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Many of the articles published in COMPUTIST detail the removal of copy protection schemes from commercial disks or contain information on copy protection and backup methods in general. We also print bit copy parameters, tips for adventure games, advanced playing techniques (APT's) for arcade game fanatics and any other information which may be of use to the serious Apple user.

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

**What Is A Softkey Anyway?** Softkey is a term which we coined to describe a procedure that removes, or at least circumvents, any copy protection on a particular disk. Once a softkey procedure has been performed, the resulting disk can usually be copied by the use of Apple's COPYA program (on the DOS 3.3 System Master Disk).

**Commands And Controls:** In any article appearing in COMPUTIST, commands which a reader is required to perform are set apart from normal text by being indented and bold. An example is:

#### PR#6

Follow this with the RETURN key. The RETURN key must be pressed at the end of every such command unless otherwise specified.

Control characters are indicated by being boxed. An example is:

**6**  P

To complete this command, you must first type the number 6 and then place one finger on the CTRL key and one finger on the P key.

**Requirements:** Most of the programs and softkeys which appear in COMPUTIST require one of the Apple II series of computers and at least on disk drive with DOS 3.3. Occasionally, some programs and procedures have special requirements. The prerequisites for deprotection techniques or programs will always be listed at the beginning of the article under the "Requirements:" heading.

**Software Recommendations:** The following programs (or similar ones) are strongly recommended for readers who wish to obtain the most benefit from our articles:

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

You will also find COPYA, FID and MUFFIN from the DOS 3.3 System Master Disk useful.

**Super IOB:** This program has most recently appeared in COMPUTIST No. 22. Several softkey procedures will make use of a Super IOB controller, a small program that must be keyed into the middle of Super IOB. The controller changes Super IOB so that it can copy different disks. To get the latest version of this program, you may order COMPUTIST No. 22 as a back issue or order Program Library Disk No. 22.

**RESET Into The Monitor:** Many softkey procedures require that the user be able to enter the Apple's system monitor during the execution of a copy protected program. Check the following list to see what hardware you will need to obtain this ability.

**Apple II Plus - Apple IIe - Apple compatibles:** 1) Place an Integer BASIC ROM card in one of the Apple slots. 2) Use a non-maskable interrupt (NMI) card such as Replay or Wildcard.

**Apple II Plus - Apple compatibles:** 1) Install an F8 ROM with a modified RESET vector on the computer's

motherboard as detailed in the "Modified ROM's" article of COMPUTIST No. 6 or the "Dual ROM's" article in COMPUTIST No. 19.

**Apple IIe - Apple IIe:** Install a modified CD ROM on the computer's motherboard. Don Lancaster's company (Synergetics; 746 First Street; Box 809-HC; Thatcher, AZ 85552; free voice HelpLine 602-428-4073) sells the instructions necessary to make this modification. Making this modification to an Apple IIe will void its warranty but the increased ability to remove copy protection may justify it.

**Recommended Literature:** The Apple II Reference Manual and DOS 3.3 manual are musts for any serious Apple user. Other helpful books include: *Beneath Apple DOS*, Don Worth and Peter Leichner, Quality Software, \$19.95; *Assembly Language For The Applesoft Programmer*, Roy Meyers and C.W. Finley, Addison Wesley, \$16.95; and *What's Where In The Apple*, William Lubert, Micro Ink., \$24.95.

**Keying In Applesoft Programs:** BASIC programs are printed in COMPUTIST in a format that is designed to minimize errors for readers who key in these programs. To understand this format, you must first understand the formatted LIST feature of Applesoft.

An illustration- If you strike these keys:

**10 HOME:REM CLEAR SCREEN**

a program will be stored in the computer's memory. Strangely, this program will *not* have a LIST that is exactly as you typed it. Instead, the LIST will look like this:

**10 HOME : REM CLEAR SCREEN**

Programs don't usually LIST the same as they were keyed in because Applesoft inserts spaces into a program listing before and after every command word or mathematical operator. These spaces usually don't pose a problem except in line numbers which contain REM or DATA command words. The space inserted after these command words can be misleading. For example, if you want a program to have a list like this:

**10 DATA 67,45,54,52**

you would have to omit the space directly after the DATA command word. If you were to key in the space directly after the DATA command word, the LIST of the program would look like this:

**10 DATA 67,45,54,52**

This LIST is different from the LIST you wanted. The number of spaces you key after DATA and REM command words is very important.

All of this brings us to the COMPUTIST LISTING format. In a BASIC LISTING, there are two types of spaces; spaces that don't matter whether they are keyed or not and spaces that must be keyed. Spaces that must be keyed in are printed as delta characters ( $\Delta$ ). All other spaces in a COMPUTIST BASIC listing are put there for easier reading and it doesn't matter whether you type them or not.

There is one exception: If you want your checksums (See "Computing Checksums" section) to match up, you *must not* key in any spaces after a DATA command word unless they are marked by delta characters.

**Keying In Hexdumps:** Machine language programs are printed in COMPUTIST as both source code and hexdumps. Only one of these formats need be keyed in to get a machine language program. Hexdumps are the shortest and easiest format to type in.

To key in hexdumps, you must first enter the monitor:

**CALL -151**

Now key in the hexdump exactly as it appears in the magazine ignoring the four digit checksum at the end of each line (a "\$" and four digits). If you hear a beep,

you will know that you have typed something incorrectly and must retype that line.

When finished, return to BASIC with a:

**E003G**

Remember to BSAVE the program with the correct filename, address and length parameters as given in the article.

**Keying In Source Code** The source code portion of a machine language program is provided only to better explain the program's operation. If you wish to key it in, you will need an assembler. The S-C Assembler is used to generate all source code printed in COMPUTIST. Without this assembler, you will have to translate pieces of the source code into something *your* assembler will understand. A table of S-C Assembler directives just for this purpose was printed in COMPUTIST No. 17. To translate source code, you will need to understand the directives of your assembler and convert the directives used in the source code listing to similar directives used by your assembler.

**Computing Checksums** Checksums are four digit hexadecimal numbers which verify whether or not you keyed a program exactly as it was printed in COMPUTIST. There are two types of checksums: one created by the CHECKBIN program (for machine language programs) and the other created by the CHECKSOFT program (for BASIC programs). Both programs appeared in COMPUTIST No. 1 and The Best of Computing. An update to CHECKSOFT appeared in COMPUTIST No. 18. If the checksums these programs create on your computer match the checksums accompanying the program in the magazine, then you keyed in the program correctly. If not, the program is incorrect at the line where the first checksum differs.

1) To compute CHECKSOFT checksums:

**LOAD filename  
BRUNCHECKSOFT**

Get the checksums with

**&**

And correct the program where the checksums differ.

2) To compute CHECKBIN checksums:

**CALL -151  
BLOAD filename**

Install CHECKBIN at an out of the way place

**BRUN CHECKBIN, A\$6000**

Get the checksums by typing the starting address, a period and ending address of the file followed by a  Y.

**xxx.xxx**  Y

And correct the lines at which the checksums differ.

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Welcome to COMPUTIST, a publication devoted to the serious user of Apple II and Apple II compatible computers. Our magazine contains information you are not likely to find in any of the other major journals dedicated to the Apple market.

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

New readers are advised to read this page carefully to avoid frustration when attempting to follow a softkey or when entering the programs printed in this issue.

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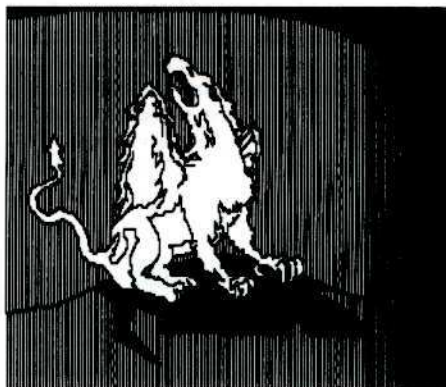
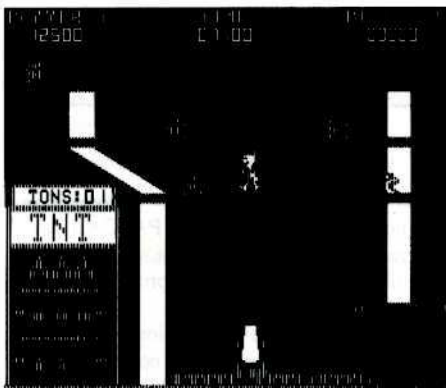
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## A Little of Everything

COMPUTIST is indeed the best! And now, I think I can add to it. I have recently deprotected two of the programs on the Most-Wanted list.

### First: Hayes Terminal Program

- 1) Copy the disk with COPYA.
- 2) Go to track \$12, sector \$B.
- 3) Edit the following on the COPYA'd disk:

Byte	Change to:
77-78	A9 00
82-83	18 EA
89-8A	A9 00
93-94	A0 00

### Second: Newsroom

The Newsroom was previously on the most wanted list but disappeared in COMPUTIST No. 22. Why? If its absence was a mistake, here's how to deprotect it:

- 1) RUN COPYA
- 2)  C

3) Type:

```
CALL -151
B942:18
B988:18
3D0G
70
RUN
```

4) Then on the COPYA'd disk, the following edits are necessary:

TRACK	SECTOR	BYTE	FROM	TO
0	0	C1	BB	AA
		C3	AD	DE
	2	9E	DE	ED
		A3	BB	AA
	3	35	ED	DE
		3F	BB	AA
		42	38	18
	6	F9	BB	AA
4	3	0A	00	02
6	0	03	BB	AA
16	0	E5	0E	00
	1	F7	AD	DE

What's the deal on Everywhere Software? I have never heard of their RDOS deprotector programs. Are they new? I haven't even seen a pirated copy. If those programs can do as claimed, I and certainly many other COMPUTIST readers are interested. RDOS-protected games have always been difficult to back up. Oh, for those who have COPYA-able (deprotected) RDOS disks and "Bag-of-Tricks", use the latter to re-init the RDOS based game, only set it for ascending, skew 11. It speeds up disk access quite a bit! (Of course, make sure it is set to preserve data or tracks!).

Now, as for COMPUTIST No. 22, there is a bug in the Super-IOB instructions. It said the checksums that were different from version 1.2 would be shaded. Somebody forgot to shade them. The difference starts in line 360 or so. That, I guess, is the only typo. At least, as far as I can tell, nothing has hampered my 1.5 from working.

Finally, the Cumulative Index and the EDD III listings were quite useful. However, those were printed long ago. It is time to update both and reprint them, I think.

Doctor Dracks.  
Address Unknown

*Dr. Dracks: When a program disappears from the most wanted list it is because we have received a softkey for it. Due to publication delays, the softkey for such a program can ALWAYS be found a couple issues down the road. Such is the case with Newsroom. The softkey for it appeared in COMPUTIST No. 23.*

If you wish more information about Everywhere Software, contact:

Everyware Software  
c/o R. Colby  
6314 57th Ave  
Riverdale, MD 20737

The Super IOB v1.5 bug you speak of was corrected in COMPUTIST No. 23. The other bugs you mention are corrected in this issue.

## Popping Pascal

I noticed the interest in PASCAL-based programs in COMPUTIST No. 24 so here are a couple of softkeys from two programs written in PASCAL.

Both programs use a protection scheme I call a deceptive track gap, i.e., a couple of glitch bytes are written into the track gap just before the beginning of the first address header. Since byte copiers have a tendency to clean-up or ignore bytes in the track gap a copied disk can be detected. Scanning the disks for "LDA \$C0EC", the instruction needed for reading data, quickly reveals the offensive routines. So to deprotect each program just make a backup with any standard copy program and perform the following sector edits.

### Widespread

TRACK	SECTOR	BYTE	FROM	TO
20	8	80	AD	A9
20	8	81	E9	00
20	8	82	C0	F0
20	8	83	A9	43

### Hayes Terminal Program

TRACK	SECTOR	BYTE	FROM	TO
12	B	60	04	29

Bruce Jones  
Pueblo, CO

## Night Mission Revisited (again)

Let me begin by saying that I subscribe to four different computer magazines and yours is the most useful and informative. Thanks for a great publication.

# input

I read with great interest William Vandervoort's letter in COMPUTIST No. 24. I also had problems with the softkey for Night Mission Pinball. I tried your suggestion but it still would not work. After a little study here is what I came up with.

After you initialize your new diskette, open up the drive door and reboot your system before you proceed. This way, you can be sure that there is no DOS connected. Now proceed as outlined in the article. When you move the first stage code at \$800 to \$D800 you are told to make the following modifications:

**D803:D8**  
**D8DE:D8**  
**D8B6:F7**

One more change is needed or the drive will not stop:

**D8B5:01**

It is the same case when you move the next stage code to \$E800. The code at \$E80D should be 4C 01 F7. I followed the article after I made those two changes and it worked perfectly.

One quick question. Do you or any of your readers know of an APT for PAC MAN by Atarisoft? After I deprotected my copy I was looking at it with a sector editor. Along with the usual copyright notice there was a message that said "RANK OR CARTOON? RANK(1-21) CARTOON(1-3)" but I could not find out how to get into it. Hope this letter helps someone who is having trouble with A2-PB1. Thanks for a great magazine.

*Terry Yancey  
Lacey's Spring, AL*

## Striking Out

Yesterday I purchased a copy of SPELLWORKS, newly arrived at a local dealer's (\$49.95). Although no backup or mention thereof is included, it turns out to have a sophisticated copy scheme a la DAZZLEDRAW. When I attempted to do a routine backup copy, one side of the original disk refused to boot. The problem with complicated boot protection schemes is that they are fragile.

I called ALS who said that they would furnish a new disk at no extra charge. They also told me that there was a bug related to file saving in my supposedly new version and that they would ship the updated version. They informed me backup disks were available for \$25! The salesman I spoke with defended their policy saying that the program was a steal at the price. I agree, but I think it is the end user who is the

victim. I suggest that users avoid this software like the plague or at least until someone discovers how to deprotect it and passes that information along. (Obviously, I have no idea whether or not the program itself is a good one.)

I have absolutely no sympathy for software publishers who moan and complain about piracy. It is interesting that we don't hear the same sanctimonious complaints from companies who sell unprotected software—maybe they are too busy hauling their profits to the bank. At this point in time, after many similar experiences, I think it is the moral obligation of every end user to do his/her utmost to discover how to deprotect these copy-protected programs and publish that information for all to see. Note that I am not saying that the programs themselves should be passed around, only the deprotection methods. Piracy, indeed! Cold war is more like it.

Fortunately for the end-user, COMPUTIST is there to bail us out.

*Donald L. Schubert, Ph. D.  
San Diego, CA*

## Double Lines with Print Shop

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In COMPUTIST No. 23, Ray Werner wrote to ask how to modify his PRINT SHOP to print without line spacing between the graphic lines. On most printers this can be done without modification of the Print Shop program. Instead, the printer should be instructed to print with no space between the printed lines. The following program does this on my Epson:

**10) PR#1**  
**20) PRINT CHR\$(27); 1**  
**30) END**

To stop the graphic printing you can turn off the printer to reset it to its defaults. (This can be harmful to your computer). The graphic printing can also be stopped by running the same program as above but change the number 1 in line 20 to a 2.

In order to load these instructions, boot the computer with a system disk. Run the above program. (Be sure that the printer is on.) Boot PRINT SHOP. You are all set to print graphics. This method should work with any program, but may not work on non-Epson printers.

Other useful commands are PRINT CHR\$(27); "G" for Double Strike; PRINT CHR\$(27); "E" for Emphasized Print and PRINT CHR\$(27); "W"; 1 for Double Width printing. Any of these commands can be inserted for line 20.

Most printer manuals have a list of these printer commands. The printer should

"remember" these instructions even after another program is booted.

*Davis McCown  
Hurst, TX*

## A Different Strike Eagle

I am a new subscriber to COMPUTIST although I've been aware of the magazine through friends for much longer. I've been slowly learning the concepts of softkeying yet still don't consider myself quite adept at the art. I recently purchased a copy of F-15 Strike Eagle and having tried unsuccessfully to make a completely operational backup was quite happy to see your article in COMPUTIST No. 24. However, when I began to inspect my disk for the code you outlined, I found nothing of the sort.

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On my disk, track \$22 is formatted as track \$21 and like your tracks \$05 and \$06, contains no information. I've found code which resembles your published disassembly at track \$10 sector \$0C. This code seems to accomplish basically the same thing as your code except at tracks \$21 and \$22. I tried replacing the 8D 01 02 with EA EA EA at both occurrences and copied track \$22 with a nibble copier. This allowed a successful boot but this didn't solve all my problems. My version of Strike Eagle requires that an authorization code be entered prior to embarking upon a mission. After entering the appropriate code and pressing <return> the disk spins and, in the case of my backup disk, the grinding of the drive head re-aligning can be heard for a moment and the cockpit view comes up except the message "HARDWARE FAILURE" is displayed. The plane controls are dead at this point. I've searched the disk for any code which would be similar to this that I've sent but to no avail.

I don't expect you to be able to figure anything out from what I've told you but if my copy is in fact a different version with a different protection scheme then I'm sure there are other COMPUTIST readers out there having my same problem. I'll be working to softkey my version and hope the folks at COMPUTIST inform their readers of this situation and encourage others to attempt a softkey as well—since I'm not very good at it. Just for the record my Flight Operations Manual indicates technical order #2-F-86B-1; 15 JUNE 1985, change 5.

