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----- INTRODUCTION : -----

BASIC/S is a BASIC program which compiles a subset of TRS-80(c) Disk Basic into Z80 machine code. The machine code thus created may be saved on disk as a command file. The program is easy to use, and may be run under almost any Mod I/Mod III DOS.

----- GETTING STARTED : -----

-- MOD I --

Boot up the disk you recieved with this package. It will then prompt you for a destination drive. This can be drive 0,1,2, or 3. Insert a SYSTEM disk of your choice (LDOS, TRSDOS, Newdos, Newdos/80, DOSPLUS, or VTOS). You may use a formatted disk if you wish also, as long as you have a more than one drive, (one to put the SYSTEM in). Answer the prompts you see on the monitor, and in just a few moments you will have BASIC/S installed on the SYSTEM of your choice. It is VERY easy to do. Your destination disk MUST be formatted or be a SYSTEM disk!! The only files that you actually need to copy over to use the compiler are BASIC/S and COMPILER/DAT. The other files are either utilities or example files for you to compile. The reason we mention this is that not all of the files will fit on one 35/40 track single density disk, if all you have is one drive. Our loader program (by Kim Watt), is intelligent enough, however, to sense that you do not have enough room! It then will allow you to selectively place the files where you want them.

If you are using a ONE DRIVE SYSTEM (single density 35/40 track), we suggest that you prepare two SYSTEM disks that have been "stripped" down. Transfer BASIC/S to one of them, and everything else to the other disk. When you want to compile one of your own programs, place it on a system disk along with COMPILER/DAT. Load your first disk that has BASIC/S on it. Once BASIC/S is in memory and running, you may switch diskettes. Remember.... COMPILER/DAT MUST BE ON-LINE AT ALL TIMES WHILE COMPILING!

-- MOD III --

This disk is in Model I single density format. Simply place the disk you have recieved in DRIVE 1, and use CONVERT, to "convert" the disk to Mod III format (TRSDOS 1.1 - 1.3) If you are using DOSPLUS, follow their respective directions for "converting" over. With LDOS 5.1/III, use the REPAIR command, and this disk will be directly readable by LDOS, even though it is in Single Density. You may then COPY them over. REPAIR :1 (ALIEN). Easy to do! There is plenty of room on a Mod III 40 track double density diskette for the whole set of programs, although remember.... all you REALLY need on the BASIC/S disk that you make for day to day use is BASIC/S and COMPILER/DAT.

Getting Started Using BASIC/S:

IMPORTANT!! There is a variable in BASIC/S, in the very first line, which tells BASIC/S what disk operating system you are using. Currently, this is used so that LOF calculations will be done properly - ie when you compile a program that does an LOF calculation, it is important for the compiler to know what DOS is being used so that this calculation will be done properly. (The assumption is that you will run your /CMD files under the same system that they were compiled on. If this is not true, you need to change the variable as explained below and recompile under the other DOS). The variable in question is KS, and is found at the end of line 15 of BASIC/S. It is now set as KS = 0. This is the correct setting for all DOS's EXCEPT for DOSPLUS(c) and LDOS(c). KS should be set to four (4) if you are using DOSPLUS, and to five (5) for LDOS. Be certain to make this change in your copy of BASIC/S before continuing, ONLY IF YOU ARE USING ONE OF THESE SYSTEMS!!

Edit Line 15, end of line: (now says, :KS=0)

Dosplus - :KS=4

LDOS - :KS=5

On the disk you receive, there will be just one copy of BASIC/S, one of COMPILER/DAT, and some supplementary demo and utility files. Copy these to a disk of your own.

