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SOFTWARE



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## LOADING INSTRUCTIONS

The following software all comes supplied on high quality C12 microprocessor cassettes, complete with index cards and library cases. The programs are recorded under filenames which are the titles given on the library card. You will find that some of the programs have separate instructions in an extra program, located immediately before the main program. The filenames of these will appear when you try to LOAD the main program, or can be found with the #CAT command.

To LOAD a program, simply type, for example :-

**LOAD "BREAKOUT"**

-and follow the computer's prompts. If the program fails to load first time, use the string of "X"s - which you will find recorded at the end of the tape - to optimise the volume and tone settings of your recorder. (See page 8 of the Atom manual). You should find that the "X"s will reproduce well over quite a wide range of volume settings, not all of which will necessarily lead to correct LOADING, but if you make minor adjustments within this range until the program will #CAT correctly, subsequent LOADING should be fault free.

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**\*SAVE "INVADERS" 2900 3C00**

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"THE ATOM" is the magazine devoted exclusively to users of the Acorn Atom. Initially published every two months (more often if demand proves sufficiently high), "THE ATOM" consists of programs, articles, hints & tips, letters, surveys, etc. All aspects of Atom programming are covered. In addition, subscribers to "THE ATOM" are entitled to a 10% discount on our software, so you can rapidly recover the low cost of subscription. See the order form for the cost of a year's subscription (at least 6 issues). If you would prefer to see a sample copy first, issue 1 (which includes a listing of our MINI-BREAKOUT program!) may be obtained by sending us a cheque/P.O. for 75p (inc. P&P), while stocks last.

## 2K PROGRAMS (1) (2K, BASIC)

Four compact and entertaining programs for the man with minimum configuration

### 1) MOON-LANDING

Can you land your craft safely on its landing pad, or will you run out of fuel and crash into the lunar surface?

### 2) HANGMAN

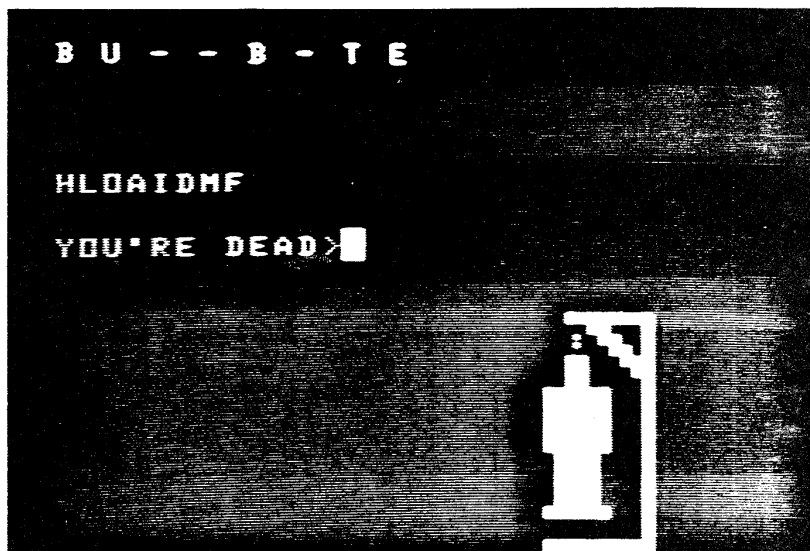
Two player game with graphics

### 3) REACTION-TEST

Tests your ability to react between two set time limits. Very tricky - but it is possible!

### 4) TORPEDO

Shoot torpedos at the ships sailing across the horizon. Your rating is displayed on the screen.



## 2K programs (2) (2K, BASIC & a.c., sound)

More wonders of miniaturisation.

### 1) CALENDAR

Now you need never buy a calendar again! Type in the month and year and the program produces the relevant calendar. Accurate back to whenever Pope Gregory messed things up and forward until someone else does likewise.

