STACK |  | 071 | 302 |  | JNZ | P1 | No;go to P1 |
|  | 377 |  |  |  |  | 071 | 064 |  |  |  |  |
| 002 | 000 |  |  |  |  | 072 | 000 |  |  |  |  |
| 003 | 041 |  | LXI | H,RUN | Where do I store it? | 073 | 361 |  |  |  | Retrieve the charctr |
|  | 111 |  |  |  |  | 074 | 323 |  | OUT | DATA | Write the data |
| 005 | 000 |  |  |  |  | 076 | 311 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 076 |  | MVI | A,CR | Output a carriage | 077 | 311 |  | RET |  | Go back |
| 007 | 015 |  |  |  | return | 077 | 333 | GET | IN | STATUS <br> PORT | Get the status |
| 010 | 315 |  | CALL | PUT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 063 |  |  |  |  | 102 | 346 001 |  | ANI | INMASK | Is it what we want? |
| 012 | 000 |  |  |  |  | 103 | 302 |  |  |  |  |
| 013 | 076 |  | MVI | A,LF | Output a line feed | 103 | 302 |  | JNZ | GET | No; return to get |
| 014015 | 012 |  |  |  |  | 104 | 077 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 315 |  | CALL | PUT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 015 | 063 |  |  |  |  | 106 | 333 |  | IN | DATA <br> PORT | Get the data |
| 017 | 000 |  |  |  |  | 110 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 020 | 076 |  | MVI | $\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{A}^{\text {** }}$ | Output an asterisk | 110 | 311 | END | END |  |  |

## BREAKPOINT ROUTINE FOR 6502s

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This routine is entered via a software breakpoint. It is entered when the processor encounters a 00 op-code. Upon
entering, the program counter is printed, followed by the active flags, accumulator, X index register, \& index register, and stack pointer, terminated by a carriage return and line feed. It then waits for the user to type in a new op-code. Upon receiving that op-code, the original 00 code is replaced with the op-code that was input, the stack is returned to pre-interrupt status, and execution of the original program continues from the breakpoint.

To use this routine, it is necessary to load the interrupt vector, FFFE and FFFF, with 64 and 02, respectively, and place the 00 breakpoint op-code in the desired location. The following storage is required: 0000-0007, 0200-02E3,
FFFE-FFFF. Note: This routine calls subroutines located in the TIM Monitor.

BUG PROGRAM LISTING
VERSION

| 0200 | 85 | 07 |  | NEG | STA | 07 | SSAVE MODIFIED P STATUS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0202 | A9 | $4 E$ |  |  | LDA | S $4 E$ | \& LOAD A WITH ${ }^{\circ}$ N' |
| 0204 | 20 | C6 | 72 |  | JSR | WRT | STYPE 'N' |
| 0207 | A5 | 07 |  |  | LDA | 07 | SRESTORE MODIFIED P |
| 0209 | 4 C | 7F | 02 |  | JMP | V | \&RETUPN TO PROG. V |
| 0206 | 85 | 07 |  | OVERPL | STA | 07 | SSAVE MODIFIED P |
| 020E | A9 | 56 |  |  | LDA | \$56 | 3 LOAD A WIH ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{V}$ ' |
| 0210 | 20 | C6 | 72 |  | JSR | WRT | STYPE 'V' |
| 0213 | A5 | 07 |  |  | LOA | 07 | BRESTORE MODIFIED P |
| 0215 | 4 C | 82 | 02 |  | JMP | B | \&RETURN TO PROG. 8 |
| 0218 | 85 | 07 |  | BRK | STA | 07 | SSAVE MODIFIED P |
| 0214 | A9 | 42 |  |  | LDA | \$42 | 3 LOAD A WTH ${ }^{\circ} B^{\circ}$ |
| 0216 | 20 | C6 | 72 |  | JSR | WRT | 3 TYPE ${ }^{\circ} 8^{\circ}$ |
| 021 F | AS | 07 |  |  | LDA | 07 | \&RESTORE MODIFIED P |
| 0221 | 4 C | 86 | 02 |  | JMP | D | \%RETURN TO PROGRAM D |
| 0224 | 85 | 07 |  | DEC | STA | 07 | SSAVE MODIFIED P |
| 0226 | A9 | 44 |  |  | LDA | W \$ $\mathrm{l}_{\text {W }}$ | 3 LOAD A ITH ${ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 0228 | 20 | 66 | 72 |  | JSR | WRT | $3 T Y P E{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| 0228 | A5 | 07 |  |  | LDA | 07 | SRESTORE MODIFIED P |
| 0220 | 40 | 89 | 02 |  | JMP | 1 | SRETURN TO PROGRAM I |
| 0230 | 85 | 07 |  | IRADIS | STA | 07 | SSAVE MODIFIED P |
| 0232 | A9 | 49 |  |  | LDA | 鯀549 | SLOAD A WITH ©. |


| 0234 | 20 | C6 | 72 |  | JSR | WRT | BTYPE 1 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0237 | A5 | 07 |  |  | LDA | 07 | BRESTORE MODIFIED P |
| 0239 | 4C | 8C | 02 |  | JMP | 2 | BRETURN TO PROGRAM 2 |
| 023C | 85 | 07 |  | ZERO | STA | 07 | BSAVE MODIFIED P |
| 023E | A9 | 5A |  |  | LDA | -55A | BLOAD A WITH $Z^{\circ}$ |
| 0240 | 20 | C6 | 78 |  | JSR | WRT | STYPE ${ }^{\circ} 2^{\circ}$ |
| 0243 | A5 | 07 |  |  | LDA | 07 | BRESTORE MODIFIED P |
| 0245 | 4 C | 8 F | 02 |  | JMP | C | BRETURN TD PROGRAM C |
| 0248 | 85 | 07 |  | CARRY | STA | 07 | SSAVE MDDIFIED P |
| 024A | A9 | 43 |  |  | LDA | W \$43 | \&LDAD A WITH 'C' |
| 024C | 20 | C6 | 72 |  | JSR | WRT | 3 TYPE ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ - |
| 024F | A5 | 07 |  |  | LDA | 07 | BRESTORE MODIFIED P |
| 0251 | 4 C | 92 | 02 |  | JMP | CONT | BRETURN TO PROGRAM CONT |
| 0254 | 85 | 00 |  |  | STA | 00 | SSAVE A IN 00 |
| 0256 | 86 | 01 |  |  | STX | 01 |  |
| 0258 | 84 | 02 |  |  | STY | 02 | SSAVE Y IN 02 |
| 025A | 68 |  |  |  | PLA |  | 3 PULL P GT A |
| 025B | 85 | 03 |  |  | STA | 03 | 3 SAVE P IN 03 |
| 025D | 68 |  |  |  | PLA |  | BPULL PCL TO A |
| 025E | 85 | 04 |  |  | STA | 04 | 3 SAVE PCL IN 04 |
| 0260 | 68 |  |  |  | PLA |  | BPULL PCH TO A |
| 0261 | 85 | 05 |  |  | STA | 05 | 8 SAVE PCH IN 05 |
| 0263 | BA |  |  |  | TSX |  | BMOVE S TO $X$ |
| 0264 | 86 | 06 |  |  | STA | 06 | 3SAVE S IN 06 |
| 0266 | D8 |  |  |  | CLD |  | SNOT DECIMAL MODE |
| 0267 | 20 | 8A | 72 |  | JSR | CRLF | BDG A CRLF |
| 026A | 20 | CF | 02 |  | JSR | MODPC | SCORRECT PCL \& PCH |
| 026D | A5 | 05 |  |  | LDA | 05 | SLOAD A WITH PCH |
| 026F | 20 | B1 | 72 |  | JSR | WROB | STYPE PCH IN HEX |
| 0272 | AS | 04 |  |  | LDA | 04 | BLOAD A WITH PCL |
| 0274 | 20 | B1 | 72 |  | JSR | WROB | 3 TYPE PCL IN HEX |
| 0277 | 20 | 77 | 73 |  | JSR | SPACE | \&SPACE \& CHARACTER |
| 027A | A5 | 03 |  |  | LDA | 03 | 3LGAD A WITH P |
| 0276 | 2 A |  |  |  | ROL | A | BRgTATE N FLAG TO CARRY |
| 0270 | BO | 81 |  |  | BCS | NEG | BBRANCH IF N FLAG SET |
| 027F | 2 A |  |  | $v$ | ROL | A | 3 BOTATE V FLAG TD CARRY |
| 0280 | B0 | 8 A |  |  | BCS | gVERFL | 3 BRANCH IF V FLAG SET |
| 0282 | 2 A |  |  | B | R0L | A | BRDTATE PAST UNUSED BIT |
| 0283 | 2 A |  |  |  | ReL | A | BROTATE B FLAG TO CARRY |
| 0284 | B0 | 92 |  |  | BCS | BRK | 8 BRANCH IF B FLAG SET |
| 0286 | 2 A |  |  | D. | ROL | A | BROTATE D FLAG TO CARRY |
| 0287 | BO | 98 |  |  | BCS | DEC | 3BRANCH IF D FLAG SET |
| 0289 | 2 A |  |  | 1 | Rel | A | BROTATE I FLAG TO CARRY |


