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# GET OFF TO A FLYING START

FLYING THE AEROPLANE ON
AUTO-PILOT
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Start the engines in part two of the flight simulator, and see your instrument panel come alive. But hang on to your hats, because your auto-pilot has gone crazy!

In the first part of this article, you entered the lines that recreated the interior of a cockpit on your screen. And in the case of the Dragon and the Tandy, you also set your aeroplane high in the sky, motionless but ready.

In this part, the aeroplane is set in motion and the instrument panel comes to life, so that although you are not yet in control, you can see how the aeroplane's instrument panel responds to the movements of the craft.

#### FLYING THE AEROPLANE

This is by far the longest part of the program. A complex series of interdependent variables have to be updated constantly to control the progress of the aeroplane. At the same time, the instrument panel needs to be redrawn as the position and height of the aeroplane change, and the dials monitor the movement.

### NEARING THE RUNWAY

A radar image of the runway shows you the angle at which you are approaching it on the Spectrum, Acorn and Commodore computers. On the Dragon and Tandy, an image of the runway itself can be seen through the window as you approach close enough to land. The runway 'grows' progressively larger as you near the ground, using the computers' ability to draw ellipses.

#### PLOTTING THE COURSE

Many factors have to be taken into account before you can plot the position of the aeroplane accurately. The direction in which you are flying, for instance, is affected by the wind direction, and the roll of the aeroplane. The speed at which you travel forwards depends partly on the wind speed. The distance you fall, or climb, is connected to the speed at which you are flying, and so on.

To update the dials and counters, the changing variables must be assessed according to how they affect the readings: then they can be redrawn.

- 2 LET WY = Ø: LET WX = Ø: LET GZ = Ø: LET GY = Ø: LET GX = Ø 5 LET RW = Ø: LET Y1 = 120: LET Y2 = 120:
- LET Y3 = 40: LET Y4 = 40: LET POW = 0: LET GC = 0: LET RB = 0: LET LL = 0: LET YC = 0: LET AD = 0: LET ST = 0: LET RL = 0: LET BC = 0: LET NC = 0: LET PT = 0: LET PX = 0: LET VZ = 0: LET VY = 0: LET VX = 0

1;X1,168 - Y1: DRAW OVER 1;X2 - PEEK

2300 LET YC = 120 + (PT/3): LET X1 = 80:

LET X2 = 110: LET  $Y1 = YC + 17^{*}TAN$ 

2295 IF GC < > Ø THEN PLOT OVER

23677.168 - Y2 - PEEK 23678

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500 LET RA = AD\*C: LET VX = AS\*SIN RA 510 LET VY = AS\*COS RA: RETURN 1000 LET PZ = PZ + GZ: LET PY = PY + GY: LET PX = PX + GX1025 IF ST = 1 THEN PRINT OVER 1;AT 4.12: "S  $\Box$  T  $\Box$  A  $\Box$  L  $\Box$  L": LET ST = 0: GOTO 1040 1030 IF AS < 30 THEN GOSUB 1500 1040 LET AD = AD + RL: IF AD < 0 THEN LET AD = AD + 3601050 IF AD > 359 THEN LET AD = AD - 360 1060 LET VZ = AS\*SIN (PT\*C) - 10 + AS/151070 LET GZ = VZ: LET GY = VY + WY: LET GX = VX + WX1080 IF VY = 0 THEN LET GD = -PI/2: GOTO 1100 1090 LET GD = - ATN (VX/VY)/C1100 GOSUB 500 **1110 RETURN** 1500 LET ST = 1: PRINT OVER 1;AT 4,12; "S $\Box$ T $\Box$ A $\Box$ L $\Box$ L": FOR M = 1 TO 4: FOR N = 20 TO -20 STEP -4: BEEP .01,N: NEXT N: NEXT M 1510 LET RL = INT (RND\*21) - 9: LET  $PT = -21 - INT (RND^{*}5)$ 1520 RETURN 2180 IF GC < > 0 THEN GOSUB 2200  $2190 \text{ LET AS} = \text{AS} + 16^{\circ}(\text{TC}^{\circ}30 - \text{AS} - \text{AS})$ 8\*PT)/AS: GOSUB 2200: GOTO 2205 2200 PLOT 35,50: DRAW OVER 1;15\*SIN (AS\*PI/200),15\*COS (AS\*PI/200): RETURN 2205 IF GC < > Ø THEN PLOT 155,50: DRAW OVER 1:10\*SIN (TN\*PI/5).10\*COS (TN\*PI/5): PLOT 155,50: DRAW OVER 1;15\*SIN (UN\*PI/500),15\*COS (UN\*PI/500) 2210 LET TN = PZ/1000: LET UN = PZ -1000\*INT TN: PLOT 155,50: DRAW OVER 1;10\*SIN (TN\*PI/5),10\*COS (TN\*PI/5): PLOT 155,50: DRAW OVER 1;15\*SIN (UN\*PI/500),15\*COS (UN\*PI/500) 2220 IF GC < > 0 THEN GOSUB 2230 2225 IF POW = -1 AND TC > .2 THEN LET TC = TC - .22226 IF POW = 1 AND TC < 8.8 THEN LET TC = TC + .22228 GOSUB 2230: GOTO 2240 2230 PLOT 215,50: DRAW OVER 1;15\*SIN (TC\*PI/5),15\*COS (TC\*PI/5): RETURN 2240 PRINT AT 21,2;ABS INT AD;" 2250 IF PY = 0 THEN LET RB = 0: GOTO 2260 2255 LET RB = ATN (PX/PY)/C: IF  $PY > \emptyset$ THEN LET RB = RB + 180 2260 IF RB  $< \emptyset$  THEN LET RB = RB + 360 AT 21,18;ABS INT PX;"□□" 2280 PRINT AT 21,25;INT (SQR  $(PY^*PY + PX^*PX));$ " $\Box$ " 2290 IF (Y1 < = 110 AND Y2 < = 110) OR (Y1 > = 130 AND Y2 > = 130) THENGOTO 2300

 $(RL^{*}2^{*}C)$ : LET Y2 = YC - 17<sup>\*</sup>TAN  $(RL^{*}2^{*}C)$ 2310 IF (YC < 110 OR YC > 130) AND RL = 0THEN GOTO 2376 2320 IF Y1 < 110 THEN LET X1 = 95 -(95-X1)\*(110-YC)/(Y1-YC): LET Y1 = 110: GOTO 2340 2330 IF Y1 > 130 THEN LET X1 = 95 -(95-X1)\*(130-YC)/(Y1-YC): LET Y1 = 1302340 IF Y2 < 110 THEN LET X2 = 95 -(95-X2)\*(110-YC)/(Y2-YC): LET Y2 = 110: GOTO 2360 2350 IF Y2 > 130 THEN LET X2 = 95 -(95-X2)\*(130-YC)/(Y2-YC): LET  $Y_2 = 130$ 2360 IF X1 < 80 OR X2 > 110 THEN GOTO 2376 2370 PLOT OVER 1;X1,168 - Y1: DRAW OVER 1;X2 – PEEK 23677,168 – Y2 – PEEK 23678 2376 IF (RL = RR AND PP = PT) THEN GOTO 2500 2377 IF (Y3 < = 2 AND Y4 < = 2) OR (Y3 > = 90 AND Y4 > = 90 THEN GOTO 23802378 IF GC  $< > \emptyset$  THEN PLOT OVER 1;X3,176 - Y3: DRAW OVER 1;X4 - PEEK 23677, (176 – Y4) – PEEK 23678 2380 LET YC = 33 + PT\*4: LET X3 = 11: LET X4 = 244: LET Y3 = YC + 118\*TAN (RL\*2\*C): LET Y4 = YC - 118\*TAN (RL\*2\*C) 2390 IF (YC < 2 OR YC > 90) AND RL = 0THEN GOTO 2450 2400 IF Y3 < 2 THEN LET X3 = 128 - $(128 - X3)^{*}(2 - YC)/(Y3 - YC)$ : LET Y3 = 2: GOTO 2420 2410 IF Y3 > 90 THEN LET X3 = 128 - $(128 - X3)^*(90 - YC)/(Y3 - YC)$ : LET Y3 = 902420 IF Y4 < 2 THEN LET X4 = 128 - $(128 - X4)^{*}(2 - YC)/(Y4 - YC)$ : LET Y4 = 2: GOTO 2440 2430 IF Y4 > 90 THEN LET X4 = 128 -(128-X4)\*(90-YC)/(Y4-YC): LET Y4 = 902440 IF X3 < 11 OR X4 > 244 THEN GOTO 2500 2445 OVER 1: PLOT X3,176 - Y3: DRAW X4 – PEEK 23677, (176 – Y4) – PEEK 23678: OVER Ø 2500 GOSUB 8000 2505 IF GC = 0 THEN LET GC = 1 2510 LET RR = RL: LET PP = PT: RETURN 5080 LET GZ = VZ: LET GY = VY + WY: LET GX = VX + WX5090 LET TC = 5 5100 LET RT = 3: LET TP = 5: LET WR = 50

5500 IF INT (RND\*5) = 1 THEN LET  $RL = RL + INT (RND^{*}5) - 2$ : IF INT  $(RND^{*}5) = 1$  THEN LET PT = PT + 3 - INT $(RND^{*}2) + 1^{*}2$ 5510 GOSUB 1000: IF PZ < 0 THEN GOTO 5530 5520 GOSUB 2180: GOTO 5500 5530 GOTO 5500 8000 IF GC < > 0 THEN PLOT 127,174: DRAW OVER 1;0X,0Y 8010 LET OX = 16\*SIN (RB\*(PI/180)); LET  $OY = -(16^*ABS COS (RB^*(PI/18\emptyset)))$ 8020 PLOT 127,174: DRAW OVER 1;0X,0Y 8025 LET WB = AD: IF AD > 180 THEN LET WB = WB - 3608026 IF RB > 180 THEN LET WB = WB + 360 - RB: GOTO 8040 8030 LET WB = WB - RB8040 IF RW = 1 THEN PLOT OVER 1;RDX,175-RDY 8050 LET RW = 0: IF ABS WB > 57 THEN RETURN 8060 LET RDX = X3 + INT (((X4 - X3)/2) - SIN)(WB\*(PI/18Ø))\*(X4 - X3)\*.6)  $8070 \text{ LET RDY} = Y3 + ((Y4 - Y3)^*)$ ((RDX - X3)/(X4 - X3)) + 2)8080 IF RDY < 2 OR RDY > 90 OR RDX < 11 OR RDX > 244 THEN RETURN 8090 LET RW = 1: PLOT OVER 1;RDX,175-RDY 8100 RETURN



The POKE in Line 1 sets the computer to print in upper case letters. Line 5 sets all the variables to  $\emptyset$ . Line 11 $\emptyset$ , which you entered last time, sends the program to  $5\emptyset\emptyset\emptyset$  and draws the cockpit of the aeroplane, then Line  $5\emptyset8\emptyset$  sets the variables that control the position of the aeroplane in the sky: GZ refers to the distance the aeroplane is along the Z axis—its height up or down; VZ is the velocity along the same axis; VY refers to the velocity of the plane forwards or backwards—that is, along the Y axis; WY is the windspeed in the same direction. GX, VX and WX correspond to the distance moved, velocity and windspeed along the X axis, which runs right to left.

Line 5090 sets the rev counter, and Line 5100 defines the limits of the roll (RT), the pitch (TP) and the width of the runway (WR).

Line 5500 is the temporary command standing in for the main control routine, which you will enter in the next part.

Line 551Ø sends you to the subroutine that begins at Line 1ØØØ and ends at Line 111Ø. This subroutine updates all the variables as the aeroplane flies. Lines 1Ø25 and 1Ø3Ø check to see whether you have allowed your aeroplane to stall by letting its speed drop below 30 metres per second. If so, it sends you to the subroutine 15ØØ to 152Ø, which recreates the effect of a stall. Line 151Ø makes sure that you won't know quite what will happen when you go into your stall—you could just drop straight out of the sky, or spin wildly as you fall.

The subroutine to which you are sent by Line 1100, contained in Lines 500 and 510, works out the angle at which you are flying.

The next major subroutine, starting at Line 218 $\emptyset$ , and ending at Line 251 $\emptyset$ , redraws the dials and counters when the information they record is updated. Line 218 $\emptyset$  checks the GC Counter to see if there is an image that needs to be replaced. The subroutine contained in the Line 22 $\emptyset$  $\emptyset$  draws the new position of the hand of the airspeed dial. Lines 22 $\emptyset$ 5 and 221 $\emptyset$  calculate and redraw the new position of both hands on the altitude dial. Line 22 $\vartheta$  $\emptyset$  moves the hand on the new counter using the calculations made in Lines 2225 and 2226.

The rev counter is updated by Line 224 $\emptyset$ . Lines 225 $\emptyset$  to 227 $\emptyset$  calculate the new runway bearing and drift, while the distance is calculated and printed by Line 228 $\emptyset$ .

The artificial horizon in the second dial is calculated, and is drawn, by Lines  $228\emptyset$  to  $237\emptyset$ .

The line of the actual horizon is checked by Line 2376, and Lines 2377 to 2445 calculate and redraw it if it can be seen through the cockpit window.

The subroutine that starts at 8000 and ends at 8100, to which you are sent by Line 2500, calculates and draws the radar image of



the runway, which you see at the top of your screen, and also the dot of the runway that appears just below the horizon line through the cockpit window, when it is in view.

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10 GOTO 5000  $500 \text{ RA} = \text{AD}^{*}\text{C}:\text{VX} = \text{AS}^{*}\text{SIN}(\text{RA})$ 510 VY = AS\*COS(RA):RETURN 1000 PZ = PZ + GZ:PY = PY + GY:PX = PX + GX1010 PT = PT + NC:RL = RL + BC $1020 \text{ AS} = \text{AS} + 16^{*}(\text{TC}^{*}30 - \text{AS} - 8^{*}\text{PT})/\text{AS}$ 1030 IF SL = 1 THEN TEXT 60.50. "STALL",0,3,8:SL = 0:GOT01050 1040 IF AS < 30 THEN GOSUB 1500 1050 AD = AD + RL:IF AD < 0 THENAD = AD + 3601060 IF AD > 359 THEN AD = AD - 360  $1070 VZ = AS^*SIN(PT^*C) - 10 + AS/15$ 1080 GZ = VZ:GY = VY + WY:GX = VX + WX1090 IF VY = 0 THEN GD =  $-\pi/2$ :GOTO 1110 1100 GD = - ATN(VX/VY)/C111Ø GOSUB 5ØØ **1120 RETURN** 1500 SL = 1:TEXT 60,50, "STALL", 1,3,8  $1510 \text{ RL} = INT(RND(1)^{*}21) - 9:PT =$  $21 - INT(RND(1)^{*}5)$ **1520 RETURN** 2000 LINE 20,150,20 + 13\*SIN(AS\* $\pi/200$ ),  $150 - 13^{\circ}COS(AS^{\circ}\pi/200).4$ 2010 TN = PZ/1000:UN = PZ - 1000\* INT(TN) 2020 LINE 100,150,100 + 6\*SIN(TN\* $\pi/5$ ),  $150 - 6^{*}COS(TN^{*}\pi/5), 4$ 2030 LINE 100,150,100 + 13\*SIN(UN\*  $\pi/500$ ,150 – 13<sup>\*</sup>COS(UN<sup>\*</sup> $\pi/500$ ),4 2040 LINE 140,150,140 + 13\*SIN(TC\*  $\pi/5$ ,150 – 13\*COS(TC\* $\pi/5$ ),4 2050 TEXT 0,190,STR\$(ABS(INT(AD))), 4.1.7:RETURN 2060 IF PY = 0 THEN RB = 02065 IF PY < > 0 THEN RB = ATN (PX/PY)/C: IF PY > Ø THEN RB = RB + 180 2070 IF RB < 0 THEN RB = RB + 3602075 GOSUB 7000 2080 TEXT 35,190,STR\$(INT(RB)), 1,1,7:TEXT 70,190,STR\$ (ABS(INT(PX))),1,1,7 2090 TEXT 110,190,STR\$(INT(SQR (PY\*PY + PX\*PX)), 1, 1, 72095 S1 = INT(RB):S2 = ABS(INT(PX)) $2096 S3 = INT(SQR(PY^*PY + PX^*PX))$ 2098 IF KJ = 1 THEN LINE X1, Y1, X2, Y2, 4 2100 KJ = 0:YC = 150 + (PT/3):X1 = 50:X2 = 70:Y1 = YC + 17\*TAN(RL\*2\*C):  $Y2 = YC - 17^{TAN}(RL^{2}C)$ 2110 IF (YC < 137 OR YC > 163) AND  $RL = \emptyset$ **THEN 2320** 2120 IF Y1 < 137 THEN X1 = 60 -