Keep up the good work!

*Dan Williams  
Pensacola, FL*

# input

*Mr. Williams: COMPUTIST has received several letters from people claiming the F-15 softkey doesn't work. We have therefore concluded that there are most probably several versions of this popular program. Stay tuned to COMPUTIST for updates in the F-15 saga.*

## Copying the Uncopyable: EDD III

I have enjoyed and used, through all its name and color revisions, the COMPUTIST magazine since its inception. I have a complete set of the magazine, including the old CORE's. And I agree with those who insist that the magazine is one of the most worthwhile on the shelf of a serious Apple user.

In an issue some time ago, a writer stated that EDD III could copy itself. Some parameter changes must be involved—changes which I have not been able to identify. Have you or has some reader, come up with parameter changes that would allow this disk to be backed up? (I own Copy II+, 4.3, 4.4, 5.2, and 5.5, as well as Locksmith 4 and 5, and of course EDD III.) So parameters that would work on any of these would be gratefully received. I do applaud Utilico for providing you with the latest parameter list (COMPUTIST No. 24). And the Utilico staff has been very helpful in the few instances I have made a telephone call for help.

I sincerely hope you can provide some assistance that would help me back up EDD III.

Al Gilbert  
Yucca Valley, CA

*Mr Gilbert: Appearing on page 7 of COMPUTIST No. 10 there is a softkey for EDD III which is a continuation of the softkey for EDD I included in COMPUTIST No. 8.*

*p.s. If you have the old "Hardcore Computing" issues 1 - 3 plus updates (which were printed before the Cores) then you truly have a complete set and should be commended.*

## 65C02 Troubles

I recently (within the last 6 months) ordered a new 65C02 microprocessor for my Apple II Plus. I received it in good condition in a reasonable amount of time and the price was fair. My good luck ended there however, the 65C02 will not work properly on my Apple II Plus. I've tried every possible combination of cards/slots/configurations up to and including pulling all of the interface cards and it still will not work properly. What it does is pretty strange, but definitely an unacceptable malfunction. It installs properly and boots up with no problem. It will not run my BASIC hello program though!

The program is a standard Pronto DOS greeting program.

It loads and starts to run the program but drops out of line 10 with a "SYNTAX ERROR LINE 10" every time! No matter what I do I can not get a complete BASIC program to run with the new processor. Even machine language programs bomb out at weird times or display strange results. So, the bottom line is the new processor has been a complete wash-out. Help! What can I do? Is it just a bad IC or am I doomed to be without a 65C02 processor in my Apple II Plus? Please let me know what I should do.

Walt Campbell  
APO New York, NY

*Mr. Campbell: While it is possible that you do have a bad chip, other factors should be examined.*

*For example, due to many timing problems that were corrected with the 65C02, on some Apple II's it is necessary to replace the 74LS257's located at B6 and B7 of your motherboard with 74F257's. I feel that you should definitely try replacing these chips.*

*We have also noted that more programs than estimated will not function correctly with the 65C02. Two for example are Sensible's Disk Organizer and Pronto DOS.*

# bugs

## COMPUTIST No. 23:

### Core Wheel of Money:

To get this program working, line 1030 of this program should read:

```
1030 RE=50*(INT(RND(W)*18+.5)+2):WS  
=WS+"!^$"+STR$(RE)
```

## COMPUTIST No. 24:

### Direct Sector Access:

The BSAVE command in the middle of the first column on page 16 should have an L parameter of \$A4 instead of \$3A4

### Softkey for Xyphus: - page 15

The command of step 7 should read:

```
1010 TK=0:ST=0:LT=33:CD=WR  
1040 IF BF THEN 1080
```

## COMPUTIST No. 25:

### Input: - page 5

Step three (3) of the "Mickey Mouse Protection" letter should say "BLOAD MICKEY-CODE, AS4000" instead of "LOAD BOOT."

# Most Wanted List

## Need help backing-up a particularly stubborn program?

Send us the name of the program and its manufacturer and we'll add it to our Most Wanted List, a column (updated each issue) which helps to keep COMPUTIST readers informed of the programs for which softkeys are MOST needed. Send your requests to:

COMPUTIST  
Wanted List  
PO Box 110846-K  
Tacoma, WA 98411

If you know how to deprotect, unlock, or modify any of the programs below, let us know. You'll be helping your fellow COMPUTIST readers and earning MONEY at the same time. Send the information to us in article form on a DOS 3.3 diskette.

- Mouse Calc Apple Computer
- Apple Business Graphics Apple Computer
- Flight Simulator II Sub Logic
- Factory Sunburst Communicating
- Jane Arktronics
- Bookends Sensible Software
- Visiblend Microlab
- Sundog FTL Games
- Sundog, V2 FTL Games
- Lifesaver Microlab
- Catalyst Quark, Inc.
- Gutenberg Jr. & Sr. Micromation LTD
- Prime Plotter Primesoft Corp.
- Zardax Computer Solutions
- The Handlers Silicon Valley Systems
- Milliken Math Series (NEW) Milliken Publishing
- The Apple's Core: Parts I-3 The Professor
- King's Quest Sierra On-line
- Fun Bunch Unicorn
- Willy Byte Digital Dimension
- Trivia Fever Professional Software Inc.
- Terrapin Logo v2.00 Terrapin Software
- The Boston Computer Diet Scarborough Systems
- Conan Datasoft
- Cycloid Sirius Software
- Crisis Mountain Synergistic Software
- Adventure Microsoft
- Agent U.S.A. Scholastic
- Olympic Decathlon Microsoft



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Dan Elliot's Softkey for

## Another Miner 2049er

Microlab  
2699 Skokie Valley Road  
Highland Park, IL 60035

### Requirements:

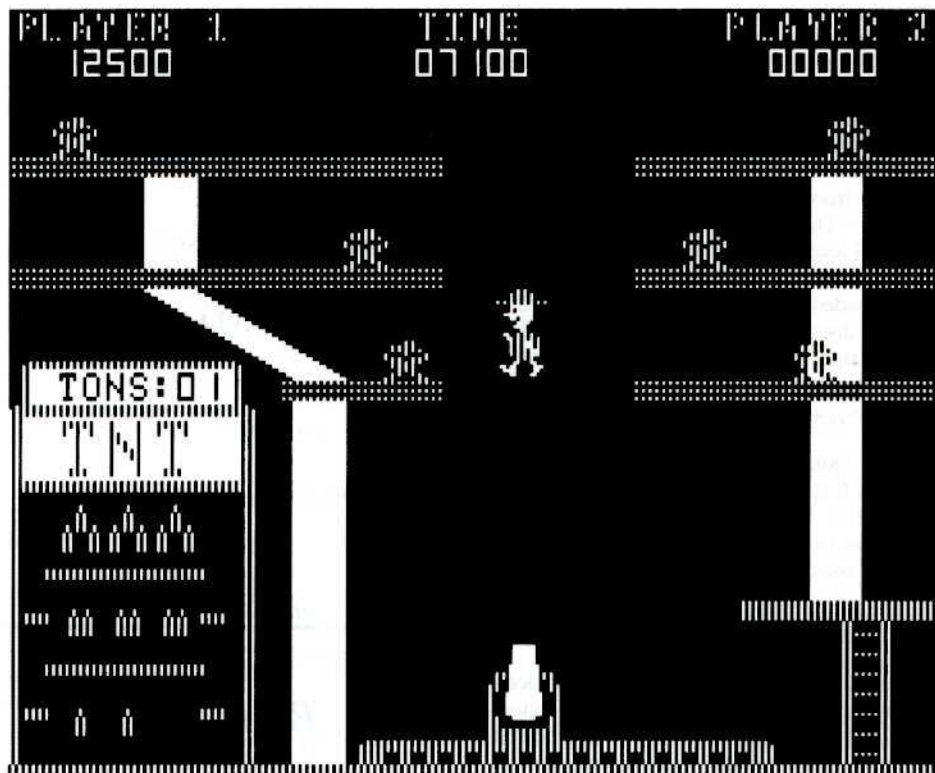
- 48K Apple II (and up)
- One disk drive
- A blank disk
- Super IOB v1.2 or 1.5
- Miner 2049'er

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After several attempts at Tom Phelps' Softkey for Miner 2049'er in **COMPUTIST No. 22**, I came to realize that I had a different release of this popular game with its own different copy protection. My version of Miner 2049'er was released in late 1983 or early 1984. Looking closely at the sector edits of Mr. Phelps' softkey and comparing bytes at the same location on my Miner 2049'er original, I found several discrepancies. Fortunately, **COMPUTIST No. 22** also included a softkey for The Heist (also from Microlab) by Bill Bood. Reading through the softkey for The Heist, I noticed that the address epilogue had been altered from SDE AA to \$9E E7 and the data epilogue from \$DE AA to \$D5 AA. These marks were identically altered on my copy of Miner 2049'er, and when I checked with CIA, I noticed that the "Change From" bytes for The Heist were identical to the values found on my Miner 2049'er disk. With this many similarities between the two Microlab programs, I tried the Heist controller on my Miner 2049'er disk, and amazingly, it worked! Mr. Bood deserves the credit for this one.

The Super IOB controller at the end is The Heist's controller modified for Super IOB v1.5's Fast routine. Just install it into Super IOB v1.5 and copy the disk. That's all there is to it.

The sector edits given here are performed by the controller and are listed here merely for your viewing pleasure.



### controller

```
1000 REM HEIST/MINER 2049er
1010 TK=0:LT=35:ST=15:LS=15:CD=WR:FAST=1
1020 GOSUB 490:RESTORE:GOSUB 170:GOSUB 610
1030 GOSUB 490:GOSUB 230:GOSUB 310:GOSUB 610
1040 IF PEEK(TRK)=LT THEN 1070
1050 TK=PEEK(TRK):ST=PEEK(SCT):GOTO 1020
1060 HOME:PRINT "COPY^ DONE":END
5000 DATA 158,231,213,170
5010 DATA 7^ CHANGES
5020 DATA 0,2,158,222
5030 DATA 0,3,53,222
5040 DATA 0,3,145,222
5050 DATA 0,3,155,170
5060 DATA 0,8,56,8
5070 DATA 0,8,57,176
5080 DATA 0,8,58,142
```

### controller checksums

1000 - \$356B	5010 - \$54AC
1010 - \$2544	5020 - \$4A5C
1020 - \$F372	5030 - \$CD34
1030 - \$256B	5040 - \$5F59
1040 - \$88F7	5050 - \$37B8
1050 - \$CA37	5060 - \$C021
1060 - \$8F76	5070 - \$E861
5000 - \$3545	5080 - \$16AC

Track	Sector	Byte	From	To
\$00	\$02	\$9E	\$D5	\$DE
\$00	\$03	\$35	\$D5	\$DE
\$00	\$03	\$9B	\$E7	\$AA
\$00	\$03	\$91	\$9E	\$DE
\$00	\$08	\$38	\$4C	\$08
\$00	\$08	\$39	\$6A	\$B0
\$00	\$08	\$3A	\$8A	\$8E

Scott McCandless' softkey for...

## Learning with Fuzzywomp

Sierra On-Line  
36575 Mudge Ranch Rd.  
Coarsegold, CA 93614

### Requirements:

- Apple II
- COPYA
- A sector editor
- A disk searcher

Sierra On-Line has been publishing software for sometime in a simple-to-copy format, which COPYA will copy quite easily. However, Sierra On-Line would not allow it to be quite that easy for us, the consumer. That's a Typical Software Publisher for you. They have added a nibble count routine on the disk. Finding and eliminating it is the toughest part.

After noticing that the disk could be copied with COPYA, but would not boot past the title screen because the nibble count did not match, I decided to track down and find the nibble count routine. I started by marking the tracks on my drive's head cam and watching what the

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drive did during the boot. I guessed that the nibble count must be on track 0 because the arm would seek track 0 before loading in a selected program.

I used Copy II Plus 5.0 to read in track 0 and dumped each sector to the printer for closer observation. I noticed that sectors 5 and 6 were different from those of a normal DOS disk. I thought, "This must be the right place."

Next, I loaded the Hello program and noticed that it BRUNED "INT.MAIN", so I BLOADED that. It loaded in at \$800. Apparently, what this program does is load in 5 or 6 files and display the title page. Looking a little further down the code, I noticed a JMP \$1800. I looked up \$1800 in memory and noticed that it was the menu routine.

After looking the menu routine over, I noticed a JSR \$8B00, LDA \$1FF8, CMP \$1D, BCS \$18B7. Looking up the code at \$8B00, it turned out to be an exact copy of what was on track 0, sector 5. Bingo! I found it.

## Removing the Protection

Next, I NOPed out the JSR \$8B00 (replaced the instruction with three No Operation bytes-\$EA EA EA). I typed \$1800G, which executed the menu screen, made a selection, watched the drive arm NOT seek track 0, and patted myself on the back thinking it worked. But, BEEP...reboot.

Darn it, I missed something. I went through the above steps once again and noticed that even though the nibble count call was eliminated, I still had the blasted check for a successful count to deal with (the LDA \$1FF8, CMP \$1D, BCS \$18B7). I NOPed out those bytes and tried it from the menu again. This time it worked!

All I had to do now was find that sequence of bytes on the disk and NOP (EA) them all. Then the disk was deprotected.

## Step By Step

- 1) Boot the 3.3 Master disk and start COPYA.
- 2) Copy the original disk onto a blank disk.
- 3) Get out your disk search utility and search your new disk for the following sequence:

```
20 00 8B AD F8 1F C9 1D
```

I found this sequence at track 4, sector E and track \$A, sector E, both at bytes \$AB-B4. Looking at the free sector map, track 4 appeared to be empty, so I concluded track \$A was the one I was looking for.

- 4) Read in track \$A, sector E, and store the following at bytes \$AB-BA:

```
EA EA EA EA EA EA EA EA EA EA
```

That's it!

## Alternate Method:

- 1) Copy the original disk with COPYA.
- 2) Load in the file with the offending routine in it.

```
BLOAD BN.OBJ
```

- 3) Enter the monitor and NOP (EA) the code.

```
CALL-151
18A7:EA EA EA EA EA EA EA EA EA EA
```

- 4) Save the new and improved file.

```
BSAVE BN.OBJ,AS1800,IS7F8
```

- 5) Boot and enjoy...



## Doni G. Grande's softkey for...

### Bookends (PRO DOS ver)

Sensible Software, Inc.  
24011 Seneca  
Oak Park, MI 48237

- Requirements:**  
COPYA  
Sector editor  
A disk search utility

Bookends is a program for use in keeping track of bibliographical data. The data may be printed in any format required. Searches may be done for authors, keywords or any word mentioned in an entry. The newest version is for a 64K Apple running ProDOS, which is the version required for this softkey. Boot code tracing using the techniques I described in the softkey for Flashcalc (COMPUTIST No. 23 page 14) was used to discover the protection on the Bookends original disk.

The procedure to make a COPYAable version of Bookends is as follows:

- 1) COPYA the original Bookends disk.
- 2) Using your disk searcher, search for the following sequence of bytes:

```
BD 8C C0 10 FB 49 D5 D0 F7
```

- 3) Change the final \$F7 to \$56 and write the sector back to disk. On my particular version (2.06), the byte to change was on Track \$01, Sector \$0D, Byte \$38 (using DOS sectoring).



## Tim Beckmann's softkey for...

### Apple Logo II

- Requirements:**  
Super IOB v1.5  
A sector editor

The protection on Apple Logo II is quite similar to the protection found on earlier releases of Apple Logo. On the older version, track 1 was the protected track that a nibble count was performed on. On the current version, track \$0D is the nibble count track. Luckily the rest of the disk is in normal DOS 3.3 format. To locate the nibble count routine, I searched the disk for the bytes 89 C0 (SC089 reversed; the location that turns on the drive) and found it in four places. When listing these sectors out, I found two nibble count routines. One nibble count routine was left over from the older version of Logo and the other is the nibble count used on the new version. If you want to check how similar the routines are the old one is on track 0, sector A and the new one is on track 2, sector 9. I changed the nibble count routine so it would ignore the results.

## Step By Step

- 1) Install the controller with this softkey in Super IOB v1.5 and copy the Logo disk.
- 2) Make the following changes to the disk using a sector editor.

Track	Sector	Byte	From	To
2	9	\$89	\$A0	\$4C
2	9	\$8A	\$00	\$78
* 2	9	<del>\$95</del> \$8B	\$84	\$21

You should now have a COPYAable version of Apple Logo II. By the way, this controller demonstrates a way of using the Fast Controller on a track-by-track basis. Now you can treat each track individually while still taking advantage of the speed of Version 1.5.

