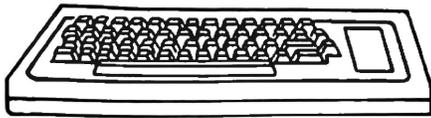


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The \$500 computer has been with us about two and a half years. And that is largely what it has been—the \$500 computer, which in most installations has cost far more.

In order to turn a \$500 computer into a personal computer, we all have sent our money to numerous software vendors, frequently with disappointing results. A whole industry, largely cottage, has grown up around that idea of turning the \$500 keyboard into a personal computer. But frequently the only way we've been able to find out if software was any good has been to send money. Much disappointment!

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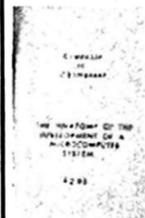
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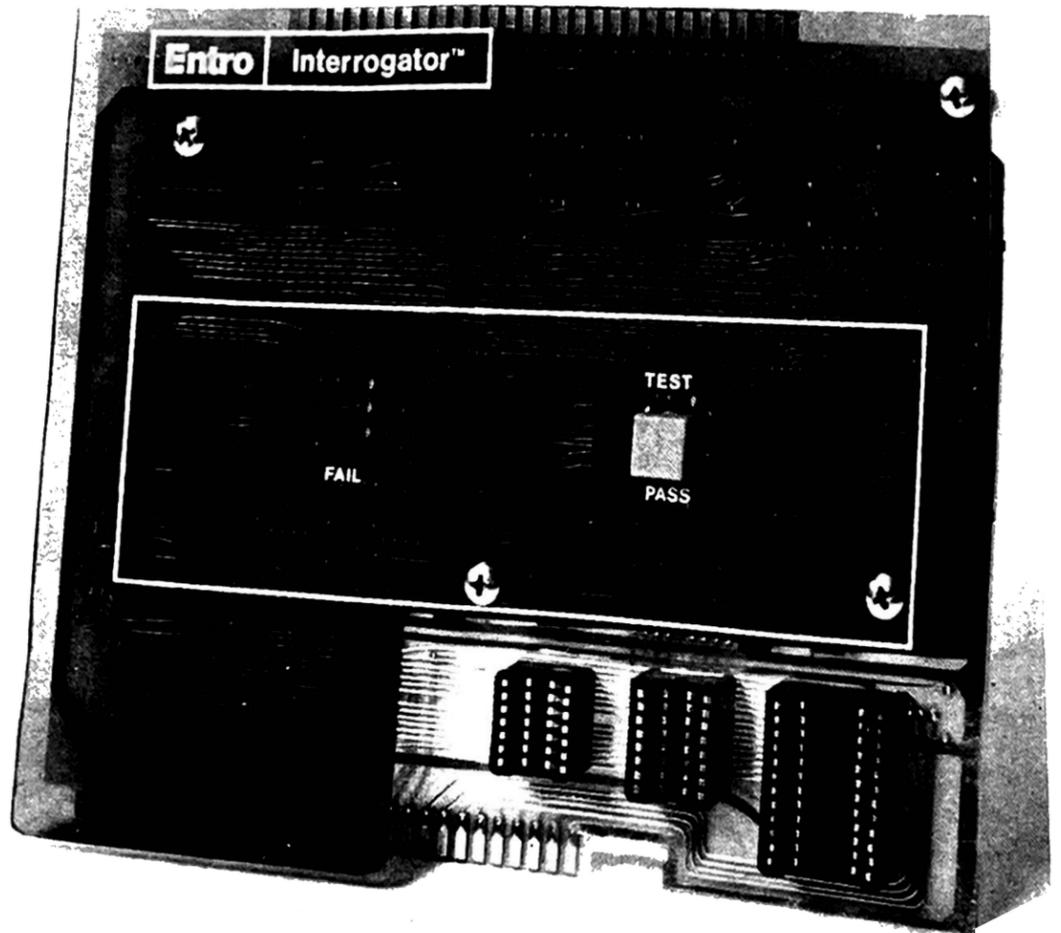
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Tape 2 now has been updated to include the changes published in the third edition of the book, now current.

The programs linear programming, and survey check (map check) have been completely rewritten. A number of other programs have had line changes.

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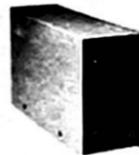
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FCC standards limiting radio-frequency interference from computing-equipment go into effect July 1, but delays or waivers are possible, according to EDN, the electronic design magazine. "The interference problem of home computers is escalating," EDN quotes the FCC, "and unless the Commission acts expeditiously to head off the problem, we may be faced with an intolerable interference problem similar to CB interference problems of several years ago."

Compliance is going to cost. Apple Computer Inc., has set up a test facility in the home of one of its employees, 25 miles from the plant, in the Santa Cruz mountains. So-called clear-field measurements are necessary, and these can not be made in urban areas. The magazine puts test equipment cost at \$70,000 per station, with shielded-room adding \$30,000 to the price, and complicating measurement with unwanted reflections and resonances. Outside test labs are expected to charge \$1,500 to \$3,000 to test even a relatively simple product.