 $(60 - X1)^{*}(140 - YC)/(Y1 - YC)$ : Y1 = 140:GOTO 2140 2130 IF Y1 > 163 THEN X1 = 60 - (60 - X1)(160 - YC)/(Y1 - YC):Y1 = 1602140 IF Y2 < 137 THEN X2 = 60 - $(60 - X2)^{*}(140 - YC)/(Y2 - YC)$ Y2=140:GOTO 2160 2150 IF Y2 > 163 THEN X2 = 60 - (60 - X2)(160 - YC)/(Y2 - YC):Y2 = 1602160 IF X1 < 50 OR X2 > 70 THEN 2190 2170 LINE X1, Y1, X2, Y2, 4:KJ = 1 2190 IF RL = RR AND PP = PT THEN 2290 2200 IF HF = 1 THEN LINE X3, Y3, X4, Y4, 0 2210 HF = 0:YC = 33 + PT\*4:X3 = 0:X4 = 159:Y3 = YC + 59\*TAN(RL\*2\*C):  $Y4 = YC - 59^{TAN}(RL^{2}C)$ 2220 IF (YC < 0 OR YC > 109) AND RL = 0 **THEN 2290** 2230 IF Y3 <  $\emptyset$  THEN X3 = 8 $\emptyset$  - (8 $\emptyset$  - X3) (-YC)/(Y3-YC):Y3 = 0:GOTO 22502240 IF Y3 > 109 THEN X3 = 80 - (80 - X3) (109 - YC)/(Y3 - YC):Y3 = 1092250 IF Y4 < 0 THEN X4 = 80 - (80 - X4)\* (-YC)/(Y4-YC):Y4 = 0:GOTO 22702260 IF Y4 > 109 THEN X4 = 80 - (80 - X4) (109 - YC)/(Y4 - YC):Y4 = 1092270 IF X3 < 0 OR X4 > 159 THEN 2290 2280 HF = 1:LINE X3,Y3,X4,Y4,3 2290 WB = AD: IF AD > 180 THEN WB = WB - 3602300 IF RB > 180 THEN WB = WB + 360 - RB:GOTO 2310 2305 WB = WB - RB2310 IF ABS(WB) > 60 AND ABS (PY) > 1000 THEN 2350  $2320 \text{ AN} = \frac{59}{60^{\circ}} \text{SQR}((X3 - X4)^{\circ}(X3 - X4))$  $X4) + (Y3 - Y4)^{*}(Y3 - Y4)))$ 2325 X5 = (X3 + X4)/2 + SGN(X3) $X4) + WB^*AN^*(X3 + X4)$  $2330 Y_5 = (Y_3 + Y_4)/2 + 2 + W_B^*A_N^*$ (Y3 - Y4)2335 IF X5 < Ø OR X5 > 159 OR Y5 < Ø OR Y5>109 THEN 2350 2340 IF ABS(PY) < 1000 THEN R = 8 - Y5/10: GOTO 2350 2345 R = 4000/ABS(PY): IF R\*10 + Y5 > 80 THEN R = 8 - Y5/10 - Lease the transmission 2350 GOSUB 8000 2370 RR = RL:PP = RT:RETURN 5000 PRINT " 6.6:PP = -1:RR = -1 $5010 \text{ C} = \pi/180:\text{PY} = -20000:\text{PZ} = 2000:$ AS = 1505020 PRINT " INPUT WIND SPEED (1-50) M/S" 5025 PRINT "AND DIRECTION (10-359) DEGREES: ":FLASH 5,10 5030 INPUT X0,X1:IF X0 > 50 OR X0 < 1 OR X1 < 0 OR X1 > 359 THEN 5000 5040 X0 = X0/3:OFF:POKE 650,128

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5050 PRINT AT(0,20)"WIND SPEED — = ":3\*XØ:"M/S":PRINT "  $\Box$  DIRECTION  $\Box$  = ";X1; "DEGREES"  $\begin{array}{l} 5060 \text{ WY} = -\ \text{X0*COS}(\text{X1*C}) \\ 5070 \text{ WX} = -\ \text{X0*SIN}(\text{X1*C}) \end{array}$ 5080 GZ = VZ:GY = VY + WY:GX = VX + WX5090 TC = 5:RT = 3:TP = 5:WR = 50: PAUSE 2 5500 GOSUB 2000: IF INT(RND(1)\*10) = 1 THENRL = RL + SGN(TL)\*INT  $(RND(1)^{*}4) - 1$ 5510 IF INT(RND(1)\*10) = 1 THEN  $PT = PT + 3 - INT(RND(1)^{4} + 1)^{2}$ 5520 GOSUB 1000: IF PZ < = 0 THEN 5540 5530 GOSUB 2000:GOSUB 2060:GOTO 5500 5540 GOTO 5540 7000 TEXT 35,190,STR\$(S1),2,1,7: TEXT 70,190,STR\$(S2),2,1,7 7010 TEXT 110,190,STR\$(S3),2,1,7: RETURN 8000 IF WQ = 1 THEN LINE 78,0,0X,0Y,0 8010 WQ = 1:0X = 78 - (16\*SIN(RB\*  $(\pi/18\emptyset)):OY = (16^*ABS(COS))$  $(RB^{*}(\pi/180)))$ 8020 LINE 78,0,0X,0Y,2 8025 WB = AD: IF AD > 180 THEN WB = WB - 3608026 IF RB > 180 THEN WB = WB + 360-RB:GOT08040 8030 WB = WB - RB8040 IF RW = 1 THEN PLOT G1,G2,0 8050 RW = 0:IF ABS(WB) > 57 THEN RETURN 8060 RX = X3 + INT(((X4 - X3)/2) - $SIN(WB^{*}(\pi/18\emptyset))^{*}(X4 - X3)^{*}.6)$  $8070 \text{ RY} = Y3 + ((Y4 - Y3)^{*})((RX - Y3))^{*}$ (X3)/(X4 - X3)) + 2)8080 IF RY < 0 OR RY > 109 OR RX < 0 OR RX > 159 THEN RETURN 8090 RW = 1:PLOT RX,RY,2:G1 = RX:G2 = RY **8100 RETURN** 

The program jumps to Line 5000 as soon as it is RUN. Lines 5000 and 5010 initialize a range of variables which control the position of the aeroplane in the sky. Initially, the aircraft is set 20,000 metres from the runway, and 2000 metres from the ground.

Lines 5020 to 5030 allow the pilot to choose the wind strength and direction, and check if the inputs are within the permitted range. The values are PRINTed in Line 5050, before Lines 5060 and 5070 calculate the wind speed in the forwards direction and the wind speed in the left to right direction. WX and WY are then used in Line 5080 to adjust the position of the aeroplane.

Line 5090 sets the rev counter (TC), the limits of the roll (RT) and the pitch (TP), and

the runway width (WR).

Line 5500 calls the subroutine starting at Line 20000, and ending at Line 20500. The subroutine updates the dials in the cockpit display. Lines 20000, 20200, 20300 and 20400draw each of the needles in turn, according to the speed and position of the aeroplane.

RETURNing to Line 5500, the remainder of the line and the whole of Line 5510 act as a stand-in for the control routine which you'll be adding in the next part of this article.

Line 5520 calls the subroutine starting at Line 1000. The subroutine updates all the variables as the aeroplane flies. Lines 1030 and 1040 checks for stalls—if you have allowed the aeroplane to drop below 30 metres per second. If the airspeed has dropped, the program jumps to the subroutine starting at Line 1500, which displays the stall message on screen, and sets the roll and pitch randomly to simulate losing control of the aeroplane. Line 1110 calls the subroutine at Line 500. Lines 500 and 510 simply work out the speed of ascent or descent and the speed from left to right.

RETURNing from Line 1120 to Line 5520, the program checks if the aeroplane has touched down, and jumps to Line 5540 if it has. Line 5540 is just a stop put here temporarily.

Line 553 $\emptyset$  calls the subroutine at Line 2 $\emptyset$ 0 $\emptyset$  to update the dials. Next, the subroutine at Line 2 $\emptyset$ 6 $\emptyset$  is called. Lines 2 $\emptyset$ 6 $\emptyset$  to 2 $\emptyset$ 7 $\emptyset$  update the runway bearing before the last three numerical displays are deleted by the subroutine at Line 7 $\emptyset$ 0 $\emptyset$  onwards. The new readings are displayed by Lines 2 $\emptyset$ 8 $\emptyset$  and 2 $\emptyset$ 9 $\emptyset$ . New values for S1, S2 and S3 are calculated in Lines 2 $\emptyset$ 9 $\emptyset$  and 7 $\emptyset$ 1 $\emptyset$ .

The artificial horizon is drawn by the LINE in Line 2098—the corresponding erasing statement is at Line 2170 and KJ is simply a flag so that the computer knows when to draw a new artificial horizon. Lines 2100 to 2160update the control variables. The lines from 2200 to 2280 deal with the actual horizon in exactly the same way.

The new position of the runway is calculated by Lines 2290 to 2370, using the subroutine between Lines 8000 and 8100 to draw the runway in the appropriate position.

After the horizon has been redrawn, the display has been fully updated, and Line  $553\emptyset$  sends the program back to Line  $55\emptyset\emptyset$ . Notice how the main loop of the program is just these four lines.

15 GOTO 1150 380 DEF PROCWORKOUT

390 AS2 = AS:TN2 = TN:UN2 = UN 400 PZ = PZ + GZ:PY = PY + GY:PX = PX + GX410 AS = AS + 16\*(TC\*30 - AS -8\*PT)/AS 420 IF ST = 1 THEN PRINTTAB (15,10) "□□□□":ST=0:GOTO 440 430 IF AS < 30 THEN GOSUB 520 440 AD = AD + RL: IF AD < 0 THEN AD = AD + 360450 IF AD > 359 THEN AD = AD - 360  $460 VZ = AS^*SIN(PT^*C) - 10 + AS/15$ 470 GZ = VZ:GY = VY + WY:GX = VX + WX480 IF VY = 0 THEN GD = -PI/2 ELSE GD = -ATN(VX/VY)/C490 RA = AD\*C:VX = AS\*SIN(RA) 500 VY = AS\*COS(RA) **51Ø ENDPROC** 520 ST = 1:PRINTTAB(15,10)"STALL" 530 RL = RND(21) - 10:PT = -20 - RND(5)540 RETURN **550 DEF PROCINIT** 560 MOVE190,250:DRAW 190 + SIN (AS\*PI/200)\*80,250 + COS (AS\*PI/200)\*80:TN = PZ/1000:  $UN = PZ - 1000^{+}INT(TN)$ : MOVE790,250:DRAW 790 + SIN (TN\*PI/5)\*40,250 + COS (TN\*PI/5)\*40 570 MOVE790,250:DRAW 790 + SIN (UN\*PI/500)\*80,250 + COS (UN\*PI/500)\*80:MOVE1090,250: DRAW 1090 + SIN(TC\*PI/5)\*80, 250 + COS(TC\*PI/5)\*80 **58Ø ENDPROC 590 DEF PROCINFO** 600 MOVE190,250:DRAW 190 + SIN (AS2\*PI/200)\*80,250 + COS (AS2\*PI/200)\*80 610 MOVE190,250:DRAW 190 + SIN (AS\*PI/200)\*80,250 + COS (AS\*PI/200)\*80 620 MOVE790,250:DRAW 790 + SIN (TN2\*PI/5)\*40,250 + COS (TN2\*PI/5)\*40 630 TN = PZ/1000:UN = PZ - 1000\* INT(TN):MOVE790,250:DRAW https:// 790 + SIN(TN\*PI/5)\*40,250 + COS(TN\*PI/5)\*40 640 MOVE790,250:DRAW 790 + SIN (UN2\*PI/500)\*80,250 + COS (UN2\*PI/500)\*80 650 MOVE790,250:DRAW 790 + SIN (UN\*PI/500)\*80,250 + COS (UN\*PI/500)\*80 660 MOVE1090,250:DRAW 1090 + SIN (TC2\*PI/5)\*80,250 + COS (TC2\*PI/5)\*80 (TC\*PI/5)\*80,250 + COS (TC\*PI/5)\*8Ø

680 IF PY = 0 THEN RB = 0 ELSE RB = ATN(PX/PY)/C:IF PY > 0THEN RB = RB + 180690 IF RB < 0 THEN RB = RB + 360700 PRINTTAB(4,30);INT(AD) " INT(SQR(PX\*PX + PY\*PY));" "" 710 RB2 = RB:AD2 = AD:IF RB > 290 AND AD < 70 THEN AD2 = AD + 360720 IF AD > 290 AND RB < 70 THEN RB2 = RB + 360730 IF HF3 = 1 THEN MOVERX - DRX. 968 - DRY:DRAWRX + DRX, 968 + DRY 740 HF3 = 0:1F ABS(RB2 - AD2) > 90 THEN 780  $750 \text{ RX} = \text{TAN}(\text{RAD}(\text{AD} - \text{RB}))^{2}250 +$ 640:IF RX < 4 OR RX > 1276 THEN 780 76Ø DRX = 50\*SIN(RAD(RB)):DRY = 50\*COS(RAD(RB)) 77Ø HF3 = 1:MOVERX - DRX,968 - DRY: DRAWRX + DRX,968 + DRY 780 IF HF2=1 THEN MOVEX1.Y1: DRAWX2,Y2 790 HF2 = 0:YC = 250 - PT\*4:X1 = 420: X2 = 560:Y1 = YC + 29\*TAN(RL\*2\*C):  $Y2 = YC - 29^{TAN}(RL^{2}C)$ 800 IF (YC < 180 OR YC > 320) AND RL = 0 **THEN 1040** 810 IF Y1 > 320 THEN X1 = 490 -(490 - X1)\*(320 - YC)/(Y1 - YC): Y1 = 320:GOTO 830 820 IF Y1 < 180 THEN X1 = 490- $(490 - X1)^{*}(180 - YC)/(Y1 - YC)$ : Y1 = 180830 IF Y2 > 320 THEN X2 = 490 - $(490 - X2)^{*}(320 - YC)/(Y2 - YC)$ : Y2 = 320:GOTO 850 840 IF Y2 < 180 THEN X2 = 490 - $(490 - X2)^{*}(180 - YC)/(Y2 - YC)$ : Y2 = 180850 IF X1 < 420 OR X2 > 560 THEN 870 860 HF2 = 1: MOVEX1, Y1: DRAWX2, Y2 870 IF HF = 1 THEN MOVEX3,Y3: DRAWX4,Y4  $880 \text{ HF} = 0:YC = 750 - PT^{*}20:X3 = 104:$ X4 = 1176;  $Y3 = YC + 200^{TAN}(RL^{2}C)$ ;  $Y4 = YC - 200^{TAN}(RL^{2}C)$ 890 IF HF4 = 1 THEN PLOT69, RUX, RUY 900 HF4 = 0 $910 \text{ RUX} = (\text{RX} - 640)^{*2} + 640$  $920 \text{ RUY} = (Y4 - Y3)/(X4 - X3)^{\circ} \text{RUX} +$ Y3-24 930 IF RUX > 100 AND RUX < 1180 AND RUY > 500 AND RUY < 900 THEN PLOT69, RUX, RUY: HF4 = 1 67Ø MOVE1090,250:DRAW 1090 + SIN 940 IF (YC > 896 OR YC < 504) AND RL = Ø **THEN 1010** 950 IF Y3 > 896 THEN X3 = 640 -

(64Ø-X3)\*(896-YC)/(Y3-YC): Y3 = 896:GOTO 970 960 IF Y3 < 504 THEN X3 = 640 - (640 - X3) (504 - YC)/(Y3 - YC):Y3 = 504970 IF Y4 > 896 THEN X4 = 640 - $(640 - X4)^*(896 - YC)/(Y4 - YC)$ : Y4 = 896:GOTO 990 980 IF Y4 < 504 THEN X4 = 640 - (640 - X4) (504 - YC)/(Y4 - YC):Y4 = 504990 IF X3 < 104 OR X4 > 1176 THEN 1010 1000 HF = 1: MOVE X3, Y3: DRAW X4, Y4 1010 WB = AD: IF AD > 180 THEN WB = WB - 3601020 IF RB > 180 THEN WB = WB + 360 - RB ELSE WB = WB - RB1030 IF ABS(WB) > 60 AND ABS(PY) > 1000 THEN 1040 1040 RR = RL:PP = PT **1050 ENDPROC 1060 DEF PROCKEY** 1070 TC2 = TC 1080 IF RND(10) = 1 AND TC > .2 THEN TC = TC - .21090 IF RND(10) = 1 AND TC < 8.8 THEN TC = TC + .21100 IF RND(10) = 1 THEN PT = PT + 1 1110 IF RND(10) = 1 THEN PT = PT - 1 1120 IF RND(10) = 1 AND RL > -30 THEN RL = RL - 11130 IF RND(10) = 1 AND RL < 30 THEN RL = RL + 11140 ENDPROC 1150 PP = -1:RR = -1:RL = 0:PT = 0:AD = 0:HF = 0:HF2 = 0:HF3 = 0:HF4 = 01160 ST = 0:VX = 0:VY = 0:VZ = 0: $BC = \emptyset:NC = \emptyset$ 1170 C = PI/180:PX = 0:PY = -20000:PZ = 2000:AS = 1501190 X 0 = 0: X 1 = 01200 X0 = X0/31210 CLS  $1220 WY = -X0^{\circ}COS(X1^{\circ}C)$  $1230 WX = -X0^*SIN(X1^*C)$ 1240 GZ = VZ:GY = VY + WY:GX = VX + WX1250 TC = 5 1260 RT = 3:TP = 5:WR = 50:HD = 30000 **1270 PROCSCREEN** 128Ø AS2 = AS:TC2 = TC:TN2 = PZ/1000:UN2 = PZ - 1000\*INT (PZ):PROCINIT 1290 PROCKEY: PROCWORKOUT: PROCINFO 1300 IF PZ < = 0 THEN 1320 1310 GOTO 1290 1320 END

Line 15 sends you to Line 1150, which, with the next ten lines, sets the variables and the position of the aeroplane in the sky. Line 1170 starts the aeroplane 2000 metres up in 737 the sky, and 20,000 metres away from the

target runway. Line 1190 sets the wind speed and direction to Ø-next time you will enter new commands that allow you to choose the force and angle of the wind for yourself. Line 1240 sets the variables that control the position of the aeroplane in the sky according to its speed in any direction, and the strength and direction of the wind. PZ tells how far the aeroplane is along the Z axis-up and down; VZ refers to the up and down velocity; VY is the velocity forwards or backwards (along the Y axis), WY is the windspeed in the same direction. GX, VX and WX refer to the distance moved, velocity and windspeed along the X axis-that is, right to left. Line 1250 sets the rev counter, and Line 1260 defines the limits of roll, pitch, and the runway width. Line 1270 sends you to the procedure that draws the cockpit on the screen.

**PROCINIT**, which starts on Line  $55\emptyset$  and ends at Line  $58\emptyset$  draws the dial pointers on the screen. **PROCKEY**, in this part, consists of temporary random flight commands.