### 2) LIFE

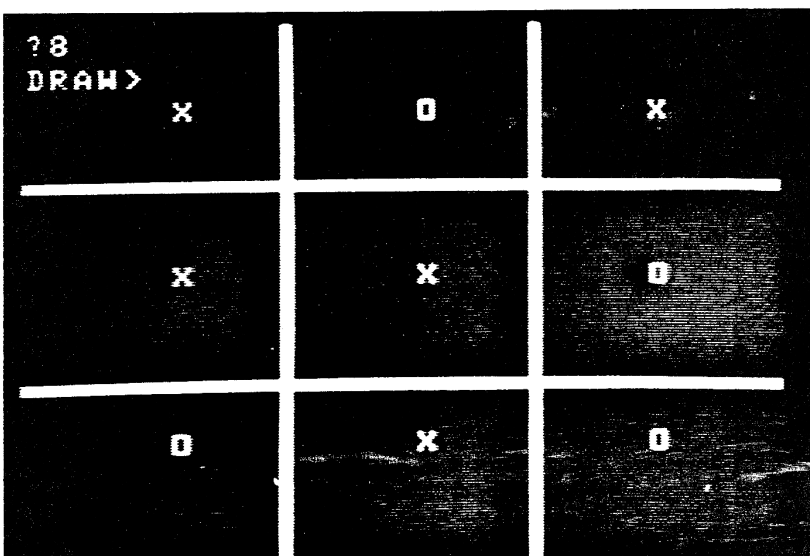
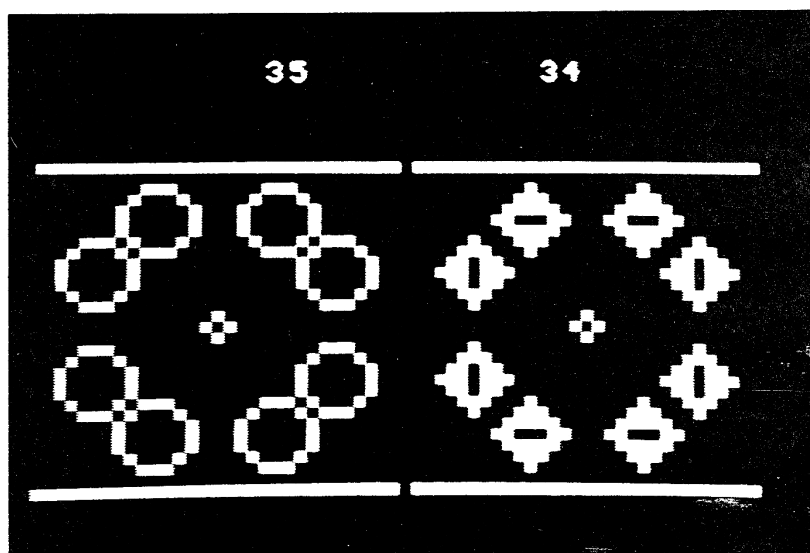
The classic computer simulation of the growth of a colony of cells. The constantly changing patterns produced are fascinating to watch. Written substantially in machine code for compactness and speed. Full cursor control for input of starting pattern. Display of current and last generations, on 27 x 27 grids, and number of elapsed generations.

