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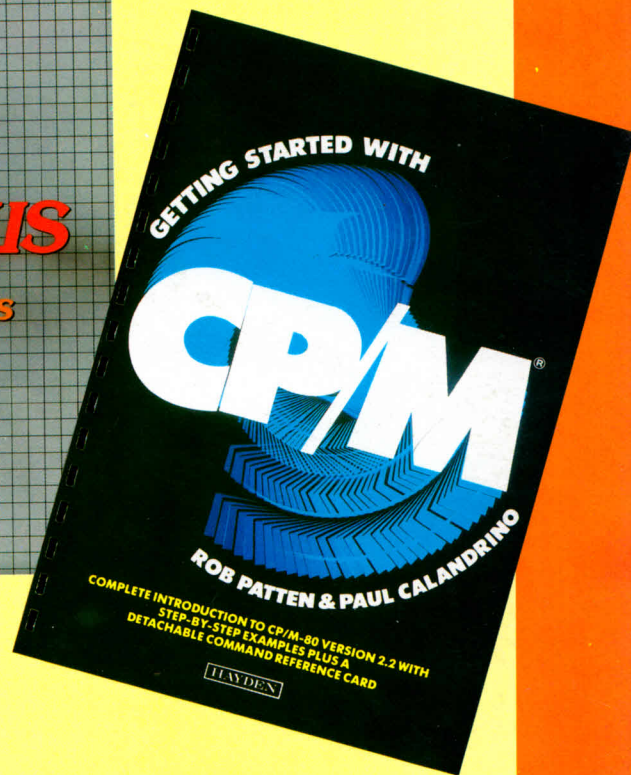
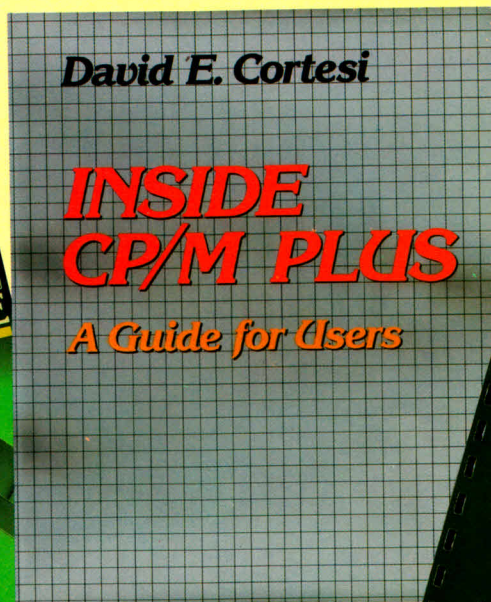
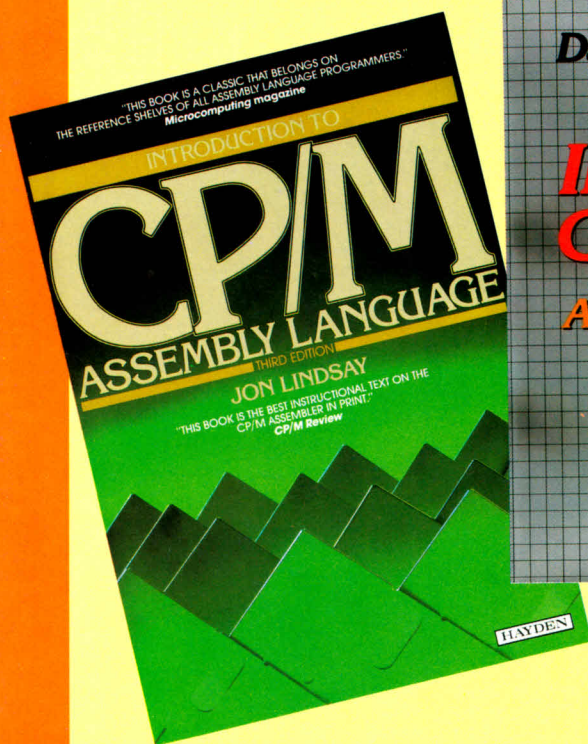
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THE AMSTRAD USER

G'day,

Here's yet another bumper edition to keep your minds and fingers occupied over the next four weeks or so.

The good news for us is that sales of The Amstrad User have sky-rocketed in the news agents and consequently the magazine has sold out in many places within the first few days of publication. This has left rather too many users without a copy. So we have now increased the print run (again!) to correct the situation. Informed sources tell us that The Amstrad User now outsells most other machine specific magazines in Australia. Not bad in just 18 months and, of course, mainly due to your continued support.

Continuing the success story, the Year Disc has proved exceptionally popular - probably because it saves so much time in keying in and debugging. I just hope that there isn't another 3" disc shortage!

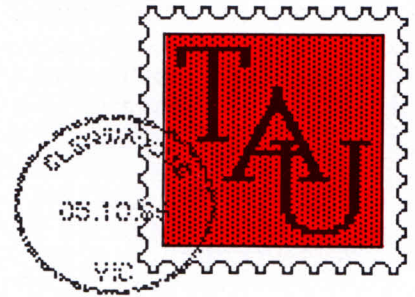
We've also had good vibes from PCW owners who are pleased to see independent assessments of software for their machines. We continue the reviews this month and expect to double the number of pages devoted to this range next month. As I mentioned in the last Editorial, feedback from PCW owners will be slow to start with until they master the word processing capabilities of Locoscript and manage to put printer head to paper and send in their discoveries/hints/tips/programs/et al to share with other users in the same position.

This last paragraph was going to tell you of a special offer which will be running for two months starting from September (no - it's not software), but I have changed my mind. Instead, you will have to wait until next month to see how much you can save on a?

See you next month,

Ed

Letters



Having purchased Amsoft's Screen Designer some time ago, I was disappointed that there was no function for a screen dump. Part of my problem was solved when I stumbled upon a dump routine by Roy Eiberg in the December '85 issue of your magazine. When loading the file it is necessary to enter the following program:

```
10 MEMORY 29999: CLEAR
20 LOAD "", 30000
30 CALL 30000
```

I then decided to add the following lines:

```
40 LOAD "!"SCREENDUMP"
900 to 1380 - the dump routine
2990 RUN
3000 |SCRDMP
```

Lines 40 and 2990 are executed but line 3000 does not run. The computer gives the Ready message at the top of the screen and then I have to type |SCRDMP which has now ruined my graphics.

I have also tried loading the dump routine beforehand to get the command into memory, but the memory is being set too low or high as I am returned with a Memory Full error.

The screen dump function has operated in a line number in other programs to produce fantastic dumps.

I would like to know if anyone can help me create unadulterated Screen Designer dumps?

Paul Mezzavia, Geelong, Vic

I wonder whether you could tell me if there is a CP/M call which will return the cursor position, either relative to the start of the screen, or absolute.

I have a 464, and I know how to get it by a system call, but that makes it too system-specific.

I am going to try to bring up MVP Forth from scratch on the 464 and later use it on the 8512, so it will have to be fairly portable.

P. Lukes, Toowoomba, QLD

Shane Kelly says - No! To expand on that a bit, CP/M is built to be as device independent as is possible. To know where the cursor is at any given time would require a knowledge of the hardware that the CP/M system is running on at that time.

Since there are literally hundreds of terminals out there, this would be clearly impossible. You may have seen Wordstar which comes with a program called Install which has a long list of terminals with which it can communicate, accurately positioning the cursor anywhere on that terminal. The necessary codes are supplied in Install, as CP/M has no way of knowing what they could be.

Regarding MVP (Mountain Valley Press?) Forth - you may also be interested in Forth-83 which is the public domain version and is available from the Forth interest group,

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For those people who bothered to complete the Galaxian Revenge (UK User Feb '86), the following data changes will transfer controls to the joystick.

1420 DATA 3E,4A,CD,1E,BB,
CA,68,51,945
1450 DATA 3E,4B,CD,1E,BB,
CA,A0,51, 1002
1740 DATA 3E,4C,CD,1E,BB,
C8,C3,E0, 1179
8060 DATA 42725,44117,42128,
44066,43436,40597,37961,
33526,328556

P.T. Crowe, Mulgrave, Vic

I have valued my subscription of The Amstrad User since acquiring my 6128 in February this year. It has been very informative as I expand my knowledge in Amstrad programming. Since gaining my 6128, I have been given quite a few games by other Amstrad users.

Having the system operating onboard my ship, it has been the source of entertainment for a number of the ship's company. Two personnel in particular have attained noteworthy scores in some games. At this moment we have no way of recording our particular scores on each games honour list.

Therefore I was wondering if any of your readers could tell me a way/program to enable us to be recorded on the different honour lists.

R.G. Stenhouse, HMAS
Parramatta

I have a problem with Spitfire 40 (Mirrorsoft), the flight simulation game. This program cannot be saved regardless of what I do. The program, when requiring to save, lists the following instruction: "INPUT FILENAME" - which

requires 8 or less characters, then "Prepare the Tape/Disc then press FIRE".

This starts the cassette going, but no "Loading program" is screened to indicate the program is being saved.

J.P. Malusa, Hope Valley, SA

We are not sure we understand the question. If you are trying to load the program then save it again using the SAVE option in the program, it will not work. The SAVE option is there to preserve your flight log only, which can be recalled later.

A program which is being saved will not show a "Loading" message, only a program which is being loaded will do that. A careful read of your user manual is in order!

I was particularly glad to see the program of Yahtzee that Alf Azzopardi had adapted to the Amstrad. I also own one of the so-called 'redundant' computers and as it was a game I enjoyed playing, I was about to attempt the conversion myself before Alf saved me the trouble.

I notice, however, that he has changed the rules slightly in regard to the scoring of straights. For those who are used to playing, any four numbers in a run is a small straight and five in a run is a large straight. I would like to offer the following changes:

```
3460 IF YES>1 THEN 3650
3530 ON COUNT(I) GOTO
3570, 3600, 3580,3580,
3610,3260
3570 IF ADD>14 THEN 3650
3600 IF ADD>19 THEN 3650
ELSE 3580
3610 IF ADD<16 THEN 3650
ELSE 3580
3620 IF ADD<21 THEN 3650
ELSE 3580
```

3690 IF ADD=15 THEN 3710

If anyone knows of a way to make the program score second yahtzees with a bonus, I would be glad to hear from them.

J.B. Murphy, Holesworthy, NSW

I am having trouble with saving a program on disc that has now exceeded 38k in length. The computer returns the same message "Memory Full" each time. When I check the memory content still remaining in the computer, it claims to have over 4k left yet I cannot utilise it to hold a program.

A colleague of mine is having the same problem with the recently published Eliza program. He claims his computer will not accept the full program. We both have the CPC6128 model.

Could you please explain why we cannot utilize the supposed 42k+ available to the user or what we must do to be able to do so.

Barrie M. Eaton, Keysboro', Vic

Some people have reported experiencing problems when entering large programs. When a program utilises variables this effects the VLT (Variable List Table) which stores the pointers for the strings in 3 bytes. The more variables, the more space required.

In the first place, if you are entering a large program, SAVE it as you go along before RUNning it until the whole program is entered. You should then SAVE and reLOAD the program for testing.

If you have got stuck with "Memory full" when saving, type CLEAR and try again. If that doesn't work enter PRINT FRE(1) which will give you the amount of free space left in your machine. If it is less than 4096 you will not be able to save your program. The

only way out of this is to delete lines of your program in order to reduce it to a size capable of being saved. You can then reLOAD and put the lines back in.

An article which will provide more information on this kind of problem is planned for publication in the near future.

Your 6128 contains 2 x 64k sections. Whilst CP/M Plus uses both, Basic is confined to just 64k unless you use the extra commands provided with 'Bank Manager'. Eliza just fits into the first 64k after Basic and the VLT have taken their slice of the action.

I wish to advise you that I do not intend to renew my subscriptions for The Amstrad User (Aust) or The Amstrad Computer User (UK) since I am about to dispose of my Amstrad CPC664 and obtain an IBM compatible.

It is perhaps unfortunate that the Amstrad CPC664 was promoted as suitable for running a small business. I have found Tasword to be an excellent word processor and I am happy enough with it. However, I need a Database package for the business to store up to a thousand or more addresses and phone numbers of clients and about six months ago I purchased Micropen. I've had so many troubles with the software locking me out as far as updating the file is concerned that I have decided it worth the expense of going for the industry standard which is extensively used by business (and our accountant - which is handy).

I hope you continue to provide the high level of support for continuing Amstrad Users despite the probability that Amstrad will release a 16 bit machine with a megabyte of RAM shortly. Trying to provide support for an ever increasing number of models must be rather daunting.

Bernard Grainger, Mt Evelyn, Vic

I wish to pen a reply to N. McMartin's letter in The Amstrad User, July 1986.

Mr Kelly is indeed correct when he details how to connect to Viatel/Videotex services supporting the split 1200/75 baud rate, however this is only half the story when considering communications on the Amstrad.

Due to the fact that the Amstrad is a European computer, it supports communication protocols for that part of the world. However, here in Australia we have adopted the CCITT (read European) standard of data transmission over the telephone lines whereas the actual protocols of the data we transmit are mostly Christensen protocols (also called XMODEM, MODEM7 and YAM) which emanate from the United States, since that is where Remote Bulletin Board Services (RBBS) first started. This means that for a communications system to be useful in Australia your modem has to "speak" CCITT and your computer has to "speak" Christensen. Consequently the Amstrad can talk to RBBS via the | TERMINAL command (after setting the appropriate baud rates) but many of the other goodies associated with RBBS usage are unavailable to the ordinary 'Amstrad-er'. Luckily help is at hand!

There exists a number of public domain (read free) terminal programs which will run via CP/M 2.2 and CP/M Plus. Unfortunately in the past these types of programs have required some work using a macro assembler, or a C compiler in order to run, but now there are a number of good programs custom made for the Amstrad CPCs. Unfortunately you generally need a terminal program to download the terminal programs. The terminal programs are used to upload and download programs to RBBS and other machines using using the same

protocols and also save the terminal session you are engaged in.

Thus CP/M comes into its own as it is the common format between differing machines, meaning that you can write programs which can be run on other machines, and other people's efforts will run on the Amstrad (assuming that the program is not too large). So RBBS becomes giant swap meets to exchange software, ideas and views (not necessarily related to computing).

With respect to the question of downloading software from Viatel, unfortunately at the moment there seem to be no real ideas primarily because no one is interested in providing the software on Viatel, and also because the standards differ between Australia and the UK which is where we originally obtained the Viatel system.

One word of warning should come with every modem: TIME COSTS MONEY, which means that the more you talk to other computers, the more it costs, particularly if it's ISD as it generally is in my case!

I hope that this may be of assistance.

D. MacKinnon, Unanderra, NSW

If you have any views or comments to make (and they are fit for publication!) we are happy to consider them.

But please remember that we cannot enter into any personal correspondence.

NATIONWIDE USER GROUPS

It's quite amazing that since December last year the number of groups has grown from seventeen to thirty-two!

We have another six to welcome this month.

In Queensland, the **Western Suburbs Amstrad Users Group** has been established with much assistance from Keith Jarrot and Peter Wighton. They meet in Jindalee whilst further north the **Mackay Amstrad Users Group** have advised us of their formation.

In NSW the **Central Coast Amstrad Users Club** which was formed a few months ago has some 25 people attending meetings in Long Jetty, and the **Port Macquarie Amstrad Users Group** has just registered with us. Also in NSW, we are pleased to welcome **Blue Mountain Amstrad Users** (with our apologies for not getting you in the list sooner).

Finally, in WA, **AMSWEST (Blackwood)**, who are affiliated with the main AMSWEST (Perth) group, are "only a small group but growing at a consistent rate".

Details of these and all other groups can be found in the next few pages.

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President: Tony Clitheroe (09 275 1257)
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Treasurer: John Firth

Regular meetings take place at a venue in Shenton Park on the first and third Tuesdays of each month starting at 7.30p.m.

AMSWEST (Blackwood) USERS GROUP

This small group is affiliated to AMSWEST (Perth). For further details contact George Muscat on (097) 61 1488.

SOUTHSIDE AMSTRAD USER CLUB

President: John Marshall (09 390 7335)
Secretary: Debbie Hoffman (09 459 8702)
Treasurer: Eric Tytherleigh (09 390 8865)
Librarian: Roy Depurouzel (09 457 9026)

SAUC meets from 7.00 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Gosnells Scout Hall on the corner of Verra and Corfield Streets, Gosnells. All meetings are socially orientated with a minimum of business matters and can include software and hardware demonstrations, discussions or lectures which all prove to be helpful for beginners or advanced users alike. The club has an extensive library of tapes, discs, magazines etc. and discounts have been obtained from most local dealers and are available to financial members. Contact can be made with any of the above officers or by writing to The Secretary, Southside Amstrad Users Club, PO Box 324, Gosnells, WA 6110.

ROCKINGHAM-KWINANA AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: Bob Harwood
Vice-President: Keith Gaisford
Treasurer: Rob Macilroy
Secretary: Keith Saw (095 27 6519)

This new group meets at 7.30 p.m. at the Coo loongup Primary School, Westerly Way, Coo loongup (Rockingham), every second Wednesday. Further details can be obtained from Keith Saw on the above number or by writing to 29 Millgrove Avenue, Coo loongup, WA 6168.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AMSTRAD COMPUTER CLUB INC. (SA)

President: Chris Sowden (08 295 5923)
Vice Pres: Frank Matzka (08 382 2101)
Treasurer: Les Jamieson (08 356 9612)

The group now meets each Tuesday at the Church Hall, 15 Clayton Avenue, Plympton between 6.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. Any of the above officers can be contacted for further details and correspondence can be addressed to PO Box 210, Parkholme, 5043.

PORT PIRIE AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: Rick Cable (086 32 5967)
Treasurer: Dave Green (086 32 6834)
Secretary: Keith Partridge (086 32 3919)

The group meets at 7.30 p.m. every first and third Monday of each month at the Way Inn Coffee Lounge, Ellen Street, Port Pirie City Centre. Meetings are well attended with members from Pt. Broughton, Warnertown and even Burra. For further details contact Rick Cable who will advise on the benefits of belonging to this group.

API COMPUTER GROUP

Contact: Mike Denieuwe (08 225 5995)

The Australian Post-Tel Institute has a number of computer groups, almost entirely dedicated to Amstrads. Monthly meetings are held in:

Blair Athol - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5.30 p.m.
Elizabeth - last Tuesday of the month at 5.30 p.m.
St. Marys - 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5.15 p.m.

with a central meeting place in the City at various times during the month. Membership is \$15 per year. For more details, contact Mike Denieuwe during office hours on the above telephone number, or on 08-297 8500 after hours.

AMSOUTH AMSTRAD USERS GROUP

President Geoff Martin (08 384 4796)
Treasurer Bob Bleachmore (085 56 2048)
Secretary Andrew Chapman (08 382 1716)

As the name suggests, this group has been established to cater for Amstrad users living south of Adelaide with the emphasis on family involvement. They meet every second Wednesday of each month at the Seaford Anglican Church Hall which is on the corner of Oldham and Commercial Road, Seaford. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm.

VICTORIA**WESTERN COMPUTER CLUB**

The meetings are held on alternate Tuesdays, from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and Sundays from 1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (to allow for shift workers) at the Fairburn Kindergarten, Fairburn Road, Sunshine. For further information contact PO Box 42, Braybrook 3019 or PO Box 161, Laverton 3028.

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President: Fred Gillen (03 580 9839)
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Treasurer: David King (03 546 3992)
Secretary: John Holmes (03 434 1607)

Meetings are held twice a month in the Hall at the corner of Church and Somerset Streets, Richmond on the first Sunday of each month commencing at 1.00 p.m. and generally twelve days later on a Friday evening starting at 7.00 p.m. All meetings are conducted in a friendly atmosphere - families are welcome.

EASTERN AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: Tony Blakemore (03 878 6212)
Secretary: Barry Fredrickson (03 846 1340)
Treasurer: Ron Dunn (03 277 7868)

Regular meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month at St. Ninian's Church Hall, cnr. McCracken Avenue and Orchard Grove, South Blackburn. The group organises tutorials for beginners as well as lectures and demonstrations. Proceedings commence at 2.00 p.m. Their postal address is PO Box 279, Heidelberg, Vic 3084.

SOUTHERN AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: Mike Prezents (03 781 2158)
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Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month (except December when it is the first Tuesday) from 7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. The venue is the Senior Campus at John Paul College, Frankston.

NORTHERN AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Contact: Brian Ellis (03 469 4425)

This group caters for users in the Preston/Coburg areas. Meetings are devoted to learning more about computers and consist of lectures, demonstrations and practical workshops of projects such as modems, expansion busses etc. Arcade games are banned from meetings. The Group is privately funded and there are no membership fees.

SALE AMSTRAD GROUP

Organiser: Alan Harris (051 44 1454)
The Group meets informally every Thursday night from 7.00p.m. at the Sale Neighbourhood House in Leslie Street. In addition, small group tutorials are held twice a month. Contact Alan Harris for further details.