PROCWORKOUT updates the variables as the aeroplane flies. Lines  $42\emptyset$  and  $43\emptyset$  check to see if you have allowed the airspeed to fall below 30 metres per second—in which case the aeroplane stalls, and you are sent to subroutine  $52\emptyset$ , which ends at Line  $54\emptyset$ . Line  $53\emptyset$  introduces a random element.

**PROCINFO** redraws the dials and counters as they need to be updated. Lines  $6\phi\phi$  to  $67\phi$ , rub out the hands, and then redraw them in the new position. Lines  $68\phi$  and  $69\phi$  change the value of the runway bearing, and Line  $7\phi\phi$ prints out all the new numbers on the counters. Lines  $71\phi$  to  $77\phi$  move the radar image of the runway, while Lines  $78\phi$  to  $86\phi$  draw the artificial horizon.

The real horizon is drawn by Lines  $87\emptyset$ , 88 $\emptyset$ , and 94 $\emptyset$  to 1 $\emptyset$  $\emptyset$  $\emptyset$ . Lines 89 $\emptyset$  to 93 $\emptyset$  position the dot that indicates the runway.

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- 500 RA = AD\*C:VX = AS\*SIN(RA) 510 VY = AS\*COS(RA):RETURN 1000 PZ = PZ + GZ:PY = PY + GY: PX = PX + GX 1020 AS = AS + 16\*(TC\*30 - AS -8\*PT)/AS 1030 IFST = 1 THENPMODE4,1: DRAW"BM108,40C0":A\$ = "STALL": GOSUB4000:DRAW"C5":ST = 0: GOTO1050 1040 IF AS < 30 GOSUB1500 1050 AD = AD + RL:IF AD < 0 THEN AD = AD + 360 1060 IF AD > 359 THEN AD = AD - 360 1070 VZ = AS\*SIN(PT\*C) - 10 + AS/15 1080 GZ = VZ:GY = VY + WY:GX =
- 1080 GZ = VZ:GY = VY + WY:GX = VX + WX
- 1090 IF VY = 0 THEN GD = -PI/2: GOT01110 1100 GD = - ATN(VX/VY)/C1110 GOSUB500 **1120 RETURN** 1500 PMODE4,1:ST = 1:DRAW"BM108, 40":A\$ = "STALL":GOSUB4000: PLAY"T2ØAGFEDCAGFEDC" 1510 RL = RND(21) - 10 :PT = -20 -RND(5) 1520 RETURN 2000PCOPY5T07:PCOPY6T08: PMODE4.5 2010 LINE(35,120) - (35 + 20\*SIN (AS\*PI/200),120-20\*COS (AS\*PI/200)),PSET 2020 TN = PZ/1000:UN = PZ - 1000\* INT(TN):LINE(155,120) -(155+15\*SIN(TN\*PI/5),120-15\*COS(TN\*PI/5)),PSET 2030 LINE(155,120) - (155 + 20\*SIN (UN\*PI/500),120-20\*COS (UN\*PI/500)),PSET 2040 LINE(215,120) - (215 + 20\*SIN (TC\*PI/5),120-20\*COS (TC\*PI/5)),PSET 2050 DRAW"BM16,172S8":A\$ = STR\$ (ABS(INT(AD))):GOSUB4000 2060 IF PY =  $\emptyset$  THEN RB =  $\emptyset$  ELSE  $RB = ATN(PX/PY)/C:IF PY > \emptyset THEN$ RB = RB + 1802070 IF RB < 0 THEN RB = RB + 3602080 DRAW"BM80,172":A\$ = STR\$ (INT(RB)):GOSUB4ØØØ:DRAW "BM140,172":A\$ = STR\$(ABS (INT(PX))):GOSUB4000 2090 DRAW"BM196,172":A\$ = STR\$ (INT(SQR(PY\*PY + PX\*PX))):GOSUB4000 2100 YC = 120 + PT:X1 = 80:X2 = 110: $Y1 = YC + 17^{TAN}(RL^{2}C)$ :  $Y2 = YC - 17^{TAN}(RL^{2}C)$ 2110 IF(YC < 1050RYC > 135)AND RL = 0THEN23202120 IF Y1 < 105 THEN X1 = 95- $(95 - X1)^{*}(105 - YC)/(Y1 - YC)$ : Y1 = 105:GOT02140 2130 IF Y1 > 135 THEN X1 = 95 - $(95 - X1)^{*}(135 - YC)/(Y1 - YC)$ : Y1 = 1352140 IF Y2 < 105 THEN X2 = 95 - $(95 - X2)^{*}(105 - YC)/(Y2 - YC)$ : Y2 = 105:GOT02160 2150 IF Y2 > 135 THEN X2 = 95 - $(95 - X2)^{*}(135 - YC)/(Y2 - YC)$ :  $Y_2 = 135$ 2160 IFX1 < 800RX2 > 110 THEN2180 2170 LINE(X1,Y1) - (X2,Y2),PSET 2180 PMODE4,1:IFX5-R>10AND X5 + R < 245ANDY5 > 0ANDY5 < 80

THENCIRCLE(X5,Y5),R,Ø,1Ø,Ø,.5

2190 IF RL = RR AND PP = PT THEN2290 2200 IFHF = 1 THENLINE(X3,Y3) -(X4,Y4),PRESET  $2210 \text{ HF} = 0:YC = 33 + PT^{*}4:X3 = 11:$ X4 = 244:Y3 = YC + 118\*TAN  $(RL^{*}2^{*}C):Y4 = YC - 118^{*}TAN$ (RL\*2\*C) 2220 IF(YC < 100RYC > 79)ANDRL = 0 THEN2290 2230 IFY3 < 1THENX3 = 128 - (128 - X3)\* (1 - YC)/(Y3 - YC):Y3 = 1:GOTO22502240 IFY3 > 79THENX3 = 128 - (128 - $X3)^{*}(79 - YC)/(Y3 - YC):Y3 = 79$ 2250 IFY4 < 1THENX4 = 128 - (128 - X4)\* (1 - YC)/(Y4 - YC):Y4 = 1:GOTO22702260 IFY4 > 79THENX4 = 128 - (128 - $X4)^{*}(79 - YC)/(Y4 - YC):Y4 = 79$ 2270 IFX3 < 110RX4 > 244THEN2290



2290 WB = AD: IFAD > 180 THENWB =WB-360 2300 IFRB > 180 THENWB = WB + 360 - 360 HerbitRB ELSEWB = WB - RB2310 IFABS(WB) > 60 ANDABS(PY)>1000 THEN2370  $2320 \text{ AN} = 118/(60^{\circ}\text{SQR}((X3 - X4)^{\circ}))$  $(X3 - X4) + (Y3 - Y4)^{*}(Y3 - Y4)):$ X5 = (X3 + X4)/2 + SGN(X3 - X4) + $WB^*AN^*(X3 - X4)$  $2330 Y5 = (Y3 + Y4)/2 + 2 + WB^*AN^*$ (Y3 - Y4):IFX5 < 110RX5 > 244 ORY5 < 10RY5 > 79THEN2370 2340 IFABS(PY) < 1000 THENR = 8 -Y5/10 ELSER = 4000/ABS(PY):  $IFR^{*}10 + Y5 > 80 THENR = 8 - Y5/10$ 2350 IFY5 < 10RY5 > 790RX5 - R <110RX5 + R > 244THEN2370 236Ø CIRCLE(X5,Y5),R,5,1Ø,Ø,.5

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2370 PCOPY7TO3:PCOPY8TO4

2380 RR = RL:PP = PT:RETURN

5080 GZ = VZ: GY = VY + WY: GX = VX + WX

5090 TC = 5

5100 RT = 3:TP = 5:WR = 50

5500 IF RND(10) = 1 THEN RL =

RL - SGN(RL) + (RND(5) - 3)

5505 IF RND(10) = 1 THEN

PT = PT + 3 - RND(2)*2

5510 GOSUB 1000: IF PZ < 0 THEN 5530

5520 GOSUB 2000: GOTO 5500

5530 GOTO 5530.
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The first commands to be followed by the computer in this part of the program, are contained in the Lines 5080 to 5530. Line 5080 sets the variables that control the position of the aeroplane in the sky, according to its speed in any direction, and the strength



and direction of the wind. GZ tells how far the aeroplane has moved along the Z (up and down) axis; VZ refers to the up and down velocity; VY is the velocity forwards or backwards (along the Y axis), WY is the windspeed in the same direction; GX, VX and WX refer to the distance moved, velocity and windspeed along the X axis—that is, right to left.

Line 5090 sets the rev counter, and Line 5100 defines the limits of the roll (RT), the pitch (TP) and the width of the runway (WR).

The last five lines are the temporary commands. These cause the aeroplane to fly rather crazily, as pitch and roll are randomly calculated.

The subroutine from Line 1000 to 1120updates all the variables as the aeroplane flies. Lines 1030 and 1040 check to see if you have allowed your aeroplane to fall below the stalling speed of 30 metres per second, and if so, sends you to the subroutine that runs from Lines 1500 to 1520, which recreates the effect of a stall. Line 1510 introduces a random element into the stall—it could merely plummet like a stone to the ground, or go into a spin as it does so. The subroutine 500 to 510, to which you are sent by Line 1110, works out the angle the aeroplane is flying at.

The subroutine that begins at Line  $2\phi\phi\phi$ , and ends at Line 238 $\phi$ , makes up the remainder of this part of the program. This updates the screen by adjusting the instrument panel, which displays the changing position and movement of the aeroplane.

Line 2000 transfers the original version of the cockpit elsewhere in memory. The airspeed dial is updated by Line 2010, while Lines 2020 and 2030 affect the altitude dial. The rev counter is changed by Line 2040, while Line 2050 updates the bearing of the aeroplane. The runway bearing is changed by Lines 2060 to 2080, and the next line, 2090, displays the new value for the distance.

Line 2190 checks to see whether the horizon should be updated, and Lines 2100 to 2170 draw the new artificial horizon in the dial, while Lines 2200 to 2280 draw the real horizon, if it can be seen through the window.

The new position of the runway is calculated by the Lines  $229\emptyset$  to  $236\emptyset$ . Line  $235\emptyset$ checks to see whether the runway can be drawn on the screen yet. The runway increases in size as the aeroplane approaches, and Line  $218\emptyset$  blots out the previous runway as the bigger one is drawn.

These changes have been made invisibly, one by one, on an unseen graphics page. Line  $237\emptyset$  transfers all the redrawn dials and counters to the screen using PCOPY, so that they are seen to move and change simultaneously.

# WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN

'I shot an arrow into the air, It fell to earth, I knew not where' Here's how to get your computer to find out, plus routines that could build into exciting action games

There is a particular beauty in watching a computer plot the path of an object in flight, and there are many instances—particularly in games programming—where this type of programming is suitable. Without the use of a computer, plotting such paths would be extremely tedious and liable to many errors. In only a few lines of programming, however, you can get your micro to carry out accurately the vast number of calculations necessary to produce startling results.

The ways in which objects move can depend on several factors, and it is important that at least some of these are taken into account if an action program is to give a realistic effect.

One important special case concerns the motion of an object as it rises from the Earth's surface and is slowed by gravity—or as it falls and is speeded up by gravity. This article shows how to program the motion of projectiles—objects that move horizontally at constant speed (ignoring friction in the air) and vertically under the influence of gravity.

One reason why fighting games set in the free fall vacuum of space are so common is that in space you can ignore the effects of gravity and air friction on the motion of both space vehicles and shots. That is not to say there is no gravity in space; there is, but usually its effects are so small that it can reasonably be ignored or it can be assumed that all objects are affected by the same gravity field.

By contrast, battles on Earth that involve thrown or shot objects have to take account of gravity and, often, friction due to air and the effects of wind. Besides military games, there are many instances for which a knowledge of projectile motion is essential for realistic programming. Among these are many sports and athletics simulations, including throwing and kicking balls, diving, darts and all sorts of jumping.

All the projectiles in these instances (whether people or things) have one thing in common—they travel in a trajectory or path which belongs to a group of curves known as parabolas. Writing a program to simulate movement in a parabolic path is not difficult, requiring only an understanding of the forces that cause the motion, and the use of some elementary maths.

Knowing that the motion of a thrown ball, for example, results from a combination of motions in two separate directions gives sufficient clues to solve the problem of programming. One of these directions is along the horizontal or X axis. The other is up and down the Y axis. Throughout this article, it is assumed that a projectile moves at constant speed in the X direction. In fact, an actual object would be slowed by friction in the air, but this is a complication best avoided for all but the most accurate work.

#### HORIZONTAL MOTION

Enter the first program to simulate horizontal motion, but do not confuse 'I' with '1'. All the programs are for the machines' standard BASIC except for the Vic 20 which needs a Super Expander.

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- 100 BORDER 7: PAPER 7: INK Ø: CLS
- 105 POKE 23658,8
- 110 PRINT INVERSE 1;AT 2,12;"□ MENU□" 120 PRINT AT 6,5;"1: - □ PURE
  - HORIZONTAL MOTION"
- 130 PRINT AT 8,5;"2: □ PURE VERTICAL MOTION"
- 140 PRINT AT 10,5;"3: - A MIXTURE"
- 150 PRINT AT 12,5;"4: -
- □ ELEVATIONS"
- 200 LET I\$ = INKEY\$: IF I\$ = "" THEN GOTO 200
- 205 IF I\$ < "1" OR I\$ > "4" THEN GOTO 200

210 GOSUB VAL 1\$\*1000

- 22Ø RUN
- 1000 CLS
- 1020 LET SP = 30
- 1030 PRINT "HORIZONTAL SPEED M/S..." 1040 FOR R = 124 TO 28 STEP - 16
- 1040 FUR R = 124 10
- 1045 LET T = 0
- 1050 PRINT AT 21 (R/8),0;SP
- 1060 INPUT "PRESS ENTER TO SHOOT", LINE Z\$
- 1090 LET  $X = SP^{*}T$ : LET T = T + 1
- 1100 PLOT 30 + X,R: BEEP .1,R/4
- 111Ø PAUSE 1Ø
- 1120 IF 30 + SP\*T < 250 THEN GOTO 1090

- 1150 IF R = 28 THEN GOTO 1200
- 1160 INPUT "NEW SPEED (Ø END)", LINE I\$
- 1165 LET SP = VAL I\$
- 1170 IF SP < 0 OR SP > 1000 THEN GOTO 1160
- 1190 IF SP = 0 THEN LET R = 28
- 1200 NEXT R
- 1210 RETURN

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150 PRINT SPC(8);"3 C A MIXTURE



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160 PRINT SPC(8);"4 
ELEVATIONS 2" 170 GET I\$:IF I\$ < "1" OR I\$ > "4" THEN 170 180 SYS 832 190 ON VAL(I\$) GOSUB 1000,2020,3020, 4040 200 RUN 1000 SP = 301010 PRINT " HORIZONTAL SPEED": PRINT "M/S..." 1040 FOR Y = 35 TO 155 STEP 24 1042 T = 01045 PRINT LEFT\$(DN\$,Y/8);SP 1050 PRINT DN\$;"TYPE RETURN TO SHOOT" 1060 GET X\$: IF X\$ < > CHR\$(13) THEN 1060 1070 GOSUB 9000  $1090 X = SP^{T} + 20:T = T + 1$ 1092 GOSUB 10000 1095 FR = SP/2 + 50: GOSUB 11000 1100 FOR D = 1 TO 50: GET X\$: IF X\$ = "" THEN NEXT 1120 IF SP\*T + 20 < 300 THEN 1090 1122 FOR D = 1 TO 2000: NEXT D

1124 GOSUB 9500 1126 IF Y = 155 THEN 1200 1130 PRINT DN\$;" 

NEW SPEED 
(0 1140 IF SP < 0 OR SP > 260 THEN 1130 1150 IF SP = 0 THEN Y = 150 1200 NEXT Y **1210 RETURN** 9000 POKE 56576,150:POKE 53265,187: POKE 53272,29:RETURN

9500 POKE 56576,151:POKE 53265,27: POKE 53272,21:RETURN  $10000 \text{ BY} = 24576 + (YAND248)^{*}40 +$ (XAND5Ø4) + (YAND7):POKEBY,PEEK (BY)OR2 + (7 - (XAND7)) **10010 RETURN** 11000 POKE 54296,10 11010 POKE 54278,249

11020 POKE 54276.33 11030 POKE 54273, FR 11040 FOR D = 1 TO 75: NEXT 11050 POKE 54276.32 **11060 RETURN** 12000 DATA 169,0,133,251,169,96,133,252, 169,0,168,145,251,200,208,251 12010 DATA 230,252,165,252,201,128, 208,240 12020 DATA 162,0,169,7,157,0,68,157, 0,69,157,0,70,157,232,70,232,208, 241,96 13000 FOR Z = 832 TO 875:READ X:POKE Z,X:NEXT Z:RETURN G 100 GRAPHIC 0:PRINT" "POKE 36878,15:S = 36876 110 PRINT TAB(8);" 🛃 MENU" 120 PRINT "🛃 🔜 1 🗆 – 🗆 HORIZONTAL MOTION' 130 PRINT "III2□ - □ VERTICAL MOTION" 140 PRINT "33 - - A MIXTURE" 150 PRINT " 150 PRINT " 150 PRINT "

200 GET I\$:IF I\$ < "1" OR I\$ > "4" THEN

200

4000 220 RUN

1000 PRINT """ 1020 SP = 30

210 ON VAL(1\$) GOSUB 1000,2020,3020,

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1040 FOR R = 1 TO 6:PRINT "HORIZONTAL SPEED M/S ...." 1050 PRINT SP:T = 0 1060 INPUT "IN HIT RETURN TO SHOOT";Z\$ 1070 GRAPHIC 2  $1090 X = SP^{T}T = T + 1$ 1100 POINT 1,X,500:POKE 36876,128 + (X/10)1120 IF SP\*T < 1023 THEN 1090 1130 POKE S.0:FOR Z = 1 TO 1000:NEXT Z:GRAPHIC Ø 1150 IF R = 6 THEN 1200 1160 I\$ = "":INPUT " NEW SPEED (0 END)":1\$  $1165 \text{ SP} = \text{VAL}(1\$): \text{IF LEN}(1\$) = \emptyset \text{ THEN } 116\emptyset$ 1170 IF SP < 0 OR SP > 1023 THEN 1160 1190 IF SP = 0 THEN RETURN 1200 NEXT R 1210 RETURN

