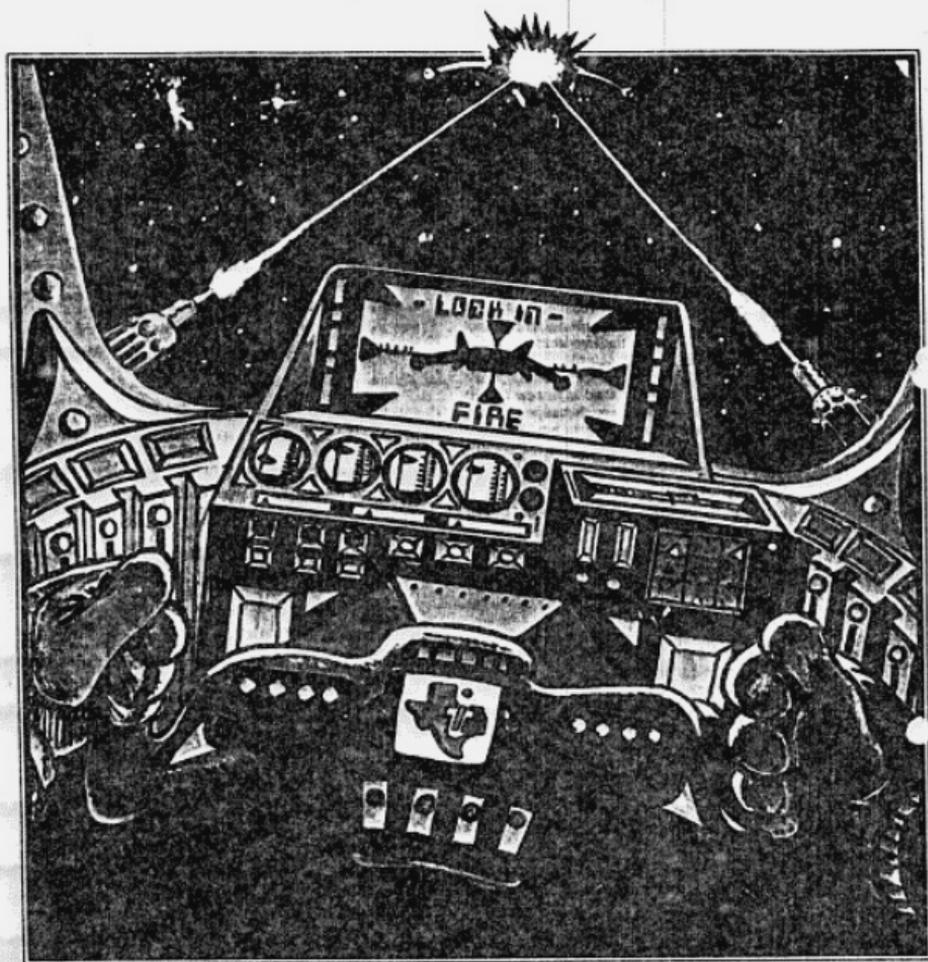


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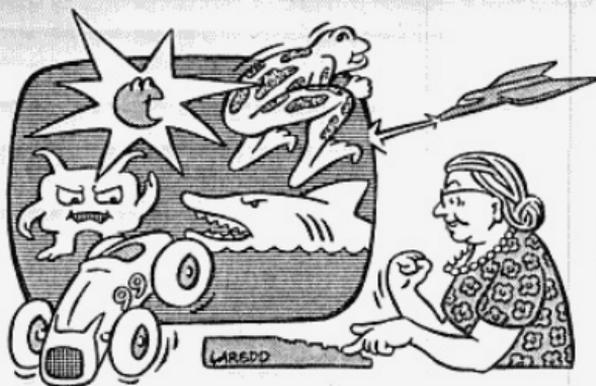


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The JOY of COMPUTER GAMING

It's A Dirty Job,
But Somebody's Gotta Do It . . .

Over the last couple of months, I've had virtually no rest. First it was those pesky aliens: They hurled bombs, missiles, mines, and laser blasts at me around the clock. Some even tried to gobble me up on sight! No respect at all. . . . These hordes of menacing foes must have come from nearly a dozen different hostile worlds. (Why is it I've never seen a "friendly" alien?) Each of these worlds evidently has its own individual concept of combat strategy, weapon design, ethics and morality because the modes and severity of attacks differed widely. One thing, however, that all these dastardly devils had in common was their quarry—me!

Some of the attacking hordes were accompanied by a malevolent thumping as their precise marching formation advanced hypnotically toward my flimsy barricade. Others stayed stationary but hurled down torrents of lethal missiles that I had to alternately duck and target my lasers against. (My neighbors must have been really surprised when they noticed all that debris strewn across their yards. . . .) What? Was I nervous? Not too—that is, not until I had to pilot all those strange land and space craft—everything from X-wing fighters to futuristic prairie schooners. Just when I'd feel comfortable at the controls of one, Ka-boom!—I'd be under vicious attack, or e-r-r-unch!—smack in the middle of a deadly asteroid belt. Nothing like huge chunks of space rocks whizzing around your head to keep you on your toes. . . .

But it didn't end with all those downright nasty aliens and slimy, vile space creatures. Oh no, not by a long shot. There were still the Empire forces to contend with. Here, however, the battles were more scattered and slower paced; I had time to launch torpedoes and probes, as well as assess casualty reports and plan long-term strategy. Just when everything was going so well, a Red Alert brought me back down to earth. It seems the Cold War was no longer so cold. . . . and my country needed me to command a SAM (surface-to-air missile) site. With all that sophisticated RADAR equipment, it shouldn't have taken too long to finish "locking in" on the enemy missiles and blasting them to smithereens, but as fate would have it, another series of emergencies sent me packing—first to rescue a downed

helicopter crew from shark-infested waters, and then on a hazardous journey to the moon and Mars, where I had to jockey my landing craft over some pretty rough terrain.

You'd think by then I should have received a few words of thanks, wouldn't you? But no, the moment I landed on Mars, some terrorists decided to have a field day. . . . and there I was right back in the thick of things—commanding a bomb squad. Now defusing a time bomb is no Sunday picnic! If my nerves could withstand that heart-thumping activity, you'd think I'd be in pretty good shape for a few more adventures yet to come.

But nothing prepared me for what I was up against next. Certainly, no one told me when I took this job that hundreds of horrible deaths awaited just around the corner. All they talked about was the treasure and glory! But when I reached the edge of the high cliff, it was already too late to turn back: On my left, a hungry python slithered toward me; to the right, a quicksand bog surrounded by bleached bones awaited; and behind me, a large grizzly bear blocked my only path into the forest.

Well, luckily I got out of that one with my skin, but one adventure led to another. . . . And before I could take some well-earned rest, I somehow had gotten involved in a pirate treasure hunt, an escape from an ancient pyramid, the ferreting out of an awesome secret on a savage island, saving a Count trapped by a fiendish curse, preventing a nuclear reactor from blowing its top, and alternately exploring a ghost town, mysterious fun house, ancient alien civilization, enchanted treasure world, and a dark kingdom populated by orcs, dwarves, an old dungeon master, a beautiful princess in distress, and an evil ringwraith.

Whew—I never thought that one mortal could get so tired. What I really needed was a chance to relax and unwind. . . . So, handing my ticket to adventure over to Indiana Jones, I planned on doing nothing but sitting back in my favorite easy chair and listening to some good music. But They had other plans for me. It was no use complaining; I'd heard the argument a hundred times before: "It comes with the territory. . . ." For some reason or other I was needed to run up a bankroll by betting on the ponies, to lead a championship baseball team to victory, to bring back a

shiny bowling trophy, to don my skis to better the old slalom record, to outrace a suicide car, and then to take part in a grueling decathlon.

After somehow getting through that long, long decathlon, I sat down to a nice big bowl of Wheaties and planned my R&R. Nothing too strenuous. . . nothing too mentally demanding. . . just some good clean fun. So off to the casinos for some baccarat, blackjack, craps, poker, and the slots. It was fun while it lasted, but They needed me back on the job again.

I knew something really BIG must have been in the works because of the way my training for the forthcoming mission was being carried out: plenty of practice with challenging word games, concentration exercises and contortions with cantankerous colored cubes. They obviously wanted my wits sharp for the BIG assignment coming up. But before I'd find out what it was, there was an obstacle course to negotiate, and then the final test of my state of mental readiness—passage through a series of simply complex, complexly simple 3-D mazes. I almost didn't make it through that one. . .

Now I was ready. The BIG assignment finally came in: Someone was needed to guide a dumb chicken safely across a 20-lane highway. . . What? Enough is enough! Tell 'em I'm not here. Guide a chicken across a road like that? Instant chicken salad—with me probably ending up being accused of fowl play. . . Let 'em get somebody else for that one. I wouldn't do it now even if They awarded me the Pullet-ser Prize!

Micro Motivation Comes Full Circle

I've been sitting here now several hours thinking and wondering—thinking about those psychedelic-sounding escapades of mine, and wondering about the fantastic powers of imagination that we all must have—letting us see what we want or expect to see. In my case, it was easy because I had a partner—one who was, incidentally, a lot more patient than that dumb chicken I eventually got teamed up with. Who was this patient partner? Some gaunt guru? Or sinewy sorcerer? No, none of these. My partner in all this was a friendly Texan—a TI Home Computer equipped with the latest in games software.

I have never really cared very much for games. And even when it became obvious that microcomputers were rapidly becoming the ultimate "games machines," I still felt that all the excitement of video games was just a passing fancy. It was my belief that the popularity of computer games was simply due to people just trying to find additional uses for machines that they bought primarily for other purposes. Now I know better. . .

What we're now just starting to see happen is actually the reverse: This year, several million consumers will be considering interactive video games—as opposed to passive TV watching—that they can play at home in the company of friends and family, instead of plunking their quarters down coin slots at crowded arcades or all-night grocery stores. When they start to shop around and compare prices and features, increasing numbers of them will start to find that the stand-alone, cartridge-based, dedicated games machines can be almost as much money as the new breed of lower-cost microcomputers.

The handwriting is already on the wall: As the price of microcomputers falls even lower, many, many more consumers who were initially looking for video games machines will be able to justify the slightly higher cost of a full computer on the basis of potentially being able to do so much more than "just play games." Ironic, isn't it. . .

A few years ago, the great topic of speculation and cause for disagreement in the microcomputer industry was how to best increase public awareness and acceptance of these miracle machines so that a mass market with its lofty goal of "a computer in every home" could be eventually realized. Everything from electronic mail and banking, to education, home management, and tax/financial record keeping was nominated as being a likely candidate for the magic catalyst. Sure, entertainment was mentioned, but it was usually lumped together somewhat amorphously with home management and education. Nowhere do I remember anyone coming out and stating that it would be computer gaming that would ultimately be this catalyst and pave the way.

The Seriousness of Playing Games

But regardless of whether video games are a primary or secondary motivation for getting a microcomputer, it's rapidly becoming obvious that electronic game playing isn't all just a game. Psychiatrists, psychologists, therapists and educators are discovering how video games can dramatically benefit their players. We hear reports of how the games are speeding eye-hand coordination, sharpening driving and math skills (since the intricate strategies and geometric patterns of many video games provide painless instruction in logic, trigonometry and physics), preventing youth from being stricken by technological "future shock," and providing an emotional rescue (by dissipating anger and frustration, assuaging loneliness and allowing both the recapture of lost athletic prowess as well as the prowess that never was).

Application of video game playing as a form of therapy is definitely on the rise. We're now seeing this technique used in treating brain-damaged victims of strokes, accidents and senile dementia. The most impressive results, however,





have come from work with retarded or emotionally disturbed children. Here, video games often break through where other methods fail. Psychologists have credited this to the "mastery experience" that is now possible for children who formerly were not able to be good in anything else. Until their exposure to games, they have never had a refuge of accomplishment from which to deal with the outside world. Once children become good at something (and, as a result, proud of their achievements), their attitudes and performance in other activities also dramatically improve.

The Hardware Sets the Stage

As opposed to video games machines that are designed to be just "machines that play games," microcomputers are usually designed to perform many types of jobs, or handle

certain types of work more efficiently. This architectural design determines the gaming environment that a particular computer will present to its users. Any limitations or constraints will be very obvious. For example, if a computer was designed without color graphics capability, then the games software compatible with this particular machine could not utilize color. Likewise, sound effects, music, 3-D animation and synthetic speech are other game-enrichment capabilities that a microcomputer may or may not possess.

A comparison of all presently available microcomputers yields the surprising conclusion that only the Texas Instruments TI-99/4A personal computer has all the above named capabilities and permits programmers to use them all in the same program. This represents an abundance of "raw materials" from which to construct games. When you combine this with TI's fast and powerful 16-bit microprocessor (TMS9900), it becomes apparent that these Texas Instruments personal computers offer one of the best gaming environments available.

The separate Video Display Processor chip (TMS9918A) inside the TI-99/4A is a good example of TI implementing internally in hardware what other computers require programmers to do in software (if indeed it can be done at all). This very sophisticated device gives the games programmer the ability to simply access and set in motion (independently of the program logic) 32 smoothly moving colored objects called "sprites"—objects whose shapes can very easily be defined, magnified, colored, given a 3-D overlapping appearance and checked for collisions. These are the modular components from which many more exciting arcade-type games will be constructed in the future.

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN

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Despite the fact that action games programmed in a high-level language such as TI BASIC run much slower than in low-level languages such as 9900 Assembly Language or GPL (the programming language of TI's Command Cartridges), it is indeed possible to create reasonably fast "real-time" games if you observe a few rules:

1. Keep the number of moving objects to a minimum.
2. Keep all unnecessary statements out of loops used to move objects.
3. Use only one character to define objects you want to move quickly.
4. Increment the positions by two spaces each loop. This makes the movement slightly jerky, but contributes greatly to the illusion of speed.

I've followed these rules in writing *Anti-Aircraft Gun*. The basic idea of the game is simple: You must shoot down an attacking plane with your missile launcher before it blasts you twice with its laser. The plane attacks at random heights from both the left and right sides. Its speed and frequency of laser fire are dependent on the skill level you choose. Your missile launcher can move along the ground, and even hide behind a barrier; but when it fires a missile, it is committed to its last position until the missed shot passes off the screen. You'll have to move around as much as possible because the plane "remembers" your last position and there is higher probability it will fire the laser near that position. And don't expect too much protection from the barrier: After five laser blasts (or less, if you launch missiles through it), it will disintegrate and leave you exposed.

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM

Anti-Aircraft Gun

Line Nos.

100-670	Instructions.
680-810	Sets up levels of difficulty.
820-870	Sets up variables to make plane fire more as difficulty increases.
880-1110	Character definitions and color assignments.
1120-1170	Initial displaying of tank.
1180-1220	Displays ground.
1230-1260	Calculates plane's height.
1270-1380	Determines the direction of the plane.
1390-1450	Reads keyboard, and branches to subroutines.
1460-1530	Fires tank's rocket.
1540-1610	Moves plane.

1620-1650
1660-1760
1770-1780

Decides whether plane will fire or not.

Fires plane's laser; checks for hits.

Checks for a hit on the plane by the tank's rocket.

Checks for plane at the edge of the screen.

Determines new direction for the plane.

If plane and tank hit simultaneously, the tank wins.

Determines new direction for the plane.

Calculates score.

Prints score.

Plane is destroyed by the tank.

Calculates if a free game was won; starts over.

Moves tank left.

Moves tank right.

END.

2100-2180
2190-2330
2340-2420
2430-2460
2470-2620
2630-2750
2760-2880
2890

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180 REM *****
190 REM *
200 REM * ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN *
210 REM *****
220 REM *****
230 REM *****
240 REM *****
250 REM *****
260 PRINT "THE OBJECT OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT
270 PRINT "IS TO DESTROY AS MANY PLANE
280 PRINT "AS POSSIBLE, TO FIRE YOUR
290 PRINT "MISSILE, PRESS Q, TO MOVE
300 PRINT "LEFT, PRESS S, AND FOR RIGH
310 PRINT "PRESS D."
320 PRINT "PLANE:"
330 PRINT "THE PLANE FIRES A NEWLY-
340 PRINT "DEVELOPED LASER, THE PLANE
350 PRINT "MAY COME FROM LEFT OR RIGHT
360 PRINT "WARNING! IT HAS A RADAR TRA
370 PRINT "REMEMBERS YOUR LAST FIRING."
380 PRINT "POSITION & TRIES TO GET YOU
390 PRINT "THERE, BETTER MOVE AROUND."
400 PRINT "PRESS ANYTHING TO CONTINUE."
410 CALL KEY(0, KL, LE)
420 IF LE=0 THEN 460
430 PRINT "BARRIER:"
440 PRINT "THE LASER CAN'T PENETRATE "
450 PRINT "THE BARRIER, BUT THE BARRIE
460 PRINT "CAN SUSTAIN ONLY 5 DIRECT
470 PRINT "HITS, YOU CAN FIRE WHEN SE-
480 PRINT "ND IT, BUT THIS WILL ONLY
490 PRINT "SHORTEN ITS LIFE."
500 PRINT "SCORING:"
510 PRINT "PLANES ARE SCORED ACCORDING
520 PRINT "TO HEIGHT: 5 FOR LOWEST, 20
530 PRINT "FOR HIGHEST. IF YOUR SCORE
540 PRINT "IS OVER 100 THEN YOU GET A
550 PRINT "FREE BONUS GAME."
560 PRINT "PRESS ANYTHING TO CONTINUE."
570 CALL KEY(0, KL, LE)
580 IF LE=0 THEN 600
590 CALL CLEAR
600 CALL COLOR(2, 2, 8)
610 PRINT "INPUT LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:"
620 PRINT "(1) PRO"

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730 PRINT "(2) INTERMEDIATE"
740 PRINT "(3) NOVICE"
750 PRINT "(4) BEGINNER"
760 PRINT "PLANE FIRING MORE AS DIFFIC
770 PRINT "ULTY INCREASES
780 PRINT "DIF-50
790 M$="0"
800 AA="1"
810 ZZ="3"
820 CALL CLEAR
830 REM DEFINE CHARACTERS
840 REM SAS=BARRIER, LS= LASER, RS
850 REM=ROCKET, PS & PR=PLANE, TLA & TR
860 REM=TANK, DS= DESTRUCTION
870 SA$="TTTTTTTT"
880 DS$="2004412220045220"
890 LS$="1010101010101010"
900 PR$="1010101010101010"
910 PS$="003000TFFF003000"
920 PR$="000C10FFFF100C00"
930 TLA$="011777777773777"
940 TR$="00F0F0FFFFF0F00"
950 CALL CHAR(120, DS)
960 CALL CHAR(104, LS)
970 CALL CHAR(107, PR)
980 CALL CHAR(112, TLA)
990 CALL CHAR(113, TR)
1000 CALL CHAR(101, SA)
1010 CALL CLEAR
1020 SA="0"
1030 CALL COLOR(2, 16, 2)
1040 CALL COLOR(15, 12, 8)
1050 CALL COLOR(13, 3, 5)
1060 CALL COLOR(12, 7, 8)
1070 T=15
1080 REM INITIAL PRINTING OF TANK
1090 CALL HCHAR(24, 7, 112)
1100 CALL HCHAR(24, 7+1, 62)
1110 CALL HCHAR(24, 7+2, 113)
1120 CALL HCHAR(25, 7+1, 152)
1130 CALL HCHAR(22, 15, 101, 3)
1140 REM PRINT GROUND(GREEN)
1150 CALL HCHAR(23, 1, 128, 15)
1160 CALL HCHAR(23, 17, 128, 15)
1170 CALL HCHAR(24, 1, 128, 14)
1180 CALL HCHAR(24, 15, 128, 14)
1190 REM A=HEIGHT OF PLANE
1200 RANDOMIZE
1210 A=INT(9*RAND)+1
1220 IF A=1 THEN 1240
1230 REM DETERMINE PLANE'S DIRECTION
1240 RANDOMIZE
1250 D=INT(2*RAND)+1
1260 GOTO 1310, 1350
1270 B=30
1280 CALL CHAR(96, PR)
1290 DIR="2"
1300 GOTO 1300
1310 DIR="2"
1320 CALL CHAR(96, PR)
1330 Y="21"
1340 REM * BEGIN LOOP *
1350 CALL KEY(0, X, S)
1360 REM 81 FIRES ROCKET, 83 AND 85
1370 MOVE TANK
1380 IF Y=81 THEN 1450
1390 IF X=83 THEN 2640
1400 IF X=85 THEN 2770 ELSE 1550
1410 IF Y=21 THEN 1400 ELSE 1470
1420 REM FIRE ROCKET
1430 CALL VCHAR(72, TH+1, 32)

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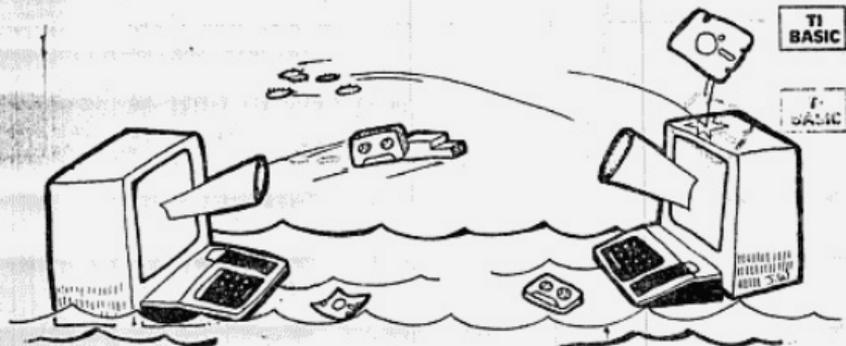
1428 CALL VCHAR(T, T+1, 97)
1429 T=T+1
1430 T=T-2
1510 IF T=-1 THEN 1520 ELSE 1550
1520 CALL VCHAR(T, T+1, 32)
1530 GOTO 1380
1540 REM MOVE PLANE
1550 IF DIR=2 THEN 1570
1560 IF B=3 THEN 1570
1570 CALL VCHAR(A, B, DIR, 32)
1580 IF B=2 THEN 1590
1590 CALL VCHAR(A, B, 96)
1600 RANDOMIZE
1610 Q=INT(.15*RND)+1
1620 REM WILL PLANE FIRE LASER?
1630 R=INT(.2*INT(Q/2))
1640 IF R=1 THEN 1670
1650 IF Q=DIR THEN 1670 ELSE 1820
1660 REM PLANE WILL FIRE LASER
1670 IF BA=3 THEN 1760 ELSE 1680
1680 IF B=16 THEN 1690 ELSE 1760
1690 BA=BA+1
1700 IF BA<3 THEN 1720
1710 CALL VCHAR(A+1, B, 32, 3)
1720 CALL VCHAR(A+1, B, 144, 21-A)
1730 CALL VCHAR(A+1, B, 32, 21-A)
1740 CALL SOUND(500, -.5, 2)
1750 GOTO 1250
1760 CALL VCHAR(A+1, B, 144, 23-A)
1770 IF A<T+1 THEN 1790
1780 IF A<T+2 THEN 2400
1790 CALL VCHAR(A+1, B, 32, 22-A)
1800 CALL VCHAR(23, B, 128, 2)
1810 CALL SOUND(500, -.5, 2)
1820 IF B=30 THEN 1840 ELSE 1830
1830 IF B=3 THEN 1840 ELSE 1850
1840 CALL VCHAR(A, B, 32)
1850 IF A<T+2 THEN 1870
1860 IF R=1 THEN 2050
1870 B=B+DIR
1880 IF B>32 THEN 1900 ELSE 1890
1890 IF R=1 THEN 1820 ELSE 1400
1900 RANDOMIZE
1910 R=INT(.2*RND)+1
1920 REM DETERMINE PLANE'S DIRECTION
1930 ON 3 GOTO 1940, 1990
1940 B=30
1950 CALL CHAR(96, 74)
1960 DIR=2
1970 GOTO 2090
1980 DIR=2
1990 CALL CHAR(96, 74)
2000 RANDOMIZE
2010 A=2-INT(9*RND)+1
2020 IF A=1 THEN 2090
2030 GOTO 1990
2040 REM TAKE HITS PLANE
2050 CALL SOUND(1000, -.5, 2)
2060 REM A TIE-TAKE WINS- REPRINT T
2070 ANK
2070 CALL VCHAR(24, T+1, 42)
2080 CALL VCHAR(23, T+1, 152)
2090 CALL VCHAR(A, B, 128)
2100 REM DETERMINE PLANE'S DIRECTION
2110 R=INT(.2*RND)+1
2120 ON 3 GOTO 2130, 2170
2130 B=30
2140 DIR=2
2150 CALL CHAR(96, 74)
2160 GOTO 2290
2170 DIR=2
2180 CALL CHAR(96, 74)
2190 REM IN SCORING I

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2200 IF A=13 THEN 2210 ELSE 2250
2210 SC=SC+5
2220 GOTO 2300
2230 IF A=7 THEN 2240 ELSE 2260
2240 SC=SC+10
2250 GOTO 2300
2260 IF A<5 THEN 2290
2270 SC=SC+15
2280 GOTO 2300
2290 SC=SC+20
2300 M=STR$(SC)
2310 RANDOMIZE
2320 A=2-INT(9*RND)+1
2330 IF A=1 THEN 2340
2340 REM PRINT SCORE
2350 FOR I=1 TO LEN(M)
2360 CV=ASC(SEG$(M, I, 1))
2370 CALL VCHAR(AA, 22+I, CV)
2380 NEXT I
2390 GOTO 1350
2400 FOR I=1 TO 1000
2410 NEXT I
2420 GOTO 1000
2430 REM PLANE HIT TAKE
2440 CALL SOUND(500, -.5, 2)
2450 CALL CLEAR
2460 SX=53+1
2470 REM IF 2 GAMES PLAYED, START OVER
2480 IF SX=2 THEN 1000
2490 PRINT TAB(7); " GAME OVER "
2500 PRINT TAB(7); " YOUR SCORE IS " : SC
2510 FOR I=1 TO 10
2520 PRINT I
2530 NEXT I
2540 SX=0
2550 IF SC=100 THEN 2600
2560 PRINT TAB(3); " YOU GET A FREE GAME "
2570 REM " A FREE GAME! "
2580 SC=0
2590 GOTO 2400
2600 SC=0
2610 REM GO BACK TO START
2620 GOTO 680
2630 REM MOVE TANK LEFT
2640 IF T=3 THEN 2650 ELSE 2680
2650 CALL SOUND(250, 110, 2)
2660 T=T-1
2670 GOTO 2630
2680 T=T-2
2690 CALL VCHAR(24, T+1, 132)
2700 CALL VCHAR(24, T+1, 42)
2710 CALL VCHAR(24, T+2, 113)
2720 CALL VCHAR(23, T+1, 152)
2730 CALL VCHAR(24, T+2, 128, 2)
2740 CALL VCHAR(23, T+3, 128)
2750 GOTO 1350
2760 REM MOVE TANK RIGHT
2770 IF T=27 THEN 2780 ELSE 2810
2780 CALL SOUND(250, 110, 2)
2790 T=T+1
2800 GOTO 2820
2810 T=T+2
2820 CALL VCHAR(24, T+1, 132)
2830 CALL VCHAR(24, T+1, 42)
2840 CALL VCHAR(24, T+2, 113)
2850 CALL VCHAR(23, T+1, 152)
2860 CALL VCHAR(24, T+2, 128, 2)
2870 CALL VCHAR(23, T+3, 128)
2880 GOTO 1350
2890 END

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BATTLE AT SEA

Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead . . . Get ready, all you armchair admirals out there in 99'er-land. You're about to do battle with the most crafty enemy of all—the Imperial TI Fleet. If you're old enough to remember those rainy Saturdays in the pre-TV age, you've probably spent many an hour with pencil and paper playing Battleship. In the intervening years, Battleship has been dressed up as a consumer item in many forms: First it was "cardboardized," then "plasticized," and finally "electronicized."

Well gang, as it happened, one rainy Saturday afternoon a few months ago, I had this mad urge to play Battleship . . . The expensive electronic version looked really enticing in a local toy store display, but I sure wasn't going to spring for it—especially when I had my trusty TI-99/4 personal computer waiting to carry out my every command. So program it I did. The result: Battleship has now been "99'erized" into a 16K TI BASIC version, which I call *Battle at Sea*.

Two 10 x 10 grids are displayed on the screen along with the row and column designations. The computer will ask you to enter coordinates for the placement of each of your ships on the grid at the right. Each coordinate must be entered separately; for example, first A 5 and then A 6 are entered for the destroyer. Since the ships occupy different numbers of grid squares, I've put in a counter for each ship to indicate how many remaining squares must be entered.

After all the coordinates for a ship have been entered, that ship will be displayed on the screen. Once all five ships are set up, the computer will secretly set up its own ships on the grid to the left. You won't be able to see the computer's ships, since the whole idea of the game is to try to find them.

Once the computer has set up its ships, it will ask you for the coordinates of your shot at its grid (on the left). You must enter your shot as a row letter, then a column number. Valid coordinates are from A to J and from 0 to 9. Any other entry will result in having to enter the coordinates again. Your hit or miss will be marked on the grid and displayed at the bottom of the screen as a MISS or ****HIT****. The computer will then take a shot at your grid. It cannot see your ships, but it does keep track of where the hits and misses are.

After a hit, any ship that has been sunk will be displayed at the bottom of the screen. The score is also updated at this time: one point for each ship sunk. The first player to sink all five ships will win the game.

Because there are no moving objects in this game, speed was not the most important factor in the game design. The action happens to be fairly fast, but the critical factor was programming the computer to make intelligent decisions. With no limit on available memory, I might have been able to write a program with flawless logic. But here that wasn't the case—I had to stay within the confines of standard 16K TI BASIC.

I started by giving the computer a set of rules and several variables to test for a given situation. First, if a ship has been hit only once, the computer will take random shots around that hit until the direction is determined. It will then continue in that direction until the ship either sinks, misses a shot, or runs up to the edge of the grid. It will then reverse and shoot at the other end if the ship was not sunk.

And now it's you against the Imperial TI Fleet!

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM

Battle At Sea

Line Nos.	
100-630	Initialization: Set up variables, character definition, and color assignments.
640-870	Instruction page.
880-1010	Display 10 x 10 grids.
1020-1100	Control loop for setting up your ships on the 10 X 10 grid.
1110-1360	Subroutines holding data on each ship.
1370-1380	Branch to subroutine: computer sets up its ships.
1390-1530	Display message for ship coordinates to be entered.
1540-1710	Read keyboard; INPUT coordinates of ships.
1720-1950	Put the coordinates in order.
1960-2050	Check that all coordinates are valid.
2060-2220	Display ship on the 10 x 10 grid.
2230-2380	Control loop holding data for computer to set up its ships.
2390-2600	Subroutine to set up computer's ships at random.
2610-2860	Set up variables for messages; subroutines for

2870-2910

2920-3170

3180-3340

3350-3570

3580-3710

3720-4150

4160-4450

4460-4620

4630-4770

4780-4980

4990-5020

5030-5090

5100-5190

5200-5320

5330-5340

5350-5460

displaying those messages.

Keep track of which turn it is. Branch to either user's shot, or computer's shot.

computer takes random shot at your grid if no ships are hit.

Read keyboard; INPUT user's shot a computer's grid.

Check for valid INPUT, hit or miss.

Check for direction of hits on your ships.

Take random shot around last hit if only one hit on the ship.

If more than one hit on a ship takes another hit in proper direction.

Adjust variables when computer gets a hit.

Find out how many hits on each ship; used for both computer and user.

Calculate score, and number of ships hit, but not sunk.

Display any ships that have been destroyed after every hit.

Display scores.

End of game message.

Re-initialize variables for next game.

END OF GAME.

Subroutine to make sure ships are in line.

