

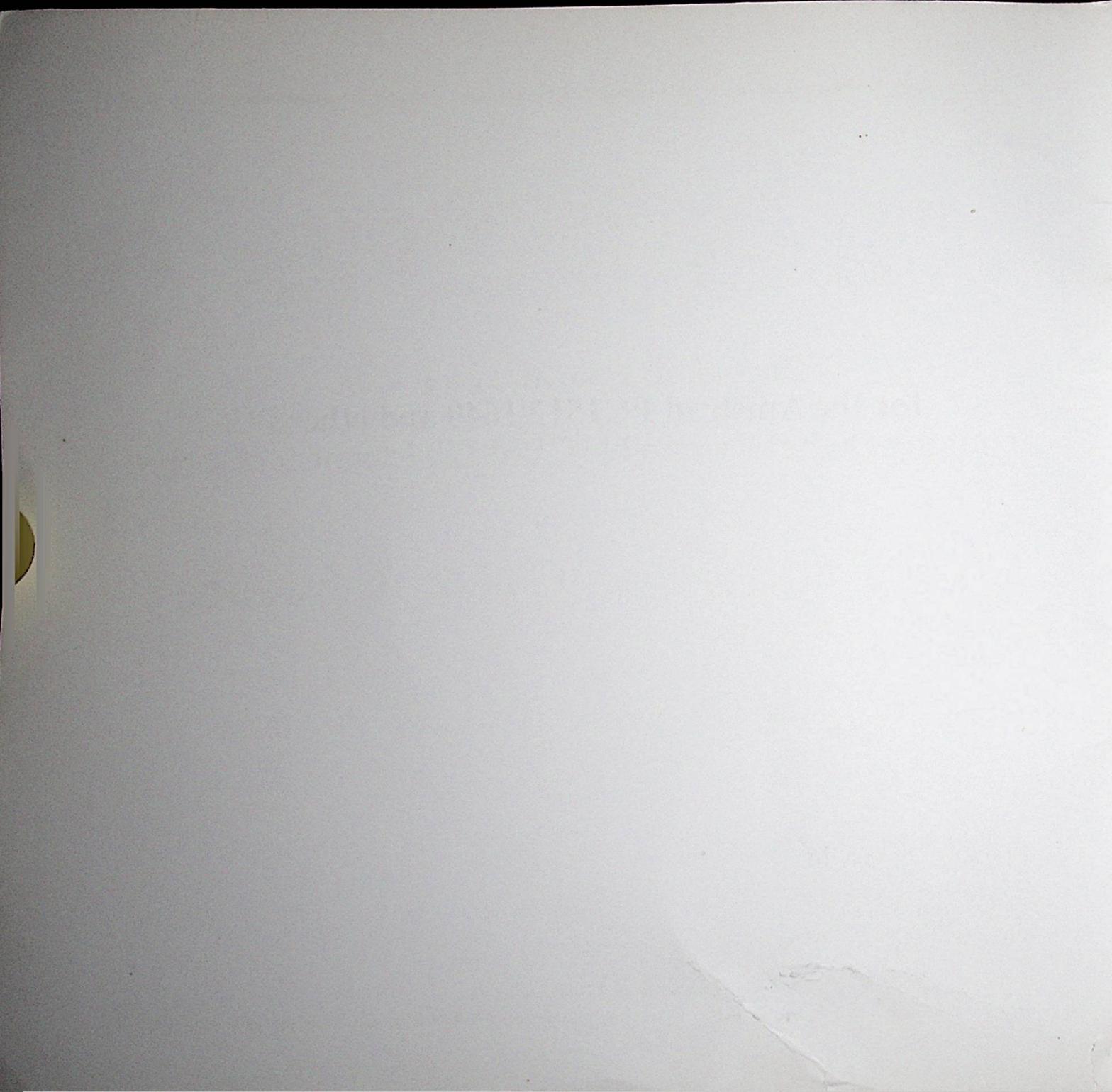
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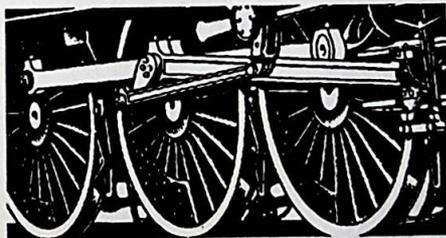


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User Guide and Quick Reference



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# Preface

This User Guide and Quick Reference is one of two instruction manuals supplied with BASIC 2 Plus. The other is the Language Reference Manual.

The User Guide section of this manual explains how to use the BASIC 2 Plus program. It describes how to enter programs into your computer, how to save them, and so on. There is also a complete description of BASIC 2 Plus's powerful mouse-driven editor, and a large section on the debugging tools available.

The User Guide does not give a full description of how the commands work. For that, you must refer to the Language Reference Manual, the second book supplied with BASIC 2 Plus. This describes the language in great detail. However, the User Guide does give a 'Quick Reference' summary of the syntax of all the commands available in BASIC 2 Plus, each with brief explanation of what they do.

If you have programmed in BASIC 2, the predecessor of BASIC 2 Plus, you will notice some new facilities. Such structures as the **SELECT CASE** statement and the block **IF** statement make structured programming much easier. Routines are now implemented, and it is now possible for your program to be split into different program units – a main program and several modules. Read Chapters 5, 6, and 7 in the Language Reference Manual for details.

When programming, you will see that you now have a powerful mouse-driven 'cut-and-paste' editor to work with. There are lots of facilities for debugging your programs, too. But perhaps the first thing you'll notice, especially if you are running very large programs, is the speed of BASIC 2 Plus. One of the standard test programs runs over six times faster in BASIC 2 Plus than in BASIC 2.

**IMPORTANT:** *Before running any BASIC 2 program under BASIC 2 Plus, you are advised first to scan through the program in the Edit window to see if any of the variables are being shown in capital letter. If any are, then you will need to change the name of this variable because this name is now used as a BASIC 2 Keyword.*

*You are also advised to use BASIC 2 Plus's Check-out option to 'Pre-scan' your program before running it (as described in the section on 'Programming' in Chapter 1 of the User Guide).*



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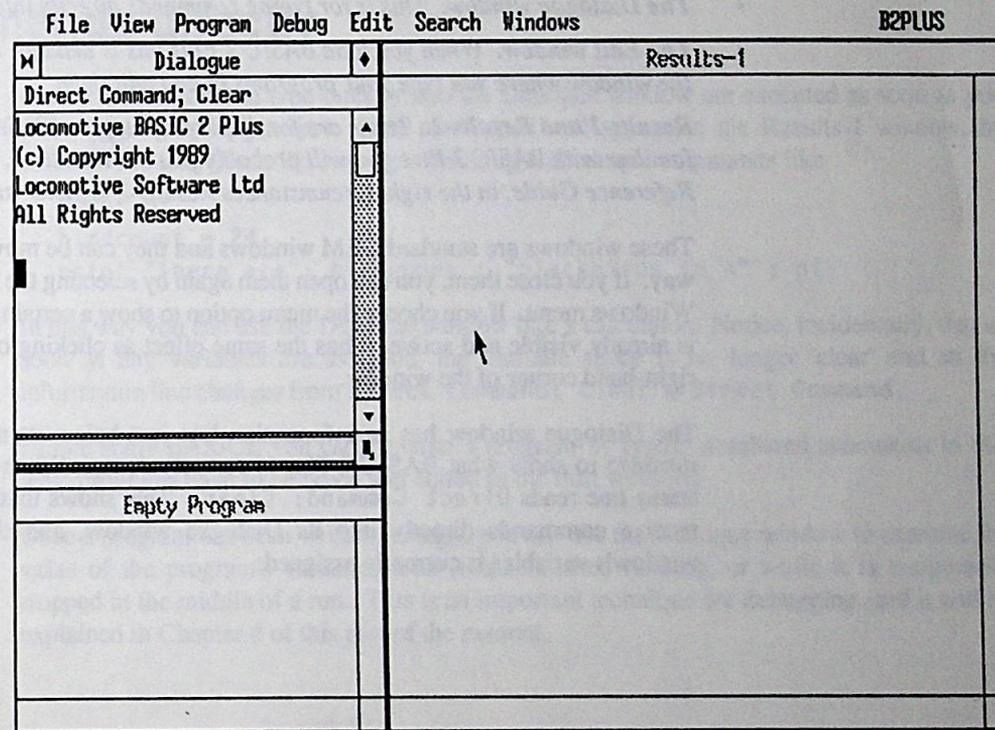
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# BASIC's Basics

BASIC 2 Plus works with GEM, the window manager on your computer. This guide assumes that you have GEM installed on your computer and that you have some experience of using it; specifically, it assumes that you know how to select, scroll, resize, and close windows, how to pull down menus and select options from them, and that you understand how to select files from a disc using the Item Selector Dialog. If you aren't familiar with these tasks, read about GEM in the manual that came with your computer.

Assuming, then, that you are reasonably familiar with GEM and the features it offers, make a back-up copy of your BASIC 2 Plus disc, load GEM, and then double click on the file B2PLUS.APP to load BASIC. You should see the BASIC 2 Plus screen; it looks like this:



If you see BASIC 2 Plus start to open but you are almost immediately returned to the GEM desktop, you probably haven't got enough memory available. Try removing fonts from your system, or freeing memory in other ways. (You can discover how much free memory there is available by typing PRINT FRE in the Dialogue window.)

There are various things to note about the screen. As with most GEM applications, there is a menu bar at the top of the screen providing assorted commands which are always available for you to use.

Notice the windows on the screen. Generally when BASIC 2 Plus starts up, there are four of these, though one of them (Results-2) is covered up by the Edit window and the Dialogue window. (If you are short of memory, Results-2 may not be displayed at all. This isn't a serious problem, though it may restrict you a little if you need to make full use of BASIC 2 Plus's output facilities.)

The four windows are:

- *The Dialogue window. This is for typing commands directly into BASIC 2 Plus.*
- *The Edit window. When you load BASIC 2 Plus this is headed Empty Program. This is the window where you type your programs in and edit them.*
- *Results-1 and Results-2. These are for displaying output. While you are becoming familiar with BASIC 2 Plus you will probably just use Results-1, though as explained in the Reference Guide, in the right circumstances Results-2 is faster and holds more information.*

These windows are standard GEM windows and they can be moved and resized in the usual way. If you close them, you can open them again by selecting the appropriate option from the Windows menu. If you choose the menu option to show a certain window when that window is already visible and active, it has the same effect as clicking on the 'grow box' in the top right-hand corner of the window.

The Dialogue window has an information line just below its name bar. This displays a message to show what BASIC 2 Plus is currently doing. When you load the program, the status line reads Direct Command; Clear. This shows that BASIC 2 Plus is ready to receive commands directly into its Dialogue window, and that none of the Dialogue window's variables is currently assigned.

## FRE

**Use** FRE is a function which returns the amount of unused memory.

**Syntax** FRE

## CLEAR

**Use** CLEAR discards all variables.

**Syntax** CLEAR

**Note** CLEAR may only be in Direct Mode.

## Typing commands directly

Commands which you type directly into the Dialogue window are executed as soon as you press . Any output from these commands will appear in the Results-1 window, by default. Try this, if you like, by experimenting with simple commands like

```
print pi
birdcount = 24
print "There are"; birdcount ; "blackbirds in a" ; pi
```

In this way you can use the Dialogue window like a calculator. Notice, incidentally, that as soon as any variables are assigned, the variable space is no longer 'clear' and so the information line changes from Direct Command; Clear to Direct Command.

Unlike some BASICs, you cannot write a program by typing numbered statements in this way: programs have to be typed and edited in the Edit window.

Once a program has been written, though, you can use the Dialogue window to examine the value of the program's variables after it has finished running, or while it is temporarily stopped in the middle of a run. This is an important technique for debugging, and it will be explained in Chapter 4 of this part of the manual.

# Programming

To write a simple program, click on the Edit window (the one with Empty Program in the title bar) to make it active, and then enter the text of your code. If you make mistakes, you can erase them with the **←Del** key or you can use BASIC 2 Plus's sophisticated built-in editor described in Chapter 2.

Notice how each line appears in the Edit window exactly as you type it; upper and lower case letters appear as they are input from the keyboard. But as soon as you press **↵** (or move the cursor to a new line by any other means) BASIC 2 Plus's keywords are transformed into capital letters, while your invented names and identifiers are transformed into lower case. Notice also how carriage return is displayed as **▼**.

When your program is ready, select Run from the Program menu. The first thing BASIC 2 Plus does is pre-scan the program, checking for syntax and other simple errors. This means that elementary errors in your code will be discovered very quickly, even if they appear in a rarely executed part of the program.

If there are any pre-scan errors, a message will appear in the Dialogue window, and in the Edit window the cursor will move to the first offending line. You can then correct the error, and select Run again.

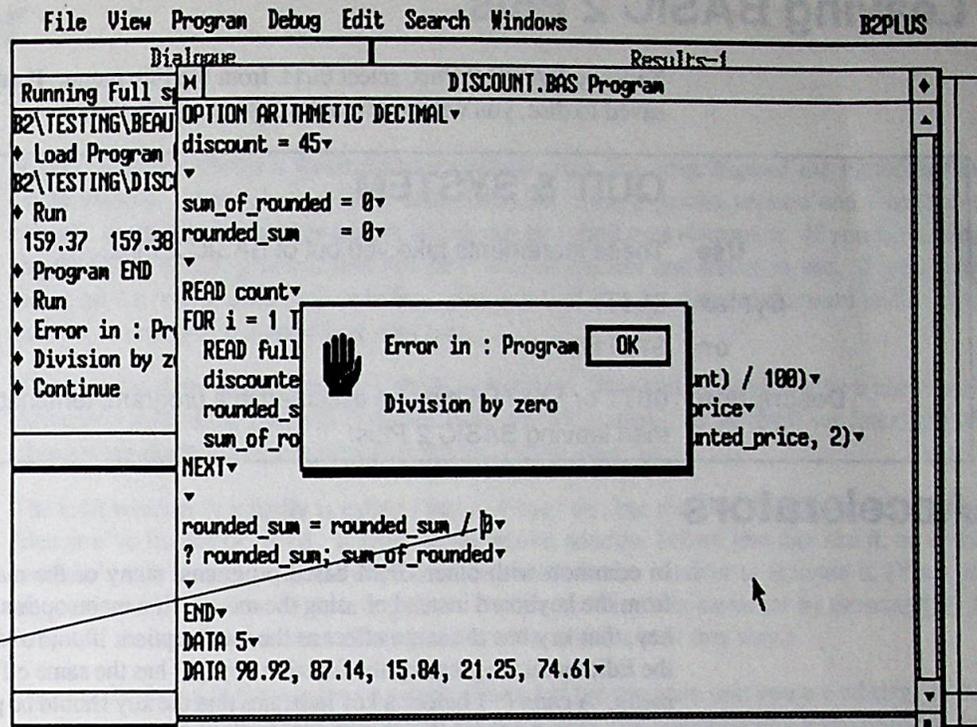
When you have removed all the pre-scan errors, selecting Run will start to run the program. This time the program will stop at run-time errors which the pre-scan could not discover:

## RUN

<b>Use</b>	RUN starts executing the current program.
<b>Syntax</b>	RUN
<b>Description</b>	RUN may be executed in a program, terminating the program and starting it all over again.