It is a good idea at this time to compile one of the sample programs on the disk. SHELL/BAS, SELECT/BAS, LOOK/BAS, SPACEWAR/BAS, and COMPARE/BAS are all BASIC/S compilable. SHELL/BAS is a Shell Metzner sort program which will sort an ASCII sequential disk file of up to 79 strings; after you compile it, you invoke it via SHELL OUTPUT=INPUT from DOS READY mode, where INPUT is the file you want to sort, and OUTPUT is a new file which you want the sorted file to be written to. Don't try to run SHELL/BAS from BASIC (as is). It checks the DOS command buffer at 4318H for the file specifications, which will not be meaningful from BASIC. TEST/DAT is a file for SHELL to sort. After compiling SHELL/BAS execute the /CMD file via SHELL OUT=TEST/DAT (where OUT is your output file). To compile SHELL/BAS, you should get into Basic and RUN"BASIC/S", making sure that COMPILER/DAT and SHELL/BAS are on line ; when BASIC/S asks "Files, options ?", respond with:

SHELL/BAS,SHELL/CMD,,56000 <enter>

This way, your command file will be placed into high memory, making room for a string array of dimension 79 (T\$) in low memory. If you do not specify a starting address (which you normally wouldn't), it will default to 5200H, which means that the T\$ array will be placed in high memory, where there is room for only 37 strings (and that's counting all the way up to FFFFH !). No problem if your file is no more than 37 strings long AND you have no high memory drivers in place; otherwise... See below for more information on running BASIC/S.

SELECT is a program for making small (selective) zaps to COMPILER/DAT (the module which the compiler uses to get most of the object code which is used to create your /CMD files). Practice using SELECT only on a COPY of COMPILER/DAT!! You will be told when, if, and how to use it if it ever becomes necessary. LOOK allows you to "look" at selected records in COMPILER/DAT without changing them, in order to verify a zap for example. COMPARE/BAS allows you to compare 2 files to see if they are the same.

SPACEWAR/BAS is a fast paced, real time shoot the Klingons game. You can run it in Basic or as a /CMD file after you compile it, but it runs MUCH faster compiled!

For the most part, these five programs allow you to become familiar with the rather restrictive syntax of BASIC/S.

The version of BASIC which is supported is a subset of Disk Basic. Only simple expressions and variable names are allowed, but most of the features and built-in functions of Level II are implemented, along with the essential elements of sequential and random disk I/O.

Note: Unlike regular BASIC, programs compiled by BASIC/S do NOT have any initialization of variables done. Thus numeric variables do not start out as zero, or strings as null. (See the CLEAR statement, however). One advantage of this approach is that one compiled program can invoke another (using the RUN statement) and all variables will be preserved.

Use of constants in BASIC/S is somewhat restricted; many statements allow (real or integer) constants; most statements do NOT allow string constants. See the section below on the individual statements for more details.

You may have multiple statements per line; the only restriction here is that IF, GOTO, and GOSUB statements must begin the line they are on. Spacing is critical when writing a program to be compiled by BASIC/S; in general, use spaces only to separate keywords from identifiers (FOR N%=A% TO B% rather than FOR N%=A%TOB%).

Look over some of the sample programs on the disk to see how statements are to be coded. The syntax must be followed....

-----> E X A C T L Y !! <-----

The compiler allows the following variable names (all single letters): integers A% thru Z%, reals A-Z, and strings A\$ thru Z\$. Also, you may dimension arrays of any of these three types, and your array names can be any length, with every character significant.

See the DIM statement for more on this.

BASIC/S does NOT allow free conversion between real and integer variables - you MUST use the built-in functions CINT and CSNG in order to convert between them. See below.

REQUIREMENTS :

A TRS-80(c) Mod I or III with at least one drive and 48K.
Repeat... 48K.

RUNNING THE PROGRAM :

Load BASIC (whatever DOS you are using), no need to set memory size, and RUN"BASIC/S". Be sure you have set KS if you are using LDOS or Dosplus. Be sure COMPILER/DAT is on line, as well as the program you wish to compile (saved in ASCII!).
REPEAT.... your program to compile MUST be saved in ASCII!

e.g. SAVE"FILENAME/BAS",A <enter>

 (the /BAS extension is NOT required)

Now BASIC/S will ask:

Files, options ?

The typical response will be in the form:

SOURCE,OBJECT

e.g. TEST,TEST/CMD where TEST is the name of the ascii Basic program you want to compile, and TEST/CMD is the name of the load module you want to create. You may specify drive specs after either file name. It is best if the OBJECT file does not already exist. If it does exist, BASIC/S will kill it before continuing. No big deal, but it takes a little longer.

