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EDITOR’S NOTE

The mail just keeps pouring in. As the new editor, I’d like to thank all of you for your support of our efforts. It is active ADAM users who keep newsletter editors writing, hardware manufacturers designing, and software developers creating. In short, YOU KEEP ADAM ALIVE.

Active ADAM users are some of the most devoted hobbyists for any personal computer. Our ADAM may be orphaned, but it is FAR FROM DEAD.

Indeed, ADAM will live for MANY years to come!!! And, to insure customer satisfaction, we have made a few changes at DEI. As you may have noticed, we’ve nearly doubled the information in each issue of NIBBLES & BITS — this began with the September issue.

Another change is the address of our central base of operations (notice the letterhead on page one). This was not an easy decision, but it was necessary for super fast order processing. We now ship 99% of all orders (and answer mail) from subscribers in 24 hours or less, provided they are mailed to the new address. Mail sent to the original address may take a day or two longer for response.

We are dedicated to accomplishing our share in keeping this marvelous computer alive. Thank you, once again, for your support.

LONG LIVE ADAM!!!

Dr. Solomon Swift
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

N& B NEWS

→ We would like to thank Wayne Motel of NIAD for his nice review of Intel-BEST 3.3 in their August issue -rated ‘A+’. Also, in that same issue (of NIAD) Mr. Motel has an easy-to-understand assembly language list of the SmartBASIC V1.0 bootstrap (block 0) routine. This is an article that many of you hackers may be interested in.

→ Due to popular demand, DEI now offers most software on disk. This includes the public domain libraries.

→ We have expanded the BULLETIN BOARD section. Entries up to five lines are now accepted. The line length limit is now 50 characters at normal size and 25 characters at double width.

→ We apologize for the belated September and October issues. With the November issue, we’ll be back on schedule.

→ One of the disadvantages of using SmartBASIC Y2.0 is that nearly all of the common POKE addresses have been changed. Because this trade-off will also be a problem with Dr. Swift’s BASIC, we’ve postponed its completion. Instead, we’re adding a new section to the HACKER’S DELIGHT department, ‘PatchWORK’. Here, we’ll take a detailed look at SmartBASIC and develop enhancements with elaborate explanations. Each ‘patch’ will have both a SmartBASIC 1.0 version and an Intel-BEST 3.3 version. This month we’ve listed a trick that insures absolutely true randomization.

→ Please notice the SWIFT POLL this month. We have our first three month tally — with last month’s incentive announcement, more than 251 of you have responded. We also have our first winner of the BALLOT drawing. The lucky ADAMite is...

Raymond Tremor of Honolulu, Hawaii

→ We did not have a winner for HACKER’S CONTEST #2. However, we’ve had several correct responses for the third contest. We’ll have to have a drawing. The winner will be announced next month. Also, to allow some time for responses, we’re changing the HACKER’S CONTEST to a bi-monthly competition.
**ADAM NEWS**

→ Most of the department stores mentioned in the premier issue still carry ADAM computers and some Coleco software. The average selling price is now $199.95.

→ E & T Software has revised their Softpack I and Business Pack programs. To get an updated version, send your original DDP or disk along with $2.50 (for shipping) to:

E & T Software  
P.O. Box 821242  
Dallas, TX 75382-1242

→ Vinh Le has developed a graphics screen dump for most popular dot-matrix printers. For more info, write to:

Vinh Le  
9150 Todos Santos  
Santee, CA 92071

→ Data Backup has developed an improvement to their ADAM tractor feed attachment which prevents it from working loose. For more info, write to:

Data Backup  
P.O. Box 335  
Iona, ID 83427

→ Marathon Computer Press is offering a 30% discount on their own software to NIBBLES & BITS subscribers. See our review, in this issue, of their ‘THE SPANISH VOCABULARIAN’. Be sure to include the following information on your order form.

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P.O. Box 68503  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

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- **MEGAUTIL:** $23.06

→ THE HACKER’S GUIDE TO ADAM: VOLUME TWO and the ‘ADAM Resource DIRECTORY’ are two outstanding books. Both are reviewed in this issue. If you don’t already have them, we highly recommend that you consider purchasing both.

**ENTERING PROGRAMS**

We usually include several BASIC programs in every issue. We try to keep them short so that they are easy to enter. However, keying in a program can sometimes be a frustrating endeavor. Here are a few tips which may facilitate the process.

1. Enter NEW before you start typing. This clears RAM for a new program.

2. Always SAVE the program before RUNning it. This way, if the program does crash, your efforts won’t be lost.

3. If you encounter problems, print a hardcopy LIST and compare it with the newsletter LISTing.

4. Ninety-nine percent of the time, operational problems are caused by simple typos.

5. Pay particular attention to the numbers one and zero. Don’t confuse them with the letter keys (lower case ‘L’ and the upper case ‘0’).

6. If you’re a beginner, be EXTREMELY CAREFUL entering programs from the HACKER’S DELIGHT department. All of these programs include machine language. Even one incorrect keypress could lock up ADAM or, worse yet, ERASE a datapack or disk.
EXPANDING YOUR SYSTEM

MODEMS

Modem is an acronym for MODulator/DEMODulator. It’s a device that links your computer, over telephone lines, to other computers (micros or mainframes).

Coleco manufactured a modem specifically for ADAM, the ADAMlink. It plugs into slot #1, i.e., the left most (of the three) interface under the cover on the Memory Console. Coleco provided software to operate this modem, ADAMlink I. This program allows you communicate with other computers (even other ADAMs) in a user friendly environment.

The primary drawback of the software is that it does not allow for uploading and downloading files, i.e., transferring data to/from disk or DDP via the modem. Coleco used to offer an update to the program, ADAMlink 11, which corrected this shortcoming (for $9.00). NIAD now offers this update as a public domain volume. You should note that both programs only permit SmartWriter compatible files to be transferred.

With CP/M and an RS-232 interface (available from several hardware developers), you can use almost any popular modem. Most of the modem software that utilize the CP/M operating system permit the transfer of any file type. However, many of these programs are complex and can take several hours to learn to use.

The speed of data transfer, over the telephone line, of a modem is referred to as ‘baud rate’. Unlike most computer terminology, ‘baud’ is not an acronym. Rather, the term is a contraction of the surname of the Frenchman J.M.E. Baudot, whose five-bit code was adopted by the French telegraph system in 1877. Although baud rate and ‘bits per second’ are commonly used synonymously, actual baud rate is generally greater than the number of bits being transferred each second.

The ADAMlink modem is designed for 300 baud transfers. For many years this rate has been a standard. However, 1200 and 2400 baud are becoming such more popular.

There are two general types of modems, ‘acoustic couplers’ and ‘hard-wired modems’. Acoustic couplers, which are used infrequently today, allow you to place the phone atop the device so that tones are sent through the mouthpiece. Hard-wired modems, like ADAMlink, connect directly to the phone line.

So... why can’t you connect the phone line directly to ADAM? This is where the MODulation and DEModulation comes in.

The human voice, with its vast range of tones, is transmitted over phone lines using continuously variable signals. Thus, the normal telephone transmission is in analog form. Computers, however, work with digital data. The modem is necessary in order to convert to and from computer compatible digital format and telephone line compatible analog format.

ADAM USERS FORUM

The following questions and comments were culled from recently received mail. Generally, both the reader’s input and our response are excerpted from the actual correspondence.

FAN-FOLD PAPER TIP

Here’s a very inexpensive way to keep fan-fold paper in line (on the ADAM printer) without having a tractor feed. Purchase two small coaxial, plastic, double-backed tape guides (the kind you use for VCR or cable TV to put it neatly along a baseboard). Put them on your printer in line with the paper alignment guides. Place one on each side and your paper feeds straight. The cost... about twenty cents!