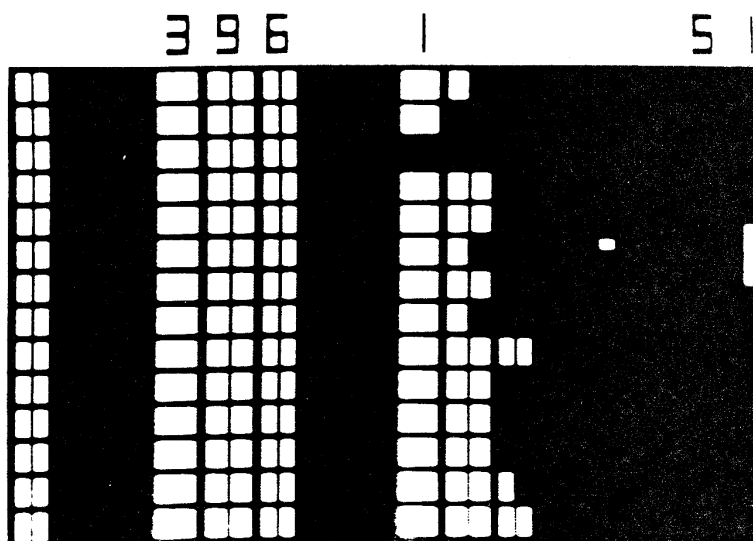
### 3) O'S AND X'S

Challenge your Atom to a game of O's and X's. It can be beaten, but it'll keep you on your toes!

### 4) TUNES

Converts your Atom into a musical box. Any tune can be entered (very long ones will require memory expansion) and replayed at virtually any speed. Comes complete with three sample tunes.





#### ATOM BREAKOUT (4K, m.c, Gr.Mod1, sound)

Fast-moving, highly addictive version of the popular arcade game. With high score, free ball for 500 points, ever advancing walls and sound output.

The aim of the game is to remove as many bricks as possible by hitting them with the bouncing ball. The "curved" edges of your bat will change the ball angle, making the game more challenging. The larger bricks score more points, but return the ball faster, so beware!

Nine different skill levels are provided, from ridiculously easy to mind-blowingly impossible.



#### PINBALL (6K, m.c, Gr.Mod2, sound)

A computer simulation of a pinball table which is packed with features - opening and closing gates; tuneful, flashing bumpers; simulated gravity and a central trap.

You have two bats in place of the more normal flippers, and five balls per game in which to attempt to beat the high score. A free ball can be won by lighting the eight letters and then getting the ball through the free ball gate.

The program has both one and two player versions of the game.



#### FRUIT MACHINE (8K, BASIC & m.c, Gr.Mod2, sound)

Another full-featured simulation, this time of a fruit machine, complete with HOLD and NUDGE facilities and spinning reels, with ten different symbols in a fixed order.

The program is written largely in BASIC, but with extensive machine code routines to produce fast-spinning reels and sound output.

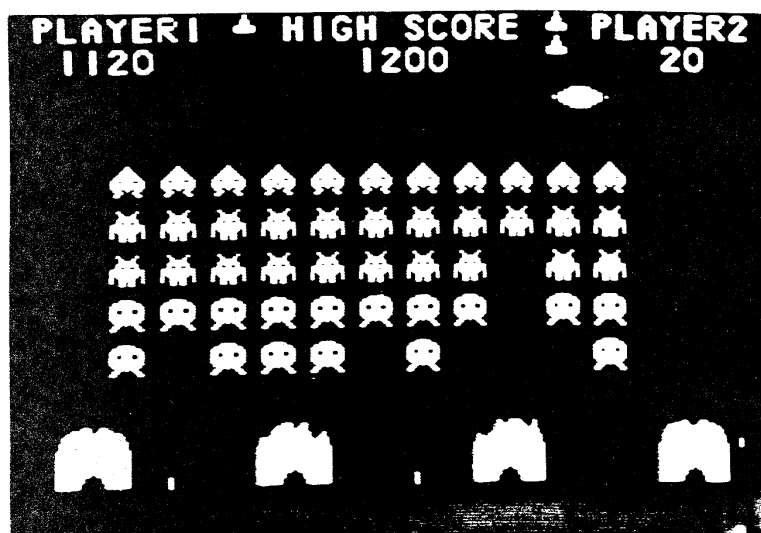
Just as entertaining as a real fruit machine, but far cheaper in the long run.

### ATOM INVADERS (12K, m.c, Gr.Mod4, sound)

Fast-moving, machine code version of the ever popular arcade game, which makes full use of the Atom's high resolution graphics.