Requirements for commercial equipment will be less stringent than for home equipment. The FCC is said to be especially concerned about emissions from equipment that can be used in the home, because a product such as a home computer is likely to interfere with the radio and TV reception of someone other than its user.

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This gave me an excellent opportunity to practice the Golden Rule. So I answered the gentleman with my OSP (Original Software Publisher) policy—my version of the OEM agreement.
Before passing along my OSP policy, let me state my rationale. I figure this way. That gentleman wants to put together a turnkey package for a particular segment of the business world. No doubt, if he is successful in this area, he will branch out into other related areas. But, I seriously doubt if he, as a lemonade entrepreneur like I, will pose a serious threat to me on my turf, which is about 1,500 miles away. I also figure that he should not have to reinvent the wheel for software that I already have up and running. So, here is my OSP policy:
I sent him my documentation for the software in which he expressed interest. (This was a hasty move and I think in the future I will charge a couple of bucks to at least offset publication costs.) Now, you might say, he could take that documentation and rip me off. How? By using it as specifications and recreating all of those 20K lines of code it represents? Bull, he will never get his act together if he takes that route.
I then offered this gentleman the following OSP alternatives: a. If he found anything he was interested in by reading the documentation, he could buy one copy for evaluation at my advertised price. If after evaluation, he determined that he wanted to incorporate my software, he had two alternatives: (1) He could buy it in quantity of three, individually-packaged with documentation, for 40 per cent off list price (my normal dealer agreement). (2) He could have license to use the software any way he sees fit within and as part of his turnkey system for a one-time charge of three (3) times the regular price.
c. In either of the above alternatives, the original purchase price is credited to the total amount paid me.

There it is, gang, my OSP agreement. I want to throw it out for everyone to shoot at. Please use arrows. If you have some alternative suggestions, send it care of "Consultants' Corner", this publication. Let's start taking the consulting business serious enough to develop some sort of OSP guidelines that we might all live with—equitably.

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By WILL HAGENBUCH

Microcomputers have only been around a couple of years. Maybe it is too early to consider them on a serious level, but a lot of folks are taking them seriously.

I recently visited with two brothers, the owners of a petroleum refining operation. Not a big company, just one that enjoys a nice volume of business. They have come to depend on their TRS-80 for assistance in conducting day-to-day business.

They were showing me their software and I asked where they had gotten it. They answered that they had done it themselves! These brothers recognized early on that the micro could materially assist their operations. They tried to find adequate software. Nothing seemed to be right. So they flipped a coin and the "loser" became a programmer—and what a magnificent job he has done! But at what expense!

Most small businesses that could successfully employ a micro cannot afford the luxury of taking the time to program it. They need software that works and training assistance for installation and operation. And this is where it is, and will be 'at' for many micro-entrepreneurs in the next few years.

There are a few pioneers out there (you can recognize them—each one has an arrow in his back) who are beginning to find their role as microcomputer consultants. That is, persons who will acquire (or write) good software and, for a fee, install it and train people how to use it. But, by and large, I would guess that there are more pioneers (two or more arrows) who are actively pursuing reinvention of the wheel. For example, how many payroll systems (in all degrees of sophistication) do you think have been written for micros thus far? But, do you really know where to get one to include with the turnkey system you propose to install?

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It seems that most software authors are more afraid of getting ripped-off than are anxious to distribute their product. I recently, for example, tried to find out about a particular software system that I might have been able to install in several locations. However, the author was more interested in securing a notarized affidavit binding me, my assigns, and heirs forever than he was in telling me just what his software would do. No thanks, fella, I've already been ripped-off more than a few times! (Count the arrows)

Equipment manufacturers have been at this distribution game for quite some time. (Well, some of them haven't.) Those that have been recognized that you can't always sell on your own terms and have, consequently, come up with OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer's) agreements that I suspicion have kept many of them in business. Why is it that the software world has not adopted a similar philosophy? I have tried to acquire software to be used locally (my little commuting area) but could never seem to make a deal. It would seem that as soon as the vendor was faced with a distribution problem other than one program-one unit price, he lost interest. That is why I have such a large collection of wheels that I reinvented.

The other day I received an inquiry from a gentleman in the great Northwest who explained that he was putting together a turnkey system for a particular business application and requested information concerning any of my products that he might incorporate. He specified, of course, just what software he required to round out the system. A letter similar I might add, to what I have sent to authors in

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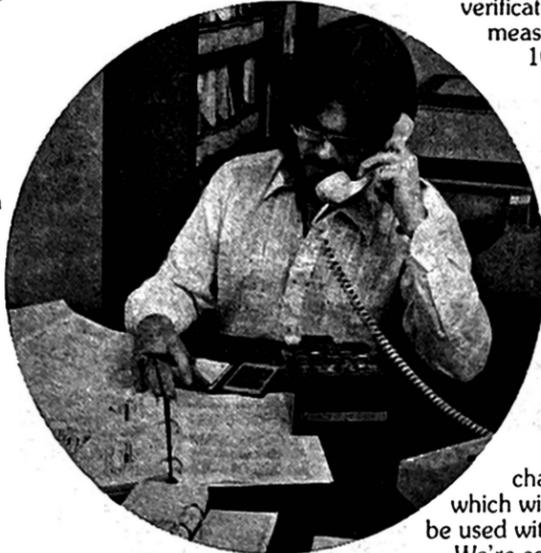
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Volume II of the handbook has grown like "Topsy", and is largely a collection of essays and programs that were written to specifically expand on a number of points that were either glossed over or skipped entirely in Volume I. A number of the chapters attempt to answer specific questions raised by readers of the first volume, largely via developing programs written in either Basic or assembly language to illustrate the points raised.