## EDIT

<b>Use</b>	EDIT takes you into the edit window.
<b>Syntax</b>	EDIT
<b>Note</b>	EDIT may only be in Direct Mode.



errors such as division by zero, or references to a non-existent file, for example. When a run-time error is discovered, the program halts and an Alert is displayed with a brief indication of what the problem is. As with syntax errors, the cursor will position itself near the offending statement in the Edit window. For example, see the picture on the following page.

When a program stops because of a run-time error, you can be sure that execution has at least started, and so in tracking down the bug it may be helpful if to inspect the program's variables. (You can do this by entering `PRINT variable-name` into the Dialogue window.) Changing the program will mean losing the contents of these variables, and you may not wish to do this; so before you can edit your program after a run-time bug, a dialogue appears warning you that you are about to destroy the value held in your program's variables.

If you need to pre-scan a program without running it, select the option `Check out` on the Program menu.

If the program runs successfully, it will finish by displaying an Alert with the words `Program END`. Clear the dialogue by clicking on `OK`.

# Leaving BASIC 2 Plus

To leave BASIC 2 Plus, select **Quit** from the **File** menu. If any of your work has not been saved to disc, you will be given the opportunity to save it.

## QUIT & SYSTEM

<b>Use</b>	These statements take you out of BASIC 2 Plus.
<b>Syntax</b>	QUIT or SYSTEM
<b>Description</b>	QUIT or SYSTEM may be executed in a program, terminating the program and then leaving BASIC 2 Plus.

## Accelerators

In common with other GEM-based programs, many of the menu options can be executed from the keyboard instead of using the mouse. If a menu option is followed by the name of a key, that key has the same effect as the menu option. Run, for example, is followed by **F9** in the **Edit** menu; so pressing the function key **F9** has the same effect as selecting Run from the menu. A caret (^) before a key indicates that the key should be pressed with **Ctrl** held down. A diamond ♦ shows that **Alt** should be held down.

Accelerators for commands in the **Windows** menu are not available when a program is running, and for this reason they are not displayed in the menu. They are:

<b>F1</b>	Show Results-1
<b>F2</b>	Show Results-2
<b>F3</b>	Show Edit or Results-3
<b>F4</b>	Show Dialogue or Results-4
<b>Ctrl</b> + <b>F1</b>	Hide Results-1
<b>Ctrl</b> + <b>F2</b>	Hide Results-2
<b>Ctrl</b> + <b>F3</b>	Hide Edit or Results-3
<b>Ctrl</b> + <b>F4</b>	Hide Dialogue or Results-4
<b>Alt</b> + <b>F3</b>	Show Edit
<b>Alt</b> + <b>F4</b>	Show Dialogue

Show Edit also displays the Dialogue window.

Show Results-3 and Show Results-4 are not available unless these windows have been opened on a stream. See Chapter 9 of the Reference Manual to see how to do this.

# The Editor

BASIC 2 Plus includes a powerful editor which takes full advantage of the facilities that GEM affords. Many changes have been made since the previous version and these have brought it into line with other editors which run in a similar environment. If you have used the BASIC 2 editor, you will find this new version quicker and easier to use. If you have never used a 'cut & paste' editor before, you will find it to be a straightforward and natural method of entering and amending your text.

All editing is done in one window – the Edit window. This can be used to give a number of different views of the program (selected from the View menu, as we shall see later) but all changes are made in the text view that BASIC 2 Plus starts in.

The Edit window is initially called Empty Program, but this title changes to reflect any files you've loaded or saved. It must be the active window before you can use it, so if the window's title is dimmed, click the mouse anywhere in the window to activate it. (You can also activate the window by selecting Show Edit in the Windows menu (or by pressing **⌘E**); in fact, if the window has been closed, you have to activate it in this way.)

The text displayed in the window is simply the text of the program unit you are editing. If the window is not wide enough to hold any of the lines, they will automatically wrap round to the next line of the window and a small mark will appear at the beginning and the end of the broken line. This does not imply a new line of the program; program lines are always separated with typed carriage return characters, which are displayed on the screen as ▼.

Inserting text is quite straightforward. Click at the point in the program where you wish to insert the extra text; the cursor will move to that place. Now simply type the additional text, and it will be added at the position marked by the cursor.

The Carriage return symbols behave quite logically when you insert text. If you want to append more characters to the end of a line, you must take care to put the insertion point before the carriage return symbol, or the characters will be inserted after the carriage return, that is, at the start of the next line.

The two delete keys can be used to delete characters in two different directions as you'd expect: the **⌘←Del** key removes the character just before the cursor (that is, the character you've just typed), whereas the **⌘Del** key removes the character just after it.

## Selecting text

One important facility which the editor provides is a means to handle whole blocks of text quickly and conveniently. This is one area where the editor has been changed from BASIC 2. Instead of selecting the beginning and end of the block separately, they are selected by 'dragging' the pointer across text to select a continuous block, as described in the next few paragraphs.

## Selecting a block

Begin by positioning the pointer at one end of the block you wish to select. Click the left-hand mouse button, but do not release it. Now 'drag' the mouse across the text (without releasing the button) and as you do so you will see that the block of text between the pointer and the place you originally clicked will become highlighted. (The exact colour change will depend on the system you are using.) Move the pointer to the other end of the block of text, and release the button. The whole block will stay highlighted, and the block is now selected and ready for you to operate on.

```
M | DISCOUNT.BAS Program
OPTION ARITHMETIC DECIMAL
discount = 45
▼
sum_of_rounded = 0
rounded_sum = 0
▼
READ count
FOR i = 1 TO count
  READ full_price
  discounted_price = full_price * ((100 - discount) / 100)
  rounded_sum = rounded_sum + discounted_price
  sum_of_rounded = sum_of_rounded + ROUND(discounted_price, 2)
NEXT
▼
rounded_sum = ROUND(rounded_sum, 2)
? rounded_sum; sum_of_rounded
▼
END
DATA 5
DATA 98.92, 87.14, 15.84, 21.25, 74.61
```

If you position the pointer inaccurately and find that the selected block is not what you want, clear the selection by clicking and releasing the mouse button anywhere on the window. The highlighting will clear as you do this. (On colour monitors there may be some flickering of colours as you do this.)

## Selecting a Large Block

If you need to select more text than will fit into the window, select the start of the block as described above. Then, with the mouse button still held down, move the pointer beyond the top or bottom edge of the window. The text will scroll, highlighting as it goes. When enough text is in view, release the mouse button at the other end of your selected block. (When the text is scrolling, it will move rather faster if the cursor is well outside the window. If you want it to scroll slowly only move the cursor slightly beyond the edge.)

If the block you want to select is very large, there is an alternative technique. Using the method already described, select a small piece of text at one end of the block. Then move to the other end using the scroll bars, and press the  key as you click the mouse button in the appropriate place. All the text from the small block to the Shift-click will be selected, and will be highlighted on the screen.

## Deleting a Block

To delete a block of text, select it and then press either of the delete keys. When a block of text is selected,  and  both have the same effect. Or, to replace the block with different text, select the block and then type. Typing when there is a block selected replaces the block with whatever is typed.

## Cut and Paste

Instead of deleting a block of text, you may want to transfer it to another part of the program. The way to do this is by 'cutting and pasting' using two of the options available on the Edit menu.

Begin by selecting the block of text, as explained above. Do not delete it, but select Cut from the Edit menu. You will see the text disappear from your program. It has not been annihilated, though; it has been moved to a special area called the Clipboard. (Later, we shall see how to inspect the contents of the Clipboard and edit them directly.)

Position the cursor at the point where you want the text moved to. Select Paste (again from the Edit menu) and the contents of the clipboard will be inserted at the point selected.

Pasting text does not delete it from the clipboard, so you can paste it again in many different places if you like.

If you want to copy a block of text without deleting it from its original position, select it in the usual way and then choose Copy from the Edit menu. This replaces the Clipboard's contents with a copy of the selected text. The new contents of the Clipboard can be pasted wherever you like in the program.

In fact, the Clipboard is maintained when one file is saved and another loaded, so you can use this technique to transfer lines of code from one program to another.

If you explicitly want to empty the Clipboard of text, the Edit menu's Clear option does this. This is different from the way Clear works on some other 'Cut and Paste' systems.

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## Search and Replace

In common with many editors, there is a facility for finding a text string and, if necessary, substituting another. All the options in connection with this are available through the Search menu.

To find a specified string, choose Search from the menu. BASIC 2 Plus displays a dialogue box prompting you to insert the string to search for:

The dialog box contains the following elements:

- A label "Search for:" followed by a text input field.
- A "Search" button to the right of the input field.
- Three radio button options: "Anywhere", "Forwards", and "Backwards".
- A "Cancel" button to the right of the radio buttons.

Type the search string into the box, select the direction you wish to search in, and click on the Search box. BASIC 2 Plus will search from the current position of the cursor until it finds the string.

Pressing the **Ctrl+F** key has the same effect as clicking on the SEARCH button. Because of this there is no way to search for a string containing a carriage return.

If you choose the **Whole Words** option instead of **Everywhere** in the dialogue box, only whole words will be found. This means that the specified string will only be found if it appears in the program delimited by characters other than letters (including Greek and accented letters), numbers, and the underline character. Note that this does not restrict the range of characters which may be included in a search string; it simply defines the characters which delimit a word.

For example, if a line of the program read

```
LET frederick$.details.title$ = "The Great"
```

If the **Whole Words** option was selected, **Search** would not find this line if the search string was `fred`, but it would find it if the search string was `frederick` or `frederick$`. This is because in the first case `frederick` is delimited by a space character before and a `$` behind, and in the second case `frederick$` is delimited by a space in front and a full stop behind. Since the space character, the dollar, and the full stop are all characters which can be used to delimit whole words, both `frederick` and `frederick$` can be found by **Search** with the **Whole Words** option.

If the editor finds an occurrence of the string but not the specific occurrence you need, you can repeat the search (starting from the end of the string found by the first search) by selecting **Search again** from the **Edit** menu.

Note that, since the repeated search starts from the end of the string found by the first search, the two strings cannot overlap. For example, searching for `issi` will stop at the word `Mississippi`. If you then choose **Search again**, the editor will not find the second occurrence of `issi` in `Mississippi`, because the search starts after the second letter `i` in the word.

## Replacing

Replacing is similar to search except that when it finds the string the editor will substitute another. When you choose **Repl ace...**, you will be prompted for the two strings.

**Replace...** includes the option of **Manual** or **Automatic** replacement. **Automatic** replaces all the occurrences of the first string with the second without further ado. **Manual** stops at each occurrence and asks you whether you wish to replace or not.

**Replace...**, like **Search again**, continues its search from the end of the previous string.

## Merge

The Merge option on the Edit menu is used to insert text from one file into another. When you select Merge, a dialogue box will prompt you for a file to insert. This must be a text file; it can have been prepared using the BASIC 2 Plus editor itself or another text editor.

## Outlining

Large programs in BASIC 2 Plus may well include a number of *routines* – subprograms and functions. (How these fit into the structure of a program is explained in Chapter 6 of the Language Reference) When there are a great many routines in a program, it can be difficult to keep track of them all, so to help with this, the editor provides the Outline view of a program or module.

If, when you are editing a program or module, you select the Outline option in the View menu, the first line of every routine in that program or module is displayed in the Edit window. The order these lines are displayed in corresponds to the order in which the routines are declared in the file.

Outline view provides a convenient way of skipping around a file when editing it; if you need to change a line in one of the routines, there is no need to hunt up and down the file, trying to find where the routine is declared. Simply select the Outline view and double-click on the routine you wish to edit. You will be returned to editing mode, with the routine of your choice displayed in the window.

You cannot edit directly with the Outline view selected, but you can copy text to the Clipboard. This is particularly useful when routines are exported to and from modules; to make sure the routine's name is declared correctly in the IMPORT block, select the Outline view and Copy the name to the clipboard. From there, it can be pasted directly to the importing module, and you can be sure of not introducing typing errors.

When the Outline view is displayed, the List... option in the File menu changes to List Outline... Selecting it will print a copy the Outline view of the program.

There is an accelerator for selecting the Outline view; instead of selecting Outline in the View menu, press **[F7]** to achieve the same effect. **[F6]** returns you to normal editing.

## Other Features

### Options

Selecting **Options** on the **Edit** menu gives you access to three facilities offered by the editor: the means to turn off **Insert** mode, and the **Auto-indent** facility; it also allows you to set the tab interval. These facilities are described in the next three sections.

### Insert Mode

Normally, when you type text into the **Edit** window, the characters you type are inserted at the cursor, and the rest of the line shuffles along to make room for the insertion. This is generally what you will want. Sometimes, though, it is more convenient for the characters typed in to overwrite the characters already on the screen. **BASIC 2 Plus** allows you to do this by turning off **Insert** mode. This is done by choosing **Options** from the **Edit** menu, and then selecting **Insert Off**.

Or, to save using the menus, you can toggle **Insert** mode (that is, turn it on if it's off, and off if it's on) by pressing the **Ins** key.

### Auto-Indent

Some of the new block structures in **BASIC 2 Plus** (compound **IF** statements, **FOR** loops, and so on) are much easier to read if the body of the loop is indented by a couple of spaces. To make it more convenient to type leading spaces at the start of every line, **BASIC 2 Plus** provides the **Auto-indent** option.

When **Auto-Indent** is turned on, every time a carriage return is inserted into the program it is automatically followed by enough blank spaces to ensure that the first character typed on the new line is directly under the first character of the previous line. If the previous line had no leading spaces, no spaces will be generated at the start of the new line. Any or all of the spaces can be deleted if they are not required.

### Tab Interval

When you press the **Tab** key, the editor inserts enough spaces to take the cursor to the next tab stop. By default, tab stops are every two character widths across the screen, but you can adjust this to whatever value you want by changing the value via **Options** on the **Edit** menu.

The editor always inserts spaces, not tab characters; this means that you can remove excess space a character at a time if you wish.

## Renumber

Renumber . . . is a facility available under the Edit menu. It is not normally needed with BASIC 2 Plus, since BASIC 2 Plus uses line numbers very little. However, should you need (or prefer) to write a program with line numbers, Renumber . . . provides the easiest way to do this.

When you select Renumber . . . , a dialogue box appears with three options: Remove, As Is, and Add. You can specify the line number of the first numbered line and the step size, that is, the difference between each line number and the next.

Choosing Remove, As Is, or Add will rationalise the line numbers in your program. Add will number all the lines in the program; As Is will number only those lines which already have numbers, and Remove will number only those lines which are referenced by GOTO, GOSUB or other BASIC 2 Plus commands. In all three cases the numbering will start at the number specified by First line, and will continue in steps specified by Line No Step.