\* ~~All No 31, page 6 - correction~~

## controller

```
1000 REM APPLE LOGO II CONTROLLER
1010 TK = 0 : ST = 15 : LT = 1 : LS = 15 : FAST = 1 : CD = WR
1020 T1 = TK : GOSUB 490
1030 LT = TK + 1 : GOSUB 610:040 IF PEEK (BUF) = MB THEN 1060
1050 TK = TK + 1 + (TK = 12) : IF TK < 35 THEN 1030
1060 TK = T1 : GOSUB 490
1070 LT = TK + 1 : GOSUB 610
```

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```
1080 TK = TK + 1 + (TK = 12) : IF PEEK (BUF) < MB
AND TK < 35 THEN 1070
1090 IF TK < 35 THEN 1020
1100 HOME : PRINT "DONE^ WITH^ COPY" : END
```

## controller checksums

1000 - \$356B	1060 - \$802A
1010 - \$992C	1070 - \$4A19
1020 - \$9680	1080 - \$7156
1030 - \$1C1F	1090 - \$405B
1040 - \$D043	1100 - \$4CFC
1050 - \$E98C	



Not only that, there is a nibble count on track 5.25 (yes, a quarter track). Three bytes will be changed on the copy so that the nibble count is not checked.

Trk	Sect	Byte#	From	To
1	5C	\$00	\$4C	\$60
1	5E	\$8C	\$06	\$1A
1	5F	\$00	\$4C	\$60

Just install the controller into Super IOB v1.5 and RUN it. It will make the necessary changes to EA's DOS and skip tracks 5 and 6 while copying (we don't need the nibble count tracks). You should now have a COPYable Murder on the Zinderneuf. Enjoy it!

```
1060 GOSUB 310 : GOSUB 230 : TK = T1 : GOSUB 490
1070 LT = TK + 1 : GOSUB 610
1080 TK = TK + 1 + (TK = 4) * 2 : IF PEEK (BUF)
) < MB AND TK < 35 THEN 1070
1090 IF TK < 35 THEN 1020
1100 HOME : PRINT "DONE^ WITH^ COPY" : END
5000 DATA 213 ,187 ,207
5010 DATA 5^ CHANGES
5020 DATA 1 ,12 ,0 ,96
5030 DATA 1 ,14 ,140 ,26
5040 DATA 1 ,15 ,0 ,96
5050 DATA 2 ,3 ,71 ,170
5060 DATA 2 ,3 ,81 ,173
```

## controller checksums

1000 - \$356B	1090 - \$AE73
1010 - \$992C	1100 - \$E422
1020 - \$72BC	5000 - \$7E3C
1030 - \$8018	5010 - \$D9A8
1035 - \$CB92	5020 - \$526E
1040 - \$F394	5030 - \$EA64
1050 - \$823D	5040 - \$5209
1060 - \$7547	5050 - \$81C4
1070 - \$652A	5060 - \$360A
1080 - \$8950	



Lord David's softkey for...

## Murder on the Zinderneuf

*Murder on the Zinderneuf*  
Electronic Arts  
2275 Campus Drive  
San Mateo, CA 94403

## controller

```
1000 REM MURDER/ZINDERNEUF CONTROLLER
1010 TK=0 : ST=15 : LT=1 : LS=15 : FAST=1 : CD
= WR
1020 T1 = TK : GOSUB 490 : IF TK > 3 THEN RESTORE
: GOSUB 210
1030 LT = TK + 1 : GOSUB 610
1035 IF TK = 2 THEN GOSUB 210
1040 IF PEEK (BUF) = MB THEN 1060
1050 TK = TK + 1 + (TK = 4) * 2 : IF TK < 35 THEN
1030
```

### Requirements:

64K Apple II Plus, IIe, or IIc  
Super IOB V1.5  
A blank disk

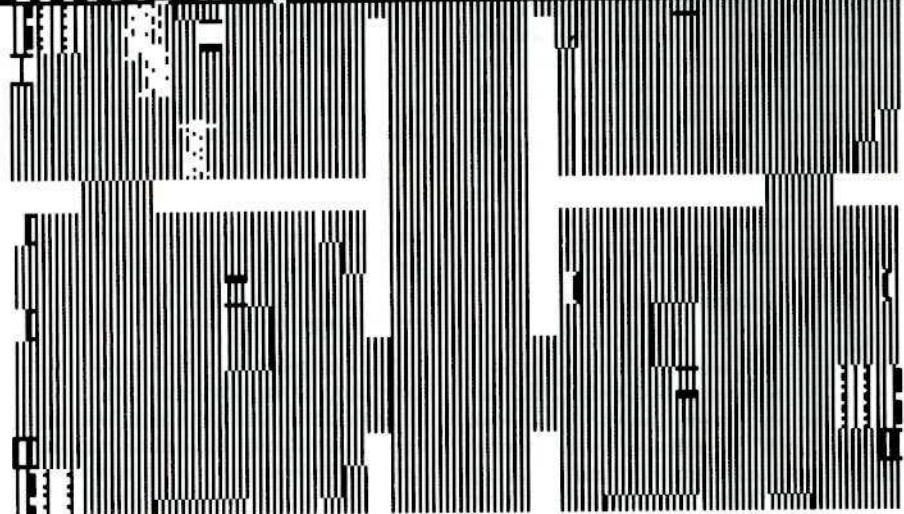
Murder on the Zinderneuf is an interesting mystery game from Electronic Arts in which you are a famous detective assigned to solve the murder of one of the passengers on the airship Zinderneuf. The graphics seem a bit primitive, but the game presents an intriguing puzzle anyway. So does the protection.

The protection scheme on this one is similar to the one used in Archon (COMPUTIST No. 21, Pg.10). The "start of data" bytes have been changed from \$D5 AA AD to \$D5 BB CF. Those can be taken care of with the use of Super IOB. Our controller will be programmed to read the original disk using the \$D5 BB CF data header, and write to a normal format with the \$D5 AA AD header. On the way, Super IOB will change a couple of bytes on the new disk so Electronic Arts' RWTS will be able to read the normal headers of \$D5 AA AD.

Trk	Sect	Byte#	From	To
2	3	\$47	\$BB	\$AA
2	3	\$51	\$CF	\$AD

```
Suspect: Felicity Topic: Natalia
"She's a bit shy, but she has a great
future in the ballet"
```

Felicity Margaret



# Microzines

by L.A. Carreira

## Requirements:

48K and Applesoft in ROM  
Super IOB  
A sector editor

This article presents softkeys for the first five Microzines. The general method used is: copy the Microzine with Super IOB, alter the HELLO program to fix a minor bug, and add a normal DOS to the new backup. Each case is just slightly different from the other three. Microzine #1 uses an especially different address header (we'll use the Swap Controller on that one), and #2 is unable to copy the graphics controller (take that from another deprotected microzine). From there on, the protection methods get simpler.

## Microzine #1

The premiere issue of Microzine uses an extra byte in the address header to prevent copying. When inspected with a utility like The Nibbler, the headers for tracks \$3 to \$22 look like \$D5 AA 97 FF followed by the normal volume, track, and sector information. To copy these tracks we'll need to modify DOS. Boot

a normal DOS, get into the monitor and move the RWTS down to \$1900.

**CALL-151**  
**1900<B800.BFFFM**

Start by changing the last byte of the address header.

**1A6A:97**

Insert a JSR (Jump SubRoutine) to \$B8B8 followed by a NOP (No Operation) in the address read routine. This will replace the "LDA #0, STA \$27".

**1A6D:20 B8 B8 EA**

At \$19B8 (\$B8B8 when the RWTS is moved back up) store a routine to ignore the last byte of the strange address header and duplicate the function of the removed "LDA #0, STA \$27".

**19B8:BD 8C C0 10 FB A9 00 85 27 60**

\$B8B8 is normally a "write a byte" routine but we will only be reading with this RWTS. Save the modified RWTS with

**BSAVE RWTS.MICRO,**  
**AS1900,L\$800**

Use Controller #1 with this article and copy both sides of the Microzine disk.

At this point you have all of Microzine. To run properly you will need to copy the DOS (tracks 0-2) from a normal or fast DOS 3.3 disk to both sides of the new disk. Delete the binary

HELLO program and replace it with:

```
10 TEXT :HOME :VTAB 10 : HTAB 10 :  
   PRINT "MICROZINE BACKUP"  
20 DS = CHR$(13) + CHR$(4)  
30 PRINT DS; "BLOAD HRCG"  
40 PRINT DS; "RUN HELLO1"  
50 END
```

## Microzine #2

Modify line 1010 of Controller #2 to read

```
1010 TK = 5 : ST = 0 : LT = 35 : CD = WR
```

and copy both sides. Copy the DOS of a normal or fast disk to both sides of your new backup disk. Use your favorite sector editor and change bytes \$44, \$45, \$48, and \$49 on track \$11, sector \$0 (both sides) to an \$FF. To run properly you need a copy of the APEX graphics controller on both sides. Rather than undo the mess on tracks 3, 3.5, and 4 it is easier to grab a copy from V1.3, V1.4 or V1.5. This is a 20 sector binary file called APEX or HRCG. Copy this file from one of your unprotected Microzine copies.

Load in the HELLO program and type

```
48 PRINT:PRINT CHR$(4); "BLOAD APEX"  
and re-save HELLO. Remember to change the HELLO on both sides and put a copy of APEX on both sides.
```

# 1 - 5

## Microzine #3

Use Controller #2, as is, in Super IOB to copy side one of V1.3. Then modify line 1010 to read

```
1010 TK = 2 : ST = 0 : LT = 34 : CD = WR
and copy side two. Modify line 1010 again to read
```

```
1010 TK = 0 : ST = 0 : LT = 1 : CD = WR
and copy track 0 of side 2.
```

Load the HELLO program from side 1 and type

```
34 POKE -16300,0:GOTO 40
and re-save HELLO on side 1. At this point, you should copy the DOS from a normal or fast disk onto side 1 (only) of your backup of Microzine V1.3.
```

## Microzines #4 and #5

Copy both sides with Controller #2 in Super IOB. When finished, load in the HELLO program and type

```
34 POKE -16300,0:GOTO 40
```

Re-save the HELLO program. Do this to both sides. Finish it off by copying a normal or fast DOS to both sides.

### controller #1

```
1000 REM MICROZINE #1 CONTROLLER
```

```
1010 TK = 3 : ST = 0 : LT = 35 : CD = WR
1020 T1 = TK : GOSUB 490 : GOSUB 360 : GOSUB 1070
1030 GOSUB 430 : GOSUB 1000 : ST = ST + 1
1040 IF (TK = 17 AND ST = 2) THEN ST = ST + 1 : GOSUB
1000
1050 IF ST < DOS THEN 1030
1060 IF BF THEN 1080
1070 ST = 0 : TK = TK + 1 : IF TK < LT THEN 1030
1080 GOSUB 490 : TK = T1 : ST = 0 : GOSUB 360 : GOSUB
1130
1090 GOSUB 430 : GOSUB 1000 : ST = ST + 1
1100 IF (TK = 17 AND ST = 2) THEN ST = ST + 1 : GOSUB
1000
1110 IF ST < DOS THEN 1090
1120 ST = 0 : TK = TK + 1 : IF BF = 0 AND TK < LT THEN
1090
1130 IF TK < LT THEN 1020
1140 HOME : PRINT "DONE^ WITH^ COPY" : END
1150 PRINT : PRINT CHR$(4) : "BLOAD^
RWTS.MICRO"
```

### controller #2

```
1000 REM MICROZINES 2-5 CONTROLLER
1010 TK = 4 : ST = 0 : LT = 35 : CD = WR
1020 T1 = TK : GOSUB 490 : GOSUB 170
1030 GOSUB 430 : GOSUB 100 : ST = ST + 1 : IF ST <
DOS THEN 1030
1040 IF BF THEN 1060
```

