

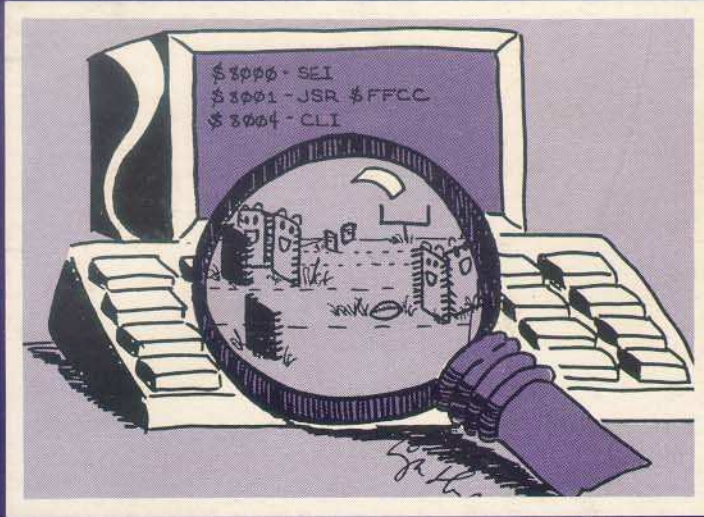
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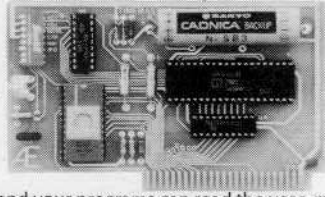
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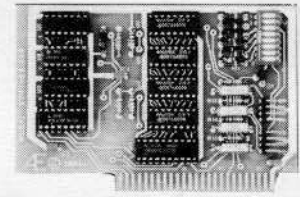
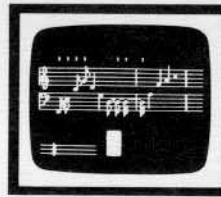
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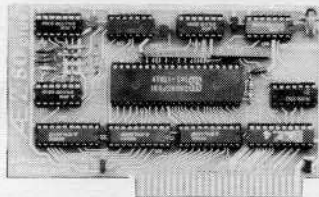
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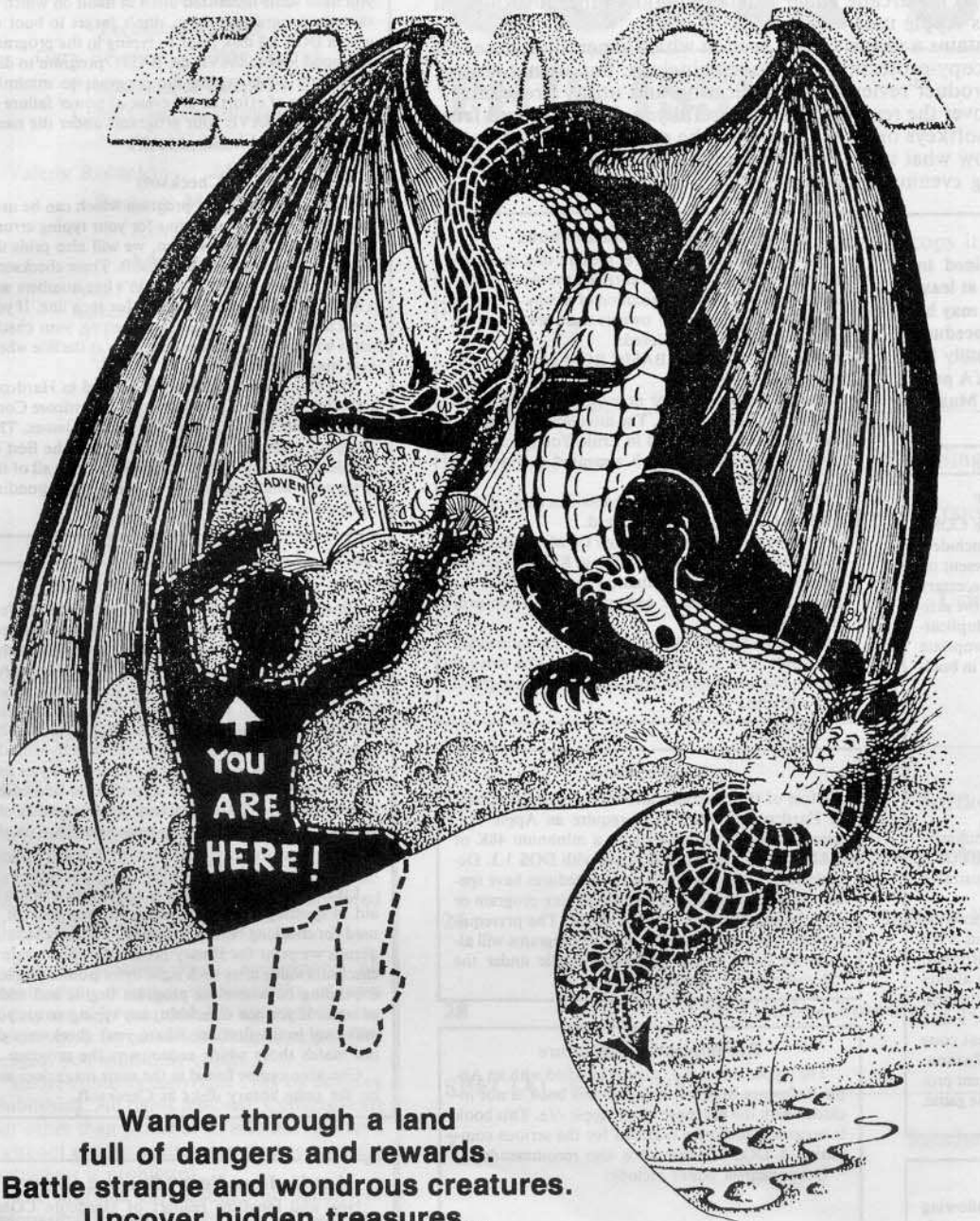
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Hardcore COMPUTIST also contains a center CORE section which generally focuses on information not directly related to copy-protection. Topics may include, but are not limited to, tutorials, hardware/software product reviews and application and utility programs.

New readers are advised to read over the rest of this page carefully in order to avoid frustration when following any of the softkeys or typing in any of the programs printed in this issue. Longtime readers should know what to do next: Make a pot of coffee, get out some blank disks and settle in for a long evening at the keyboard.

#### What Is a Softkey Anyway?

A softkey is a term which we coined to describe a procedure that removes, or at least circumvents, any copy protection that may be present on a disk. Once a softkey procedure has been performed, the disk can usually be duplicated by the use of Apple's COPYA program which is on the DOS 3.3 System Master Disk.

#### Following A Softkey Procedure

The majority of the articles in Hardcore COMPUTIST which contain a softkey will also include a discussion of the type of copy protection present on the disk in question and the technique(s) necessary to remove that protection. Near the end of the article, a step-by-step "cookbook" method of duplicating the disk will appear. Generally, the appropriate actions for the reader to perform will appear in bold-face type. Examples are:

1) Boot the disk in slot 6

#### PR#6

or 2) Enter the monitor

#### CALL -151

It is assumed that the reader has some familiarity with his or her Apple, i.e. knowing that the RETURN key must be hit following the commands illustrated above.

Hardcore COMPUTIST tries to verify the softkeys which are published, although occasionally this is not possible. Readers should be aware that different, original copies of the same program will not always contain an identical protection method. For this reason, a softkey may not work on the copy of a disk that you own, but it may work on a different copy of the same program. An example of this is Zaxxon, by Datasoft, where there are at least 3 different protection methods used on various releases of the game.

#### Software Recommendations

Although not absolutely necessary, the following categories of utilities are recommended for our readers who wish to obtain the most benefit from our articles:

- 1) **Applesoft Program Editor** such as Global Program Line Editor (GPLE).
- 2) **Disk Editor** such as DiskEdit, ZAP from Bag of Tricks or Tricky Dick from The CIA.
- 3) **Disk Search Utility** such as The Inspector, or The Tracer from The CIA.
- 4) **Assembler** such as the S-C Macro Assembler or Big Mac.
- 5) **Bit Copy Program** such as COPY II+, Locksmith or The Essential Data Duplicator.
- 6) **Text Editor** capable of producing normal sequential text files such as Appewriter II, Magic Window II or Screenwriter II.

Three programs on the DOS 3.3 System Master Disk, COPYA, FID and MUFFIN, also come in very handy from time to time.

#### Hardware Recommendations

Certain softkey procedures require that the computer have some means of entering the Apple's system monitor during the execution of a copy-protected program. For Apple II+ owners there are three basic ways this can be achieved:

- 1) Place an INTEGER BASIC ROM card in one of the Apple's slots.
- 2) Install an old monitor or modified F8 ROM on the Apple's motherboard. The installation of a modified F8 ROM is discussed in Ernie Young's article, "Modified ROMS", which appeared in Hardcore COMPUTIST no. 6.
- 3) Have available a non-maskable interrupt (NMI) card such as Replay or Wildcard.

Longtime readers of Hardcore COMPUTIST will vouch for the fact that the ability to RESET into the monitor at will, greatly enhances the capacity of the Apple owner to remove copy protection from protected disks.

A 16K or larger RAM card is also recommended for Apple II or II+ owners. A second disk drive is handy, but is not usually required for most programs and softkeys.

#### Requirements

Most of the programs and softkeys which appear in Hardcore COMPUTIST require an Apple II+ computer (or compatible) with a minimum 48K of RAM and at least one disk drive with DOS 3.3. Occasionally, some programs and procedures have special requirements such as a sector editing program or a "nonautostart" F8 monitor ROM. The prerequisites for deprotection techniques or programs will always be listed at the beginning article under the "Requirements:" heading.

#### Recommended Literature

The Apple II and II+'s come bundled with an Apple Reference Manual, however this book is not included with the purchase of an Apple //e. This book is necessary reference material for the serious computerist. A DOS 3.3 manual is also recommended.

Other helpful books include:

**Beneath Apple DOS**, Don Worth and Peter Lechner, Quality Software. \$19.95.

**Assembly Lines: The Book**, Roger Wagner, Softalk Books. \$19.95.

**What's Where In The Apple**, Professor Lubert, Micro Ink. \$24.95.

#### Typing in BASIC Programs

Before you begin typing in any of the Applesoft programs printed in Hardcore COMPUTIST, be sure you have some initialized disks at hand on which to save the program(s). Also, don't forget to boot up with a DOS 3.3 disk prior to typing in the program. It is good idea to SAVE the BASIC program to disk frequently while typing the program to minimize duplication of effort in the event of power failure or nuclear war. SAVE your programs under the name that is indicated in the article.

#### Checksum

Checksum is a Binary program which can be used to check Applesoft programs for your typing errors. For each Applesoft program, we will also print the checksums generated by Checksoft. These checksums consist of the Applesoft program's line numbers and a hexadecimal (base 16) number for each line. If you use Checksoft and make a typing error, your checksums will differ from ours beginning at the line where you made the error.

The Checksoft program was printed in Hardcore COMPUTIST no. 1 and The Best of Hardcore Computing, both which are available as back issues. This program is also on Library Disk #1 and the Best of Hardcore Library disk. These disks contain all of the programs which appeared in their corresponding magazines.

#### Typing in Binary Programs

Binary programs are printed in two different formats, as source code and as object code in a hexadecimal dump. If you want to type in the source code, you will need an assembler. The S-C Macro Assembler is used to generate all the source code which we print, although any assembler whose use you understand will do just fine for entering source code. Binary programs can also be entered directly with the use of the Apple monitor by typing in the bytes listed in the hexdump at the appropriate addresses. Don't forget to BSAVE binary programs with the proper address and length parameters listed in the article.

#### Checkbin

Like Checksoft, Checkbin is a program which will aid in spotting the typing errors in programs. It is used for checking binary programs. The hexadecimal dumps we print for Binary programs will contain a checksum value after each eight bytes (sometimes less depending on where the program begins and ends) of code. If you use Checkbin, any typing errors you make are in the first line where your checksums do not match those which accompany the program.

Checkbin can be found in the same magazines and on the same library disks as Checksoft.

#### Let Us Hear Your Likes and Gripes

New and longtime readers of Hardcore COMPUTIST are encouraged to let us know what they like and don't like about our magazine by writing letters to our INPUT column. Our staff will also try to answer questions submitted to the INPUT column, although we cannot guarantee a response due to the small size of our staff. Also, send your votes for the softkeys you would like to see printed to our "Most Wanted List."

## How-To's Of Hardcore

If you are reading our magazine for the first time, welcome to Hardcore COMPUTIST, a publication devoted to the serious user of Apple II and Apple II compatible computers. We believe our magazine contains information you are not likely to find in any of the other major journals dedicated to the Apple market.

Our editorial policy is that we do NOT condone software piracy, but we do believe that honest users are entitled to back up commercial disks they have purchased. In addition to the security of a backup disk, the removal of copy protection gives the user the option of modifying application programs to meet his or her needs.

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## A Reader's Recommendations

I would like to recommend two books about machine language.

"Assembly Lines: The Book" by Roger Wagner is an excellent book for the beginner, who should be equipped with either the DOS Toolkit Assembler from Apple, or Merlin by Roger Wagner Publishing, formerly Southwestern Data Systems. Merlin is also offered through CALL A.P.P.L.E. to their club members as Big Mac at a substantially reduced price.

"Apple Machine Language" by Don and Kurt Inman is a great book for anyone who already understands BASIC. It is extremely simple to follow and does not require any specific assembler. I would not recommend using the book "Using 6502 Assembly Language" for a beginner. Randy Hyde assumes too much and is vague in some important areas.

My personal preference in assemblers is Lisa 2.5 which is extremely quick but has a truly lousy editor. Unfortunately, I do not have Lisa 2.6, the new version by Lazerware. Merlin/Big Mac and the S-C Assembler are also very good.

Although I do not have Ultima III or Flight Simulator II yet, I have heard that they can be copied with the Essential Data Dupli-cator. For Ultima III, copy tracks 0-11 normally. If you get an error on track A, copy it over with auto lengths.. For Flight Simulator II, use EDD Version 3 and copy tracks 0 through 22 auto lengths and sync.

Re. Hardcore COMPUTIST no.7: Although interviewing Mr. Xerox or Krac-Man would be a good idea, it would prove difficult. Mr. Xerox has turned traitor and become a copy protector while Mr. Krac-Man is usually extremely busy.

Pirate's Friend, the copier everyone seems to be talking about, is in fact a modified (or rather renamed) copy of the early Copy II Plus. The newer version is much better.

Lastly, I have compiled a double-sided disk of public domain cracking utilities and copiers. These programs are all public domain and therefore, if you have them, you can distribute them among your friends.

On my disk are programs like DeMuffin Plus, Advanced DeMuffin, Fastload Create, Disk Muncher 1.1, CopyB, CopyC, Crack 'Em, Unlock It Up, Craft Copy, Mini-RWTS, A "Crack ROM", and others. Each includes a text-file describing basic use. I have cracked many protected programs with these.

If you would like a copy of this disk, send a blank disk (or two, if you prefer that I don't put anything on the back) with \$4. for

postage and copying. Don't forget to pack-age carefully. The post office has a tenden-cy to damage unprotected disks.

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## Tricking The Accountant

I noted in your Volume 3, Number 3 edition of Hardcore COMPUTIST that you are requesting assistance with softkeys to a number of programs, in particular, the Accountant from Decision Support Software. As far as I know, this program is not protected except for a sixteen pin connector that you plug into the game port.

Several years ago I accidentally severed several of the pins for my connector. Instead of taking the time to contact the supplier, I explored the connector with an ohmmeter and discovered that there was a 10,000 ohm resistance between pins 11 and 13.

I soldered a 10,000 ohm resistor to a new connector and was back in business with very little down time. The resistors and connectors are available from most electronic stores such as Radio Shack.

Ted M. Doniguian  
Laguna Beach CA

## A Chess Check

Re. Modified ROMS article by Ernie Young

Many thanks for your article. I made an F8 EPROM per your instructions and everything worked as you indicated.

However, my Sargon III chess game will no longer boot. I get a flashing screen with garbage and the drive won't stop. My intent was to make a backup copy (preferably an unprotected copy I could modify). None of my copy programs will copy it. Any ideas? My system is a 48K Apple II+, 2DD, 16K RAM, INT Card in slot 4, MX-80 and modem.

I would appreciate any comments you might have on this.

Phil Boling  
Dallas TX

**Mr. Boling:** Probably the reason your Sargon III will no longer boot when the modified F8 ROM is installed on the motherboard

is that the program is performing a "checksum" of ROM memory. If the checksum does not match a specified value, the program knows nonstandard ROMs are present and it will not run.

To get around this you might try reinstalling the autostart F8 ROM on the motherboard and installing the modified ROM in your Integer card. Then boot Sargon III with the Integer switch down. After the program has started, flip the Integer card switch up and then hit RESET. Hopefully you will end up in the monitor when the "." or "-" key is hit. If this does not work, try removing your 16K RAM card from slot 0.

## S-C Clarifies

It was a great pleasure to see Jeff Thomas' review of the S-C Macro Assembler in issue no. 7 of Hardcore COMPUTIST. We're always happy to hear from a satisfied programmer who appreciates our work.

I would like to correct one error in his article, and to explain why we use type "I" source files. First, the source code for the assembler is not provided as part of the package; it is available at extra cost. Registered owners of S-C Macro Assemblers Version 1.1 may purchase the completely commented source code on disk for \$100. I know of no other professional quality assembler on the Apple that supplies source code for the assembler at any price.

About the type "I" files: This feature allows the assembler to masquerade as Integer BASIC, providing complete DOS transparency and permitting you to switch between the assembler and Applesoft with the INT and FP commands. It also allows DOS to handle the source files with fast LOAD and SAVE commands rather than by the much slower Text file routines. As Jeff mentioned, it is easy to assign distinctive filenames to your assembler source files. We usually use a prefix of "S." on our source code files, and "B." on the Binary object files.

That's all for now. Thanks for both of you fine magazines, and keep up the good work.

Bill Morgan  
S-C Software Corporation  
Dallas TX

**Bill:** The error in the review was not Jeff's, but was due to an editorial insertion of ours. What we meant to say was that the code was available, not provided.

## More On RESETs

I found the article, "Whiz Kid", very interesting. I also liked the protection scheme mentioned. But there is one protection scheme I have not seen in any magazines. This protection scheme is to disable the Reset button of the Apple II, II+ and //e. I am a new subscriber to your magazine, so I'm not sure if you have published this protection scheme I'm about to mention.

In most programs on the market, if you hit the reset button it will either boot the disk or remain the same. If you hit the reset in Copy II Plus 4.3, the main menu will appear. If you hit it again, it will stay the same. I have done this in Applesoft, and have a list of both types of reset disable schemes. They are as follows:

```
POKE 1010,213:POKE 1011,203:
CALL -1169
```

The second disable scheme occurred when I was entering a huge program. I placed the reset disable scheme on line 0, but I typed CALL -1168 by mistake. When I hit reset it booted the disk. This second reset scheme is as follows:

```
POKE 1010,213:POKE 1011,203:
CALL -1168
```

I hope that you place these protection schemes in your next issue of Hardcore.

P.S. I have one question. How do you get the red sphere in Zork II The Wizard of Frobozz?

Jeff Lucia  
W. Caldwell NJ

## Mod<sup>2</sup> ROMS

I thought Ernie Young's article on modified ROMs was one of your best ever. At the time I read it, I had coincidentally just obtained an EPROM Programmer, so I immediately burned a Super Saver EPROM and inserted it in my Franklin Ace 1000 (which, by the way, uses EPROMs for its ROM memory, eliminating the need for a conversion socket). After using it awhile I decided to make a couple of minor changes.

Upon powering up, I always want to boot a disk, so I might as well have the monitor do this automatically without having to hit the return key. This can be accomplished by a little vector swapping. Instead of passing control from the reset vector directly to the Super Saver routine and then to the routine at \$FA62 if return is hit, we can go first to \$FA62. If the computer decides this is a powerup, it will then boot the disk. If not, we can then substitute a jump to the Super Saver routine instead of the vector at \$3F2. Finally, we complete the path by placing an

indirect jump to the address at \$3F2 in the Super Saver routine.

In the original Super Saver, the NMI and reset vectors were changed as follows:

```
$FFFA: CD FE CD FE
```

To swap vectors, the following three additional changes can be made:

- 1) \$FFFC: 62 FA
- 2) \$FAA4: FA FF
- 3) \$FEE1: F2 03

The first change actually just restores the reset vector to its normal value in the autostart monitor. The second indirectly uses the new NMI vector to pass control from the normal autostart reset to the Super Saver. The third readjusts the destination of the Super Saver reset when the return key is hit. Thus, the new routine will be bypassed when the computer is first turned on, but will be entered if the reset key is pressed.

The second change involves the key that must be hit after the Super Saver subroutine has been entered. You'll recall that hitting reset causes the computer to freeze; what the computer does next depends on whether the minus sign, the colon, or the return key is hit. The pertinent section of the routine reads:

```
LDA KEYBOARD
CMP #-
BEQ MONITOR
BCS NEW STUFF
JMP RESET
```

If the key pressed equals the minus sign, the monitor is entered. However, the BCS NEW STUFF means we will branch to NEW STUFF not only if the colon key is hit, but if any key with an ASCII value greater than 2D (the minus sign) is hit. This includes all the normal characters on the keyboard, greatly increasing the possibility of accidentally clobbering a program when using reset for its normal purpose. A more specific test would be:

```
LDA KEYBOARD
CMP #-
BEQ MONITOR
CMP #-
BEQ NEW STUFF
JMP RESET
```

This routine is slightly longer than the original, but there is still room for it. We do, however, have to adjust our jump over the CRMON routine (\$FEF6-FEFC, which must remain intact). Once this is done, the modified hexdump is as follows:

```
$FECD: 2C 00 C0
$FED0: 10 FB 8D 10 C0 AD 00 C0
$FED8: C9 2D F0 7D C9 3A F0 03
$FEE0: 6C F2 03 BA 8E 01 29 A0
$FEE8: 00 B9 00 00 99 00 20 B9
$FEF0: 00 01 4C FD FE EA 20 00
$FEF8: FE 68 68 D0 6C 99 00 21
```

```
$FF00: C8 D0 E6 84 3C 84 42 84
$FF08: 3E A9 09 85 3F A9 02 85
$FF10: 3D A9 22 85 43 20 2C FE
$FF18: 20 2F FB 20 58 FC 4C 59
$FF20: FF 60
```

Again, thanks to Mr. Young and Hardcore for a great article.