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Secretary: Ross Bennett (052 44 1556)

This club now meets at South Barwon Community Services Centre, 33 Mount Pleasant Road, Belmont on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 7.30 p.m.

MACEDON RANGES AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Contacts: Wayne Urmston (03 744 2719)
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MARYBOROUGH AMSTRAD USER CLUB

President: Chad Banfield (054 68 1351)
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This group consists of a number of students and teachers from Maryborough CCC. Meeting take place each Friday from 12.10 p.m. to 12.45 p.m.

ACT**CANBERRA AMSTRAD USER'S GROUP**

Convenor: Arthur McGuffin (062 31 9437)
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The group meets at 7.30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Seminar Room of the Oliphant Building at the Research School of Physical Science, Australian National University.

NEW SOUTH WALES**JUBOL AMSTRAD USER GROUP of COFFS****HARBOUR and DISTRICT**

Contacts: Bruce Jones (066 52 8334)
Jim Owen (066 55 6190)

The "JUBOL" User Group is currently a small group covering the Coffs Harbour area. They meet informally on the first Friday of each month. Some members attend external DP courses and it is hoped that the group as a whole will shortly be embarking upon internal machine code tutorials.

SYDNEY AMSTRAD COMPUTER CLUB

President: Raja Vijayenthiran (02 519 4106)
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Junior Rep: Daniel Story

This club now meets in a community hall in the Newtown area, on the first Saturday of every month for a normal club

meeting and on the third Saturday of each month for the purposes of programming tutorials only. Both meetings commence at 2.00 p.m. Prospective members should contact either the Secretary or Treasurer between 6.00 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the phone numbers above for the exact location. Any enquiries concerning a new division for the PCW 8256/8512 users can be directed to R. Carlsen on 957 2505 (B/H) or 90 5725(A/H).

NEWCASTLE AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President John Harwood (049 48 5337)
Sec/Treasurer Erica Harwood (049 48 5337)

Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at Kotara Public School, Park Avenue, Kotara. A Newsletter is produced each month for members. Interested parties should contact John or Erica on the above number.

AM-USER's (North Ryde)

Contact: Lawrence Walters (02 888 1898)

The primary objective of the group is to enhance member's knowledge on both hardware and software available and on the Amstrad computers themselves. Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at 2 Leisure Close, North Ryde from 7.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Discounts for members have been established at several stores in the area.

WAGGA WAGGA AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Contact: J.D. Tipper (069 31 2697)

This recently formed group meets very informally with all interests catered for. Meetings take place on Saturday afternoons - all are welcome. For more information contact Julian Tipper on the above phone number or write to 36 Wills Place, Kapooka, NSW 2661.

CENTRAL COAST AMSTRAD USERS CLUB

President: Lloyd Mitchell (043 88 2950)
Secretary: Ray Thompson (043 32 9095)

Established in March 1986, this club meets on every second Monday of the month at The Entrance Aquatic Club, Salt Water Reserve, Long Jetty. Proceedings start at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Anybody wishing to attend the meetings is welcome, and further information can be obtained from the above officers.

PORT MACQUARIE AMSTRAD USERS GROUP

This group hopes to produce professional quality hardware add-ons for the Amstrad. The group can be contacted through Craig Tollis, PO Box 584, Port Macquarie, 2444.

BLUE MOUNTAINS AMSTRAD USERS

President: Bob Chapman (047 39 1093)
Vice President: Dennis Shanahan (047 39 4568)
Treasurer: Peter Traish (047 53 6203)
Secretary: Christine Preston (047 51 4391)

Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Springwood Neighbourhood Centre, Macquarie Road, Springwood and start at 8.00 p.m. Activities include interaction of users with exchange of information and resources, a newsletter and tutorial sessions.

QUEENSLAND

BRISBANE AMSTRAD COMPUTER CLUB

President: Paul Witsen (07 371 9259)
Secretary: John Roberts (07 283 3349)
Tech. Editor: Peter Walker (07 371 4286)
Tech. Librarian: Peter Gollidge (07 376 1651)

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Junction Park State School, Annerley starting at 7.30 p.m. in Room 15a.

SOUTHSIDE AMSTRAD USER GROUP (QLD)

President: Michael Toussaint (07 200 5414)
Secretary: Sylvia Wilson (07 209 1947)
Treasurer: Col Liebke (07 200 5555)

Meetings take place every third Saturday of the month at Waterford West State School, Waterford West starting at 2.00 p.m. The group was formed to service the southern outskirts of Brisbane and membership consists of beginners to advanced programmers. Demonstrations of various hardware and software packages are given at meetings and the formation of smaller instruction groups for personal attention is under way. A BASIC programming instruction course is held fortnightly.

WEIPA AMSTRAD USERS CLUB

President Andrew Seaborn
Vice-President Dave Wootton
Treasurer Frances Casey
Secretary Gary Chippendale (070 69 7448)

This new group has already had a few meetings at Noola Court in Weipa. Prospective members should contact Gary on the above telephone number or write to 15 Noola Court, Weipa, 4874.

PENINSULA AMSTRAD CLUB

President Ivan Dowling (07 269 8795)
Treasurer Keith Johnston (07 203 2339)
Secretary Tracie Payne (07 267 6645)

The aims and objectives of this new club are to "further the knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the Amstrad computer in its entirety". Meetings are held every third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Kippa-Ring State School Library, Elizabeth Avenue.

THE WARWICK AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: Adrian Christensen
Secretary: John Wode (076 61 5176)
Treasurer: Neville Christensen

Meetings take place at the Warwick Education Centre on the first Saturday of each month from 7.30 p.m. Discounts for members have been obtained from two local dealers.

TOWNSVILLE AMSTRAD USER GROUP

President: Allan Maddison (077 79 2607)
Vice President: Brett Kettle (077 78 6915)
Treasurer: Shirley Paull (077 78 2318)
Secretary: Alister Buckingham (077 73 3955)

The club meets at 7.30 p.m. on the first and third (only) Tuesdays in each month in the Science Block of the Kirwan

High School in Thuringowa Drive. Activities include Basic programming and CP/M sessions, new product reviews, problem solving, competitions and social outings. Club members also receive discounts on software and stationery from selected stores.

MACKAY AMSTRAD USER GROUP

Are newly formed small mixed group with meetings held every second Sunday morning. For further details contact either Des Mulrealley on 551409 or Ron Coates on 547222.

WESTERN SUBURBS AMSTRAD USERS GROUP

President: Peter Wighton (07 288 4571)
 Secretary: Jimmy James (07 376 1137)
 Contact: Keith Jarrot (07 376 3385)

At the moment informal monthly meetings are held at Western District Office Supplies, 500 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Jindalee at 9.30 a.m. on the first Saturday in each month. All age groups from 9 to 90 are welcome. Prospective members may contact any of the above or write to Jimmy James, 36 Penong Street, Westlake, Brisbane 4074.

TASMANIA

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN AMSTRAD USER CLUB

President Peter Campbell
 Secretary Rosemarie Parkinson (002 43 8101)
 Publicity Officer Danny Brittain (002 47 7070)

Meetings generally take place on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries should be made to Graham or Jenese West - (002) 34 5817.

LAUNCESTON AMSTRAD USER GROUP

This is a new group which has provisionally organised meetings at the Launceston Workingman's Club on the last Saturday of each month from 1.30 p.m. onwards. For more details contact Andrew Banfield on (003) 44 3181 after 6.00 p.m.

NEW ZEALAND

AMSTRAD CANTERBURY

Contact: Christine Linfoot 459 132
 Ian Orchard 524 064

The club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Four Avenues School, cnr. Madras Street and Edgeware Road, Christchurch 1. They are currently running tutorials in Basic for beginners, machine code and general purpose debugging, with ad hoc discussion groups on the working utilities such as Tasword, Masterfile etc. The postal address of the group is: PO Box 23.079 Templeton, Christchurch, NZ.

REMINDER

As The Amstrad User is finalised some three weeks before the month of publication, it is important that any changes or additions to the User Group listing is advised by the 1st of the month to be sure that it is included in the next issue.

User Group Contact List

Please note that the following names are listed as contacts for new user groups and should NOT be viewed as a problem solving service.
 See also Nationwide User Groups list.

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The final hand of Black-Jack

from Tibor Gyore and Tim Baldock

... or Pontoon, or Twenty-one. To a hacker at three o'clock in the morning it really doesn't matter what the name of the program is!

This is the last part of the mega-listing which hopefully won't, but probably will, send more new members to the "RSI Club".

A tip when keying in - save the program frequently, and if you want to test it, load a saved version. This should avoid the dreaded 'Memory Full' message.

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7580 '
7590 '--BETTING MENU DRIVER--
7600 '
7610 FOR DELAY=1 TO 50:NEXT
7620 IF Y1<1 THEN Y1=6
7630 IF Y1>6 THEN Y1=2
7640 IF Y1=2 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
7650 IF Y1=2 THEN PAPER 0 ELSE PAPER 1
7660 LOCATE X4+1,Y4+1:PRINT SPC(1);"ONE"
;SPC(2)
7670 PEN 0:PAPER 1
7680 IF Y1=4 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
7690 IF Y1=4 THEN PAPER 0 ELSE PAPER 1
7700 LOCATE X4+1,Y4+3:PRINT SPC(1);"TWO"
;SPC(2)
7710 PEN 0:PAPER 1
7720 IF Y1=6 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
7730 IF Y1=6 THEN PAPER 0 ELSE PAPER 1
7740 LOCATE X4+1,Y4+5:PRINT SPC(1);"FIVE"
;SPC(1)
7750 PEN 0:PAPER 1
7760 IF TOGGLE=1 THEN RETURN
7770 IF (INKEY(0)=0 OR JOY(0)=1)AND Y1>1
THEN FOR DELAY=1 TO 50:NEXT:Y1=Y1-2
7780 IF (INKEY(2)=0 OR JOY(0)=2)AND Y1<7
THEN FOR DELAY=1 TO 50:NEXT:Y1=Y1+2
7790 IF INKEY(9)=0 OR JOY(0)=16 THEN FOR
DELAY=1 TO 300:NEXT:GOTO 7810
7800 GOTO 7610
7810 IF T=1 THEN T=0:GOTO 7840
7820 Y2=9:TOGGLE=1:GOSUB 6780:TOGGLE=0:G
OSUB 8200
7830 IF CANCEL=1 THEN CANCEL=0:Y1=2:GOTO
7180
7840 IF Y1=2 THEN BET=1
7850 IF Y1=4 THEN BET=2
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7860 IF Y1=6 THEN BET=5
7870 BETTOT=BETTOT+BET
7880 MONEY=MONEY-BET
7890 IF MONEY<0 THEN MONEY=MONEY+BETTOT
:GOTO 12800
7900 LOCATE 26,21:PRINT"CHIPS";MONEY
7910 RETURN
7920 '
7930 '--ACE MENU DRIVER--
7940 '
7950 PAPER 1:PEN 0
7960 Y1=4:LOCATE X4+1,Y4+1:PEN 3:PRINT S
PC(1);"ACE";SPC(2)
7970 IF Y1<3 THEN Y1=6
7980 IF Y1>6 THEN Y1=4
7990 IF Y1=4 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
8000 IF Y1=4 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
8010 IF Y1=4 THEN PAPER 0 ELSE PAPER 1
8020 LOCATE X4+1,Y4+3:PRINT SPC(1);"ONE"
;SPC(2)
8030 PEN 0:PAPER 1
8040 IF Y1=6 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
8050 IF Y1=6 THEN PAPER 0 ELSE PAPER 1
8060 LOCATE X4+1,Y4+5:PRINT"ELEVEN"
8070 IF TOGGLE=1 THEN RETURN
8080 IF (INKEY(0)=0 OR JOY(0)=1)AND Y1>3
THEN FOR DELAY=1 TO 50:NEXT:Y1=Y1-2
8090 IF (INKEY(2)=0 OR JOY(0)=2)AND Y1<7
THEN FOR DELAY=1 TO 50:NEXT:Y1=Y1+2
8100 IF INKEY(9)=0 OR JOY(0)=16 THEN FOR
DELAY=1 TO 300:NEXT:GOTO 8120
8110 GOTO 7970
8120 Y2=9:TOGGLE=1:GOSUB 6780:TOGGLE=0:G
OSUB 8200
8130 IF CANCEL=1 THEN CANCEL=0:Y1=4:GOTO
7970
8140 IF Y1=4 THEN ACE=1
8150 IF Y1=6 THEN ACE=11
8160 RETURN
8170 '
8180 '--OK & RETURN MENU--
8190 '
8200 IF Y2>11 THEN Y2=9
8210 IF Y2<9 THEN Y2=11
8220 IF Y2=9 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
8230 IF Y2=9 THEN PAPER 0 ELSE PAPER 1
8240 LOCATE X4+1,Y4+9:PRINT SPC(1);"OK"
;SPC(3)
8250 IF Y2=11 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
8260 IF Y2=11 THEN PAPER 0 ELSE PAPER 1
8270 LOCATE X4+1,Y4+11:PRINT"RETURN"
8280 IF TOGGLE=1 THEN RETURN
8290 IF (INKEY(0)=0 OR JOY(0)=1) AND Y2>
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8 THEN FOR DELAY=1 TO 100:NEXT:Y2=Y2-2
8300 IF (INKEY(2)=0 OR JOY(0)=2) AND Y2<
12 THEN FOR DELAY=1 TO 100:NEXT:Y2=Y2+2
8310 IF INKEY(9)=0 OR JOY(0)=16 THEN FOR
DELAY=1 TO 300:NEXT:GOTO 8330
8320 GOTO 8200
8330 PEN 0:PAPER 1
8340 IF Y2=9 THEN PAPER #6,2:CLS#6:RETUR
N
8350 IF Y2=11 THEN PAPER #6,2:CLS#6:CANC
EL=1
8360 RETURN
8370 '
8380 '--YES & NO SELECTION--
8390 '
8400 X5=X6
8410 X7=X6+4
8420 LOCATE X6+3,Y6:PRINT"/"
8430 IF X5=X6 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
8440 IF X5=X6 THEN PAPER 0 ELSE PAPER CO
8450 LOCATE X6,Y6:PRINT"YES"
8460 IF X5=X7 THEN PEN 1 ELSE PEN 0
8470 IF X5=X7 THEN PAPER 0 ELSE PAPER CO
8480 LOCATE X7,Y6:PRINT"NO"
8490 IF (INKEY(8)=0 OR JOY(0)=4) AND X5=
X7 THEN X5=X6
8500 IF (INKEY(1)=0 OR JOY(0)=8) AND X5=
X6 THEN X5=X7
8510 IF INKEY(9)=0 OR JOY(0)=16 THEN 853
0
8520 GOTO 8430
8530 IF X5=X6 THEN YES=1
8540 IF X5=X7 THEN NO=1
8550 PEN 0:PAPER 1
8560 RETURN
8570 '--BANKERS CARDS--
8580 '
8590 '
8600 '--DEAL BANKERS CARD NO. (1)--
8610 '
8620 Y=Y+13
8630 GOSUB 2000
8640 FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000:NEXT
8650 GOSUB 1680
8660 GOSUB 1600
8670 GOSUB 3470
8680 F1=CARD
8690 IF F>10 THEN F=10
8700 IF F=1 THEN F=11
8710 BANKTOT=BANKTOT+F
8720 RETURN
8730 '
8740 '--DEAL BANKERS CARD NO. (2)--
8750 '
8760 Y=Y+13
8770 GOSUB 2000
8780 RETURN
8790 Y=Y+13:X=6
8800 PAPER 1
8810 PAPER #3,2
8820 CLS #3
8830 GOSUB 1680
8840 GOSUB 1600
8850 GOSUB 3470
8860 G=CARD

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8870 IF F>10 THEN F=10
8880 IF F<>1 THEN 8910
8890 IF BANKTOT=10 THEN BANKTOT=BANKTOT+
11:GOTO 8920
8900 IF BANTOT>=7 THEN BANKTOT=BANKTOT+1
1:GOTO 8920
8910 BANKTOT=BANKTOT+F
8920 IF BANKTOT=21 THEN BPONTOON=1 ELSE
BPONTOON=0
8930 IF BPONTOON=1 THEN 9320
8940 IF BANKTOT>=17 THEN 9320
8950 '
8960 '--DEAL BANKERS CARD NO. (3)--
8970 '
8980 X=X+5
8990 GOSUB 2000
9000 FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000:NEXT
9010 GOSUB 1680
9020 GOSUB 1600
9030 GOSUB 3470
9040 H=CARD
9050 IF F>10 THEN F=10
9060 BANKTOT=BANKTOT+F
9070 IF BANKTOT>=17 THEN 9320
9080 '
9090 '--DEAL BANKERS CARD NO. (4)--
9100 '
9110 X=X+5
9120 GOSUB 2000
9130 FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000:NEXT
9140 GOSUB 1680
9150 GOSUB 1600
9160 GOSUB 3470
9170 I1=CARD
9180 BANKTOT=BANKTOT+F
9190 IF BANKTOT>=17 THEN 9320
9200 '
9210 '--DEAL BANKERS CARD NO. (5)--
9220 '
9230 X=X+5
9240 GOSUB 2000
9250 FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000:NEXT
9260 GOSUB 1680
9270 GOSUB 1600
9280 GOSUB 3470
9290 J=CARD
9300 BANKTOT=BANKTOT+F
9310 IF BANKTOT<=21 THEN BFIVEUNDER=1 EL
SE BFIVEUNDER=0
9320 PEN 0:PAPER 1
9330 R=2:GOSUB 6970
9340 '
9350 '--DECIDE WHO WINS THE HAND--
9360 '--AND DISPLAY OUTCOME --
9370 '
9380 IF PONTOON=1 AND BPONTOON=1 THEN 95
40
9390 IF FIVEUNDER=1 AND BFIVEUNDER=1 THE
N 9640
9400 IF FIVEUNDER=1 AND BPONTOON=1 THEN
9860
9410 IF BFIVEUNDER=1 AND PONTOON=1 THEN
9750
9420 IF PONTOON=1 THEN 10270
9430 IF FIVEUNDER=1 THEN 10330

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9440 IF BPONTOON=1 THEN 10450
9450 IF BFIVEUNDER=1 THEN 10540
9460 IF PLAYTOT>21 THEN 9950
9470 IF BANKTOT>21 THEN 10020
9480 IF BANKTOT>=PLAYTOT THEN 10090
9490 IF PLAYTOT>BANKTOT THEN 10180
9500 '
9510 '--BANKER AND PLAYER BOTH HAVE--
9520 '--PONTOON. BANK WINS --
9530 '
9540 LOCATE 26,16:PEN 0:PRINT"THE PLAYER
HAS"
9550 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"PONTOON."
9560 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANKER
HAS"
9570 LOCATE 26,19:PEN 3:PRINT"PONTOON."
9580 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"THE BANK W
INS"
9590 GOTO 10600
9600 '
9610 '--BANKER AND PLAYER BOTH HAVE--
9620 '--FIVE & UNDER. BANK WINS --
9630 '
9640 LOCATE 26,16:PEN 0:PRINT"THE PLAYER
HAS"
9650 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"FIVE & UND
ER."
9660 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANKER
HAS"
9670 LOCATE 26,19:PEN 3:PRINT"FIVE & UND
ER."
9680 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"THE BANK W
INS"
9690 GOTO 10600
9700 '
9710 '--PLAYER HAS PONTOON AND THE--
9720 '--BANK HAS FIVE & UNDER --
9730 '--THE PLAYER WINS --
9740 '
9750 LOCATE 26,16:PEN 0:PRINT"THE PLAYER
HAS"
9760 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"PONTOON."
9770 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANKER
HAS"
9780 LOCATE 26,19:PEN 3:PRINT"FIVE & UND
ER"
9790 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"PLAYER WIN
S"
9800 GOTO 10600
9810 '
9820 '--BANKER HAS PONTOON AND THE--
9830 '--PLAYER HAS FIVE & UNDER --
9840 '--THE BANK WINS --
9850 '
9860 LOCATE 26,16:PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANKER
HAS"
9870 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"PONTOON."
9880 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"THE PLAYER
HAS"
9890 LOCATE 26,19:PEN 3:PRINT"FIVE & UND
ER"
9900 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"THE BANK W
INS"
9910 GOTO 10600
9920 '