All the expected features - one and two player versions, 3 different invader types in 11 x 5 formation, spinning flying saucer, single and double speed bombs, extra base for 1500 points, sound output, high score, etc.

Probably the best version of the program available for the Atom, or any microcomputer. Compare the photograph and list of features with others available.

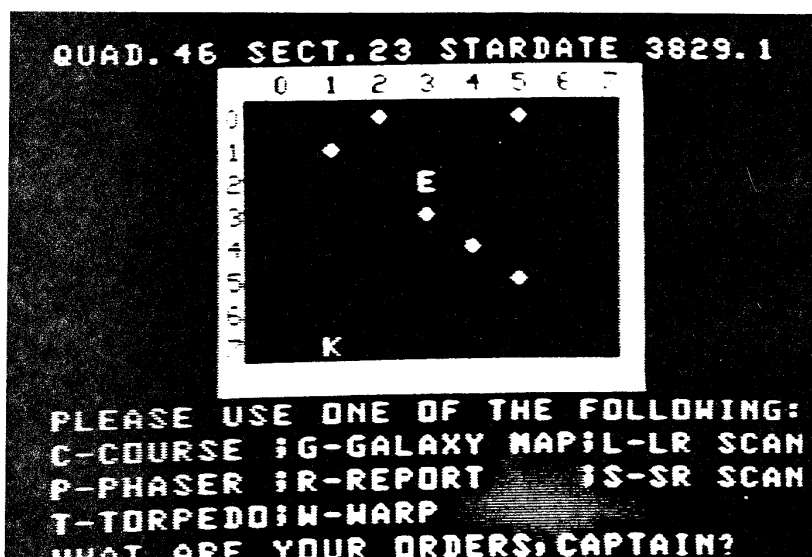


### STAR TREK (12K, BASIC & m.c, sound)

Go where no Atom owner has gone before, trekking across the galaxy, leaving a trail of zapped Klingons in your wake.

The program is a real time version, so if you delay too long in making command decisions, you'll probably live to regret it - if you survive, that is !

8 x 8 Galaxy, with 64 sectors in each quadrant. You have long range and short range scanners to search out Klingons, and Starbases to refuel at, a galaxy map to help you keep track of them and phasers and photon torpedos in your armoury.