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A MIXTURE"" 150 PRINT" 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 **ELEVATIONS**" 160 REPEAT: I\$ = GET\$: UNTIL I\$ > "0" AND 1\$<"5" 170 GOSUB VAL I\$\*1000:RUN 1000 MODE5 1010 VDU19,3,0,0,0,0,19,0,2,0,0,0 1020 SP = 301030 PRINT' "HORIZONTAL SPEED"""m/s..." 1040 FOR R = 800 TO 200 STEP - 96 1045 T = 01050 PRINT TAB(0,7 + (800 - R)/32);SP TAB(0,30);"RETURN TO SHOOT"; 1060 B = GET 1070 PRINT TAB(0,30);SPC(16) **1080 REPEAT**  $1090 X = SP^{T}T = T + 1$ 1100 PLOT69,192 + X,R - 16: SOUND1, -15, R/4,2 1110 D = INKEY(85)1120 UNTIL SP\*T + 192 >1100 1130 IF R < 250 **THEN 1200** 1140 D = INKEY(100)1150 REPEAT

1160 INPUT TAB( $\emptyset$ ,29)"NEW SPEED( $\emptyset$ END):"I\$:PRINT TAB( $\emptyset$ ,29);SPC(3 $\emptyset$ ); 1165 SP = VAL I\$ 1170 UNTIL LEN I\$> $\emptyset$  AND SP> =  $\emptyset$  AND SP < 1000 1190 IF SP =  $\emptyset$  THEN R =  $\emptyset$ 1200 NEXT 1210 RETURN

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100 CLS:PMODE3 110 PRINT@13,"menu" 120 PRINT@131,"1 – PURE HORIZONTAL MOTION" 130 PRINT@195,"2 – PURE VERTICAL MOTION" 140 PRINT@259,"3 – A MIXTURE" 150 PRINT@323,"4 – ELEVATIONS" 160 A\$ = INKEY\$:IF A\$ < "1" OR A\$ > "4" THEN 160 170 ON VAL(A\$) GOSUB 1000,2000, 3000,4000 180 A\$ = INKEY\$ 190 IF INKEY\$ = "" AND PEEK(65314) < > 7 THEN 190 ELSE RUN 52 BASIC PROGRAMMING 52

1000 PCLS 1010 LINE(0,0) - (255,191), PSET, B 1020 SP = 30 1030 CLS:PRINT"HORIZONTAL SPEED": PRINT"M/S ...." 1040 FOR R = 39 TO 159 STEP 24:T = -1 1050 PRINT@32\*INT(R/12) - 1,SP; """:PRINT@448,"ENTER TO SHOOT" 1060 IF INKEY\$ < > CHR\$(13) THEN 1060 1070 SCREEN1.0  $1090 T = T + 1:X = SP^{*}T$ 1100 PSET(30 + X/5,R,2):SOUNDR,1 1105 D = 501110 IF PEEK(345) = 255 AND D > 0 THEN D = D - 1:GOTO11101120 IF SP\*(T+1)/5 < 223 THEN 1090 1130 IF R > 150 THEN 1200 1135 D = 2001139 A\$ = INKEY\$ 1140 IF INKEY\$ = "" AND D > 0 THEN D = D - 1:GOTO11401160 PRINT@448, "": PRINT@448, "NEW SPEED (Ø END) :";:INPUT SP 1170 IF SP < Ø OR SP > 999 THEN 1160 1190 IF SP = 0 THEN R = 160 1200 NEXT 1210 RETURN

RUN the program to see a menu of four options. As yet, you have only keyed the routine for the first option, so if you press 2, 3 or 4, you will get an error message. When you press 1, the program branches to the routine beginning at Line 1000.

This routine uses a FOR ... NEXT loop (Lines 1040 to 1200) to let you throw an object horizontally at six different speeds. The first time round the loop, a speed of 30 metres per second (m/s) is chosen automatically and simulated as a series of points in a straight line.

After the first pass round the loop, you are prompted to enter a different value for speed, but you can escape from the loop by entering  $\emptyset$ , when the program RUNs again and displays the menu. Enter a value—for example, 60 and press <u>RETURN</u> or <u>ENTER</u> again to shoot. You can speed up the action by holding down or repeatedly pressing this key (the space bar on Commodores, Dragon and Tandy). Now compare the result with the 30 m/s line. Enter and compare five other speeds, after which the display will return to the menu.

The section of program that PLOTs the points lies between Lines 1090 and 1120. The variable T simulates time which, in this case increases by steps of one second, so the points are spaced out regularly (necessary for constant speed) in the horizontal (X axis) direction. The actual separation of points is set by the term SP<sup>\*</sup>T at Line 1090. This term ensures that the greater the speed (SP), the greater is the separation of the points.

You may recognize SP'T as part of the formula Distance Is Speed times Time, as it is taught in school physics lessons. From this it is clear that the program plots distances (the space between points) to simulate speed.

#### VERTICAL MOTION

Enter the next few lines, which give you a routine to simulate motion in the vertical direction:

2000 CLS 2020 LET G = 10: LET SP = 50 2030 PRINT "GRAV. ACCELERATION: m/s/s..." 2040 FOR R = 3 TO 18 STEP 3 2050 PRINT AT 20,R;"\*";AT 21,R;G 2060 INPUT "ENTER TO SHOOT", LINE IS 2080 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP .5  $2090 \text{ LET H} = \text{SP}^{*}\text{T} - 0.5^{*}\text{G}^{*}\text{T}^{*}\text{T}$ 2100 IF H > 143 THEN BEEP .05,10: PAUSE 50: NEXT T: GOTO 2110 2105 IF H > = 0 THEN PLOT  $R^*8 + 4, H + 32$ : BEEP .05,H/4: PAUSE 40: NEXT T 2110 IF R > 15 THEN GOTO 2180 2140 INPUT "NEW G (Ø END)", LINE I\$ 2142 IF LEN IS = Ø THEN GOTO 2140 2145 LET G = VAL I\$ 2150 IF NOT (LEN 1 > 0 AND G > = 0 AND G < 400) THEN GOTO 2140 2170 IF G = Ø THEN LET R = 18 2180 NEXT R **2190 RETURN** 

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2020 G = 10:SP = 50 2025 PRINT" GRAV ACCELERATION: M/S/S ..." 2040 FOR X = 40 TO 280 STEP 48 2042 PRINT DN\$;SPC(X/8);"\* 2 ... ;G 2045 PRINT "RETURN TO SHOOT" 2050 GET IS: IF IS < > CHR\$(13) THEN 2050 2060 GOSUB 9000 2070 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP 0.25 2090 H = SP\*T - 0.5\*G\*T\*T 2095 Y = 179 - H2100 IF H > 0 AND H < 180 THEN GOSUB 10000: FR = H/2 + 50: GOSUB 11000 2102 IF H > = 180 THEN FR = 250: GOSUB 11000 2105 FOR D = 1 TO 50: GET X\$: IF X\$ = "" THEN NEXT 2108 IF H < 0 THEN T = 250 2110 NEXT T 2120 FOR D = 1 TO 2000: NEXT 2125 GOSUB 9500 2127 IF X = 280 THEN 2170 2130 PRINT DN\$:PRINT

#### ;G

2150 IF G < 0 OR G > 200 THEN 2130 2160 IF G = 0 THEN X = 280 2170 NEXT 2180 RETURN

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2020 G = 10:SP = 502040 FOR R = 1 TO 6 KEEP: GRAPHIC Ø 2045 PRINT "GRAV.ACCELERATION: 2050 PRINT G 2060 INPUT "RETURN TO SHOOT"; **Z\$:GRAPHIC 2** 2080 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP.5  $2090 H = SP^{*}T - .5^{*}G^{*}T^{*}T$ 2100 IF H > 1023 THEN POKE \$.250:NEXT T:GOTO 2110 2105 IF H > = 0 THEN: POINT 1,512, 1023 - H:POKE 36876,128 + (H/10): NEXT T 2110 IF R = 6 THEN POKE S.Ø:GOTO 2180 2140 POKE S.Ø:FOR Z = 1 TO 1000:NEXT Z:GRAPHIC Ø:I\$ = "":INPUT " NEW G (Ø END)";I\$ 2142 IF LEN(I\$) = Ø THEN 214Ø 2145 G = VAL(1\$)2150 IF LEN(I\$) =  $\emptyset$  OR G <  $\emptyset$  OR G > 400 **THEN 2140** 2170 IF G = Ø THEN R = 6 218Ø NEXT R **2190 RETURN** 

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2000 MODE5 2010 VDU19,3,0,0,0,0,19,0,6,0,0,0,24,0; 128;1280;975; 2020 G = 10:SP = 502030 PRINT' "GRAV. ACCELERATION: m/s/s..." 2040 FOR R = 3 TO 18 STEP 3 2050 PRINT TAB(R,28); "\*" TAB(R-1,29);G 2060 PRINT TAB(0,30)"RETURN TO SHOOT": REPEAT: D = GET: UNTIL D = 132070 PRINT TAB(0,30);SPC(16) 2080 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP.5 2090 H = SP\*T - 0.5\*G\*T\*T 2100 IF H > 220 THEN SOUND1, -15, 250,2:D = INKEY(50):NEXT T ELSEIF  $H > = \emptyset$  THEN PLOT69,  $(R + \emptyset.5)$ \*64,H\*4+128:SOUND1,-15,H/4,2: D = INKEY(85):NEXT T2110 IF R > 15 THEN 2180 2120 D = INKEY(100)**2130 REPEAT** 2140 INPUT TAB(0,30)"NEW G (0 END):" I\$: PRINT TAB(0,30);SPC(19) 2145 G = VAL I\$

2150 UNTIL LEN I $\gg 0$  AND G > = 0 AND G < 400 2170 IF G = 0 THEN R = 18 2180 NEXT R 2190 RETURN

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2000 PCLS 2010 LINE(0,0) - (255,191), PSET, B 2020 G = 10:SP = 50:CLS 2030 PRINT@32,"GRAV. ACCELERATION:":PRINT"M/S/S..." 2040 FOR R = 0 TO 25 STEP 5 2050 PRINT@416 + R,"\*" + MID\$ (STR\$(G),2); 2060 PRINT@448,"ENTER TO SHOOT" 2065 IF INKEY\$ < > CHR\$(13) THEN 2065 2070 SCREEN1.0 2080 FOR T = 0 TO 100 STEP .5 2090 H = SP\*T - .5\*G\*T\*T 2095 IF H < 0 THEN T = 250:GOTO 2108 2100 IF H > 159 THEN SOUND250.1: D = 30 ELSE PSET(10 + R\*8,160 -H,2):SOUNDH + 10,1:D = 50 2105 IF PEEK(345) = 255 AND D > 0 THEN D = D - 1:GOTO 2105 2108 NEXT 2110 IF R > 20 THEN 2180 2115 D = 802119 A\$ = INKEY\$ 2120 IF INKEY\$ = "" AND D > 0 THEN D = D - 1:GOTO21202140 PRINT@448, "": PRINT@448, "NEW G (Ø END):";:INPUT G 2150 IF G < 0 OR G > 400 THEN 2140 2170 IF G = 0 THEN R = 26 2180 NEXT **2190 RETURN** 

RUN the program and this time enter 2 to select the second option on the menu. Now press <u>ENTER</u> or <u>RETURN</u> to see a series of points plotted vertically up the screen. Notice, however, that the points are not equally spaced, but instead get closer towards the top.

This is because the object is slowed down by gravity. And this time, the sound helps to explain what is happening. As the object ascends, the pitch of the sound rises, and as it falls the pitch gets lower.

The routine gives you six trials as before (set at Line  $2\emptyset 4\emptyset$ ) to enter different values for the effect of gravity. This is the variable G, which initially is set to  $1\emptyset$  (Line  $2\emptyset 2\emptyset$ ) and used at Line  $2\emptyset 9\emptyset$ .

This relationship is the formula for the distance an object falls under gravity. Its usual form is:  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$ , where s is the distance (H in this case), t the time and g the *acceleration due to gravity* (G). Notice that T<sup>\*</sup>T is used at Line 2090 instead of T $\uparrow$ 2, because

microcomputers are faster at multiplying than at squaring numbers.

The acceleration of an object is a measure of its change of speed with time. Near the Earth's surface, g has a value approximately equal to 10 m/s/s. This means that the speed of a falling object increases by 10 m/s each second. The speed of an object in ascent decreases by 10 m/s each second. This is a negative acceleration. That is why there is a minus sign (instead of a plus as in the standard formula) at Line 2090.

The expression of g is commonly used in relation to space travel. For example, acceleration of a manned spacecraft taking off for orbit reaches about 10 g. This means that the craft is increasing speed by 10\*10 m/s/s or 100 m/s/s. A later article will cover the topic of orbits in more detail.

The first time round the loop starting at Line  $2\emptyset 4\emptyset$ , the positions of the object are plotted at one-second intervals. The initial speed is 50 m/s and the value for G is 10 m/s/s (both set at Line  $2\emptyset 2\emptyset$ ). As in the first routine, you can speed up the action by holding down or repeatedly pressing [ENTER] or RETURN (or the space bar). You can then change the value of G, when prompted on the screen, and compare the effect of six different values. Before the loop is complete, you can escape from it by entering  $\emptyset$ , when the program returns to the menu.

#### COMBINED MOTION

To simulate the motion of a projectile, you need only combine these routines so that the object moves in both horizontal and vertical directions at the same time. Enter the next few lines to set up the third routine:

- 3000 CLS 3020 LET G = 10: LET SP = 50 3030 FOR R = 1 TO 6 3040 PRINT AT 0.0;"G = ";G;"m/s/s  $\Box$  ""
- "SPEED = ";SP;"m/s□"
- 3050 INPUT "ENTER TO SHOOT", LINE I\$
- 3070 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP .5

$$3080 \text{ LET H} = \text{SP*SIN} ((\text{PI}/180)*45)$$

- \*T-.5\*G\*T\*T
- 3090 LET X = SP\*COS ((PI/180)\*45)\*T
- 3100 IF H < 175 AND X < 255 THEN GOTO
- 31Ø5
- 3102 IF H > 0 THEN BEEP .05,10: PAUSE 25: NEXT T: GOTO 3110
- 3103 LET T = 250: NEXT T: GOTO 3110 3105 IF H > = 0 THEN PLOT X,H:BEEP
- .05,H/4: PAUSE 40: NEXT T: GOTO 3110 3106 LET T = 250: NEXT T
- 3110 IF R = 6 THEN GOTO 3230
- 3120 PAUSE 50

3140 INPUT "NEW G ( $\emptyset$  END)", LINE I\$ 3150 IF LEN I\$= $\emptyset$  THEN GOTO 314 $\emptyset$ 3155 LET G = VAL I\$ 3160 IF NOT (LEN I\$> $\emptyset$  AND G> = $\emptyset$  AND G < 1000) THEN GOTO 314 $\emptyset$ 3170 IF G = $\emptyset$  THEN LET R =6: GOTO 323 $\emptyset$ 3190 INPUT "NEW SPEED", LINE I\$ 3195 LET SP = VAL I\$ 3200 IF NOT (LEN I\$> $\emptyset$  AND SP> $\emptyset$  AND SP < 100 $\emptyset$ ) THEN GOTO 319 $\emptyset$ 3230 NEXT R 324 $\emptyset$  RETURN

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3020 G = 10: SP = 50 3030 FOR R = 1 TO 6 3032 PRINT " G = "G"M/S/S ... SPEED = ";SP;" M/S" 3035 PRINT DN\$;"TYPE RETURN TO SHOOT" 3040 GET IS: IF IS < > CHR(13) THEN3040 3045 GOSUB 9000 3050 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP 0.25  $3080 \text{ H} = \text{SP*SIN}(45^*\pi/180)^*\text{T} - 0.5^*$ G\*T\*T  $3090 X = SP^*COS(45^*\pi/180)^*T + 20$ 3091 IF H > = 0 AND H < 179 AND X < 300THEN Y = 179 - H:GOSUB10000: FR = H/2 + 50:GOSUB11000 3092 IF H > = 179 THEN FR = 250: GOSUB 11000 3093 IF H < 0 THEN T = 250 3095 FOR D = 1 TO 50: GET X\$: IF X\$ = "" THEN NEXT 3100 NEXT T 3103 FOR D = 1 TO 2000:NEXT 3105 GOSUB 9500 3110 IF R = 6 THEN 3230 3120 PRINT "🗃 🔜 🖼 ": INPUT "NEW G 🗆 (Ø 🗆 END) 🗆 🗆 🗆 🗆 🗆 🗆 🖬 📲 :"G 3130 IF G < 0 OR > 1000 THEN 3120 3140 IFG = 0 THEN R = 6: GOTO 3230 3150 PRINT " 🗃 🔜 🔜 🔜 ": INPUT "NEW SPEED □":SP 3160 IF SP < 0 OR SP > 1000 THEN 3150 323Ø NEXT R 3240 RETURN C 3020 G = 10:SP = 50

- 3030 FOR R = 1 TO 6:GRAPHIC Ø
- 3040 PRINT " G = "G;"M/S/S":PRINT "SPEED = ";SP;"M/S"
- 3050 INPUT "I RETURN TO SHOOT";Z\$: GRAPHIC 2
- 3070 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP.5
- 3080 H = SP\*SIN( $(\pi/180)$ \*45)\*T .5 \*G\*T\*T
- $3090 X = SP^*COS((\pi/180)^*45)^*T$