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100 REM
110 REM * BATTLE AT SEA *
120 REM
130 REM
140 REM
150 REM
160 REM
170 REM
180 RANDOMIZE
190 CALL SCREEN(12)
200 CALL CLEAR
210 PRINT TAB(7): "BATTLE AT SEA"
220 PRINT
230 PRINT
240 PRINT "::::::::::::::::::"
250 OPTION BASE 1
260 DIM P(10,10),C(10,10),S(5,5,2)
270 CALL COLOR(14,7,1)
280 CALL COLOR(19,11,1)
290 CALL CHAR(96,"000000000000")
300 CALL CHAR(97,"000000000000")
310 CALL CHAR(98,"000000000000")
320 CALL CHAR(99,"000000000000")
330 CALL CHAR(100,"000000000000")
340 CALL CHAR(101,"000000000000")
350 CALL CHAR(102,"000000000000")
360 CALL CHAR(103,"000000000000")
370 CALL CHAR(104,"000000000000")
380 CALL CHAR(105,"000000000000")
390 CALL CHAR(106,"000000000000")
400 CALL CHAR(107,"000000000000")
410 CALL CHAR(108,"000000000000")
420 CALL CHAR(109,"000000000000")
430 CALL CHAR(110,"000000000000")
440 CALL CHAR(111,"000000000000")
450 CALL CHAR(112,"000000000000")
460 CALL CHAR(113,"000000000000")
470 CALL CHAR(114,"000000000000")
480 CALL CHAR(115,"000000000000")
490 CALL CHAR(116,"000000000000")
500 CALL CHAR(117,"000000000000")
510 CALL CHAR(118,"000000000000")
520 CALL CHAR(119,"000000000000")
530 CALL CHAR(120,"000000000000")
540 CALL CHAR(121,"000000000000")
550 CALL CHAR(122,"000000000000")
560 CALL CHAR(123,"000000000000")
570 CALL CHAR(124,"000000000000")
580 CALL CHAR(125,"000000000000")
590 CALL CHAR(126,"000000000000")
600 CALL CHAR(127,"000000000000")

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610 CALL CHAR(128,"000000000000")
620 CALL CHAR(129,"000000000000")
630 CALL CHAR(130,"000000000000")
640 CALL CHAR(131,"000000000000")
650 PRINT TAB(7): "BATTLE AT SEA"
660 PRINT "YOU MUST DESTROY THE ENEMY"
670 PRINT "SHIPS BEFORE THE COMPUTER"
680 PRINT "DESTROYS YOUR SHIPS."
690 PRINT "TO SET UP YOUR SHIPS YOU"
700 PRINT "MUST ENTER COORDINATES ON"
710 PRINT "THE 10 X 10 GRID ON THE"
720 PRINT "RIGHT."
730 PRINT "ENTER THE ROW, THEN THE"
740 PRINT "COLUMN."
750 PRINT "EXAMPLE: A5"
760 PRINT "AFTER YOUR SHIPS ARE SET UP"
770 PRINT "YOU WILL TAKE A SHOT AT THE"
780 PRINT "ENEMY SHIPS BY ENTERING ONE"
790 PRINT "PAIR OF COORDINATES ON THE"
800 PRINT "COMPUTER GRID."
810 PRINT "THE COMPUTER WILL THEN"
820 PRINT "TAKE A SHOT AT YOUR SHIPS."
830 PRINT "THE COMPUTER CANNOT SEE"
840 PRINT "YOUR SHIPS, YOU CANNOT SEE"
850 PRINT "THE COMPUTER'S SHIPS."
860 PRINT "ENTER ANY KEY TO BEGIN."
870 CALL SCREEN(12,5)
880 CALL KEY(9,8,5)
890 IF S=0 THEN 860
900 CALL CLEAR
910 PRINT "COMPUTER YOU"
920 FOR X=5 TO 14
930 CALL YCHAR(5,X,1)
940 CALL YCHAR(6,12,1)
950 CALL YCHAR(7,12,1)
960 CALL YCHAR(8,17,X)
970 NEXT X
980 FOR X=5 TO 15
990 CALL YCHAR(5,X,1)
1000 CALL YCHAR(6,X,1)
1010 NEXT X
1020 S=0
1030 S=1: "BATTLESHIP"
1040 S=2: "CRUISER"

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1650 S41=-SUBMARINE
1660 S11=-DESTROYER
1670 FOR S=1 TO 5
1680 ON S GOSUB 1110, 1160, 1210, 1260, 1310
1690
1700 GOSUB 1530
1710 GOTO 1360
1720 PR1=S11
1730 LE=5
1740 S=1
1750 OS=0
1760 RETURN
1770 PR1=S21
1780 LE=4
1790 S=2
1800 OS=0
1810 RETURN
1820 PR1=S31
1830 LE=3
1840 S=3
1850 OS=16
1860 RETURN
1870 PR1=S41
1880 LE=5
1890 S=4
1900 OS=22
1910 RETURN
1920 PR1=S51
1930 LE=2
1940 S=5
1950 OS=28
1960 RETURN
1970 NEXT S
1980 CALL NCHAR(22,1,52,64)
1990 GOTO 2040
2000 L=LEN(PR1)
2010 SUFFS="ENTER ROW,COL. FOR *STEPS(LE
      "IA" SPACES"
2020 FOR X=1 TO LEN(SUFFS)
2030 SUFFS=SEG$(SUFFS,X,1)
2040 CALL VCHAR(22,X-2,ASC(SUFFS))
2050 NEXT X
2060 PR1=PR1+" SPACE"
2070 CALL NCHAR(23,2,52,50)
2080 FOR X=1 TO LEN(PR1)
2090 SUFFS=SEG$(PR1,X,1)
2100 CALL VCHAR(23,X-2,ASC(SUFFS))
2110 NEXT X
2120 FOR X=1 TO LE
2130 CALL NCHAR(23,20,35)
2140 CALL VCHAR(23,21,LE-X+49)
2150 CALL KEY(0,K1,ST)
2160 IF ST=0 THEN 1540
2170 IF K1<65 THEN 1550
2180 IF K1=74 THEN 1590
2190 GOTO 1610
2200 CALL SOUND(100,-.2,2)
2210 GOTO 1540
2220 CALL VCHAR(23,23,K1)
2230 CALL KEY(0,K1,ST)
2240 IF ST=-1 THEN 1620
2250 CALL KEY(0,K2,ST)
2260 IF ST=0 THEN 1640
2270 IF K2<48 THEN 1690
2280 IF K2>57 THEN 1690
2290 GOTO 1710
2300 CALL SOUND(100,-.2,2)
2310 GOTO 1640
2320 S=(S+1) MOD 24,1,2)
2330 S=(S+1) MOD 24,1,2)
2340 S=(S+1) MOD 24,1,2)
2350 S=(S+1) MOD 24,1,2)
2360 S=(S+1) MOD 24,1,2)
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2530 S=(S+1) MOD 24,1,2)

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1820 FOR X=1 TO LE
1830 F=0
1840 FOR X1=1 TO LE-X
1850 IF SH(S,X1,X2)=0 THEN 1910
1860 IF SH(S,X1,X2)<SH(S,X1+1,X2) THEN 1
      910
1870 SW=SH(S,X1,X2)
1880 SH(S,X2)=SH(S,X1+1,X2)
1890 SH(S,X1+1,X2)=SW
1900 F=1
1910 NEXT X1
1920 IF F=0 THEN 1940
1930 NEXT X2
1940 FOR X=1 TO LE-1
1950 IF SH(S,X,1)<SH(S,X+1,1)-1 THEN 1
      920
1960 NEXT X
1970 GOTO 2070
1980 FOR X=1 TO LE-1
1990 IF SH(S,X,2)<SH(S,X+1,2)-1 THEN 2
      020
2000 NEXT X
2010 GOTO 2070
2020 CALL SOUND(100,-.2,2)
2030 FOR X=1 TO LE
2040 F=(SH(S,X,1)+SH(S,X,2))=0
2050 NEXT X
2060 GOTO 1450
2070 END
2080 FOR X1=1 TO 5
2090 IF SH(X,X1,1)=0 THEN 2190
2100 IF SH(X,X1,1)+SH(X,2,1) THEN 2150
2110 OSA=1
2120 GOTO 2140
2130 OSA=0
2140 F=(SH(X,X1,1)+SH(X,X1,2))=1
2150 FOR X1=1 THEN 2190
2160 CALL VCHAR(SH(X,X1,1)+4,SH(X,X1,2)
      +7,95*(X1+OS)-(LE-1)+OSA)
2170 GOTO 2190
2180 CALL NCHAR(SH(X,X1,1)+4,SH(X,X1,2)
      +7,95*(X1+OS)-(LE+OSA))
2190 NEXT X1
2200 IF X=1 THEN 2230
2210 CALL NCHAR(SH(1,4,1)+4,SH(1,4,2)+7)
      97-(LE-1)+OSA)
2220 CALL NCHAR(SH(1,5,1)+4,SH(1,5,2)+7)
      99-(LE-1)+OSA)
2230 RETURN
2240 LE=4
2250 S=1
2260 GOSUB 2490
2270 LE=5
2280 S=2
2290 GOSUB 2490
2300 LE=2
2310 S=3
2320 GOSUB 2490
2330 LE=2
2340 S=4
2350 GOSUB 2490
2360 LE=1
2370 S=5
2380 GOSUB 2490
2390 GOTO 2630
2400 RANDOMIZE
2410 X2=INT(RND*2)+1
2420 IF X2=2 THEN 2460
2430 X=INT(RND*(10-LE))+1
2440 X1=INT(RND*10)+1
2450 GOTO 2480
2460 X=INT(RND*10)+1
2470 X1=INT(RND*(10-LE))+1
2480 ON X2 GOTO 2490,2560
2490 FOR Y=X TO X+LE
2500 IF OUT(X1)>9 THEN 2490
2510 NEXT Y
2520 FOR Y=X TO X+LE
2530 OUT(X1)=

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2540 NEXT Y
2550 RETURN
2560 FOR Y=X1 TO X1+LE
2570 IF O(X,T)>8 THEN 2400
2580 NEXT Y
2590 FOR T=X1 TO X1+LE
2600 O(X,T)=5
2610 NEXT T
2620 RETURN
2630 M1="MY SHOT"
2640 M2="YOUR SHOT"
2650 M3="SCORE"
2660 M4="COMPUTER"
2670 M5="USER"
2680 M6="YOU MISSED"
2690 M7="I MISSED"
2700 M8="**EXIT**"
2710 GOTO 2800
2720 FOR Y=1 TO 7
2730 CALL NCHAR(18,Y+4,ASC(SEG$(M1),Y),1)
2740 NEXT Y
2750 RETURN
2760 FOR Y=1 TO 9
2770 CALL NCHAR(21,Y+4,ASC(SEG$(M2),Y),1)
2780 NEXT Y
2790 RETURN
2800 FOR X=1 TO 5
2810 CALL NCHAR(18,X+22,ASC(SEG$(M3),X),1)
2820 NEXT X
2830 FOR X=1 TO 8
2840 CALL NCHAR(19,X+15,ASC(SEG$(M4),X),1)
2850 NEXT X
2860 FOR X=1 TO 4
2870 CALL NCHAR(19,X+26,ASC(SEG$(M5),X),1)
2880 NEXT X
2890 T=1
2900 IF T=0 THEN 2930
2910 T=1
2920 GOTO 3200
2930 T=1
2940 CALL NCHAR(21,3,32,12)
2950 CALL NCHAR(22,3,32,7)
2960 GOSUB 3720
2970 IF W=0 THEN 3650
2980 RANDOMIZE
2990 I=INT(18*RD)+1
3000 J=INT(18*RD)+1
3010 H=I
3020 H1=J
3030 IF F(I,J)=7 THEN 2980
3040 IF F(I,J)=6 THEN 2980
3050 CALL NCHAR(19,6,H+6)
3060 CALL NCHAR(19,7,H1+47)
3070 IF F(I,X1)=0 THEN 4400
3080 GOSUB 3720
3090 GOTO 2980
3100 F(I+10,X1)=7
3110 CALL NCHAR(23,1,32,32)
3120 F(I,X1)=0
3130 CALL SOUND(200,-8,2)
3140 CALL NCHAR(23,1,32,32)
3150 CALL VCHAR(X+4,X+17,144)
3160 FOR Y=1 TO 8
3170 CALL NCHAR(25,12+Y,ASC(SEG$(M7),Y),T)
3180 NEXT Y
3190 RETURN
3200 CALL NCHAR(18,3,32,12)
3210 CALL NCHAR(19,3,32,7)
3220 GOSUB 2760
3230 CALL KEY(9,X1,ST)
3240 IF ST=0 THEN 3230
3250 IF X1=65 THEN 3230
3260 IF X1=74 THEN 3230

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3270 CALL VCHAR(22,6,X1)
3280 CALL KEY(8,EC,ST)
3290 IF ST=1 THEN 3260
3300 CALL KEY(10,EC,ST)
3310 IF ST=0 THEN 3300
3320 IF EC=48 THEN 3300
3330 IF EC=57 THEN 3300
3340 CALL NCHAR(22,7,EC)
3350 EC=X1-64
3360 EC=X2-47
3370 IF O(K3,K4)<6 THEN 3410
3380 CALL SOUND(50,110,2)
3390 CALL NCHAR(22,6,32,7)
3400 GOTO 3290
3410 IF O(K3,K4)=0 THEN 3520
3420 CALL SOUND(200,320,2,350,2,440,2,-6,2)
3430 CALL SOUND(400,110,2,220,2,330,2,-8,2)
3440 CALL VCHAR(K3+4,K4+5,136)
3450 ST=O(K3,K4)
3460 O(K3,K4)=7
3470 CALL NCHAR(23,1,32,32)
3480 FOR X2=1 TO 7
3490 CALL NCHAR(23,13+X2,ASC(SEG$(M8),X2,1))
3500 NEXT X2
3510 GOTO 4620
3520 CALL SOUND(200,-6,2)
3530 CALL NCHAR(23,1,32,32)
3540 O(K3,K4)=6
3550 FOR X2=1 TO 10
3560 CALL VCHAR(23,13+X2,ASC(SEG$(M6),X2,1))
3570 NEXT X2
3580 CALL VCHAR(K3+4,K4+5,144)
3590 GOTO 2980
3600 CH=1
3610 GOTO 4670
3620 CH=0
3630 ON ST GOTO 1110,1100,1210,1260,1310
3640 IF DS(57)=LC-1 THEN 3690
3650 H=10 THEN 3690
3660 IF F(H+1,H1)<7 THEN 3680
3670 IF W=1 THEN 4200 ELSE 4000
3680 IF H=1 THEN 3740
3690 IF F(H-1,H1)<7 THEN 3740
3700 IF W=1 THEN 4200 ELSE 4000
3710 W2=W
3720 W=H1
3730 GOTO 3580
3740 IF H1=10 THEN 3780
3750 IF F(H,H1+1)<7 THEN 3770
3760 IF W=1 THEN 4000 ELSE 4200
3770 IF H1=1 THEN 3800
3780 IF F(H,H1-1)<7 THEN 3800
3790 IF W=1 THEN 4000 ELSE 4200
3800 L1=INT(RND*2)+1
3810 ON L1 GOTO 3820,3900
3820 X2=INT(RND*2)+1
3830 ON X2 GOTO 3840,3870
3840 X2=1
3850 X3=0
3860 GOTO 3970
3870 X2=1
3880 X3=0
3890 GOTO 3970
3900 X3=INT(RND*2)+1
3910 ON X3 GOTO 3920,3950
3920 X3=1
3930 X2=0
3940 GOTO 3970
3950 IS=1
3960 X2=0
3970 IF H=X2=10 THEN 3800
3980 IF H=X2=1 THEN 3800
3990 IF H1=X2=10 THEN 3800
4000 IF H1=X3=1 THEN 3800

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4010 IF P(H,X2,H1)X5)=6 THEN 5000
4020 IF P(H=X2,H1)X5)=7 THEN 5000
4030 X=X+X2
4040 X1=X1+X5
4050 IF P(X,X1)=0 THEN 4400
4060 GOSUB 5120
4070 GOTO 2000
4080 IF N=10 THEN 4100
4090 N=N+1
4100 IF P(H,X1)=7 THEN 4000
4110 IF P(H,X1)=6 THEN 4100
4120 X=X
4130 X1=X1
4140 IF P(X,X1)=0 THEN 4000
4150 GOSUB 5120
4160 N=N+1
4170 GOTO 2000
4180 IF N=1 THEN 4000
4190 N=N+1
4200 IF P(H,X1)=7 THEN 4100
4210 IF P(H,X1)=6 THEN 4000
4220 X=X
4230 X1=X1
4240 IF P(X,X1)=0 THEN 4000
4250 GOSUB 5120
4260 N=N+1
4270 GOTO 2000
4280 IF N=10 THEN 4300
4290 N1=N1+1
4300 IF P(H,X1)=7 THEN 4200
4310 IF P(H,X1)=6 THEN 4300
4320 X=X
4330 X1=X1
4340 IF P(X,X1)=0 THEN 4000
4350 GOSUB 5120
4360 N1=N1+1
4370 GOTO 2000
4380 IF N1=1 THEN 4200
4390 N1=N1+1
4400 IF P(H,X1)=7 THEN 4300
4410 IF P(H,X1)=6 THEN 4200
4420 X=X
4430 X1=X1
4440 IF P(X,X1)=0 THEN 4000
4450 GOSUB 5120
4460 N1=N1+1
4470 GOTO 2000
4480 CALL VCHAR(4+X,17+X1,130)
4490 CALL RCHAR(23,9,32,32)
4500 GOSUB 5200
4510 FOR Z=1 TO LEN(MB1)
4520 CALL RCHAR(23,14+Z,ASC(800+MB1(Z,1)))
4530 NEXT Z
4540 CALL SOUND(200,220,2,330,2,440,2,550)
4550 CALL SOUND(300,110,0,220,0,330,0,440,0,550)
4560 SF=P(X,X1)
4570 CALL VCHAR(10,0,X+64)
4580 CALL VCHAR(10,7,X1+47)
4590 P(X,X1)=7
4600 N=X
4610 N1=X1
4620 FOR I2=1 TO 5
4630 DS(X2)=0
4640 NEXT I2
4650 FOR I2=1 TO 10
4660 FOR I3=1 TO 10
4670 IF CH=1 THEN 4690
4680 IF T=0 THEN 4740
4690 IF P(X2,I3)=0 THEN 4700
4700 IF P(X2,I3)=6 THEN 4700
4710 IF P(X2,I3)=7 THEN 4700
4720 DS(P(X2,I3))=DS(P(X2,I3))+1
4730 GOTO 4700
4740 IF O(X2,I3)=0 THEN 4700
4750 IF O(X2,I3)=6 THEN 4700
4760 IF O(X2,I3)=7 THEN 4700

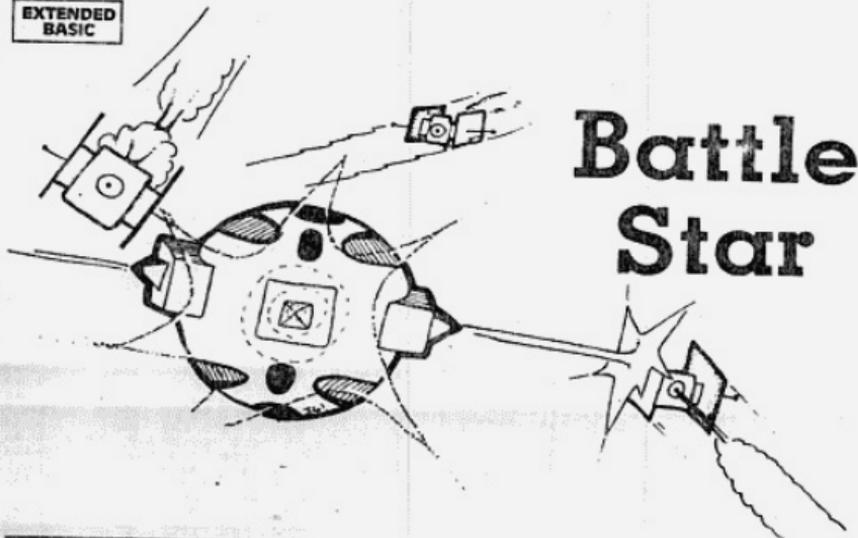
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4770 DS(O(X2,I3))=DS(O(X2,I3))+1
4780 NEXT I3
4790 NEXT I2
4800 IF CH=1 THEN 5020
4810 W=0
4820 SCORE=0
4830 FOR Z=1 TO 5
4840 ON Z GOSUB 1110,1100,1210,1200,1310
4850 IF DS(Z)=L THEN 4840
4860 IF DS(Z)=R THEN 4850
4870 W=W+1
4880 GOTO 4940
4890 SCORE=SCORE+1
4900 IF T=0 THEN 4930
4910 GOSUB 5010
4920 GOTO 4940
4930 GOSUB 5000
4940 NEXT Z
4950 IF T=0 THEN 4900
4960 W1=W
4970 GOTO 2000
4980 W=W1
4990 GOTO 2000
5000 BCP=SCORE
5010 CALL RCHAR(23,1,32,32)
5020 FOR IJ=1 TO LEN(PB1)+10
5030 CALL RCHAR(23,IJ+6,ASC(800+PB1("DESTROYED",I3,1)))
5040 NEXT IJ
5050 IF T=0 THEN 5000
5060 CALL VCHAR(20,20,SCORE+40)
5070 IF SCORE=5 THEN 5120
5080 RETURN
5090 CALL RCHAR(20,27,SCORE+40)
5100 IF SCORE=5 THEN 5140
5110 RETURN
5120 PRINT "THE COMPUTER WINS AGAIN"
5130 GOTO 5150
5140 PRINT "YOU JUST GOT LUCKY THIS TIME"
5150 PRINT "IF YOU WISH TO PLAY AGAIN"
5160 PRINT "ENTER 'Y', IF NOT ENTER 'N'"
5170 INPUT NOS
5180 IF NOS="N" THEN 5350
5190 IF NOS="Y" THEN 5200
5200 CALL SOUND(200,110,0)
5210 GOTO 5150
5220 FOR L1=1 TO 10
5230 FOR L1=1 TO 10
5240 P(L,L1)=0
5250 O(L,L1)=0
5260 NEXT L1
5270 NEXT L1
5280 FOR L1 TO 5
5290 FOR L1=1 TO 5
5300 SH(L,L1,1)=0
5310 SH(L,L1,2)=0
5320 NEXT L1
5330 GOTO 800
5340 CALL CLEAR
5350 STOP
5360 NNN=0
5370 AAA=0
5380 FOR I=1 TO LE-1
5390 IF NNN=1 THEN 5430
5400 IF SH(S,I,1)=SH(S,I+1,1) THEN 5400
5410 IF AAA=1 THEN 2020
5420 IF SH(S,I,2)<SH(S,I+1,2) THEN 2020
5430 NNN=1
5440 AAA=1
5450 GOTO 5470
5460 AAA=1
5470 NEXT I
5480 RETURN
5490 END

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EXTENDED
BASIC



Battle Star

You are the chief security officer in charge of defending the Earth's newest Battle Star from alien attack. At first, the aliens are few—trying only to probe your weak points. Later, they attack in force from all four directions. It's their somewhat ancient nuclear missiles against your laser battery. One hit by a missile, however, and the entire Battle Star is obliterated. The speed at which you can react and move your fingers is the only thing that stands between victory and total destruction . . .

To fire a laser in any one of four directions, press any of the arrow keys. These are the only keys used. You may not move your Battle Star because of your geosynchronous orbit and large size. The entire game is an hand-eye coordination exercise. At one point in the game, the aliens become so fast you may not be able to move fast enough to prevent annihilation. There is, however, an "automatic speed check" put into the program; if you can reach this level and maintain it, the endurance of your fingers will be your only limiting factor. If you wish to make the game even more difficult, you could adjust the limiting speed of the missiles. This is done in lines 730, 760, 790, and 820. The X and Y velocity in the sprite being defined (whichever X or Y is not zero) can be adjusted. For example, in line 730 the X velocity formula is $11 - (L/10)$. This will allow no speed greater than 10. Change this to $15 - (L/10)$ and the maximum speed will be 14, with the initial speed being 5. If one line is changed, related lines must all be changed.

The Program

The program is very short and simple—requiring only 3K memory and Extended BASIC. There is plenty of room for a good programmer to experiment and try adding to or improving the features. The action is simple, but can become fairly rapid—thus making the game very challenging. A Battle Star is positioned at the center of the screen, and made up of 9 sprites (3x3). I did this for dramatic reasons: When the Battle Star is hit, each section of it blows up and flies in a different direction. An alien ship will appear to the left, right, above, and below the Battle Star. At first, only the ship will be displayed; later, the ship and a nuclear missile will appear. For every missile knocked out of action, your score will increase by 20 points. For every alien ship destroyed, you will receive 50 points. The trickiest part of the program was to make the laser rays coming from the Battle Star stop after encountering a missile. Since the missile is a sprite, its location is checked using the CALL POSITION statement. Then, calculating the distance from the Battle Star's cannon and dividing by 9 gives me the distance (in number of characters) of the missile. I then use a CALL HCHAR, or CALL VCHAR (first with the ray bolt) and a CHR\$(32) which represents a space. Finally, I delete the given sprite. The result is a fast laser bolt and increased program speed.

One problem I encountered when the missiles were traveling at high speed was that they sometimes passed through the base without a hit being detected. This problem was alleviated by checking POSITION instead of COINC, so that if the position was past the edge of the Battle Star, the missile would blow up.

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EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM

Battle Star

Line Nos. Initializes colors and characters.
 300 Initializes variables.
 310 Jumps to subroutine to create Battle Star.
 320-340 Main program loop.
 350-380 Sets up sprites to create the Battle Star.
 390-440 Reads keyboard; branches to fire laser cannon.
 450-490 Fires laser up.
 500-540 Fires laser left.
 550-590 Fires laser down.
 600-640 Fires laser right.
 650-690 Checks position of missiles, and branches off if Battle Star hit.

700 Checks the chance of another ship appearing.
 710 Decides which ship will appear, and branches to subroutine.
 720-740 Places top ship on screen with missile if game progressed.
 750-770 Places left ship on screen with missile if game progressed.
 780-800 Places bottom ship on screen with missile if game progressed.
 810-830 Places right ship on screen with missile if game progressed.
 840-870 Battle Star is hit and destroyed.
 880-910 Displays score. Play again? Accepts answer.
 920-940 Re-initializes variables.
 950 End.

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100 RCM *****
110 RCM *****
120 RCM = BATTLE STAR *
130 RCM *****
140 RCM *****
150 RCM *****
160 RCM *****
170 RANDOMIZE
180 DIR=1 : CALL CLEAR
190 CALL COLOR(9,7,1) : CALL COLOR(10,
6,1) : CALL SCREEN(2)
200 CALL CHAR(96, "00000000000070707" :
CALL CHAR(97, "101010037EFD0099" :
210 CALL CHAR(98, "0000000000000000" :
CALL CHAR(99, "0797C17777F0C000" :
220 CALL CHAR(100, "10423C99993C218" :
CALL CHAR(101, "070357777F3070E0" :
CALL CHAR(102, "070707" :
230 CALL CHAR(107, "10462B240A023044" :
240 CALL CHAR(103, "09D3FF7E3C001010" :
CALL CHAR(100, "E0C000" :
250 CALL CHAR(112, "5070C477C7030" :
CALL CHAR(113, "10103060000000" :
260 CALL CHAR(114, "0C103000000000" :
CALL CHAR(115, "0070000000000000" :
270 CALL CHAR(116, "10103000000000" :
CALL CHAR(117, "0000103000000000" :
280 CALL CHAR(105, "1010101010101010" :
CALL CHAR(106, "000000000000" :
290 FOR COL=1 TO 12 : CALL COLOR(COL,
16,1) : NEXT COL
300 L=100 : S=5 : SC=0 : SA1,S01,SA
2,S02,SA3,S03,SA4,S04=0 : T=0
310 GOSUB 350
320 GOSUB 390 : GOSUB 550
330 L=L-1 : IF L=1 THEN L=1
340 PLAY AT(24,3) : SC : GOTO 320
350 CALL SPRITE(19,06,16,0,113,0,0,1
11,07,16,0,1,121,0,0,112,10,16,0,0,1
29,0,0)
360 CALL SPRITE(13,09,16,09,113,0,0,1
14,104,7,09,121,0,0,115,104,10,09,1
29,0,0)
370 CALL SPRITE(15,102,16,07,113,0,0,1
17,102,16,07,121,0,0,118,100,16,9
7,129,0,0)
380 RETURN
390 CALL KEY(0,K,S) : IF S=0 THEN RETU
RN
400 IF K=05 THEN 450
410 IF K=08 THEN 500
420 IF K=0B THEN 550
430 IF K=0E THEN 600
440 RETURN
450 IF SA1=0 AND S01=0 THEN CALL VCHAR
1,16,105,10) : CALL SOUND(10,000,
0) : CALL VCHAR(1,16,32,10) : SC=S
C-10 : RETURN

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460 IF S01=0 THEN CALL VCHAR(2,16,105,
9) : CALL SOUND(500,110,2,-5,2) :
CALL VCHAR(2,16,32,9) : SC=SC+50 :
SA1=0 : RETURN
470 CALL POSITION(17,11,12) : IF P1=76
THEN 040
480 P1=INT(P1/8)+1 : CALL VCHAR(P1,16
,105,10-P1) : CALL SOUND(200,110,1,
0,-5,0) : CALL VCHAR(P1,16,32,10-P
1)
490 CALL DELSPRITE(17) : SC=SC+20 : S
0=0 : RETURN
500 IF SA2=0 AND S02=0 THEN CALL HCHAR
(12,1,106,14) : CALL SOUND(10,000,
0) : CALL HCHAR(12,1,32,14) : SC=S
C-10 : RETURN
510 IF S02=0 THEN CALL HCHAR(12,3,106,
12) : CALL SOUND(500,110,2,-5,2) :
CALL HCHAR(12,3,32,12) : SC=SC+50
: SA2=0 : RETURN
520 CALL POSITION(12,11,12) : IF P2=06
THEN 040
530 P2=INT(P2/8)+1 : CALL HCHAR(12,P2
,106,15-P2) : CALL SOUND(200,110,1,
0,-5,0) : CALL HCHAR(12,P2,32,15-P
2)
540 CALL DELSPRITE(12) : SC=SC-20 : S
02=0 : RETURN
550 IF SA3=0 AND S03=0 THEN CALL VCHAR
(14,16,105,10) : CALL SOUND(10,000,
0) : CALL VCHAR(14,16,32,10) : SC
=SC-10 : RETURN
560 IF S03=0 THEN CALL VCHAR(14,16,105
,10) : CALL SOUND(500,110,2,-5,2) :
CALL VCHAR(14,16,32,10) : SC=SC+
50 : SA3=0 : RETURN
570 CALL POSITION(13,11,12) : IF P1<11
OR AND P1=0 THEN 040
580 P1=INT(P1/8)+1 : CALL VCHAR(14,16
,105,10-P1) : CALL SOUND(200,110,1,
0,-5,0) : CALL VCHAR(14,16,32,P1-1
0)
590 CALL DELSPRITE(13) : SC=SC+20 : S
03=0 : RETURN
600 IF SA4=0 AND S04=0 THEN CALL HCHAR
(12,18,106,14) : CALL SOUND(10,000,
0) : CALL HCHAR(12,18,32,14) : SC
=SC-10 : RETURN
610 IF S04=0 THEN CALL HCHAR(12,18,106
,15) : CALL SOUND(500,110,2,-5,2) :
CALL HCHAR(12,18,32,15) : SC=SC+
50 : SA4=0 : RETURN
620 CALL POSITION(14,11,12) : IF P0<14
7 THEN 040
630 P0=INT(P0/2)+1 : CALL HCHAR(12,18,10
6,P0,12-15) : CALL SOUND(200,110,10,
5,0) : CALL HCHAR(12,18,32,P0-15)

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648 CALL DELSPRITE(#4):: SC=SC+28 :: 3
649 RETURN
650 IF S#1=0 THEN P1,P2=0 :: GOTO 660
ELSE CALL POSITION(#1,P1,P2)
660 IF S#2=0 THEN P3,P4=0 :: GOTO 670
ELSE CALL POSITION(#2,P3,P4)
670 IF S#3=0 THEN P5,P6=0 :: GOTO 680
ELSE CALL POSITION(#3,P5,P6)
680 IF S#4=0 THEN P7,P8=0 :: GOTO 690
ELSE CALL POSITION(#4,P7,P8)
690 IF P1>76 OR P4<86 OR P5<116 AND P5
<0)OR(P8<142 AND P8>0)THEN 840
700 RS=INT(RND*L):: IF RS>10 THEN RETU
RN
710 RS=INT(RND*4)+1 :: ON RS GOTO 730,
740,750,830
720 IF SA1=0 AND SB1=1 THEN RETURN
730 CALL SCHAR(2,16,115):: SA1=1 :: IF
L<80 AND SB1=0 THEN CALL SPRITE(
1,116,7,17,120,11-(L/10),0):: SB1=
1
740 RETURN
750 IF SA2=1 AND SB2=1 THEN RETURN
760 CALL SCHAR(12,3,112):: SA2=1 :: IF
L<80 AND SB2=0 THEN CALL SPRITE(
2,116,7,28,17,0,11-(L/10)):: SB2=1
770 RETURN
780 IF SA3=1 AND SB3=1 THEN RETURN
790 CALL SCHAR(23,16,113):: SA3=1 :: 1
L<80 AND SB3=0 THEN CALL SPRITE(
3,116,7,17,120,11-(L/10),0):: S
A3=1

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800 RETURN
810 IF SA4=1 AND SB4=1 THEN RETURN
820 CALL SCHAR(12,30,114):: SA4=1 :: 1
L<80 AND SB4=0 THEN CALL SPRITE(
4,116,7,28,216,0,11-(L/10)):: SB
4=1
830 RETURN
840 CALL DELSPRITE(#1,P2,P3,P4):: CALL
SOUND(2000,110,2,220,2,1000,50,-4
2)
850 FOR SD=10 TO 15 :: CALL MOTION(
UB,INT(RND*40)-20,INT(RND*40)-20)::
CALL PATTERN(100,100):: NEXT SD
860 CALL SOUND(1000,110,2,220,2,110,2,
-5,2):: CALL SOUND(1,4000,30)
870 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL):: CALL CLEAR
880 DISPLAY AT(12,7):: YOUR SCORE IS:T
AB(10):SC
890 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL)
900 DISPLAY AT(22,1):: DO YOU WISH TO P
LAY AGAIN? (Y/N):-
910 ACCEPT AT(23,8):VALIDATE(YR)::ANS
:: IF ANSW=N THEN 950
920 CALL CLEAR :: GOSUB 550 :: SC=0 ::
L=100
930 SB1,SB2,SB3,SB4,P1,P2,P3,P4,P5,P6,
P7,P8=0
940 RETURN
950 END

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The HARRIED HOUSEWIFE

This matching game is dedicated to tired housewives everywhere who face the daily battle of keeping their houses clean amidst the unrelenting attacks from their kids, husbands, dogs, cats, visiting relatives, unexpected friends, and even home computers—those new family additions that seem to be forever spawning dust, out-of-place furniture, and loose papers.