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Disassembled source and object code without comments is like a ship without a rudder or a kite without a tail. There it is, but we have not the slightest idea of where it is going.

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SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS

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Chapter 3 familiarizes the reader with the VARPTR function as used with integers including locating in MEM the variable's number NT (number type), identification, and decoding its value. A few assembly-language ROM CALLs somewhat similar to the VARPTR function are discussed.

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About the author

Robert, author of the immensely popular "TRS-80 Disassembled Handbook" Volume I (\$10 postpaid from CIE, 69 pages 8 1/2 x 11—Volume II is about 160 pages, and \$15), was a USAAF Aviation Cadet during World War II, and later a P-51 Mustang fighter pilot and one of the first USAAF jet fighter pilots.

He served as a radiological engineer at Eniwetok Atoll in 1950 and '51 during a number of atomic tests and the first H bomb test, which he says was spectacular.

Richardson is a former flight captain for United Air Lines, was a co-founder of Litton Industries' commercial inertial navigation division, president of ITT Navigator Systems, a division of International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., and later, World-wide Product Line Executive for ITT World Headquarters commercial aviation and marine electronics activities.

Richardson is a prolific author in the fields of aviation electronics, microwave engineering, and computer technology. Besides Disassembled..., he has recently written "The Gunnplexer Cookbook—A 10 GHz Microwave Primer". He has since 1952 been a member of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers, and a senior member since 1960. He alternates seasons between racing his "C" scow sailboat and snowplowing a half-mile driveway to his home on the lake front.

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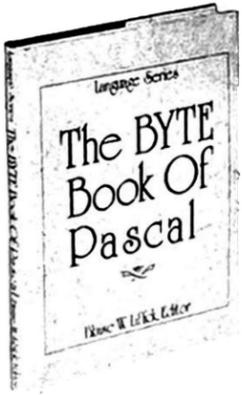
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The book has been designed both as an educational text and as a self-contained reference book. As such, it can be used as a complete introductory book on programming, ranging from the basic concepts to advanced data structures manipulations. It also contains a comprehensive description of all the Z80 instructions as well as its internal operation, and should provide a comprehensive reference for the reader who is already familiar with the principles of programming, but wishes to learn the Z80. This book is the result of the author's extensive experience in the field of education and programming. It has been designed to be clear and easy to read. All concepts are explained in simple yet precise terms, building progressively towards more complex techniques. After reading this book, the computerist should have acquired all the basic skills required to program not just at the elementary level, but in most practical cases.

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Details hands-on experiments in the use of the various signals and buses to design interfaces for transferring information or control signals between the TRS-80 and external devices. Uses BASIC, not assembly language programming, and an inexpensive breadboard to access the TRS-80 bus. Another in the Blacksburg Continuing Education Series by the authors of the BUGBOOKS. Write for information on the series.

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TRS-80 Disk & Other Mysteries

By Harvard C. Pennington

TRS-80 users, this is not only a worthwhile book but a great book. It's great for two reasons: It presents information on TRS-80 disk organization and file management that can be found nowhere else! Secondly, it is available when you need it—now! The book discusses how disks are organized, how space is allocated, how files are located on disk, and the tools that one may use to look at disk files and directories. Not only does it provide a general discussion of these topics, however, but it also gives clear information on how to fix disk problems such as lost files, Electric Pencil bugs and other snafus. This is a clearly-presented book packed with good disk information—Wm. Barden Jr.

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From Dits to Bits: A personal history of the electronic computer

By Herman Lukoff

In From Dits to Bits the reader is given a very personal look behind the scenes at the Moor School at the University of Pennsylvania. There, in the late 1940s, a group of young scientists struggled in their quest to devise a technology that could one day relieve man of the burdens which so encumbered his imagination and wasted his free time. This book says, perhaps above all other things, that the roots of this technology are grounded in motives and ideas as altruistic as those of any artist. Here are recounted the problems, successes and failures experienced by the author as he worked alongside John Mauchly, Presper Eckert and a number of others who are today recognized as the prime innovators in this field. This is the story of the people whose efforts and imagination gave birth to man's most significant extension of his own potential—the computer.

Robotics Press \$12.95

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By Adam Osborne

Within the next decade, roughly half of today's jobs will change drastically, or disappear altogether; robots will take over assembly-line jobs from blue collar workers; microelectronics devices will perform many white collar duties as well. New technology will usher in the miracles of bionics; it will increase communications and, possibly, make real every man's dream of more leisure than labor. At the same time, microelectronics will open new horizons for computer crime. Will the coming years prove to be a dream or a nightmare? Understanding the facts of microelectronics' advancements could make the difference. Running Wild has been written for the layman, to educate and help prepare today's citizen for the coming 25 years.