```
1050 ST = 0 : TK = TK + 1 : IF TK < LT THEN 1030
1060 GOSUB 490 : TK = T1 : ST = 0 : GOSUB 230
1070 GOSUB 430 : GOSUB 100 : ST = ST + 1 : IF ST <
DOS THEN 1070
1080 ST = 0 : TK = TK + 1 : IF BF = 0 AND TK < LT THEN
1070
1090 IF TK < LT THEN 1020
1100 HOME : PRINT : PRINT "DONE^ WITH^ COPY" :
END
```

### controller #1 checksums

1000	- \$356B	1080	- \$0B07
1010	- \$3565	1090	- \$4CED
1020	- \$9998	1100	- \$83EA
1030	- \$C48E	1110	- \$E27A
1040	- \$20CC	1120	- \$C834
1050	- \$3AC4	1130	- \$330A
1060	- \$C9A7	1140	- \$CD21
1070	- \$B136	1150	- \$7D79

### controller #2 checksums

1000	- \$356B	1060	- \$F442
1010	- \$3862	1070	- \$FC47
1020	- \$C223	1080	- \$EE72
1030	- \$D422	1090	- \$09C0
1040	- \$BAC7	1100	- \$BCD2
1050	- \$2CA4		

# Microzines

by Phil Pattengale

## Requirements:

Apple ][, ][ Plus, //e, //c

Means of resetting into the monitor (optional)  
COPYA

A sector editor

One of the Microzines #7-9 or Secret Filer

A blank disk

The Microzines are an excellent example of children's software, with one exception: they are copy-protected. Anyone with children knows that children tend to reduce the life expectancy of software. Below I will tell how I deprotected some issues of Microzine, followed by step-by-step instructions.

The first thing I do with any disk I purchase is try to back it up. When I tried to copy it with COPYA, it gave me the UNABLE TO READ message. Anytime I get this I immediately disable DOS's error checking. Exit COPYA and enter the monitor (CALL-151). Anytime DOS encounters an error it jumps to the subroutine at \$B942. Here it simply sets a flag and returns to where it was. All we need to do is simply tell it not to set the flag. So, we type

**B942:18**

The \$18 is the opcode for the CLC (Clear Carry) instruction. The carry is the error flag DOS uses. Now we type

**3D0G  
70**

to return to basic and delete the line that loads in the binary file for COPYA. Now we rerun COPYA and it successfully copies the disk! As we cross our fingers and hope that was all we

needed to do, we boot the disk. The screen will fill with inverse characters and then reboot. Apparently there are other checks to be eliminated.

My next strategy then, is to boot code trace the disk. Since it does not get to the BASIC prompt, it can be assumed that the protection, or at least some of it, lies in the boot. The BASIC prompt appears AFTER the booting process is completed and before the HELLO program is run. (Some disks do not use DOS and therefore do not ever have a cursor, but those are another story).

In order for any disk to boot, track zero, sector zero must be readable by the disk drive controller program on the disk drive interface card. Since this is true, we should be able to follow the booting process, but by inserting breakpoints, we can stay in control. To do this, we must first power down, and power back up. Hit Reset before DOS loads in and then enter the monitor.

**CALL-151**

Now, the next step is to clear memory by storing a zero in a memory location and then copying it to all the others in a leapfrog manner.

**800:00**

**801<800.BFFF**

(see "Special Tricks With the Monitor" in your Reference Manual.)

Next, we copy the disk controller ROM program down to an area in RAM so that we can modify it, and thus control it.

**9600<C600.C6FF**

If we look at \$96F8 we see that it is a jump to \$0801. This stage of the boot loads in the next stage at \$0800-\$08FF. After it has loaded it in, it jumps to the beginning of the second stage at \$0801. This jump to the second stage is where we insert our first breakpoint. In order to stay in control, we must tell the first stage

not to jump to the second, but jump to the monitor when it is done instead. We change the JMP \$0801 at \$96F8 to JMP \$FF59 (the monitor).

**96F8:4C 59 FF**

To start this code up, type

**9600G**

After a few seconds the computer will beep and give a monitor prompt (\*) and the drive will continue running. It is not reading or writing, it is just on because we interrupted it in the middle of a boot. Type

**C0E8**

to turn it off. If we look at \$0801 we see that it is practically standard (trust me, it is). It exits the second stage at \$08C3. The second stage loads in the third stage at \$B700-\$BFFF. It stores the address of the third stage at \$08FD and \$08FE. The code at \$08C3 loads in the values at those two locations (a \$00 and a \$B7) and jumps to that address (in the Apple, virtually all references to memory locations are backwards, with the second half of the number first, so that means that the program will jump to \$B700). Now we must change both the code at \$9600 and at \$0800 so we can load in the third stage. First, we modify the second stage's exit so that it goes to the monitor, and not to the third stage. This means we put a JMP \$FF59 at \$08C3:

**8C3:4C 59 FF**

and we must reset some counters for the second stage.

**8FE:B6 09**

Since the first stage would, when loading the second stage in, erase our changes we will tell the first stage to load the second stage

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# 7 - 9

someplace else, at \$2000 for example. To do this we must put a \$20 at \$9659.

**9659:20**

We must next remove our first breakpoint by telling the first stage to jump to our modified second stage at \$0801.

**96F8:4C 01 08**

With these changes we can start up the boot again.

**9600G**

and it will jump to the monitor, instead of executing the code at \$B700. When we get the monitor prompt, turn the drive off

**C0E8**

and we can look at \$B700 and see what the third stage of the booting process looks like. At \$B700 we see that there is a JSR to \$BB00 (Jump SubRoutine). The code following this JSR is also pretty much standard. The third stage will load in the rest of DOS and then load and run the HELLO program. Since that JSR \$BB00 was not normally there, I assumed it would probably be the protection routine, and if we eliminated that JSR, the disk would most likely work. In order to eliminate it I booted my disk search program and searched for a JSR \$BB00 (20 00 BB), and when I found it, I replaced it with NOP's (EA EA EA). When I rebooted the disk it didn't reboot. However, it also didn't run the program. I was left in BASIC and when I ran the HELLO program, it worked fine! I was right! \$BB00 contained the protection. However, it also apparently contained some more good code because it didn't load the HELLO program and run it like it should have. I booted my sector editor and changed the NOP's back to a JSR \$BB00. I retraced my steps and when I reached my last step, I looked at the code at \$BB00. It was a

short memory move routine. It copied itself down to \$200-\$2FF and then returned to \$B703 and executed the rest of the code there. We can execute this move code by typing

**BB00G**

After it has moved the code it will return to the monitor. We can now look at \$200 and we know that the code starts at \$20C because the move code occupied \$BB00-\$BB0B. After it was moved to \$200, the move code was overwritten by our 200L command, because \$200-\$2FF is the keyboard entry buffer. However, since our command (200L) was only five characters long (the return key counts too!) we did not destroy the other routine which begins at \$20C (\$BB0C before the move).

I went back to \$B703 and followed through it looking for a jump to \$20C but did not find one. I was sure that \$2C0-\$2FF was the protection code because it was strange to move normal code to the keyboard buffer. So I proceeded to take a closer look at it. The first thing it does is a JSR to a routine at \$02CF that calls RWTS. That means it is reading something in. After the subroutine, there are a lot of direct disk accesses (C08y,X; where the y is a number between 8 and E). After each of these there are CMP (CoMPare) commands, and if the compares fail they all jump to \$0293. At \$0293, there is a routine that sets up the reboot routine and then jumps to it. Since my COPYA copy rebooted, that means those failures are part of the protection that we need to eliminate. If the code passes all of the tests, it falls through to \$0286. Here it sets up its exit and finishes up the load. That is where we want to end up. Since we fail most (if not all) of the protection's tests, and end up at \$0293, all we need to do is change \$0293 from setting up the reboot to a jump to \$0286! What this accomplishes is that even if we fail all the protection's tests, we still will end up where we would have ended up if we

had passed the tests!! So, booting up our trusty sector editor/disk searcher, we search the disk for the code at \$0293 (C6 2A D0 8D). We will find it at track \$00, sector \$05, byte \$93. Change it to a JMP \$0286 (4C 86 02) and write it back out. Reboot the disk, and Hurray! it works!! A deprotected and easily backed up Microzine. I backed up issues #7-9 and then put the originals away. Side two can be copied the same way, but the sector modification isn't necessary.

## Step by Step

- 1) Boot a normal 3.3 disk.
- 2) Defeat DOS's error checking and return to BASIC.  
**CALL -151  
B942:18  
3D0G**
- 3) Copy both sides of the disk with COPYA.
- 4) Use a sector editor to change side 1, track 0, sector 5, bytes \$93-95, from \$C6 2A D0 to \$4C 86 02 (write it back out to the disk) and you've just cracked your Microzine!

## Notes

Microzines 1-6 use at least three different copy protection schemes. Therefore, this will only work for issues 7-9, Secret Filer, and perhaps any new issues. After deprotection, you can copy Secret Filer's files to a normal or fast DOS, but you will need to make extra room on the disk to get all of the Microzine on it. I imagine the sector edits would work on other Scholastic software.



# Microzines

by Eric Ondler

If you were unsuccessful in copying the Microzines using any of the other methods in this issue, perhaps this will one work for you. The method here should be able to take care of most of them.

What we will do is start by preparing a normal DOS 3.3 disk with extra sectors stolen from track 2, track 17 (the catalog track), and track 35, which is not usually formatted by DOS. This will give us 8K more space on the disk. Some of the later Microzines need this extra space for programs.

Second, we will patch DOS to ignore differences between the normal and protected formats, and use FID to copy the individual files.

1) Boot a DOS 3.3 master disk (or a fast DOS) and enter the monitor.

**PR#6**  
**CALL -151**

2) Patch DOS so that it will boot 36 tracks instead of 35.

**BEFE:24**

3) Initialize a blank disk and delete the HELLO program.

**INIT HELLO**  
**DELETE HELLO**

Do this on both sides of the disk.

4) Get out your sector editor and make the following changes to your freshly initialized disk.

Track	Sector	Byte	From	To
\$11	\$0	\$C4	\$00	\$FF
\$11	\$0	\$C5	\$00	\$FF
\$11	\$0	\$34	\$22	\$23
\$11	\$0	\$40	\$00	\$FF
\$11	\$0	\$41	\$00	\$E0
\$11	\$0	\$7D	\$00	\$3E
\$11	\$6	\$01	\$11	\$00
\$11	\$6	\$02	\$05	\$00
\$02	\$1	\$92	\$69	\$A9

The first two free up the sectors on track \$23 and the next one tells DOS that the disk has 36 tracks. The next two free up unused sectors \$5-\$F in track 2. Next, sectors in the catalog track (\$11) are freed for use. The edits to sector 6 tell DOS that it is the last sector in the catalog. The last one patches DOS to allow it to use the catalog track for data.

5) Load FID from your System Master disk into memory and enter the monitor.

**BLOAD FID**  
**CALL -151**

6) Now we're going to modify DOS so that FID can read files from the Microzine without

trouble.

Ignore read errors:

**B942:18**

Ignore end of data markers:

**B925:18 60**

Ignore end of address markers:

**B988:18 60**

Cause other errors to go unreported:

**BE48:18**

Ignore last byte of data header:

**B8FB:29 00**

Allow DOS to store data on track \$11:

**B292:A9**

7) Start FID running.

**803G**

8) Insert the desired Microzine disk and copy it with the "\*" (wildcard) option with no user prompting (unless you like to hit "Y" and "Return" every twenty seconds). Don't forget to copy both sides.

One little note: Steps 1-4 can be used to make extra disk space for most any application you want. The only drawback is that the number of files in the catalog is reduced. Steps 5-8 can be used to copy files from other modified DOSes to normal DOS.





**softkey for...**

# Phi Beta Filer

by Klaus Iden

*Phi Beta Filer*  
Scarborough Systems, Inc.  
25 North Broadway, Tarrytown  
New York, NY 10591

**Requirements:**

Apple II Plus, IIe, or IIc  
A way to enter the monitor at will  
Super IOB  
A blank disk

Phi Beta Filer is an excellent introductory filing program. It is written in BASIC and is relatively easy to deprotect.

The program uses a high speed DOS called Diversi-DOS. However, we can use regular DOS on our blank diskette. The protection on the program diskette consists of altered ending marks (\$FF FF instead of \$DE AA) and altered data checksums. The data disk is not protected. A short binary file called DG PATCH on the disk alters the RWTS for reading either the program or data disk. Some simple modifications to this file (done by the Super IOB controller) will allow the use of a normally formatted program diskette.

The procedure for the softkey consists of initializing a blank disk using a regular DOS

and SCARBOROUGH as the name of the HELLO program. Next we boot the original and reset into the monitor, save the RWTS, and use a swap controller and Super IOB to transfer the program to an unprotected format.

### Step By Step

1) Initialize a blank disk using regular DOS, with SCARBOROUGH for the HELLO program.

**INIT SCARBOROUGH  
DELETE SCARBOROUGH**

2) Boot the original PBF disk and reset into the monitor.

3) Now move the RWTS to a safe location, reboot normal DOS, and BSAVE the RWTS to a normal disk.

**1900<B800.BFFFM  
C600G  
BSAVE RWTS.PBF,AS1900,LS800**

4) Install the Super IOB controller with this softkey into Super IOB. This is just a Swap Controller with some sector edits added. Run Super IOB and copy the PBF disk. The resulting disk is now a COPYAable version of Phi Beta Filer.

### controller

1000 REM PHI BETA FILER CONTROLLER  
1010 TK = 3 : ST = 0 : LT = 35 : CD = WR  
1020 T1 = TK : GOSUB 490 : GOSUB 360 : ONERR GOTO  
550

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1030 GOSUB 430 : GOSUB 100 : ST = ST + 1 : IF ST <
DOS THEN 1030
1040 IF BF THEN 1060
1050 ST = 0 : TK = TK + 1 : IF TK < LT THEN 1030
1060 RESTORE : GOSUB 310 : GOSUB 490 : TK = T1 : ST
= 0 : GOSUB 360
1070 GOSUB 430 : GOSUB 100 : ST = ST + 1 : IF ST <
DOS THEN 1070
1080 ST = 0 : TK = TK + 1 : IF BF = 0 AND TK < LT THEN
1070
1090 IF TK < LT THEN 1020
1100 HOME : PRINT "COPY^ DONE" : END
5000 DATA 5^ CHANGES
5010 DATA 22 , 14 , 4 , 76
5020 DATA 22 , 14 , 5 , 62
5030 DATA 22 , 14 , 6 , 3
5040 DATA 22 , 14 , 7 , 234
5050 DATA 22 , 14 , 8 , 234
10000 IF PEEK (6400) <> 162 THEN PRINT CHR$ (4
) "BLOAD^ RWTS.PBF,AS1900"
```

### controller checksums

1000 - \$356B	1090 - \$FEAF
1010 - \$3565	1100 - \$BFEE
1020 - \$6170	5000 - \$B572
1030 - \$7771	5010 - \$D53F
1040 - \$6342	5020 - \$6CAA
1050 - \$ABA3	5030 - \$278C
1060 - \$D729	5040 - \$F4DF
1070 - \$DF2C	5050 - \$7F0F
1080 - \$8587	10000 - \$615C

# Softkey for

by Michael R. Ditz

*Sword of Kadash*  
Penguin Software  
830 Fourth Ave.  
P.O. Box 311  
Geneva, IL 60134  
\$29.95

## Requirements:

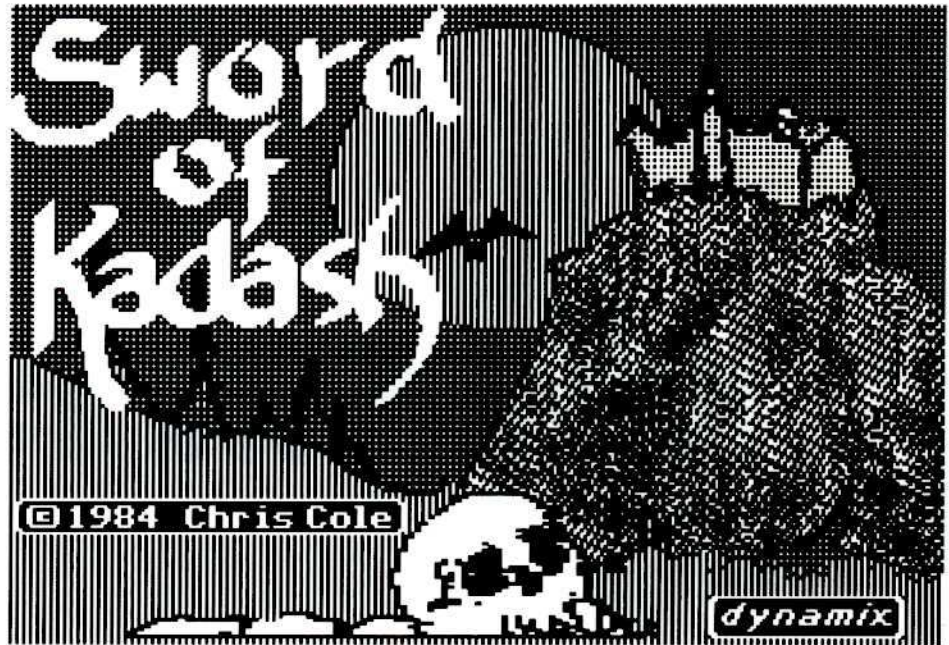
48K Apple II and up  
Super IOB v1.2 or 1.5  
Original Sword Of Kadash disk  
2 blank disks (or front and back of one)

After buying *Sword of Kadash*, a friend of mine began to play it a lot. The worst thing that could happen to a person when purchasing a new disk is to have it crash. Well, it happened to him. He sent the disk back to the company and got a replacement. This gave him a working copy, but he wanted backups in case of another, or maybe more serious, disk failure. So I decided to help him by making it COPYable.

## The Protection

The first thing I did in my quest for backups was to watch the boot-up process. I noticed the Applesoft prompt at the bottom of the screen. This meant that there is at least a semi-normal DOS on the disk. I used my sector editor to see if I could read in a sector normally, but I couldn't.

So I got out *The Linguist*, from CIA, and got



a raw nibble dump of track \$6. I just picked any random track that might have data on it, and examined it to find the markers. I saw that the address field headers and data field headers were normal, but the data field epilogs were changed from a normal DE AA, to DA AA. I went back to the sector reader and told it to look for these epilogs. Expecting to read in the sector, I got the irritating grinding sound of the drive. That meant I had missed something when I did my disk snooping. I thought I might try ignoring the checksums, something that usually works. Well, I made the changes and it read in! I tried to read from track \$7, but it wouldn't work. A nibble dump of that track revealed that

they tried to make my work difficult by changing the address headers to D4 AA 96, as opposed to a normal D5 AA 96.

Knowing these changes, I was able to read from that track. I tried reading from track \$8 and found that I had to change the headers back to D5 AA 96. This told me that odd tracks had headers of D4 AA 96 and even tracks had the normal D5 AA 96. The protection scheme is the same on both sides of the disk.

Something important was revealed to me when I was reading other tracks. The front side of the disk only uses tracks \$0 to \$11. I searched the back and found data on all of the tracks, \$0 through \$22. I found no nibble count of any kind on either side so we don't have to worry about that. No DOS was found on side two either. Now that we know all of this, we can write a controller.

## The Controller

I had to write the controller so that it would do many different things. First of all, it had to figure out if it is on an odd or even track so it will know which markers to use. It also has to do some pokes into DOS to tell it to ignore the checksums. Last of all, I told it to ignore the data epilogs. That's easier than changing them. I wrote two separate controllers, one for the front side which uses tracks \$0 to \$11, and one for the back side which uses tracks \$0 to \$22. The controllers ran with no problems, until I tried to boot the copy. The drive began to grind and wouldn't stop. This means that errors are occurring during boot. It turns out that DOS is looking for the protection. So, since the front has almost normal DOS, I edited the disk to ignore errors.

This can usually be accomplished by changing track \$0, sector \$3, byte \$42 from \$38, to an \$18. This clears the error flag after



the drive reads from the disk. I didn't have to worry about the back because it's all data and no DOS. I crossed my fingers as it booted. It worked! I made a character disk to test the back and had no problems.

## A CATALOG

As I was looking through the front side of the disk, I noticed that it has a catalog. It is made up of the eight files listed below.

```
B 008 BOOT
B 002 DISKROUT
A 002 KADASH
B 086 HIMEM
B 026 LOMEM
B 027 SUPERHIMEM
B 033 TITLE
I 002 APPLESOFT
```

The Applesoft program called KADASH is the boot-up program. It prints an introduction and runs the binary file called BOOT. The programs HIMEM, LOMEM, and SUPERHIMEM are the main program. The file named TITLE is the graphics screen that you see at the start of the game. The file DISKROUT must be a disk access program. APPLESOFT, is an Integer Basic version of the program KADASH. The back of the disk contains all the room data and character information for the game. Do some of your own disk snooping and try to make some APTs!

## All Together

Then, for convenience, I put both controllers into one. Before the copy is made, it will ask you if you want to copy the front or the back of the disk. The program will set the changes for you. All you have to do now is install the controller and copy the front and the back of the original. You now have a COPYAable Sword of Kadash.

1) Load in Super IOB v1.2 and type in the



controller at the end of this article.

- 2) Run Super IOB.
- 3) Insert the disks, and when it asks you which side, enter 'F'.
- 4) Copy the front.
- 5) Re-run and select 'B', for the back of the disk.
- 6) Copy the back.

You now have a deprotected copy of The Sword of Kadash. Enjoy!

## controller


```
1000 REM KADASH CONTROLLER
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1010 VTAB 12 : INPUT "(F)RONT^ OR^ (B)ACK^ OF^
KADASH?==>" : SS
1020 IF SS <> "F" AND SS <> "B" THEN PRINT CHR$
(7) : GOTO 1010
1030 TK = 0 : ST = 0 : LT = 18 : CD = WR : IF SS = "B"
THEN LT = 35
1040 T1 = TK : GOSUB 490
1050 POKE 47405 , 24 : POKE 47406 , 96 : POKE 47497
24 : POKE 47498 , 96
1060 POKE 47445 , 213 : IF TK / 2 <> INT (TK / 2)
THEN POKE 47445 , 212
1070 GOSUB 430 : GOSUB 100 : ST = ST + 1 : IF ST <
DOS THEN 1070
1080 IF BF THEN 1110
1090 ST = 0 : TK = TK + 1 : PO = 212 : IF TK / 2 = INT
(TK / 2) THEN PO = 213
1100 POKE 47445 , PO : IF TK < LT THEN 1060
1110 GOSUB 490 : TK = T1 : ST = 0 : GOSUB 230 : IF
SS = "B" THEN 1130
1120 RESTORE : GOSUB 310
1130 POKE 47405 , 208 : POKE 47406 , 19 : POKE
47497 , 208 : POKE 47498 , 183
1140 GOSUB 430 : GOSUB 100 : ST = ST + 1 : IF ST <
DOS THEN 1140
1150 ST = 0 : TK = TK + 1 : IF BF = 0 AND TK < LT THEN
1140
1160 IF TK < LT THEN 1040
1170 HOME : PRINT : PRINT "DONE^ WITH^ COPY" :
END
5000 DATA 1^ CHANGES , 0 , 3 , 66 , 24
```

## controller checksums

1000 - \$356B	1100 - \$AE1F
1010 - \$C600	1110 - \$98C7
1020 - \$8DE8	1120 - \$EAB4
1030 - \$26F1	1130 - \$09D2
1040 - \$9EAC	1140 - \$2ED6
1050 - \$8B2F	1150 - \$7DA0
1060 - \$6299	1160 - \$7078
1070 - \$6A9C	1170 - \$6824
1080 - \$AC08	5000 - \$9114
1090 - \$03C5	





# The Games Of 1985 Part II

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by Jeff Hurlburt

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This month we conclude our annual reviews with the emphasis on adventures. These are games which tend to present complex objectives, incorporate some form of character development, and favor reasoning over reflexes.