| 028A | 80 | A4 |  |  | BCS | IRODIS | B BRANCH IF I FLAG SET |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 028C | 2 A |  |  | 2 | ROL | A | BROTATE 2 FLAG TO CARRY |
| 028D | B0 | AD |  |  | BCS | ZERO | 3 BRANCH IF 2 FLAG SET |
| 028F | 2 A |  |  | c | ROL | A | BROTATE C FLAG TO CARRY |
| 0290 | B0 | 86 |  |  | BCS | CARRY | 3 BRANCH IF C FLAG SET |
| 0292 | 20 | 77 | 73 | CONT | JSR | SPACE | 3 SPAGE 1 CHARACTER |
| 0295 | AS | 00 |  |  | LDA | 00 | 3 GET A |
| 0297 | 20 | B1 | 72 |  | JSR | WR08 | ITYPE $A$ |
| 029A | 20 | 77 | 73 |  | JSR | SPACE | 3 SPACE 1 CHARACTER |
| 029D | A5 | 01 |  |  | LDA | 01 | 3 GET $X$ |
| 029F | 20 | B1 | 72 |  | JSR | UROB | BTYPE $X$ |
| 02A2 | 20 | 77 | 73 |  | JSR | SPACE | 3 SPACE 1 CHARACTER |
| 02A5 | A5 | 02 |  |  | EDA | 02 | 3 GET Y |
| 02A7 | 20 | B1 | 72 |  | JSR | WR0B | 3 TYPE Y |
| 02AA | 20 | 77 | 73 |  | JSR | SPACE | 3TYPE SPACE |
| 02AD | A5 | 06 |  |  | LDA | 06 | BGET S |
| 02AF | 20 | B1 | 72 |  | JSR | WR0B | 3 TYPE S |
| 0282 | 20 | BA | 72 |  | JSR | CRLF | 300 A CRLF |
| 0285 | 20 | B3 | 73 |  | JSR | RDHEX | BREAD VALID OPCODE |
| 0288 | A2 | 00 |  |  | LDX | \$00 | 3 PREPARE TO LOAD OPCDDE |
| 02BA | 81 | 04 |  |  | STA | (04. ${ }^{\text {( }}$ ) | STIORE CORRECT OPCODE |
| 02BC | A6. | 06 |  |  | LDX | 06 | 3 GET S |
| 028E | 9 A |  |  |  | TXS |  | 3 RESTORE STACK POINTER |
| 02BF | A5 | 05 |  |  | LDA | 05 | BGET PCH |
| 02C1 | 48 |  |  |  | PMA |  | BRESTORE PCH TO STACK |
| 02 C 2 | A5 | 04 |  |  | LDA | 04 | 3 GET PCL |
| 0264 | 48 |  |  |  | PHA |  | BRESTORE PCL TO STACK |
| 0265 | AS | 03 |  |  | LDA | 03 | \% GET P |
| 02c7 | 48 |  |  |  | PMA |  | SRESTORE P TO STACK |
| $02 C 8$ | A4 | 02 |  |  | LDY | 02 | BRESTORE Y |
| 02CA | A6 | 01 |  |  | LDX | 01 | 3 PESTORE $X$ |
| 02CC | A5 | 00 |  |  | LDA | 00 | BRESTORE A |
| 02CE | 40 |  |  |  | RTI |  | 3 RETURN TO PROGRAM |
| 026F | A5 | 04 |  | MODPC | LDA | 04 | $3 L O A D P C L I N A$ |
| 02D1 | F0 | 07 |  |  | BEQ | ALTER1 | 3BRANCH IF PCL $=0$ |
| 02D3 | C6 | 04 |  | ALT1 | DEC | 04 | 3 SET PCL $=$ PCL-1 |
| 0205 | FO | 08 |  |  | 8EQ | ALTER2 | BBRANCH IF PCL $=0$ |
| 0207 | C6 | 04 |  | ALTE | DEC | 04 | 3 SET PCL $=$ PCL-2 |
| 02D9 | 60 |  |  |  | RTS |  | BRETURN FROM SUBROUTINE |
| 02DA | 66 | 05 |  | ALTERI | DEC | 05 | 3 SET PCH P PCM-1 |
| O2DC | 46 | D3 | 02 |  | JMP | ALT: | BJUMP TO ALTI |
| 02DF | C6 | 05 |  | ALTER2 | DEC | 05 | BSET PCH = PCH-1 |
| 02E1 | 4 C | D7 | 02 |  | JMP | Alte | - JUMP T ALTE |
|  |  |  |  |  | END |  |  |

# DEnVER TINY BASIC FOR 8O8Os A 2 nd version that includes $H$ arrays 

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[An earlier release of Fred's Tiny BASIC was submitted to the Denver Amateur Computer Society. This release is a considerably improved version.]

This is a version of Tiny BASIC based on the design notes which have been published in People's Computer Company newspaper, and in the Journal. The program is written in 8080 assembly language for a system utilizing a TV-Typewriter and a Suding-type cassette tape interface. The program requires approximately 2.75 K bytes of memory, including storage space for variables.

COMMAND SET

| LET | IF | DIM |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| PR (print) | CLEAR | REM |
| GOTO | LIST | CLRS |
| GOSUB | RUN | SIZE |
| RET (return) | END | TAPE |
| IN (input) |  | LOAD |

DIM -- allows single-dimensioned variables (only single letter variables may be dimensioned)
REM -- remarks follow
CLRS ... clears screen on TVT
SIZE -- prints number of bytes used, and number remaining (does not include dimensioned-variable storage areas, which are above the program)
Control -.. X input in response to an INPUT statement returns control to the Tiny BASIC monitor.

