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EXTRA STOCK SHIPMENT JUST ARRIVED ON PREMISES!

Due to the overwhelming response we received regarding the fantastic charity game, The Race Against Time, our purchasing department have worked overtime to fulfil the desperate needs of our anxious members who want to help. Well, we struck gold, a shipment arrived on the premises last week.

Remember this game helps the children who are crippled by starvation. Do you want to help?

THE RACE AGAINST TIME SPORT AID '88 - FIGHTING THE HIDDEN CRISIS

The Race Against Time is just one of the Sport Aid '88 efforts to unite all 218 countries and inhabited territories in this program to help fight the "hidden crisis" of hunger, poverty and disease which kill nearly 15 million children every year. Worldwide Sport Aid '88 hopes to inspire millions of people to "sign up", get their own unique Global race Number and run The Race Against Time on Sunday, September 11th.

The Race Against Time

You play Omar Khalifa, the legendary Sudanese runner,. Your task is to run around the world carrying the torch of Sport Aid '88 and getting people to join The Race Against Time. This is done by raising a flag and lighting a flame in a bowl on each of six continents.

The game has over one hundred locations, many of which feature famous landmarks such as the Pyramids of Giza, Buckingham Palace, Mount Rushmore, The Kremlin and Victoria Falls. See how many places you recognize while playing the game.

With the coding by the Oliver Twins, graphics by Stuart Del Ruecroft and music by Peter Gabriel, this game proves to be excellent value and remember all the profits are going to the starving, desperate children in need.

TAPE CODE: SPORT001 **Members £4.25**
Non-Members £4.99

BIONIC COMMANDO

Ten years have passed since the devastating war when the enemies secret Zargon missiles destroyed our civilization. The only hope we have of regaining our home world and rebuilding our lives, lies in the hands of the Elite force of BIONIC COMMANDOS. With their telescopic limbs, sophisticated weaponary and bionic power, they must infiltrate the enemy bases, destroy the deadly foe and neutralise their doomsday weapons. Your skill and their bionic powers are our only hope.

State of the Art gameplay and a pounding soundtrack combine to make Bionic Commando unique to the home computer.

CODE TAPE: BIONIC 001
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CODE DISC: BIONIC 0001
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EVERYONES A WALLY

Wally is back, this time with his family in the first ever Multi Role Arcade Adventure. Not only does Wally appear fully animated, but also Wilma, Tom, Dick and Harry. The purpose of the game is to find the combination for the safe and then pay the gang's wages. The combination is split and can be found in different locations. Not only must the combinations be identified, but also the right items to collect the combinations must be used. The locations are many and varied and contain zany arcade sequences which must be completed to finish the adventure. Each character has specific abilities and it is up to the player to select which one will perform a particular task. The game starts with the whole gang in the Town Square by the fountain. You have control of Wally so the rest of the gang go off about their own business. As Wally cannot do everything himself, you will have to select one of the other characters (except for Herbert, he is totally uncontrollable) to perform the various tasks. While a character is not under control he or she may be carrying out other tasks which could help or hinder you.
CODE TAPE: WALLY001 **MEMBERS £1.70** NON-MEMBERS £1.99.

BRAINSTORM

Brainstorm is an arcade strategy game. At the beginning of the game you will see one of the two balls bouncing around a coloured grid. The object of the game is to trap the ball(s) on a red area of the grid, since your score will depend on the time the ball spends travelling over each particular coloured area of the screen. Brainstorm is played over 26 screens, each presenting different problems for trapping the ball.
CODE TAPE: STORM001
MEMBERS £1.70 NON-MEMBERS £1.99.

RALLY DRIVER

To complete successfully in a car rally requires more than just fast driving. You must plan your route carefully taking many things into consideration; the weather,longest or shortest routes, which are 'fast' roads, which are 'slow' roads. Drive quickly, but carefully. You must always be on the look out in case spectators or farm animals have strayed onto the road! The rally takes place in 3 stages over 3 gruelling days or nights. To win a cup you have to come in the top three after the third and final stage. The competition is tough. Only the top seven competitors can proceed from Stage 1 to 2, and just the top five go through to Stage 3 from Stage 2.