Harried Housewife uses the color graphics of TI BASIC to depict eight household chores: dusting, sewing, washing clothes, doing dishes, cooking, vacuuming, shopping, and ironing. It is a matching game that even young children will enjoy playing. The rules are simple: An array of 16 squares is displayed on the screen. Each square represents one of the eight chores, and there are two of each chore somewhere in the array. The object of the game is to find each pair. You do this by choosing two squares at a time and entering the corresponding two letters. As a letter is entered, the chore for that square is shown. If a match is made, the chore is considered finished and is listed on the right side of the screen. If a match is not made, the two selections are covered, and two more letters may be chosen.

When all eight pairs are matched, the housework is complete; you have a clean house and the game is over. But you mustn't take too long, because when the kids come home (determined by the counter in line 1420) everything gets scrambled and the harried housewife must start over. . . And as all harried housewives undoubtedly know: it's not easy to get a completely clean house. Often the goal is to become somewhat more attainable—just seeing how an can be accomplished before the kids come home.

If you get too harried and want to quit, press S for stop. The arrangement of the current array will be displayed. After you have examined it, SHIFT C (BREAK) to end the program. If you really feel you must win more often — that is, end up with everything matched to signify that elusive "clean house" — you can keep the kids out of the house longer by increasing the number in line 1420. Then enjoy the fantasy of a completely clean house all the time. Actually? Why can't your home computer make this fantasy actually come true? Be patient. It's just a matter of time. . . Anyway, in the words of a once-popular song: "Such are the dreams of the everyday housewife. . ."

Programming Techniques

This program illustrates the capabilities of TI-99/4A color graphics. Characters are defined in each of the eight user-defined character sets, and each set has a different color scheme. These eight sets are used for the eight chores; and for ease in programming, they are numbered 1 through 8.

Two characters in Set 2 are also redefined with a blue foreground and a red background ("FFFFFFFFFFFFFFF" and "0") to draw the 16-square checkerboard array. It is drawn with a triple-nested FOR-NEXT loop (statements 2040-2150).

The eight chores to be drawn are called in subroutines (statements 2290 to 3060). The subroutines use x- and y-coordinates to define the placement of the special characters. The coordinates are specified before the subroutine is called. The coordinates of the chores for each of the sixteen squares are listed in subroutines also (statements 5350-5980).

To set up the array of 16 squares, two arrays are actually used: WORK(16) and HH(16). The WORK array is given the numbers of the eight chores: WORK(1)=1; WORK(2)=2; . . . WORK(9)=1; WORK(10)=2; and so on (statements 3370-3400). For the HH array, a subscript RR is chosen as a random number from 1 to 16. HH(RR) is then set equal to WORK(RR), and then WORK(RR)=0 so it won't be chosen again. This process continues until all 16 numbers of the HH array have been filled randomly with the numbers from the WORK array (statements 3410-3470). These numbers are the chore numbers for the

squares. For example, HH(4)=7 means that behind the 4th square (D) would be chore number 7 (shopping).

The WORK array is then reset equal to the HH array so the chores can be printed in order on the squares for a "clean house" or for "stop".

As the game is being played, the HH elements are set equal to zero if a match is made, so the match can only be scored once. If a player chooses a square which has previously been part of a matched pair, the word "DONE" appears across the square.

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM *Harried Housewife*

Line Nos.			
150-180	Prints title screen.	1780	Returns for next choice.
190-260	Defines colors for eight household chores.	1790-1840	If all eight matches have been made, prints CLEAN HOUSE!
270-820	Defines special characters for drawing the chores.	1850	Prints S if player wants to stop.
830	Displays the eight chores on title screen.	1860	Resets HH array to current arrangement.
840-850	Sets counters for the number of trial guesses and the number of successful matches.	1870-1910	Shows all chores in array.
860	Dimensions arrays to handle 16 elements.	1920-1980	Clears all other printing.
870-880	Reductions characters for checkerboard.	1990-2040	Prints HOUSEWORK NEVER ENDS.
890-900	Delays for title screen.	2050	Holds screen until SHIFT C (BREAK) is pressed.
910-920	Clears screen and makes it yellow.	Subroutines:	
930	Defines colors for checkerboard.	2060-2170	Prints checkerboard.
940	Draws checkerboard and labels it.	2180-2230	Prints letters A to P on squares.
950	Assigns the chores for each square in array.	2240-2300	Prints S=STOP and returns.
960-1010	Prints HOUSEWORK.	2310-2410	Draws feather duster.
1020-1130	Prints MATCH 2 LETTERS.	2420-2490	Draws sewing machine.
1140-1160	Prints two red lines for the letters chosen.	2500-2600	Draws T-shirt for washing.
1170-1200	Prints two red lines for the letters chosen.	2620-2690	Draws cup and saucer for dishes.
1210	Prints the chosen letter.	2700-2780	Draws pan for cooking.
1220-1230	Finds chore number and coordinates for square chosen.	2790-2880	Draws vacuum cleaner.
1240-1260	If the square has been previously matched, prints DONE.	2890-2980	Draws shopping basket.
1270	Draws first chore on square.	2990-3080	Draws ironing board.
1280-1330	Waits for second letter to be pressed and prints it.	3090-3300	Places symbols on title screen.
1340-1350	Finds the chore number and coordinates for that square.	3310-3380	Plays music for tile screen.
1360-1390	Prints DONE.	3390-3420	Puts two sets of chore numbers in WORK array.
1400	Draws second chore on square.	3430-3490	Randomly arranges chores in HH array, two of each chore.
1410	Checks for a match.	3500-3520	Resets WORK array equal to HH array.
1420	Increments the number of trials.	3530	Restarts number of matches.
1430	IF TIME = 10 prints message to hurry.	3540-3580	Clears printed list of matches made.
1440	IF TIME = 12, kids come home.	3590-3620	Resets HH array to original WORK array for printing.
1450	Branches if TIME is less than 10.	3630-4490	When a match is made, blinks the picture and prints the chore in the "Finished" list; prints labels under pictures in the squares.
1460	Clears previous message.	4500-4570	Prints PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE and waits for response.
1470-1520	Prints OH NO! KIDS ARE HOME!	4580-4590	Clears messages.
1530-1550	Reprints checkerboard and scrambles chores for a new game.	4600-4630	Covers squares again and relabels them.
1560	Prints PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE and waits for response, covers squares for next choice.	4640	Return for next choice.
1570-1620	Prints SPEED-KIDS WILL BE HOME SOON!	4650-5280	Subroutine for covering particular square.
1630	Same as 1540	5290-5320	Colors blue square.
1640-1750	Correct match is made, sounds tone of A, prints finished chore.	5330-5360	Colors red square.
1760-1770	Sets elements matched to zero so they can't be scored again.	5370-6000	Designates the chore number and coordinates for the square chosen.

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100 REM *****
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100 REM *****
100 CALL CLEAR
150 PRINT TAB(10): "MARRIED"
170 PRINT TAB(9): "HOUSEWIFE"
180 PRINT *****
190 CALL COLOR(9, 7, 15)
200 CALL COLOR(10, 11, 12)
210 CALL COLOR(11, 14, 11)
220 CALL COLOR(12, 16, 3)
230 CALL COLOR(13, 7, 12)
240 CALL COLOR(14, 5, 8)
250 CALL COLOR(15, 15, 15)
260 CALL COLOR(16, 3, 16)
270 CALL CHAR(16, "0000000000000000")
280 CALL CHAR(17, "0000000000000000")
290 CALL CHAR(18, "0000000000000000")
300 CALL CHAR(19, "0000000000000000")
310 CALL CHAR(19, "0000000000000000")
320 CALL CHAR(19, "0000000000000000")
330 CALL CHAR(19, "0000000000000000")
340 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
350 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
360 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
370 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
380 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
390 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
400 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
410 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
420 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
430 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
440 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
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750 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
760 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
770 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
780 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
790 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
800 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
810 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
820 CALL CHAR(19, "0")
830 GOTO 3000
840 TIME=0
850 MATCH=0
860 DIM WK(16), WORK(16)
870 CALL CHAR(16, "0")
880 CALL CHAR(16, "0")

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890 CALL SOUND(4225, 14400, 50)
900 CALL SOUND(4, 64000, 50)
910 CALL CLEAR
920 CALL SCREEN(12)
930 CALL COLOR(2, 6, 9)
940 GOTO 2000
950 GOTO 3300
960 DATA 72, 75, 55, 83, 63, 87, 79, 82, 75
970 RESTORE 960
980 FOR Y=23 TO 51
990 READ GR
1000 CALL MCHAR(2, Y, GR)
1010 NEXT Y
1020 DATA 77, 65, 84, 67, 72, 32, 59
1030 RESTORE 1020
1040 FOR Y=23 TO 29
1050 READ GR
1060 CALL MCHAR(5, Y, GR)
1070 NEXT Y
1080 DATA 76, 69, 84, 84, 69, 82, 83
1090 RESTORE 1080
1100 FOR Y=23 TO 29
1110 READ GR
1120 CALL MCHAR(16, Y, GR)
1130 NEXT Y
1140 CALL COLOR(8, 7, 1)
1150 CALL MCHAR(8, 25, 95)
1160 CALL MCHAR(8, 27, 95)
1170 CALL KEY(0, KEY, ST)
1180 IF KEY=83 THEN 1170
1190 IF KEY=85 THEN 1170
1200 IF KEY=59 THEN 1170
1210 CALL MCHAR(6, 25, 11)
1220 SS=1
1230 ON (K1-64)GOTO 5370, 5410, 5450, 548
0, 5530, 5570, 5610, 5650, 5690, 5730, 57
70, 5810, 5850, 5890, 5930, 5970
1240 IF CM(1)=-9 THEN 1270
1250 GOTO 4450
1260 GOTO 1200
1270 ON CM(1)GOTO 2310, 2420, 2500, 2610,
2700, 2790, 2890, 2990
1280 CALL KEY(0, KEY, ST)
1290 IF KEY=83 THEN 1280
1300 IF KEY=85 THEN 1280
1310 IF KEY=89 THEN 1280
1320 IF KEY=91 THEN 1280
1330 CALL MCHAR(3, 27, KEY)
1340 SS=2
1350 ON (K2-64)GOTO 5370, 5410, 5450, 548
0, 5530, 5570, 5610, 5650, 5690, 5730, 57
70, 5810, 5850, 5890, 5930, 5970
1360 IF CM(2)=-9 THEN 1400
1370 GOTO 4450
1380 GOTO 1420
1390 IF CM(1)=-9 THEN 1420
1400 ON CM(2)GOTO 2310, 2420, 2500, 2610,
2700, 2790, 2890, 2990
1410 IF CM(1)=-CM(2) THEN 1440
1420 TIME=TIME+1
1430 IF TIME=10 THEN 1570
1440 IF TIME=12 THEN 1400
1450 GOTO 4500
1460 CALL MCHAR(22, 2, 32, 31)
1470 DATA 79, 72, 52, 78, 78, 53, 52, 75, 73, 68
1480 RESTORE 1470
1490 FOR Y=3 TO 23
1500 READ GR
1510 CALL MCHAR(24, Y, GR)
1520 NEXT Y
1530 GOTO 2000
1540 GOTO 3300
1550 TIME=0
1560 GOTO 4500
1570 DATA 83, 80, 69, 69, 68, 59, 32, 75, 75, 68
83, 52, 87, 73, 76, 76, 32, 66, 69, 52, 72,
79, 77, 69, 52, 83, 79, 79, 79, 53
1580 RESTORE 1570

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1690 FOR Y=2 TO 31
1691 READ GR
1610 CALL HCHAR(22,T,GR)
1620 NEXT Y
1630 GOTO 4500
1640 CALL SOUND(1000,400,2)
1650 MATCH=MATCH+1
1660 IF MATCH=1 THEN TRX=1730
1670 DATA 78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100
1680 RESTORE 1670
1690 FOR Y=25 TO 31
1700 READ GR
1710 CALL HCHAR(11,T,GR)
1720 NEXT Y
1730 G=MATCH+8
1740 TRX=26
1750 ON CH(1)GOSUB 3650,3720,3800,3890,
4050,4130,4270,4360
1760 RH(X1-64)=0
1770 RH(X2-64)=0
1780 IF MATCH<>8 THEN TRX=1420
1790 DATA 67,78,89,95,78,52,72,76,85,83
69,93,33
1800 RESTORE 1790
1810 FOR Y=5 TO 27 STEP 2
1820 READ GR
1830 CALL HCHAR(24,T,GR)
1840 NEXT Y
1850 CALL HCHAR(8,25,83)
1860 GOSUB 3590
1870 FOR S=1 TO 18
1880 S=S-3
1890 ON S GOSUB 5370,5410,5450,5490,553
8,5570,5610,5650,5690,5730,5770,58
10,5850,5890,5930,5970
1900 ON CH(55)GOSUB 2510,2420,2500,2610
2790,2790,2890,2990
1910 NEXT S
1920 CALL HCHAR(21,3,52,5)
1930 CALL HCHAR(22,3,52,5,1)
1940 IF MATCH<>8 THEN TRX=1990
1950 FOR I=2 TO 8
1960 CALL HCHAR(X,23,52,9)
1970 NEXT I
1980 GOTO 2850
1990 DATA 72,79,85,83,69,87,79,82,75,32
78,69,86,69,82,32,69,70,68,83,33
2000 RESTORE 1990
2010 FOR T=3 TO 23
2020 READ GR
2030 CALL HCHAR(24,T,GR)
2040 NEXT T
2050 GOTO 2850
2060 FOR I=1 TO 11 STEP 10
2070 FOR I=2 TO I=4
2080 FOR T=2 TO 12 STEP 10
2090 CALL SOUND(1000,100,1)
2100 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,83,5)
2110 CALL HCHAR(X,Y+5,84,5)
2120 CALL SOUND(100,52,2)
2130 CALL HCHAR(X+5,Y,84,5)
2140 CALL HCHAR(X+5,Y+5,85,5)
2150 NEXT T
2160 NEXT I
2170 NEXT I
2180 DATA 3,4,5,0,3,14,3,19,0,4,0,0,0,1
4,0,9,1,1,4,0,13,14,13,19,10,4,
18,9,18,14,16,13
2190 RESTORE 2180
2200 FOR CC=65 TO 80
2210 READ X,Y
2220 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,CC)
2230 NEXT CC
2240 CALL HCHAR(21,3,83)
2250 CALL HCHAR(21,4,61)
2260 CALL HCHAR(21,5,83)
2270 CALL HCHAR(21,6,84)
2280 CALL HCHAR(21,7,79)
2290 CALL HCHAR(21,8,80)
2300 RETURN
2310 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T,06)
2320 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T-1,103)
2330 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T+1,97)
2340 CALL HCHAR(X,Y-1,98)
2350 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,99)
2360 CALL HCHAR(X,T-1,100)
2370 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T-1,101)
2380 CALL HCHAR(X+1,T,102)
2390 CALL HCHAR(X+1,T-1,103)
2400 GOSUB 3670
2410 RETURN
2420 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y-1,104,2)
2430 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,105)
2440 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y-1,105)
2450 CALL HCHAR(X,Y-1,105)
2460 CALL HCHAR(X,Y+1,107)
2470 CALL HCHAR(X+1,T-1,108,3)
2480 GOSUB 3700
2490 RETURN
2500 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T-1,112)
2510 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T,113)
2520 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T,114)
2530 CALL HCHAR(X,Y-1,115)
2540 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,116)
2550 CALL HCHAR(X,Y+1,117)
2560 CALL HCHAR(X+1,T-1,119)
2570 CALL HCHAR(X+1,T+1,119)
2580 CALL HCHAR(X+1,Y,119)
2590 GOSUB 3800
2600 RETURN
2610 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T-1,120)
2620 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T,121)
2630 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T+1,122)
2640 CALL HCHAR(X,Y-1,123)
2650 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,124)
2660 CALL HCHAR(X,Y+1,125)
2670 CALL HCHAR(X+1,T-1,126,3)
2680 GOSUB 4000
2690 RETURN
2700 CALL HCHAR(X,Y-1,120)
2710 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y-1,135,3)
2720 CALL HCHAR(X+1,Y+1,135)
2730 CALL HCHAR(X,T,139,3)
2740 CALL HCHAR(X,Y-1,139)
2750 CALL HCHAR(X+1,Y-1,131)
2760 CALL HCHAR(X+1,Y,132)
2770 GOSUB 4090
2780 RETURN
2790 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y-1,136)
2800 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y+1,142,2)
2810 CALL HCHAR(X+1,Y-1,142)
2820 CALL HCHAR(X,Y-1,137)
2830 CALL HCHAR(X,Y-1,158)
2840 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,139)
2850 CALL HCHAR(X+1,Y,140)
2860 CALL HCHAR(X+1,Y-1,141)
2870 GOSUB 4230
2880 RETURN
2890 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y-1,144)
2900 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y,149,2)
2910 CALL HCHAR(X+1,Y,149)
2920 CALL HCHAR(X,T-1,145)
2930 CALL HCHAR(X,T,146)
2940 CALL HCHAR(X,T+1,147)
2950 CALL HCHAR(X+1,T-1,148)
2960 CALL HCHAR(X+1,T+1,148)
2970 GOSUB 4310
2980 RETURN
2990 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y-1,152)
3000 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y,153)
3010 CALL HCHAR(X-1,T+1,154)
3020 CALL HCHAR(X,Y-1,155)
3030 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,156)
3040 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y-1,157)
3050 CALL HCHAR(X-1,Y,158)
3060 CALL HCHAR(X,Y+1,159,2)
3070 GOSUB 4400
3080 RETURN

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4610 CALL MCHAR(X,Y,X1)
4620 ON (X2-64)GOSUB 4650,4690,4730,4770
      9,4810,4850,4890,4930,4970,5010,5050
4630 CALL MCHAR(X,Y,X2)
4640 GOTO 1150
4650 I=3
4660 T=4
4670 GOSUB 5200
4680 RETURN
4690 I=5
4700 T=8
4710 GOSUB 5330
4720 RETURN
4730 I=5
4740 T=14
4750 GOSUB 5200
4760 RETURN
4770 I=5
4780 T=15
4790 GOSUB 5330
4800 RETURN
4810 I=8
4820 T=4
4830 GOSUB 5330
4840 RETURN
4850 I=8
4860 T=9
4870 GOSUB 5200
4880 RETURN
4890 I=8
4900 T=14
4910 GOSUB 5330
4920 RETURN
4930 I=8
4940 T=19
4950 GOSUB 5200
4960 RETURN
4970 I=13
4980 T=4
4990 GOSUB 5200
5000 RETURN
5010 I=13
5020 T=9
5030 GOSUB 5330
5040 RETURN
5050 I=15
5060 T=14
5070 GOSUB 5200
5080 RETURN
5090 I=13
5100 T=19
5110 GOSUB 5330
5120 RETURN
5130 I=18
5140 T=4
5150 GOSUB 5330
5160 RETURN
5170 I=18
5180 T=9
5190 GOSUB 5200
5200 RETURN
5210 I=18
5220 T=14
5230 GOSUB 5330
5240 RETURN
5250 I=18
5260 T=19
5270 GOSUB 5200
5280 RETURN
5290 FOR IX=X-1 TO X+2

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5300 CALL MCHAR(IX,Y-1,43,4)
5310 NEXT IX
5320 RETURN
5330 FOR IX=X-1 TO X+2
5340 CALL MCHAR(IX,Y-1,44,4)
5350 NEXT IX
5360 RETURN
5370 CH(55)=NH(1)
5380 I=3
5390 T=4
5400 RETURN
5410 CH(55)=NH(2)
5420 I=5
5430 T=9
5440 RETURN
5450 CH(55)=NH(3)
5460 T=3
5470 T=14
5480 RETURN
5490 CH(55)=NH(4)
5500 I=5
5510 T=15
5520 RETURN
5530 CH(55)=NH(5)
5540 I=8
5550 T=4
5560 RETURN
5570 CH(55)=NH(6)
5580 I=8
5590 T=9
5600 RETURN
5610 CH(55)=NH(7)
5620 I=8
5630 T=14
5640 RETURN
5650 CH(55)=NH(8)
5660 I=8
5670 T=19
5680 RETURN
5690 CH(55)=NH(9)
5700 I=13
5710 T=4
5720 RETURN
5730 CH(55)=NH(10)
5740 I=13
5750 T=9
5760 RETURN
5770 CH(55)=NH(11)
5780 I=13
5790 T=14
5800 RETURN
5810 CH(55)=NH(12)
5820 I=13
5830 T=19
5840 RETURN
5850 CH(55)=NH(13)
5860 I=18
5870 T=4
5880 RETURN
5890 CH(55)=NH(14)
5900 I=18
5910 T=9
5920 RETURN
5930 CH(55)=NH(15)
5940 I=18
5950 T=14
5960 RETURN
5970 CH(55)=NH(16)
5980 I=18
5990 T=19
6000 RETURN

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FORCE 1

You are the Captain of the Force 1, a United Federation of Planets police cruiser. A message has just come in that a large number of alien bandits have entered your sector and are planning an attack on your home planet. The bandits cannot be taken alive and therefore must be destroyed. The job won't be easy, so you'd better stay alert.

Since the bandits are armed with short-range laser cannons, they should be encountered when beyond their firing range. As you become a better pilot, you may choose to increase your ship's speed with higher levels of difficulty. This means that the alien craft will be approached much more rapidly, and more accuracy on your part is needed.

On first sighting, your radar screen will show the alien to be no larger than the background stars, and very difficult to pick out among them. As you approach the ship, it will become larger and larger, until the alien is either in range to fire its laser cannon, or slightly out of range flying right past you.

To maneuver your ship in order to set your gun sights in the alien bandit, you must use the four arrow keys. If you hold a key down continually, your ship will keep accelerating in that direction. This will, of course, cause the star field and the alien ship to move more in the opposite direction. For example, if the alien ship were moving off to the right of the screen and you wanted to bring him back to the center, you would hold the D key down until the alien started moving toward the center. Then to halt all movement by the alien and keep him from going to the left of the screen, press the S key until the alien either stops or slows down to a minimum speed. The idea is to slow his horizontal and vertical speed to a minimum and position him in the center of your gun sight. To fire your laser blaster, press ENTER. Getting the alien in your gun sight may not be as easy as it sounds, for the alien is intelligent and periodically shifts course like all skillful space bandits. So at the moment you think you have him, he's off in another direction . . .

You have 1000 units of time to complete your mission before the strike on your planet. If 25 or more bandit ships are destroyed, you will gain an extra 1000 units of time to attack the second wave of aliens.

The Program

The program is written in Extended BASIC. I decided here to make use of the MAGNIFY commands to create a series of space ships that start off very small and gradually become larger. This gives a more realistic view of an object coming closer. I gave the ship a random speed—slow at first when it's at a great distance, and accelerating as it gets closer. I also gave the ship the ability to change directions randomly 10 percent of the time. The ability to use sprites for both the ship and the star field made it possible to create the illusion of actual motion—not just changing the alien's direction in reference to yours, but also with respect to every star in the star field. For example, take the case of the alien ship traveling to the right of the screen and all of the stars not moving. If you press the D key until the alien stops moving, all of the stars will now be moving to the left, and the alien will be still. This works the same way vertically.

By using the COINCIDENCE statement and the tolerance option, I was able to make it more difficult to hit a ship at a greater distance (where it needs to be a direct hit) than to hit one that is nearby. There is however a slight time delay from the time you press the [ENTER] key until the laser fires. This makes it almost impossible to hit a moving target. So the challenge will be to get the alien in your gun sights and hold him there long enough to make a successful strike.

The laser bolts that you fire at the alien are there all of the time, but kept invisible. I then use the CALL COLOR statement twice—once to turn on the bolts, and once to turn them back off.

If the alien ship is still in your gun sight when it reaches maximum size, you will be within range of his laser cannon and be fired upon. WARNING: Laser cannons never miss at short range!

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM

Force I

Line Nos. 130-210 Display levels of difficulty; accept answer.
220-460 Assign variables, color, and characters.
470-560 Read keyboard, branch to subroutine, or adjust variables.
570-610 Adjust distance to alien; branch to display new alien ship.
620-630 Randomly change motion of alien ship.
640-650 Change motion of stars.
660-670 Display score, time; check for out of time (time = 1000).
680-830 Display laser beams on screen.

840-860 Assign alien space craft to a new location.
870-880 Fire laser, check for hit.
890-910 Alien destroyed; Adjust score, re-initialize variables.

920-1060 Subroutine when hit by alien; branch for bonus, or branch to end-of-game messages.
1070-1180 End-of-game messages.
1190-1210 Check to play again.
1220-1250 Change alien shape.
1260-1270 Check for alien to fire back.
1280-1340 Alien is at maximum size and moves off screen faster.
1350-1420 Alien fires and hits your ship; sound effects.
1430-1520 Display star pattern.
1530-1630 Display title page.

