

In the thick of things...



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We grew! And outgrew our britches. So we are packin' up and movin' down the road a bit. Right smack dab in the center of Santa Barbara. Are we getting respectable? Not hardly. But I think our jeans and t-shirts will compliment the plethora of ties and skirts that inhabit the rest of the building. We were even approached by a representative of the Chamber of Commerce (she left muttering). Maybe there is a good reason why we were put in the basement...

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* Side Title Filename Turns Count
* CTR-41 CTR-80
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* **** Cube Cover A 12 & 267 7 & 155
* ** ** Meteor B 118 & 347 68 & 201
* ** ** Dinosaur C 157 & 378 91 & 219
* **** Fireball (System FIRE /) FIRE 202 & 413 117 & 240
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* ** Tax Deductions A 15 & 271 9 & 157
* *** Compiler Instructions B 83 & 323 48 & 187
* ** Compiler (with Super Hustle) C 145 & 373 84 & 216
* **** Load/Merge D 242 & 450 140 & 261
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* Tape CLOADing Notes - This tape may load at an ODD RECORDER VOLUME. Set the volume LOWER than normal for your first attempt, then increase it slightly until the tape loads. If the first copy of a program won't load, try the second. That is why it is there. Model I only: Put an AM radio very close to the keyboard, tune it to a non-station, and you can listen to the tape loading in. Adjust the recorder volume so the hash from the computer sounds 'cleanest' during a load. Model III only: Load the tapes at the LOW speed (POKE 10913,0).
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Playin' with blocks... Cube Cover uses machine language routines to spin CLOAD around.

A Meteor shower curtain... Using the spacebar to fire and the arrow keys to move, you must blast a path for your ship through the advancing wall of rocks. Meteor has sound, so connect the large grey AUX plug to an amplifier.

Bring me the egg, Dino. The object in Dinosaur is to steal the reptile's eggs. To do this you must throw rocks at the beast. But watch out, there is an egg-stealing bird about! Note: Dinosaur has sound too.

You must dodge or shoot the erratic missiles in Fireball. Use the arrow keys to move your ship and the spacebar to fire. The program is in machine language, so to load and run it from tape type SYSTEM<enter>, answer the *? with FIRE<enter>, and answer the next *? with /<enter>. Notes: This program has sound also. The start, end, and entry addresses are 26000, 32551, and 26000.

Brilliant deduction, Watson. Now you can keep track of your Tax Deductions. You can save the current data to tape or disk, modify it, add to it, throw it at your accountant, etc. Notes: 1) To modify items in categories, choose the menu item, "1-6 Add items to categories". Then answer Y when asked, "Do you wish to modify this data?(Y/N)". Finally, enter 0 for the number of NEW items to add and you will be able to modify existing entries. 2) If you leave or end the program without saving the current data, you can get back into

the program with the data intact by typing **GOTO 900<enter>**.

Disk versioners - There is a sample data file for Tax Deductions on your disk called **TAX/DAT**. You can use it to get a better idea of how the program works.

BASIC is too slow for you? Assembly is too foreign? Now you can write programs in BASIC and run them in machine code with Compiler. First, you should run Compiler Instructions to get an idea what limitations there are (briefly outlined below). Then, you can see how the Compiler works by running and/or compiling Super Hustle (lines 6-64 in Compiler):

- 1) Load Compiler.
- 2) Run Super Hustle from BASIC just to see how slow it is by simply typing **RUN<enter>** (I recommend changing the **SP=600** in line 12 to **SP=6** for this part).
- 3) Now compile Super Hustle by typing **RUN 1000<enter>** (make sure that the **SP=600** is in line 12). Go get a sandwich - it takes 11 minutes or so to compile.
- 4) When it is done compiling, the start/entry (they are the same) and end addresses will be given. Note these if you wish to (and are able to) save the machine language version to disk or tape (ie: through the DUMP utility).
- 5) Hit <enter> to play! What a difference, huh?!!

Compiler notes (lots of 'em):

1) The compiled code resides between 28000 and 32767. If you are using a **disk system**, you must run the following loader program to move the start of BASIC above 32767 BEFORE loading Compiler (disk versioners - this loader, called COMPDISK/BAS, is on your disk and is accessed by the Away menu):

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5 CLS:PRINT"FREE MEMORY HAS BEEN CREATED FROM";PEEK(16548)+256*PEEK(16549);"TO 32767.
10 FORI=0TO5:POKE-32768+I,0:NEXT
20 POKE16633,3:POKE16634,128:POKE16548,1:POKE16549,128:CLEAR: REM NOW LOAD OR CLOAD COMPILER
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2) Memory Size is automatically set to 27999 if you are using a tape system.

3) To compile your own programs, load Compiler. Delete lines 6-64. Save your simple compiler to tape or disk. Load or write the program you wish to compile (use line numbers 0-999 ONLY). Add the simple compiler to your program (tape people - see Load/Merge below). Save a copy of this combination to tape or disk (ah, security!). Finally, type **RUN 1000** to compile.