Each stage contains a number of Time Controls (these are marked on the map which accompanies this program). You must drive through each Time Control in order to complete the stage. There are a number of different routes you could take to go through each Time Control. It is up to you to use your navigation skills to choose the best course.
CODE TAPE: RALLY001
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POPEYE

Life's not all a bowl of spinach for Popeye as he hunts for hearts to win the love of Olive Oyl. His rival, the macho Bluto, is not amused. He thumps around making a pulp of Popeye.

Olive Oyl demands a never-ending supply of love!

Keep her sweet by collecting 25 scattered hearts and handing them over. Take care to check Olive's loveometer. When her love level starts to fade you must restore it by delivering some of the hearts you have collected.

The task is not easy. Hearts can be anywhere - up the lighthouse, on board the ship, under the ocean, locked in the house, on the roof, inside the fruit machine ...

Its not just the right door keys that Popeye needs to collect on his way.

The sailor man is not the only one seeking Olive Oyl's love. Bluto is his rival, pacing up and down outside Olive's house. Avoiding Bluto and all other moving objects - giant birds, flying witches, snoring dragons and gnashing sharks - as they have a habit of knocking Popeye for six. He'll survive if you have a tin of spinach for him, of course, but you can only carry eight things around with you - including the heart and keys as well as the tins of life-giving green stuff.

You score 1000 for each heart delivered, with a time bonus for delivering them all - and a special reward from Olive!
TAPE CODE: POPEYE 001 **members: £1.70** non-members: £1.99

YOGI BEAR

Grim tidings from Jellystone Park, folks! Yogi's little pal Boo-Boo has been bearnapped by a mean hunter, planning to make some loot by selling him to a circus. Boo-Boo is locked in a cage near the hunter's cabin.... somewhere in Jellystone. Only Boo-Boo's fearless and faithful friend Yogi can save him. Step into Yogi's paws, scour Jellystone and snatch Boo-Boo from the clutches of the hunter. It won't be easy. Running around Jellystone is a tiring business and Yogi's energy is quickly sapped. The energy meter at the bottom left of the screen shows Yogi's 'go' going down. He'll need to find plenty of food along the way - especially delicious picnic baskets left lying around by careless campers. But if he finds some fisherman, he may be able to pinch a fish or three from their hooks. Time is running out for Boo-Boo. When Yogi starts his mission of mercy it's January. When December comes, Yogi has to hibernate and Boo-Boo will have to rescued.
CODE TAPE: BEAR001 **MEMBERS £1.70** NON-MEMBERS £1.99.

BAD CAT

Its the year 1988 and Seoul for the Olympic Summer Games. The dignitaries and celebrities prepare their speeches and await the huge crowds expected to attend. Beware - there are still the straying City-Dweller Cats - despised by all. The infamous cats are well known for they are planning their own competitive games. Will Bad Cat live up to his name.

There are 4 venues in each level, you can only continue to the next once you have qualified by completing the tasks and overcoming the obstacles within the time allowed. The 4 venues are: The City Park, The Arena, The Sewer, and the Pub.

The games starts at the first venue. Upon finishing you have to proceed to the next venue by means of completing an interlude game. As you progress, each venue is reached through an interlude. After your exciting adventure you may gain permanent recognition on the high score table.

With obstacles such as water jumps, swings, ball balancing, cradle across crossbars, and many more, skill, speed, and the will to win are essential to retain the name, BAD CAT.
CODE TAPE: BADCAT001
MEMBERS £6.50 NON-MEMBERS £9.99
CODE DISC: BADCAT0001
MEMBERS £10.70 NON-MEMBERS£14.99

RASPUTIN

You, as a crusader of considerable valour and prowess must quell the source of the spirit of Rasputin, Master of Ultimate Evil. Use the magic power of your sword and shield and replenish this power before it is drained away and your lifeforce is sapped by the spirits of untold evil. You can pause the game by using the SPACE key and resume it again by using the ENTER/RETURN key.

The indicators at the bottom of the screen will help you to establish how much progress you have made and your current life status. The LIFE FORCE indicator is at the top of the indicator panel and shows your current state of health. The four eyeball icons represent the SPELL HARMONY INDICATORS while the level of power remaining in your sword and shield is shown in the MAGIC POWER INDICATORS at the bottom right of the screen.
CODE TAPE: RASPUT001 **MEMBERS £1.70** NON-MEMBERS £1.99.