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100 REM *****
110 REM "FORCE I"
120 REM *****
130 CALL CLEAR : GOSUB 1530
140 DISPLAY AT(2,19) : "FORCE I"
150 DISPLAY AT(4,5) : "LEVEL OF DIFFICUL
TY:"
160 DISPLAY AT(6,5) : "1. BEGINNER" : D
170 DISPLAY AT(7,5) : "2. NOVICE" : D157
180 LAY AT(9,5) : "INTERMEDIATE"
190 DISPLAY AT(19,5) : "4. SEMI-PRO" : D
200 DISPLAY AT(19,5) : "5. PRO"
210 ACCEPT AT(19,5) : VAL DATE(DIGIT SIZE
(19) : L1 : L1+4
220 RANDOMIZE : CALL CLEAR
230 FOR COL TO 8 : CALL COLOR(CO,16,
DI) : NEXT DI
240 COU=0 : D=1 : DIS=10000 : IF 5C
>=25 THEN L1=L2
250 CALL CHAR(88, "0102040810200000")
260 CALL CHAR(89, "0040020100000201")
270 CALL CHAR(90, "03070E1C3E70C0C"
280 CALL CHAR(91, "000773301C000793")
290 CALL CHAR(92, "07077330707000")
300 CALL CHAR(93, "00070703000707")
310 CALL CHAR(94, "03000010000000")
320 CALL CHAR(95, "000030100000001")
330 CALL COLOR(8,1) : CALL COLOR(2,
279 CALL CHAR(96, "01010101010101")
340 CALL CHAR(97, "00000000000000")
350 CALL CHAR(98, "00000000000000")
360 CALL CHAR(99, "00000000000000")
370 CALL CHAR(100, "00000000000000")
380 CALL VCHAR(7,12,96,9) : CALL VCHAR
(7,21,97,9)
390 CALL VCHAR(6,15,98,8) : CALL VCHAR
(6,18,99,8)
400 CALL CHAR(101, "77") : CALL CHAR(34,
"0101010101010101")
410 CALL VCHAR(12,15,33) : CALL VCHAR(
12,18,33) : CALL VCHAR(10,16,34) :
CALL VCHAR(13,16,34)
420 FOR COL=10 TO 12 : CALL COLOR(COL
L1) : NEXT COL
430 GOSUB 350 : GOTO 450
440 CALL CHAR(104, "00000000") : CALL C
HAR(105, "00000000") : CALL CHAR(10
6, "00000000")
450 CALL CHAR(107, "0000003C") : CALL C
HAR(108, "0000103C") : CALL CHAR(10
9, "00001C3E")
460 CALL CHAR(110, "00003C7E") : CALL
CHAR(111, "00007C42")
470 CALL CHAR(112, "0001C27F") : CALL
CHAR(113, "00") : CALL CHAR(11
4, "000000000000") : CALL CHAR(11
5, "00")
480 CALL CHAR(116, "0000000617777777")
: CALL CHAR(117, "1732040") : CALL C
HAR(118, "00000000000000") : CALL
CHAR(119, "004000")
490 CALL CHAR(120, "0000000001073777")
: CALL CHAR(121, "7711330640")
: CALL CHAR(122, "0000000000000000")

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420 CALL CHAR(123, "77777000000")
430 CALL CHAR(124, "02004CD7005309C01")
440 RETURN
450 CALL COLOR(12,7,1)
460 GOSUB 690 : CALL MAKEIFT(1) : GOS
UB 840 : GOSUB 1070
470 CALL KEY(0,LS)
480 CALL POSITION(F1,F01,F02)
490 IF K=13 THEN GOSUB 870
500 T=INT(RND*19) : IF T=4 THEN DEV=L/
16 : INT(RND*L/5) : DEV=L/16-INT(RND
+L/5) : L=DEV*2
510 IF K=69 THEN D1=D1+L/5 : SA=SA+L/
5 : IF SA=127 THEN SA=127
520 IF K=88 THEN D1=D1-L/5 : SA=SA-L/
5 : IF SA<128 THEN SA=128
530 IF K=83 THEN D2=D2+L/5 : SB=SB+L/
5 : IF SB=127 THEN SB=127
540 IF K=82 THEN D2=D2-L/5 : SB=SB-L/
5 : IF SB<128 THEN SB=128
550 DIS=DIS-1/L*15 : D=15-INT(DIS/1000
) : IF DIS<00 THEN GOSUB 1260 :
GOTO 570
560 IF D=9 THEN GOSUB 1220 ELSE ON D=8
GOSUB 1230,1240,1250
570 D=D1+DEV*(D/11) : D=D2+DEV*(D/11)
580 IF D1=127 THEN D1=127
590 IF D1<128 THEN D1=128
600 IF D2=127 THEN D2=127
610 IF D2<128 THEN D2=128
620 CALL MOTION(11,D1,D2)
630 IF S=0 THEN S=1
640 FOR SM=2 TO 5 : CALL MOTION(100,
SA,SB) : NEXT SM
650 CALL SOUND(100,800,15)
660 TIME=TIME+1 : IF TIME=1000 THEN 9
70
670 DISPLAY AT(11,3) : "SCORE:" : SC, "TIME:"
: TIME : GOTO 470
680 CALL CHANSET
690 DISPLAY AT(24,2) : CHR$(0) :
CHR$(9)
700 DISPLAY AT(23,3) : CHR$(0) :
CHR$(9)
710 DISPLAY AT(22,4) : CHR$(0) :
CHR$(9)
720 DISPLAY AT(21,5) : CHR$(0) :
CHR$(9)
730 DISPLAY AT(20,5) : "2"
: CHR$(9)
740 DISPLAY AT(19,9) : "2"
: CHR$(9)
750 DISPLAY AT(18,8) : "2"
: C
760 DISPLAY AT(17,9) : "2"
: CHR
(9)
770 DISPLAY AT(16,10) : "12(1) : " : D1
: SPLAT AT(16,19) : SIZE(1) : " :
780 DISPLAY AT(15,11) : "12(1) : " :
790 DISPLAY AT(14,12) : "12(1) : " : T
: "
800 DISPLAY AT(13,13) : "12(1) : " : D1
: SPLAT AT(13,16) : SIZE(1) : " :

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810 DISPLAY AT(12,14)SIZE(2,1)
820 CALL BCHAR(11,16,32,2)
830 RETURN
840 IF SP1=0 THEN D1=INT(L*(RND+L-2))
    D2=INT(L*(RND+L-2)) CALL SPBIT
    S(1)=194.7,INT(RND+256)+1,INT(RND+
    256)+1,D1,INT(D1/32),D1/D1
850 SP1=1 D15=1099
860 L=1+1 RETURN
870 CALL COLOR(8,7,1) CALL COLOR(8,1
    1)
880 CALL COINC(41,87,124,D,C1)
890 CALL SOUND(28,888,2,999,2,10000,50
    -4,2)
900 IF C1=-1 THEN SP1=0 CALL MAGNIF
    Y(1) CALL DELSPRITE(11) GOTO 9
    29
910 RETURN
920 SC=SC+1 FOR CS=1 TO 5 CALL S
    CREEN(7) CALL SCREEN(2) WAIT C
    1
930 CALL SOUND(500,119,2,-4,2) CALL
    BCHAR(12,16,124,2) CALL BCHAR(11
    ,16,124,2) CALL SOUND(1000,119,2
    ,220,2,539,2,-8,2)
940 CALL SOUND(1,44000,39) COSUS 810
950 SA=0 SA=0 D=1 D15=1099
    L=L+2 COSUS 840
960 RETURN
970 CALL CLEAR CALL SOUND(1000,440,
    2,550,2,660,2) CALL SOUND(2000,7
    79,2,880,2,999,2)
980 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL)
990 SCO=SCO+SC
1000 IF SCO=0 AND SCO=SC1=25 THEN T1
    ME=1999 SC1=SCO DISPLAY AT(2
    ,3) "BONUS GAME" GOTO 210
1010 CALL CRANSET CALL SCREEN(8) C
    ALL DELSPRITE(11,12,15)
1020 IF SCO=40 THEN 1976
1030 IF SCO=30 THEN 1999
1040 IF SCO=20 THEN 1999
1050 IF SCO=10 THEN 1139
1060 IF SCO=5 THEN 1159 ELSE 1174
1070 DISPLAY AT(4,1) "A VERY GOOD BATTLE"
    "YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN" "H
    ISTORY AS ONE OF THE
1080 DISPLAY AT(7,1) "GREATEST STARSHIP
    CAPTAINS" "OF YOUR TIME" "YOUR S
    CORE=" SC GOTO 1199
1090 DISPLAY AT(4,1) "YOU ARE TO BE CON
    GRATULATED" "ON YOUR FINE MISSION"
    "F7M" "PILOTS HAVE ATTAINED SICK"
1100 DISPLAY AT(7,1) "SUCCESS, GOOD LUCK
    ON FUTURE" "MISSIONS" "YOUR SCO
    R=" SC GOTO 1199
1110 DISPLAY AT(4,1) "A FAIR SHOWING, T
    HE ALIENS" "HAVE BEEN TURNED BACK"
    "AND" "YOUR HOME WORLD IS SAFE"
1120 DISPLAY AT(7,1) "YOUR SCORE=" SC
    GOTO 1199
1130 DISPLAY AT(4,1) "YOUR FLEET WAS BA
    DLY DAMAGED" "IN THE BATTLE, BUT YOU
    WERE" "MANAGED TO FIGHT OFF THE"
1140 DISPLAY AT(7,1) "ALIEN ATTACK, BET
    TER LUCK" "NEXT TIME" "YOUR SCORE
    =" SC GOTO 1199
1150 DISPLAY AT(4,1) "YOUR FLEET HAS BE
    EN" "DESTROYED" "YOU ARE THE" "ONLY
    1 SURVIVOR"
1160 DISPLAY AT(7,1) "YOUR HOME PLANET"
    "IS SAFE" "AT LEAST UNTIL THE NEXT"
    "ATTACK" "YOUR SCORE=" SC GOTO
    1199
1170 DISPLAY AT(4,1) "ALL HOPE IS LOST"
    "IN TRYING" "TO SAVE YOUR PLANET"
    "YOUR MISSION HAS FAILED"
1180 DISPLAY AT(7,1) "AND YOU ARE DISGR
    ACED" "YOUR SCORE=" SC GOTO 11
    99
1190 DISPLAY AT(10,1) "DO YOU WISH TO P
    LAY AGAIN" "ENTER (Y/N)."

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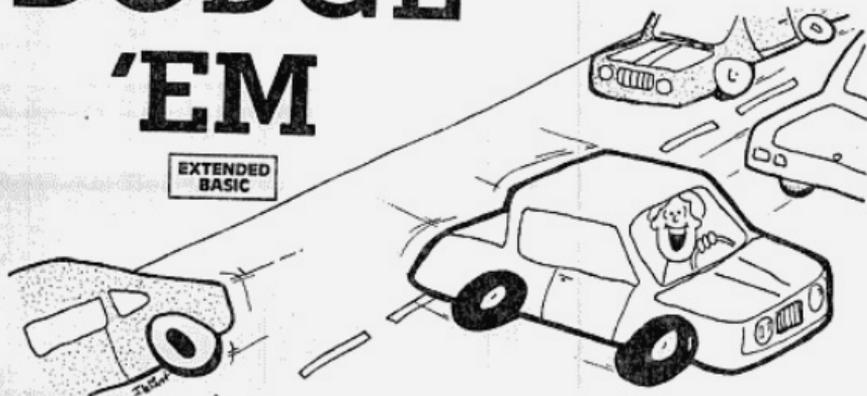
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1200 ACCEPT AT(11,14)SIZE(1)VALDATE(1)
    N=ANS
1210 IF ANS="N" THEN END ELSE SC=SC+
    C1,TIME=0 CALL MAGNIFY(1) GOTO
    0 199
1220 CALL MAGNIFY(1) CALL PATTERN(1,
    195,3) RETURN
1230 CALL PATTERN(1,112) CALL MAGNIF
    Y(3) RETURN
1240 CALL PATTERN(1,116) RETURN
1250 CALL PATTERN(1,120) RETURN
1260 CALL MAGNIFY(4) CALL POSITION(1)
    (POT POT) FOR POT=2 AND POT=8 THE
    N=CALL KEY(1,1,POT) (POT=8)
1270 IF POT=110 AND POT=50 AND POT=140
    AND POT=80 THEN GOTO 1350
1280 IF D1<19.6 THEN R1=19.6 GOTO
    1300
1290 IF D1=19.6 THEN R1=19.6 ELSE R1=D1
    IF D2<19.6 THEN R2=19.6 GOTO
    1320
1300 IF D2=19.6 THEN R2=19.6
1310 CALL MOTION(11,21,5+40*SIN(R1),R2+
    5+40*SIN(R2)) FOR TD=1 TO 20
    NEXT TD
1320 CALL DELSPRITE(11) SP1=0 DIS=
    10999 D=1 FOR MD=1 TO 15
    CALL MOTION(160,9,0) BEL MD
    SA=0 SA=0 COSUS 840 CALL MAGN
    IFY(1) COSUS 840 RETURN
1350 CALL POSITION(11,53,64) CALL VCH
    AR(D5+5,3,0,4/8,2,54,21-03/8) CNA
    SE=CRASH+1 CALL SOUND(1000,119,
    2,220,2,1099,59,-4,2)
1360 CALL VCHAR(93,8+5,0,4/8,2,54,21-05/
    8)
1370 CALL SOUND(500,119,2,220,2,20000,3
    0,-8,2)
1380 CALL SOUND(500,440,2,600,2,3000,50
    -4,2)
1390 CALL SOUND(600,119,2,220,2,5000,50
    -4,2)
1400 CALL SOUND(1000,279,2,230,2,1000,3
    0,-8,2) SA,SA=0 GOTO 976
1410 D1=16116384241211
1420 CALL COLOR(13,16,1)
1430 D15=9999999999999999
1440 ST=2
1450 CALL CHAR(128,115)
1460 CALL CHAR(129,"") CALL CHAR(13
    0,"") CALL CHAR(131,"")
1470 FOR ST=2 TO 15
    STA1=INT(AND(256)+1) STA2=INT(RN
    D+256)+1
1480 CALL SPRITE(1ST,128,16,STA1,STA2)
1490 NEXT ST
1500 RETURN
1510 END
1520 END
1530 DISPLAY AT(11,8) "*****"
1540 DISPLAY AT(12,8) " FORCE 1 "
1550 DISPLAY AT(13,8) "*****"
1560 COSUS 840 DISPLAY AT(24,1) "F8E
    55 ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"
1570 CALL KEY(1,1,0) IF SC=0 THEN CALL
    SOUND(1,44000,39) CALL CLEAR
    RETURN ELSE CALL MAGNIFY(1)
1580 T1=INT(RND+192)+1 T2=INT(AND+25
    6)+1 CALL SPRITE(141,194,2,171,17
    2,INT(RND+7)-5,INT(RND+7)-5)
1590 D=0
1600 D=0+1 IF D=0 THEN COSUS 1220 EL
    SE D=0 GOTO 1250 1250,1240,1230
1610 CALL SOUND(4000,600,(11-D)*3,400,
    (D-1)*3)
1620 CALL KEY(10,K,5) IF SC=0 THEN CALL
    DELSPRITE(11) CALL SOUND(-1,40
    000,39) CALL CLEAR RETURN
1630 IF D=1 THEN 1500 ELSE CALL DELSP
    RITE(11) GOTO 857

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DODGE 'EM

EXTENDED
BASIC



Remember going to the amusement park and riding the bumper cars or Dodge 'ems? Some people like to drive and try not to hit any other cars. Other drivers see how many cars they can hit. This computer version of Dodge 'em has several cars randomly moving up and down the screen. The object of the game is to drive as quickly as you can from the right to the left of the screen. See what your minimum time is for crossing. A short victory melody will be played if you cross successfully (no crashing). Of course, some of you players may tire of that and try to

see how many crashes you can have in each crossing or within a certain time limit.

Programming

My goal for this game was to make a game in Extended BASIC with as short a listing as possible so even the non-typers would not take too long to key in a program to run. This program is a total of 73 statements yet contains 27 moving sprites. The actual game logic is contained in 21 lines (Lines 160 to 360). You could really have fewer lines by stacking statements if you don't mind long lines.

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EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM DODGE'EM

Line Nos.		
100-150	Introductory REMarks; branches to title screen.	330
160	Clears screen.	340
170-180	Draws left and right borders; prints "TIME:"	
190-220	Places 26 cars moving vertically at random speeds.	350-360
230-240	Initializes variables; randomly places red car at right side of screen; beeps.	370-410
250-300	Depending on key pressed, sets low velocity and column velocity and moves red car.	420-460
310	Increments and prints time counter.	470-570
320	Checks coincidence for a crash.	580-710
		If there is a crash, sounds a crashing noise and increments number of crashes.
		If the car is not at the left border, program branches to Line 240.
		Stops the red car and prints the number of crashes.
		If there were no crashes, plays victory melody.
		Asks if player wants to try again and branches appropriately.
		Prints title screen while sounding crashing noise and defining special characters.
		Prints instructions.

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100 REM *****
110 REM * DOGGIE EM *
120 REM *****
130 REM
140 REM
150 GOTO 470
160 CALL CLEAR
170 CALL VCHAR(1,2,112,24):: CALL VCHR
  N(1,5),112,24)
180 DISPLAY AT(1,1):: TIME:
190 RANDOMIZE
200 FOR I=2 TO 27
  CALL SPRITE(1,96,5,0,1*2+1,(1-1)*
  111-INT(RND*12+1),0)
220 NEXT I
230 RV=0 :: CV=0 :: T=0 :: CR=0
240 CALL SPRITE(1,104,7,INT(RND*100+1
  0.233):: CALL SOUND(150,1307,0)
250 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
260 IF K=69 THEN RV=-5 :: CV=0
270 IF K=88 THEN RV=5 :: CV=0
280 IF K=83 THEN CV=-6 :: RV=0
290 IF K=68 THEN CV=0 :: RV=0
300 CALL MOTION(1,1,RV,CV)
310 T=T+1 :: DISPLAY AT(1,7):T
320 CALL COINC(ALL,C):: IF C=0 THEN 54
  0
330 CALL SOUND(150,-6,0):: CR=CR+1
340 CALL POSITION(1,RO,CO):: IF CO=10
  THEN 250
350 CALL MOTION(1,0,0)
360 DISPLAY AT(3,1):: CRASHES: ,CR
370 IF CR=0 THEN 420
380 RESTORE 400
390 FOR I=1 TO 10 :: READ N :: CALL SO
  UND(100,N,1):: NEXT I
400 DATA 262,350,392,525,502,523,350,3
  92,525,650
410 DATA 525,650,392,523,650,704,650,7
  04,704
420 DISPLAY AT(24,1):: TRY AGAIN (T/M)

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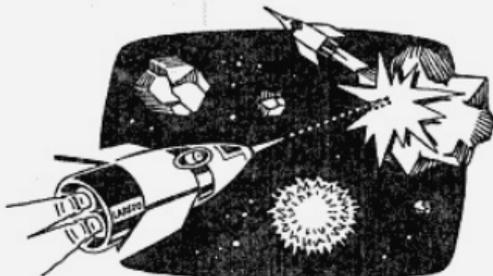
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430 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
440 IF K=80 THEN DISPLAY AT(3,1)::
  GOTO 250
450 IF K=70 THEN CALL CLEAR ELSE 450
460 STOP
470 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SOUND(500,-6,1,
  440,5)
480 DISPLAY AT(11,7):: D O G G I E M
490 CALL SOUND(500,-7,1)
500 CALL CHR(98,"387C7C38387C7C38")
510 CALL SOUND(500,-5,1)
520 CALL CHR(124,"888577777766")
530 CALL COLOR(10,10,10)
540 CALL CHR(74,"1038240210101010")
550 CALL CHR(81,"0000000402A1C00")
560 CALL CHR(89,"1000407740201")
570 CALL CHR(99,"00040277020400")
580 CALL CLEAR
590 DISPLAY AT(2,7):: D O G G I E M
600 DISPLAY AT(3,2):: DRIVE THE RED CAR
  FROM THE
610 DISPLAY AT(6,2):: RIGHT SIDE OF THE
  SCREEN
620 DISPLAY AT(7,2):: TO THE LEFT SIDE
  BY USING
630 DISPLAY AT(8,2):: THE ARROW KEYS I
  N I E
640 DISPLAY AT(10,2)BEEP:"TRY NOT TO C
  RASH INTO"
650 DISPLAY AT(11,2):: OTHER CARS
660 DISPLAY AT(13,2):: YOU MAY SLOW DOWN
  OR STOP
670 DISPLAY AT(14,2):: BY PRESSING 2 OR
  1 YOU MAY
680 DISPLAY AT(15,2):: NOT BACK UP
690 DISPLAY AT(24,2):: PRESS ANY KEY TO
  START
700 CALL KEY(0,KEY,3):: IF 3=0 THEN 70
  0 ELSE 100
710 END

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SPACE WAR



Space War is a two-player game written in TI BASIC. Each player has one rocket. The object of the game is to destroy your opponent either by missile fire, forcing him to crash with an asteroid, or by causing him to use up his allotment of fuel.

You can fire missiles in any of the eight directions selectable from each side of the split keyboard. Missiles emit a nerve gas that paralyzes any moving object on the screen until a hit is made or the missile goes out of range—i.e., off the screen. Firing a missile, however, does require an expenditure of fuel.

Each rocket starts out with 50 units of fuel. One unit is subtracted for each move, and a missile shot costs 5 units

of fuel, so you must try to move efficiently and shoot accurately. If you run out of fuel, the game ends and the other player receives 2 points.

If your missile hits the enemy rocket, you score 5 points. If you crash into an asteroid, your opponent receives 3 points. And if you crash into each other, no points are awarded. If you shoot an asteroid you lose 1 point but the game does not stop.

Note: If using a disk system, type CALL FILE\$(1) prior to RUNNING. Even so, you still might encounter some conditions during play when the memory will fill and the program will halt. To eliminate this, you can delete all the instructional PRINT statements.

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM Space War

Line Nos.			
150-180	Clears screen, initializes fuel 50 units; makes black screen.		
190-370	Definition of characters and colors for title screen and instructions. Characters 152-159 are arrows.		
380-570	Draws title screen.		
580-660	Draws border and blinks colors until user presses a key.		
670-800	Asks if user wants instructions and waits for response.		
810-1270	Prints instructions invisibly and makes white letters appear on black screen.		
1280-1350	Clears screen, resets letters to white on black and defines colors for game.		
1360-1790	Defines characters for graphics. Characters starting with R are the rockets in different directions. VS is for the missile; S indicates asteroids, and D crashing graphics.		
1800-1880	Clears screen for game, initializes variables and draws rockets. A1, B1 are coordinates for crashing; A, B, and C, D are the rockets' coordinates.		
1890-2150	Draws center asteroid, then 7 random asteroids, making sure asteroids do not overlap.		
		2160-2240	Receives players' input. If a key has been pressed, branches accordingly. If no key has been pressed, goes to the other player's keyboard input. Initializes variables, G indicates who is playing. V=1 when an asteroid has been hit.
		2250-2310	Procedure when yellow rocket fires a missile.
		2320-2470	Procedure when yellow rocket moves.
		2480-2540	Procedure when blue rocket fires missile.
		2550-2700	Procedure when blue rocket moves.
		2710-3460	Routines for moving the blue rocket different directions.
		3470-4740	Routines for shooting missile different directions.
		4750-5500	Routines for moving yellow rocket different directions.
		5510-5830	Sounds crashing noise and flashes graphics.
		5840-5980	Calculates and prints scores and ending remarks.
		5990-6040	Prints option to play again and receives user input.
		6050-6130	Subroutine to check if asteroid is shot; if so, score is decreased one point.
		6140-6200	Subroutine to check if rocket is hit or if rocket hits asteroid.
		6210-6260	Subroutine to check if asteroid is in that position; if so, V=1.
		6270-6330	Procedure if rocket runs out of fuel.



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100 REM ***** SPACE WAR *****
110 REM *****
120 REM *****
130 CALL CLEAR
140 CALL SCREEX(2)
150 CALL CHAR(128, 0305030305030303)
160 CALL CHAR(128, 0808080808080808)
170 CALL CHAR(128, 0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F)
180 CALL CHAR(128, 7F7F7F7F7F7F7F7F)
190 CALL CHAR(152, 851C2A468888888888)
200 CALL CHAR(153, 88888888492A1C88)
210 CALL CHAR(154, 808888887F82808888)
220 CALL CHAR(155, 88182848FF748281)
230 CALL CHAR(156, 1783858911284888)
240 CALL CHAR(157, 8FC8A8888888488881)
250 CALL CHAR(158, 8848281188888817)
260 CALL CHAR(159, 818284888888C8F8)
270 A1=CRR1(157)A "ACCESS(157):" A
    CRR1(156)
280 A2=CRR1(159)A "ACCESS(159):" A
    CRR1(158)
290 CALL COLOR(13,2,2)
300 CALL COLOR(15,2,2)
310 FOR I=1 TO 8
320 CALL COLOR(I,2,2)
330 NEXT I
340 PRINT TAB(4): "PRESS ANY KEY TO BEG
    IN:"
350 DATA 3, 6, 7, 4, 6, 1, 5, 6, 3, 6, 5, 1, 7, 6, 3
    3, 11, 15, 11, 1, 3, 15, 2, 5, 15, 2, 3, 19
    3, 7, 19, 3, 3, 23, 3
360 DATA 5, 24, 1, 7, 23, 3, 13, 14, 5, 8, 21, 2,
    11, 21, 2, 9, 25, 3, 11, 26, 1, 13, 27, 1
370 DATA 3, 18, 5, 3, 12, 3, 14, 5, 3, 17, 5, 4
    19, 3, 4, 23, 3, 9, 14, 4, 11, 16, 2, 9, 18, 4
380 FOR I=1 TO 29
400 READ A,B,C
410 CALL VCHAR(A,B,144,C)
420 NEXT I
430 FOR I=1 TO 13
440 READ A,B,C
450 CALL VCHAR(A,B,144,C)
460 NEXT I
470 CALL VCHAR(12,26,128)
480 CALL VCHAR(12,27,128)
490 CALL COLOR(15,16,2)
500 CALL COLOR(15,16,2)
510 FOR I=1 TO 8
520 CALL COLOR(I,16,2)
530 NEXT I
540 CALL VCHAR(11,2,128,29)
550 CALL VCHAR(24,2,128,29)
560 CALL VCHAR(1,38,121,24)
570 CALL VCHAR(1,2,121,24)
580 CALL COLOR(12,7,2)
590 CALL KEY(9,T,S)
600 IF S=0 THEN GOTO 630
610 CALL COLOR(12,2,7)
620 GOTO 580
630 CALL CLEAR
640 FOR I=1 TO 2
650 CALL COLOR(I,2,2)
660 NEXT I
670 PRINT "INSTRUCTIONS:(Y OR N):"
680 FOR I=1 TO 2
690 CALL COLOR(I,16,2)
700 NEXT I
710 CALL KEY(9,T,S)
720 IF S=0 THEN GOTO 750
730 FOR I=1 TO 2
740 CALL COLOR(I,2,2)
750 NEXT I
760 IF 7=0 THEN GOTO 780
770 PRINT TAB(8): "SPACE WAR"
780 PRINT "A GAME FOR TWO PLAYERS"
790 PRINT "THE OBJECT OF THE GAME IS
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800 PRINT "TO DESTROY THE OPPONENT BY
810 PRINT "MISSILE FIRE OR BY FORCING"
820 PRINT "HIM INTO AN ASTEROID."
830 PRINT TAB(11): "KEYS:"
840 PRINT "TO MOVE YOUR ROCKET, PRESS"
850 PRINT "KEYS AS SHOWN BELOW:"
860 PRINT "PLAYER 1" "PLAYER 2"
870 PRINT TAB(2): A1="TAB(16):" A18
880 PRINT "M I C" TAB(7): "N I O"
890 PRINT TAB(2): CRR1(155)A "S O" ACRR
    1(154):TAB(16):CRR1(155)A "I X" AC
    RR1(154)
900 PRINT "Z I C" TAB(17): "M M"
910 PRINT TAB(2): A2="TAB(16):" A23:
920 PRINT "PLAYER 1 PUSES O TO FIRE"
930 PRINT "AND PLAYER 2 PUSES I S O"
940 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"
950 FOR I=1 TO 2
960 CALL COLOR(I,16,2)
970 NEXT I
980 CALL COLOR(16,16,2)
990 CALL KEY(9,T,S)
1000 IF S=0 THEN GOTO 1030
1010 CALL COLOR(16,2,2)
1020 FOR I=1 TO 8
1030 CALL COLOR(I,2,2)
1040 NEXT I
1050 PRINT TAB(9): "ASTEROIDS:"
1060 PRINT "THIS WAR TAKES PLACE IN AN"
1070 PRINT "ASTEROID BELT. YOU CANNOT"
1080 PRINT "SAFELY ESCAPE THEM, AND"
1090 PRINT "BURNING INTO ONE IS FATAL."
1100 PRINT "TAB(9): "MISSILES:"
1110 PRINT "MISSILES CAN BE FIRED AT"
1120 PRINT "ANY ANGLE. THEY EXIT A GAS"
1130 PRINT "THAT PARALYZES ANY MOVING"
1140 PRINT "OBJECTS OF THE SCREEN FROM"
1150 PRINT "THE POINT THAT IT WAS FIRED"
1160 PRINT "UNTIL IT HITS OR DISAPPEARS"
    .....
1170 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"
1180 FOR I=1 TO 2
1190 CALL COLOR(I,16,2)
1200 NEXT I
1210 CALL KEY(9,T,S)
1220 IF S=0 THEN GOTO 1250
1230 CALL CLEAR
1240 FOR I=1 TO 2
1250 CALL COLOR(I,16,2)
1260 NEXT I
1270 CALL COLOR(2,5,2)
1280 CALL COLOR(19,11,2)
1290 CALL COLOR(11,16,2)
1300 CALL COLOR(14,7,2)
1310 RDI$="8888881C1C32A22"
1320 RDI$="222A3E1C1C888888"
1330 RDI$="8888E8387F38E"
1340 RDI$="88887FCF1C87"
1350 RDI$="81821479CC881"
1360 RDI$="8848281188884188"
1370 RDI$="1888288C78148281"
1380 RDI$="8818145811E284888"
1390 R$="8888881818"
1400 S1$="7F7F3737178F8"
1410 S1$="7F7F7C7C7F8F8"
1420 S1$="8888818F37177F"
1430 S1$="88C878888C8E"
1440 S1$="8885AC77F3C8A89"
1450 D1$="818284881928403"
1460 D2$="88482818888848281"
1470 D3$="18128181812121818"
1480 D4$="888888877F"
1490 CALL CHAR(16, RDI$)
1500 CALL CHAR(18, RDI$)
1510 CALL CHAR(19, RDI$)
1520 CALL CHAR(89, RDI$)
1530 CALL CHAR(100, RDI$)
1540 CALL CHAR(101, RDI$)
1550 CALL CHAR(102, RDI$)
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1588 CALL CHAR(103, RDLS1)
1579 CALL CHAR(104, RDLS)
1580 CALL CHAR(105, RDLS)
1590 CALL CHAR(106, RDLS)
1600 CALL CHAR(107, RDLS)
1610 CALL CHAR(108, RDLS)
1620 CALL CHAR(109, RDLS)
1630 CALL CHAR(110, RDLS)
1640 CALL CHAR(111, RDLS)
1650 CALL CHAR(112, RDLS)
1660 CALL CHAR(113, RDLS)
1670 CALL CHAR(117, D14)
1680 CALL CHAR(118, D24)
1690 CALL CHAR(119, D35)
1700 CALL CHAR(148, D45)
1710 CALL CHAR(144, S14)
1720 CALL CHAR(145, S24)
1730 CALL CHAR(146, S35)
1740 CALL CHAR(147, S45)
1750 CALL CLEAR
1760 TPR=50
1770 TPR=50
1780 A=0
1790 B=0
1800 C=2
1810 B=2
1820 C=12
1830 D=30
1840 CALL HCHAR(A, B, 98)
1850 CALL HCHAR(C, D, 107)
1860 CALL COLOR(15, 10, 2)
1870 CALL HCHAR(15, 16, 144)
1880 CALL HCHAR(15, 16, 145)
1890 CALL HCHAR(12, 16, 146)
1900 CALL HCHAR(12, 17, 147)
1910 FOR I=1 TO 7
1920 B=INT(20-RND)*3
1930 S=INT(23-RND)*5
1940 FOR I=1 TO 1
1950 CALL GCHAR(S, SV+1, F)
1970 GOSUB 6166
1980 IF V=1 THEN 2060
1990 NEXT I
2000 FOR I=0 TO 1
2010 CALL GCHAR(SV-1, SV+1, F)
2020 GOSUB 6166
2030 IF V=1 THEN 2060
2040 NEXT I
2050 GOTO 2080
2060 V=0
2070 GOTO 1920
2080 CALL HCHAR(SV, SV, 144)
2090 CALL HCHAR(SV, SV+1, 145)
2100 CALL HCHAR(SV-1, SV, 146)
2110 CALL HCHAR(SV-1, SV+1, 147)
2120 NEXT I
2130 CALL KEY(2, K1, S1)
2140 G=0
2150 V=0
2160 IF S1<>0 THEN 2220
2170 CALL KEY(1, K, S)
2180 G=0
2190 V=0
2200 IF S<>0 THEN 2450
2210 GOTO 2130
2220 IF K1<>10 THEN 2290
2230 TPR=TPR+1
2240 IF TPR=20 THEN 2450
2250 CALL HCHAR(15, 16, 144)
2260 CALL HCHAR(15, 16, 145)
2270 CALL HCHAR(12, 16, 146)
2280 CALL HCHAR(12, 17, 147)
2290 GOTO 2440
2300 TPR=TPR-1
2310 IF TPR=0 THEN 2220
2320 CALL HCHAR(C, D, P)
2330 CALL HCHAR(C, D, S2)
2340 CALL SOUND(200, -6, 0, 440, 0)
2350 G=1