Anybody out there know the parameters for Flight Simulator II? Also, I'd like to see an article, should someone be inspired to write it, on the use of ROM expansion memory \$C800-CFFF, with an eye towards its use in softkeys.

Paul Mindrup  
Los Angeles CA

## Super-Text On The //e

(Note: A 1" piece of 18 gauge solid copper wire with the insulation removed from both ends was attached to the following letter.)

Attached you will find a shift key modification kit for the Apple //e. I own both an Apple II+ and a //e. Using the Super-Text 40-80 column word processing program and desiring to use it with the //e at my office, I found that the shift key would not work. The fix, after calling the Muse Co., was to order their new "Professional" program because of various differences in the machines.

While waiting for the new unit, which I think was well worthwhile, I read about Visidex using a different paddle button to check for the shift key. So, I inserted the jumper wire between pins #2 and #4 in the game socket of the Apple //e and PRESTO!, it would now shift with the 40-80 program.

While the newer program does make better use of the //e, I have yet to find a problem with using the older one this way. I wonder how many other II+ programs, sitting on the shelf unused, might be put back to work with this modification by someone who now owns a //e?

Gerald P. Gibson  
Dallas TX

## Mommy, Will Kool-Aid Hurt My Disk?

Now that I'm a Hardcore COMPUTIST subscriber, I need some help from you. Would you be so kind as to help me out? My problem is in trying to make a backup of my young daughter's programs. They include: Story Machine, Face Maker, and Type Attack.

Maybe I missed how to do these in your past issues of Hardcore COMPUTIST. If so, please help me out.

Thank you for the information that I couldn't find anywhere else.

L.P. Williams  
West Warwick RI

L. P.: Sorry, we don't have any sure-fire method of backing up any of the programs you mention. We have added them to our "Most Wanted List" in order to solicit information from our readers

## A Few Suggestions

I enjoy your magazine very much. I especially appreciate your concern (HC#6, p.4) for us beginners. I especially like the items presented in the INPUT column in reply to readers' letters. However, a few items were omitted that would have helped us novices. For example, on Page 5 Clay Harrell explained why he made the change to DOS at \$B942 (and I really appreciate this and his other hints), but Dan Lui on Page 6 made some similar changes with no explanation. Very confusing. And this reduces the value of the information. We see how to use the softkey for Donkey Kong (which I don't happen to have), but without an explanation of why he made the changes, we don't see how to apply the technique. I feel the editor should have seen to it that Lui's response be expanded or added to using your own explanations.

I hope you keep publishing Advanced Playing Techniques. I think the idea is great;

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occasionally I have one of the games mentioned.

Which brings me to an important idea for you. As you continue to publish softkeys and APT's, it is difficult for us to keep track of what software is covered in which issue of Hardcore or CORE. How about publishing an index? Maybe in the last issue every year like Consumer Reports and others.

I enjoyed the Modified ROMs article. But it would have helped readers a lot if Mr. Young had referenced some other articles that have been published recently on the subject, as he left out some critical information: he never told us how to transfer the memory of the computer to the EPROM!! If you, or he had referenced the article in the November 1983 issue of Computers and Electronics, the readers might have had a hint. Byte magazine has also published on burning EPROMs.

Another fact that would help a lot is a source of inexpensive EPROM burners. I'm sure there are several suppliers of Taiwan EPROM burners around who will supply them for around \$60. Otherwise, the burners are so expensive and out of reach of most of your readers, that the article is of little value.

Keep on publishing.

Ken Burnell  
Adh-Dhahran  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

## Some Common Questions

I received my first issue of your magazine and was very pleased with the content. Starting a new subscription is sometimes like starting to read a new book on page 100 and wondering what you have missed. Reading your magazine makes me wonder what I have missed in the previous issues. This leads me to the following questions.

1. Are back issues available?
2. If so, do you identify the contents of the back issues?
3. If available, what is the cost and how do I order?
4. Is the CHECKSOFT program in a back issue?
5. Is information available on DEMUFFIN PLUS in back issues?

In Issue #7, the lead paragraph of the MOST WANTED LIST indicated that you have received numerous softkeys for "Sensible Speller". This program frustrates me to no end. I have boot traced it from \$800 through \$200 and \$300 through \$400. Because of the self-modifying code in \$300, I have only been able to list \$400, but cannot "RUN" it without losing control of the program. Any help would be appreciated. Locksmith 5.0 (revision F), still will not copy it.

A note on the MOST WANTED LIST #10, "The Accountant" by Decision Support

Software, purchased in November 1983 (version 5), has no protection and comes with an errata sheet telling the user to ignore the "Game Port" hardware installation. My version can be copied with COPYA.

A note on the "Tax Advantage" 1983 by Continental Software. The only protection used is a changed routine as follows: CALL -151, then type B993:01. This branches around the I/O ERROR and allows the read. I then use FID to transfer the files to a previously INIT-ed disk with HELLO deleted. After all of the files have been transferred to the new disk, I wrote the following HELLO program, to boot the disk.

```
NEW
10 REM BOOT TAX ADVANTAGE
20 D$= CHR$(4)
30 PRINT D$; "RUN TTA.PROG."
40 END
SAVE HELLO
```

I modified the print program to read my clock card so that my printouts were dated and therefore, not confusing when I was doing what-ifs.

Keep up the good work and let me know how to obtain the previously published info on how to modify "PROTECTED" software.

Robert. C. Taylor  
Annapolis MD

Mr. Taylor: You can find information on back issues of Hardcore COMPUTIST on the inside back cover of this issue. We have not yet published a cumulative index of our magazines so unfortunately there is no easy way to tell what information is contained in a specific issue.

The Checksoft and Checkbin programs were first published in Hardcore COMPUTIST no.1 and are also reprinted in "The Best of Hardcore." Instructions on creating DeMuffin Plus were reprinted in Hardcore COMPUTIST no. 8 on page 15.

Last, but not least, see page 9 of this issue for Cris Rys' article on how to back up Sensible Speller 4.0.

## Screenwriter II, V. 2.2

Concerning the backup procedure for Screenwriter II, Version 2.2: IT WORKS! (Ref. HC#7, pg. 4)

Dr. James N. Snaden  
Newington CT





# READERS' SOFTKEY & COPY EXCHANGE

## Backing-UP VISIDEX

By Anthony L. Barnett

Visicorp  
2895 Zanker Road  
San Jose, CA 95134  
\$250.00

### Requirements:

48K Apple  
One disk drive with DOS 3.3  
Visidex  
One blank disk  
COPYA

Visidex is a key-word index program which has some data storage and retrieval procedures which I have not seen in any other program for the Apple. Its retrieval of data by keyword is very fast.

In Hardcore COMPUTIST No. 3 (page 6) in my softkey for Visitrend/Visiplot, I explained the problems in obtaining backups from Visicorp when overseas. I notice in Hardcore COMPUTIST No. 5 that Bob Bragner describes similar problems in his softkey for Visifile. The same problems apply to Visidex.

Though I have been able to copy Visidex using the long list of Locksmith parameters described in Hardcore Vol. 1 No. 3, I decided that an unprotected backup would be more convenient. For one thing, the disk could also be used to store other files instead of being wasted on one 17K file.

During the course of my examination of the Visidex disk, I discovered that unless the DOS from the original disk is present, Visidex data disks may become corrupted. I also noticed that apart from the dummy serial number, there appeared to be only two very short binary files, namely VISIDEX and VISIO.8. It turns out that VISIDEX is a loader file which uses an RWTS routine to load the whole program into memory.

After some experimentation, I found the following procedure to work.

- 1) Use COPYA to make a copy of Visidex.
- 2) UNLOCK and DELETE the file named VISIDEX on the copy.
- 3) Boot the copy and wait for it to produce the FILE NOT FOUND message.
- 4) Insert the original and

### BLOAD VISIDEX

- 5) With the original still in drive 1, enter the monitor with

CALL -151

- 6) From the monitor type

60A3:69 FF

- 7) Type

6000G

- 8) When the drive stops, you should still be in the monitor. Remove the original and insert the copy.

- 9) Type

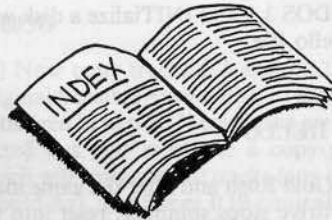
INIT VISIDEX

- 10) When initialization is complete, type

DELETE VISIDEX

- 11) Type

BSAVE VISIDEX,A\$803,L\$4404



The disk so produced, if booted, will run Visidex.

Steps 1 to 3 enable you to get Visidex's DOS into memory.

Step 4 gets the program loader into memory.

Steps 5 to 7 cause a jump to the monitor before the Visidex program is run. The technique here is the same as used with boot code tracing. At \$60A2 is the jump out from the loader to the Visidex program at \$803. Step 6 alters this to a jump to \$FF69 which is the monitor entry address.

During the course of the load, the file VISIO.8 is loaded at \$4C00. The essence of this file is 6 NOP's and one RTS. Thus, the effective program begins at \$803 and ends at \$4C06.

Step 9 is necessary because a DISK FULL message is received if you attempt to BSAVE the program at this point. Be careful not to INIT the original. It is a good idea to keep a write protect tab on original program disks.

Step 10 prevents a FILE TYPE MISMATCH error when BSAVEing the program.

The only difference between this version and the original that I can detect is the response to a RESET. In the original, this usually took you to a "BOOT FROM SLOT 6" message. In the copy, RESET dumps you back to Applesoft.

For those of you who want to make patches to the program, be warned. The pro-

gram makes extensive use of "funny jumps", i.e. pushing an address onto the stack and then doing an RTS to get there.

Now if anyone knows how to backup DB Master Version 4...

## Softkey For MUSIC CONSTRUCTION SET

By Jim Waterman

Electronic Arts  
2755 Campus Drive  
San Mateo, CA 99403  
\$40.00

### Requirements:

Apple II Plus, or compatible  
Music Construction Set  
Bit-copy program such as Locksmith 4.1 or Copy II+ ver 4.1  
One blank disk

1) Use your bit-copier to copy tracks \$0-\$22 from the Music Construction Set onto a blank disk.

2) Boot a normal 3.3 disk.

3) Insert the copy of Music construction Set and load the file called A4

LOAD A4

4) Enter the monitor and change the bytes at \$913A-\$913B to NOP's

CALL -151  
913A:EA EA

5) Save A4 with the changes you have made

BSAVE A4,A\$4A00,L4B60

6) The Music Construction Set may now be copied with any normal copy program such as COPYA.

## Deprotecting GOLD RUSH

By Clay Harrell

Sentient Software  
P.O. Box 4929  
Aspen, CO 81612  
\$34.95

### Requirements:

48K Apple II with at least one DOS 3.3 disk drive  
Old style F8 monitor ROM or Super Saver ROM

## Blank disk GOLD RUSH

It seems that there are many "maze" games flooding the Apple market, now. Most have pretty much the same theme of eating all the dots before you get destroyed. I do enjoy these games, but variety is the spice of life!

Gold Rush uses the "avoid the bad guys" theme without the maze. It is entertaining, fun, and different from other chase 'em games. Being intrigued by the game, I wanted to learn more about it...

Gold Rush boots fairly quickly and is a "single load" game, which means it does not require any other data from the disk after the initial load. These types of programs are candidates for BLOADable files. When booting the disk, an Applesoft prompt appears at the bottom left of the screen which means there is some sort of modified DOS present. Disks like these are excellent candidates for deprotection with Super IOB.

The "Swap" controller is probably the most versatile since one doesn't usually have to figure out the protection used when using it. With this in mind, we merely boot Gold Rush, reset into the monitor and move RWTS from \$B800-BFFF down to \$1900 where the standard Super IOB swap operates. This is done from monitor with the command

```
1900 < B800.BFFF
```

Now boot a 48K slave disk and run Super IOB.SWAP. Remember that booting a slave disk only destroys memory from \$00-8FF and \$9600-BFFF, so this keeps our Gold Rush RWTS safe at \$1900-20FF.

After making the copy, our new disk is quite CATALOGable. Also, the disk is now deprotected and completely copyable with COPYA and runs fine (providing the boot file name is "BOOT" instead of the normal "HELLO"). But remember, this is a single load game, and as I mentioned before, a good candidate for a BLOADable file.

Typing

```
CATALOG
```

reveals one file named "BOOT". You can BRUN this file and the game will load and execute just fine. But we want this game in a file that we can FID to another disk or BLOAD. To start the analysis, type

```
BLOAD BOOT
```

Now enter the monitor with

```
CALL -151
```

and type

```
AA60.AA73
```

The first two bytes listed are the length of

the last BLOADed file, and the last two bytes listed are the address the last BLOADed file was loaded at. These are in "bassackward" order, with the low byte first and the high byte last (in other words, 00 03 means \$0300, or 88 45 means \$4588). We can see from this listing that the file "BOOT" loads at \$300 and is fairly short (less than \$100 bytes long).

If you examine the code at \$300, you will find that Sentient is using second stage DOS to load in the game from \$800 to \$95FF, and then jumps to \$B00 to start the game.

Sentient Software RWTS is not as friendly as the normal RWTS. They load \$1B with the track number, \$1C with the sector number and \$1F with the top page to load to. Then they jump subroutine to \$B7B5 to do the load. Look at the code and try to understand it (If you cannot, well, forget it).

After some groaning and grunting, we now know that Gold Rush loads from \$800 to \$95FF and starts at \$B00. With this necessary information in hand, here are the exact steps for deprotecting Gold Rush:

1) Boot DOS 3.3 and INITIALize a disk with a null hello file.

```
FP
```

```
INIT HELLO
```

2) Boot Gold Rush and after the game loads and the drive stops spinning, reset into the monitor

3) Move page eight out of the way so we can boot

```
6400 < 800.8FF
```

4) Boot the disk you just initialized

```
C600G
```

5) Enter the monitor

```
CALL -151
```

6) Move \$800 to its original location

```
800 < 6400.64FF
```

7) Alter the program so that it JuMPs to the entry point

```
7FD:4C 00 0B
```

8) Tell DOS that we can BSAVE more than 121 sectors

```
A964:FF
```

9) Save Gold Rush

```
BSAVE GOLD RUSH, A$7FD, L$8E04
```

Gold Rush is now deprotected into a BRUNable file that you can FID to any disk.

## Short Softkey For VISITERM

By B. Baker

Visicorp  
2895 Zanker Road  
San Jose, CA 95134  
\$100.00

Requirements:  
Apple II family with 48K  
One blank disk  
A sector editing program

- 1) Copy the disk, using COPYA
- 2) Use the sector editor to read track \$15, sector \$0E of the backup disk.
- 3) Change byte \$DF from \$B0 to \$90 and write the sector back to the disk.

## Deprotecting COSMIC COMBAT

By Clay Harrell

Cosmic Combat  
Highland Computer Services  
14422 SE 132nd  
Renton, WA 98056

Requirements:  
48K Apple with at least  
one DOS 3.3 disk drive  
Old style F8 monitor ROM or  
Super Saver ROM  
Blank disk  
Cosmic Combat  
Super IOB with Swap Controller

Cosmic Combat is a cute shoot-'em-up with three levels of varied graphics. The game uses standard XDRAW graphics that all we wish we could use better than we do now!

In order for us to examine the code that makes Cosmic Combat tick and learn from it, it is necessary for us to deprotect it.

Cosmic Combat uses a modified DOS for its protection. We know this since when we boot the game, the Applesoft prompt appears at the bottom left of the screen, and the boot sounds 'normal' (listening to a program boot can sometimes reveal quite a bit about the protection used!)

The first thing I always try when deprotecting a program that uses a modified DOS is to defeat the DOS error checking routines (from normal DOS) and try CATALOGing the disk. To do this, enter the monitor with CALL -151 and change byte \$B942 from 38 to 18. What this does is defeat all the DOS error checking routines that Apple so carefully put in for us. If you do this with Cosmic Combat, you will be disappointed when you type "CATALOG" because all sorts of garbage will appear on the screen.

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# Sensible Speller Softkey

By Cris Rys

**Sensible Speller Version 4.0**  
Sensible Software  
6619 Perham Drive West  
Bloomfield, MI 48033  
(313) 399-8877  
\$125.00

#### Requirements:

Apple II, II+  
16K RAM CARD  
Blank Disk Sensible Speller V 4.0  
Super IOB or any DOS track copy program

Sensible Speller version 4.0 is a very useful dictionary program which has a vocabulary of over 80,000 words. The softkey of this program incorporates a very useful utility of the language card. This utility is customizing the monitor routines so when you press the RESET key, you arrive in the monitor. Unfortunately, this was the only way I could get a deprotected version of the program. If you don't have a language card (separate from the motherboard) you won't be able to use the following procedure.

- 1) With the computer off, put your 16K card in slot one.
- 2) Boot up the DOS 3.3 master disk.
- 3) Enter the monitor

#### CALL-151

- 4) Modify DOS so that the SPELLER.LOADER program will work.

```
B639: AD 81 C0 AD 81 C0 4C B3 08
B6B3: A0 00 B9 00 D0
B6B8: 99 00 D0 C8 D0 F7 EE B7
B6C0: 08 EE BA 08 AD BA 08 D0
B6C8: EC AD 80 C0 A9 07 8D 00
B6D0: 02 4C 00 B7
```

- 5) Initialize the disk you want Sensible Speller on with this modified DOS

#### INIT HELLO

- 6) Insert a different disk and key in the SPELLER.LOADER program on page 10.
- 7) Save this program in the event of error

```
BSAVE SPELLER.LOADER,
ASB700,LS9A
```

- 8) Type in this short machine language pro-

gram which calls the RWTS

```
803:A9 B7 A0 E8 4C B5 B7
```

- 9) Tell the RWTS that we wish to write track zero, sector one from page \$B7

```
B7EB:00 00 01
B7F0:00 B7 00 00 02
```

- 10) Insert the disk you initialized in step 5 and write the sector

```
803G
```

- 11) Now copy tracks 2-3 and 6-22 of your original Sensible Speller disk to the disk you initialized in step 5. These tracks are not protected but you must use a copy program which will copy specific tracks (any bit copier should do). The Super IOB controller listed at the end of this article will also work.

Here is the routine I mentioned at the beginning of this softkey. Sensible Speller, like many other programs, checks for a RAM card in slot zero. Because several programs (such as Sensible Speller) only check slot 0, this technique may be used with other programs as well.

- 12) Boot a normal DOS disk and enter the monitor

#### CALL-151

- 13) Write enable the language card

```
C091 C091
```

- 14) Copy the monitor into the language card

```
F800 < F800.FFFFFM
```

- 15) Read and write enable the language card

```
C093 C093
```

- 16) Type in the SPELLER.SAVER program from page 10 and save it on the same disk you saved SPELLER.LOADER on

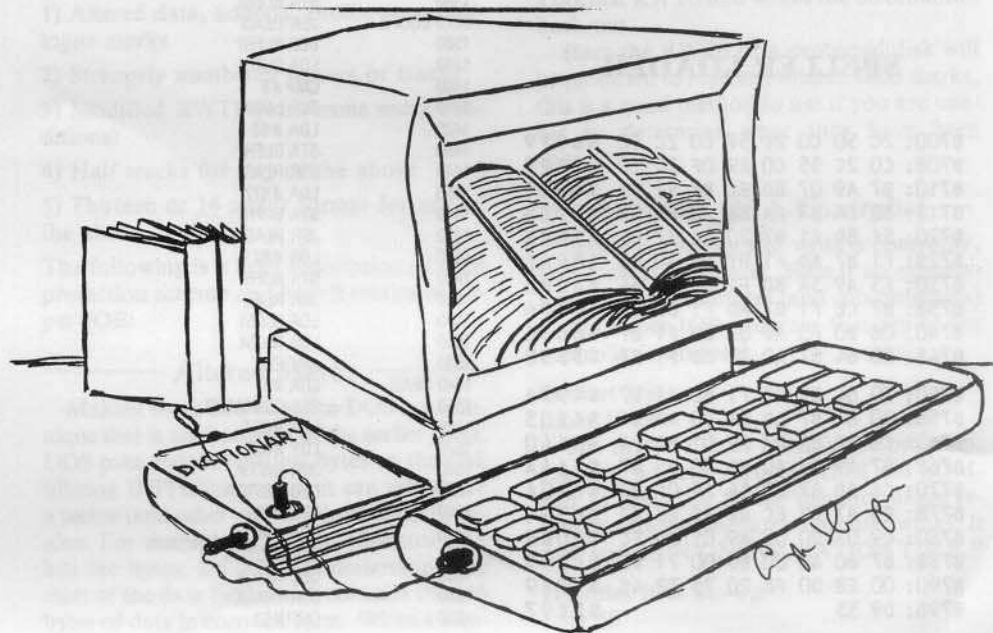
```
BSAVE SPELLER.SAVER,
ASD000,LS60
```

- 17) Type a routine to save page zero into page \$71 when RESET is hit

```
FA62:A2 00 B5 00 9D 00 71
E8 D0 F8 4C 59 FF
```

- 18) Read enable and write protect the language card RAM

```
C090
```



19) Insert your original Sensible Speller disk and boot it

**C600G**

20) When the menu appears and the disk drive stops running, press RESET. You should now be in monitor.