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Thank you, Walt, for the tip. I’m sure many ADAMites will find this to be a very useful tip. We’d love to hear from any of you who have helpful hints and/or interesting discoveries to share. Who knows... hundreds of ADAMites may benefit from your submission (and some of them may even write to you). Software tips are welcomed, as well.
PARALLEL PRINTER PROBLEM

I believe that I have discovered a new problem with the ADAM. I thought that you may have already solved or be interested in solving it. I purchased a printer interface and the Star NX-10 graphics printer. This printer is truly a class act. It has the capability (in BASIC) of printing graphics, right justified printing, centering, reverse line feed, and many, many other special functions. ADAM doesn’t respond correctly when I enter the proper codes which enable some of the special printer functions.

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IN RESPONSE: Have you tried the Intel-BEST 3.3 ‘PR#2’ command? The problem is not with the printer or ADAM circuitry. The ‘patched’ routines which allow you to use the ‘PR#1’ command with the printer do so by modifying the EOS (Elementary Operating System). Some ASCII values are automatically winnowed out in order to insure compatibility with SmartWRITER, SmartFILER, etc. However, with SmartBASIC this EOS modification can be restrictive. A ‘PR#2’ command (which doesn’t alter the EOS), on the other hand, provides a viable alternative.

SPECIAL NOTE: In a later issue, we’ll show you how to create a ‘PR#2’ command and LIST a BASIC word processor which makes use of the special printer functions (which, by the way, are built-in features on most newer dot-matrix printers).

MERGING BASIC PROGRAMS

In your July issue, you mentioned a trick for merging programs directly from BASIC. You modified the NEW command. I was wondering if it would not be easier to modify the LOAD command instead.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Mr. Havach wrote this letter before he read the ‘HACKER’S GUIDE TO ADAM: VOLUME TWO’. Among an abundance of other valuable tips, the Hinkles describe the LOAD modification. See our ‘POKES TO PLAY WITH’ section in this issue.

SMARTWRITER BUGS

Mr. White (address below), a relatively new ADAMite, wrote to us concerning some bugs (glitches) with SmartWRITER. To abbreviate, we’ve combined both his inquiry and our response into a short list that may be of help to other SmartWRITER users.

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SPECIAL FORMAT: SmartWRITER does have its limitations and, indeed, it does have a few bugs. The following list itemizes a few of these glitches.

1. The sound going out is a common problem. It is generally caused by using the ‘CLEAR’ or ‘DELETE’ functions. To avoid, press these keys slowly.

2. If you press the ‘CLEAR’ workspace key-sequence too fast, ADAM can lock-up. To avoid, pause 2 to 3 seconds between keypresses in this sequence.

3. Sometimes, if you use a filename (for STOREing) that already exists on the datapack (or disk), ADAM will lock-up. With this one, the tape just spins ad infinitum. To avoid, take care to not use a filename that already exists.

4. In the ‘MOVING WINDOW’ screen format option, DELETE, INSERT, and MOVE/COPY can cause a temporary text displacement on the screen. Pressing the HOME+left arrow will re-align the screen.

NOTE: SmartWriter is usually much easier to work with using the ‘MOVING WINDOW’ option. Here, the screen scrolls faster and you have better cursor control. To make the best use of this feature, leave the left margin at ‘10’ and set the right margin to ‘45’. This way the entire ‘window’ is on the screen at the same time. Then, when you’re ready to PRINT, adjust the margins to your preferences.
Creating programs is sometimes compared to assembling a jigsaw puzzle. In this analogy, each BASIC command is considered to be an individual puzzle piece. However, BASIC commands can be organized into an almost infinite number of combinations each producing its own unique end result.

When you first start programming, you need to familiarize yourself with each command. Learn its function, its acceptable parameters, and how it can be interwoven with other commands and then you’re well on your way to becoming a proficient programmer.

In the beginning this learning process is usually time consuming and can sometimes be a little frustrating. The single characteristic that distinguishes successful programming hobbyists from those who fail is DETERMINATION.

Set goals for yourself. First, develop a thorough working knowledge of each command. Experiment, using simple programs (one to ten lines), with each BASIC command. During this process, type in programs from books, magazines, newsletters, etc. Then, modify these programs. Add your own personal touch or, maybe, embellish them with added features.

The next step is to start developing your own programs – creations of your own mind. This is the beginning point where programming becomes most enjoyable and very rewarding. Think of what you want a program to do. Then divide that primary data into several subordinate routines. Develop each routine individually and then combine them all together for a finished product. Later, you may want to add minor improvements here and there.

If you maintain your determination, one day you’ll reach the point that you’re limited only by your creativity and the peripherals attached to your system. Computers, as we all know, are working their way into nearly every profession. Although ADAM may not be the most popular personal computer, there are numerous similarities with others. SmartBASIC resembles other BASICS, SmartLOGO resembles other LOGOs, CP/M resembles other ‘universal’ operating systems, and even Z-80 assembly language is similar to the assembly language of other CPUs. Regardless of the system that you may one day use at work, you’ll find that your use of ADAM (at home) is an invaluable aid.

**THE END COMMAND**

The END command is used to terminate a program’s execution. SmartBASIC will automatically end a program with the last statement. In some situations, however, you may want to stop a program before the highest line number is reached. Consider this example.

```
10 PRINT" Programming sure is"
20 END
30 PRINT " simple and fun!!"
```

When you RUN this program, it will stop as soon as it reaches the END command. Line#30 won’t be PRINTed.

**THE STOP COMMAND**

The STOP command is almost identical to the END command. The only difference, of any consequence, is that when the program STOPs, SmartBASIC displays an error message.

In the program above, replace END in line#20 with STOP. This time when you RUN the program, it will PRINT” Programming sure is” and then display “?Break In 20”. Whether or not you use END or STOP is purely a personal preference.

**THE CONT COMMAND**

The CONT command will restart a program that was stopped with END, STOP, or CNTL-C (providing that the program is not logically finished). In the example above, you can PRINT line# 30 by simply entering CONT [RETURN].
BYTE-SIZED BASIC

POKES TO PLAY WITH
(part 4)

CONTROL FUNCTIONS:

Several of BASIC’s control functions (CNTL+ another key) have corresponding single keypress equivalents. For example, [RETURN] is the same as CNTL-M, [TAB] is the same as CNTL-I, and [BACKSPACE] is the same as CNTL-H.

You may find that BASIC is a little easier to work with by converting some of the other common control functions to single keypresses. CNTL-C (break), CNTL-N (insert space on screen line), and CNTL-S (pause printing) are each used frequently by the typical programmer.

Address 16134 contains the ASCII value for CNTL-C. By default, it is a 3. If you POKE a 27 into 16134, you can convert the CNTL-C function to the single keypress [ESCAPE]. If you poke a 255 into that address you will effectively disable CNTL-C.

Address 12374 contains the ASCII value for the CNTL-N function. If you POKE a 148 into 12374, you can convert the CNTL-N function to the single keypress [INSERT] (unSHIFTed).

Address 12375 contains the ASCII value for the CNTL-O function. If you POKE a 151 into 12375, you can convert the CNTL-O function to the single keypress [DELETE] (unSHIFTed).

Address 16135 contains the ASCII value for CNTL-S. By default, it is a 19. If you POKE a 144 into 16135, you can convert the CNTL-S function to the single keypress [WILDCARD] (unSHIFTed). Address 16136 contains the “PRINT pause” status. You can force a PRINT pause within a program by POKEing a zero into that address.

HOW TO DISABLE “ONERR GOTO”:

Have you ever come across a BASIC program that uses error trapping so effectively that you cannot LIST it? Some programmers do this with binary converted programs making them virtually LISTproof. The following technique may be of help; it disables ONERR GOTO.