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2350 IF K1=1 THEN 2720
2360 IF K1=5 THEN 4800
2370 IF K1=3 THEN 4000
2380 IF K1=2 THEN 4500
2390 IF K1=6 THEN 5040
2400 IF K1=4 THEN 5150
2410 IF K1=14 THEN 5250
2420 IF K1=15 THEN 5370
2430 CALL HCHAR(C, D, P)
2440 GOTO 2170
2450 IF K<>0 THEN 2520
2460 TPR=TPR-5
2470 IF TPR=0 THEN 2250
2480 L=A
2490 F=0
2500 G=1
2510 GOTO 3440
2520 TPR=TPR+1
2530 IF TPR=0 THEN 2250
2540 CALL HCHAR(A, B, P)
2550 CALL HCHAR(A, B, S2)
2560 CALL SOUND(200, -6, 0, 440, 0)
2570 G=2
2580 IF K=5 THEN 2680
2590 IF K=10 THEN 2760
2600 IF K=3 THEN 2840
2610 IF K=2 THEN 2920
2620 IF K=6 THEN 3000
2630 IF K=4 THEN 3110
2640 IF K=14 THEN 3220
2650 IF K=15 THEN 3320
2660 CALL HCHAR(A, B, P)
2670 GOTO 2130
2680 A=A+1
2690 IF A<>0 THEN 2710
2700 A=24
2710 CALL HCHAR(A, B, P)
2720 GOSUB 6090
2730 IF V=1 THEN 5400
2740 CALL HCHAR(A, B, S2)
2750 GOTO 2150
2760 A=A+1
2770 IF A<>25 THEN 2790
2780 A=1
2790 CALL HCHAR(A, B, P)
2800 GOSUB 6090
2810 IF V=1 THEN 5400
2820 CALL HCHAR(A, B, S2)
2830 GOTO 2130
2840 B=B+1
2850 IF B<>53 THEN 2870
2860 B=1
2870 CALL HCHAR(A, B, P)
2880 GOSUB 6090
2890 IF V=1 THEN 5400
2900 CALL HCHAR(A, B, S2)
2910 GOTO 2130
2920 B=B+1
2930 IF B<>0 THEN 2950
2940 B=52
2950 CALL HCHAR(A, B, P)
2960 GOSUB 6090
2970 IF V=1 THEN 5400
2980 CALL HCHAR(A, B, S2)
2990 GOTO 2130
3000 A=A+1
3010 B=B+1
3020 IF A<>0 THEN 3040
3030 A=24
3040 IF B<>53 THEN 3060
3050 B=1
3060 CALL HCHAR(A, B, P)
3070 GOSUB 6090
3080 IF V=1 THEN 5400
3090 CALL HCHAR(A, B, S2)
3100 GOTO 2130
3110 A=A+1
3120 B=B+1
3130 IF A<>0 THEN 3150

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3148 A=24
3150 IF B<>0 THEN 3170
3160 B=32
3170 CALL GCHAR(A,B,P)
3180 GOSUB 6000
3190 IF V=1 THEN 3480
3200 CALL HCHAR(A,B,101)
3210 GOTO 2130
3220 A=A+1
3230 B=B-1
3240 IF A<>25 THEN 3260
3250 A=1
3260 IF B<>33 THEN 3280
3270 B=1
3280 CALL GCHAR(A,B,P)
3290 GOSUB 6000
3300 IF V=1 THEN 3480
3310 CALL HCHAR(A,B,102)
3320 GOTO 2130
3330 A=A+1
3340 B=B-1
3350 IF A<>25 THEN 3370
3360 A=1
3370 IF B<>33 THEN 3390
3380 B=32
3390 CALL GCHAR(A,B,P)
3400 GOSUB 6000
3410 IF V=1 THEN 3480
3420 CALL HCHAR(A,B,103)
3430 GOTO 2130
3440 CALL GCHAR(E,F,Z)
3450 CALL SOUND(100,400,0,000,0)
3460 IF Z=90 THEN 3480
3470 IF Z<>104 THEN 3510
3480 FOR I=1-N TO 4 STEP -1
3490 CALL GCHAR(I,F,P)
3500 GOSUB 6000
3510 CALL HCHAR(I,F,112)
3520 CALL HCHAR(I,F,32)
3530 IF A<>I THEN 3560
3540 IF B<>F THEN 3560
3550 GOTO 3480
3560 IF C<>I THEN 3590
3570 IF D<>F THEN 3590
3580 GOTO 3480
3590 NEXT I
3600 GOTO 2170
3610 IF Z=97 THEN 3630
3620 IF Z<>105 THEN 3700
3630 FOR I=E+1 TO Z
3640 CALL GCHAR(I,F,P)
3650 GOSUB 6000
3660 CALL HCHAR(I,F,112)
3670 CALL HCHAR(I,F,32)
3680 IF A<>I THEN 3710
3690 IF B<>F THEN 3710
3700 GOTO 3480
3710 IF C<>I THEN 3740
3720 IF D<>F THEN 3740
3730 GOTO 3480
3740 NEXT I
3750 GOTO 2170
3760 IF Z=98 THEN 3780
3770 IF Z<>107 THEN 3910
3780 FOR I=E+1 TO Z
3790 CALL GCHAR(I,F,P)
3800 GOSUB 6000
3810 CALL HCHAR(I,F,112)
3820 CALL HCHAR(I,F,32)
3830 IF A<>I THEN 3860
3840 IF B<>F THEN 3860
3850 GOTO 3480
3860 IF C<>I THEN 3890
3870 IF D<>F THEN 3890
3880 GOTO 3480
3890 NEXT I
3900 GOTO 2170
3910 IF Z=99 THEN 3930
3920 IF Z<>107 THEN 4000

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3930 FOR I=F+1 TO 1 STEP -1
3940 CALL GCHAR(I,F,P)
3950 GOSUB 6000
3960 CALL HCHAR(I,F,112)
3970 CALL HCHAR(I,F,32)
3980 IF A<>I THEN 4010
3990 IF B<>F THEN 4010
4000 GOTO 3480
4010 IF C<>I THEN 4040
4020 IF D<>F THEN 4040
4030 GOTO 3480
4040 NEXT I
4050 GOTO 2170
4060 IF Z=100 THEN 4080
4070 IF Z<>108 THEN 4230
4080 FOR I=E+1 TO 1 STEP -1
4090 F=F-1
4100 IF F=33 THEN 4220
4110 CALL GCHAR(I,F,P)
4120 GOSUB 6000
4130 CALL HCHAR(I,F,112)
4140 CALL HCHAR(I,F,32)
4150 IF A<>I THEN 4180
4160 IF B<>F THEN 4180
4170 GOTO 3480
4180 IF C<>I THEN 4210
4190 IF D<>F THEN 4210
4200 GOTO 3480
4210 NEXT I
4220 GOTO 2170
4230 IF Z=101 THEN 4250
4240 IF Z<>109 THEN 4400
4250 FOR I=E+1 TO 1 STEP -1
4260 F=F-1
4270 IF F=30 THEN 4350
4280 CALL GCHAR(I,F,P)
4290 GOSUB 6000
4300 CALL HCHAR(I,F,112)
4310 CALL HCHAR(I,F,32)
4320 IF A<>I THEN 4350
4330 IF B<>F THEN 4350
4340 GOTO 3480
4350 IF C<>I THEN 4380
4360 IF D<>F THEN 4380
4370 GOTO 3480
4380 NEXT I
4390 GOTO 2170
4400 IF Z=102 THEN 4420
4410 IF Z<>110 THEN 4570
4420 FOR I=E+1 TO Z
4430 F=F-1
4440 IF F=33 THEN 4500
4450 CALL GCHAR(I,F,P)
4460 GOSUB 6000
4470 CALL HCHAR(I,F,112)
4480 CALL HCHAR(I,F,32)
4490 IF A<>I THEN 4520
4500 IF B<>F THEN 4520
4510 GOTO 3480
4520 IF C<>I THEN 4550
4530 IF D<>F THEN 4550
4540 GOTO 3480
4550 NEXT I
4560 GOTO 2170
4570 FOR I=E+1 TO Z
4580 F=F-1
4590 IF F=30 THEN 4710
4600 CALL GCHAR(I,F,P)
4610 GOSUB 6000
4620 CALL HCHAR(I,F,112)
4630 CALL HCHAR(I,F,32)
4640 IF A<>I THEN 4670
4650 IF B<>F THEN 4670
4660 GOTO 3480
4670 IF C<>I THEN 4700
4680 IF D<>F THEN 4700
4690 GOTO 3480
4700 NEXT I
4710 GOTO 2170

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4720 C=C-1
4730 IF C<>25 THEN 4750
4740 C=1
4750 CALL GCHAR(C,D,F)
4760 GOSUB 6000
4770 IF Y=1 THEN 5400
4780 CALL HCHAR(C,D,100)
4790 GOTO 2170
4800 C=C-1
4810 IF C<>25 THEN 4830
4820 C=24
4830 CALL GCHAR(C,D,F)
4840 GOSUB 6000
4850 IF Y=1 THEN 5400
4860 CALL HCHAR(C,D,100)
4870 GOTO 2170
4880 D=D+1
4890 IF D<>33 THEN 4910
4900 D=1
4910 CALL GCHAR(C,D,F)
4920 GOSUB 6000
4930 IF Y=1 THEN 5400
4940 CALL HCHAR(C,D,100)
4950 GOTO 2170
4960 D=D-1
4970 IF D<>0 THEN 4990
4980 D=32
4990 CALL GCHAR(C,D,F)
5000 GOSUB 6000
5010 IF Y=1 THEN 5400
5020 CALL HCHAR(C,D,100)
5030 GOTO 2170
5040 C=C-1
5050 D=D+1
5060 IF C<>25 THEN 5080
5070 C=24
5080 IF D<>33 THEN 5100
5090 D=1
5100 CALL GCHAR(C,D,F)
5110 GOSUB 6000
5120 IF Y=1 THEN 5400
5130 CALL HCHAR(C,D,100)
5140 GOTO 2170
5150 C=C-1
5160 D=D-1
5170 IF C<>25 THEN 5190
5180 C=24
5190 IF D<>33 THEN 5210
5200 D=32
5210 CALL GCHAR(C,D,F)
5220 GOSUB 6000
5230 IF Y=1 THEN 5400
5240 CALL HCHAR(C,D,100)
5250 GOTO 2170
5260 C=C+1
5270 D=D+1
5280 IF C<>25 THEN 5300
5290 C=1
5300 IF D<>33 THEN 5320
5310 D=1
5320 CALL GCHAR(C,D,F)
5330 GOSUB 6000
5340 IF Y=1 THEN 5400
5350 CALL HCHAR(C,D,110)
5360 GOTO 2170
5370 C=C+1
5380 D=D-1
5390 IF C<>25 THEN 5410
5400 C=1
5410 IF D<>33 THEN 5430
5420 D=32
5430 CALL GCHAR(C,D,F)
5440 GOSUB 6000
5450 IF Y=1 THEN 5480
5460 CALL HCHAR(C,D,110)
5470 GOTO 2170
5480 CALL SOUND(1000,-5,0)
5490 IF C=2 THEN 5550
5500 E=C

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5510 F=D
5520 GOTO 5550
5530 B=D-1
5540 F=D
5550 CALL HCHAR(E,F,130)
5560 CALL COLOR(14,2,2)
5570 IF F#<33 THEN 5590
5580 A1=1
5590 IF Y=1 THEN 5610
5600 B=D-1
5610 IF E=1 THEN 5630
5620 IF B1=1 THEN 5640
5630 CALL HCHAR(E-1,F-1,130)
5640 IF A1=1 THEN 5660
5650 CALL HCHAR(E-1,F+1,130)
5660 CALL HCHAR(E-1,F,130)
5670 IF E#>24 THEN 5730
5680 IF A1=1 THEN 5700
5690 CALL HCHAR(E+1,F-1,130)
5700 IF B1=1 THEN 5720
5710 CALL HCHAR(E+1,F-1,130)
5720 CALL HCHAR(E+1,F,130)
5730 IF B1=1 THEN 5750
5740 CALL HCHAR(E,140)
5750 IF A1=1 THEN 5770
5760 CALL HCHAR(E,F+1,140)
5770 FOR I=1 TO 10
5780 CALL COLOR(14,2,2)
5790 CALL COLOR(16,7,2)
5800 NEXT I
5810 IF F#<9 THEN 5850
5820 PRINT "TIE GAME!"
5830 PIT=0
5840 GOTO 5950
5850 IF PTS>0 THEN 5870
5860 PTS=5
5870 IF Q=2 THEN 5920
5880 PRINT "BLUE WINS!"
5890 BL=BL+PTS
5900 PTS=0
5910 GOTO 5950
5920 PRINT "YELLOW WINS!"
5930 YL=YL+PTS
5940 PTS=0
5950 PRINT "SCORE: BLUE 'ASTRA(BL)' : Y
YELLOW 'ASTRA(YL)' : B"
5960 INPUT "PLAY AGAIN? :B"
5970 IF SCORE(B,1,1)<"N" THEN 1750
5980 CALL CLEAR
5990 STOP
6000 FOR E=144 TO 147
6010 IF P<=E THEN 6070
6020 IF Z=103 THEN 6050
6030 BL=BL-1
6040 GOTO 2170
6050 YL=YL-1
6060 GOTO 2170
6070 NEXT E
6080 RETURN
6090 IF P=32 THEN 6150
6100 IF P=144 THEN 6110 ELSE 6130
6110 F=D
6120 GOTO 5140
6130 PTS=5
6140 Y=1
6150 RETURN
6160 FOR E=144 TO 147
6170 IF P<=E THEN 6200
6180 Y=1
6190 RETURN
6200 NEXT E
6210 RETURN
6220 PRINT "YELLOW RUNS OUT OF FUEL"
6230 PTS=2
6240 GOTO 5880
6250 PRINT "BLUE RUNS OUT OF FUEL"
6260 PTS=2
6270 GOTO 5920
6280 END

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MAZE RACE

Maze Race is a game, written in TI BASIC for two players; one controls the red soldier, and one controls the blue soldier. The game starts out with the opposing soldiers lost at the ends of a forest maze. The object is to reach the safe zone across the field without meeting the enemy. The first soldier to cross his boundary into safety (through the entrance) wins the round, and the game continues until one soldier scores ten times. If the soldiers collide, neither one scores.

The maze is drawn randomly by the computer, so if an impossible maze is drawn (an entrance blocked or a soldier surrounded), it may be redrawn by answering the "Change Maze?" option with "Y" for yes.

The red soldier is moved by pressing the arrow keys on the left keyboard. The blue soldier is moved by pressing I for up, J for left, K for right, and M for down. You may wish to use the Video Games I Command Cartridge overlay. No diagonal moves are allowed, and a soldier cannot go through a barrier. Once a key is pressed, the soldier moves in that direction until another key is pressed.

The difficulty of the maze may be altered by adjusting the PRINT statements 220-560. The & is a blank space on the maze, and # is a barrier.

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM

Maze Race

170	Branches to title screen and instructions.	910-1070	Reads red soldier's keyboard entry to move.
180-210	Subroutine to print messages on screen below maze.	1080-1230	Checks where soldier will move and redraws entrance, or his goal.
220-570	Subroutines to print maze a line at a time.	1240-1400	Reads blue soldier's keyboard entry to move.
580-700	Clears screen and prints maze. Lines of maze are chosen randomly then printed.	1410-1580	Checks blue soldier's move and location.
710-740	Places soldiers at opposite ends of maze in random horizontal position.	1590-1690	Routine if soldiers collide.
750-810	Prints message, "CHANGE MAZE?", waits for response and branches accordingly.	1700-1760	Prints message when one soldier wins.
820-900	Initializes variables. RX, RY, BX, and BY are directional increments. RXC, RYC, BXC, and BYC are coordinates for the red and blue soldiers. RED and BLUE = 1 for a win, 0 for a loss. Sounds a "beep" to start game.	1770-1940	Prints scores.
		1950-2000	Asks "TRY AGAIN?" and branches accordingly.
		2010-2180	Prints title screen and defines characters and colors; asks if instructions are needed and waits for response.
		2190-2270	Prints instructions if desired.

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100 REM ***** MAZE GAME *****
110 REM *****
120 REM *****
130 REM *****
140 REM *****
150 REM *****
160 REM *****
170 GOTO 2410
180 FOR I=1 TO LEX(MS)
190 CALL HCHAR(X,I,ASC(SEG(MS,I,1)))
200 NEXT I
210 RETURN
220 PRINT "#####"
230 RETURN
240 PRINT "#####"
250 RETURN
260 PRINT "#####"
270 RETURN
280 PRINT "#####"
290 RETURN
300 PRINT "#####"
310 RETURN
320 PRINT "#####"
330 RETURN
340 PRINT "#####"
350 RETURN
360 PRINT "#####"
370 RETURN
380 PRINT "#####"
390 RETURN
400 PRINT "#####"
410 RETURN
420 PRINT "#####"
430 RETURN
440 PRINT "#####"
450 RETURN
460 PRINT "#####"
470 RETURN
480 PRINT "#####"
490 RETURN
500 PRINT "#####"
510 RETURN
520 PRINT "#####"
530 RETURN
540 PRINT "#####"
550 RETURN
560 PRINT "#####"
570 RETURN
580 CALL CLEAR
590 RANDOMIZE
600 CALL HCHAR(25,3,35,28)
610 FOR I=0 TO 20
620 RA=INT(100-RND)+1
630 OR RA DORS(220,240,260,280,300,32)
640 OR RA DORS(360,380,400,420,440,460,480,500,520,540,560)
650 NEXT I
660 PRINT "::::"
670 CALL HCHAR(21,5,35,28)
680 CALL VCHAR(1,3,113,21)
690 CALL VCHAR(1,30,105,21)

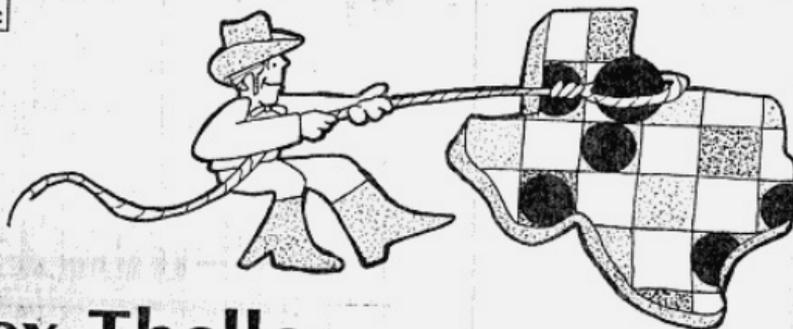
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700 CALL VCHAR(10,30,30,3)
710 RYC=INT(100-RND)+2
720 CALL HCHAR(RYC,3,100)
730 RYC=INT(100-RND)+2
740 CALL HCHAR(RYC,28,112)
750 RY=24
760 DORS(100)
770 CALL KEY(1,KEY,S)
780 IF KEY=0 THEN 500
800 IF KEY<>70 THEN 700
810 CALL HCHAR(24,1,32,10)
820 RY=0
830 RYC=0
840 RY=0
850 RY=0
860 RYC=5
870 RYC=20
880 RED=0
890 BLUE=0
900 CALL SOUND(150,1507,2)
910 CALL KEY(1,1,21)
920 IF RY=0 THEN 1000
930 IF RY<>5 THEN 970
940 RY=-1
950 RY=0
960 GOTO 1000
970 IF RY<>5 THEN 1010
980 RY=1
990 RY=0
1000 GOTO 1000
1010 IF RY<>5 THEN 1050
1020 RY=1
1030 RY=0
1040 GOTO 1000
1050 IF RY<>2 THEN 1000
1060 RY=-1
1070 RY=0
1080 IF RYC-RY<1 THEN 1100
1090 MS="RED WENT WRONG WAY-BLUE WON."
1100 BLUE=1
1110 GOTO 1400
1120 CALL GCHAR(RYC-RY,RYC+RY,CC)
1130 IF CC=30 THEN 1170
1140 IF CC=112 THEN 1190
1150 CALL SOUND(150,-5,0)
1160 GOTO 1240
1170 CALL HCHAR(RYC,RYC,30)
1180 RYC-RYC-RY
1190 RYC-RYC-RY
1200 CALL HCHAR(RYC,RYC,104)
1210 IF RYC<30 THEN 1240
1220 RED=1
1230 GOTO 1700
1240 CALL KEY(2,12,32)
1250 IF RY=0 THEN 1410
1260 IF RY<>5 THEN 1300
1270 RY=-1
1280 RY=0
1290 GOTO 1410
1300 IF RY<>5 THEN 1340
1310 RY=1
1320 RY=0
1330 GOTO 1410
1340 IF RY<1<1 THEN 1380
1350 RY=1
1360 RY=0
1370 GOTO 1410
1380 IF RY<>2 THEN 1410
1390 RY=-1
1400 RY=0
1410 IF RYC-RY<31 THEN 1470
1420 MS="BLUE WENT WRONG WAY-RED WON."
1430 RED=1
1440 RY=22
1450 GOSUB 100
1460 GOTO 1770
1470 CALL GCHAR(RYC-RY,RYC+RY,DD)

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TI
BASIC



Tex-Thello

Tex-Thello is a microcomputer version of the popular Othello (a trademark of Gabriel Industries, Inc.) board game. The program written in TI BASIC, pits the human player against the computer for an exciting game on three levels of difficulty: On Level 1, the computer just tries to capture the most markers. On Level 3 (the highest level), the computer takes into account the edge squares and corner squares—thus providing it with more of a theoretical advantage. Level 2 is an intermediate level. The program will check for illegal moves (sounding a warning tone within 30 seconds) and change the color of "captured" markers according to the moves.

Game Rules

1. Since the first four squares in the middle of the board must be occupied (in "checkerboard fashion") first, the program automatically provides this initial setup.

2. The player alternates turns with the computer by entering the grid coordinates for a move. A move consists of placing a color square so that it "captures" (by completing the outflanking of) one or more of the opposite color squares. The computer will then change all the captured squares to the opposite color.

3. A move must always consist of capturing at least one square.

4. If a legal move cannot be made, it then becomes the opponent's turn to move.

5. Capturing may be accomplished horizontally, vertically, or diagonally in one or more rows or directions.

6. The game is over either when the board is filled with color or squares, when it is not possible for either opponent to move, or when the board is filled (or partially filled) with all one color. The opponent with the most squares is the winner.

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM

Tex-Thello

Line Nos.

160 Dimensions arrays for squares captured.
170-240 Stores the name "COMPUTER" for player.
250-400 Option screens; user presses a key for choices.
410-510 Player's input names; stored in PLAY(1,10).
520-610 Initializes positions of board.
620-730 Prints labels for game.
740-920 Defines graphics characters and colors.
930-1030 Prints moving Othello board then row number.
1040-1130 Prints starting four positions.
1140-1240 Initializes squares around four border squares.
1250-1340 Checks for first player or move number 3.
1350-1440 Prints player's name (computer's and board).
1450-1540 Squares indicating whose move.
1550-1640 Player presses column number then row number for move.
1650-1740 Computer prints move.
1750-1840 Checks for legal move.

1490-1550 Sets values of surrounding squares to zero.
1560-1620 Shows move on screen and switches appropriate captured squares; increments TURN (number of moves).
1630-1740 Checks to see if board still contains two colors, otherwise branches to end of game.
1750-1790 Changes player number for next turn and branches to beginning of main loop.
1800-2040 Tallies squares for each player and prints score.
2050-2100 Asks if player wants to play again; branches appropriately or ends program.
2110-2250 Subroutine to check if there is a legal move.
2260-2510 Subroutine to check if there is a legal move.
2520-2820 Subroutine to check if there is a legal move.
2830-3040 Subroutine to calculate computer's move.
3050-4240 Subroutine to calculate computer's move.
EXTRA is the number of squares that can be captured; HARD is the level of difficulty (1, 2, 3). For the different levels, the board positions have different values.


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1620 GOSUB 2540
1630 IF TURN=65 THEN 1810
1640 IF PL=1 THEN 1670
1650 A1=4
1660 GOTO 1680
1670 A1=3
1680 FOR J=1 TO 8
1690 FOR I=1 TO 8
1700 IF A(I,J)<=1 THEN 1730
1710 IF A(I,J)<=AM THEN 1750
1720 NEXT I
1730 NEXT J
1740 GOTO 1810
1750 IF PL=1 THEN 1780
1760 PL=1
1770 GOTO 1190
1780 PL=2
1790 GOTO 1190
1800 REM END MAIN LOOP AND BEGIN TOTAL
      S REGION
1810 TOT1=0
1820 TOT2=0
1830 FOR I=1 TO 8
1840 FOR J=1 TO 8
1850 IF A(I,J)=3 THEN 1880
1860 IF A(I,J)=4 THEN 1890
1870 TOT2=TOT2+1
1880 GO TO 1900
1890 TOT1=TOT1+1
1900 NEXT J
1910 NEXT I
1920 IF TOT2>TOT1 THEN 1950
1930 PRINT "DRAW" 32 TO 32
1940 GO TO 2050
1950 PRINT
1960 PRINT "AT A SCORE OF :TOT1: TO
TOT2:..."
1970 PRINT "      WINS"
1980 IF TOT1>TOT2 THEN 2010
1990 PWIN=2
2000 GO TO 2030
2010 PWIN=1
2020 FOR I=1 TO 10
2030 CALL NCHAR(23,I+1,PLAY(PWIN,I))
2040 NEXT I
2050 PRINT "PLAY AGAIN? (Y/N)";
2060 CALL KEY(0,"S");
2070 IF K=90 THEN 190
2080 IF K<=70 THEN 2050
2090 STOP
2100 REM
2110 REM IS THERE A LEGAL MOVE?
2120 SW=0
2130 ZX=X
2140 ZY=Y
2150 FOR I=1 TO 8
2160 FOR J=1 TO 8
2170 IF A(I,J)=0 THEN 2210
2200 GOSUB 2550
2190 IF EXTRA=0 THEN 2210
2200 SW=1
2210 NEXT J
2220 NEXT I
2230 X=ZX
2240 Y=ZY
2250 RETURN
2260 REM COLOR ONTO BOARD ROUTINE
2270 REM COLOR ONTO BOARD ROUTINE
2280 REM COLOR ONTO BOARD ROUTINE
2290 REM COLOR ONTO BOARD ROUTINE
2300 REM COLOR ONTO BOARD ROUTINE
2310 REM COLOR ONTO BOARD ROUTINE
2320 REM COLOR ONTO BOARD ROUTINE
2330 IF TOT1<=2 THEN 2350
2340 I1=104
2350 I2=105
2360 I3=106
2370 I4=107
2380 I5=108
2390 GO TO 2450

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2390 I1=113
2400 I2=113
2410 I3=114
2420 I4=115
2430 X1=7+2+2
2440 I2=X1+1
2450 Y1=3+2+2
2460 I2=Y1+1
2470 CALL NCHAR(Y1,X1,S1)
2480 CALL NCHAR(Y1,X2,S2)
2490 CALL NCHAR(Y2,X1,S3)
2500 CALL NCHAR(Y2,X2,S4)
2510 RETURN
2520 REM EXTRA SQUARES
2530 EXTRA=0
2540 FOR I=1 TO 3
2550 FOR J=1 TO 3
2560 U=X+DIR(I)
2570 V=Y+DIR(J)
2580 IF U=2 THEN 2590 ELSE 2600
2590 IF V=1 THEN 2790
2600 IF PL=1 THEN 2620
2610 IF A(U,V)=3 THEN 2630 ELSE 2790
2620 IF A(U,V)=4 THEN 2630 ELSE 2790
2630 U=U+DIR(I)
2640 V=V+DIR(J)
2650 IF A(U,V)<=1 THEN 2790
2660 IF A(U,V)=2 THEN 2790
2670 IF PL=1 THEN 2690
2680 IF A(U,V)=4 THEN 2790 ELSE 2630
2690 IF A(U,V)=3 THEN 2790 ELSE 2630
2700 U=X+DIR(I)
2710 V=Y+DIR(J)
2720 IF A(U,V)=PL+2 THEN 2790
2730 GOTO EXTRA=0
2740 EXTRA=EXTRA+1
2750 EXTRA=EXTRA+1
2760 U=U+DIR(I)
2770 V=V+DIR(J)
2780 GO TO 2720
2790 NEXT J
2800 NEXT I
2810 EXTRA=EXTRA-1
2820 RETURN
2830 REM COLOR ADDITION SQUARES
2840 IX=X
2850 IY=Y
2860 FOR X=1 TO EXTRA
2870 IX=IX+1
2880 NEXT I
2890 GOSUB 2270
2900 A(IX,Y)=PL+2
2910 NEXT X
2920 X=IX
2930 Y=IY
2940 RETURN
2950 REM GET COMPUTER MOVE
2960 EXTRA=100
2970 FOR I=1 TO 8
2980 FOR J=1 TO 8
2990 IF A(I,J)=0 THEN 3110
3000 GOSUB 2550
3010 IF EXTRA=0 THEN 3110
3020 IF TURN<=57 THEN 3040
3030 HARD=1
3040 IF HARD=1 THEN 3070
3050 IF T=1 THEN 3100
3060 IF T=2 THEN 3100
3070 IF T=3 THEN 3100
3080 IF T=4 THEN 3100
3090 IF T=5 THEN 3100
3100 IF T=6 THEN 3100
3110 IF T=7 THEN 3100
3120 IF T=8 THEN 3100
3130 IF T=9 THEN 3100
3140 IF T=10 THEN 3100
3150 EXTRA=EXTRA-1
3160 EXTRA=EXTRA-4
3170 GO TO 3070

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3180 IF Y=3 THEN 3210
3190 IF Y=7 THEN 3210
3210 GO TO 4070
3220 W=(7-Y-1)/5
3230 W=(7-Y-1)/5
3240 IF A(X,W)>1 THEN 4070
3240 EXTRA-EXTRA-12
3250 GO TO 4070
3260 IF HARD=2 THEN 3300
3270 FOR I=1 TO 8
3280 EDGE(I)=A(I,Y)
3290 NEXT I
3300 FOR I=1 TO EXTRA
3310 IF EX(I)>Y THEN 3330
3320 EDGE(EX(I))-PL+2
3330 NEXT I
3340 Z=X
3350 GO TO 3370
3360 EXTRA-EXTRA+3
3370 GO TO 4070
3380 IF Y=1 THEN 3520
3390 IF Y=8 THEN 3520
3400 IF HARD=2 THEN 3500
3410 FOR I=1 TO 8
3420 EDGE(I)=A(X,I)
3430 NEXT I
3440 FOR I=1 TO EXTRA
3450 IF EX(I)>X THEN 3470
3460 EDGE(EX(I))-PL+2
3470 NEXT I
3480 Z=Y
3490 GO TO 3570
3500 EXTRA-EXTRA+3
3510 GO TO 4070
3520 IF HARD=2 THEN 3550
3530 EXTRA-EXTRA+14
3540 GO TO 4070
3550 EXTRA-EXTRA+6
3560 GO TO 4070
3570 COX=0
3580 FOR I=1 TO EXTRA
3590 IF 2*(EX(I)-2)*(EX(I)-7)+(EY(I)-2)
+ (EY(I)-7)=0 THEN 3610
3600 GO TO 3600
3610 W=(7-EX(I))-1/5
3620 W=(7-EY(I))-1/5
3630 IF A(W,W)<1 THEN 3650
3640 GO TO 3600
3650 COX=1
3660 NEXT I
3670 TYPE=0
3680 IF EDGE(I)-PL+2 THEN 3730
3690 LT=EDGE(I)
3700 IF LT>6 THEN 3740
3710 LT=1

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3720 GO TO 3740
3730 LT=2
3740 FOR I=2 TO Z-1
3750 IF EDGE(I)-PL+2 THEN 3800
3760 IF EDGE(I)<-1 THEN 3790
3770 LT=EDGE(I)
3780 GO TO 3800
3790 LT=1
3800 NEXT I
3810 IF LT=2 THEN 3870
3820 IF EDGE(Z)-PL+2 THEN 3870
3830 RT=EDGE(Z)
3840 IF RT>6 THEN 3880
3850 RT=1
3860 GO TO 3880
3870 RT=2
3880 FOR I=7 TO Z+1 STEP -1
3890 IF EDGE(I)-PL+2 THEN 3940
3900 IF EDGE(I)<-1 THEN 3930
3910 RT=EDGE(I)
3920 GO TO 3940
3930 RT=1
3940 NEXT I
3950 IF RT=2 THEN 3970
3960 IF RT<LT THEN 4050
3970 TYPE=1
3980 IF COX=0 THEN 4010
3990 EXTRA-EXTRA-3
4000 GO TO 4070
4010 EXTRA-EXTRA+8
4020 GO TO 4070
4030 IF COX=0 THEN 4060
4040 EXTRA-EXTRA-12
4050 GO TO 4070
4060 EXTRA-EXTRA-4
4070 IF EXTRA-EXTRAP THEN 4080 ELSE 4110
4080 EXTRAP-EXTRA
4090 ZX=X
4100 ZY=Y
4110 NEXT Y
4120 NEXT X
4130 IF EXTRAP=100 THEN 4140 ELSE 4210
4140 FOR I=1 TO 8
4150 FOR Y=1 TO 8
4160 IF A(X,Y)>1 THEN 4190
4170 ZX=X
4180 ZY=Y
4190 NEXT Y
4200 NEXT X
4210 Z=ZX
4220 Y=ZY
4230 RETURN
4240 END

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San Francisco

TI
BASIC



Tourist

"I left my heart in San Francisco . . ." Designed to highlight the sights that abound in and around the City by the Bay, this TI BASIC program is actually two games in one.