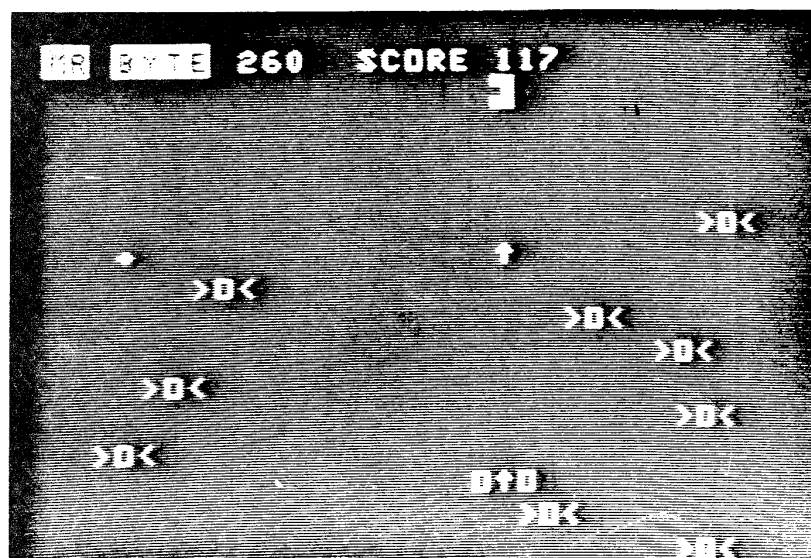


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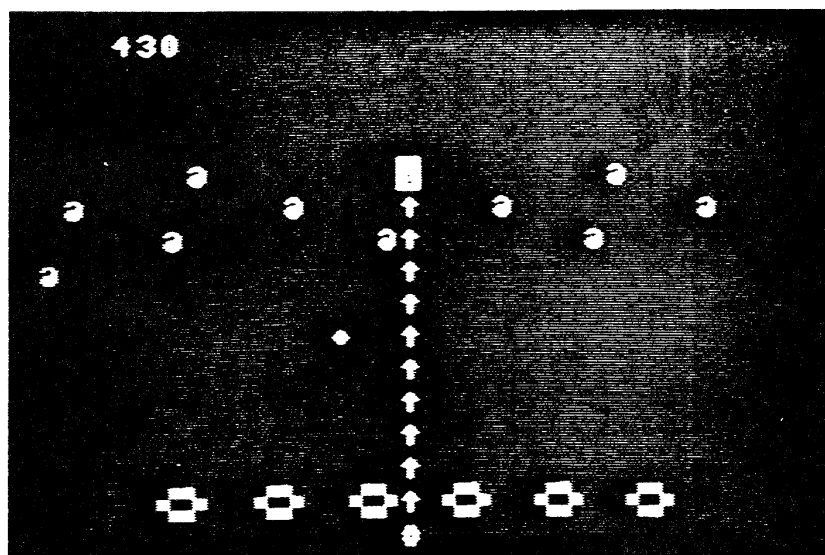
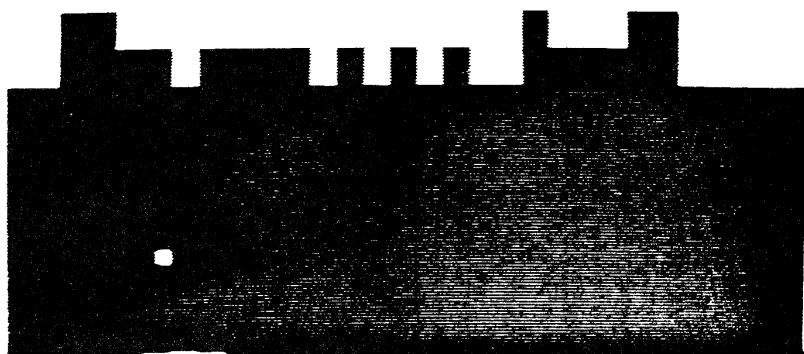
### UFO BOMBER (7K, BASIC, sound)

Your space ship is flying above the relentlessly advancing fleet of aliens. You have to stop them, by dropping bombs, before they reach and destroy you. At the same time, your task is complicated by the presence of asteroids, which must be avoided. The ufos advance at an ever increasing rate and, after a while they are joined by the dreaded super aliens with their deadly plasmon rays!

Tremendous sound effects, high score and comments on your performance.



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2K programs (3) (2K, BASIC & m.c., sound)

Two enormous achievements in the very cramped memory space of the minimal Atom.

#### 1) MINI-BREAKOUT

A largely machine code program, which compares favourably with some of the much longer versions of the program we have seen. You get three attempts at demolishing the wall. If you succeed in this, (not an easy feat!) the wall resets and you are rewarded with another three balls.

There are several ball angles and these change whenever the ball hits the edge of your bat. Three skill levels.

#### 2) ATOM INVASION

Written entirely in BASIC, but a model of compactness and speedy execution. You have to eliminate the invader fleet before they land. Shields are provided to help you avoid their bombs. If you succeed, a second wave will appear and set about you even more ferociously. The program keeps a record of the top score. There is a wide range of skill levels, to suit players of all abilities

