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Introduction

The aim of this book is to present a collection of programs that will both be useful in their own right, and illustrate a range of interesting, and in many cases classical, programming problems. The topics cover the entire range of computer applications; from mathematics and graphics, to games, and include a project to develop a compiler for a simple programming language.

Originally the programs were to be presented for one computer, with notes on converting them to run on other machines. However, this soon proved to be impractical due to the wide range of BASIC dialects. Therefore the present format of the book evolved. Each program is presented in two versions; one for the BBC Computer, whose BASIC seems likely to become a standard for the next few years, and the other for the Acorn Atom, its popular predecessor. Readers with other machines should have little trouble converting one of these versions to their particular BASIC.

Finally, I hope that the reader enjoys trying out the programs in the following pages, and is inspired to improve on them, or use them as the basis for more ambitious projects. To this end, many of the programs include a section of 'Further Suggestions'.

Notes on the Programs

All of the programs in this book will run on the Model A BBC Computer, with 16K of RAM, although the programs of Chapter 2 can be modified to take advantage of the higher-resolution graphics available on the Model B.

The versions for the Atom will run on a machine with lK of graphics memory, with the exception of the programs of Chapter 2, and the Compiler program, which require the full 6K of graphics memory. A floating-point ROM is needed for Rotation, Surface, and Fractions.

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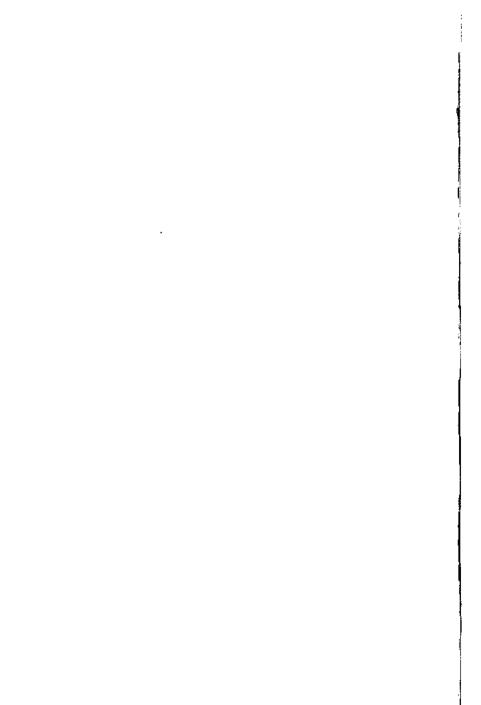
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1 Games

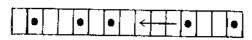
SILVER-DOLLAR GAME

Many two-player games are games of 'complete information' in which both players know at every stage what the outcome of their alternative moves will be. Thus noughts-and-crosses is such a game, but bridge is not because each player's cards are hidden from the other players. Games of complete information rely for their interest on their complexity; otherwise it would be possible for the players to work out from an early position in the game who has the forced win and how to achieve it.

In theory, one should be able to play any game of complete information perfectly. The strategy is simple: for every possible move at a given stage, examine every possible reply of your opponent's; for every reply look at every possible next move, and so on. In practice most games contain a prohibitively large number of possibilities, ruling out this strategy for even the fastest computers.

Many games of complete information have been 'solved'; in other words, a simple winning strategy has been found which, if known to one of the players, reduces the task of winning to a straightforward calculation. The following game, known as the 'Silver Dollar Game', is one such game, and it provides an excellent example of a game that a computer can play perfectly with a simple winning strategy.

The original Silver Dollar game is played with a number of coins which are moved by the two players along a line of squares. In his turn, a player must move one coin to the left along as many unoccupied squares as he wishes. For example, a possible move would be:



The first player unable to move, when all the coins have reached the left-hand end of the line, loses.

In this version of the game the computer is one player; there are five coins identified with the letters A to E, and they move along a line of 30 dots. The starting position is chosen by the program at random, and the player moves a letter by typing the letter once for each place it is to be moved. The move is entered by typing 'return', and the computer will then make its move. The game continues in this way until one player has won.

For example, the game might start with the position:

AB.....E....

where the dots represent empty squares. The human player moves the 'D' to:

AB.....E....

The computer then moves the 'E':

AB.....CD.....E.....

The human then moves the 'C':

ABC.....D.....E.....

The game continues: computer:

ABC.....DE.....

Human:

ABCD....E....

Computer:

ABCDE.....

and the computer wins!

Program Operation

The strategy used by the computer relies on the fact that there are certain 'safe' positions in the game. No move by the opponent from one of these safe positions can achieve a safe position, so the computer simply waits until the player leaves an unsafe position, and thereafter always moves to safe positions until it has won.

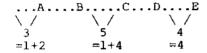
To see if any position in the Silver Dollar Game is safe or unsafe, first determine the following three

numbers:

- a. The number of dots to the left of A.
- b. The number of dots between B and C.
- c. The number of dots between D and E.

Now split these numbers into their component powers of two. If there is an even number of each power of two, the position is safe; otherwise, it is unsafe.

As an example, take the following position:



Since there is only one '2', the position is unsafe. However, it can be made safe by moving the A two places to the left:

The final safe position is the winning position, when all the letters are moved to the left.

BBC Computer Version

- 5 REM ... Silver Dollar Game ...
- 10 DIM PP(5),TT(2)
- 20 PP(0)=-1: FOR N=1 TO 5: PP(N)=PP(N-1)+ABSRND MOD 8+1: NEXT
 - 25 P=R:CLS:PROCPRINT

Main loop; keep playing until someone has won.

- 30 REPEAT
- 35 IF FNWIN PRINT'"I WIN!":END
- 40 PROCMOVE
- 50 IF FNWIN PRINT'"YOU WIN!":END
- 60 PROCI:UNTIL 0

PROCI - Computer's move. Get Nim-sum of gaps, S. If it is zero there is no winning move; otherwise look for move that makes it zero.

- 1000 DEF PROCI S=0:FOR N=0 TO 2
- 1010 TT(N) = PP(2*N+1) PP(2*N) 1:S = S EOR TT(N):NEXT
- 1020 IF S=0 GOTO 1100
- 1030 N=-1:REPEAT N=N+1: T=TT(N)-(S EOR TT(N))

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1040 UNTIL T>0:N=2*N+1
1050 GOTO 1200
```

Human has got a safe position, so can only make a random move.

1100 N=0:REPEAT N=N+1:UNTIL PP(N)-PP(N-1)>=2 1120 T=(PP(N)-PP(N-1)) DIV 2

Computer has decided its move - now do it.

1200 PROCURSOR 1250 PP(N) = PP(N) - T

1260 FOR J=1 TO T

1270 FOR K=1TO999: NEXT: PROCBUDGE: NEXT: PRINT CHR\$(30);:ENDPROC

PROCPRINT - Print board with counters.

2000 DEF PROCPRINT

2005 N=0:PRINT CHR\$(30)" ";:FOR J=1 TO 5

2010 IF N<PP(J) REPEAT PRINT".";:N=N+1:UNTIL N=PP(J) 2020 PRINT CHR\$(J+ASC("@"))::N=N+1:NEXT:REPEAT

PRINT"."::N=N+1:UNTIL N=30

2030 PRINT CHR\$(30)::ENDPROC

PROCMOVE - Input human's move, and move selected counter. Bleep illegal move.

3000 DEF PROCMOVE

3010 Q=GET:IF Q<ASC("A")OR Q>ASC("E")PRINT CHR\$(7);: GOTO 3010

3050 N=Q-ASC("@")

3060 IF PP(N)-PP(N-1)<2 PRINT CHR\$(7);:GOTO 3010 3070 PROCURSOR

3075 GOTO 3100

3080 Q=GET:IF Q=13 ENDPROC

3090 IF PP(N)-PP(N-1)<2 PRINT CHR\$(7);:GOTO: 3080 3100 PP(N) = PP(N) - 1

3110 PROCBUDGE:GOTO 3080

FNWIN - Returns 1 if game is won.

4000 DEF FNWIN W=1:FOR N=1TO5:IFPP(N)<>N-1 W=0 4100 NEXT:=W

PROCURSOR - Moves cursor to under piece N.

5000 DEF PROCURSOR 5010 PRINT CHR\$(30);:FORJ=0 TO PP(N):PRINT CHR\$(9);: NEXT: ENDPROC

PROCBUDGE - Move piece N back one place.

6000 DEF PROCBUDGE 6010 PRINT".";CHR\$(8);CHR\$(8); CHR\$(N+ASC("@")); CHR\$(8)::ENDPROC

Variables:

J - Counter

K - Delay counter

N - Counter

PP(0)..PP(5) - PP(0)=-1; PP(1) to PP(5) are the positions of the 5 counters

O - Character read by GET

S - Nim sum

S - Move needed to make Nim sum zero ${\rm TT}(0)..{\rm TT}(2)$ - Sizes of Nim-heaps corresponding to a position

W - Winner flag; W=l if game has ended

Atom Version

- 5 ... SILVER DOLLAR GAME ...
- 10 DIM PP5,TT2,Q0,R-1
- 20 PP0=-1; FOR N=1 TO 5; PPN=PP(N-1)+ABSRND%8+1; NEXT

Assemble read-character routine at R.

- 25 P=R;PRINT\$21;[JSR#FFE3;STAQ;RTS;]
- 28 PRINT\$6\$12; GOSUB p

Main loop; keep playing until someone has won.

- 30aGOSUB w
- 35 IFW PRINT'"I WIN!"'; END
- 40 GOSUB m; GOSUB w
- 50 IFW PRINT'"YOU WIN!"'; END
- 60 GOSUB i; GOTO a
- i Computer's move. Get Nim-sum of gaps, S. If it is zero there is no winning move; otherwise look for move that makes it zero.
- 1000iS=0; FOR N=0 TO 2 1010 TTN=PP(2*N+1)-PP
- 1010 TTN=PP(2*N+1)-PP(2*N)-1;S=S:TTN;NEXT
- 1020 IF S=0 GOTO r
- 1030 N=-1; DO N=N+1; T=TTN-(S:TTN)
- 1040 UNTIL T>0; N=2*N+1
- 1050 GOTO j

```
Human has got a safe position, so can only make a
  random move.
 1100rN=0:DO N=N+1:UNTIL PPN-PP(N-1)>=2
 1120 T=(PPN-PP(N-1))/2
  Computer has decided its move - now do it.
 1200 GOSUB C
 1250 PPN=PPN+T
 1260 FOR J=1 TO T
 1270 FOR K=1TO999; NEXT; GOSUB b; NEXT; PRINT$30; RETURN
 p - Print board with counters.
 2000pN=0:PRINT$30" ":FOR J=1 TO 5
 2010 IF N<PPJ DOPRINT"."; N=N+1; UNTILN=PPJ
 2020 PRINTS(J+CH"@"); N=N+1; NEXT; DOPRINT". "; N=N+1;
UNTILN=30
 2030 PRINT$30; RETURN
 m - Input human's move, and move selected counter.
 Bleep illegal move.
3000mLINKR; IF?Q<CH"A"OR?Q>CH"E" PRINT$7; GOTO m
 3050 N=?O-CH"@"
3060 IF PPN-PP(N-1)<2 PRINT$7;GOTO m
3070 GOSUB c
 3075 GOTO v
3080qLINKR; IF?Q=13 RETURN
3090 IF PPN-PP(N-1)<2 PRINT$7;GOTO q
3100vPPN=PPN-1
3110 GOSUB b; GOTO q
 w - Sets W to l if game is won.
4000wW=1;FOR N=1TO5;IFPPN<>N-1 W=0
4100NEXT: RETURN
 c - Moves cursor to under piece N.
5000cPRINT$30; FORJ=0 TO PPN; PRINT$9; NEXT; RETURN
b - Move piece N back one place.
6000bPRINT"."$8$8$(N+CH"@")$8;RETURN
```

Variables: J - Counter

K - Delay counter

N - Counter

PP(0)..PP(5) - PP(0)=-1; PP(1) to PP(5) are the positions of the 5 counters

U - Location containing character read by R

R - Read-character routine; puts character in ?Q

: - Nim sum

T - Move needed to make Nim sum zero

 $\operatorname{TT}(0)$..TT(2) - Sizes of Nim-heaps corresponding to a position

W - Winner flag; W=1 if game has ended

CAR MAZE

The following game is more a test of rapid thinking than a game of strategy or tactics; you have to drive a car through a maze, which moves steadily up the screen. The maze is randomly generated, but there is always a safe path if you can find it in time. You have controls to move the car forwards down the screen, and to the left or right. If you collide with one of the walls you must start again! To make the game even more difficult the maze moves progressively laster as the game proceeds.

BBC Computer Version

The BBC Version uses the following controls:

- 5 REM ... Car Maze ...
- 10 H=0:I=6:L=40
- 12 L%=-226:R%=-195:D%=-233
- 15 MODE7: VDU28,0,24,39,0

Set up strings for walls.

Start of main loop here; start car off on line 24 in column 20.

```
35 Y=20:@%=6:G=0:E=200:V=0
40 X=&7FC0:B=X
50 IFY?X<>32 GOTO 200
60 Y?X=&7F:FOR J=0TO E:NEXT
61 IF G AND 1 GOTO 100
62 PRINT CHR$(10);:X=X-L
63 IF V=0 C=RND(4)+1: D=RND(2)-1:$B=W$(C):V=4:GOTO
100
65 $B=W$(D):V=V-1
100 B?39=32:G=G+1:IFE>0 E=E-1
```

```
Look for keys; Left decreases Y, Right increases Y, and Down adds L to X.
```

```
110 IF INKEY(L%) Y=(Y+39)MOD 40
120 IF INKEY(R%) Y=(Y+1)MOD 40
130 IF NOT INKEY(D%) GOTO50
140 IFY?X<>32 GOTO 200
150 IFX<B X=X+I.
```

105 Y?X=32

160 GOTO 50

Variables:

```
Crash - bleep, and put up score. Wait for space to play again.
```

```
@ - Numerical field width
B - Address of bottom line of screen
D% - Number of / key
E - Speed. E=0 is maximum speed
```

G - Score H - Highest score I - Number of different walls

J - Delay counter
K - Key typed
L - Screen width

L% - Number of Z key R% - Number of X key V - Counter for vertical walls

W\$(0)..W\$(4) - Strings containing walls
X - Address of start of line containing car
Y - Position of car across screen

Atom Version

The version for the Atom uses the following keys, which can be read easily from a BASIC program:

SHIFT - move left REPT - move right CTRL - move forwards

5 REM ... CAR MAZE ...

10 H=0; I=6; L=32

Set up strings for walls.

20 DIM W(I*L)

22 \$W=" * * *"

26 \$W+128=" * ***** ***** *****

28 FORN=0TO L*I; IF W?N=#2A W?N=#FF

29 NEXT

Start of main loop here; start car off on line 24 in column 20.

30sPRINT\$12;?#E1=0;PRINT

35 Y=16; @=6; G=0; E=200; V=0

40 X=#81E0;B=#81E0

50zIFY?X<>L GOTO x

60 Y?X=160; FOR J=0TO E; NEXT

61 IF G&1 GOTO V

62 PRINT\$10; X=X-L

63 IF V=0 C=ABSRND%4+2; D=ABSRND%2;\$B=\$(W+C*L);V=4; GOTO V

65 \$B=\$(W+D*L);V=V-1

100v?#81FF=L;G=G+1;IFE>0E=E-1

105 Y?X=L

Look for keys; Left decreases Y, Right increases Y, and Down adds L to X.

110 IF?#B001<128 Y=(Y-1)&31

120 IF?#B002(=0 Y=(Y+1)&31

130 IF?#B001(<>0GOTO z

140 IFY?X<>L GOTO x

150 IFX<B X=X+L

160 GOTO z

Crash - bleep, and put up score. Wait for space to play again.

200xY?X=152;PRINT\$7\$30"score"G" highscore"H;IF G>H H=G

210 LINK #FFE3; GOTO s

Variables:

@ - Numerical field width

B - Address of bottom line of screen

E - Speed. E=0 is maximum speed

G - Score

H - Highest score

I - Number of different walls

J - Delay counter

L - Screen width

V - Counter for vertical walls

W - String containing walls. \$(W+C*L) is wall C

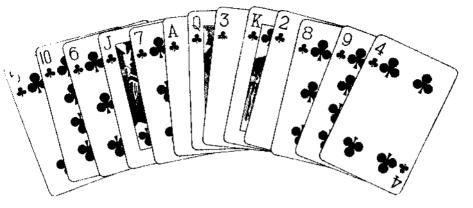
X - Address of start of line containing car

Y - Position of car across screen

CARD TRICK

Computers seem like magic to many people, but the following program goes one stage further and turns the computer into a magician enabling it to find a card chosen secretly by an onlooker. The presentation of the trick is as follows: the thirteen cards of one suit are fanned out face down, and the onlooker takes one and remembers it. The remaining pile of cards is cut once, and the onlooker then replaces the chosen card wherever he likes. The pile is then divided in two, and the two halves are shuffled together. Finally, the cards are fanned out face-up on the table, and the order of the cards is typed into the computer, representing Ace as 1, Jack as 11, Queen as 12, and King as 13. After a brief pause the computer announces which was the chosen card! The trick can be repeated any number of times, and the computer will almost always be right.

For example, suppose the cards are in the sequence shown below:



Having typed in the sequence of cards the program will orint:

YOU PICKED THE 3

The trick depends for its success on the cards being shuffled only once, and the shuffle should be of the sort that divides the packet into two halves, and morges the two halves back into one pile; this shuffle is sometimes called a riffle shuffle. The cards can be cut at any time, but only into two piles.

Program Operation

The program works by comparing the new order of the cards with their order the previous time the trick was performed; for each card a number is calculated which represents how far the processes of shuffling and cutting have moved that card from its previous neighbours. The higher this score, the more out of sequence is the card concerned. The card with the highest score is likely to be the one that was chosen.

When the programs are first executed they assume that the cards were in numerical order, ace up to king. If the cards are not in order when the trick is performed the computer will, most likely, get the trick wrong at the first attempt, but in some ways this adds to the mystery and can be attributed to "warming up"! Subsequently, the initial order is replaced by the new order of the cards, as typed in; therefore the order of the cards should not be disturbed between presentations of the trick.

There are cases in which the computer cannot be certain about which card was the chosen one. For example, if the card is returned to its original position then no information is available to the computer. Less obviously, if the card is replaced next

to its previous neighbour, it is ambiguous whether it or its neighbour was the chosen card. Cutting the pack before asking the onlooker to replace the card encourages him to replace the card in a different position, minimising the chances of these events occurring.

BBC Computer Version

- 10 REM ... Card Trick ...
- 20 DIM A(13),B(13),S(13)

The cards are represented by the numbers 1 (for ace) to 13 (for king). First time, assume cards in order. Then the sequence of cards is read in.

- 30 FOR J=1 TO 13: A(J)=J: NEXT J
- 40 PRINT "ENTER YOUR CARDS"
- 50 FOR J=1 TO 13: S(J)=0
- 60 INPUT B(J): NEXT J

Each of the cards in the previous sequence A(J) is searched for in the new sequence, and its position there is subtracted from the positions of each of the cards that were its neighbours in the previous sequence. The sequences are considered as circular, so 13 is added to any difference that turns out negative.

- 70 T=A(13): PROCFIND
- 80 FOR J=1 TO 13: L=X: R=T
- 90 T=A(J): PROCFIND
- 100 Q=X-L: IF Q<0 THEN Q=O+13

The cards distance from one neighbour, plus its distance from the other neighbour, is saved as that card's score.

- 110 S(T)=S(T)+Q: S(R)=S(R)+Q
- 120 NEXT J

The card with the maximum score is found and displayed as the chosen card.

- 130 M≃0
- 140 FOR J=1 TO 13: A(J)=B(J)
- 150 IF S(J)>=M THEN Z=J: M=S(J)
- 160 NEXT J
- 170 PRINT "YOU PICKED THE "; Z
- 180 GOTO 40

PROCFIND - Find card T in array B, and return number in X.

- 200 DEF PROCFIND
- 210 FOR K=1 TO 13: IF T=B(K) THEN X=K
- 220 NEXT K: ENDPROC

Variables:

 $\Lambda(1)..A(13)$ - Old array of cards

B(1)...B(13) - New array of cards

J - Counter

M - Maximum score

S(1)..S(13) - Scores for each card

Atom Version