## FEATURES AND RESTRICTIONS

Integer Arithmetic only, +/- 32767 maximum range
Single letter variables optionally followed by the numbers 1 to 6
1-dimensional variables
Only one function available $\mathrm{RND}(\mathrm{X})$; random number generator, returns a value between 0 and +32767 . If $\mathrm{X} \neq 0$, initialize the routine and return a random number. If $X=0$, return a random number.
Multiple statements per line allowed using a colon (:) separator.
Strings ok in print statements; string variables not allowed.
Direct mode operation (except that GOSUB and INPUT will not operate in the direct mode)
Built-in editor for creation/modification of programs
Full line erase using a ?. No single character erase.
Dump and load programs to/from cassette tape
Implied THEN in IF statements. The THEN clause may have any recognizable Tiny BASIC statements. Multiple statements following an IF THEN clause will be executed only if the relational clause is satisfied.
Single byte line numbers, 2 to 255

Zone spacing suppression on PRINT statements using a semi-colon (;)
Expressions may be input (e.g., $3 * 5 / 2$ is a valid input)

## ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS

,$+-{ }^{*}$ / allowed. Expressions are evaluated from left to right with multiply/divide precedence unless otherwise parenthesized.

Too deeply nested parentheses is the most common cause of error number 45. The expression complexity which can be handled is a function of the program being processed. Variables and expression operands are stored in a common memory block, with variable values entered from the bottom up, and expression operands from the top down. If overlap occurs, the error message is output. If only a few variables have been referenced, a very complex expression can be handled. If the maximum allowable number of variables (120) have been referenced, arithmetic expressions must be kept very simple.

## COMMAND MODE

A "greater-than" symbol ( $>$ ) is output indicating that the interpreter is awaiting a command from the keyboard. Commands entered with a line number will be entered in proper numerical sequence in the program area. Commands entered without a line number will be executed immediately if possible. Errors encountered in the direct mode will be output as mmm AT O since there is no line number associated with them.

The LIST command is optionally followed by two numbers (LIST mmm nnn). If no numbers are entered, the entire file will be displayed on the TVT. If LIST mmm is entered, line mmm will be listed. If both mmm and nnn are entered, the listing will be from line number mmm to nnn, inclusive. If mmm or nnn do not exist, the first line number greater than the input numbers will be used as limits.
LIST, RUN, CLEAR, TAPE (Output a program to cassette), and LOAD (Input a program from cassette), are designed to be used primarily in the command mode. If these commands are included in a program, they will execute properly, but upon completion (with the exception of RUN, which will simply restart the program), they will return control to the monitor portion of the program (i.e., a " $>$ " will be output as a prompt, and no further statements will be executed until a command is input).

## OTHER FEATURES \& <br> A SAMPLE PROGRAM

Some other features of the system are best illustrated by the following sample program:

5 GOSUB 200
10 PR "INPUT X,Y";
20 IN X,Y
22 IF X=0 GO TO 230
23 IF Y=0 GO TO 230
25 IF $\mathrm{X}<0$ LET $\mathrm{X}=-\mathrm{X}$
30 IF $Y<0$ Y $=-Y$
40 IF X> $>100 \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{X} / 7$ :GOTO 40
50 IF $\mathrm{Y}>120 \mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{Y} / 111:$ GOTO 50
60 IF $\mathrm{X}<>0$ IF $\mathrm{Y}<>0 \mathrm{Z}=\mathrm{RND}\left(\mathrm{X}^{*} \mathrm{Y}\right)$
65 IF Z $>100 \mathrm{Z}=\mathrm{Z} / 8:$ GOTO 65
$67 \mathrm{C} 2=0$
70 PR
75 PR "I MADE A NEW NUMBER"
80 IF C>5 GOSUB 200
85 PR "GUESS MY NUMBER";
90 IN C1
$95 \mathrm{C} 2=\mathrm{C} 2+1: \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}+1$
100 IF C1 = Z GOTO 160
110 IF C1 <Z GOTO 130
120 PR C1,; "IS TOO HIGH"
125 GOTO 80
130 PR C1,; "IS TOO LOW"
140 GOTO 80
160 PR "****** THAT'S IT *****"
163 PR "YOU TOOK";;C2,;"GUESSES"
165 PR "INPUT 1 TO TRY AGAIN"
170 IN C1
175 IF C1 $=1$ GO TO 5
180 END
200 CLRS
210 LET C=0
220 RET
230 PR "YOU CAN'T USE ZERO"
235 GOSUB 200
240 GOTO 10
Line 20 illustrates multiple inputs. The input values must be separated by a single character (normally a comma, but this is not required), and the entire input string of numbers terminated by a carriage return. The input routine outputs question mark as a prompt to indicate it is awaiting input data. A question mark input will erase the entire line of input.

Line 30, and several others, illustrate the implied LET statement. LET $\mathrm{X}=8$ and $\mathrm{X}=8$ both produce the same result. Using the LET statement speeds up execution. Omitting the LET saves space in the program memory area.

Lines 40,50 , and 65 illustrate a special use of multiple statements per line. The statements following the colon will execute only if the relational operator is satisfied. Thus, each of these statements will loop on themselves until the variable value is reduced below the relational limit.

Line 60 illustrates chaining of relational statements. The final statement will be executed only if both relational operators are satisfied, which, for this program, will always be true.

Line 70 will print a carriage return. This statement will only work with a $\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{R}$ terminator, and will produce a syntax error if followed by a colon for multi-statement
lines.
Lines 85 and 130 illustrate zone spacing suppression. Only the semicolon is required to suppress zone spacing. Zones are eight columns wide, which is convenient for a TVT. Zone 5 then starts a new line. Leading zeros are suppressed on numerical output.

Line 200 illustrates a special feature included for the TVT. CLRS calls a clear-screen routine, to avoid overwriting old data. Scrolling would be nicer, but my TVT won't do that.

Throughout the program, blanks may be included or omitted freely. In general, blanks may be used or omitted between variables, constants, commands, etc., to make the program more readable, or save memory space. $10 \mathrm{X}=3$ works just as well as $10 \mathrm{X}=3$ but it doesn't look as nice. GOTO and GOSUB may also be separated by blanks if desired. Blanks do act as separators.

## CONVERSION TO OTHER SYSTEMS

Conversion to other 8080 systems should be fairly straightforward. The program was assembled with a starting location of 000003 (split octal), but could be relocated elsewhere. The only routine not contained within the program is CRLF (output a carriage return). This routine is contained in a small monitor PROM in my system, which is also the reason for the starting location not being 000000 . This location is normally loaded with a jump instruction so that the monitor PROM is entered when the system is reset. All variable storage locations are provided within the 2.75 K memory allocation. The 8080 stack for subroutine calls and push/pop operations is external to the program. I use a 128 byte ram dedicated to this purpose.

The main conversion problem will occur in the I/O portions. My TVT uses hardware control of the 8080 ready line, and will operate directly with an IN or OUT instruction. If it is necessary to modify this approach, the best technique would probably be to change the IN and OUT instructions to CALL instructions, and write subroutine suitable for the particular I/O device. The IN instruction is used only in the one input subroutine (DTIN), but the OUT instruction is used in several routines (DTIN, DECA, CNVV, PRS, LIST, and ERRS).

The tape routines for the TAPE and LOAD commands are based on software timing control of a Suding-type cassette interface. They would have to be replaced if a different type of interface was used. (Note: the output to tape routine does not include the usual 5 second delay at the start; data transmission begins immediately.) The timing constants used produce a data rate of approximately 660 baud in my 8080 system operating with a 1.25 MHz clock and no memory wait states.

No change is required to utilize Teletype lingth I/O lines. The input buffer accepts a 72 -character input line, and will store it in memory properly. This also allows program lines which are longer than the 32 -character TVT capability to be processed properly. Program lines are terminated by a carriage return and not by any fixed length.