21) Read enable the language card in slot 1

**C890**

22) Insert the disk you want Sensible Speller on and invoke the SPELLER.SAVER program

**D000G**

The disk drive will start whirling and after a while the cursor will come back. You're done! Now may be a good time to put the language card back in slot zero, but it is not necessary to do this to run this program. Don't forget to turn the computer off first.

**SPELLER.CON**

```
1000 REM SENSIBLE SPELLER HELPER
1010 TK = 2:ST = 0:LT = 35:CD = W
      R
1020 T1 = TK:GOSUB 490
1030 GOSUB 430:GOSUB 100:ST = S
      T + 1:IF ST < DOS THEN 1030
1040 IF BF THEN 1060
1050 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1 + 2 * (TK
      = 3):IF TK < LT THEN 1030
1060 GOSUB 490:TK = T1:ST = 0
1070 GOSUB 430:GOSUB 100:ST = S
      T + 1:IF ST < DOS THEN 1070
1080 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1 + 2 * (TK
      = 3):IF BF = 0 AND TK < LT
      THEN 1070
1090 IF TK < LT THEN 1020
1100 HOME:PRINT:PRINT "DONE
      WITH COPY":END
```

**SPELLER.LOADER**

```
B700: 2C 50 C0 2C 57 C0 2C 52 $D9F9
B708: C0 2C 55 C0 A9 0F 8D ED $C1F9
B710: B7 A9 07 8D EC B7 A2 01 $642C
B718: 8E EA B7 CA 8E F0 B7 A9 $4728
B720: 5F 8D F1 B7 20 64 B7 CE $1BBD
B728: F1 B7 AD F1 B7 C9 40 B0 $89AF
B730: F3 A9 3A 8D F1 B7 20 64 $8CB6
B738: B7 CE F1 B7 AD F1 B7 C9 $21C6
B740: 08 B0 F3 A9 03 8D F1 B7 $860E
B748: 20 64 B7 A9 77 8D F1 B7 $3558
B750: 20 64 B7 A9 71 8D F1 B7 $4976
B758: 20 64 B7 AD 51 C0 AD 54 $A103
B760: C0 4C 8A B7 A9 01 8D F4 $6640
B768: B7 A9 B7 AD E8 20 B5 B7 $366A
B770: CE ED B7 10 14 A9 0F 8D $FA0A
B778: ED B7 CE EC B7 AD EC B7 $C5F4
B780: C9 03 D0 05 A9 01 8D EC $E0B8
B788: B7 60 A2 00 B0 00 71 95 $CB95
B790: 00 E8 D0 F8 20 75 32 4C $1FE9
B798: D9 33 $DC97
```

**SPELLER.SAVER**

```
D000: A9 0F 8D ED B7 A9 05 8D $5713
D008: EC B7 A2 01 8E EA B7 CA $48AB
D010: 8E F0 B7 A9 3A 8D F1 B7 $2A32
D018: 20 3A D0 CE F1 B7 AD F1 $6C61
D020: B7 C9 08 B0 F3 A9 03 8D $0858
D028: F1 B7 20 3A D0 A9 77 8D $1E6E
D030: F1 B7 20 3A D0 A9 71 8D $E7BE
D038: F1 B7 A9 02 8D F4 B7 A9 $906A
D040: B7 AD E8 20 B5 B7 CE ED $7EAB
D048: B7 10 14 A9 0F 8D ED B7 $6F4D
D050: CE EC B7 AD EC B7 C9 03 $9EA3
D058: D0 05 A9 01 8D EC B7 60 $37FA
```

**SPELLER.LOADER  
SOURCE CODE**

```
1000 *
1010 * SPELLER.LOADER
1020 * THIS LOADS WHAT USED TO BE
1030 * PART OF SENSIBLE SPELLER
1040 * WHILE IT IS BOOTING
1050 *
1060
1070 .OR $B700
1080 .TF SPELLER.LOADER
1090
1100 DRIVE .EQ $B7EA
1110 TRACK .EQ $B7EC
1120 SECTOR .EQ $B7ED
1130 BUFHI .EQ $B7F1
1140 COMMAND .EQ $B7F4
1150 RWTS .EQ $B7B5
1160 BIT $C050
1170 BIT $C057
1180 BIT $C052
1190 BIT $C055
1200 LDA #$F
1210 STA SECTOR
1220 LDA #$7
1230 STA TRACK
1240 LDX #1
1250 STX DRIVE
1260 DEX
1270 STX BUFHI-1
1280 LDA #$5F
1290 STA BUFHI
1300 LOOP1 JSR READ
1310 DEC BUFHI
1320 LDA BUFHI
1330 CMP #$40
1340 BCS LOOP1
1350 LDA #$3A
1360 STA BUFHI
1370 LOOP2 JSR READ
1380 DEC BUFHI
1390 LDA BUFHI
1400 CMP #8
1410 BCS LOOP2
1420 LDA #$3
1430 STA BUFHI
1440 JSR READ
1450 LDA #$77
1460 STA BUFHI
1470 JSR READ
1480 LDA #$71
1490 STA BUFHI
1500 JSR READ
1510 LDA $C051
1520 LDA $C054
1530 JMP EXIT
1540 READ LDA #1
1550 STA COMMAND
1560 LDA #$B7
1570 LDY #$E8
1580 JSR RWTS
1590 DEC SECTOR
1600 BPL RTS1
1610 LDA #$F
1620 STA SECTOR
1630 DEC TRACK
1640 LDA TRACK
1650 CMP #$3
```

```
1660 BNE RTS1
1670 LDA #1
1680 STA TRACK
1690 RTS1 RTS
1700 EXIT LDX #0
1710 LOOP3 LDA $7100,X
1720 STA $0,X
1730 INX
1740 BNE LOOP3
1750 JSR $3275
1760 JMP $33D9
```

**SPELLER.SAVER  
SOURCE CODE**

```
1000 *
1010 * SPELLER.SAVER
1020 * THIS FILE SAVES THE SENSIBLE
1030 * SPELLER FROM MEMORY TO
1040 * VARIOUS SECTORS OF AN
1050 * UNPROTECTED DISK
1060 *
1070
1080 .OR $D000
1090 .TF SPELLER.SAVER
1100
1110 DRIVE .EQ $B7EA
1120 TRACK .EQ $B7EC
1130 SECTOR .EQ $B7ED
1140 BUFHI .EQ $B7F1
1150 COMMAND .EQ $B7F4
1160 LDA #$F
1170 STA SECTOR
1180 LDA #$5
1190 STA TRACK
1200 LDX #1
1210 STX DRIVE
1220 DEX
1230 STX BUFHI-1
1240 LDA #$3A
1250 STA BUFHI
1260 LOOP JSR WRITE
1270 DEC BUFHI
1280 LDA BUFHI
1290 CMP #$8
1300 BCS LOOP
1310 LDA #$3
1320 STA BUFHI
1330 JSR WRITE
1340 LDA #$77
1350 STA BUFHI
1360 JSR WRITE
1370 LDA #$71
1380 STA BUFHI
1390 WRITE LDA #2
1400 STA COMMAND
1410 LDA #$B7
1420 LDY #$E8
1430 JSR $B7B5
1440 DEC SECTOR
1450 BPL RTS1
1460 LDA #$F
1470 STA SECTOR
1480 DEC TRACK
1490 LDA TRACK
1500 CMP #$3
1510 BNE RTS1
1520 LDA #1
1530 STA TRACK
1540 RTS1 RTS
```

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# Super IOB

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## Requirements:

An Apple II Plus  
Disks that need to be modified

*Editors note: Although "Super IOB" has appeared in "The Best of Hardcore Computing," the text and program that follows have been updated. The main difference is the addition of a subroutine to the program but subtle changes have been made in the article as well.*

As Hardcore COMPUTIST readers may recall, the IOB program is a simple BASIC program that performs softkeys. IOB stands for Input Output control-Block. It is a list of parameters used by the Read Write Track Sector (RWTS) subroutine.

In the course of time, HARDCORE COMPUTING (old series) and Hardcore COMPUTIST have published several IOB programs (or IOB modifications). These were useful not only for copying different types of disks but for configuring the program to different machines.

Presented here is an advanced version of the original IOB program. We're calling it "Super IOB." Included are the most useful subroutines from all the previous IOB programs. Some new features:

- 1) The controller isn't spread throughout the program.
- 2) Half tracks can be accessed.
- 3) Super IOB is self-configuring.
- 4) Incorrectly numbered tracks can be copied.
- 5) The controller performs sector modifications DURING the copy process.
- 6) A range of seven tracks are read at one time to cut down the disk swaps on single drive systems.
- 7) Super IOB can do everything MUFFIN PLUS and DEMUFFIN PLUS can.
- 8) Automatic error trapping is now included.

## Using The Program

Start by entering the Applesoft listing, then

```
SAVE SUPER IOB
```

Next, enter the hexdump and

```
BSAVE IOB.OBJ0,AS300,LS5C
```

A third file is required in order to copy

disks that have been protected with a 13 sector format.

## RWTS.13

To read the protected DOS 3.2 disks, Super IOB uses an image of the 3.2 RWTS. By performing a swap of the image with the RWTS currently in memory, diskettes with different formats can be accessed.

Use BOOT13 from the system master disk to get DOS 3.2 into your 3.3 machine.

Once DOS 3.2 is booted up, all you have to do is BSAVE the RWTS.

```
BSAVE RWTS.13,ASB800,LS800
```

## What It Does

Super IOB de-protects disks by pushing the RWTS to its upper-most limits. Because of this, it only works on disks with sectors somewhat resembling normal DOS. Before a disk can be "Softkeyed", the protection scheme must be determined. The easiest way to do this is to use a program (like "The CIA", "Bag of Tricks" or "DiskView") which allow you to discover the difference between normal sectors and the ones on the intended disk.

Once the protection has been discovered, all that needs to be done is the insertion of a controller program (lines 1000 through 9999) into Super IOB. Here is a list of the protection schemes Super IOB was designed to Softkey:

- 1) Altered data, address, prologue, or epilogue marks
- 2) Strangely numbered sectors or tracks
- 3) Modified RWTS (with same entry conditions)
- 4) Half tracks for any of the above
- 5) Thirteen or 16 sector format for any of the above

The following is a brief description of each protection scheme and how it relates to Super IOB:

## Altered Marks

Making mark alterations to DOS is a technique that is used on a lot of the earlier disks. DOS puts certain reserved bytes on the disk (during initialization) so it can tell where a sector (and other valuable information) begins. For example, a normal 16-sector disk has the bytes: D5 AA AD designating the start of the data field which contains the 256 bytes of data in encoded form. When a stan-

dard RWTS tries to find a sector, it looks for these marks. If they are not found (either because they don't exist or they have been changed to something else) DOS returns with the dreaded I/O ERROR.

The sequences of the four reserved-byte marks (start of address, end of address, start of data, end of data) are handled by subroutines in Super IOB. These subroutines simply change the marks the RWTS looks for or modify the RWTS so that it doesn't look for them at all (depending upon the mark).

## Strangely Numbered Sectors

On some disks the numbers which tell the RWTS what sector is currently passing under the read/write head, have been tampered with. These disks are easily softkeyed with Super IOB. The controller simply reads using the strange sector numbers.

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This works because the RWTS compares the sector number found on the disk with the one the controller is looking for (even if it is higher than 15). Later, when writing, standard sector numbers are used, thus deprotecting the disk!

## Modified RWTS

The disk-protectors will often rearrange and/or modify the standard RWTS subroutine. When this happens, all one has to do is to make a controller program which reads, using the strange RWTS and then swaps with a normal RWTS and writes the information back out.

Since the RWTS of a protected disk will be modified to read any altered DOS marks, this is a good method to use if you are unable to determine what they have been changed to.

## Anatomy Of A Controller

Before we attempt to write a controller, let's look at its format. Here is an explanation of the subroutines (and sub-programs) in the Super IOB program that are at the controller's disposal.

- 1) Start Up  
Lines 10-60

The first few lines identify the program. Line 60, however, sets HIMEM and LOMEM so that they fit the memory usage requirements (see memory map following). It then goes to "CONFIGURATION TIME."

- 2) Initial IOB Set-Up  
Line 80

This subroutine is normally GOSUBed via "TOGGLE READ / WRITE." Its purpose is to reset the buffer page and set the drive number, slot number and volume number to the disk to be accessed next.

### 3) R/W Sector

Line 100-110

This subroutine is GOSUBed directly from the controller. It reads or writes (depending upon CD) at the specified track and sector.

### 4) Move S Phases

Lines 130-140

Moves the disk drive head by the number of phases specified by S; one phase equals one half-track. It is capable of moving in either direction up to 128 phases (or 64 tracks). When moving the head, this routine doesn't let the RWTS know that the head has been moved. Therefore, this subroutine makes it possible to copy disks that have track mismarkings. Care should be taken when moving a great number of phases that PH + S isn't greater than 255 or less than 0, otherwise an error will occur.

### 5) Ignore Checksums & End Marks

Line 170 (16 sector RWTS)

Line 270 (13 sector RWTS)

These routines do a few POKES into their corresponding RWTS. The final result is that the RWTS no longer looks for epilogue marks or checksums when searching for a sector.

### 6) Altered Address Marks

Line 190 (16 sector RWTS)

Line 290 (13 sector RWTS)

These modify the RWTS (via POKE) so that it looks for a different sequence of address prologue marks. The decimal values of the marks to look for should be stored in DATA statements in the "DATA FOR MARKS" area.

### 7) Altered Data Marks

Line 210 (16 sector RWTS)

Line 310 (13 sector RWTS)

These are the same as the previous subroutine except for DATA prologue marks.

### 8) Normalizer

Lines 230-240 (16 sector RWTS)

Lines 330-340 (13 sector RWTS)

This restores the values in the RWTS subroutine that are messed up by the three previous routines. This routine should be called just before writing, when using only one RWTS (assuming of course that one of the previous routines was called before reading).

### 9) Exchange RWTS

Line 360

This is the standard swap RWTS's routine. It exchanges the RWTS at \$1900 with the one at \$B800, which is the normal residing place for an RWTS. To tell the swap routine (which is invoked by a CALL 832) what

to exchange, a few POKES must be executed. They are:

**POKE 253**, start of first location

**POKE 255**, start of second location

**POKE 224**, number of pages (a standard RWTS is eight pages long)

### 10) Format Disk

Lines 380-410

Formats the target disk. This is meant to be used before the softkey operation begins (and is GOSUBed by "CONFIGURATION TIME") but can be called by the controller should the need arise.

### 11) Print Track & Sector #

Line 430

This is the subroutine that puts the current track and sector number at the top of the screen during the softkey operation.

### 12) Center Message

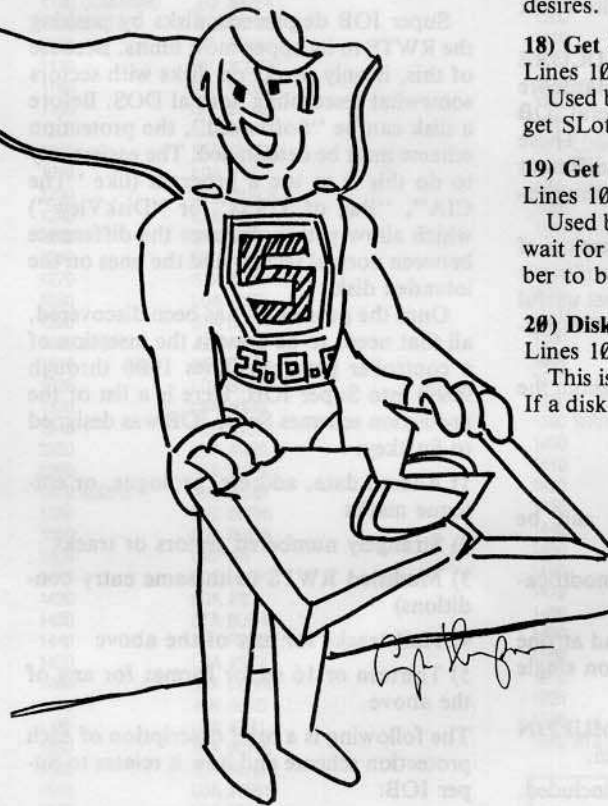
Line 450

Centers a message (contained in A\$) at the current VTAB position and RETURNS.

### 13) Print Message & Wait

Line 470

This routine uses "CENTER MESSAGE"



to print the intended message at a VTAB of 11 and then it prints "PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE." After this, it waits for a key to be pressed and RETURNS.

### 14) Toggle Read/Write

Lines 490-530

This routine toggles the state of CD (from Read to Write and vice versa) and prints the current mode in flashing letters at the very

top of the screen. In addition, if the user has only one drive, it asks him to swap disks. It then exits via "INITIAL IOB SETUP," thus making the sector buffer ready for the next operation.

### 15) Ignore Unreadable Sectors

Lines 550-590

If the controller should pay no attention to unreadable sectors then somewhere in the beginning of it should be an 'ONERR GOTO 550'. This is used usually with RWTS.13 (since DOS 3.2 sectors are unreadable until they have been written to) but can be used with any disk that has unreadable sectors which should be ignored.

### 16) Controller

Lines 1000-9999

These are the line numbers set aside for the controller. This area should have all of the controller and subroutines (sector edits and the like). Before using this, please see the memory map that follows.

### 17) Configuration Time

Lines 10000-10090

This routine asks the user which slots and drive numbers to use for the various disks. It also formats the target disk if the user so desires.

### 18) Get Slot & Drive #

Lines 10110-10130

Used by "CONFIGURATION TIME" to get SLOt and DRiVe information.

### 19) Get A Key

Lines 10150-10170

Used by "GET SLOT AND DRIVE#" to wait for the appropriate drive or slot number to be typed.

### 20) Disk Error

Lines 10190-10270

This is the normal error-trapping routine. If a disk error occurs, this routine will print the error message, otherwise it will assume that the error is in the controller and the program will crash (CALL 834).

### 21) Data For Marks

Lines 62010-63999

These line numbers should contain the appropriate data (if any) required for any altered mark routine.

**Note:** in the above line number description, the line numbers consisting of REMs have been omitted. They may be excluded (although it

is not recommended) when typing in the program.

Now that you have an idea of the subroutines, take a look at the following variables and note how they relate to them. While examining the table on the next page, it would be a good idea to observe the BASIC that makes up the previously listed subroutines. This will give you a better idea of how things are accomplished in Super IOB.

**Table 1**

**A** - general temporary usage, scrambled by "MOVE S PHASES."

**AS** - holds message to pass to the user via "CENTER MESSAGE" and "PRINT MESSAGE AND WAIT," scrambled by "TOGGLE READ / WRITE."

**A1,A2,A3** - scrambled by any "ALTERED ADDRESS MARKS" or "ALTERED DATA MARKS" routine, they are READ from DATA statements and POKED into the appropriate RWTS subroutine to change the marks it looks for.

**BS** - altered only during configuration.

**BF** - buffer full, holds the status of the sector buffer, set to 1 if the buffer is either full or empty and to 0 if neither; changed only by "R/W SECTOR."

**BUF** - buffer location, holds the address where the RWTS is expecting to find the page number of the sector; used by "INITIAL IOB SETUP" and "R/W SECTOR." A PEEK(BUF)-1)\*256 will return the address of byte zero in the last read sector.

**CD** - command code, used by the controller and "TOGGLE READ / WRITE," holds the current RWTS command code; only POKED in by "INITIAL IOB SETUP" (see RD, WR, and INIT)

**CMD** - Command code location, holds the address where the RWTS is expecting to find the previously stated command code; used by "INITIAL IOB SETUP." A POKE CMD,CD will change the IOB command.

**D1** - drive 1, set during configuration to the drive number of the source drive; used by "TOGGLE READ/WRITE".

**D2** - drive 2, same as above except for target drive.

**DOS** - Disk Operating System, the number of sectors to read or write; initialized to 16.

**DRV** - drive location, holds the address where the RWTS is expecting to find the drive number of the drive to be accessed; used by "INITIAL IOB SETUP" to change the IOB drive number. A PEEK(DRV) will return the drive last accessed.

**DV** - current drive, used by "INITIAL IOB SETUP," "TOGGLE READ/WRITE" and "MOVE S PHASES;" holds the drive number of the drive to be accessed next.

**ERR** - error code, used by "DISK ERROR" to determine the error that has just occurred.

**INIT** - initialize command code, a CD = INIT will set the command code to format the diskette.

**IO** - Input/Output location, normally holds a 768 (set during configuration); CALLED by "R/W SECTOR" to induce the RWTS subroutine. To use a relocated RWTS, the controller must have a IO = IO + 42 statement.

**MB** - maximum buffer page, holds the last page of memory for the sector buffer; used by "R/W SECTOR," initialized (during configuration) to 151 and should be changed to 130 only when a 13-sector disk is read or written.

**OVL** - old volume location, a PEEK(OVL) will return the volume number of the previously accessed (via "R/W SECTOR") diskette.

**PH** - current phase, if "MOVE S PHASES" is referenced (by the controller), this variable must contain the disk arms' current phase number (PH = 2\*TK).

**RD** - read command code, a CD = RD will set the command to read the disk.

**S** - step, used to tell "MOVE S PHASES" how many phases to step through (-120 to 120).

**S1** - slot 1, set to the slot number of the source drive during configuration; used by "TOGGLE READ/WRITE."

**S2** - slot 2, same as above except for target drive.

**SCT** - sector number location, holds the address where the RWTS is expecting to find the sector to be accessed; used by "R/W SECTOR" to tell the RWTS which sector is to be read or written. A PEEK(SCT) will return the last accessed sector number.