Two other parameters may be specified here. The first will produce output to the system line printer (in the form of source code and errors), while the second will tell BASIC/S where the load module's start point is to be. To specify line printer output, just put a * (or *PR, or *pr, or *anything) as the third parameter. The address, if present, should be a decimal integer in the fourth position. It may be positive or negative - Basic/s will respond correctly either way. Thus, complete syntax to the "Files ?" question is:

SOURCEFILE,OBJECTFILE,<*PR>,<ADDRESS>

where the brackets "< >" are NOT to be typed, but indicate optional entries. If no printer output is wanted, but an address is to be specified, then the third parameter should be null - ie, present, but

null or blank as indicated by two adjacent commas.

```
TEST/BAS,TEST/CMD:1,,<ADDRESS>
```

The compiler gets much of the data needed to compile your program from a random access disk file (COMPILER/DAT). Be sure this file is on line when you use BASIC/S.

Note:

When running BASIC/S compiled programs on a Mod III using Mod III TRSDOS, you must execute the /CMD files BASIC/S creates from BASIC - enter the program from BASIC in the following way:

```
(from BASIC)  CMD"I","PROGNAME/CMD" <enter>
```

Actually, this is not always necessary, but for some unknown reason, BASIC/S /CMD files sometimes crash when executed from DOS READY under Mod III TRSDOS, whereas they do just fine when run from BASIC like this. NO other DOS, Mod I or III, has this restriction.

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THE BASIC/S SUBSET (Statements supported under BASIC/S) :
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PRINT

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```

followed by a SINGLE variable name, or an expression in quotes. Thus :

```
PRINT A% or
PRINT"Message"
```

Also, you may use a semi-colon after anything being printed in order to suppress the carriage return.

PRINT@ is also supported -- just set any integer variable to the value of the location to be printed at, and you may then use any of the above forms with it. Thus :

```
PRINT@N%,"TRS-80";
```

LPRINT

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```

Syntax for LPRINT is in every way the same as for PRINT, except of course that LPRINT@ has no meaning.

INPUT

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```

You may input a single variable, of any type. You may not input a list of variables, but INPUT"PROMPT";A is supported (or A%, or A\$). Note: Spacing is important in BASIC/S. Do not run keywords and variable names

together -- use a single space in between them. When executing a Basic/s compiled program, if input is requested, hitting the <break> key will cause an exit to DOS READY.

IMPORTANT: When inputting floating point variables, you **MUST** use a decimal point (even if the number is a whole number). Also, you may not use 'E' notation on input. If in answer to an input prompt, you hit <Enter> only, then the variable being inputted remains unchanged and the program continues (just like regular BASIC -- and this holds regardless of variable type (integer, real or string)).

LINE INPUT

LINE INPUT from the keyboard is supported. Syntax is exactly as it is in BASIC. You can even make LINEINPUT one word if you like. You may LINE INPUT a real or an interger variable if you wish, although this would not work in BASIC.

e.g. LINE INPUT A\$ or
 LINE INPUT "Prompt";A\$ (just like in BASIC)

RUN A\$

This statement allows you to set a string (A\$ in this case) to any DOS command, or the name of a command file you wish to invoke, and to exit the current program and have that command executed. Do NOT say RUN"PGM"; this will be not be correctly compiled! Also, RUN by itself is incorrect.

CLEAR

This statement, with or without an argument, will cause BASIC/S variables to be zeroed out. It depends on where your /CMD file starts; if your /CMD file is in low memory, then all memory from 41216 (decimal) up to HIGH\$ will be zeroed out, while otherwise 5200H up to D6D8H is zeroed out. This makes sure that your /CMD file itself will never be affected, but that your variables will be zeroed. This works equally well on the Mod I or the Mod III - Basic/s knows which machine you are running it on, and will use the correct HIGH\$ for your machine. DATA will also be cleared, and an automatic RESTORE done so that the DATA pointer will be correct.

GOTO ln

The GOTO statement. Do not space between the GO and the TO. DO space between the GOTO and the line number.