STREET SPORT BASKETBALL

Jump Ball!: Its play-off time in the back alley off Oak Street. Vic and Bojo face-off on asphalt. They leap... long arms stretch...the higher hand smacks the ball to Magic... then a furious fast break down the alley...Vic gets caught in the hustle and does hard time on concrete... defence slacks as Kevin slips on a slimy patch ... Brad spots an opening to the basket and slams it through. Check out those high fives! Blitz 'Em Right Off The Street!: Create a team to terrorise the neighbourhood. There are shooters and slow dribblers, team play and show offs. Guys that can pass on the run and find that big man inside. Or help Joey pop 'em from the corners. But don't let'em dribble in oil slicks. Or trip in pot holes. To be Number One in this neighbourhood it takes as many mental leaps as jumps.

There have never been this many obstacles to proving you're the best. Then again, Street Sports Basketball isn't like any basketball you've ever played on a computer. But it's just like any basketball you've played for real.

* **Play against a friend, or the computer.**
* **Choose your own teams, recruiting from 10 neighbourhood players.**
* **Four different courts: the schoolyard, the alley, the suburban backyard and the innercity parking lot.**
* **Slam dunk. Steal the ball. Make a jump shot, or a hook. Then pass on the run to an open team mate for an easy score.**
CODE: SSBASK 001
members: £6.50 non-members: £9.99
CODE: SSBASK 0001
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Walt Disney Mickey Mouse The Computer Game
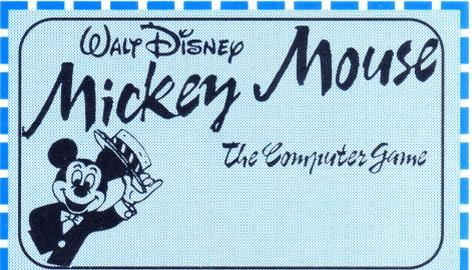
Celebrate Mickey's birthday in style with this exclusive Walt Disney game. A spell has been cast over Disneyland by the Ogre King. The wand has been broken into four pieces and given to the four witches to guard in their towers. Mickey (the hero) has to retrieve all 4 pieces in order to break the spell. Assisted only by the last flaggon of enchanted water, a water pistol and a mallet, set on your way to defend the castle! Squirt your water pistol at the witches, their evil guardians, ghosts and ghoulies. Club with your mallet the huge ogres to return Disneyland back to normal.
CODE TAPE: MICKEY 001
Members £8.49 Non-Members £9.99
CODE DISC: MICKEY 0001
Members £12.70 Non-Members £14.95

AT LAST PLUS (6128)

A database application generator offering a unique and unrivalled combination of exceptional versatility, speed, ease of use and low low price.

Suitable for clubs, schools, businesses, charities and virtually any other organisation or individual needing to maintain collections of data.

DATA CAPACITY AND ECONOMY

Can use all the available space on your disc up to a maximum of 32,000 records or 40MB per file.

10 files per database, 20 field arrays per record, 99 elements per field array, up to 79 characters per element. Records of 2000 characters are handled with ease.

Will operate happily on a single disc drive PCW or CPC 6128.

SEMI-RELATIONAL

Records can be related between file so that you can switch from one record to a related record in a few key-strokes.

REPORT AND SCREEN LAYOUT

All screen layouts and report (forms) are user-definable using a built-in mini-word-processor and you can have as many as you like for each file. Simple "default" forms are created automatically for each file. Data can be exported via ASCII files in any layout desired (e.g. for mail-merge via virtually any word-processor that has a mail-merge ability).

DATA ENTRY

Data can be entered and individual fields edited using full on-screen control, passing up or through fields at will.

INDEXING/SORTING

Up to five index files for any data file, each ordered on up to three levels (data items) with entries up to 30 characters. Uses state-of-the-art "B-Trees" buffered for almost instantaneous access. No tedious sorting too.

Mixed case fields give true alphabetic ordering - no need to use upper case only.

SELECTING

Selecting conditions can be imposed on any field or combination of fields when browsing or listing using Equal To, Before, Equal or Before, After, Equal or After. Contains (substring) or Does Not Contain.