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QUIKTRAN: Quick Fortran Programming

By C. Kevin McCabe

This book is written by a user, for a user. The book emphasizes simplicity without sacrificing utility. No knowledge of electronics, data processing, or math beyond algebra is assumed or required. The text is divided into three parts. The first presents the most elementary Fortran statements. This may well be enough to permit you to modify "canned" programs and do other simple programming tasks. In the second part you will become fully acquainted with the language, including such things as sub-programs, character manipulation, automatic logic and arrays. The last part picks up the odds and ends.

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YOU NEED THIS! Home Computers: A Beginners' Glossary & Guide

By Merl K. Miller & Charles J. Sippl

Here's a little 58-page introduction to microcomputing, coupled with an about-90-page glossary of terms, even graphic symbols. Anyone who feels he needs such a text, and isn't sure he wants to pay the price of the big one, should get this book! Size: 7 1/2 x 8 1/2 147pp. dilithium Press \$6.95

Microcomputer

By Charles J. Sippl and David A. Kidd

The need for a Microcomputer Dictionary that offers clear explanations of products, procedures, systems, techniques and components appears quite apparent, but the dictionary and its definitions cannot be standard, pure or "idealized". The work must reflect the current literature—the use of the words as they are spoken and written by today's inventors, teachers, lecturers, writers and leaders. Few explanations can be curt or brief because they must be real, down-to-earth, simplified, but also tutorial and expository. Microcomputer Dictionary attempts to fill this need with more than 5000 entries. Matrix Publishers 10x6 1/2 paper 680pp \$19.95

Understanding Computers

By PAUL M. CHIRLIAN

Describes how computers work. It is written for people who use small computers, are contemplating using them or who are just generally interested in computers. Starting with the most elementary gates and working up to the complete computer, the author discusses all phases of computer development. In addition to discussing machine parts, he discusses elementary machine language programming, assembly languages and higher-level languages. The object of the book however is not to teach specific languages but to provide an understanding of what languages are and how they operate in a computer. dilithium Press 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 paper \$8.95

NEW Computer Programing for the Complete Idiot

By DONALD McCunn

Here is a text about Basic that assumes you have a TRS-80 (of somewhat minimal configuration), that you don't know anything about it but you want to do something practical with it! So once the most basic fundamentals are covered, it starts telling you how to write a payroll program. Teaches Basic, programming, and a little systems design. 125pp 8 1/2 x 11. Design Enterprises of San Francisco \$5.95

Learning Level II

By David A. Lien

Learning Level II picks right up where the Level I TRS-80 User's Manual left off. Written by the same author, it teaches Level II Basic, plus the many command features, in the same easy-to-learn style that made the Level I Manual famous. Each CompuSoft Learning Series book is carefully planned and written by Dr. Lien, prominent educator and master teacher with many years' experience in private technical schools, public colleges and universities. Author of books in a variety of technical areas, his most widely-known work to date is the TRS-80 Level I Users' manual, with hundreds of thousands of copies in print.

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tapes

32 Basic Programs

By Tom Rugg and Phil Feldman

Kilobaud associate editors have written these for TRS-80 Level II. All programs are fully documented, and options are suggested. Paper-bound, book is 5 1/2 by 8 1/2", 267 pages. Programs are listed under the following five tapes: dilithium Press \$15.95

TAPE 1—Applications Programs
Practical uses at home or work. Biorhythm predict good or bad days; checkbook, balance it; decide, choose from list of alternatives; loan, calculate payments and interest; mileage, analyze gasoline usage; quest-exam, determine results of questionnaires.

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Dazzling visual diversions, and short programs that do interesting things: kaleido, a kaleidoscope with eight-point symmetry; sparkle, hypnotic sparkling patterns; squares, overlaying concentric squares; walltoons, TRS-80 theater classic; birthday, what are the odds of identical birthdays in group of people?; pi, calculate approximation of pi; powers, calculate powers of integers—up to 250 digits long; pythag, generate Pythagorean triplets.

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Also, math problems, queen, Star Trek I, number guessing, wheel of fortune, World War II bomber, rock-scissors-paper, seek, Star Trek II, Red Baron, mini-Trek, strategy, pilot, battleship, "On A Snowy Evening", mastermind, tic-tac-toe, grand prix auto race, capitals, etch sketch, hangman.

TAPE 4 LEVEL 1
Election returns, business percentage, ups and downs of business, index, inventory control, sales receipt tally, gas mileage, driving distance, mixed monthly sales report, payroll, annual earnings, speech recording aid, and double-declining depreciation.

Also, math problems, cash register, chase, snoopy, commander-in-chief, Christmas graphic, air raid, balance scale, stock market, tic-tac-toe and On A Snowy Evening.

TAPE 5 LEVEL 2
Memory test, mortgage payments, tension breaker, lineprinter-screen & vice-versa utilities, Federal income tax, election returns, business percentage, vacation planner, car pool(disk), diet planning 2, mailing list(disk) and first aid.