Rationalising line numbers means more than just renumbering the lines; it also means that references to lines throughout the program are kept consistent. For example, if the program contains the line

```
GOTO 255
```

it will be changed to make sure control still passes to the correct place. If line 255 has been renumbered to 120, then the above line will be altered to

```
GOTO 120
```

# File Management

This chapter describes the way BASIC 2 Plus manages files – how to load and save files to disc, and how to list them to the printer. This is done with commands from the File menu. The chapter also explains the other commands on that menu, such as Load and Run . . . and All new.

There is then a description of the 'Workspace view' of your program, an overall view of the structure which gives access to the main program and its modules. It is the means of changing the clipboard directly, and it allows you to edit the *Debug command screen*, an essential tool for debugging whose use will be explained in the next chapter.

## The Current Workspace Component

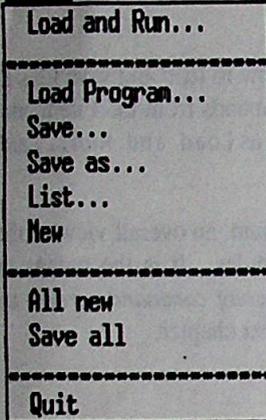
Before an explanation of the File menu can be given, though, it is necessary to give a loose description of an important concept: the Current Workspace Component. (The precise description is given later in this chapter.)

There are twelve Workspace Components in all – 'slots' in your computer's memory into which a block of text can be loaded. At any time, one of these Workspace Components is the Current Workspace Component, and it is this that many of the File menu's options work on.

If you are new to BASIC 2 Plus, you can think of the Current Workspace Component as an area of your computer's memory where your program is stored. Later, when you have more experience and need to write programs with modules and use the Debug command screen, you should read the last section of this chapter to get an accurate grasp of the full picture.

# The File menu

## File

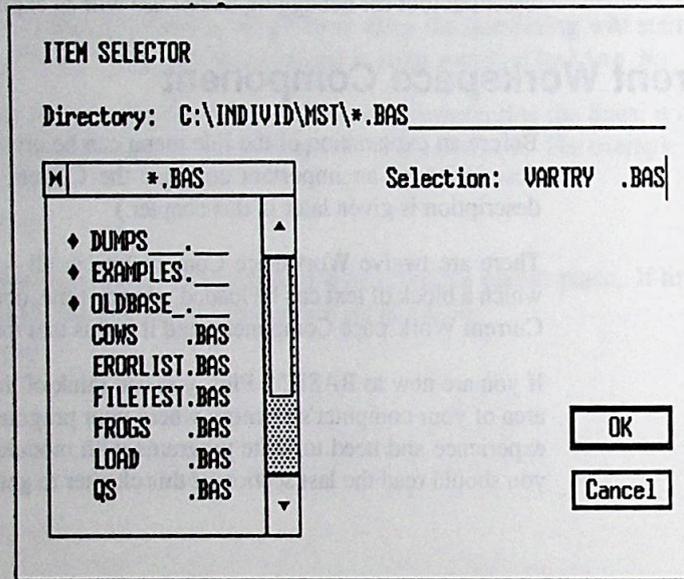


The File menu appears as shown in the margin.

Some of the options may be dimmed, of course, to indicate that they are not available. Save... for instance, is not available until there is something in memory to save.

## Save...

Save... is used to save the content of the Current Workspace Component to a disc file. If it has not been saved previously and was not loaded from a disc file, you will be prompted for the name of the file to save it in with this dialogue:

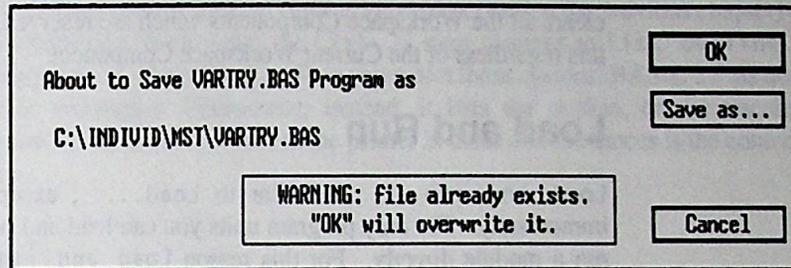


If you have saved previously, or if you did load the Current Workspace Component from a file, the edited version will be saved under the same name. In either case you are warned that BASIC 2 Plus is about to save the file. This gives you the chance to cancel the operation at the last minute, or to save under a different name.

## Save as...

To save the content of the Current Workspace Component under a new name, select Save as... This will always prompt you for the name of the file to save in.

If the file name you choose already exists, BASIC 2 Plus displays a warning:



You are then given the opportunity to save under a different name, or abort the save altogether.

## Save all

Whereas Save... saves the contents of the Current Workspace Component, Save all saves the contents of all the Workspace Components which are reserved for programs or modules. It does this regardless of the Current Workspace Component. (It does not save the Debug command screen or the Clipboard.)

## Load Program...

The option Load Program... changes, depending on the Current Workspace Component. If the Current Workspace Component is a module, for instance, this option will change to Load Module.... Or it can appear as Load Debug..., or Load Clipboard....

However the option appears, when you select it you will be presented with a dialogue from which you should choose a file. This file will then be loaded into the Current Workspace Component. If loading would overwrite unsaved text, you are warned and given the choice of saving, of discarding, or of cancelling the whole operation.

## New

New clears the Current Workspace Component so that it is available for you to type in fresh text. As with Load Program... you are warned if New is about to annihilate anything which has not been saved to disc.

All new is similar, except that instead of clearing the Current Workspace Component, it clears all the Workspace Components which are reserved for programs or modules. It does this regardless of the Current Workspace Component.

## Load and Run

Load and run... is similar to Load... , except that the file you load is run immediately. The only program units you can load and run are main programs: you cannot run a module directly. For this reason Load and run... always loads into the main program, irrespective of the Current Workspace Component.

## List...

List... normally sends the contents of the Current Workspace Component to the printer. When you select it, the following dialogue is displayed:

About to List VARTRY.BAS Program

Remark: \_\_\_\_\_

Printer: PRN    Lines per page: 50  
Paper Length: 66  
Paper Width: 132

Use Form Feeds  
 Use Line Feeds

Cancel

List

You can adjust the number of lines per page, the paper length, and the paper width from this dialogue. You can also specify a remark to be printed at the head of the listing.

The options Use Form Feeds and Use Line Feeds control what BASIC 2 Plus sends to the printer when a new page is needed. If the former option is selected, a form feed character is sent; if the latter option is selected, BASIC 2 Plus sends enough line feed characters to take the printer to the top of the next page.

However, `List...` is slightly different from other options in the File menu; it changes according to the *view* you have selected.

Different views are selected from the View menu. If you select the 'standard' view (the second one on the View menu) or the Workspace view, `List...` works exactly as described above.

But if you have either selected Outline view (described in the previous chapter) or Traceback view (described in the next) the `List...` item changes to `List Outline...` or `List Traceback...` respectively. When you select these options, BASIC 2 Plus does not list the Current Workspace Component; instead, it lists the outline, or the traceback, of your program. In fact, what is listed to the printer in these circumstances is the contents of the Edit screen.

## Quit

Quite straightforwardly, `Quit` quits BASIC 2 Plus. If there are any programs or modules still unsaved you are given the chance to save them before finally quitting.

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## Workspace view

As was briefly mentioned above, BASIC 2 Plus programs may comprise several 'program units': one main program and a number of modules (up to nine of which can be active at once). Each program unit is stored in a separate file. The workspace view of your program shows the names of all the program units together with the files they are stored in. It also gives access to the 'Debug command screen' and direct access to the Clipboard. There are thus twelve possible 'Workspace Components' which hold the main program, up to nine modules, the Debug command screen and the Clipboard. (The Debug command screen contains a list of extra commands which you can have executed at any point in your program. Its use will be explained in the next chapter.)

Selecting `Workspace` from the View menu will display the Workspace view of your program in the Edit window. (If the Edit window is closed you won't be able to see this view without selecting `Show Edit` from the Windows menu.)

Workspace		
WORKDEM.BAS	Program	* C:\INDIVID\MST\WORKDEM.BAS▼
MAINMOD.BAS	Module	C:\INDIVID\MST\MAINMOD.BAS▼
CALCULE.BAS	Module	C:\INDIVID\MST\CALCULE.BAS▼
DATA.TXT	Module	* C:\INDIVID\MST\DATA.TXT▼
Empty-4	Module▼	
Empty-5	Module▼	
Empty-6	Module▼	
Empty-7	Module▼	
Empty-8	Module▼	
Empty-9	Module▼	
	Debug	C:\INDIVID\MST\QUICKBUG.BAS▼
	Clipboard	*▼

The Workspace view consists of twelve lines, one for each possible workspace component, and each line has three parts.

The first is the name of the program or module currently occupying the component (in the case of the Debug command screen and the Clipboard this first part of the line is left blank).

The second part of the line shows what kind of component it is. It can be any of:

- **Program**
- **Module**      *Binary Module*
- **Debug**
- **Clipboard**

(Binary modules are modules written not in BASIC 2 Plus, but directly in machine code. Their use is explained in the Language Reference.)

The third part of the line gives the name of the file that the component's contents were last saved to or loaded from. If any changes have been made (ie. the version held in the computer's memory is different from the version held on disc) the filename is preceded with an asterisk.

Of the twelve possible workspace components, the Current Workspace Component is the one marked by the cursor. Changing the Current Workspace Component is simply a matter of clicking the mouse to move the cursor to a new line. It is irrelevant where on the line the cursor appears.

Double-clicking on a line of the workspace view will make that component the current component, and immediately display its contents on the Edit screen. Or you can always display the contents of the Current Workspace Component by selecting the second option on the View menu. This option changes to reflect what the Current Workspace Component is; as you move the cursor in the workspace view this option will change to Program, Module, Debug, or Clipboard as appropriate.

You cannot edit a component directly in workspace view, though you can use Copy to transfer information to the Clipboard. And for obvious reasons, you cannot use Cut, Copy, or Paste when you are editing the Clipboard directly.



# Debugging

This chapter introduces BASIC 2 Plus's debugging tools, facilities which enable you to test your programs thoroughly and efficiently, as well as to track down and correct the bugs.

## Starting and Stopping the Program

The most necessary of all the debugging tools supplied with BASIC 2 Plus is the means to stop a program at any time. There are a number of ways to do this, depending on exactly what you want.

The simplest way to halt a program temporarily is just to move the pointer into the menu bar. This is a feature of GEM rather than BASIC 2 Plus, and it applies to any program which runs under GEM. When the program is to continue, just move the pointer back into the main part of the screen.

Since this is a feature of GEM, you can't issue any BASIC 2 Plus commands when the program is stopped in this way. Instead, BASIC 2 Plus allows a User Break. When the program is running, you can either select **Stop** from the Program menu, or press **[Ctrl]-C**. The program will stop running and an Alert will appear on the screen with the word **Break**. Click on **OK** to clear this. The cursor in the Edit window will be positioned at the command which was being executed at the time of the break, so that, for example, you can see which particular part of the program was taking so long.

When you want to continue, you can select either **Continue** from the Program menu, (which will let the program carry on from the point where it was interrupted) or **Re-run**, which will re-run the program from the beginning.

### CONT

- Use** CONT resumes program execution (if possible).
- Syntax** CONT
- Note** CONT may only be run in Direct Mode.

## Direct Command Debugging

One of the most important features of the User Break is that you can issue commands while the program is temporarily halted. Provided you haven't altered the code at all, you can type commands into the Dialogue window and they will be executed immediately. This is enormously useful for finding out the values of variables, checking on the amount of free memory, etc. The only restriction is that you cannot execute statements which transfer control: GOTO, for example, or SUB and FUNCTION calls.

While it is quite permissible to use the PRINT command to interrogate variables, PRINT will send its output to the default stream. (This is the Results-1 window unless you change it.) If an essential part of your program concerns the layout of output, it may be inconvenient to perform your debug testing with PRINT statements.

Instead, there is the ? command. This is an easy way of finding out the value of a variable without disturbing the Results windows. (It's also quicker to type than PRINT.) The syntax is:

`? variable-name`

and this will display the value of the variable in the Dialogue window. You can also use the ? command in your program, if you wish; it is one way of putting trace statements into your code. However, there is a much better way which uses the Debug command screen, as we shall see in a few sections.

A very useful feature of BASIC 2 Plus is that variables retain their value even after the program has finished running. You can interrogate them with the ? command until you either amend the program, or execute one of the commands LOAD, NEW, or CLEAR. LOAD and NEW will be explained in the next chapter. CLEAR is available specifically to clear the values of all variables. When you execute it you will see the Information line change back to Direct Command; Clear.

## Debug Points

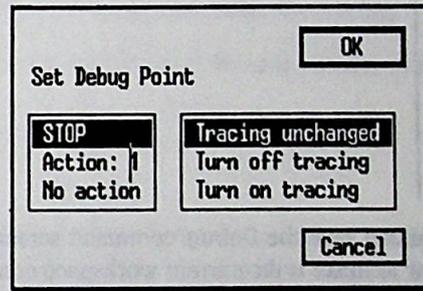
Debug points are special markers that you can put into your program to make BASIC 2 Plus carry out certain actions. They perform the job which in other BASICs is done by trace statements – special statements put into the program which are only used to track down errors. Debug points are better than trace statements for four reasons:

- *Debug statements can be inserted and removed without restarting a program.*
- *All a program's debug points can be activated, deactivated, or removed with one command.*
- *The commands executed by debug statements do not need to be changed individually.*
- *Debug statements can turn tracing on and off. (The section on Tracing explains this fully.)*

There are two stages to using debug points; defining and inserting them, and running the program with Debug enabled.

### Inserting and deleting Debug Points

To insert a debug point, put the cursor where you want to insert it, and select Set Debug Point... from the Debug menu. A dialogue will appear giving you two choices of three options each.



One choice concerns tracing; it will be explained in the next section.

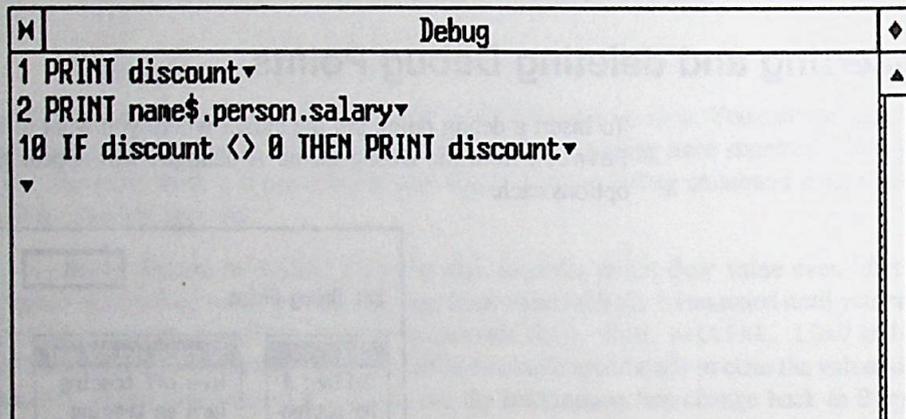
The other choice concerns what you want to happen when the program reaches the debug point. You can choose between:

- **STOP**
- **Action: 1**
- **No action**

The first and last are self-explanatory. The second, if selected, means that at the debug point the program will carry out Debug Action number 1. There is a cursor immediately after the figure 1 enabling you to change it to another number. You can specify any Action number from 1 to 62.