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9930 '--PLAYER BUSTS BANK WINS--
9940 '
9950 LOCATE 26,16:PRINT"THE PLAYER HAS"
9960 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"BUSTED.":P
EN 0
9970 LOCATE 26,18:PRINT"THE BANK WINS":P
EN 0
9980 GOTO 10600
9990 '
10000 '--BANKER BUSTS PLAYER WINS--
10010 '
10020 LOCATE 26,16:PRINT"THE BANKER HAS"
10030 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"BUSTED.":
PEN 0
10040 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"PLAYER WI
NS":PEN 0
10050 MONEY=MONEY+BETTOT+BETTOT:GOTO 106
00
10060 '
10070 '--BANKER WINS HAND--
10080 '
10090 LOCATE 26,16:PRINT"THE BANKER HAS"
10100 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 0:PRINT"A TOTAL O
F";:PEN 3:PRINT BANKTOT
10110 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"THE PLAYE
R HAS"
10120 LOCATE 26,19:PEN 0:PRINT"A TOTAL O
F";:PEN 3:PRINT PLAYTOT
10130 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"THE BANK
WINS"
10140 GOTO 10600
10150 '
10160 '--PLAYER WINS HAND--
10170 '
10180 LOCATE 26,16:PRINT"THE PLAYER HAS"
10190 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 0:PRINT"A TOTAL O
F";:PEN 3:PRINT PLAYTOT
10200 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANKE
R HAS"
10210 LOCATE 26,19:PEN 0:PRINT"A TOTAL O
F";:PEN 3:PRINT BANKTOT
10220 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"PLAYER WI
NS"
10230 MONEY=MONEY+BETTOT+BETTOT:GOTO 106
00
10240 '
10250 '--PLAYER HAS PONTOON--
10260 '
10270 LOCATE 26,16:PEN 0:PRINT"THE PLAYE
R HAS"
10280 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"PONTOON."
10290 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANK
PAYS"
10300 LOCATE 26,19:PRINT"DOUBLE YOUR"
10310 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"BET."
10320 MONEY=MONEY+BETTOT+BETTOT+BETTOT:G
OTO 10600
10330 '
10340 '--PLAYER HAS FIVE & UNDER--
10350 '
10360 LOCATE 26,16:PEN 0:PRINT"THE PLAYE
R HAS"
10370 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"FIVE & UN
DER."
10380 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANK

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PAYS"
10390 LOCATE 26,19:PRINT"DOUBLE YOUR"
10400 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"BET."
10410 MONEY=MONEY+BETTOT+BETTOT+BETTOT:G
OTO 10500
10420 '
10430 '--BANKER HAS PONTOON--
10440 '
10450 LOCATE 26,16:PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANKE
R HAS"
10460 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"PONTOON."
10470 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"YOU PAY B
ANK"
10480 LOCATE 26,19:PEN 0:PRINT"DOUBLE YO
UR"
10490 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"BET."
10500 MONEY=MONEY-BETTOT:GOTO 10600
10510 '
10520 '--BANKER HAS FIVE & UNDER--
10530 '
10540 LOCATE 26,16:PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANKE
R HAS"
10550 LOCATE 26,17:PEN 3:PRINT"FIVE & UN
DER."
10560 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"YOU PAY B
ANK"
10570 LOCATE 26,19:PEN 0:PRINT"DOUBLE YO
UR"
10580 LOCATE 26,20:PEN 3:PRINT"BET."
10590 MONEY=MONEY-BETTOT:GOTO 10600
10600 '
10610 '--END OF HAND RESULTS--
10620 '
10630 FOR DELAY=1 TO 4500:NEXT
10640 PEN 0
10650 FOR I=16 TO 20
10660 LOCATE 26,I:PRINT SPC(14)
10670 NEXT
10680 IF MONEY <=0 THEN 12800
10690 LOCATE 26,16:PRINT"YOU NOW HAVE"
10700 LOCATE 26,17:PRINT MONEY;"CHIPS"
10710 LOCATE 26,18:PEN 0:PRINT"WOULD YOU
LIKE"
10720 LOCATE 26,19:PRINT"ANOTHER HAND"
10730 X6=26:Y6=20:GOSUB 8400
10740 IF YES=1 THEN YES=0:PLAYTOT=0:BANK
TOT=0:BET=0:BETTOT=0:PONTOON=0:BPONTOON=
0:FIVEUNDER=0:BFIVEUNDER=0:GOTO 470
10750 IF NO=1 THEN NO=0:W=1:GOTO 12800
10760 GOTO 10660
10770 '
10780 '-- INTRODUCTION & HEADING PAGE--
10790 '
10800 PAPER 2:PEN 0:INK 0,22:INK 3,22:MO
DE 1:CLS
10810 GOSUB 11190
10820 WINDOW #1,2,39,2,24
10830 PEN 0:LOCATE 15,3:PRINT"ab"
10840 LOCATE 15,4:PRINT"cdefghijklm"
10850 LOCATE 15,5:PRINT"nopqrstuvwxyz"
10860 PEN 3:LOCATE 9,4:PRINT CHR$(137);C
HR$(138)
10870 LOCATE 9,5:PRINT CHR$(139);CHR$(14
0)
10880 PEN 0:LOCATE 12,4:PRINT CHR$(145);

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CHR$(146)
10890 LOCATE 12,5:PRINT CHR$(147);CHR$(1
48)
10900 PEN 3:LOCATE 26,4:PRINT CHR$(133);
CHR$(134)
10910 LOCATE 26,5:PRINT CHR$(135);CHR$(1
36)
10920 PEN 0:LOCATE 29,4:PRINT CHR$(141);
CHR$(142)
10930 LOCATE 29,5:PRINT CHR$(143);CHR$(1
44)
10940 INK 0,0:INK 3,6
10950 X=13:Y=7:R=0:GOSUB 2000:F=1:SUIT=2
:FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000:NEXT
10960 GOSUB 1600
10970 GOSUB 3470
10980 X=X+5:R=0:GOSUB 2000:F=13:SUIT=1:F
OR DELAY=1 TO 1000:NEXT
10990 GOSUB 1600
11000 GOSUB 3470
11010 PAPER 2
11020 A3$="WRITTEN BY - TIM BALDOCK "
11030 Y3=20
11040 I=38:D=1
11050 LOCATE I,Y3:PRINT LEFT$(A3$,D)
11060 I=I-1:D=D+1:IF I<8 THEN 11090
11070 FOR DELAY=1 TO 100:NEXT
11080 GOTO 11050
11090 IF LEFT$(A3$,1)="G" THEN 11130
11100 A3$="GRAPHICS BY - TIBOR GYORE "
11110 Y3=Y3+1
11120 GOTO 11040
11130 LOCATE 10,23:PEN 3:PRINT"INSTRUCTI
ONS":X6=25:Y6=23:CO=2:GOSUB 8400:CO=1:PA
PER 2
11140 IF YES=1 THEN YES=0:GOTO 11310
11150 IF NO=1 THEN NO=0:RETURN
11160 '
11170 '--BORDER AROUND SCREEN--
11180 '
11190 FOR I=1 TO 24 STEP 4
11200 LOCATE 1,I+1:PEN 0:PRINT CHR$(226)
:PEN 3:LOCATE 40,I+1:PRINT CHR$(227)
11210 LOCATE 1,I+2:PEN 3:PRINT CHR$(227)
:PEN 0:LOCATE 40,I+2:PRINT CHR$(226)
11220 LOCATE 1,I+3:PEN 0:PRINT CHR$(229)
:PEN 3:LOCATE 40,I+3:PRINT CHR$(228)
11230 LOCATE 1,I+4:PEN 3:PRINT CHR$(228)
:PEN 0:LOCATE 40,I+4:PRINT CHR$(229)
11240 NEXT
11250 FOR I=1 TO 40 STEP 4
11260 LOCATE I,1:PEN 0:PRINT CHR$(226);:
PEN 3:PRINT CHR$(227);:PEN 0:PRINT CHR$(
229);:PEN 3:PRINT CHR$(228)
11270 LOCATE 0+1,25:PEN 0:PRINT CHR$(226
);:PEN 3:PRINT CHR$(227);:PEN 0:PRINT CH
R$(229);:PEN 3:PRINT CHR$(228);
11280 NEXT
11290 RETURN
11300 '
11310 '--INSTRUCTIONS--
11320 '
11330 PAPER #1,2:CLS #1
11340 PEN 3:LOCATE 3,3:PRINT"INSTRUCTION
3":PEN 0

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11350 LOCATE 3,5: PEN 0: PRINT "PONTOON IS
A GAME OF CHANCE AND IS"
11360 LOCATE 3,6: PRINT "SIMILAR TO BLACKJ
ACK AND TWENTY-ONE."
11370 PEN 3: LOCATE 3,9: PRINT "OBJECT OF T
HE GAME.": PEN 0
11380 LOCATE 3,11: PRINT "IN ORDER TO WIN
THE HAND YOU MUST"
11390 LOCATE 3,12: PRINT "GET A SCORE
GREATER THAN THE"
11400 LOCATE 3,13: PRINT "BANKERS. THIS SC
ORE IS DERIVED FROM"
11410 LOCATE 3,14: PRINT "THE SUM OF THE V
ALUES OF THE CARDS"
11420 LOCATE 3,15: PRINT "IN YOUR HAND. IF
YOUR SCORE EXCEEDS"
11430 LOCATE 3,16: PRINT "TWENTY-ONE, YOU
LOSE. (BUST)"
11440 GOSUB 12720
11450 CLS #1
11460 PEN 3: LOCATE 3,3: PRINT "PICTURE CAR
DS.": PEN 0
11470 LOCATE 3,4: PRINT "A PICTURE CARD I
S ONE THAT HAS A"
11480 LOCATE 3,5: PRINT "PICTURE ON ITS'
FACE. THESE CARDS"
11490 LOCATE 3,6: PRINT "ARE - KING, QUE
EN AND JACK. THE"
11500 LOCATE 3,7: PRINT "VALUE OF THESE
CARDS IS EQUAL TO"
11510 LOCATE 3,8: PRINT "TEN. "
11520 X=3: Y=10: F=13: GOSUB 2000: FOR I=1 T
O 1000: NEXT:
11530 GOSUB 1600: GOSUB 3470
11540 X=16: Y=10: F=12: GOSUB 2000: FOR I=1
TO 1000: NEXT
11550 GOSUB 1600: GOSUB 3470
11560 X=29: Y=10: F=11: GOSUB 2000: FOR I=1
TO 1000: NEXT
11570 GOSUB 1600: GOSUB 3470
11580 PAPER 2
11590 GOSUB 12720
11600 CLS #1
11610 PEN 3: LOCATE 3,3: PRINT "PONTOON": PE
N 0
11620 LOCATE 3,5: PRINT "TO OBTAIN PONTOO
N YOUR HAND MUST"
11630 LOCATE 3,6: PRINT "CONSIST OF CARDS
WITH THE VALUE TEN"
11640 LOCATE 3,7: PRINT "AND AN ACE."
11650 LOCATE 3,8: PRINT "IF YOU HAVE PONT
OON AND THE BANKER"
11660 LOCATE 3,9: PRINT "DOES NOT, YOU WI
LL BE PAID TWICE"
11670 LOCATE 3,10: PRINT "THE AMOUNT THAT
YOU BET."
11680 LOCATE 3,11: PRINT "IF THE BANKER H
AS PONTOON AND YOU"
11690 LOCATE 3,12: PRINT "DO NOT THEN YOU
MUST PAY TWICE THE"
11700 LOCATE 3,13: PRINT "AMOUNT OF YOUR B
ET."
11710 LOCATE 3,14: PRINT "IN THE EVENT TH
AT THE BANKER ALSO"

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11720 LOCATE 3,15: PRINT "HAS PONTOON YOU
MUST PAY THE BANKER"
11730 LOCATE 3,16: PRINT "THE VALUE OF YOU
R BET."
11740 LOCATE 3,17: PRINT "IF YOU HAVE PON
TOON AND THE BANKER"
11750 LOCATE 3,18: PRINT "HAS FIVE & UNDER
YOU WILL ONLY BE"
11760 LOCATE 3,19: PRINT "PAID THE VALUE O
F YOUR BET."
11770 GOSUB 12720
11780 CLS #1
11790 LOCATE 3,3: PRINT "IF IT WERE THE O
THER WAY AROUND,"
11800 LOCATE 3,4: PRINT "THAT IS THE BANKE
R HAS PONTOON AND"
11810 LOCATE 3,5: PRINT "YOU HAVE FIVE & U
NDER, YOU MUST PAY"
11820 LOCATE 3,6: PRINT "THE BANKER THE AM
OUNT OF YOUR BET."
11830 PEN 3: LOCATE 3,8: PRINT "FIVE & UNDE
R": PEN 0
11840 LOCATE 3,10: PRINT "FIVE & UNDER IS
A SITUATION WHERE"
11850 LOCATE 3,11: PRINT "THE PLAYER HAS A
HAND OF FIVE CARDS"
11860 LOCATE 3,12: PRINT "THAT DOES NOT E
XCEED THE VALUE OF"
11870 LOCATE 3,13: PRINT "TWENTY-ONE. IN
THE EVENT THAT YOU"
11880 LOCATE 3,14: PRINT "HAVE FIVE & UNDE
R THE BANK PAYS YOU"
11890 LOCATE 3,15: PRINT "DOUBLE THE AMOUN
T THAT YOU HAVE BET."
11900 LOCATE 3,16: PRINT "IF THE BANKER HA
S PONTOON OR FIVE &"
11910 LOCATE 3,17: PRINT "UNDER, YOU MUST
PAY HIM THE AMOUNT"
11920 LOCATE 3,18: PRINT "THAT YOU HAVE BE
T."
11930 GOSUB 12720
11940 CLS #1
11950 LOCATE 3,3: PEN 3: PRINT "THE ACE": PE
N 0
11960 LOCATE 3,5: PEN 0: PRINT "THE ACE MAY
BE TAKEN AS THE VALUE"
11970 LOCATE 3,6: PRINT "OF ONE OR ELEVEN
AT THE CHOICE OF"
11980 LOCATE 3,7: PRINT "THE PLAYER."
11990 LOCATE 3,9: PEN 3: PRINT "BETTING"
12000 LOCATE 3,11: PEN 0: PRINT "BEFORE EA
CH HAND THE PLAYER MUST"
12010 LOCATE 3,12: PRINT "PLACE A BET. TH
IS IS KNOWN AS"
12020 LOCATE 3,13: PRINT "BUYING YOUR F
IRST CARD. THE"
12030 LOCATE 3,14: PRINT "PLAYER MAY THE
N PURCHASE HIS"
12040 LOCATE 3,15: PRINT "CONSECUTIVE CARD
S FOR ONE, TWO OR"
12050 LOCATE 3,16: PRINT "FIVE CHIPS."
12060 GOSUB 12720
12070 CLS #1
12080 LOCATE 3,3: PEN 3: PRINT "FLIPPING"
12090 LOCATE 3,5: PEN 0: PRINT "WHEN THE PL

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AYER FLIPS HE PURCHASES"
12100 LOCATE 3,6:PRINT"A CARD WITHOUT B
UYING IT. A PLAYER"
12110 LOCATE 3,7:PRINT"MAY ONLY FLIP W
HEN HE HAS A TOTAL"
12120 LOCATE 3,8:PRINT"OVER OR EQUAL TO
TWELVE."
12130 LOCATE 3,10:PEN 3:PRINT"SITTING"
12140 LOCATE 3,12:PEN 0:PRINT"THE PLAYER
SITS WHEN HE HAS A HAND"
12150 LOCATE 3,13:PRINT"THAT HE IS SATIS
FIED WITH THE PLAYER"
12160 LOCATE 3,14:PRINT"MAY ONLY SIT ON
SIXTEEN OR OVER."
12170 LOCATE 3,15:PRINT"ONCE THE PLAYER
SITS, THE BANK THEN"
12180 LOCATE 3,16:PRINT"PLAYS HIS HAND."
12190 LOCATE 3,18:PEN 3:PRINT"NOTE - ";:
PEN 0:PRINT"THE BANK DOES NOT KNOW WHA
T"
12200 LOCATE 3,19:PRINT"YOU HAVE IN YO
UR HAND SO HE MAY"
12210 LOCATE 3,20:PRINT"DECIDE TO SIT BE
LOW YOUR TOTAL."
12220 GOSUB 12720
12230 CLS#1
12240 LOCATE 3,3:PEN 3:PRINT"RESHUFFLING
"
12250 LOCATE 3,5:PEN 0:PRINT"THE PACK CO
NSISTS OF FIFTYTWO CARDS"
12260 LOCATE 3,6:PRINT"EACH OF THESE CA
RDS MUST BE USED"
12270 LOCATE 3,7:PRINT"BEFORE THE PACK I
S RESHUFFLED."
12280 LOCATE 3,9:PEN 3:PRINT"THE CONTROL
S"
12290 LOCATE 3,11:PEN 0:PRINT"THERE ARE
THREE CONTROLS IN THE"
12300 LOCATE 3,12:PRINT"GAME THESE ARE U
P, DOWN AND CONFIRM"
12310 LOCATE 3,13:PRINT"YOU MAY USE THE
CURSOR CLUSTER ON"
12320 LOCATE 3,14:PRINT"THE KEYBOARD OR
A JOYSTICK."
12330 GOSUB 12720
12340 CLS#1
12350 WINDOW #2,3,37,9,16:PAPER #2,2
12360 LOCATE 3,3:PEN 3:PRINT"MENU"
12370 LOCATE 3,5:PEN 0:PRINT"THESE ARE F
OUR DIFFERENT MENUS."
12380 LOCATE 3,6:PRINT"THESE ARE MAIN ME
NU , BETTING MENU,"
12390 LOCATE 3,7:PRINT"ACE MENU AND THE
CONFIRM MENU."
12400 X4=30:Y4=9:Y1=10:TOGGLE=1:GOSUB 65
90:GOSUB 7180:PAPER 2
12410 LOCATE 3,9:PEN 3:PRINT"MAIN MENU":
PEN 0
12420 LOCATE 3,11:PRINT"TO SELECT ANY
OF THESE"
12430 LOCATE 3,12:PRINT"OPTIONS SIMPLY
MOVE THE"
12440 LOCATE 3,13:PRINT"HIGHLIGHTED BAR
OVER THE"
12450 LOCATE 3,14:PRINT"DESIRED FUNCTION

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12460 GOSUB 12720:CLS#2
12470 GOSUB 6590:GOSUB 7610:PAPER 2
12480 LOCATE 3,9:PEN 3:PRINT"BETTING MEN
U":PEN 0
12490 LOCATE 3,11:PRINT"AFTER SELECTING
THE BET"
12500 LOCATE 3,12:PRINT"OPTION YOU ARE
PRESENTED"
12510 LOCATE 3,13:PRINT"THE MENU ON THE
RIGHT. YOU"
12520 LOCATE 3,14:PRINT"MUST SELECT";:P
EN 3:PRINT" ONE , TWO";:PEN 0:PRINT" OR"
12530 LOCATE 3,15:PEN 3:PRINT"FIVE";:PEN
0:PRINT" CHIPS TO BET."
12540 GOSUB 12720
12550 CLS#2
12560 GOSUB 6590:GOSUB 7950:PAPER 2
12570 LOCATE 3,9:PEN 3:PRINT"ACE MENU":P
EN 0
12580 LOCATE 3,11:PRINT"WHEN YOU ARE DEA
LT AN ACE"
12590 LOCATE 3,12:PRINT"YOU MUST SELECT
IT'S"
12600 LOCATE 3,13:PRINT"VALUE. THIS CAN
BE EITHER"
12610 LOCATE 3,14:PEN 3:PRINT"ONE";:PEN
0:PRINT" OR";:PEN 3:PRINT" ELEVEN.":PEN
0
12620 GOSUB 12720
12630 CLS#2
12640 Y4=1:Y2=9:GOSUB 6780:GOSUB 8200:PA
PER 2
12650 LOCATE 3,9:PEN 3:PRINT"CONFIRM MEN
U"
12660 LOCATE 3,11:PEN 0:PRINT"THIS MENU
WILL APPEAR"
12670 LOCATE 3,12:PRINT"AFTER ANY SELECT
ION FROM"
12680 LOCATE 3,13:PRINT"THE OTHER MENUS.
"
12690 LOCATE 3,14:PEN 3:PRINT"OK";:PEN 0
:PRINT" CONFIRMS SELECTION"
12700 LOCATE 3,15:PEN 3:PRINT"RETURN";:P
EN 0:PRINT" CANCELS SELECTION"
12710 TOGGLE=0:PAPER 2:PEN 0
12720 LOCATE 8,23:PRINT" PRESS ";:PEN 3:
PRINT"FIRE ";:PEN 0:PRINT"TO CONTINUE "
12730 :PAPER 2:PEN 0
12740 IF INKEY(9)=0 OR JOY(0)=16 THEN 12
760
12750 GOTO 12740
12760 RETURN
12770 '
12780 '--CASHIERS WINDOW--
12790 '
12800 WINDOW #2,3,21,5,15
12810 PAPER #2,1
12820 CLS #2
12830 PEN 0
12840 LOCATE 3,5:PRINT CHR$(149);
12850 FOR I=1 TO 18
12860 LOCATE 3+I,5:PRINT CHR$(150);
12870 NEXT
12880 LOCATE 21,5:PRINT CHR$(151)

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12890 FOR I=1 TO 9
12900 LOCATE 3,5+I:PRINT CHR$(152):LOCAT
E 21,5+I:PRINT CHR$(153)
12910 NEXT
12920 LOCATE 3,15:PRINT CHR$(154);
12930 FOR I=1 TO 17
12940 LOCATE 3+I,15::PRINT CHR$(156);
12950 NEXT
12960 LOCATE 21,15:PRINT CHR$(155)
12970 IF W=1 THEN GOTO 13180
12980 '
12990 '--RUN OUT OF CHIPS--
13000 '
13010 PEN 3:LOCATE 4,6:PRINT"AT THE CHAS
HIER"
13020 PEN 0:LOCATE 4,7:PRINT"YOU HAVE LO
ST ALL"
13030 LOCATE 4,8:PRINT"YOUR CHIPS.":PEN
0
13040 LOCATE 4,9 PRINT"WOULD YOU LIKE TO
"
13050 LOCATE 4,10:PRINT"BUY SOME MORE."
13060 X6=4:Y6=11:GOSUB 8400:PAPER 1:PEN
0
13070 IF NO=1 THEN NO=0:W=1:GOTO 12800
13080 IF YES=1 THEN YES=0:LOAN=LOAN+20:M
ONEY=MONEY+20:GOTO 13100
13090 GOTO 13020
13100 LOCATE 12,11:PRINT"YOU NOW"
13110 LOCATE 4,12:PRINT"HAVE 20 CHIPS."
13120 LOCATE 4,13:PRINT"THAT WILL COST"
13130 LOCATE 4,14:PRINT"YOU $20. THANKYO
U"
13140 FOR DELAY=1 TO 4000:NEXT:GOTO 430
13150 '
13160 '--END OF GAME STATISTICS--
13170 '
13180 PEN 3:LOCATE 4,6:PRINT"AT THE CASH
IER"
13190 IF MONEY<0 THEN OWE=ABS(MONEY):MON
EY=0:LOAN=LOAN+OWE
13200 PEN 0:LOCATE 4,7:PRINT"YOU HAVE";M
ONEY
13210 LOCATE 4,8:PRINT"CHIPS. AT ONE"
13220 LOCATE 4,9:PRINT"DOLLAR PER CHIP"
13230 LOCATE 4,10:PRINT"THAT'S $";MONEY
13240 LOCATE 4,11:PRINT"YOU FINISHED UP"
13250 IF MONEY<20+LOAN THEN 13280
13260 LOCATE 4,12:PRINT"WINNING $"
;(MONEY-20)-LOAN
13270 GOTO 13290
13280 LOCATE 4,12:PRINT"LOSING $";
(LOAN+20)-MONEY
13290 LOCATE 4,13:PRINT"ANOTHER GA
ME"
13300 X6=4:Y6=14:GOSUB 8400
13310 IF YES=1 THEN RUN
13320 IF NO=1 THEN CALL 0
13330 GOTO 13270

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PCW 8256 and 8512 owners

If you are reading this magazine for the first time you have already missed reviews on **The Cracker and the Poly Series** software published last month.