Another variable which may require changing is MMAX, (used in the editor portion, subroutine RPIN), which sets the maximum memory size (high portion of address only). The Tiny BASIC program to be processed is stored above the interpreter, and is limited to a maximum address of MMAX. This value is currently set to octal 040, corresponding to my 8 K system.

For conversion to non-8080 systems, good luck. Conversion of the code from the listing should be faster than writing a new program, if you are familiar with 8080 assembly language.

Some is bound to ask how I get my listings since I have no hard-copy device. My assembler produces a listing on a cassette. This is then processed by another system which has a printer.

All TVT I/O is handled through subroutine calls for ease of conversion to other systems. The two 3-byte subroutines TVTI at 002156 and TVT0 at 002 161) may be replaced by JUMPs to more complex I/O routines. If the new routines are placed at the end of the program, the value of TOPL which specifies the first available memory location must be changed. I think the only reference to this symbol is at location 000 014, where the EOF pointer is initialized. No other changes should be required to change the $I / O$ procedures.

## ERROR DETECTION

Errors detected during execution of a Tiny BASIC program will cause an output of the form mmm AT nnn, where mmm is the error number, and nnn is the line number where the error was detected. The following errors are detected by the interpreter program:

10 - Syntax error
15 - Invalid line number ( $<2$ or $>255$ ) detected by editor also
20 - Memory overflow (program too large)
25 - End of file detected
30 - Attempt to transfer to a non-existing line number (GOTO or GOSUB)
35 - GOSUBs nested too deep (8 maximum)
40 - Too many variables ( 120 maximum)
45 - A-stack/V-stack overflow. Combination of number of variables and expression complexity too great.
50 - RET with no GOSUB
55 - No closing quote on string print
60 - Relational operator error
( $=,<,>,<=,>=,><,<>)$
65 - Missing right parenthesis
70 - Undefined variable in expression evaluation
75 - Add/Subtract overflow
80 - Multiply overflow
85 - Attempt to divide by zero
90 - End statement detected
95 - Empty A-stack on pop operation
100 - Input line too long ( 72 characters $+\mathrm{C} / \mathrm{R}$ maximum)
105 - Dimensioned-variable error

## PLANNED MODIFICATIONS

(Things I would like to add)
More Commands
FOR NEXT loops
Multiple-dimensioned variables
String variables
Floating point arithmetic and I/O routines
More functions
Etc., etc.
I haven't realiy devoted any time to them yet. Any help, suggestions, routines, or whatever anyone cares to contribute (especially a printer) will be greatly appreciated.
[A collage to two letters from Fred; February 21st, and April 2nd]
Dear Dennis and Jim,
Excuse the lack of detailed comments in the assembly listing. I have an 8 K system, and an assembler which requires 4 K . Even with only the few comments, and Tab capability in the source code generation, the source code requires around 14 K , which is assembled in four blocks.

There are a few misprints in the listing (they are obvious, the entire line is moved to the left), but I don't think that will cause any problems if someone wants to implement the Tiny BASIC interpreter.

I would like to implement a different-format language, structured more specifically for the small system. I haven't formalized all of the details yet, but I anticipate using the following approach: 1) Separate editor and interpreter program. This is not as convenient, but it allows a much more sophisticated text edit capability without sacrificing memory space during execution. 2) Only referenced lines (GOTO, GOSUB) numbered. Without the resident editor, line numbers are not nearly as useful. 3) Partial symbol table formation prior to execution. Numbered line addresses stored in the symbol table to reduce execution time for GOTO/GOSUB statements. 4) Scan off all blanks at load time, except in string prints, to reduce program memory requirements.

I will probably also go to an IL type of program rather than direct coding in assembly language, since I am beginning to understand it and appreciate its features after numerous readings of the PCC articles, and the first Journal.

I have been programming in assembly language and high level languages for some time, but this was my first attempt at implementing a new language for a machine. The Tiny BASIC design articles have been a tremendous help. I don't think that I would have been as far as I am now without their help.

I have a couple game programs running in my Tiny BASIC. If I figure out how to get a listing of them, I will send them along. The program that I use to generate the assembler listings will not handle programs written in (Tiny) BASIC, since the line numbers are stored in Binary rather than ASCII.

If you're interested in it, I also have a fairly sophisticated text editor program. It is a string/line-oriented editor modeled after the PDP-9 text editor. It has 28 different commands.
--Fred
YES! We would be delighted to publish your Text Editor. Send it along ASAP, and keep up the good work. The more everyone shares, the more every one gains. --JCW, Jr.