First, try your skill at driving down Lombard Street between Hyde and Leavenworth. It's on a steep hill and is known as the "crookedest street in the world." Use the left and right arrow keys (S and D) to steer down the red brick road without bumping into the white concrete sides—or onto someone's green lawn.

Now drive north across the Golden Gate Bridge to Muir Woods, a beautiful, peaceful forest with some of the world's tallest living trees. Start at the upper left corner of the screen and take a quiet walking tour through the woods. Use the arrow keys to change direction, then press ENTER to mark the trees you've seen on your map.

Programming Techniques

This game program implements many of the features discussed in the article *Fun and Games*. The title screen presents the choice of games, and the player need only press the key of his choice (wrong keys are ignored). The program will then branch to the appropriate game, and a screen of instructions is printed. The screen stays on the instructions only as long as the player wishes. The player can just press any key when he is ready to start the game.

Crookedest Street uses scrolling during printing to simulate the road going past. A DEFINITION statement near the beginning of the program on line 170 defines a random coordinate R between -3 and $+3$. A line of road is printed offset R from the previous line. Lines 820 to 840 make sure the road line stays on the screen. In *Muir Woods*, the player moves an object (represented by one or more pixels) across the screen (represented by one or more pixels) for simplicity and speed) by using the arrow keys. In *Crookedest Street*, only the left and right arrow keys are used. The car is always drawn on Row 7, and the arrow keys determine whether the car is drawn in the same column, two columns to the left, or two columns to the right. Lines 930-980 keep the car on the screen. In *Muir Woods* the person may move up, down,

left, or right, but will not wrap—staying at the edge, instead. The person will also continue to move in one direction until another arrow key is pressed; the character is moved in each CALL KEY loop.

CALL GCHAR(X,Y,G) is used in both games. In *Crookedest Street* you need to know if the new position of the car is a red square (okay), a white square (crash), or a green square (fatal crash). After the new car position is drawn, the old position must be replaced by the appropriately colored square.

Muir Woods uses GCHAR to determine positions of trees for marking. Also, the person leaves a trail. So if the square was a blank, the trail is printed; but if it was a tree or a marked tree, that character stays there.

Muir Woods also demonstrates the use of a timer or counter in the CALL KEY loop. You may change the value 100 for SH in line 1910 for more or less time.

I wanted to use [ENTER] as the key to press for "firing," so the split keyboard method of detecting the "fire" key was not possible. If you use the split keyboard you can alternate calling the halves of the keyboard and detect the "fire" key sooner, but since the codes are different for the 99/4 and the 99/4A consoles, the game instructions would have to be different. [ENTER] is not detected on the 99/4A; you must press the period to return key code 13. In these games the quickest way to detect [ENTER] is to let go of the arrow keys before pressing [ENTER].

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM

Line Nos.	San Francisco Tourist
150-170	Defines functions to be used as random coordinates.
360	Clears screen.
180-240	Creates screen display graphics characters for bridge.
250-380	Prints bridge and title; if the program is just starting, plays "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."
390	Prints choices of games.
400-420	Defines graphics characters for games.

430-460	Receives player's input and branches appropriately.	1180-1210	Procedure if car goes into green.
470-500	Subroutine to press any key to start.	1220-1250	Delays, then waits for player to press a key.
510-530	Subroutine to delay.	1260-1290	Clears screen; returns colors to black; branches to menu screen.
540-610	Prints instructions for <i>Crookedest Street</i> ; defines graphics characters; waits for player to press a key.	1300-1400	Prints instructions for <i>Muir Woods</i> and defines graphics characters and colors.
620-750	Clears screen; defines graphics colors; prints game screen. DATA contains coordinates for printing road.	1410-1470	Clears screen, randomly draws 70 trees on screen.
760-780	Initializes coordinates of road and car.	1480-1520	Initializes time, marked trees, coordinates, graphics.
790-860	Prints 75 lines of crooked street randomly; last 15 lines are straight.	1530-1540	Places person at entrance and sounds initial beep.
870-980	Makes sound, draws new position of car depending on key pressed; replaces old position with proper graphics character.	1550-1860	Moves person depending on key pressed. Person will not "wrap" but stays at edge.
990-1070	Tests for crash; makes a sound and increments number of crashes.	1870-1920	Increments time and prints time; if time = 100, ends game.
1080-1170	Ending remarks; plays victory melody for zero crashes.	1930-2010	Procedure for marking tree.
		2020-2100	Ending statements; returns colors to black; branches to menu screen.
		2110-2120	Ends program.

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100 BEK *****
110 BEK ** SF TOURIST **
120 BEK *****
130 BEK
140 BEK
150 DEF R19=INT(19*RD)+1
160 DEF R25=INT(26*RD)+2
170 DEF R=(-1)*INT(4*RD)*INT(4*RD)
180 CALL CLEAR
190 CALL CHAR(64,"18183C3C3A5A9000")
200 CALL CHAR(55,"9191020408080777")
210 CALL CHAR(47,"18181818187777")
220 CALL CHAR(38,"888888887777")
230 CALL CHAR(57,"888888887777")
240 CALL CHAR(59,"88884428188C7777")
250 CALL SCREEN(4)
260 PRINT TAB(12);"S";TAB(11);"/45"
/4-
270 PRINT " ** SAN FRANCISCO TOURIST
**
280 IF I<>0 THEN 390
290 P=899
300 CALL SOUND(F,339,8)
310 CALL SOUND(F,349,8)
320 CALL SOUND(F,449,8)
330 CALL SOUND(F,392,8,131,18,165,8)
340 CALL SOUND(F,449,8)
350 CALL SOUND(F,499,8,165,18,196,8)
360 CALL SOUND(F,529,8)
370 CALL SOUND(F,449,8,147,18)
380 CALL SOUND(A*P,284,8,228,8,175,16)
390 PRINT "WHICH DO YOU WISH TO VISIT?
":I
400 CALL CHAR(35,"7777777777777777")
410 CALL CHAR(41,"7777777777777777")
420 CALL CHAR(88,"9")
430 CALL KEY(0,K,I,S)
440 IF I<40 THEN I=51)-1 THEN 430
450 CALL CLEAR
460 ON K=48 GOTO 340,1300,2110
470 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO START."
480 CALL KEY(0,K,I,S)
490 IF NOT THEN 490
500 RETURN
510 FOR I=1 TO 500
520 NEXT I
530 RETURN
540 PRINT " ** CROOKEDST STREET **
550 CALL CHAR(88,"38707C8888707C88")
560 CALL CHAR(88,"8888888888888888")
570 PRINT " ** LOMARDI STREET IS THE
CROOKEDST STREET IN THE ** WORLD
IT IS ONE BLOCK"

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580 PRINT "LOW ON A STEEP HILL.":I
OUR CHALLENGE IS TO DRIVE":DOWN
THE RED BRICK ROAD"
590 PRINT "WITHOUT BUMPING THE CORE
TE":SIDES USE THE ARROW KEYS
TO STEER.":I
600 C=0
610 GOSUB 470
620 DATA 6,6,7,8,9,11,13,15,18,20,20,1
7,10,13,14,9,6,6,6,11,13,16,19,20
630 CALL CLEAR
640 CALL SCREEN(5)
650 CALL COLOR(2,7,16)
660 CALL COLOR(8,2,11)
670 CALL COLOR(1,12,3)
680 RESTORE 620
690 FOR I=1 TO 24
700 READ I
710 CALL HCHAR(I,1,40,8)
720 CALL HCHAR(I,1,1,41,6)
730 NEXT I
740 CALL HCHAR(7,17,96)
750 RANDOMIZE
760 I=38
770 C=2
780 G=45
790 FOR I=1 TO 75
800 IF I>59 THEN 860
810 I=I+8
820 IF I<21 THEN 840
830 I=21
840 IF I>1 THEN 860
850 I=I-1
860 PRINT TAB(I);":":I
870 CALL HCHAR(189,116,1,-1,1)
880 CALL HCHAR(16,6,K,G)
890 CALL KEY(0,K,I,S)
900 IF I<83 THEN I<=68)-2 THEN 900
910 C=C+2
920 IF I<51 THEN 930
940 I=51
950 GOTO 900
960 I=X-2
970 IF I>2 THEN 900
980 I=2
990 CALL CCHAR(7,X,G)
1000 IF C=1 THEN 1866
1010 IF C=9 THEN 1608
1020 IF C=32 THEN 1520
1030 CALL SOUND(-50,-5,0)
1040 CALL HCHAR(7,X,97)
1050 C=C+1
1060 CALL HCHAR(7,X,96)
1070 NEXT I
1080 CALL HCHAR(22,1,52,64)

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1400 PRINT "YOU MADE IT:";NUMBER OF C
BASRES;:C
1410 IF C=0 THEN 1220
1410 DATA 330,392,523,650,523,650,650
1420 RESTORE 1410
1430 FOR I=1 TO 7
1440 READ S
1450 CALL SOUND(150,S,0)
1460 NEXT I
1470 GOTO 1220
1480 CALL SOUND(200,-5,0,400,0)
1490 CALL HCHAR(7,3,97,2)
1500 CALL HCHAR(22,1,32,64)
1510 PRINT "SORRY: THE CAR IS DAMAGED";
:"REPAIR"
GOSUB 510
1520 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY"
1540 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
1550 IF S<1 THEN 1240
1560 CALL CLEAR
1570 CALL COLOR(2,2,1)
1580 CALL COLOR(1,2,1)
1590 GOTO 250
1600 PRINT TAB(6);"** MUIR WOODS **"
1610 CALL CHAR(96,"C1C087F0E1A2222")
1620 CALL CHAR(97,"101070101")
1630 CALL COLOR(9,7,1)
1640 CALL CHAR(104,"935107C10FE101")
1650 CALL CHAR(105,"7F1A59999A501F")
1660 CALL COLOR(10,13,1)
1670 PRINT "MUIR WOODS IS A BEAUTIFUL
:"FOREST OF GIANT TREES"
1680 PRINT "NORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO.:";
:"TAKE A TOUR AND MAKE AS:";
:"RECS ON YOUR MAP AS:"
1690 PRINT "YOU CAN MOVE BY PRESSING
:"THE ARROW KEYS; MARK TREES:";
BY PRESSING <ENTER>.";
GOSUB 470
1710 CALL CLEAR
1720 CALL SCREEN(12)
1730 PRINT "TIME:";
RANDOMIZE
1750 FOR I=1 TO 70
1760 CALL HCHAR(310,320,104)
1770 NEXT I
1780 SR=0
1790 P=0
1800 X=2
1810 Y=2
1820 G=52
1830 CALL HCHAR(2,2,96)
1840 CALL SOUND(150,150,4)
1850 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
1860 IF K=0 THEN 1930
1870 IF K<0 THEN 1910
1880 DX=-1
1890 DY=0

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1600 GOTO 1720
1610 IF K<=60 THEN 1650
1620 DX=0
1630 DY=1
1640 GOTO 1720
1650 IF K>=80 THEN 1690
1660 DX=1
1670 DY=0
1680 GOTO 1720
1690 IF K>=85 THEN 1720
1700 DX=0
1710 DY=-1
1720 IF G<=100 THEN 1740
1730 G=97
1740 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,G)
1750 X=X+DX
1760 IF X=1 THEN 1780
1770 X=-1
1780 IF X=20 THEN 1800
1790 X=20
1800 Y=Y+DY
1810 IF Y=2 THEN 1830
1820 Y=2
1830 IF Y=31 THEN 1850
1840 Y=31
1850 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,G)
1860 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,96)
1870 SW=SW+1
1880 FOR I=1 TO LEN(STR$(SR))
1890 CALL HCHAR(21,1)+9,ASC(STR$(S
R))(I,1))
NEXT I
1910 IF SW=100 THEN 2020
1920 GOTO 1550
1930 CALL SOUND(100,-2,0)
1940 IF G<=104 THEN 1970
1950 CALL HCHAR(X,Y,105)
1960 G=105
1970 P=P+1
1980 FOR I=1 TO LEN(STR$(P))
1990 CALL HCHAR(25,1)+9,ASC(STR$(P
))(I,1))
NEXT I
2000 PRINT "TIME IS UP.:";
YOU LOOKED
AT:";
TREES."
GOSUB 510
2040 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY"
2050 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
2060 IF S<1 THEN 2050
2070 CALL CLEAR
2080 CALL COLOR(9,2,1)
2090 CALL COLOR(10,2,1)
2100 GOTO 250
2110 IF K=0 THEN 2130
2120 END CALL CHAR(33,"01010101010001")

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COUNTY FAIR DERBY

TI BASIC



County Fair Derby is a party game in which up to eight players bet on horses in a color-animated race. Our family finds it quite exciting—especially with three or more players. There is, however, only one keyboard operator; the rest is up to the computer. In addition to running the five horses, the computer keeps tabs on each horse's track record, plus the bankroll of each player. The program operation is simple and self-prompting. To break the input loop, the word LAST must be entered. If this word is misspelled, it then becomes just another player's name. When this TI BASIC

program was loaded into Extended BASIC for the purpose of checking available memory left, the SIZE command revealed that there were 4873 bytes left. This leaves enough memory for you to add to, or use to modify the program. You might try giving the computer a fixed amount of money before the races start and having the players try to "break the track." Other bells and whistles I leave to your imagination. Here's hoping you enjoy the program as much as I enjoyed writing it. But don't waste another minute. It's already past time—the horses will soon be off and running . . .

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM County Fair Derby

Line Nos.

140-340 Introduction display and odds table.
350-420 introductory music and wait for key.
430-1060 Initialization and define characters to be used for display.
1070-1560 Input routines; players' names, choices for horse selection, kind of bet and amount. Typing LAST for player's name breaks the INPUT loop.
1570-1810 Draws track with lane numbers and plays post-time tune.
1820 Z is a switch to control RETURN from subroutine at 2490.
1830-2020 Positions horses on the track in the proper place and color (subroutine at 2490 draws horse and RETURNS if Z equals 1).
2030-2190 Rests Z; sets starting coordinates for horses (K and S are variables used later in determining win, place and show.) Waits for "S" key to start.
2200-2460 Generates random number from one to five to determine which horse to move. Line number 2220 (ON N GOTO) finds position of horse, sets coordinates for move routine and jumps to move routine. (If the vertical coordinate has been set to zero, the horse has finished and the program jumps back for a new random number.)
2470-2600 Moves horse through an animation loop and redraws it two positions forward from where it started. ("Q" is used as a control switch to pass through the loop twice.)

2610-2830

Checks if $V > 28$ (end of race for that horse); if not, sets new coordinate values and jumps back for new random number.

2840-3120

Calculates the finishing horse (D). If 5 equals 0, the horse wins. Set 5 equals winning number. Line 2870 (ON S GOSUB) sets color for winning announcement. Line 2990 (ON S GOTO) sets column to zero to remove horse from race; jumps back for a new random number and continues. If $S < > 0$, then the finishing horse becomes K for second place and, (except for setting color) a similar routine is followed. If $K < > 0$, then D becomes the third place horse and the race stops.

3130-3510

Displays win, place, show announcement and waits for key.

3520-3870

On K(X) goes to the kind of bet player (X) has made. Checks to see if player (X) has won and calculates the amount. If there are winnings, goes to subroutine 4090. For no winnings, GOSUB 3970. On return goes to 3880. Increments (X). Checks to see if four results have been displayed; if so, goes to 4130 and waits for key before returning for next results (3550); if not over four, goes directly to 3580. Subroutine to update and display losers.

3880-3960

Subroutine to update and display losers in debt.

4090-4120

Subroutine to update and display winners. Wait for key and check for LAST before continuing.

4130-4160

Update past records and display for players betting on trends. Wait for key.

4170-4290

Loop back for INPUTS of next race. Data for music. Use "break" key to end program.

4300-4340

4350-4380

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100 REM *****
110 REM COUNTY FAIR DERBY *****
120 REM *****
130 REM *****
135 REM *****
140 CALL CLEAR
150 CALL COLOR(2,2,14)
160 FOR I=1 TO 2
170 CALL COLOR(1,2,12)
180 NEXT I
190 CALL RCBAR(24,2,42,20)
200 PRINT
210 PRINT TAB(8):"COUNTY FAIR DERBY"::
220 PRINT TAB(8):"A FIVE HORSE RACE"::
230 PRINT TAB(41):"YOU CAN BET YOUR WAY"
S:>::
240 PRINT "<1> WIN PAYS 4 TO 1"::
250 PRINT "<2> PLACE PAYS 3 TO 2"::
260 PRINT "<3> SHOW PAYS 2 TO 3"::
270 PRINT "<4> PARLAY PAYS 13 TO 1"::
280 CALL RCBAR(24,9,42,14)
290 PRINT
300 PRINT "PARLAY PICK 1ST AND 2ND"::
310 PRINT "*****"
320 PRINT "EACH PLAYER IS GIVEN $200"::
330 CALL RCBAR(24,2,42,20)
340 CALL YCHAR(1,2,42,24)
350 CALL YCHAR(1,39,42,24)
360 RESTORE 4379
360 READ DU,VO
370 IF DU=0 THEN 400
380 CALL SOUND(500,DU,VO,5)
390 GOTO 360
400 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY"
410 CALL KEY("Y",KEY,"M")
420 IF STAT=0 THEN 410
430 CALL CLEAR
440 PRINT TAB(7):"*****BAND ON****"::
450 PRINT TAB(7):"GOTTA GET THE"::
460 PRINT TAB(7):"HORSES"::
470 DIM H$(50)
480 H$(1)="000000000000210007"
490 H$(2)="0000000000001713079"
500 H$(3)="070710204000000000"
510 H$(4)="707000040200000000"
520 H$(5)="00000000000000077"
530 H$(6)="0000000000123070"
540 H$(7)="0707024020000000"
550 H$(8)="0000000000000000"
560 H$(9)="0000001030070101"
570 H$(10)="0000071730000000"
580 H$(11)="0000175731000000"
590 H$(12)="0000000001030000"
600 H$(13)="0000070700000707"
610 H$(14)="0000000000000000"
620 H$(15)="0000000000000000"
630 H$(16)="0000000707070000"
640 H$(17)="0000000000000000"
650 H$(18)="0000707000000000"
660 H$(19)="0101010107070000"
670 H$(20)="1123030633370000"
680 H$(21)="0300000313717000"
690 H$(22)="0000000000000000"
700 H$(23)="0000000707010000"
710 H$(24)="0000000000000000"
720 H$(25)="0000000000000000"
730 H$(26)="0070707000000000"
740 H$(27)="7171000000000000"
750 H$(28)="7070113170000000"
760 H$(29)="0000000000000000"
770 H$(30)="0000000000000000"
780 H$(31)="0000000000000000"
790 H$(32)="0000000000000000"
800 H$(33)="0000000000000000"
810 H$(34)="0000000000000000"
820 H$(35)="0000000000000000"
830 H$(36)="0000000000000000"

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840 H$(37)="0000000000000000"
850 H$(38)="1010101000000000"
860 H$(39)="3100000010000000"
870 H$(40)="0000000000000000"
880 H$(41)="0000000000000000"
890 H$(42)="0000000000000000"
900 H$(43)="0000000000000000"
910 H$(44)="0000000000000000"
920 FOR D=D TO D+7
930 CALL CHAR(D,H$(D))
940 E=E+1
950 NEXT D
960 IF D=157 THEN 980
970 GOTO 910
980 CALL CLEAR
990 CALL COLOR(11,15,8)
1000 CALL COLOR(12,14,11)
1010 CALL COLOR(13,13,11)
1020 CALL COLOR(14,2,11)
1030 CALL COLOR(15,7,11)
1040 CALL COLOR(16,5,11)
1050 CALL COLOR(2,2,12)
1060 CALL CLEAR
1070 E=1
1080 CALL CLEAR
1090 PRINT "TYPE PLAYER'S NAME"::
1100 PRINT "AFTER THE LAST PLAYER'S NAME"
IF " " THEN 1110
1110 PRINT "HAS BEEN ENTERED TYPE LAST"
1120 INPUT "NAME ?":NAMES(I)
1130 IF NAMES(I)="" THEN 1570
1140 IF I>=9 THEN 1160
1150 GOTO 1100
1160 PRINT "IS THE MAX. NUM. OF PLA"
IERS)
1170 PRINT "TYPE LAST TO CONTINUE"
1180 GOTO 1120
1190 TOT(I)=200
1200 CALL CLEAR
1210 GOSUB 1230
1220 GOTO 1000
1230 PRINT "HORSE ?":RO(I)
ORSE ?"
1240 INPUT "HORSE ?":RO(I)
1250 IF RO(I)>5 THEN 1270
1260 GOTO 1310
1270 GOSUB 1290
1280 GOTO 1240
1290 PRINT "NUM. TOO BIG TRY AGAIN"::
1300 RETURN
1310 PRINT "WHAT KIND OF BET 1-4"
1320 PRINT "<1> WIN"::
1330 PRINT "<2> PLACE"::
1340 PRINT "<3> SHOW"::
1350 PRINT "<4> PARLAY"::
1360 INPUT "KIND ?":K(I)
1370 IF K(I)>4 THEN 1400
1380 IF K(I)=4 THEN 1500
1390 GOTO 1420
1400 GOSUB 1290
1410 GO TO 1360
1420 PRINT "HOW MUCH DO YOU BET ?"
D $200"::
1430 INPUT "BET ?":BET(I)
1440 IF BET(I)>200 THEN 1460
1450 GOTO 1400
1460 GOSUB 1290
1470 GOTO 1430
1480 E=E+1
1490 RETURN
1500 PRINT "YOU PICKED NO.":RO(I)
O WIN"::
1510 PRINT "WHICH HORSE TO PLACE ?"::
1520 INPUT "PLACE ?":PA2(X)
1530 IF PA2(X)>5 THEN 1550
1540 GOTO 1420
1550 GOSUB 1290

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1560 GOTO 1520
1570 CALL CLEAR
1580 PRINT "PRESS 3 TO START"
1590 CALL COLOR(2,11,11)
1600 FOR I=1 TO 22
1610 PRINT
1620 NEXT I
1630 CALL CHR$(119;"21036618186603321")
1640 CALL RCHAR(9,1,119,39)
1650 CALL RCHAR(20,1,119,39)
1660 Z=99
1670 T=2
1680 FOR A=1 TO 10
1690 CALL RCHAR(X,T,42,20)
1700 Z=X+1
1710 NEXT A
1720 GETDOR 4356
1730 READ DU NO OF DOR THEN 1770
1750 CALL SOUND(200-DU*NO,5)
1760 GOTO 1730
1770 CALL RCHAR(18,2,42)
1780 CALL RCHAR(12,2,50)
1790 CALL RCHAR(14,2,51)
1800 CALL RCHAR(16,2,52)
1810 CALL RCHAR(18,2,53)
1820 Z=1
1830 D=120
1840 B=10
1850 V=3
1860 GOSUB 2490
1870 D=120
1880 B=12
1890 V=3
1900 GOSUB 2490
1910 D=136
1920 B=14
1930 V=3
1940 GOSUB 2490
1950 D=144
1960 B=16
1970 V=3
1980 GOSUB 2490
1990 D=152
2000 B=18
2010 V=3
2020 GOSUB 2490
2030 Z=0
2040 A=16
2050 B=4
2060 I=16
2070 F=0
2080 C=12
2090 P=0
2100 T=18
2110 P=4
2120 Q=14
2130 R=4
2140 E=0
2150 S=9
2160 CALL KEY(0,KEY,STATUS)
2170 IF STATUS=0 THEN 2160
2180 IF KEY=83 THEN 2290
2190 GOTO 2150
2200 RANDOMIZE
2210 N=INT(15*RD)+1
2220 OR N GOTO 2230,2260,2230,2300,2430
2230 T=3
2240 V=3
2250 IF B=0 THEN 2200
2260 D=120
2270 GOTO 2470
2280 R=E
2290 V=F
2300 IF F=0 THEN 2200
2310 D=120
2320 GOTO 2470
2330 E=C
2340 V=M

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2350 IF B=0 THEN 2200
2360 D=136
2370 GOTO 2470
2380 B=1
2390 V=1
2400 IF J=0 THEN 2200
2410 D=144
2420 GOTO 2470
2430 R=C
2440 V=F
2450 D=152
2460 IF P=0 THEN 2200
2470 CALL RCHAR(X,V-1,42)
2480 CALL RCHAR(X+1,V-1,42)
2490 CALL RCHAR(X,V,D)
2500 CALL RCHAR(D,V+1,D+1)
2510 CALL RCHAR(X+1,V,D+1)
2520 CALL RCHAR(X+1,V+1,D+1)
2530 CALL SOUND(5-200*Z)
2540 IF I=0 THEN 2560
2550 RETURN
2560 IF Q=1 THEN 2610
2570 Q=C
2580 V=V+1
2590 D=D-4
2600 GOTO 2470
2610 D=D-4
2620 Q=C
2630 IF V>20 THEN 2640
2640 V=V+1
2650 IF D=120 THEN 2720
2660 IF D=128 THEN 2750
2670 IF D=144 THEN 2780
2680 IF D=152 THEN 2810
2690 G=R
2700 E=V
2710 GOTO 2200
2720 A=M
2730 B=V
2740 GOTO 2200
2750 E=R
2760 F=V
2770 GOTO 2200
2780 I=R
2790 I=V
2800 GOTO 2200
2810 O=M
2820 P=V
2830 GOTO 2200
2840 D=(D-112)/8
2850 IF S<>0 THEN 3000
2860 S=D
2870 ON S GOSUB 2890,2910,2930,2950,2970
2890 GOTO 2990
2900 CALL COLOR(9,2,14)
2910 RETURN
2918 CALL COLOR(9,15,15)
2920 RETURN
2930 CALL COLOR(9,15,2)
2940 RETURN
2950 CALL COLOR(19,2,7)
2960 RETURN
2970 CALL COLOR(9,2,5)
2980 RETURN
2990 ON S GOTO 3030,3050,3070,3090,3110
3000 IF E<>0 THEN 3130
3010 E=D
3020 ON E GOTO 3030,3050,3070,3090,3110
3030 R=0
3040 GOTO 2200
3050 F=0
3060 GOTO 2200
3070 D=0
3080 GOTO 2200
3090 I=0
3100 GOTO 2200
3110 P=0
3120 GOTO 2200

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3136 R=32
3140 Y=19
3144 X=X+8
3168 FOR T=1 TO 4
3170 CALL CLEAR(103+Y, R2(X))
3180 X=X+4
3190 NEXT Y
3200 FOR Y=1 TO 2
3210 CALL NCMAN(X, Y, 95+Y)
3220 Y=Y+1
3230 NEXT Y
3240 Y=Y-2
3250 R=R+1
3260 FOR Y=3 TO 4
3270 CALL NCMAN(X, Y, 95+Y)
3280 Y=Y+1
3290 NEXT Y
3300 CALL COLOR(10, 15, 0)
3310 CALL COLOR(11, 15, 0)
3320 R=22
3330 Y=13
3340 Q=1
3350 T=1
3360 FOR T=T TO T+6
3370 CALL CLEAR(103+Y, R2(28+Y))
3380 CALL NCMAN(X, Y, 103+Y)
3390 Y=Y+1
3400 NEXT T
3410 IF Q=0 THEN 3470
3420 R=23
3430 Y=13
3440 Q=0
3450 T=8
3460 GOTO 3360
3470 PRINT TAB(7); R: "PLACES"
3480 PRINT TAB(7); D: "SHOWS"
3490 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY"
3500 CALL KEY(0, KEY, STATUS)
3510 IF STATUS=0 THEN 3590
3520 CALL COLOR(2, 2, 1)
3530 CALL CLEAR
3540 X=1
3550 IF NAMES(X) = "LAST" THEN 4130
3560 ON X(1) GOTO 3570, 3540, 3720, 3810
3570 IF RO(X)=5 THEN 3690
3580 GOSUB 3970
3590 GOTO 3690
3600 BET(X) = BET(X) + 4
3610 BET(X) = INT(BET(X) * 100 + .5) / 100
3620 GOSUB 4090
3630 GOTO 3690
3640 IF RO(X)=5 THEN 3690
3650 IF RO(X)=E THEN 3690
3660 GOSUB 3970
3670 GOTO 3690
3680 BET(X) = BET(X) * 3/2
3690 BET(X) = INT(BET(X) * 100 + .5) / 100
3700 GOSUB 4090
3710 GOTO 3690
3720 IF RO(X)=5 THEN 3770
3730 IF RO(X)=E THEN 3770
3740 IF RO(X)=D THEN 3770
3750 GOSUB 3970
3760 GOTO 3690
3770 BET(X) = BET(X) * 2/3
3780 BET(X) = INT(BET(X) * 100 + .5) / 100
3790 GOSUB 4090
3800 GOTO 3690
3810 IF RO(X) <= 5 THEN 3830
3820 IF F2(X) = E THEN 3850
3830 GOSUB 3970
3840 GOTO 3690

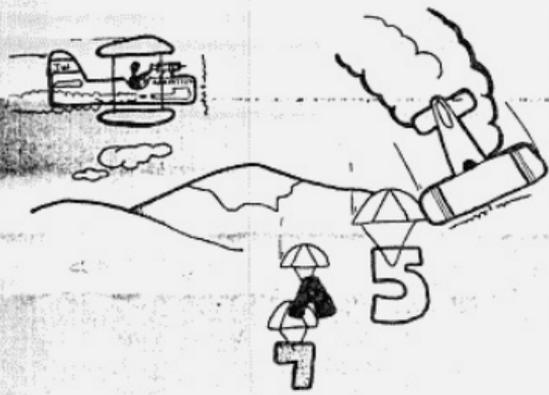
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3850 BET(X) = BET(X) * 1/5
3860 BET(X) = INT(BET(X) * 100 + .5) / 100
3870 GOSUB 4090
3880 X=X+1
3890 IF X=5 THEN 3550
3900 IF X=4 THEN 3920
3910 GOTO 3550
3920 GOTO 4130
3930 CALL CLEAR
3940 GOTO 3550
3950 IF X=3 THEN 3550
3960 GOTO 3930
3970 IF TOT(X) = BET(X) THEN 4070
3980 PRINT "SO SORRY "NAMES(X):" YOU L
LOSE!" : BET(X)
3990 TOT(X) = TOT(X) - BET(X)
4000 PRINT "YOU NOW HAVE $": TOT(X)
4010 RETURN
4020 TOT(X) = TOT(X) - 1
4030 PRINT "BET": NAMES(X): " YOU LOSE
AGAIN!"
4040 TOT(X) = TOT(X) - BET(X)
4050 TOT(X) = TOT(X) - 1
4060 PRINT "YOU OWE THE TRACK $": TOT(X)
4070 PRINT "WE HOPE YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD"
4080 RETURN
4090 TOT(X) = TOT(X) - BET(X)
4100 PRINT "GREAT": NAMES(X): " YOU WIN
$": BET(X)
4110 PRINT "YOU NOW HAVE $": TOT(X)
4120 RETURN
4130 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY"
4140 CALL KEY(0, KEY, STATUS)
4150 IF STATUS=0 THEN 4140
4160 IF NAMES(X) <> "LAST" THEN 3050
4170 CALL CLEAR
4180 L(X) = L(X) + 1
4190 D(X) = D(X) + 1
4200 W(X) = W(X) + 1
4210 PRINT TAB(0); "FAST RECORDS"
4220 PRINT "NO:1 "W(1): "WIN":L(1): "PLA
CE":D(1): "SHOW"
4230 PRINT "NO:2 "W(2): "WIN":L(2): "PL
ACE":D(2): "SHOW"
4240 PRINT "NO:3 "W(3): "WIN":L(3): "PL
ACE":D(3): "SHOW"
4250 PRINT "NO:4 "W(4): "WIN":L(4): "PL
ACE":D(4): "SHOW"
4260 PRINT "NO:5 "W(5): "WIN":L(5): "PL
ACE":D(5): "SHOW"
4270 PRINT "PRESS ENTER"
4280 CALL KEY(0, KEY, STATUS)
4290 IF STATUS=0 THEN 4320
4300 CALL CLEAR
4310 X=1
4320 IF NAMES(X) = "LAST" THEN 1570
4330 GOSUB 1230
4340 GOTO 4320
4350 DATA 1, 523, 1, 523, 1, 523, 1, 440, 1, 440
1, 440, 1, 348, 1, 440, 1, 549, 2, 562
4360 DATA 0, 349, 1, 440, 1, 523, 1, 523, 1, 523
1, 440, 1, 440, 1, 440, 1, 262, 1, 262, 1, 5
30, 2, 348, 0, 0
4370 DATA 1, 392, 1, 392, 1, 392, 1, 330, 1, 392
1, 440, 1, 392, 2, 330, 2, 294, 1, 330, 2, 2
94
4380 DATA 1, 392, 1, 392, 1, 392, 1, 330, 1, 392
1, 440, 1, 392, 2, 330, 2, 294, 1, 330, 1, 2
94, 2, 262, 0, 0

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EXTENDED BASIC



SPRITE CHASE

Wait . . . Wait . . . Wait . . . When will they get here? Wait . . . Wait . . . Wait . . . "Hi dear, anything in the mail today? Did you look between the doors? Oh. Shucks."

