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STIX

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GAME DESCRIPTION AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

In James F. Fixx's, "Games for the Super Intelligent", he describes a game called "Matches in Rows". This game goes by many names and there are several variations but usually the object of the game is to force your opponent to take the last stick.

STIX is an electronic adaptation of one version of this game. With STIX the object is still to "stick" your opponent with the last stick. However, your opponent is the computer.

The game begins with three rows of sticks displayed on the video monitor. ROW A contains 7 sticks, row B contains 5 sticks, and row C contains 3 sticks. On each turn a player must take at least 1 stick but cannot take more than 3 Sticks. Sticks can be taken from any row. The player taking the last stick loses.

After the program is loaded the computer is placed in the run mode. The video monitor displays the three rows of sticks and a question mark appears in the lower left corner of the screen. Either player may start the game.

If the Elf is to go first, enter FF through the hex keypad and press the I key. The question mark disappears and after a short delay the computer emits a beep sound and the Elf eliminates its choice of sticks.

If the person is first, enter 00 and press the I key. The question mark will be replaced with a P. Whenever the P is displayed the person's move can be entered through the hex keypad. For example; if you wish to take 2 from

row A, press the 2 key and the A key. The hex display will show 2A. Press the I key and if 2 from A is a valid move (row A contains 2 or more sticks) the computer will take 2 sticks from row A. If the move is invalid (row A contains less than 2 sticks) the computer will squawk and a question mark replaces the P. The question mark will remain until a valid move has been entered. The computer will consider as invalid any take request greater than 3 or any row request other than A,B, or C. It should be noted that if the I key has not been pressed the keypad entry can be changed. This allows mistakes to be corrected.

The Elf and the person alternate turns until only one stick remains. If it is the Elf's turn, and only one stick remains, a W will appear to signal that the person has won. If it is the person's move, and only one stick remains, the program waits for the person to take the last stick and then an L is displayed to signal that the person has lost. The W or the L will remain for a short time and then a new game will start. Pressing the I key when the W or the L is displayed will immediately start a new game. To start a new game at any other time; restart the program at location 00 00.

PROGRAM OPERATION

STIX is loaded into the first four pages of memory. The main program occupies all of page zero except the last thirty-one locations. These thirty-one locations contain the video interrupt routine. Page 3 is the display area and pages 1 and 2 contain the various sub routines and the data tables. Execution of the program begins at location 00 00.

It appears that the game is played on the video monitor, but actual play takes place in registers A and B. The video display merely reflects the current status of the A and B registers. High order register A contains the stick count for row A. Low register A contains the count for row B, and row C count is stored in high register B.

Each stick displayed is represented by a bit set in a row's respective register. For example; when row A displays seven sticks, high order register A contains 7E. If row A displays 5 sticks, high order register A contains 1F. To eliminate sticks the program simply shifts off to the right the desired number of bits. To take 2 sticks from row A, high register A is shifted right 2 times. The print routine is called and the display area is updated to show the new row count. Since time is cheaper than memory, the print routine doesn't determine which row was changed. It simply updates all three rows. If a bit is a zero, the routine clears that bit's respective position in the display area. If a bit is a one, the routine loads a stick in that bit's respective position in the display area. The print routine is also used to load the display area with sticks at the beginning of each game.

The person's move doesn't require any special programming. The person's move is entered through the hex keypad. The move is checked for validity, and if it is valid, the requested number of sticks (bits) are shifted from the selected row. The print routine is called and the display area is updated to show the results of the person's move.

After the person's move, the program checks to see if the person has won or lost. If a win or a lose is found the appropriate letter is displayed. If no win or lose is found the Elf takes a turn.

The Elf's turn is a little more complex. The 7-5-3 row arrangement presents 192 (8x6x4) possible configurations. There are 72 configurations, of the 192, for which no effective counter move exists. On each one of its turns the Elf will attempt to establish one of these 72 "HIT" positions. Once the Elf has left his opponent with one of these hits, no matter what move the opponents makes, the Elf can re-establish a new hit on each of its succeeding moves. If a hit is not found after trying all possible moves, one stick is taken from a randomly selected row.