FIELD TYPES

A versatile range of 9 field types available. Types include date (0-9999AD), time (HH:MM:SS), automatic serial numbers and pre-defined lists.

DATA SECURITY

Any file can be protected for editing, adding to or deleting or any combination of these.

DATE RE-ORGANISATION

Data definitions can be edited without having to re-type data. In most cases, this is handled automatically.

MANUAL

Comprehensive manual with full reference text and introductory tutorial for the beginner.

MENUS

Menu-driven throughout, mostly single key responses, for ease of use. No programming language to learn.
CODE: AT LAST 0002 members: £29.95 non-members: £39.95

EUROPEAN FIVE-A-SIDE

Enjoy a great game of footy in the comfort of your own room, by yourself, against the computer or against a friend. Look down on the ten players who kick, pass, lob, and crunch, lets hope your quick enough with your goalie to stop that sneaky one popping in.

The game is played as normal five-a-side footy, from an ariel view. The computer selects the chap who is nearest the ball every few seconds and a flashing arrow points to the selection, and thats how you control (unless you have the ball). Great game, great graphics and great fun to play!

TAPE CODE: EURO 001 members: £1.70 non-members: £1.99

STUNT BIKE SIMULATOR

You are Chad Adams, ace stuntman. In order to show the rest of the stuntmen how good you are, you have set yourself a number of tasks. Swoop down from your hand-glider to your bike, jump logs, speed through the fire hoop, catch and dive into the lorry, then clamber up to your helicopter and away, the best in the business! With tasks like these can you live up to the reputation of ace stuntman Chad Adams?

Playing the Game

Task One: Hand-glider drop. Guide the bike into position underneath the rider, avoiding the obstacles, when you think the line is right fire to drop onto the cycle. If you hit an obstruction you will lose 100 points.

Task Two: Log Jumping. Avoid the oncoming logs by bunny-hopping them or driving your bike around them. As in the hand-glider drop if you hit an obstacle you will loose 100 points and crash.

Task Three: Fire-hoop jumping. When a hoop of fire comes near enough jump through it. You must land back on the bike afterwards though. The height of the jump depends on how fast the bike travels when you leave it.

Task Four: Lorry Catching. Weave in and out of the obstacles, and wait for the truck to lower a ramp, wheelie up onto it to complete the level.

Task Five: Helicopter Hanging. You must jump from the bike and grab onto the hanger which is suspended from the 'copter. As before the jump is dependant upon the speed of the bike when you leave it. If the chopper is within range when you jump, you will automatically grab the hanger.

TAPE CODE: SCSIM 001 members: £1.70 non-members: £1.99

WIZARD WARZ

A game that takes fantasy role playing one step further. You will experience all the action as you do real battle with your opponents. To prove yourself worthy of becoming Chief Wizard you must do combat with horrific monsters and cleverly outwit devious wizards with your spells collected through time. Witness the superb graphics that set Wizard Warz apart from any other strategy games and view through a circular screen that diminishes as your health weakens and makes your goal harder to achieve. See the effect of your spells as they hurtle across the screen in Wizard Warz combining fast moving action with depth of gameplay in a true fantasy role playing game thats a real strategical challenge.

CODE: TAPE WIZARD001   MEMBERS £6.50   NON-MEMBERS £9.99
CODE: DISC WIZARD0001   MEMBERS £10.70   NON-MEMBERS £14.99

PROTEXT OFFICE

Especially for the smaller business or anyone that produces invoices or uses datafiles, Protext Office works from within Protext.

There are two versions of this program.

One version runs under CP/M and requires Protext version 2.04 or higher and only works on the CPC 6128.

Another version is the AmsDos version, this is for all the CPC's and requires Protext and Promerge of version 1.02 or higher. The CP/M version is full blown where as the AmsDos version has some differences.

If your existing versions of Protext or Promerge are less than required, a free upgrade can be provided by Arnor.

A comprehensive list of the characteristics of this compelling, valuable program is shown below.