| E02 | 147 | 167 |  |  | MOV | M．A |  | 003 | $00^{2}$ | 052 | 323 | 811 |  |  |  |
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| Q02 | 150 | 271 |  |  | CMF | c |  | 003 | 075 | 315 | 141 | 001 | 1 Mr |  | AFNTL |
| 002 | 151 | 310 |  |  | R2 |  |  | 003 | 100 | 053 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 002 | 152 | 043 |  |  | 1 NX | H |  | 003 | 101 | 042 | 323 | 011 |  | SHLD | H APNT |
| 092 | 153 | 363 | 110602 |  | JMF | TPIN＋2 |  | 003 | 104 | 303 | 164 | 004 |  | SMP | APNT M $\times$ S |
| 002 | 156 | 333 | 000 | TVTI | IN | TVT |  | 093 | 197 | 111 |  |  |  | JMP | M $\mathrm{IST}^{\text {I }}$ |
| 802 | 160 | 311 |  |  | RET |  |  | 003 | 110 | 305 |  |  | IFMS | D日 | ＇I＇ ＇$^{\prime}$＇+128 |
| 002 | 161 | 323 | 000 | tvto | OUT | TVT |  | 093 | 111 | 021 |  |  |  | － | ＋128 |
| 092 | 163 | 311 |  |  | RET |  |  | 0 |  | 021 | 166 | as3 |  | Lx | 5 |
| $0 \cdot 32$ | 164 |  |  | －E | EMD ELO | CK 1 |  | 003 | 114 | 315 | 076 | 004 |  | CRLL | TST |
| 002 | 164 |  |  | ： 5 | STMT－ | STATEMENT | FROCESSOR | 093 | 129 | 25. | 341 | 011 |  | KRA | ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |
| 092 | 164 | 021 | 226602 | STMT | LXI | D．LTMS |  | 003 | 123 | 315 | 141 | 801 |  | STA | CHCT |
| 002 | 167 | 315 | 1976484 |  | CALL | TST |  | 003 | 126 | 315 | 36.3 | 90． | IRMM | CRLL | DTIN |
| 002 | 172 | 315 | 303 904 | STM1 | 1 Call | TSTV |  | 003 | 131 | 332 | 057 | 011 |  | JC | ERRS |
| 092 | 175 | 332 | 667911 |  | JC | ERRS |  | 003 | 134 | 315 | 025 | 9196 |  | CRLL | NCOY |
| 002 | 200 | 021 | 222002 |  | LxI | D，EQMS |  | 003 | 137 | 315 | 052 | 905 |  | CFIL | STOR |
| 082 | 203 | 315 | 076004 |  | CALL | TST |  | 003 | 142 | 021 | 153 | ga3 |  | CRI | Stor |
| 082 | 206 | 315 | 226906 |  | CALL | EXPR |  | 003 | 145 | 315 | 153 | 603 |  | LXI | D．CMM1 |
| 092 | 211 | 315 | 150 日at |  | CFILL | DONE |  | 003 | 145 | 305 | 126 | 004 |  | ${ }_{\text {CRLL }}$ | TST |
| 002 | 214 | 315 | 052005 |  | CALL | STOR |  | 003 | 153 | 254 | 126 | 963 | CMM | JMP | INM1 |
| 002 | 217 | 303 | 164604 |  | JMF． | NXT |  | 093 | 154 | 257 |  |  | CMm |  | ，+128 |
| 002 | 222 | 275 |  | Eams | DB | $\prime=\prime+128$ |  | 03 | 154 | 25 |  |  |  | ¢RA |  |
| ¢02 | 223 | 303 | 067011 |  | JMP | ERRS |  | 003 | 155 | 062 | 341 | 011 |  | STA | CHCT |
| 002 | 226 | 114 | 105 | LTMS | DW | ＇LE＇ |  | 003 | 160 | 315 | 150 | 004 |  | CALL | DONE |
| อ02 | 230 | 324 |  |  | DB | ＇${ }^{\prime}$＇＋128 |  | 683 | 163 | 303 | 164 | 004 |  | JMP | MXT |
| 002 | 231 | 021 | 310082 |  | LXI | D，GOMS |  | 003 | 167 | 111 |  |  | IMMS | DB | ＇I＇${ }^{\prime} \mathrm{N}^{\prime}+128$ |
| 092 | 234 | 315 | 076904 |  | CALL | TST |  | 093 | 178 | 316 |  |  |  | DB | ＇${ }^{\prime}+128$ |
| 002 | 237 | 021 | 256092 |  | LX1 | D．TOMS |  | 083 | 173 | 021 | 284 | 003 |  | CRI | D，RTMS |
| 002 | 242 | 315 | 076004 |  | CALL | TST |  | 003 | 175 | 5 | 20 | ¢ 0 |  |  |  |
| 002 | 245 | 315 | 2.26006 |  | Call | EXPR |  | 0 | 176 | －15 | 156 | 604 |  | CRLL | DONE |
| 002 | 250 | 315 | 150004 |  | Call | DOAE |  | 003 | 201 | 303 | 105 | 005 |  | JMP | RSTO |
| 002 | 253 | 363 | 216 004 |  | JMP | XFER |  | 003 | 206 | 122 | 105 |  | RTMS | OW | －＇Te ${ }^{\text {c }}+128$ |
| 002 | 256 | 124 |  | TOMS | DB | ＇T＇ |  | 003 | 207 | 021 | 220 | 003 |  |  | D．ENIIS |
| 0.2 | 257 | 317 |  |  | DB | ＇0＇＋128 |  | 8183 | 212 | 315 | 076 | 004 |  | CRIL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { D, ENAIS } \\ & \text { TST } \end{aligned}$ |
| 002 | 260 | 021 | 302002 |  | LXI | 0, SEMS |  | 003 | 215 | 303 | 271 | 011 |  | JMP | ENDM |
| 002 | 263 | 315 | 876 90t |  | Call | TST |  | 093 | 220 | 105 | 116 |  | ENMS | DH |  |
| 002 | 266 | 315 | 226006 |  | CALL | EXPR |  | 003 | 222 | 304 |  |  | ENMS | OB | － $0^{\prime}+128$ |
| 002 | 271 | 315 | 150904 |  | Call | dane |  | 003 | 223 | 021 |  | 003 |  | $1 \times 1$ | ＋123 |
| 002 | 274 | 315 | 250904 |  | CALL | SAV |  | 003 | 223 | 021 | 234 | 003 |  | Lx | D．LSMS |
| 002 | 277 | 303 | 216004 |  | JMP | XFER |  | 003 | 231 | 303 | 310 | 018 |  | JMP | LIST |
| 002 | 382 | 123 | 125 | SEMS | OW | ＇SU＇ |  | 003 | 234 | 114 |  | 123 |  | DW | ，15， |
| 002 | 304 | 302 |  |  | OB | ＇ $8^{\prime}+128$ |  | 063 | 234 | 114 | 111 | 123 | LSMS | OW | L1S |
| 002 | 305 | 303 | 067011 |  | JMP | ERRS |  | 003 | 238 | 324 |  |  |  | O | －＋128 |
| 002 | 319 | 107 |  | GOMS | DB | ＇G＇ |  | 003 | $2+18$ | 021 | 265 | 603 |  | LXI | D．RMMS |
| 002 | 311 | 317 |  |  | DB | － $0^{\prime}+128$ |  | 903 | 243 | 315 | 076 | 664 |  | CALL | TST |
| 002 | 312 | 021 | 043003 |  | LXI | D，PRMS |  | 003 | 246 | 315 | 061 | 600 |  | CALL | INIT |
| 002 | 315 | 315 | 076904 |  | Cfill | TST |  | 003 | 251 | 041 | 261 | 013 |  | LXI | M，TAPL |
| 002 | 320 | 021 | 013003 | PRT1 | LXI | 0，qums |  | 003 | 254 | 176 |  |  |  | Mov | A．$M$ |
| 002 | 323 | 315 | 976004 |  | Call | TST |  | 003 | 255 | 376 | 0612 |  |  | CPI | 2 |
| 002 | 326 | 315 | 204005 |  | CALL | PRS |  | 003 | 257 | 332 | 147 | 011 |  | JC | ERRM |
| 002 | 331 | 021 | 345002 | PRT2 | LXI | D，CMMIS |  | 003 | 262 | 303 | 204 | 024 |  | JMP | NXT1－4 |
| 002 | 334 | 315 | 076004 |  | CALL | TST |  | 003 | 265 | 122 | 125 |  | RNMS | OW | ＇RU＇ |
| 002 | 337 | 315 | 016982 |  | CALL | SFNZ |  | 083 | 267 | 316 |  |  |  | DB | ${ }^{\prime} \mathrm{H}^{\prime}+128$ |
| 002 | 342 | 383 | 320802 |  | JMP | PRT1 |  | 003 | 270 | 021 | 301 | 003 |  | LXI | O，CLMS |
| 002 | 345 | 254 |  | CMMS | DE | ，${ }^{\prime}+128$ |  | 003 | 273 | 315 | 976 | 004 |  | CRLL | TST |
| 002 | 346 | 021 | 375002 |  | LXI | D，SMMS |  | 003 | 276 | 303 | 003 | 060 |  | JMP | STRT |
| 002 | 351 | 315 | 076004 |  | CALL | TST |  | 003 | 301 | 103 | 114 | 105101 | CLMS | DW | ＇CLEA＇ |
| 002 | 354 | 052 | 323011 |  | LHLD | APNT |  | 093 | 305 | 322 |  |  |  | D日 | ＇R＇${ }^{\text {d }} 128$ |
| 002 | 357 | 176 |  |  | MOV | A，M |  | 803 | 386 | 315 | 317 | 003 |  | LXI | D．TFMS |
| 002 | 360 | 376 | 015 |  | CPI | 13 |  | 003 | 311 | 315 | $0 \cdot 6$ | 9e9 |  | CALL | TST |
| 002 | 362 | 312 | 095003 |  | J2 | SMM2 |  | 003 | 314 | 363 | 114 | －95 |  | JMP | TAPE |
| 002 | 365 | 376 | 072 |  | CFI | ＇：＇ |  | 003 | 317 | 124 | 101 | 120 | TPMS | OW | ＇TAP＇ |
| 002 | 367 | 302 | 320002 |  | JNZ | PRT1 |  | 003 | 322 | 305 |  |  |  | DB | ＇E＇+128 |
| 002 | 372 | 303 | 065003 |  | JMP | SMm2 |  | 003 | 323 | 621 | 345 | 003 |  | LXI | O．LOMS |
| 802 | 375 | 273 |  | SMMS | DB | ＇，＇＋128 |  | 003 | 326 | 315 | 076 | 004 |  | CALL | TST |
| 002 | 376 | 315 | 076340 |  | CRLL | CRLF |  | 003 | 331 | 041 | 261 | 013 |  | LxI | H．TOPL |
| 003 | 001 | 257 |  |  | XRA | A |  | 093 | 334 | 315 | 106 | 012 |  | CHLD | TPIN |
| 003 | 002 | 062 | 341011 |  | STR | CHCt |  | 003 | 337 | 842 | 315 | 611 |  | SHLD | EFPN |
| 003 | 005 | 315 | 150 00， | SMM2 | CALL | DONE |  | 003 | 342 | 303 | 024 | 960 |  | JMF | ERPNT |
| 003 | 010 | 303 | 164004 |  | JMP | NKT |  | 003 | 345 | 114 | 117 | 101 | LDMS | OW | ＇LOA＇ |
| 003 | 013 | 242 |  | QuMs | OB | －${ }^{\text {co }+128 ~}$ |  | 903 | 359 | 304 |  |  |  | OB | O＋128 |
| 003 | 014 | 052 | 323811 |  | LHLD | APNT |  | 083 | 351 | 821 | e95 | 064 |  | CAL | D．DMSG |
| 005 | 017 | 176 |  |  | MOV | A，M |  | 093 | 354 | 315 | 1076 | 004 |  | CALL | TSTV |
| 093 | 020 | 376 | 015 |  | CPI | 13 |  | 093 | 362 | 322 | 310 | 011 |  | JMC |  |
| 003 | 022 | 312 | 376002 |  | J2 | SMMS +1 |  | 093 | 362 | 322 | 376 |  |  | NK． | OMER． |
| 803 | 025 | 376 | 072 |  | CPI | ＇：＇ |  | 003 | 365 | 021 | 376 | 003 |  | LXI | D，DMCZ |
| 003 | 027 | 312 | 375002 |  | 32 | SMMS＋1 |  | 003 | 378 | 315 | 076 | 90， |  | CALL | TST |
| 003 | 032 | 315 | 226906 |  | CALL | EXFR |  | 003 | 373 | 303 | 257 | 003 | OMC | JMP | \＄－15 |
| 003 | 035 | 315 | 105005 |  | CALL | FRNV |  | 003 | 376 | 254 |  |  |  |  | ＇，${ }^{\prime}+128$ |
| 083 | 0.48 | 203 | 331802 |  | JMP | PRT2 |  | 003 | 377 | 315 | 150 | 004 |  | CALL | OONE |
| 003 | 043 | 120 |  | PRMS | DB | ＇P＇ |  | 804 | 002 | 303 | 164 | 004 |  | JPIP | NXT |
| 093 | 044 | 322 |  |  | D8 | ＇$R^{\prime}+128$ |  | 084 | 085 | 184 | 111 |  | OMSG | DW | ＇ $\mathrm{CI}^{\prime} \mathrm{M}^{\prime}+128$ |
| 003 | $0+5$ | 021 | 187003 |  | LXI | D．IFMS |  | 004 | 007 | 315 |  | 004 |  |  | ＇M＇＋128 |
| 803 | 954 | 315 | 976804 |  | Cfill | TST |  | 004 | 810 | 021 | －24 |  |  |  | D．SZEM |
| 003 | 053 | 315 | 226086 |  | Call | EXFR |  | 004 | 013 | 315 | 076 | 004 |  | CALL | TST |
| 003 | 0156 | 315 | 074006 |  | Call | RELP |  | 084 | 016 | 315 | 254 | 007 |  | CALL | Scer |
| 003 | 961 | 315 | 226006 |  | Call | EXPR |  | 004 | 821 | 303 | 024 | 000 |  | JMP | ERIJT， |
| $00^{0}$ | 06\％ | 315 | 324 aeb |  | Call | CMPR |  | 084 | 024 | 123 | 111 |  | Scem | OW | －SI2＇ |
| 803 | 067 | 322 | 164602 |  | Jodc | STMT |  | 004 | 838 | 021 | E41 | 004 |  | LXI | D．RMKS |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 004 | 033 | 315 | 075 | 024． |  | crill | TST |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 004 | 036 | 381 | 912 | 003 |  | JMP | IFNK |