It should be noted that when the Elf starts the game, the Elf will take one stick from a random row. This is the only time that the Elf does not look for a hit.

Play continues until a win or a lose is detected. After an appropriate delay to display the W or the L, the program jumps to STPLA (00 2A). Here the A and B registers are loaded with the 7-5-3 stick arrangement, print is called, and the computer waits for the keypad to determine who is first.

STIX - Assignments

I/O Assignments

A. Input Key Status EF4
 B. Hex Keypad Input INP 4
 C. Hex Display Output OUT 4
 D. Video Display On OUT 1

I/O Instructions' Memory Locations

00 29 61 Turn on Video
 00 30 6C 64 -- Read Keypad and Display
 3B 3F -- Branch if I key is not pressed
 3D 37 -- Branch until I key is released
 00 BD 3F -- See above
 BF 37 --
 02 CA 6C 64 -- See above
 CD 3F --
 CF 37 --

Register Assignments

R0 DMA XX XX DMA Pointer
 R1 VIDEO 00 E3 (VPO) -- Video Interrupt Routine Pointer
 R2 STACK 02 02 Stack Pointer
 R3 STIX 00 06 (MAIN) Main Program Counter
 R4 PRINZ 01 71 (PTR) Print Routine Pointer
 R5 STATS 02 06 (STA) Status Routine Pointer
 R6 PERSM 02 05 (PER) Person's Move Routine Pointer
 R7 ELFGO 01 01 (ELF) Elf's Move Routine Pointer
 R8 SUBRT 02 XX General Sub Routine Pointer
 R9 DAPT 01 XX Data Area Pointer
 RA RA XX XX Row A and B Count
 RB RB XX XX Row C Count
 RC CTR XX XI General Counter
 RD TEMP 02 01 Temporary Storage Pointer
 RE RTCK XX XX Real Time Clock
 RF LINK 03 XX Display Area Pointer

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XX XX XX XX XX XX XX
XX XX XX XX XX XX XX
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XX XX XX XX
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VIDEO DISPLAY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME

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MAIN Program (225) Execution begins at 00 00

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00 INIT FB 00 B1 B3 Initialize registers
04 FB 00 A.0(MAIN) A3
07 D3
08 MAIN FB 01 B4 B7 B9 AD
0E FB 02 B2 B5 B6 B8 BD A2
16 FB 03 A.0(VDO) A1 R1 is Video interrupt pointer
19 FB 04 A.0(PTR) A4 R4 is Print routine pointer
1C FB 05 A.0(STA) A5 R5 is Status routine pointer
1F FB 06 A.0(FER) A6 R6 is Person routine pointer
22 FB 07 A.0(ELF) A7 R7 is Elf routine pointer
25 FB 08 A.1(DSP) BF RF is Display link
28 ED TEMP is stack
29 61 Turn on Video
2A STPLA FB 7F BA Row A = 7
2D FB 1F AA Row B = 5
30 FB 07 BB Row C = 3
33 D4 Print
34 FB A3 A.0(?) A9 D5 Status = ?
38 INA 6C 04 2D If input is 00 Person is first
3E 3F 0E INA If input is FF Elf is first
3D 37 04 *
3F 32 00 PRFST
41 FB AE A.0(BLK) A9 D5 Elf is first - blank status
45 RAND 0E FA 03 5D Use Real Time Clock to
49 FB 01 32 65 CTX Find random row
4D FB 02 32 5E BTK
52 FB 03 3A 45 RAND If RTCK not A, B, or C, try again
57 ATK 9A 32 45 RAND Random row is A - if A = 0 try again
5A FB BA 30 6A DELAY A # 0 so take 1 from row A
5E BTK 8A 32 45 RAND Random row is B - if B = 0 try again
61 FB AA 30 6A DELAY B # 0 so take 1 from row B
65 CTX 9B 32 45 RAND Random row is C - if C = 0 try again
68 FB BB 45 RAND
6A DELAY FB 00 AE Short Delay
6D TIM 8E FF 44 3A 6D TIM
72 BEEP FB 35 AC Make Beep
75 MORB 7B FB 55
78 ON FF 01 3A 78 ON
7C 7A FB 15
7F OFF FF 01 3A 7F OFF
93 2C 8C 3A 7E MORB
87 D4
88 PAUSE FB 00 AE Print Elf's move
8B PTM 8E FF 22 3A 8B PTM Short Pause
90 PRFST FB 2B A.0(?) A9 D5 Status = P
94 PRMV D6 Input Person's move
95 31 C3 INVD If Q set Person's move is invalid
97 D4 Move valid - print Person's move
98 LWH 9A 5D 8A F4 5D 9B F4 Check for game over
9F FF 01 32 AB WIN Person has won
A3 3B 01 LOSE Person has lost
A5 D7 Game is not over - Elf takes turn
A6 39 45 RAND Hit was not found - take random
AB WIN FB 8B A.0(W) A9 D5 Hit was found - print Elf's move
AF 30 0E WAIT Status = W
B1 LOSE FB 03 A.0(L) A9 D5 Status = L
B5 WAIT FB 00 AE Wait for time up or for I key
B8 WAT 8E FF FF 32 2A STPLA
BD 3F 00 WAT
BF 37 0E *
C1 30 2A STPLA
C3 INVD FB A3 A.0(?) A9 D5 Status = ?
C7 ZAP FB 03 A9 Make Zap Sound
CA RPT FB 28 AC
CD SET 7B
CE SIT 8C AB
D0 CTD 2B 8B 3A D0 CTD
D4 39 CD SET
D6 7A
D7 2C 8C 3A CE SIT
DB 29 89 3A CA RPT
DF 30 94 PRMV