INVOICE PRINTING PROGRAM

* Calculates totals and VAT automatically
* Takes customer address from file or keyboard
* Can be easily configured for your own printed stationary
* Saves a copy of the invoices catered for
* Automatic invoice numbering
* Creates a summary file of all invoices
* Credit notes and statements

DATA FILE MANAGEMENT

* Menu operation from within Protext
* Makes mail merging very easy
* Data entry with check for duplication
* Searching for data, display on screen or printer
* Print selected records
* Print summary of data using any field
* Label printing and mail merge letters

FILE SORTING PROGRAM

* Sort fixed or variable length records
* Sort tabulated columns
* Sort on any key and multiple keys
* Intelligent sort mode for names
* Alphabetic or numeric sort in either direction
* Option to check for and remove duplicate data
* Works with any Protext or ASCII file
CODE: OFFICE 0001
members: £29.70 non-members: £34.95
CODE: OFFICE 0003
members: £29.70 non-members: £34.95

SOCCER BOSS

BRITAIN'S NUMBER 1 FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT GAME
*4 DIVISIONS *F.A.CUP * EUROPEAN CUP * CUP WINNERS' CUP * FULL GAME SAVE

Ever fancied yourself as the Manager of a Football team, ever thought "why did they buy him?" or "he's a useless manager, I could do better than that!". Well now's your chance, test your decision making and managerial skills with Alternative Softwares' Football Managers game, SOCCER BOSS.

Tips for new managers;
Players move in and out of form - so keep an eye on their skill ratings. Take care in the transfer market - a player with a skill rating of 1 costs £10,000, but selling him will only earn you £7,500. If an injury crisis strikes, and you can't afford new players you can play a goalkeeper out of position - but his skill level will plummet!

CODE TAPE: BOSS
MEMBERS £1.70   NON-MEMBERS £1.99.

THE TRAP DOOR - The Cartoon Capers Continue:

Somewhere in the dark and nasty regions where nobody goes, stands an old and spooky castle, home of the Bad Tempered Thing. In the dark lower regions of the castle, Berk grudgingly slaves away carrying out the order of the Thing. To win his ultimate reward - a safe full of loot - Berk has to complete up to five bizarre tasks quickly and accurately before the Thing's anger boils over. Each task is completed when Berk sends his offering upstairs on the dumb waiter. The Thing accepts it.

Learner Berk:
Before the game starts you can choose to be a Learner Berk or a Super Berk. When you first play its a good idea to try the humble learner mode.

The Trap Door:
Under the trap door lurk 'orrible monstrosities all eager to escape as soon as the trap is opened. Most have a useful role in completing Berk's tasks. The problem is knowing which monster is needed for which task. If the wrong one gets out, it can be a real time waster and a danger to life and limb!

Spooks:
If the trap door is left open, spooks fly out. Like almost everything in Berk's world, they're hungry and the only way to get rid of them is by feeding them. They'll eat anything, worms, eggs, eye-juice, even Boni the skull!

Boni and Drutt:
Boni's pretty bright as skulls go. Each time Berk picks him up he utters a few words, sometimes useful advice on how to complete a task. Drutt the spider spends his time hopping about getting in Berk's way and eating worms.

Super Berk:
Your real objective is to become a Super Berk! If Berk completes all the tasks he'll be awarded his wages. But Thing sends them down in a tough looking safe. To get his loot and become a true Super Berk, the safe has to be opened. There's an exact procedure that guarantees success. Finding it is the final challenge.

TAPE CODE: TRAP 001 members: £1.70 non-members: £1.99

STRIKE FORCE COBRA

The world is threatened with a nuclear blackmail by an evil genius known as Enemy. He has developed a computer system capable of hacking into defence computers around the globe. Unless world leaders yield to his demand for total dominance, he will run the program to destroy the world totally.

Facing a choice between enslavement and destruction, the world leaders have created an elite strike force codename COBRA.

Their mission is to enter the enemy's fortresses, bypass its defence and locate, attack and destroy the main computer.

As soon as the assault is started, the computer starts running its program and the countdown begins. Your superiors have decided that the best chance of success will come from an attack by four members of Cobra, which you must select from eight members.

There is little information on the fortress except that it is on four levels and is heavily guarded.

To overcome the defence you must work closely as a team.

Good luck!

TAPE CODE: COBRA 001 members: £1.70 non-members: £1.99

TRIPLE DECKER

Made up of three classic games.