Address 8114 is the start of the machine language execution routine for ONERR GOTO. Its default value is 217. If you POKE a 201 (machine code for return) into address 8114, you’ll effectively disable ONERR GOTO.

As an alternative, you may choose to POKE a zero into 8114. With this technique, BASIC will display an error message as soon as the ONERR GOTO command is in immediate execution mode (without line numbers) instead of programming mode. The error message is “Illegal Mode Error”.

MERGING BASIC PROGRAMS:

There are many situations in which it is beneficial to merge BASIC routines and/or programs into one larger program. And, there are at least four different ways of accomplishing this. However, you should note that when two line numbers are the same, the last one entered (or LOADed) takes precedence and erases the previous identical line number.

Programs can be merged with SmartWriter. It can also be done, from BASIC, in conjunction with the OPEN command. However, both of these methods are a little difficult and time consuming. The easiest technique is to slightly modify BASIC, so that the LOAD command performs a merge function directly in RAM. (SmartBASIC 2.0 includes a MERGE command.)

In the July issue we revealed a simple trick which disables the NEW function, thus causing LOAD to merge programs. To enable merging, POKE a 201 into address 6356. To restore the NEW function, and disable merging, POKE a 205 (the decimal value) into 6356.

An alternative is to modify the LOAD command itself. LOAD jumps to the NEW function with the machine language command at 24009. The default value of 24010 is 212. The default value of 24011 is 24 (24*256+212=6356). If you POKE a 224 into 24010, LOAD will skip the part of the NEW function that deletes the current program. Be sure to POKE 212 back into 24010 when you’re finished merging.

Please note that these POKE tricks only work with ‘A’ filetypes LOADed from a storage medium. When a binary program is BRUN, it automatically erases the current program.
PLAYING WITH MUSIC

The addition of music to your programs can add an impressive touch. Intel-BEST 3.3, SmartBEST V1.0, and the HELLO program from the Hinkle’s “HACKER’S GUIDE TO ADAM: VOLUME TWO” add actual sound commands to standard SmartBASIC.

However, there is a (somewhat restricted) alternative without delving too deeply into machine language. Simply modify the ‘PRINT CHR$(7)’ function. The three programs on page 10 do just that.

In the August issue we mentioned the POKEs which control the internal bell’s tone. All you have to do is change the various values and you can create some interesting sounds.

The duration of the bell’s tone is controlled by addresses 17962 and 17963. In machine language, ADAM counts backwards until zero is reached using these values.

The volume of the tone is controlled by address 17958. For the first voice (which the bell uses) the volume may be any value between 144 (the loudest) and 159 (no sound).

A total of 1024 different sounds are possible. However, no individual address may contain a value greater than 255. So the sound chip requires that the tone value (0-1023) be separated into two smaller values. Here’s how these two bytes are calculated:

first byte = INT(value / 64) + offset
second byte = value – INT(value / 64) * 64

The value must be an integer between 0 and 1023 inclusive. The offset is different for each voice. For the first voice it is 128. For the second voice it is 160 and for the third it is 192.

Address 17950 contains the first tone byte. And, address 17954 contains the second tone byte.

By experimenting with these various values you can not only have some fun with ADAM; but, you can also add sound effects to your own programs. You can use the three programs on the next page as guidelines.

CREATING A USEFUL QUIZ

The simple presidential quiz (LIST occupies pages 11 and 12) illustrates several aspects that are conducive to an effectively useful quiz. If you would like to brush up on your knowledge of the sequence of U.S. presidents, try this quiz.

The program uses the randomization of DATA technique mentioned last month. It groups the presidents into four chronological sets of ten. Learning and/or retention is easiest when taken in small steps rather than large chunks.

To begin, you select which set you want to quiz on. Then, it automatically shows you a review page for that particular set.

Now the quiz begins. You choose from one of five multiple choices. Each of these is selected from the chosen set of ten. Correct answers are rewarded with a simple sound effect and incorrect responses are buzzed. Your score is revealed after each answer. And, your final tally is given at the end of the quiz along with an evaluation of your performance.

In theory, you could take the quiz a thousand times and never have the presidents asked in the same sequence with the same multiple choices. This also helps in the learning process.

Except for lines 1040 through 1200, the program is very simple. This is the module that selects the multiple choices.

Line #1040 resets the dimensioned ‘du$(x)’ variables for each question. The ‘FRE’ function is inserted here to prevent ‘string garbage’. Line #1050 selects the number (1-5) that the correct answer is assigned to. Line #1060 begins the printing procedure. Line #1070 checks to see if the current multiple choice is the one allocated for the correct answer. Line #1090 checks to see if the random answer is Grover Cleveland’s second term (he was the 22nd and 24th president).

The value of the dimensioned ‘du$(x)’ variables are changed to ‘taken’ when they are used in each question. And, as a question is asked, that president’s rank, ‘rk$(q2)’, is changed to ‘used’. These two steps are taken in order to prevent duplication.
10 REM easy music #1
20 REM (uses the built-in bell)
100 TEXT: POKE 17963,3
110 FOR x = 32 TO 1 STEP -1
120 POKE 17954,x: PRINT CHR$(7);: NEXT
130 POKE 17963,7: POKE 17954,17
140 LIST

10 REM easy music #2
20 REM (uses the built-in bell)
100 FOR x = 4 TO 48 STEP 4
110 POKE 17963, (x/4): POKE 17954,x
120 PRINT CHR$(7);: NEXT
130 POKE 17963,7: POKE 17954,17
140 LIST