Because adventures are usually fairly involved, game descriptions would be impossibly verbose without a few special terms, some of which take a bit of explaining. The quality of a game's **parser**, for instance, relates to how well the program seems to understand your inputs. In text adventures good parsing

makes it easy to try out ideas. Poor parsing requires you to figure out how the program wants you to say something. In effect, you play the parser instead of the game. A **maze adventure** locates play in some sort of labyrinth which need not actually look like a maze. In *The Bard's Tale* you travel the streets of Skara Brae, while in *Shadowkeep* you explore a series of mazes. Both games involve threading a series of narrow, limited-access passages. Finally, some "adventures" turn out to be arcades with a game save feature. These are **extended arcades**.

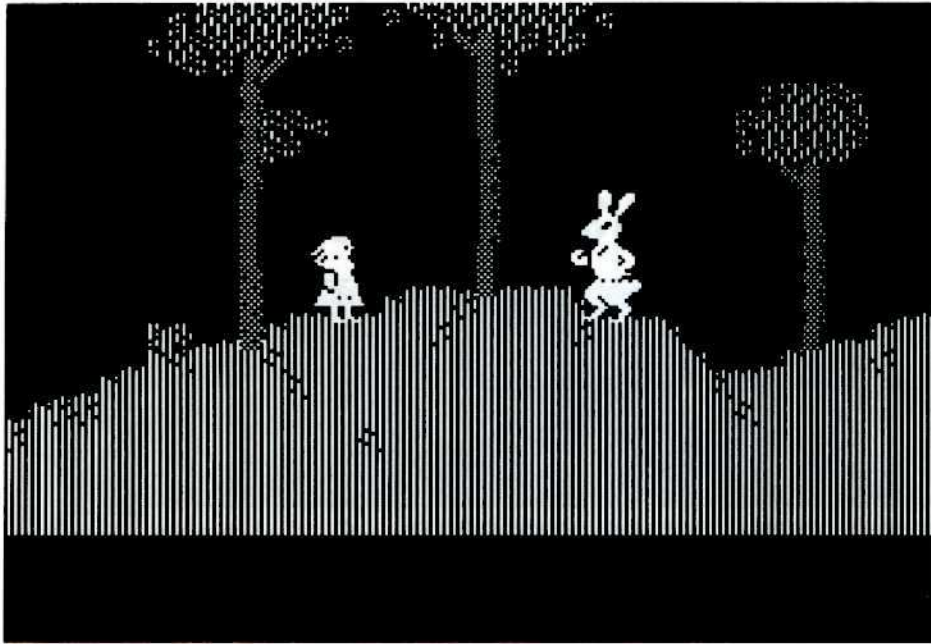
Long play generally adds up to good value, but makes for difficult shopping. Unlike arcades, what you see in a few minutes of play testing an adventure at your favorite software parlor won't tell you much about the game.

Hopefully, the descriptions, commentaries, and ratings will help you zero in on the right stuff: the best values for your adventure gaming money.

Comments and ratings reflect my evaluation based upon playing a game and watching others play. Each game is rated in five areas plus an overall rating on a ten-point scale: 10= SUPERIOR, 07=GOOD, 05=FAIR, and 03=POOR.

**Graphics (GRFX)** is the first area rated. It concerns quality of artwork, clarity, impact, smoothness, speed, and realism.

Good **Support Materials (S.M.)** include clear, thorough directions for play. In some cases attractiveness, tutorial value, or effectiveness in creating an atmosphere may be important.



## Alice In Wonderland

(Maze Adventure)

**Compatible:** 64K Apple II+, IIe, IIc

**Requirements:** One disk drive, joystick optional

A summer's day picnic is always fun, especially with that nice Rev. Dodgson to tell such interesting stories. Still, when an oversized, watch-toting rabbit rushes by, the only thing for a normal, curious little girl to do is follow. In Windham's version of the Lewis Carroll classic, your objective is to explore Wonderland, unravel its mysteries, and return to the mundane world (before you miss too many French lessons).

Designed for new readers, *Alice in Wonderland* employs arcade style displays and character movement with other adventuring functions (e.g. "TAKE", "USE", "ASK", "SCOLD", etc.) handled via menu. While some forty Wonderland/Looking Glass personages supply clues, riddles, and useful songs, a major concern is to approach obstacles with the proper perspective. Therefore, collection and careful use of size-changing cakes and potions is very important.

Despite its intended audience, winning the game is hardly a breeze. A modicum of arcade skill is required and Wonderland is easily a complicated enough place to reward mapping. Long playing and colorful, this is a thoroughly enjoyable adventure. (Just ask Alice.)

Available from: Windham, One Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02139. (617) 494-1225. Cost: \$26.95

GRFX	S.M.	PLAY	DIFF	INTR	GAME
08	07	07	08	07	07

**Playability (PLAY)** relates to how much extraneous activity is required to play the game. Good parsing, rapid save and restore functions, efficient menus, smooth controls, and readily available help screens are features that enhance playability.

**Difficulty (DIFF)** is self-explanatory for single-player games. For others it relates to how difficult it is to achieve a decent level of play.

**High Interest (INTR)** games are good at attracting and holding player attention. Typically, these are the adventures you can't wait to continue and the arcades you play, and replay, for hours at a time.

The **Overall (GAME)** rating amounts to a summary of player reaction(s) during tryouts.

For educationally-oriented games, an additional rating (/ED) of **educational** value is included.

**Compatible:** 48K Apple II+, IIe, IIc

**Requirements:** One disk drive, joystick

Your quest for wealth and power at last brings you to a strange landscape dotted with brooding castles long abandoned to wild beasts. If the legends speak truth, mere leagues to the east is your goal, ancient Alcazar with its fabled throne, crown, and untold riches.

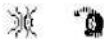
Whichever of several routes you choose, two or more castles must be overcome. Each, including Alcazar itself, is a multi-level maze of chambers, pitfalls, and hidden shafts patrolled by tigers, giant spiders, and even less savory magical creatures. Your main weapon is a revolver with only six shots; but more specialized weapons, fresh revolvers, and other items crucial to success are sprinkled about the mazes. Some, such as rope to repair bridges, a raft to cross the lake, and magic carpets let you circumvent entire castles. Play need last only about an hour, so there is no game save option; however, random distribution of major items guarantees that each game is different.

An informative display and nicely graduated pacing place the emphasis squarely on decision-making, though arcade skills get a fair workout as well. Good use of sound rounds out an attractive adventuring package good for many replays.

Available from: Activision, P.O. Box 7287, Mountain View, CA 94039. (415) 960-0410. Cost: \$39.95

GRFX	S.M.	PLAY	DIFF	INTR	GAME
07	06	08	07	07	07

## Alcazar: The Lost Fortress



(Maze Adventure)

## Amazon



(Picture/Text Adventure)

**Compatible:** 64K Apple II+, IIe, IIc

**Requirements:** One disk drive, joystick optional

Yet another NSRT-backed expedition to the Amazon has met a violent fate. Determined to locate an ancient mine which, if legends are correct, should be a source of a rare form of emerald important to national defense, the agency turns to you. If National Satellite Research Technology's best field operative can't find the Lost City of Chak and its mine, who can?

When your first contact, an Amazon expert, is found murdered it's clear that things could get rough; and, once in the Amazon, they do. Cannibals want your head, corrupt soldiers want your money and/or your life, and an active volcano is ready to blow just in case you manage to offend the wrong god. At least your portable computer/satellite link provides exact positioning; and Paco, your ex-contact's pet parrot, is a gold mine of information.

Beautiful graphics, decent parsing, and an interesting story line quickly involve you in one of the better exploration-oriented challenges. Offering three difficulty levels, *Amazon* is good for several evenings of hi-tech jungle adventuring.

Available from: Telarium, One Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02139. (617) 494-1200. Cost: \$39.95

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## The Bard's Tale

The Bard's Tale

without warning.  
You see 2  
Magicians, and 2  
Nomads.

The Nomads  
advance!

Will your  
stalwart band  
choose to (F)ight  
or (R)un?

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### (Maze Adventure for one to six players)

**Compatibility:** 64K Apple II+, IIe, IIc

**Requirements:** One disk drive, second drive optional

The evil wizard Mangar the Dark has tightened his grip upon the once prosperous

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hamlet of Skara Brae. A spell of Eternal Winter isolates the town, and only a few days ago, all the militiamen simply disappeared! Now horrible creatures lurk in abandoned buildings and, at night, roam the streets working mayhem.

In this first installment of Electronic Arts's "Tales of the Unknown" series you lead a party of daring young warriors, magicians, rogues, and bards determined to free Skara Brae. From your base at the Adventurer's Inn you, at first, venture forth only by day in search of less dangerous monsters (and their booty!), clues to the locations of dungeons said to harbor vital artifacts, and sometimes a good tankard or two to wet your spellsinger bard's ready lips.

Spread across a 32x32 grid, Skara Brae is packed with curious places to explore and such challenging oddities as guardian statues, mysterious temples, and unapproachable (?) gates. The display shows a very realistic forward view of buildings and, during combat, monsters. A nice touch is a sky that darkens as night falls.

*The Bard's Tale* is an engaging long play adventure with the ingenious property of permitting transfer of characters from *Ultima III* and *Wizardry*. (Moving a few of my advanced *Ultima* characters into the Inn solved the problem of night monsters very nicely.)

This option should probably be employed with care, since developing characters from scratch is one of the best parts of the game. Well documented and superbly crafted, *The Bard's Tale* is guaranteed adventuring fun for many long evenings.

Available from: Electronic Arts, 2755 Campus Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403. (415) 571-7171. Cost: \$49.95

GRFX	S.M.	PLAY	DIFF	INTR	GAME
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## Countdown To Shutdown

### (Maze Adventure)

**Compatible:** 48K Apple II+, IIe, IIc  
**Requirements:** One disk drive, joystick

North America's chief power source, an automated reactor complex the size of a small city, has developed a small glitch... well, actually, it's overheating. If your Android Crisis Team can't repair the malfunction before core temperature reaches 10000 degrees centigrade, shutdown will plunge most of the continent into protracted darkness.

Your task in *Countdown* is formidable. Many of the eight-level installation's 2000-plus rooms are guarded by anti-intrusion droids; nearly half of the elevators don't work; and some of the floors have been blown out leaving gaping pits. Somewhere down on level eight is the reactor core, but no one seems to know exactly where. Fortunately you direct a team of up to eight science, repair, and combat androids entirely capable of making the best possible use of shields, weapons, repair kits, and other supplies strewn about the complex.

Featuring the fastest, smoothest, most attractive display of any major maze adventure.

*Countdown to Shutdown* incorporates just enough droid-zapping arcade action to spice play. Versatile controls and an excellent, multi-team capability game save round out an adventure package that's sure to be a trend setter.

Available from: Activision, P.O. Box 7287, Mountain View, CA 94039. (415) 960-0410. Cost: \$39.95

GRFX	S.M.	PLAY	DIFF	INTR	GAME
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## The Crimson Crown

(Picture/Text Adventure)

**Compatible:** 64K Apple II+, IIe, IIc  
**Requirements:** One disk drive

Old soldiers fade away but a juicy monster lives forever in sequels. Thus, having rescued Princess Sabrina and "destroyed" the evil vampire of *Transylvania* fame, you find that your work remains unfinished. Demonstrating a singular lack of good sportsmanship, the vampire has not only returned, but killed good King John, stolen the magical Crimson Crown, and now threatens to seize the entire kingdom.

Accompanied by Sabrina and her brother Erik, you set off on a quest to scotch the vampire and recover the crown (without which Erik may not ascend the throne). Since the vampire seems to be busy terrorizing peasants,

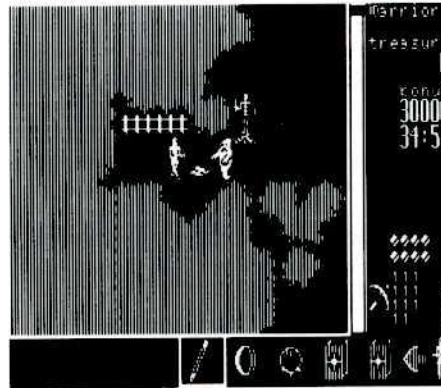
there is plenty of time to deal with riddle-spouting gryphons, possessed cats, and bad tempered zombies, in addition to getting to know a friendly sage. Finding the enemy's stronghold is your main problem, and a wizard may help, if you retrieve a powerful artifact stolen by a wicked witch who lives in the west.

This game has something for everyone, including well-done graphics and even a frog prince. Every bit as challenging as its predecessor, *The Crimson Crown* is picture-text adventuring at its best.

Available from: Penguin Software, P.O. Box 311, Geneva, IL 60134. (312) 232-1984. Cost: \$39.95

GRFX	S.M.	PLAY	DIFF	INTR	GAME
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## Gemstone Warrior



(Extended Arcade)

**Compatible:** 64K Apple II+, IIe, IIc  
**Requirements:** One disk drive, joystick optional

When demons stole the great Gemstone, humanity was deprived of its chief source of magic. Now threatened with extinction, all mankind turns to you, mightiest of warriors: fight your way through the Underworld and recover the five pieces of the Gemstone. Only thus may humankind be saved.

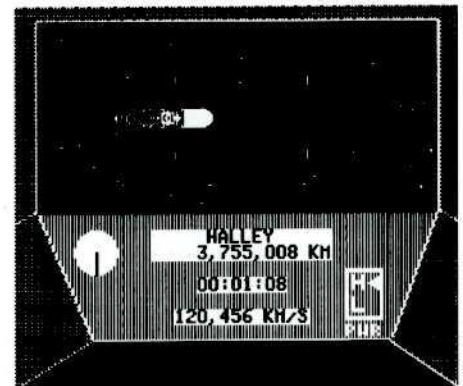
*Gemstone Warrior* is a high-energy adventure set in a colorful maze of caverns and corridors. Untroubled by thoughts of monster welfare, peace, or similar avatar-like ideals, your basic objective is to kill anything that moves. Dead bodies, coffins, and chests yield gold, healing potions, extra lives, protective spells, and magic weapons, as well as restocking arrows and fireballs. With fifteen different magical artifacts (several of which have unknown uses), a major part of play is learning when to use which item. Gold, plus a juicy bonus if you rescue the stone, determines your score. The top five scores are retained on disk.

Tight controls and a good leveling scheme result in very challenging but winnable play for beginners and berzerker-class arcaders alike. The simple game save works well and, if you are killed, restart is almost immediate. Exceptionally addictive, *Gemstone Warrior* ranks solidly among arcade maze gaming's best.

Available from: Strategic Simulations (SSI), 883 Stierlin Road, Building A-200, Mountain View, CA 94043-1983. (415) 964-1200. Cost: \$34.95

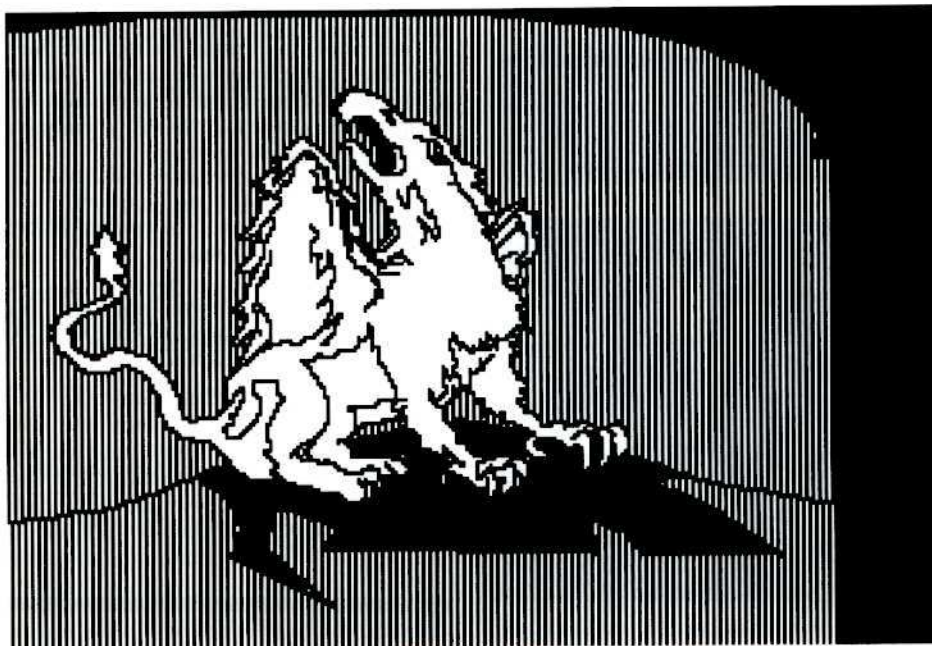
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## The Halley Project



(Space Flight Simulation)

**Compatible:** 48K Apple II+, IIe, IIc  
**Requirements:** One disk drive, joystick and tape cassette optional



From among thousands of applicants, you are one of the few selected to qualify for "The Halley Project", a top-secret deep space exploration program. Completing each of ten qualification/training missions advances you one rank, beginning with "Raven", then "Shrike", all the way through the exalted designation "Starbird". Should you prove to be one of the elite, the project and the galaxy are yours!