Also spelling bee, Star Trek 3, mind bender, tachistoscope, chase, common factor, klingon capture, spelling practice, Hamurabi, animals, Snoopy, cryptogram, starship, ants, Yesterday, and Pilot(disk). Pilot is the language of computer-aided instruction (CAI).

TAPE 7 LEVEL 2
Disassembler, Pilot, roster, dropout, memory loader, memory sort, inventory control, graph, land surveying, mixed monthly sales report, shopping list, diet planning 3, loan progress chart, hex-decimal conversion.

Also Star Trek 4, states and capitals, battleships 2, spelling practice 2, number guessing, hangman 2, snark, slot machine, cipher, target, surround, adder, termiles, lunar lander, multiplication exercise, five-in-a-row, Bastem, and write. A number after a program indicates there are other similar People's Software programs. Pilot is the same as the disk pilot on tape 5, except runs on 16K tape systems. People's Software \$8

Some Common Basic Programs

By Lon Poole and Mary Borchers

...is designed for people who can use a variety of practical Basic programs. The 76 programs are written in a restricted version of standard Basic and are compatible with many versions of Basic now available to microcomputer users. Program descriptions, examples, and remarks accompanying the listings to help the reader follow Basic programming logic. All programs from this book are also available on cassette from People's Software, tape 2, for \$7.50 plus \$.50 postage and handling. Osborne-McGraw Hill \$12.50

BOOK 1
Fully documented in Some Common Basic Programs by Lon Poole & Mary Borchers (Osborne & Associates, 630 Bancroft way, Berkeley CA 94710—or from CIE—\$12.50 postpaid from CIE, via UPS, CA residents add tax (to \$13.25)).

TAPE 2 LEVEL 2
Investment, future value regular deposits; regular withdrawals, initial minimum (for withdrawals); nominal interest, effective & earned interest; depreciation rate, amount depreciation, salvage value; discount commercial paper; loan principal, regular and last payment, remaining balance, term-loan, mortgage amortization; greatest common denom.; integer prime factors; polygon area; triangle parts; analysis, operations two vectors; radian-degree, degree-radian conversion; coordinate, polar equation, functions plot; linear, curvilinear interpolation; Simpson's & trapezoidal rules, Gaussian quadrature integration; derivative.

Side 2—quadratic equation, polynomial (Newton) & half-interval-search roots; trig polynomial; simultaneous equations; linear programming; matrix addition, subtraction; scalar multiplication, inversion; permutations & combinations; Mann-Whitney U test; mean, variance, standard deviation; geometric mean & deviation; binomial, Poisson, normal, Chi-square distribution; Chi-sq, student's T-distribution test; F-distribution; linear correlation coefficient; linear, multiple-linear, Nth order, geometric, exponential regression, system reliability, future projections; Federal withholding taxes; tax depreciation schedule; check writer; recipe cost; map check; day of week; days between two dates; anglo to metric; alphabetize. \$8

SOFTWARE from CIE

Mailing List Systems

All mailing list programs are not created equal! Almost all systems CIE has seen use disk random files. To print out 15,000 labels, as CIE does about every week, 15,000 disk accesses are needed. With a program using sequentially filed records, such as these, only about 200 disk accesses are needed, which means we have only one-seventh the disk wear—and repair that we would have with a random-access program. We use Minimail, and recommend the following:

Mailroom Plus

Powerful electric filing cabinet asks company, name, address, city-state-zip, phone, and code category. Sorts by category or zip. With Autoprint, prints in tabular or as table as many files as you name. With its variable-length records, Mailroom Plus can put as many as 1,500 names-addresses on each disk. To maintain workspace, CIE averages 800 per disk in its archive.
Peripheral People, 48K 2-disk \$75

Minimail

Compact version of Mailroom Plus, but without customer coding. Includes alpha-lookahead for duplicates, and Autoprint features of larger system. On diskette, could be used with 32K and/or single disk systems, but 48K dual disks recommended.
Peripheral People \$50

Manipulation

Set of three utilities makes working with Mailroom Plus or Minimail far easier, faster. Split makes it easy to split files when they get too large. Randomly type in names to be added to one disk and Sort opens as many as 15 files and automatically adds them to the proper file. To tell how many names are on a disk, run File.
Peripheral People \$39.95

Super Auto

Developed by CIE to print its average 15,000-or-so labels a week, just load SAuto and it automatically prints all files on disk, marking the end of each file with a label which names that file, tells how many labels were printed in that file, and a grand total of labels printed so far. Includes customized Minimail that supports autoprint feature. Sold only to Minimail or Mailroom Plus owners. Send us your original Peripheral People disk, or other proof of purchase, if you bought the system from someone other than CIE.
Computer Information Exchange \$29

Formlet

Formlet is a simplified word processor that couples to Minimail. Prepare your letter, bulletin, notice, advertisement, etc., then load the names and addresses in Minimail files. Formlet will print the inside address, letter, next address, letter, etc. for all the names in the file. Justification feature, requires 16K single or multiple disk system (minimum), supplied on cassette for transfer to diskette.
PERIPHERAL PEOPLE \$35