**SLT** - slot number location, holds the address where the RWTS is expecting to find the slot number of the disk to be accessed next; used by "INITIAL IOB SETUP." A PEEK(SLT) will return the last accessed disk's slot number.

**SO** - slot number, used by "TOGGLE READ/WRITE" and "INITIAL IOB SETUP;" holds the slot number of the disk to be accessed next.

**ST** - sector number, used by the controller to tell "R/W SECTOR" what sector number is to be read or written next.

**TK** - track number, used by the controller to tell "R/W SECTOR" what track is to be accessed next.

**TRK** - track number location, holds the memory location where the RWTS is expecting to find the track to be accessed. A PEEK(TRK) will return the last accessed track number.

**VL** - volume number, used by the controller to tell "TOGGLE READ / WRITE" (which passes it to "INITIAL IOB SETUP") the volume number of the disk to be accessed next.

**VLS** - altered only by "FORMAT DISK."

**VOL** - volume number location, holds the memory location where RWTS is expecting to find the volume to be accessed. A PEEK(VOL) will return volume number last used by the controller.

**WR** - write command code. A CD = WR will set the command to write.

**Memory Usage**

Before actually looking at some controllers, let's say a few words about memory usage.

Following, is a memory allocation table for the various parts of Super IOB. It is extremely important to stay within the boundaries when writing a controller. Otherwise, horrible things might happen (the least of which would be the production of an incorrect copy).

**Table 2**

**\$0800.\$18FF** (2048-6399) intended for the Applesoft part of Super IOB  
**\$1900.\$20FF** (6400-8447) space allocated for a moved RTWS (RWTS.13 or other)  
**\$2100.\$26FF** (8448-9983) BASIC variable space  
**\$2700.\$96FF** (9984-38655) used for the sector buffer

First, notice the amount of space available for the BASIC program. The Super IOB program as listed (with all REMs) ends about 1200 bytes short of the final designated location. This means that the controller (and all DATA statements) must fit into this 1K area. In view of the space requirement, the end of program should be checked by typing

**PRINT PEEK(175) + PEEK(176)\*256**

before a new controller is used.

If it has exceeded the 6399 limit, I suggest DELETing all subroutines not referenced by the controller and all REM lines until it fits within the allocated space.

However, if the program does NOT use a relocated RWTS, then the extra 2K allocated for an RWTS can be used for the BASIC. In this situation, the end of the program should only be checked with very long controllers, since 3K ought to be enough for any softkey operation.

Second, observe the 1534 bytes for variables. This should be enough space for the simple softkey procedure. It is impossible to allocate more memory for variables and use a relocated RWTS file. If you find that you need more memory and the program does not use RWTS.13 or some other moved RWTS, then the LOMEM: 8448 statement in line 60 may be omitted. This will allocate what isn't used (by the BASIC program) of the 2K area reserved for the relocated RWTS as variable space.

Never omit the "HIMEM:" statement! This could cause variables to overflow into the sector buffer, thus making a faulty copy.

With all this new knowledge, we are finally ready to scrutinize some sample controller programs. Keep in mind that protection schemes can be used with one another. Therefore, a more sophisticated controller for Super IOB will probably be required for most softkeys. Even so, developing new controllers isn't difficult.

## Standard Controller

```
0000 REM STANDARD CONTROLLER
1010 TK = 0:ST = 0:LT = 35:CD = WR
1020 T1 = TK: GOSUB 490
1030 GOSUB 430: GOSUB 100:ST = S
      T + 1: IF ST < DOS THEN 1030
1040 IF BF THEN 1060
1050 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1: IF TK <
      LT THEN 1030
1060 GOSUB 490:TK = T1:ST = 0
1070 GOSUB 430: GOSUB 100:ST = S
      T + 1: IF ST < DOS THEN 1070
1080 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1: IF BF =
      0 AND TK < LT THEN 1070
1090 IF TK < LT THEN 1020
1100 HOME : PRINT : PRINT "DONE
      WITH COPY": END
```

Here is how the standard controller works:

### Unique Variables

The following variables are used by the controller exclusively. Other variables used by the controller are for interaction with various subroutines in Super IOB.

**LT** - this variable holds the last track to be accessed (it is the last track plus one). For example, if line 1010 were to have an LT = 15 (instead of LT = 35) then it would only copy tracks 0-14.

**T1** - holds the track number (TK) for the transition of read to write and vice versa.

### Line Explanation

1000 - identifies controller.

1010 - initializes variables.

TK = 0 - sets the starting track to zero.

ST = 0 - sets the starting sector to zero.

LT = 35 - sets the last track to 34.

CD = WR - sets command code to write.

1020 - The read routine. It begins by saving the current track number and then gets the source disk.

1030 - prints the current track and sector number, reads in the sector and increments the sector number. If it is less than DOS (in this case 16), then it reads another sector.  
1040 - if the sector buffer is full, it goes to the write routine.

1050 - resets the sector number to zero and increments the track number. If it is not past the last track, it reads the new track.

1060 - this is the beginning of the write routine. It gets the write drive and starts at the previously saved track (T1), sector zero.

1070 - prints the current track and sector

number, writes the sector to the disk and increments the sector number. If it is not finished with this track, it writes another sector.

1080 - resets the sector number and increments the track number. If the sector buffer isn't empty and it's not past the last track, it writes another track.

1090 - if it is not done duplicating the disk (i.e., not past last track), it reads some more tracks.

1100 - tells user that everything is OK and that the disk is copied.

Even though this controller only copies normal DOS 3.3 disks, I recommend saving it anyway. This controller is the basic (pun intended) building block for more complex controllers.

Load the original Super IOB program

### LOAD SUPER IOB

Type in the controller listed above. Save this new program

### SAVE IOB.STANDARD.CON

You now have the capability (I'm sure you did before) to copy a regular diskette. Because you probably don't think this is so exciting, we'll move on to the de-protection of Castle Wolfenstein. I chose this game because its controller is a simple example of what a few modifications to the standard controller can accomplish.

### Swap Controller

```
1000 REM SWAP RWTS CONTROLLER
1010 TK = 3:ST = 0:LT = 35:CD = W
      R
1020 T1 = TK: GOSUB 490: GOSUB 36
      0
1030 GOSUB 430: GOSUB 100:ST = S
      T + 1: IF ST < DOS THEN 1030
1040 IF BF THEN 1060
1050 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1: IF TK <
      LT THEN 1030
1060 GOSUB 490:TK = T1:ST = 0: GOSUB
      360
1070 GOSUB 430: GOSUB 100:ST = S
      T + 1: IF ST < DOS THEN 1070
1080 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1: IF BF =
      0 AND TK < LT THEN 1070
1090 IF TK < LT THEN 1020
1100 HOME : PRINT "EVERYTHING O.
      K. DOS NOT COPIED": END
10010 PRINT CHR$ (4)"BLOADRWTS,
      A$1900"
```

This controller is the controller that swaps RWTSs before reading and writing. It can be used for a great many things. By modifying this one slightly we can copy Castle Wolfenstein.

### Castle Wolfenstein Controller

```
1000 REM CASTLE WOLFENSTEIN CONT
      ROLLER
1010 TK = 3:ST = 0:LT = 35:MB = 1
```

```
30:CD = WR:DOS = 13
1020 T1 = TK: GOSUB 490: GOSUB 36
      0: ONERR GOTO 550
1030 GOSUB 430: GOSUB 100:ST = S
      T + 2: IF ST < DOS * 2 THEN
      1030
1040 IF BF THEN 1060
1050 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1: IF TK <
      LT THEN 1030
1060 GOSUB 490:TK = T1:ST = 0: GOSUB
      360
1070 GOSUB 430: GOSUB 100:ST = S
      T + 1: IF ST < DOS THEN 1070
1080 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1: IF BF =
      0 AND TK < LT THEN 1070
1090 IF TK < LT THEN 1020
1100 HOME : PRINT "EVERYTHING O.
      K. DOS NOT COPIED": END
10010 IF PEEK (6400) < > 162 THEN
      PRINT CHR$ (4)"BLOAD RWTS.
      13,A$1900"
```

Castle Wolfenstein uses "Strangely Numbered Sectors" as its protection scheme. Luckily, they aren't so strange that a complex algorithm is needed to calculate the next number. Instead, they are merely even-numbered DOS 3.2 sectors (0-24).

When 13-sector DOS gets these sector numbers, it doesn't accept them and returns with I/O error. But the 13-sector RWTS doesn't care about the actual number on the sector, as long as it matches up with the sector number you want to access. Thus, all one has to do is read with the strange sector numbers and write with the normal ones.

Here is a line-by-line explanation of the differences that make this controller successful:

1000 - identifies controller.

2010 - start at track three (bypass DOS tracks) and set MB and DOS to their 13-sector values.

1020 - since we want to use RWTS.13 to read with, swap it in.

1030 - counts from 0 to 24 by two's.

1060 - swaps the normal RWTS back into its original location for the write ahead.

1100 - tells the user that the copy has no DOS on it.

10010 - BLOADs the 13-sector RWTS at \$1900.

As noted in line 10010, once the copy has been made there will be no DOS on the de-protected version. This isn't a problem as long as you don't boot with it.

### Super IOB BASIC program

```
10 REM *****
20 REM ** SUPER IOB **
30 REM ** BY RAY DARRAH **
40 REM *****
50 REM SET HIMEM BELOW BUFFER AND
      SET LOMEM ABOVE THE BLOADED RWTS
```

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# ProDOS To DOS:

## Single Drive Conversion Technique

By Jimmy Eubanks Jr.

### Requirements:

64K Apple II+, IIe, etc.  
One disk drive  
DOS 3.3 slave disk  
with null HELLO program  
PRODOS Disk

*Editor's Note: One of the frustrations I encountered when first experimenting with Apple ProDOS was the inability of the DOS-ProDOS Conversion Program (DUCK) to transfer files between the two operating systems with only one disk drive. The ProDOS User's Manual inexcusably neglects to mention this limitation, and after several unsuccessful attempts at file transfer I was directing every expletive I could think of at a certain Fortune 500 company with headquarters in Cupertino, CA. Fortunately for single drive ProDOS users, Jimmy Eubanks has come up with a straightforward technique that will transfer most Applesoft and Binary programs between the two operating systems.*

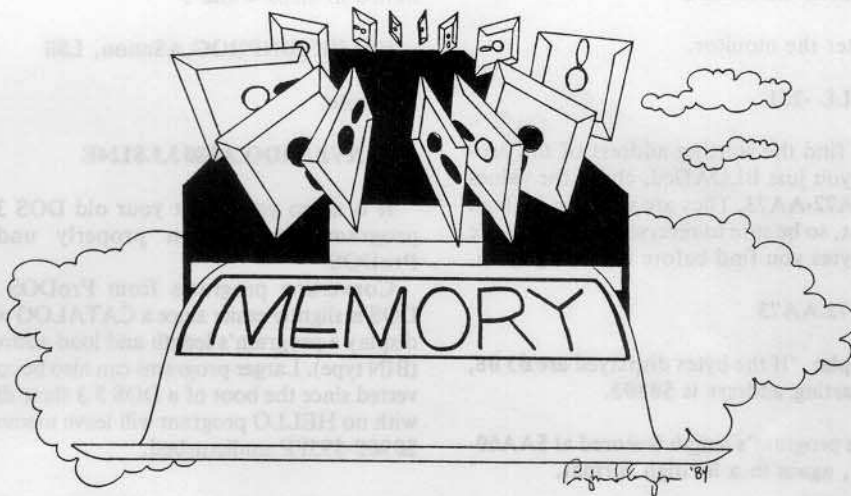
This technique will allow those ProDOS users with only one disk drive to transfer Applesoft BASIC files and Binary files between ProDOS and DOS 3.3 disks in either direction. This is accomplished by loading the program from the source disk, then hiding it in an area of memory that is not disturbed by the boot process. Once the destination operating system has been booted, the program can be restored to its proper memory location and saved.

For the boot of a DOS 3.3 slave disk, all memory between \$900 and \$95FF is left untouched so files up to 193 sectors (86 blocks) in length can be transferred from ProDOS to DOS. ProDOS, however, does not tiptoe through memory quite so lightly during its boot. The only large portion of memory that is left undisturbed by a ProDOS boot is \$5C00-\$95FF. This limits the size of file that can be converted from DOS to ProDOS to those with 59 or fewer sectors (30 blocks).

### To Transfer Applesoft BASIC Files From DOS To ProDOS:

1) Boot up DOS 3.3.

PR#n (n being the slot your disk interface is in)



2) Load the program you want to convert.

LOAD BASICPROG

3) Enter the monitor.

CALL -151

4) Find the highest memory location of the program now in memory by checking the values at \$AF and \$B0. These will be listed with the high order byte last, so reverse the order of the the two values you find.

AF.B0

**Example:** If the bytes displayed are AA 1B then the end of the program is at \$1BAA.

5) You now need to calculate the length of the program and add it to \$5C00 to determine where the end of the relocated program will be. To get the length, subtract \$800 from the hex value found in step 4. This is the Applesoft program's length. Add this value to \$5C00.

**Example:** For a program whose end is at \$1BAA

$\$1BAA - \$0800 = \$13AA$  - program length  
 $\$5C00 + \$13AA = \$6FAA$  - end of relocated program

6) Move the program to \$5C00.

5C00 < 800.(value found in step 4)M

**Example:** For a program whose end is at

\$1BAA

5C00 < 800.1BAAM

7) Boot a ProDOS Disk.

nCTRL-P (n being the slot your disk interface is in.)

8) Move the program back to its original location using the end of relocated program address found in step 5.

800 < 5C00.(address found in step 5)M

**Example:** If the end of the relocated program is at \$6FAA

800 < 5C00.6FAAM

9) Restore the end of program pointers at \$AF-B0 to the values you found there in step 4.

AF:ll hh

**Example:** For a program whose original ending address is at \$1BAA

AF:AA 1B

10) Hit the RESET key to re-enter Applesoft

11) Save your program.

SAVE BASICPROG

## To Transfer Binary Files From DOS 3.3 To ProDOS

- 1) Boot up a DOS 3.3 disk.

**PR#n** (n being the slot your disk interface is in)

- 2) BLOAD the file you want to transfer.

**BLOAD BINPROG**

- 3) Enter the monitor.

**CALL -151**

- 4) To find the starting address of the program you just BLOADED, check the values at \$AA72-AA73. They are stored in lo/high format, so be sure to reverse the order of the two bytes you find before recording them.

**AA72.AA73**

**Example:** If the bytes displayed are 03 08, the starting address is \$0803.

- 5) The program's length is stored at \$AA60-AA61, again in a lo/high format.

**AA60.AA61**

**Example:** If the bytes displayed are 4E 12, then the program's length is \$124E bytes.

- 6) The end of the program at its original and relocated addresses also needs to be calculated. To do this add the length found in step 5 to the load address to find the original ending address. Likewise, add the length to \$5C00 to find the relocated ending address.

**Example:** If the program's original address is \$0803 and its length is \$124E

$\$0803 + \$124E = \$1A51$  - end of original program  
 $\$5C00 + \$124E = \$6F4E$  - end of relocated program

- 7) Hide the program at \$5C00.

**5C00 < starting address(step 4).ending address(step 6)M**

**Example:** For a program which starts at \$0803 and ends at \$1A51

**5C00 < 803.1A51M**

- 8) Boot a ProDOS disk.

**n<sup>CTRL</sup>P** (n being the slot your disk interface is in)

- 9) Move the program back to its original location using the relocated ending address calculated in step 6.

**starting address(step 3) < 5C00.relocated**

**ending address(step 6)M**

**Example:** For a program whose relocated ending address is at \$6F4E

**803 < 5C00.6F4EM**

- 10) Hit the RESET key to re-enter Applesoft

- 11) BSAVE your program using the proper address and length parameters you determined in steps 4 and 5

**BSAVE BINPROG,A\$nnnn,LSll**

**Example:**

**BSAVE FIDO,A\$803,LS124E**

It is up to you to get your old DOS 3.3 programs to function properly under ProDOS.

Converting programs from ProDOS to DOS is slightly easier since a CATALOG will display a program's length and load address (BIN type). Larger programs can also be converted since the boot of a DOS 3.3 slave disk with no HELLO program will leave memory \$0900-\$95FF undisturbed.

## Converting Applesoft Programs From ProDOS To DOS 3.3

- 1) Boot up ProDOS

**PR#n** (n being the slot your disk interface is in)

- 2) Load the program you want to convert.

**LOAD BASICPROG**

- 3) CATALOG the disk and write down the decimal file length that is displayed for the program you wish to convert. Convert this value to hexadecimal and add \$0801 to it. Also add the hex file length to \$4001 to come up with the end of the relocated program.

**Example:** If the length displayed by CATALOG is 4540.

$4540(\text{decimal}) = \$116C(\text{hexadecimal})$  - program length  
 $\$0801 + \$116C = \$19BD$  - end of program  
 $\$4001 + \$116C = \$516D$  - end of relocated program

- 4) Enter the monitor.

**CALL -151**

- 5) Move the program to \$4000.

**4000 < 800.(end of program value found in step 3)M**

**Example:**

**4000 < 800.19BDM**

- 6) Boot a DOS 3.3 slave disk with a "null" HELLO program.

**n<sup>CTRL</sup>P** (n being the slot your disk interface is in.)

- 7) Move the program back to its original location using the end of relocated program address you found in step 5.

**8000 < 0900.(relocated end of program value found in step 3)M**

**Example:**

**800 < 4000.516DM**

- 8) Restore the end of program pointers at \$AF-BO so they are correct. You found these values in step 3. Do not forget the pointers are in a lo/high format.

**Example:** If the original end of the program was at \$19BD type:

**AF: BD 19**

- 9) Hit the RESET key to re-enter Applesoft

- 10) Save your program.

**SAVE name of program**

## Converting Binary Programs From ProDOS To DOS 3.3

- 1) Boot up a ProDOS disk.

**PR#n** (n being the slot your disk interface is in)

- 2) CATALOG the disk and write down the load address and length that is displayed for the program you wish to convert. Convert the length to hexadecimal and add it to \$0900 to come up with end of the relocated program.

**Example:** If the program length displayed is 2048

$2048(\text{decimal}) = \$0800(\text{decimal})$   
 $\$0800 + \$0900 = \$1100$  - end of relocated program

- 3) BLOAD the program at \$0900

**BLOAD PROGRAM,A\$900**

- 4) Enter the monitor.

**CALL -151**

- 5) Boot a DOS 3.3 slave disk with a null HELLO program

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n<sup>CTRL</sup>P (n being the slot your disk interface is in)

6) Move the program back to its original location using the relocated ending address calculated in step 2.

starting address < 0900 .relocated ending address(step 2)M

Example: If the CATALOG display showed a load address of \$2000 and a length of \$0800 type:

2000 < 0900 .1100M

7) Hit the RESET key to re-enter Applesoft.

8) BSAVE your program with the address and length parameters which the ProDOS CATALOG displayed

BSAVE PROGRAM,ASnnnn,LSII



## Using ProDOS On A Franklin Ace

The March, 1984 issue of Apple Assembly Lines contained a short article containing instructions on how to successfully boot ProDOS on a Franklin Ace computer. This method involved NOPping two bytes in the ProDOS system file after it had been loaded into memory. However, this method would not work for the ProDOS file dated 1-JAN-84.

The ProDOS system file contains a checksum-like subroutine which returns a value of \$0C if a genuine Apple is detected and a \$00 otherwise. If a non-Apple is detected ProDOS will just hang up and not load in the BASIC.SYSTEM interpreter. A disassembly of this routine from the 1-JAN-84 ProDOS file looks like:

```
2639- 18      CLC
263A- AC 31 26 LDY $2631
263D- B1 0A    LDA ($0A),Y
263F- 29 DF    AND $0DF
2641- 6D 31 26 ADC $2631
2644- 8D 31 26 STA $2631
2647- 2E 31 26 ROL $2631
264A- C8      INY
264B- CC 34 26 CPY $2634
264E- D0 ED    BNE $263D
2650- 98      TYA
2651- 0A      ASL
```

```
2652- 0A      ASL
2653- 0A      ASL
2654- 0A      ASL
2655- A8      TAY
2656- 4D 31 26 EOR $2631
2659- 69 0B    ADC $00B
265B- D0 03    BNE $2660
265D- A5 0C    LDA $00C
265F- 60      RTS
2660- A9 00    LDA $000
2662- 60      RTS
```

In order for this routine to always return with a value of \$0C, the branch to the code which loads the accumulator with \$00 (LDA #\$00) needs to be removed. This can be done by replacing the BNE \$2660 (D0 03) instruction with two NOP's (EA EA).

The easiest way to do this is to use a sector editor and zap the change directly to the disk. Any sector editor can be used on a ProDOS disk because the formatting has not been changed from DOS 3.3. On my copy of the ProDOS USERS DISK the change I had to make was to bytes \$5B and \$5C of track \$01, sector \$09. I changed them from D0 03 to EA EA and rewrote the sector.

If you have a sector editor with search capability, such as ZAP, you should search for a byte sequence of 69 0B D0 03, since the sequence of D0 03 is a fairly common one.

Once you have made this change, ProDOS should boot and operate on Franklin's and other Apple compatibles that have their monitor ROM routines in the proper locations.