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VIDEO Interrupt Routine (31)

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E1 EXVDO 72 70 This routine points DMA to
E3 VDO 22 78 22 52 C4 C4 C4 Display area
EA FB 03 A.1(DSP) B0
ED FB 00 A.0(DSP) A0
E0 CTI 80 E2
F2 1E2 20 A0
F5 1E2 20 A0
F8 1E2 20 A0
FB 1E2 20 CTI
FD 1E Bump Real Time Clock
FE 30 E1 EXVDO

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ELF Sub Routine (112)

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00 EXELF D3 Return to Main program
01 ELF FB 89 A.0(HIT) A8 Point SUBRT to HIT routine
04 7A
05 AROW 9A 32 20 BROW If row A is empty go to row B
08 F6 BA 0E Take 1 from row A and check for hit
0B 31 00 EXELF If Q set hit was found - return Q set
0D 9A 32 25 1TOA No hit - if row A empty - restore A
10 F6 BA 0E Take 1 more from A and check for hit
13 31 00 EXELF If Q set hit was found - return Q set
15 9A 32 22 2TOA No hit - if row A empty - restore A
18 F6 BA 0E Take 1 more from A and check for hit
1B 31 00 EXELF If Q set hit was found - return Q set
1D 9A FE
1F 3TOA F9 01 FE Put 1 in A
22 2TOA F9 01 FE Put 1 in A
25 1TOA F9 01 BA Put 1 in A
28 BROW 8A 32 4B CROW If row B is empty go to row C
2B F6 AA 0E Take 1 from row B and check for hit
2E 31 00 EXELF If Q set hit was found - return Q set
30 8A 32 46 1TOB No hit - if row B empty - restore B
33 F6 AA 0E Take 1 more from B and check for hit
36 31 00 EXELF If Q set hit was found - return Q set
38 8A 32 45 2TOB No hit - if row B empty - restore B
3B F6 AA 0E Take 1 more from B and check for hit
3E 31 00 EXELF If Q set hit was found - return Q set
40 8A FE
42 3TOB F9 01 FE Put 1 in B
45 2TOB F9 01 FE Put 1 in B
48 1TOB F9 01 AA Put 1 in B
4B CROW 9B 32 00 EXELF If row C is empty return Q not set
4E F6 BB 0E Take 1 from row C and check for hit
51 31 00 EXELF If Q set hit was found - return Q set
53 F9 32 6B 1TOC No hit - if row C empty - restore C
56 F6 BB 0E Take 1 more from C and check for hit
59 31 00 EXELF If Q set hit was found - return Q set
5B 9B 32 66 2TOC No hit - if row C empty - restore C
5E F6 BB 0E Take 1 more from C and check for hit
61 31 00 EXELF If Q set hit was found - return Q set
63 9B FE
65 3TOC F9 01 FE Put 1 in C
68 2TOC F9 01 FE Put 1 in C
6B 1TOC F9 01 BB Put 1 in C
6E 30 00 EXELF Return with Q not set