Already in the pipeline and due for publication next month are hard-hitting reviews of the latest significant releases including:

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Cardbox

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Tornado Low Level

When did you last play a game where nothing shot at you? Can't remember? Then perhaps you should take a look at this neat little aeroplane escapade, in which your mission is to attack five targets scattered around the local countryside.

Of course the pilot doesn't have it all his own way. Whilst searching for the targets you must dodge trees, tall buildings and electric power lines. In a 3D fashion one can carefully fly behind things.

The cassette cover boasts of 'the fastest, smoothest scrolling yet to be seen on the Amstrad'. This may well be true - pulling back the joystick sweeps back the wings and increases your height and speed.

Unfortunately most of the work is done close to the ground at the slowest possible speed as the weaponry will only fire at close range. This is when the scrolling jerks a little, losing the ultrasmooth quality.

Be prepared for the first flights to be rather brief until the delicate knack of hugging the

terrain is achieved. Once learnt, it suddenly becomes easier to line up the enemy - a small, rather unimaginative dark circle.

Other features of the game include altimeter, fuel gauge, time remaining, map and ammo stock. This has to be called up in a status report. Whilst flying there is no information displayed on the screen so you end up relying on judgement alone for continuity's sake.

The graphics in TLL are only fair to average. There are stretches of water composed of millions of multi-coloured dots which I though looked quite clever but everything on the land is very blocky like the early Atari games.

Once you've completed the first mission each subsequent mission has the 5 targets located in more difficult places. However, I would say this game has little long term appeal due to the limited scope of the surrounding countryside.

Originality	7
Speed	7
Graphics	3
Ease of Use	3
Entertainment Value	5
Documentation	4
Ability to Hold Interest	4
TAU INDEX	59%

Way of the Exploding Fist

After reading many reviews and reports all praising The Way of the Exploding Fist, I was more than eager to get started. After loading the first two blocks, the title page appeared and anybody thinking that the game consisted of poor graphics would surely be proven wrong at this early stage. So what did the title page comprise of you might ask? Well I am sure that everybody has at least seen a poster or some type of advertisement publicising the game, showing a determined Martial Artist executing a head punch in order to break a wooden board with chinese lettering inscribed upon it, with an oriental type building in the background. Well that is exactly what the title page comprises of, illustrated in excellent colour and graphics.

In a nutshell, the object of the game is for you to kick, punch, sweep and somersault your way from novice to the ultimate glory of Tenth Dan.

Due to some incredible programming, eighteen traditional Karate movements are available at your disposal. These include a variety

of punches and kicks, leg sweeps, and even somersaults. But before you are able to use these movements to its fullest extent, practice is the name of the game.

There are one or two player options, therefore allowing you to choose which way you want to be slaughtered, by a friend or the computer. You also have the option to either control your man by joystick or keyboard.

To advance from Dan to Dan you are required to win a number of bouts against your opponent. Before you defeat your opponent you have to obtain two full points by succeeding in striking him in one form or another. The points are not scored by which action you choose to take, but how well you execute the movement. So for all those pugnacious Bruce Lee fanatics who think that they can win by performing a series of untimed wild, high flying head kicks, think again!

In the event of an untimed aggressive movement which has penetrated your opponents defence, you will *(continued overleaf)*

Way of the Exploding Fist

only score half a point. A full point is represented by a Yin and Yan symbol with a half point represented accordingly with a half symbol. Despite all these fantastic facilities available, I do have one complaint. Unlike the Commodore version the Amstrad version of the game does not include a bonus round nor does the setting change as you progress from Dan to Dan.

Nevertheless, I highly recommend the Way of the Exploding Fist to anybody that is tired of zapping aliens, or has sore feet from jumping from platform to platform or just anyone that is looking for the best Martial Arts stimulation game that is available for the Amstrad today.

Ease of Use	6
Entertainment Value	7
Originality	5
Ability to hold Interest	7
Speed	7
Documentation	7
Use of Graphics	8
TAU INDEX	84%

Highway Encounter

The Scene: A highway. The objective: Push the Lasertron weapon through 30 zones to defect the alien stronghold.

The earth has been invaded! Again! But this isn't your average aim and shoot invaders, and it is NOT a road racing game. In fact HE is a strikingly original game in which you Battle strange creatures and road hazards in your progression from Zone 30 to Zone Zero.

You have 4 automatic Vortons to assist in your task, the idea being to clear the way whilst they push for you. If they are all blown up you must do everything yourself.

Your 'direct control' Vorton looks similar to a

Dalek and he's smooth moving and just as dangerous when spitting fireballs at the road-running aliens. Deadly though he is, the Vorton is a real horror to steer. Most of your early games will be spent out of control until the basics of direction are mastered.

With several creatures and Vortons careering around the screen at once the speed and movement are very good. The standard of graphics is high; sound is also OK, but it must be said the actual playing area is rather small.

Other features include joystick/keyboard option, demonstration mode, information screen, good 3D animation, high score

table and a first class loader screen. There is a grid pattern drawn on the road to assist perspective and to help line up your attacking shots (or glorious retreats).

Highway Encounter is addictive and interesting and comes up well on a green monitor but I still suggest you see it before buying, however. At \$30 I felt the game was overpriced, representing only fair value for money.

Originality	8
Use of graphics	5
Ease of use	2
Speed	7
Documentation	4
Entertainment value	4
Ability to hold interest	5
TAU INDEX	62%

CHILLER

What do you call a game with cluttered screens, jerky movements, awful speed and flickery graphics? Chiller, that's what! And this time call it successful as well..... This has sold well according to the UK software charts (nine months in top 30 peaking at No.4) but for the life of me I can't see why.

The storyline is quite cool, being based on the Michael Jackson Thriller video. The idea is to go through the forest, cinema, graveyard and ghetto, facing perils and collecting crucifixes designed to ward off enough evil, to arrive at the next screen. Having done all this you reach the Haunted House where your girlfriend is being held captive - rescue her then go back via the same screens to your car.

Chiller is best described as 'platforms and ladders' because you'll need these skills to jump around each scene quickly.

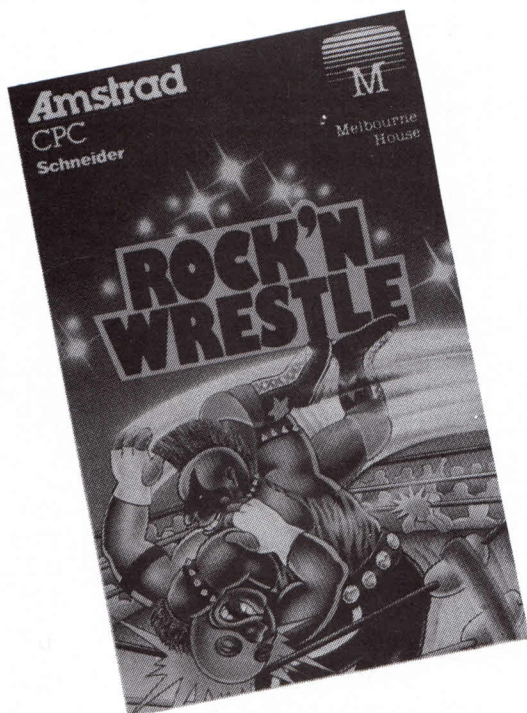
Your main problem is avoiding contact with anything that moves. The spiders and little men may look primitive but they will drain your energy as quick as lightning.

The music is quite boppy and is probably the best thing about the game although you can't turn it off. The other main point to remember is that Chiller is one of the budget series and only cost about \$7.

Summary - Chiller does initially have additive qualities but the whole thing looks amateurish and it wouldn't be too hard to find a magazine listing of equal graphic quality. It has sold, but I suspect when you pull out a game to impress your friends it won't be this one.

Speed	1
Graphics	2
Documentation	3
Ease of Use	4
Originality	5
Ability to Hold Interest	4
Entertainment Value	3
TAU INDEX	39%

ROCK'N WRESTLE



Wham, Bam, Thank you Mam! Rock n' wrestle from Melbourne House will have you grunting, groaning and grappling with the toughest 'rasslers' in the world today. There are eight other opponents to compete against before Gorgeous Greg (that's you) earns a crack at Lord Toff - the Champ.

Each contest has a three minute time limit and you must wear down the opponent and pin him within the time. There are lots of genuine wrestling moves to master - over 20 in fact. Many of these look quite spectacular.

Rock n' Wrestle has a very good loader screen and a comprehensive instruction leaflet, along with 1 or 2 player mode and joystick/keyboard option. Because of the large number of tricks to learn, the best thing to do is select '2 player' mode. That way you can practice on a guy who doesn't fight back.

When on the offensive, good timing and dexterity with moves will score for you, but when in a fix such as an aeroplane spin, wriggling the joystick in mad Decathlon style is the way to go. Each player has an energy level which decreases whilst you are on the receiving end of things, and as this level plunges towards zero, it becomes much harder to wriggle out of trouble.

One must say the sound effects are terrible - they consists only of a horrid scraping sound whenever contact is made. Speaking of noise, the game lacks atmosphere - after all what is wrestling without lots of grunts, yells, cheering and general hubbub? None of that here, just a placid bunch of open-mouthed onlookers. I reckon defeating Redneck McCoy deserves at least a victory tune.

I did like the way the ropes bend when you run into them, and putting Molotov Mick onto a suplex was just great, but I'm afraid the main characters in the fight are too blocky and ill-defined. There just wasn't enough put into their design and movement to compete with the better looking kung-fu games. One final point - on cassette the game is saved at two speeds - the fast load takes 5.5 minutes but the slow load takes an abysmal 10 minutes.

Summary - The programmers have obviously spent much effort on the manoeuvres and gameplay, and it WAS fun beating up my little brother, but the jerkiness and overall presentation let down what could really have been a "stunning" game.

Graphics	2
Speed	3
Ease of Use	4
Ability to hold interest	5
Entertainment value	6
Originality	6
Documentation	7
TAU INDEX	60%

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Airwolf	1500/25 mins	Heath Corcoran
Battle for Midway	8 carriers: speed 1: level 3	Steve Alatakis
Beach Head	132500/16 mins	Anthony Eden
Chuckie Egg	395960/45 mins	Tony Barberl
Codename Mat	870/45 mins	Gill Cherry
Combat Lynx	81450/no time specified	Steve Alatakis
Decathlon	615830/208 mins	Anthony Eden
Defend or Die	44500/15 mins	Darrell Harris
Er-Bert	68350/21 mins	Anthony Eden
Galactic Plague	118690/80 mins	B. Weich/G.Cherry
Gilligan's Gold	107403/9.75 mins	Alex Smyth
Grand Prix Rally II	47984/10.5 mins	Justin McShane
Harrier Attack	337600/14.5 mins	Michael Hopkirk
Haunted Hedges	466460/35 mins	Lorraine Martin
Hunchback	213300/3 mins	Allison Pilbeam
Hunter Killer	17/67 mins	Chris Catalfamo
Jet Set Willy	33 items/11 mins	Inga Callahan
Knight Lore	98%/44 mins	Umut Akcelik
Minder	\$17749/no time specified	Steve Alatakis
Moonbuggy	152400/26.75 mins	Alex Smyth
Raid	416950/26 mins	Allan Etherington
Roland in the Caves	9748815/6 mins	Anthony Eden
Roland goes Digging	\$659.80/40 mins	Trent Eddy
Roland on the Ropes	738900/92 mins	Allison Pilbeam
Roland in Time	72/18 mins	Paul Azzopardi
Sorcery	91500/14 mins	Mike Nicolal
Sorcery +	128200/50 mins	Karl Webber
Space Hawks	72300/7 mins	Murray Taylor
Spannerman	53500/no time specified	Allison Pilbeam
Splat	7280/45 mins	Neil Campbell
Star Commando	193810/133 mins	Alex Smyth
Survivor	223160/19.5 mins	Alex Smyth
Way of Exp. Fist	558900/66 mins	Gavern Cherry
Wild Bunch	10539/no time specified	Steve Alatakis
Yie Ar Kung Fu	7065940/3 hours	Gavern Cherry
Zorro	29100/22.5 mins	Jason Scott
3-D Monster Chase	1320:7 keys/7 mins	Adam Broadway

Pos. No.	Soft No.	Tape	Disc
1	Masterfile	914	1914
2	Pitman's Typing Tutor	924	1924
3	SuperCalc II	-	07028
4	Tasword 6128	-	Disc
5	Grand Prix Rally II	06012	07012
6	3D Cyrus Chess	06026	07026
7	Sorcery+	-	1983
8	3D Grand Prix	961	1961
9	Wordhang	101	-
10	Airwolf	06011	07011
11	Assault on Port Stanley	06022	07022
12	Raid	-	07002
13	Microfile(Flexifile)	-	Disc
14	Fantastic Voyage	984	-
15	Flight Simulator	168	-
16	Taspell	-	Disc
17	Roland in Caves	117	1117
18	Spitfire 40	-	07052
19	Advanced Amsword	164	1164
20	3D Stuntrider	183	1183
21	Tasword 464D (464 Disc Drive)	-	Disc
22	Classic Adventure/ Morden's Quest (for PCW)	-	Disc
23	Roland Ahoy!	192	1192
24	MasterCalc	905	1905
25	Satellite Warrior	949	1949



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Hedge-Hog

A game from Ian Barnes

Hedge-Hog is a BASIC program which was originally designed around one of the few playable games for the Dick Smith Wizard home computer. (No, I didn't have one, but one of my friends did).

The idea of the game is to keep the Hedge-Hog on the path as he collects a number of bunches of cherries. Unfortunately you have no control over the Hedge-Hog himself, and so must move sections of the path to form a trail for him to follow. He will be killed if he comes off the path. By the way, I'm not English, it's just that Hedge-Hog sounds better than Echidna.

The program is all in BASIC, and some parts may seem to be very similar to others. This is due to my trying to increase the speed of the program, at the expense of program length. However, the whole program is only about 13k long, which is a fairly reasonable amount of typing.

A break-down of the program follows:

10 - 120	Call routines to set up the game
130 - 760	Draw playing field
770 - 860	Main program loop
870 - 1380	Move tiles
1390 - 1980	Move Hedge-Hog
1990 - 2860	Set up tiles
2870 - 3230	Draw starting screen
3240 - 3530	Data
3540 - 3640	Dead!

The game has ten speed levels, and anyone who feels that the game is too slow should try playing at level 9 (I usually play at about level 5).

When typing the program in you should type it as it is printed, as any missing lines will cause the program to do a number of interesting things, none of which help you to play. After the program is working you can remove the REMs.

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10 KEY 135,"SYMBOL AFTER 200:paper 0:pen
  1:border 1:mode 2:ink 0,1:ink 1,26:list
"+CHR$(13)
20 ' HEDGE-HOG
30 ' BY IAN BARNES
40 ' JULY 1986
50 '
60 'Use a joystick or
70 'the cursor keys
80 '
90 '
100 GOSUB 2900 'Starting screen
110 GOSUB 2030 'set up variables
120 vscore=0:vrack=0
130 '
140 'start of rack
150 '
160 WHILE NOT dead
170 PRINT CHR$(23)+CHR$(1);
180 xa=280:ya=102:xb=0:yb=1.6:d=3
190 PAPER#1,0
200 IF vrack=1 AND diff<2 THEN diff=diff
+0.1
210 IF vrack=3 THEN diff=diff+0.1:IF vra
ck=4 THEN RESTORE 3460
220 t=0
230 '
240 ' print a new screen
250 '
260 ' first, the border tiles
270 '
280 FOR loop=5 TO 35 STEP 4
290 WINDOW#1,loop,loop+3,1,4
300 READ v:IF v=12 THEN PAPER#1,2 ELSE P
APER#1,0
310 PRINT#1,s(v);
320 NEXT
330 FOR loop=5 TO 21 STEP 4
340 WINDOW#1,5,8,loop,loop+3
350 READ v:IF v=12 THEN PAPER#1,2 ELSE P
APER#1,0
360 PRINT#1,s(v);
370 WINDOW#1,33,36,loop,loop+3
380 READ v:IF v=12 THEN PAPER#1,2 ELSE P
APER#1,0
390 PRINT#1,s(v);
400 NEXT
410 PLOT -4,-4,2:PRINT CHR$(23)+CHR$(1);
420 p=0
430 '
440 ' print cherries
450 '
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460 TAG:READ vcount
470 FOR loop=1 TO vcount
480 READ x,y:MOVE x,y
490 PRINT CHR$(250);
500 c(loop,0)=x:c(loop,1)=y
510 NEXT
520 count=0
530 TAGOFF
540 '
550 ' now print random tiles
560 '
570 PAPER#1,2
580 FOR LOOP=1 TO 6
590 FOR LOOP1=1 TO 5
600 WINDOW#1,5+LOOP*4,8+LOOP*4,LOOP1*4+1
,LOOP1*4+4
610 R=INT(RND*7)+1
620 IF loop=3 THEN IF (loop1=2) THEN IF
r=6 OR r=3 OR r=4 THEN r=INT(RND*2+1)
630 IF loop=3 THEN IF loop1=3 OR loop1=4
THEN r=INT(RND*2)*2+5
640 PRINT#1,S(R);:B(LOOP,LOOP1)=R
650 NEXT:NEXT
660 PLOT -4,-4,1
670 '
680 ' and set starting tile
690 '
700 od=-1:c=3*(3-diff)
710 x=RND*4+1:y=RND*3+1
720 IF x=3 AND y<>1 THEN 710
730 b(x,y)=0:PAPER 0
740 WINDOW#0,5+x*4,8+x*4,1+y*4,y*4+4:CLS
750 WINDOW#0,1,40,1,25
760 LOCATE 16,25:PRINT"SCORE:";USING"###
#";vscore;
770 '
780 ' main program loop
790 '
800 WHILE (count<>vcount) AND NOT dead
810 GOSUB 900 ' move tiles
820 GOSUB 1390 ' move hedgehog
830 WEND
840 TAGOFF:CLS
850 WEND
860 GOTO 3570 ' dead!!!
870 '
880 ' Move tiles
890 '
900 xc=INT(xa-4)/16+1:yc=INT((404-ya)/16
)+1
910 IF t THEN ON dir GOSUB 1060,1150,124
0,1330:RETURN
920 xi=1:yi=1
930 '
940 ' test for direction if no
950 ' tiles are being moved
960 '
970 IF (JOY(0) AND 1) OR (NOT INKEY(0))
THEN IF b(x,y+1) THEN dir=4:t=-1
980 IF (JOY(0) AND 2) OR (NOT INKEY(2))
THEN IF b(x,y-1) THEN dir=3:t=-1
990 IF (JOY(0) AND 4) OR (NOT INKEY(8))
THEN IF b(x+1,y) THEN dir=2:t=-1
1000 IF (JOY(0) AND 8) OR (NOT INKEY(1))
THEN IF b(x-1,y) THEN dir=1:t=-1