Autoboot

Simplifies automatic Basic program loading from DOS. Permits sequencing through your choice of DOS commands, selects files and memory size to your specification and loads or runs selected program. Allows user to see directory and free space before program runs automatically. Supplied on cassette.
Peripheral People \$15

Sir Echo

Program echoes keyboard to printer, giving you an electric typewriter. Functions standalone or can be merged into programs to echo screen to printer. Supplied on cassette.
Peripheral People \$10

Mailing List & Labels

Here's a neat little tape-based addressing program that has much of the power and versatility of Mailroom Plus, above, but for 16K disk systems or larger, plus printer. Converted to Poor Man's Floppy (just \$69, see March S-80 Computing), should be very capable. On cassette.
Programma International \$9.95

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University Software introduces five spiral-bound editions of application software in Microsoft Basic. Each edition is organized with programs for the user's interest (small business, education, fun & games, home & economics). Appendix in each edition serves as guide to converting Microsoft Basic from one computer to another.

Small Business Programs

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Education & Scientific Programs

Here is justification for purchasing a personal computer. This volume will tutor your children, give you a better understanding of a computer's capabilities and possibly solve a problem or two at work. Programs include: presidents quiz; 5th-8th-grade English CAI; astronomical computations; simultaneous equations; disassembler; renuber; hex-decimal; word search; multiple-linear regression; speed reader; define own graphic characters; compute atom quantum numbers; music note names; Pythagorean theorem; generate plottable graphics; truth table; hex-decimal and decimal-hex conversions; octal-decimal, decimal-octal; define graphic characters; kinematics instruction; EKG graphics display; tide table; program manager loads, runs multiple programs; CAI for math student.
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University Software \$24.95

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Home-Office Record Keeping System allows up to 33 user-assigned major account codes per credit or debit file (or use as single-entry system). Has change or delete function with automatic audit trail; 32 or 48K disk systems (1 to 4 drives); retains all entries, not just a summary; credit and debit summaries with 3 different formats—total, monthly, and account code—with optional printer routines; search function with ability to totalize all entries found; profit-loss statement; 800 to 9200 credit-debit entries, depending on memory-disk configuration; eight packed pages of documentation. HORKS will keep record of charge card purchases, telephone & utility expenses, rent payments, taxes, interest charges, etc. Do your budget, keep your checkbook or small business records.
EDU-WARE \$24.95 on cass., \$29.95 disk

Math, triangle review

Here's a really great tutor, set of high-speed lookup tables for logarithms, square root, natural exponentials, right triangle, oblique triangle solutions, raising numbers to powers (exponents), sine-cosine-tangle description, decimal-degree conversion. For 16K level 2, it's called Oie' Jim's Graphic Math Review and Triangle Solutions.
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Language Teacher tutorial programs on disk are in drill learning format, with language-to-English or English-to-language usage options. Each program offers hundreds of word combinations, phrases, and verb conjugation forms to inform and challenge the student. Language Teacher's sophisticated capabilities not only provide full record access, but optional printing features. Of special interest to teachers is the ability to print out a multiple-choice test. Students and teachers will want to run a full quiz diagnostic routine. Specify French, Spanish, German or Italian.
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With FM-80 you can virtually ignore pages 7-37 through 7-75 of your Disk Basic manual. The hottest thing since floppys, FM-80 is an input-output control system (IOCS) which will automatically create disk file input-output instructions as well as automatically document your file layouts and variable names. A real timesaver for the Disk Basic program developer, three programs and extensive documentation. Documentation alone: \$3.
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—Change strings of characters within a program.
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NEPENTHE PROGRAMS \$69.95

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A text-editor-word-processor just made for the programmer. Uses the familiar Basic Editor instead of a bunch of special control characters for text editing. Will concatenate text files for printing larger documents; will print upper and lowercase characters without hardware modification (uppercase identified on video screen); and will hyphenate, right justify, indent, page title and number, and perform "global" modifications—with only five control characters. Includes capability of inserting "variable" information into printed text—and more! One program and extensive documentation.
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By Leonard Abbott, this highly-specialized mathematics program calculates solutions of right- and oblique-angle triangles; surface feet per minute problems; inches per revolution; sine, cosine, tangent, and cotangent of angles; distance across corners of squares and hexagons; and, turns your TRS-80 into a calculator. Self-documenting program menu.
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Indicates mechanical components requiring overhaul-replacement during projected flying hours. Based on the Hughes Aircraft Component Maintenance Record system, indicated requirements and costs for any number of projected flying hours. Requires NEWDOS. Three programs and detailed documentation. User references provided upon request. Write for particulars on this one.
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TRS Mod 1 to Mod 2

Program enables computerist moving up to Model II TRS-80 to "filter out" all of that sloppy code that the Model I Disk Basic allowed user to get away with (but Model II won't). Adjusts all screen printing to the larger screen size of the Model II. Corrects the IF...THEN...ELSE statements and identifies anything that would be illegal on the Model II for "on-line" correction. Creates "filtered" program on Model I diskette ready for "up-line" to Model II. A real time-saver if you are "on the move".
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Telephone dialer

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Put your TRS-80 to work during store hours to help sell your products. Create an animated sequence to quickly and effectively attract attention to a pro-

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Club Secretaries
Electra-Sketch allows you to rapidly create newsletter cover pages, then print them on your line printer for camera-ready artwork. Create a unique and clever cover page for each issue. It takes only a few minutes with Electra-Sketch!!