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3100 IF H < 1023 AND X < 1023 THEN 3105 3102 IF H > 0 THEN POKE S.250:NEXT T:GOTO 3110 3103 T = 250:NEXT T:GOTO 3110 3105 IFH > = 0 THEN:POINT1, X, 1023 - H:POKES,128 + (X/10):NEXTT:GOTO 3110 3106 T = 250:NEXT T 3110 IF R = 6 THEN POKE S.0:GOTO 3230 3120 POKE S.0:FOR Z = 1 TO 1000:NEXT Z:GRAPHIC Ø 3140 I\$ = "":INPUT " NEW G(Ø END)";I\$ 3150 IF LEN(1\$) = 0 THEN 3140 3155 G = VAL(1\$)3160 IF LEN(I\$) =  $\emptyset$  OR G <  $\emptyset$  OR G > 1000 **THEN 3140** 3170 IF G = Ø THEN R = 6:GOTO 3230 3190 I\$ = "":INPUT " NEW SPEED";I\$ 3195 SP = VAL(1\$)3200 IF LEN(I\$) = 0 OR SP < 1 ORSP>1000 THEN 3190 3230 NEXT R **3240 RETURN** 

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3000 MODE5 3010 VDU19,3,3,0,0,0,19,0,4,0,0,0,24,0; 128;1280;900; 3020 G = 10:SP = 50 3030 FOR R = 1 TO 6 3040 PRINT TAB(0,1);"G = ";G; "□m/s/s"""SPEED = ";SP;"□m/s" 3050 PRINT TAB(0,30)"RETURN TO SHOOT□":D = GET 3060 PRINT TAB(0,30);SPC(16) 3070 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP.5 3080 H = SP\*SIN RAD 45\*T -Ø.5\*G\*T\*T 3090 X = SP\*COS RAD 45\*T 3100 IF H < 220 AND X < 320 THEN 3105 3102 IF H > 0 THEN SOUND1, -15, 250,2:D = INKEY(50):NEXT:GOTO 3110 3103 T = 250:NEXT:GOTO 3110 3105 IF H > = 0 THEN PLOT69, X\*4, H\*4+128:SOUND1,-15,H/4,2: D = INKEY(85):NEXT ELSE T = 250: NEXT3110 IF R = 6 THEN 3230 3120 D = INKEY(100)**3130 REPEAT** 3140 INPUT TAB(0,29)"NEW G (0 END) "1\$ 3150 PRINT TAB(0,29);SPC(19); 3155 G = VAL I\$ 3160 UNTIL LEN |  $\gg 0$  AND G > = 0 AND G<1000 3170 IF G = Ø THEN R = 6:GOTO 3230 318Ø REPEAT 3190 INPUT TAB(0,29)"NEW SPEED: ""I\$: PRINT TAB(0,29);SPC(30); 3195 SP = VAL 1\$ 3200 UNTIL LEN 1\$>0 AND SP>0 AND SP < 1000



Trajectories are changed by altering gravity or the object's speed



Without gravity and air friction, a projectile's velocity is constant

3230 NEXT R 3240 RETURN

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3000 PCLS 3010 LINE(0,0) - (255,191), PSET, B 3020 G = 10:SP = 50 3030 FOR R = 1 TO 6:CLS  $3040 \text{ PRINT"G} \square \square \square = ";G;"M/S/S":$ PRINT"SPEED = ";SP;"M/S" 3050 PRINT@448,"ENTER TO SHOOT" 3060 IF INKEY\$ < > CHR\$(13) THEN 3060 3065 SCREEN1.0 3070 FOR T = 0 TO 200 STEP .5  $3080 H = SP^*SIN(ATN(1))^*T - .5^*G^*T^*T$  $3090 X = SP^*COS(ATN(1))^*T$ 3095 IF H < 0 THEN T = 250:GOTO 3106 3100 IF X > 251 THEN T = 250:GOTO 3106 ELSE IF H > 189 THEN SOUND 250,1:D = 25 ELSE PSET(X + 2,  $190 - H_{R}(R + 3)/2$ :SOUNDH + 10.1:D = 35 3104 IF PEEK(345) = 255 AND D > 0 THEN D = D - 1:GOTO 31043106 NEXT 3110 IF R > 5 THEN 3230 3115 D = 100 3119 A\$ = INKEY\$ 3120 IF INKEY\$ = "" AND D > 0 THEN D = D - 1:GOTO31203130 PRINT@416, "": PRINT@448, "" 3140 PRINT@416,"NEW G (Ø END)";: INPUT G

3160 IF G < 0 OR G > 9999 THEN 3130 3170 IF G = 0 THEN R = 6:GOTO 3230 3180 PRINT@448,"" 3190 PRINT@448,"NEW SPEED:";: INPUT SP 3200 IF SP < 0 OR SP > 999 THEN 3180 3230 NEXT 3240 RETURN

RUN the program and enter 3 in response to the prompt to select the third option. When you press [ENTER] or [RETURN], points are plotted in a curve starting at the bottom left of the screen and ending some way along towards the bottom right. This is the trajectory of an object shot at a speed of 50 m/s in a gravity of 10 m/s/s.

The structure of the routine is similar to that of the previous two. The calculating and plotting sections are in a FOR ... NEXT loop (Lines  $3\emptyset 3\emptyset$  to  $323\emptyset$ ), which lets you compare six different trajectories, five of which you specify. As in the other trials, you can escape from the routine by entering  $\emptyset$  at this or any subsequent stage, to return to the menu. It is more likely, however, that you wish to enter a new set of values to compare trajectories.

Enter a value of 5 for G and keep SP at  $5\emptyset$ , then press ENTER or RETURN to shoot. This time the object will go higher and farther. Now keep G at 5, but reduce SP to 25 and compare the result. Continue experimenting, changing both G and SP, and listen to the sounds to help you understand the motion of the object when it disappears from the screen. A note which is increasing in pitch indicates that the object is rising, whereas a decreasing one indicates it is falling.

#### HOW IT WORKS

Remember that the trajectory of the object is plotted as H coordinates in the Y axis direction, and as X coordinates in the X axis direction. These two coordinates are calculated at Lines  $3\emptyset 8\emptyset$  and  $3\emptyset 9\emptyset$ . The only difference is that here the H coordinate has speed (SP) multiplied by the SINE of an angle, and the X coordinate has SP multiplied by the COSine of the same angle ( $45^\circ$ ). This explains why, when G is small and SP is large, the trajectory is apparently a diagonal line at  $45^\circ$ .

The reason for these trigonometric ratios is to calculate what fraction of the object's motion applies in each of the two directions vertically and horizontally. These fractions are called components. If the starting speed of the object is 50 m/s, for example, both the vertical and horizontal components are somewhat less than 50. Added together, however, they give exactly 50 m/s.

You will not go wrong if you remember

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5000 DATA 24,36,36,36,24,0,0,0

that the vertical component is SP\*SIN A and the horizontal component is SP\*COS A. A is the angle of elevation of the gun, bow or whatever.

To understand how these values are arrived at, however, it helps to look at a sketch. The sketch on page 542 shows a projectile starting its motion with actual speed V at an angle A to the horizontal. The dashed lines show the components of speed (Vh and Vx) in the two directions. The sine of angle A is Vh/V, so this relationship can be arranged as  $Vh = V^*SIN A$ . Similarly, the cosine of A is Vx/V, which when rearranged becomes  $Vx = V^*COS A$ .

Following this pattern in the program, you need SP\*SIN 45 for the vertical component of speed, and SP\*COS 45 for the horizontal component.

Except on the Commodores and Spectrum, there is a RAD before 45 in Lines  $3\emptyset 8\emptyset$  and  $3\emptyset 9\emptyset$ . This is to convert degrees into radians, the way your computer measures angles. The Commodores achieve the conversion by multiplying the 45 by a factor.

#### CHANGING ANGLE

At this stage, you may be wondering why the angle should be fixed at  $45^{\circ}$ , because it limits the range of the projectile. Both the angle of elevation and the initial speed can be varied to change the range of the projectiles. And it is more usual to change the angle only to vary the range, leaving the speed constant. The next routine achieves just this:

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4000 CLS 4010 LET FL = 0 4020 RESTORE : FOR N = 0 TO 7: READ A: POKE USR "A" + N.A: NEXT N 4040 LET A = 70: LET SP = 50 4060 PRINT AT 0,0;"ANGLE = ";A;CHR\$ 144;CHR\$ 32 4070 INPUT "ENTER TO SHOOT", LINE I\$ 4080 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP .5 4090 LET H = SP\*SIN ((PI/18Ø)\*A)\*T - .5\*1Ø\*T\*T: LET X = 50\*COS ((PI/180)\*A)\*T 4100 IF H > = 0 THEN PLOT X.H + 16: BEEP .05,H/4: PAUSE 40: NEXT T: GOTO 4110 4105 LET T = 250: NEXT T 411Ø PAUSE 5Ø 4130 INPUT "NEW ANGLE (Ø END)", LINE I\$ 4135 IF LEN I\$ = Ø THEN GOTO 4130 4140 LET A = VAL I\$ 4150 IF NOT (LEN | > 0 AND A > = 0 AND A < 90) THEN GOTO 4130 4160 IF A = 0 THEN LET FL = 1 4170 IF NOT FL THEN GOTO 4060 **4180 RETURN** 

Cx 4040 A = 70: SP = 50 4041 PRINT "□ANGLE = □";A 4042 PRINT DN\$;"TYPE RETURN TO SHOOT" 4043 GET I\$: IF I\$ < > CHR\$(13) THEN 4043 4044 GOSUB 9000 4045 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP 0.25  $4050 \text{ H} = \text{SP*SIN}(\text{A*}\pi/180)^{*}\text{T} - 0.5^{*}10^{*}\text{T*T}$  $4060 X = SP^*COS(A^*\pi/180)^*T + 20$ 4070 IF H > = 0 THEN Y = 179 - H: GOSUB10000: FR = H/2 + 50: GOSUB 11000 4075 IFH < 0 THEN T = 250 4080 FOR D = 1 TO 50: GET X\$: IF X\$ = "" THEN NEXT 4090 NEXT T 4100 GOSUB 9500 4110 PRINT " 🚍 🛄 🛄 ": INPUT "NEW ANGLE (Ø END) 4120 IF A <  $\emptyset$  OR A > = 9 $\emptyset$  THEN 411 $\emptyset$ 4130 IF A > 0 THEN 4041 4140 RETURN C 4000 PRINT """ 4010 FL = 0 4040 A = 70:SP = 504060 GRAPHIC 0:PRINT "CANGLE =";A 4070 INPUT " RETURN TO SHOOT";Z\$: **GRAPHIC 2** 4080 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP.5 4090 H = SP\*SIN( $(\pi/180)$ \*A)\*T - .5\*10\*  $T^{T}X = 50^{COS}((\pi/180)^{A})^{T}$ 4100 IF H > = 0 THEN: POINT 1, X\*4, 1023 -(H\*6):POKE S,128 + (H/1Ø):NEXT T:GOTO 4110 4105 T = 250:NEXT T 4110 POKE S,0:FOR Z = 1 TO 1000: NEXT Z: **GRAPHIC Ø** 4130 I\$ = "":INPUT " NEW ANGLE (Ø END)"; 1\$ 4135 IF LEN(I\$) = Ø THEN 413Ø 4140 A = VAL(1\$)4150 IF LEN(I\$) =  $\emptyset$  OR A <  $\emptyset$  OR A > 9 $\emptyset$ **THEN 4130** 4160 IF A = 0 THEN FL = 1 4170 IF NOT FL THEN 4060 4180 RETURN 

4000 MODE5 4010 FL = 0 4020 VDU 23,225,24,36,36,36,36,24,0,0,0 4030 VDU 19,3,4,0,0,0,19,0,3,0,0,0,24, 0;128;1280;950; 4040 A = 70: SP = 50 4050 REPEAT 4060 PRINTTAB(0,0)"ANGLE = □";

#### A;CHR\$(225)"□"

- 4070 PRINTTAB(0,29)"RETURN TO SHOOT":D = GET:PRINTTAB(0,29) SPC(16)
- 4080 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP.5
- 4090 H = SP\*SIN RAD A\*T .5\*10\*T\*T:
- $X = SP^*COS RAD A^*T$ 4100 IF H > = 0 THEN PLOT69,X\*5, H\*4 + 100:SOUND1, -15,H/4.2:
  - D = INKEY(85):NEXT ELSE T = 250:NEXT
- 4110 D = INKEY(100)
- 412Ø REPEAT
- 4130 INPUT TAB(0,29)"NEW ANGLE (0 END): "1\$: PRINTTAB(0,29) SPC(26);
- 4140 A = VAL 1\$
- 4150 UNTIL LEN | > 0 AND A > = 0 AND A < 90
- 4160 IF A = 0 THEN FL = 1
- 4170 UNTIL FL
- 4170 ONTIL FI



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4000 PCLS 4020 LINE(0,0) - (255,191), PSET, B 4040 A = 70: SP = 50 4060 CLS:PRINT"ANGLE =";A; "DEGREES" 4070 PRINT@448,"ENTER TO SHOOT" 4072 IF INKEY\$ < > CHR\$(13) THEN 4072 4075 SCREEN1,0:AN = A\*ATN(1)/45 4080 FOR T = 0 TO 250 STEP .5 4090 H = SP\*SIN(AN)\*T - .5\*10\*T\*T:  $X = SP^*COS(AN)^*T$ 4092 IF H < 0 THEN T = 250:GOTO 4100 4094 IF X > 251 THEN T = 250:GOTO 4100 ELSE IF H > 189 THEN SOUND 250.1:D = 25 ELSE PSET(X + 2. 190-H,2):SOUNDH+10,1:D=35 4096 IF PEEK(345) = 255 AND D > 0 THEN D = D - 1:GOTO 40964100 NEXT

#### 4110 A\$ = INKEY\$ 4120 IF INKEY\$ = '''' THEN 4120 4130 PRINT@448,''NEW ANGLE ( $\emptyset$ END):'';: INPUT A 4160 IF A < $\emptyset$ OR A> = 90 THEN 4120 4170 IF A> $\emptyset$ THEN 4060 4180 RETURN

When you RUN the fourth option, you should see the trajectory of an object shot with a speed of 50 m/s and at an elevation of  $70^{\circ}$ (both set at Line 4040, and used in the relationships at Line 4090-4050 and 4060on the Commodore 64).

The routine works as the previous one, except that you can enter as many angles (each between 1° and 89°) as you wish, without returning to the menu. So every time you run through the routine, the variable A at Line 4090 is set to the angle you enter. This time the routine is in an infinite loop, so the display will not return to the menu unless you enter  $\emptyset$  as an angle.

Using this routine, try to find the angle that gives the longest range—the angle that lets the object travel farthest in the horizontal direction. You should have no trouble verifying that this angle is 45 degrees.

Most people know this either from experience or intuitively, but it is less well-known that in practice resistance makes a significant difference in most cases, and that 45 degrees gives the longest range only if the starting and landing points are at the same height. Nevertheless, any projectile game that depends only on the player getting the greatest range is doomed to failure, because there will not be a sufficient variation from the ideal angle which most players will either know or guess. In a subsequent article, you will see how these routines are used as the basis for a challenging and enthralling game.



# COMMODORE HI-RES GRAPHICS

Here is a really useful machine code program with a visible result. It extends the standard Commodore BASIC into normally inaccessible high-resolution graphics

So far, many of the painting and drawing programs for the Commodore given in *INPUT* have used Simons' BASIC. This is because you cannot access the machine's high-resolution graphics directly from standard Commodore BASIC. And to use a Simons' BASIC program, you need a special cartridge. But it is possible to write a machine code routine that will give you graphic instructions similar to those used in Simons' BASIC; the following program does just that.

This is the first of several articles which will allow you to RUN all the graphics programs published in *INPUT*, without needing a Simons' cartridge. All you need to do is ensure that the command words are prefixed with an @. It fits into the protected area from CØØØ to CFFF so you don't have to POKE the system variables to shift RAMTOP.

Because it is a long program—too long for *INPUT*'s assembler to cope with in one go it has been divided up into small chunks, each with their own origin. You'll find it easier to assemble that way.

#### SETTING UP

The first routine intercepts the computer and makes sure that it goes to this machine code program before doing anything else.

ORG 49152 LDX # &02 BACK LDA &C00B,X STA &73,X DEX BPL BACK RTS JMP &C00F BYT &00

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This small routine redirects the Commodore's own CHRGET routine, which starts at &0073, to the beginning of the main routine here. CHRGET is used by BASIC to get each character or token. So you are simply sending it off to perform the program given here, before it deals with any of the regular BASIC commands.

You'll note here that JMP &C00F is not actually a command in this part of the program. It is data. The rest of the routine picks this instruction byte by byte and stores it in &73, &74 and &75. When that's done, the computer is returned to BASIC. But now, when the computer tries to execute a program, it will be directed to your graphics program first.

BYT 00 sets aside an empty byte for the temporary storage of error codes.

#### LOCATING GRAPHIC COMMANDS

To be able to use your graphics routines with this program you have to insert an @ symbol in front of each graphics command. This routine searches through the BASIC program looking for an @ so it can locate the commands.



The first four instructions move the current BASIC byte pointer onto the next byte of BASIC. This is normally done in the CHRGET routine, but was overwritten when you redirected it.

LDA &9D and BEQ RUN check to see if a BASIC program is RUNning or not. The system variable at &009D is  $\emptyset$  if one is.

If no program is RUNning, X is loaded with ØD, the code for a syntax error. And JMP &0079 takes it back into the CHRGOT routine which goes on to PRINT the error message on the screen. This routine will not work in direct mode, only with a program.

If a BASIC program is RUNning, the processor branches forward to JSR &0079. Again, this jumps to the CHRGOT subroutine which gets the same byte of BASIC again. But because it has been called as a subroutine, as soon as it has finished, the processor returns to your program, rather than move onto the screen print ROM routine.

The BASIC byte can now be compared to the program token for an (a), &4 $\emptyset$ , If it finds

one, the processor branches on to the next routine. If not, the current error status is loaded into the X register from its store in COOE and the processor jumps back to the CHRGOT routine to PRINT the error message or start on the next byte.