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PTR Sub Routine (27)

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70 EXPTR D3 Return to Main program
71 PTR FB 1A A.0(DOR) A8 Point SUBRT to DOR routine
74 FB 00 A.0(DSP) AF 5D Point LINK to row A
78 9A AB 0E Print row A
7B FB 00 A.0(ROB) AF 5D Point LINK to row B
7F 8A AB 0E Print row B
82 FB 00 A.0(ROC) AF 5D Point LINK to row C
86 9B AB 0E Print row C
89 30 00 EXPTR

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Data Table (112)

8B W	C3	C3	C3	DE	FF	E7	C3
93 L	60	60	60	60	60	60	7E
9B P	7E	66	66	66	7E	60	60
A3 ?	C3	66	66	0C	18	18	18
AB BLK	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
B3 HIT0	1F	0F	00				
B6	0F	1F	01				
B9	07	7F	07				
BC	03	3F	03				
BF	01	0F	00				
C2	00	1F	01				
C5 HIT1	1F	1F	01				
C8	0E	0F	00				
CB	07	3F	03				
CF	03	7F	07				
D1	01	1F	01				
D4	00	0F	00				
D7 HIT2	1F	7F	07				
DA	0E	3F	03				
DD	07	1F	01				
E0	03	0F	00				
E3	01	7F	07				
E6	00	3F	03				
E9 HIT3	1F	3F	03				
EC	0F	7F	07				
EF	07	0F	00				
F2	03	1F	01				
F5	01	3F	03				
F8	00	7F	07				

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Temporary Storage (4)

00 TEMS 00 00 00 00

STA Sub Routine (21)

04 EXSTA ED
05 D3
06 STA FB C0 A.0(ROC) AF
09 E9
0A FB 08 AC
0D AGN 72 5F 2C 8C
11 32 04 EXSTA
13 8F FC 08 AF 30 00 AGN

This is Stack and Temp storage area

TEMP is stack
Return to Main program
LINK points to status position
DAPT is stack
CTR = 0
Store character pointed to by
DAPT in status position of
Display area

DOR Sub Routine (54)

19 EXDOR D4
1A DOR FB 07 A9 8B FE
1F CKBT FE AB 33 33 DOSTK
23 BLANK FB 08 AC
26 CLR FB 00 5F 2C 8C
2B 32 43 SEVN
2D 8F FC 08 AF 30 26 CLR
33 DOSTK FB 08 AC
36 STK FB C0 5F 2C 8C
3B 32 43 SEVN
3D 8F FC 08 AF 30 36 STK
43 SEVN 29 09 32 19 EXDOR
47 0D FC 01 5D AF
4C 8B 30 1F CKBT

Return to PTR sub routine
Set counters for 7 sticks
If bit is 1 make a stick
If bit is 0 blank a stick
If row is done return
If not done point to next stick

TAK Sub Routine (56)

4F EXTAK D6
50 TAK 1D 0D FA F0 5D
55 FB 30 32 78 IS3
59 0D FB 20 32 6D IS2
5E 0D FB 10 3A 04 INV
63 IS1 8B FF 01 3B 04 INV
68 8B FB AB 30 4F EXTAK
6D IS2 8B FF 03 3B 04 INV
72 8B FB F6 AB
76 30 4F EXTAK
78 IS3 8B FF 07 3B 04 INV
7D 8B FB F6 FC AB
82 30 4F EXTAK
84 INV 7B 30 4F EXTAK