The action itself is specified in the Debug command screen, which is accessed via the Workspace view of the program as follows:

Select Workspace from the View menu, and double click on the Debug line. The Edit window will change to show a window (initially blank) headed with the title Debug. Into this screen you can type BASIC 2 Plus commands, each beginning with a line number from 1 to 62. You cannot use commands which change the flow of control of the program – GOTOs or routine calls, for example –but you can have any other command which will fit onto one line: IF statements and even SELECT statements are permitted provided you do not exceed the limit of 255 characters.



```
Debug
1 PRINT discount
2 PRINT name$.person.salary
10 IF discount <> 0 THEN PRINT discount
```

You can save the Debug command screen to a file if you wish. Select it in the Workspace view to make it the current workspace component and then choose Save... from the File menu. You can then load it again at another time by selecting the Debug command screen, and choosing Load Debug... from the File menu.

To delete a debug point, move the cursor to it and select Clear Debug Point from the Debug menu. Clear all Debug, also on the Debug menu, removes all the debug points from the current workspace component.

Note that you can only have one debug point on each statement of the program, and you cannot have debug points at all on blank lines.

## Using Debug Points

In the Program menu there are seven options which control the debugging of the program:

- *Full speed (or Debug disabled)*
- *Debug enabled*
- *Show Trace – TROFF*
- *Show Trace – TRON*
- *Single Step*
- *«TROFF» enabled*
- *«TROFF» disabled*

The first option is Full speed only if there are no debug points in the current workspace component; it changes to Debug disabled as soon as you add any. If either of these options is selected, all debug points are totally ignored. (Of course, if Full speed is selected, there are no debug points to ignore.) The difference between Full speed and Debug disabled is that when there are debug points in the program, BASIC 2 Plus has to invest a small amount of time looking for them in order to ignore them. Debug disabled thus runs slightly slower than Full speed.

Debug enabled means that the program obeys STOP and Action commands in debug points, but ignores any commands concerning the tracing.

The remaining options are described in the next section, where tracing is explained fully.

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## Tracing

Often when debugging it is useful to be able to follow the flow of control around a program, watching to see which branch of an IF statement is taken, for example, or following a chain of subprograms or modules.

Program tracing provides the way to do this. When tracing is switched on, the program runs very slowly so that the statement being processed can be displayed in the Edit window. The cursor is always shown on this line, so by following the position of the cursor you can watch the flow of control directly. If something happens which you want to investigate, you can quickly move the cursor to the menu bar, select Stop, and then enter some direct debug commands.

## Turn trace on and off

There are two ways to turn tracing on and off: directly, from the Debug menu, or by means of Debug points in the program.

The menu options which control tracing are Show Trace - TROFF and Show Trace - TRON. Show Trace - TRON turns tracing on, and Show Trace - TROFF turns it off again. The difference between Show Trace - TROFF and Debug enabled is that the former allows the tracing to be changed using debug points, whereas the latter always ignores all tracing commands.

The tracing options in debug points should now be self-explanatory. Turn on tracing turns tracing on (provided that one of the Show Trace options is selected in the Program menu) and Turn off tracing turns it off again. If the tracing is changed by a debug point inside a subprogram or module, it reverts to its original value on exit.

However, debug points which turn tracing off can be overridden. The last two items on the Program menu are <<TROFF>> enabled and <<TROFF>> disabled. When the second of these is selected, all <<TROFF>> debug points are ignored.

## Single Step

Single step mode enables you to execute your program one statement at a time.

If you start a program by selecting the second item on the Program menu - Start Step - the option Single Step will automatically be selected in the lower part of that menu before the pre-scan of the program. If the pre-scan finds no errors in the program, Start Step will change to Step, and you will be able to 'step' through the program, one statement at a time, by repeatedly selecting Step (or more likely using its accelerator key **F10**).

In fact, you can select this option at any time the program is stopped. Hit **F10**, and BASIC 2 Plus will go into single step mode. Single Step will be selected in the lower part of the program menu, and one statement will be executed. When you no longer wish to single step, select one of the other options (Full Speed, Debug Disabled, Debug Enabled, Show Trace - TROFF or Show Trace TRON) and then select Continue, and the program will continue in your chosen mode.

If you select Continue without choosing one of the above options, Debug Enabled will automatically be selected for you.

Debug points still operate when the program is in single step mode. Specifically, any <<TROFF>> and <<TRON>> points will take the program out of single step mode and back in again. This means that, for example, you can put a <<TROFF>> point at the beginning of each of your routines, so that when single stepping through a program, the trace will skip through the routines at full speed, returning to single step again when control returns to the main program.

If you wish to disable this feature, (so that the program continues to single step even if it hits a <<TROFF>>) select <<TROFF>> disabled at the foot of the Program menu.

## Traceback

Traceback (not to be confused with trace) is another way of viewing the structure of a program. However, it is different from the Workspace view or the Outline view in that it is only meaningful while the program is temporarily stopped.

When you stop a program and select Traceback from the View menu, BASIC 2 Plus displays the names of all the active routines, modules, and subroutines (including calls to error handling routines and DEF functions) in the order of their calling. Routines which are active on more than one level (because of recursion) are displayed an appropriate number of times.

The names are preceded by two numbers separated by a slash. The second of these is the number of levels currently active; the first indicates the position of each routine in the hierarchy.

```

Trace-back
1/10 Program
  Module rn_main
  Module test_part
2/10 MODULE rn_main
3/10 SUB main_menu Module rn_main
4/10 SUB run_tests Module rn_main
5/10 SUB do_test Module rn_main
6/10 SUB common_core Module rn_main
7/10 SUB special_part Module test_part
8/10 SUB print_str Module rn_main
9/10 SUB write_out Module rn_main
10/10 SUB consolidate_output Module rn_main
  
```

In the example on the previous page, for instance, the main program has loaded two modules, `rm_main` and `test_part`. Of these, `rm_main` has been called from the main program, and is still active. We can see this, since `MODULE rm_main` is marked as the second active call out of ten.

This module has called `main_menu`, a subprogram which is to be found in `MODULE rm_main`. `rm_main` has called `run_tests`, and so the traceback continues, listing all ten active calls.

## Variables in context

When you're viewing a traceback, you can determine the context in which any ? commands are executed. To do this, put the cursor onto the name of the routine or module you want to investigate. This makes any ? commands yield the value of variables in the context of that routine or module – that is, the value they hold in that routine or module. This context is always displayed in the information line, just below the title bar of the Dialogue window.

So by using traceback you can examine the value of a variable in an active routine even if it has the same name as a variable in a nested routine. Furthermore, in a recursive routine you can examine the value of a variable at each level of the recursion process.

If you select a routine in this way, and then switch from the traceback view to the standard editing view, the edit window will show the 'traceback context', that is, it will show the selected routine with the cursor positioned immediately after the statement which called the next routine in the chain. (Obviously this does not apply to the last routine in the chain, since it doesn't contain an active call. Instead, the cursor is positioned immediately after the last executed statement.)

Traceback is only meaningful if a program is temporarily halted. If you resume execution while there is a traceback in view, the traceback window will clear; it will display the new traceback stack if the program is stopped again before it terminates.

# Syntax Summary

## ABS (see Chapter 3)

**Use** ABS is a function which returns the absolute value of its argument.

**Syntax** ABS(*argument*)

where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

## ACOS (see Chapter 3)

**Use** ACOS is a function which returns the angle whose cosine takes the given value.

**Syntax** ACOS(*argument*)

where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*, giving a value in the range  $-1..+1$ .

## ADDKEY (see Chapter 13)

**Use** ADDKEY adds a new key for the current record.

**Syntax** ADDKEY [#]*stream-number*[,] *new-key* [[,] LOCK *lock-type*]

where *new-key* is: KEY *key-value* [[,] INDEX *index-number*]

where *key-value* is an *expression*, giving a value compatible with the index's key type  
*index-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..20.

## ADDREC (see Chapter 13)

**Use** ADDREC adds a new record to a Keyed File.

**Syntax** ADDREC [#]*stream-number*, *string-expression* [,] *key* [[,] LOCK *lock-type*]

where *key* is: KEY *key-value* [[,] INDEX *index-number*]

where *key-value* is an *expression*, giving a value compatible with the index's key type  
*index-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..20.

## ALERT (see Chapter 14)

**Use** ALERT produces an alert box on the screen.

**Syntax** ALERT *icon* [,] TEXT *text-line* [, *text-line*]... [,] BUTTON *button-spec* [, *button-spec*]...

where: *icon* is an *integer-expression* giving a value in the range 0..3, specifying which icon is to be used.

Each *text-line* is a *string-expression*, giving one line of text for the body of the alert box.

Each *button-spec* is [RETURN] *string-expression*, giving the legend for one button.

**Note:** References given to the appropriate chapter of the Language Reference Guide.

### **ASC** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** ASC is a function which converts characters to their numeric character code representation.

**Syntax** ASC(*argument*)

### **ASIN** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** ASIN is a function which returns the angle whose sine takes the given value.

**Syntax** ASIN(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*, giving a value in the range  $-1..+1$ .

### **ATAN & ATN** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** These functions return the angle whose tangent takes the given value.

**Syntax** ATAN(*argument*)

ATN(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

### **ATAN2** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** ATAN2 is a function which returns the angle between the x axis and the line from the origin to the given point.

**Syntax** ATAN2(*x*, *y*)

**where** *x* and *y* are *numeric-expressions*.

### **BIN\$** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** BIN\$ is a function which converts an integer value to a string of binary digits.

**Syntax** BIN\$(*argument* [, *min-digits*])

**where** *argument* and *min-digits* are *integer-expressions*; *min-digits* must be in the range 0..32.

### **BOX** (see Chapter 12)

**Use** BOX draws a box on a graphics device.

**Syntax** BOX [*#stream-number*, ] *point*, *width*, *height* [[*.*] *attribute*]..

### **BUTTON** (see Chapter 14)

**Use** BUTTON is a function which returns the state of the mouse button.

**Syntax** BUTTON [(*button-number*)]

**where** *button-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..15.

**CALL** (see Chapter 6)

**Use** CALL is used to invoke a subprogram.

**Syntax** [CALL] *sub-identifier* [ ( *actual-parameter* [ , *actual-parameter* ] ... ) ]

where *sub-identifier* is a *numeric-identifier* corresponding to the *sub-identifier* of a SUB.

*actual-parameter* is *expression*  
or *general-variable*  
or *actual-array*

*actual-array* is *array-name* [ ( ) ],  
or *string-general-variable* . *record-name* . *vector-field-name* [ ( ) ]

**CALL MODULE** (see Chapter 7)

**Use** CALL MODULE invokes the body of a module.

**Syntax** CALL MODULE *module-identifier* [ ( *actual-parameter* [ , *actual-parameter* ] ... ) ]

where *actual-list* is *actual-parameter* [ , *actual-parameter* ] ...

*actual-parameter* is *expression*  
or *general-variable*  
or *actual-array*

*actual-array* is *array-name* [ ( ) ],  
or *string-general-variable* . *record-name* . *vector-field-name* [ ( ) ]

**CEILING & CEIL** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** These functions return the value of their argument rounded to an integer. Rounding is upwards, that is, towards plus infinity.

**Syntax** CEILING(*argument*)

CEIL(*argument*)

where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**CHDIR & CD** (see Chapter 15)

**Use** These statements change the current directory.

**Syntax** CHDIR *file-name*

CD *rest-of-line*

where *rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line

**CHDIR\$** (see Chapter 15)

**Use** CHDIR\$ is a function which returns the current directory.

**Syntax** CHDIR\$(*drive*)

where *drive* is a *string-expression*, giving a single character string.

## **CHR\$** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** CHR\$ is a function which converts a character code to a single character string.  
**Syntax** CHR\$(*argument*)  
where *argument* is an *integer-expression* in the range 0..255.

## **CINT** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** CINT is a function which returns the value of its argument rounded to an integer. Rounding is towards the nearest integer, with halves being rounded away from zero. The result must be in the range -2147483648..+2147483647.  
**Syntax** CINT(*argument*)  
where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

## **CIRCLE** (see Chapter 12)

**Use** CIRCLE draws part or all of a circle on a graphics device.  
**Syntax** CIRCLE [*stream-number*, ] *point*, *radius* [[.] *attribute*]..  
where *attribute* is: PART *start-angle*, *end-angle*  
or: FILL [ONLY] [WITH *fill-style*]  
or: WIDTH *line-width*  
or: STYLE *line-style*  
or: START *line-start-style*  
or: END *line-end-style*  
or: COLOUR *colour-number*  
or: COLOR *colour-number*  
or: MODE *write-mode*

*radius* is an *integer-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero value.

*start-angle* and *end-angle* are *numeric-expressions*, giving positive, or zero, values.

## **CLOSE** (see Chapter 8)

**Use** CLOSE closes streams.  
**Syntax** CLOSE  
or CLOSE [*stream-number* [, [*stream-number*]]..

## **CLOSE WINDOW** (see Chapter 14)

**Use** CLOSE WINDOW closes the specified window.  
**Syntax** CLOSE WINDOW *window-number*  
where *window-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..4.

**CLEAR** (see User Guide Chapter 1)

**Use** CLEAR discards all variables.

**Syntax** CLEAR

**CLEAR RESET** (see Chapter 9)

**Use** CLEAR RESET sets all windows to their initial state, and, in Direct Mode, discards all variables.

**Syntax** CLEAR RESET

**CLS** (see Chapters 11 & 12)

**Use** CLS clears a virtual screen.

**Syntax** CLS [RESET]

or CLS [#]stream-number [|. ] RESET]

**CONSOLIDATE** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** As soon as a keyed file is changed it is marked "inconsistent". CONSOLIDATE causes all outstanding information to be written to the file, and clears the "inconsistent marker".

**Syntax** CONSOLIDATE [#]stream-number

**CONST** (see Chapter 2)

**Use** CONST declares and sets named constants.

**Syntax** CONST *simple-variable* = *expression* [. *simple-variable* = *expression*]...

**CONT** (see User Guide Chapter 4)

**Use** CONT resumes program execution (if possible).

**Syntax** CONT

**COS** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** COS is a function which returns the cosine of its argument.

**Syntax** COS (*argument*)

where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**CURRENCY\$** (see Chapter 11)

**Use** CURRENCY\$ is a function which returns the current "currency string".

**Syntax** CURRENCY\$

## DATA (see Chapter 2)

**Use** DATA is used to include numeric or string data in the code of the program itself, rather than inputting it at run time.