GOSUB ln

The standard GOSUB statement. Be sure your GOSUB's and RETURNS match up properly, or your /CMD file may crash.

DEF FN

This statement works almost exactly as in BASIC, the only limitations being that the right hand side must be already handleable by BASIC/S as in a normal assignment statement, and also only one argument is allowed. Thus it would be most useful in the case of the target variable being real, with the right hand side a real expression (see the section on assignment statements). But the argument and the target may be any type (real, integer, or string). Although only one argument is allowed, you may use any other variables you like on the right hand side -- but they won't be dummy. Note : Constants may be used (real and integer, anyway).

READ / DATA / RESTORE

Your program may have DATA statements, containing integer constants only (as in DATA 1,2,3) -- in all of your DATA statements you can have a total of 383 integers (no more). It is important that these DATA statements come before the READ statement(s) that are to access them (physically before, that is) -- the compiler generates code to place the data in memory when the DATA statements are encountered. Syntax for the READ statement is READ N% -- you can read only a single integer variable, which would normally be done in a FOR/TO loop. One big use for this is to poke DATA for a USR routine into memory. Before BASIC/S allowed READ/DATA, this process was rather clumsy.

RESTORE

works just like in standard BASIC.

IF

--

A very restricted IF statement -- you may only compare a floating point expression with zero, or two strings, or two simple integers (variables or constants). For floating points, syntax is:

```
IF X<0 THEN 100
or IF Z=0 THEN 80
or IF SIN(A*B-C)<0 THEN 200
(more on real expressions later).
```

The variable must be on the left. For strings, you can say

```

        IF A$<B$ THEN 20
or      IF A$=B$ THEN 100

```

The compare must be in the '<' direction only, or with '='. You may check whether a string is null via

```

        IF A$="" THEN 200 (for example)
but this is the only time you may test a string against
a constant.

```

```

For integers :
        IF A%=B% THEN 100
or      IF A%<B% THEN 50
(and either A% or B% may be an integer constant, as
in IF A%<72 THEN 200 ).

```

*** Note: GOTO, GOSUB, and IF statements MUST begin the line that they are on. Also, you may follow an IF statement with more statements on the same line, but they will be treated as if they were on succeeding lines. Thus

```

        IF X=0 THEN 20:Y=SQR(Z)

```

would have the effect of IF X=0 THEN 20 ELSE Y=SQR(Z) (but BASIC/S does not support ELSE). For compatibility with standard Microsoft Basic, it is best not to follow IF statements with anything.

FOR/NEXT

The For/Next loop is implemented for INTEGERS only. You may code

```

        FOR A%=B% TO C% (spacing important!)
        ...
        NEXT A%

```

Constants may be used where B% and C% are indicated, as long as they are integers (positive, negative, or zero). Just be sure to use a single space after FOR and before and after TO. The variable in the NEXT statement is NOT optional. There is no STEP clause. FOR/NEXT loops may be (statically) nested.

USR

A single USR call is allowed. It must be set up by DEFUSR, and the calling address must be a simple decimal integer constant. Thus :

```

        DEFUSR=-1000

```

Note: There is no VARPTR statement. However, the

addresses of all simple variables in BASIC/S are always the same and may be calculated as follows :

```

REALS   : If the ascii code for the variable is
           A, then the  VARPTR will be
           -11535+4*(A-65).
INTEGERS : -11406+2*(A-65).
STRINGS  : -23192+256*(A-65).

```

Strings are stored a little differently than in Level II. Each string is allocated 256 bytes, the first of which contains the length of the string (0 to 255) and the rest of which contain the string itself. The Varptr points to the length byte.

Y%=USR(X%)

This causes the routine whose address was defined by a previous DEFUSR statement to be called. The current value of X% is loaded into the HL register pair before the call is made, and on return, Y% is given the value in the HL register pair. Do not call the ROM routine at 0A9A for this. Any integer variables may be used, not just X% and Y%. Also, a (decimal) integer constant may be used as the argument to be passed.

SET, RESET, and POINT

Use integers (either variables (followed by %) or constants) as the arguments. As with most BASIC/S functions, they may not be used in more complex expressions. Thus

```

SET(X%,20)
A%=POINT(B%,C%)

```

The latter is the only way to access POINT - it cannot be invoked in an IF statement.