| 805 | 372 | 015 |  |  | CNV1 | DCR | $c$ |
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| 005 | 373 | 315 | 161 | 002 |  | call. | tVto |
| 005 | 376 | 072 | 341 | 011 |  | LOA | CHCT |
| 006 | 001 | 074 |  |  |  | IPRR | A |
| 096 | 002 | 062 | 341 | 011 |  | STA | ChCt |
| 006 | 005 | 005 | 200 |  |  | Why | 8, 128 |
| 096 | 087 | 311 |  |  |  | EET |  |
| 806 | 010 | 200 |  |  | cave | ADO | B |
| 006 | 011 | 362 | 928 | 006 |  | JP | Crys |
| 006 | 014 | 220 |  |  |  | SUB | 8 |
| 006 | 015 | 383 | 372 | 005 |  | JMP | CAMS |
| 086 | 020 | 015 |  |  | CNV3 | DCR | c |
| 005 | 021 | 312 | 014 | 006 |  | J2 | CNVI-4 |
| 096 | 024 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |  |
| 006 | 025 |  |  |  | $\cdots \mathrm{NCO}$ | NOV - | INPUT TO BINARY |
| 086 | 825 | 052 | 323 | 011 | NCOV | LHLD | APNT |
| 006 | 039 | 345 |  |  |  | PUSH | H |
| 086 | 031 | 052 | 317 | 011 |  | LHLD. | TMP1 |
| 006 | 034 | 072 | 341 | 011 |  | LDA | CHCT |
| 806 | 037 | 267 |  |  |  | ORA | A |
| 006 | 849 | 392 | 046 | 096 |  | JNZ | NCO2 |
| 006 | 043 | 041 | 147 | 213 |  | LXS | H, IBUF |
| 085 | 046 | 315 | j01 | 000 | NCO2 | Call | SEL1 |
| 086 | 051 | 315 | 226 | 096 |  | CALL | EXFR |
| 886 | 054 | 315 | 271 | ๑00 |  | CRLL | SBLK |
| 006 | 057 | 843 |  |  |  | INX | H |
| 006 | 060 | 042 | 317 | 011 |  | SHLD | TMP1 |
| 006 | 053 | 174 |  |  |  | MOV | A. H |
| 006 | 06.4 | 062 | 341 | 011 |  | STR | CHCT |
| 096 | 067 | 341 |  |  |  | POP | H |
| 086 | 070 | 842 | 323 | 011 |  | SHLD | APNT |
| 806 | 073 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |  |
| 006 | 074 |  |  |  | \% R | ELF - | RELATIONAL OF TEST |
| 006 | 074 | 821 | 112 | 006 | RELP | LXI | D. MB |
| 006 | 077 | 315 | 876 | 004 |  | crll | TST |
| 006 | 102 | 055 | 008 |  |  | MVI | L. 0 |
| 006 | 184 | 0.16 | 090 |  | REL1. | MVI | H, 0 |
| 006 | 106 | 315 | 134 | 005 |  | call | ASFH |
| 086 | 111 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |  |
| 006 | 112 | 275 |  |  | M® | DB | ${ }_{6 \times 1}+128$ |
| 086 | 113 | 021 | 156 | 006 |  | LX8 | D. M4 |
| 006 | 116 | 315 | 976 | 004 |  | CALL | TST |
| 006 | 1.21 | 021 | 134 | 00E |  | LXI | D. M1 |
| 096 | 124 | 315 | 076 | 004 |  | Crill | TST |
| 006 | 127 | 056 | 002 |  |  | MVI | L, 2 |
| 006 | 131 | 303 | 104 | 006 |  | SMP | RELI |
| 086 | 134 | 275 |  |  | M1 | D8 | $\prime=120$ |
| 006 | 135 | 021 | 158 | 006 |  | LXI | D. M3 |
| 086 | 140 | 315 | 076 | 004 |  | CALL | TST |
| 006 | 143 | 056 | 093 |  |  | MVI | L, 3 |
| 006 | 145 | 303 | 104 | 006 |  | JMP | REL1 |
| 086 | 150 | 276 |  |  | 193 | De | $)^{\prime}+128$ |
| 006 | 151 | 056 | 001 |  |  | MVI | L. 1. |
| 006 | 153 | 303 | 104 | 086 |  | JMP | REL1 |
| 006 | 156 | 274 |  |  | M 4 | DB | ' ${ }^{\prime}$ ' +128 |
| 006 | 157 | 021 | 222 | 006 |  | LXI | D, M41 |
| 096 | 162 | 315 | 075 | 004 |  | call | TST |
| 086 | 165 | 021 | 200 | 086 |  | LXI | D.MS |
| 006 | 178 | 315 | 876 | 004 |  | Catal | TST |
| 006 | 173 | 056 | 985 |  |  | MVI | L, 5 |
| 006 | 175 | 303 | 104 | 086 |  | JMP | RELI |
| 006 | 208 | 273 |  |  | MS | DB | 'm' ${ }^{\text {c }} 128$ |
| 006 | 201 | 021 | 214 | 006 |  | LXI | D. M6 |
| 006 | 204 | 325 | 076 | 004 |  | CALL | TST |
| 086 | 287 | 055 | 003 |  |  | MVI | L, 3 |
| 005 | 211 | 303 | 184 | 006 |  | JMP | REL1 |
| 006 | 214 | 27: |  |  | 96 | DB | ${ }^{\prime}<^{\prime}+128$ |
| 006 | 215 | 056 | 004 |  |  | MV1 | L. 4 |
| 806 | 217 | 363 | 104 | 066 |  | JMP | RELI |
| 006 | 222 | 276 |  |  | M41 | DB | ' ${ }^{\prime}+128$ |
| 006 | 223 | 383 | 233 | 011 |  | JMP | REER |
| 086 | 226 |  |  |  | - Ex | XPR - | EXP. EVALUATOR |
| 006 | 225 |  |  |  | - CR | CAN BE | CRLLED RECURSIVELY |
| 006 | 226 | 821 | 253 | 806 | EXPR | LXI | D. EO |
| 086 | 231 | 315 | 076 | 804 |  | CRLL | TST |
| 006 | 234 | 315 | 332 | 006 |  | CALL | TERM |
| 806 | 237 | 315 | 154 | 005 |  | CRLL | ASPP |
| 006 | 242 | 315 | 237 | 001 |  | call | HLCM |
| 886 | 245 | 315 | 134 | 085 |  | CALL | ASPH |
| 303271806 |  |  |  |  | JMP E1 |  | - - +128 |
| 806 | 253 | 255 |  |  | E® | DB |  |
| 096 | 254 | 021 | 265 | 086 |  | Lxs | D. E01 |
| 006 | 257 | 315 | 076 | 004 |  | CALL | TST |
| 006 | 262 | 303 | 286 | 006 |  | JMP | E01+1 |
| 066 | 265 | 253 |  |  | E01 | DB | $\cdots+128$ |
| 806 | 266 | 315 | 332 | 005 |  | CALL | TERM |
| 006 | 271 | 021 | 310 | 006 | El | LXI | D, E2 |
| 006 | 274 | 315 | פ] $\epsilon$ | 004 |  | CALL | TST |
| 006 | 277 | 315 | 352 | 606 |  | CALL | TERM |
| 006 | 302 | 315 | 02.2 | 810 |  | CRLL | 1 ADD |
| 806 |  | -03 | 271 | 0 |  | JMP | E1 |