**Syntax** DATA *[data-literal] [. [data-literal]] ...*

**where** *data-literal* is *[sign] numeric-literal*  
or *string-literal*  
or *first-char [[character]... last-char]*

*sign* is + or -

*first-char* is any printable character excluding space, comma & double quotes

*character* is any printable character excluding comma

*last-char* is any printable character excluding space & comma

## DATE (see Chapter 3)

**Use** DATE is a function which converts a date in the form of a string to a date as a number of days since 31st December 1899.

**Syntax** DATE(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *string-expression*.

## DATE\$ (see Chapter 4)

**Use** DATE\$ is a function which converts a date as a number of days since 31st December 1899 to a date in the form of a string

**Syntax** DATE\$(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is an *integer-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero, value.

## DECLARE (see Chapter 2)

**Use** DECLARE declares simple variables and arrays.

**Syntax** DECLARE *declared-object* [, *declared-object* ]...

**where** *declared-object* is *simple-variable*  
or *formal-array*

## DECLARE CONST (see Chapter 7)

**Use** DECLARE CONST declares named constants.

**Syntax** DECLARE CONST *simple-variable* [, *simple-variable* ]...

**DEC\$** (see Chapter 4)

- Use** DEC\$ is a function which converts a numeric value to a formatted decimal string.
- Syntax** DEC\$(*argument* , *template*)
- where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*. and *template* is a *string-expression*.

**DEF** (see Chapter 6)

- Use** DEF is used to define an expression function.
- Syntax** DEF *function-identifier* [ ( *parameter* [ , *parameter* ]... ) ] = *result-expression*
- where** *function-identifier* is an *identifier*, and *result-expression* is an *expression* of the same type. Each *parameter* must be a *simple-variable*.

**DEG** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** DEG is a function to converts angles in radians to degrees.
- Syntax** DEG(*argument*)
- where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**DEL** (see Chapter 15)

- Use** DEL deletes files. (See also ERASE and KILL)
- Syntax** DEL *rest-of-line*
- where** *file-filter* is a *string-expression*  
*rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line

**DELKEY** (see Chapter 13)

- Use** DELKEY deletes a key for the current record.
- Syntax** DELKEY [#]*stream-number*[.] *key* [[.] LOCK *lock-type*]
- where** *key* is: KEY *key-value* [[.] INDEX *index-number*]  
or: AT *position-string*
- key-value* is an *expression*, giving a value compatible with the index's key type  
*index-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..20.  
*position-string* is a *string-expression*, giving a value once returned by POSITION\$.

## **DIM** (see Chapter 2)

- Use** DIM is used to specify the size and number of elements in one or more arrays.
- Syntax** DIM *array-declaration* [ , *array-declaration* ] ...
- where** *array-declaration* is *array-name* ( *dimension-bounds* [ , *dimension-bounds* ] ... ) [ *storage-class* ]
- array-name* is an *identifier* giving the name, and type, of the array
- dimension-bounds* is [ *lower-bound* TO ] *upper-bound*
- where *lower-bound* and *upper-bound* are both *integer-expressions* giving values in the range -32768..32767 and *lower-bound* ≤ *upper-bound* .
- storage-class* is *integer-class* [KEY]  
or IEEE4 or IEEE8  
or FIXED *length*
- where *integer-class* is one of BYTE, UBYTE, WORD, UWORD, INTEGER
- length* is an *integer-expression* giving a value in the range 1..4096.

## **DIMENSIONS** (see Chapter 2)

- Use** DIMENSIONS is a function used to determine the number of dimensions of an array.
- Syntax** DIMENSIONS( *actual-array* )

## **DIR** (see Chapter 15)

- Use** DIR produces directory listings. (See also FILES.)
- Syntax** DIR *rest-of-line*
- where** *rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line

## **DISPLAY** (see Chapter 15)

- Use** DISPLAY lists the contents of a file. (See also TYPE.)
- Syntax** DISPLAY [ *stream-number* , ] *file-name*

## **DISTANCE** (see Chapter 12)

- Use** DISTANCE is a function which returns the distance from the cursor to a given point, in user coordinates.
- Syntax** DISTANCE( [ *stream-number* , ] *point* )

**DO, LOOP** (see Chapter 5)

**Use** The DO statement is used for repeating a sequence of statements when the repetition is governed by some condition which may be tested before or after the execution of the loop.

**Syntax** DO [*terminating-condition*] : *loopbody* : LOOP [*terminating-condition*]

where *terminating-conditions* are either

WHILE *truth-value*

or UNTIL *truth-value*

*loopbody* is a sequence of BASIC 2 Plus statements, separated in the usual way with colons or new lines.

**DRIVE** (see Chapter 15)

**Use** DRIVE sets the current drive.

**Syntax** DRIVE *drive*

where *drive* is a *string-expression*, giving a single character string.

**EDIT** (see User Guide Chapter 1)

**Use** EDIT takes you into the edit window.

**Syntax** EDIT

**ELLIPSE** (see Chapter 12)

**Use** ELLIPSE draws part or all of a circle on a graphics device.

**Syntax** ELLIPSE [*stream-number*, ] *point*, *x-radius*, *aspect* [,] *attribute*...

where *attribute* is: PART *start-angle*, *end-angle*  
 or: FILL [ONLY] [WITH *fill-style*]  
 or: WIDTH *line-width*  
 or: STYLE *line-style*  
 or: START *line-start-style*  
 or: END *line-end-style*  
 or: COLOUR *colour-number*  
 or: COLOR *colour-number*  
 or: MODE *write-mode*

*x-radius* is an *integer-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero value.

*aspect* is a *numeric-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero value.

*start-angle* and *end-angle* are *numeric-expressions*, giving positive, or zero, values.

## ELLIPTICAL PIE (see Chapter 12)

**Use** ELLIPTICAL PIE draws a elliptical "pie" section on a graphics device.  
**Syntax** ELLIPTICAL PIE (*##stream-number*, *]* *point*, *x-radius*, *start-angle*, *end-angle*,  
*aspect* [*],* *attribute*)...

**where** *attribute* is: FILL [ONLY] [WITH *fill-style*]  
or: WIDTH *line-width*  
or: STYLE *line-style*  
or: COLOUR *colour-number*  
or: COLOR *colour-number*  
or: MODE *write-mode*

*x-radius* is an *integer-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero value.

*aspect* is a *numeric-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero value.

*start-angle* and *end-angle* are *numeric-expressions*, giving positive, or zero, values.

## END (see Chapter 5)

**Use** END is used to terminate execution of the program when it has completed its allotted tasks, as opposed to STOP, which is used in debugging.

**Syntax** END

## ENVIRON\$ (see Chapter 15)

**Use** ENVIRON\$ is a function which information from the "environment" in the form of a string

**Syntax** ENVIRON\$(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is either an *integer-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero, value.  
or a *string-expression*.

## EOF (see Chapter 10)

**Use** EOF is a function, which returns TRUE if there is nothing more to be input from the given stream.

**Syntax** EOF(*##stream-number*)

## EPS (see Chapter 3)

**Use** EPS is used to give a measure of the significance of a number.

**Syntax** EPS(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**ERASE** (see Chapter 15)

- Use** ERASE deletes files. (See also KILL and DEL.)  
**Syntax** ERASE *rest-of-line*  
**where** *rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line

**ERR** (see Chapter 16)

- Use** ERR is a function which returns the number of the latest error.  
**Syntax** ERR

**ERROR** (see Chapter 16)

- Use** ERROR raises an error.  
**Syntax** ERROR *integer-expression*

**ERROR\$** (see Chapter 16)

- Use** ERROR\$ is a function which returns the message associated with an error number.  
**Syntax** ERROR\$ (*integer-expression*)

**EXIT DO, EXIT FOR** (see Chapter 5)

- Use** EXIT DO and EXIT FOR are used to get out of a loop from the middle without waiting for the loop to complete. EXIT DO and EXIT FOR are used to leave DO and FOR loops respectively  
**Syntax** EXIT DO  
or EXIT FOR

**EXIT MODULE** (see Chapter 7)

- Use** EXIT MODULE is used to leave a module before the final END MODULE statement.  
**Syntax** EXIT MODULE

**EXIT SUB, EXIT FUNCTION** (see Chapter 6)

- Use** EXIT SUB and EXIT FUNCTION are used to terminate a subprogram or routine function before the terminating END SUB or END FUNCTION is reached.  
**Syntax** EXIT SUB  
or EXIT FUNCTION

## **EXP** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** EXP is the exponentiation function, the inverse of the natural logarithm.
- Syntax** EXP (*argument*)
- where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

## **EXPORT** (see Chapter 7)

- Use** EXPORT makes a program's global variables available to any modules it calls.
- Syntax** EXPORT *exported-object* [ , *exported-object* ] ...
- where *exported-object* is *simple-variable* or *formal-array*  
*formal-array* is *array-identifier* ( [ , ] ... )

## **EXTENT** (see Chapter 12)

- Use** The EXTENT function returns the length a string will be when printed.
- Syntax** EXTENT ( {#*stream-number* , } *string-expression* )
- or EXTENT ( {#*stream-number* [ , ] } *print-function* [ [ , ] *print-function* ] ... [ , ] *string-expression* )

## **FALSE** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** FALSE is a function which always returns 0, the value which BASIC 2 Plus deems to represent the Boolean value 'false'. (See also OFF.)
- Syntax** FALSE

## **FD** (see Chapter 12)

- Use** FD moves the cursor forward a given distance. (See also FORWARD.)
- Syntax** [MOVE] FD {#*stream-number* , } *distance* [ [ , ] *attribute* ] ...
- where *attribute* is: WIDTH *line-width*  
or: STYLE *line-style*  
or: START *line-start-style*  
or: END *line-end-style*  
or: COLOUR *colour-number*  
or: COLOR *colour-number*  
or: MODE *write-mode*

*distance* is an *integer-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero value.

**FILES** (see Chapter 15)

**Use** FILES produces directory listings. (See also DIR.)

**Syntax** FILES [*file-stream-number*, ] [*file-filter*]

where *file-filter* is a *string-expression*

**FIND\$ & FINDDIR\$** (see Chapter 15)

**Use** These functions are provided for finding files and directories.

**Syntax** FIND\$(*file-filter* [, *ordinal*])

FINDDIR\$(*file-filter* [, *ordinal*])

where *file-filter* is a *string-expression*

*ordinal* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..32767

**FIX** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** FIX is a function which returns the value of its *argument* rounded to an integer. Rounding is towards zero. (See also TRUNC.)

**Syntax** FIX(*argument*)

where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**FLOOD** (see Chapter 12)

**Use** FLOOD fills an area bounded by a given colour.

**Syntax** FLOOD [*file-stream-number*, ] *point*, [, *boundary-colour*] [*attribute*]...

where *attribute* is: FILL WITH *fill-style*

or: COLOUR *colour-number*

or: COLOR *colour-number*

or: MODE *write-mode*

*boundary-colour* is a *colour-number*.

**NB:** FLOOD may have no effect, depending on the device driver.

**FLOOR** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** The FLOOR function returns the value of its *argument* rounded to an integer. Rounding is downwards, that is, towards minus infinity. (See also INT.)

**Syntax** FLOOR(*argument*)

where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

## FONT\$ (see Chapter 12)

- Use** FONT\$ is a function which returns the name of a font.
- Syntax** FONT\$(*##stream-number*, *font-ordinal*)
- where** *font-ordinal* is an *integer-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero value.

## FOR (see Chapter 5)

- Use** The FOR statement is used to repeat a group of statements where the number of repetitions is known or can be calculated at the time the loop is entered.
- Syntax** FOR *loopcounter* = *start* TO *end* [STEP *stepsize*] : *loopbody* : NEXT...
- where** *loopcounter* is a *simple-variable*, not a VAR or ref formal parameter.  
*start*, *end*, and *stepsize* are numeric expressions  
*loopbody* is a sequence of BASIC 2 Plus statements, separated in the usual way with colons or new lines.

## FORWARD (see Chapter 12)

- Use** FORWARD moves the cursor forward a given distance. (See also FD.)
- Syntax** [MOVE] FORWARD *##stream-number*, *distance* [[*.*]*attribute*]...  
[MOVE] FD *##stream-number*, *distance* [[*.*]*attribute*]...
- where** *attribute* is: WIDTH *line-width*  
or: STYLE *line-style*  
or: START *line-start-style*  
or: END *line-end-style*  
or: COLOUR *colour-number*  
or: COLOR *colour-number*  
or: MODE *write-mode*
- distance* is an *integer-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero value.

## FRAC (see Chapter 3)

- Use** FRAC is a function which returns the fraction part of the value of its argument.
- Syntax** FRAC(*argument*)
- where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

## FRE (see User Guide Chapter 1)

- Use** FRE is a function which returns the amount of unused memory.
- Syntax** FRE

**FREEFILE** (see Chapter 8)

**Use** FREEFILE is a function which returns on unused stream number.

**Syntax** FREEFILE

**FUNCTION** (see Chapter 6)

**Use** FUNCTION is used to define a routine function.

**Syntax** FUNCTION *function-identifier* ( ( *formal-list* ) ) [ EXPORT ] :

*function-body* :

END FUNCTION

where *function-identifier* is *identifier*,  
*formal-list* is *formal-functionlist* [ *separator formal-functionlist* ] ...  
*formal-functionlist* is VAL *simple-var-list*  
or CONST *simple-var-list*  
or [ VAR ] *formal-var-list*  
*simple-var-list* is *identifier* [ , *identifier* ] ...  
*formal-var-list* is *formal-var* [ , *formal-var* ] ...  
*formal-var* is *identifier* or *formal-array*  
*formal-array* is *array-identifier* ( [ , ] ... )  
*separator* is ; or ,  
*function-body* is a sequence of BASIC 2 Plus statements.

**GET** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** GET gets data from Random or Keyed Files.

**Syntax** GET [#]*stream-number*, *string-general-variable* [[.] *position*] [[.] LOCK *lock-type*]

where *position* is as described in POSITION.

**GOSUB** (see Chapter 6)

**Use** GOSUB is used to call a subroutine elsewhere in the program.

**Syntax** GOSUB *location*

GOSUB can be spelt as two words thus: GO SUB.

**GOTO** (see Chapter 5)

**Use** GOTO is used to jump unconditionally to another part of the program.

**Syntax** GOTO *location*

GOTO may be spelt as two words thus: GO TO

## GRAPHICS (see Chapter 12)

- Use** GRAPHICS sets graphics output attributes.
- Syntax** GRAPHICS [*#stream-number*] [[*.*] *attribute*]...
- where** *attribute* is: CURSOR *cursor-type*  
or: FILL [STYLE] [WITH] *fill-style*  
or: [LINE] WIDTH *line-width*  
or: [LINE] STYLE *line-style*  
or: [LINE] START *line-start-style*  
or: [LINE] END *line-end-style*  
or: MARKER *marker-number*  
or: MARKER SIZE *marker-size*  
or: COLOUR *colour-number*  
or: COLOR *colour-number*  
or: MODE *write-mode*

where *cursor-type* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..3.