10 REM easy music #3
20 REM (uses the built-in bell)
100 TEXT: PRINT “ 1 = change tone”; PRINT “ 2 = change volume”
110 PRINT “ 3 = change duration”; PRINT “ 4 = sound the bell”
120 PRINT “ 5 = exit the program”
130 GET key$: k% = VAL(key$)
140 PRINT: PRINT: ON k% GOSUB 1000,2000,3000,4000,5000: GOTO 100
1000 f1 = PEEK(17950) -128: f2 = PEEK(17954): ct = f1*64+f2
1010 PRINT “ current tone value = “;ct: PRINT
1020 INPUT “ enter new tone (0-1023): “;nt
1030 IF nt < 0 OR nt > 1023 GOTO 1020
1040 hi% = nt/64: lo% = nt-(64*hi%)
1050 POKE 17950,hi%+128: POKE 17954,lo%: GOTO 4000
2000 cv = 159-PEEK(17958)
2010 PRINT “ current volume = “;cv: PRINT
2020 INPUT “ enter new volume (0-15): “;vo
2030 IF vo <0 OR vo > 15 GOTO 2020
2040 POKE 17958,159-vo: GOTO 4000
3000 du = (PEEK(17963)*256)+PEEK(17962)
3010 PRINT “ current duration = “;du: PRINT
3020 PRINT “ enter new duration”
3030 INPUT “ enter new duration”
3040 IF nd <1 OR nd >65535 GOTO 3030
3050 hi% = nd/256: lo% = nd -(256*hi%)
3060 POKE 17962,lo%: POKE 17963, hi%: GOTO 4000
4000 PRINT CHRS$(7): RETURN
5000 POKE 17950,143: POKE 17954,17: POKE 17958,144
5010 POKE 17962,128: POKE 17963,7: TEXT
5020 PRINT “ program terminated.”; END
10 REM simple presidential sequence quiz
20 REM demonstrates use of true randomization
30 REM and randomizing data techniques
100 TEXT: SPEED = 255: nb% = 40: DIM rk$(nb%),pd$(nb%),du$(nb%)
110 INVERSE: PRINT " SIMPLE PRESIDENTIAL QUIZ ": PRINT
120 PRINT: PRINT " one moment please . . . "
130 GOSUB 10000: FOR x = 1 TO 5: READ menu$(x): NEXT
140 FOR x = 0 TO 10: READ rate$(x): NEXT
150 POKE 16149,255: POKE 16150,255
160 score = 0: ct = 1
500 HOME: PRINT: PRINT " Which option do you prefer?": PRINT
510 FOR x = 1 TO 5: PRINT " ;x; = " ;menu$(x): NEXT
520 POKE 64885, 0
530 kp% = PEEK(64885): IF kp% <> 0 GOTO 550
540 ct=ct+1: ON ct >32768 GOTO 10100: GOTO 530
550 IF kp% < 49 OR kp% > 53 THEN PRINT CHR$(7);: GOTO 520
560 xx = RND(-ct)
570 kp% = kp%-48: IF kp% = 5 GOTO 10100
580 lo=10*kp%-9: hi = lo+9: ql = hi-lo+1
700 HOME: PRINT " easy review page ": NORMAL
710 PRINT: PRINT " Who was the ":rk$(q2)
720 PRINT " US president?": PRINT: PRINT
730 PRINT: FOR x = lo TO hi
740 PRINT x;": pd$(x): NEXT
750 VTAB 20: PRINT " press any key to continue";
770 GET key$
1000 FOR quest = 1 TO 10
1010 q2 = INT(RND(1)*ql)+lo: IF rk$(q2) = "used" GOTO 1010
1020 HOME: PRINT: PRINT " #":quest
1025 PRINT " Who was the ":rk$(q2)
1030 PRINT " US president?": PRINT: PRINT
1040 FOR x = 1 TO nb%: du$(x) = pd$(x): NEXT: ff = FRE(O)
1050 cr = INT(RND(1)*5)+1
1060 FOR x = 1 TO 5
1070 IF x = cr THEN pt$ = pd$(q2): GOTO 1200
1080 q3 = INT(RND(1)*ql)+lo: IF q3 = q2 GOTO 1080
1090 IF q3 = 24 GOTO 1060
1100 IF du$(q3) = "taken" GOTO 1080
1110 pt$ = pd$(q3): du$(q3) = "taken"
1200 PRINT " ;x;= ";pt$: NEXT x
1300 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT " select with number keys . . . "
1310 PRINT: PRINT " ";
1320 GET ans$: ans% = VAL(ans$)
1330 IF ans$ = CHR$(27) THEN RUN
1340 IF ans$ < "1" OR ans$ > "5" THEN PRINT CHR$(7):; GOTO 1320
1350 INVERSE: PRINT ans%: NORMAL: PRINT: IF ans% = cr GOTO 1500
1400 PRINT " Sorry . . . incorrect!!!!": point = 0
1410 PRINT " ":pd$(q2)
1420 PRINT " was the ":rk$(q2);" president.";
1430 FOR x = 63 TO 43 STEP -1
1440 POKE 17954,x; PRINT CHR$(7):; NEXT
1450 POKE 17954,17; GOTO 1600
1500 PRINT "That’s absolutely correct!!!": point = 10
1510 GOSUB 10200
1600 score = score+point: perc = (score/quest)*10
1610 PRINT: PRINT I I;perc;m% out of "quest
1620 PRINT: PRINT "press any key to continue";
1630 rk$(q2) = “used”
1640 GET key$: IF key$ = CHR$(27) THEN RUN
1650 NEXT quest: HOME: PRINT
2000 INVERSE: PRINT “category: “;: NORMAL
2010 PRINT “menu$(kp%): PRINT
2020 INVERSE: PRINT “correct: “;: NORMAL
2030 PRINT “;score/10: PRINT
2040 INVERSE: PRINT “missed: “;: NORMAL
2050 PRINT “;10-score/10: PRINT
2060 INVERSE: PRINT “grade: “;: NORMAL
2070 PRINT “;perc: PRINT: PRINT: PRINT
2080 INVERSE: PRINT “rating: “;: NORMAL: PRINT
2090 PRINT: PRINT “;rate$(score/10)
2100 IF perc < 90 GOTO 2200
2110 FOR y = 1 TO 5: GOSUB 10200: NEXT
2200 VTAB 22: PRINT “press any key to continue”;
2210 GET key$: RUN
5000 DATA 1st,George Washington,2nd,John Adams
5010 DATA 3rd,Thomas Jefferson,4th,Jame Madison
5020 DATA 5th,James Monroe,6th,John Quincy Adams
5030 DATA 7th,Andrew Jackson,8th,Martin Van Buren
5040 DATA 9th,William Henry Harrison,10th,John Tyler
5050 DATA 11th,James Knox Polk,12th,Zachary Taylor
5060 DATA 13th,Millard Fillmore,14th,Francis Pierce
5070 DATA 15th,James Buchanan,16th,Abraham Lincoln
5080 DATA 17th,Andrew Johnson,18th,Ulysses Simpson Grant
5090 DATA 19th,Rutherford Birchard Hayes,20th,James Abram Garfield
5100 DATA 21st,Chester Alan Arthur,22nd,Grover Cleveland
5110 DATA 23rd,Benjamin Harrison,24th,Grover Cleveland
5120 DATA 25th,William McKinley,26th,Theodore Roosevelt
5130 DATA 27th,William Howard Taft,28th,Woodrow Wilson
5140 DATA 29th,Waun Gamlil Harding,30th,Calvin Coolidge
5150 DATA 31st,Herbert Clark Hoover,32nd,Francis Delano Roosevelt
5160 DATA 33rd,Harry Truman,34th,Dwight David Eisenhower
5170 DATA 35th,John Fitzgerald Kennedy,36th,Lyndon Baines Johnson
5180 DATA 37th,Michael D. Nixon,38th,Gerald Rudolph Ford
5190 DATA 39th,Jimmy Carter,40th,Ronald Wilson Reagan
6000 DATA 1st thru 10th,11th thru 20th,21st thru 30th
6010 DATA 31st thru 40th,exit the quiz
7000 DATA you need a lot of practice,try studying the list
7010 DATA practice!!!,think before you answer
7020 DATA keep practicing,better luck next time
7030 DATA practice makes perfect,not too bad
7040 DATA looking good!!!,a very nice score!!!!!!
7050 DATA GREAT!!! A perfect score!!!
10000 FOR x = 1 TO nb%: READ rk$(x),pd$(x): NEXT: RETURN
10100 TEXT: PRINT “program terminated.”: END
10200 FOR x = 15 TO 1 STEP -1
10210 POKE 17954,x: PRINT CHR$(7);: NEXT
10220 POKE 17954,17: RETURN
**BIT CONFIGURATIONS**

In the August issue we briefly touched on bit configurations (in conjunction with examining video register one). Many of the more interesting aspects of machine language programming involve an understanding of bit configurations, eg, designing fonts, creating sprites, machine code decisions, masking, etc.

Each byte consists of eight bits. A “set” bit has a value of logical one. A “reset” bit has a value of logical zero.

The eight bits (of any byte) are numbered by sequential integers from the rightmost bit. The rightmost bit is numbered “0”. The leftmost bit is numbered “7”. Each of these numbers represents a power of two. For example, if all bits are reset (logical zero) except the leftmost (#7) bit, then that byte has a value of 2 to the 7th power or 128.

Understanding bit configurations is just as important to machine language code endeavors as comprehending the hexadecimal system is. Here are a few examples for you to experiment with. Please take the time to become familiar with this concept.

SPECIAL NOTE: Using bit configurations in designing fonts and sprites for the monitor screen is often called “bit mapping”. And, using bit configurations on dot-matrix printers is usually referred to as “bit image graphics”.