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1010 FOR loop=0 TO 60:NEXT
1020 RETURN
1030 '
1040 ' if a tile is being moved right
1050 '
1060 WINDOW#1,x*4+xi+1,4+x*4+xi,y*4+1,y*
4+4
1070 PRINT#1,S(B(x-1,y));
1080 LOCATE x*4+xi,y*4+1:PRINT wipe$;
1090 IF (xc>=x*4+xi AND xc<=4+x*4+xi AND
yc>=y*4+1 AND yc<=y*4+4) THEN od=-1:xa=
xa+16
1100 xi=xi+1:IF xi=5 THEN b(x,y)=b(x-1,y
):b(x-1,y)=0:x=x-1:t=0
1110 RETURN
1120 '
1130 ' if a tile is being moved left
1140 '
1150 WINDOW#1,9+x*4-xi,12+x*4-xi,y*4+1,y
*4+4
1160 PRINT#1,S(B(x+1,y));
1170 PRINT CHR$(31)+CHR$(13+x*4-xi)+CHR$
(y*4+1)+wipe$;
1180 IF (xc>=9+x*4-xi AND xc<=12+x*4-xi
AND yc>=y*4+1 AND yc<=y*4+4) THEN od=-1:
xa=xa-16
1190 xi=xi+1:IF xi=5 THEN b(x,y)=b(x+1,y
):b(x+1,y)=0:x=x+1:t=0
1200 RETURN
1210 '
1220 ' if a tile is being moved down
1230 '
1240 WINDOW#1,5+x*4,8+x*4,y*4+yi-3,y*4+y
i
1250 PRINT#1,S(B(x,y-1));
1260 LOCATE 5+x*4,y*4+yi-4:PRINT" ";
1270 IF (xc>=5+x*4 AND xc<=8+x*4 AND yc>
=y*4+yi-3 AND yc<=y*4+yi) THEN od=-1:ya=
ya-16
1280 yi=yi+1:IF yi=5 THEN b(x,y)=b(x,y-1
):b(x,y-1)=0:y=y-1:t=0
1290 RETURN
1300 '
1310 ' if a tile is being moved up
1320 '
1330 WINDOW#1,5+x*4,8+x*4,5+y*4-yi,8+y*4
-yi
1340 PRINT#1,S(B(x,y+1));
1350 LOCATE 5+x*4,9+y*4-yi:PRINT" ";
1360 IF (xc>=5+x*4 AND xc<=8+x*4 AND yc>
=5+y*4-yi AND yc<=9+y*4-yi) THEN od=-1:y
a=ya+16
1370 yi=yi+1:IF yi=5 THEN b(x,y)=b(x,y+1
):b(x,y+1)=0:y=y+1:t=0
1380 RETURN
1390 '
1400 ' Move hedgehog
1410 '
1420 IF d>3 THEN GOSUB 1930 ELSE ON d+1
GOSUB 1690,1710,1730,1750
1430 '
1440 ' Call &BD19
1450 ' used to remove some
1460 ' of the flickering

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1470 '
1480 ' remove old hedge-hog
1490 ' and print new one
1500 '
1510 IF ya<340 AND ya>100 THEN CALL &BD1
9
1520 xa=xa+xb*diff:ya=ya+yb*diff:TAG
1530 IF od<>-1 THEN MOVE ox,oy:PRINT CHR
$(240+od);
1540 IF TEST(xa+8, ya-8)=3 OR TESTR(4,4)=
3 THEN GOTO 1770
1550 MOVE xa, ya:PRINT CHR$(240+d);
1560 TAGOFF:ox=xa:oy=ya:od=d
1570 IF TEST(xa+8, ya-8)<>0 THEN dead=-1
1580 IF xa<64 AND d=2 THEN xa=550 ELSE I
F xa>550 AND d=0 THEN xa=66
1590 IF ya>340 THEN CALL &BD19
1600 RETURN
1610 '
1620 ' tests to see if hedgehog
1630 ' is about to come off its
1640 ' path.
1650 '
1660 ' and change direction
1670 ' if it is.
1680 '
1690 IF (TEST(xa+20, ya-8)<>1 AND TESTR(0
,0)<>3) THEN IF TEST(xa+24, ya-24)=1 THEN
d=4:xb=2:yb=-2:ndi=1 ELSE IF TEST(xa+24
, ya+8)=1 THEN d=7:xb=2:yb=2:ndi=3
1700 RETURN
1710 IF (TEST(xa+8, ya-20)<>1 AND TESTR(0
,0)<>3) THEN IF TEST(xa-8, ya-24)=1 THEN
d=5:xb=-2:yb=-2:ndi=2 ELSE IF TEST(xa+24
, ya-24)=1 THEN d=4:xb=2:yb=-2:ndi=0
1720 RETURN
1730 IF (TEST(xa-6, ya-8)<>1 AND TESTR(0,
0)<>3) THEN IF TEST(xa-8, ya-24)=1 THEN d
=5:xb=-2:yb=-2:ndi=1 ELSE IF TEST(xa-6, y
a+8)=1 THEN d=6:xb=-2:yb=2:ndi=3
1740 RETURN
1750 IF TEST(xa+8, ya+6)<>1 AND TESTR(0,0
)<>3 THEN IF TEST(xa-8, ya+8)=1 THEN d=6:
xb=-2:yb=2:ndi=2 ELSE IF TEST(xa+24, ya+8
)=1 THEN d=7:xb=2:yb=2:ndi=0
1760 RETURN
1770 '
1780 ' remove cherries when they
1790 ' are run over.
1800 '
1810 FOR loop=1 TO vcount
1820 IF xa>c(loop,0)-16 THEN IF xa<c(loop
,0)+16 THEN IF ya>c(loop,1)-16 THEN IF
ya<c(loop,1)+16 THEN v=loop:loop=vcount
1830 NEXT
1840 TAGOFF:PRINT CHR$(23)+CHR$(0);:TAG:
MOVE c(v,0),c(v,1):PRINT CHR$(143);
1850 TAGOFF:PRINT CHR$(23)+CHR$(1);:TAG
1860 count=count+1
1870 vscore=vscore+INT(25*diff)
1880 LOCATE#3,22,25:PRINT#3,USING"####";
vscore;
1890 GOTO 1550
1900 '
1910 ' moving at an angle

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1920 '
1930 xv=xa-(xa\64)*64:yv=ya-(ya\64)*64
1940 h=h+1:IF h<3 THEN RETURN
1950 IF (ndi=1 OR ndi=3) THEN IF (xv>21
AND xv<27) THEN 1970 ELSE RETURN
1960 IF (ndi=0 OR ndi=2) THEN IF NOT (yv
>52 AND yv<58) THEN RETURN
1970 d=ndi:IF d=0 THEN xb=2:yb=0 ELSE IF
d=1 THEN xb=0:yb=-2 ELSE IF d=2 THEN xb
=-2:yb=0 ELSE xb=0:yb=2
1980 RETURN
1990 '
2000 ' set up all characters
2010 ' used on the tiles
2020 '
2030 SYMBOL AFTER 180
2040 SYMBOL 184,0,0,&F7,&63,&63,&63,&7F,
&7F
2050 SYMBOL 185,0,0,&80,0,0,0,&31,&4A
2060 SYMBOL 186,0,0,0,&20,&20,&20,&A3,&6
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2070 SYMBOL 187,0,0,0,0,0,0,&30,&48
2080 SYMBOL 188,&63,&63,&63,&F3,3,3,3,3
2090 SYMBOL 189,&4A,&72,&42,&3D,0,0,0,0
2100 SYMBOL 190,&29,&69,&B9,&A7,&3,&D,&1
1,&12
2110 SYMBOL 191,&48,&70,&44,&B8,0,0,0,0
2120 SYMBOL 192,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3
2130 SYMBOL 193,0,&3C,&18,&18,&18,&F8,&F
9,&1A
2140 SYMBOL 194,&C,0,0,0,0,&F3,&2D,&29
2150 SYMBOL 195,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,&20
2160 SYMBOL 196,3,3,7,0,0,0,0,0
2170 SYMBOL 197,&1A,&1A,&BD,0,0,0,0,0
2180 SYMBOL 198,&49,&49,&87,3,&D,&11,&12
,&C
2190 SYMBOL 199,&20,&40,&80,0,0,0,0,0
2200 SYMBOL 200,&FF,&3F,&3F,&3F,&7F,&7F,
&FF,&FF
2210 SYMBOL 201,&FF,&FC,&FC,&FC,&F8,&F8,
&F8,&F0
2220 SYMBOL 202,&83,&8F,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,
&FF,&FF
2230 SYMBOL 203,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,
&FF,&FF
2240 SYMBOL 204,&F0,&F0,&E0,&E0,&C0,&C0,
&80,0
2250 SYMBOL 205,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FE,&F0,
&80,&80
2260 SYMBOL 206,&FE,&FC,&F0,&C0,0,0,0,0
2270 SYMBOL 207,&FF,&3F,&3F,&3F,&1F,&1F,
&1F,&F
2280 SYMBOL 208,&FF,&FC,&FC,&FC,&FE,&FE,
&FF,&FF
2290 SYMBOL 209,&F,&F,7,7,3,3,1,0
2300 SYMBOL 210,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,
&FF,&FF
2310 SYMBOL 211,&C1,&F1,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,
&FF,&FF
2320 SYMBOL 212,&7F,&3F,&F,3,0,0,0,0
2330 SYMBOL 213,&FF,&FF,&FF,&FF,&7F,&F,1
,1
2340 SYMBOL 214,0,0,0,0,0,&C0,&F0,&FC,&FE
2350 SYMBOL 215,&80,&80,&F0,&FE,&FF,&FF,
&FF,&FF

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2360 SYMBOL 216, 0, &80, &C0, &C0, &E0, &E0, &F
0, &F0
2370 SYMBOL 217, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF,
&FF, &FF
2380 SYMBOL 218, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF,
&8F, &83
2390 SYMBOL 219, &F0, &F8, &F8, &F8, &FC, &FC,
&FC, &FF
2400 SYMBOL 220, &FF, &FF, &7F, &7F, &3F, &3F,
&3F, &FF
2410 SYMBOL 221, 1, 1, &F, &7F, &FF, &FF, &FF, &
FF
2420 SYMBOL 222, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, &F, &3F, &7F
2430 SYMBOL 223, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF,
&F1, &C1
2440 SYMBOL 224, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF,
&FF, &FF
2450 SYMBOL 225, 0, 1, 3, 3, 7, 7, &F, &F
2460 SYMBOL 226, &FF, &FF, &FE, &FE, &FC, &FC,
&FC, &FF
2470 SYMBOL 227, &F, &1F, &1F, &1F, &3F, &3F, &
3F, &FF
2480 SYMBOL 228, &FF, &3F, &3F, &3F, &3F, &3F,
&3F, &FF
2490 SYMBOL 229, &FF, &FC, &FC, &FC, &FC, &FC,
&FC, &FF
2500 SYMBOL 230, &81, &81, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF,
&FF, &FF
2510 SYMBOL 231, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF,
&81, &81
2520 SYMBOL 232, &FF, &80, &80, &80, &80, &80,
&80, &80
2530 SYMBOL 233, &FF, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1
2540 SYMBOL 234, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, &FF
2550 SYMBOL 235, &80, &80, &80, &80, &80, &80,
&80, &FF
2560 SYMBOL 236, &FF, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
2570 SYMBOL 237, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1
2580 SYMBOL 238, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, &FF
2590 SYMBOL 239, &80, &80, &80, &80, &80, &80,
&80, &80
2600 SYMBOL 240, 0, &70, &FC, &FB, &FB, &FC, &7
0, 0
2610 SYMBOL 241, &3C, &7E, &7E, &7E, &3C, &24,
&18, &18
2620 SYMBOL 242, 0, &E, &3F, &DF, &DF, &3F, &E,
0
2630 SYMBOL 243, &18, &18, &24, &3C, &7E, &7E,
&7E, &3C
2640 SYMBOL 244, &70, &F8, &FC, &FC, &7A, &36,
&E, 0
2650 SYMBOL 245, &E, &1F, &3F, &3F, &5E, &6C, &
70, 0
2660 SYMBOL 246, 0, &70, &6C, &5E, &3F, &3F, &1
F, &E
2670 SYMBOL 247, 0, &E, &36, &7A, &FC, &FC, &F8
, &70
2680 SYMBOL 250, 3, 5, &1A, &62, &F6, &FF, &6F,
6
2690 '
2700 ' Then set up tiles in a
2710 ' string array
2720 '
2730 S(1)=CHR$(232)+CHR$(200)+CHR$(201)+
CHR$(233)+CHR$(202)+CHR$(203)+CHR$(204)+

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CHR$(237)+CHR$(205)+CHR$(206)+" "+CHR$(2
37)+CHR$(235)+CHR$(238)+CHR$(238)+CHR$(2
34)
2740 S(2)=CHR$(232)+CHR$(207)+CHR$(208)+
CHR$(233)+CHR$(239)+CHR$(209)+CHR$(210)+
CHR$(211)+CHR$(239)+" "+CHR$(212)+CHR$(2
13)+CHR$(235)+CHR$(238)+CHR$(238)+CHR$(2
34)
2750 S(3)=CHR$(232)+CHR$(236)+CHR$(236)+
CHR$(233)+CHR$(215)+CHR$(214)+" "+CHR$(2
37)+CHR$(218)+CHR$(217)+CHR$(216)+CHR$(2
37)+CHR$(235)+CHR$(220)+CHR$(219)+CHR$(2
34)
2760 S(4)=CHR$(232)+CHR$(236)+CHR$(236)+
CHR$(233)+CHR$(239)+" "+CHR$(222)+CHR$(2
21)+CHR$(239)+CHR$(225)+CHR$(224)+CHR$(2
23)+CHR$(235)+CHR$(227)+CHR$(226)+CHR$(2
34)
2770 S(5)=CHR$(232)+CHR$(200)+CHR$(208)+
CHR$(233)+CHR$(202)+CHR$(203)+CHR$(203)+
CHR$(211)+CHR$(218)+CHR$(217)+CHR$(217)+
CHR$(223)+CHR$(235)+CHR$(220)+CHR$(226)+
CHR$(234)
2780 S(6)=CHR$(232)+CHR$(236)+CHR$(236)+
CHR$(233)+CHR$(230)+CHR$(230)+CHR$(230)+
CHR$(230)+CHR$(231)+CHR$(231)+CHR$(231)+
CHR$(231)+CHR$(235)+CHR$(238)+CHR$(238)+
CHR$(234)
2790 S(7)=CHR$(232)+CHR$(228)+CHR$(229)+
CHR$(233)+CHR$(239)+CHR$(228)+CHR$(229)+
CHR$(237)+CHR$(239)+CHR$(228)+CHR$(229)+
CHR$(237)+CHR$(235)+CHR$(228)+CHR$(229)+
CHR$(234)
2800 S(8)=" "+CHR$(200)+CHR$(201)+" "+CH
R$(202)+CHR$(203)+CHR$(204)+" "+CHR$(205
)+CHR$(206)+" "
2810 S(9)=" "+CHR$(207)+CHR$(208)+" "+C
HR$(209)+CHR$(210)+CHR$(211)+" "+CHR$(2
12)+CHR$(213)+" "
2820 S(10)=" "+CHR$(215)+CHR$(214)+"
"+CHR$(218)+CHR$(217)+CHR$(216)+" "+CH
R$(220)+CHR$(219)+" "
2830 S(11)=" "+CHR$(222)+CHR$(221)+
" "+CHR$(225)+CHR$(224)+CHR$(223)+" "+CH
R$(227)+CHR$(226)+" "
2840 S(12)=CHR$(184)+CHR$(185)+CHR$(186)
+CHR$(187)+CHR$(188)+CHR$(189)+CHR$(190)
+CHR$(191)+CHR$(192)+CHR$(193)+CHR$(194)
+CHR$(195)+CHR$(196)+CHR$(197)+CHR$(198)
+CHR$(199)
2850 wipe$=" "+CHR$(8)+CHR$(10)+" "+CHR$
(8)+CHR$(10)+" "+CHR$(8)+CHR$(10)+" "
2860 RETURN
2870 '
2880 ' Starting screen graphics
2890 '
2900 SYMBOL AFTER 97
2910 SYMBOL 97, &3C, &3C, &3C, &3C, &3C, &3C, &
3C, &3C
2920 SYMBOL 98, 0, 0, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, 0, 0
2930 SYMBOL 99, &3C, &7E, &FF, &FF, &FF, &FF, &
7E, &3C
2940 SYMBOL 100, 0, 0, &7, &1F, &1F, &3F, &3E, &
3C
2950 SYMBOL 101, 0, 0, &E0, &F8, &F8, &FC, &7C,

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&3C
2960 SYMBOL 102,&3C,&7C,&FC,&F8,&F8,&E0,
0,0
2970 SYMBOL 103,&3C,&3E,&3F,&1F,&1F,&7,0
,0
2980 '
2990 ' Print starting screen
3000 '
3010 MODE 1
3020 DEFINT A-Z:DEFSTR S
3030 INK 0,9:INK 1,25:INK 2,25:INK 3,6,2
4:SPEED INK 1,1
3040 BORDER 9:PAPER 0:PEN 3
3050 PEN 3:LOCATE 15,20:PRINT"RANDOM NOI
SE"
3060 PEN 1:LOCATE 17,22:PRINT"PRESENTS"
3070 WINDOW#0,6,36,2,18
3080 FOR loop=1 TO 16
3090 READ a$
3100 FOR loop1=1 TO 15
3110 LOCATE LOOP1,17:IF MID$(a$,loop1,1)
=" " THEN PEN 1:PRINT CHR$(97+INT(RND*7)
);:ELSE PEN 2:PRINT MID$(a$,loop1,1);
3120 LOCATE 31-LOOP1,17:IF MID$(a$,31-loo
op1,1)=" " THEN PEN 1:PRINT CHR$(97+INT(
RND*7));:ELSE PEN 2:PRINT MID$(a$,31-loo
p1,1);
3130 NEXT:PRINT:PRINT:NEXT
3140 WINDOW#0,1,40,25,1
3150 PEN 1
3160 INK 2,26
3170 LOCATE 7,22:PRINT"ENTER DIFFICULTY
LEVEL (0-9)"
3180 LOCATE 11,24:PRINT"(9 IS HARDEST LE
VEL)"
3190 I$=INKEY$:IF I$="" OR I$<"0" OR I$>
"9" THEN 3190
3200 diff=1.1+VAL(I$)/10
3210 CLS:INK 0,3:INK 1,25:INK 2,9:INK 3,
6
3220 BORDER 3:DIM S(12),c(15,1)
3230 RETURN
3240 '
3250 ' data for starting screen
3260 '
3270 DATA"
"
3280 DATA"
"
3290 DATA" a a dbbb adbe dbbe dbbb
"
3300 DATA" a a a cf a a a
"
3310 DATA" cbbc cbb a a a cbb
"
3320 DATA" a a a ce a a bc a
"
3330 DATA" a a gbbb agbf gbbf gbbb
"
3340 DATA"
"
3350 DATA"
"
3360 DATA" a a dbbe dbbe
"

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3370 DATA" a a a a a
"
3380 DATA" cbbc a a a
"
3390 DATA" a a a a a bc
"
3400 DATA" a a gbbf gbbf
"
3410 DATA"
"
3420 DATA"
"
3430 '
3440 ' data for racks
3450 '
3460 DATA 12,4,3,4,3,4,3,12,4,3,2,1,6,6,
4,3,2,1
3470 DATA 7,180,374,308,374,436,374,88,8
4,88,284,536,84,536,284
3480 DATA 4,3,4,3,4,3,4,3,2,1,6,6,4,3,2,
1,12,12
3490 DATA 6,116,374,244,374,372,374,502,
374,88,148,536,148
3500 DATA 4,3,12,4,3,12,4,3,5,5,5,5,2,1,
4,3,2,1
3510 DATA 7,116,374,308,374,502,374,88,3
10,536,310,88,84,536,84
3520 DATA 3,12,4,3,4,3,12,4,2,1,4,3,2,1,
4,3,1,2
3530 DATA 6,88,84,88,220,244,374,372,372
,536,342,536,220
3540 '
3550 ' dead!!
3560 '
3570 PLOT -800,-800,1:A$="YOU'RE DEAD!!"
3580 FOR LOOP=1 TO 13:LOCATE 2,LOOP+2:PR
INT MID$(A$,LOOP,1);
3590 LOCATE 38,LOOP+2:PRINT MID$(A$,LOOP
,1);
3600 NEXT
3610 LOCATE 12,12:PRINT"YOUR SCORE WAS:"
;USING"####";vscore;
3620 FOR LOOP=0 TO 40:A$=INKEY$:NEXT
3630 WHILE INKEY$="":WEND
3640 RUN

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COPYCAT

A disc utility from Dennis Shanahan

Here is yet another DISC COVER but, judge for yourself, I think it is the most useful yet.