```
10 REM ... CARD TRICK ...
```

20 DIM AA(13),BB(13),SS(13); @=0

The cards are represented by the numbers 1 (for ace) to 13 (for king). First time, assume cards in order. Then the sequence of cards is read in.

- 30 FOR J=1 TO 13; AA(J)=J; NEXT J
- 40 PRINT "ENTER YOUR CARDS"'
- 50 FOR J=1 TO 13; SS(J)=0
- 60 INPUT B; BB(J)=B; NEXT J

Each of the cards in the previous sequence AA(J) is searched for in the new sequence, and its position there is subtracted from the positions of each of the cards that were its neighbours in the previous sequence. The sequences are considered as circular, so 13 is added to any difference that turns out negative.

- 70 T=AA(13); GOSUB f
- 80 FOR J=1 TO 13; L=X; R=T
- 90 T=AA(J); GOSUB f
- 100 Q=X-L; IF Q<0 THEN Q=Q+13

The cards distance from one neighbour, plus its distance from the other neighbour, is saved as that card's score.

110 SS(T)=SS(T)+Q; SS(R)=SS(R)+Q

120 NEXT J

The card with the maximum score is found and displayed as the chosen card.

- 130 M=0
- 140 FOR J=1 TO 13; AA(J)=BB(J)
- 150 IF SS(J) >= M THEN Z=J; M=SS(J)
- 160 NEXT J
- 170 PRINT "YOU PICKED THE " Z'
- 180 GOTO 40

f - Find card T in array BB, and return number in X.

210fFOR K=1 TO 13; IF T=BB(K) THEN X=K 220 NEXT K; RETURN

Variables:

AA(1)..AA(13) - Old array of cards

B - Card entered

BB(1)..BB(13) - New array of cards

J - Counter

M - Maximum score

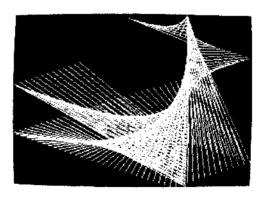
SS(1)..SS(13) - Scores for each card

2 Graphs

PATTERNS

Some very beautiful patterns can be generated from a very simple set of rules. The following program eleates a variety of unpredictable patterns, containing many curves, simply by drawing a series of line segments. The lines are drawn between two points which move in straight lines across the screen. When either point reaches the edge of the screen it is reflected, like a billiard ball. On reaching a certain complexity the pattern is undrawn, line by line, resulting in startling effects as parts of the pattern are eliminated before others.

Sample plot:



BBC Computer Version

The BBC Computer version uses integer variables for $\max x \, imum$ speed, and the 4-colour graphics mode

available on the Model A. Successive lines are drawn in different colours to give a rainbow effect.

- 10 REM ... Patterns ...
- 20 C%=1
- 30 DIM XX%(3), ZZ%(3), VV%(3), CC%(3), WW%(3)

Choose 160x256 4-colour graphics mode. Define logical colour zero (background) as physical colour 4 (blue), and logical colour 3 (white) as physical colour 2 (green); turn cursor off.

- 40 REPEAT MODES
- 45 VDU19,0,4;0;19,3,2;0;23;&200A;0;0;0;
- 50
- CC%(0)=1280:CC%(1)=1024:CC%(2)=CC%(0):CC%(3)=CC%(1)
 - 60 FOR I%=0TO3:XX%(I%)=ABSRND:VV%(I%)=ABSRND MOD4*8
 70 XX%(I%)=XX%(I%) MOD
- CC%(I%): ZZ%(I%)=XX%(I%)+CC%(I%): NEXT
 - 80 FOR G%=5TO7 STEP 2

Map two pairs of coordinates (ZZ(0), ZZ(1)) and (ZZ(2), ZZ(3)) onto screen window as (WW(0), WW(1)) and (WW(2), WW(3)).

- 90 REPEAT FOR I%=0TO3:ZZ%(I%)=ZZ%(I%)+VV%(I%)
- 100 WW%(I%)=ABS(ZZ%(I%)MOD(CC%(I%)*2)-CC%(I%))
- 110 NEXT
- 120 C%=C%MOD3+1:GCOL0,C%
- 130 MOVE WW%(0), WW%(1):PLOTG%, WW%(2), WW%(3)

Keep plotting in different colours until return to starting coordinates, then repeat in black to clear picture.

140 UNTIL WW%(0)=XX%(0) AND WW%(1)=XX%(1) AND WW%(2)=XX%(2) AND WW%(3)=XX%(3)
150 NEXT:UNTIL 0

Variables:

CC%(0)..CC%(3) - Screen coordinates

C% ~ Current colour 0-3

G% - Plotting code; G%=5 gives plotting in white, and
G%=7 gives plotting in black

I - Index for arrays

 $\mbox{VV\$}(0)...\mbox{VV\$}(3)$ - $\mbox{\sc Vectors}$ by which the two balls move at each stage

WW%(0)..WW%(3) - Coordinates of two bouncing balls

XX%(0)..XX%(3) - Starting coordinates of balls

ZZ%(0)..ZZ%(3) - Coordinates of balls before mapping them to the screen; all positive

Atom Version

The Atom version uses the 256×192 graphics mode, and plots the lines in white.

- 10 REM ... PATTERNS ...
- 15 DIM XX3, 2Z3, VV3, CC3, WW3
- 20 DO CLEAR4
- 25 CC0=256;CC1=192;CC2=CC0;CC3=CC1
- 30 FOR I=0TO3; XXI=ABSRND; VVI=ABSRND %4*2
- 40 XXI=XXI %CCI; ZZI=XXI+CCI; NEXT
- 45 FOR G=5TO7 STEP2

Map two pairs of coordinates (ZZO,ZZ1) and (%Z2,ZZ3) onto screen window as (WWO,WW1) and (WW2,WW3).

- 50 DO FOR I=0TO3; ZZI=ZZI+VVI
- 55 WWI=ABS(ZZI%(CCI*2)-CCI)
- 60 NEXT
- 65 MOVE WWO, WW1; PLOTG, WW2, WW3

Keep plotting in white until return to starting coordinates, then repeat in black to clear picture.

70 UNTIL WW0=XX0 AND WW1=XX1 AND WW2=XX2 AND WW3-XX3

90 NEXT; UNTIL 0

Variables:

cc0..cc3 - Screen coordinates

 $\ensuremath{\scriptscriptstyle\mathrm{G}}$ - Plotting code; G=5 gives plotting in white, and

d / gives plotting in black

! - Index for arrays

vv0...vv3 - Vectors by which the two balls move at each stage

ww0..ww3 - Coordinates of two bouncing balls

xx0..xx3 - Starting coordinates of balls

ZZO..ZZ3 - Coordinates of balls before mapping them to the screen; all positive

Further Suggestions

A variant on these patterns can be obtained by replacing line 45 with:

45 FOR H%=0TO1;G%=6

 $\omega_{\rm f}$ its equivalent on the Atom. The lines will then be $_{\rm drawn}$ by inverting the screen.

The spacing of lines on the screen is determined by the values of VV%(0) to VV%(3) set in line 30. In

the versions given above these values are constrained to be even, to limit the life of each pattern, but this can be altered to vary the spacing.

CONTOURS

The following very simple program plots an extremely intricate and colourful pattern, from a function given in the program. In effect, the program evaluates the function at every point on the screen, and plots a coloured point the colour of which depends on the value of the function at that point. The result is a contour map of the function, with successive contour lines shown in different colours.

The plot shown below is produced by the equation $z=x^2+y^2+xy$ (rearranged to increase the speed), which produces a series of elliptical contours. The secondary circles near the edges of the pattern are caused by an interaction between the ellipses and the screen matrix:



BBC Computer Version

For the BBC Computer version the program uses mode 5, available on the model A, which gives 4 colours at a resolution of 160×256 . Integer variables are used, for maximum speed:

- 5 REM ... Contours ...
- Turn cursor off, then for every point on the screen plot a point whose colour depends on the function.
 - 15 VDU 5
 - 20 FOR X%=-80 TO 80: FOR Y%=-128 TO 128
 - 30 GCOL 0, ((X**(X*+Y*)+Y**Y*)/100) AND 3
 - 40 PLOT69, (X%+80)*8, (Y%+128)*4
 - 50 NEXT: NEXT
 - 60 END

Atom Version

The Atom version uses mode 4a, which gives 4 colours at a resolution of 128x192:

- 5 REM ... CONTOURS ...
- 10 CLEAR 4

For every point on the screen plot a point whose colour depends on the function.

- 20 FOR X=-64TO64: FOR Y=-96TO96
- 30 COLOUR((X*(X+Y)+Y*Y)/100)
- 40 PLOT13, (X+64), (Y+96)
- 50 NEXT: NEXT
- 60 END

Further Suggestions

The following functions can be tried, in line 30 of the programs:

Function: (X*X+Y*Y)/100 ((X*(X+Y)+Y*Y)/100 (X*X-Y*Y)/100 (X*(X+Y)-Y*Y)/100 Contour shape: Circles Ellipses Hyperbolae

Bent hyperbolae

The constant, 100, can be increased to increase the width of the coloured bands.

ROTATION

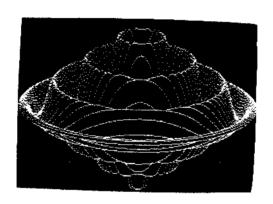
This program plots a three-dimensional view of a surface using high-resolution graphics. To give a

solid appearance to the surface, lines which lie behind the surface are not plotted; in other words, the program incorporates 'hidden-line removal'. The function for evaluation is given in line 80 of the two versions of the program, and can be any surface of revolution, in which the height, Q is simply a function of the radius from the centre, R.

As an example, the equation:

Q=(R-1)*SIN(24*R)

where the SIN function gives a rippled effect, and the (R-1) factor causes the ripples to die away towards the edge:



BBC Version

The BBC Computer version uses the medium-resolution graphics mode, with a resolution of 320x256. The origin is set to 640,512, the centre of the virtual graphics screen.

1 REM ... Rotation ...

Set up graphics resolution.

- 10 MODE 4: VDU 29,640;512;: XS=4: YS=4
- 20 A=640: B=A*A: C=512

Plot for every X coordinate.

- 30 FOR X=0 TO A STEP XS: S=X*X: P=SQR(B-S)
- 50 FOR I=-P TO P STEP 6*YS

Calculate R = distance from centre and solve function; Q = height. Give Y coordinate, with correct perspective.

- 70 R=SQR(S+I*I)/A
- 80 Q=(R-1)*SIN(24*R)
- 90 Y=I/3+O*C

For first point, set maximum and minimum.

- 95 IF I=-P THEN M=Y: GOTO 110
- 100 IF Y>M M=Y: GOTO 130
- 105 TF Y>=N GOTO 140
- 110 N=Y

Plot points symmetrically each side of centre.

- 130 PLOT69,-X,Y: PLOT69,X,Y
- 140 NEXT I: NEXT X
- 150 END

Variables:

- A X resolution
- H Square of X resolution
- · Y resolution
- I Distance along X axis
- M Highest point plotted
- N lowest point plotted
- U height of function
- R radius from centre
- x X coordinate from centre
- Y Y coordinate
- XS,YS Virtual points per screen point

Atom Version

The Atom version uses the Atom's highest graphics mode, mode 4, which has a resolution of 256x192. The program needs several changes to work with the Atom's Hoating-point statements. Floating-point variables prefixed by '%' must be used, although some of the variables are kept as integers since these take only integer values.

The first change is to replace the original program's FOR...NEXT loop by a floating-point DO...FUNTIL loop, so that:

FOR I=-P TO P STEP 6*YS

NEXT I

in the BBC Computer version becomes:

%I=-%P; DO

%1=%1+4; FUNTIL %1>=%P

in the Atom version.

The IF statements in the BBC Computer version must be changed to FIF statements to ensure that the comparisons are performed on floating-point numbers. Finally, on the Atom we can take advantage of the fact that lower-case labels can be used in GOTO statements instead of line numbers.

1 REM ..ROTATION..

Set up graphics resolution.

10 CLEAR4

20 A=128; B=A*A; C=96

Plot for every X coordinate.

30 FOR X=0 TO A

40 S=X*X; %P=SQR(B-S); %I=-%P

Calculate %R = distance from centre and solve function; %Q = height. Give Y coordinate %Y, with correct perspective.

60 DO %R=SQR(S+%I*%I)/A

80 %Q=(%R-1)*SIN(24*%R)

90 &Y=%I/3+%Q*C

For first point, set maximum and minimum.

95 FIF %I=-%P %M=%Y;GOTOb

100 FIF %Y>%M %M=%Y;GOTOa

105 FIF %Y>=%N GOTOC

110b%N=%Y

115a%Y=C+%Y

Plot points symmetrically each side of centre.

120 PLOT13, (A-X), %Y; PLOT13, (A+X), %Y

135c%I=%I+4; FUNTIL %I>=%P

145 NEXT X

150 END

Variables:

A X resolution

B Square of X resolution

Y resolution

Distance along X axis

WM Highest point plotted

*N - lowest point plotted

wu - height of function
ww - radius from centre

radius from centre

X Coordinate from centre

wy Y coordinate

Further Suggestions

Another function can be obtained by altering lines 80 and 90 of the programs to:

80 Q=COS(R*5)*EXP(-R)

90 Y=I/3-Q*C-5

to the BBC Computer version, or for the Atom:

80 %Q=COS(%R*5)*EXP(-%R)

90 %Y=%I/3-%Q*C-5

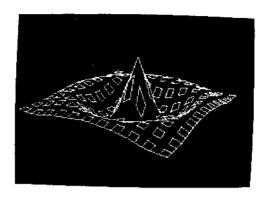
 ${\tt SURFACE}$

The last program is the most sophisticated of the quaphics programs in this chapter. It gives a perspective view of a three-dimensional surface viewed from any specified position, even vertically above the surface. The program gives the appearance of a surface filed with squares, and removes lines lying behind the surface to give a more realistic plot. The hidden-line routine has wider application, and can be used to add hidden-line removal to any three-dimensional graph.

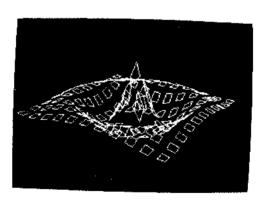
The following examples show a peaked surface $\operatorname{produced}$ by the equation:

 $\cos(0/1.5) \times \exp(-0/5) \times 5$

where O is the radius from the centre of the surface. The program first prompts for the coordinates of the viewing position. The larger the coordinates are, the further the viewing position will be from the curve, and the smaller the resulting surface will be. The diagrams below are obtained with X=45, Y=25, and Z=15:



The same curve plotted without hidden-line removal is shown below:



BBC Computer Version

- 10 REM ...Surface...
- 20 DIM Q%(319),R%(319),O%(22),P%(22)

Choose view position, set upper and lower horizons to top and bottom of screen, and choose 320x256 graphics mode.

```
40 S=L*L+M*M: R=SQR(S)
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">0 T=S+N*N: Q=SQR(T)

60 FOR I%=0 TO 319: R%(I%)=255: O%(I%)=0: NEXT

/0 E%=10: MODE4: VDU5

Scan plane, dividing it into squares.

HO FOR F%=-E% TO E%+1: FOR G%=-E% TO E%+1: U%=X%:

Calculate 0 = distance from origin, and solve equation of surface in terms of 0.

90 O=SQR(F%*F%+G%*G%)

100 X=-G%: Y=-F%: Z=COS(O/1.5)*EXP(-O/5)*5

Calculate 0 = distance of point from eye, and project point onto screen coordinates (X%,Y%).

IIO O=(T-X*L-Y*M-Z*N)*R

120 IF O<.1 THEN 200

130 X%=400*(Y*L-X*M)*Q/O+160: IF X%<0 X%=0

140 Y%=500*(Z*S-N*(X*L+Y*M))/O+128

1/0 IF G%=-E% Q%(X%)=Y%: R%(X%)=Y%

Draw 2 sides of square on surface, and store coordinates of previous row.

180 IF G%+E% A%=G% AND 1: PROCDRAW

190 IF F%+E% U%=O%(G%+E%): V%=P%(G%+E%): A%=F% AND : PROCDRAW

200 O%(G%+E%)=X%: P%(G%+E%)=Y%

210 NEXT: NEXT

220 REPEAT UNTIL FALSE

PROCDRAW - Draw from U%, V% to X%, Y% with hidden-line removal. Note that line must be drawn away from observer for hidden-line removal to work correctly.

#30 DEF PROCDRAW M%=Y%-V%: N%=ABS(X%-U%): IF N%=0 LNDPROC

240 S%=(X%-U%)/N%

250 FOR I %=1 TO N%: J%=U%+I%*S%: K%=V%+I%*M%/N%

If above upper horizon or below lower horizon make new horizon.

270 IF K%>Q%(J%) Q%(J%)=K%

280 IF K%<R%(J%) R%(J%)=K%

290 IF A%=0 THEN 320

100 MOVE4*(J%-S%),4*(Q%(J%-S%)): DRAW4*J%,4*Q%(J%)

310 MOVE4*(J%-S%),4*(R%(J%-S%)): DRAW4*J%,4*R%(J%)
320 NEXT: ENDPROC

Variables:

A% - Flag - whether to draw

E% - Number of squares across surface J%,K% - Next point to be plotted by PROCDRAW

L.M.N - Coordinates of view position

O%,P% - Vectors holding coordinates of previous row for connecting points across. Dimension should be 2*E%+1

Q,R,S,T - Constants for projection U%,V% - Previous screen coordinates to be plotted X%,Y% - New screen coordinates to be plotted

Atom Version

10 REM ...SURFACE... 20 DIM Q255.R255,O22,P22

Choose view position, set upper and lower horizons to top and bottom of screen, and choose 256x192 graphics mode.

30 FINPUT"VIEW FROM: "'"X="%L,"Y="%M,"Z="%N 40 %S=%L*%L+%M*%M:%R=SOR%S

50 %T=%S+%N*%N;%Q=SQR%T
60 FOR I=0T0255; R?I=191; Q?I=0;NEXT
70 E=10: CLEAR4

Scan plane, dividing it into squares.

80 FOR F=-E TO E+1; FOR G=-E TOE+1; U=X; V=Y

Calculate %0 = distance from origin, and solve equation of surface in terms of %0.

90 %O=SQR(F*F+G*G) 100 %X=-G; %Y=-F; %Z=COS(%O/1.5)*EXP(-%O/5)*5

Calculate *0 = distance of point from eye, and project point onto screen coordinates (X,Y).

110 %O=(%T-%X*%L-%Y*%M-%Z*%N)*%R 120 FIF %O<0.1 GOTO m

130 X=8(400*(\$Y*\$L-\$X*\$M)*\$Q/\$0)+128; IF X<0 X=0 140 Y=8(500*(\$Z*\$S-\$N*(\$X*\$L+\$Y*\$M))/\$0)+96

Avoid plotting outside screen area.

180 IF Y<0 Y=0

190 IF Y>191 Y=191

32

Draw 2 sides of square on surface, and store coordinates of previous row.

```
//O 1F G+E A=G&1; GOSUB d
//O 1F F+E U=O?(G+E); V=P?(G+E); A=F&1; GOSUB d
//Omo?(G+E)=X; P?(G+E)=Y
//O NEXT; NEXT
//O PRINT $7: DO UNTIL 0
```

Oraw from U,V to X,Y with hidden-line removal. Note that line must be drawn away from observer to hidden-line removal to work correctly.

```
400dM=Y-V; N=ABS(X-U); IF N=0 RETURN
410 S=(X-U)/N
500 FOR I=1 TO N; J=U+I*S; K=V+I*M/N
503 IFJ<0 OR J>255 GOTO e
```

Habove upper horizon or below lower horizon make new horizon.

```
505 IF K>Q?J; Q?J=K
510 IF K<R?J; R?J=K
513 IF A=0 GOTO e
515 MOVE (J-S),(Q?(J-S)); DRAW J,(Q?J)
517 MOVE (J-S),(R?(J-S)); DRAW J,(R?J)
520eNEXT; RETURN
```

war tables:

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Number of squares across surface

I,K - Next point to be plotted by PROCDRAW

II,WM, %N - Coordinates of view position

II,F - Vectors holding coordinates of previous row for connecting points across. Dimension should be 2*E+1

III,WM, %S, %T - Constants for projection

II,V - Previous screen coordinates to be plotted

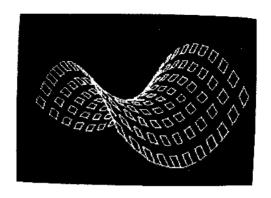
II,Y - New screen coordinates to be plotted
```

Further Suggestions

other pleasing plots can be obtained by altering the function in line 100 of the programs. Interesting functions are:

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Function: Shape: Z=(SIN(X*X/16)+SIN(Y*Y/16)) Rippled surface Z=.05*(X*X-Y*Y) Saddle curve
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A sample plot of the 'saddle curve' is shown below:



The effect of hidden-line removal can be illustrated by replacing the routine PROCDRAW in the BBC Version by:

230 DEF PROCDRAW MOVE U%, V%: DRAW X%, Y%: ENDPROC Alternatively, in the Atom version, replace routine d by:

230dMOVE U,V; DRAW X,Y; RETURN

3 Words

ANAGR**AMS**

Words are sequences of letters in exactly the same way that numbers are sequences of digits, but one striking difference between words and numbers is that whereas every sequence of digits is a valid number, not every magnence of letters is a valid word. Thus, although it is simple to write a program to generate random numbers, it is impossible to write a program to generate random words; without, of course, providing the computer with a dictionary in the first place.

The following program illustrates this by taking a word and finding every possible permutation of the tollers in that word. Among these permutations will be all the anagrams of that word. For example, for the lotters OPST the program will give:

WORD TOPST
THERE ARE 24 PERMUTATIONS:

orse

orgs

osarp osarp

ornes

OBSER BORDE

1001212

ereps.

maro

PPOS

PTSO: SOPT

opp.

SPOT SPTO

злор злро TOPS TOSP TPOS TPSO TSOP TSPO

If the original string is in alphabetical order, the program will produce the permutations in alphabetical order.

Program Operation

The permutation algorithm used by this program is one of the most efficient in producing a sequence of permutations in alphabetical order. It works as follows:

The first permutation is obviously the characters in alphabetical order; so, taking as an example the characters "ABCDEF", this is the first permutation. The last permutation is also obvious: it is the sequence of characters in reverse order, "FEDCBA".

To obtain the next permutation from any given sequence of letters, such as BCFEDA, we scan right-to-left looking a character that is smaller that the previous character. This will be called character 'I'. This character is then exchanged with the next higher character to its right, which will be called character 'J':



We then reverse the order of all the characters to the right of character I:



The result, "BDACEF", is the next permutation in alphabetical order.