Educators
Add lively animation to your tutorial programs. Take full advantage of the

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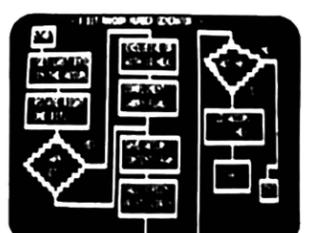


How It Works

Create a picture frame using simple one key commands to control cursor direction, draw, erase, draw vectors, fill in backgrounds with any sequence of characters (previously drawn lines and characters are preserved), create titles or any textual material, save on disk, recall a frame from disk, review all previously saved frames, change the graphics print character, and print the frame on the line printer. Saved frames may then be animated by displaying them in either forward or reverse sequence. A particularly novel feature is the ability to instantly change the speed of the animation from slow motion to rapid play in 10 increments (while the animation is taking



place!) Only the changes from one frame to the next in succession are saved in RAM, thereby conserving memory and allowing longer sequences for a given size computer. Information is included in the user's manual on how to call up frames for use in your own programs. Also presented is information on how to call up the animator as a subprogram. Several demonstration frames and animation sequences are included on the diskette to quickly demonstrate the potential of the package and show off your TRS-80 to friends. These clever demos are practically worth the entire price of Electra-Sketch.



■ Requires the disk operating system
■ Supplied on cassette with instructions on how to transfer the software onto your own diskette.

Computer aid to nonprofits being studied

By GREGORY FEARON, director Management Advocates, 1031 3rd st Santa Rosa CA 95404

Recently, an effort has begun to explore consolidation of some of the administrative tasks performed by nonprofit organizations in the course of their delivery of human services. Our nonprofit organization has been in the forefront of this movement. M.A. was founded to assist the management of other nonprofits, and has had some successes we wish people to know about. We hope that others will help our project grow.

The idea of bringing nonprofit organizations together to share common resources and talents is not a new one. Workshops have periodically been held by groups which have focused on papers of widely-held interest. What is new about our project is that we began by concentrating on services to agencies which were all performed poorly. By centralizing these services on a continuing basis, lowered costs and improved quality should result. We wish to effect reduced administrative energy and increased administrative ability by setting up a strong centralized support system which does not infringe upon individual agency autonomy. Sound like a challenge? It is.

We rented and have been programming a microcomputer for the heart of the paperwork support system. We hired a nonprofit administrator with a background in computers who wanted to be the bridge between both worlds, and who wanted to lean small computer systems. Six months ago we printed a brochure and began to write programs and recruit agencies.

We are now providing full financial administrative services for six moderate-size agencies at a tremendous savings to them. We have also worked with three additional agencies who wish to computerize their client statistical information for reporting purposes. We have held workshops for office staff of these agencies. These were in computer uses for occupational upgrading. In addition, we are exploring the possibilities of using the computer for group purchase of insurance and the production of desk-resource card files for community information.

Our actions so far have been innovative and personally satisfying. However, we have been hampered by a poor investment capability in computer hardware and materials. Computers aren't cheap, even with the micro-revolution, and nonprofit organizations like ours can't afford much outlay.

Consequently, we are with this letter exploring a new cooperative effort. We hope to bring together the computer industry and some innovative funding sources to arrange the placement and implementation of needed expansion of our system. Both in this county and in every county in California (and the world—Ed), there are agencies who would benefit by such expansion. We are eager to get such an alliance of business, foundations, and nonprofit organizations together to duplicate what we are experiencing here.

Sound interesting? We hope that others will be willing to explore with us their parts in this new adventure. We feel that they will be convinced of the benefits of such a donation the more they begin to understand the full impact such cooperation would have on the nonprofit human services field. It is not easy to overcome inertia, suspicion, and organizational reluctance to centralization. (Management Advocates can be reached at (707) 546-5771—Ed)

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Corvus connects up to 64 TRS-80s

Corvus systems has announced a multiplexer which can connect from two to 64 TRS-80s or other personal computers into an interactive multi-user network sharing high-speed access to up to 40 million bytes of Corvus hard-disk capacity.

Called the Constellation, it will be of great interest for many business and educational applications now limited to one dedicated computer and a small data base.

In addition to sharing open or secured access to the large Corvus data base, computers in a Constellation network can share peripherals, such as a common printer, and communicate in a fully-interactive mode.

STAR CONFIGURATION
The Constellation is a back-end local network in which multiple computers are connected in a star configuration. To ensure compatibility and future expandability, each computer interface uses the standard Corvus bus, the same as that employed in the Corvus disk system and the Mirror backup.

The center of the star is the Corvus Constellation host multiplexer. This central node contains hardware that polls up to eight computers in a round-robin fashion.

TRS-80s are parallel-interfaced via maximum-50'-long ribbon cable to the multiplexer. Corvus says the computers can in some cases be as far as 200' apart.