### Bugs in Hardcore COMPUTIST no.8

In our last issue there was an error in step 12 of the article "Breaking Windows:Softkey for Legacy of Llylgamyn" on page 10. The last byte listed in that step should be ED not FD. Step 12 should therefore read:

12) Start editing at byte \$15, entering the following bytes

```
D0 16 EA AD 2D 00 CE FB 00 D0 F8
AD DE 00 A9 01 48 A5 01 48 A5 00 48
60 A9 00 F0 ED
```

Another detail which might cause problems for some readers is in the box on page 15 which contains instructions for creating DeMuffin Plus. In step 6 there should be an asterisk (\*) following the CTRL.Y. Step 6 should read:

6) Tell the monitor what is being moved and where it is going

\*1900 < B800.BFFF CTRL.Y\*

## Most Wanted List

Reader response to our "Most Wanted List" has been very favorable. We have received softkeys for a number of programs previously in our list and lots of votes for programs to add to the list. We will be publishing the softkeys we have received just as soon as they have been evaluated and edited by our staff.

So, keep those votes and softkeys coming.

If there is a program that you have been pulling your hair out trying to back-up, let us know about it.

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18. Story Machine  
*Spinnaker*

# CORE Word Search Generator

By Barry Palinsky

## Requirements:

An Apple II plus or compatible  
48K RAM  
At least one disk drive  
Printer

When for some reason my computer becomes unusable (my wife is increasing the size of her phone list or my children spill Pepsi on the motherboard while shooting alien foes) I often find myself looking for entertainment. One thing I have discovered that can provide hours of fun is curling up in front of the television set with a good word search puzzle.

After solving many of these mindbending puzzles, I began thinking how enjoyable it might be to create some word searches of my own. So for a while I was spending my free time scribbling word searches. The best part of making my own searches was that I could pick words that interested (or excited) people.

Although it was enough to make searches using graph paper, I wanted an easier faster way to make them. This is why I made The CORE Word Searcher. If the idea of making word searches for your family or friends sounds fun, I strongly recommend this program.

## Typing it In

The first step to creating your own word searches is to key in the program beginning on this page and SAVE it with:

### SAVE WORD SEARCHER

Next, type in the hexdump following and save this one by typing:

**BSAVE WORD SEARCHER.OBJ,  
AS300,LSAE**

## How To Use It

When you RUN the program, the first thing you will be asked is which slot your printer is in. Most printers are in slot 1 and this is probably what you should type. If you do not wish to use your printer, you may type a zero (0) indicating the screen as your printer. As with most of the prompts in this program, if you answer them illegally, the program will merely ask you the same question until you give it an acceptable answer.

The next question concerns how many characters per line your printer has. In standard mode (usually 10cpi) this is either 80

or 85. If you wish the program to set up the printer in a non-default mode, you will have to append some printer codes to line 680. If you do this, be sure save this new version of The CORE Word Searcher (preferably under another name).

Next, you will be prompted with DISK ACCESS? (Y/N). If you press "Y", you will find yourself in the disk access subroutine which is explained later.

Any other key will be considered a negative response and therefore will place you at the next input which is "COLUMNS IN WORDSEARCH." This is the number of horizontal characters in the wordsearch. Valid numbers are between 5 and 38 inclusive.

After that you will be asked the number of rows in the wordsearch. This is the number of characters placed vertically in the search. Valid numbers for this are between 5 and 23 inclusive.

The last phase before actually editing the word search is to enter the words to be searched for. The maximum number of words allowed is 75. As each word is typed in, it is placed in two arrays. One array is arranged by length of the word and the other is arranged alphabetically. Because of this, word entry may slow down as you approach the 75 word limit. If you type a word with a space in it (ex. NEW JERSEY) the space will not appear in the word search but it will appear in the word list.

## Editing a WordSearch

While editing a word search, the word you're currently dealing with is highlighted by INVERSE text. There are a variety of commands available that affect this word. They are:

**I J K M** - These move the word in the usual ESCape directions.

**< - >** - The left and right arrow keys rotate the word counter clockwise and clockwise respectively.

**N L** - These keys place the word in the search where it is and begins editing the (N) next or (L) last word. **Note:** Words are edited according to length, longest word first, shortest word last.

**G** - The "G" key grabs a word (for editing) specified by you.

By pressing the "P" key, you enter the printout subroutine. The first prompt of this routine is "ANSWER SHEET OR WORD SEARCH?". Pressing "A" will cause a printout of the answer sheet. Pressing "W" will cause a printout of the actual word search (with random letters placed where no words are hidden). The next prompt is "SINGLE SPACED OR DOUBLE SPACED?". If you choose single spaced, the wordsearch rows will be printed one after another. On the other hand, if you choose double spaced, a blank line will be inserted between each row.

Next, the printout routine asks you the title. This is followed by the prompt "READY

THE PRINTER." You must now adjust the printer and then press a key to get the printout.

The "A" key is meant for adding words to the word list.

Pressing "E" will invoke the edit words routine. When prompted for a word, you should type in the word you wish to change or delete. If you hit RETURN without typing a word, the alphabetical list of words will be displayed with duplicates highlighted. You may pause the list by pressing **CTRL-S** and you may terminate the listing by pressing RETURN.

The "ESC" key is used primarily to exit the program. It also allows two other options. You may go back to the wordsearch which will act just like you didn't press ESC or you may start the program over losing any unsaved work.

Pressing "D" or answering "Y" to the third prompt will invoke the disk access subroutine. This routine will let you do just about any DOS command with slot, drive and volume parameters. In addition, the LOAD and SAVE commands are intercepted before they get to DOS. Instead of LOADING and SAVEing BASIC programs they now load and save a word search (with any filename you wish).

```
10 REM // // // // // // // // // //
20 REM \
30 REM / CORE PRESENTS \
40 REM \
50 REM /
60 REM \ WORD SEARCHER /
70 REM /
80 REM // // // // // // // // // //
90 REM
100 GOSUB 1540: GOSUB 1030: GOTO 300
110 REM POKE IN COORDINATES
120 POKE 252, W%(Z,WO): POKE 253,
W%(O1,WO): RETURN
130 REM ERASE CURRENT WORD
140 GOSUB 120: POKE Z,64: CALL ML:
RETURN
150 REM POKE IN STATS OF CURRENT
WORD
160 FOR A = 01 TO LEN (W$(Z,WO)):
POKE 735 + A, ASC (
MID$(W$(Z,WO) + CHR$(Z),A))
170 NEXT : POKE 249, LEN (W$(Z,WO)):
POKE 01, W%(TW,WO): RETURN
180 REM MOVE IN A DIRECTION
190 GOSUB 140: XS = Z: YS = Z: ON A
GOTO 200,210,220,230
200 YS = - 01: GOTO 240
210 XS = - 01: GOTO 240
220 YS = 01: GOTO 240
230 XS = 01
240 W%(Z,WO) = W%(Z,WO) + XS: IF
W%(Z,WO) >= GX THEN W%(Z,WO) =
LX
250 IF W%(Z,WO) < LX THEN W%(Z,WO) =
GX - 01
260 W%(O1,WO) = W%(O1,WO) + YS: IF
W%(O1,WO) >= GY THEN W%(O1,WO)
= LY
270 IF W%(O1,WO) < LY THEN W%(O1,WO)
= GY - 01
280 GOTO 320
```

```

290 REM MANIPULATE WORD SEARCH
300 GOSUB 1690: HOME :XS =
    W%(Z,01):W%(Z,01) = Z: GOSUB
    420:W%(Z,01) = XS:WO = 01
310 GOSUB 160: IF W%(Z,WO) = Z THEN
    W%(Z,WO) = 19:W%(01,WO) = 11
320 GOSUB 1220
330 WAIT - 16384,128: GET AS
340 FOR A = 01 TO LEN (K$): IF AS < >
    MID$(K$,A,01) THEN NEXT : GOTO
    330
350 ON A GOTO
    190,190,190,190,530,550,1350,4
    70,450,840,800,390,370,1710
360 REM ROTATE WORD
370 GOSUB 140:W%(TW,WO) = W%(TW,WO)
    + 01: IF W%(TW,WO) > 7 THEN
    W%(TW,WO) = Z
380 GOTO 400
390 GOSUB 140:W%(TW,WO) = W%(TW,WO)
    - 01: IF W%(TW,WO) < Z THEN
    W%(TW,WO) = 7
400 POKE 01,W%(TW,WO): GOTO 320
410 REM PRINT WORD SEARCH
420 CALL 903: FOR A = 01 TO NW: IF
    W%(Z,A) = Z THEN NEXT : RETURN
430 WO = A: GOSUB 160: POKE Z,96:
    GOSUB 120: CALL ML:A = WO: NEXT
    : RETURN
440 REM TRY FOR NEXT WORD
450 XS = 01: GOTO 480
460 REM TRY LAST WORD
470 XS = - 01
480 GOSUB 1250:WO = WO + XS: IF WO >
    NW THEN WO = 01
490 IF WO < 01 THEN WO = NW
500 GOSUB 160: IF W%(Z,WO) = Z THEN
    W%(Z,WO) = 19:W%(01,WO) = 11:
    GOTO 320
510 XS = W%(Z,WO):YS = WO:W%(Z,WO) =
    Z: GOSUB 420:WO = YS:W%(Z,WO) =
    XS: GOSUB 160: GOTO 320
520 REM ADD WORDS
530 GOSUB 1030: GOTO 300
540 REM PRINTER PRINTOUT
550 GOSUB 1250: GOSUB 1300
560 HOME : PRINT TAB ( 15)"PRINT
    OUT": VTAB 4
570 INVERSE : PRINT "A": NORMAL :
    PRINT "NSWER SHEET OR ";
580 INVERSE : PRINT "W": NORMAL :
    PRINT "ORD SEARCH?":XS = Z
590 VTAB 23: PRINT "TO LEAVE PRESS
    ": INVERSE : PRINT "ESC": NORMAL :
    PRINT "APE"
600 WAIT - 16384,128: GET AS: IF AS
    < > "W" AND AS < > "A" THEN 300
610 VTAB 4: CALL 64578: PRINT
    "ANSWER SHEET":YS = Z: IF AS =
    "W" THEN XS = 01: VTAB 4: PRINT
    "WORD SEARCH "
620 VTAB 7: INVERSE : PRINT "S":
    NORMAL : PRINT "INGLE SPACED OR
    ";
630 INVERSE : PRINT "D": NORMAL :
    PRINT "OUBLE SPACED?"
640 WAIT - 16384,128: GET AS: IF AS
    < > "S" AND AS < > "D" THEN 560
650 VTAB 7: CALL 64578: PRINT
    "SINGLE SPACED": IF AS = "D"
    THEN YS = 01: VTAB 7: PRINT
    "DOUBLE SPACED"
660 VTAB 12: CALL 64578: PRINT:
    INPUT "TITLE=>":TS: HOME
670 PRINT "READY THE PRINTER": GET
    AS:WO = 01: IF X * TW <= PX THEN
    W=TW
680 PR# PR: REM PRINTER SETUP
690 IF TS < > "" THEN PRINT SPC( PX
    - LEN (TS)) / TW)TS: PRINT M$:
    700 FOR A = 01 TO Y: IF YS THEN PRINT
    M$:
    710 PRINT SPC( (PX - X * WO) / TW)::
    FOR B = 01 TO X: IF XS = Z THEN
    730
    720 IF MID$( W$(A),B,01) = "." THEN
    PRINT CHR$( RND (01) * 26 +
    65):: GOTO 740
    730 PRINT MID$( W$(A),B,01);
    740 IF WO = TW THEN PRINT " ";
    750 NEXT : PRINT M$:: NEXT : PRINT
    M$:
    760 FOR A = 01 TO NW STEP TW: PRINT
    SPC( PX / 4)A)" "W$(01,A) " ";
    770 IF NW > (A) THEN PRINT SPC( PX *
    5 / 8 - LEN (W$(01,A))- LEN (
    STR$( A)) - TW - PX / 4)A + 01)"
    "W$(01,A + 01)
    780 NEXT : PRINT M$: PR# Z: GOTO 560
    790 REM GRAB WORD
    800 GOSUB 1250: POKE 34,23: VTAB 24:
    INPUT "GRAB WORD=>":WS: HOME :
    POKE 34,Z
    810 FOR A = 01 TO NW: IF W$(Z,A)<>
    WS THEN NEXT : PRINT G$:: GOSUB
    140: GOTO 320
    820 WO = A: GOTO 500
    830 REM EDIT WORDS
    840 GOSUB 1250: HOME : PRINT SPC(
    4)"EDIT WORDS (TYPE 'X' TO
    RETURN)": POKE 34,01
    850 PRINT : INPUT "WORD =>":WS:
    PRINT : IF WS = "X" THEN TEXT :
    GOTO 300
    860 IF NW = Z THEN TEXT : GOSUB
    1030: GOTO 300
    870 IF VAL (W$) < > Z THEN W$ =
    W$(01, VAL (W$))
    880 IF W$ = "" THEN 990
    890 FOR A = 01 TO NW: IF W$(Z,A)<>
    W$ THEN NEXT : PRINT "?WORD NOT
    FOUND"GS: GOTO 850
    900 XS = A: FOR A = 01 TO NW: IF
    W$(01,A) < > W$ THEN NEXT
    910 YS = A: FOR A = YS + 01 TO
    NW:W$(01,A - 01) = W$(01,A):
    NEXT :W$(01,NW) = ""
    920 FOR A = XS + 01 TO NW:W$(Z,A-
    01) = W$(Z,A):W%(Z,A - 01) =
    W%(Z,A):W%(01,A - 01) = W%(01,A)
    930 W%(TW,A - 01) = W%(TW,A): NEXT
    :W$(Z,NW) = "":W%(TW,NW) =
    TW:W%(Z,NW) = Z:W%(01,NW) = Z
    940 INVERSE : PRINT "C": NORMAL :
    PRINT "HANGE OR ": INVERSE :
    PRINT "D": NORMAL : PRINT
    "ELETE"
    950 WAIT - 16384,128: GET AS: IF AS
    < > "C" AND AS < > "D" THEN 950
    960 VTAB ( PEEK (37)): CALL 64578:
    IF AS = "D" THEN NW = NW - 01:
    PRINT "DELETED": GOTO 850
    970 INPUT "NEW WORD=>":WS: IF LEN
    (W$) > X OR LEN (W$) > Y OR LEN
    (W$) > 20 THEN 970
    980 GOSUB 1140: GOTO 850
    990 FOR A = 01 TO NW: IF W$(01,A) =
    W$(01,A - 01) THEN FLASH
    1000 PRINT A)" "W$(01,A): NORMAL :
    IF PEEK ( - 16384) < > 141 THEN
    NEXT
    1010 POKE - 16368,Z: GOTO 850
    1020 REM INPUT WORDS
    1030 HOME : PRINT SPC( 5)"WORD ENTRY
    (TYPE 'X' TO EXIT)": VTAB 4
    1040 IF NW THEN PRINT "ERASE WORDS
    IN MEMORY (Y/N) Y" CHR$( 8)::
    GET WS: IF WS < > "N" THEN GOSUB
    1660:NW = Z
    1050 VTAB TW: CALL 64578: VTAB 4:
    POKE 34,TW
    1060 PRINT : INPUT "WORD =>":WS
    1070 IF LEN (W$) > X OR LEN (W$) > Y
    OR LEN (W$) > 20 THEN PRINT
    G$"TOO LONG": GOTO 1060
    1080 IF W$ = "X" THEN 1120
    1090 IF W$ = "" THEN 1060
    1100 NW = NW + 01:XS = Z: GOSUB 1140
    1110 IF NW < 75 THEN 1060
    1120 TEXT : RETURN
    1130 REM FIND A PLACE FOR THE WORD
    1140 FOR A = 01 TO NW: IF W$ >
    W$(01,A) THEN NEXT :W$(01,NW) =
    W$: GOTO 1160
    1150 FOR B = NW TO A STEP -
    01:W$(01,B) = W$(01,B - 01):
    NEXT :W$(01,A) = W$
    1160 AS = "": FOR A = 01 TO LEN (W$):
    IF MID$( W$,A,01) < > " " THEN
    AS = AS + MID$( W$,A,01)
    1170 NEXT : FOR A = 01 TO NW: IF LEN
    (AS) < LEN (W$(Z,A)) THEN NEXT
    :A = NW: GOTO 1200
    1180 FOR B = NW TO A STEP -
    01:W$(Z,B) = W$(Z,B -
    01):W%(TW,B) = W%(TW,B - 01)
    1190 W$(Z,B) = W$(Z,B - 01):W%(01,B)
    = W%(01,B - 01): NEXT
    1200 W$(Z,A) = AS:W%(Z,A) =
    Z:W%(01,A) = Z:W%(TW,A) = TW:
    RETURN
    1210 REM HIGHLIGHT THE CURRENT WORD
    1220 GOSUB 120: POKE Z,Z: CALL ML:
    GOSUB 120
    1230 POKE Z,96: INVERSE : CALL ML:
    NORMAL : RETURN
    1240 REM DROP WORD
    1250 IF PEEK (Z) = 255 THEN 1270
    1260 POKE Z,128: CALL ML: IF PEEK
    (Z) = 255 THEN 1280
    1270 PRINT G$:: POP : GOTO 330
    1280 POKE Z,96: GOSUB 120: CALL ML:
    RETURN
    1290 REM CONVERT SCREEN IMAGE
    1300 VTAB 24: HTAB 01: PRINT "ONE
    MOMENT PLEASE":
    1310 POKE 01,TW: POKE 249,X: FOR A =
    01 TO Y: POKE 252,LX
    1320 POKE 253,LY + A - 01: POKE Z,Z:
    CALL ML:W$(A) = ""
    1330 FOR B = 01 TO X:W$(A) = W$(A)
    + CHR$( PEEK (703 + B)): NEXT :
    NEXT : RETURN
    1340 REM DISK ACCESS
    1350 HOME : PRINT SPC( 5)"DISK
    ACCESS (TYPE 'X' TO EXIT)": POKE
    34,01: VTAB 3
    1360 PRINT : INPUT "COMMAND=>":AS:
    IF PEEK (512 + LEN (AS)) THEN
    VTAB PEEK (37): CALL 64578
    1370 W$ = "": FOR A = 512 + LEN (AS)
    TO 767: IF PEEK (A) THEN W$ = W$
    + CHR$( PEEK (A)): NEXT
    1380 TS = CHR$( 4): ONERR GOTO 1520
    1390 IF LEFT$( AS,4) < > "SAVE" THEN
    1440
    1400 AS = RIGHT$( AS, LEN (AS) - 4):
    PRINT TS"OPEN"ASWS: PRINT
    TS"DELETE"AS
    1410 PRINT TS"OPEN"AS: PRINT
    TS"WRITE"AS: PRINT NW,"X","Y
    1420 FOR A = 01 TO NW: FOR B = Z TO
    TW: PRINT CHR$( 63 + W%(B,A));
    1430 NEXT : PRINT

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" ,WS(Z,A) ,WS(O1,A) : NEXT :
GOTO 1480
1440 IF LEFT$ (A$,4) <> "LOAD" THEN
1490
1450 GOSUB 1670:A$ = RIGHT$ (A$, LEN
(A$) - 4) : PRINT TS"VERIFY"ASWS:
PRINT TS"OPEN"AS
1460 PRINT TS"READ"AS: INPUT NW,X,Y:
FOR A = 01 TO NW: INPUT
A$,WS(Z,A),WS(O1,A)
1470 FOR B = Z TO TW:WX(B,A) = ASC (
MID$(A$,B + 01)) - 63: NEXT :
NEXT : GOSUB 1680
1480 PRINT TS"CLOSE": GOTO 1360
1490 IF LEFT$ (A$,01) = "B" THEN
POKE 222,11: GOTO 1520
1500 IF A$ = "X" THEN POKE 216,Z:
TEXT : GOTO 300
1510 PRINT TSASWS: GOTO 1360
1520 CALL 932: PRINT : PRINT "ERROR
#" PEEK (222)G$: GOTO 1360
1530 REM INITIALIZE VARIABLES
1540 A = 01 = X = Y = Z = TW = LX =
LY = GX = GY = NW = B = PR = PX =
WO = ML = XS = YS
1550 A$ = "" : K$ = "IJKMAPDLNEG" +
CHR$(8) + CHR$(21) + CHR$(
27) : G$ = CHR$(7) : M$ = CHR$(
13)
1560 DIM WS(1,75),WS(24),WX(2,75)
1570 O1 = 1 : Z = 0 : TW = 2 : WO = 01 : ML =
768
1580 IF PEEK (768) <> 6 THEN PRINT
CHR$(4)"BLOOD WORD
SEARCHER.OBJ,AS300"
1590 WS(Z) = " " : FOR A = 01 TO
5:WS(Z) = WS(Z) + WS(Z) : NEXT
1600 TEXT : HOME : NORMAL : PRINT
SPC(5)"CORE WORD SEARCH
EDITOR/CREATOR": VTAB 4
1610 PRINT : INPUT "PRINTER SLOT
=>": PR: IF PR > 7 OR PR < Z THEN
1610
1620 PR = INT (PR) : PRINT : INPUT
"CHARACTERS PER LINE =>": PX: IF
PX < 40 OR PX > 255 THEN 1620
1630 PRINT : PRINT "DISK ACCESS?
(Y/N) N" CHR$(8) : GET A$: VTAB
PEEK (37) : CALL 64578: IF A$ =
"Y" THEN POP : GOTO 1350
1640 PRINT : INPUT "COLUMNS IN
SEARCHWORD =>": X: IF X > 38 OR X
< 5 THEN 1640
1650 PRINT : INPUT "ROWS IN
SEARCHWORD =>": Y: IF Y > 23 OR Y
< 5 THEN 1650
1660 X = INT (X) : Y = INT (Y) : FOR A =
01 TO Y:WS(A) = LEFT$(
WS(Z),X) : NEXT
1670 FOR A = 01 TO NW:WS(O1,A) =
"" : WS(Z,A) = "" : WX(Z,A) =
Z:WX(O1,A) = Z:WX(TW,A) = TW:
NEXT
1680 LX = 20 - INT (X / TW) : GX = LX +
X : LY = 11 - INT (Y / TW) : GY = LY
+ Y
1690 POKE 254,LX: POKE 255,LY: POKE
250,GX: POKE 251,GY: RETURN
1700 REM EXIT?
1710 VTAB 24: HTAB 01: INVERSE :
PRINT "E";: NORMAL : PRINT "XIT
";: INVERSE : PRINT "C";: NORMAL
1720 PRINT "LEAR WORK AREA ";:
INVERSE : PRINT "B";: NORMAL :
PRINT "ACK TO SEARCHWORD";
1730 WAIT - 16384,128: GET A$: IF A$
<> "E" AND A$ <> "C" AND A$ <>
"B" THEN 1730

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1740 HTAB 01: VTAB 24: CALL 64578:
IF A$ = "C" THEN RUN
1750 IF A$ = "B" THEN 330
1760 REM HBAYR RRAADY YDAARR RYABH
1770 TEXT : HOME : END

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### Word Searcher Example

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P X S G G S N T B X H I
O A I D W I J R O J N U
A N I R E L B B I N T N
O S R E T E M A R A P B
K O E L S P C K E L Y H
X F I L E U A P P S R Z
K T P O C D H K U J C T
I K O R T K P Y S A N H
C E C T O O C V R Z E B
F Y T N R J T A M R O F
T F I O M G S I R Y A J
N R B C P P F N X T Q B

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1) A P T      | 2) BIT COPIER |
| 3) CONTROLLER | 4) DISK       |
| 5) ENCRYPT    | 6) FORMAT     |
| 7) NIBBLE     | 8) PARAMETERS |
| 9) SECTOR     | 10) SOFTKEY   |
| 11) SUPER IOB | 12) TRACK     |

### Word Searcher Hexdump

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0300:06 00 A2 FF B0 6B E8 E4 $2C33
0308:F9 90 01 60 A5 FD 20 C1 $44EE
0310:FB A4 FC 20 4E 03 A4 01 $8A5A
0318:18 B9 44 03 65 FD 85 FD $1037
0320:C5 FB B0 16 C5 FF 90 12 $E833
0328:18 C8 C8 B9 44 03 65 FC $AE47
0330:85 FC C5 FA B0 04 C5 FE $2800
0338:B0 CC E8 E4 F9 B0 04 A9 $C7F9
0340:FF 85 00 60 FF FF 00 01 $8E34
0348:01 01 01 00 FF FF FF 24 00 $E824
0350:30 0E B1 28 29 7F 70 04 $0F64
0358:9D C0 02 60 9D E0 02 60 $DBB0
0360:70 05 BD C0 02 50 03 BD $71E4
0368:E0 02 09 80 25 32 91 28 $CFC5
0370:60 86 00 E8 E4 F9 B0 F8 $18D0
0378:BD C0 02 C9 2E F0 F4 DD $9EC5
0380:E0 02 F0 EF 86 00 60 A5 $478D
0388:FA 85 21 A5 FF 48 20 C1 $C2D3
0390:FB A9 AE A4 FE 20 A0 FC $C2C6
0398:68 69 00 C5 FB 90 EE A9 $C58D
03A0:28 85 21 60 68 A8 68 A6 $4407
03A8:DF 9A 48 98 48 60 $6D45

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### Source Code

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1000*-----
1010 * WORD SEARCHER
1020 * MACHINE LANGUAGE STUFF
1030 *-----
1040
1050 LX .EQ $FE LEAST MOST X
COORDINATE AVAILABLE
1060 LY .EQ $FF LEAST MOST Y
COORDINATE AVAILABLE
1070 GX .EQ $FA GREATEST XC00
RDINATE AVAILABLE
1080 GY .EQ $FB GREATEST YC00
RDINATE AVAILABLE
1090 X .EQ $FC STARTING AND
CURRENT X COORDINATE
1100 Y .EQ $FD STARTING AND
CURRENT Y COORDINATE
1110 DIR .EQ 1 DIRECTION TO
LOAD/SAVE
1120 DUR .EQ $F9 NUMBER OF TIM
ES TO MOVE

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1130 FUNC .EQ $0 FUNCTION TO P
ERFORM, B6=LOAD/SAVE, B5=PRIMARY/SECONDA
RY BUFFER, B7=VERIFY?
1140 INVFLG .EQ 50 FLAG THAT TEL
LS WHETHER TEST IS INVERSE OR NOT
1150 BASCALC .EQ $FBC1 ROUTINE THAT
CALCULATES TEXT SCREEN ADDRESS
1160 BASL .EQ $28 WHERE THE SCR
EEN ADDRESS IS STORED
1170 PRIMARY .EQ $2C0 PRIMARY BUFFE
R
1180 SECONDARY .EQ $2E0 SECONDARY BUF
FER
1190 CLEOL2 .EQ $FCA0 ROUTINE THAT
STORES A ROW OF PERIODS
1200
1210 .OR $300
1220 .TF WORD SEARCHER.OBJ
1230
1240 ASL FUNC VERIFY?
1250 LDX #SFF BEG. OFFSET
1260 BCS VERIFY YES
1270
1280 NXT1 INX STARTING1
1290 CPX DUR DONE?
1300 BCC D01 NOPE!
1310 RTS
1320
1330 D01 LDA Y
1340 JSR BASCALC GET ADDR
1350 LDY X CH
1360 JSR MOVER LD/SV PR/SC
1370
1380 LDY DIR INC/DEC
1390 CLC C=0!
1400 LDA SPEEDS,Y Y=Y+YS
1410 ADC Y
1420 STA Y
1430 CMP GY
1440 BCS RTS2 STILL IN?
1450 CMP LY
1460 BCC RTS2
1470 CLC C=0!
1480 INY XS OFFSET
1490 INY
1500 LDA SPEEDS,Y X=X+XS
1510 ADC X
1520 STA X
1530 CMP GX STILL IN?
1540 BCS RTS2
1550 CMP LX
1560 BCS NXT1
1570 RTS2 INX
1580 CPX DUR FINISHED
1590 BCS RTS1 YES, IGNORE
1600 LDA #SFF
1610 STA FUNC TELL BASIC
1620 RTS
1630
1640 SPEEDS .HS FFFF00010100FFFFF
1650
1660 MOVER BIT FUNC LD OR SV?
1670 BMI LOADER LOAD!
1680
1690 LDA (BASL),Y SAVE SCR N
AND #SFF ASCII CNVRT
1700 BVS SECD.S
1710 STA PRIMARY,X
1720 RTS
1730 STA SECONDARY,X
1740 SECD.S
1750 RTS
1760
1770 LOADER BVS SECD.L
1780 LDA PRIMARY,X
1790 BVC LOAD
1800 SECD.L LDA SECONDARY,X
1810 LOAD ORA #S80 NORMALIZE
AND INVFLG INVERSE?
1820 STA (BASL),Y
1830 RTS
1840 RTS3
1850
1860 VERIFY STX FUNC RETURN CODE
1870 .1 INX NEXT1
1880 CPX DUR DONE?
1890 BCS RTS3 YES!
1900 LDA PRIMARY,X GET ONE

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60 LOMEM: 8448: HIMEM: 9983: GOTO
  10010
70 REM INITIAL IOB SETUP
80 POKE BUF,39: POKE DRV,DV: POKE
  VOL,VL: POKE SLT,SO * 16: RETURN
90 REM R/W SECTOR
100 BF = 0: POKE TRK,TK: POKE
  SCT,ST: POKE CMD,CD: CALL IO:
  POKE BUF, PEEK (BUF) + 1: IF
  PEEK (BUF) = > MB THEN BF = 1
110 RETURN
120 REM MOVE S PHASES
130 POKE 49289 + SO * 16 + DV,0:
  POKE 49289 + SO * 16,0: A = PH -
  INT (PH / 4) * 4: POKE 1144,128
  + A: POKE 811,128 + S + A: POKE
  813,SO * 16: CALL 810: POKE
  49288 + SO * 16,0: PH = PH + S:
  IF PH < 0 THEN PH = 0
140 RETURN
150 REM 16 SECTOR RWTS ALTERATIONS
160 REM IGNORE CHKSUM & END MARKS
170 POKE 47405,24: POKE 47406,96:
  POKE 47497,24: POKE 47498,96:
  RETURN
180 REM ALTERED ADDRESS MARKS
190 READ A1,A2,A3: POKE 47445,A1:
  POKE 47455,A2: POKE 47466,A3:
  RETURN
200 REM ALTERED DATA MARKS
210 READ A1,A2,A3: POKE 47335,A1:
  POKE 47345,A2: POKE 47356,A3:
  RETURN
220 REM NORMALIZER
230 POKE 47405,208: POKE 47406,19:
  POKE 47497,208: POKE 47498,183:
  POKE 47445,213
240 POKE 47455,170: POKE 47466,150:
  POKE 47335,213: POKE 47345,170:
  POKE 47356,173: RETURN
250 REM 13 SECTOR RWTS ALTERATIONS
260 REM IGNORE CHKSUM & END MARKS
270 POKE 47530,24: POKE 47531,96:
  POKE 47438,24: POKE 47439,96:
  RETURN
280 REM ALTERED ADDRESS MARKS
290 READ A1,A2,A3: POKE 47478,A1:
  POKE 47488,A2: POKE 47499,A3:
  RETURN
300 REM ALTERED DATA MARKS
310 READ A1,A2,A3: POKE 47368,A1:
  POKE 47378,A2: POKE 47389,A3:
  RETURN
320 REM NORMALIZER
330 POKE 47530,208: POKE 47531,183:
  POKE 47438,208: POKE 47439,19:
  POKE 47478,213
340 POKE 47488,170: POKE 47499,181:
  POKE 47368,213: POKE 47378,170:
  POKE 47389,173: RETURN
350 REM SWAP RWTS AT $1900 WITH THE
  ONE AT $B800
360 POKE 253,25: POKE 255,184: POKE
  224,8: CALL 832: RETURN
370 REM FORMAT DISK
380 AS = "VOLUME NUMBER FOR
  COPY=>254": HOME: GOSUB 450:
  HTAB32: INPUT "";VL$: VL = VAL
  (VL$): IF VL$ = "" THEN VL = 254
390 IF VL > 255 OR VL < 0 THEN 380
400 POKE CMD,INIT: SO = S2: DV = D2:
  AS = "INSERT BLANK DISK IN SLOT
  " + STR$ (S2) + ", DRIVE " + STR$
  (D2): GOSUB 470
410 GOSUB 80: HOME: AS =
  "FORMATING": FLASH: GOSUB 450:
  NORMAL: CALL IO: VL = 0: RETURN
420 REM PRINT TRACK & SECTOR#
430 VTAB 3: HTAB 10: PRINT
  "TRACK=>"TK SPC(2)"SECTOR=>"ST
  SPC(2): RETURN
440 REM CENTER MESSAGE
450 HTAB 21 - LEN (AS) / 2:
  PRINTAS$;: RETURN
460 REM PRINT MESSAGE AND WAIT
470 HOME: VTAB 11: GOSUB 450:
  VTAB13: AS = "PRESS ANY KEY TO
  CONTINUE": GOSUB 450: WAIT
  -16384,128: GET AS: RETURN
480 REM TOGGLE READ/WRITE
490 CD = (CD = 1) + 1: IF CD = RD
  THEN AS = "INSERT SOURCE DISK.":
  SO = S1: DV = D1: GOTO 510
500 AS = "INSERT TARGET DISK.": SO =
  S2: DV = D2
510 IF D1 = D2 AND S1 = S2 THEN GOSUB
  470: HOME
520 VTAB 1: HTAB 1: PRINT SPC(39);:
  FLASH: AS = "READING": IF CD =
  WR THEN AS = "WRITING"
530 GOSUB 450: NORMAL: GOTO 80
540 REM ONERR IGNORE UNREADABLE
  SECTORS
550 CALL 822:ERR = PEEK (222): IF
  ERR > 15 AND ERR < 254 THEN POKE
  216,0
560 IF (ERR = 255 OR ERR = 254) AND
  CD < > RD THEN 10230
570 IF ERR > 15 THEN RESUME
580 PRINT CHR$ (7);: POKE BUF, PEEK
  (BUF) + 1: IF PEEK (BUF) = > MB
  THEN BF = 1
590 RETURN
10000 REM CONFIGURATION TIME
10010 REM BLOAD RWTS HERE
10020 IF PEEK (768) * PEEK (769) =
  507 THEN 10060
10030 HOME: AS = "*" SUPER IOB *":
  GOSUB 450: PRINT: PRINT: AS =
  "CREATED BY RAY DARRAH": GOSUB
  450
10040 VTAB 10: AS = "INSERT SUPER
  IOB DISK": GOSUB 450: PRINT:
  PRINT: PRINT: AS = "PRESS ANY
  KEY TO CONTINUE": GOSUB450: WAIT
  - 16384,128: GET AS$
10050 PRINT: PRINT CHR$ (4)"BLOAD
  IOB.OBJO,AS$300"
10060 TK = ST = VL = CD = DV = SO:RD
  = 1:WR = 2:INIT = 4: ONERR GOTO
  10220
10070 IO = 768: SLT = 779: DRV =
  780: VOL = 781: TRK = 782: SCT
  =783: BUF = 787: CMD = 790: OVL
  =792
10080 HOME: DOS = 16:MB = 151
10090 VTAB 8: PRINT: AS =
  "ORIGINAL": S2 = 6: D2 = 1:
  GOSUB 10140: S1 = S2: D1 = D2
10100 PRINT: PRINT: PRINT: D2 =(D2 =
  1) + 1: AS = "DUPLICATE
  ": GOSUB 10140
10110 AS = "FORMAT BACK UP FIRST? N"
  + CHR$ (8): HOME: VTAB12: GOSUB
  450: GET AS: IF AS = "Y" THEN GOSUB
  380
10120 HOME: AS = "INSERT DISKS IN
  PROPER DRIVES.": GOSUB 470:
  HOME: GOTO 1000
10130 REM GET SLOT AND DRIVE#
10140 GOSUB 450: PRINT: PRINT: PRINT
  TAB(10)"SLOT=>"S2
  SPC(8)"DRIVE=>"D2;
10150 HTAB 16: BS = "7": GOSUB
  10180: S2 = VAL (AS$)
10160 HTAB 32: BS = "2": GOSUB
  10180: D2 = VAL (AS$): RETURN
10170 REM GET A KEY
10180 GET AS: IF (AS < "1" OR AS >
  BS) AND AS < > CHR$ (13) THEN
  10180
10190 IF AS = CHR$ (13) THEN AS =
  CHR$ ( PEEK ( PEEK (40) + PEEK
  (41) * 256 + PEEK (36)) - 128)
10200 PRINT AS;: RETURN
10210 REM DISK ERROR
10220 ERR = PEEK (222): IF ERR >15
  AND ERR < 254 THEN POKE216,0:
  CALL 822
10230 IF ERR = 254 THEN PRINT "TYPE
  AGAIN PLEASE.": PRINT: RESUME
10240 IF ERR = 255 THEN STOP
10250 IF ERR = 0 THEN AS =
  "INITIALIZATION ERROR"
10260 IF ERR = 1 THEN AS = "WRITE
  PROTECTED"
10270 IF ERR = 2 THEN AS = "VOLUME
  MISMATCH ERROR"
10280 IF ERR = 4 THEN AS = "DRIVE
  ERROR"
10290 IF ERR = 8 THEN AS = "READ
  ERROR"
10300 VTAB 20: GOSUB 450: PRINT CHR$
  (7): END
62000 REM DATA FOR MARKS