#### STORING POINTERS

This section takes care of the pointers.

ORG 49200 JSR &0073 LDX &7A STX &FB LDX &7B STX &FC LDX # &01 STX &FE

The next byte of the BASIC program is obtained from the CHRGET routine. The current byte pointer is stored in &FB and &FC in the user area of the zero page. This is done so that they can be manipulated without corrupting the system variables.

The number 1 is stored in &FE. This location is being used as a counter for the graphic keyword being dealt with.

ORG 49167 INC &7A BNE ON INC &7B ON STX & CØØE TSX SEC LDA &9D **BEQ RUN** LDX # &ØD JMP & 0079 **RUN JSR & 0079** CMP # &40 **BEQ &CØ3Ø** LDX &CØØE JMP & 0079

#### RECOGNIZING NEW KEYWORDS

Once the @ symbol has been located, the next routine looks at the first letter of the graphics command.

ORG 49215 LDX # &00 CMP & CFØØ,X BEQ &CØ61 AGAIN LDA # & ØD CMP & CFØØ.X BEQ STOP LDA # &01 CMP & CFØØ.X BEQ &CØA4 INX JMP AGAIN STOP INX INC &FE **JSR & 0079 JMP & CØ41** 

A word-search counter X is initialized. The letter in A is compared with those in the table at &CF $\emptyset\emptyset$ . When it finds one the same, the processor branches forward to the beginning of the next routine at &C $\emptyset$ 61.

If it doesn't find a match,  $\emptyset D$  is compared with the byte in the table. The  $\emptyset Ds$  in the table indicate the end of a word. If an  $\emptyset D$  is found, the processor branches forward and increments the X counter and the word number in &FE. The same byte is supplied by the CHRGOT and the processor jumps back to the beginning of the routine again, ready to start on the next word in the table.

If no  $\emptyset$ D is found, the byte of the table is compared with 1, which indicates the end of the table. If a 1 is found, the processor branches forward into the exit routine at &CF $\emptyset\emptyset$ .

If the letter in A does not match one in the table, and the table has not reached the end of a word (or the end of the table), the X counter is incremented and the processor jumps back to check again.

#### CHECKING THE SPELLING

Once the initial letter of the graphics command has been located, the processor has to check that the rest of the letters of the new keyword match the ones in its table. Otherwise it returns a syntax error.

	ORG 49249
FND	INX
	LDA # & ØD
	CMP & CFØØ,X
	BEQ &CØ89
	LDA # &Ø1
	CMP & CFØØ,X

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BEQ &CØ89 JSR &Ø073 CMP &CFØØ,X BEQ FND LDY &FB STY &7A LDY &FC STY &7B LDA &FE CMP ₩ &16 BEQ &CØA4 JMP &CØ46

The first thing that is checked for is a  $\emptyset$ D or 1 in the next byte of the table. Of course, it won't find either of these on the first pass, but these instructions are part of a loop. When one of these is found, the check is complete and the processor jumps onto the routine that works out which routine it needs to go to.

The next byte of the BASIC program is obtained from the CHRGET routine again and it is compared with the byte in the table. If they match, the processor goes back to the beginning of this routine again and checks the next byte.

If not, the BASIC byte pointer is loaded back into the appropriate system variable. The word number in &FE is compared with 22, &16 in hex, to see whether all the words have been checked. If they have, BEQ &CØA4 branches forward to the exit routine. Otherwise, the processor jumps back to &CØ46, which is marked by the label AGAIN in the routine, to start the checks all over again.

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The program now jumps to the correct routine to deal with that graphics command.

	ORG 49289
	LDX # &01
	LDY # &00
ADD	CPX &FE
	BEQ &CØ97
	INX
	INY
	INY
	JMP ADD
	LDA &CØCØ,Y
	STA &FD
	LDA &CØC1,Y
	STA &FE
	JMP (&00FD)
	LDX # &ØB
	JMP (&0300)

The X and Y registers are initialized and incremented until the word number in &FE matches the value of X. Then the value of Y calculated is used as an offset to read across the table starting at  $\&C\emptyset C\emptyset$  to find the



#### Long programs

Where *INPUT*'s graphics routines manipulate the screen, BASIC programs longer than 6K will not RUN. So far, all the graphics programs published in *INPUT* have been shorter than 6K. But if you want to write longer ones you will have to move BASIC up memory to the other side of the screen area. You can do that by entering the following POKEs:

#### POKE 43,1:POKE 44,65;POKE 65\*256,0: NEW

This will give you 24K free for your BASIC programs.

address of the routine for handling that instruction. The start address of the routine is stored in &FD and &FE.

JMP (&00FD) jumps to the routine which starts at the address pointed to by &FD and &FE.

LDX # &ØB and JMP (&Ø300) make up a small exit routine called when the word in the program does not match any of the command words in the table. The routine pointed to by &Ø300 and &Ø301 returns the BASIC error message specified by the number that is found in the X register.

#### THE ROUTINE TABLE

Here are the start addresses of the routines.

ORG 49344	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & C100	WOR & CEØØ
NOR &C130	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & CEØØ	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & CEØØ	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & CEØØ	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & CEØØ	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & CEØØ	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & CEØØ	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & CEØØ	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & CEØØ	WOR & CEØØ
NOR & CEØØ	

In this article only two of the graphics commands are going to be covered. The rest will be dealt with in subsequent chapters. So there are only two start addresses of active routines in this table—C13 $\emptyset$  and C1 $\emptyset\emptyset$ . For the moment, if any of the other command

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words are found, they will be directed to a temporary routine at  $CE \phi \phi$ . The start address of the other graphics routines will be filled in when the routines are dealt with.

#### THE @ COLOUR ROUTINE

ORG	494Ø8	
JSR	&B79B	
TXA		
STA	&DØ21	
JSR	&AEFD	
JSR	&B79E	
TXA		
STA	&DØ2Ø	
LDX	&CØØE	
JMP	&ØØ79	

This part of the program makes use of several ROM calls. JSR &B79B jumps to the subroutine at &B79B which inputs the first parameter after the COLOUR command. This is transferred from the X register into A and stored in the input/output location which controls the screen colour.

The ROM routine at &AEFD deals with commas. In this case the comma is ignored and the next parameter is input. This is called at &B79E. The first three bytes of the routine move it onto the next byte, but this is not necessary here as the comma routine has already done it. It is stored in the location that controls the border colour. Then the error status is loaded into X and the processor exits the program via the error message routine.

#### THE @HIRES ROUTINE

	ORG	49456	
	LDA	# & 20	
	STA	&FE	
	LDA	# &00	
	STA	&FD	
ROUND	LDY	# &00	
OOP	STA	(&FD),Y	
	INY	, ,,	
	CPY	# &00	
	BNE	LOOP	
	INC	&FE	
	LDX	&FE	
	CPX	# & 40	
	BNE	ROUND	
	LDA	# &3B	
	STA	&DØ11	
	LDA	&DØ18	
	ORA	# &Ø8	
	STA	&DØ18	
	JSR	&B79B	
	TXA		
	AND	# &ØF	
	ASL	Α	
	ASL	A	
	ASL	A	

	/ IOL	~
	STA	&Ø2
	<b>JSR</b>	&AEFD
	JSR	&B79E
	TXA	
	AND	# &ØF
	CLC	
	ADC	802
	STA	802
	LDA	802
	LDY	# 800
REPEAT	STA	&0400.Y
	STA	&04FA.Y
	STA	&05F4.Y
	STA	&Ø6EE.Y
	INY	
	CPY	# & FB
	BNE	REPEAT
	LDA	# 860
	STA	&C23E
	JSR	&C208
	LDA	# 84C
	STA	&C23F
	IDA	# & C8
	STA	&DØ16
	LDX	&C00F
	JMP	80079

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LDA # &3B and STA &DØ11 sets the Vic chip control register bit-map (or @HIRES) mode. Then the next four instructions prepare the Vic memory control register by switching it from 21 to 24 to give hi-res.

The next parameter is then input, switched



Will all the graphics programs for the Commodore in *INPUT* work with the graphics command being added to BASIC here? When you have completed adding the

instructions in the last article in the series, provided you add the @ sign before the graphics instructions in your programs, they will all work.

There is one exception though and some alterations have to be made to the program on page 569. These are:

10	POKE 51,255:POKE 52,31:POKE 55,
	255:POKE 56,31:CLR
5Ø	DATA 169,0,133,251,133,253,169,
	32,133,252,169,96,133,254,
	160,0
6Ø	DATA 177,251,145,253,192,63,
	208,16,165,252,201,63,208,10

into the A register and stored in & $\emptyset$ 286—the current character colour code system variable. The following comma is then skipped over and the next parameter is input.

Then the error code condition is loaded back into X and the processor leaves the program again via the error print routine.

#### THE NEW WORD ROUTINE

This	routine returns the error message	
ORG	52736	
LDX	# &00	
LDA	&CE13,X	
JSR	&FFD2	
INX		
CPX	# &12	
BNE	&CEØ2	
LDX	&CØØE	
JMP	&ØØ79	
TXT	'NOT IMPLEMENTED'	

#### THE ASCII TABLE

This table carries the ASCII data of all the new keywords. Each word ends with a  $\emptyset D$  byte and the table ends with a  $\emptyset 1$ .

ORG 52992 TXT 'COLOUR' TXT 'HIRES' TXT 'MULTI' TXT 'NRM' 'LOWCOL' TXT TXT 'HICOL' TXT 'PLOT' 'LINE' TXT TXT 'BLOCK' TXT 'PAINT' TXT 'TEST' TXT 'CSET' TXT 'REC' TXT 'CHAR' TXT 'TEXT' TXT 'ARC' TXT 'ANGL' TXT 'CIRCLE' 'DRAW' TXT TXT 'ROT' 'FLASH' TXT TXT 'OFF' BYT 801

#### TESTING

Use the following BASIC graphics program to test that your machine code is working:

10 @HIRES 0,1

- 20 FOR Z = 8192 TO 16191 STEP 5: POKE Z,255:NEXT
- 30 FOR Z = 0 TO 15:@COLOUR Z,Z: NEXT Z:GOTO 30

SYS 49152 calls the whole routine.

# DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The ability of the computer to work at fantastic speeds and to store information in such a way that it takes up little space makes it an ideal tool for searching through and manipulating large collections of information. And one of the most common serious uses of home computers is as a *database management system*, or DBMS.

A database is essentially a collection of one or more datafiles (see pages 622 to 627), themselves little more than a collection of individual records. But the power of the computer means that by embracing usually more than one file, a database assumes rather greater power than a mere electronic equivalent of a filing cabinet.

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The difference lies in the way the information is manipulated. In a datafile, information is simply entered according to the records required—the various entries are established and all the records within the file follow exactly the same form. The same pattern of records could, in practice, extend beyond a single file—a large company may, after all, like to isolate personnel records departmentally.

Left simply in storage, these various datafiles are only of use if and when accessed from outside. And essentially they are little more than electronic versions of paper records at this stage.

The significant difference is that information in a database is specifically set out ready for subsequent work such as sorting, record searching, amendment or replacement of entries, and so on.

In reality, a DBMS is capable of much more, particularly in that details of one file can be used to generate or update information in another.

#### USES OF DATABASES

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Commercially available database management systems are being put to some remarkable uses. A vicar uses one for storing lessons and sermons, a hospital uses a database on a home micro to match up blood types, and they have also been used in an attempt to forecast football results and horse race winners! DBMS can be used in any application where a great deal of information has to be filed and repeatedly accessed later. And of course it doesn't matter whether the information is business or hobby interests—a single DBMS program can be used for both.

Information can be disgorged in the form of mailing lists, labels, company reports, personalised form letters, invoices, statements, debtors lists, stock lists, and much more.

Although the terms 'database' and 'database management system' are often used, incorrectly, to describe the same thing, there is in fact an important difference. Confusion often arises because the DBMS is sometimes referred to simply as the database, meaning the whole package, hardware and software, rather than by its proper title, a database management system.

And there's a clear difference between information which is simply collected as a file of data and confined to storage—such as a straightforward correspondence file—and information which is filed and then frequently used as a *source* of information (in effect a reference file).

#### ORDERING FILES

In many instances, a datafile or simple database will have a fixed record format, field size and headings. A true DBMS should give you the flexibility of defining your own records from scratch, accepting, of course, memory and other system limitations.

There must be some order to the database to start off with and defining this is an essential first step in using a DBMS. It need not be highly organised but there must be some sense to it. After all, 'cemoprtu' is an organised collection of information (it's in alphabetical order) but it will not make much sense to man or machine until it is reorganised to become 'computer'.

Similarly a filing cabinet with all the addresses of all the members of a club or company in one file, all their names in another and all their telephone numbers in another would be useless because it would be impossible to tell which name belonged to which address or phone number.



Would a purpose-built filing program or a database be better suited to my needs for a simple application such as creating mailing lists?

A purpose-designed program would probably be the better choice. Such a program would be simpler and shorter, and could have special, easily accessed features such as printout of all entries.

But the fields of even a simple DBMS can be defined in a way that would yield a suitable mailing list (where output is in the form of labels). The data may have to be read by an external program unless there is a label facility, only likely with more expensive packages.

#### FILE MANAGING

Taking again the comparison with a manually run 'paper' office, a DBMS is like the person whose job it is to make sure that information from a whole collection of physically separate but subject-linked files is passed to the appropriate department for attention—the file manager, if you like.

In a manual filing system, the filing manager has to make decisions about how the information should be stored. The file of people who work for a company, for instance, could be arranged alphabetically. But it could also be arranged by length of service, rates of pay, by department or position in the company.

The filing manager's real problems start when other departments want specific information. Someone may want to know how many (and which) staff are over the age of 50, for instance, while someone else may need a geographical breakdown of where staff live. If the files are arranged alphabetically, then the filing manager has no choice but to read through all the record cards to extract the appropriate information from them.

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Even if your filing needs are simple now, a proper database management system could be a worthwhile longterm investment. Here's a look at what a DBMS can do

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If this sort of information is needed regularly, the file manager may decide to set up two other files, one stored into age groups and the other organised geographically. It would be more efficient if, instead of complete files, these two extra files took the form of indexes cross-referenced to the main file.

In a computerised system, the choices are exactly the same. A simple DBMS would file information serially in the form of a sequential file. This is like the filing manager using just one file, say the alphabetical file. A more sophisticated DBMS, and most serious commercial software falls into this category, uses relational or relative files to store information. This is equivalent to the filing manager setting up extra files which are crossreferenced to the main file.

Unfortunately for those who use cassette storage, a relative file requires random access—the ability to search anywhere on the file and to move backwards and forwards through it. (Although the words 'backwards and forwards' do not really apply to a disk drive since data is stored in order to make the best use of space on the disk and not necessarily in logical sequence.) Normally tapes are not randomly accessible while disks are.

The type of DBMS used in business is only really practical using a fast and efficient method of storing and retrieving lots of information—which is why business machines require a disk drive. This is not, however, essential and the type of small database you are likely to use at home, an address book for instance, will work efficiently using a cassette drive. But it may be necessary to rewind the tape regularly so that the computer can search through it again.

#### FILING

Data can be stored using one of several distinct methods and the most common is in the form of a *sequential file* (see pages 622 to 627). While this is the most efficient in its use of available storage space and, because of its serial nature, the only method available to tape users, it imposes certain restrictions on the use of a database. A sequential file is fine if you want *all* the information displayed or output—but it's not much good for any job





#### Choosing your program

A single record within a DBMS can be designed to yield information which could be used for reports, mailing lists, invoices, general accounts, form letters, 'diary' letters, stock updates—and much more. Anticipate your fullest needs when you first get down to the business of choosing a database program. If you want flexibility, it is best to go for the better quality DBMS programs.

Few of the simpler databases permit you to adjust the field lengths at a later date. Still fewer allow you to insert additional fields within existing ones or move the fields around. You can get round this on some systems by selectively importing 'old' information. that requires isolation of specific details.

A sequential file system is used by many of the more simple datafile or database programs, but can be emulated by more sophisticated packages when the distinct advantages of a sequential file are required, typically for generating *reports* (see below) and output like a non-specific mailing list (in other words, labels printed from all the records in the file, start to finish).

Much more sophisticated *direct access* file handling methods are used on more heavyweight DBMS. From the 'outside' this may not appear to amount to much, but the presence of commands and procedures to enable sophisticated multi-parameter sorts and searches would indicate that a wholly sequential file system is *not* in use. So if information is required—or *possibly* required—for use in or from other programs, do make sure that there's suitable provision for creating the necessary transfer files.

These are often called *export* and *import* files. The 'raw' information within them is separated into fields and records usually only by a commonly recognized symbol, typically

the value of a carriage return (CHR\$13) but other *field separators* can be used.

Use of predefined field separators enables information to be compacted to make maximum use of the available memory or storage space. Otherwise, with the use of carriage returns alone, a fresh display line is required for each new item of information, regardless of whether it takes a third of the line or all of it. The program originating export files must be able to specify separators which can be recognized by the program which is to import that data.

Using this system information could be *exported* by a DBMS and *imported* by a wordprocessing or spreadsheet program—or vice versa.

Files which are to be read by different programs must of course share a common language—particularly if that same file is to be 'read' by other computers. A conversion facility for the production of standard (or near standard) ASCII sequential files is perhaps an essential requirement in any program used to produce data for transfer by a modem and the telephone network.



#### INFORMATION SEARCHES

The most efficient method of searching for information also requires a disk drive. The only type of search possible with a cassette unit or Spectrum Microdrive is a linear search, starting at the beginning and working a way through the file testing the 'search key' against each record key until a match—the 'target'—is found. A binary search, on the other hand, starts in the middle.

This may sound illogical but it is, in fact, the way that everyone searches manually for information. Think about looking for a name in the telephone directory—Masters, for instance. Opening the telephone book at the beginning and working our way through the entries until you come to Masters would be very time consuming. So it is normal to open the book in the middle. If if falls open at Jones, then you know that the entry you want is in the second part of the book, on a higher page number. This means you can eliminate all the low pages up to Jones.