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10000001 = 2^7 + 2^0 = 128 + 1 = 129
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01000010 = 2^5 + 2^1 = 64 + 2 = 66
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11011011 = 2^7 + 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^2 = 128 + 64 + 16 + 8 + 2 + 1 = 240
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\[
00001111 = 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0 = 16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 1 = 31
\]

\[
11111111 = 2^7 + 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0 = 128 + 64 + 32 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 1 = 255
\]

\[
00000000 = 0
\]

**THE DIRECTORY**

In the August issue we mentioned that each directory entry is allocated a 26-byte slot of file information. The 13th byte in each slot is the file’s attribute.

The EOS uses these attribute bytes for screening filenames. The program on the next two pages (pages 14 and 15) allows you to change file attributes. The list below explains each bit of the attribute byte.

BIT #7 (set value = 128)
* delete protect
  (this byte is set with LOCK)

BIT #6 (set value = 64)
* write protect
  (when set, prevents appending)

BIT #5 (set value = 32)
* read protect
  (when set, file can not be read)

BIT #4 (set value = 16)
* default setting
  (has no effect on attribute)

BIT #3 (set value = 8)
* display protect
  (when set, prevents normal display)

- continued on page 16 -
10 REM file attribute changer
100 LOMEM :34000: POKE 16149,255: POKE 16150,255
110 POKE 61412,0: POKE 61413,0
200 DATA 62,8,17,235,255,33,160,253,205,204,252,50,255,107,201
210 FOR x = 27600 TO 27614: READ ml: POKE x,ml: NEXT
220 p1 = 27600: p2 = 27601: p3 = 27609
230 DATA tape one,disk one: FOR x = 1 TO 2: READ dv$(x): NEXT
300 DATA delete protect,write protect,read protect
310 DATA default setting,display protect,file deleted
320 DATA unlock protect,directory end
330 FOR x = 7 TO 0 STEP -1: READ aa$(x): NEXT
510 NORMAL: VTAB 6: PRINT “ Which drive? “: PRINT
520 FOR x = 1 TO 2: PRINT “ ;x; “ = “;dv$(x): NEXT
530 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT “[escape] = exit program”
540 GET key$: ON key$ = CHR$(27) GOTO 10000: k% = VAL(key$)
550 IF k% < 1 OR k% > 2 THEN PRINT CHR$(7): GOTO 540
560 dv% = 8/k%: POKE p2,dv%
600 HOME: PRINT “ current devices “;dv%(k%): PRINT
610 PRINT “ 1 = catalog device”: PRINT “ 2 = enter filename”
620 PRINT “ 3 = change devices/exit”
630 GET opt$: opt% = VAL(opt$)
640 IF opt% < 1 OR opt% > 3 THEN PRINT CHR$(7): GOTO 630
650 ON opt% GOTO 1000,2000,500
1000 cd% = PEEK(16821): POKE 16821,dv%
1010 HOME: PRINT “ for a catalog,”
1020 GOSUB 11000: IF go% = 27 GOTO 600
1100 HOME: PRINT CHR$(4);”catalog”: POKE 16821,cd%
1110 PRINT: PRINT “ press any key for menu . . .”
1120 GET go$: GOTO 600
2040 HOME: PRINT: PRINT “ * end filename with file type!”
2010 PRINT “ * press [return] when done.”: VTAB 10
2020 INPUT “ enter filename: “;fi$
2100 le% = LEN(fi$): IF le% <= 11 GOTO 2200
2110 PRINT CHR$(7): PRINT “ filename too long!!”
2120 PRINT “ try again . . .”
2130 PRINT: PRINT “ GOTO 2020
2200 lt$ = RIGHTS(fi$,1): IF lt$ = “A” OR lt$ = “a” GOTO 2300
2210 IF lt$ = “H” OR lt$ = “h” OR lt$ = CHR$(2) GOTO 2300
2220 PRINT CHR$(7): PRINT “ end filename with file type!”
2230 GOTO 2120
2300 HOME: PRINT “ to verify filename,”
2310 GOSUB 11000: ON go% = 27 GOTO 600: GOSUB 11500
2320 f2$ = fi$+CHR$(3): le% = le%+1
2330 FOR x = 1 TO le%: POKE 65514+x,ASC(MID$(f2$,x,1)): NEXT
2340 POKE p3,204: CALL p1
2350 IF PEEK(27647) = 0 GOTO 3000
2400 IF PEEK(27647) <> 22 GOTO 2500
2410 HOME: PRINT “ missing “;LEFT$(dv$(k%),4);”!!!”
2420 PRINT: PRINT “ press any key for menu . . .”
2430 GET go$: GOTO 600
2500 HOME: PRINT “ filename not found!!!”: GOTO 2420
3000 HOME: VTAB 2: HTAB 2: INVERSE: PRINT “ filename: “; NORMAL
3010 PRINT “ “;fi$: PRINT: INVERSE
3020 ab = PEEK(64940): HTAB 2: PRINT “ attribute value: “;
3030 NORMAL: PRINT “ “;ab: PRINT: PRINT
3100 FOR x = 7 TO 0 STEP -1: PRINT “ “;x: “;
3110 PRINT “ “;NORMAL: NEXT
3120 GOSUB 12000: GOSUB 12500
3200 VTAB 16: PRINT “ * enter # (1 - 7) to change”
3210 PRINT “ the value of a bit”
3220 PRINT “ * enter ‘8’ to change the “;LEFT$(dv$(k%),4);
3230 PRINT “ * enter ‘9’ for menu without “
3240 PRINT “ an attribute change”
3300 VTAB 23: PRINT “ “ enter a number . . .”
3310 GET nu$: nu% = VAL(nu$)
3320 IF nu$ < “1” OR nu$ > “9” THEN PRINT CHRS(7);: GOTO 3310
3330 IF nu% = 9 GOTO 600
3340 IF nu% = 8 GOTO 4000
3440 IF ab$(nu%) = “on” THEN ab = ab-2^nu%: GOTO 3420
3410 ab = ab+2^nu%
3420 POKE 64940,ab: GOSUB 12000: GOSUB 12500
3430 VTAB 4: HTAB 22: PRINT ab: GOTO 3310
4000 HOME: PRINT “ one moment please . . .”
4010 IF PEEK(64940) = 0 THEN POKE 64940,16
4020 POKE p3,207: CALL p1
4030 IF PEEK(27647) = 0 GOTO 4200
4100 PRINT CHRS(7): PRINT “ can not write the change to”
4110 PRINT “ “;dv$(k%);”!!!”: PRINT
4120 GOTO 4210
4200 HOME: PRINT: PRINT “ attribute changed,”
4210 PRINT “ press any key for menu . . .”
4220 GET go$: go% = ASC(go$)
4230 IF go% <> 13 AND go% <> 27 THEN PRINT CHRS(7);: GOTO 11020
4240 RETURN
10000 TEXT: PRINT “ program terminated.”
10010 POKE 61412,203: POKE 61413,86: END
11000 VTAB 4: PRINT: PRINT “ press [return] to continue ...”
11010 PRINT “ press [escape] for menu ...”
11020 GET go$: go% = ASC(go$)
11030 IF go% <= 13 AND go% <= 27 THEN PRINT CHRS(7);: GOTO 11020
11040 RETURN
11500 HOME: PRINT “ one moment please . . .”: RETURN
12000 FOR x = 0 TO 7: ab(x) = “off”: NEXT: ba = ab
12010 FOR x = 7 TO 0 STEP -1
12020 IF ba >= 2^x THEN ba = ba-2^x: ab$(x) = “on”
12030 NEXT: RETURN
12500 FOR x = 7 TO 0 STEP -1: VTAB 14-x
12510 HTAB 23: PRINT ab$(x): NEXT: RETURN
BIT #2  (set value = 4)
  * delete status
  (when set, file deleted)

BIT #1  (set value = 2)
  * unlock protect
  (when set, BASIC can not UNLOCK)

BIT #0  (set value = 1)
  * directory end
  (when set, indicates end of filenames)

THE PRIMARY COMMAND TABLE

Addresses 272 through 817 in SmartBASIC V1.0 constitute the primary command table. This table contains BASIC words such as, GOTO, REM, LIST, etc. Along with the ASCII spelling of each word is other vital information. The format for the table is as follows:

1 byte: command parsing token
2 bytes: vector to parameter check(s)
1 byte: number of letters in the BASIC word
1-7 bytes: ASCII spelling of the BASIC word

The parsing token is used in the binary coded version of a program. To determine the execution vector of a particular command, multiply the token number by two and add that product to 6421 (for SmrdBASIC V1.0).