How often have you been sitting there with a handful of discs and needing to know what side of which disc is the program you think you called COPYCAT, or was it COPICAT, or KOPICAT? Also, is your original version of the program still on disc.... you think you called it DISCOVER? Which disc, which title, how much space is left on the disc, how long is the file, do I have to do a CAT on each side of each disc 'til I find it?

Not being one to keep tidy records of my jaunts through my 664, and being frustrated trying to find different versions of similar programs, I decided this computer should help me straighten things out. COPYCAT is the result and it works well.

COPYCAT enables you to create a disc cover which fits neatly into the clear plastic disc protection box. You can then refer to the following details without the need to remove the disc from the box:

1. Your disc reference number (a three character string)
2. Your disc title (up to 26 characters)
3. All details as shown on the monitor when a CAT is performed for both sides of the disc, ie.
 - a) program/file title
 - b) k bytes of disc space used by each program/file
 - c) k bytes free on each side of the disc

The program was written on the 664 but uses a short machine code routine instead of COPYCHR\$ so as to be suitable for use on the 464 with disc drive and the 6128. The printer I use has a 17cpi (compressed

printing), double width printing and line feed can be adjusted in 1/144" increments. The program uses LF's of 9/72" and 1/6". With minimal adjustments to the program it should be able to run with any dot matrix printer.

Shown below is an example of the output from COPYCAT. Don't worry if you have a mass of short files, as the program will extend the length of the cover to fit all the files; when it does this it lets you know with a "CONTINUED OVERLEAF" note at the bottom of the front cover.

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: DISC No. 009 AMSTRAD USER Vol. 1
-----
                SIDE=1          72K free
: AMSFILE1.BAS- 2  CASSLAB .BAS- 7  HAND14 .LDG- 1  MLIST67 .BAS- 5:
: AMSFILE2.BAS- 2  CODEWORD.BAS- 2  LOADTEST.BAS- 1  POKERSX .BAS- 2:
: AMSFILE3.BAS- 3  DISKCAT .BAS- 7  LOCDDEM .BAS- 1  RANDNOS .BAS- 4:
: AMSFILE4.BAS- 3  FILECOPY.COM- 3  LPV11 .BAS- 3  WINDMILL.BAS- 1:
: AMSTEST . - 1  GETRSX .BAS- 2  MLIST1 .BAS- 6  YAHTZEE .BAS-17:
: AMSTEST .BAK- 1  GUNFIGHT.BAS- 9  MLIST4 . - 4 - :
: BANKCAT .BAS- 3  HAND11 .LOG- 1  MLIST45 .BAS- 6 - :
                SIDE=2          3K free
: BUDGET .BAS- 6  GRAFLOAD.BAS- 7  MCRTNS .BAS- 2  NOTEPLAY.BAS- 1:
: BUGHUNT .BAS- 4  HEADREAD.BAK- 5  MENU10 .BAS- 3  PERCENTS.BAS- 3:
: CALENDAR.BAS- 3  HEADREAD.BAS- 5  MENU13 .BAS- 4  POKER .BAS-16:
: CLCKFACE.BIN-17  JJBARCH .BAS- 3  MLIST1 .BAS- 6  QUIZ .BAS- 6:
: CLOCK1 .BAS-15  JJPIC1 .BAS- 1  MLIST2 . - 2  RECIPEN .BAS-13:
: CLOCKPT1.BAS-15  JJPIC2 .BAS- 1  MOWER .BAS- 6  RSXGEN .BAS- 3:
: FILECOPY.COM- 3  JJPICS .BAS- 1  MUSLIST1.BAS- 5  SCRDMP .BAS- 2:
: GRAFLOAD.BAS- 1  KABOOM .BAS- 2  MUSLIST2.BAS- 2  SORTS .BAS- 3:
:
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10 'COPYCAT by Dennis Shanahan
20 MEMORY 39999
30 FOR i=1 TO 7
40 READ N%
50 POKE (40000+i),N%
60 NEXT
70 DATA &cd,&60,&bb,&32,&10,&a4,&c9
80 MODE 1
90 PRINT"C O P Y C A T by Dennis S
hanahan"
100 LOCATE 8,4:PRINT "1. Input NEW Lable
Details"
110 LOCATE 8,6:PRINT "2. Make NEW COVER(
S)"
120 LOCATE 10,22:PRINT"Select <1> or <2>
"
130 k$=INKEY$: IF k$="" THEN 130
140 ON INSTR("12",k$) GOTO 420,570
150 GOTO 130
160 k$=INKEY$: IF K$="" THEN 160
170 MODE 2:PRINT "The Computer is Readin
g the Catalog"
180 CAT
190 FOR tm=1 TO 250:NEXT tm
200 FOR y=5 TO 22
210 ct=ct+1:ct$(ct)="! "
220 FOR x=1 TO 61 STEP 20
230 FOR xinc=0 TO 15
240 IF xinc=12 THEN ct$(ct)=ct$(ct)+"-":
GOTO 270
250 IF xinc=13 THEN GOTO 270
260 LOCATE x+xinc,y:CALL 40001:ct$(ct)=c
t$(ct)+CHR$(PEEK(42000))
270 NEXT xinc
280 ct$(ct)=ct$(ct)+" "
290 NEXT x
300 MID$(ct$(ct),69)="!"
310 IF LEFT$(ct$(ct),5)<>"! " THEN 40
0
320 re$=""
330 FOR xinc=1 TO 10
340 LOCATE xinc,y+1:CALL 40001:re$=re$+C
HR$(PEEK(42000))
350 NEXT xinc
360 IF side=2 THEN 380
370 ct$(0)=ct$(0)+re$:GOTO 390
380 ct$(sd)=ct$(sd)+re$:ct$(ct)="":full=
ct
390 y=22
400 NEXT y
410 RETURN
420 '***** new lable *****
430 CLS: CLEAR: DIM ct$(37):ct=0
440 LOCATE 14,1:PRINT "LABEL TITLE"
450 LOCATE 1,4:INPUT "Disc No. (max. 3 c
haracters) ";dno$
460 LOCATE 1,6:INPUT "Disc Name(max.26 c
haracters) ";name$
470 LOCATE 1,10:PRINT "Place disc, for w
hich lable is to"
480 PRINT :PRINT "be made, in drive with
side No.1 up.."
490 PRINT :PRINT "Then, press any key to
continue."
500 ct$(0)=SPACE$(8)+"SIDE=1 ":side=1

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510 GOSUB 160
520 MODE 1
530 PRINT "Remove disc then insert with
side No. 2"
540 PRINT :PRINT "UP... Then press any
key."
550 ct$(ct)=SPACE$(8)+"SIDE=2 ":side=
2:sd=ct
560 GOSUB 160
570 '***** new cover(s) *****
580 MODE 1
590 LOCATE 14,1:PRINT "NEW COVERS"
600 LOCATE 1,10:INPUT "How many Copies";
cp
610 FOR c=1 TO cp
620 GOSUB 660
630 PRINT #8,CHR$(27);CHR$(64):'printer
reset
640 NEXT c
650 GOTO 10
660 'set printer to 17CPI and LF=9/72"
670 PRINT #8,CHR$(27);CHR$(15);CHR$(27);
CHR$(51);CHR$(18);
680 GOSUB 690: GOTO 700
690 FOR n=1 TO 69:PRINT #8,"-";:NEXT n:P
RINT #8: RETURN
700 PRINT #8,"! DISC No. ";dno$;:GOSUB 7
10:GOTO 720
710 PRINT #8,CHR$(27);CHR$(14);:RETURN:'
printer double width
720 PRINT #8," ";name$:GOSUB 730:GOTO 74
0
730 PRINT #8,CHR$(27);CHR$(15);:RETURN:'
printer condensed
740 GOSUB 690
750 PRINT #8,CHR$(27);CHR$(51);CHR$(24);
:'printer LF=1/6"
760 FOR p=0 TO 37
770 IF ct$(p)="" THEN p=37: GOTO 820
780 IF p=17 AND full>18 THEN GOSUB 890:G
OSUB 690
790 IF p=0 OR p=sd THEN GOSUB 710
800 PRINT #8,ct$(p)
810 IF p=0 OR p=sd THEN GOSUB 730
820 NEXT p
830 IF full<18 THEN GOTO 850
840 GOSUB 690: RETURN
850 sp$="!"+SPACE$(67)+"!";
860 FOR n=full+1 TO 18
870 PRINT #8,sp$
880 NEXT n:GOTO 840
890 PRINT #8,"! C O N T I N U E D O V
E R L E A F";SPACE$(31);"!":RETURN

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A full screen Editor for ams-Forth

by Petr Lukes

FORTH is a fascinating language. It demands more discipline from the programmer, but provides more freedom than other high-level languages. It is not very widely used on micros, because it is not normally bundled with the machine (the English Jupiter ACE was released in late 1982 with FORTH as the only language, but it was not a commercial success).

Expressions must be entered in Reverse Polish Notation ("Polish" after the originator of the prefix notation Jan Lukasiewicz, whose name was considered to be too difficult to pronounce; "Reverse" because it is postfix, the reverse of prefix). The interpreters and compilers of other languages convert the usual algebraic expressions into RPN before evaluating them, so this notation is more suitable to the machine while it requires some extra programming effort.

The biggest obstacle to learning FORTH is lack of published programs which can be used as

examples, compounded by the fact that there are three standards (fig.79, and 83) and every implementation has various extensions.

There are two fig-FORTH implementations for the CPCs. The later one, 4TH, by Abersoft, was featured in the tutorial series in the U.K. Amstrad Computer User, March to August 1985. ams-FORTH is considerably cheaper and comes with a very elementary line-based editor, which means that it is necessary to re-type a whole line to correct a mistake. (I have not seen the 4TH editor, and ams-FORTH does not have ASSEMBLER).

The following program can ease the pain of entering programs, as well as indicate how things can be done in FORTH. It is not necessarily the best FORTH, being a very close translation from PASCAL (and my first FORTH attempt), but it is a start. A word-processor which produces uncompressed ASCII text and saves

it with a header (i.e. as a binary file) could be used for entering the program for subsequent loading by SCR-LOAD, but test it first.

It compiles to about 2.3k; a similar BASIC program needs around three times the memory. I have recovered most of the 2.3k by lowering FENCE, FORGETting all words after VLIST, re-installing LIST and FREE (use SPELL to see how they are constructed; the new LIST must not call the now forgotten EDITOR), and then making this editor a part of the system. Obviously, this requires considerable care and patience.