The next step is to open the second part of the book in the middle, that is three quarters

of the way through the whole book. The entries on this page may be Smith in which case we have gone too far, or 'high'. You want a lower page number so you turn to a page that's halfway between the first page you opened and the second page. If you carry on in the same way you will quickly home in on the correct entry.

Anyone who has played a 'Guess the Number' game, either with the computer or with a friend, will know the idea and will also be aware of how surprisingly fast and efficient such a search is. The reason why it is called a binary search should be obvious. Each time a choice is made between two alternatives. Are we on a page that's too low (let's give it the value  $\emptyset$ ) or are we on a page that's too high (a value of 1)?

If it's a human being that is doing the search, the chances are that at some point they will start guessing at which page the entry will appear. Instead of adhering strictly to the rules we usually go to a page which we think might be close to the entry we want. The computer cannot do this, of course, and must work strictly by logic, according to the rules.



# What are the procedures for using a typical DBMS?

Defining the record format for a particular file is usually the single major task you face. This involves designing its appearance and content. The fields can take various forms-for example character, numeric, data, calculationand the right combination is important. A neat display makes it easier for users to find their way round the record, and good planning makes sure that maximum possible use is made of the field lengths, positions and field types. Once the record has been defined, you can proceed with making entries and then use the functions available to you within the program.





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The electronic filing cabinet consists of three main elements: the computer, the data and the program which manages the data. It is much more efficient than any manual system could hope to be. And for one reason only: speed.

Asking a computerised system for a list of all those employees of the company who are aged over 50 requires exactly the same action as in a manual system. The filing manager and the computer search through the file, laying on one side all the appropriate records. But a computer can search through the file at a speed many times faster than a human being—seconds rather than hours.

Searching through a sequential file (which is the sort of file stored on a cassette) is slower than searching through relative files for both the computerised and the manual systems. This is because every record in a sequential file has to be looked at one by one whereas a relative file will usually have a separate index for every separate item of information or 'field' on the records. Searching through the index containing dates of birth will obviously be much quicker than searching through every individual record. This is true whether the program utilises a linear search or binary search. A binary search through relative files will obviously be quickest of all.

#### DESIGNING A RECORD

There are many commercial DBMS programs available for most makes of home micro but writing your own program for something like a simple address book is not too difficult (see the file program on pages 46–53 and 75–79). Whether you are writing your own program or using commercial software it is essential to know how a DBMS is constructed!

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Designing the format of a record and defining the content of each field of that record are the first steps of using a DBMS. A full-blown DBMS will enable you to design the record from scratch and you may be presented with little more than a blank screen which you have to format according to your requirements. On more simple systems the position of the fields which go to make up the record may already be defined-likewise the size and position of the entry sections. In this case you may be required to do little more than enter the number of fields required, and follow this with a heading for each of the fields. The file program on pages 46-53 and 75-79 operates in this way.

For those systems which allow you to format the record precisely to your requirements, the blank screen can be regarded exactly like a blank sheet of paper. The first thing you need to do is to decide what you want to write on the paper!

Aside from the cosmetic appearance of the record (you can usually incorporate graphic symbols and lines in a record definition of this type), you must decide which items or fields will be referred to regularly.

A field can be regarded as a heading for the information. A personnel file for a company may contain the following information: Name, Address; Date of Birth; Sex; Marital Status; Date started employment; Position; Salary. Each one of these headings is known as a field. Great care must be taken when establishing the number and size of each field since they cannot usually be added to or amended later. Obviously, the fields on every record in a file must be the same and it's often useful to specify one extra field, perhaps headed 'Notes', even if this field is left empty on most records.

The information within each field on a record card can, of course, be changed but the fields themselves must remain the same.

Name, Address, Date of Birth, Telephone Number are obvious fields for an address book. But you might decide that part of the address, the town, for instance, is an important piece of information. In this case you could specify the town as a separate field.

Fields are especially important in relative files, although these are only really practical for those with disk drives. The information in each field can be stored in a separate index, and each entry in the index will contain a pointer to the complete record in the main file. All the telephone numbers in your address file will be contained in an index headed, appropriately, Telephone Numbers. And each number will be prefaced or followed by a unique code which indicates the record in the main file.

Serious commercial database management programs write the separate indexes and carry out all the necessary cross-referencing automatically every time information is saved.

This is why, with a good DBMS, we can say: 'Find all people named Smith who live in Birmingham and were born before 4/2/1952 then print out their telephone numbers.'

The picture shows various screens of a commercial DBMS (Superbase 64 for the Commodore 64). The first is one of two general menus which outline the main functions of the program. Defining a record ('format') is one of these (next picture). Record appearance and field name and types can be specified. The next picture shows an entry being made. Next

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#### THE KEYFIELD

The *keyfield* is the most important field in a record—the item of information you will need access to most frequently. It is this at which the DBMS will look when sorting records into order, or if a general search is ordered (this is the quickest way of accessing information). So the keyfield must be the one item of information which is most memorable and which is, as far as possible, unique to each record. The keyfield in a personnel record for instance is likely to be the surname.

#### ACCESSING INFORMATION

Once the information has been stored, you need to get access to it. The more sophisticated a DBMS, the more flexible it will be and the easier it will be to retrieve exactly the information you want. There are a number of standard methods of searching for information, some of which have been mentioned previously.

A keyfield search simply runs through the records (in memory) and stops to display the record which matches the search criteria.

If a system of *indexed* fields is used, each field is filed in its own field index. In the company personnel file example all dates of birth would be in a separate index and each entry would point to the record in the main file.

A criteria search can hunt through information in one or more fields. You could find out, for example, how many of your employees were male, over 60 and earned above a certain given level. In this instance the computer would need to conduct three searches more or less simultaneously. Finally there's the standard character string search. Although the slowest of all search methods used on DBMS, it is the most versatile. The computer simply looks for a character string-usually a word, but it could be a number-and gives you all records in which that word or number occurs It is very useful for gaining access to information which we have not specified as a field. So in an address book file, even though the whole address might be specified as a field and the town or city is not, you can find out which of your friends live in a given town or city by asking the computer to carry out a search for all record cards in which the name of the city or town occurs.

#### OUTPUT

Hard-copy output in the form of labels, lists and reports is really what DBMS is all about. Thinking about exactly what you want in this respect obviously should influence the very structure of the records which form the files of the DBMS. But such is the flexibility of some systems, that information can be plucked from all over the place in a record and presented in almost any desired position and order when it comes to the printed output.

The simplest form of output is in the form of what is called a *report*. On selecting this option you are usually asked by the core program for the fields which are required. Records are then printed out in strictly sequential order. Some DBMS may even allow you to choose which records will be printed.

Other types of printout, typically for mailing lists, invoices and other 'form' printing require a measure of formatting and special instructions may be provided by the DBMS program for you to do this.

is shown the program option, a feature which can be used to generate tailor-made applications from within the main program. Finally there's one of the secondary menus



Is there something missing from your UDG generator? This article provides extra program lines to give you even more scope to design exciting UDGs

This article provides the rest of the character generator programs. The new program lines add several more editing facilities to make it even easier to design your own graphics characters. There is also a guide to using the UDGs you have designed, by calling them up in other programs.

When you add the new lines to the program given in the last article, six new functions become available to you.

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You will see the first function as soon as you RUN the new program. It shows the values of the eight bytes of the character in the grid, and an actual size version of it on the screen display. These bytes are added by a short machine code routine, which updates both the numbers and the actual size UDG every time you set a new point under the cursor.

The new program also lets you clear the grid simply by pressing C to save you having to delete every pixel.

There are three more control keys which you can use to alter the UDG in the grid. If you press M the UDG is mirrored from left to right. This means that whenever you want to design two UDGs to make up one symmetrical figure (a spaceship, for example) you can start by designing one of the UDGs, and store the finished version. You can then call this back and get the computer to create the second half for you. The mirror function is also useful if you want two figures, one facing left, one facing right.



NEW CONTROLS	CLEARING THE GRID
CHECKING THE DATA	PRINTING OUT THE DATA
INVERSE UDGS	USING THE UDGS IN YOUR
REFLECT YOUR DESIGNS	OWN PROGRAMS
ROTATING UDGS	LOADING UDGS FROM TAPE

Similarly, you can rotate your UDG through 90 degrees by pressing the R key. This facility is useful, since you can design just one UDG—say, a rocket—and then rotate it to create UDGs of a rocket being fired in any of four different directions.

The last of these three control keys, the I key, gives you the inverse of the character. Press it twice and it gives you the inverse of the inverse—to give you the original character back again.

There is also a printer routine, which you



can use to print either the DATA values for each character in the UDG bank, or a screen dump. The screen dump may not work if you have an independent make of printer, but don't worry—a future article in *INPUT* will show how to get your printer to produce a screen dump when this facility is available.

Press Z to activate the printer routine, and then either D or S. D prints out the DATA, while S produces a screen dump. If you press any other key after the Z, the computer returns to the main loop of the program.

If you do not intend to use a printer, you need not type in Lines  $257\emptyset$  to  $259\emptyset$ . You should, though, add this line:

#### 257Ø GOTO 2000

Here are the extra lines:

- 5 CLEAR 31999
- 12 LET T = 0: FOR N = 32000 TO 32227: READ A: POKE N,A: LET T = T + A: NEXT N: IF T < > 21691 THEN PRINT FLASH 1; "ERROR IN DATA": STOP
- 2020 PRINT AT 10,21;CHR\$ 139;CHR\$ 131;CHR\$ 135;AT 11,21;CHR\$ 138;AT 11,23;CHR\$ 133;AT 12,21;CHR\$ 142;CHR\$ 140:CHR\$ 141
- 2030 RANDOMIZE USR 32000
- 2530 IF INKEY\$ = "I" THEN RANDOMIZE USR 32092
- 2540 IF INKEY\$ = "C" THEN POKE 32106,0: RANDOMIZE USR 32092: POKE 32106,12
- 2550 IF INKEY\$ = "M" THEN RANDOMIZE USR 32145
- 2560 IF INKEY\$ = "R" THEN RANDOMIZE USR 32183
- 2570 IF INKEY\$ < > "Z" THEN GOTO 2000 2575 INPUT "S(CREEN DUMP) OR
- $D(ATA)? \square$  "; LINE Z\$
- 2580 IF Z\$ < > "S" AND Z\$ < > "D" THEN GOTO 2000
- 2590 IF Z\$ = "S" THEN COPY : GOTO 2000 2600 LET CH = 65: FOR N = USR "A" TO USR "U" + 7 STEP 8
- 2610 LET TA = 0: LPRINT CHR\$ CH: FOR M = N TO N + 7: LPRINT TAB TA;PEEK M;: LET TA = TA + 4: NEXT M 2620 LPRINT : LET CH = CH + 1: NEXT N
- 9100 DATA 62,2,205,1,22,62,22,215,62, 8,215,175,215,33,11,72,221,33,118,72

- 9110 DATA 6,8,197,6,8,14,128,175,50, 91,125,126,254,1,40,7,58,91,125, 129
- 9120 DATA 50,91,125,203,57,35,16,239, 58,91,125,221,119,0,229,221,229, 62,23,215
- 9130 DATA 62,5,215,33,90,125,205,40, 26,62,13,215,221,225,225,17,24, 0,25,221
- 9140 DATA 229,209,20,213,221,225,193, 16,189,201,0,0,33,11,72,6,8,197, 6,8
- 9150 DATA 197,126,254,1,229,40,12,6,7, 62,1,119,36,16,252,54,255,24,13,6
- 9160 DATA 4,54,85,36,54,171,36,16,248, 37,54,255,225,193,35,16,219,17, 24,0
- 9170 DATA 25,193,16,209,201,33,11,72, 6,8,197,6,4,17,7,0,197,229,126,25
- 9180 DATA 78,119,225,113,35,27,27,193, 16,242,17,28,0,25,193,16,229, 205,92,125
- 9190 DATA 195,92,125,221,33,11,74,33, 235,72,6,8,197,6,8,197,221,126, 0,119
- 9200 DATA 221,35,6,32,43,16,253,193,16, 241,17,24,0,221,25,17,1,1,25, 193
- 9210 DATA 16,226,205,92,125,195,92,125

The DATA at the end of the program is POKEd into memory and is machine code. There are three separate routines to rotate, mirror and display the actual size UDG (and its bytes) on the screen all the time.

You must take extreme care to type in these numbers accurately. Any error in your machine code will result in the program failing to work properly—or at worst, crashing completely.

There is a check built-in to the program, so that the program will stop if you have typed in the DATA incorrectly. This means that your program should not suffer if you have made an error. You will just be prompted to recheck the DATA.

#### USING YOUR UDGs

The first part of the program included a SAVE and LOAD option, so that you could make a permanent record of your characters on tape.



By careful selection of what is stored on tape, you can use this program to create several banks of UDGs.

The Spectrum can access up to 21 UDGs at any one time. If you want to use more than this, you have to have either several banks, or redefine the whole character set. The article on pages 450 to 457 explains how you can do this. There is also a guide to how you can call the UDGs up from the bank and into your program.

You can define all the UDGs you are likely to want using the *INPUT* UDG generator, and you can use them all in one program by changing the UDG pointer.

The program assumes that the UDG pointer is pointing to the address you want it to indicate, and so it SAVEs its bytes from this address, and LOADs them back to this address.

When you want to use the bytes for your own characters in your own programs, you can LOAD them back into memory to any address you specify. This means that if you want to have three banks of UDGs in memory, all you need to do is LOAD each bank into memory in different places.

Each bank is 168 bytes long, so you should

remember to LOAD each one into areas of memory at least 168 bytes apart, otherwise one bank might erase part of another. To LOAD a block of memory to any address, you can use this command:

LOAD "" CODE (start address)

No matter what address the block was SAVEd from, you can LOAD it back to any area in RAM.

Once you have LOADed each block of memory for the various banks of UDGs you have SAVEd, you can use each one by changing the UDG pointer. The article on pages 450 to 457 explains how you can do this.

Whenever you do use more than one bank of characters in your programs, you should use a CLEAR command to protect the block of memory used for the UDGs from being corrupted by the computer—this, too, is explained in the article on pages 450 to 457.

#### C C

The program lines below add a number of extra features to the character generator started last time.

If you SAVEd the last program on tape, you

can LOAD it back in again. If you did not, type in the lines below and RUN the program.

C 33 FOR Z = Ø TO 7: POKE 12288 + Z.255:NEXT Z 123 PRINT " 🔄 🔜 🔜 🔜 🖬 🛃 🛃 PRINT " 125 PRINT" 🖢 🖬 🖬 🖬 🖬 🗰 🗐 @ 🗆 🖃  $a \square + a \square \pi a \square \land a \square$ 128 PRINT " 🖬 🖬 🖬 🖕 ";: FOR Z = 1 TO 31:PRINT "⊟";: NEXT Z:PRINT " 165 IF P = 55 AND Y < 7 THEN Y = Y + 1 210 IF P = 4 THEN 1000 220 IF P = 5 THEN FL = 1:GOTO 1100 230 IF P = 6 THEN FL = 2:GOTO 1100 240 IF P = 3 THEN FL = 3:GOTO 1100 245 IF P = 51 THEN FL = 4:GOTO 1120 260 IF P = 49 THEN A = 0:GOTO 1230 270 IF P = 54 THEN 1300 1000 FOR Z = 0 TO 7:FOR ZZ = 0 TO7



 $1010 C1 = 1396 + ZZ + Z^{*}40$ : C2 = PEEK(C1)1020 IF C2 = 207 THEN POKE C1,230 1030 IF C2 = 230 THEN POKE C1,207 1040 NEXT ZZ,Z:GOTO 130 1100 FOR Z = 0 TO 7:FOR ZZ = 0 TO7 1110 C1 = 1396 + ZZ + Z\*40: C(Z,ZZ) = PEEK(C1):NEXT ZZ,Z 1120 FOR Z = 0 TO 7:FOR ZZ = 0 TO7 1130 IF FL = 1 THEN POKE 1396 +  $ZZ + Z^{*}40, C(ZZ, 7 - Z)$ 1132 IF FL = 2 THEN POKE 1396 +  $ZZ + Z^{*}40, C(7 - ZZ, Z)$ 1134 IF FL = 3 THEN POKE 1396 +  $(7 - ZZ) + Z^{*}40, C(Z, ZZ)$ 1136 IF FL = 4 THEN POKE 1396 + ZZ + Z\*40,207 1140 NEXT ZZ,Z 1145 IF FL = 4 THEN A = 0: GOTO 1230 1150 GOTO 130 1230 PRINT " 🗃 🔜 🔜 🔜 🔜 🔜 🖼 1270 PRINT " N";SPC(22); Z+1;"🗖 🗆 🗆 🖬 ";T 1300 PRINT " TAB(9);"(D)ATA OR (C)HARACTER?": FOR

Z=1 TO 25: NEXT Z 1301 PRINT " 🗃 🛄 🛄 🖬 "; TAB(9);" \_\_\_\_\_\_" 1302 GET A\$:IF A\$ < > "D" AND A\$ < > "C" THEN 1300 1303 OPEN 4,4:CMD4:IF A\$ = "D" THEN 1700 1304 FOR Z = 1 TO 26:PRINT SPC(6); CHR(64 + Z): FOR ZZ = Ø TO 7: PRINT ZZ+1;  $1305 A = PEEK(12288 + Z^*8 + ZZ)$ 1310 AA = A:FOR Z1 = Ø TO 7:IF  $A - Z(Z1) = > \emptyset$  THEN A = A - Z(Z1): PRINT" 🛃 🗆 💻 ";: GOTO 1320 1315 PRINT "."; 1320 NEXT Z1:PRINT AA:NEXT ZZ: PRINT:NEXT Z 1330 PRINT # 4:CLOSE4:GOTO 130 1620 NEXT Z1.ZZ: GOTO 1230 1700 FOR Z = 1 TO 26:PRINT CHR\$ (64 + Z);" = ";:FOR ZZ = Ø TO 7 1710 PRINT PEEK(12288 + Z\*8 + ZZ);: NEXT ZZ:PRINT:NEXT Z 1720 PRINT # 4:CLOSE4:GOTO 130 With an expanded Vic, delete Lines 1301,