INVADERS

They came out of the blue. They are known only as the Invaders. Their Mission; To claim Earth as their own. Of course, the fact that man was here first didn't stop them. Destroying the major Cities around the globe, then mercilessly mopping up pockets of resistance.

We don't know how many of your comrades are fighting back, or even how many survived as communications were the first thing to go. As far as you are concerned, you are the last. Only you, 3 ion cannons and lady luck stand between absolute victory, or total defeat.

MUNCHER

Living in a haunted mansion isn't much fun, especially when the ghouls take over. Muncher Man must gather up all the food before the ghouls get him! Fast action smooth graphic arcade game.

AXIENS

A nomadic, marauding pack of invading Axiens out for a wild flinging, all-night get together, decide to drop in for a quick demolition job before moving on to the highlight of the evening. Using your immense amount of grey matter and a lot of luck, you are the only hero the world could find to prevent a one-way trip to stardust!

CODE TAPE: INVA001   MEMBERS £1.70   NON-MEMBERS £1.99

SIDE ARMS

The ultimate experience for the trigger happy arcade astronauts.

The Threat: the tyrannical Bozon, who aims to exterminate the earth and its people.

The Mission: Lieutenant Henry and Sergeant Saunders must have the Blue Globe. Battle your way through the waves of alien attackers, forcing a path into their gigantic underground empire where the attack intensifies from all quarters - the underground seas as well as hidden enemy positions in the cavern wall. Finally, face Bozon's ultimate weapon, "The Mobile Armour Sentipet" in a desperate fight to the death. Classic "Sheet 'em up" action combined with brilliant graphics and an outstanding test of reflexes.

CODE: SIDE 001 members: £6.45 non-members: £9.99
CODE: SIDE 0001 members: £10.45 non-members: £14.99

BEACH BUGGY SIMULATOR

You've just bought yourself a shiny new beach buggy and entered the Dune Trials to show everyone how excellent it is. Burn across the sand hills, jump over the rocks and fire and if you have to, shoot out the helicopters. Beat the clock and qualify for the next harder round. If you can!

TAPE CODE: BBSIM 001 members: £1.70 non-members: £1.99

LAST MONTHS WINNER

Thanks for the great response to the competition. We have received hundreds of varied entries many of which were correct in their own form. The first entry to be pulled from the many in our cut down beer barrel was Mr. N. R. Elite of Irvine in Ayrs. Well done sir, your £25 credit voucher is winging its way to you now. The answer was of course:-

MR. SPARROW	SALES	PENCIL	BLACK COFFEE
MRS. JAY	RESEARCH	RED FELT-TIP	WHITE COFFEE+SUG
MRS. WREN	ACCOUNTING	BLACK FELT-TIP	TEA
MR. DRAKE	PRODUCTION	RED BIRO	BLACK COFFEE+SUG
MISS FINCH	PERSONNEL	FOUNTAIN PEN	TEA+SUGAR
MISS MARTIN	PURCHASING	BLACK BIRO	WHITE COFFEE

THIS MONTHS COMPETITION

This months block busting competition was sent to us by Mr. Boyd Neal of Cranbrook in Kent and is bound to test your programming skills. The first correct answer (with all the workings shown) to be pulled out of the barrel will receive a £25 credit voucher. Each answer will be typed into the computer and tested, so make sure all the lines and commands of your entry are correct.
Well here it is, GOOD LUCK.

Two spaceships (Appollo & Gemini) leave Earth and travel side by side towards a far off galaxy. Appollo has a crew of 50 and Gemini has a single pilot on board but has the capacity to carry 1 passenger. At a distance of 3,000,000 miles from Earth both ships are travelling at 10,000 mph. Appollo suddenly develops a computer fault and its speed starts increasing by 1 mph each hour. The Gemini Amstrad computer calculates that the fault cannot be corrected and that Appollo will collide with a White Dwarf in the far off galaxy in 77 years time. The Gemini pilot immediately takes one of the Appollo crew on board and heads for Earth. If the Gemini pilot continues to shuttle between Earth and the doomed Appollo at a constant speed of 100,000 mph how many men can be saved?
You may assume the position of Earth is static, the time required to land on Earth, refuel etc. is negligible and the time required for Gemini to dock with Appollo is also negligible.