```

## CHECKSUMS

10	-	\$BADD	410	-	\$9A03
20	-	\$9B13	420	-	\$FF36
30	-	\$4D3B	430	-	\$713A
40	-	\$AD92	440	-	\$0A35
50	-	\$C899	450	-	\$76B5
60	-	\$1FBA	460	-	\$51E2
70	-	\$0061	470	-	\$CCA2
80	-	\$835F	480	-	\$7AD0
90	-	\$E171	490	-	\$EEB8
100	-	\$AD0E	500	-	\$3A54
110	-	\$57B6	510	-	\$5FC8
120	-	\$8472	520	-	\$D7BE
130	-	\$617E	530	-	\$A4CF
140	-	\$0F1F	540	-	\$1447
150	-	\$F1B3	550	-	\$0523
160	-	\$C59A	560	-	\$DD07
170	-	\$6DEC	570	-	\$EAC1
180	-	\$56EA	580	-	\$AB8E
190	-	\$D2AC	590	-	\$62FA
200	-	\$1EEF	10000	-	\$ADC8
210	-	\$C7D5	10010	-	\$074E
220	-	\$7B7E	10020	-	\$E36A
230	-	\$F7E4	10030	-	\$A272
240	-	\$596A	10040	-	\$DE1E
250	-	\$50B9	10050	-	\$32F3
260	-	\$7D80	10060	-	\$58BE
270	-	\$AD47	10070	-	\$2C16
280	-	\$E373	10080	-	\$0328
290	-	\$488B	10090	-	\$E82F
300	-	\$FFE7	10100	-	\$6FD0
310	-	\$4DD1	10110	-	\$60F3
320	-	\$4DA3	10120	-	\$9CC0
330	-	\$C76F	10130	-	\$BBE7
340	-	\$01F0	10140	-	\$29D9
350	-	\$FOAE	10150	-	\$1F41
360	-	\$5452	10160	-	\$81FC
370	-	\$C2A5	10170	-	\$03AA
380	-	\$8A57	10180	-	\$4592
390	-	\$65AE	10190	-	\$AF74
400	-	\$15FA	10200	-	\$B55E



10210 -	\$E996	10260 -	\$120B
10220 -	\$D7C9	10270 -	\$E779
10230 -	\$6FB9	10280 -	\$A46B
10240 -	\$7772	10290 -	\$57BD
10250 -	\$C5EC	10300 -	\$636F
		62000 -	\$2462

### Source Code

```

1000 * -----
1010 * Super IOB machine routines
1020 *
1030 * BY RAY DARRAH
1040 * -----
1050
1060 RWTS.B800 .EQ $03D9 ENTRY POINT T
0 RWTS @$B800
1070 INVOKERROR .EQ $D412 ROUTINE THAT
CAUSES BASIC TO DO THE ERROR CONTAINED IN X
1080 RWTS.1900 .EQ $1E00 ENTRY POINT T
0 THE RWTS AT $1900
1090 SEEKABS .EQ $B9A0 ENTRY POINT T
0 THE SEEKABS ROUTINE AT $B800
1100 BAS.ERR .EQ 222 ;BASIC ON ERR
ERROR CODE
1110 SWFRM .EQ $FC ;EXCHANGE FR
OM PARAMETER
1120 SWTO .EQ $FE ;EXCHANGE RW
TS 'TO' PARAMETER
1130 PAGES .EQ $E0 ;NUMBER OF PA
GES OF MEMORY TO EXCHANGE
1140 .OR $0300 STARTS AT PAG
E THREE
1150 .TF IOB.OBJO
1160
1170 * -----
1180 * CALL RWTS *
1190 * -----
1200
1210 IO LDA /TABLETYP ENTRY POINT
FOR CALING THE RWTS THROUGH BASIC
1220 LDY #TABLETYP A,Y POINT TO
THE IOB TABLE
1230 JSR RWTS.B800 GO TO THE RW
TS AT $B800
1240 BCS DOS.ERR IF THE CARRY
SET THEN CAUSE BASIC ERROR
1250 RTS OTHERWISE, AL
L IS WELL SO RETURN
1260 TABLETYP .HS 01 TYPE OF TABLE
(1=IOB)
1270 SLT .HS 60 SLOT
1280 DRV .HS 01 DRIVE
1290 VOL .HS 00 VOLUME
1300 TRK .HS 00 TRACK
1310 SCT .HS 00 SECTOR
1320 DCTPTR .DA DCT POINTER TO TH
E DEVICE CHARACTERISTICS TABLE
1330 BUFFERLO .HS 00 ALWAYS MAKE
LSB OF BUFFER POINTER ZERO!
1340 BUF .HS 27 SECTOR BUFFE
R PAGE POINTER
1350 NOTHING .HS 00 NOT USED
1360 BYTCOUNT .HS 00 BYTE COUNT FO
R PARTIAL SECTOR (0=256 BYTES)
1370 CMD .HS 00 COMMAND COD
E (0=SEEK)
1380 RWTS.ERR .HS 00 ERROR CODE T
HA THE RWTS.B800 RETURNS WITH
1390 OVL .HS 00 VOLUME NUMB
ER OF LAST ACCESSED DISK
1400 OLDSL T .HS 60 SLOT PREVIOUS
LY ACCESSED
1410 OLDDRV .HS 01 DRIVE PREVIOU
LSY ACCESSED
1420 DCT .HS 00 DEVICE TYPE 0
F DEVICE CHARACTERISTICS TABLE
1430 PHASES .HS 01 PHASES-1 PER
TRACK, (0 OR 1)
1440 MOTORCNT .HS EFD8 MOTOR-ON TIM
E COUNT
1450 DOS.ERR LDA RWTS.ERR DOS HAS HAD A
N ERROR, GET THE ERROR CODE
1460 LSR DIVIDE IT BY 16
1470 LSR
1480 LSR
1490 LSR