With an expanded Vic, delete Lines 1301, 1302, 1304, 1305, 1310, 1315 and 1320, and enter:

#### 1300 REM

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125 PRINT" 🔄 🔜 🔄 🔄 🔄 🖢  $@\square \blacksquare @\square \uparrow @\square + @\square \pi$ @□+ 210 IF P = 39 THEN 1000 220 IF P = 47 THEN FL = 1:GOTO 1100 230 IF P = 55 THEN FL = 2:GOTO 1100 240 IF P = 63 THEN FL = 3:GOTO 1100 245 IF P = 62 THEN FL = 4:GOTO 1120 260 IF P = 14 THEN A = 0:GOTO 1230 270 IF P = 54 THEN 1300 1000 FOR Z = 0 TO 7:FOR ZZ = 0 TO7  $1010 C1 = 7880 + ZZ + Z^{*}22$ : C2 = PEEK(C1)1020 IF C2 = 207 THEN POKE C1,230 1030 IF C2 = 230 THEN POKE C1.207 1040 NEXT ZZ,Z:GOTO 130 1100 FOR Z = 0 TO 7:FOR ZZ = 0 TO7  $1110 C1 = 7880 + ZZ + Z^{2}C(Z,ZZ) =$ PEEK(C1):NEXT ZZ,Z 1120 FOR Z = 0 TO 7:FOR ZZ = 0 TO7 1130 IF FL = 1 THEN POKE 7880 +  $ZZ + Z^{2}22, C(ZZ, 7 - Z)$ 1132 IF FL = 2 THEN POKE 7880 +  $ZZ + Z^{2}22, C(7 - ZZ, Z)$ 1134 IF FL = 3 THEN POKE 7880 +  $(7 - ZZ) + Z^{2}2, C(Z, ZZ)$ 1136 IF FL = 4 THEN POKE 7880 + ZZ + Z\*22,207

1140 NEXT ZZ.Z 1145 IF FL = 4 THEN A = 0: GOTO 1230 1150 GOTO 130 1230 PRINT " 🗃 🖬 🖬 🖬 🖬 🖪 🔜 🖷 1270 PRINT " N";SPC(12); Z+1;"日□□□□ ":T 1300 PRINT " 🔄 🔜 🔜 🔜 (D)ATA OR (C)HARACTER?": FOR Z = 1 TO 25:NEXT Z 1301 PRINT " 🔁 🔜 🔜 🔜 🗆 🗆 🗆 🗆  $\Box \Box \Box$ " 1302 GET A\$:IF A\$ < > "D" AND A\$ < > "C" THEN 1300 1303 OPEN 4,4:CMD4:IF A\$ = "D" THEN 1700 1304 FOR Z = 1 TO 22:PRINT SPC(6); CHR\$(64 + Z):FOR ZZ = 0 TO 7:PRINT ZZ + 1;  $1305 A = PEEK(7168 + Z^*8 + ZZ)$ 1310 AA = A:FOR Z1 = 0 TO 7: IF  $A - Z(Z1) = > \emptyset$  THEN A = A - Z(Z1): PRINT" **■** □ **■**";: GOTO 1320 1315 PRINT ".": 1320 NEXT Z1:PRINT AA:NEXT ZZ: PRINT:NEXT Z 1330 PRINT # 4:CLOSE4: **GOTO 130** 1700 FOR Z = 1 TO 22: PRINT CHR\$ (64 + Z);" = ";:FOR ZZ = Ø TO 7 1710 PRINT PEEK(7168 + Z\*8 + ZZ):: NEXT ZZ:PRINT:NEXT Z 1720 PRINT # 4:CLOSE4: **GOTO 130** 

When you have typed in the extra lines, your character generator is complete. You can now move around the grid, setting pixels on or off, and rotate, mirror, invert and clear the grid, too. The function keys at the right of the keyboard are used for several of the new controls.

To rotate the grid left, press F3, and for right press F5. The ability to rotate a single UDG comes in handy when you want to have the same, or very similar, characters able to point in four different directions, such as a spaceship which you can turn round to fire at any point on the screen.

The mirror routine, obtained by pressing F7, mirrors the grid from left to right about an imaginary axis: a vertical line in the centre of the grid. You can use this to produce a symmetrical figure which comprises two UDGs—all you need to do is design one of the UDGs, store it, and then call it back and mirror it to get the other half. Missile bases are ideal subjects for this, as they usually take up two UDGs, and are symmetrical.

You can invert your design by pressing the

F1 key. This turns every pixel to its opposite—on, if it was off, or off, if it was on. This can give quite surprising results.

If you decide, after designing a UDG in the grid, that it is nothing like what you want, you can wipe it out completely, clearing the grid ready for you to start again. Do this by pressing the  $\boxed{CLR/HOME}$  key. Because this is at the top of the keyboard, away from the movement keys, you are unlikely to hit it by accident.

#### USING YOUR UDGs

The first part of the program provided a SAVE to tape routine, so that you could store the UDGs for use in your own programs. You might also like to use the DATA values for each design. You can copy the DATA from the screen by hand by pressing the asterisk (\*) key for each UDG in the grid, but this can take a long time. If you have a printer, you can also have the DATA printed out on that. To do this, press the up-arrow key (not the cursor up).

If you want to SAVE the characters onto tape and use them in your own programs without typing in the DATA, you must LOAD them back again. Unfortunately, this is less easy than you might think and you should use the LOAD routine in Lines 1410 to 1420.

Don't forget that in Line  $141\emptyset$ , you must only use the half of the line which applies to you: the first half if you are using tape, the second half if you are using disk. In this line, you should replace the variable OU with  $\emptyset$ , and the string variable N\$ with the name of the stored file (you type in this name when you SAVE the character set from the UDG generator).

By careful planning of your computer's memory, you can have several sets of characters stored in the computer at one time. You can change the area in memory that the DATA is LOADed back into to help you here, so that you can SAVE several blocks of characters from the UDG generator, and then LOAD them all back into memory.

To do this, all you have to do is to change the numbers in the FOR ... NEXT loop in Line 1413. The first of the two numbers is where the characters start in memory, and the second number is where they end. You also have to set the character set pointers accordingly by changing the POKEs in Line 10. This is explained in the article on pages 450 to 457.

With this method, you can call up a large number of UDGs into your programs, and never have to type in any DATA values for them.

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You can extend your character generator using the extra program lines given below. You should first type in, or LOAD from tape, the last part of the program—the new lines do not work on their own.

240 IF A\$ = CHR\$(9) THEN

PROCINVERT: ENDPROC 250 IF A\$ = CHR\$(18) THEN PROCREFLECT: ENDPROC 260 IF A\$ = CHR\$(15) THEN CALL ROT: PROCNOS: GOTO 360 270 IF A\$ = CHR\$(16) THEN

PROCPRT:ENDPROC

- 280 TY = Y
- 340 PRINTTAB(25,16 + TY)STRING\$ (3 - LEN(STR\$(TY?&C18)),"□"); TY?&C18
- 410 FOR T = &C18 TO &C1F:PRINT TAB(25,16 + T - &C18)STRING\$  $(3 - LEN(STR$(?T)), "\Box");?T:$ NEXT:CALL MC:VDU5:MOVE  $(16 + X)^{3}2,1023 - (16 + Y)^{3}2:$ VDU224,4:ENDPROC
- **700 DEF PROCINVERT**
- 710 FOR T = &C18 TO &C1F: ?T = 255 - ?T:NEXT:PROCNOS: ENDPROC
- 720 DEF PROCREFLECT
- 730 FOR T = &C18 TO &C1F:270 = 0: FOR P = 0 TO 7: IF 2T AND 2  $\land$  P THEN 2870 = 2870 OR 2  $\land$  (7 - P)
- 740 NEXT:?T = ?&70:NEXT:
- PROCNOS:ENDPROC
- 750 DEF PROCPRT
- 760 PRINTTAB(0,28) "PRINTING NOW": COLOUR0:VDU2:PROCMOVEUDG(1): FOR P = Ø TO 31:PRINTTAB(0,29) "VDU23, CHARACTER NUMBER";: FOR T = &CØØ + 8\*P TO &CØ7 + 8\*P: PRINT",";?T;:NEXT:PRINT:NEXT: PROCMOVEUDG(6):VDU3:COLOUR3: PRINTTAB(0,28)STRING\$(12,"□"): ENDPROC

Once you have added these extra lines, the program makes it even easier for you to design your characters, allowing you to invert, mirror and rotate your UDG and print out the DATA.

There are often several UDGs which you



might want for a program, which are all fairly similar. When this is the case, you have to design almost the same thing several times. The new features of the program help to make this quicker.

The Acorn has no INVERSE command unlike some other computers so, while you can get round the problem by changing the colours, it is often useful to have some inverse characters in memory. For this reason, the UDG generator now has an inverse command. When you press the <u>CTRL</u> and I keys, the computer gives you the inverse of your design: every pixel that was set, or colouredin, becomes clear, and each one that was clear becomes set.

Another feature which manipulates your design is the reflect facility. Pressing the CTRL and R keys mirrors the UDG in the grid from left to right through an imaginary axis— a vertical line in the centre of the grid.

This facility is very useful for symmetrical designs which take up more than one UDG. Suppose you want to design a laser base for your latest space game; the chances are that it will take up two UDGs, side by side. If the design is symmetrical, you only need design one UDG. When you are satisfied you can Store it in the bank, and then reflect it to get the computer to produce the other half.

Similarly there is a rotate command. The [CTRL] and 0 keys rotate your design through 90 degrees. You can use it to produce versions of your UDG pointing in four directions, which you might need, for example, if you are designing rockets for an asteroids game.

The last feature that the new lines add is a

printer option. This prints out the eight bytes of DATA for each UDG in the bank to a printer, if you have one. The bytes are printed as VDU statements, with eight bytes after each VDU 23, CHARACTER NUMBER, to make it easier for you to understand. To use this option, press the CTRL and P keys.

If you do not want to use a printer, you should miss out Lines  $27\emptyset$ ,  $75\emptyset$  and  $76\emptyset$ . This prevents the computer trying to send information to a non-existent printer.

#### **USING YOUR UDGs**

Although you can get the DATA values printed out, you do not *have* to type in each byte for every UDG in order to use them in your own programs—you can just LOAD them in from tape.

When you SAVE a bank of UDGs to tape with the SAVE option in the program, the computer stores a block of memory on tape. So when you want to put it back into the computer, you have to tell the computer to expect a block of memory instead of a program.

You do this with the command \*LOAD, followed by quotes, followed by a number in hexadecimal; this number is the first address that the block is LOADed into.

So, by working out where in memory you are going to store the UDGs, you can fit in as many banks as you want—the only limit is your computer's memory. All you have to do is \*LOAD each bank to a different address in memory, so that the new banks do not wipe out the old. The article on pages 450 to 457 explains this.



You do not need to give any address at all after the \*LOAD command. If you don't, the block is automatically LOADed back to the area it came from.

The UDG generator SAVEs them from the usual place in memory; if you are going to use more than one bank, you will need to use a \*FX 20 call, and LOAD the extra blocks in above the old one. The article on pages 450 to 457 explains this.

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The last article gave you the first half of a program to make it easier for you to design your own graphics. This article includes the next half of the program to give you even more facilities to edit your UDGs. First, LOAD the last program, and then type in these extra lines.

If you have a Tandy, you should also make these changes to the new lines. Change the number 139 at the end of the DATA statement in Line 80 to 179, the number 48 to 237 and the number 8056 to 8285; each of the numbers to be changed is in bold type to make them easier for you to find. In Lines 2800 and 2900, change USR01 and USR02 to USR1 and USR2, respectively.

#### 30 T = $\emptyset$ :FORK = $\emptyset$ TO14:READN: T = T + N:POKEK + 311 $\emptyset$ 0,N:NEXT: READC:IFT < > C THENEND 40 T = $\emptyset$ :FORK = $\emptyset$ TO84:READN: T = T + N:POKE3115 $\emptyset$ + K,N:NEXT: READC:IFT < > C THENEND

70 DATA 141,72,142,123,12,236,129, 237,193,140,123,84,38,247,57,1974 80 DATA 141,22,142,123,84,51,67,198, 3,166,130,167,194,90,38,249,51, 70,140,123,12,38,240,57,189,139,48,52 90 DATA 6,31,3,142,123,14,134,3,183, 121,68,230,192,134,8,74,88,73, 125,121,23,39,4,88,73,128,4,68 100 DATA 102,132,125,121,23,39,3,68, 102,132,77,38,230,48,31,122,121,68 38,219,48,6,140,123,86,38,207,53,192,8056 170 PRINT" DJOYSTICK OR KEYBOARD (J OR K) ?"; 180 A = INKEY\$:IFA\$ < > "J" ANDA\$ < > "K" THEN180 190 IF A\$ = "J" THEN JY = 1 350 IF JY = 1 THEN GOSUB 1000 ELSE GOSUB 1500  $1000 \text{ PUT}(X1,Y1) - (X1 + 5^{*}T - 1)$ Y1+4),C1,NOT 1010 IF(PEEK(65280)AND1) = 0 GOSUB2000 1020 IFJOYSTK(1) = 0 THENY = Y - 1 1030 IFJOYSTK(1) = 63 THENY = Y + 1 1040 IFJOYSTK(0) = 0 THENX = X - T1050 IFJOYSTK(0) = 63 THEN X = X + T

1060 RETURN



With the new routines for the *INPUT* UDG designer, you can turn your space invaders round to fly in four different directions



You can also INVERSE your design to the background colour. These UDGs were created on the Spectrum, but the other computers are similar

2100 GET(216,70) - (239,93),A

- 2110 GOSUB3000:GOTO2070
- 2200 A\$ = INKEY\$:IFA\$ < > "S"
- ANDA\$ < > "P" THEN2200
- 2210 CLS:DN = 0:IF A\$ = "P" THEN
- DN = -2
- 2220 FORK = 0TO14: FORR = 0TO2
- 2230 PRINT # DN, PEEK (VARPTR
- $(A(\emptyset)) + K^*3 + R)$ ;:NEXT:PRINT # DN:NEXT
- 2240 IF DN < 0 THEN2260
- 2250 A\$ = INKEY\$:IFA\$ = "" THEN2250
- 226Ø FORK = 15T023:FORR = ØT02
- 2270 PRINT # DN, PEEK (VARPTR
- (A(Ø)) + K\*3 + R);:NEXT:PRINT # DN:NEXT 228Ø A\$ = INKEY\$:IF A\$ = "" AND DN = Ø
- THEN228Ø
- 229Ø SCREEN1,ST:RETURN
- 2800 POKE30999,T-1:N = USR02 (VARPTR(A(0)))

2810 GOSUB3000:GOTO2070

- 2900 POKE30999,T-1:N = USR01
- (VARPTR(A(Ø)))
- 2910 GOSUB3000:GOTO2070

Then add this to the end of Line 10:

:DEFUSR1 = 31100:DEFUSR2 = 31150

If you now RUN this new program, you can use the extra editing facilities. If the program stops before it does anything, check your DATA.

There are three main additional features: mirror, invert, and rotate a UDG.

To mirror a UDG you press the M key. The character becomes reversed from left to right—mirrored through an imaginary axis (a vertical line through the centre of the UDG). This is a very useful facility when you are defining two UDGs to stick together to make up one large character. If the large character is symmetrical, you need only define one character, store it, and then mirror it to get the second half.

The rotate facility is similar—pressing the R key rotates the whole UDG by 180 degrees. This can be useful if you need to have graphics which move both up and down—you can use the computer to produce an 'upside down' version of your UDG, for when the character is moving down.

The inverse facility, on the I key, actually reverses every pixel's colour. With PMODE 4 this is easy—green becomes black and vice versa, or buff becomes black, and vice versa.

On the other hand, when you are in colour mode (PMODE 3) things are not quite so simple. Blue and yellow are reversed (so that any blue pixel becomes yellow, and any yellow pixel becomes blue), as are red and green, buff and orange, and cyan and magenta.

Once you have got used to these colour changes, the facility is very useful. It is surprising how different some characters look when reversed like this.

This new program also allows you to change the screen colours while it is RUNning, by pressing the V key. What this does is to swap the set of screen colours you are using. If you were using buff and black, you can change to green and black (and vice versa) and if you were using either of the four-colour screens, using this command puts you into the other one.

Another new feature is the facility to print out the DATA values for the current bank of UDGs.

To do this you should press P. This prints

out the set of numbers you should POKE into the top left-hand corner of the screen. Once you have POKEed them to the screen, you can then GET them into an array so that you can call them up to use as a UDG.

The option also lets you print the numbers to the screen in case you don't have a printer. You can then copy them down on paper, if you want a permanent record of them.

For this reason, after you have pressed the P key, the computer waits for you to press either P or S. P sends the printout to a printer, while S sends it to the screen.

#### USING YOUR UDGs

When you want to use the UDGs that you have designed in your own programs, you can CLOAD in the relevant data from tape, and then GET the bits you want into arrays using the command CLOADM.

Unfortunately, if you are going to use the UDGs in your own programs, you will either have to CLOADM the relevant pieces of data from tape, and then GET the arrays, every time you want to use the program or, alternatively, you need to transfer the information into data statements which the computer carries out whenever you RUN the program.

For this reason, it might be easier for you to either get a printout and then type in the numbers as data to be POKEd onto the screen, or for you to print the numbers to the screen (from the character generator program) and copy them down on paper. You can then incorporate them as DATA in your own program.

When you POKE the numbers onto the screen, you can then GET the area of the screen into an array for you to use as a UDG.

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