"Hello Ginny. What? You accepted a package from UPS for me? Great! Could you get it for me? Thanks."
"See you later dear, I'll be downstairs."

They're here . . .

The SPRITES are here . . .

NOW, WHAT CAN I DO WITH THEM?

Skim through the manual, page 25. Uh huh. OK. Yeah. This looks great! Let's get a little deeper. Page 64. Oh, oh. Looks like the ALL option of COINC doesn't tell you which SPRITES "coincided." I hope someone can find out where to PEEK for this.

Now, what shall I do with them? Something simple. Design some cue characters? No, let's just get those SPRITES moving. Since it might take some time for COINC (ALL . . .) to figure out which SPRITES are coincidental, I'll stick to one SPRITE versus another. How about a series to chase? Numbers . . . Letters . . . ROTATION . . . That's it . . .

A short game chasing the 10 numbers or a longer game chasing the 26 letters. I'll try the MAGNIFY too. I'll need a numeric variable for the COINC tolerance for that. I guess 8 for normal size and 16 for double size. I'll generate the number or letter SPRITES to go any which way at some speed between -25 and 25. I'll stick to the 8 directions around the arrows for the chaser or else I'll get so tangled up in the math that I'll never move a SPRITE. Wish I had joysticks. I guess some kind of clock would be good for scoring.

Well, here we go!

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EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM

Sprite Chase

Line Nos.	Instructions.
170-200	Set up variations for play.
210-280	Reset for start of game.
310	Make clock numbers reverse image.
320-330	Put the Chaser somewhere in middle of the screen.
340-360	Create the Chaseses.
370-390	The chase has begun.
400-450	While waiting for a direction key to be pressed, keep the clock going and check for a coincidence when the Chaser is stationary.
460-530	Start the Chaser in the direction of key pressed.
540-590	While awaiting release of direction key, check for a coincidence when the Chaser is moving; keep clock going.

600-610	Stop the Chaser; wait for another key to be pressed.
620-650	Caught one; go for the next one.
660-710	End of game.
720	That's it.

A FEW POSTSCRIPT NOTES:

- If a SPRITE is moving slowly in a vertical direction, it might go off the top or bottom of the screen for a while, but it can be caught there.
- If you insert COINC statements between a lot of the instructions and check the HIT field, you probably would reduce the number of times a coincidence is missed.
- If you leave the Chaser in its original position, all targets will eventually pass through it. I wonder how long this would take?
- (If it sounded like I was talking to myself, I was! Doesn't everyone???)

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100 R130 .....
110 REX = SPRITE CHASE *
120 REX .....
130 R124 .....
140 REX .....
150 REX .....
160 REX .....
170 CALL CLEAR
180 PRINT "USE THE FOUR ARROW KEYS AND
    W,D,I,C KEYS TO CHASE THE LETTERS
    AND NUMBERS." : PRINT
190 WHILE "YOU MUST CHASE THEM IN ALPH
    AOR NUMERICAL SEQUENCE." : PRINT
200 PRINT "PRESS 'I' FOR LARGE TARGETS
    'S' FOR SMALL TARGETS." : PRINT
210 CALL KEY(9,GOT,STATUS)
220 IF STATUS=9 THEN 210
230 IF GOT=76 THEN T=10 : CALL MAGNIFY
    T:GOTO 93 IF GOT=93 THEN T=9 ELSE 2
    10
240 PRINT "FOR NUMBERS PRESS 'N' FOR
    R LETTERS PRESS 'L' " : PRINT
250 CALL KEY(9,GOT,STATUS)
260 IF STATUS=9 THEN 250
270 IF GOT=78 THEN TARGO=10 : CR=47 : L
    INE 10 GOT=76 THEN TARGO=26 : CR=
    64 ELSE 250
280 CALL CLEAR
290 RANDOMIZE
300 COUNT=0
310 CALL COLOR(1,0,9) : CALL COLOR(4,2
    ,9)
320 CALL CHAR(96,"FFFFFFFFFFFFFF")
330 CALL SPRITE(100,2,90,120,0,0)
340 FOR A=1 TO TARGO
350 CALL SPRITE(100,2,90,120,INT(RND*(
    90-25)),INT(RND*(90-25)))
360 NEXT A
370 CALL SOUND(100,555,0)
380 FOR A=1 TO TARGO
390 CALL COLOR(100,10)

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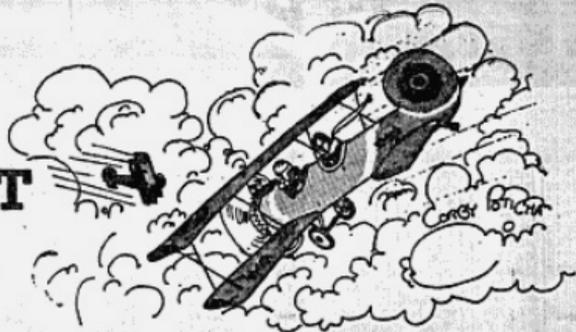
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400 CALL KEY(9,GOT,STATUS)
410 COURT=COURT+1
420 DISPLAY AT(24,1),SIZE(8):COURT
430 CALL COLOR(120,10,7,MIT)
440 IF MIT=-1 THEN 430
450 IF STATUS=9 THEN 460
460 IF GOT=69 THEN CALL MOTION(120,-50
    ,0) : GOTO 540
470 IF GOT=88 THEN CALL MOTION(120,50
    ,0) : GOTO 540
480 IF GOT=68 THEN CALL MOTION(120,0,3
    ,0) : GOTO 540
490 IF GOT=85 THEN CALL MOTION(120,0,-
    30) : GOTO 540
500 IF GOT=87 THEN CALL MOTION(120,-30
    ,0) : GOTO 540
510 IF GOT=82 THEN CALL MOTION(120,-30
    ,50) : GOTO 540
520 IF GOT=89 THEN CALL MOTION(120,50
    ,-30) : GOTO 540
530 IF GOT=87 THEN CALL MOTION(120,50
    ,30) : GOTO 540
540 CALL KEY(9,GOT,STATUS)
550 CALL COLOR(120,10,5,MIT)
560 IF MIT=-1 THEN 550
570 COURT=COURT+1
580 DISPLAY AT(24,1),SIZE(8):COURT
590 IF STATUS=1 THEN 540
600 CALL MOTION(120,0,0)
610 GOTO 400
620 CALL DELSPRITE(100)
630 CALL SOUND(100,-7,0)
640 CALL MOTION(120,0,0)
650 NEXT A
660 CALL CLEARSET
670 PRINT "YOUR SCORE IS " : COUNT
680 PRINT "PRESS 'Y' TO PLAY AGAIN."
690 CALL KEY(9,GOT,STATUS)
700 IF STATUS=9 THEN 690
710 IF GOT=89 THEN 690
720 PRINT " " : GOTO 100

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DOGFIGHT

EXTENDED
BASIC



Dogfight is a two-player game written in Extended BASIC. Each player has control of one aircraft—a biplane. You must outmaneuver your opponent and shoot him down before he can do the same to you. If both planes crash into each other, the score will not change. The first player to destroy 10 enemy aircraft wins the game.

Your plane is controlled with four directional keys. Unlike most games, the key pressed will not cause your plane to immediately move in that particular direction. For example, if your plane is traveling down and to the right at a bearing of 135 degrees and you press E or the up arrow, your plane will turn its nose up and first change its heading to 90 degrees, then to 45 degrees, and finally to due north—i.e., straight up. This gives the plane a more realistic movement and makes unrealistic, 180-degree hairpin turns impossible.

To make a 180-degree turn to go due west, you must first press either E or X to indicate the upward or downward turn. Pressing S, the left directional key, will have no effect. In a similar way, the player using the right-hand side of the keyboard uses I, J, K, and M to move the plane. (If you have the overlay for the Video Games Command Cartridge, you might find it convenient.)

Pressing the F and H keys will fire the guns, but only one shot can be fired at a time. Each shot has a limited range and cannot be carried over the edge of the screen to the opposite edge. You can't terminate a bad shot; it must first go off screen. The limit of only one shot at a time was placed in the program so that the computer could make accurate coincidence checks with rapidly moving objects on the screen.

Four levels of difficulty make the game easy enough for beginners and challenging enough to hold the interest of experts. The higher the level of difficulty, the faster the planes and shots will move. The option to fly a day or night mission will change the screen color to either light blue or black.

Features of Extended BASIC Used in Dogfight

For you 99'er readers who are also programmers, Dogfight illustrates many features of Extended BASIC.

Lines 190-280 define special graphics characters four at a time. Then line 290, CALL MAGNIFY(3) indicates that sprites will actually consist of four regular size characters, and only the first character number needs to be specified.

CALL SPRITE(#1,96,2,120,20,0,5) defined Sprite #1 (the first plane) as characters 96, 97, 98, and 99, black, starting

in dot-row 120 and dot-column 20, and going zero velocity up or down, and to the right at velocity 5. More than one sprite may be defined at a time, as in line 310.

CALL DELSPRITE(#1) deletes Sprite #1, and more than one sprite may be deleted at a time. This statement is used when the planes are hit or they crash, or when the bullet leaves the edge of the screen.

Complex IF-THEN-ELSE statements are used in lines 530-780 to determine in what direction the plane is headed. CALL PATTERN then draws the plane depending on its heading; all other sprite characteristics remain the same.

CALL POSITION(#1,B1,B2) in line 1000 returns the row and column position of Sprite #1 so the bullet can be shot from that same position.

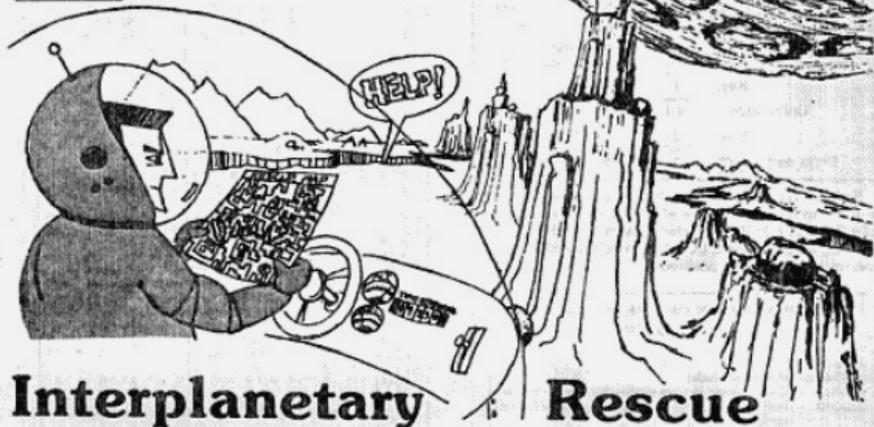
CALL MOTION can change the motion of a sprite without affecting other characteristics.

CALL COINC(#2,#3,3*V,PC) determines if Sprite #2 (second plane) and Sprite #3 (bullet from first plane) are coincident within a tolerance of 3*V. If so, a value of -1 is returned for PC. Coincidence is reported only when the CALL COINC statement is actually executed during the program. At greater velocities of the sprites, coincidence will not be detected if the program is busy elsewhere.

There are several ways to avoid coincidences not being detected: 1) CALL COINC more often; 2) increase the tolerance level with increasing velocity; or 3) increase the execution speed so that the CALL COINC statements are executed more often. But, as with many programming problems, the solution involves a trade-off: The first slows down other action; the second could have planes crash when they're not touching; the third means cutting back on other types of action. One low-cost way to speed up execution, however, is to use multiple statements per line: CALL MOTION (#1,0,V):RETURN executes faster than two separate lines with those statements.

Although kept to a minimum, the coincidence problem does still exist in this program: Once in a while a bullet will pass right through a plane. You'll just have to visualize a three-dimensional situation—a bullet passing directly over or under the plane but at a different altitude. Also, once in a while a bullet won't disappear at the edge of the screen, but will "wrap." Just consider it a stray bullet—a frequent occurrence in a real dogfight.

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Interplanetary Rescue

You are sitting there enjoying a cup of coffee at the Interplanetary Rescue Lounge when the news arrives: A cave-in on Moon Base 2 has seriously injured a miner. Instantly you race for the shuttle, knowing you must reach the moon base, pick up the injured miner, and return to the base medical facilities. There's no time to waste!

Your ship is fueled and ready at the docking pad. In your ship you sit in front of your TI-99/4A controller panel and view the radar and instrumentation screen. You are now ready to take off. Press T on the control panel and the shuttle begins to lift. Using your six thrust control buttons, you adjust your climb to the desired level. The terrain between you and Moon Base 2 is treacherous, and you must quickly ascertain the best route. Using your horizontal thrusters (arrow keys), you start your trip across the lunar landscape.

Accidents may happen anywhere, and right now your Interplanetary Rescue Team is in charge of the moon, Mars, and Venus. Use the arrow keys (E,S,D,X) to control horizontal movement. Horizontal velocity is listed on your control screen.

The elevations of the terrain show up as different colors on the map. At the right-hand side of the screen is a visual representation of your altitude in relation to the elevation colors. Your ship must be above the color on the right of the screen to safely pass through that color on the radar screen. Be careful not to overshoot the highest elevation color or you plan to cross: You will waste valuable time getting back down and precious fuel needed for the return voyage.

When you land on Moon Base 2, you must be traveling at a vertical speed of less than 6 meters/second to make a perfect landing. A rough landing of 6-10 meters/second will cause a leak in your main fuel valve, causing a loss of half your fuel. Any faster than 10 meters/second and you'll crash, never to return home. Once safely on the ground,

the injured miner is put on board, and you're ready for the return trip. You won't have as much fuel holding you down, so it won't take as much thrust to accelerate vertically. Good luck on your rescue mission . . . you may need it!

Instrument Displays:

ALT = altitude in meters. Each succeeding color on the radar represents 2000 meters.

HVEL = horizontal velocity across the radar screen (dependent upon arrow keys).

VVEL = vertical velocity; + is climbing, - is falling.

TIME = number of seconds into the mission.

FUEL = weight of fuel remaining, in kilograms.

PWR = amount of thrust being generated. Each unit of thrust equals 1000 newtons; each newton equals approximately 2.05 kilograms of thrust.

Calculations and Variables

The gravity formula in line 950 is the formula for speed of a falling object. V_2 is the change in velocity in m/sec, F is the thrust in newtons, S is the weight of the ship in kg., E is the weight of remaining fuel in kg., and G is the gravity in m/sec². The time is one second in this calculation. All variables starting with D pertain to distance, and H is the altitude.

Graphics

Characters accessible on the keyboard but not used in printing messages have been redefined (lines 190-290). Then by using **DISPLAY AT** and a string, you can display colorful graphics very quickly without calling each square one-by-one. This method was used to display the radar map

much more quickly than by using HCHAR and VCHAR. The strings are read in as 21 DATA statements. By changing the DATA statements in this program or adding some of your own, you may easily change the maps.

Option chosen	G (Gravity)	E (Fuel)	Take-off thrust
Moon	2	20000	65000
Mars	4	45000	230000
Venus	6	80000	540000

Thrust keys T = initial thrust (displayed as 65, 230, or 540).

Key: I O P

Units added: +1 +5 +10

Key: J K L

Units decreased: 1 -5 -10

Sprites were used to depict the two crafts on the screen in order to be able to move with high resolution. Instead of using CALL MOTION which makes control of position difficult, we used CALL LOCATE which provides absolute control of the sprite's position.

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM Interplanetary Rescue

Line Nos.	Program header
100-160	Clears screen; defines special characters and colors.
170-310	Initializes variables; branches to title screen and options.
320-350	Main control loop; GOSUB 790 receives the player's key presses. The VOL in the CALL SOUND statement depends upon the power. H is the altitude, and line 400 tests for crashes. If the rescue craft has landed at either base, the program branches.
360-460	DATA statements to draw the "Novice" map.
470-680	Subroutine to label the parameters and draw the altimeter.
690-780	Receives player's key responses and calculates parameters.
790-1090	Prints updated altitude, time, velocities, fuel, and power.
1100-1150	Message and procedure for crashing into the hill.
1160-1180	Subroutine for procedure for any crash.
1190-1260	Prints score and option to play again; branches appropriately.
1270-1400	Messages and procedure for crashing at high velocity.
1410-1460	Procedure if craft lands safely; starts return trip.
1470-1580	Procedure for craft landing on return trip.
1590-1640	Prints and receives options of planet and level of difficulty.
1650-1750	Depending on the options chosen, sets gravity, fuel, and initial thrust, then prints appropriate map.
1760-2380	DATA statements for three maps.
2390-2460	Prints title screen.

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100 REM *****
110 REM * INTERPLANETARY RESCUE *
120 REM *****
130 REM BEST OF 99 ER
140 REM 99 ER VERSION 1.4.2.1
150 REM
160 REM
170 CALL CLEAR
180 GOSUB 190 :: GOTO 320
190 CALL CHAR(96, "1423C3C3C3C3C3281")
200 CALL CHAR(67, "77777777777777777777")
210 CALL CHAR(99, "88888888888888888888")
220 CALL CHAR(199, "99999999999999999999")
230 CALL CHAR(55, "FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF")
240 CALL CHAR(94, "00")
250 CALL CHAR(95, "FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF")
260 CALL CHAR(42, "FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF")
270 CALL CHAR(63, "FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF")
280 CALL CHAR(98, "00888888888888888888")
290 CALL CHAR(194, "5454545454")
300 CALL COLOR(1,4,1,2,5,1)
310 RETURN
320 CALL SCREEN(16)
330 Y=0 :: Y1=0 :: Y2=0 :: S=5000 :: F
340 W=0 :: W1=0 :: W2=0 :: T=0
350 IF P=0 TIME=0 T=0 S=0 :: D3=0
360 :: D3=2 :: D4=1 :: FFB=0
370 GOSUB 1590
380 REM MAIN CONTROL LOOP
390 GOSUB 790 :: VOL=ABS(60000-F)/20
400 IF VOL=0 THEN VOL=50 ELSE
410 IF VOL=1 THEN CALL SOUND(-4250,110,F
420 OL,270,VOL,110,VOL-5,VOL
430 CALL POSITION(11,IC,TC):: CALL LOC
440 AR(ABS(IC+4)/8+.5),ABS(TC+4)/8+.
450 S),CC)
460 IF CC=34 AND R<2000 OR CC=85 AND R
470 <4000 OR CC=42 AND R=8000 OR CC=63
480 AND W=90 THEN GOTO 1100
490 IF TRIP=0 AND W=0 THEN TRIP=1
500 IF TRIP=1 AND W=0 THEN TRIP=2
510 IF TRIP=2 AND W=0 THEN TRIP=3
520 IF TRIP=3 AND W=0 THEN TRIP=4
530 TIME=TIME+1 :: IF R<W THEN Y=Y1,
540 W=0
550 GOTO 370
560 DATA "*****"
570 DATA "*****"
580 DATA "*****"
590 DATA "*****"
600 DATA "*****"
610 DATA "*****"
620 DATA "*****"
630 DATA "*****"
640 DATA "*****"
650 DATA "*****"
660 DATA "*****"
670 DATA "*****"
680 DATA "*****"
690 DATA "*****"
700 DATA "*****"
710 DATA "*****"
720 DATA "*****"
730 DATA "*****"
740 DATA "*****"
750 CALL YCHAR(16,30,65,41):: CALL YCHAR(16,30,65

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1200 next TD
1210 can CLEAR:: DISPLAY AT(20,3): "Wish to play again (Y/N)"
1220 " = (10,3): "Your score is: "; INT((12000-2*TIME)+E/6+(OPT1*OPT2*500))ACR
30 " = (23,3)BEEP:ANS#

16 20 " = (1,1): "level of difficulty"
30 " = (3,1): "1. sp. Beginner"; "2. sp. intermediate"; "3. sp. novice"; "4. sp. professional"
40 ACCEPT AT(12,1) VALIDATE("1234") SIZE(1):OPT2

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1470 IF OPT1=3 THEN G=6 :: E=20000 :: T
      OFF=24000
1480 IF TRIP>1 AND OPT1=3 THEN TOFF=250
      000
1490 IF OPT2=1 THEN RESTORE 1760 :: GOT
      O 1760
1500 IF OPT2=2 THEN RESTORE 1970 :: GOT
      O 1970
1710 IF OPT2=3 THEN RESTORE 470 :: GOTO
      1730
1720 IF OPT2=4 THEN RESTORE 2100
1730 CALL CLEAR :: CALL COLOR(8,10,12)
1740 FOR T=1 TO 21 :: READ TARR :: D
      DISPLAY AT(TER,4) TARR :: NEXT TER
1750 GOSUB 800 :: RETURN
1760 DATA .....
1770 DATA .....
1780 DATA .....
1790 DATA .....
1800 DATA .....
1810 DATA .....
1820 DATA .....
1830 DATA .....
1840 DATA .....
1850 DATA .....
1860 DATA .....
1870 DATA .....
1880 DATA .....
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1960 DATA .....
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2020 DATA .....
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2040 DATA .....
2050 DATA .....
2060 DATA .....

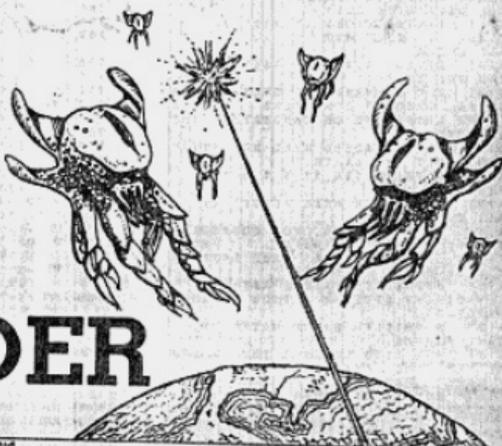
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2070 DATA .....
2080 DATA .....
2090 DATA .....
2100 DATA .....
2110 DATA .....
2120 DATA .....
2130 DATA .....
2140 DATA .....
2150 DATA .....
2160 DATA .....
2170 DATA .....
2180 DATA .....
2190 DATA .....
2200 DATA .....
2210 DATA .....
2220 DATA .....
2230 DATA .....
2240 DATA .....
2250 DATA .....
2260 DATA .....
2270 DATA .....
2280 DATA .....
2290 DATA .....
2300 DATA .....
2310 DATA .....
2320 DATA .....
2330 DATA .....
2340 DATA .....
2350 DATA .....
2360 DATA .....
2370 DATA .....
2380 DATA .....
2390 DISPLAY AT(11,2) .....
2400 DISPLAY AT(12,2) :: INTERPRETARY
      RESCUE AT .....
2410 DISPLAY AT(13,2) :: .....
2420 CALL SOUND(-4250,110,7,220,7,110,7
      -5,7)
2430 DISPLAY AT(14,1) :: PRESS ANY KEY TO
      BEGIN
2440 CALL SPRITE(12,90,2,100,120,-3,0,1
      3,100,0,100,120,-3,0)
2450 CALL KEY(0,KEY,STAT) :: IF STAT=0 T
      HEN CALL SOUND(-1000,110,7,220,7,1
      10,7,-5,7) :: GOTO 2450
2460 CALL DELSPRITE(12,90) :: RETURN

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EXTENDED
BASIC



N-VADER

N-Vader is a game for one or two players written in Extended BASIC. Each player controls a "defense ship" whose mission is to prevent alien creatures from reaching Earth. The game is played using either the keyboard or joysticks. If joysticks are used with the TI-99/4A, be sure to put the ALPHA LOCK key in the UP position after setting the parameters of game play in response to the screen prompts.

Aliens are destroyed by positioning the defense ship in the immediate vicinity of the alien. No fire button or key is needed. Every time an alien is destroyed, the player scores a point and another alien is introduced at the top of the screen. Whenever an alien reaches Earth (bottom of the screen), the aliens score.

One unusual feature of this game is its flexibility. When the game starts, the player(s) can select the number of aliens, their speed, the speed of the defense ship and the defense range. Defense range defines the proximity necessary for a defense ship to destroy an alien.

Features of Extended BASIC Used in N-Vader

Several Extended BASIC features are used to make N-Vader work. Sprites are, of course, fundamental to the program. CALL DISTANCE is used to determine the proximity of alien and defensive ship(s). CALL COINC is used to determine when aliens reach Earth.

Because sprites move independently of the program, alien destruction is sometimes delayed or missed altogether. Aliens

can also descend through the Earth for the same reason. Fortunately, these quirks of sprites actually make the game more enjoyable. For example, it is sometimes possible for a defense ship to swoop-down into the Earth and pick off an alien at the last possible instant!

A subprogram (lines 1390-1510) is used to allow keyboard input to be processed by the main program as joystick input. Programmers with diskettes may want to save this subprogram in a MERGE file for inclusion in other programs.

EXPLANATION OF THE PROGRAM N-Vader

Line Nos.	
100-160	Program header.
170	Define invader character.
180-270	Display title screen with sprites.
280-470	Instructions.
480-700	Get parameters.
710-790	Draw Earth.
800-820	Draw invader sprites.
830-840	Draw player sprites. Note that positioning changes for Player #1 depending upon number of players.
850-890	Check for player scoring.
900	Check for invaders at Earth.
910-940	Adjust player motion.
950-1140	Process end of game.
1150-1170	Subroutine to introduce new invader during game.
1180-1510	Subprogram to process keyboard input.

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100 REM ***** N-VADER *****
110 REM *****
120 REM *****
130 REM *****
140 REM *****
150 REM *****
160 REM *****
170 CALL CLEAR:194:FPFFFFFASASASAS-1
180 CALL CLEAR
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190 FOR I=1 TO 20:FOR J=1 TO 10:SPRITE I,J
200 FOR I=1 TO 20:FOR J=1 TO 10:SPRITE I,J
210 PRINT "***** N-VADER *****"
220 NEXT I
230 NEXT J
240 CALL SPRITE(11,104,11,1,1,0,20)
250 DISPLAY AT(22,2):PRINT "PRESS ENTER TO P
READY"
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260 CALL SPRITE(12,104,13,45,250,0,-20
270 )
270 CALL SPRITE(13,104,2,75,1,0,100
280 )
280 CALL SPRITE(14,104,5,250,0,-80)
290 ACCEPT AT(23,23):SHP:IS
300 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL)
310 INPUT "INSTRUCTIONS (Y/N)?":X1
320 IF X1<>"Y" THEN 400
330 CALL CLEAR
340 PRINT "ALIEN CREATURES ARE:"ATTAC
350 KING THE "YOU CONTROL THE ONLY DEFENS
360 ESHIPS. ONBOARD COMPUTERS CONTR
370 OL THE LASERS WHICH CANDESTROY THE
380 INVADERS."
390 PRINT "THE INVADERS WILL NOT ATTAC
400 K YOU. ONLY THE LASERS."
410 CALL SPRITE(15,104,11,1,0,20)
420 PRINT "SUGGESTED VALUES ARE:
430 INVADERS=6,SPEED=8"-"YOUR SPEED=3
440 ,RANGE=25."
450 PRINT "A SMALLER RANGE MAKES THE
460 GAME HARDER."
470 PRINT "YOU ALSO CONTROL THE LENGHT
480 OF THE GAME. WHEN ASKED "END
490 OF GAME" ENTER THE".
500 PRINT "NUMBER OF TIMES THE ALIENS
510 HIT EARTH FOR THE GAME TO BEOVER."
520 PRINT
530 INPUT "ENTER WHEN READY":IS
540 CALL DELSPRITE(15)
550 INPUT "NUMBER OF SHIPS?":P1
560 INPUT "NUMBER OF PLAYERS?":NP
570 IF NP<0 OR NP>2 THEN 500
580 NP=INT(NP)
590 INPUT "PLAYER 1 NAME?":P10
600 IF NP=1 THEN 500
610 INPUT "PLAYER 2 NAME?":P20
620 PRINT "NUMBER OF INVADERS?":I
630 INPUT INV
640 IF INV<1 OR INV>8 THEN 500
650 PRINT "INVADER SPEED?":S
660 INPUT IS
670 IF IS<1 THEN 500
680 PRINT "DEFENDER SPEED(1-9)":D
690 INPUT SPD
700 IF SPD<0 THEN 420
710 PRINT "DEFENSE RANGE?":R
720 INPUT ERG
730 IF ERG<1 OR ERG>200 THEN 500
740 PRINT "END OF GAME?":E
750 INPUT IS
760 INPUT "COYSTICKS (Y/N)":X1
770 IF X1<>"Y" THEN 15-1
780 IF WIN<1 THEN 600
790 CALL CHAR(100,"????????????????")
800 CALL CHAR(104,"0000001077100000")
810 CALL SCREEN(2)
820 CALL CLEAR
830 CALL COLOR(9,16,16)
840 CALL COLOR(2,2,3)
850 CALL COLOR(10,3)
860 FOR X=22 TO 24
870 CALL BEBAR(X,1,100,32)
880 NEXT X
890 FOR X=1 TO INV
900 CALL SPRITE(12,104,3+X,1,INT(RND*2
910 )+1,INT(RND*15)+1,INT(RND*15)-1
920 )
930 NEXT X

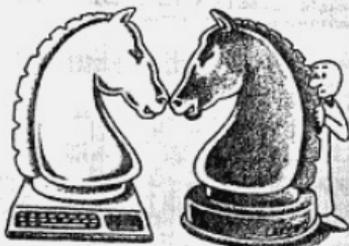
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890 IF NP=1 THEN CALL SPRITE(10,90,10,
900 ,100,120)ELSE CALL SPRITE(10,90,10,
910 ,100,120)
920 IF NP=2 THEN CALL SPRITE(110,90,15
930 ,100,200)
940 FOR X=1 TO INV
950 CALL COIKC(X,10,ERG,0)
960 IF NP=2 THEN CALL COIKC(X,110,ERG
970 )
980 IF D>=8 AND D<=8 THEN 1020
990 CALL PATTERN(IX,100)
1000 CALL SOUND(1-500,-3,0)
1010 GOSUB 1300
1020 IF D>=8 THEN 900
1030 ZAP1=ZAP1+1
1040 DISPLAY AT(23,23):SIZE(4):ZAP1
1050 IF D>=8 THEN 1000
1060 ZAP2=ZAP2+1
1070 DISPLAY AT(23,23):SIZE(4):ZAP2
1080 GOTO 1000
1090 CALL POSITION(IX,Y(IX),N(IX))
1100 IF V(IX)<100 THEN 1000
1110 GOSUB 1300
1120 CALL SOUND(1-50,-2,0)
1130 INT=INT(I)
1140 DISPLAY AT(23,14):SIZE(4):INT
1150 IF IS=1 THEN CALL IOST(1,IX,IT)EL
1160 SE CALL KEYST(1,IX,IT)
1170 CALL MOTION(10,-IT*SPD,IX*SPD)
1180 IF NP=1 THEN 1100
1190 IF IS=8 THEN CALL IOST(2,IX,IT)EL
1200 SE CALL KEYST(2,IX,IT)
1210 CALL MOTION(110,-IT*SPD,IX*SPD)
1220 IF HIT=WIN THEN 1340
1230 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL)
1240 CALL SCREEN(10)
1250 CALL CLEAR
1260 CALL COLOR(3,2,1)
1270 CALL COLOR(4,2,1)
1280 CALL SPRITE(11,104,7,1,1,0,25)
1290 PRINT "GAME OVER"
1300 PRINT "EARTH BITS:TAB(10):BIT
1310 PRINT P10:" DESTROYED:ZAP1:" ALIEN
1320 S"
1330 PRINT TAB(10):INT(100-ZAP1/(HIT+ZAP
1340 P1+ZAP2)):" PER CENT"
1350 IF NP=2 THEN PRINT P20:" DESTROYED
1360 "ZAP2:" ALIENS"
1370 IF NP=2 THEN PRINT TAB(10):INT(100
1380 +ZAP2/(HIT+ZAP1+ZAP2)):" PER CENT"
1390 FOR X=1 TO 100
1400 CALL SOUND(10,40,0)
1410 CALL SOUND(90,500,0)
1420 NEXT X
1430 CALL DELSPRITE(11)
1440 CALL SCREEN(0)
1450 IS=0
1460 GOTO 170
1470 NEXT X
1480 GOTO 800
1490 CALL DELSPRITE(IX)
1500 CALL SPRITE(IX,104,15-X,1,INT(RND*
1510 25)+1,INT(RND*15)+1,INT(RND*15)-1
1520 )
1530 RETURN
1540 SDR KEYST(F,I,X)
1550 CALL KEYST(F,I,X)
1560 IF S=0 THEN X=Y=0 :: SUBEXIT
1570 IF E=2 THEN X=-4 :: Y=0
1580 IF E=4 THEN X=0 :: Y=4
1590 IF E=5 THEN X=0 :: Y=4
1600 IF E=6 THEN X=4 :: Y=4
1610 IF E=7 THEN X=4 :: Y=0
1620 IF E=8 THEN X=0 :: Y=-4
1630 IF E=9 THEN X=0 :: Y=-4
1640 IF E=15 THEN X=-4 :: Y=-4
1650 SUBEND

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Computer Chess



The game of chess has fascinated men and women for hundreds of years. People from all walks of life and all ages have enjoyed the challenges and entertainment it provides. The universal popularity of chess is undoubtedly due to its resemblance to life: Mastery of chess requires many of the same elements necessary to mastery of one's life—logical thought, long-range planning, the ability to recognize and act on sudden opportunities, persistence, patience, concentration, steady nerves, confidence, objectivity and, of course, lots of experience! Yes, to do well in chess does require all these things, but interestingly enough, practicing the game greatly helps develop and nourish these same characteristics and abilities! "Learning to play" is, in reality, one and the same as "playing to learn."