The lists on the next three pages show each primary BASIC command, its execution address, and its parameter check address(es). Commands that don’t have parameter checks can be executed simply by CALLing the execution address.

The program on page 20 will print the data for the SmartBASIC V1.0 primary command table. For Intel-BEST 3.3, change the value of ‘ex’ line# 150 to 65378. For SmartBASIC V2.0, change the value of ‘ex’ to 7238 and the ‘817’ in line# 900 to ‘812’.

HOW TO SAVE AN HGR SCREEN

The program at the top of page 21 shows you how to save an HGR screen in RAM. It uses previously discussed EOS routines. The program draws a hires picture and then saves it in RAM. You’ll notice that recalling the saved picture is considerably faster than the original drawing.

You may find these routines most useful in storing and retrieving pictures on data pack or disk.

To store:
1. draw picture on HGR screen
2. CALL 27600
3. BSAVE (filename), A27648, L10240

To retrieve:
1. BLOAD (filename), A27648
2. HGR
3. CALL 27624

With either procedure YOU MUST SET LOMEM to 37888 or higher at the beginning of the program!!!

PLAYING WITH FONTS
(part 1)

As mentioned in the premier issue, addresses zero through 2047 in VRAM define the shape of each font (in 8-byte sets) in TEXT mode. The last byte in each set is normally set to zero; this is to allow for vertical spacing. However, you can set this byte to a ‘255’ to create underscoring.

The program on the bottom of page 21 shows you an easy to understand technique for creating this underscoring of the INVERSE fonts. The program on the top of page 22, moreover, demonstrates a superior machine code algorithm. It INSTANTLY converts the INVERSE fonts to underscored. The assembly language of this routine is detailed in asm#18 on page 23. This routine is independent of its RAM address, so that you can store it anywhere you that your situation warrants.

In this routine BC is used to keep track of the remaining number of unchanged fonts. DE indicates that only one byte’s value will be changed in each pass of the main LOOP. HL is used to store the current VRAM address.

The ‘XOR A’ instruction in line #4 is a Z80 trick for resetting the accumulator and the flags register. It is similar to ‘LD A, $00’.

Each of the control registers must be PUSHed before CALLing the EOS routine. Then, they are retrieved (in reverse order) to restore the control values.

The relative jump in line #20 repeats the LOOP. A signed displacement of 233 is equivalent to 23 bytes backwards (256 - 233 = 23).
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20 REM requires fan-fold paper
30 REM designed for SmartBASIC V1.0
100 TEXT: PRINT “ insert paper in printer ...”
110 PRINT: PRINT “ - press [RETURN] to start -”
120 GET key$: IF key$ <> CHR$(13) GOTO 10000
150 adr = 272: ex = 6421
200 PR #2: PRINT SPC(24);”Intel-BEST 3.3 PRIMARY COMMAND TABLE”: PRINT
210 PRINT “TOKEN COMMAND EXECUTION”; PRINT
220 PRINT “ PARAMETER ROUTINE(S)”: PRINT
300 tk$ = STR$(PEEK(adr))
310 el = ex+2*PEEK(adr): e2 = PEEK(el)+(256*PEEK(e1+1))
320 p1 = PEEK(adr+1): p2 = PEEK(adr+2): p3 = p1+(256*p2)
330 le = PEEK(adr+3): cm$ = “”: e2$: = STR$(e2)
340 FOR x = 0 TO le: cm$ = cm$+CHR$(PEEK(adr+3+x)): NEXT
350 IF cm$ = “” THEN cm$ = “ “
400 PRINT SPC(3-LEN(tk$));tk$;
410 PRINT SPC(15-LEN(cm$));cn$;
420 PRINT SPC(11-LEN(e2$));e2$;
430 PRINT SPC(5);
470 IF PEEK(p3) = 0 GOTO 540
500 FOR x = 0 TO PEEK(p3)-1
510 x1 = PEEK(p3+1+2*x): x2 = PEEK(p3+2+2*x)
520 pm$ = STR$(x1+(256*x2))
530 PRINT SPC(8-LEN(pm$));pm$: NEXT
540 PRINT
900 adr = adr+le+4: IF adr < 817 GOTO 300
1000 PR #0
10000 TEXT: PRINT “ program terminated.”: END

HACKER’S CONTEST # 4

The NIBBLES & BITS Hacker’s Contest is a bi-monthly competition. The winner of each contest is randomly selected from the correct responses postmarked within the specified dates. No individual shall be named the winner in three consecutive contests. The winner of each contest shall be awarded ten dollars and a free three month extension to his/her NIBBLES & BITS subscription term. Decisions of the judges are final.

Responses for this contest will be considered valid if, and only if, they are postmarked after September 30, 1986 and prior to December 1, 1986. The winner shall be announced in the December issue of NIBBLES & BITS.

Write a SmartBASIC program (it may include machine code in DATA statements), which will display all of the INVERSE fonts upside down (inverted) on the TEXT screen.
10 REM HGR screen saver routine demonstration
100 LOMEM :37888
110 POKE 25431,11: POKE 25471,17: POKE 25568,27: HGR
200 DATA 1,0,20,17,0,32,33,0,108,197,205,29,253,193
210 DATA 17,0,33,0,128,205,29,253,201
220 FOR x = 27600 TO 27623: READ ml: POKE x,ml: NEXT
230 DATA 1,0,20,17,0,32,33,0,108,197,205,26,253,193
240 DATA 17,0,33,0,128,205,26,253,201
250 FOR x = 27624 TO 27647: READ ml: POKE x,ml: NEXT
300 FOR x = 0 TO 15: POKE 18765+x,x: NEXT
500 HCOLOR = 7
510 FOR x = 0 TO 254: HPLOT x,0 TO x,9
520 HPLOT x,150 TO x,159: NEXT
530 FOR x = 0 TO 160: HPLOT 4,x TO 13,x
540 HPLOT 246,x TO 255,x: NEXT
600 FOR x = 2 TO 15: HCOLOR = x
610 HPLOT 54,x+20 TO 205,x+20: NEXT
700 pi = ATN(1)*4: rn = pi/180: HCOLOR = 15
710 ra = 20: y1 = 80: FOR x1 = 64 TO 192 STEP 64
720 FOR point = 0 TO 2*pi STEP rn*4
730 x2 = ra*SIN(point): y2 = ra*COS(point)
740 HPLOT x1+x2,y1-y2: NEXT point: NEXT x1
800 CALL 27600: REM save picture in RAM
1000 HOME: PRINT “ 1 = erase picture”: PRINT “ 2 = draw picture”
1010 PRINT “ 3 = exit program”
1020 VTAB 23: GET key$
1030 IF key$ = “1” THEN HGR: GOT0 1000
1040 IF key$ = “2” THEN CALL 27624: GOTO 1000
2000 TEXT: PRINT “ program terminated.”: END