Return to PER sub routine
Mask for number to take
Take = 3
Take = 2
If take # 1 take is invalid
If row # 1 or more take is invalid
Take 1 and return
If row # 2 or more take is invalid
Take 2 and
Return
If row # 3 or more take is invalid
Take 3 and
Return
Set Q to signal invalid

HIT Sub Routine (62)

87 EXHIT ED
88 D7
89 HIT 9B FB 07 32 A4 EQ3
8E 9B FB 03 32 10 EQ2
93 9B FB 01 32 20 EQ1
98 EQ0 FB B3 A.0(HIT0)
9A 30 AC SEST
9C EQ1 FB C5 A.0(HIT1)
9E 30 AC SEST
A0 EQ2 FB D7 A.0(HIT2)
A2 30 AC SEST
A4 EQ3 FB E9 A.0(HIT3)
A6 SEST A9
A7 E9
AB FB 06 AC
AB NTHT 8A F3 3A BC BNC
AP 60 9A F3 32 B9 HITT
B4 60 9A F3 3A B7 EXHIT
B9 HITT 7B 30 87 EXHIT
BC BNC 60 60 50
BF 1C 8C 3A AB NTHT
C3 30 87 EXHIT

TEMP is stack
Return to RLF sub routine
Row C = 3
Row C = 2
Row C = 1
Hit list is 0
Hit list is 1
Hit list is 2
Hit list is 3
Hit list to DAPT
DAPT is stack
CTR = 6
Row B does not compare
Row B and A compare - set hit
Row B and A do not compare
Set Q and return
Bump stack to next set
All done - hit not found

PER Sub Routine (59)

C5 EXPER D3
C6 PER FB 20 A.0(TAK) AB
C9 7B
CA KYB 6C 64 2D
CD 3F CA KYB
CF 37 CF *
D1 2D FA 0F 5D
D5 7A
D6 FB 0A 32 E8 ROWA
DA F0 FB 0B 32 E0 ROWB
DF F0 FB 0C 32 E0 ROWC
E4 1D 7B 30 C5 EXPER
E8 ROWA 9A AB D8
EB 31 C5 EXPER
ED BA 30 C5 EXPER
F0 ROWB 8A AB D8
F3 31 C5 EXPER
F5 AA 30 C5 EXPER
FB ROWC 9B AB D8
FD 31 C5 EXPER
BB 30 C5 EXPER

Return to Main program
Point SUBRT to TAK routine
Input Person's move
Temp = Row
Temp + 1 = Take
Take from row A
Take from row B
Take from row C
Row is invalid
Check row A for valid take
Take invalid - do not save
Take valid - save take
Check row B for valid take
Take invalid - do not save
Take valid - save take
Check row C for valid take
Take invalid - do not save
Take valid - save take

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Display Area (256)

00 DSP 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
08 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 3C
10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
18 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
28 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 78
30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
38 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
48 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
50 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
58 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
60 ROB 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
68 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 7C
70 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
78 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
80 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 7C
88 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
90 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
98 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 7C
A0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
A8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
B0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
B8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
C0 ROC 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
C8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 3E
D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
D8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
E0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
E8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 66
F8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 3E

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00 FB 00 B1 B3 FB 00 A3 D3 FB 01 B4 B7 B9 AD FB 02
10 B2 B5 B6 B8 BD A2 F8 E3 A1 F8 71 A4 FB 06 A5 FB
20 C6 A6 F8 01 A7 F8 03 BF ED 61 F8 7F BA FB 1F AA
30 FB 07 BB D4 F8 A3 A9 D5 6C 64 2D 3F 38 37 3D 32
40 90 FB AB A9 D5 BE FA 03 5D FB 01 32 65 F0 FB 02
50 32 5E F0 FB 03 3A 45 9A 32 45 F6 BA 30 6A 3A 32
60 45 F6 AA 30 6A 9B 32 45 F6 BB FB 00 AE 8N FF 44
70 3A 6D FB 35 AC 7B F8 55 FF 01 3A 78 7A F8 1A FF
80 01 3A 7F 2C 0C 3A 75-D4 F8 00 AT 8E FT 22 3A BB
90 FB 9B A9 D5 D6 31 C3 D4 9A 5D 8A F4 5D 9B F4 FF
A0 05 FB 93 A9 D5 F8 00 AE 8E FF FF 22 2A 3F B8 37
B0 8F 30 2A F8 A3 A9 D5 F8 03 A9 F8 28 AC 7B 8C AB
C0 2B 5B 3A D0 39 CD 7A 2C 8C 3A CE 29 89 3A CA 30
D0 94 72 70 22 78 22 52 C4 C4 C4 FB 00 80 FB 00
E0 00 E2 E2 20 A0 E2 20 A0 E2 20 A0 F0 18 30 E1