Each mission begins with launch from a secret base on the comet and ends when you return having met all objectives. ("Land on any planet warmer than Callisto", "land on any moon smaller than Titan" are typical objectives.) While it is only necessary to complete a mission to advance, each is timed; along with each player's record, best mission times are maintained on disk.

The *Halley Project* incorporates a twelve-constellation star map (showing bodies of 6th magnitude or brighter) and a remarkably accurate "real time" model of the solar system. Except for loss of the console screen view (star map) during hyperspace jumps, the model appears to operate in all aspects of play including the zoomable ("radar") display of the solar system. Planets and moons revolve, rotate, and actually change size depending on distance.

Complete down to a cockpit view of terrain when you land and a briefing tape, *The Halley Project* has it all. Boot the disk, start the tape, douse the lights, and get set for a fantastic gaming experience.

Available from: *Mindscape, 3444 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. (312) 552-6922. Cost: \$44.95*

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## Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

(Text Adventure)

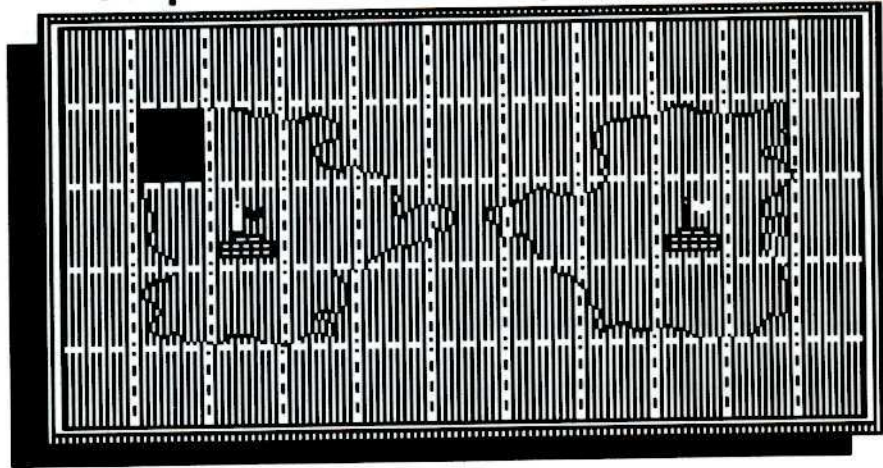
Compatible: 48K Apple II Plus, IIe, IIc  
Requirements: One disk drive

It's bad enough when your home is on the Demolition Department's Top Ten, but what do you do when a new interstellar bypass means the demolition of your planet? You hitch a ride on the nearest Vogon spaceship, of course.

Based on the best-selling novel, *Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy* quickly diverges into a kind of open-ended adventure which you win by accumulating all 400 game points. Accompanied by the eccentric alien, Ford Prefect, your odyssey includes encounters with the notorious Bugblatter Beast of Traal, personality switches, lessons in poetry appreciation, and a real brawntwister of a maze.

Incorporating Infocom's excellent parsing, *Hitchhiker's Guide* is often entertaining but

## Prepare for a close-up of area 13



(Picture/Text Adventure)

Compatible: 48K Apple II Plus, IIe, IIc  
Requirements: One disk drive

When King Louis d'Gamma discovered his castle would soon fall to treacherous retainers, he hid his treasure as well as clues to its whereabouts and a magic lantern. Since the traitors were no good at either puzzles or math, the legendary hoard remains to this day, unclaimed and waiting for someone like you to solve the ancient mystery.

*Lantern of D'Gamma* is intended as a fun way to involve young adventurers in using middle school math skills. While the interesting worksheets may help, the game is more likely to produce a bumper crop of English majors, all dedicated to writing better computer adventures. Aside from weak parsing, there are numerous fatal traps and no provisions for saving a game. (I typed in "SAVE" at one point and the game simply bombed.)

Hopefully, *Lantern* will be recalled before it puts out too many lights.

Available from: *Milliken Publishing Co., P.O. Box 21579, St. Louis, MO 63132-0579. (314)-991-4220. Cost: \$34.95*

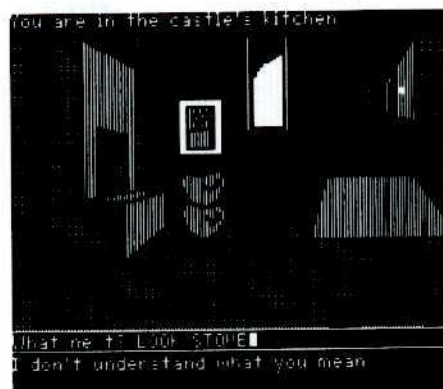
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often frustrating as well. While the occasional requirement that a command be repeated several times enhances the atmosphere of hapless wandering, it also makes solution testing unnecessarily tiresome. Documentation and support trinkets set a new quality standard, but all the fluff in Arthur Dent's pockets won't save this one.

Available from: *Infocom, 125 Cambridge Park Drive, Cambridge, MA 02140. (617) 492-1031. Cost: \$39.95*

GRFX	S.M.	PLAY	DIFF	INTR	GAME
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## Lantern of D'Gamma





# Mindwheel

## (Text Adventure)

**Compatible:** 48K Apple ][+, //e, //c

**Requirements:** One disk drive. Second drive and 80-column card optional

Convinced that modern civilization teeters on the brink of disaster, you agree to become the subject of a uniquely hazardous experiment in mind travel. If all goes well, Dr. Virgil's neuro-matrix will enable you to explore four dead, yet still powerful minds, journey back to mankind's dawn, and return with the Wheel of Wisdom.

Each of the four minds (a rock music star, a dictator, a poet, and a scientist) imposes its own reality and images. Your task in each reality is to locate helpful items and uncover clues to the Wheel's "location". As might be expected, the more interesting, more alien situations arise near the boundaries between minds.

*Mindwheel* is called "an electronic novel" (as opposed to other adventures) largely because it is an extension of a hardback manual/unfinished novel included in the package. While the nicely illustrated book is something of a treasure in itself, the game depends too much upon battering the player with hints and not enough upon good parsing and individual initiative.

Available from: Broderbund, 17 Paul Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903. (415) 479-1170. Cost: \$44.95

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# The Other Side

## (Conflict Resolution Simulation for two players or teams)

**Compatible:** 48K Apple ][+, //e, //c

**Requirements:** One disk drive. Modems and second computer optional

*The Other Side* challenges opposing players to achieve economic stability and peace through cooperation, symbolized via a "bridge" to which each side contributes pieces. Completing the bridge ends the game and both teams win. (One version awards victory to the side which places the last piece.)

Since both sides want peace, success might appear to be a foregone conclusion; not so!

Whether you play the game using modems or a single computer, neither side ever sees the other's moves. Contact is limited to "Hotline" messages entered during a "communications" phase of each turn.

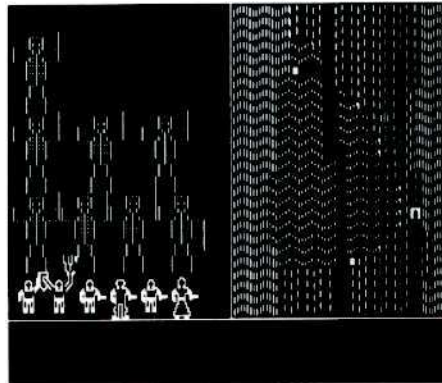
More important, you are not the sole arbiters of national policy. Each side possesses a Computer Assisted Defense (CAD) system which cares only about the "bottom line" and security. Should CAD decide you have let your side down or detect any hostile moves by the other side, it will attempt to seize control, and its aggressive moves will almost certainly provoke a similar response by the other side's CAD. Regaining control and avoiding a ruinous conflict can demand exceptional restraint as well as management skill from both teams.

Complete with duplicate diskettes, manuals, plastic coated maps and modem software, *The Other Side* is an engrossing, realistic model of super power confrontation. If your gaming group has been looking for something really different, you just found it.

Available from: Tom Snyder Productions, 123 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. (617) 876-4433. Cost: \$69.95

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# Phantasie



## (Map-Maze Adventure for one or more players)

**Compatible:** 48K Apple ][+, //e

**Requirements:** One disk drive

Evil times have befallen the once peaceful island country of western Gelnor. Led by the mighty sorcerer Nikademus, monsters and the dreaded Black Knights plunder at will. But newly arrived on Gelnor, you are amazed to find a quest worthy of your mettle. Now all that remains is to gather a party of equally valiant souls and rid the land of its plague.

Borrowing from such favorites as *Questrom* and *Wizardry*, SSI's *Phantasie* offers advanced character development, sixteen 20x26 half-screen terrain maps, and ten 16x16 dungeons. Each party may include six members drawn from a roster of nearly forty player-created characters. Several parties may be active at the same time, spread through different regions of the island.

Whereas in games like *Ultima* practically all the action occurs on the map, *Phantasie* uses its maps purely as locators. Most action, such as purchases, training, reading scrolls, etc. is via text screens. A simple, minimum animation heros vs. monsters picture symbolizes combat.

*Phantasie* is a major, well documented adventure featuring one of the more complex scenarios (even the gods get into the action). Multi-party capability facilitates involving several players in the quest, and exceptionally flexible character management makes it easy to identify with your heros. As tough as it is addictive, your *Phantasie* awaits you.

Available from: Strategic Simulations, 883 Stierlin Road, Building A-200, Mountain View, CA 94043-1983. (415) 964-1200. Cost: \$39.95

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# Ring Quest



## (Picture/Text Adventure)

**Compatible:** 64K Apple ][+, //e

**Requirements:** One disk drive

The Ring of Chaos has enslaved the noble sorceress, Lisa, and all space-time is threatened by its destructive influence. As bearer of the Ring of Order, your mission is to free Lisa before reality is disrupted beyond retrieval.

Nominal sequel of *The Quest*, *Ring Quest* returns you to the magical land of Balema, accompanied once more by Gorn, your water swilling strong-arm. Far to the north is your

ultimate goal, the sorceress' mountain stronghold. As though its shield of green lightning were not adequate, you soon encounter other obstacle including trolls, manticores, amorous ogresses, and greedy seers. Good mapping is amply rewarded in this adventure, where Lisa is liable to pop in at any moment to cast a teleport spell, bewitch Gorn into confusion (hard to detect), or dry up your water supply.

Offering decent graphics, two (optional) arcade sequences, and one of the more creative scene-setter booklets, *Ring Quest* is a moderately challenging, fun to play collection of puzzles. Although experienced adventurers will cut through this one like a piece of cheese, the game is well suited to beginners.

Available from: Penguin Software, P.O. Box 311, Geneva, IL 60134. (312) 232-1984. Cost: \$34.95

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## Shadowkeep



(Picture-Maze Adventure)

**Compatible:** 64K Apple II+, IIe, IIc  
**Requirements:** One disk drive, Speedemon optional

Since its seizure by a mighty demon, the Shadowkeep has been the focus of evil, a power which now threatens to engulf the earth. As the last, best hope of civilization, you with your eight comrades must invade the grim tower, overcome its guardians, and dispatch the dark lord.

Featuring animated color graphics with good perspective effects, *Shadowkeep* is a long-play adventure in the mold of "Dungeons & Dragons" and *Wizardry*. Many commands such as "get gold" or "Rubywand, invoke the Rod of Power" are in simple English, with purchases, combat, etc. handled via prompt

windows. As in D&D, your quest leads through successively greater perils, necessitating an on-going concern for character growth and the acquisition of magical artifacts.

Each of the keep's nine 16x16 mazes offers its own special rewards including weapons, spell scrolls, and passwords to other mazes. Adversaries run the gamut from "death sheep", trolls, and gargoyles through ghosts and ogres. Like the members of your party, monsters vary widely in such attributes as strength, dexterity, and the ability to use magic.

Though slow and not altogether free of minor bugs, *Shadowkeep* ranks high among my favorites. Handsome displays, unusual scope for character development, and diversity of challenges make this one good for many hours of maze busting, monster bashing entertainment.

Available from: Telarium, One Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA 02139. (617)-494-1200. Cost: \$39.95

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## Sword of Kadash



(Maze Adventure)

**Compatible:** 48K Apple II+, IIe  
**Requirements:** One disk drive, joystick optional

Just as you begin to wonder if there really are worse things than being ripped off and abandoned in the Persian desert, up rides a party of brigands whose leader makes an offer that's hard to refuse. Enter the Fortress of the Dragon and retrieve the fabled Sword of Kadash, or wash the blistering sands with your blood.

Having volunteered, you soon discover why no one has ever returned from the dread fortress. Besides monsters, elaborate traps, and curses, you must contend with backlash from your own weapon and the maze itself. Armor,

weapons, monster repulsion spells, and other goodies do litter the labyrinth; but the price is usually a hefty chunk of precious hit points.

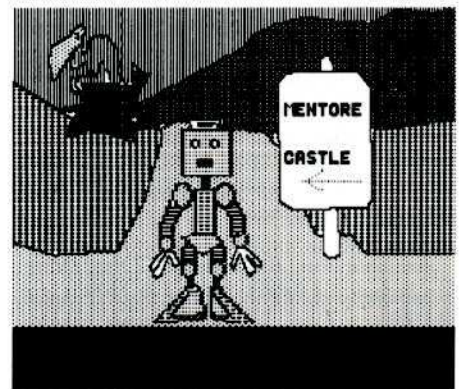
Unfortunately, the major barrier to success has little to do with the scenario or player skill. Learning about traps costs lives (experience and possessions are reset to zilch in each case). Lose your last life and your record is wiped out. You must reboot the master, make another playable copy, and start from scratch.

Responsive controls, attractive displays, and smooth animation go far towards making *Sword of Kadash* fun to play, and several of the chambers do pose interesting problems. Poor mechanics, however, make a potentially great game close to unplayable.

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## Tracer Sanction



(Picture/Text Adventure)

**Compatible:** 48K Apple II+, IIe  
**Requirements:** One disk drive

Known only as "the Wing", the galaxy's most infamous criminal genius has eluded planetary lawmen for years. Finally, the Stellar Intelligence Agency has taken a hand in the matter assigning you, its top field operative, to shut down the Wing once and for all.

*Tracer Sanction* launches you on a chase spanning eight worlds ranging from backwater fuel depots through castle-crowned estates and a burdgeoning metropolis. While the search for clues, locating contacts, and acquisition of useful tools constitute the meat of the mission, an ongoing concern is your short budget. "The Company" supplies a one-man hyperdrive spacer and just enough sols to get started. Finding the money to keep the ship fueled is your problem. Puzzles and perils abound; but your trusty jetpack and a poetically inclined android help even the odds.

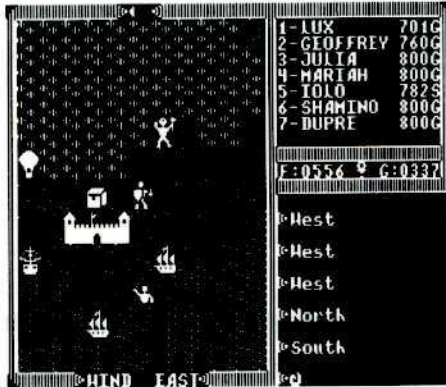
Somewhat in the style of *Sherwood Forest* or *Gruds in Space*, *Tracer Sanction* is cute if

not especially demanding. Attractive graphics and several clever gimmicks add up to hours of quality entertainment.

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## Ultima IV: Quest Of The Avatar



### (Map-Maze Adventure)

**Compatibility:** 64K Apple ][+, //e, //c  
**Requirements:** One disk drive. Second drive and Mockingboard optional

Having blasted Mondain, dispatched the evil enchantress, and sabotaged Exodus, you are ready for the most awesome of undertakings. In *Ultima IV* your goal is to demonstrate mastery of eight virtues ranging from "compassion" through "spirituality" and so become an archetype of goodness, an avatar.

Your quest spans town, abbey, and shrine-dotted lands spread across a 256x256 map. Monsters abound, with conflicts on the surface and in dungeons resolved via a slightly elaborated version of *Ultima III*'s mini-arcade type combat. A notable improvement is an option to break off a fight and flee (though at the cost of some "valor" points).

You do not, however, merely hack your way to holiness. Runes, mantras (for meditation), and shrines must be located and correctly utilized. This entails exhaustive questioning of inhabitants who turn out to be surprisingly verbose. Sailing ships and moon gates remain the staple modes of long distance travel; but sometimes you will need to hop a balloon (especially if you plan to do mapping).