And yet, for all its challenges and self-improvement attributes, the game is enjoyable at all levels of skill—from raw novice to international master. Over the years, chess has provided me with hundreds of hours of engrossing entertainment and many cherished friendships.

With the advent of strong chess-playing computer programs, chess has entered an important new stage of development. People can learn chess much more rapidly than before without the often deflating experience of losing many games in public. This is especially true for children; losing badly to adults or other children can often drive them from the game. Having a ready and discreet opponent does indeed have its advantages.

The TI Video Chess Command Cartridge is one of the programs now available. It is a unique implementation since it is contained in 30K of ROM (no time-consuming cassette loading), can run on a "bare-bones" TI-99/4A (no disk drives or other peripherals are needed), uses a keyboard overlay to simplify commands, and has built-in chess clocks. This last feature is useful for users who wish to eventually play in tournaments where the use of chess clocks is mandatory. Playing under tournament conditions is now possible in the privacy on one's own home!

In this special section, I'll look briefly at the main features of the TI Video Chess Command Cartridge. It has a strength of 1000, which is a very good strength for a program of this size. It also has a built-in chess clock, which is a very useful feature. You can (1) play chess against the computer, (2) play against another human opponent, (3) set up a problem for the computer to solve, or (4) have the program play as many as nine (!) opponents simultaneously. In addition, games or positions may be stored on cassette—an especially useful

feature for postal players, or players without enough time to finish their games in one sitting.

When playing against the computer, you can control the playing characteristics of the program by choosing the experience level (beginner, novice, or intermediate), the time allotted to the computer for each move (30 seconds to 200 seconds), and the style of play (normal, defensive, or aggressive). The program also allows you to take back a move, ask for advice, have your move evaluated, or even switch sides!

In the problem mode, you can ask the program to solve a checkmate in two, three, or four moves. This is, of course, a potentially valuable learning tool, but the program's versatility doesn't stop there: You can also set up any position and have the computer play a normal game starting from the given position.

Based on many years of tournament experience, I would estimate the maximum strength of the program to be slightly less than the average player in a typical chess tournament. This is superior to probably 90 percent of the world's chess players! And presumably, stronger versions of the program will be available in the future. To put this in perspective, the strongest chess-playing program in the world, running on the enormous and fast CYBER or CRAY computers, still does not play at the level of a human chess master. (It will, however, defeat 99 percent of the world's chess players!)

As an educational tool, the Video Chess program is excellent. A beginning player can make rapid improvements in his game by adjusting the strength of the program as his own playing strength increases. If you're a new player, you should have at least one good book on chess that is designed for beginners. (There are many good ones on the market.) Then as you learn new ideas and techniques from reading, you can try them out against the computer immediately. For example, it is important for every player to master the basic checkmates: king and queen vs. king; rook and king vs. king; two bishops and king vs. king. All good chess manuals discuss these in detail. After reading about how to mate with king and queen bishops, king and queen rook, king and two bishops, it's out with the program and try it out immediately. You'll find that the program is a very good teacher and will help you to master these basic checkmates very quickly.

The weakest part of the program is in the problem mode when asking for a mate in two, three, or four moves. For example, when I gave the program Problem No. 1A (below), it worked for two and one half hours without coming to a conclusion. I finally turned it off. And I have had similar

disappointing results with rather easy mates in Problem No. 1B. Fortunately, this defect is not terribly important, and may be alleviated in future versions of the program. The best use for this problem-solving mode seems to be in setting up positions from which the computer will commence playing as in a normal game. (Note: You can do this to learn the basic checkmates mentioned previously.)

Problem No. 1A

White Pawns: A2, B2, C2, F2, G2, H2
 Knight: G1
 Bishop: G4, F1
 Rooks: B1
 Queen: D3
 King: C1



Black Pawns: A7, B7, C6, G7, H7
 Knight: B8, C8
 Bishop: D8
 Rooks: A8, B8
 Queen: E8
 King: E8

White to move and checkmate in three moves.

Finally, I will leave you with two problems to solve. Problem No. 1A comes from a game between two grandmasters about sixty years ago. Problem No. 1B is a famous position—especially memorable because after Black made the beautiful winning move, spectators showered the playing stage with gold coins. As it turned out, however they were not showing their admiration... but rather, paying off their bets in *disgust!*

Problem No. 1B

White Pawns: A2, C2, F2, G2, H2
 Knight: None
 Bishop: None
 Rooks: C3, F1
 Queen: G3
 King: G1



Black Pawns: A7, B7, E6, G7, H7
 Knight: D8
 Bishop: D8
 Rooks: E8, F8
 Queen: C8
 King: C8

Black to move and win (Black has a single checking move).



Computer Chess PART TWO

Ever wondered where your computer got the "intelligence" to beat you in a game of chess? It's all in the program, you say? But then where did chess-playing computer programs come from? You might suppose that the impetus for the development of these programs came from chess players themselves. But in fact, this was not the case at all. It was researchers in the field of artificial intelligence (psychologists and computer scientists) whom we have to thank for those embarrassing checkmates...

The goal of these researchers was to determine the nature of intelligence itself: What precisely it was, and consequently, what it was not. This was no easy task. They hoped to shed some light on this problem by getting computers to do things that if performed by a human would require "intelligence." It didn't take long to figure out that chess was a natural: It presumably required highly intelligent behavior, and yet, it was "contained" enough so that initial programs designed just to play "legal" games would not be prohibitively large. As these programs were developed, it soon became obvious that to progress from legal games to good—or even just reasonable—play required close attention to basic theory and concepts as understood by humans. For example, the number of possible positions after only the first ten moves in a game is a number having over a hun-

dred zeros in it! Hence, looking at all possible positions is clearly impossible.

As a consequence of this need for a higher level of understanding of the game, strong chess players had to be consulted. One of these was international master David Levy of Scotland. Levy is perhaps best known for his \$10,000 bet (made in August 1968) that even within a decade, there still wouldn't be a computer program that could defeat him in a match. In the years since his bet (which he won easily), Levy has been a frequent visitor at computer conferences, where he lectures and plays simultaneous exhibitions against several of the current programs. Incidentally, he also acted as a consultant to Texas Instruments in the development of the *Video Chess* program.

Levy has therefore provided a valuable link between the artificial intelligence community and the large community of chess players. He, perhaps more than anyone else, has been in the position to measure the rate of computer chess progress. In his view (and mine as well), the rather recent advent of microprocessor chess playing machines will make chess popular and accessible as never before. The revolution has just begun!

As indicated above, chess playing programs do not attempt to find a move by searching all possible combinations of moves. Rather, chess programs combine chess theory and concepts together with brute force searching techniques to choose a move. Therefore, they are limited by how well the program "understands" chess theory and can "think" like a human player, and by speed and memory considerations. The speed and available memory determine how far ahead the program can be examined and evaluated in a given amount of time. The number of moves the program can look ahead in a given position is called its *search horizon* (Levy's term).

For these reasons, even though they play relatively strong chess, chess playing programs have certain characteristic weaknesses which can often be exploited. For example, a program may sacrifice a bishop or a knight on one side of the board to win a rook (with a knight usually) in a corner on the other side. This will leave the knight trapped after it captures the rook. To any human chess player, it would be

evident that the knight was permanently trapped and would eventually be lost—leaving the player with only a rook (5 units) to show for the loss of two minor pieces (a total of 6 units). However, the computer would merely consider the situation a gain of two units (lose a bishop or knight and gain a rook) as long as the stranded knight could not be captured within the number of moves in its search horizon. The limited search horizon leads to other situations where short term expedients are followed to the detriment of position.

Future improvements in speed will extend the search horizon of chess programs and thereby increase their playing strength even further. In my opinion, without considerable improvement in the longer range strategic capabilities of these programs, they will not be able to reach the level of world-class human players. However, we players in the other 99.9 percent had better watch out!

As an experiment, I recently pitted my *Video Chess* (a TI Command Cartridge) program against the Boris machine with the Morphy cartridge. Boris-Morphy is reputedly the strongest commercially available microprocessor chess playing machine. The match consisted of playing the *Video Chess* program at its highest level (Intermediate, 200 seconds per move) against the Boris-Morphy machine at three different levels from high to low. Although the Boris-Morphy program won all three games, the *Video Chess* program did

Problem No. 2A

White: Pawn: A3, E3, C3, D4, F3, G2, H2
 Knight: E4, E3
 Bishop: D3
 Rook: A1, H1
 Queen: H2
 King: E1

Black: Pawn: A7, B6, C7, D7, E6, G7, H7
 Knight: B8
 Bishop: E7, F8
 Rook: A8, F8
 Queen: E7
 King: G8

White to move and mate in several moves.
 Can you find the best necessary?



obtain a winning position against the two lower levels (but could not find the knock-out punch). The top level of Boris-Morphy seems clearly stronger than *Video Chess*. All in all, the results were not bad, and since the top current level of *Video Chess* is called "Intermediate," we may look forward to further strengthening of the program.

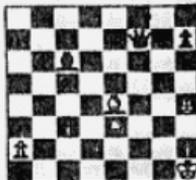
The two problems I'll leave you with are from games by famous chess players. The first position is from a game of "speed" chess played in 1912 between American Edward Lasker (who died recently at age 96!) and former English champion Sir George Thomas. The rules were, I believe, that neither player could allow his own clock to get more than five minutes ahead of his opponent's clock. To find such a pretty mating combination at that speed is impressive. The second position was played by the great American champion Harry Nelson Pillsbury near the turn of the century in an exhibition where he played blindfolded against 22 different opponents simultaneously! Blindfold play is not as difficult as you might think—try it against your *Video Chess* program sometime—but to play 22 such games successfully is phenomenal. In recent times George Koltanowski has played blindfolded against more than 50 opponents simultaneously. But Pillsbury's achievement is magnified by the fact that he could perform well in blind simultaneous play against masters!

Problem No. 2B

White: Pawn: A2, C3, H2
 Knight: None
 Bishop: E2, E4
 Rook: None
 Queen: H4
 King: H1

Black: Pawn: A7, B6, C7, H7
 Knight: None
 Bishop: C6
 Rook: None
 Queen: F7
 King: J8

Black to move and mate in three moves.



Computer Chess PART THREE

We have discussed the relationship between chess programs and artificial intelligence, and examined some general characteristics of chess playing programs—both strengths and weaknesses. In this article, I'm going to illustrate some of these characteristics through an actual game played between the TI *Video Chess* program and myself. The game was played with the program set on intermediate level, normal mode, with 200 seconds per move allowed.

White: J. Wolfe

1. E2 - E4
2. D2 - D4

Black: TI-99/4
 with *Video Chess*
 G7 - G6
 F8 - G7

These first two moves constitute the Pirc-Robatsch defense to the opening move E2 - E4. You may have noticed in your play that the program often makes the first several moves quickly and then slows down. This is because certain standard opening sequences are stored



in the program and played automatically in the appropriate situation. As soon as these run out, or as soon as the position is no longer standard, the program reverts to its main programming and hence slows down.

3. B1 - C3

C7 - C6

The main purpose of the opening part of the game is to bring out the pieces and to get a reasonable foothold in the central part of the board. (More precisely, the center is the square region whose corners are C3, C6, F6, and F3.) The squares D4, D5, E4, and E5 are especially crucial.) Long experience has shown that the success of future maneuvers depends on an adequate control of this area. The last moves for each side fit well into this plan. White brings out a knight that bears down on the center while Black prepares to play D7 - D5 establishing his own foothold there.

4. F1 - C4 B7 - B5
5. C4 - B3

White develops a piece and temporarily prevents D7 - D5. Black responds by driving back White's bishop and preparing a later pawn advance on the *queen-side* (i.e., the left-hand portion of the board).

5. . . . D7 - D6

This is a weak move because of the following tactic.

6. C3 - B5

Black cannot capture the knight because White then plays 7. B3 - D5 and captures the rook at A8 coming out with a two unit gain in material. (Recall that a rook is worth 5 units and a bishop 3 units. These units represent the relative strength of the two pieces.)

You might be wondering why the program missed such a short sequence of moves. Well, the reason is fairly complex. The program has two basic features: The first is a *static evaluation feature* which takes a given position and evaluates it to decide which side is better and by how much. This is done by assigning numerical values to certain features of the position and summing these values to get a numerical value for the position. For example, being a pawn ahead in material might be worth, say, 75 points, while not being able to castle (ever) might be worth minus 15 points. The program does this for both sides, and the side with the largest score is judged to have the best position. In this evaluation scheme, material advantage is given the largest positive weight by far.

The second basic feature of the program is a *searching procedure*. When combined with the static evaluation program, it allows the program to evaluate the consequences of various moves and to pick what it deduces to be the optimum one. Unfortunately, time and memory considerations limit the number of moves the program can look ahead (i.e., its *search horizon*) and can also limit the number of moves that are considered in response to a contemplated move.

Thus, in examining the position after 5. . . . D7 - D6, White has 38 legal moves. In deciding which moves to consider first as possible replies by White, the program will *not* begin with moves that result in immediate material loss by White. This again is due to the heavy weight assigned to material superiority. Thus the continuation 6. C3 - B5 might not even be reached in the search within the time limit. Sacrifices of material are difficult for all but the most advanced and powerful programs to either make or predict.

6. . . . D6 - D5

This is a good move and is the other side of the argument above. The program finds the only possible way to regain the lost pawn. Here the emphasis on material is helpful to the program.

7. B5 - C3 D5 - E4
8. C3 - E4 G7 - D4
9. G1 - F3

Thus, Black has not lost a pawn after all. However, Black's position now has two unpleasant features: First, his pawns at A7 and C6 are weakened since they cannot be protected by pawns if attacked, but must be protected by pieces. This can tie down Black's pieces and will make the pawns vulnerable, especially in the later part of the game when fewer pieces remain. Second, to regain the pawn, Black has exposed his bishop to attack. Thus White can develop a piece (G1 - F3) and at the same time force Black to waste a move either guarding or retreating his bishop. Note that White has three pieces developed and no pawn weaknesses, while Black has only one developed and definite pawn weaknesses. White already has a distinct advantage.

9. . . . C6 - C5

This is another weak move. Black cannot retreat the bishop to G7 or F6 because of the B3 - F7 check winning the queen, but D4 - B6 is possible—preserving material equality. There is some evidence from this game and others I have played that the search horizon of *Video Chess* is about two moves in complicated positions. This would explain why C6 - C5 (so as not to waste a move retreating) was considered best.

10. C2 - C3 D4 - F2 check

Now looking ahead two moves, the program *apparently* can see that if D4 - G7, then B3 - F7 check and White wins the black queen on the next move. However, later when I set up the position after D4 - G7 and asked the program to play White, it played D1 - D8 winning only two pawns (the one on F7 and then the one on C5), leaving White two units ahead. Since giving up a bishop for a pawn also leaves Black two units behind without having to trade queens, the move 10. . . . D4 - F2 was chosen. Thus it appears that the program made the right move for the wrong reason!

11. E1 - F2 G8 - F6

Again the program does not see the third move in the coming sequence.

12. E4 - F6 check E7 - F6
13. D1 - D8 check E8 - D8
14. B3 - D5

Thus White wins another piece.

14. . . . B8 - C6
15. D5 - C6 A8 - B8

White is so far ahead in material that winning is simple. Accordingly, I will relate the rest of the game with little comment.

16. B2 - B4

This move allows White to play C1 - F4 without an annoying check at the B2 by the black rook.

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| 16. . . . | C5 - B4 |
| 17. C1 - F4 | B8 - B6 |
| 18. A1 - D1 check | D1 - E2 |
| 19. F4 - D6 check | E7 - D8 |
19. . . . E7 - E6 leads to a quick mate after 20. H1 - E1 check E6 - F5; 21. D1 - D5 check F5 - G4; 22. H2 - H3 mate.
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|-------------------|---------|
| 20. D6 - C5 check | D8 - C7 |
| 21. C3 - B6 check | A7 - B6 |
| 22. C6 - D5 | B4 - C3 |
| 23. H1 - E1 | C7 - B8 |
| 24. D5 - F7 | C8 - G4 |
| 25. E1 - E7 | G4 - F3 |
| 26. G2 - F3 | F6 - F5 |
| 27. D1 - D7 | B8 - C8 |

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|-----------------------|---------|
| 28. F7 - E6 | B6 - B5 |
| 29. D7 - A7 check | C8 - D8 |
| 30. E7 - D7 check | D8 - E8 |
| 31. A7 - A8 checkmate | |

Currently, the most powerful chess programs can look ahead about six moves in fairly complicated positions. Advancements in hardware should extend the capability to nine moves. This is about twice as many moves as chess masters can look ahead in complicated positions. Such programs will be virtually impossible to trap in simple tactical sequences and, in fact, the human player will most likely be victim. To defeat such a program will require superior application of chess theory and strategy, as well as avoidance of open tactical situations where an eight or nine move look-ahead program would be at its best.



Computer Chess PART FOUR

The computer chip has already revolutionized the game and toy industry, and even bigger changes are ahead.

Chess playing machines, a specialized branch of this new technology, are now widespread. There are several companies making what are essentially simple microcomputers, completely devoted to playing chess (at least eight companies at last count). This is, of course, in addition to numerous packages of chess software that run on personal computers.

Competition between chess-playing machines has resulted in a continuing strengthening and evolution in performance to the point where there is now a world microcomputer chess championship held each year. This now complements the

world computer championship which has been held for several years, and which features powerful programs, typically requiring large, fast computers.

In September 1981, the second annual World Microcomputer Championship was held in Hamburg, Germany. Four machines competed in the commercial division and eight in the experimental group. The Chess Champion Mark V (Sci Scys, Hong Kong) won the commercial group while the Champion Sensory Challenger (Fidelity, U.S.A.) was a close second and defeated the Mark V in their individual series 2½-1½. In the experimental group, Fidelity Experimental (USA) was first, with Princess (Sweden) second and a two-way tie for third place between Philidor Experimental (England) and the Phoenix/Novag Experimental (USA/Hong Kong).

Later in November, the twelfth annual North American Computer Championships were held in Los Angeles. Sixteen programs were entered—from microcomputer programs like Philidor mentioned above, to powerful "move crunchers" like Belle of Bell Labs, and Cray Blitz using the powerful Cray computer that carries out 80 million instructions per second! The winner was the impressive program, Belle (also the world computer champion!) which features, in addition to the basic program, special hardware developed especially for chess. This program and hardware can examine 23 million (!) chess positions in a three minute period—almost seven times as many as its nearest competitor. Finishing in a tie for second were Cray Blitz, Nuclech and Bebe. Even though Cray Blitz is backed up by a computer a hundred times faster than Belle's, it can only examine only about a million positions in a three minute period. This demonstrates the great advantage of having special hardware!

Just in case you're curious about how well these programs play chess, I give you here the crucial last round game between Belle and Cray Blitz for the championship.

White: Cray Blitz Black: Belle

1. D4 - D5 2. E7 - E5

3. Nf3 - N3 4. Nf6 - N6

5. Bc4 - B5 6. Bc8 - B7

7. Nc3 - N4 8. Nc6 - N5

9. Bf4 - B5 10. Bf6 - F7

11. D2 - D3 12. D3 - B4

13. C6 - A4 14. C6 - C7

15. Q - O - O may be better

16. B8 - C7

17. B5 - C6 in fact for White

18. B7 - C8

19. Nf3 - N4

20. Nf6 - N5

21. Nc3 - N4

22. Nc6 - N5

23. Bf4 - B5

24. Bf6 - F7

25. D2 - D3

26. D3 - B4

27. C6 - A4

28. C6 - C7

29. F7 - E6

30. E7 - D7 check

31. A7 - A8 checkmate

32. F7 - E6

33. D7 - A7 check

34. E7 - D7 check

35. A7 - A8 checkmate

36. F7 - E6

37. D7 - A7 check

38. E7 - D7 check

39. A7 - A8 checkmate

40. F7 - E6

41. D7 - A7 check

42. E7 - D7 check

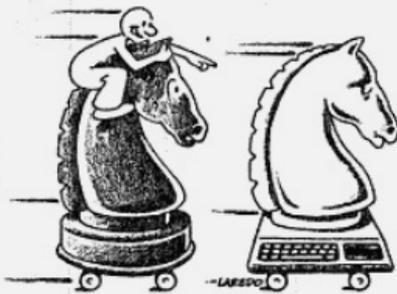
43. A7 - A8 checkmate

44. F7 - E6

45. D7 - A7 check

46. E7 - D7 check

47. A7 - A8 checkmate



Computer Chess PART FIVE

In this section we are going to look at some variations of standard chess problems, as well as a few interesting challenges associated with chess but not directly related to playing the game. You'll be able to try all of this on your TI-99/4A computer with the *Video Chess Command Cartridge*.

Diversions

By now, of course, you are already well acquainted with chess problems taken from positions in actual games. But chess literature also abounds in problems that have little or no relevance to practical play, but are nevertheless extremely intriguing. Here are a few:

Problem 5A: This is called the "Knight's Tour." Place a knight on an empty board (on A1 for example) and move the knight 63 consecutive times in such a way as to land on each square exactly once and return to the beginning square on the 64th move.

Problem 5B: Remove the squares H1 and A8 from the chessboard. Is the "Knight's Tour" still possible now? You are required to prove that your answer is correct!

Problem 5C: This problem involves a knowledge of chess plus the ability to make logical deductions. While playing a game of chess, Black became irked at his losing position and petulantly removed his king from the board. At that moment, White was in the middle of making his move; for an instant after removal of the black king, the board was completely empty. After White completed his move, Black cooled down and replaced his king. But then he made the worst possible move on the board and White announced mate in two moves. Your task is to reconstruct the position just before White moved and give the exact sequence of moves leading to the checkmate of the black king. (Yes, the problem has a solution.)

Problem 5D: Place eight queens on an otherwise empty board in such a way that no two queens are attacking each other.

Problem 5E: Find the shortest number of moves necessary to produce a *stalemate* starting position.

The above problems represent only a small sample, but perhaps give some idea of the variety of possibilities. Oh yes, I will provide solutions (for all but Problem 5E, for which the minimal number is not known). It is a much smaller number than one would think on first seeing the problem. Try it and see what you can come up with. . .

Versions

Besides the diversions provided by such puzzles, chess players have also been attracted by variations on the basic game of chess. "Speed Chess" (or five-minute chess) is a version requiring a chess clock. Initially each player is given five minutes of time. Play then proceeds until one side is checkmated, a draw is declared, or until one side runs out of time. (For those of you who are not acquainted with the use of a chess clock, I should explain that the player has his clock running until he makes his move. He then pushes a button stopping his own clock and starting that of his opponent.) Thus each game lasts no more than ten minutes. This version is widely popular at chess clubs and among tournament players.

Another currently popular version, especially with younger players, is called "Siamese Chess." This involves four players divided into teams of two players each and requires two chess sets and (usually) two chess clocks. The partners sit on the same side of the table and play opposite colors. Thus the pieces that one partner captures will be the same color as those his partner will be playing on the adjacent board. As one partner captures a piece from his opponent, he passes it to the other partner. The reason for this is that, in addition to the usual moves of chess, one is allowed to place new pieces on the board anywhere that is not occupied—with the one exception that pawns may not be placed on the back ranks (squared A1 - H1 or A8 - H8) where they could be promoted instantly to a more powerful piece.

The placement of new pieces on the board causes the chess battle to take place at an accelerated pace, and causes unusual and often hilarious positions to occur. To make matters worse, the clocks on each board are set for five minutes as in speed chess! The game ends when either a checkmate occurs in one of the games, both games are drawn, or one side runs out of time.

Although chess is far from being "played out," so much study has been devoted to the opening portion of the game that it is possible to go through the first twenty moves in some openings simply repeating moves that are already known to be good. These are called "book moves" because they can be found in chessbooks dealing with openings. This means that a player may obtain a substantial advantage in the opening stages of a game simply by memorizing several sequences of moves found in opening books. At the grandmaster level, this tendency is so refined that victory often hinges on knowing the latest wrinkle in the theory of some particular opening variation, and springing it on a less prepared opponent—one who must then expend extra time on his clock searching for the best reply to this surprise. To combat this over-refinement of opening theory, a simple variation of chess has been proposed. It is called "Prechess" and is played exactly like ordinary chess except for the first eight moves of the game. These proceed as follows: Both sides line up their pawns in the usual way, but leave the row behind the pawns empty. Then the

first eight moves consist of each side alternately (beginning with White, as usual) placing down one piece at a time on the back row anywhere that is unoccupied. This is done until all eight pieces on each side are placed. Then the game continues in the usual way. Since all opening theory is based on the *standard* starting position (which this is usually not), the printed variations found in the opening books are useless.

This version of chess appeals to many serious players and has the advantage that it can be played using a standard set without any bizarre rule changes; basic chess principles still apply as strongly as ever. By using the problem mode of the *Video Chess* program to set up the initial position, you can play "Prechess" on your computers. Try it some time. Some very unusual and interesting games can result from it.

Solutions to Chess Problems

Problem No. 1A:

1. D3 - D6 check E8 - D8
2. D1 - C3 double check

6d2... D8 - E8
3. D1 - D6 checkmate
6d2... D8 - C7
3. C5 - D8 checkmate

Problem No. 1B: 1... C3 - G3!!

Black appeared to be in trouble after the apparently forced retreat of his queen out of danger. White could capture the rook on H3 and be decisively ahead in material. Black had former G3 like, however, and replied with the crushing move above. White has three ways to capture the black queen which must be captured else mate on H2 is inevitable—all unsatisfactory.

- 6d2 2. H2 - G3 D4 - E2 checkmate. 6d3 3. G3 - G3 D4 - E2 check.
6d2 2. F2 - G3 D4 - E2 check. 3. G1 - H1 E2 - C3 check.
3. G1 - H1 F8 - F1 checkmate. 4. H1 - G1 G3 - E2 check.
3. G1 - H1 H3 - C3

and Black is a full piece ahead with an easy win. In the actual game, White resigned after 1... C-G3.

Problem No. 2A

1. H3 - H7 check!! G8 - H7
2. E4 - F6 double check H7 - H6 (also E7 - G8 mate)
3. E2 - G4 check
4. F2 - F4 check

6d 4... C5 - F4
3. C2 - C3 check F4 - G3
6. H2 - H4 checkmate or
3... F4 - F3
6. B - G checkmate.

D8 4... C5 - H4
3. G2 - G3 check H4 - H3
6. D3 - F3 check B7 - C2
7. G4 - F2 checkmate

Problem No. 2B

- 1... F3 - F1 check
2. E2 - G1 F3 - F3 check!!
3. E4 - F3 G6 - F2 checkmate.

Problem No. 5A:

Here is a knight's tour beginning at A1. This solution is my own, found after an appropriate amount of trial, error and frustration!

A1 - C2 - E1 - G3 - H4 - F3 - G1 - H3 - F2 - H1 - G3 - F1 - H2 - G4 - H6 - F7 - H8 - G6 - F8 - H7 - F4 - G8 - E3 - F5 - G7 - H3 - F4 - E4 - G5 - E4 - D6 - E8 - C7 - A3 - B6 - C9 - A7 - C8 - D8 - B7 - A5 - C4 - E5 - D7 - H8 - A8 - B4 - A2 - C3 - D5 - E3 - D1 - B2 - A4 - C5 - D3 - C1 - E2 - D4 - B5 - A3 - B1 - D2 - B3 - A1 Home Again!

Problem No. 5B:

Removing the square H1 and A8 makes the knight's tour impossible. The reasoning is as follows: Both these squares are the same color (white) so there remain two more black squares than white. But on a knight's tour the color of the squares visited alternates from move to move so that the total number of dark squares and light squares must be the same if a tour is possible.

Problem No. 5C:

It is clear that White must have at least two pieces to checkmate black. The only legal move in which two pieces of the same color may be moved is castling. Thus White was in the act of castling when Black removed his own king and hence White has a king and a rook. The remaining problem is to move the black king so that after White castles it can be moved to a square where checkmate is two can be forced (assuming the first Black move). A little experimenting leads to the conclusion that the black king is on B3 and White was castling on the queen's. The final sequence is 1. 0 - 0 - 0 B3 - A2 3. D1 - D3 A2 - A1 3. D3 - A3 checkmate!

Problem No. 5D:

It is easy to convince yourself that this one is impossible but it isn't. One solution is to place the queens on A3, B4, C7, D1, E4, F2, G8, and H4.