2C86 JSR 2D1B	20 1B 2D
2C89 LDA 8E	A5 8E
2C8B BNE EC (TO 2C79)	D0 EC
2C8D LDA(82),Y	B1 82
2C8F ORA 86	05 86
2C91 STA(82),Y	91 82
2C93 RTS	60
2C94 DEC 89	C6 89
2C96 BNE E1 (TO 2C79)	D0 E1
2C98 LDA 87	A5 87
2C9A STA 89	85 89
2C9C LDX 8B	A6 8B
2C9E CPX 0 02	E0 02
2CA0 BEQ 05 (TO 2CA7)	F0 05
2CA2 CPX 0 00	E0 00
2CA4 BEQ 3A (TO 2CE0)	F0 3A

#### DISASSEMBLER (4K, BASIC)

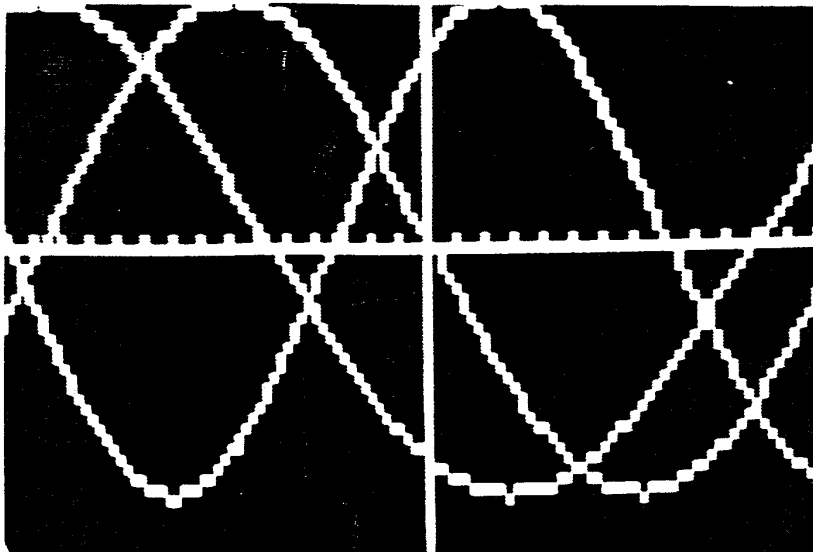
Unlocks the secrets of the Atom ROMs (or any machine code program) by converting the machine code back into assembler mnemonics.

The program occupies 2K of program space, and can be loaded into any convenient 2K block of memory. The listings can be sent to a printer, if you have one, or alternatively, displayed a screenful at a time.

An invaluable aid for any machine code enthusiast, or for anyone wanting to learn by example. You'll wonder how you ever survived without it!

#### BIO-RHYTHMS (4K,BASIC)

Takes your date of birth and the present date and plots the current state of your physical, emotional and mental cycles. Whether or not you believe in the value of these for predicting your state of mind, it's good fun to find out how you and your friends are supposed to be feeling on particular days. You could also try it out for famous people on famous dates.



#### PONTOON (4K,BASIC)

The computer generously gives you some money to play with and then proceeds to take it off you again by beating you at pontoon. The computer deals the cards, offers you the options of sticking, twisting, or buying (where relevant), signals pontoons and five card tricks ..... and inevitably wins in the long run.

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YOU HAVE:
BLACK OF DIAMONDS
EIGHT OF CLUBS

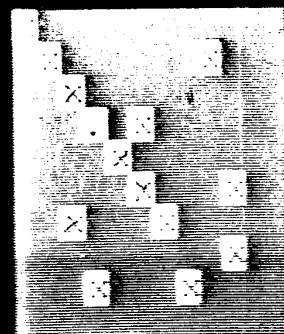
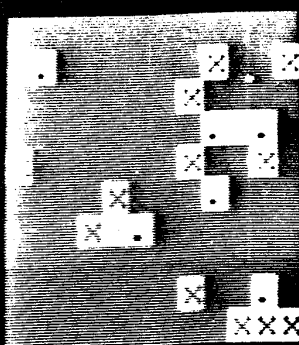
DO YOU WANT TO STICK OR TWIST?S