## GRAPHICS...RESTORE (see Chapter 12)

- Use** GRAPHICS...RESTORE turns on or off window contents restore.
- Syntax** GRAPHICS [*#stream-number* [, ]] RESTORE *truth-value*

## GRAPHICS...UPDATE (see Chapter 12)

- Use** GRAPHICS...UPDATE forces graphics output to be acted on.
- Syntax** GRAPHICS [*#stream-number* [, ]] UPDATE [NEW]

## HEADING (see Chapter 12)

- Use** HEADING is a function which returns the current heading.
- Syntax** HEADING([*#stream-number*])

## HEX\$ (see Chapter 4)

- Use** HEX\$ is a function which converts an integer value to a string of hexadecimal digits.
- Syntax** HEX\$(*argument* [, *min-digits*])
- where** *argument* and *min-digits* are *integer-expressions*; *min-digits* must give a value in the range 0..32.

**IF (single line version)** (see Chapter 5)

**Use** This version of the IF statement is used to choose between two courses of action. It is retained only for compatibility with earlier versions of BASIC.

**Syntax** IF *testvalue* [*colons*] THEN [*instructions*][[*colons*] ELSE *elseinstructions*]  
or IF *testvalue* [*colons*] GOTO *location*[[*colons*] ELSE *elseinstructions*]

where *testvalue* is a *truth-value*

*instructions* and *elseinstructions* are either (a) a line number, or (b) a sequence of BASIC statements, each separated by *colons*

*colons* is a sequence of one or more colons, but not new lines.

**IF...END IF** (see Chapter 5)

**Use** IF...END IF is used to choose between various courses of action depending on the values of various expressions.

**Syntax** IF *testvalue1* [: ] THEN [: ] *statements1* [: ]  
[ ELSEIF *testvalue2* [: ] THEN [: ] *statements2* [: ] ]  
[ ELSEIF *testvalue3* [: ] THEN [: ] *statements3* [: ] ]

.....  
[ ELSE [: ] *elsestatements* [: ] ]  
END IF

where the *testvalues* are *truth-values*, and *statements1*, *statements2*,... and *elsestatements* are sequences of BASIC 2 Plus statements, separated with colons or new lines in the usual way.

**IMPORT** (see Chapter 7)

**Use** IMPORT is used to specify the routines, constants and variables which are imported into a program unit from a module.

**Syntax** IMPORT [MODULE *module-identifier* [ ( *formal-list* ) ] ] :  
[ *import-declaration* : ] ...  
END IMPORT

where *module-identifier* is a *numeric-identifier*,

*import-declaration* is SUB *sub-identifier* [ ( *formal-list* ) ]  
or FUNCTION *function-identifier* [ ( *formal-list* ) ]  
or DECLARE CONST *simple-var-list*  
or DECLARE *formal-var-list*

*sub-identifier* is *numeric-identifier*

*function-identifier* is *identifier*

<i>formal-list</i>	is <i>formal-sublist</i> [ <i>separator formal-sublist</i> ] ...
<i>formal-sublist</i>	is VAL <i>simple-var-list</i> or CONST <i>simple-var-list</i> or [ VAR ] <i>formal-var-list</i>
<i>simple-var-list</i>	is <i>identifier</i> [ , <i>identifier</i> ] ...
<i>formal-var-list</i>	is <i>ormal-var</i> [ , <i>formal-var</i> ] ...
<i>formal-var</i>	is <i>identifier</i> or <i>formal-array</i>
<i>formal-array</i>	is <i>array-identifier</i> ( [ , ] ... )
<i>separator</i>	is ; or ,

### **INKEY** (see Chapter 10)

**Use** INKEY is a function which returns a numeric value corresponding to a key press.

**Syntax** INKEY

### **INKEY\$** (see Chapter 10)

**Use** INKEY\$ is a function which returns a string value corresponding to a key press.

**Syntax** INKEY\$

### **INPUT** (see Chapter 10)

**Use** INPUT inputs numeric or string values from sequential input devices.

**Syntax** INPUT [#*stream-number*[ , ] ] [ AT ( *column* ; *line* ) ] [ ; ] [ *prompt* ] *general-variable* [ , *general-variable* ] ... [ ; ]

### **INPUT\$** (see Chapter 10)

**Use** INPUT\$ is a function which returns a string containing a given number of characters read from a given stream.

**Syntax** INPUT\$ ( [#*stream-number* , *count* ]  
or INPUT\$ ( *count* , [#*stream-number* ] )

where *count* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..4096.

### **INSTR** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** INSTR is a function which is used to find out if one string is a substring of another.

**Syntax** INSTR ( [ *start* , ] *search-string* , *target-string* )

where *start* is an *integer-expression* in the range 1..4096, and *search-string* and *target-string* are *string-expressions*.

**INT** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** The INT function returns the value of its argument rounded to an integer. Rounding is downwards, that is, towards minus infinity. (See also FLOOR.)

**Syntax** INT (*argument*)

where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**KEY** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** KEY is a function which returns the current key value for a Keyed File.

**Syntax** KEY (*##stream-number*)

**KEY\$** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** KEY\$ is a function which returns the current key value for a Keyed File.

**Syntax** KEY\$ (*##stream-number*)

**KEYSPEC** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** KEYSPEC creates a new index in a Keyed File, and declares the type of key for the index.

**Syntax** KEYSPEC *##stream-number* [,] INDEX *index-number* [*key-spec*] [*unique*]

where *index-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..20.

*key-spec* is: BYTE, UBYTE, WORD, UWORD or INTEGER

or: FIXED *string-length*

where *string-length* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..30.

*unique* is: [,] UNIQUE *truth-value*

**KILL** (see Chapter 15)

**Use** KILL deletes files. (See also DEL and ERASE.)

**Syntax** KILL *file-filter*

where *file-filter* is a *string-expression*

**LABEL** (see Chapter 1)

**Use** LABEL is used to define a named location.

**Syntax** LABEL *label*

or *label:*

## **LBOUND** (see Chapter 2)

**Use** The LBOUND function may be used to determine the lower bound of one of the dimensions of an array. (See also LOWER.)

**Syntax** LOWER(*actual-array* [ , *index-number* ])

**where** *index-number* must be an *integer-expression* in the range 1 to 7.

## **LCASE\$** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** The LCASE\$ function convert characters to lower case. (See also LOWER\$.)

**Syntax** LCASE\$(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *string-expression*

## **LEFT** (see Chapter 12)

**Use** LEFT changes the current heading. (See also LT, RIGHT and RT.)

**Syntax** LEFT [ /*stream-number* , ] *angle-change*

**where** *angle-change* is a *numeric-expression*.

## **LEFT\$** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** LEFT\$ is a function to truncate a string by selecting only its leftmost characters.

**Syntax** LEFT\$(*argument* , *length*)

**where** *argument* is a *string-expression* and *length* is an *integer-expression* returning a value in the range 0..4096.

## **LEN** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** LEN is a function to find the length of a string. (How long is a piece of string?)

**Syntax** LEN(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *string-expression*

## **LET** (see Chapter 2)

**Use** LET assigns the value of an expression to a general-variable.

**Syntax** [ LET ] *general-variable* = *expression*

**LINE** (see Chapter 12)

**Use** LINE draws a line between two points, possibly via a number of intermediate points.

**Syntax** LINE [#stream-number, ] point, [point, ]... point [[.] attribute]...

where *attribute* is: WIDTH *line-width*  
 or: STYLE *line-style*  
 or: START *line-start-style*  
 or: END *line-end-style*  
 or: COLOUR *colour-number*  
 or: COLOR *colour-number*  
 or: MODE *write-mode*

**LINE INPUT** (see Chapter 10)

**Use** LINE INPUT inputs a complete line from sequential input devices.

**Syntax** LINE INPUT [#stream-number[.]] [AT (column; line)] [:] [prompt] string-general-variable [:]

where the [.] following the *stream-number* is required if none of AT, PROMPT or the first [:] are present.

*column* and *line* are *integer-expressions* giving the screen position at which to start the prompt etc.

*prompt* is *prompt-string prompt-separator*,

where *prompt-string* is PROMPT *string-expression* or *string-literal*

and *prompt-separator* is , or ;.

**LOAD MODULE** (see Chapter 7)

**Use** LOAD MODULE is used to load a module into memory.

**Syntax** LOAD MODULE *module-identifier* , *filename*

where *module-identifier* is *numeric-identifier*

*filename* is *string-expression*

**LOC** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** LOC is a function which returns the current record number.

**Syntax** LOC ( [#stream-number] )

**LOCATE** (see Chapters 11 & 14)

**Use** LOCATE moves to a given character and line position.

**Syntax** LOCATE [#stream-number,] *column; line*

## **LOCK** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** LOCK sets a new record lock.

**Syntax** LOCK *[#]stream-number, lock-type [.,] position*  
LOCK *[#]stream-number [.,] position [.,] LOCK lock-type*

**where** *position* is as described in POSITION.

## **LOF** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** LOF returns the length of a file.

**Syntax** LOF(*[#]stream-number*)

## **LOG** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** LOG is a function which returns the logarithm to base e of its argument – the natural logarithm.

**Syntax** LOG(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero, value.

## **LOG2** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** LOG2 is a function which returns the logarithm to base 2 of its argument.

**Syntax** LOG2(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero, value.

## **LOG10** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** LOG10 is a function which returns the logarithm to base 10 of its argument.

**Syntax** LOG10(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero, value.

## **LOWER** (see Chapter 2)

**Use** The LOWER function may be used to determine the lower bound of one of the dimensions of an array. (See also LBOUND.)

**Syntax** LBOUND(*actual-array [ , index-number ]*)

**where** *index-number* must be an *integer-expression* in the range 1 to 7.

## **LOWER\$** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** The LOWER\$ function converts characters to lower case. (See also LCASE\$.)

**Syntax** LOWER\$(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *string-expression*

**LPRINT** (see Chapter 11)

- Use** LPRINT is just like print, except that the output is always to stream 0.  
**Syntax** LPRINT [*print-item*]...

**LSET** (see Chapter 4)

- Use** LSET is used to assign to a *string-general-variable* without changing the length of the string it holds.  
**Syntax** LSET *string-general-variable* = *string-expression*

**LT** (see Chapter 12)

- Use** LT changes the current heading. (See also LEFT, RIGHT and RT.)  
**Syntax** LT [*#stream-number*, ] *angle-change*  
 where *angle-change* is a *numeric-expression*.

**LTRIM\$** (see Chapter 4)

- Use** LTRIM\$ is a function to remove leading spaces from strings.  
**Syntax** LTRIM\$(*argument*)  
 where *argument* is a *string-expression*

**MAX** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** MAX is a function which returns the value of its largest argument.  
**Syntax** MAX(*argument*, *argument* [, *argument*] ...)  
 where *argument* is *numeric-expression*.

**MAXNUM** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** MAXNUM is a function which returns the largest representable number.  
**Syntax** MAXNUM

**MD** (see Chapter 15)

- Use** MD makes a new directory. (See also MKDIR.)  
**Syntax** MD *rest-of-line*  
 where *rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line

## MID\$ – Function (see Chapter 4)

- Use** MID\$ is a function to select a substring from a given string.
- Syntax** MID\$( *argument*, *start* [, *length* ] )
- where** *argument* is a *string-expression*  
*start* and *length* are *integer-expressions*. *start* must give a value greater than zero; *length* must give a value greater than or equal to zero. Neither may be greater than 4096.

## MID\$ – Statement (see Chapter 4)

- Use** MID\$ assigns a string to a substring.
- Syntax** MID\$( *string-general-variable*, *start* [, *length* ] ) = *string-expression*
- where** *start* and *length* are *integer-expressions*. *start* must give a value greater than zero; *length* must give a value greater than or equal to zero. Neither may be greater than 4096.

## MIN (see Chapter 3)

- Use** MIN is a function which returns the value of its smallest argument.
- Syntax** MIN( *argument*, *argument* [, *argument*] ... )
- where** *argument* is *numeric-expression*.

## MKDIR (see Chapter 15)

- Use** These statements make a new directory. (See also MD.)
- Syntax** MD *rest-of-line*
- where** *rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line

## MODULE (see Chapter 7)

- Use** MODULE is used to define a module – a program unit which may be accessed and executed by a BASIC 2 Plus program.
- Syntax** MODULE *module-identifier* [ ( *formal-list* ) ]  
*module-body*  
END MODULE

## MOVE (see Chapter 11)

- Use** MOVE moves the graphics cursor.
- Syntax** MOVE #*stream-number*, ] *point*

**NAME** (see Chapter 15)

- Use** NAME changes the name of a file. (See also REN.)  
**Syntax** NAME *old-file-name* AS *new-file-name*  
 where *old-file-name* and *new-file-name* are *file-name*s

**NEXT** (see Chapter 5)

- Use** Terminates the sequence of statements which make up the body of a FOR loop.  
**Syntax** NEXT [*loopcounter1*][, [*loopcounter2*]][, [*loopcounter3*]]...

**OFF** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** OFF is a function which always returns 0, the value which BASIC 2 Plus deems to represent the Boolean value 'false'. (See also FALSE.)  
**Syntax** OFF

**ON** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** ON is a function which always returns -1. (See also TRUE.)  
**Syntax** ON

**ON ERROR** (see Chapter 16)

- Use** ON ERROR specifies what action is to be taken in the event of an error.  
**Syntax** ON ERROR STOP  
 or ON ERROR GOTO *location*  
 or ON ERROR EXIT *place*  
 where *place* is MODULE, SUB or FUNCTION, as appropriate.

**ON...GOSUB** (see Chapter 6)

- Use** Like ON . . . GOTO, this statement is a relic from older BASICs, included to make BASIC 2 plus compatible.  
**Syntax** ON *condition* GOSUB [*location1*] [, [*location2*]] [, [*location3*]] ...  
 where *condition* is an *integer-expression*  
*location1*, *location2*, *location3*, ... etc are *locations*.

## ON...GOTO (see Chapter 5)

**Use** ON...GOTO is a relic from older BASICs, included to make BASIC 2 plus compatible.

**Syntax** ON *condition* GOTO [*location1*][, [*location2*]][, [*location3*]] ...

**where** *condition* is an *integer-expression*

*location1*, *location2*, *location3*, ... etc are *locations*.

## OPEN (see Chapter 8)

**Use** OPEN associates a given stream with a device or file.

**Syntax** OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] WINDOW *window-number*

or OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] INPUT *filename* [,] LOCK *lock-type*

or OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] [*exist*] OUTPUT *filename* [,] LOCK *lock-type*

or OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] [*exist*] APPEND *filename* [,] LOCK *lock-type*

or OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] [*exist*] RANDOM *random-spec* [,] LOCK *lock-type*

or OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] [*exist*] GRAPHICS *filename graphics-spec*

or OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] PRINT [*printer-number*]

or OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] DEVICE *device-number*

## OPEN...APPEND (see Chapter 8)

**Use** OPEN file for output. (See also OPEN...OUTPUT.)

**Syntax** OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] [*exist*] APPEND *filename* [,] LOCK *lock-type*

**where** *exist* is NEW or OLD

## OPEN...DEVICE & OPEN...GRAPHICS (see Chapter 8)

**Use** These forms of OPEN associate a given stream with a GEM graphics device or a Metafile.

**Syntax** OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] DEVICE *device-number*

OPEN {#}*stream-number* [,] [*exist*] GRAPHICS *filename graphics-spec*

**where** *exist* is NEW or OLD

*device-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 0..32767.