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00 D3 F8 89 AB 7A 9A 32 28 F6 BA D8 31 00 9A 32 25
10 F6 BA D8 31 00 9A 32 22 FE F9 01 BA 9A 32 4B F6 AA D8 31 00
20 01 FE F9 01 FE F9 01 BA 9A 32 4B F6 AA D8 31 00
30 BA 32 4B F6 AA D8 31 00 FE F9 01 FE F9 01 BA 32 4B F6
40 BA FE F9 01 FE F9 01 FE F9 01 FE F9 01 FE F9 01 FE
50 D8 31 00 9B 32 6B F6 BB F9 01 FE F9 01 FE F9 01 FE
60 D8 31 00 9B FE F9 01 FE F9 01 FE F9 01 FE F9 01 FE
70 D5 F8 1A A8 F8 00 AF 5D 9A AB D8 F8 60 AF 5D BA
80 AB D8 F8 C0 AF 5D 9B AB D8 30 70 C3 C3 C3 C3 DE
90 FF 27 C3 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 7E 7E 66 66 7E
A0 60 60 60 3C 66 06 0C 18 18 00 1B 00 00 00 00 00
B0 00 00 00 1F 0F 00 0F 1F 01 07 7F 07 03 3F 03 01
C0 0F 00 00 1F 01 1F 01 0F 0F 0F 07 3F 03 03 01
D0 07 01 1F 01 00 0F 00 1F 7F 07 0F 0F 03 07 1F 01
E0 05 0F 00 01 7F 07 0F 0F 03 1F 3F 03 0F 7F 07 07
F0 0F 00 05 1F 01 01 01 3F 03 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

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00 00 00 00 00 ED D3 F8 C0 AF B9 FB 00 AC 72 5F 2C
10 8C 32 04 8F FC 08 AF 30 0D D4 FB 07 A9 8B FE FE
20 AB 33 33 FB 08 AC F8 00 5F 2C 8C 32 43 8F FC 08
30 AF 30 26 F3 08 AC F8 00 5F 2C 8C 32 43 8F FC 08
40 AF 30 36 29 89 32 19 0D FC 01 5D AF 8B 30 1F D6
50 1D 0D FA F0 5D FB 30 32 78 0D FB 20 32 60 0D FB
60 10 3A 84 8B FF 01 3B 84 8B FF 07 30 4F 8B FF 07
70 3B 84 8B F6 F6 AB 30 4F 8B FF 07 30 4F 8B FF 07
80 F6 AB 30 4F 7B 30 4F ED D7 9B FB 07 32 A4 EQ3
90 03 32 A0 9B FB 01 32 9C F8 B3 30 A6 4F 8B FB
A0 F8 D7 30 A6 F8 E9 A9 B9 F8 06 AC BA 4F 8B FB
B0 9A F3 32 B9 60 9A F3 3A 8B F7 30 87 60 50 60
C0 8C 3A AB 30 87 D3 F8 50 AC 7B 8C AB 2D 3F CA 37
D0 CF 2D FA 0F 5D 7A FB 0A 32 E8 ROWA 0B 32 F0 F0
E0 FB 0C 32 FB 1D 7B 30 C5 9A AB D8 31 C5 BA 30 C5
F0 8A AB D8 31 C5 AA 30 C5 9A AB D8 31 C5 BA 30 C5

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TVT - 4K

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Uses improved Chip-8 graphics
system (64 by 64)

TVT 4K was designed for the RCA Cosmac Vip for any user wishing to have the capabilities of a cheap TVT when inputting information. It was designed for a system with 4k of memory and the use of an ASCII keyboard through a machine language sub-routine which you write yourself.