A two-level network containing up to eight host multiplexers connected to a central multiplexer allows up to 64 computers to share disk storage.

ALL COMPUTERS ACTIVE
All computers in the network are active—the central node is the Constellation multiplexer, not a dedicated computer.

Total capacity of the disk system is up to 40 megabytes, four eight-inch Winchester disk drives. Users can implement a Corvus disk system as a simple one-user computer system or a multi-user network with no penalty in cost or software effort.

Any personal computer compatible with the standard Corvus disk system is compatible with the Constellation. These include, besides TRS-80, Apple, S-100, Altos and LSI-11.

Computer interface hardware is the same as that used by the single-user disk system. The Constellation operating system software is the unmodified operating system provided with the host computer, assuring application compatibility.

Price of the Constellation multiplexer is \$750. Interfaces for the computers in the network are as low as \$235 each, and deliveries are quoted as 30 days. Corvus is at 2029 O'Toole av., San Jose CA 95131, (408) 946-7700.

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Recommended system configuration consists of 48K CP/M, 2 full size disk drives, 24 x 60 CRT and 132 column printer.

Modified version available for use with CP/M as implemented on Health and TRS-80 Model I computers.

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Microsoft offers Z80 board for Apple

Apple computer users now can plug a Z-80 processor into their systems and run CP-M, the disk operating system to which many TRS-80 users have turned, and Microsoft disk Basic.

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Q. My computer is not a TRS-80. How do I hook it up to Electric Crayon?
GURU. Any computer with an 8-bit parallel port is easily interfaced to the Electric Crayon. The inputs to the Electric Crayon consist of eight active-high data lines and an active-low strobe pulse that "strokes" the data into the Electric Crayon. If the Electric Crayon is not ready to receive data it sends a busy signal to the computer. No other "handshaking" is required.

Computers and peripherals are interfaced to the Electric Crayon via dual, 8-bit I-O ports. One dual port is referred to as the computer port and the other dual port, which is not operational until an optional PIA (Parallel Interface Adapter) chip is installed in the socket provided, is referred to as the peripherals interface. The circuitry of the I-O ports includes ample strapping contacts for interfacing versatility.

Q. How do I connect Electric Crayon to my color television set?
GURU. The video output from the Electric Crayon may be connected directly to a color monitor or to a color TV that has been modified for direct video input. Since most color tv sets do not have direct video input, the Electric Crayon video output signal must be up-modulated to vhf (or uhf) for connecting to tv antenna contacts. This may be accomplished either by adding some inexpensive components to Electric Crayon, or use of an inexpensive Radio Shack or other tv interface modulator or by connecting to video cassette recorder.

Q. You are a great guru, Guru. How did Percom find you?
GURU. I'm in the Yellow Pages under Wizards.

GURU SPEAKS:
Answers queries on Percom Electric Pencil

The Bulletin has received many questions about Percom Data Company's Electric Crayon(tm) since running a product announcement in the January issue. We called the Percom Guru, and the following dialog developed:

Q. How many color display modes can Electric Crayon generate?
GURU. With a full complement of display memory, the Electric Crayon can generate color displays in 10 different modes: an alphanumeric-semi-graphics mode, a pure high-density semi-graphics mode and eight graphics modes of varying resolution.

Q. What's the difference between graphics and semi-graphics?
GURU. A graphics display is comprised of elemental dots or picture elements which are either illuminant—in a program—or keyboard-selected color—or extinguished. A semi-graphics display is comprised of rectangles or "boxes" of six equal parts depending on the semi-graphics mode selected. The separate parts of each semi-graphics box may be either illuminant or extinguished under keyboard or program control.

Q. What is the resolution of each graphics mode?
GURU. There are five different resolutions for the eight graphics modes:

- 64 picture elements x 64 picture elements
- 128 picture elements x 64 picture elements
- 128 picture elements x 96 picture elements
- 128 picture elements x 192 picture elements
- 256 picture elements x 192 picture elements

Q. What colors are available for each display mode?
GURU. Displays of two, four or eight colors may be generated, depending on the mode selected. The two and four-color displays may be inverted or complemented either manually or under program control.

Q. How much memory is required for each display mode?
GURU. See the table above. A guru never repeats himself. Never.

Q. Is it easy to compose displays?
GURU. Very easy. Displays are composed and generated with simple one-character keyboard or program commands. For example, the character M is used to select or change the display mode. M0 selects Mode 0, M1 selects Mode 1, etc. The letter C and a numeral select a color. For example, C2 selects the color blue. A horizontal line is generated by inputting the character H followed by the beginning X-Y position coordinates and a length value. The command H 2 4 30 generates a 30-element line that begins two elements to the left of the origin (upper LH corner) and four elements down. Other commands are equally simple.

Q. What television systems will work with the Electric Crayon?
GURU. The Electric Crayon will generate displays on any American television set, or any foreign set designed to NTSC standards, and may optionally be ordered for 230-volt, 50 Hertz primary power. The Electric Crayon will not work with Phase Alternate Line (PAL) sets (French) or other non-NTSC (non-US) systems.

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