*graphics-spec* is [,] SIZE *m-width, m-height* [,] SPACE *p-width[, p-height]*

*m-width* and *m-height* are *numeric-expressions*, giving positive, non-zero, values.

*p-width* and *p-height* are *integer-expressions*, giving values in the range 1..32768.

**OPEN...INPUT** (see Chapter 8)

**Use** OPEN file for input.

**Syntax** OPEN *{#}stream-number* [.] INPUT *filename* [[.] LOCK *lock-type*]

**OPEN...OUTPUT** (see Chapter 8)

**Use** OPEN file for output. (See also OPEN...APPEND.)

**Syntax** OPEN *{#}stream-number* [.] [*exist*] OUTPUT *filename* [[.] LOCK *lock-type*]

where *exist* is NEW or OLD

**OPEN...PRINT** (see Chapter 8)

**Use** OPEN...PRINT associates a given stream with a simple printer device.

**Syntax** OPEN *{#}stream-number* [.] PRINT [*printer-number*]

where *printer-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 0..5 :

0 = PRN

1..3 = LPT1 to LPT3

4..5 = COM1 to COM2

**OPEN...RANDOM** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** OPEN...RANDOM associates a given stream with a random or keyed file.

**Syntax** OPEN *{#}stream-number* [.] [*exist*] RANDOM *random-spec* [[.] LOCK *lock-type*]

where *random-spec* is *filename* [[.] INDEX *filename*] [[.] LENGTH *record-length*]  
*record-length* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..4096.

**OPEN...WINDOW** (see Chapter 8)

**Use** OPEN...WINDOW associates a given stream with a given screen window.

**Syntax** OPEN *{#}stream-number* [.] WINDOW *window-number*

where *window-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..4.

**OSERR** (see Chapter 16)

**Use** OSERR is a function which gives more information about the latest "operating system dependent" error.

**Syntax** OSERR

### PI (see Chapter 3)

**Use** PI is a function which returns the representable value closest to the mathematical constant  $\pi$ .

**Syntax** PI

### PIE (see Chapter 12)

**Use** PIE draws a circular "pie" section on a graphics device.

**Syntax** PIE *{#stream-number, } point, radius, start-angle, end-angle* *[[.] attribute]...*

**where** *attribute* is: FILL [ONLY] [WITH *fill-style*]

or: WIDTH *line-width*

or: STYLE *line-style*

or: COLOUR *colour-number*

or: COLOR *colour-number*

or: MODE *write-mode*

*radius* is an *integer-expression*, giving a positive, non-zero value.

*start-angle* and *end-angle* are *numeric-expressions*, giving positive, or zero, values.

### PLOT (see Chapter 12)

**Use** PLOT plots "markers" at the points given.

**Syntax** PLOT *{#stream-number, } point [, point]...* *[[.] attribute]...*

**where** *attribute* is: MARKER *marker-number*

or: SIZE *marker-size*

or: COLOUR *colour-number*

or: COLOR *colour-number*

or: MODE *write-mode*

### POINT (see Chapter 12)

**Use** POINT sets a new current heading.

**Syntax** POINT *{#stream-number, } angle*

**where** *angle* is a *numeric-expression*.

### POINTSIZ (see Chapter 12)

**Use** POINTSIZE is a function which returns an available size of a font.

**Syntax** POINTSIZE(*{#stream-number, } font-ordinal, point-size*)

**where** *font-ordinal* and *point-size* are *integer-expressions*, giving positive, non-zero values.

**POS** (see Chapters 9 & 12)

**Use** These function return the current cursor position in characters and lines. (See also VPOS)

**Syntax** POS([*{f}*]*stream-number*)

**POSITION** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** POSITION moves to a new position in a Random or Keyed file.

**Syntax** POSITION [*{f}*]*stream-number* [,] *position* [,] LOCK *lock-type*

where *position* is: NEXT

or: AT *record-number*

or: AT *position-string*

or: KEY *key-value* [,] INDEX *index-number*

or: INDEX *index-number*

where *key-value* is an *expression*, giving a value compatible with the index's key type.

*index-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..20.

*position-string* is a *string-expression*, giving a value once returned by POSITION\$.

**POSITION\$** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** POSITION\$ is a function which returns a string which unambiguously specifies the current position.

**Syntax** POSITION\$([*{f}*]*stream-number*)

**PRINT** (see Chapter 11)

**Use** PRINT outputs numbers and strings.

**Syntax** PRINT [*{f}*]*stream-number*[,] [*print-item*]...

where the [,] following the *stream-number* is required if the first *print-item* is an *expression*.

each *print-item* may be: *expression*

or *separator*

or *print-command*— see Print Commands box

or *print-function* — see Print Functions box

or USING *string-expression* ;

provided that no *expression* immediately follows another.

*separator* is , or ;

## PRINT COMMANDS (see Chapter 11)

- Use** These may be used in PRINT or LPRINT statements.
- Syntax** AT (*column; line*)  
TAB (*integer-expression*)  
ADJUST (*integer-expression*)

## PRINT FUNCTIONS (see Chapter 11)

- Use** These may be used in PRINT or LPRINT statements, and in the EXTENT function.
- Syntax** ZONE (*integer-expression*)  
MARGIN (*integer-expression*)  
EFFECTS (*integer-expression, integer-expression*)  
MODE (*write-mode*)  
COLOUR (*colour-number*)  
COLOR (*colour-number*)  
FONT (*font-ordinal*)  
POINTS (*point-size*)  
ANGLE (*integer-expression*)

## PROGPATH\$ & PROGFIL\$ (see Chapter 7)

- Use** These functions return the current file name of the main program.
- Syntax** PROGPATH\$  
PROGFIL\$

## PUT (see Chapter 13)

- Use** PUT puts data to Random or Keyed Files.
- Syntax** PUT *{#}stream-number, string-expression* [*. position*] [*. LOCK lock-type*]  
**where** *position* is as described in POSITION.

## QUIT (see User Guide Chapter 1)

- Use** SYSTEM takes you out of BASIC 2 Plus. (See also SYSTEM.)
- Syntax** SYSTEM

**RAD** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** RAD is a function to converts angles in degrees to radians.
- Syntax** RAD(*argument*)
- where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**RANDOMIZE** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** RANDOMIZE is used to set the seed for BASIC 2 Plus's pseudo-random number generator.
- Syntax** RANDOMIZE [*seed-value*]
- where *seed-value* is a *numeric-expression*.

**RD** (see Chapter 15)

- Use** These statements delete (remove) a directory. (See also RMDIR.)
- Syntax** RD *rest-of-line*
- where *rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line

**READ** (see Chapter 2)

- Use** READ is used to read data from a DATA statement into *general-variables*.
- Syntax** READ *general-variable* [ , *general-variable* ] ...

**RECORD** (see Chapter 2)

- Use** RECORD is used to specify a record structure which can be imposed on strings.
- Syntax** RECORD *record-name* ; *field-definition* [ , *field-definition* ] ...
- where *field-definition* is: *numeric-field-name* [ *vector-field* ] [ *storage-class* ]  
or: *string-field-name* [ *vector-field* ] FIXED *length*
- numeric-field-name* is a *numeric-identifier*, giving the name of a numeric field
- string-field-name* is a *string-identifier*, giving the name of string field
- vector-field* is ( *dimension-bounds* )  
or [ *dimension-bounds* ]
- where *dimension-bounds* is as in DIM.
- storage-class* is *integer-class* [KEY]  
or IEEE4 or IEEE8
- where *integer-class* is one of BYTE, UBYTE, WORD, UWORD, INTEGER
- length* is an *integer-expression* giving a value in the range 1..4096.

## REN (see Chapter 15)

**Use** REN changes the name of a file. (See also NAME.)

**Syntax** REN *rest-of-line*

**where** *rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line

## REPEAT (see Chapter 5)

**Use** The REPEAT statement is used for repeating a sequence of statements when the repetition is governed by some condition which may be tested before or after the execution of the loop.

**Syntax** REPEAT : *loopbody* : UNTIL *condition*

**where** *condition* is a *truth-value*

*loopbody* is a sequence of BASIC 2 Plus statements, separated in the usual way with colons or new lines.

## REPOSITION (see Chapter 13)

**Use** REPOSITION moves to a new position in a Keyed file, without changing record.

**Syntax** REPOSITION *[[#]stream-number [,] key [[,] LOCK lock-type]*

**where** *key* is: KEY *key-value* [[,] INDEX *index-number*]

*key-value* is an *expression*, giving a value compatible with the index's key type  
*index-number* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..20.

## RESTORE (see Chapter 2)

**Use** RESTORE is used to explicitly move the pointer which indicates the next DATA item to be read in.

**Syntax** RESTORE [*location*]

## RESUME (see Chapter 16)

**Use** RESUME signals the end of "error state".

**Syntax** RESUME

or RESUME NEXT

or RESUME EXIT *place*

or RESUME *location*

or RESUME STOP

**where** *place* is MODULE, SUB or FUNCTION, as appropriate.

**RETURN** (see Chapter 6)

- Use** RETURN is used to terminate a subroutine.  
**Syntax** RETURN

**RIGHT** (see Chapter 12)

- Use** These statements change the current heading. (See also RT, LEFT and LT.)  
**Syntax** RIGHT [*stream-number*, ] *angle-change*  
 where *angle-change* is a *numeric-expression*.

**RIGHT\$** (see Chapter 4)

- Use** RIGHT\$ is a function to truncate a string by selecting only its rightmost characters.  
**Syntax** RIGHT\$(*argument* , *length*)  
 where *argument* is a *string-expression* and *length* is an *integer-expression* returning a value in the range 0..4096.

**RMDIR** (see Chapter 15)

- Use** RMDIR deletes (removes) a directory. (See also RMDIR.)  
**Syntax** RD *rest-of-line*  
 where *rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line

**RND** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** RND is a function which returns a pseudo-random number.  
**Syntax** RND[(*argument*)]  
 where *argument* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 1..65535.

**ROUND** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** ROUND is function which returns the value of its argument rounded to a specific number of decimal places.  
**Syntax** ROUND(*argument* [, *rounding*])  
 where *argument* is a *numeric-expression* and *rounding* is an *integer-expression*.

## RSET (see Chapter 4)

**Use** RSET is used to assign to a *string-general-variable* without changing the length of the string it holds.

**Syntax** RSET *string-general-variable* = *string-expression*

## RT (see Chapter 12)

**Use** RT changes the current heading. (See also RIGHT, :LEFT and LT.)

**Syntax** RT *##stream-number*, ] *angle-change*

**where** *angle-change* is a *numeric-expression*.

## RTRIM\$ (see Chapter 4)

**Use** RTRIM\$ is a function to remove trailing spaces from strings.

**Syntax** RTRIM\$(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *string-expression*

## RUN (see User Guide Chapter 1)

**Use** RUN starts executing the current program.

**Syntax** RUN

## SCREEN (see Chapter 9)

**Use** SCREEN sets the type and size of a Virtual Screen

**Syntax** SCREEN *##stream-number* [,] GRAPHICS [*size*] [,] *window-attribute*...  
SCREEN *##stream-number* [,] TEXT [*size*] [,] *window-attribute*...  
SCREEN *##stream-number* [,] TEXT FLEXIBLE [,] *window-attribute*...

**where** *size* is *width* [FIXED], *height* [FIXED]

*window-attribute* is: MAXIMUM *width*, *height*

or: MINIMUM *width*, *height*

or: UNIT *width*, *height*

or: INFORMATION *truth-value*

*width* and *height* are *integer-expressions*, giving positive, non-zero values.

**SELECT CASE** (see Chapter 5)

**Use** SELECT CASE is used to choose one course of action from several, the choice being determined by the value of a given expression.

**Syntax** SELECT CASE *selector-expression* [:]  
     [ CASE *testvalues1* [ , *testvalues1a* ] [ , *testvalues1b* ] ... : *statements1* : ]  
     [ CASE *testvalues2* [ , *testvalues2a* ] [ , *testvalues2b* ] ... : *statements2* : ]  
     .....  
     [ CASE ELSE : *elsestatements* : ]  
 END SELECT

where *statements1*, *statements2*, *statements3*, ..., and *elsestatements* are sequences of BASIC statements separated by colons or new lines in the usual way

*testvalues* may be either of the form

*expression* [ TO *end-expression* ]

or IS *relation limit-expression*

where all the *expressions* must be of the same type as *selector-expression*.

**SELECTOR** (see Chapter 15)

**Use** SELECTOR runs an "item" selector dialogue.

**Syntax** SELECTOR *directory-string* [ , *selection-string*]  
 or SELECTOR , *selection-string*

**SELPATH\$ & SELFIE\$ & SELWILD\$** (see Chapter 15)

**Use** These functions return parts of the values stored for the SELECTOR dialogue.

**Syntax** SELPATH\$  
 SELFIE\$  
 SELWILD\$

## SET (see Chapter 12)

**Use** SET changes the text output attributes for a given stream.  
**Syntax** SET *{#stream-number[,]}* *text-attribute* *[[,]text-attribute]...*

where each *text-attribute* may be one of :

ZONE *zone-size*  
MARGIN *margin-position*  
EFFECTS *effects-on, effects-off*  
MODE *write-mode*  
COLOUR *colour-number*  
COLOR *colour-number*  
FONT *font-ordinal*  
POINTS *point-size*  
ANGLE *text-angle*  
WRAP *truth-value*

## SGN (see Chapter 3)

**Use** SGN is a function which returns the sign of the value of its argument.  
**Syntax** SGN(*argument*)  
where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

## SHAPE (see Chapter 12)

**Use** SHAPE draws a polygon shape.  
**Syntax** SHAPE *{#stream-number, }* *point, point, point [, point]...* *[[,] attribute]...*  
where *attribute* is: FILL [ONLY] [WITH *fill-style*]  
or: WIDTH *line-width*  
or: STYLE *line-style*  
or: COLOUR *colour-number*  
or: COLOR *colour-number*  
or: MODE *write-mode*

## SHARED (see Chapter 6)

**Use** SHARED makes global variables directly available to routines.  
**Syntax** SHARED *shared-object* *[, shared-object]...*  
where *formal-var* is *simple-variable* or *array-identifier* ( *[, ]...* ) or *array-identifier* [ *[, ]...* ]

**SIN** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** SIN is a function which returns the sine of its argument.  
**Syntax** SIN(*argument*)  
 where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**SQR** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** SQR is a function which returns the (positive) square root of its argument.  
**Syntax** SQR(*argument*)  
 where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*, returning a positive, or zero value.