Two significant departures from earlier *Ultimas* involve spells, each of which must be mixed according to a specific recipe, and character creation. Based upon the results of a kind of placement test, you are assigned a profession and attributes for one character. The other seven members of your party must be

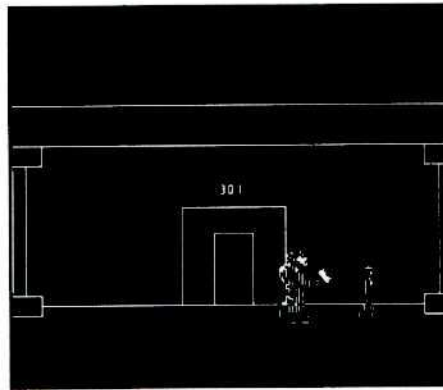
discovered and recruited individually. Like yourself, each comes with preassigned attributes.

Supported in the usual fine *Ultima* style, including a superb musical score for Mockingboard, *Quest of the Avatar* is a tour de force of game programming technique. Still, I prefer to design my own characters; and questing for niceness imposes many unwelcomed restraints (e.g. slaughtering guards and ripping off herb vendors are definite no-no's). If you are ready for a super-long play, multi-faceted challenge and don't mind becoming a saint, this one is for you.

Available from: Electronic Arts, 2755 Campus Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403. (415) 571-7171. Cost: \$59.95

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## Werewolf!?



### (Maze Adventure)

**Compatible:** 48K Apple ][+, //e, //c  
**Requirements:** One disk drive, Mockingboard optional

There are evil doings at the old castle. Dr. Orloff is determined to awaken a demon lord of the underworld; and someone has to thread the monster-patrolled labyrinthine dungeons, find the mad scientist, and persuade him to stop before property values take a permanent nosedive. As the only stranger in town, you're elected.

Melding maze, text, and arcade elements, *Werewolf!?* presents an '82 vintage monsters-and-mazes look but plays more like a text adventure. Along with gorillas, acid pits, poison gas, and other hazards, you will find amulets, room keys, safe combinations, weapons, and other goodies as well as entertaining riddles and even clues from "previous lives". Arcade-class quickness is helpful, but much less important than good mapping, notes, and puzzle-busting.

Admittedly, *Werewolf!?* takes a good deal of getting into. Hardly a graphics/sound showcase, the real fun begins once you discover patterns of maze construction, locate "security offices", and otherwise learn the ropes. Offering multiple winning strategies and puzzles within enigmas, the game is a fine challenge for experienced maze adventurers.

Available from: Gambit, P.O. Box 70858, Houston, TX 77270-0858. Cost: \$36.95

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## Wishbringer

### (Text Adventure)

**Compatible:** 48K Apple ][+, //e, //c  
**Requirements:** One disk drive

It's not easy being a postal clerk in a small town like Festeron. When things are slow (like near quitting time) you are liable to wind up making special deliveries and not get home 'til after dark. So why did you have to volunteer to find the old lady's pet cat Wishbringer?

Why did she give you a funny looking canister "to help" you on your mission? And why, in twentieth century Festeron, is there a big ugly troll blocking your way across this bridge?

Cozy, friendly Festeron has, you soon realize, undergone a decidedly peculiar transformation. In a setting drawn from My Little Golden Book of Nightmares, townspeople adopt sinister alter egos, poodles become hellhounds, harmless hillsides develop underground passages, and marching boots patrol the streets ready to snatch curfew breakers. Still, despite the mechanisms of a mysterious personage known only as "the Evil One", you remain undaunted. There are princesses to rescue, a far-out video game to try, and that darn cat has to be somewhere.

*Wishbringer* is a whimsical yet challenging bit of escapism offering puzzles with the unusual property of being solvable by mundane or magical means. Nicely crafted and well supported, this game belongs near the top of your "must get" list.

Available from: Infocom, 125 Cambridge Park Drive, Cambridge, MA 02140. (617) 492-1031. Cost: \$39.95

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# Artificial

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By H. Zeh & Jeff Hurlburt

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The game "Hexapawn" was introduced by Martin Gardner in the March, 1962 *Scientific American* to show how a computer can improve its game-playing ability by learning from its mistakes. Among the earliest vehicles for investigating artificial intelligence, hexapawn is played on a 3x3 grid with three chess pawns per side. Victory goes to the player who advances a piece to the third rank, eliminates all opposing pieces, or leaves an opponent with no legal moves. There are no draws.

Lacking access to anything like today's personal computer, Gardner fashioned his hexapawn-playing "robot" from 24 matchboxes. Each was labeled with a position the robot might encounter with color coded arrows indicating legal moves. Matching colored beans (M&M's, etc.) in a box "generate" moves according to which is selected at random by the user. If the robot loses, the last move is eliminated by removing the corresponding bean. Eventually no bad moves are left and the robot has mastered the game.

"Daleks" recasts hexapawn as a battle between the human race and the robot Daleks of "Dr. Who" fame. You direct the humans and the evil Davros (your computer) directs his robot creatures. Semiconductor memory replaces the matchboxes and the program takes care of move generation, record keeping, and game display.

Since, with best play, the second player always wins, the computer could be programmed against defeat simply by removing

all losing moves. This is essentially the direction of current chess playing programs: plenty of built-in smarts, but no capacity for learning. For a given position and playing level, if Sargon or Mychess makes an error there is nothing to prevent a repetition in some later game.

"Daleks", conversely, possesses no evaluation routines, instead selecting its move randomly from those available in the move "tree". Each loss trims away some portion of the tree. The earlier the loss, the larger the branch lopped off. The better the human plays, the more quickly Davros improves. Thus the machine demonstrates legitimate, if elementary, learning ability. (However, every time the game is RUN Davros's skill level is reset to zero.)

Each game continues through two or more moves until the outcome is decided; whereupon the "Games Won" scoreboard is updated and a new game begun. (After the first game, there is also an option to play back the previous game.) Alas, Davros learns all too quickly. After fifteen or twenty games you may indeed find your humans well on the way towards being exterminated in every conflict!

## The Program

The program uses a brute-force method of selecting its moves by means of program lines rather than using an extreme amount of data. After the human selects the first move, the computer will pick a move at random from the choices that have not been disallowed by previous losses. Then, depending on the previous moves, the program goes to the proper subroutine (previously calculated to "know" what the board looks like) and gives the human the move choices. The second and third moves become increasingly complex as the "tree" branches out (pun intended).

Note that the human can only move the left and center pieces for his first turn. The right pawn has been ignored because it would duplicate the left pawn's moves in a mirror fashion. The program would increase in size (and complexity) considerably, simply to include something redundant.

If you want to try more on the subject, try having the computer learn to play tic-tac-toe, or create a computer environment for a simulated robot that learns to avoid walls by experience. (Data arrays will make larger tasks simpler.) Ideas like these form the basis for the science of artificial intelligence.

## Important Variables

DM(I): Possible Dalek moves  
P(I): Partitioning of moves ('boxes' for Dalek 2nd & 3rd moves)  
B: Current 'box' from which a Dalek move is selected  
S(I): Screen locations for piece placement. (Board squares are numbered 0-8 starting at upper left)  
R: Current move. Tens digit: starting square, units digit: destination square#  
M(I): Move save for a game to permit replay.  
FM, SM, TM: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Dalek move #'s  
H: Human wins count  
D: Davros wins count

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## Daleks program

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1000 REM "DALEKS" HEXAPAWN PLAYER

# Intelligence

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1010 TEXT : HOME : DIM DM(55) : P(23) : B$ = CHR$(46) : BP = -1052 : B = 0 : FOR I = 0 TO 8 : READ S(I) : NEXT I : FOR I = 1 TO 55 : READ A : IF A < 0 THEN A = ABS(A) : B = B + 1 : P(B) = I
1020 DM(I) = A : NEXT I : D$(1) = "HUMAN" : D$(2) = "DAVROS" : GOTO 1310
1030 IF R = 0 THEN RETURN
1040 M = M + 1 : M(M) = R
1050 S1 = INT(R / 10) : S2 = S(R - S1 * 10) : S1 = S(S1) : F1 = PEEK(S1) : F2 = F1 - 128 : IF F1 = 160 THEN STOP
1060 POKE S1, F2 : GOSUB 1140 : POKE S1, 160 : POKE S2, F2 : CALL BP : GOSUB 1140 : POKE S2, F1 : RETURN
1070 PRINT "HUMAN: YOU WILL MOVE!" : RETURN
1080 GOSUB 1130 : X = 0 : FOR I = K1 TO K2 : IF DM(I) = 0 THEN NEXT I : RETURN
1090 X = INT(RND(1) * (K2 + 1 - K1)) + K1 : IF DM(X) = 0 THEN 1090
1100 RETURN
1110 HOME : HTAB 7 : PRINT "D^A^A^A^L^E^E^K^S" : RETURN
1120 GOSUB 1140 : GOSUB 1160 : GOSUB 1140 : RETURN
1130 FOR TT = 1 TO 444 : NEXT TT
1140 FOR TT = 1 TO 222 : NEXT TT : RETURN
1150 GOSUB 1140 : GOSUB 1160 : GOSUB 1140 : GOSUB 1070 : GOSUB 1140 : RETURN
1160 VTAB 19 : HTAB 1 : CALL - 958 : RETURN
1170 VTAB 24
1180 HTAB 4 : PRINT "ANY KEY >>>" : CALL - 756 : RETURN
1190 REM SETUP
1200 FOR J = 5 TO 17 STEP 4 : FOR I = 4 TO 16 : VTAB J : HTAB I : PRINT B$ : NEXT I, J
1210 FOR J = 4 TO 16 STEP 4 : FOR I = 5 TO 17 : VTAB I : HTAB J : PRINT B$ : NEXT I, J
1220 FOR I = 0 TO 2 : POKE S(I), 196 : POKE S(I + 3), 160 : POKE S(I + 6), 200 : NEXT I
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1230 VTAB 8 : HTAB 27 : PRINT "GAMES WON" : VTAB 10 : HTAB 25 : PRINT D$(1) "^^^" D$(2) : HTAB 27 : PRINT H : HTAB 35 : PRINT D : RETURN
1240 GOSUB 1160 : GOSUB 1070 : CALL BP : CALL BP : RETURN
1250 FOR I = 1 TO M : R = M(I) : GOSUB 1050 : IF I < M THEN GOSUB 1160 : VTAB 19 : GOSUB 1180
1260 NEXT I : GOSUB 1160 : HTAB 4 : PRINT D$(W) " WINS!" : GOSUB 1170 : RETURN
1270 PRINT "M- MOVE AHEAD" : PRINT "L- CAPTURE FROM LEFT" : PRINT "R- CAPTURE FROM RIGHT" : GET A$ : RETURN
1280 PRINT "C- CAPTURE" : PRINT "M- MOVE AHEAD" : GET A$ : RETURN
1290 PRINT "YOUR ONLY OPTION: MOVE AHEAD" : GOSUB 1140 : RETURN
1300 GOSUB 1120 : PRINT "MY DALEKS WILL MOVE!" : GOSUB 1140 : RETURN
1310 GOSUB 1110 : VTAB 12 : HTAB 5 : PRINT "WANT INSTRUCTIONS? (Y/N)^" : GET A$ : PRINT A$ : IF A$ = "Y" THEN GOSUB 2570
1320 HOME : GOSUB 1110
1330 REM * HUMAN MOVE 1
1340 GOSUB 1200 : GOSUB 1150
1350 IF W THEN PRINT "P- PLAY BACK LAST GAME"
1360 PRINT "L- MOVE LEFT AHEAD" : PRINT "C- MOVE CENTER AHEAD" : GET A$
1370 IF A$ = "L" THEN R = 63 : K1 = 1 : K2 = 3 : GOTO 1410
1380 IF A$ = "C" THEN R = 74 : K1 = 4 : K2 = 6 : GOTO 1410
1390 IF A$ = "P" AND W > 0 THEN GOSUB 1250 : GOTO 1340
1400 GOSUB 1240 : GOTO 1350
1410 M = 0 : GOSUB 1030
1420 REM * DALEKS MOVE 1
1430 GOSUB 1300 : GOSUB 1080 : FM = X : R = DM(FM) : GOSUB 1030
1440 REM * HUMAN MOVE 2
1450 GOSUB 1150
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1460 B = 0 : ON FM GOSUB 1480, 1530, 1560, 1610, 1640, 1710 : IF B = 0 THEN GOSUB 1240 : GOTO 1460
1470 GOSUB 1030 : GOTO 1750
1480 PRINT "T- TAKE" : PRINT "C- MOVE CENTER" : PRINT "E- MOVE END" : GET A$
1490 IF A$ = "T" THEN B = 11 : R = 73
1500 IF A$ = "E" THEN B = 7 : R = 85
1510 IF A$ = "C" THEN B = 1 : R = 74
1520 RETURN
1530 GOSUB 1280 : IF A$ = "M" THEN B = 13 : R = 85
1540 IF A$ = "C" THEN B = 3 : R = 84
1550 RETURN
1560 PRINT "L- TAKE FROM LEFT" : PRINT "C- TAKE FROM CENTER" : PRINT "M- MOVE CENTER AHEAD" : GET A$
1570 IF A$ = "L" THEN B = 12 : R = 31
1580 IF A$ = "C" THEN B = 4 : R = 75
1590 IF A$ = "M" THEN B = 8 : R = 74
1600 RETURN
1610 GOSUB 1280 : IF A$ = "C" THEN B = 12 : R = 42
1620 IF A$ = "M" THEN B = 6 : R = 85
1630 RETURN
1640 PRINT "MR- MOVE RIGHT" : PRINT "ML- MOVE LEFT"
1650 PRINT "CR- CAPTURE FROM RIGHT" : PRINT "CL- CAPTURE FROM LEFT" : GET A$ : GET Z$ : A$ = A$ + Z$
1660 IF A$ = "ML" THEN B = 2 : R = 63
1670 IF A$ = "MR" THEN B = 5 : R = 85
1680 IF A$ = "CR" THEN B = 10 : R = 84
1690 IF A$ = "CL" THEN B = 9 : R = 64
1700 RETURN
1710 GOSUB 1280 : IF A$ = "C" THEN B = 12 : R = 40
1720 IF A$ = "M" THEN B = 8 : R = 63
1730 RETURN
1740 REM * DALEKS MOVE 2
1750 IF B > 11 THEN R = 0 : ON B - 11 GOTO 2450, 2460
1760 K1 = P(B) : K2 = P(B + 1) - 1 : GOSUB 1080 : IF X = 0 THEN R = 0 : GOTO 2440
1770 SM = X : R = DM(SM) : GOSUB 1300 : IF R > 99 THEN SM = INT(R / 100) : R = R - SM * 100
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\* See No. 29, page 9 - added line 2550

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1780 GOSUB 1030 : IF SM < 3 THEN R = 0 : ON SM GOTO
2470 , 2480
1790 REM * HUMAN MOVE 3
1800 GOSUB 1150
1810 B = 0 : ON SM - 7 GOSUB 1840 , 1870 , 1900 , 1930
, 0 , 1960 , 2000 , 0 , 2010 , 2050 , 2060 , 0 , 0 , 0
, 2090 , 2120 , 2160 , 0 , 0 , 2190 , 2220 , 2260
, 0 , 2290 , 2320
1820 IF B = 0 THEN GOSUB 1240 : GOTO 1810
1830 GOSUB 1030 : GOTO 2340
1840 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 7 : R = 84
1850 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 1 : R = 85
1860 RETURN
1870 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 10 : R = 84
1880 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 5 : R = 85
1890 RETURN
1900 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 12 : R = 40
1910 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 12 : R = 41
1920 RETURN
1930 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 7 : R = 84
1940 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 1 : R = 85
1950 RETURN
1960 GOSUB 1270 : IF AS = "M" THEN B = 12 : R = 30
1970 IF AS = "L" THEN B = 12 : R = 31
1980 IF AS = "R" THEN B = 4 : R = 84
1990 RETURN
2000 GOSUB 1290 : B = 12 : R = 30 : RETURN
2010 GOSUB 1270 : IF AS = "R" THEN B = 12 : R = 40
2020 IF AS = "L" THEN B = 2 : R = 75
2030 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 12 : R = 41
2040 RETURN
2050 GOSUB 1290 : B = 12 : R = 52 : RETURN
2060 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 2 : R = 84
2070 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 12 : R = 52
2080 RETURN
2090 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 11 : R = 64
2100 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 6 : R = 63
2110 RETURN
2120 GOSUB 1270 : IF AS = "L" THEN B = 3 : R = 64
2130 IF AS = "R" THEN B = 12 : R = 51
2140 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 12 : R = 52
2150 RETURN
2160 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 12 : R = 42
2170 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 12 : R = 41
2180 RETURN
2190 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 12 : R = 40
2200 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 12 : R = 41
2210 RETURN
2220 GOSUB 1270 : IF AS = "L" THEN B = 12 : R = 31
2230 IF AS = "R" THEN B = 4 : R = 84
2240 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 12 : R = 30
2250 RETURN
2260 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 13 : R = 84
2270 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 9 : R = 85
2280 RETURN
2290 GOSUB 1280 : IF AS = "C" THEN B = 13 : R = 64
2300 IF AS = "M" THEN B = 8 : R = 63
2310 RETURN
2320 GOSUB 1290 : B = 4 : R = 63 : RETURN
2330 REM * DALEKS MOVE 3
2340 IF B > 11 THEN FM = SM : R = 0 : ON B - 11 GOTO
2450 , 2460
2350 K1 = P(B + 11) : K2 = P(B + 12) - 1 : GOSUB 1080
: TM = X : IF X = 0 THEN FM = SM : R = 0 : GOTO
2440
2360 R = DM(TM) : GOSUB 1300 : GOSUB 1030 : Z = (TM
= 36) OR (TM = 38) OR (TM = 39) OR (TM = 47
) : IF Z = 0 THEN R = 0 : GOTO 2470
2370 REM * * FOURTH MOVES
2380 FM = TM : GOSUB 1150
2390 IF TM > 36 THEN GOSUB 1290 : R = 41 : GOTO 2450
2400 PRINT "L-^ MOVE^ LEFT^ AHEAD" : PRINT "R-^
MOVE^ RIGHT^ AHEAD" : GET AS