The speed could be improved by coding DISP in machine-language, and a CASE structure for testing the keys, but that can be done later. The value in HI could be increased to 7D00h, without running into problems when crossing the 7FFFh boundary. The extra 1k could provide an extra screen, or the value in LO could be increased to 5500h for more program space.

```
OK
2 1 0 LIST LIST LIST
Block 0
0 ( screed 0) ( LKS 860521)
1 A full-screen RAM-disc editor for ams-FORTH 1.11. Use
2 { n LIST } for hard copy, n LOAD to compile. Screen 0 (lines
3 0 to 15) for comments only; 0 LOAD crashes the system !
4 The editor is in overstrike mode at all times, and allows
5 insertion/deletion of characters: this affects all text from the
6 cursor position to the end of the last screen. The text must be
7 formatted into lines and screens before LOAD is invoked.
8 COPY allows copying of any one line within the screens area to
9 the line at the cursor. It will overwrite the existing text but
10 does not delete the original line. COPY and GUIU require the
11 absolute line number (unsigned); invalid entries are ignored.
12 SEARCH tries to match the input string through the whole screens
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13 area. Corrections may be made if a match is found, but each
 14 search must be completed to avoid stack build-up.
 15 ESC is available, but exit by CLR to reset the DEL key.

Block 1

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0 ( scred 1)
1 FORTH SP!  DECIMAL  CLR FREE
2          64 CONSTANT CH ( chars/line)
3  HI @ LU @ - CH / 1 - CONSTANT ML ( max lines)
4          23 CONSTANT DL ( no of display lines)
5          0 VARIABLE TL ( top line on screen)
6          0 VARIABLE CC ( cursor col)
7          0 VARIABLE CL ( cursor line)
8          0 VARIABLE MA ( memory address)
9          0 VARIABLE T1 ( temporary store)
10         0 VARIABLE T2 ( temporary store)
11 HEX CREATE CUB ( get curs pos into CC, CL)
12  CD C, BB78 , 16 C,  0 C, ( call TXT GET CURS  1d D,0)
13  5D C, ED C, 53 C, CC , ( 1d E,H  1d [CC],DE)
14  5D C, ED C, 53 C, CL , ( 1d E,L  1d [CL],DE)
15 -->

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Block 2

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0 ( scred 2)
1  CS C, NEXT , SMUDGE
2 CREATE CUS ( set curs pos from CC, CL)
3  ED C, 5B C, CC , 53 C, ( 1d DE,[CC]  1d H,E)
4  ED C, 5B C, CL , 6B C, ( 1d DE,[CL]  1d L,E)
5  CD C, BB75 , CS C, NEXT , SMUDGE ( call TXT SET CUR  exit)
6 CREATE KEYDEF  CS C, ( push BC)
7  3E C,  0 C, 6 C,  B C, CD C, BB27 , ( nU/A=wup)
8  3E C,  0 C, 6 C,  5 C, CD C, BB2D , ( sU/A=5)
9  3E C,  1 C, 6 C,  7 C, CD C, BB27 , ( nK/A=wrt)
10 3E C,  2 C, 6 C,  A C, CD C, BB27 , ( nD/A=wdn)
11 3E C,  2 C, 6 C,  6 C, CD C, BB2D , ( sD/A=6)
12 3E C,  8 C, 6 C,  8 C, CD C, BB27 , ( nL/A=wlt)
13 3E C,  7 C, 6 C,  F C, CD C, BB27 , ( nCOPY=15)
14 3E C, 44 C, 6 C,  1 C, CD C, BB27 , ( nTAB=1)
15 -->

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OK

5 4 3 LIST LIST LIST

Block 3

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0 ( scred 3)
1 3E C, 44 C, 6 C,  2 C, CD C, BB2D , ( sTAB=2)
2 3E C, 4F C, 6 C,  3 C, CD C, BB27 , ( nDEL=3)
3 3E C, 4F C, 6 C,  4 C, CD C, BB2D , ( sDEL=4)
4 C1 C, CS C, NEXT , SMUDGE ( pop BC  exit)
5 CREATE DELKEY ( restore DEL)  CS C, ( push BC)
6 3E C, 4F C, 6 C,  7F C, CD C, BB27 , ( nDEL=127)
7 C1 C, CS C, NEXT , SMUDGE
8 CREATE INS ( insert T1+1 spaces at cursor)  CS C, ( push BC)
9 2A C, HI , 2B C, ( 1d HL,[memory top] dec HL)
10 ED C, 4B C, 71 , 5D54 , ( 1d BC,[shift]  1d D,H  1d E,L)
11  3 C, 1A C, 1B C, ( inc BC  loop1: 1d A,[DEL] dec DE)
12 FE C, 21 C, 3B C, FA C, ( cp "!"  jr c, loop1)
13 13 C, ED C, 52 C, ( inc DE  sbc HL,DE)
14 ED C, 42 C, 3B C, 16 C, ( sbc HL,BC  jr c, exit)
15 -->

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Block 4

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0 ( scred 4)
1 626B , 9 C, EB C, ( ld L,E ld H,D add HL,BC ex DE,HL)
2 ED C, 4B C, MA , ( ld BC,[memory address])
3 B7 C, ED C, 42 C, ( loop2: or A sbc HL,BC)
4 38 C, 9 C, ( jr c, exit)
5 9 C, 7E C, ( add HL,BC ld A,[HL])
6 36 C, 20 C, 12 C, ( ld [HL],space ld [DE],A)
7 2B1B , 1B C, F2 C, ( dec DE dec HL jr loop2)
8 C1 C, C3 C, NEXT , SMUDGE ( exit)
9 CREATE DEL ( delete T1 chars at cursor) C5 C, ( push BC)
10 2A C, MA , ED C, 4B C, T1 , ( ld HL,[ma] ld BC,[shift])
11 5D54 , 9 C, ( ld D,H ld E,L add HL,BC)
12 ED C, 4B C, HI , ( ld BC,[memory top])
13 B7 C, ED C, 42 C, ( loop: or A sbc HL,BC)
14 30 C, 9 C, 9 C, ( jr nc, exit add HL,BC)
15 -->

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Block 5

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0 ( scred 5)
1 7E C, 36 C, 20 C, 12 C, ( ld A,[HL] ld [HL],space ld [DE],A)
2 2313 , 1B C, F2 C, ( inc DE inc HL jr loop)
3 C1 C, C3 C, NEXT , SMUDGE ( exit)
4 CREATE AMIT ( c --- ) ( prints all codes via TXR WR CHR)
5 E1 C, C5 C, 7D C, CD C, B85D , C1 C, C3 C, NEXT , SMUDGE
6 DECIMAL
7 : DISP ( from MA to end of current display, reset cursor)
8 TL @ DL + CH * LU @ + 1 - MA @ DU I @ AMIT LOOP CUS ;
9 : NU? ( accept a valid line number) 7 EMIT
10 1 QUERY 13 WORD HERE DUP C@ 1+ + SWAP 1+ DO I C@ BASE @
11 DIGIT IF DROP ELSE 0= LEAVE THEN LOOP DUP HERE SWAP
12 IF NUMBER DROP SWAP ELSE 80 ERASE THEN DUP IF SWAP DUP DUP
13 OK SWAP ML > OR IF DROP 0= ELSE SWAP THEN THEN CUS ;
14 : $= ( string match) SWAP -DUP IF OVER + SWAP DU DUP C@
15 -->

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ok

B 7 6 LIST LIST LIST

Block 6

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0 ( scred 6)
1 1 C@ - IF 0= LEAVE ELSE 1+ THEN LOOP ELSE DROP 0= THEN ;
2 : ROUND [ SMUDGE ] ( called recursively by SEARCH) BEGIN
3 BEGIN BEGIN CUG TL @ CL @ 2 - + DUP DUP 2DUP T1 !
4 2 EMIT 30 EMIT 4 .R 5 SPACES 16 /MOD
5 2 .R 58 EMIT 2 .R CUS 3 EMIT
6 OK SWAP ML > OR WHILE 11 T1 @ OK IF 1 - THEN EMIT
7 7 EMIT REPEAT .S
8 CL @ DUP 3 < SWAP DL > OR WHILE DL 2 / CL @ DUP 3 <
9 IF SWAP MINUS 1+ + ELSE SWAP - THEN
10 TL @ + DL MINUS MAX ML MIN DUP TL !
11 CH * LU @ + MA ! 30 EMIT 15 SPACES CR DL 2 / CL ! DISP
12 REPEAT
13 T1 @ CH * LU @ + CL @ 1 - + MA ! KEY 127 AND
14 DUP 1 = IF DROP 0 0 T1 ! INS THEN
15 -->

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Block 7

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0 ( scred 7)
1 DUP 2 = IF DROP 0 CH CC @ - T1 ! INS THEN
2 DUP 3 = IF DROP 0 1 T1 ! DEL THEN
3 DUP 4 = IF DROP 0 24 EMIT CH CC @ - 1+ DUP T1 ! MA @ SWAP
4 TYPE ." Confirm" CUS 24 EMIT KEY 4 = IF DEL THEN THEN
5 DUP 12 = IF DROP 0 24 EMIT 18 EMIT ." Goto line : " NO?
6 IF TL ! DROP 5 THEN 24 EMIT THEN
7 DUP 13 = IF CR THEN
8 DUP 14 = IF DROP T1 @ T2 ! 26 26 1 INK ." Search : " QUERY
9 13 WORD HI @ LU @ DO 2 3 EMIT EMIT I HERE C@ HERE 1+ $=
10 IF 1 LU @ - CH / TL ! 30 7 EMIT EMIT ROUND 13 EMIT HERE 1+
11 HERE C@ TYPE THEN LOOP 24 24 1 INK T2 @ TL ! 7 EMIT 5 THEN
12 DUP 15 = IF DROP 0 24 EMIT 18 EMIT ." Copy line : " NO?
13 IF CH * LU @ + DUP T1 ! CH TYPE ." Confirm" CUS KEY
14 15 = IF T1 @ MA @ CH CMOVE THEN THEN 24 EMIT THEN
15 -->
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Block 8

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0 ( scred 8)
1 DUP 0 = IF DISP BEGIN ?TERMINAL 0 = UNTIL THEN
2 DUP 5 = IF 30 EMIT THEN
3 DUP 6 = IF 24 CL ! CUS THEN
4 DUP DUP BL < SWAP 16 > AND IF DROP 7 THEN
5 DUP 2DUP EMIT BL < 0 = IF MA @ C! ELSE DROP THEN
6 15 = UNTIL ; SMUDGE
7 : SCRED DECIMAL 2 MODE 24 24 1 INK 0 PEN 1 PAPER CR CR CR
8 ." Screen Editor for ams-FORTH 1.1 860521" CR
9 ." P. LUKES, 26 Noll St., TOOWOOMBA, 4350" CR
10 ML 1+ . ." lines, shown as: abs line scr:line in scr" CR
11 ." Normal cursor keys, shifted " 241 240 EMIT SPACE EMIT
12 ." : page toggle" CR ." Special function keys : " CR
13 ." CLR exit" CR
14 ." normal/shift : TAB insert space/s, DEL delete char/s" CR
15 -->
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ok

7 LIST

Block 7

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0 ( scred 7)
1 ." (insertion only if there is free space at end)" CR
2 ." (confirm multiple delete by shift+DEL)" CR
3 ." ctrl+N search : " CR
4 ." enter string; cont by CLR until paper changes!" CR
5 ." ctrl+L goto : enter abs line no" CR
6 ." COPY copy line : enter abs line no; confirm by COPY" CR
7 ." Erase all screens (N/y) ?" 7 EMIT KEYDEF EMPTY-BUFFERS
8 KEY 121 = CR IF LU @ DUP HI @ SWAP - BLANKS ." Erased"
9 ELSE ." Converting non-printing codes to blanks"
10 HI @ LO @ DO 1 C@ BL < 1F 1 1 BLANKS THEN LOOP THEN
11 CR ." Press a key " 7 EMIT KEY SP! 0 0 CH 1 - 24 WINDOW
12 30 EMIT 0 TL ! ROUND DELKEY 2 MODE WARM ;
13 7 LMIT FREE
14
15
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ok

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Book Reviews

by Simon Anthony

In addition to "High Energy Programs for the Amstrad" which has now been made generally available to non-subscribers at a cost of \$9.95 including postage (see elsewhere in this issue for details), there are four more books which are now stocked by Strategy Publications, and I am pleased to say that three of them cover CP/M.

Why books on this subject are hard to come by I shall never know, and why do they always seem to come from America? I hasten to add that the CP/M books are not Amstrad specific but then again it doesn't really matter when you are talking about the Control Program for Micro-computers.

Enough of my questions - let me give you a quick run-down on the titles.

Getting Started with CP/M

by Rob Patten and Paul Calandrino



It's a spiral bound book which lays flat - always useful when you are trying to type and read from a book at the same time. It is a complete guide to CP/M 2.2, the most widely used operating system for 8-bit computers. It explains how CP/M operates and how to use its command structures and functions. There are five chapters:

1. About CP/M - Data Storage and file structures, File names and extensions, Discette care, loading CP/M, CP/M prompt and drive designation, and general command structure.
2. CP/M commands - CP/M's

internal structure, line editing commands, built-in commands (DIR, ERA etc.), Transient commands (STAT, PIP etc.) and general error messages and conditions.

3. Work copy preparation - booting CP/M, disc formatting and duplication.

4. CP/M and application programs.

5. A sample session - file copy transfer and creating a file.

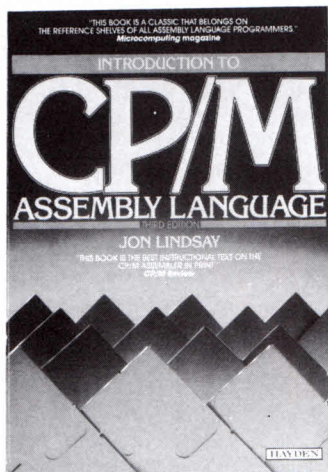
The Appendices contain a full Command/Function table and the obligatory glossary. Right at the end of the book is a most useful tear-out CP/M command reference card.

All in all, I believe the subjects which most beginners will find useful are covered. It contains 99 pages and costs \$29.95.

Introduction to CP/M Assembly Language

by Jon Lindsay

This book provides a clear, step-by-step presentation of CP/M functions, the use of program development tools, the structure of CP/M and the heart of assembly language programming, the BDOS calls. More than 50 program listings/routines illustrate applications of fundamental assembly language instructions and show the proper use of CP/M function calls. Guidelines for



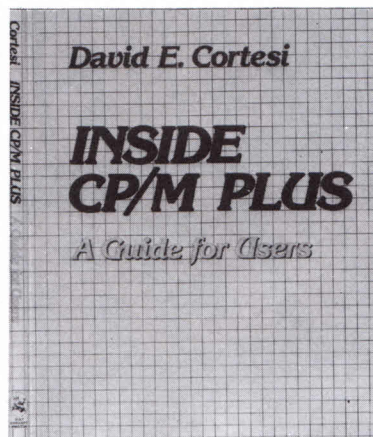
avoiding common errors often encountered by the novice programmers are also included. As the author says, it is not a book which provides an in-depth study of CP/M and the interfacing with various hardware. It is an instructional text on the CP/M assembler with specific examples. Lindsay also deals with the most common algorithms used in assembly language programs, such as how to set up program loops, how to use counters, how to change ASCII numbers into binary etc. It's well indexed too.

A useful book if you want to start getting a little more serious. It consists of 151 pages and costs \$35.95.

Inside CP/M Plus

by David Cortesi

David Cortesi has written a number of books on CP/M, in particular a very successful title 'Inside CP/M - A Guide for Users and Programmers'. 'Inside CP/M Plus' follows the clarity and



authority that made the earlier book a valuable reference source on CP/M. As it is meant as a guide to users, it avoids technical terminology and the sorts of detail programmers love. It includes tutorial sections and reference sections which serve to cover only commands rather than describing every aspect of the system. Overall, the book gives users the background and understanding they need to use CP/M in a sophisticated way and thereby achieve maximum performance from their software rather than being at its mercy (or rather, at the mercy of the original designer of the application).

It weighs in at 261 pages with twelve chapters of pretty comprehensive reference material and is surprisingly just \$29.95.

Advanced Amstrad CPC6128 Computing

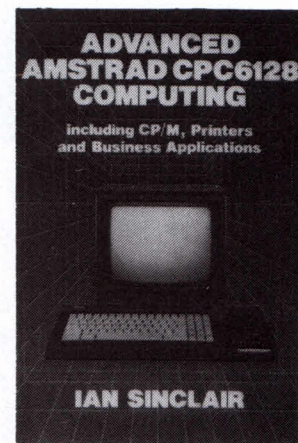
By Ian Sinclair

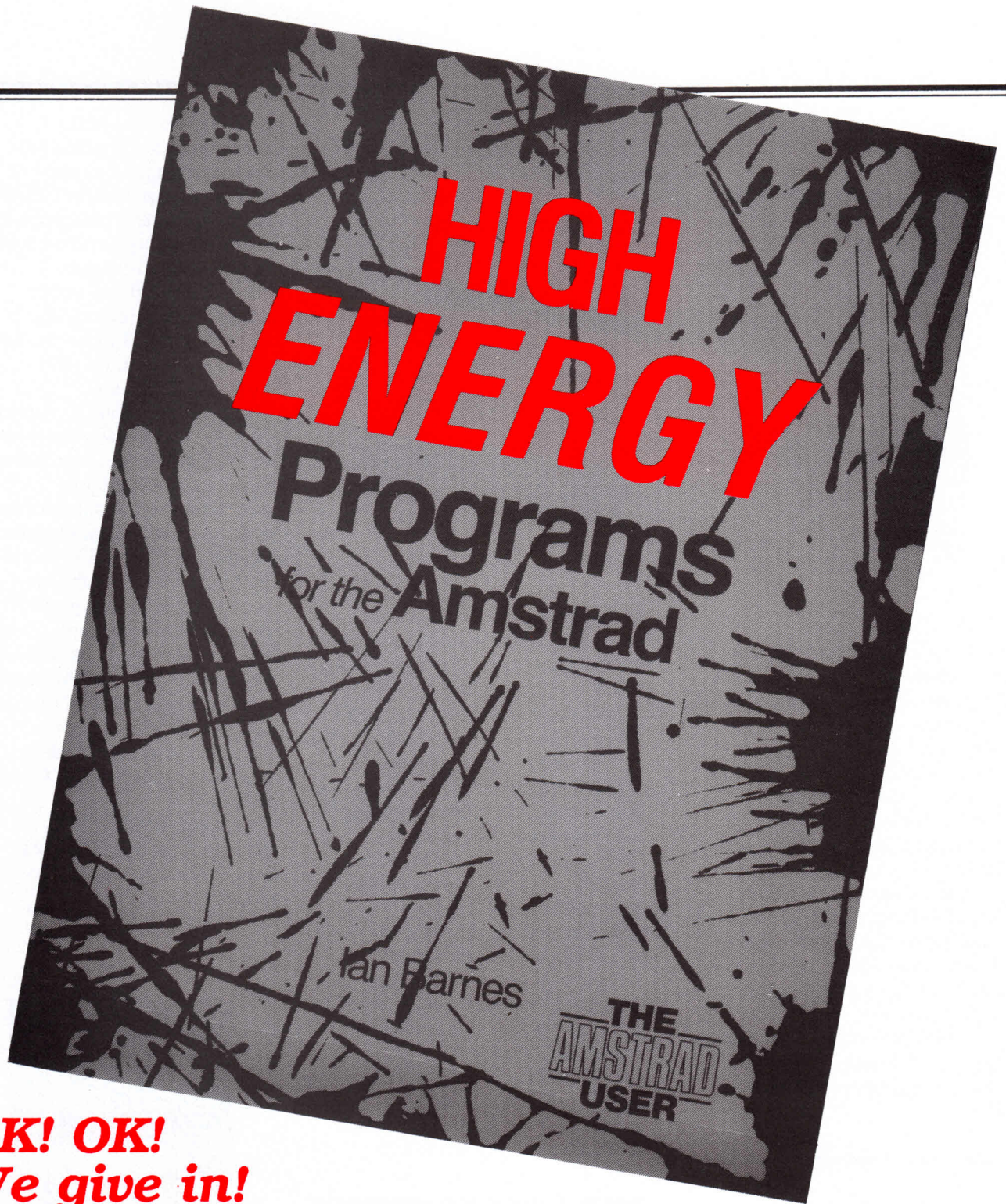
Ian Sinclair produced a very

popular book "Amstrad Computing" (it still sells well) which introduced the new user/programmer to the CPC464. His new offering is built upon the success of that style and contrasts effectively the differences between the 6128 and earlier models. With the extra 64k available in the 6128, he provides explanations of its use with illustrative programs.

The level of the book is pitched at people who already know how to program in BASIC, and have a reasonable knowledge of computing terms. It introduces the reader to more advanced methods of BASIC and AMSDOS such as disc file maintenance, creating, searching and sorting, graphics and sound, and of course, the use of the extra memory. It also covers the principals of CP/M Plus and how to connect a second disc drive and make effective use of it. You will also find a useful skeleton database program called 'Filing Cabinet'.

This book is undoubtedly a valuable addition to the 6128 owner's library. It has 170 pages and costs \$27.95.





**OK! OK!
We give in!**

Following numerous complaints from people who are not eligible to receive the above book free of charge we have now made it generally available.

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Poker

Hi-res Screen Dump

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Poke a Monster

from P.T. Crowe (SCAUG)

This is a small program to utilise the DATA produced by the BUILD A SPRITE program in last month's magazine. All we have to do is to poke it into memory to see the monsters fly around the screen. Firstly decisions have to be made:

1. Do you want to change the data in the Roland Game.
2. Poke in a new monster after Roland has been loaded?

The answer to the first is merely to replace the monster data in the Roland game to the new data.

To achieve the second you will need to insert the program below into the first listing of Roland Takes a Running Jump. All this program does is to read DATA and then poke it in to the locations which hold the monster data.

Here's how it works:

RUN the Roland program using this amended listing. At any time after the program has run, press BREAK twice. You are then presented with a MENU. From the MENU select what you want to do. Within the listing below, are DATA lines which we have filled with two totally different monsters. The DATA within these lines can be replaced with your own creations. You can also add data lines, but one thing to remember is, that the last line of DATA must be: DATA "***".

```
10 ON BREAK GOSUB 250
20 x=35043:y=35107:DIM pp$(64),p$(64):MEMORY &3FFF:LOAD"rol-game",&8000:LOAD"screens",&4000
30 MODE 1:INPUT"Which start screen";level
40 POKE &8392,level
50 ENT-1,1,-2,1:ENV 1,15,-1,4:SPEED INK 2,2
60 CALL &8354
70 GOTO 250
80 ' ***** peek memory monster 1 *****
90 CLS#2:FOR x=35044 TO 35107:PRINT#2,x;" "USING"\\";HEX$(PEEK(x));:NEXT
100 RETURN
110 ' ***** load monster 1 &
120 FOR n=1 TO 64:READ p$
```

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130 IF p$="**" THEN RESTORE:GOTO 110
140 p$(n)=p$:NEXT
150 FOR nn=1 TO 64:READ pp$
160 IF pp$="**" THEN RESTORE:GOTO 150
170 pp$(nn)=pp$:NEXT
180 RETURN
190 '
200 '***** poke monster 1 *****
210 CLS#2:FOR n=1 TO 64:x=x + 1
220 p=VAL("&" + p$(n)):PRINT#2,x" "USING"\\";p$(n);:POKE x,p:NEXT
230 x=35043:RETURN
240 '**** GO AND LOAD DATA *****
250 GOSUB 120
260 '***** SET UP MENU *****
270 CLS:MODE 2 : WINDOW#1,40,80,18,25:WINDOW#2,1,80,1,17
280 LOCATE#1,1,1:PRINT#1,"To Peek at monster 1 ----- Press ~ A ~"
290 LOCATE#1,1,2:PRINT#1,"To Peek at monster 2 ----- Press ~ B ~"
300 LOCATE#1,1,3:PRINT#1,"To Poke monster 1 ----- Press ~ 1 ~"
310 LOCATE#1,1,4:PRINT#1,"To Poke monster 2 ----- Press ~ 2 ~"
320 LOCATE#1,1,5:PRINT#1,"To List ----- Press ~ L ~"
330 LOCATE#1,1,6:PRINT#1,"To Run ----- Press ~ R ~"
340 po$=INKEY$
350 IF po$="1" THEN GOSUB 210
360 IF po$="2" THEN GOSUB 460
370 IF po$="a" OR po$="A" THEN GOSUB 90
380 IF po$="B" OR po$="b" THEN GOSUB 430
390 IF po$="L" OR po$="l" THEN GOTO 420
400 IF po$="R" OR po$="r" THEN n=0:nn=0:GOTO 30
410 GOTO 340
420 CLS:LIST
430 ' ***** peek memory monster 2 *****
440 CLS#2:FOR x=35108 TO 35171:PRINT#2,x;" "USING"\\";HEX$(PEEK(x));:NEXT
450 RETURN
460 ' ***** poke monster 2 data *****
470 CLS#2:FOR nn=1 TO 64:y=y + 1
480 pp=VAL("&" + pp$(nn)):PRINT#2,y" "USING"\\";pp$(nn);:POKE y,pp:NEXT
490 y=35107:RETURN
500 '***** WARRIOR1 *****
510 DATA 00,00,06,00,00,01,0f,08
520 DATA 00,03,60,0c,04,03,f0,0c
530 DATA 04,01,90,08,0e,00,60,00
540 DATA 40,67,ef,ee,40,ff,5f,ff
550 DATA 66,dd,bf,bb,62,dd,ff,bb
560 DATA 73,cc,ff,22,51,88,0f,22
570 DATA 40,00,ff,22,40,11,99,88
580 DATA 40,11,00,88,40,03,00,0c
590 '***** robot *****
600 DATA 08,70,e0,00,0c,d0,b0,00
610 DATA c0,70,e0,00,c0,20,40,00
620 DATA c0,30,c0,00,f0,f0,f0,e0
630 DATA 70,84,12,f0,10,95,9a,b0
640 DATA 10,95,9a,b0,10,84,9a,b0
650 DATA 10,95,12,83,10,f0,81
660 DATA 10,d0,b0,80,10,80,10,80
670 DATA 05,0e,01,0a,07,0c,03,0e
680 DATA "***"
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Gossip from the UK

✦ No sooner than the agreements transferring control of Sir Clive Sinclair's home computer division to AMSTRAD were exchanged, \$85 was chopped from the price of the Spectrum 128K. Obviously, the plan is to dispose of as much stock as possible before the revamped "SPAMSTRAD" is launched. (Sorry but I couldn't think of anything else to call it). One of the main problems with the old Sinclair range was reliability, something that most Amstrad users have not encountered. In the meantime we wait for news on Amstrad's plans - not that it will interest Amstrad owners too much as the new range will not be compatible with their machines.

✦ British Telecom have successfully prosecuted two computer hackers. The names Schifreen and Gold will go down in legal history as being the first people to be convicted of offences relating to unauthorised access to remote computers. The pair were charged with nine counts of forgery which related to unauthorised access of a particular Prestel computer, including a development test computer and Vampire, a Prestel status computer. The prosecution alleged that several Prestel accounts had been used without proper authorisation. What *was* interesting was the way that BT gathered its evidence. Apparently they used telephone call loggers and data monitors attached to the telephone lines of both defendants before they were caught. There seems to be a difference between this and telephone tapping, the latter requiring a special

warrant. I wonder what Telecom Australia are doing?

✦ *Tempest*, a well known and enjoyed arcade game, is soon to be available for the Amstrad. The official Activision version will be sold on the Eleetric Dreams label. With keyboard or joystick option, there are 99 screens each featuring a different shaped chasm.

✦ *Questprobe 3* has at last been released by US Gold. It's a graphic adventure featuring 'The Human Torch' and the 'Thing', the game is based on the Marvel comic characters in which you take the part of both heroes. (You can help your partner by switching roles). The 'baddies' are the Blob and a Ringmaster with his Circus of Crime - all out to stop you from saving Ms. Alicia Masters from the evil Dr. Doom.

✦ *Equinox* is an arcade adventure from Mikro-Gen, the producers of the "Wally" series of games. In this game Wally seems to have been replaced by a spherical cyclops. It is an exceedingly fast game with the potential for hours of manic action. The object is to clear rooms of radio-active waste whilst dodging the 'nasties'. I reckon it's difficult and can't believe that anyone will make it to the eighth level.

✦ *World Cup Carnival* from US Gold naturally hit the games charts pretty quickly but has caused quite a

stir. You see, it is an adaptation of Artic's World Cup Soccer yet, unknowingly, it is being bought under the impression that it is a new game. It has been reported that 25% of the copies have been returned. I wonder if that was *after* England got knocked out of the World Cup?

✦ The complete range of MicroPro applications software, except the Wordstar family, have been taken over by Software Classics. They are CalcStar (spreadsheet), ReportStar (reports from DataStar information), SuperSort (sorting utility), DataStar (data entry) and InfoStar (a combination of DataStar and ReportStar).

Note: Release dates of software in the UK quite often change and availability in Australia obviously depends upon these and how quickly the importers can bring them into this country.



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Progedit

A 464/664/6128 program editing utility

Adapted by C.J. Collins

The BASIC on the Amstrad range of machines allows programs to be saved in ASCII format as well as the more tokenised format. ASCII format is, basically, exactly the same as the way in which a listing appears on the screen. This format can be easily modified by other programs. To save a program in ASCII format, append 'a' to the Save command.

Progedit loads the ASCII format of a program into memory and allows it to be modified in the following ways:

1. Expanded program listing
2. String searching
3. Global search and replace
4. String search with confirmed replace
5. REM statement removal

The expanded program listing lists the program to the printer, with each statement on a multi-statement line appearing on a separate line. Lines containing REMs are printed in bold, italic and 10 pitch. GOTOs, GOSUBs and RETURNs are flagged G, S and R in the lefthand margin.

The searches and replaces are done as might be expected with phrases found being highlighted. Sometimes the program seems to produce extra copies of lines after a long phase of searching and replacing. These can be cleaned up by saving the program and loading it in as a normal program without Progedit. BASIC will then remove all occurrences of extra lines.

The REM remover will not remove remarks that have been typed in with " ".

It will only remove lines that start with "REM".

With search and replace, be careful which string you choose to use. If, for example, you use "the" as the search string, Progedit will also show you the "the" in "then". This is easy to fix - just put in a space at the end of your search string, ie. "the ".

It is sensible to load and resave all programs after they have been put through Progedit. All printer codes are to run an Epson or Epson compatible printer.

This is an adaptation of a program by Alan Dunlop-Walters that was originally written to run on the PCW range.