```
HIM Computer Version
    10 REM ... Anagrams ...
   40 INPUT"STRING"AS
  and up array of letter positions such that
  ···*(|)=1, CC%(2)=2 ... CC%(N)=N . Calculate number
  of permutations, factorial N.
   50 N-LEN(A$):DIM CC%(N)
   60 F=1
  100 FOR J=1TON:CC%(J)=J:F=F*J:NEXT
  102 PRINT "THERE ARE" F " PERMUTATIONS" !
  bioplay first permutation. Then permute word, and
  diaplay.
  105 PROCDISPLAY
  110 FOR H=2TOF:PROCPERMUTE:PROCDISPLAY:NEXT
  1.20 END
  PROCPERMUTE: permute word. Given any permutation
  IN CC*(1) to CC*(N), a call to PROCPERMUTE will
  find the next permutation.
  JOO DEF PROCPERMUTE I=N-1: J=N
  /U5 IF CC%(I)>=CC%(I+1) I=I-1: GOTO 205
  / in IF CC%(J)<=CC%(I) J=J-1: GOTO 210
  220 PROCSWAP
  /// I=I+1:J=N:IF I=J ENDPROC
  740 DO PROCSWAP: I=I+1: J=J-1:UNTIL I>=J
  250 ENDPROC
PROCESWAP: Swap elements I and J.
  100 DEF PROCSWAP T=CC%(I):CC%(I)=CC%(J)
  (10) CC%(J)=T:S=1-S:ENDPROC
 PHOCDISPLAY: Print permutation.
  400 DEF PROCDISPLAY PRINT : FOR K=1TON
  410 PRINT MID$(A$,CC%(K),CC%(K+1)):
  120 NEXT : ENDPROC
in tables:
A 14
    Word
··*(N) - Array being permuted; initially CC(N)=N
    Factorial N. number of permutations
   Current permutation number
      Items to be interchanged to get new permutation
1,.1
   Number of letters in word
   Sign of current permutation
```

Atom Version

The Atom version is virtually identical to the BBC version given above, except that the '?' operator is used instead of MID\$ to extract characters from the word in \$A (or A\$).

30 DIMA(64) 40 INPUT"WORD"SA

Set up array of letter positions such that CC%(1)=1, CC%(2)=2 ... CC%(N)=N . Calculate number of permutations, factorial N.

50 N=LENA;DIM CC(N) 60 A=A-1;F=1;S=1 100 FOR J=1TON;CCJ=J;F=F*J;NEXT 102 PRINT "THERE ARE" F " PERMUTATIONS" '

Display first permutation. Then permute word, and display.

105 GOSUBd 110 FOR H=2TOF; GOSUBp; GOSUBd; NEXT 120 END

p - permute word. Given any permutation in CC\$(1) to CC\$(N), a call to subroutine p will find the next permutation.

200pI=N-1; J=N
205 IF CC(I)>=CC(I+1) I=I-1; GOTO 205
210 IF CC(J)<=CC(I) J=J-1; GOTO 210
220 GOSUBs
230 I=I+1; J=N; IF I=J RETURN
240 DO GOSUBs; I=I+1; J=J-1; UNTIL I>=J
250 RETURN

s - Swap elements I and J.

d - Print permutation.

300sT=CCI;CCI=CCJ;CCJ=T;S=1-S;RETURN

400dPRINT '; FORK=1TON; PRINT \$A?CCK; NEXT; RETURN

Variables:

A - Word CC(N) - Array being permuted; initially CC(N) = NA - F - Factorial N, number of permutations

H - Current permutation number

- 1... Items to be interchanged to get new permutation
 N Number of letters in word
- 5 Sign of current permutation

Further Suggestions

The present program will give LEE twice in a list of the anagrams of the word EEL. An improvement would be to include a test for repeated letters in the original word.

Although this program will find all the perimutations of a sequence of letters very rapidly, it in a very inefficient way of discovering that, for example, ORCHESTRA is an anagram of CARTHORSE because there are no less than 362880 permutations to test, and a much simpler method could be devised to verify that two words share the same letters.

BUZZ-PHRASES

You may sometimes wonder how it is that large organizations manage to generate manuals and documents which are virtually incomprehensible to anyone who does not already know everything they are talking about. The following program may shed some light on this; it will generate unlimited technical jargon, all of which will sound plausible and can be used to pad out any manual or conference paper. The phrases have been chosen to sound as impelling as possible, but of course the program can be altered to generate random outpourings on any particular subject.

The following paragraphs were produced by nuccessive runs of the Buzz-Phrase generator:

Similarly, a constant flow of effective information necessitates that urgent consideration be applied to the greater fight-worthiness concept.

As a resultant implication, the characterisation of specific criteria requires considerable systems analysis and trade-off studies to arrive at the philosophy of commonality and standardisation.

In respect to specific goals, the fully integrated test program must utilise and be functionally interwoven with the

structural design, based on system engineering concepts.

A particular feature of the program is that it prints the text neatly within the screen-width, without breaking words at the end of a line. This ensures that the Buzz-Phrases will be perfectly legible, even on a 40 or 32 character-per-line screen, and the routine could be useful with other text-output programs.

BBC Computer Version

In this version the required phrase is selected by doing a RESTORE to the required line. Note that because of this the program should not be renumbered.

1 REM ..Buzz-Phrases.. 10 W=40

Print out four parts of phrase, chosen at random. Wait for a key, then do another.

- 20 FORI=100 TO 400 STEP 100
- 30 RESTORE(10*RND(10)+1-10):READS\$
- 40 PROCPRETTY: NEXT I
- 50 PRINT"."
- 60 PRINT:I\$≂GET\$:RUN

PROCPRETTY - Print as many words as will fit in width W, with 'return' between lines. Look for next space; concatenate "A" on string to get around INSTR bug. Put word into C\$, remainder of string back into S\$.

- 80 DEF PROCPRETTY REPEAT: A=INSTR(S\$+"A"," ")
 82 C\$=LFFT\$(S\$ A), S\$=MID\$(S\$ A+1)
- 82 C\$=LEFT\$(S\$,A): S\$=MID\$(S\$,A+1) 84 IF A=0 C\$=S\$
- If word in C\$ will not fit on the line, do a 'return'. Then print word, until all of string finished.
 - 86 IF COUNT+LEN(C\$) >= W PRINT
 - 88 PRINT C\$;: UNTIL A=0
 - 90 ENDPROC

Choices for first part.

- 100 DATA"In particular, "
- 110 DATA "On the other hand, "
- 120 DATA "However, "
 130 DATA "Similarly, "
- 140 DATA "As a resultant implication, "

- 150 DATA"In this regard, "
- 160 DATA Based on integral subsystem
- 1/0 DATA "For example, "
 - 180 DATA "Thus. "
 - 190 DATA"In respect to specific goals, "

Thoices for second part.

- 200 DATA a large portion of the interface
 - 710 DATA"a constant flow of effective information "
 - 220 DATA"the characterisation of specific criteria "
 - 2:0 DATA "initiation of critical subsystem
- development "
 - 740 DATA "the fully integrated test program "
 - .50 DATA"the product configuration baseline "
 - 260 DATA any associated supporting element "
- 270 DATA "the incorporation of additional mission constraints"
 - 280 DATA "the independent functional principal "
- 290 DATA a primary relationship between system and/or subsystem technologies "

Choices for third part.

- $100~\mathrm{DATA}\,\mathrm{"must}$ utilise and be functionally interwoven with "
- (10 DATA maximizes the probability of project maxes and minimizes the cost and time required for "
 - 120 DATA "adds specific performance limits to "
- 430 DATA "necess tates that urgent consideration be updied to "
- 340 DATA requires considerable systems analysis and trade-off studies to arrive at "
- $450~\mathrm{DATA}$ "is further compounded, when taking into a count "
- $360~\mathrm{DATA}\,\mathrm{"presents}$ extremely interesting challenges ..."
- 1/0 DATA"recognises the importance of other systems and the necessity for "
 - 380 DATA "effects a significant implementation of "
- 190 DATA adds overriding performance constraints to

| Thoices for last part.

- 400 DATA "the sophisticated hardware"
- 410 DATA "the anticipated fourth generation
- + pripment"
 420 DATA"the subsystem compatibility testing"
 - 430 DATA"the structural design, based on system

engineering concepts"

440 DATA the preliminary qualification limit" 450 DATA the evolution of specifications over a

qiven time period"

460 DATA "the philosophy of commonality and standardisation"

470 DATA "the greater fight-worthiness concept"

480 DATA "any discrete configuration mode"

490 DATA "the total system rationale"

Variables:

S\$ - String for next part of phrase

C\$ - current word

I - number of DATA statement

W - screen width

A - position of space in S\$

Atom Version

The Atom does not have READ...DATA statements, so the strings are selected by assignment statements in subroutines, using a calculated GOSUB to select the required subroutine.

- 1 REM ..BUZZ-PHRASES..
- 10 DIM S(128); W=32

Print out four parts of phrase, chosen at random. Wait for a key, then do another.

- 20 FOR I=100 TO 400 STEP 100
- 30 GOSUB (10*(ABSRND%10)+1)
- 40 GOSUB p
- 50 LINK #FFE3; GOTO 20

p - Print as many words as will fit in width W, with 'return' between lines. Look for next space; current word pointed to by C.

80pC=S; DO A=0; DO A=A+1; UNTIL C?A=CH" "

Break word at space; if word will not fit print 'return'. Then print word, until all of string finished.

- 82 C?A=CH""; IF COUNT+LENC>=W PRINT '
- 84 PRINT \$C," ";C=C+LENC+1
- 86 UNTIL ?C=CH""
- 88 NEXT; PRINT "."'; RETURN

Choices for first part.

- 100 SS="IN PARTICULAR. ": RETURN
- 110 \$S="ON THE OTHER HAND, "; RETURN
- 120 \$S="HOWEVER, ": RETURN
- 130 \$S="SIMILARLY, "; RETURN
- 140 \$S="AS A RESULTANT IMPLICATION, "; RETURN
- 150 \$S="IN THIS REGARD, "; RETURN
- 160 \$s="BASED ON INTEGRAL SUBSYSTEM CONSIDERATIONS, ": RETURN
 - 170 \$S="FOR EXAMPLE, "; RETURN
 - 180 \$S="THUS, "; RETURN
 - 190 \$S="IN RESPECT TO SPECIFIC GOALS, "; RETURN

thoices for second part.

- 200 \$S="A LARGE PORTION OF THE INTERFACE COORDINATION"
 - 201 \$S+LENS=" COMMUNICATION "; RETURN
- 210 \$S="A CONSTANT FLOW OF EFFECTIVE INFORMATION";
- 220 \$S="THE CHARACTERISATION OF SPECIFIC CRITERIA";
- 230 \$S="INITIATION OF CRITICAL SUBSYSTEM DEVELOPMENT": RETURN
 - 240 \$S="THE FULLY INTEGRATED TEST PROGRAM "; RETURN
 - 250 \$S="THE PRODUCT CONFIGURATION BASELINE "; RETURN
 - 260 \$S="ANY ASSOCIATED SUPPORTING ELEMENT "; RETURN
 - 270 \$S="THE INCORPORATION OF ADDITIONAL"
 - 271 \$S+LENS=" MISSION CONSTRAINTS "; RETURN
- 280 \$S="THE INDEPENDENT FUNCTIONAL PRINCIPAL ";
 - 290 \$S="A PRIMARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN"
- 291 \$S+LENS=" SYSTEM AND/OR SUBSYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES"; RETURN

Choices for third part.

- 300 \$S="MUST UTILISE AND BE FUNCTIONALLY INTERWOVEN WITH "; RETURN
- 310 \$S="MAXIMIZES THE PROBABILITY OF PROJECT SUCCESS \wedge ND "
- 111 \$S+LENS=" MINIMIZES THE COST AND TIME REQUIRED FOR "; RETURN
- 320 \$S="ADDS SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE LIMITS TO ";
 - 330 \$S="NECESSITATES THAT URGENT"
 - 331 \$S+LENS=" CONSIDERATION BE APPLIED TO "; RETURN
- 340 \$S="REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND TRADE-OFF"
 - 341 \$S+LENS=" STUDIES TO ARRIVE AT "; RETURN

350 \$S="IS FURTHER COMPOUNDED, WHEN TAKING INTO

ACCOUNT "; RETURN

360 \$S="PRESENTS EXTREMELY INTERESTING CHALLENGES TO

": RETURN 370 \$S="RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF OTHER SYSTEMS AND THE"

371 \$S+LENS=" NECESSITY FOR "; RETURN 380 \$S="EFFECTS A SIGNIFICANT IMPLEMENTATION OF ";

RETURN 390 \$S="ADDS OVERRIDING PERFORMANCE CONSTRAINTS TO ": RETURN

Choices for last part.

400 \$S="THE SOPHISTICATED HARDWARE "; RETURN 410 \$S="THE ANTICIPATED FOURTH GENERATION EQUIPMENT

": RETURN

420 \$S="THE SUBSYSTEM COMPATIBILITY TESTING ": RETURN 430 \$S="THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN, BASED ON SYSTEM

ENGINEERING" 431 \$S+LENS=" CONCEPTS "; RETURN

440 \$S="THE PRELIMINARY QUALIFICATION LIMIT ": RETURN

450 \$S="THE EVOLUTION OF SPECIFICATIONS OVER A GIVEN

TIME 451 \$S+LENS=" PERIOD "; RETURN

460 \$S="THE PHILOSOPHY OF COMMONALITY AND" 461 S+LENS=" STANDARDISATION "; RETURN

470 \$S="THE GREATER FIGHT-WORTHINESS CONCEPT "; RETURN 480 \$S="ANY DISCRETE CONFIGURATION MODE"; RETURN 490 \$S="THE TOTAL SYSTEM RATIONALE"; RETURN

Variables: A - Pointer to space C - Current part of phrase I - Random number

W - Screen width S - Phrase string

LIMERICKS

Although it will be a long time before computers can generate sentences of their own accord, it is possible to program a computer to generate sentences that will pass as meaningful provided we restrict ourselves to a small number of possibilities. To illustrate, the 44

tollowing light-hearted program will construct limericks according to a set of fairly simple rules. Nevertheless, the results are sometimes surprising, and at worst amusing.

Some examples produced by the program are given below:

A GRACEFUL BLAND GROCER FROM KINGS ONCE DEMOLISHED SOME CAKES AND GREW WINGS OF DEMOLISHED SO LATE THAT HE LOOKED FOR A PLATE THIS GRACEFUL BLAND GROCER OF KINGS.

A VICIOUS YOUNG LAUNDRESS FROM SPAIN ONCE WANTED SOME CAKES ON A TRAIN THE WANTED SO SLOW THAT SHE WANTED SOME DOUGH THIS VICIOUS YOUNG LAUNDRESS OF SPAIN.

Each word or phrase in the limerick is selected, of random, from six alternatives, each of which has the same number of syllables so that the final limerick will scan correctly. The structure of the limerick is defined as follows, where lower-case words in angled brackets, such as <adjective>, are to be replaced by the actual words selected at random by the computer:

A radjective w> <adjective x> <noun y> FROM <place z> Once <verb g> <noun> <qualifier z> Once <verb g> SO <adverb t> THAT <adjective w> <adjective x> <noun y> OF <place z>

BBC Computer Version

¹⁰ REM ... Limericks ...

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First line of limerick.
     20 P=1000:PRINT "A ":
     30 PROCRND: W=R: PROCRND: X=R: PROCRND: Y=R
     40 PRINT "FROM ":
     50 PROCRND: Z=R:PRINT
   Second line.
    60 PRINT "ONCE "::PROCRND:G$=C$
    70 PROCEND: R=Z: PROCWORD: PRINT
   Third and fourth lines.
    80 R=Y:PROCWORD:H$=C$:PRINTG$:"SO ":
    90 PROCEND: T=R: PRINT '"THAT
 ":H$::PROCRND:R=T:PROCWORD: PRINT
  Last line.
   110 PRINT "THIS ";:P=1000:R=W:PROCWORD: R=X:PROCWORD:
 R=Y:PROCWORD
   120 PRINT"OF "::R=Z:PROCWORD:PRINT"."
   140 END
  PROCRND - Choose random phrase.
   200 DEF PROCRND: R=ABSRND MOD 6: PROCWORD: ENDPROC
  PROCWORD - Select Rth word in $C and print it.
   220 DEF PROCWORD: RESTORE P
   230 FOR N=0 TO R:READ C$:NEXT:C$=C$+" "
  250 PRINTC$::P=P+100:ENDPROC
  Strings of phrases.
 1000 DATASORDID, GRACEFUL, WILY, VICIOUS, SPARKLING,
REALLY
 1100 DATAGREEN, YOUNG, VILE, BLAND, OLD, WILD
 1200 DATADUCHESS, GROCER, GLUTTON, FLAUTIST, LAUNDRESS,
SAILOR
 1300 DATAWEMBLEY, SPAIN, CHAD, SPEKE, KINGS, FRANCE
 1400 DATAWANTED, FOLLOWED, COUNTED, DEMOLISHED,
COLLECTED, SWALLOWED
 1500 DATASOME STAMPS, A STOAT, A NUDE, SOME CAKES, A
FROG, SOME MOULD
 1600 DATAAND FELT TREMBLY, ON A TRAIN, AND WENT MAD,
TWICE A WEEK, AND GREW WINGS, IN A TRANCE
 1700 DATASHE, HE, SHE, HE, SHE, HE
 1800 DATAQUICK, SLOW, FEW, HARD, LATE, LONG
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1900 DATANOTICED, FOLLOWED, ASKED FOR, LOOKED FOR, WANTED, LONGED FOR

2000 DATAA BRICK, SOME DOUGH, A SCREW, SOME LARD, A PLATE, KING KONG

"au tables:

Gtring containing verb used in line 2

" String containing HE/SHE

Pointer to next selection of phrases

Random number 0 to 4

String of phrase options

Word selected in second line
W.X,Y,X - Words selected in first line

Atom Version

The Atom version uses a string, \$\$, to store the six elematives for a particular phrase. This string is not to the list of alternatives by a GOSUB to a line which assigns the string to \$\$. Note that where the elemant will not fit onto one line the second half is considerated onto the end of \$\$\$ by executing:

"GUENS="string"

... on lines 2000 and 2001.

10 REM ... LIMERICKS ... 15 DIM S(100),G(32),H(32)

| Circt line of limerick.

.0 P=1000:PRINT "A "

10 GOSUB s; W=R; GOSUB s; X=R; GOSUB s; Y=R

40 PRINT "FROM "

50 GOSUB s; Z=R; PRINT '

around line.

OF PRINT "ONCE "; GOSUB s; \$G=\$C

/O GOSUB s; R=Z; GOSUB t; PRINT

third and fourth lines.

110 It V COOPED 1 4-1 4-1

HO R-Y; GOSUB t; \$H=\$C; PRINT \$G, "SO "

HO GOSUB s; T=R; PRINT "THAT ", \$H; GOSUB s; R=T; GOSUB

PRIMA 4

land li<u>ne.</u>

THIS ";P=1000;R=W;GOSUB t;R=X;GOSUB t;

U ≯,GOSOB €

1.00 PRINT "OF "; R=Z; GOSUB t; PRINT "."

Make a random choice by extracting a substring from within the string \$S.

200sR=ABSRND%6

t - Select the substring corresponding to the value of R. Scan past R commas, put the string from there to the next comma, or 'return', in \$C, and print it.

210tGOSUB (P);A=0;IF R=0 G.u 220 FOR N=1 TO R;GOSUB c;NEXT;A=A+1 240uC=A+S;GOSUB c;\$S+A=" " 250 PRINT \$C;P=P+100: RETURN

c - Search for comma or end of string.

300cDO A=A+1;UNTIL S?A=CH", "OR S?A=CH""; RETURN

Strings of phrases.

1000 REM WORDS 1001 \$S="SORDID,GRACEFUL,WILY,VICIOUS,SPARKLING, REALLY": RETURN

1100 \$S="GREEN, YOUNG, VILE, BLAND, OLD, WILD"; RETURN 1200 \$S="DUCHESS, GROCER, GLUTTON, FLAUTIST, LAUNDRESS,

SAILOR"; RETURN
1300 \$S="WEMBLEY, SPAIN, CHAD, SPEKE, KINGS, FRANCE";
RETURN

1400 \$S="WANTED, FOLLOWED, COUNTED,"

1401 \$S+LENS="DEMOLISHED, COLLECTED, SWALLOWED"; RETURN 1500 \$S="SOME STAMPS, A STOAT, A NUDE,"

1501 \$S+LENS="SOME CAKES, A FROG, SOME MOULD"; RETURN 1600 \$S="AND FELT TREMBLY, ON A TRAIN, AND WENT MAD,"

1601 \$S+LENS="TWICE A WEEK, AND GREW WINGS, IN A TRANCE"; RETURN

1700 \$S="SHE, HE, SHE, HE, SHE, HE"; RETURN 1800 \$S="QUICK, SLOW, FEW, HARD, LATE, LONG"; RETURN

1900 \$S="NOTICED, FOLLOWED, ASKED FOR,"

1901 \$S+LENS="LOOKED FOR, WANTED, LONGED FOR"; RETURN 2000 \$S="A BRICK, SOME DOUGH, A SCREW,"

2001 \$S+LENS="SOME LARD, A PLATE, KING KONG"; RETURN

Variables:

A - Pointer to find commas

G - String containing verb used in line 2

H - String containing HE/SHE

P - Pointer to next selection of phrases R - Random number 0 to 4

S - String of phrase options

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Word selected in second line.
W,X,Y,Z - Words selected in first line.

TATALOGUE

The following program allows you to build up a catalogue of books, records, or telphone numbers. It it ustrates how a computer can be used to store unformation, sort it, and retrieve it on command.

A collection of records of information on a computer is called a "database"; in the following examples we will assume that the records consist of mones and telephone numbers. The program allows you to accordate a telephone number with each name. You can then find out someone's telephone number by typing their name, or as many letters of their name as are meeded to identify them uniquely. As an example, comme we are entering the telephone numbers of five people. The symbol '>' is used to prefix a name to be entered:

4/UN

· · · MMAND?>DEWAR J

7123 **2234**

· OMMAND?>SMITH P S

70223 314341

· · · MMAND?>NORTH Q

:119 2389 x191 □ MMAND?>BOND J

156 7789

· · · MMAND?>WEST A

1145 3456

 $000\,\mathrm{cm}$ can then ask for an alphabetical list of the whole that abase, using the "*" command:

· · · · MMA ND ? *

TIOND J 456 7789 TOWAR J 123 2234

123 2234
1440TH Q 119 2389 xI91
150TH P S 0223 314341
145 3456

alternatively, we can ask for the telephone number of my person in the database:

□MM/ND?NORT

TOORTH Q 119 2389 x191

OMMAND?S

0223 314341

.

COMMAND?DEWER NOT FOUND

An attempt to enter a name already entered will give a warning message:

COMMAND?>BOND J
BOND J ALREADY EXISTS

Program Operation

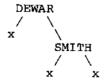
The simplest way to store the records in the computer would be as a straightforward list. However, it would then be necessary to search through the whole list every time a new record was entered, or a record was being searched for. It would also be difficult to produce an alphabetical list of records, without first sorting all the records into order, which would be very time-consuming.

The Catalogue program therefore holds the records in a more sophisticated structure, called a 'tree'. Associated with every record are two 'pointers', which can be set to point to other records, or can be marked as pointing to nothing. As new records are entered, a tree is built up. Names lying earlier in the alphabet are inserted on the left-hand side of the tree, and names later in the alphabet on the right-hand side of the tree.

To see how this works in practice, a tree is built up with the five names given above. The first record goes at the top of the tree, and its two pointers are set to zero, indicated here by 'x', to indicate that there are no further records below it:

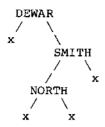


Suppose we then add SMITH. This is later in the alphabet than DEWAR, and so it is attached to the right-hand branch of the tree:

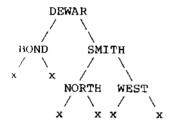


Next we add NORTH. First the name is compared with DEWAR, and since it is later in the alphabet we follow the right-hand branch. Then it is compared with SMITH. Since it is before SMITH in the alphabet we follow the

left -hand branch. We have reached the end of the tree, and so NORTH is added there:



Finally, we add BOND and WEST, and the tree looks like three



Which searching the tree for a name we follow the same proceedure, until either the name is found, or the end of a branch is reached in which case the message 'NOT LOUND' is given.

The advantage gained by using a tree structure depends somewhat on the shape of the tree; with a partectly balanced tree of 31 records, a maximum of tree comparisons need to be made to find any record, a opposed to 31 with a simple list of records. As the number of records increases, the saving becomes even meater.

A tree can be printed in alphabetical order by

to print the tree starting at a certain name

- · paint the tree pointed to by the left-hand pointer,
- \sim μ int the name,

and print the tree pointed to by the right-hand $\operatorname{printer}$.

to the case of the tree above we obtain:

bound, DEWAR, NORTH, SMITH, WEST

BBC Computer Version

- 5 REM ... Catalogue ...
- 10 DIM M%64.T%3:Z%=&3C00:F%=&1500:HIMEM=F%
- 20 !T%=0
- 30 REPEAT PRINT CHR\$(12) "command"

Input command line. Commands:

- * Print tree
- > Add name to tree.
 - 40 INPUT \$M%
 - 50 IF?M%=ASC("*")PROCPRINT(!T%):GOTO 130
 - 60 IF?M%=ASC(">")GOTO 100

Name on its own - search for it. If a close match is found print it (PROCPRINT), else say 'NOT FOUND'.

- 70 N%=M%:X%=T%:S%=1:E%=0:PROCSEARCH
- 80 IF E% PROCPUT: GOTO 130
- 90 PRINT "NOT FOUND": GOTO 130

Add name to tree. If no match (not E) then all is well; otherwise the name already exists.

- 100 N%=M%+1:X%=T%:E%=0:S%=0:PROCSEARCH
- 110 IF NOT E% UNTIL FALSE
- 120 PRINT \$N%: " ALREADY EXISTS"
- 130 K%=GET:UNTIL FALSE

PROCSEARCH - Search tree. Operation depends on value of S:

\$\$\$\$0 - Add name \$N\$ to tree and input telephone number when the end of a branch is reached.

\$\$=1 - Search tree for name, and return on a match of first few characters.

- 1000 REM SEARCH TREE
- 1005 DEF PROCSEARCH
- 1010 IF !X%=0 GOTO 1100

Follow down pointer at X%, and compare name \$J on tree with \$N. If they match, return. If \$N>\$J, move X% to right-hand pointer; then keep searching down tree.

- 1020 X%=!X%:J%=X%+8:PROCCOMP
- 1030 IF E% ENDPROC
- 1040 IF C% X%=X%+4
- 1050 GOTO 1010

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End of branch. If S=1 give up since the name is
bot found; otherwise add the name $N to the tree
| here, input the telephone number.
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1100 IF S% ENDPROC 1110 Y%=X%:!X%=F%:X%=!X%:!X%=0:X%:14=0

1120 X%=X%+8: \$X%=\$N%: X%=X%+LEN(\$X%)+1

1130 INPUT \$X%:X%=X%+LEN(\$X%)+1

1140 IF(X% AND &FFFF)>Z% PRINT "NO

TOTOM ": !Y%=0:K%=GET:ENDPROC 1150 F%=X%:ENDPROC

PROCCOMP - Compare strings \$J% and \$N% character by character, and set C% to 1 if \$N%>\$J%. If searching the tree, settle for \$N% matching the first few characters of \$J%; if adding a name to the tree, insist on an exact match.

.'000 REM COMPARE \$J% AND \$N% .010 DEF PROCCOMP I%=-1:REPEAT I%=I%+1 .9020 UNTIL J%?1%<>N%?1% OR N%?1%=13 :030 C%=(J%?I%<N%?I%)

:0040 IF S% E%=(N%?I%=13):ENDPROC

.050 E%=(\$J%=\$N%):ENDPROC

PROCPRINT - Print tree from Q% downwards. Print , tree on left-hand branch, print record at Q%, then I print tree on right-hand branch.

4000 REM PRINT TREE 4005 DEF PROCPRINT(Q%) 4010 IF Q%=0 ENDPROC 4020 PROCPRINT(10%) 40140 J%=Q%+8:PROCPUT:Q%=Q%+4 4050 PROCPRINT(!Q%):ENDPROC

PROCPUT - Print record at J%. Tabulate telephone number to column_20.

4000 REM PRINT RECORD ### DEF PROCPUT PRINT \$J%;

' (120 J%=J%+LEN(\$J%)+1:PRINT TAB(20);\$J%:ENDPROC

uliables:

Equal flag; E%=1 if a match is found

Next free memory location

Name string on tree Oommand line string

* - Name string

 Local parameter for PROCPRINT . - Search flag: S%=1 means search tree; S%=0 means add to tree

T% - Pointer to top of tree

X% - Pointer to current position on tree

Y% - Pointer before adding name to tree

Z% - Top of available memory

Atom Version

This version of the catalogue program is substantially identical to the version for the BBC Computer. The only major difference is that the routine to print the tree has to save the value of X before re-entering itself recursively, since on the Atom procedures do not have local parameters.

- 5 REM ... CATALOGUE ...
- 10 DIM M(64),T(3),F(-1)
- 20 !T=0:Z=#3BFF
- 30 DO PRINT \$12"command"

Input command line. Commands:

- * Print tree
- > Add name to tree.
 - 40 INPUT SM
 - 50 IF?M=CH"*"X=!T;GOSUB p;GOTO n
 - 60 IF?M=CH">"GOTO a

Name on its own - search for it. If a close match is found print it (GOSUB q), else say 'NOT FOUND'.

- 70 N=M; X=T; S=1; E=0; GOSUB s
- 80 IF E GOSUB q; GOTO n
- 90 PRINT "NOT FOUND"'; GOTO n

a - Add name to tree. If no match (not E) then all is well; otherwise the name already exists.

100aN=M+1; X=T; E=0; S=0; GOSUB s

110 IF E:1 UNTIL 0

120 PRINT \$N" ALREADY EXISTS"

130nLINK #FFE3; UNTIL 0

s - Search tree. Operation depends on value of S: S=0 - Add name \$N to tree and input telephone number when the end of a branch is reached. S=1 - Search tree for name, and return on a match of first few characters.

1000sREM SEARCH TREE 1010 IF !X=0 GOTO b Follow down pointer at X, and compare name \$J on tree with \$N. If they match, return. If N>3J, move X to right-hand pointer; then keep searching down tree.

- 1020 X=1X; J=X+8; GOSUB c 1030 IF E RETURN 1040 IF C X=X+4
- 1050 GOTO s
- b End of branch. If S=1 give up since the name is not found; otherwise add the name \$N to the tree here, input the telephone number.
- 1100bIF S RETURN
- 1110 Y=X; !X=F; X=!X; !X=0; X!4=0
- 1120 X=X+8; \$X=\$N; X=X+LENX+1
- 1130 INPUT\$X; X=X+LENX+1
- 1140 IF X&#FFFF>Z PRINT "NO ROOM";
- IY=0; LINK #FFE3; RETURN
 - 1150 F=X; RETURN
 - c Compare strings \$J and \$N character by character, and set C to l if \$N>\$J. If searching the tree, settle for \$N matching the first few characters of \$J; if adding a name to the tree, insist on an exact match.
- 2000cREM COMPARE \$J AND \$N
- 2010 I=-1;DO I=I+1
- 2020 UNTIL J?I<>N?I OR N?I=13
- 2030 C = (J?I < N?I)
- 2040 IF S E=(N?I=13); RETURN
- 2050 E=(\$J=\$N); RETURN
- p Print tree from X downwards. First save X on stack. Print tree on left-hand branch, recover X and print record at X, then print tree on right-hand branch.
- 4000pREM PRINT TREE
- 4010 IF X=0 RETURN
- 4020 !F=X;F=F+2;X=!X;GOSUB p
- 4030 F=F-2; X=!F
- 4040 J=X+8; GOSUB q; X=X+4
- 4050 X=1X;GOTO p
- Print record at J. Tabulate telephone number to column 20.

5010 PRINT \$J;DOPRINT " ";UNTIL COUNT=20 5020 J=J+LENJ+1;PRINT \$J';RETURN

Variables:

E - Equal flag; E=1 if a match is found

F - Next free memory location

J - Name string on tree

M - Command line string

N - Name string

S - Search flag: S=1 means search tree; S=0 means add to tree

T - Pointer to top of tree

X - Pointer to current position on tree

Y - Pointer before adding name to tree

Z - Top of available memory

Further Suggestions

The program is not restricted to names and telephone numbers; in fact either field may be any sequence of up to 64 characters, and the whole of the first field is used for the alphabetical ordering.

A useful extension to the program would allow the database to be saved and loaded to and from tape. The values of !T% and F% (or !T and F in the Atom version) should be saved with the tree, since these give the address of the top of the tree and the next free location in memory respectively.

4 Numbers

to comes as no surprise that computers can perform numerical calculations. For example, most computers will allow you to type in:

PRINT 29*173

and the result 5017 will be printed. However, there are some distinct limitations to the calculations that the computer can perform unaided. For example, suppose we type:

PRINT 1/2 + 1/3

The computer will probably print 0.833333 (or even less helpfully, 0) rather than the answer we would like, namely 5/6.

Alternatively, suppose we type in:

PRINT (X-1)*(X*X+X+1)

the result will depend on the particular value of X; a more useful answer would be the simplified form of the expression, X^3-1 (where ''' means "raised to the power").

Finally, suppose we enter:

PRINT 9999*9999*9999

desiring the exact answer 999700029999. In fact we will get 9.99700030Ell on the BBC Computer, or the less obvious answer 1120133679 on the Atom.

The three programs in this chapter solve these problems, and illustrate some of the different ways of representing numbers on a computer.

FRACTIONS

Most computer languages, including BASIC, provide functions and operations involving integers such as

127, or floating-point numbers such as 12.73, or both. However, on some occasions we may wish to perform calculations involving fractions, such as:

$$1/2 + 1/3$$

with the results given as an exact fraction, such as 5/6, rather than the less obvious, and less accurate, decimal 0.8333333.

The following program will take a calculation involving fractions, and give an exact fractional result (where possible). For example:

The result can be given either in improper form, such as 7/6. or proper form, such as 1+1/6. The program detects if the result cannot be expressed as a fraction with sufficient accuracy, as shown in the following two examples:

EVALUATE: 3.14159292 3.14159292 = 355/113

EVALUATE: PI
PI = IRRATIONAL

The program would be useful for mathematical analysis, or for teaching the concept of fractions to children.

Description

The program evaluates the INPUT line using floating-point arithmetic, and converts the result from a floating-point number into a fraction. The method involves the construction of what is called a 'continued fraction', by repeating the following two simple steps until an integer is obtained:

a. Take the reciprocal (i.e. one divided by the number)

b. Subtract the integer part.

This can be illustrated by the following example, which converts 0.764705882 into a continued fraction:

Finally, solving the equation for x in the last line gives the exact answer that x = 13/17.

MRC Computer Version

In this version an integer variable, I%, is used to calculate the integer part of the number at each stage to avoid having to use the INT function. The remaining variables are left as floating-point variables for brovity. An "ON ERROR" statement detects syntax errors when the input equation is evaluated using EVAL.

1 REM ... Fractions ...

Set up error return for errors other than escape (17).

10 ON ERROR IF ERR<>17 PRINT"WHAT?":GOTO60 ELSE END 20 @%=1

Select whether fraction is to be displayed in proper or improper form.

- 30 REPEAT INPUT' "PROPER (P) OR IMPROPER (I)?" P\$
- 40 UNTIL P\$="P" OR P\$="I"
- 60 REPEAT E=9E-8
- 70 INPUT "EVALUATE: "EQ\$: PRINT EQ\$;" = ";
- 80 S\$="+": X=EVAL(EO\$): IF X<0 S\$="-"
- 90 X=ABS X: I%=X: R=X-I%

Multiply accuracy by integer part. If fractional part negligible, treat as integer. If no integer part, more error tolerated.

- 95 IF 1%<>0 THEN E=X*E
- 100 IF R<=E GOTO110
- 101 IF I%=0 THEN E=E*R
- 102 IF ABS(R-1)>E GOTO120
- 104 I%=I%+1
- 110 IF \$\$="-" PRINT \$\$;
- 112 PRINT I%: UNTIL FALSE

Now do fractional part.

- 120 IF S\$="-" PRINT S\$;
- 130 IF I%<>0 AND P\$="P": PRINT I%,S\$;: I%=0; X=R
- 190 K=1:L=1:M=0:J=1%

Work out continued fraction for R.

- 200 REPEAT R=1/R: I%=R
- 204 R=R~I%
- 210 N=J: J=J*I%+K: K=N
- 220 N=L: L=L*I%+M: M=N
- 230 UNTIL E>=ABS(X-J/L)

Test whether irrational. Choose 0.0033 so that PI comes out as irrational, but 355/113 is real.

240 IF ABS(J*L)*ABS(X-J/L)/X >0.0033
PRINT"IRRATIONAL":UNTIL FALSE
250 PRINT J"/"L: UNTIL FALSE

Variables:

I% - Integer part of %X

J - Numerator of fractional representation

L - Denominator of fractional representation

P\$ - Proper "P" or improper "I" flag

R - Real part of %X

S\$ - Sign of %X

X - Absolute value of rational

Atom Version

The Atom does not have an EVAL function, but fortunately the FINPUT statement in Atom BASIC will accept an expression in the input line. The input line is entered at address 320, so PRINT \$320 in line 70 will echo the line.

1 REM .. FRACTIONS .. 10 DIM P(1),S(1),E(100)

Set up line to be executed on an error.

20 @=0;?16=E;?17=E/256;\$E="PRINT ""WHAT?""';G.s"

Select whether fraction to be displayed in proper or improper form.

30 DO INPUT' "PROPER (P) OR IMPROPER (I) "\$P

40 UNTIL \$P="P" OR \$P="I"

50sDO %E=9E-8

70 PRINT "EVALUATE"; FINPUT %X; PRINT \$320" = "

80 \$S="+";FIF%X<0 \$S="-"

90 %X=ABS%X;I=%X;%R=%X-I

Multiply accuracy by integer part. If fractional part negligible, treat as integer. If no integer part, more error tolerated.

95 IF I<>0 THEN %E=%X*%E

100 FIF %R<=%E GOTO i

101 IF I=0 THEN %E=%E*%R

102 FIF ABS(%R-1)>%E GOTO r

104 I = I + 1

110iIF \$S="-"PRINT \$S

Now do fractional part.

120rIF \$S="-" PRINT \$S

130 IF I<>0 AND \$P="P" PRINT I,\$S; I=0; %X=%R

180 \$E="PRINT ""IRRATIONAL""';GOTO s"

190 K=1;L=1;M=0;J=I

Work out continued fraction for %R.

200 DO %R=1/%R; I=%R

204 %R=%R-I

210 N=J; J=J*I+K; K=N

220 N=L;L=L*I+M;M=N 230 FUNTIL %E>=ABS(%X-J/L)

Test whether irrational. Choose 0.0033 so that PI comes out as irrational, but 355/113 is real.

240 FIF ABS(J*L)*ABS(%X-J/L)/%X >0.0033 PRINT "IRRATIONAL"; UNTIL 0 250 PRINT J"/"L;UNTIL 0

Variables:

! - Integer part of %x

J - Numerator of fractional representation

1. - Denominator of fractional representation

SP - Proper "P" or improper "I" flag

*R - Real part of %X

\$S - Sign of &X

%X - Absolute value of rational

POLYNOMIAL

Polynomials are important in several branches of mathematics because many continuous functions are represented by polynomials. The familiar quadratic equation is a polynomial of degree 2, and its general form is:

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

where '^' means "raised to the power".

The present program is a general-purpose polynomial manipulator. It will simplify an equation to a polynomial of integer coefficients, and can add, subtract, multiply, and divide polynomials. The

program first asks for the degree of the polynomial; that is, the highest power of X represented. For example:

DEGREE?4

SIMPLIFY: $(X+2)*(3-X)*(X+1)^2$

will give:

 $- x^4 - x^3 + 7x^2 + 13x + 6$

and:

DEGREE?3 SIMPLIFY:(X^3+1)/(X+1)

will give:

 $X^2 - X + 1$

Program Description

The program works by substituting different values of X in the equation to be simplified, to obtain a series of values of Y. For example, the first equation above produces:

X: 0 1 2 3 4 Y: 6 24 36 0 -150

A 2-stage procedure is then used to obtain the polynomial coefficients from these values. This procedure involves taking differences between successive members of the series, and these differences are divided by the number of the row:

O 1 х: 2 3 Y : 6 24 36 O -15018 12 -36-150C=118 12 -36-150-48-114C=2-24 -57-21 -33C=3-11 -4 C=4-1

The next stage involves taking the series of numbers on the left-hand side of this triangle of differences, namely:

6, 18, -3, -7, -1.

These numbers are then transformed into the coefficients of the polynomial by the following procedure:

a. Start with N one less than the degree (3 in this case).

- \boldsymbol{b} . Subtract N times the last number from its predecessor.
- ψ_{+} . Subtract (N-1) times the last two numbers from their predecessors.
- ... Repeat step b until N=0.

In the present example the series of coefficients $\operatorname{produced}$ is:

6, 13, 7, -1, -1.

DBC Computer Version

The BBC Computer BASIC allows negative numbers to be taised to integer powers; therefore the '^' operator can be used in the expression to be simplified, as in: $(X-1)^6$.

- 10 INPUT "DEGREE?"N
- 20 INPUT "SIMPLIFY:" XS
- 30 DIM CX(N): 0%=1

Evaluate equation for successive values of X.

40 FOR X=0 TO N:PROCE:NEXT

Keep taking differences.

- 50 FOR C=1 TO N 60 FOR J=N TO C STEP-1
- 70 CX(J) = (CX(J) CX(J-1)) DIV C
- 80 NEXT T:NEXT C (2x(2)-Cx(2-1)) DIA (

Transform differences into coefficients of polynomial.

- 90 FOR C=N-1 TO 0 STEP-1
- 100 FOR J=C TO N-1
- 110 CX(J)=CX(J)-CX(J+1)*C
- 120 NEXT J:NEXT C

Print non-zero terms of polynomial, with a leading "-" if first non-zero term is negative.

- 125 S=0
- 130 FOR C=N TO 0 STEP-1: IF CX(C)=0 GOTO 160
- 135 IF CX(C)<0 PRINT " "; ELSE IF S PRINT " + "; 140 IF ABS(CX(C))>1 OR C=0 PRINT ABS(CX(C));
- 145 IF C>1 PRINT "X^";C;
- 148 IF C=1 PRINT "X";
- 150 S=1
- 160 NEXT C:PRINT '

PROCE - Evaluate equation here.

200 DEF PROCE CX(X)=EVAL(X\$): ENDPROC

Variables:

C - Coefficient number

CX(0)..CX(N) - Coefficients of X^N in polynomial

J - Counter

N - Maximum degree of polynomial

S - Flag for printing "+" sign

T - Pointer to equation string

X,Y - Unknowns in equation

Atom Version

In the Atom version, powers of numbers and polynomials should be represented by repeated multiplication; thus, instead of $(X+1)^2$ write $(X+1)^4$.

10 INPUT "DEGREE"N

Insert equation into line 200 of program.

- 15 T=TOP; DO T=T-1; UNTIL ?T=CH"e"
- 20 T=T+3:INPUT "SIMPLIFY"\$T
- 25 T=T+LENT; \$T=";R.";T?4=#FF
- 30 DIM T(64), XX(N); e=0

Evaluate equation for successive values of X.

40 FOR X=0 TO N; GOSUB e; XX(X)=Y; NEXT

Keep taking differences.

- 50 FOR C=1 TO N
- 60 FOR J=N TO C STEP -1
- 70 XX(J) = (XX(J) XX(J-1))/C
- 80 NEXT J; NEXT C

Transform differences into coefficients of polynomial.

- 90 FOR C=N-1 TO 0 STEP -1
- 100 FOR J=C TO N-1
- 110 XX(J)=XX(J)-XX(J+1)*C
- 120 NEXT J; NEXT C

Print non-zero terms of polynomial, with a leading "-" if first non-zero term is negative.

125 S=0
130 FOR C=N TO 0 STEP -1; IF XX(C)=0 GOTO z
135 IF XX(C)<0 PRINT " - "; GOTO s
137 IF S PRINT " + "
140sIF ABS XX(C)>1 OR C=0 PRINT ABS XX(C)
145 IF C>1 PRINT "X^" C
148 IF C=1 PRINT "X"
150 S=1
155zNEXT C; PRINT ''

Poke equation to be evaluated into program here.

200eY=X:RETURN

Variables:

170 END

 ε - Coefficient number

J - Counter

N - Maximum degree of polynomial

S - Flag for printing "+" sign

T - Pointer to equation string

XX(0). XX(N) - Coefficients of X^N in polynomial

X,Y - Unknowns in equation

Further Suggestions

with slight modification the program can be used to generate a polynomial of specified degree from a set of data points. For the BBC version, alter line 200 to:

200 DEF PROCE PRINT "F("X")";:INPUTY:ENDPROC

For the Atom version delete lines 15, 20, and 25, and alter line 200 to:

200ePRINT "F("X")"; INPUTY; RETURN

The program will then prompt for the coefficients:

DEGREE?4

F(0)?6

F(1)?24

F(2)?36

F(3)?0

F(4)?-150

This will print:

 $- x^4 - x^3 + 7x^2 + 13x + 6$

The program could also be modified to handle polynomials with real coefficients, and the Fractions program could be used to give the coefficients as fractions where possible.

CALCULATOR

The following program acts as a calculator, with the ability to add, multiply, and divide. The unusual feature provided by the program is that it will calculate to an unlimited accuracy, restricted only by the amount of memory available to the program.

The program uses reverse Polish notation, also known as Polish suffix notation, in which the operator follows the operand or operands. This notation is used on some scientific calculators because it allows any expression to be entered without the need for brackets.

An expression in reverse Polish notation is:

To understand how this is evaluated, imagine the expression read from left to right. When an operator, such as '+' and '*', is encountered it removes the two numbers to its left, performs the operation, and replaces them with the result. Successive stages in the evaluation of this equation are:

The equivalent expression in algebraic notation is (1+2)*(4+5). The great advantage of this notation is that the order of evaluation is unambiguous, and no brackets are needed to indicate how the expression is to be evaluated. Some other equations in algebraic form are shown below together with their equivalents in reverse Polish:

The above example would be entered into the calculator program as shown below. The '?' is the prompt, and after each number or operator is entered RETURN should be typed. The program prints out the result after each operation:

```
/2
//+
= 3
/4
/5
/+
= 9
/*
= 27
```

2.1

Sample run

In the following example using larger numbers the calculator works out 1000000001/99009901:

```
?10000000001
?99009901
?/
= 101
```

A number can be squared, by duplicating it on the stack with " and then multiplying:

Finally, we divide the result by the square of IllIll:

```
= 111111

**

= 12345654321

*/

= 1000002000001
```

2111111

These results are all exact, and could not of course be obtained with a conventional calculator.

Program Operation

In these programs the long numbers are represented as strings of ASCII characters. The arithmetic routines

to multiply, divide, and add, take two strings and generate a result in the form of a third string. This representation was chosen so that the standard BASIC string operations could be used to manipulate long numbers and print them out; other representations would probably require special routines for these functions, but might give faster calculation.

BBC Computer Version

- 5 REM ... Calculator ...
- 10 DIM M%240,SS%(10),F%1023
- 20 S%=0:SS%(S%)=F%:Z%=ASC("0")
- 30 REPEAT INPUT LINESM&

Look for digit, or one of the following commands:

- " duplicate item on stack
- * multiply
- + add
- / divide
- 40 IF?M%>=ASC("0")AND?M%<=ASC("9")\$F%=\$M%:

PROCUP: PROCF: UNTILO

45 IFS%>OAND?M%=ASC"""A%=SS%(S%): D%=SS%(S%-1):PROCUP:PROCRESULT:UNTILO

Make sure there are at least 2 items on the stack, and then set up:

- D top of stack (for result).
- B first operand on stack
- A second operand on stack
 - 46 IFS%<2 PRINT"STACK EMPTY":UNTIL 0
 - 48 D%=SS%(S%):B%=SS%(S%-1):A%=SS%(S%-2)
 - 50 IF?M%=ASC"*"PROCMUL:PROCDONE:UNTILO
 - 55 IF?M%=ASC"+"PROCADD:PROCDONE:UNTILO
 - 58 IF?M%=ASC"/"PROCDIV:PROCDONE:UNTILO
 - 60 PRINT "ERROR": UNTILO

PROCDONE - Decrement stack, then drop through to put result on stack.

90 DEF PROCDONE S%=S%-1

PROCRESULT - Result is in D. Remove leading zeros; then copy result down stack, and print result.

- 92 DEF PROCRESULT
- 93 D%=D%-1:REPEATD%=D%+1:UNTIL?D%<>Z% ORD%?1=13
- 95 \$A%=\$D%:F%=A%:PROCF
- 100 PRINT " = "\$SS%(S%-1)
- 110 ENDPROC

PROCF - Make room for result on top of stack.

500 DEF PROCF F%=F%+LEN(\$F%)+1:SS%(S%)=F%:ENDPROC

PROCMUL - Multiply: \$D% = \$A% * \$B% First set L% to length of result, and zero \$D%. Then do long multiplication.

1000 DEF PROCMUL
1005 L%=LEN(\$A\$)+LEN(\$B\$):FOR N%=OTO L%-1:
108?N%=Z%:NEXT:D%?L%=13
1010 FOR J%=LEN(\$B\$)-1 TO 0 STEP -1: C%=0:G%=B%?J%-Z%
1020 V%=D%+J%+1
1030 FOR L%=LEN(\$A\$)-1 TO 0 STEP -1: H%=A%?L%-Z%
1040 Q%=G%*H%+C%+(V%?L%-Z%)
1050 V%?L%=Q% MOD 10+Z%:C%=Q%/10:NEXT
1060 V%?L%=C%+Z%
1070 NEXT:ENDPROC

PROCADD - Addition: \$D% = \$A% + \$B% Set result to longest operand, and add in other operand.

2000 DEF PROCADD
2005 W%=A%:V%=B%:J%=LEN(\$A%)-LEN(\$B%): IFJ%<0
W%=B%:V%=A%:J%=-J%
2010 \$(D%+1)=\$W%:?D%=Z%:C%=0:W%=D%+J%+1
2020 FORL%=LEN(\$V%)-1 TO 0 STEP -1
2030 Q%=W%?L%+V%?L%-2*Z%
2040 W%?L%=Q% MOD 10+Z%:C%=Q%/10
2050 NEXT:W%?L%=W%?L%+C%:ENDPROC

PROCDIV - Division: \$D% = \$A% / \$B%
Keep subtracting divisor, counting in V%, using C%
as a borrow this time, until overflows (C%=0);
then add divisor back in once.

4000 DEF PROCDIV

4005 FORJ%=0 TO LEN(\$A%)-LEN(\$B%):W%=A%+J%:V%=-1

4010 REPEAT V%=V%+1:C%=1

4020 FOR L%=LEN(\$B%)-1 TO -J% STEP -1

4025 Q%=Z%:IF L%>=0 Q%=B%?L%

4030 Q%=W%?L%-Q%+C%+9

4032 W%?L%=Q% MOD 10+Z%:C%=Q%/10

4035 NEXT

4040 UNTIL C%=0

4050 FORL%=LEN(\$B%)-1 TO -J% STEP -1

4055 Q%=Z%:IF L%>=0 Q%=B%?L%

4060 Q%=W%?L%+Q%-2*Z%+C%

4065 W%?L%=Q% MOD 10+Z%:C%=O%/10:NEXT

PROCUP - Increment stack

6000 DEF PROCUP IFS%>10PRINT"STACK FULL": ENDPROC 6010 S%=S%+1:ENDPROC

Variables:

\$A%,\$B% ~ Strings containing the two operands used by the arithmetic routines C% - Carry/borrow

\$D% - String into which result is put

H% - Temporary variable J%,L% - Loop counters

M% - Input line

0% - Intermediate result in calculations

S% - Next free stack pointer

SS%(0)..SS%(10) - Pointers to number strings on stack V%,W% - Pointers used by arithmetic routines

Z% - Equal to ASC("0")

Atom Version

- 5 REM ... CALCULATOR ...
- 10 DIM M(64),SS(10),F(-1)
- 20 S=0; SSS=F; Z=CH"0"
- 30 DO INPUTSM

Look for digit, or one of the following commands: " - duplicate item on stack

- * multiply
- + add
- divide

40 IF?M>=CH"0"AND?M<=CH"9"\$F=\$M; GOSUB u;GOSUB f:GOTO x

45 IFS>0AND?M=CH"""A=SSS; D=SS(S-1);GOSUB u;GOTO w

Make sure there are at least 2 items on the stack, and then set up:

- D top of stack (for result).
- B first operand on stack
- A second operand on stack
 - 46 IFS<2 PRINT"STACK EMPTY"; GOTO x
 - 48 D=SSS;B=SS(S-1);A=SS(S-2)
 - 50 IF?M=CH"*"GOSUB m;GOTO z
 - 55 IF?M=CH"+"GOSUB a:GOTO z
 - 58 IF?M=CH"/"GOSUB d;GOTO z 60 PRINT "ERROR" GOTO x
 - 90zS≃S-1

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w - Result is in D. Remove leading zerous then
 copy result down stack, and print result.
  92wD=D-1;DOD=D+1;UNTIL?D<>Z ORD?1=13
  95 $A=$D;F=A;GOSUB f
 100 PRINT " = "$SS(S-1)'
 110xUNTILO
 f - Make room for result on top of stack.
 500fF=F+LENF+1; SSS=F; RETURN
m - Multiply: $D = $A * $B
First set L to length of result, and zero $D. Then
do long multiplication.
1000mL=LENA+LENB; FOR N=OTO L-1; D?N=Z; NEXT; D?L=13
1010 FOR J=LENB-1 TO 0 STEP -1; C=0; G=B?J-Z
1020 V = D + J + 1
1030 FOR L=LENA-1 TO 0 STEP -1;H=A?L-Z
1040 \text{ O=G*H+C+(V?L~Z)}
```

```
1050 V?L=O%10+Z:C=Q/10;NEXT
1060 V?L=C+Z
1070 NEXT; RETURN
```

a - Addition: \$D = \$A + \$BSet result to longest operand, and add in other operand.

```
2000aW=A;V=B;J=LENA-LENB;IFJ<0W=B;V=A;J=-J
2010 (D+1)=W;?D=Z;C=0;W=D+J+1
2020 FORL=LENV-1 TO 0 STEP -1
2030 Q=W?L+V?L-2*Z
2040 W?L=Q%10+Z;C=Q/10
2050 NEXT; W?L=W?L+C; RETURN
```

```
d - Division: $D = $A / $B
Keep subtracting divisor, counting in V, using C
as a borrow this time, until overflows (C=0); then
add divisor back in once.
```

```
4010 DO V=V+1;C=1
4020 FOR L=LENB-1 TO -J STEP -1
4025 Q=Z; IF L>=0 Q=B?L
4030 Q=W?L-Q+C+9
4032 W?L=Q%10+Z;C=Q/10
4035 NEXT
4040 UNTIL C=0
4050 FORL=LENB-1 TO ~J STEP -1
4055 Q=Z;IF L>=0 Q=B?L
```

4000dFORJ=0 TO LENA-LENB; W=A+J; V=-I

4060 Q=W?L+Q-2*Z+C 4065 W?L=Q*l0+Z;C=Q/l0;NEXT 4070 D?J=V+Z;NEXT;D?J=13 4080 RETURN

u - Increment stack

6000uIFS>10PRINT"STACK FULL"; RETURN 6010 S=S+1; RETURN

Variables:

\$A,\$B - Strings containing the two operands used by the arithmetic routines

C - Carry/borrow

\$D - String into which result is put

H - Temporary variable

J,L - Loop counters

M - Input line

Q - Intermediate result in calculations

S - Next free stack pointer

SS(0)..SS(10) - Pointers to number strings on stack

V,W - Pointers used by arithmetic routines

Z - Equal to CH"0"

Further Suggestions

The calculator could be extended to handle negative numbers, represented by a string starting with a "-" sign, and subtraction could then be implemented. As a more ambitious undertaking, the calculator could be extended to give arbitrary-precision versions of all the integer functions of a standard pocket calculator, including X^Y, factorials, and probability functions.

A more ambitious extension would make these routines the basis of an interpreter, which would allow programs to be written manipulating numbers to unlimited accuracy.

5 Compiler

The final chapter in this book is devoted to an ambitious project to write a compiler which will convert programs written in a high-level language, similar to Pascal, into the machine code of the Atom and BBC Computer.

In order to keep the compiler as straightforward as possible, and to enable it to run in the memory of the standard Atom or BBC Computer, several simplifications were made. First of all, the compiler is limited to 8-bit numbers; i.e. numbers in the range 0 to 255. Secondly, it handles a restricted set of statements and operators.

The program was primarily developed to illustrate the problems involved in designing a high-level language compiler. It should also serve as a good introduction to recursively-defined languages such as Pascal, and shows the relationship between a statement in such a language and the corresponding machine-code. Finally, the compiler will compile into efficient machine code, and so could be used to develop machine-code programs for applications such as machine control.

Compilers and Interpreters

The BASIC running on the Atom and BBC computers is an 'interpreter'; that is, it executes each statement in the program as it encounters it. A 'compiler', on the other hand, takes a program in one language and converts it into machine code - the language of the processor. The compiled, machine-code version of the program can then be run without further needing the presence of the compiler program. Also, since they are running in the language of the computer itself, compiled programs are likely to run very much faster than interpreted versions of the same programs.

The compiler to be described is written in BASIC, and makes use of the mnemonic assembler built into the Atom and the BBC Computer. The advantage of using the

built-in assembler is that an assembler listing is automatically produced, so the code generated for a particular high-level language program is comprehensible and easily checked. However, the compiler could be altered to run on other computers by generating machine code directly; it could also be used to write programs for microprocessors other than the 6502.

ASSIGNMENT

As a preliminary step in designing the compiler, a program is presented that will take a series of assignment statements such as A=A+2 and assemble them into 6502 machine code. This program, Assignment, will then form the basis for the complete compiler.

This program compiles in a single pass, reading the input line and generating assembler statements as it goes. The following operations, which work on 8-bit numbers, are handled by the program:

+ : add - : subtract & : logical AND | : logical OR >> : right shift << : left shift

All these operators have the same priority, and brackets can be used to alter the order of evaluation. Note that the shift operators must have a constant as their right-hand operand, as in:

A=B>>2

Variable names can have up to six upper-case letters, and are automatically assigned to zero-page memory locations by the program.

The program uses a stack to hold intermediate results during compilation. Addresses are represented by numbers in the range 1 to FFFF (hexadecimal), and constants as the negative of their value; i.e. by numbers in the range 0 sto -255. When the compiler reads an operator it performs the following sequence:

- a. pull the location of the previous results from the stack,
- b. assemble code to calculate the new result,
- c. push onto the stack the location of the new result. The intermediate results during the compilation of a

complicated expression, such as A=(B+2)&(C+3), are associated with temporary locations, TT(0), TT(1) etc.

Using this procedure the program would compile the statement:

MAX=31&(VAR+15)

as:

LDA VAR

CLC

ADC @15

STA TT(0)

LDA @31

AND TT(0)

STA TT(1)

LDA TT(1)

STA MAX

The superfluous STA TT(1) and LDA TT(1) are eliminated by keeping track of the address whose contents are in the accumulator at any time. Instead of generating code to load the accumulator, a call is made to a subroutine that first checks to make sure that the accumulator does not already contain the required value. Furthermore, code is only generated to store the accumulator's contents when absolutely necessary; that is, when a new value is to be loaded into the accumulator.

Sample Run

The following section shows a sample run of the Assignment program, on the Atom, for various statements which are typed in after the '?' prompt. In the listing the first column, which is only present in the Atom version, shows the line in the compiler program that generated the assembler code. The next column gives the address of the machine code, followed by the one, two, or three bytes of the instruction, and the assembler statement. The symbols L, U, and H in the assembler statements are used by the program, and take different values at different points in the program.

>RUN ?VAR=1

> 7210 3A00 A9 01 LDA @-L 7200 3A02 85 51 STA H

The program has allocated location #51 for the variable VAR.

2VAR=VAR+1

```
7040 3A04 A5 51
                     LDA L
 3070 3A06 18
                     CLC
 3070 3A07 69 01
                     ADC @-U
 7200 3A09 85 51
                     STA H
?MAX=31&(VAR+15)
 7040 3A0B A5 51
                     LDA L
 3070 3A0D 18
                     CLC
 3070 3A0E 69 OF
                     ADC @-U
 7200 3A10 85 80
                     STA H
 7210 3A12 A9 1F
                     LDA @-L
 3065 3A14 25 80
                     AND U
 7200 3A16 85 52
                     STA H
The program has allocated location #52 for MAX. The
bracketed expression is evaluated first, and stored in
a temporary location #80.
?MIN=(1|VAR)-(MAX>>4)
 7210 3A18 A9 01
                     LDA @-L
 3060 3A1A 05 51
                     ORA U
 7200 3A1C 85 80
                     STA H
 7040 3AlE A5 52
                     LDA L
 3180 3A20 4A
                     LSR A
3180 3A21 4A
                     LSR A
3180 3A22 4A
                    LSR A
3180 3A23 4A
                    LSR A
7200 3A24 85 81
7040 3A26 A5 80
```

Here MIN is allocated location #53, and two temporary locations are used. Note that the right-hand operand of '>>' or '<<' must be a constant.

?X=1+(VAR-) BRACKET MISSING X=1+(VAR-)

3055 3A28 38

3055 3A29 E5 81

7200 3A2B 85 53

Finally, a statement which generated an error.

STA H LDA L

SBC U

STA H

SEC

BBC Computer Version

```
5 REM ... Assignment ...
10 HIMEM=& 2800
20 DIM SS(20), ID$(30), JJ(30)
30 DIM TT(20), X%7, Z%256: A$=CHR$(6)
```

Important addresses:

MC - Start address for machine code.

VARS - Start address for variables and arrays.

TEMPS - 20 temporary locations.

35 MC=&3800:VARS=&50:TEMPS=&80:PRARG=&94:SADD=&2800

115 FOR N=0TO 20:TT(N)=0:NEXT

140 I=0:P=MC:S=0:R=0:H=0:T=0

One pass of compilation. Initialise pointers, and make sure accumulator is stored finally.

200 REPEAT INPUTS Z%: A=Z%

210 PROCSTMT: PROCSTA

220 UNTIL FALSE

PROCSTMT - Statement. Skip blanks, then read symbol.

1000 DEF PROCSTMT

1010 PROCSP: PROCSYM

1110 PROCSP 1135 PROCV

1160 PROCRHS: H=V: PROCSTA: ENDPROC

PROCRES - Right-hand side of assignment statement.

1180 DEF PROCRHS

1185 IF ?A<>ASC"=" PRINTA\$"NO =":PROCERR

1190 A=A+1:PROCEXP:L=FNPUL

1195 PROCLDA: V=FNPUL: ENDPROC

PROCIDENT - Read an identifier.

2000 DEF PROCIDENT

2010 PROCSYM: PROCV: ENDPROC

PROCV - Look up identifier \$X% in symbol table. If symbol does not already exist (N=I) allocate address for it. Push address to stack.

2020 DEF PROCV

2030 IF N=0 ENDPROC

2040 PROCLOOK

2050 IFN=I:I=I+1:R=R+1:JJ(N)=R+VARS

2070 IFI>30PRINT"TOO MANY VARIABLES":PROCERR

2080 U=JJ(N):PROCPSH(U):ENDPROC

PROCONST - Read a decimal constant. If not found, N=0. If found, push minus its value.

```
2105 PROCSP
  2110 N=-1:C=0:REPEAT D=C:N=N+1:C=C*10
  2120 C=C+A?N-ASC"0"
  2130 UNTILA?N<ASC"0"ORA?N>ASC"9"
  2140 IFN=0 ENDPROC
  2150 A=A+N
  2160 U=-D:PROCPSH(U):N=1:ENDPROC
  PROCLOOK - Look up $X% in symbol table, ID$(0),
  ID$(1) ... If not \bar{f}ound, N=I.
 2400 DEF PROCLOOK
 2410 ID$(I)=$X%:N=-1
 2420 REPEAT N=N+1:UNTILID$(N)=ID$(I):ENDPROC
  PROCEXP - Assemble code to calculate
  expression, of the form:
  <factor> <operator> <factor>
  where <operator> is one of:
   + : add
                       - : subtract
   : OR
                       & : AND
  << : left shift >> : right shift
  Then push the address of the result on the stack.
 3000 DEF PROCEXP PROCSP:PROCFACTOR
 3010 PROCSP
 3020 IF?A=ASC"+"OR?A=ASC"-"OR?A=ASC"&"
OR?A=ASC"|"O=?A:A=A+1:GOTO 3035
 3025 IF NOT((?A=ASC">"AND A?1=ASC">")OR (?A=ASC"<"AND
A?1=ASC "<")) ENDPROC
 3030 O=?A:A=A+2
 3035 PROCPSH(O)
 3040 PROCFACTOR: U=FNPUL:O=FNPUL:L=FNPUL:PROCLDA
 3045 IF U<=0 GOTO 3070
 3050 IFO=ASC"+"[CLC:ADC U:1
 3055 IFO=ASC"-"[SEC:SBC U:]
 3060 IFO=ASC" | "[ORA U:]
 3065 IFO=ASC "&" (AND U: )
3068 GOTO 3190
3070 IFO=ASC"+"[CLC:ADC #-U:]
3075 IFO=ASC"-"[SEC:SBC #-U:]
3080 IFO=ASC" | "[ORA #-U:]
3085 IFO=ASC "&"[AND #-U:]
3160 IFO=ASC"<"FOR N=1TO-U:[ASL A:]:NEXT
3180 IFO=ASC">"FOR N=1TO-U:[LSR A:]:NEXT
3190 L=U:PROCRELEASE(L):PROCTEMP
3195 GOTO 3010
```

2100 DEF PROCONST

PROCFACTOR - Factor. Check for symbol, constant, or bracketed expression. If the symbol is followed by '(' or '[' then it is a function or an array respectively.