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2410 IF AS = "L" THEN R = 30 : GOTO 2450
2420 IF AS = "R" THEN R = 52 : GOTO 2450
2430 GOSUB 1240 : GOTO 2390
2440 GOSUB 1120 : PRINT "URRRKK!^ MY^ GEARS^
JAMMED!" : GOSUB 1130
2450 AS = "YOU^ HAVE^ WON... FOR^ NOW." : GOTO
2490
2460 AS = "YOU^ HAVE^ BLOCKED^ MY^ DALEKS!" :
GOTO 2490
2470 AS = "MY^ DALEKS^ CONQUER!" : W = 2 : GOTO
2500
2480 AS = "MY^ DALEKS^ BLOCK^ YOU!" : W = 2 : GOTO
2500
2490 DM(FM) = 0 : W = 1 : H = H + 1 : X = 27 : S = H
2500 GOSUB 1030 : GOSUB 1120 : PRINT AS : GOSUB
1130 : VTAB 11 : FLASH : IF W = 2 THEN D = D
+ 1 : X = 35 : S = D
2510 HTAB X : CALL BP : PRINT S : GOSUB 1140 :
NORMAL : HTAB X : PRINT S : GOTO 1340
2520 REM SCREEN LOCS
2530 DATA 1797 , 1801 , 1805 , 1325 , 1329 , 1333
, 1837 , 1841 , 1845
2540 REM MOVES
2550 REM INSTRUCTIONS
2570 TEXT : HOME : VTAB 10 : HTAB 10 : PRINT
"ATTENTION , ^ HUMAN!" : GOSUB 1130
2580 HOME : HTAB 10 : VTAB 5 : PRINT "THIS^ IS^
DAVROS." : PRINT : HTAB 7 : PRINT "CREATOR^
OF^ THE^ DALEKS." : HTAB 10 : VTAB 10 : PRINT
"ADDRESSING^ YOU!" : GOSUB 1130 : GOSUB
1130 : HOME
2590 PRINT : PRINT "HUMAN : ^ YOU^ WILL^ MOVE^
FIRST!" : PRINT "HUMAN : ^ YOUR^ PAWNS^ ARE^
REPRESENTED" : PRINT "BY^ THE^ LETTER^
'H'." : PRINT : HTAB 8 : PRINT "MY^ DALEKS^
ARE^ THE^ 'D'^S" : HTAB 13 : PRINT "IN^ THE^
TOP^ ROW."
2600 PRINT : PRINT "HUMAN : ^ YOUR^ CREATURES^
MOVE^ LIKE^ PAWNS--" : PRINT "STRAIGHT^
UPWARD , ^ THEY^ COULD^ CAPTURE" : PRINT
"DALEKS^ BY^ A^ DIAGONAL^ MOVE."
2610 PRINT : HTAB 6 : PRINT "MY^ DALEKS^ SWOOP^
A^ DOWNWARD." : HTAB 4 : PRINT "THEY^ WILL^
EXTERMINATE^ HUMANOIDS" : HTAB 8 : PRINT
"WITH^ DIAGONAL^ MOVES!"
2620 PRINT : PRINT "HUMAN : ^ YOU^ MAY^ WIN^ A^
FEW^ GAMES--AT^ FIRST" : PRINT : PRINT "IN^
THE^ LONG^ RUN , ^ WE^ WILL^ EXTERMINATE!!"
: GOSUB 1170
2630 HOME : VTAB 5 : PRINT "A^ A^ WIN^ IS^
OBTAINED^ WHEN:" : PRINT : PRINT : HTAB 5 :
PRINT "1 . ^ ALL^ ENEMIES^ ARE^
EXTERMINATED" : PRINT : HTAB 5 : PRINT "2 . ^
THE^ ENEMY^ CANNOT^ MOVE"
2640 PRINT : HTAB 5 : PRINT "3 . ^ THE^ THIRD^ ROW^
IS^ REACHED." : GOSUB 1170 : RETURN

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#### Daleks checksums

1000	- \$356B	1830	- \$F4AE
1010	- \$88D9	1840	- \$F4F6
1020	- \$88B2	1850	- \$D70A
1030	- \$3CF0	1860	- \$366A
1040	- \$DDE9	1870	- \$E25E
1050	- \$1F7E	1880	- \$9EA8
1060	- \$2844	1890	- \$CC1C
1070	- \$E4CA	1900	- \$89E9
1080	- \$FA76	1910	- \$F5C7
1090	- \$50FF	1920	- \$CFB0
1100	- \$080C	1930	- \$7288
1110	- \$40D3	1940	- \$BED6
1120	- \$D3B5	1950	- \$BAC6
1130	- \$0064	1960	- \$AEBF
1140	- \$6C5A	1970	- \$D628

1150	- \$4077	1980	- \$62A6
1160	- \$1E01	1990	- \$8A16
1170	- \$B05E	2000	- \$80B1
1180	- \$1BAB	2010	- \$39A6
1190	- \$FFE3	2020	- \$2204
1200	- \$6DCB	2030	- \$9466
1210	- \$E4E9	2040	- \$02DB
1220	- \$C275	2050	- \$5F5C
1230	- \$58F1	2060	- \$00E0
1240	- \$21A9	2070	- \$0887
1250	- \$8223	2080	- \$FE26
1260	- \$0937	2090	- \$D44E
1270	- \$0373	2100	- \$DF85
1280	- \$645A	2110	- \$349A
1290	- \$8EBF	2120	- \$B00D
1300	- \$7EA3	2130	- \$F9EB
1310	- \$F173	2140	- \$CF3D
1320	- \$5889	2150	- \$8C26
1330	- \$1F8B	2160	- \$FA17
1340	- \$7F60	2170	- \$4295
1350	- \$3E38	2180	- \$647A
1360	- \$0E61	2190	- \$AA31
1370	- \$1A59	2200	- \$F47C
1380	- \$E685	2210	- \$0199
1390	- \$EFB8	2220	- \$AD92
1400	- \$2186	2230	- \$9FE7
1410	- \$0153	2240	- \$BEAA
1420	- \$9D21	2250	- \$7FB3
1430	- \$07DD	2260	- \$277C
1440	- \$AB6D	2270	- \$AD4D
1450	- \$B89F	2280	- \$1477
1460	- \$BF8A	2290	- \$488A
1470	- \$FC63	2300	- \$F85F
1480	- \$9884	2310	- \$5CF8
1490	- \$7310	2320	- \$3499
1500	- \$EE37	2330	- \$913F
1510	- \$D346	2340	- \$C271
1520	- \$BFD6	2350	- \$9724
1530	- \$60F2	2360	- \$97E0
1540	- \$1151	2370	- \$747E
1550	- \$18B2	2380	- \$19A1
1560	- \$F9D1	2390	- \$0A42
1570	- \$FA96	2400	- \$8662
1580	- \$A655	2410	- \$5658
1590	- \$EA93	2420	- \$B890
1600	- \$319A	2430	- \$1CF3
1610	- \$7137	2440	- \$83FB
1620	- \$FFDC	2450	- \$AC13
1630	- \$9276	2460	- \$5AEC
1640	- \$6445	2470	- \$94CA
1650	- \$9F26	2480	- \$DB86
1660	- \$8278	2490	- \$015D
1670	- \$1099	2500	- \$9B07
1680	- \$7231	2510	- \$21CD
1690	- \$1234	2520	- \$3533
1700	- \$5A76	2530	- \$4F73
1710	- \$4DFF	2540	- \$D3EB
1720	- \$A763	2550	- \$5108
1730	- \$6146	2560	- \$03D6
1740	- \$DB48	2570	- \$36D2
1750	- \$7F2E	2580	- \$0AEB
1760	- \$A839	2590	- \$8A34
1770	- \$9A61	2600	- \$122A
1780	- \$48F6	2610	- \$2837
1790	- \$2B08	2620	- \$CCFD
1800	- \$CCF6	2630	- \$BF63
1810	- \$9764	2640	- \$08CD
1820	- \$2C06		



# Making 32K or 16K Slave Disks

by Speed Hacker

## Requirements:

At least 48K  
DOS 3.3 Master  
A couple of blank disks  
A sector editor

No doubt you've all seen articles in the various boards and magazines that extol the virtues of having a 32K slave disk, and proceed to explain how to create one by removing the top 16K of your RAM chips, booting the system master, and initializing a disk. Well, recently I had occasion to need one of these 32K slaves so that I could print out and study a foreign DOS that would not support the good ol' PR#1.

Well, naturally I tried removing the chips, but since I had a //e it would not work because they are 64K chips. Four 16K banks are tied together on each chip and the hardware will not allow them to be separated. That development caused me to get out my copy of Beneath Apple DOS, to study the way that the System Master disk relocates the code in the first place. It turns out that there is another way to make 32K

slaves (or 16K, or whatever K you want for that matter).

On the System Master itself is some code that checks to see how much memory is available and modifies DOS to live at the highest possible location in that computer. The relocator code automatically refigures all the memory references (JMPs, JSRs, etc.) so that DOS can refer to itself. The relocator lives at \$1B03 and the start of it looks like this:

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1B03- A9 BF    LDA #5BF
1B05- 85 41    STA $41
1B07- A2 00    LDX #500
1B09- 86 40    STX $40
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\$1B04 contains the last page number that DOS will occupy. A 48K DOS occupies pages \$9D-\$BF, so a \$BF is stored as a reference for the loader. It is a simple matter to change the location the relocator is going to load DOS to, and fool it into thinking that is all the memory we have. All we have to do is change the byte at \$1B04 from \$BF to \$7F to make it load DOS at the 32K position, since \$7F is the highest page of DOS on a 32K slave disk.

1) Make a temporary duplicate of your system master disk (since we don't want to use the original).

2) Bring out your sector editor and change track 0, sector \$A, byte \$04, from a \$BF to a \$7F. (This is the sector where the relocator starts.)

3) Boot this modified master and INIT another blank disk with it. This is your 32K slave disk. When done, you may erase the modified duplicate master and keep the slave.

There you have it. No chips to pull, and it works the same in a // Plus, a //e, or a //c. A 32K slave comes in handy for capturing a strange program you couldn't get at before, because DOS walked on it. They will also give you 16K of safe memory above DOS.

If you need to make a 16K slave, follow the same procedure above, storing instead a \$3F at track 0, sector \$A, byte \$04. This makes DOS think that the top of memory is \$3F00 (16K).



# A Giant Bug

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In **COMPUTIST No. 24**, there was an article entitled "Essential Data Duplicator copy parms." We have received several phone calls and letters stating that some of the parameters were missing from that article. Upon closer examination, we discovered that we had accidentally omitted the following manufacturers from the list. Our sincerest apologies are expressed for this oversight.

## Protections Used By Company

### SILI=SILICON VALLEY SYSTEMS

- a. very hard to copy  
t11-t22  
t0-tA parm 28=2  
mode#3 or #4  
tB.25-t10.25 parm 0=1  
mode#2
- or try:  
t0-tA parm 04=10  
mode#3 or #4  
tB.25-t10.25 mode#2  
t11-t22
- b. t0-t8  
t9-t22 mode#2
- or try:  
t0-t8  
t9.25-t22.25 mode#2  
t0-t11
- c. very hard to copy  
t1-t11  
t12.25-t22.25  
t0 parm 28=2
- d. t0 parm 28=1, 2 or 3  
t1.25-t22.25 mode#2
- e. normal

### SIMU=SIMULATION CANADA

- a. mode#3 or #4

### SIRT=SIR-TECH

- a. drive speed critical  
write-protect boot side!!!  
t0-t22 parm 28=1 or 3  
tA-tE mode#2 or #5 or #6
- b. drive speed critical  
write-protect boot side!!!  
t9-t22 parm 28=1 or 3  
t0-t8 mode#2 or #5 or #6
- c. very hard to copy  
drive speed critical  
write-protect both sides!!!  
t0-t21  
t22 parm 28=40 5F=AB
- or try:  
mode#3, #4, #5, or #6
- d. mode#2

### SIRU=SIRUS SOFTWARE

- a. normal
- b. t0 parm 28=2 or 3  
t1.5-tD.5 mode#2
- c. t0-t20 (ignore errors)  
t21 parm 12=5 mode#3 or #4  
t22 parm 46=0 47=0 48=0  
parm 2C=D5 2D=FF 28=10  
parm 39=10
- d. t0-t19  
t1A.5-t1D.5
- e. t0 parm 28=2 or 3  
t1.5-t1F.5 mode#2
- f. t1.5-t1B.5  
tD-tE  
t0 parm 28=2 or 3
- g. t0-t6 mode#2  
t9.5-tC.5
- h. recopy tB until it boots  
t0-tA mode#2  
tB parm 12=5 mode#3 or #4

### SMIT=SMITH MICRO SOFTWARE

- a. normal

### SOCI=SOCIETY/VISUAL EDUCATION

- a. normal or mode#2

### SOFA=SOFTAPE

- a. normal

### SOFC=SOFTSMITH

- a. normal
- b. t0 parm 28=1  
t1.25-t2.25  
t3-t22

### SOFE=SOFTWARE ENTERTAINMENT CO

- a. see DOUB#b  
(uses Lock-It-Up protectn)

### SOFG=SOFTWARE GUILD

- a. normal
- b. recopy tracks with errors  
t0-t3  
t4.25-t13.25
- c. recopy tracks with errors  
t0-t2  
t3.25-t22.25

### SOFM=SOFTWARE MASTERS

- a. see DOUB#b  
(uses Lock-It-Up protectn)

### SOPF=SOFTWARE PUBLISHING

- a. normal
- b. write-protect before boot  
drive speed critical  
recopy t0 until it boots  
t1-t22  
t0 mode#3 or #4
- c. drive speed critical  
t0-t22 parm 28=40  
mode#1, 2, 3 or 4
- d. drive speed critical  
write-protect before boot  
t0 mode#3 or #4  
t1-t13  
t14-t22 parm 10=4  
parm 11=3 12=1

### SOFS=SOFT-SYS

- a. normal

### SONO=SONOMA SOFTWARES

- a. normal

### SOUD=SOUTHWEST DATA SYSTEMS

- a. normal
- b. t0-t3 mode#2  
t4-t22

### SOUE=SOUTHWEST EDPSYCH SERVICE

- a. normal (recopy t6 if need)

### SPEC=SPECTRUM HOLOBYTE

- a. normal

### SPIN=SPINNAKER

- a. if "R" error on t9, recopy  
t9 until disk boots o.k.  
drive speed critical  
t0-t22 parm 05=2
- or try:  
mode#2, #5 or #6 parm 05=2
- b. recopy t3 until boot  
"R" error t3 usually o.k.  
t0-t22  
t3 parm 05=12 08=1A 09=FE  
28=53 2B=FA 2C=FF 2D=FF  
39=DB 3A=01 43=00 44=00  
45=00 46=00 47=00 48=00  
57=FA 58=FF 5E=7F 5F=7F

### SPRI=SPRINGBOARD

- a. normal
- b. drive speed critical  
no "L" errors allowed  
duplicate drive must  
run very slow  
t0-t22 parm 00=4 05=2  
parm 08=8 09=0 28=40  
parm 85=1 or 2

### SRAS=SRA SOFTWARE

- a. normal or mode#2

### STAT=STATE OF THE ART

- a. normal

### STER=STERLING SOFTWARE

- a. normal

### STEW=STERLING SWIFT

- a. normal
- or try:  
t0-t22 parm 28=20

### STON=STONEWARE

- a. normal
- b. t0-t5 mode#2  
t6.5-t22.5 mode#2
- c. drive speed very critical  
recopy t3-tD if disk  
doesn't work  
t0-t2  
tE-t22  
t3-tD mode#6 or #5 or #2
- or try:  
tE-t22  
t0-tD parm 15=38 1F=AF  
20=AE mode#6 or #2
- d. recopy t12.25-t13.25 if  
disk doesn't work  
t0-t5  
t6.5-t22.5  
t12.25-t13.25  
parm 28=3 mode#2
- e. very hard to copy  
drive speed critical  
write-protect disk  
t0-t12



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