10 REM create underscored fonts
20 REM changes inverse fonts
30 REM TEXT, GR, or HGR resets
100 LOMEM :28000
110 DATA 62,255,17,1,0,33,0,0,205,38,253,201
120 FOR x = 27600 TO 27611: READ ml: POKE x,ml: NEXT
130 p1 = 27600: p2 = 27606: p3 = p2+1
140 POKE 17126,PEEK(17115): REM INVERSE COLOR = NORMAL COLOR
150 TEXT: PRINT “ one moment please ...”
200 FOR x = 128 TO 255: ad = x*8+7
210 hi% = ad/256: lo% = ad-(hi%*256)
220 POKE p2, lo%: POKE p3, hi%: CALL p1: NEXT x
500 HOME: VTAB 2: HTAB 3: INVERSE
510 PRINT “UNDERSCORED INVERSE FONTS”: NORMAL
520 VTAB 6: PRINT “ This simple technique could “
530 PRINT “ add a nice touch to your “
540 PRINT “ programs!!!”
550 VTAB 18: HTAB 2: FLASH
560 PRINT “What do you think?”: NORMAL
10 REM create underscored fonts
20 REM changes inverse fonts
30 REM TEXT, GR, or HGR resets
40 REM *** SUPER FAST VERSION
100 LOMEM :28000
110 DATA 1,128,0,17,1,0,33,255,3,175,185,200
112 DATA 13,197,1,8,0,9,193,62,255,197,213,229
114 DATA 205,38,253,225,209,193,24,233
120 FOR x = 27600 TO 27631: READ ml: POKE x,ml: NEXT
140 POKE 17126,PEEK(17115): REM INVERSE COLOR = NORMAL COLOR
200 TEXT: CALL 27600
500 HOME: VTAB 2: HTAB 3: INVERSE
510 PRINT “UNDERSCORED INVERSE FONTS”: NORMAL
520 VTAB 6: PRINT “ This simple technique could ”
530 PRINT “ add a nice touch to your”
540 PRINT “ programs!!!”
550 VTAB 18: HTAB 2: FLASH
560 PRINT “What do you think?”:NORMAL

10 LOMEM :28000
50 REM ***for SmartBASIC V1.0 ONLY ***
100 REM *** PatchWORK ***
110 REM >>> simple BASIC enhancements and fixes
3999 REM *** true RND fix
4000 DATA 229,42,64,63,35,34,64,63,225,201
4010 FOR x = 172 TO 181: READ ml: POKE x,ml: NEXT
4020 POKE 171,0: POKE 11907,201

10 LOMEM :28000
50 REM *** for Intel-BEST 3.3 ONLY !!! ***
60 REM >>> execute Intel-BEST first <<<
100 REM *** PatchWORK 3.3 ***
110 REM >>> simple BASIC enhancements and fixes
3999 REM *** true RND fix
4000 DATA 205,75,0,125,135,79,6,0,33,50,25,9
4010 DATA 126,198,128,35,102,111,34,1,0,205,10,0,201
4020 FOR x = 0 TO 24: READ ml: POKE 10164+x,ml: NEXT
4030 POKE 65484, 180: POKE 65485,39
4500 DATA 229,42,64,63,35,34,64,63,225,201
4510 FOR x = 172 TO 181: READ ml: POKE x,ml: NEXT
4520 POKE 171,0: POKE 11907,201
### TITLE (asmb#17):

#### Locate Directory Entry

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<td>62, nn</td>
<td>LD A, nn</td>
<td>; load drive code value</td>
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<td></td>
<td>17, 235, 255,</td>
<td>LD DE, $FFEB</td>
<td>; set ASCII start of filename</td>
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<td></td>
<td>33, 160, 253,</td>
<td>LD HL, $FDA0</td>
<td>; set location to place entry</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>CALLOS</td>
<td>255, 204, 252,</td>
<td>CALL $FCCC</td>
<td>; CALL EOS locate dir entry</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>ERROR</td>
<td>50, 255, 107,</td>
<td>LD $6BFF, A</td>
<td>; store error code</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>DONE</td>
<td>201</td>
<td>RET</td>
<td>; RETurn to BASIC</td>
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### TITLE (asmb#18):

#### Instant Underscored Fonts

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<td>SETUP</td>
<td>1, 128, 0,</td>
<td>LD BC, $0080</td>
<td>; load number of fonts</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td>17, 1, 0,</td>
<td>LD DE, $0001</td>
<td>; load number of bytes</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td></td>
<td>33, 255, 3,</td>
<td>LD HL, $03FF</td>
<td>; load VRAM start address</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>LOOP</td>
<td>175,</td>
<td>XOR A</td>
<td>; reset accumulator to zero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td>185</td>
<td>CP C</td>
<td>; check if font count is zero</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td>200</td>
<td>RET Z</td>
<td>; if zero, RETurn to BASIC</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td></td>
<td>13</td>
<td>DEC C</td>
<td>; decrement font count by one</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td></td>
<td>197</td>
<td>PUSH BC</td>
<td>; store current font count</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td></td>
<td>1, 8, 0,</td>
<td>LD BC, $0008</td>
<td>; load displacement</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
<td>ADD HL, BC</td>
<td>; add displacement to vram addr</td>
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<td></td>
<td>193</td>
<td>POP BC</td>
<td>; retrieve current font count</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td></td>
<td>62, 255,</td>
<td>LD A, $FF</td>
<td>; load bit mapped ‘line’</td>
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<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td></td>
<td>197</td>
<td>PUSH BC</td>
<td>; store current font count</td>
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<td>213</td>
<td>PUSH DE</td>
<td>; store byte count</td>
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<td></td>
<td>229</td>
<td>PUSH HL</td>
<td>; store current VRAM address</td>
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<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>CALLOS</td>
<td>205, 38, 253</td>
<td>CALL $FD26</td>
<td>; Call EOS write byte to VRAM</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>225</td>
<td>POP HL</td>
<td>; retrieve current VRAM address</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td></td>
<td>209</td>
<td>POP DE</td>
<td>; retrieve byte count</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td></td>
<td>193</td>
<td>POP BC</td>
<td>; retrieve current font count</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>GOBACK</td>
<td>24, 233</td>
<td>JR $E9</td>
<td>; jump back to LOOP</td>
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### TITLE (asmb#19):

#### True RND Patch

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<td>229,</td>
<td>PUSH HL</td>
<td>; store current value</td>
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<td></td>
<td>42, 64, 63,</td>
<td>LD HL, ($3F40)</td>
<td>; load current RND seed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
<td>35</td>
<td>INC HL</td>
<td>; increment seed value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
<td>34, 64, 63</td>
<td>LD ($3F40), HL</td>
<td>; change RND seed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td>225,</td>
<td>POP HL</td>
<td>; retrieve previous value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>DONE</td>
<td>201</td>
<td>RET</td>
<td>; RETurn from interrupt</td>
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**TRUE RND PATCH**

One of the shortcomings of SmartBASIC is the faulty RND function. With SmartBASIC V1.0, the sequence of random (?) numbers is the same every time a program is RUN. With SmartBASIC V2.0 the sequence of random numbers is the same every time BASIC is booted.

There are a few different ways to simulate true randomization from BASIC. However, it’s much more effective to modify BASIC instead.

Addresses 16192 and 16193 point to the seed for the random number generator. We can have BASIC correct RND by continuously changing the seed value.

To do so, we’ve modified the interrupt routine from the video chip (RAM addresses 102-171). This routine is an example of a hardware interrupt (mentioned in the September issue). The routine is executed 60 times per second regardless of BASIC operations. Please take a look at the two programs at the bottom of page 22.

Once you patch this routine, BASIC will truly generate random numbers. This can be a vital improvement for games and quizzes.

The Intel-BEST 3.3 version relocates the ‘T1’ command first because it occupies the addresses we need to use. The execution start is now at address 10164.