```

```

1500 TAX TRANSFER IT T
O X SO BASIC WILL INDUCE THE FALSE ERROR CODE
1510 JMP INVOKERROR CAUSE A BAS
IC ERROR
1520
1530 * -----
1540 * MOVE THE DISK ARM *
1550 * -----
1560
1570 MOVPHASES LDA #000 ROUTINE TO SE
T UP THE REGISTERS BEFORE CALLING SEEKABS
1580 LDX #000 X AND A HAVE
DUMMY NUMBERS THAT WILL BE POKED INTO BY
"MOVE S PHASES"
1590 JMP SEEKABS
1600
1610 * -----
1620 * CAUSE ERROR IN CONTROLLER *
1630 * -----
1640
1650 BASICERR LDX BAS.ERR BASIC HAS MAD
E AN ERROR SO CAUSE THE ERROR NUMBER AT 222
1660 JMP INVOKERROR
1670 * -----
1680 * POP OFF RETURN *
1690 * -----
1700 POP PLA ROUTINE TO PO
P OFF ONE RETURN (BASIC) ADDRESS
1710 TAY
1720 PLA
1730 LDX BAS.ERR+1 GET WHAT THE
STACK WOULD BE IF THE GOSUB WASN'T THERE
1740 TXS PUT THAT AS
THE STACK POINTER
1750 PHA
1760 TYA RESTORE THE
LAST RETURN ADDRESS
1770 PHA
1780 RTS
1790
1800 * -----
1810 * EXCHANGE RWTS's *
1820 * -----
1830
1840 LDY #0 ;ZERO LSB's
1850 STY SWFRM ;AND HAVE Y
AT ZERO FOR START
1860 STY SWTO
1870 MOVE.PAGE LDA (SWFRM),Y ;GET A BYTE
1880 PHA ;AND SAVE IT
1890 LDA (SWTO),Y ;GET THE BYTE
WHERE THE SAVED ONE GOES
1900 STA (SWFRM),Y ;AND STORE I
T WHERE THE SAVED ONE WAS
1910 PLA ;GET THE SAVE
D BYTE
1920 STA (SWTO),Y ;AND STORE IT
WHERE IT GOES
1930 INY ;DONE WITH A
PAGE
1940 BNE MOVE.PAGE ;NO KEEP WOR
KING ON IT
1950 INC SWFRM+1 ;GET NEXT MSB
1960 INC SWTO+1
1970 DEC PAGES ;DECREMENT T
HE NUMBER OF PAGES TO MOVE
1980 BNE MOVE.PAGE ;IF NOT DONE
, MOVE ANOTHER PAGE
1990 RTS ;FINISHED, RTS

```

### Super IOB HEXDUMP

```

0300: A9 03 A0 0A 20 09 03 B0 $B0D35
0308: 16 60 01 60 01 00 00 00 $9CF5
0310: 18 03 00 27 00 00 00 00 $4320
0318: 00 60 01 00 01 EF D8 AD $55A7
0320: 17 03 4A 4A 4A 4A AA 4C $842B
0328: 12 D4 A9 00 A2 00 4C A0 $8038
0330: B9 A6 DE 4C 12 D4 68 A8 $6E1C
0338: 68 A6 DF 9A 48 98 48 60 $FDD9
0340: A0 00 84 FC 84 FE B1 FC $3777
0348: 48 B1 FE 91 FC 68 91 FE $AAB9

0350: C8 D0 F3 E6 FD E6 FF C6 $921F
0358: E0 D0 EB 60 $3160

```

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# Softkey For Sierra On-Line Software

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Sammy Lightfoot (\$29.95)  
Time Zone V1.1 (\$100.00)  
Apple Cider Spider (\$29.95)  
Oils Well (\$29.95)  
Cannonball Blitz (\$29.95)

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## Requirements:

Apple with 48K

COPYA

A Sector editing program such as Disk Zap  
A blank disk for each of the above programs

The folks at Sierra On-line have come to a very realistic view on copy protection. Some of their earlier releases such as Lunar Leapers used elaborate protection schemes like spiral tracking (uses 1/4 tracks spiraled along the disk). The problem with this kind of protection is that it is expensive, and it doesn't work on all flavors of Apples (//e, etc.). On-Line probably also had to send out to have the copies made because you can't exactly run COPYA to make thousands of commercial copies of a spiral disk.

With competition increasing, and the high awareness to cut internal costs, On-line has chosen not to use elaborate protection schemes on their newer releases (Oil's Well, Sammy Lightfoot, Screenwriter II, ver 2.2, etc.). Instead, they use a good basic scheme that will often deter those equipped with Locksmith or Nibbles Away, and even discourage those who try to deprotect their programs altogether. This protection scheme is interesting in that one can usually use COPYA to copy the disk, but the copy will not run. Somehow, the programs know that an original disk is not in the drive.

The basis of Sierra On-Line's protection scheme is called a *nibble count*. When the master disk is copied at On-line, the copy program counts the number of bytes on a certain track and then stores this value on the disk. This value is different for each copy of the program because miniscule changes in the disk drive speed can cause extra or fewer bytes to be put on a track when it is written. Normal DOS does not care about this, since it uses a certain byte (FF) as a filler. When a disk is booted, it reads that track and compares the number of bytes read to the number stored on the disk. If they don't match, the program bombs out! Locksmith and several other bit copy programs allow you to do nibble counting when making a copy. However, if you have ever attempted

this, you know how very difficult it is and how long it takes to get a reliable copy. Though the disk drive speed is highly regulated, it only takes a fraction of a turn to make a difference of a few bytes on the track.

The best way around the problem is to find the protection code and disable it. Fortunately for us, Sierra On-line uses the same technique on a number of their disks, so if you figure out how to copy one, you can copy a number of them. If you are interested in how they implement nibble counting, read on. Otherwise, skip the next section and go on to the step-by-step "cookbook" instructions.

## Real Men Write Self-Modifying Code

The protection code used by Sierra On-line is a great example of hiding the true function of machine code! Read on, and you will see examples of code within code within code. A typical disassembly of the protection code might start out:

```
0900- CE 03 09 DEC $0903
0903- EF      ???
0904- 03      ???
0905- 09 AD 28 ORA #$AD
0907- 28      PLP
0908- 09 49   ORA #$49
```

It looks like there really isn't anything there. But notice that the first instruction decrements the very next byte! If we look at this same code after the first statement executes, we see:

```
0900- CE 03 09 DEC $0903
0903- EE 03 09 INC $0903
0906- AD 28 09 LDA $0928
0909- 49 8A   EOR #$8A
090B- D0 01   BNE $090E
090D- 20 8D 28 JSR $288D
0910- 09 18   ORA #$18
```

It doesn't even look like the same code! Notice, too, that the "new" instruction at \$0903 restores \$0903 to its original value of \$EF so that the program hides itself again. From there, a simple sequence of instructions first gets a byte from \$0928 (which happens to be \$60), EORs it with \$8A (giving \$EA) and then executes a branch instruction. As I have shown, the accumulator is not zero, so this branch is taken...*right into the middle of another statement!* \$090E is in the middle of the following JSR! However, by listing from \$090E, the following code is revealed:

```
090E- 8D 28 09 STA $0928
0911- 18      CLC
0912- D0 01   BNE $0915
0914- 4C A0 29 JMP $29A0
0917- 98      TYA
```

Ah ha! There is really a STA hiding there, and it stores the accumulator back to \$0928. Then a clear carry is done to set up the carry flag to be used in a moment. The branch is always done since the accumulator doesn't end up being zero (it is \$EA, from above). Once again, this branch is to the middle of another instruction! Listing from \$0915, you see the following:

```
0915- A0 29   LDY #$29
0917- 98      TYA
0918- 90 01   BCC $091B
091A- 20 59 00 JSR $0059
091D- 09 99   ORA #$99
```

So, another bit of hidden code! The Y-register is loaded with the value \$29, copied into the accumulator, and a branch is made (remember the carry flag that was cleared above?). Once again, the branch is to the middle of another instruction (are you beginning to get the picture?). Disassembling the program from \$091B gives:

```
091B- 59 00 09 EOR $0900, Y
091E- 99 00 09 STA $0900, Y
0921- C8      INY
0922- D0 F3   BNE $0917
0924- 88      DEY
0925- 30 01   BMI $0928
0927- 4C EA E1 JMP $E1EA
```

Here at last is the core of the code (no pun intended). This section does an Exclusive OR of a memory location with the accumulator and then stores the number back into memory. The Y register (used as the index) is incremented and the branch to the top of the loop is taken until Y is zero (it counts from \$29 to \$FF). When the Y register is zero it is decremented, and since it is now negative, the branch is made into the middle of another instruction. You notice that this is at \$0928, our old friend from above which was converted from a \$60 (RTS) to an \$EA (NOP). Once all the EOR's have been executed on memory from \$0929 to \$09FF, the following code is revealed.

```
0928- EA      NOP
0929- C8      INY
092A- 8C F4 B7 STY $B7F4
092D- 8D EC B7 STA $B7EC
0930- A9 B7   LDA #$B7
0932- A0 E8   LDY #$E8
0934- 20 D9 03 JSR $03D9
0937- BD 89 C0 LDA $C089, X
093A- A9 05   LDA #$05
093C- 8D 00 BB STA $BB00
093F- 20 90 09 JSR $0990
0942- 10 01   BPL $0945
0944- 20 C8 C0 JSR $C0C8
0947- 30 5D   BMI $09A6
0949- 8C C0 90 STY $90C0
094C- F8      SED
094D- BD 8C C0 LDA $C08C, X
0950- 10 0A   BPL $095C
0952- C9 C9   CMP #$C9
0954- D0 0D   BNE $0963
0956- BD 88 C0 LDA $C088, X
0959- 4C 00 09 JMP $0900
```

This is the start of On-line's infamous "nibble count" routine which reads track zero and counts the bytes on the track. If the count is not correct, then the program proceeds to wipe out the computer's memory. If the count is correct, a jump is made to \$0900 which is the start of the entire routine. The EOR operations are performed all over again and the result is that the valid code is returned to its original, obscured state. Pretty sly those On-line people!

How does the routine ever stop? Remember that the program first EORed location \$0928 (\$E0) with \$8A and then stored the result (\$EA) back into \$0928, which was later branched to? The second time the program is executed, the contents of \$0928 (\$EA) are EORed with \$8A, giving a value \$60 (the original value) which is then put back into \$0928. When the branch to \$0928 is later executed, it encounters \$60, which just happens to be the machine code for RTS!

As you can see, the people who write the protection schemes are clever. However, sometimes they are so clever that they fool themselves, and that is their downfall. Apparently, they believed that the above code was so clever, and that it was so well hidden that they relied totally on IT protecting their software. In other words, it is the only check done to see if the disk in the drive is an original. Also, probably since Sierra On-line publishes software written by a number of authors, this protection program is called as a stand-alone subroutine, returning no values! The result is that it can usually be easily defeated just by changing the first byte to \$60 to keep it from executing at all!

I mentioned above that usually the protection scheme could be defeated by changing the first byte of the protection code to \$60. One case where this won't work is in Time Zone. Time Zone does a checksum on the protection code several times before it actually executes the protection code (Sammy Lightfoot also does a checksum between loading each level after the first!). The checksum code for Time Zone, whose nibble count routine lives at \$1700, looks something like the following:

```

Initialize Pointer to $1700
50AC- A9 00 LDA #00
50AE- 85 FE STA $FE
50B0- A9 17 LDA #$17
50B2- 85 FF STA $FF

Initialize all Registers
50B4- A9 00 LDA #00
50B6- A0 00 LDY #00
50B8- A2 00 LDX #00

Ready Carry for Add
50BA- 18 CLC

Add Memory Byte
50BB- 71 FE ADC ($FE),Y

Multiply by 2
50BD- 0A ASL

Increment Index
50BE- C8 INY

Decrement Counter (256 Times)
50BF- CA DEX

Loop until Done

```

```

50C0- D0 F9 BNE $50BB
          Compare Checksum to $1E
50C2- C9 1E CMP #$1E
50C4- EA NOP
          Branch if Equal
50C5- F0 03 BEQ $50CA
          $09CB Contains JMP $09CB
50C7- 4C CB 09 JMP $09CB
          Return to Calling Routine
50CA- 60 RTS

```

The above assumes the protection code is located at \$1700, which it is in Time Zone. The easiest way to foil this checksum routine is to change the first byte of the nibble count routine to a \$60 (RTS) and also to alter the next byte of the routine so that the checksums will be identical even though the code has been changed. By experimenting with the code listed above, it turns out that the second byte of the nibble count routine should be changed to a \$E0. However, this will only work on Time Zone because the other programs seem to use a different checksum routine. For these other programs (Oils Well, Sammy Lightfoot, etc.) it turns out that the second byte needs to be changed to a \$AD. Screenwriter II ver. 2.2 and The Dictionary do not have the checksum routines, so you can get away with just changing the first byte of the nibble count routine to a \$60.

### The Steps

In a step-by-step fashion, here is what you need to do to make a copyable version of many of Sierra On-line's programs:

- 1) COPYA the original disk.

### RUN COPYA

- 2) Run your sector editor. Examine each sector for the values \$CE \$03. If you have an editor such as Disk Zap from Bag of Tricks, or Tricky Dick with The Tracer you can automatically search for this sequence. I have found that this sequence of bytes is usually at the very beginning of a sector.

**Note:** Sometimes this code appears more than once, as in Screenwriter II, so be sure to search the entire disk to find all occurrences!

- 3) Change the \$CE to \$60 and the \$03 to an \$AD (\$E0 for Time Zone) and rewrite the sector, and that's all there is to it!

Program	Trk	Sec	Byte	From	To
Screenwriter II	1A	0E	00	CE	60
version 2.2	0C	0F	00	CE	60
	17	0F	00	CE	60
The Dictionary	10	0D	00	CE	60

Sammy Lightfoot	05	0E	00	CE	60
	05	0E	01	03	AD
Time Zone version 1.1	03	0F	00	CE	60
	03	0F	01	03	E0
Apple Cider Spider	12	01	00	CE	60
	12	01	01	03	AD
Oil's Well	10	0F	00	CE	60
	10	0F	01	03	AD
Cannonball Blitz	18	06	00	CE	60
	18	06	01	03	AD

An alternate method which worked for Sammy Lightfoot and Time Zone involves disabling the code which does a JSR to the nibble count routine. This technique may also work on other SOL disks which directly JSR or JMP to the nibble count routine. Apple Cider Spider and Oil's Well apparently do an indirect JMP or JSR to their nibble count routines so this alternate technique will not work on them.

### Alternate Method

- 1) COPYA the disk.

### RUN COPYA

- 2) Use a sector editor to search the disk for a byte sequence of \$CE \$03 which is usually found at the beginning of a sector.

- 3) When you find this sequence, look at the byte which lies eight bytes past the \$CE. This byte is the high order byte of the address where the nibble count routine runs. Write down the value of this byte. For example, if the CE is found at the beginning of the sector and the eighth byte is 09, then the protection code is located at \$0900. Now search the disk for a JSR \$0900 (20 00 09). This will be the call to the protection code.

**Note:** There may be more than one call to this code, so be sure to search the entire disk!

- 4) Change the JSR XXXX you find to EA EA EA, rewrite the sector, and you are done!

For Time Zone and Sammy Lightfoot, here are the sector edits which are needed.

Program	Trk	Sec	Byte	From	To
Sammy Lightfoot	0D	00	9B	20	EA
	0D	00	9C	00	EA
	0D	00	9D	9E	EA
Time Zone version 1.1	03	0B	F0	20	EA
	03	0B	F1	00	EA
	03	0B	F2	17	EA

**Hint:** If you try the first method and everything seems to work fine up to a point and then the program just hangs, try the alternate method.



**The Visible Computer: 6502**  
**Software Masters**  
**3330 Hillcroft Suite BB**  
**Houston, TX 77057**  
**\$49.95**

**Requirements:**

Super IOB program  
 Blank disk  
 The Visible Computer program

The Visible Computer: 6502 is an excellent educational program designed to teach 6502 machine language to those would-be Bill Budes among us. The program allows the user to step and trace through machine language programs, displaying the effects upon registers and memory in hi-res graphics. The package comes with very good documentation but unfortunately, the disk is copy-protected. With the following procedure The Visible Computer: 6502 can be copied and modified to work with normal DOS 3.3.

The Visible Computer uses a modified DOS as its primary form of protection. In addition to the DOS marks being altered and the encoding manner, most of the DOS commands have been obliterated. Because of a few mistakes by the creators of The Visible Computer, we can easily capture its strange RWTS and use it to copy the disk. Once a copy has been made, the main program needs a few modifications in order to work with DOS 3.3.

Start by turning on your computer. Next, place your original version of Visible Computer in the disk drive but DO NOT CLOSE THE DRIVE DOOR. Type

**CTRLC**

and shut the door. In a few seconds you will get a "Break" message and a cursor.

Right away I thought I was 'in' to the visible computer. But the RUN flag gets set dur-

ing The Visible Computer's boot process. Therefore, anything you type will execute the program in memory (never to give control back to you).

This is where we take advantage of their first mistake. We type

**FP**

which clears the program in memory but more importantly, clears the RUN flag. Now you are 'in' to the Visible Computer. Sure the DOS commands have been obliterated, but you can still call them directly. Try a

**CALL 42350**

to see the CATALOG.

What we have to do now is save the RWTS portion of the DOS in memory so that Super IOB can use it. This is accomplished by the monitor command

**1900 < B800.BFFF**

Next, boot your Super IOB disk and save the RWTS with

**BSAVE VISICOMP.RWTS,**  
**AS1900,LS800**

With this file, all you have to do is use the Super IOB controller from page 27.

Once the copy has been made, there are a couple of modifications and deletions that must be made to the main Applesoft program called VC so that it will work properly with DOS 3.3.

The first deletion is line 1 of the program. This line is a REM statement containing a CTRL M, a CTRL D and the DOS command FP. This has the effect that if the line 1 is listed, DOS will process the FP command and delete the program. This problem is easily rectified by deleting line 1.

The BSAVE command in the Visible Computer's DOS has been changed to "SOREN". The only place this command appears is in line 13910. Of course, the normal DOS 3.3 command "BSAVE" must be

restored to this line.

Line 18000 determines whether the program can Read and Write to normal DOS 3.3, depending upon the setting of the Visible Computer's "MASTER" command. This line contains two calls to The VC's modified DOS which need to be removed. With these two calls removed, the "MASTER" command will still function normally except that the program will not be able to read files from the original Visible Computer program disk.

Finally, and most importantly, line 20730 contains a CALL that will INIT the disk if the program is used under normal DOS. The INIT command has been removed from the Visible Computer's DOS, so the CALL is harmless until the program is run under DOS 3.3. This nasty little line must be completely deleted.

Here are the exact steps to go through to deprotect The Visible Computer.

**Revealing The Visible Computer**

1) Turn on the computer and tell it to break

**CTRLC**

2) Insert the Visible Computer disk and shut the drive door.

3) Clear the RUN flag

**FP**

4) Enter the monitor

**CALL-151**

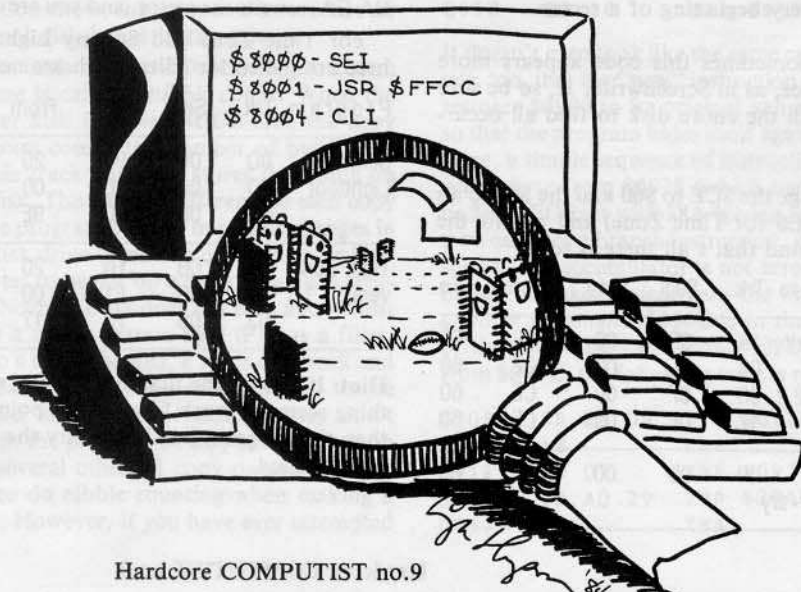
5) Move the RWTS to a safe place

**1900 < B800.BFFF**

6) Boot a 48K slave disk with a short HELLO program

**C600G**

7) Save the RWTS



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*By Jared Block & Bob Bragner*

**BSAVE VISICOMP.RWTS,  
A\$1900,L\$800**

8) Load Super IOB and type in the controller on this page.

**SAVE SUPER IOB.VISICOMP**

9) Copy the Visible computer

**RUN**

10) Load the main program from the copied disk

**LOAD VC**

11) Delete line 1 so the program can be listed normally

1

12) List line 13910.  
It should read:

```
13910 VTAB 20: PRINT DS'SOREN'P2  
      $Z$
```

Change this line so it has a normal BSAVE command

```
13910 VTAB 20: PRINT DS'BSAVE'P2  
      $Z$
```

13) Line 18000 contains some CALLS to THE VC's DOS which must be removed. This line now reads:

```
18000 PV = T: CALL 47741 : IF P2$ =  
      'OFF THEN PV = F:CALL 47741: REM  
      SET NRML,PRTCT DOS'S
```

Change this line so it reads;

```
18000 PV = T: IF P2$ = 'OFF' THEN  
      PV = F: REM SET MASTER ON/OFF
```

14) Line 20730 contains a CALL which will INIT normal DOS 3.3 disks.  
It reads:

```
20730 CALL PEEK (40222) + PEEK  
      (40223) * Q4 + 1
```

Be sure to get rid of it by typing

**20730**

15) If you wish you can also have the program set the RESET vector so that the program does not reRUN itself when the RESET key is pressed. For instance, if you want to enter the monitor when RESET is pressed change line 2 to read:

```
2 POKE 1010,89: POKE 1011,255:CALL  
      -1169
```

16) Finally SAVE the modified program back to the copied disk

**SAVE VC**

As a CATALOG should reveal, this disk is completely broken and can be copied with COPYA or even FID. Frequent sessions with TVC are recommended for aspiring bit-brains. Good luck!