- 3600 DEF PROCFACTOR
- 3610 PROCSYM: IFN=0GOTO3630
- 3620 PROCV
- 3625 ENDPROC
- 3630 PROCONST: IF N ENDPROC
- 3635 IF?A<>ASC"(" PRINTA\$ "BRACKET MISSING": PROCERR
- 3640 A=A+1:PROCEXP:PROCSP
- 3650 IF?A<>ASC")" PRINTA\$"BRACKET MISSING":PROCERR
- 3660 A=A+1:ENDPROC

PROCPSH - Push argument onto stack.

- 5020 DEF PROCPSH(U) SS(S)=U:S=S+1:IFS<21 ENDPROC
- 5021 PRINTA\$"STACK FULL":PROCERR

FNPUL - Pull from stack.

- 5030 DEF FNPUL:S=S-1:IFS>=0 =SS(S)
- 5031 PRINTAS"STACK ERROR": PROCERR

PROCSP - Skip blanks.

- 5040 DEF PROCSP
- 5042 IF?A=32 REPEAT A=A+1:UNTIL?A<>32
- 5049 ENDPROC

PROCTEMP - Generate a temporary location TT(N); return its address in T, set H to the address, and push the address.

- 5100 DEF PROCTEMP
- 5110 N=-1:REPEAT N=N+1: IF N>20PRINTA\$ "NOT ENOUGH TEMP":PROCERR
 - 5120 UNTILTT(N)=0
 - 5130 T=N+TEMPS:TT(N)=T:U=T:H=T:PROCPSH(U):ENDPROC

PROCSYM - Read a symbol into \$X% from \$A. Returns N=0 if no symbol found.

- 6000 DEF PROCSYM
- 6010 PROCSP:N=-1:REPEAT N=N+1: N?X%=A?N
- 6020 UNTILA?N>ASC"Z"ORA?N<ASC"A"ORN=7
- 6030 IF N=0 ENDPROC
- 6040 IF N<7 N?X%=&D:A=A+N:ENDPROC
- 6050 PRINTA\$"SYMBOL TOO LONG":PROCERR

PROCLDA - Assemble code to load the accumulator with L. If accumulator already contains L (L=H) then do nothing; otherwise store its previous contents (PROCSTA) and load new contents.

7000 DEF PROCLDA

7010 IFL=H AND L>0 PROCRELEASE(L):ENDPROC

7020 PROCSTA

7030 IFL<=0 [LDA #-L:]:ENDPROC

7040 [LDA L:]:PROCRELEASE(L)

7050 ENDPROC

PROCSTA - Assemble code to store accumulator's contents to location H.

7100 DEF PROCSTA

7200 IFH>0[STA H:]:H=0

7210 ENDPROC

PROCRELEASE - Release temporary variable for re-use.

7300 DEF PROCRELEASE(L)

7310 IF L>=TEMPS AND L<TEMPS+20:TT(L-TEMPS)=0

7320 ENDPROC

PROCERR - Output error.

9000 DEF PROCERR

9010 PRINT '\$Z%

9030 PRINT TAB(A-Z%-1); "^": END

Variables:

A - Pointer to current position in expression being compiled

C - Used to evaluate constant

H - Address whose contents are currently in accumulator. H=0 means ignore previous contents

I - Number of next free symbol

ID\$(0)..ID\$(30) - Pointers to symbol names

JJ(0)..JJ(30) - Addresses of symbols

L - Value or address to be loaded into accumulator; used by PROCLDA

N - Temporary variable

O - Operator read by PROCEXP

P - Program location counter, used by assembler

RR(0)..RR(2) - Constant addresses

R - Number of variable locations used up

S - Next free location on SS stack

SS(0)..SS(20) - Stack used by compiler

T - Temporary location assigned by PROCTEMP

- TT(0)..TT(20) Flags for temporary locations; value=0 if location is free for use
- U Value to be pushed by PROCPSH
- V Used by FNPUL
- X String into which symbols and keywords are read by PROCSYM
- 2% Input buffer

Atom Version

- 10 ... ASSIGNMENT ...
- 20 DIM SS(20), LL(20), II(30), JJ(30)
- 30 DIM X(7), TT(20), RR(2)

1mportant addresses:

- RRO Start address of machine code.
- RR1 Start address of variables and arrays.
- RR2 20 temporary locations.
 - 35 RR0=#3A00;RR1=#50;RR2=#80
- 40 F.N=0TO30:DIMI(6):IIN=I:JJN=RR0:N.
- 115 F.N=0TO20:TTN=0:LLN=RR0:N.
- 140 Z=#100;G=0;I=0;P=RR0;S=0;R=0;H=0;T=0

One pass of compilation. Initialise pointers, and make sure accumulator is stored finally.

- 200 DO INPUT\$Z;A=Z
- 210 GOS.s:GOS.m
- 220 UNTIL 0

s - Statement. Skip blanks, then read symbol.

- 1000sREM STATEMENT
- 1010 GOS.b; GOS.x
- 1110 GOS.b
- 1135 GOS.j
- 1160 GOS.d:H=V;GOS.m;R.

d - Right-hand side of assignment statement.

- 1180dIF?A<>CH"=" P.\$6"NO =";G.o
- 1190 A=A+1; GOS.e; GOS.v; L=V; GOS.1; GOS.v; R.

i - Read an identifier.

2000 REM IDENTIFIER

2010 GOS.x

```
j ~ Look up identifier $X in symbol table. If
    symbol does not already exist (N=I) allocate
   address for it. Push address to stack.
  2030 IF N=0 R.
  2040 GOS.y
  2050 IFN=1;I=I+1;R=R+1;JJN=R+RR1
  2070 IFI>30P.$6 "TOO MANY VARIABLES";G.o
  2080 U=JJN;GOS.u;R.
   c - Read a decimal constant. If not found, N=0. If
   found, push minus its value.
  2100cREM CONSTANT
  2105 GOS.b
  2110 N=-1;C=0;DO D=C;N=N+1;C=C*10
  2120 C=C+A?N-CH"0"
  2130 U.A?N<CH"0"ORA?N>CH"9"
  2140 IFN=0 R.
  2150 A=A+N
  2160 U=-D;GOS.u;N=1;R.
  y - Look up $X in symbol table, $II(0), $II(1) ...
  If not found, N=I.
 2400 YREM LOOKUP
  2410 $111 = $x; N = -1
 2420 DO N=N+1;U.$IIN=$III;R.
  e - Assemble code to calculate an expression, of
  the form:
  <factor> <operator> <factor>
  where <operator> is one of:
   + : add
                   - : subtract
   : OR
                   & : AND
  << : left shift >> : right shift
  Then push the address of the result on the stack.
 3000eREM EXPRESSION
 3010 GOS.b; GOS.f
 3015 GOS.b
 3020 IF?A=CH"+"OR?A=CH"-"OR?A=CH"&"OR
?A=CH" | "O=?A;A=A+1;G.3035
 3025 IF((?A=CH">"A.A?1=CH">")OR
(?A=CH"<"A.A?1=CH"<")):1 R.
 3030 O=?A;A=A+2
3035 U=0;GOS.u
3040 GOS.f;GOS.v;U=V;GOS.v;O=V;GOS.v;L=V;GOS.1
3045 IF U<=0 G.3070
3050 IFO=CH"+"[CLC;ADC U;]
3055 IFO=CH"-"[SEC;SBC U;]
```

```
3060 IFO=CH"|"[ORA U;]
3065 IFO=CH"&"[AND U;]
3068 G.3190
3070 IFO=CH"+"[CLC;ADC @-U;]
3075 IFO=CH"-"[SEC;SBC @-U;]
3080 IFO=CH"[ORA @-U;]
3085 IFO=CH"&"[AND @-U;]
3160 IFO=CH"&"[AND @-U;]
3180 IFO=CH"&"F.N=1TO-U;[ASL A;];N.
3180 IFO=CH">"F.N=1TO-U;[LSR A;];N.
3190 L=U;GOS.r;GOS.t
3195 G.3015

f - Factor. Check for symbol, constant, or bracketed expression. If the symbol is followed by '(' or '[' then it is a function or an array respectively.
```

```
3600fREM FACTOR
3610 GOS.x; IFN=0G.3630
3620 GOS.j
3625 R.
3630 GOS.c; IF N R.
3635 IF?A<>CH"(" P.$6"BRACKET MISSING"; G.o
3640 A=A+1; GOS.e; GOS.b
3650 IF?A<>CH")" P.$6"BRACKET MISSING"; G.o
3660 A=A+1; R.
```

```
u - Push U onto stack.
```

5020uSSS=U;S=S+1;IFS<21 R. 5021 P.\$6"STACK FULL";G.o

```
v - Pull V from stack.
```

5030vS=S-1;IFS>=0V=SSS; R. 5031 P.\$6"STACK ERROR":G.o

```
b - Skip blanks.
```

5040biF?A=32 DO A=A+1;U.?A<>32 5043 R.

t - Generate a temporary location TTN; return its address in T, set H to the address, and push the address.

```
5100tREM TEMP. LOC.
5110 N=-1;DO N=N+1; IF N>20P.$6"NOT ENOUGH TEMP";G.o
5120 U.TTN=0
```

5130 T=N+RR2; TTN=T; U=T; H=T; G.u

x - Read a symbol into \$X from \$A. Returns N=0 if no symbol found.

6000xREM READ SYMBOL

6010 GOS.b; N=-1; DO N=N+1; N?K=A?N

6020 U.A?N>CH"Z"ORA?N<CH"A"ORN=7

6030 IF N=0 R.

6040 IF N<7 N?X=#D;A=A+N;R.

6050 P.\$6"SYMBOL TOO LONG";G.o

l - Assemble code to load the accumulator with L. If accumulator already contains L (L=H) then do nothing; otherwise store its previous contents (GOS.m) and load new contents.

70001REM LOAD ACCUMULATOR

7010 IFL=H AND L>0 G.r

7020 GOS.m.

7030 TFL<=0 [LDA @-L;];R.

7040 [LDA L;];G.r

m - Assemble code to store accumulator's contents to location H.

7100mREM STORE ACCUMULATOR 7200 IFH>0[STA H:]:H=0

7210 R.

r - Release temporary variable with address L for re-use.

7300 REM RELEASE VARIABLE

7310 IF L>=RR2 AND L<RR3; TT(L-RR2)=0

7320 R.

o - Output error.

9000oREM ERROR

9020 P. '\$Z'

9030 F.N=Z TOA-2; P. "; N.; P. "^"'; E.

Variables:

A - Pointer to current position in expression being compiled

C - Used to evaluate constant

H - Address whose contents are currently in accumulator. H=0 means ignore previous contents

I - Number of next free symbol

II(0)..II(30) - Pointers to symbol names

JJ(0)..JJ(30) - Addresses of symbols

L - Value or address to be loaded into accumulator;

used by subroutine 1 N - Temporary variable

O - Operator read by subroutine e

P - Program location counter, used by assembler

RR(0).RR(2) - Constant addresses

R - Number of variable locations used up

S - Next free location on SS stack

SS(0)..SS(20) - Stack used by compiler T - Temporary location assigned by subroutine t

TT(0)..TT(20) - Flags for temporary locations; value=0

if location is free for use

U - Value to be pushed by subroutine u

V - Value to be pulled by subroutine v

X - String into which symbols and keywords are read by subroutine x

Z - Input buffer

SPL

The next step in developing the complete compiler is to define the language that it will compile. The language designed for this purpose is called SPL - Simple Programming Language. In some respects it is a subset of the popular languages Pascal and Algol, but with the restriction that numbers are limited to the range 0 to 255, and that the language includes only the essential types of statement.

Syntax of SPL

Programs in SPL are written as lines of text; the line numbers have no significance, except when editing. Spaces must be used to separate words, and must not occur within words, but otherwise they are ignored and can be added to make the structure of programs clearer.

Symbols

All variable names, array names, procedure names, and labels, can consist of up to six letters, all of which are significant. None of the language words may be used as symbols. On the BBC Computer all symbols and language words are in lower case; however, on the Atom, and in the following examples, upper case is used.

Comments

Any text between brackets '{' and '}' is ignored by the compiler, and can be inserted, to comment SPL programs, anywhere spaces are permitted.

Programs

Programs normally consist of a procedure such as the following:

PROC MAIN();
BEGIN
 stmt;
stmt;

... stmt

END

where 'stmt' represents any of the statements described below. The statements in the body of the procedure between BEGIN and END are separated by semi-colons.

SPL Statements

SPL contains the following statements:

Array Declaration

Arrays are declared with the ARRAY statement. For example:

ARRAY MAX[3],B[2]

reserves space for arrays with elements:

MAX[0], MAX[1], MAX[2], MAX[3], and B[0], B[1], and B[2].

These array elements can then be used is the same way as simple variables. Arrays can have up to 255 elements, and there is no checking that arrays are within bounds.

Procedure Declaration

Any number of procedures, with one parameter, can be declared. For example:

PROC ADD(X); statement

and the procedure is called by:

ADD(expression)

The parameter is a local parameter; i.e. the use of X in the procedure ADD above does not affect the value of X outside the procedure. Thus, in the following example:

PROC INC(X); X=X+1 ENTER: WRHEX(X): INC(X): WRHEX(X)

the two calls to WRHEX, which print the value of X, both print the same value.

The single parameter is optional; thus a procedure can be defined:

PROC INC(); J=J+1

which alters the value of J outside the procedure. Note that a procedure cannot be declared inside another procedure which has a parameter.

Function Declaration

A function is identical to a procedure, except that its last statement is a RETURN statement specifying the result to be returned. For example:

PROC ADDONE(N); RETURN N+1

defines a function ADDONE whose value is one greater than its argument. Thus:

WRHEX(2+ADDONE(3))

would print '06'.

Assignment

The assignment statement is of the form:

variable = expression

where the variable is an identifier or an array element. For example:

TIME=TIME+1 SYMBOL[RDCH()]=A-3

Operators

Expressions can use any of the following operations, which work on 8-bit numbers:

+ : add - : subtract & : logical AND | : logical OR >> : right shift << : left shift

All these operators have the same priority, and brackets can be used to alter the order of evaluation. The shift operators shift the left-hand operand the number of places specified by the right-hand operand, which must be a constant as in:

A=B>>3 (equivalent to A=B/8) A=B<<4 (equivalent to A=B*16) COTO Statement.

Any statement can be prefixed by a label:

LOOP: A=A+1

A jump can be made to the labelled statement by means of the GOTO statement, as in:

GOTO LOOP

IF Statements

The IF statement has the form:

IF condition THEN statement

in which the statement is only executed if the condition is true. There may also be an ELSE clause:

IF condition THEN statement ELSE statement

in which case the second statement will only be executed if the condition is false. Note that if one of the statements is itself an IF...THEN...ELSE statement the ELSE statement associates with the nearest IF condition. For example:

IF A=1 THEN

IF A>0 THEN WRHEX(1) ELSE WRHEX(2)

will, if A=2, write nothing.

Conditions

The condition in an IF statement is of the form:

expression comparison expression

where the comparison is one of:

> : greater than <= : less than or equal
< : less than >= : greater than or equal

= : equal <> : not equal

BEGIN...END Block

Any number of statements can be grouped together within a BEGIN...END block, which has the format:

BEGIN

statement; statement;

statement

END

The entire block then has the same status as a single statement. Note that the semi-colons are used as

statement separators, not as statement terminators, and so there is no need for a semi-colon before the END statement.

Pre-defined Symbols

The following symbols are defined in both versions of the compiler:

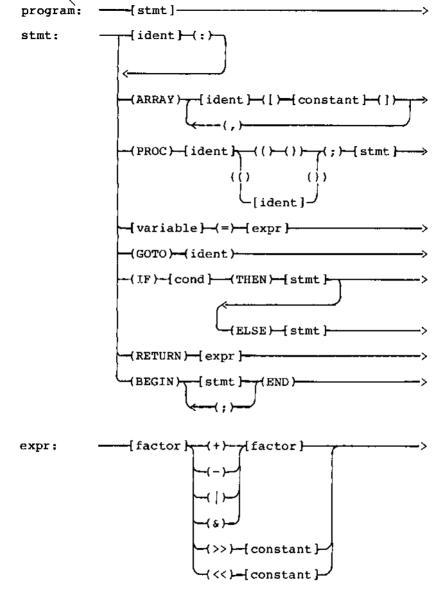
Symbol	Operation	Example
RDCH	Function to read a character	A=RDCH()-48
WRCH	Procedure to write a character	WRCH(32)
SCREEN	Array of 256 screen locations	SCREEN[0]=0

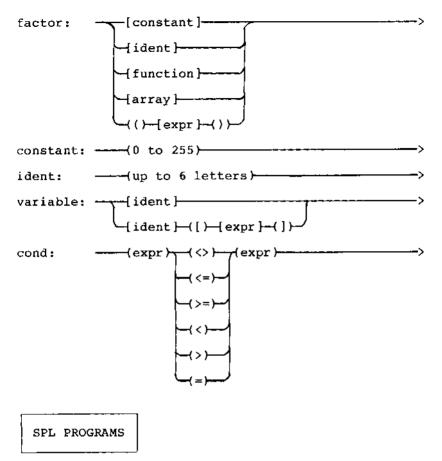
In addition, in the Atom version, the following symbols are defined:

Symbol	Operation	Example
WRHEX	Procedure to print in hex	WRHEX(255)
PORT	Array of I/O ports	PORT[2]=4

SPL Syntax Diagrams

A more formal definition of the syntax of a language like SPL can be given using 'bead' diagrams as shown below. The diagrams can be used to work out whether a given program is legal in terms of the language. Each construct, such as 'expr:', is defined by travelling along the line to its right, following the arrows. Constructs in square brackets, such as [stmt], are defined by referring to another diagram. Constructs in round brackets, such as (ARRAY) or (:), refer to keywords or symbols in the language. The language is defined recursively, so certain constructs, such as 'stmt:', contain references to themselves.





The following demonstration programs can all be compiled into machine-code by the Compiler program to be described, and run on the Atom or BBC Computer. They illustrate some of the features of SPL.

Bubble Sort

The first program performs a bubble sort of the characters in the top half of the screen memory. The sort works by successively comparing pairs of adjacent locations; if two are in the wrong order they are exchanged, and then the smaller one is moved back to its correct position in the locations that have already been sorted.

5 (BUBBLE SORT OF SCREEN)
10 PROC BUBBLE();

```
15 BEGIN I=0:
20
     LOOP: J=I:
25
     LOOPA: IF SCREEN[J]>SCREEN[J+1] THEN
28
     BEGIN
30
       TEMP=SCREEN[J]:
31
       SCREEN[J]=SCREEN[J+1]:
32
       SCREEN[J+1]=TEMP:
35
       IF J=0 THEN GOTO OK:
40
       J=J-1:GOTO LOOPA
42
     END:
45
     OK:I=I+1:IF I<255 THEN GOTO LOOP
60 END
```

When the compiled program is executed the characters on the top part of the screen will be sorted into order.

Crawling Snake

The following SPL program moves a snake across the top half of the screen, and demonstrates the use of the language's shift operators '>>' and '<<'. The program is only suitable for the Atom, and uses a routine WAIT to make sure that the screen accesses are noise-free. After being compiled it should be executed by linking to the address corresponding to the label ENTER.

```
5 (CRAWLING SNAKE)
 10 PROC SNAKE();
 15 BEGIN
 20
      PROC CLEAR(K);
 25
      {CLEAR SCREEN TO CHARACTER K}
 28
      BEGIN
 30
        X=0; CLR: SCREEN[X]=K;
 35
        X=X+1:IF X<>0 THEN GOTO CLR
 40
      END:
 42
      PROC WAIT();
 43
      {WAIT FOR FLYBACK SYNC}
 44
      BEGIN
 45
        WA: IF PORT[2]>127 THEN GOTO WA
 46
      END;
 47
      ENTER:L=0:CLEAR(64);
 48
      SCREEN[0]=127; SCREEN[1]=127;
 49
      SCREEN[2]=127; SCREEN[3]=127;
 50
      RUN: X=0:
 60
      LOOP:WAIT():
 70
      C = (SCREEN[X]&63) << 2;
80
      SCREEN[X]=C|192+L;L=C>>6;
90
      X=X+1;
95
      IF X<>0 THEN GOTO LOOP ELSE GOTO RUN
100 END
```

Write Hexadecimal

The following procedure will print a number as two hexadecimal numbers on the screen. On the Atom this routine is pre-defined.

```
40 proc wrhex(n);
50 begin
60    if n>=160 then wrch(n>>4+55)
70    else wrch(n>>4+48);
80    n=n&15;
90    if n>=10 then n=n+7;
100    wrch(n+48)
110 end;
```

When compiled and executed the procedure will print the contents of the accumulator in hexadecimal.

Prime Numbers

The following SPL program finds all the prime numbers up to 127, and prints them in hexadecimal:

```
10 PROC MAIN():
 20 BEGIN
 30
      PROC PRIME(N);
     [PRINT N IF PRIME]
 35
 40 BEGIN D=1;
      TRY:D=D+1:E=N:
 60
 65
        IF D<N-1 THEN
 68
       BEGIN
 70
         TEST: E=E-D:
 75
          IF E<>0 THEN
 80
            IF E<128 THEN GOTO TEST
 85
            ELSE GOTO TRY
 88
        END
 90
        ELSE WRHEX(N)
110
     END:
115 {MAIN PROGRAM}
120 ENTER: T=1;
125
     ALL:PRIME(T):WRCH(32):
130 IF T<128 THEN 140 BEGIN
150
        T=T+1;GOTO ALL
170 END
190 END
```

On the BBC Computer the definition of the 'wrhex' routine should be inserted at the start of the program between lines 20 and 30. The compiled program, when executed, prints the following sequence:

```
01 02 03 05 07 0B 0D
                      11 13 17
       29 2B
                      35
                            3B
   25
               2F
                                3D
   49
        4F
              53
                    59
                            61 65
                                        6B
                  7F
6D
    71
```

It prints a space for every number tested, so the primes can be seen to become more sparse as they get larger.