| 006 | 316 | 253 |  |  | Ea | $D B$ | $\prime+\prime+128$ |
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| 006 | 311 | 021 | 339806 |  |  | LXI | D, E3 |
| 006 | 314 | 315 | 076894 |  |  | CALL | TST |
| 006 | 317 | 315 | 332006 |  |  | CRLL | TERM |
| 006 | 322 | 315 | 011010 |  |  | CRLL | ISUB |
| 006 | 325 | 303 | 271006 |  |  | JMP | E1 |
| 006 | 330 | 255 |  |  | $E 3$ | DB | '- +128 |
| 006 | 331 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |  |
| 806 | 332 |  |  |  | * T | TERM - | TERM EVALUATOR |
| 806 | 332 |  |  |  | * C | CRN BE | CRLLED RECURSIVELY |
| 006 | 332 | 315 | 376006 |  | TERM | 1 CALL. | FACT |
| 006 | 335 | 021. | 354006 |  |  | LXI. | D. 11 |
| 006 | 340 | 315 | 676044 |  |  | CRLL | TST |
| 006 | 343 | 315 | 376966 |  |  | CRLL | FFICT |
| 006 | 346 | 315 | 157010 |  |  | CRLL | Mill |
| 006 | 351 | 303 | 335006 |  |  | JMP | TERM +3 |
| 006 | 354 | 252 |  |  | 11 | DB | '*' ${ }^{\text {¢ }} 128$ |
| 806 | 355 | 021 | 374086 |  |  | LXI | D. 12 |
| 006 | 368 | 315 | 076004 |  |  | CALL | TST |
| 006 | 363 | 315 | 376006 |  |  | CALL | FACT |
| 006 | 366 | 315 | 070810 |  |  | CALL | DIVD |
| 086 | 371 | 303 | 335006 |  |  | JMP | TERM+3 |
| 006 | 374 | 257 |  |  | 12 | DB | ' $/ \prime+128$ |
| 006 | 375 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |  |
| 006 | 376 |  |  |  |  | FRCT - | GET FACTORS |
| 006 | 376 | 315 | 103897 |  | FACT | CALL | FRITS |
| 007 | 091 | 320 |  |  |  | RAC |  |
| 007 | 002 | 315 | 303804 |  |  | CALL | TSTV |
| 087 | 005 | 332 | 026007 |  |  | JC | Fo |
| 007 | 016 | 312 | 245011 |  |  | 32 | UDVE |
| 007 | 013 | 315 | 154818 |  |  | CALL | ASPP |
| 007 | 016 | 136 |  |  |  | MOV | E, M |
| 007 | 017 | 043 |  |  |  | INX | H |
| 007 | 020 | 126 |  |  |  | MOV | D, M |
| 607 | 021 | 353 |  |  |  | XCHO |  |
| 087 | 022 | 315 | 134005 |  | FACA | CRLL | ASPH |
| 807 | 025 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |  |
| 807 | 026 | 315 | 307808 |  | F0 | CPALL | TSTN |
| 007 | 031 | 332 | 053097 |  |  | JC | F1 |
| 607 | 034 | 104 |  |  |  | MOY | B. H |
| 807 | 035 | 115 |  |  |  | MOY | C. $L$ |
| 007 | 036 | 315 | 322800 |  |  | CRLL | ROEC |
| 007 | 041 | 120 |  |  |  | MOV | D. B |
| 007 | 042 | 131 |  |  |  | MOV | E, C |
| 007 | 843 | 353 |  |  |  | सCHO |  |
| 007 | 044 | 315 | 301000 |  |  | CALL | SBL1 |
| 007 | 847 | 353 |  |  |  | XCHG |  |
| 007 | 058 | 383 | 022007 |  |  | JMP | FRC1 |
| 807 | 053 | 021 | 077007 |  | F1 | LKI | D, Fid |
| 007 | 056 | 315 | 076 004 |  |  | CRLL | TST TEST FOR < |
| 007 | 061 | 315 | 226006 |  |  | CRLL | EXPR RECUFSIVE CRLL |
| 007 | 064 | 621 | 073087 |  |  | LXI | D, FEA |
| 807 | 067 | 315 | 976814 |  |  | CRLL | TST |
| 087 | 072 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |  |
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| 807 | 074 | 303 | 240011 |  |  | JMP | RPER |
| 007 | 077 | 258 |  |  | F11 | DB | ${ }^{\prime} C^{\prime}+128$ |
| 807 | 100 | 303 | 067911 |  |  | JMP | ERRS |
| 897 | 103 |  |  |  | - FN | NTS - | FUNCTION TEST |
| 007 | 103 |  |  |  | - RN | ND OML | $Y$ FUNCTION INITIALLY |
| 007 | 103 | 021 | 133007 |  | FNTS | LXI | D, RNDM |
| 007 | 106 | 315 | 0.6004 |  |  | CPLL | TST |
| 007 | 111 | 315 | 226026 |  |  | CALL | EXPR RECURSIVE |
| 007 | 114 | 3151 | 153001 |  |  | CRLL | RND |
| 007 | 117 | 0211 | 127 907 |  |  | LXI | D, RFMS |
|  | 122 | 315 | 5076004 |  |  | CRL | $L$ TST |
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| 087 | 126 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |  |
| 807 | 127 | 251 |  |  | RPMS | DB | - ) +128 |
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| 007 | 136 | 258 |  |  |  | DB | ' ${ }^{\prime}+128$ |
| 007 | 137 | 067 |  |  |  | STC |  |
| 007 | 140 | 311 |  |  |  | RET |  |
| 007 | 141 |  |  |  | - DIM | M SETU | \& HANDLING |
|  | 345 |  |  | TSV4 | PUSH | H |  |
| 007 | 142 | 315 | 226006 |  |  | CALL | EXPR |
| 007 | 14.5 | 0211 | 156997 |  |  | LXI | D, RPTV |
| 207 | 158 | 315 | 076084 |  |  | CALL | TST |
| 087 | 153 | 3031 | 162007 |  |  | JMP | +44 |
| 097 | 156 | 251 |  |  | RPTV | DB | , )' +128 |
| 907 | 157 | 303 | 240011 |  |  | SMP | RPER |
| 007 | 162 | 3151 | 154005 |  |  | CALL | RSPP |
| 067 | 165 | 257 |  |  |  | XRA | A |
| 007 | 166 | 264 |  |  |  | ORA | H |
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interface, as well as resolving some bugs in my Micro-8 Vol. 2, Issue 1, page 11 article. I made the mistake of not indicating that just because you haven't encountered these bugs in your Mark-8 in no way means they aren't in your system. In software, I'm interested in writing a "suffix" notation programmable calculator, some sort of relocatable loader, and, perhaps, some sort of pseudo-assembler.