**Visible Computer Controller**

```
1000 REM SWAP CONTROLLER (VISIBL  
      E COMPUTER)  
1010 TK = 3:ST = 0:LT = 35:CD = W  
      R  
1020 T1 = TK: GOSUB 490: GOSUB 36  
      0  
1030 GOSUB 430: GOSUB 100:ST = S  
      T + 1: IF ST < DOS THEN 1030  
  
1040 IF BF THEN 1060  
1050 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1: IF TK <  
      LT THEN 1030  
1060 GOSUB 490:TK = T1:ST = 0: GOSUB  
      360  
1070 GOSUB 430: GOSUB 100:ST = S  
      T + 1: IF ST < DOS THEN 1070  
  
1080 ST = 0:TK = TK + 1: IF BF =  
      0 AND TK < LT THEN 1070  
1090 IF TK < LT THEN 1020  
1100 HOME : PRINT "EVERYTHING O.  
      K. DOS NOT COPIED": END  
10010 IF PEEK (6400) < > 162 THEN  
      PRINT CHR$ (4)"BLOADVISICO  
      MP.RWTS,A$1900"
```

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# The Visible Computer:6502 and The Apple II-6502 Assembly Language Tutor

A review and comparison of two products which can help you learn the ins and outs of 6502 Assembly Language

Reviewed by Martin Collamore

The Visible Computer: 6502  
Software Masters  
3330 Hillcroft, Suite BB  
Houston, TX 77057  
\$49.95

## Introduction

The Visible Computer: 6502 (henceforth known as TVC) is a text and program designed to teach assembly programming. The text introduces an assembly command, then its execution can be viewed step-by-step on the simulator program's hi-res display.

So far as I can tell, it is the only product of Software Masters, Houston, Texas. TVC was written by Charles Anderson and retails for \$49.95.

## Hardware Requirements

To use TVC, you'll need a II+ or IIe and one disk drive. Apple II standards require a 16K RAM card or Applesoft ROM card. A printer is supported.

## Documentation

The 141 page manual is spiral bound so that it lays flat (yeah!). The printing is good and the writing style is readable and amusing.

It begins with a good explanation of hex-dec-binary numbering and computer hardware configuration. After a session showing the operation of the simulator, you're off to explore the hows and whys of opcodes.

A command is first explained in the text. Then you load an example program to be run using the simulator. The text provides a blow by blow account as the simulator shuffles data between registers. The explanations, in most cases, are quite thorough.

The pace is slow at first, as it should be. By the time stack operations are explained, you've covered the basics and, believe it or not, you are somewhat comfortable with them. The final examples are fairly complex, but well documented.

## Screen Display

Upon booting the TVC disk, you'll be confronted with just about all the information you'd ever need to follow an assembly program's execution. The hi-res screen displays the contents of all the microprocessor's registers as well as a bit by bit display of the processor status register. Also shown are four registers that perform scratch pad func-

tions during the execution of a programming step.

A number of other informative tidbits are displayed: a message window to show what the TVC is doing (reading, fetching, writing, etc.), a status area to display the execution speed selected, a window for disassembly of the lines as they are executed, a window to show the disassembly of the next instruction, and a cursor for user input.

## Working With TVC

First off, the program is fun to watch. The values actually scoot from one register to another as the code is executed. You can control how fast this takes place, pausing after each "microstep" if you wish. Optionally, you can view two different ranges of memory during a run to see what affect the program is having. This is nice when stack operations are demonstrated because you actually see the locations change. Unfortunately, the use of this option covers up some of the registers displayed, but the important ones are still visible.

More goodies are at your disposal. Some of these are: hex-dec-binary calculator/converter, editing of memory locations and register contents, and an erase which is used to clear the display and view a hi-res page.

Now a few gripes. TVC is written mainly in Applesoft and, hence, executes rather slowly. Speedy typists will probably will be annoyed. It takes 4 seconds to get the cursor back if TVC didn't understand your command. If you've erased the screen and want to restore the TVC display, you wait 15 seconds. The author believes that lower case letters make for better comprehension. I have a hard time with "1" and "l" or "b" or "6". The default is lower case, but you can change to upper if you so desire.

The documentation walks you through 24 examples demonstrating the arcane and mysterious 6502 opcodes. It's a lot of information and it takes a few "ah ha!"s to absorb some concepts. Watching how an instruction is executed really goes a long way in making it less painful. A picture IS worth a thousand words. I encountered only one minor bug. The documentation showed one type of indexed addressing, while the simulator used another. No big deal; it was fairly obvious. Obvious? Did I say that? Gosh, maybe this thing is actually teaching me something!

The author states that the two main reasons for learning assembly language are: 1) speed and 2) more speed. All that speed is needed for things like sorting, music, and animation. The last example programs put-it-all-together and demonstrate a bubble sort, a keyboard "organ", and a hi-res drawing routine. If you've made it that far and are able to follow these more complex programs, then you are on your way to becoming a competent assembly language programmer.

## Conclusions

The purpose of TVC is to teach. It's also

a debugging tool, albeit a somewhat slow one. Although all 151 opcodes are executed correctly, it is not an exact copy of a 6502 and may arrive at an answer in a manner different than the "real thing".

If you are serious about teaching yourself assembly language, TVC is a good place to start. For the most part, the docs are clear, concise, and understandable. The simulator program, while not a paragon of speed, is a terrific way to "see" how the innards of that little 6502 monster tick.

Apple II- 6502 Assembly Language Tutor  
Prentice-Hall  
Englewood Cliff, NJ 06732  
\$34.95

## Introduction

The Apple II-6502 Assembly Language Tutor (text and disk) is, obviously, a method teaching assembly language. Short, user entered programs are used to demonstrate 6502 microprocessor commands. The accumulator and the various register's contents are displayed as the program is executed.

Its author, Richard Haskill, is a professor of engineering and chairperson of the electrical and computer engineering group at Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan. Not surprisingly, I/O and hardware interfacing techniques are emphasized.

Published by Prentice-Hall, it lists for \$34.95.

## Hardware Requirements

The Assembly Language Tutor (ALT) manual states that a 48K Apple II or Apple II+ with either DOS 3.2 or 3.3 (one drive needed) is supported. I did not try the program under DOS 3.2. In the Tutor, control-S is used to single step through a program. This is familiar to those with Autostart ROM. For those of us with old monitor ROM, a copy of the Autostart F8 ROM is needed. This requires either an Applesoft firmware card or a language card which has been loaded with a copy of the Autostart F8 ROM and read enabled. The manual says it also supports a printer, but I wasn't able to check on that.

## Documentation

The paperback manual is 234 pages and indexed. The text and schematics are clear, though some of the photos are of poor quality. While readable, the manual's writing style is reminiscent of a text book. Exercises are presented at the end of chapters, although no solutions are offered. This text book approach is both vice and virtue; Dr. Haskill leads you in a definite, bit-oriented direction.

By page 5, you've been presented with a 6502 microprocessor pinout and a bit-wise description of its data bus. After the usual hex-dec-binary explanations and the instruc-

tions for the use of the TUTOR disk program, there is a thorough discussion of binary coded decimal, two's complement, and signed number representation. By page 85, all of the assembly commands have been presented and, if you've entered them in, demonstrated. Not exactly bedside reading; however, a good text book is also a good reference book.

The next 47 pages contain descriptions of the Apple video displays. Subjects include: raster scan, TV RAM, screen soft switches, and shape tables. Example programs appear on nearly every page and the treatment is fairly detailed.

Given the contents of the next hundred pages, it's easy to see Dr. Haskell's true love: this is where we separate the hackers from the chip heads. Even if the thought of a soldering iron causes heart palpitations, you'll still find this part informative.

These last chapters deal with I/O hows and whys. Ever wanted a 6 channel A/D converter connected to your game I/O socket? Make a peripheral board to support ROMs? How about a parallel or serial interface? Well, don't expect a Heathkit approach, just expect clear schematics, circuit descriptions, chip data sheets, and assembly language driver programs. None of these circuits are especially complex in construction, but some experience with the care and feeding of chips would be helpful.

### Screen Display

The display is fairly simple: the six 6502 internal registers contents (in binary and hex), a disassembled line of the next instruction to be performed, and a raw hex dump of any 88 continuous bytes. A cursor is used in the dump display to edit bytes. At the screen's bottom is a command line. Hitting the "/" key brings up 14 single letter options, rather like Visicalc. Each of the options provide up to 6 single letter suboptions. This allows flexibility, but keep your manual handy.

### Working With The Assembly Language Tutor

Aside from getting used to the command line options, using the TUTOR program is simple. The program lies between \$8000 to \$93B2 (safe from DOS boots) plus some zero page locations. Applesoft uses some of these locations, so there is no graceful way to exit except to DOS or the monitor.

In addition to control-S, you can set up to four break points to halt program execution. Or you can let it go full tilt. For debugging programs, this is fine. But single stepping through a large program will require a lot of key strokes. A word of warning: since you have free access to memory, you can bomb the system if you're not careful.

One nice touch is the ability to calculate branching offsets. Say you have a branching instruction to a line 8 bytes backwards from the next line in the program. The tricky

part is that a "-8" would have to be expressed in two's complement, "F8". The TUTOR will calculate these offsets for you.

### Conclusions

I admit that I have chip head leanings, so I found the marriage of assembly level software and do-it-yourself firmware interesting. Some might not. Even so, The Assembly Language Tutor provides a lot of detailed information, not only on assembly language programming, but also on how your Apple communicates with the rest of the world. It is a valuable reference book for both programmers and technicians.

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**The Visible Computer: 6502**

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**The Assembly Language Tutor**

In my opinion, The Visible Computer: 6502 and The Apple- 6502 Assembly Language Tutor are both excellent educational packages for those wishing to learn assembly language. If you are considering the purchase of either of these two packages you should be aware that the approach taken by the two authors differs considerably.

The Visible Computer: 6502's software is definitely the more polished and "user-friendly" (does this term really mean anything anymore?) of the two. The approach of TVC manual is also quite a bit more gradual and beginner oriented than that of ALT.

Because TVC is a 6502 simulation in software and operates in "microsteps", the novice gets to see the effect of each instruction on the CPU's registers. The ALT Tutor program whizzes along much faster and does not allow the user to view the effect of every instruction with single stepping. This gives TVC the edge in educational terms; however, the utility of TVC as a debugging tool for experienced programmers is reduced because of the simulator's slow speed. ALT's Tutor program, while not flashy, can serve as an assembly language development aid long after the intricacies of the language have been mastered.

The Assembly Language Tutor manual also contains a great deal of information that might come in handy for those wishing to design their own peripheral cards and/or write assembly language driver programs. TVC's manual does not contain any comparable material.

If you merely wish to learn assembly language programming and have no need or interest in paying homage to the God of Hardware, I would recommend The Visible Computer: 6502. It will simultaneously entertain and educate you.

However, if you wish to both learn assembly language and find out how your Apple and other computers communicate with the outside world, The Apple II- 6502 Assem-

bly Language Tutor is the product of choice as long as you can put up with the author's textbook approach.

Whichever package you choose, you shouldn't be disappointed.



## ADVENTURE TIPS

### Pirate Adventure Adventure International

To "get parrot", you must have some crackers with you.

Wait for the tide to come in before you set sail.

Who knows best how to sail a "pirate" ship?

### Mask Of The Sun Ultrasoft

Shoot the snake as soon as he rises.

Place the urn on the right pedestal.

In the room with the webs, search though the debris on the floor.

To find the "key" to the problem, look for a "weighty" solution.

### Colossal Caves Adventure International

You need a giant opener for a giant clam.

The troll is scared easily.

Look for the pirate's stronghold in the maze where all the rooms are alike.

### Transylvania Penguin Software

"Get bottle" from the hut.

Vampires don't like religious objects.

You need flypaper to "catch flies".

What would a frog like to eat?

### Death In The Caribbean Microlab

If you've been there once already, the ring can take you there again.

Don't paddle across the river. Shovel your way across.

Try another route around the alligator. He's just there to give you trouble.

Reach into your pocket and flick your BIC!

### Zork II Infocom Inc.

That bucket looks big enough to hold a person.

Don't just have your cake. Eat it, too! A flask of water is just like a magnifying glass.

Getting out of the steel cage will have to be a "robotic" effort.

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1910	CMP #46	'S MATCH
1920	BEQ .1	
1930	CMP SECONDARY,X MATCH?	
1940	BEQ .1	
1950	STX FUNC	
1960	RTS	
1970		
1980 CLR.WS	LDA GX	FAKE WIDTH
1990	STA \$21	WNDWDTH1
2000	LDA LY	CV
2010 .1	PHA	SAVE CV
2020	JSR BASCALC	GET ADDR
2030	LDA #SAE	PERIODS
2040	LDY LX	CH
2050	JSR CLEOL2	STORE EM
2060	PLA	
2070	ADC #S00	C=1
2080	CMP GY	WINDBTM
2090	BCC .1	NEXT LINE
2100	LDA #40	REAL WIDTH
2110	STA \$21	
2120	RTS	
2130		
2140 *		
2150 *	FIX BASIC ERRORS	
2160 *		
2170		
2180	.HS 68A868A6	
2190	.HS DF9A4898	
2200	.HS 4860	

**Word Searcher Checksums**

10	- \$BADD	520	- \$A14F
20	- \$9B13	530	- \$36E6
30	- \$4D3B	540	- \$09CF
40	- \$AD92	550	- \$386B
50	- \$C899	560	- \$E5BA
60	- \$FF65	570	- \$42AF
70	- \$A3BF	580	- \$164F
80	- \$A900	590	- \$216F
90	- \$924D	600	- \$C111
100	- \$111D	610	- \$10DD
110	- \$EB5D	620	- \$5398
120	- \$F0BA	630	- \$2A19
130	- \$68D8	640	- \$AFAD
140	- \$FB89	650	- \$A43B
150	- \$9FBB	660	- \$6F9D
160	- \$04A0	670	- \$9FDD
170	- \$F070	680	- \$2DAC
180	- \$523B	690	- \$AA9B
190	- \$7422	700	- \$667E
200	- \$16F1	710	- \$97EE
210	- \$4298	720	- \$06E0
220	- \$696C	730	- \$ADD2
230	- \$BC64	740	- \$2365
240	- \$2967	750	- \$D40D
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260	- \$4724	770	- \$88F2
270	- \$1A41		
280	- \$9849		
290	- \$95E7		
300	- \$67DE		
310	- \$4D91		
320	- \$A6C0		
330	- \$776E		
340	- \$85F8		
350	- \$D21B		
360	- \$F790		
370	- \$EEA5		
380	- \$EE3E		
390	- \$E22E		
400	- \$F4C7		
410	- \$A30B		
420	- \$54EA		
430	- \$0CE0		
440	- \$5008		
450	- \$9375		
460	- \$8913		
470	- \$4D6D		
480	- \$FA27		
490	- \$AFCA		
500	- \$1574		
510	- \$ECEE		

780	- \$8B83	1390	- \$C6E7	1530	- \$83A0	1670	- \$47BC
790	- \$3A5C	1400	- \$4038	1540	- \$F235	1680	- \$E3C2
800	- \$7038	1410	- \$8824	1550	- \$987F	1690	- \$F49C
810	- \$C83B	1420	- \$96E5	1560	- \$B9A3	1700	- \$61D9
820	- \$ECA4	1430	- \$DCC8	1570	- \$CC93	1710	- \$4821
830	- \$19AD	1440	- \$E7D5	1580	- \$E5C9	1720	- \$A90A
840	- \$297E	1450	- \$E7E1	1590	- \$F0F4	1730	- \$8FD0
850	- \$6560	1460	- \$FE71	1600	- \$DAB2	1740	- \$1880
860	- \$A050	1470	- \$A4CE	1610	- \$0490	1750	- \$7F65
870	- \$E2BE	1480	- \$8915	1620	- \$F8B7	1760	- \$3426
880	- \$74D7	1490	- \$4134	1630	- \$19EF	1770	- \$A510
890	- \$484F	1500	- \$F2CE	1640	- \$CD46		
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1150	- \$D108						
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1170	- \$1958						
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1210	- \$1B5F						
1220	- \$348F						
1230	- \$91D1						
1240	- \$C576						
1250	- \$A1B4						
1260	- \$8784						
1270	- \$89D9						
1280	- \$9D31						
1290	- \$8F46						
1300	- \$87C5						
1310	- \$FE41						
1320	- \$9484						
1330	- \$A91C						
1340	- \$6E8F						
1350	- \$DB8F						
1360	- \$9CDB						
1370	- \$64CA						
1380	- \$1FD0						

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Obviously, this was not the right course of action.

The next approach is to use a deprotection tool such as Super IOB. Super IOB's 'swap controller' allows us to read in the protected disk with the protected disk's DOS and write it back out to a normal DOS 3.3 disk. The controller starts reading the protected disk at track 3 (it does not copy the protected DOS on tracks 0 through 2) and copies up to track 34. But first we must capture the protected DOS's RWTS and store it at \$1900 for Super IOB to use.

To do this, boot Cosmic Combat and when the BASIC prompt appears at the lower left of the screen, Reset into the monitor. Then move the RWTS portion of DOS down to \$1900 with the monitor move command by typing 1900<B800.BFFFM. Next boot a slave disk and run Super IOB.swap. The swap controller will use the foreign RWTS at \$1900 to read the protect disk. Since we are booting a slave disk, memory from \$900 to \$95FF will not be destroyed and hence our relocated RWTS will not be disturbed.

After using Super IOB to copy the disk, Cosmic Combat is deprotected and we can CATALOG our copy and BLOAD (or FID the files to another disk) and examine the code to our heart's desire!

With SUPER IOB.SWAP and Cosmic Combat in hand, here are the steps to deprotection:

1) Boot normal DOS 3.3 and initialize a disk with "HELLO" as the boot program by typing

**INIT HELLO**

2) Boot the COSMIC COBMAT disk and when the prompt appears at the bottom of the screen, Reset into the monitor.

3) Move the RWTS portion of DOS down to \$1900

**1900 < B800.BFFFM**

4) Boot the disk you Initialized in step 1

**C600G**

5) Put in your Super IOB disk and use the version of Super IOB that has the swap controller

**RUN SUPER IOB.SWAP**

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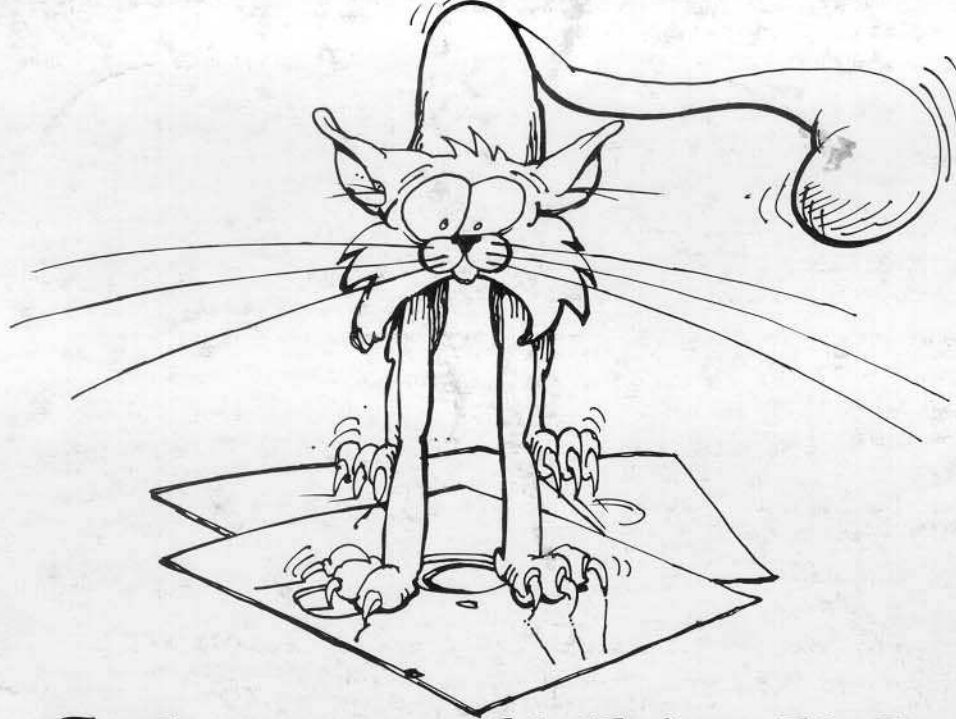
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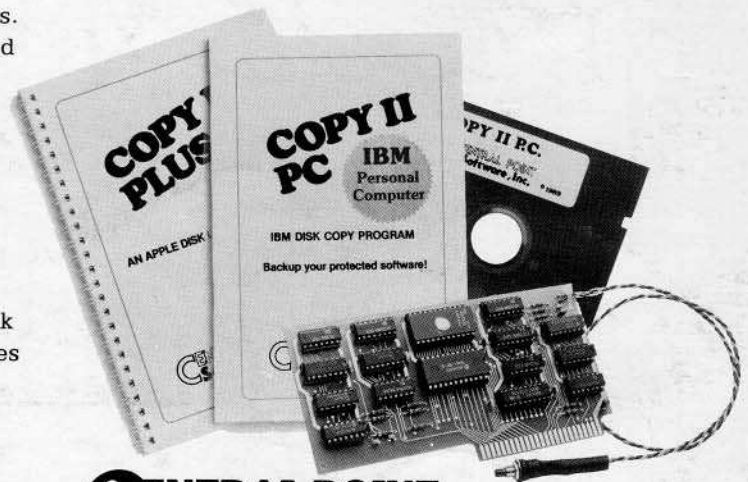
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