Greatest Common Divisor

The following function finds the greatest common divisor (GCD) of the numbers A and B using Euclid's algorithm:

```
5 PROC TEST(); BEGIN
10 PROC GCD(); {GCD OF A,B IN B}
20 BEGIN LOOP:IF A<>B THEN
25 BEGIN
30 IF A<B THEN B=B-A
35 ELSE A=A-B END;
40 RETURN B END;
45 ENTER:A=9; B=12; WRHEX(GCD())
50 END
```

The routine, once compiled, should be entered at ENTER, when the GCD of 9 and 12, i.e. 3, will be displayed. Again, for the BBC Computer version the 'wrhex' routine should be included since it is not pre-defined.

Multiply Routine

The following test program demonstrates an 8-bit multiply routine written in SPL:

```
5 PROC TEST();
 8 BEGIN
10 PROC MULT();
15 {A*B - RESULT IN C}
20 BEGIN C=0;
25
       MULL: IF B>0 THEN
28
       BEGIN
30
         IF B&1=1 THEN C=C+A;
40
         A=A<<1;B=B>>1;GOTO MULL
45
       END
50
     END:
8 ENTER:A=6;B=19;MULT();WRHEX(C)
60 END
```

The machine code is executed from the address corresponding to the label ENTER, and should print out

'72'; in other words, 6*19=114, or 72 in hexadecimal.

Mastermind

In the following SPL Mastermind program the computer generates a random 4-digit code, which the player must guess. The guess is entered as four decimal digits, and the computer displays the result as two digits: the first digit gives the number of digits correctly guessed in the correct position; the second digit gives the number of correct digits incorrectly placed. When the computer's code is correctly guessed, with a score of '40', the program gives a 'bleep'.

The following sample run shows each of the player's 4-digit guesses followed by the computer's 2-digit reply:

```
1122 00
3344 10
5566 00
7788 20
9900 10
3780 02
7948 40
```

The version of the program shown below is for the BBC Computer; on the Atom all the symbols and variables should be in upper case, and lines 40 to 110 can be omitted.

```
10 (mastermind)
 20 proc mastr();
 30 begin array my[3], your[3], temp[3];
 40 proc wrhex(n);
 50 begin
 60
      if n \ge 160 then wrch(n >> 4+55)
 70 else wrch(n>>4+48);
80 n=n&15;
90 if n>=10 then n=n+7;
 70
100
      wrch(n+48)
110 end;
120 proc rnd();
130 begin rndy:rndx=rndx<<2+rndx+7;
140
      if rndx&15>9 then goto rndy;
150
      return rndx&15
160 end;
170 proc input();
180 begin n=0;
190
      readc: j=rdch(); wrch(j); j=j-48;
200
      if i>9 then goto readc:
210
      your[n]=j;n=n+l;
220 if n<4 then goto readc
```

```
230 end:
240 {main program}
250 enter:n=0;
260 myno:my[n]=rnd();n=n+1;
270 if n<4 then goto myno;
280 try:input(); n=0;
290 copy:temp[n]=my[n];n=n+1;
300 if n<4 then goto copy;
310 n=0;score=0;
320 bull:if temp[n]=your[n] then
330
      begin temp[n]=10;your[n]=11;
340
        score=score+16
350
      end;
360 n=n+1;if n<4 then goto bull;
370 n=0:
380 cow: m=0;
390 cowx:if temp[n]=your[m] then
      begin temp[n]=10; your[m]=11;
400
410
        score=score+1
420
      end:
430 m=m+1;if m<4 then goto cowx;
440 n=n+1; if n<4 then goto cow;
450 wrch(32); wrhex(score); wrch(10); wrch(13);
460 if score<>64 then goto try;
470 wrch(7)
480 end
```

COMPILER

The last program in this book is the complete compiler which will take a program written in SPL and convert it into machine code for the 6502.

The compiler program, and the SPL program to be compiled, are first entered into different parts of memory. On running the compiler the machine-code will be generated, and put into memory where it can be executed. As given below the two versions of the compiler use the following memory areas:

```
Use: BBC Computer: Atom:
Compiler program & &E00-&27FF #8200-#9800
SPL program & &2800-&3700 #2900-#39FF
Machine code & &3800-&3BFF #3A00-#3BFF
```

The procedure for using the compiler is as follows:

On the BBC Computer first type:

PAGE=&2800

and enter the SPL program as you would a BASIC program. Since the symbols are in lower case there is no danger of them being converted into tokens by BASIC. Having done this, type:

PAGE=&E00

NEW

and either type in, or load from tape, the Compiler program. Then type:

RUN

The compiler performs two identical passes so that the assembler will resolve forward references. The first pass is performed with the screen turned off; then the message:

PRINT?

is given to allow CTRL-B to be typed to turn on the printer for a listing. Typing RETURN will then give the assembler listing statement by statement. After the second pass a symbol table will be printed, showing the addresses corresponding to all the symbols used by the program. Finally, to execute the machine-code generated by the compiler type:

CALL &3800

where £3800 is the start of the machine code. Some of the programs should be entered not at the start of the machine code, but at the address corresponding to the label 'enter'; this address can be found from the symbol table.

On the Atom the corresponding sequence is as follows. First type:

?18=#29 NEW

and enter the SPL program. Then type:

?18=#82 NEW

and load the compiler. RUN as above, and then to execute the machine code type:

LINK #3A00

or the address corresponding to the label 'ENTER', if present.

Sample Run

The following run shows the assembler listing produced by the Atom version of the Compiler for the Bubble

```
Sort program given above:
{BUBBLE SORT OF SCREEN}
 PROC BUBBLE():
 BEGIN I=0:
 7210 3A00 A9 00
                     LDA @-L
 7200 3A02 85 51
                     STA H
   LOOP: J=I:
 7040 3A04 A5 51
                     LDA L
 7200 3A06 85 52
                     STA H
   LOOPA: IF SCREEN[J]>SCREEN[J+1] THEN
 7040 3A08 A5 52
                     LDA L
 3685 3A0A AA
                     TAX
 3685 3A0B BD 00 80 LDA V,X
 7200 3A0E 85 81
                     STA H
 7040 3A10 A5 52
                     LDA L
 3070 3A12 18
                     CLC
 3070 3A13 69 01
                     ADC @-U
 3685 3A15 AA
                     TAX
3685 3A16 BD 00 80 LDA V,X
7200 3A19 85 82
                     STA H
7040 3A1B A5 81
                     LDA L
7320 3A1D C5 82
                     CMP M
4201 3A1F F0 02
                     BEO P+4
4201 3A21 B0 03
                     BCS P+5
4201 3A23 4C 60 3A JMP LLG
  BEGIN
    TEMP=SCREEN[J]:
7040 3A26 A5 52
                    LDA L
3685 3A28 AA
                    TAX
3685 3A29 BD 00 80 LDA V,X
7200 3A2C 85 53
                    STA H
    SCREEN[J]=SCREEN[J+1];
7040 3A2E A5 52
                    LDA L
3070 3A30 18
                    CLC
3070 3A31 69 01
                    ADC @-U
3685 3A33 AA
                    TAX
3685 3A34 BD 00 80 LDA V,X
1330 3A37 A6 52
                    LDX L
1330 3A39 9D 00 80 STA V,X
    SCREEN[J+1]=TEMP;
7040 3A3C A5 52
                    LDA L
3070 3A3E 18
                    CLC
3070 3A3F 69 01
                    ADC @-U
7200 3A41 85 81
                    STA H
7040 3A43 A5 53
                    LDA L
1330 3A45 A6 81
                    LDX L
```

```
1330 3A47 9D 00 80 STA V.X
    IF J=0 THEN GOTO OK;
7040 3A4A A5 52
                    LDA L
4110 3A4C C9 00
                   CMP @-M
                    BEO P+5
4202 3A4E F0 03
4202 3A50 4C 56 3A JMP LLG
2270 3A53 4C 60 3A JMP U
1445 3A56
                    : LLV
    J=J-1:GOTO LOOPA
                    LDA L
7040 3A56 A5 52
3075 3A58 38
                    SEC
                    SBC @-U
3075 3A59 E9 01
7200 3A5B 85 52
                    STA H
2270 3A5D 4C 08 3A JMP U
  END:
                    : LLV
1445 3A60
  OK: I=I+1; IF I<255 THEN GOTO LOOP
7040 3A60 A5 51
                    LDA L
3070 3A62 18
                    CLC
                   ADC @-U
3070 3A63 69 01
7200 3A65 85 51
                    STA H
7040 3A67 A5 51
                   LDA L
4110 3A69 C9 FF
                    CMP @-M
 4204 3A6B 90 03
                    BCC P+5
4204 3A6D 4C 73 3A JMP LLG
 2270 3A70 4C 04 3A JMP U
END
                    :LLV
 1445 3A73
 6040 3A73 60
                    RTS
SYMBOLS:
    FFE6 RDCH
    FFF4 WRCH
    F802 WRHEX
    8000 SCREEN
    BOOO PORT
    3A00 BUBBLE
      51
         Т
    3A04 LOOP
      52
          J
         LOOPA
    3A08
          TEMP
      53
    3A60
          OK
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```

5 REM ... Compiler ...

```
10 HIMEM=&2800
20 DIM SS(20),LAB(20),ID$(30),JJ(30)
30 DIM TT(20),X%7:A$=CHR$(6)
```

Important addresses:

MC - Start address for machine code.

VARS - Start address for variables and arrays.

TEMPS - 20 temporary locations.

PRARG - Location for use by procedures for argument.

SADD - Source program address.

35 MC=&3800:VARS=&50:TEMPS=&80:PRARG=&94:SADD=&2800

```
Pre-defined symbols:
rdch() Function reads a character.
wrch(X) Procedure writes character X in ASCII.
screen[0] ... screen[255] Array to access screen.
```

```
40 ID$(0)="rdch":JJ(0)=&FFE0
50 ID$(1)="wrch":JJ(1)=&FFEE
60 ID$(2)="screen":JJ(2)=&7C00
70 FOR N=OTO20:TTN=0:NEXT
```

Now do compilation; first pass with screen disabled, and second pass with screen enabled. Finally print symbol table.

```
200 PRINT CHR$(21):PROCOMPILE
220 PRINTA$'"PRINT";:INPUTB$:PROCOMPILE
225 PRINT '"SYMBOLS:"
230 FORN=0TOI-1:PRINT JJ(N)," ",ID$(N):NEXT
240 END
```

PROCOMPILE - One pass of compilation. Initialise pointers, with I=3 since there are 3 pre-defined symbols. Then compile statement, and make sure accumulator is stored finally.

```
900 DEF PROCOMPILE:G=0:A=SADD:I=3:P%=MC
910 S=0:R=0:H=0:T=0
920 PROCSTMT:PROCSTA:ENDPROC
```

PROCSTMT - Statement. Skip blanks, read symbol, then check for keywords. Ignore 'end' if found.

```
1000 DEF PROCSTMT
1010 PROCSP:PROCSYM
1020 IF$X%="if"GOTO1400
1030 IF$X%="begin"GOTO1200
1040 IF$X%="goto"GOTO1500
1045 IF$X%="end"A=A-3:ENDPROC
```

- 1050 IF\$X%="proc"GOTO1700
- 1060 IF\$X%="array"GOTO1800
- 1070 IF\$X%="return"GOTO1900

If the symbol is not a keyword then it must be a label, an assignment statement, or a procedure call.

- 1100 REM IDENT STATEMENT
- 1110 PROCSP
- 1120 IF?A=ASC": "A=A+1:PROCVAR:JJ(N)=P%:PROCSTMT:

ENDPROC

- 1130 IF?A=ASC"("PROCVAR:PROCPSH(U):PROCBODY:ENDPROC
- 1135 PROCV: IF?A=ASC("[") GOTO 1300
- 1160 PROCRHS: H=V: PROCSTA: ENDPROC

PROCRHS - Right-hand side of assignment statement.

- 1180 DEF PROCRHS
- 1185 IF ?A<>ASC"=" PRINTA\$"NO =":PROCERR
- 1190 A=A+1:PROCEXP:L=FNPUL
- 1195 PROCLDA: V=FNPUL: ENDPROC

'begin' - Deal with 'begin' ... 'end' block.

- 1200 REM BEGIN...END
- 1210 A=A-1: REPEAT A=A+1
- 1220 PROCSTMT: PROCSP
- 1230 UNTIL ?A<>ASC";"
- 1240 PROCSYM: IF\$X%="end"ENDPROC
- 1250 PRINT"NO END": PROCERR

Array element on the left-hand-side of an assignment statement.

- 1300 REM ARRAY=
- 1310 A=A+1:PROCEXP:IF?A<>ASC"]"PRINTA\$"NO]";PROCERR
- 1320 A=A+1:PROCRHS:L=V:V=FNPUL
- 1325 IFL<=0[LDX @-L:STA V,X:]:H=0:ENDPROC
- 1330 [LDX L:STA V,X:]:H=0:ENDPROC
- 'if' Assemble code to evaluate condition, and following 'then' assemble code to execute a statement. Pull label from stack and assemble label. Deal with 'else' clause.
- 1400 REM IF...THEN...ELSE
- 1410 PROCLOGICAL: PROCSP
- 1420 PROCSYM: IF \$X%="then"GOTO1430
- 1425 PRINTA\$"NO then":PROCERR
- 1430 PROCSTMT: V=FNPUL: PROCSP
- 1440 PROCSYM: IF\$X%="else"GOTO1460

```
1445 A=A-N:[.LAB(V):]:ENDPROC
```

1460 G=FNLAB:U=G:PROCPSH(U):[JMP LAB(G):]

1470 [.LAB(V):]:PROCSTMT

1490 V=FNPUL:[.LAB(V):]:ENDPROC

'goto' - Get label and assemble jump to it.

1500 REM GOTO

1510 PROCLABEL: [JMP U:]

1520 ENDPROC

'proc' - Get name and set its value to entry address P. Then get dummy parameter.

1700 REM PROC

1710 PROCLABEL:JJ(N)=P%:IF?A<>ASC"("PRINTA\$"MISSING BRACKET":PROCERR

1720 A=A+1:JJ(I)=1:PROCIDENT:IFN=0GOTO1780

1730 U=N:PROCPSH(U)

1740 T=PRARG:H=T:JJ(U)=T:PROCSTA

1745 IF?A<>ASC") "PRINTA\$ "NO BRACKET": PROCERR

1750 A=A+1:PROCSP:IF?A<>ASC"; "PRINTA\$ "NO ; ":PROCERR

1760 A=A+1:PROCSTMT

1770 V=FNPUL:N=V:V=FNPUL:JJ(N)=V:[RTS:]:ENDPROC

Come here if procedure has no parameter.

1780 IF?A<>ASC") "PRINTA\$ "NO BRACKET": PROCERR

1782 A=A+1:PROCSP:IF?A<>ASC"; "PRINTA\$"NO ; ":PROCERR

1785 A=A+1:PROCSTMT:[RTS:]:ENDPROC

'array' - Look up array name; assign space from VARS onwards. Allow multiple declarations, separated by commas.

1800 REM ARRAY

1810 A=A-1: REPEAT A=A+1

1820 PROCSP:PROCSYM:PROCLOOK

1830 IFN<>I PRINTAS "ARRAY DECLARED": PROCERR

1840 IF?A<>ASC"["PRINTA\$"BRACKET MISSING":PROCERR

1850 A=A+1:PROCONST:IFN=OPRINTA\$ "CONSTANT

MISSING": PROCERR

1860 V=FNPUL:JJ(I)=VARS+R:I=I+1:R=R-V+1

1870 IF?A<>ASC"]"PRINTA\$"BRACKET MISSING":PROCERR

1880 A=A+1:PROCSP:UNTIL?A<>ASC", ":ENDPROC

'return' - Assemble code to load accumulator with expression.

1900 REM RETURN

1910 PROCEXP: V=FNPUL:L=V:PROCLDA:H=0:ENDPROC

PROCIDENT - Read an identifier.

2000 DEF PROCIDENT

2010 PROCSYM: PROCV: ENDPROC

PROCV - Look up identifier \$X in symbol table. If symbol does not already exist (N=I) allocate address for it. Push address to stack.

- 2020 DEF PROCV
- 2030 TF N=0 ENDPROC
- 2040 PROCLOOK
- 2050 IFN=I:I=I+1:R=R+1:JJ(N)=R+VARS
- 2070 IFI>30PRINT"TOO MANY VARIABLES": PROCERR
- 2080 U=JJ(N):PROCPSH(U):ENDPROC

PROCONST - Read a decimal constant. If not found, N=0. If found, push minus its value.

- 2100 DEF PROCONST
- 2105 PROCSP
- 2110 N=-1:C=0:REPEAT D=C:N=N+1:C=C*10
- 2120 C=C+A?N-ASC"0"
- 2130 UNTILA?N<ASC"0"ORA?N>ASC"9"
- 2140 IFN=0 ENDPROC
- 2150 A = A + N
- 2160 U=-D:PROCPSH(U):N=1:ENDPROC

PROCLABEL - Read label.

- 2200 DEF PROCLABEL
- 2210 PROCSP:PROCSYM
- 2220 IF N=0 PRINT"LABEL MISSING":PROCERR
- 2225 PROCVAR: ENDPROC

PROCVAR - Look up label in symbol table. If not found (N=I) put it in. Return its address in U.

- 2230 DEF PROCVAR: PROCLOOK
- 2250 IFN=I:I=I+1
- 2260 IFI>30PRINTA\$ "TOO MANY VARIABLES": PROCERR
- 2270 U=JJ(N):ENDPROC

PROCLOOK - Look up \$X% in symbol table, ID\$(0), ID\$(1) ... If not found, N=1.

- 2400 DEF PROCLOOK
- 2410 ID\$(I)=\$X%:N=-1
- 2420 REPEAT N=N+1:UNTILID\$(N)=ID\$(I):ENDPROC

```
PROCEXP - Assemble code to calculate
  expression, of the form:
  <factor> <operator> <factor>
  where <operator> is one of:
   + : add
                       - : subtract
   1 : OR
                      & : AND
  << : left shift >> : right shift
  Then push the address of the result on the stack.
 3000 DEF PROCEXP PROCSP:PROCFACTOR
 3010 PROCSP
 3020 IF?A=ASC"+"OR?A=ASC"-"OR?A=ASC"&"
OR?A=ASC" | "O=?A:A=A+1:GOTO 3035
 3025 IF NOT([?A=ASC">"AND A?1=ASC">")OR (?A=ASC"<"AND
A?1=ASC"<"))ENDPROC
 3030 O=?A:A=A+2
 3035 PROCESH(O)
 3040 PROCFACTOR: U=FNPUL:O=FNPUL:L=FNPUL:PROCLDA
 3045 IF U<=0 GOTO 3070
 3050 IFO=ASC"+"[CLC:ADC U:]
 3055 IFO=ASC"~"[SEC:SBC U:]
 3060 IFO=ASC" | "[ORA U:]
3065 IFO=ASC "& "[AND U:]
 3068 GOTO 3190
3070 IFO=ASC"+"[CLC:ADC #-U:]
3075 IFO=ASC"-"[SEC:SBC #-U:]
```

PROCBODY - Procedure body. Check for ')'. If there is a parameter first assemble code to calculate parameter, load it into the accumulator, and then JSR. Assume subroutine alters accumulator, so set H=0.

```
3200 DEF PROCBODY
3210 IFA?1=ASC") "A=A+2:GOTO3230
3220 PROCFACTOR:V=FNPUL:L=V:PROCLDA
3230 V=FNPUL:[JSR V:]:H=0:ENDPROC
```

3160 IFO=ASC "<"FOR N=lTO-U:[ASL A:]:NEXT 3180 IFO=ASC">"FOR N=lTO-U:[LSR A:]:NEXT

3190 L=U:PROCRELEASE(L):PROCTEMP

PROCFACTOR - Factor. Check for symbol, constant, or bracketed expression. If the symbol is followed by '(' or '[' then it is a function or an array element respectively.