The character, after being picked up, is first checked to see if it is a command character. (see list of command functions). If the character is not a command character it is stored in screen memory and then converted to its 4 by 7 bit pattern which is displayed on screen. Since all characters are stored in memory the user is able to use these characters in his programming. (Certain command characters are not stored, see list of command functions). Variable C is not changed so it is possible for the user to detect certain characters and even write a high-level language.

The screen is divided into 8 lines of 13 characters per line, the last character of which is reserved for a return. Screen memory will hold all of the characters which are on screen plus two lines which are off screen, reserved for scrolling.

The cursor condition consisting of white on black or black on white characters is changed by certain command codes which are shown in the list of command functions.

The command characters for the TVT 4K are as follows:

Cursor controls:

tab	right
backspace	left
\	up
line feed	down
control R or @	reverses cursor condition white on black or black on white.
	@ is stored in screen memory control R isn't.
control E	erases screen and screen memory.
return	stored in screen memory brings cursor to next line.
space	stored in screen memory increments cursor by one.
delete	deletes previous character
backslash	deletes from cursor to beginning

of line, excluding cursor position.
cursor to beginning of screen, - excluding cursor position.
deletes from cursor to end of screen, excluding cursor position.

control W

Scrolling:

If cursor is at bottom of screen

On receipt of a line feed or at return, the last line in ASCII memory is brought into view. The top line is stored as the first line in ASCII memory (out of view). The cursor will always end up at the lower left-hand corner of the screen.

If cursor is at top of screen.

On receipt of a \ the first line in ASCII memory is moved into view. The bottom line is stored as the last line in ASCII memory (out of view). The cursor will always end up at the upper left corner of the screen.

	Variable Map
0	scratch
9	scratch
A	X
B	Y
C	contains ASCII character
D	pointer in screen memory
E	cursor condition flag

	Terms
screen memory	memory used to store ASCII characters that are being displayed on screen. (2 lines reserved for scrolling)
display memory	memory used by Chip-8 in its graphics mode. 512 bytes.
ASCII memory	memory used to store ASCII character patterns.

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ADDR CODE      COMMENT
0200 12 02      Initialize
0202 6A 00      X
0204 6B 00      Y
0206 6D 00      memory pointer
0208 6E 00      cursor flag
020A 00 60      erase display
020C 2D 08      display cursor (X,Y)
020E 12 10      goto 210
    
```

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0210 6C 00      Wait for keyboard input
                    VC contains ASCII
                    character
0212 AD FC      I=ODFC
0214 0D 38      -----check keyboard for input
0216 4C 00      (user's subroutine)
0218 12 10      no-branch to 210
021A 2A 84      yes-gosub 0A84
021C 12 A0      goto 2A0
                    (beginning of user
                    programs)
    
```

Subroutine to display all characters
in screen memory, excluding first and
last lines.

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ADDR CODE      COMMENTS
0220 0D 60      erase display
0222 6A 00      X=00
0224 6B 00      Y=00
0226 6D 0D      pointer=0D
0228 22 90      gosub 290(sub. to read
                    character
                    from screen memory).

022A 40 CD      check for nondisplay-
022C 12 46      able characters
022E 40 00      00, space, @, return

0230 12 46
0232 40 20
0234 12 46
0236 40 40
0238 12 70
023A 39 00
023C 2D 08
023E AD F0      I=DF0
0240 0D 10      get ASCII character
                    pattern
                    I=D30
0242 AD 30      display character
0244 0A B7      check if end of line
0246 4A 37      yes-goto 250
0248 12 50      no-increment X by 05
024A 7A 05      increment pointer VD by
024C 7D 01      01
                    goto 228
024E 12 28      increment pointer VD by
0250 7D 02      02
0252 6A 00      set X to 00
0254 4B 38      check if bottom of screen
0256 12 5C      yes-goto 25C
0258 7B 08      no-Y+08
025A 12 28      goto 228
025C 6A 00      At bottom of screen so:
                    X=00
025E 3C 60      check VC if 60
0260 12 68      no-goto 268
0262 6D 1A      yes-VD=1A
0264 6B 08      Y=08
0266 12 6C      goto 26C
0268 6D 5B      ASCII char. not 60 so:
                    VD=5B
                    Y=30
026A 6B 30      display cursor
026C 2D 08      return
026E 00 EE
    