I HAVE:
THREE OF HEARTS
KING OF DIAMONDS
NINE OF DIAMONDS

I'M BUST
YOU WIN $4
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#### BATTLESHIPS (4K,BASIC)

The standard grid game, with battleships and destroyers, played against the computer. You and the computer take turns to shoot at the various squares on the other's grid, somewhere on which two battleships and three destroyers are hiding. The more ships you have left intact, the more shots you get each turn, until eventually one of the fleets is wiped out



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CHOOSE THE POSITIONS OF YOUR
6 SHOTS BY MOVING THE
CURSOR AND TYPING CHARACTERS IN
THE REQUIRED POSITIONS ON THE
RIGHT SQUARE?
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# NEW RELEASES:

## LABYRINTH (12K, F.P., BASIC, Gr.Mod2A, sound)

High-resolution colour graphics (also effective in Black & White) make this 3D maze program one of the best versions available. To help you find your way through the bewildering array of corridors of the 30x15 cell random maze, you can call up a 2D-map of the maze. In the harder game option, this map shows only the portions of the maze which you have explored.

Your task is to find your way to the treasure room at the centre of the maze and then escape through the exit. To make things more difficult, several monsters (including the dreaded Minotaur) are loose in the maze, and you will have to fight your way past them. The types of monsters present, and their weapons can be altered by the user, if required.

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## LUNAR LANDER (12K, BASIC & m.c, Gr. Mod4)

A highly addictive, arcade style program. A rugged lunar landscape is drawn out and you have to attempt to land your craft safely on the flat areas, by varying the thrust of your main & steering rockets. If you succeed, the ship takes off, and you have to try to land it again, under slightly more difficult conditions. This continues, until you have reduced 3 ships to heaps of rubble.

On screen readout of fuel and score. Several skill levels. A record is kept of the high score. If you are a sufficiently expert pilot, you will be rewarded with extra ships. Definately a cut above the average lunar lander!!

## GOLF (6K, F.P., BASIC)

An 18 hole, par 72 course, complete with fairways, rough, bunkers, trees, streams & greens. Skill and careful club selection are required to get round with a good score. To make things more difficult, you have to specify a fault in your game, which the program will reproduce, and your handicap. At the end of the round, the program produces your scorecard for the round.

A highly entertaining program, which is likely to have you up late into the night straining for a par!

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## \* BACKGAMMON (7k, basic)

The program draws out a representation of a backgammon board and allows you to play the standard game against the computer. Playing instructions are not included, but if you can't already play the game, there are several books available to teach you, and the Atoz makes an ideal, ever willing partner to build up your playing strength against.

Computer responses are rapid (approximately 10 seconds) and the program will not accept illegal moves. Dice throwing is controlled by the computer.

## LAST RUN (7K, BASIC, sound)

You are in a maze system, full of constantly changing traps and exploding bombs. Your task is to run around collecting points by reaching the target squares - but beware, they have a nasty habit of avoiding you or changing into traps. You get three runs through the maze (more if you are sufficiently successful) in which to gain sufficient points to beat the high score. Not for the nervous!

## RHINO & WIGGLE (10K, F.P., BASIC, sound)

Two programs on one cassette. Rhino puts you in the uncomfortable position of trying to cross a field with a slightly stupid, but very annoyed rhino in it. Your only chance is to lose him amongst the trees. If you succeed, the next field has 2 rhinos in it. By the time you've got half a dozen in there with you, things are getting rather tricky!

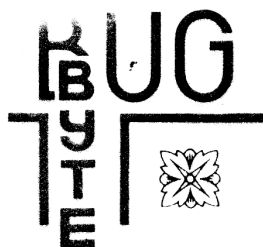
Wiggle is in graphics mode 4A (in colour if you have a colour encoder) and involves guiding a snake through the gaps in a set of parallel walls. If you succeed, the next set are more closely spaced. Simple, compulsive, and very, very frustrating!

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