```
10 'progedit
20 MODE 2:INK 0,1:INK 1,24:BORDER 1:PEN
1:PAPER 0
30 POKE 46642,255:'change to POKE 46312,
255 for CPC464
40 DIM a$(2000)
50 rev$="< ":revoff$=" >"
60 PRINT:PRINT TAB(21)" PROGEDIT - Pro
gram Editing Utility"
70 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT" Note : Program to
be edited should previously have been sa
ved in ASCII format.":PRINT
80 PRINT:LINE INPUT"
ENTER to continue or 'A' to ABORT >";r
es$
90 IF res$="A" THEN CALL 0
100 ON ERROR GOTO 960
110 PRINT:PRINT:LINE INPUT " Ent
er Name of File to Process(Include Exten
sion >";prog$:PRINT
120 PRINT:PRINT TAB(33)"Loading File"
130 OPENIN prog$
140 FOR x=1 TO 2000
150 LINE INPUT #9,a$(x)
160 IF EOF THEN 180
170 NEXT x
180 CLOSEIN:last=x:amend=0
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190 confirm=0:PRINT:PRINT"
Search and Display          G - Glo
bal Search/Replace         C -
Search and Confirm Replace R - REM
ark Removal                X -
Expanded Listing           E - End
"
200 PRINT:PRINT "          Operation >"
210 op$=INKEY$:IF op$="" THEN 210
220 IF op$="S" THEN 230 ELSE IF op$="G"
THEN 340 ELSE IF op$="C" THEN 450 ELSE I
F op$="R" THEN 510 ELSE IF op$="E" THEN
600 ELSE IF op$="X" THEN 690 ELSE PRINT
CHR$(?):GOTO 210
230 PRINT:PRINT TAB(11)"Search and Displ
ay Facility":PRINT
240 LINE INPUT "          Search String
">";ss$:PRINT
250 n=0
260 FOR x=1 TO last
270 a$=a$(x):IF a$="X" THEN 320
280 p=INSTR(p+1,a$,ss$):IF p=0 THEN 320
290 b$=LEFT$(a$,p-1)+rev$+MID$(a$,p,LEN(
ss$))+revoff$+MID$(a$,p+LEN(ss$)):PRINT
b$:PRINT:n=n+1
300 IF n=10 THEN PRINT:LINE INPUT "ENTER
to continue",etc$:PRINT:PRINT "...cont
inued...":PRINT:n=0
310 GOTO 280
320 NEXT x
330 GOTO 190
340 PRINT:PRINT TAB(11) "Global Search a
nd Replace Facility":PRINT
350 LINE INPUT "          Search String
">";ss$
360 LINE INPUT "          Replace by
">";r$:PRINT
370 FOR x=1 TO last
380 a$=a$(x):IF a$="X" THEN 440
390 p=INSTR(p+1,a$,ss$):IF p=0 THEN 440
400 b$=LEFT$(a$,p-1)+rev$+MID$(a$,p,LEN(
ss$))+revoff$+MID$(a$,p+LEN(ss$)):PRINT
b$:PRINT:n=n+1
410 a$=LEFT$(a$,p-1)+r$+MID$(a$,p+LEN(ss
$))
420 IF confirm THEN 480
430 a$(x)=a$:PRINT a$:PRINT:amend=1:GOTO
390
440 NEXT x:GOTO 190
450 confirm=1
460 PRINT:PRINT TAB(11) "Global Search a
nd Confirmed Replace Facility":PRINT
470 GOTO 350
480 PRINT a$:PRINT:PRINT"          R - t
o replace as shown          I - to i
gnore ":PRINT
490 well$=INKEY$:IF well$="" THEN 490
500 IF well$="I" THEN a$=a$(x):GOTO 390
ELSE IF well$="R" THEN 430 ELSE PRINT CH
R$(?):GOTO 490
510 PRINT:PRINT TAB(33)"REMark Removal":
PRINT
520 FOR x=1 TO last
530 a$=a$(x):IF INSTR(a$,"REM") THEN ame
nd=1:GOSUB 550
540 NEXT x:PRINT:PRINT TAB(36)"Finished"

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:GOTO 190
550 p=INSTR(a$,"REM ")
560 a$=LEFT$(a$,p-2):a=VAL(a$)
570 IF LEN(a$)<6 THEN a$(x)="X" ELSE a$(
x)=a$
580 IF a$(x)="X" THEN PRINT TAB(32) "Lin
e";a;"Deleted"
590 RETURN
600 PRINT:PRINT TAB(38)"End"
610 IF amend THEN 630 ELSE PRINT:PRINT T
AB(27)"No Amendments So No Resave"
620 FOR X=1 TO 1000:NEXT X:GOTO 80
630 PRINT:PRINT TAB(31)"Resaving Program
"
640 OPENOUT prog$
650 FOR x=1 TO last
660 IF a$(x)="X" THEN 680
670 PRINT #9,a$(x)
680 NEXT :CLOSEOUT:GOTO 80
690 PRINT:PRINT TAB(11) "Expanded Listin
g"
700 PRINT:LINE INPUT"          Load Prin
ter,Then Press ENTER ">";pap$
710 PRINT:PRINT TAB(37) "RUNNING"
720 PRINT#8,CHR$(27);"P";CHR$(27);"W1";c
heck$
730 PRINT#8,CHR$(27);"W0";CHR$(27);"M":P
RINT#8
740 FOR x=1 TO last
750 IF a$(x)="X" THEN 850
760 a$=a$(x):q=0:GOSUB 880:PRINT#8,n$;"
";
770 IF r THEN PRINT#8,CHR$(27);"4";CHR$(
27);"G";CHR$(27);"P";
780 FOR y=1 TO LEN(a$):b$=MID$(a$,y,1)
790 IF b$=CHR$(34) THEN GOSUB 860
800 IF b$=":" AND q=1 THEN 820
810 IF b$=":" AND q=0 THEN PRINT#8:PRINT
#8,TAB(10)":":GOTO 830
820 PRINT#8,b$;
830 NEXT :PRINT#8:PRINT#8
840 IF r THEN PRINT#8,CHR$(27);"5";CHR$(
27);"H";CHR$(27);"M";:r=0
850 NEXT x:GOTO 190
860 IF q THEN q=0:RETURN
870 q=1:RETURN
880 n$=" ":IF INSTR(a$,"REM ") THEN r=
1 ELSE r=0
890 IF INSTR(a$,"GOTO") THEN MID$(n$,1,1
)="G"
900 IF INSTR(a$,"GOSUB") THEN MID$(n$,2,
1)="S"
910 IF INSTR(a$,"RETURN") THEN MID$(n$,3
,1)="R"
920 IF INSTR(a$,"THEN") THEN 940
930 RETURN
940 p=INSTR(a$,"THEN "):j$=MID$(a$,p+5):
IF VAL(j$) THEN MID$(n$,1,1)="G"
950 RETURN
960 amsdoserr=(DERR AND &7F)
970 IF NOT EOF THEN PRINT:PRINT TAB(23)"
Program Has Too Many Lines...ABORTED":PR
INT CHR$(?):CLOSEIN:RESUME 80
980 IF amsdoserr=16 OR amsdoserr=18 THEN
PRINT CHR$(?):PRINT TAB(33)"NO SUCH FIL
E!":RESUME 100

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What is a Computer User's Group

This is a question that I have been asking myself for the past 10 months, after attending a "USER GROUP" meeting.

When I arrived at this "meeting" I was confronted by a mass of Amstrad Users all furiously swapping, copying, duplicating, and transferring programs at great speed primarily to overcome the problems associated with buying software, that is poverty and owning a package you later find you don't really need.

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1) Join a User Group that promotes program evaluation.
2) Put programs "through their paces" before buying. The second option only you can achieve, while the first is one that is almost impossible to find.

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Establishing discounts at

stores.
Promote computer awareness and education.
Promote education on popular software packages (Word processing).
Develop and market hardware/software packages.

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If there is sufficient expertise for writing programs, the Group could then be registered as a business and market their products, thus generating income for the people involved and the Group itself.

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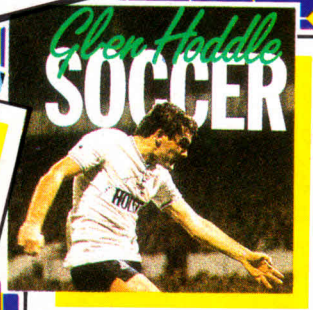
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Software for the PCW's

DR GRAPH

This is a powerful drawing program from Digital Research, put through its paces by Arnold Goldman.

DR GRAPH is very well packaged and presented. The 150-page instruction manual is the standard book for use with several similar computers and is well prepared with an introductory supplement for Amstrad users with CPC6128 or PCW8256 computers. This supplement gives instructions for setting up working disks configured for the particular computer in use, and includes the CPC6128 and the PCW8256 with one or two disks, which presumably includes the new PCW8512.

the process for the CPC6128 makes rather complicated reading, and requires that the user be conversant with moving files from one disk to another to set up an ASSIGN.SYS file. However, it is probably as easy as the

PCW8256 because the book says there is a sample for a CPC6128 on side A of the supplied disk.

For the PCW8256 with one disk the setting up procedure was quite simple with easy-to-follow instructions appearing on the screen. One disk is used to carry both sides of the working system. With a two disk system, two disks are required, but the convenience of not flipping disks would be of some benefit when doing a lot of graph production.

Getting the system up and running was hassle-free, and the first Pie and Bar graphs were on the screen within 10 minutes. Operations were greatly simplified with

screen menus for each stage of graph production. A sample menu is shown in Fig.1. These menus are reproduced in the manual with excellent explanations in most cases. Data may be entered from files previously created using Visicalc or Supercalc spreadsheet programs, or from the keyboard. There is no facility for reading data files created in a Basic program. A separate supplement explains the method of creating suitable Supercalc files on the Amstrad computers, so I would suggest that this would be the preferred spreadsheet if DR GRAPH is to be used.

The output to the printer is

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               3=Linear(decimal)  5=Log(decimal)  (Prim. Only)
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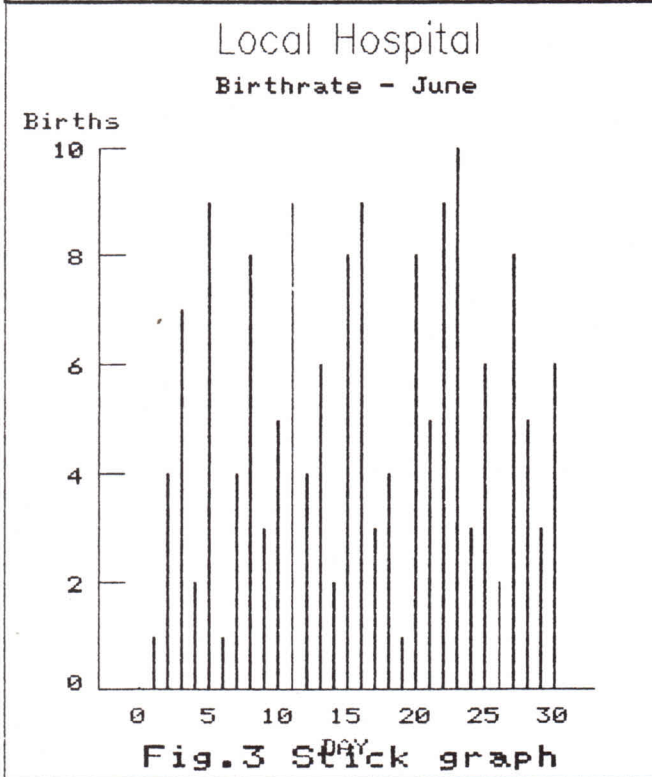
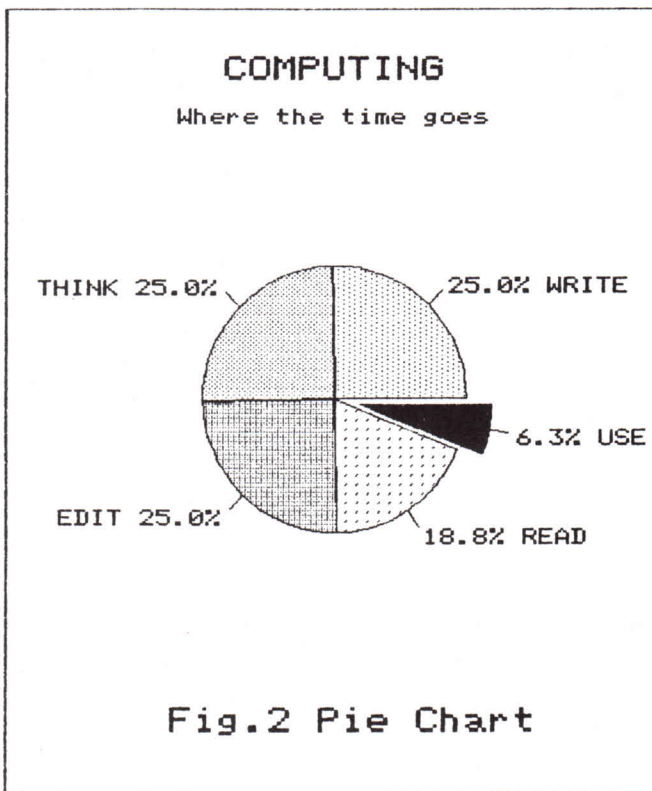
Drive is A:

Fig.1 Sample menu

painfully slow, taking 7 minutes, and the size of the output does not seem to be variable from within DR GRAPH. The graph will just fit on A4 paper and only if the paper is positioned centrally in the printer. The use of tractor feed paper ensures that none of the output is lost. A method of reducing the size of the graphs to fit on A4 paper with sufficient margin for use in a bound report is available. It entails the use of the 'multi-graph' facility which allows up to 4 different graphs on the same sheet. Figs 2 and 3 were produced in this way. Problems easily arise with the lettering around the graph, and the wrong choice of size can lead to the overlap seen at the bottom of Fig. 3. This is not obvious on the screen, but with practice will no doubt be overcome. To put together a multigraph requires much disk flipping, file storage and retrieval. Any mistakes in this stage can easily cause the system to revert to CP/M and DR GRAPH has to be loaded again.

The manual provides excellent instruction and examples for all the simple and commonly used sales charts and budget forecasting graphs. However, it is not so clear when trying to produce line and scatter graphs with non-standard axes. The ability is there, and the screen menu covers the inputs required, but it is not as fully explained as the other graph types in the manual. Having said this, I should also say that once the correct procedures had been sorted out, my 14-year old son was able to produce graphs for a school science project after brief instruction, and a few trial runs, taking no more than 20 minutes. He could then produce his graph on the screen in 5 minutes, including the typing in of the data.

Storing the graph files on disk is no problem, and up to 18 can be stored on the second side of the



working disk, or over 40 on a blank disk. Each file takes up 4kbytes of disk space. Obviously, a second disk drive on the PCW8256 would cover most peoples needs for a long time. Coupled to a Hewlett-Packard colour plotter, or one of the other plotters using the HP system, the PCW8256 with DR GRAPH should produce charts and graphs equal to any.

There are no mathematical functions available within DR GRAPH for curve fitting procedures. this would need to be done elsewhere and the data then transferred to DR GRAPH, the maximum number of points on any graph being 75.

Overall the package is easy to use, and will probably cover all the likely uses that users of the Amstrad PCW8256 would require, including monthly sales figures for head office (bar graphs), explanations of how funds are distributed (pie graphs), performance diagrams for sporting magazines (line or stick graphs), or any combination for school and college projects or university theses. Whether your usage can justify the expenditure of \$124 (rec. retail price) is solely up to you. If DR DRAW is just as good, the two could well make a good double.

If we can get ourselves organised in time, we hope to bring you a full review of DR DRAW next month.

An overview of Accounting One

It's always a pleasure to hear of a success story, but even more so when it involves an Australian company. I am talking about Integrity Business Software which was the first company to receive the Australian Design Award for software packages. There were two packages - the Ascent Series and Accounting One were both honoured - and it is Accounting One for the PCW8512 that this article covers.

The package is designed specifically for small, first-time computer users. It's ideal for the company needing a simple system to record sales, purchases, payments and receipts which are entered using easy-to-follow routines. There is no need to sort, pre-total or code information and there are no special computer jobs for the month's end as Accounting One automatically updates customer's and supplier's accounts, adjusts stock levels and updates the general ledger accounts. The whole system is contained on a single floppy disc.

A user manual written in plain English and a starter kit of stationery, always useful when you want to get going straight away, is included in the package which retails for \$695.00. It requires 256k of main memory, two disc drives with a minimum of 164k of program storage area. It can handle up to 10,000 customer listings, 10,000 stock items, 10,000 suppliers and 2,000 accounts - more than enough for the small user and, in reality, I would suggest that the larger the record size becomes, the smaller the capacity overall. But I'm not about to test that theory!

For sales, Accounting One records

the order, creates the invoice, debits the customer and adjusts the stock levels automatically. On payment, it records payment details and credits the customer's account. It will also record purchase details, update stock levels, record the supplier's invoice and update the outstanding balance due to the supplier.

Accounting One will also age outstanding debts and record the date and amount paid to a supplier. It then automatically adjusts the company's and supplier's balances. The package also produces credit notes, daily audit trails, bank deposit listings, statements, supplier listings, address labels, stock listings and activity listings. At an accounting period end, it produces a trial balance, profit and loss statement and the balance sheet. It will also produce customer and supplier aged trial balance and sales tax summaries.

Within Accounting One, all the modules are fully integrated which means that data only has to be entered once for an individual transaction.

Of course, there is the backing of Integrity Business Software themselves who apparently export nearly 50% of their software to New Zealand, the US, Canada, the UK and Singapore. It is certainly worth a look if your local Amstrad dealer has got a copy.

Accounting One is distributed by Mitsubishi Electric AWA and is not directly available from IBS, but if you do have trouble locating a copy you can call IBS on (03) 509 5100 who may be able to point you in right direction.

PCW Software List

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We have been advised that items marked with an asterisk can also be run on a 6128.

A closer look at some PCW software

Supercalc 2

The package comes with extremely comprehensive ring bound manuals. On disc there are pre-installed versions for both the PCW and 6128. The PCW version has been set up to make use of the larger screen and include installation programs (if you wish to change the default settings), a utility to set up the system time and date, and the SDI data interchange program which enables the exchange of data between Supercalc and other programs such as dBase II.

The maximum size of the Supercalc 2 spreadsheet is 63 columns and 254 rows. Although not all the cells can be used at once, it does give the flexibility of "L" or "T" shaped spreadsheets. Any cells which are left empty are ignored which means that tidy, well spaced-out sheets do not gobble up the available memory.

Within the 61k TPA (Transient Program Area) of CP/M Plus about 31k is available for a spreadsheet after Supercalc 2 has loaded. The amount of free memory is constantly displayed, so at a glance you can see how much memory is left.

The screen can be split into two independent windows looking at two different areas of the spreadsheet. Another particularly useful feature of Supercalc is the help facility. If you get stuck and are not sure what to enter, pressing the "?" key will provide an Answer Screen. There is a degree of intelligence here as the screen displayed will depend upon the particular operation being executed at the time.

RRP - \$103.95

Cardbox

Actually, this piece of software is capable of being run on all Amstrads with a disc drive and will be (fingers crossed) the subject of a full review next month. In the meantime.... Cardbox is purported to be the fastest and most flexible electronic card indexing system on the market. You can maintain instantly accessible records of customers, staff, books etc., in fact of just about anything you can think.

You design the card layouts yourself and index the information as you enter it. You can have any number of keywords in a file, display or print cards in any format and exchange information with other programs. Depending upon your disc capacity, you can have up to 65,000 cards in any one file, each card having up to 1404 characters across 26 fields. There is apparently no limit to the number of indexed words you can have on a card or in a file.

RRP - \$295.95

Sage Popular Invoicing

For a business with either a CPC6128 or PCW and a higher than average output of invoices, this package could well be suitable. It can be used either on its own as a stand alone invoicing and stock control recording system or in conjunction with Sage Popular Accounts (PCW8256 with a second drive or PCW8512).

In addition to all the features of Sage Popular Accounts, this program provides a free-format invoice generation system linked to a stock recording system which can, in turn, be integrated to the sales and nominal ledgers.

Some of the features include:

- 9999 stock items (depending upon disc capacity)
- User-designed invoice format
- Stock files automatically updated
- Re-order level recording and reporting
- Automatic stock valuation
- Turnover and individual product profit report
- Audit trail details
- Stock lists

RRP - \$239.50