I'm disappointed that there doesn't seem to be any place or journal that effectively supports the Mark-8. I think there is a tremendous need for national journals specializing in individual microcomputers or at least individual microprocessors-and teaching programming, solving problems, creating hardware and software for that particular machine. This would be very valuable for the individual user with that machine.

Sincerely yours,
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Dear Tom, We will try to publish everything of value that we receive concerning the Mark-8. There is a need for machinespecific journals, however the market isn't yet there to support them. (It costs much bucks to publish a quality periodical.) Of course, there are the manufacturer's newsletters, and user groups, but it seems to me they don't meet hobbyist needs; particularly not inexpensively. We're gonna try.

Send us your software as you get it running so we can share it with all Micro-8 owners. --JCW, Jr

## APL'S APPEAL

Dear Dragons:
I have an Altair 8 K system (the 8 K currently on vacation in Albuquerque due to MITS' recall order).

Incidentally, my favorite language is APL, although I know more BASIC than APL. It seems to me that a limited knowledge of APL (i.e., just a few of its features) allows greater creative freedom than knowing BASIC intimately, and is somewhat easier to attain. My initial bias against APL (and what I see as your continuing bias) comes from my background--I started off on FORTRAN, so BASIC (an "extended subset of FORTRAN" as Jean Sammet might call it) seems as natural as English. And old FORTRAN hand would likely see BASIC as the ideal language for beginners. You really should look into APL, and how it can be implemented on small machines.

At least as a beginning, BASIC looks like fun, and is easily suited to small machines. Tiny BASIC looks like even more fun, since very little has been written on languages for small machines. (A friend of mine recently said, "Why bother? You can always get a few ' K ' cheap." This is the worst argument I've heard in favor of inefficient programming.) Thus my interest in your journal. After all, my pie-in-the-sky 8080 APL system has to start out with a few "basic" steps.

Sincerely,
Ed Luwish

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## 6800 Tiny BASIC FOR \$5

## Dear folks at PCC \& Readers of DDJ 2 April 1976

I have gotten a version of Tiny BASIC up and running on the 6800. It largely follows the logic and philosophy outlined in the PCC articles (saved a lot of time!), but I have enhanced it in the following ways: two-byte line numbers, LIST can specify a range, semicolon formatting on PRINT, REM added, INPUT accepts expressions, and RND and USR functions ( = machine language function call) are available.

The interpreter fits into a little less than 2 K bytes (may be ROM) and uses a single JMP to each of three user-supplied I/O routines (character input, character output, and break test). I did this as a commercial venture (software is my living), but I am asking only $\$ 5$ for a hex tape (Motorola format) and 20 page User's Manual. Please specify RAM-based (ORG at 0100) or ROM-base (ORG at E000, I/O preset for AMI "PROTO" board). When I have more time, and if there is sufficient interest, I will publish the IL code (I made a few changes), and show how to add extra functions. How about an assembler written in Tiny?

For a copy of this TINY BASIC for the Motorola and AMI 6800 , send your name, address, and $\$ 5$ to:

Tom Pittman
P.O. Box 23189

San Jose, CA 95153
PS As was noted in the TB articles, there is no such thing as a free lunch. Software comes in the lunch category, but perhaps I can offer you a cheap sandwich.

Editor's notes: Tom has a good reputation around the local Homebrew crowd. We believe that he will back his product. We would be quite interested in hearing from those who purchase his Tiny BASIC; we'd like to hear their praise and their complaints (if any).

If you wish for him to publish his Intermediate Language code (IL) in the Journal, write him and encourage him to do so soon.

Tom - What do you mean by, "an assembler in Tiny?" I hope that you don't mean an assembler that is written in Tiny BASIC.

## ERRATA

The author of the 6800 version of Tiny BASIC was incorrectly given, in one place in the February issue, as being Tim Pitmann. His correct name and address is:

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Anyone out there know anything about Arrow Microcomputer Systems in Farmingdale, NY? We'd like their address (none was given in their ad we saw), and any other tidbits you might know about them. --JCW, Jr

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