PEEK and POKE

Exactly as in Level II, except that the arguments must be integers -- (constants or variables). Thus

```

A%=PEEK(M%)
POKE A%,B%
POKE 15360,191
Z%=PEEK(14312)

```

INP and OUT

Syntax here is just like that for PEEK and POKE, i.e. you may use integer variables or constants as the arguments (no expressions).

```

A%=INP(P%) (input a byte from port P% and
            store in A%)
OUT P%,V% (output value V% to port P%)
OUT 255,1
S%=INP(232)

```

AND/OR

You may use these two functions in order to calculate an AND/OR result (for integer variables or constants) and store the answer in an integer variable. Thus

```

X%=Y% AND 20
U%=A% OR B%

```

CLS -- Clear the screen

RND

Random numbers between 0 and 1 may be generated by the statement `X=RND(0)`. The left hand side may be any real variable. The argument is not actually required; you can simply say `X=RND` if you like. The statement `RANDOM` is also supported, to reseed the random number generator.

DIM

You can DIMension up to 20 arrays in a program to be compiled with BASIC/S - they can be integer, real or string, as distinguished by %, \$, etc. The array names may be any length (up to 255) with every character significant. ONLY letters A-Z should be used for the array names. Thus

```
DIM ARRAY(20,7),ST$(15),NUM%(50)
```

You may have one or two dimensions for each array - no more. DO NOT use BASIC keywords in your array names. Be careful about your available array space - BASIC/S will tell you if your array space will overlay BASIC/S data areas or the currently set high memory. It will also let you know exactly where your array space lies - if the latter number is FFFF, look out! That means that your arrays are dimensioned too large (almost certainly). If this happens, try recompiling with a start address of 56000; this will give you about 19.75 K of space for your arrays, as it puts your /CMD file in high memory instead of low. Still, 19.75K is only enough room for a string array of dimension 79 ($79 * 256 = 20,224$). With real and integer arrays, you can use much larger dimensions.

Syntax for using array elements :

For the most part, you can use your array variables just like any other variables; and you may always use integer

constants (as well as variables) for the subscripts).
Thus

```
      READ NUM%(I%)
      INPUT ARRAY(7)
      PRINT ST$(U%);
      AS=LEFT$(ST$(5),NUM%(I%))
```

The exceptions are as follows :

When an array element is on the left hand side of the '=' sign, the right hand side MUST be a simple variable of the same type - no constants or expressions allowed. Thus ST\$(1)="HELLO" is not allowed; you would need to set H\$="HELLO" and then ST\$(1)=H\$.

Also, any statement that references an array element should contain NO numeric constants of any kind, except for (possibly) subscripts to the array itself. One exception here is that array elements may be compared via the IF statement, and the line number reference will not be misconstrued. So

```
      IF ST$(1)<ST$(I%) THEN 75
```

is OK; just be sure to follow the syntax in all other respects. But something like

```
      LINE INPUT#1,ST$(I%)
```

or PUT 1,L\$(I%)

won't work as the '1' will be misunderstood, and translated to a temporary integer variable, which won't work.

----- ASSIGNMENT statement : -----

Following are the allowed forms of the assignment statement.

REAL :

```
      X=Y           (any var=any other var)
      X=const       (var=constant value)
      X=-Y          (var=-other var)
```

X=real expression

Here (and in the IF statement for real expressions) is the only place where BASIC/S can handle complex expressions. A "real expression" is defined as any combination of the real variables A-Z, +, -, *, /, , (,), and the built-in functions SIN, COS, TAN, ATN, LOG, EXP, SQR, and ABS, and up to 4 constants.