**STOP** (see Chapter 5)

**Use** STOP is used to halt the execution of the program in a condition where the variables can be inspected or altered.  
**Syntax** STOP

**STR\$** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** STR\$ is a function to convert a numeric value to string form.  
**Syntax** STR\$(*argument*)  
 where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**STREAM** (see Chapter 8)

**Use** The STREAM statement changes the default stream. The STREAM function returns the current stream.  
**Statement Syntax** STREAM [*stream-number*]  
**Function Syntax** STREAM

**STRING\$** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** STRING\$ is a function to generate a string of repeated characters.  
**Syntax** STRING\$(*length*, *argument*)  
 where *length* is an *integer-expression* in the range 0..4096 and *argument* is a non-null *string-expression* or an *integer-expression* giving a value in the range 0..255.

## **SUB** (see Chapter 6)

**Use** SUB is used to define a subprogram.

**Syntax** SUB *sub-identifier* [ ( *formal-list* ) ] [ EXPORT ]  
*sub-body* :  
END SUB

**where** *sub-identifier* is a *name*

*sub-body* is a sequence of BASIC 2 Plus statements, separated with colons or new lines in the usual way.

## **SWAP** (see Chapter 2)

**Use** SWAP exchanges the values of two general variables.

**Syntax** SWAP *general-variable* , *general-variable*

## **SYSTEM** (see User Guide Chapter 1)

**Use** SYSTEM takes you out of BASIC 2 Plus. (See also QUIT.)

**Syntax** SYSTEM

## **TAN** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** TAN is a function which returns the tangent of its argument.

**Syntax** TAN(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

## **TEST** (see Chapters 9 & 12)

**Use** TEST is a function which returns the colour of a point on a Graphics Screen.

**Syntax** TEST(*#stream-number* , *point*)

**NB:** TEST may have no effect, depending on the device driver.

## **TEXT** (see Chapter 11)

**Use** TEXT performs various operations available on text screens.

**Syntax** TEXT *#stream-number* , *clear-area*  
or TEXT *#stream-number* , *DELETE* [LINE]  
or TEXT *#stream-number* , *INSERT* [LINE]  
or TEXT *#stream-number* , *FEED* *count*

**where** *clear-area* is one of EOL, BOL, LINE, EOS, BOS, SCREEN  
*count* is an *integer-expression*.

**TIME** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** TIME is a function which returns the number of hundredths of a second which have elapsed since midnight, to the nearest hundredth.

**Syntax** TIME

**TIME\$** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** TIME\$ is a function which returns the number of hundredths of a second which have elapsed since midnight, to the nearest hundredth, in the form of a string.

**Syntax** TIME\$

**TIMER** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** TIMER is a function which gives the number of seconds which have elapsed since midnight.

**Syntax** TIMER

**TOWARD** (see Chapter 12)

**Use** TOWARD is a function which returns the heading from the cursor to a given point.

**Syntax** TOWARD(*stream-number*, *point*)

**TRUE** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** TRUE is a function which always returns -1. (See also ON.)

**Syntax** TRUE

**TRUNC** (see Chapter 3)

**Use** TRUNC is a function which returns the value of their *argument* rounded to an integer. Rounding is towards zero. (See also FIX.)

**Syntax** TRUNC(*argument*)

where *argument* is a *numeric-expression*.

**TYPE** (see Chapter 15)

**Use** TYPE lists the contents of a file. (See also DISPLAY.)

**Syntax** TYPE *rest-of-line*

where *rest-of-line* is everything up to the end of the line.

## **UBOUND** (see Chapter 2)

**Use** UBOUND may used to determine the upper bound of one of the dimensions of an array. (See also UPPER.)

**Syntax** UBOUND(*actual-array* [ , *index-number* ])

**where** *index-number* must be an *integer-expression*.in the range 1 to 7.

## **UCASE\$** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** UCASE\$ converts characters to upper case. (See also UPPER\$.)

**Syntax** UCASE\$(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *string-expression*

## **UNIQUE** (see Chapter 13)

**Use** UNIQUE is a function which returns the next "unique" number for a Keyed File.

**Syntax** UNIQUE( *##* *stream-number* )

## **UNLOAD** (see Chapter 7)

**Use** UNLOAD MODULE is used to unload a module.

**Syntax** UNLOAD MODULE *module-identifier*

## **UPPER** (see Chapter 2)

**Use** UPPER may used to determine the upper bound of one of the dimensions of an array. (See also UBOUND.)

**Syntax** UPPER(*actual-array* [ , *index-number* ])

## **UPPER\$** (see Chapter 4)

**Use** UPPER\$ converts characters to upper case. (See also UCASE\$.)

**Syntax** UPPER\$(*argument*)

**where** *argument* is a *string-expression*

## **USER...ORIGIN** (see Chapter 12)

**Use** USER\_ORIGIN changes where the origin of user coordinate space appears on the device.

**Syntax** USER *##* *stream-number*] ORIGIN *point*

**USER...SPACE** (see Chapter 12)

- Use** USER...SPACE sets the extent of the user coordinate space.
- Syntax** USER *[#stream-number]* SPACE *width[, height]*  
 where *width* and *height* are *integer-expressions*, giving positive, non-zero values.  
 where *index-number* must be an *integer-expression* in the range 1 to 7.

**VAL** (see Chapter 3)

- Use** VAL converts the string representation of a number to its numeric value.
- Syntax** VAL(*argument*)  
 where *argument* is a *string-expression*.

**VERSION** (see Chapter 15)

- Use** VERSION is a function which returns version information.
- Syntax** VERSION(*query*)  
 where *query* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 0..4.

**VPOS** (see Chapters 9 & 12)

- Use** VPOS returns the current cursor position in characters and lines. (See also POS)
- Syntax** VPOS([*#stream-number*])

**WHILE** (see Chapter 5)

- Use** The WHILE statement is used for repeating a sequence of statements when the repetition is governed by some condition which may be tested before or after the execution of the loop.
- Syntax** WHILE *condition* : *loopbody* : WEND  
 where *condition* is a *truth-value*  
*loopbody* is a sequence of BASIC 2 Plus statements, separated in the usual way with colons or new lines.

**WHOLE\$** (see Chapter 4)

- Use** WHOLE\$ is a function which returns the whole of a fixed-length string.
- Syntax** WHOLE\$(*argument*)  
 where *argument* is a *string-expression*

## **WINDOW** (see Chapter 14)

**Use** WINDOW statements change the size, position etc. of Screen Windows.

**Syntax** WINDOW [*#stream-number*] CLOSE  
or WINDOW [*#stream-number*] FULL *truth-value*  
or WINDOW [*#stream-number*] OPEN  
or WINDOW [*#stream-number*] SIZE *width, height*  
or WINDOW [*#stream-number*] PLACE *point*  
or WINDOW [*#stream-number*] TITLE *string-expression*  
or WINDOW [*#stream-number*] INFORMATION *string-expression*  
or WINDOW [*#stream-number*] MOUSE *mouse-form*  
or WINDOW [*#stream-number*] CURSOR *truth-value*  
or WINDOW [*#stream-number*] SCROLL *point*

where *mouse-form* is an *integer-expression*, giving a value in the range 0..7  
*width* and *height* are *integer-expressions*, giving a value 1..5000

## **XACTUAL & YACTUAL** (see Chapter 14)

**Use** XACTUAL and YACTUAL are functions which return the actual size of a window, in screen device pixels.

**Syntax** XACTUAL[(*#stream-number*)]  
YACTUAL[(*#stream-number*)]

## **XBAR & YBAR** (see Chapter 14)

**Use** XBAR and YBAR are functions which return the actual size of the scroll bars of a window, in screen device pixels.

**Syntax** XBAR[(*#stream-number*)]  
YBAR[(*#stream-number*)]

## **XCELL & YCELL** (see Chapter 12)

**Use** XCELL and YCELL are functions which return the size of a character cell, in user coordinates.

**Syntax** XCELL[(*#stream-number*)]  
YCELL[(*#stream-number*)]

**XDEVICE & YDEVICE** (see Chapters 9 & 12)

- Use** XDEVICE and YDEVICE are functions which return the size of a graphics device, in device pixels.
- Syntax** XDEVICE[(*#*stream-number)]  
YDEVICE[(*#*stream-number)]

**XMETRES & YMETRES** (see Chapters 9 & 12)

- Use** XMETRES and YMETRES are functions which return the size of a graphics device, in metres.
- Syntax** XMETRES[(*#*stream-number)]  
YMETRES[(*#*stream-number)]

**XMOUSE & YMOUSE** (see Chapter 14)

- Use** These functions return the current position of the mouse pointer, in screen device pixels.
- Syntax** XMOUSE  
YMOUSE

**XPIXEL & YPIXEL** (see Chapters 9 & 12)

- Use** XPIXEL and YPIXEL are functions which return the size of a device pixel, in user coordinates.
- Syntax** XPIXEL[(*#*stream-number)]  
YPIXEL[(*#*stream-number)]

**XPLACE & YPLACE** (see Chapter 14)

- Use** XPLACE and YPLACE are functions which return the position of the bottom left hand corner of a window, in screen device pixels.
- Syntax** XPLACE[(*#*stream-number)]  
YPLACE[(*#*stream-number)]

**XPOS & YPOS** (see Chapters 9 & 12)

- Use** XPOS and YPOS are functions which return the current cursor position, in user coordinates.
- Syntax** XPOS[(*#*stream-number)]  
YPOS[(*#*stream-number)]

## **XSCROLL & YSCROLL** (see Chapter 14)

**Use** XSCROLL and YSCROLL are functions which return the position of the window on the virtual screen, in user coordinates.

**Syntax** XSCROLL[(*#*)*stream-number*]  
YSCROLL[(*#*)*stream-number*]

## **XUSABLE & YUSABLE** (see Chapter 9)

**Use** XUSABLE and YUSABLE are functions which return the usable size of a graphics device, in device pixels.

**Syntax** XUSABLE[(*#*)*stream-number*]  
YUSABLE[(*#*)*stream-number*]

## **XVIRTUAL & YVIRTUAL** (see Chapter 9)

**Use** XVIRTUAL and YVIRTUAL are functions which return the size of a graphics virtual screen, or other graphics device, in user coordinates..

**Syntax** XVIRTUAL[(*#*)*stream-number*]  
YVIRTUAL[(*#*)*stream-number*]

## **XWINDOW & YWINDOW** (see Chapter 14)

**Use** XWINDOW and YWINDOW are functions which return the size of a window, in screen device pixels.

**Syntax** XWINDOW[(*#*)*stream-number*]  
YWINDOW[(*#*)*stream-number*]

## **YASPECT** (see Chapters 9 & 12)

**Use** YASPECT is a function which gives the aspect ratio of a user coordinate pixel.

**Syntax** YASPECT[(*#*)*stream-number*]

## **ZONE** (see Chapter 11)

**Use** ZONE sets the print zone size for the Dialogue Screen.

**Syntax** ZONE *zone-size*

# Keywords

ABS	CINT	DO	FIXED	INSTR
ACOS	CIRCLE	DRIVE	FLEXIBLE	INT
ADDKEY	CLEAR	EDIT	FLOOD	INTEGER
ADDREC	CLOSE	EFFECTS	FLOOR	IS
ADJUST	CLS	ELLIPSE	FONT	KEY
ALERT	COLOR	ELLIPTICAL	FONT\$	KEYUS
AND	COLOUR	ELSE	FOR	KEYSPEC
ANGLE	CONSOLIDATE	ELSEIF	FORWARD	KILL
APPEND	CONT	END	FRAC	LABEL
ARC	COS	ENVIRON\$	FRE	LBOUND
AS	CURRENCY\$	EOF	FREEFILE	LCASE\$
ASC	CURSOR	EOL	FULL	LEFT
ASIN	DATA	EOS	FUNCTION	LEFT\$
AT	DATE	EPS	GET	LEN
ATAN	DATE\$	ERASE	GOSUB	LENGTH
ATAN2	DEC\$	ERR	GO	LET
ATN	DECIMAL	ERROR	GOTO	LINE
BIN\$	DECLARE	ERROR\$	GRAPHICS	LOAD
BOL	DEF	EXIT	HEADING	LOC
BOX	DEG	EXP	HEX\$	LOCATE
BUTTON	DEGREES	EXPORT	IF	LOCK
BYTE	DEL	EXTENT	IMPORT	LOF
CALL	DELETE	FALSE	INDEX	LOG
CASE	DELKEY	FD	INF	LOG10
CD	DEVICE	FEED	INFORMATION	LOOP
CEIL	DIM	FILES	INKEY	LOWER
CEILING	DIMENSIONS	FILL	INKEY\$	LOWER\$
CHDIR	DIR	FIND\$	INPUT	LPRINT
CHDIR\$	DISPLAY	FINDDIR\$	INPUT\$	LSET
CHR\$	DISTANCE	FIX	INSERT	LTRIM\$

MARGIN	PLOT	RT	TIME	WORD
MARKER	POINT	RTRIM\$	TIME\$	WRAP
MAX	POINTS	RUN	TIMER	XACTUAL
MAXIMUM	POINTSIZ	SCREEN	TITLE	XBAR
MAXNUM	POS	SCROLL	TO	XCELL
MIN	POSITION	SELECT	TOWARD	XDEVICE
MINIMUM	POSITION\$	SELECTOR	TRAP	XMETRES
MD	PRINT	SELFILE\$	TRUE	XOR
MIDS\$	PROMPT	SELPATH\$	TRUNC	XPIXEL
MKDIR	PUT	SELWILD\$	TYPE	XPLACE
MOD	QUIT	SET	UBOUND	XPOS
MODE	RAD	SGN	UBYTE	XSCROLL
MODULE	RADIAN	SHAPE	UCASE\$	XUSABLE
MOUSE	RANDOM	SHARED	UNIQUE	XVIRTUAL
MOVE	RANDOMIZE	SIN	UNIT	XWINDOW
NAME	RD	SIZE	UNLOAD	YACTUAL
NEW	READ	SPACE	UNTIL	YBAR
NEXT	RECORD	SQR	UPDATE	YCELL
NOT	REM	START	UPPER	YDEVICE
OFF	REN	STEP	UPPER\$	YMETRES
OLD	REPEAT	STOP	USER	YOR
ON	REPOSITION	STR\$	USING	YPIYEL
ONLY	RESET	STREAM	UWORD	YPLACE
OPEN	RESTORE	STRING\$	VAL	YPOS
OPTION	RESUME	STYLE	VAR	YSCROLL
OR	RETURN	SUB	VERSION	YUSABLE
ORIGIN	RIGHT	SWAP	VPOS	YVIRTUAL
OSERR	RIGHT\$	SYSTEM	WEND	YWINDOW
OUTPUT	RMDIR	TAB	WHILE	ZONE
PART	RND	TAN	WHOLE\$	
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PIE	ROUNDED	TEXT	WINDOW	
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