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LAMPOST

Mr. D. Ferguson from Edinburgh writes,
Dear Sir,
Having taken up the challenge of computer programming and read various articles and books, I decided to set myself the task of writing a word processor (or more correctly, a text editor),. I thought it might be useful to be able to assign text strings to the function keys, but found that the main routine which checks each keypress to see if it is a special key (such as one of the function keys or a command) has slowed down, tremendously, the speed of the programs execution. The main routine reads something like as follows:
Get next key
If key is F1 do this
If key is F2 do that
If key is F3 do the other
.... and so on.
Is there any way to speed up the execution and shorten the code? Please can you be of assistance.
Yours sincerely,
Mr. Ferguson.
Editor replies,
Yes, Mr.Ferguson, you can shorten the code! To do so simply include this in the subroutine that assigns the various strings.
(for F0)   Key 0, string 0$
(for F1)   Key 1, string 1$
...............and so on up to F9, where string 0$, string 1$ etc. are the strings to be assigned to each key. This makes the operating system do all the hard work and accordingly speeds up the execution. Best of luck with your program!
Kind Regards,
The Editor.
Mr. R. Inglehop from Buckinghamshire writes,
Dear Sir,
I have been using Protext on my CPC6128 for some time now. I would like to print out in German but I am unable to follow the instructions given in the manual. It tells you to press the Control and X keys and then press G. Could you please advise me.
Yours desperately,
Richard Inglehop.
Editor replies,
When you first go into Protext, at the command line, type "GERMAN' and then press return. If you then press escape it will take you back to the typing line where you can type in German.
Kind Regards,
The Editor.

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CF -2 COMPACT FLOPPY DISC

New users of a CPC6128 or CPC464 with DDI-1 may not be too familiar with the concept of a CF-2 compact Floppy disc.
Before you can actually start to use the disc, you must first of all format it.
Formatting gives the disc certain markers, these markers tell the disc drive where on the disc information is stored or where there is space available to store information.
Each side of the disc has 40 circular tracks going from track 0 on the outer edge to track 39 towards the centre. Each track is then split into 9 equal areas, called sectors, giving each sector within a track 512 bytes. Totalling all the tracks and sectors together gives a capacity of 180K of bytes per each side of a disc.

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PROGRAM CODES?

Many members often write in complaining that their program code is long and repetitive. One common problem is to accept a keypress and execute a particular routine according to which key is pressed. Use of ON GOSUB in conjunction with the INSTRING function can make the code more efficient.
For example:
10 A$ = "ABOFNXZ"
20 K$ = INKEY$: IF INKEYS= "" THEN 20
30 ON INSTRING (K$,A$) GOSUB 1000, 2000, 3000, ...7000
....
1000 REM SUBROUTINE 1
....
2000 REM SUBROUTINE 2
....
3000 REM SUBROUTINE 3
....
7000 REM SUBROUTINE 7
This sort of arrangement is often useful for making selections from a menu when it's not just a case of pressing 1 to 7.

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GRAPHC CHARACTER SYMBOLS

We have had a few queries about how to print the Graphic Character Symbols on the CPC6128. To obtain a full list of all the symbols on the screen type in the following program:
10 For n=32 to 255
20 Print n;CHR$ (N);
30 Next N
Run
Once this has been typed you enter the number of the symbol you wish to print eg: Print CHR$ (number of the symbol).

Mr. C. West writes,
Dear Editor,
I have a CPC6128 and I'm using Supercalc 2 for business purposes. This involves the collection of data then feeding this into Supercalc and producing the results on a printed report. However I would like the results if possible to be represented graphically on bar charts. Is this possible with Supercalc 2 as I do know it is with Supercalc 3.21 on the Amstrad PC?
Yours sincerely,
Colin West.
Editors replies,
Dear Mr. West,
Well, Supercalc 2 itself cannot produce any graphics ie. Bar Charts, however a Software Package called DR Graph is capable of taking Supercalc 2 files and producing Bar Charts and Pie Charts from the data. The package comes with a special manual for this purpose as well as the main manual explaining how the program works. You can obtain DR Graph from the User Club priced at £36.75 to members.
Kind Regards,
The Editor.