```
3600 DEF PROCFACTOR
3610 PROCSYM:IFN=0GOTO3630
```

3080 IFO=ASC"|"[ORA #-U:] 3085 IFO=ASC"&"[AND #-U:]

3195 GOTO 3010

```
3615 IF?A=ASC"("GOTO 3690
```

3620 PROCV: IF?A=ASC"["GOTO 3670

3625 ENDPROC

3630 PROCONST: IF N ENDPROC

3635 IF?A<>ASC"(" PRINTA\$"BRACKET MISSING":PROCERR

3640 A=A+1:PROCEXP:PROCSP

3650 IF?A<>ASC")" PRINTA\$"BRACKET MISSING":PROCERR

3660 A=A+1:ENDPROC

Evaluate array element. Assemble code to evaluate array index and load it into the accumulator; then TAX and load indexed by the base address.

3670 REM ARRAYS

3675 A=A+1:PROCEXP:IF?A<>ASC"]"PRINTA\$"NO

BRACKET": PROCERR

3680 A=A+1:L=FNPUL:PROCLDA:V=FNPUL

3685 [TAX:LDA V,X:]:PROCTEMP:ENDPROC

```
Call function here.
```

3690 PROCVAR: PROCPSH(U): PROCBODY: PROCTEMP: ENDPROC

```
PROCLOGICAL - Logical expression. Look for:
<expression> <comparison> <expression>
```

4000 DEF PROCLOGICAL

4010 PROCSP:PROCEXP:PROCSP

>= : 3

< : 4

<> : 5

<= : 6

Then use a computed GOTO to assemble code for each case.

4020 U=0

4030 IF?A=ASC"<"A=A+1:U=4

4040 IF?A=ASC">"A=A+1:U=U+1

4050 IF?A=ASC"="A=A+1:U=U+2

4060 IFU=0 OR U>6 PRINT"ILLEGAL TEST":PROCERR

4070 PROCPSH(U):PROCEXP

4080 M=FNPUL:U=FNPUL

4090 L=FNPUL:PROCLDA

4100 IFM>0[CMP M:]

4110 IFM<=0 [CMP #-M:]

```
First generate a label LAB(G). Then assemble code
tor the comparison. Note that if the condition is
true we branch around a jump to LAB(G). Push value
of LAB(G) for use by IF...THEN statement.
```

- 4120 PROCRELEASE(M):G=FNLAB:GOTO(4200+U)
- 4201 [BEQ P%+4:BCS P%+5:]:GOTO4210
- 4202 [BEQ P%+5:]:GOTO4210
- 4203 [BCS P%+5:]:GOTO4210
- 4204 [BCC P%+5:1:GOTO4210
- 4205 [BNE P%+5:]:GOTO4210 4206 [BCC P%+7:BEQ P%+5:]:GOTO4210
- 4210 [JMP LAB(G):]
- 4220 U=G:PROCPSH(U):H=0:ENDPROC

PROCPSH - Push argument onto stack.

5020 DEF PROCPSH(U):SS(S)=U:S=S+1:IFS<21 ENDPROC 5021 PRINTAS "STACK FULL": PROCERR

FNPUL - Pull from stack.

5030 DEF FNPUL:S=S-1:IFS>=0 =SS(S)

5031 PRINTAS "STACK ERROR": PROCERR

PROCSP - Skip blanks, line numbers, and comments between '{' and '}'.

- 5040 DEF PROCSP
- 5042 IF?A=32 REPEAT A=A+1:UNTIL?A<>32
- 5046 IF?A=13A=A+4:PRINT \$A:GOTO5042
- 5048 IF?A=ASC"{"REPEATA=A+1:UNTIL?A=ASC"}":
- A=A+1:GOTO5042 5049 ENDPROC

FNLAB - Return a new label number. Label is LAB(G).

5070 DEF FNLAB:G=G+1:IF G<20 = G5071 PRINTAS "TOO MANY LABELS": PROCERR

PROCTEMP - Return the address of a temporary location TT(N); return its address in T, set H to the address, and push the address.

- 5100 DEF PROCTEMP
- 5110 N=-1:REPEAT N=N+1: IF N>20PRINTA\$"NOT ENOUGH TEMP": PROCERR
 - 5120 UNTILTT(N)=0
 - 5130 T=N+TEMPS:TT(N)=T:U=T:H=T:PROCPSH(U):ENDPROC

```
PROCSYM - Read a symbol into $X% from $A. Returns N=0 if no symbol found.
```

6000 DEF PROCSYM
6010 PROCSP:N=-1:REPEAT N=N+1: N?X%=A?N
6020 UNTILA?N>ASC"z"ORA?N<ASC"a"ORN=7
6030 IF N=0 ENDPROC
6040 IF N<7 N?X%=&D:A=A+N:ENDPROC
6050 PRINTAS"SYMBOL TOO LONG":PROCERR

PROCLDA - Assemble code to load the accumulator with L. If accumulator already contains L (L=H) then do nothing; otherwise store its previous contents and load new contents.

7000 DEF PROCLDA
7010 IFL=H AND L>0 PROCRELEASE(L):ENDPROC
7020 PROCSTA
7030 IFL<=0 [LDA #-L:]:ENDPROC
7040 [LDA L:]:PROCRELEASE(L)
7050 ENDPROC

PROCSTA - Assemble code to store accumulator's contents to location H.

7100 DEF PROCSTA 7200 IFH>0[STA H:]:H=0 7210 ENDPROC

PROCRELEASE - Release specified temporary variable for re-use.

7300 DEF PROCRELEASE(L)
7310 IF L>=TEMPS AND L<TEMPS+20:TT(L-TEMPS)=0
7320 ENDPROC

PROCERR - Output error. Print line containing error and '^' pointing to approximate position.

9000 DEF PROCERR 9010 N=A:X=0:REPEAT N=N-1:X=X+1:UNTIL?N=13:@%=5 9020 PRINT'N?1*256+N?2,\$(N+4) 9030 PRINT TAB(X+2):"^":END

Variables:

A - Pointer to current position in expression being compiled

C - Used to evaluate constant

G - Number of next free label LAB(G)

 ${\rm H}$ - Address whose contents are currently in accumulator. ${\rm H=0}$ means ignore previous contents

```
I - Number of next free symbol
ID$(0)..ID$(30) - Symbol names
JJ(0)..JJ(30) - Addresses of symbols
L - Value or address to be loaded into accumulator;
used by PROCLDA
LAB(0)..LAB(20) - Labels for use in assembly
MC - Assemble machine code to here
N - Temporary variable
O - Operator read by PROCEXP
P - Program location counter, used by assembler
PRARG - Location for use by procedures for argument
R - Number of variable locations used up
S - Next free location on SS stack
SADD - Source program address
SS(0)...SS(20) - Stack used by compiler
T - Temporary location assigned by PROCTEMP
TEMPS - 20 temporary locations start here
TT(0)..TT(20) - Flags for temporary locations; value=0
if location is free for use
U - Value pushed by PROCPSH
V - Used by FNPUL
VARS - Allocate variables and arrays starting here
```

by PROCSYM Atom Version

To save program space in this version of the compiler abbreviated forms of many of the BASIC statements and commands have been used, and for convenience these are listed below:

X% - String into which symbols and keywords are read

Abbreviation:	Keyword:
Α.	ĀND
Ε.	END
F.	FOR
G.	GOTO
GOS.	GOSUB
N.	NEXT
P.	PRINT
R.	RETURN
U.	UNTIL
10 REM COMPILER 20 DIM SS(20),LL(20),II(30),JJ(30) 30 DIM X(7),TT(20),RR(4)	

Important addresses:

RRO - Start of machine code.

RR1 - Start of variables and arrays.

RR2 - 20 temporary locations.

RR3 - Location for use by procedures for argument.

RR4 - Source program address.

- 35 RR0=#3A00;RR1=#50;RR2=#80;RR3=#94;RR4=#2900
- 40 F.N=0TO30; DIMI(6); IIN=1; JJN=RR0; N.

Pre-defined symbols:

RDCH() Function reads a character.

WRCH(X) Procedure writes character X.

WRHEX(X) Procedure writes X as two hex digits.

SCREEN[0] ... SCREEN[255] Array to access screen.

PORT[0] ... PORT[3] Array to access I/O ports.

- 50 \$IIO="RDCH";JJO=#FFE3;\$II1="WRCH";JJ1=#FFF4
- 60 \$II2="WRHEX";JJ2=#F802;\$II3="SCREEN";JJ3=#8000
- 70 \$II4="PORT"; JJ4=#B000
- 115 F.N=0TO20:TTN=0:LLN=RR0:N.

Now do compilation; first pass with screen disabled, and second pass with screen enabled. Finally print symbol table.

- 210 P.\$21;GOS.a
- 220 P.\$6'"PRINT"; IN.\$100; GOS.a
- 228 P. "SYMBOLS:"1
- 230 F.N=OTOI-1; P.&JJN, " ", \$IIN'; N.

240 E.

a - One pass of compilation. Initialise pointers, with I=5 since there are 5 pre-defined symbols. Then compile statement, and make sure accumulator is stored finally.

900aG=0;A=RR4;I=5;P=RR0

- 910 S=0;R=0;H=0;T=0
- 920 GOS.s; GOS.m; R.

s - Statement. Skip blanks, read symbol, then check for keywords. Ignore END if found.

1000sREM STATEMENT

- 1010 GOS.b; GOS.x
- 1020 IF\$X="IF"G.1400
- 1030 IF\$X="BEGIN"G.1200 1040 IF\$X="GOTO"G.1500
- 1045 IFSX="END"A=A-3:R.
- 1050 IF\$X="PROC"G.1700

1060 IF\$X="ARRAY"G.1800 1070 IF\$X="RETURN"G.1900

If the symbol is not a keyword then it must be a label, an assignment statement, or a procedure call.

1100 REM IDENT STATEMENT

1160 GOS.d:H=V:GOS.m:R.

1110 GOS.b 1120 IF?A=CH": "A=A+1:GOS.h:JJN=P:G.s

1130 IF?A=CH"("GOS.h;GOS.u;G.p 1135 GOS. 1; IF?A=CH"["G.1300

d - Right-hand side of assignment statement.

1180dIF?A <> CH"=" P.\$6"NO =";G.o

1190 A=A+1:GOS.e:GOS.v:L=V:GOS.1:GOS.v:R.

BEGIN - Deal with BEGIN ... END block.

1200 REM BEGIN...END

1300 REM ARRAY=

1210 A=A-1;DO A=A+1 1220 GOS.s; GOS.b

1230 U. ?A<>CH":"

1240 GOS.x: IF \$X = "END "R.

1250 P.\$6"NO END";G.o

Array element on the left-hand side of an assignment statement.

1310 A=A+1;GOS.e;IF?A<>CH"]"P.\$6"NO]";G.o

1320 A=A+1; GOS.d; L=V; GOS.v

1325 IFL $\leq = 0$ [LDX e-L;STA V.X;];H=0;R.

1330 [LDX L;STA V,X;];H=0;R.

IF - Assemble code to evaluate condition, and following THEN assemble code to execute statement. Pull label from stack and assemble label. Deal with ELSE clause.

1400 REM IF...THEN...ELSE

1410 GOS.q;GOS.b 1420 GOS.x; IF\$X="THEN"G.1430 1425 P.\$6"NO THEN"; G.o

1430 GOS.s;GOS.v;GOS.b 1440 GOS.x; IF\$X="ELSE"G.1460

1445 A=A-N;[:LLV;];R.

1460 GOS.g;U=G;GOS.u;[JMP LLG;] 1470 [:LLV;];GOS.s

1490 GOS.v;[;LLV;];R.

GOTO - Get label and assemble jump to it.

1500 REM GOTO 1510 GOS.k:[JMP U:]:R.

PROC - Get name and set its value to entry address
P. Then get dummy parameter.

1700 REM PROC

1710 GOS.k; JJN=P; IF?A<>CH"("P.\$6"MISSING BRACKET"; G.o

1720 A=A+1; JJI=1; GOS.i; IFN=0G.1780

1730 U=N:GOS.u

1740 T=RR3;H=T;JJU=T;GOS.m

1745 IF?A<>CH") "P.\$6"NO BRACKET";G.o

1750 A=A+1;GOS.b;IF?A<>CH"; "P.\$6"NO ; ";G.o

1760 A=A+1;GOS.s

1770 GOS.v: N=V: GOS.v: JJN=V: [RTS:]; R.

Come here if procedure has no parameter.

1780 IF?A<>CH") "P.\$6"NO BRACKET";G.o

1782 A=A+1;GOS.b;IF?A<>CH"; "P.\$6"NO ; ";G.o

1785 A=A+1;GOS.s;[RTS;];R.

ARRAY - Look up array name; assign space from RR1 onwards. Allow multiple declarations, separated by commas.

1800 REM ARRAY

1810 A=A-1:DO A=A+1

1820 GOS.b; GOS.x; GOS.y

1830 IFN<>I P.\$6 "ARRAY DECLARED"; G.o

1840 IF?A<>CH"["P.\$6"BRACKET MISSING";G.o

1850 A=A+1:GOS.c:IFN=OP.\$6"CONSTANT MISSING":G.o

1860 GOS.v;JJI=RR1+R;I=I+1;R=R-V+1

1870 IF?A<>CH"]"P.\$6"BRACKET MISSING";G.o

1880 A=A+1; GOS.b; UNTIL?A<>CH", "; R.

RETURN - Assemble code to load accumulator with expression.

1900 REM RETURN

1910 GOS.e; GOS.v; L=V; GOS.1; H=0; R.

i - Read an identifier.

20001REM IDENTIFIER 2010 GOS.x

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j - Look up identifier $X in symbol table. If symbol does not already exist (N=I) allocate address for it. Push address to stack.
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2030jif N=0 R. 2040 GOS.y 2050 IFN=I;I=I+1;R=R+1;JJN=R+RR1 2070 IFI>30P.\$6"TOO MANY VARIABLES";G.o 2080 U=JJN;GOS.u;R.

c - Read a decimal constant. If not found, N=0. If found, push minus its value.

2100cREM CONSTANT 2105 GOS.b 2110 N=-1;C=0;DO D=C;N=N+1;C=C*10 2120 C=C+A?N-CH"0" 2130 U.A?N<CH"0"ORA?N>CH"9" 2140 IFN=0 R.

2150 A=A+N 2160 U=-D;GOS.u;N=1;R.

k - Read label.

2200kREM LABELS
2210 GOS.b;GOS.x
2220 IF N=0 P.\$6"LABEL MISSING";G.o

h - Look up label in symbol table. If not found (N=I) put it in. Return its address in U.

2230hGOS.y
2250 IFN=I;I=I+1
2260 IFI>30P.\$6"TOO MANY VARIABLES";G.o
2270 U=JJN;R.

y - Look up X in symbol table, II(0), II(1) ... If not found, II(0)

2400yREM LOOKUP 2410 \$III=\$X;N=-1 2420 DO N=N+1;U.\$IIN=\$III;R.

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e - Assemble code to calculate an expression, of the form:

<factor> <operator> <factor>
where <operator> is one of:
+: add -: subtract
|: OR &: AND
<<: left shift >> : right shift
Then push the address of the result on the stack.
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3000eREM EXPRESSION
 3010 GOS.b:GOS.f
 3015 GOS.b
 3020 IF?A=CH"+"OR?A=CH"-"OR?A=CH"&" OR?A=CH" | "O=?A;
A = A + 1 : G.3035
 3025 IF((?A=CH">"A.A?1=CH">")OR (?A=CH"<"A.
A?1=CH"<")):1 R.
 3030 O=?A:A=A+2
 3035 U=0:GOS.u
 3040 GOS.f;GOS.v;U=V;GOS.v;O=V;GOS.v;L=V;GOS.1
 3045 IF U<=0 G.3070
 3050 IFO=CH"+"[CLC;ADC U:]
 3055 IFO=CH"-"[SEC;SBC U;]
 3060 IFO=CH" | "[ORA U;]
 3065 IFO=CH"&"[AND U;]
 3068 G.3190
 3070 IFO=CH"+"[CLC;ADC @-U;]
 3075 IFO=CH"-"[SEC;SBC @-U;]
 3080 IFO=CH" | "[ORA @-U;]
 3085 IFO=CH"&"[AND @-U:]
 3160 IFO=CH"<"F.N=1TO-U; [ASL A; 1; N.
 3180 IFO=CH">"F.N=1TO-U;[LSR A;];N.
 3190 L=U:GOS.r:GOS.t
 3195 G.3015
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p - Procedure body. Check for ')'. If there is a parameter first assemble code to calculate parameter, load it into the accumulator, and then JSR. Assume subroutine alters accumulator, so set H=0.

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3200pREM PROC BODY
3210 IFA?1=CH")"A=A+2;G.3230
3220 GOS.f;GOS.v;L=V;GOS.1
3230 GOS.v:[JSR V:];H=0;R.
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f - Factor. Check for symbol, constant, or bracketed expression. If the symbol is followed by '(' or '[' then it is a function or an array element respectively.

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3615 IF?A=CH"("G.3690
3620 GOS.i:IF?A=CH"["G.3670
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3610 GOS.x; IFN=0G.3630

3625 R.

3630 GOS.c: IF N R. 3635 IF?A<>CH"(" P.\$6"BRACKET MISSING";G.o 3640 A=A+1;GOS.e;GOS.b

3650 IF?A<>CH")" P.\$6"BRACKET MISSING":G.o 3660 A=A+1:R.

Evaluate array element. Assemble code to evaluate array index and load it into the accumulator; then TAX and load indexed by the base address.

3670 REM ARRAYS 3675 A=A+1;GOS.e;IF?A<>CH"]"P.\$6"NO BRACKET";G.o 3680 A=A+1;GOS.v;L=V;GOS.1;GOS.v 3685 [TAX; LDA V,X;];G.t

Call function here.

3690 GOS.h;GOS.u;GOS.p;G.t

q - Logical expression. Look for: <expression> <comparison> <expression>

4000 GREM LOGICAL 4010 GOS.b; GOS.e; GOS.b

Expect a comparison here: look for '<', '>',

'=' and set value of U depending on sequence: >:1 =: 2 >= : 3 <: 4

<> : 5 <=: 6 Then use a computed GOTO to assemble code for each case.

4020 U=0 4030 IF?A=CH"<"A=A+1;U=44040 IF?A=CH">"A=A+1;U=U+1

4050 IF?A=CH"="A=A+1;U=U+2 4060 IFU=0 OR U>6 P.\$6"ILLEGAL TEST":G.o

4070 GOS.u;GOS.e 4080 GOS.v;M=V;GOS.v;U=V 4090 GOS.v;L=V;GOS.1

4100 IFM>0[CMP M;] 4110 IFM<=0[CMP @-M;] First generate a label LLG. Then assemble code for the comparison. Note that if the condition is true we branch around a jump to LLG. Push value of LLG for use by IF...THEN statement.

4120 L=M;GOS.r;GOS.g;G.(4200+U) 4201 [BEQ P+4;BCS P+5;];G.z 4202 [BEQ P+5;];G.z 4203 [BCS P+5;];G.z 4204 [BCC P+5;];G.z 4205 [BNE P+5;];G.z 4206 [BCC P+7;BEQ P+5;];G.z 4210z[JMP LLG;]

u - Push U onto stack.

4220 U=G;GOS.u;H=0;R.

5020uSSS=U;S=S+1;IFS<21 R. 5021 P.\$6"STACK FULL";G.o

v - Pull V from stack.

5030vS=S-1;IFS>=0V=SSS; R. 5031 P.\$6"STACK ERROR";G.0

b - Skip blanks, line numbers, and comments between '{' and '}'.

5040bIF?A=32 DO A=A+1;U.?A<>32 5041 IF?A=13A=A+3;P.\$A';G.b 5042 IF?A=CH"{"DOA=A+1;U.?A=CH"}";A=A+1;G.b 5043 R.

g - Generate a new label number in G. Label is LLG.

5070gG=G+1;IF G<20 R. 5072 P.\$6"TOO MANY LABELS";G.o

t - Generate a temporary location TTN; return its address in T, set H to the address, and push the address.

5100tREM TEMP. LOC. 5110 N=-1;DO N=N+1; IF N>20P.\$6"NOT ENOUGH TEMP";G.o 5120 U.TTN=0 5130 T=N+RR2; TTN=T; U=T; H=T; G.u

x - Read a symbol into \$X from \$A. Returns N=0 if no symbol found.

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(GOS.m) and load new contents.
70001REM LOAD ACCUMULATOR
7010 IFL=H AND L>0 G,r
7020 GOS.m
7030 IFL<=0 [LDA @-L;];R.
7040 [LDA L;];G.r
m - Assemble code to store accumulator's contents
to location H.
7100mREM STORE ACCUMULATOR
7200 IFH>0[STA H;];H=0
7210 R.
r - Release temporary variable with address L for
re-use.
7300rREM RELEASE VARIABLE
7310 IF L>=RR2 AND L<RR3;TT(L-RR2)=0
7320 R.

    Output error. Print line containing error and
'^' pointing to approximate position.

9000oREM ERROR
0010 N=A; X=0; DO N=N-1; X=X+1; U.?N=13; @=5
0020 P.'N?1*256+N?2,$N+3'
0030 F.N=0TOX+1;P." ";N.;P."^";E.
riables:
- Pointer to current position in expression being
ompiled
- Used to evaluate constant
- Number of next free label LLG
- Address whose contents are currently in
cumulator. H=0 means ignore previous contents
- Number of next free symbol
(0).. II(30) - Pointers to symbol names
(0)..JJ(30) - Addresses of symbols
- Value or address to be loaded into accumulator;
ed by subroutine l
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1 - Assemble code to load the accumulator with L. If accumulator already contains L (L=H) then do nothing; otherwise store its previous contents

6000xREM READ SYMBOL

6030 IF N=0 R.

6010 GOS.b; N=-1; DO N=N+1; N?X=A?N 6020 U.A?N>CH"Z"ORA?N<CH"A"ORN=7

6040 IF N<7 N?X=#D;A=A+N;R. 6050 P.\$6"SYMBOL TOO LONG";G.o LL(0)..LL(20) - Labels for use in assembly

N - Temporary variable

O - Operator read by subroutine e

P - Program location counter, used by assembler

RR(0)..RR(2) - Constant addresses

R - Number of variable locations used up

S - Next free location on SS stack

SS(0)...SS(20) - Stack used by compiler

T - Temporary location assigned by subroutine t

TT(0)..TT(20) - Flags for temporary locations; value=0 if location is free for use

U - Value to be pushed by subroutine u

v - Value pulled by subroutine v

X - String into which symbols and keywords are read by

subroutine x

Further Suggestions

The compiler could usefully be extended in two directions. Firstly, the definition of SPL could be enlarged to include some or all of the REPEAT...UNTIL, WHILE...DO, FOR...DO, and CASE statements of Pascal, AND and OR connectives in the IF statement, and multi-parameter procedures. Secondly, the compiler could be enlarged to deal with other data types, such as character strings and two-byte integers. Multi-byte operations, including multiply and divide, could then be implemented by compiling calls to routines which would be included in the machine code generated by the compiler.

Alternatively, the compiler could be extended into a special-purpose language, for applications such as machine control, by adding extra statements for reading and setting bits on the computer's input and output ports, and for setting up interrupt-service routines.

The compiler can also be modified to generate machine code for other processors, such as the 6809. To do this, each assembler statement in the compiler should be replaced by an equivalent BASIC statement that will store the relevant machine code into memory. For example, line 3050 in the BBC Computer version of the Compiler program:

3050 IFO=ASC"+"[CLC:ADC U:]

would be altered to:

3050 IFO=ASC"+": ?P%=&B9: P%?1=U/256: P%?2=U AND &FF: P%=P%+3

where &B9 is the code for the 'ADC A' instruction on the 6809. The Compiler program could thus be used for developing software on other processors without the need for an assembler.

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Some minor errors have been detected in the program listings, as follows:

- p. 9 Line 25 delete 'P = R.'
- p. 30 To run the 'Surface' program on the BBC computer Model A, type:
 PAGE = &900
 before entering the program.
- p. 37 Line 240 change 'DO' to 'REPEAT'
 Line 410 PRINT MID\$ (A\$, CC%(K),1);
- p.100 Remove line 70.
- p.101 Line 1310 ';' should be ';'
 Line 1325 '@'should be '#'

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