Thus :

```
      Y=5*SQR(Z*SIN(2*X+C)), for example.
```

Be careful with constants - you may only have 4 "active" constants at one time (for each var type), and this includes not only obvious constants, but also unary minus signs - thus Z=2*(-X) would have two constants (it would be translated into 2*(0-X)). Important note -- if you divide by a product, be careful. BASIC/S will interpret A/B*C as

$A/(B*C)$ rather than the usual $(A/B)*C$. This is due to the right to left parsing algorithm that is used. Use parentheses if in doubt. Another point is this: If you calculate X^Y (X to the Y th power), this is done a little differently than in Level II -- it is calculated as $EXP(Y*LOG(X))$. Since $LOG(X)$ is undefined for $X \leq 0$, this will CRASH your BASIC/S /CMD file, whereas BASIC will normally handle it if it makes sense as a real number. So if you want to do such a calculation, you should check for X being 0 or negative.

$X = CSNG(X)$

Builtin conversion function -- since mixed mode arithmetic is not supported, this function is needed. May NOT be used in a real expression. No constants allowed here.

$X = CINT(X)$ See above.

INTEGERS :

Integer arithmetic is limited to $+, -, *$ and only 2 operands allowed on the right hand side. No builtin functions for integers. Constants may be used, however.

Thus

$X = A * B$

$X = 5 - B$

Note that unary minus is not allowed here (for variables) ie $X = -Y + Z$ is no good, while $X = Z - Y$ is OK. Constants may be negative (as in $X = -5 + Y$) and of course you may use unary minus if the right hand side is a single variable, as in $X = -Y$.

STRINGS :

$A = B$

$A = \text{"constant"}$

$A = B + C$ (simple concatenation)

Also we have the builtin string functions ASC, LEN, CHR\$, LEFT\$, VAL, RIGHT\$, MID\$, STR\$, and INSTR. Where numeric arguments are required in the string functions, simple integer variables or constants must be used - no expressions. The actual string arguments cannot be constants, but

$A = LEFT$(X$, 2)$

(for example) would be OK.

Also, expressions must be reduced to their simplest form -- e.g., concatenation within a function or function composition is not allowed. Break it down!

Note: The INSTR function differs from the regular DISK BASIC one in that no starting position may be specified -- syntax is just $N = INSTR(A$, B$)$. However, unlike previous versions of BASIC/S, ALL of

B\$ is searched for, not just the first character.

MID\$ note -- you can use MID\$ on the left hand side of the = sign, and in that case, you can use either of the two forms MID\$(A\$,N\$)=B\$ or MID\$(A\$,N\$,L\$)=B\$ -- but they will give the same results, i.e. the length of B\$ is used, L\$ is ignored in the second form. If the source string (B\$) is null, nothing is done.

Note III: The INKEY\$ function is implemented, and must be used in the form: A\$=INKEY\$ (or B\$, etc.). Also, VAL may be used for integers only; i.e.,

N%=VAL(A\$)

and conversely, STR\$ works only on POSITIVE integers (A\$=STR\$(N%), where N% is not negative). The argument to STR\$ may be an integer constant as well.

----- DISK I/O statements -----

Essentially, you have ten disk I/O buffers available for use (0-9), all of which may be used for sequential access, and two (1 and 2) of which may be used for random access. Here are the specifics :

OPEN -----

The OPEN statement is essentially that of disk BASIC, except that the filespec must be a string variable and not an expression in quotes. Syntax is

```
OPEN "m",b,F$,<r>
where m = mode = I,O,R, or E
      b = buffer = (0-9) (constant only)
          (must be 1 or 2 for direct access)
      F$ = filespec (variable only)
      r = logical record length (optional -- may be
          either an integer constant or an integer
          variable).
```

BASIC/S makes few restrictions on your use of the disk I/O statements, so be careful. For example, if you wanted to open a sequential file with an LRECL of 16, you could. However, you would probably be well advised to stick to direct access files for this!

OPEN"E" is like OPEN"O" except you start out positioned at the end of the file.

Sequential I/O is done with the LINE INPUT# and PRINT# statements. Just specify a buffer number adjacent to the #, and you are ready to go. Only a simple string variable may be input or output, although PRINT#1,A\$; will disable the carriage return.

 Random disk I/O is accomplished via the following :

FIELD

You must field your buffer in order to communicate between your strings and the disk file being accessed. Syntax is :

FIELD 1,nn AS A\$,mm AS B\$, ...