4) If your program has a byte with a value of 195 or 205 imbedded in a PRINT statement, the compiler will probably crash (those are the codes for JUMPS and CALLS, and they are searched for and adjusted at the end of the compilation).

5) Reserved words accepted (EXP = number, variable, or expression):

REM	At the beginning of a line only		
END	Returns to BASIC (if all GOSUBs have been RETURNed)		
PRINT	Strings up to 127 bytes long and/or EXP		
PRINT @	Strings up to 127 bytes long and/or EXP		
IF-THEN	Not ELSE		
GOTO ###	GOSUB ###	RETURN	
PEEK(EXP)	POKE EXP,EXP		
SET(EXP,EXP)	RESET(EXP,EXP)	POINT(EXP,EXP)	
CLS	CHR\$(EXP)	LET	

6) Operations are done in the order written (no order of precedence) unless enclosed in parenthesis. Integer arithmetic only. Division by zero is not protected. Operators:

AND OR NOT + - * / = > < => =< <> ()

7) Multiple statement lines are accepted (and encouraged).

8) You can simulate many of the commands not accepted. I.e:

<u>Command</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Simulation</u>
FOR-NEXT	10 FOR J=1 TO 10 20 PRINT J 30 NEXT J	5 J=0 10 J=J+1 20 PRINT J 30 IF J<10 THEN 10
INT(EXP)	10 A=INT(Y/3)	10 A=(Y/3) AND -1
IF-THEN-ELSE	10 IF C<0 THEN C=0: GOTO 20 ELSE C=C+1	10 IF C<0 THEN C=0: GOTO 20 15 C=C+1

9) Disclaimer - Compiler is a simple compiler written in BASIC. It will work on most programs that follow the rules listed above. However, I have no doubt that there are programs it will choke on for no apparent reason. And I hereby REFUSE to go looking for reasons why YOUR program won't compile right. Unless a well documented (by you) out'n'out bug or enhancement is found in Compiler, you get the program as is without further modifications.

Putting 1 and 1 together - Load/Merge makes it easy to append a BASIC program on tape to a BASIC program in memory. First, you need two BASIC programs, one of them with the highest line number lower than the lowest line number of the other. Second, load Load/Merge and run it. Third, load the program with the LOWER line numbers. Fourth, type **LOAD**<enter> and then CLOAD the program with the HIGHER line numbers. Last, type **MERGE**<enter> and your programs will be combined.

Load/Merge notes: 1) Do not change the length of line 0. 2) Disk users can use the program. However, after appending your programs together and saving them onto disk, be sure to reboot the system so that the Disk BASIC commands LOAD and MERGE work as they were intended to work.

An adventure in debugging...

If you get an OM error in last month's Alexis Adventure, you can try deleting line 0 or renumbering the program by 1 before running the adventure. We have heard of this problem but have not been able to duplicate it, so these 'fixes' may not.

Taxing bugs...

Last month's Income Tax showed **1981 U.S. Income Tax** in line 260. The title was wrong! The tables were for 1982 (whew!). Line 420, however, should have read:

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420 IF C>SCH*100 THEN EXC=SCH*100 ELSE EXC=C
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Thanks to the author, Charles W. Evans, for noting these.

Frequently a problem...

If you only have 16k, last month's Frequency Analysis may have given you fits unless you set the Memory Size to 32511.

Alpha to omega...

Dennis Lo, the author of Falling Aliens (Oct. '82) and Star Fortress (Jan. '83), sent in a couple of patches to make those programs work with the Model III Alpha joystick:

Load Falling Aliens and go to BASIC. Enter and run the following lines:

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10 FOR X=31905 TO 31911: READ A: POKE X,A: NEXT
20 DATA 245,62,16,211,236,241,201
30 POKE 29269,205: POKE 29270,161: POKE 29271,124
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Then type **SYSTEM**<enter> and answer the ***?** with **/29184**. Note: The new start, end, and entry addresses are 29184, 31911, 29184.

Load Star Fortress and go to BASIC.

For Level II BASIC enter and run:

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10 OUT 236,16: POKE 16526,0: POKE 16527,114: PRINT USR(0)
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and for Disk BASIC enter and run:

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10 OUT 236,16: DEFUSR=29184: PRINT USR(0)
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One final note...?

Ward P. Ferguson, the author of November 1982's Loan Amortization, wants to lay that program to rest so he sent in the following mods to the original version to make it LPRINT correctly:

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51 INPUT"MONTH (COMMA) YEAR OF FIRST PAYMENT";M$,RY:YR=RY:PRINT
68 YR=RY:P=U1:P1=0:M1=0:A1=0:B1=0:A2=0:M=U3:LL=0
75 LPRINTCHR$(27);CHR$(14);" ";A$;CHR$(27);CHR$(15): REM FOR LP VIII
77 LPRINT"PRINCIPAL: ";P;"
MONTHS: ";L;"
RATE (YEAR):";R;"%"
117 INPUT"YEAR OF FIRST PAYMENT";RY:YR=RY
125 IFY$<>"Y" YR=RY: GOTO 172
156 Take the RY=YR fix out that was given in a past yellow sheet.
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Dave

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