Asmb#19 (on page 23) details the assembly language of the patch. All it does is get the current seed value, increment it, and put the new value back. This way the seed actually changes 3600 per minute.

The BASIC program also makes another change. The NEW command CALLs a routine which resets program pointers. The routine spans from 11892 to 11919. The last portion of the routine resets the default RND seed. By POKEing a 201 into 11907, the routine RETurns before resetting the RND seed.

Each month, for a while, we’ll be adding more patches to SmartBASIC (and Intel-BEST 3.3). The individual programs are numbered so that you can use them separately or merge them into one larger program of several patches.

With standard SmartBASIC, you may want to name the file of patches “HELLO” so that BASIC will automatically run the program. By the same logic, you may want to name the Intel-BEST version “FIRST”.

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**GETTING INTO CP/M 2.2**

**IN PERSPECTIVE**

Last month we discussed an easy way to make a backup copy of CP/M. This is vital. Once you’ve made the backup, put the original away and work ONLY with the backup.

When working with any sophisticated piece of software you need to master the fundamentals first. As obviously simple as this sounds, most of us aspiring hackers too often allow ourselves to be overcome with eagerness. Admittedly, having a firm background in SmartBASIC and some experience with Z80 encoding will augment your understanding of CP/M. However, you’ll find this powerful operating system to be most useful if you “conquer” it in a logical step by step process. For many of you, these first few articles will only be review. In due time, though, we’ll delve into the more rewarding aspects, such as modifying CP/M and creating machine code programs.

**THE BUILT-IN COMMANDS**

The DIR command is used to display a list of the files on a specific storage medium. Simply typing DIR and pressing [RETURN] will display the filenames on the current drive. To see the filenames in another drive without changing the default drive, follow DIR with a space, the drive label (A, B, C, or D), and a colon. Then press [RETURN]. For example,

`DIR B: [RETURN]`

will display the files in drive B. You can now type DIR (without a drive label) to see the directory for the default drive.

To change drives, simply enter the drive label, a colon, and then press [RETURN]. Now you can enter DIR or whatever command you prefer on the most recently selected drive.

If there are no files in the directory, you’ll get the message “NO FILE”. The DIR command does not reveal whether or not a data pack or disk has the operating system stored on it (as by dint of SYSGEN).

The DIR command can also be used to search for a specific filename. For example,

`DIR B:EXAMPLE.TXT [RETURN]`

will search for the EXAMPLE.TXT file on drive B (without changing the default drives). If the filename is not found, the “NO FILE” message will be displayed.
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**SWIFT POLL TALLY #1**

From 1063 SWIFT POLL ballots (received 7-1 thru 9-30) we’ve computed the rankings listed below. In general, only about 25 software titles were named consistently. The totals within this elite group were fairly close.

You may be interested in how we attained these results. We assigned points for each position on a ballot. A program ranked in first place any ballot received 10 points, second place received 9 points, and so on. Then the points were tallied for each program. The rankings are, thus, directly proportional to the final score for each piece of software.

These results do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editor or any staff member. Moreover, the results do not necessarily reflect the rankings on any single ballot.

1. ADAMCalc   (c) Coleco  
2. Jeopardy Coleco Public Domain  
3. CP/M 2.2   (c) Coleco/ (tm) DRI  
4. VIDEOTUNES (c) FUTUREVISION  
5. SmartFILER  (c) Coleco  
6. JKL Utilities   (c) Overpriced Software  
7. AUTOAID   (c) FUTUREVISION  
8. SmarTRIX   (c) DATA DOCTOR/ (c) DEI  
9. HACKER’S GUIDE I  (c) Ben Hinkle  
10. Intel-BEST 3.3   (c) DEI

As you can see, these “top ten” have each been around for at least a year. The only exception is our Intel-BEST. As proud as we are of this package, we must realistically admit that it is included in OUR poll because so many of OUR subscribers have purchased it. Another characteristic that probably is reflective of our readership is that a large portion of the named programs were programming utilities.

As you’ll notice, we’ve revised the SWIFT POLL BALLOT. This, hopefully, will encourage responses from a wider spectrum of available software titles.

Please note that you may submit THREE ballots for each three-month tally. At the time of the tally, a $25.00 cash prize winner shall be randomly selected from all ballots for that particular tally period.

Also, we’ve extended the valid time limit for each ballot. The deadline is now the last day of the third month of the tally period.
ADAM PRODUCT REVIEWS

PRODUCT: HACKER’S GUIDE TO ADAM: VOLUME TWO
MANUFACTURER: Ben Hinkle
MEDIA TYPE: book (DDP/disk optional)
GRAPHICS/SOUND/DESIGN: 95
INSTRUCTIONS: 97
USEFULNESS VS PRICE: 99
RECOMMENDATION: highly recommended
PRICE: $13.00
RATED BY: staff

Ben Hinkle, a tenth grade student, and his father, Peter, have released their third book. "THE HACKER’S GUIDE: VOLUME ONE" was primarily a continuation of their first book, "Info for ADAM Explorers". The latest guide for ADAM hackers is essentially independent of the previous books.

"THE HACKER’S GUIDE: VOLUME TWO" is a detailed guide to SmartBASIC. Indeed, this is the most elaborate explanation of SmartBASIC in any single publication. Every major and most minor routines are described. This book should be an indispensable aid in exploring the inner workings of the BASIC interpreter.

The first chapter gives an overview of how the interpreter works. The next nine chapters cover every address from 256 through 27407 -- in eye-opening detail. Chapter 11 itemizes more than a dozen changes to SmartBASIC. Some of these include 40 column text mode, formula substitution for GOTO and GOSUB, single keepers macros and four sprite commands.

"THE HACKER’S GUIDE TO ADAM" is a book that you won’t want to put down. And, once you’ve read it, you’ll find that it is also a great reference material (all addresses are listed numerically). If you don’t already have it, order it TODAY!

SPECIAL NOTE: The formula substitution fix for GOTO and GOSUB on page 79 has a couple of typos. Here is the corrected version:

10 DATA 0,0,0,205,3,39,68,77
20 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ d: POKE 8342+x, d: POKE 8437+x, d: NEXT
30 POKE 15756, 195: POKE 15757, 27: POKE 15758, 58

YES...ADAM
PRODUCT: THE SPANISH VOCABULARIAN
MANUFACTURER: MARATHON COMPUTER PRESS
MEDIA TYPE: DDP/disk
GRAPHICS/SOUND/DESIGN: 93
INSTRUCTIONS: 93
USEFULNESS VS PRICE: 95
RECOMMENDATION: highly recommended
PRICE: $18.50
RATED BY: staff

This is the first commercial foreign language program for ADAM users. It is menu driven, uses SmartKEYs, uses color nicely, and has an electronic dictionary mode.

In drill and practice format you can quiz on any portion of the included 1600 word vocabulary. You can quiz on English to Spanish, or vice versa. And, utilities are included that allow you to create and alter vocabulary files. You can add up to 1700 more words. Whether you want to brush up on Spanish or study along with a scholastic curriculum, you’ll find THE SPANISH VOCABULARIAN to be a very practical purchase.

PRODUCT: The ADAM Resource DIRECTORY (2nd ed)
MANUFACTURER: Keith Burrows
MEDIA TYPE: book
GRAPHICS/SOUND/DESIGN: 97
INSTRUCTIONS: N/A
USEFULNESS VS PRICE: 95
RECOMMENDATION: highly recommended
PRICE: $14.95
RATED BY: staff

This 1986 edition of the Resource Directory is 111 pages packed with reference material. Some features include spiral binding, appealing graphics, a programmer’s tips section and three times the information of the 1985 edition.

Hundreds of retailers are listed. Categories include computer magazines, ADAM publications, CP/M software info, ADAM users groups, a list of ADAM users, a list of scores of books and modem usage tips.

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