-- the buffer can be 1 or 2, the strings can be any of A\$ thru Z\$ (no array references allowed here!), and the numbers 'nn', 'mm' etc must be integer constants (1-255 -- 0 is not allowed). Also you can't really use multiple FIELD stmts for the same file -- the second will override the first. Moreover, the statements to process a random access file must be statically nested -- i.e. do not GOSUB or GOTO a later line to FIELD a buffer and then return to do your LSETs and PUTs, etc. Just OPEN the file, FIELD the buffer, process it, and CLOSE it, without GOSUBS and GOTOS. (At least, don't branch anywhere outside the range of statements between the OPEN and CLOSE stmts).

LSET

To place your strings into the buffer prior to being PUT to the disk, use LSET. Thus

LSET A\$=B\$ (spacing critical!)

where A\$ is one of the strings mentioned in your FIELD statement. If LEN(B\$) is less than that of the field variable A\$, it will be filled out with spaces in the buffer. If greater, only the leftmost portion of B\$ (for the fielding length of A\$) will be in the buffer.

PUT

Syntax is PUT b,N% where b is the buffer number (1 or 2) and N% is any integer variable, containing the record number to be put. The record number variable is not optional.

GET

As in GET 1,R% -- gets the R%th record from the disk file, and places its contents into the string variables mentioned in the FIELD statement.

LOF The LOF function is implemented and syntax is

N%=LOF(b)

where b is the buffer number (1 or 2 -- must be a constant). This returns the number of records in the currently open file with buffer b.

CVI and MKI\$

For convenience in reading and writing integers from/to direct access files, these functions are implemented as in TRSDOS. In case you were mystified as to exactly what they did -- well, if the integer N% has the 2 byte representation (L,H), then MKI\$(N%) is just CHR\$(L)+CHR\$(H). CVI just does the exact reverse. As with most BASIC/S functions, these may be used only with simple integer/string variables.

Also implemented (completely similarly) are CVS and MKS\$. Since BASIC/S doesn't support double precision, CVD and MKD\$ are not implemented.

CLOSE

There is no global close in BASIC/S -- you must mention the buffer number. Thus,

CLOSE 5

would close the file with buffer number 5. If you close a file that isn't open, you will bomb out with 'FILE NOT OPEN'.

EOF

This isn't a function as such; it is to be used in a special form of the IF statement to check for EOF when inputting from a sequential file. Simply say

IF EOF(b) THEN 200

(or whatever line number) to check for end of file on buffer b (0-9)

BASIC/S Memory Map

Following is a map of memory from 5200H up to HIGH\$, showing how BASIC/S uses the memory in your TRS-80 (48K):

/CMD file in low mem	in high mem
5200 -----	-----
your /CMD file	Array space (20K)
A100 -----	-----

This area is always reserved for BASIC/S variables and DCB's.

D7D8 -----	-----
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Free area for your own use (e.g. USR routines).

DAC0 -----	-----
Array space (DAC0 to HIGH\$)	/CMD file

HIGH\$-----	-----
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BASIC/S - A BASIC COMPILER for Mod I and III

BASIC/S is a BASIC program which compiles a subset of TRS-80 Disk Basic into 280 machine code. The machine code thus created may be saved on disk as a command file. The program is easy to use, and may be run under almost ANY Mod I/III DOS.

Only simple expressions and variable names are allowed, but most of the features and built-in functions of Level II are implemented, along with the essential elements of sequential and random disk I/O. BASIC/S allows the following variable names (all single letters): intergers A% thru Z%, reals A-Z, and strings A\$ thru Z\$. Also present is an array of reals (called A, of dimension 204) and a string array (T\$) of dimension 82 or 37 depending on the placement of your /CMD file. Multiple statements per line ARE allowed.

BASIC/S is NOT designed to compile "off the shelf" software. It is designed to compile your own code, or software that you have gone through and "modified" to be BASIC/S compileable. This is NO different than other compiler. You must prepare your file to be compiled first... then compile. No run time package needed, and NO royalty fee to be paid on compiled programs for re-sale!

Requires a TRS-80(c) Mod I or Mod III with 48K (repeat... 48K), and at least one disk drive.

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