```

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Software switch used to reverse character
condition. Used only in previous subroutine.
ADDR CODE      COMMENT
0270 39 00      V9 is character condi-
                    tion flag
0272 69 FF      V9=FF
0274 79 01      V9+01
0276 12 46
    
```

```

Program block to erase first or last line in
screen memory.
ADDR CODE      COMMENT
027A AA 00      I=A00--entrance to
                    erase first line
027C 6D 00      VD=00
027E 4D 00      check pointer VD if 00
0280 12 20      yes-goto 220(sub. to
                    display all ASCII char-
                    acters.)
                    no-V0=00
0282 60 00      V0=M1
0284 F0 55      VD+01
0286 7D 01      goto 27E
0288 12 7E      I=A76--entrance to
028A AA 76      erase last line
                    goto 27C
028C 12 7C
    
```

```

Subroutine to read a character from screen
memory according to pointer VD. V0=char.(M1)
ADDR CODE      COMMENT
0290 AA 00      I=0A00
0292 FD 1E      I=I+VD
0294 F0 65      V0=M1
0296 00 EE      return
    
```

```

Subroutine to write a character into
screen memory according to pointer VD.
char.(M1)=V0
ADDR CODE      COMMENT
0298 AA 00      I=0A00
029A FD 1E      I=I+VD
029C F0 55      M1=V0
029E 00 EE      return
    
```

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Beginning of user programming space.
ADDR CODE      COMMENT
02A0-08FF
    
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Temporarily:
ADDR CODE      COMMENT
02A0 12 10      goto 210
    
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ASCII Character Patterns (0900-09FF)

The following character patterns are stored in memory in eight byte blocks, with each byte being split in half to represent different characters. For example: AF the A represents the high half-byte and the F representing the low half-byte.

Memory Address	Character		Pattern
	H	L	
0900	space	@	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
0908	!	A	00 26 29 2F 09 29 00 00
0910	"	B	50 5E 05 07 05 0E 00 00
0918	#	C	00 67 F8 68 F8 67 00 00
0920	\$	D	60 7E 85 65 15 EE 60 00
0928	%	E	00 9F 38 6E C8 9F 00 00
0930	&	F	00 0F 08 0E 08 08 00 00
0938	'	G	40 47 08 08 09 07 00 00
0940	(H	20 4A 4A 4E 4A 4A 20 00
0948)	I	40 2E 24 24 24 2E 40 00
0950	*	J	00 01 51 29 59 06 00 00
0958	+	K	00 09 2A 7C 2A 09 00 00
0960	,	L	00 08 08 08 48 4E 80 00
0968	-	M	00 09 0F 7F 09 09 00 00
0970	.	N	00 09 0D 0F 0B 49 00 00
0978	/	O	00 16 39 69 9C 86 00 00
0980	0	P	00 FF 99 9F 98 F8 00 00
0988	1	Q	00 26 69 29 2B 76 00 00
0990	2	R	00 EF 19 6F 8A F9 00 00
0998	3	S	00 E7 18 76 11 EE 00 00
09A0	4	T	00 AE A4 F4 24 24 00 00
09A8	5	U	00 F9 89 F9 19 F6 00 00
09B0	6	V	00 FA 8A FA 9A F4 00 00
09B8	7	W	00 F9 99 1F 1F 19 00 00
09C0	8	X	00 6A 9A 65 9A 6A 00 00
09C8	9	Y	00 FA 9A F4 14 F4 00 00
09D0	:	Z	00 07 41 02 44 07 00 00
09D8	;	\	0E 08 48 08 48 48 8E 00
09E0	<		00 20 40 80 40 20 00 00
09E8	=]	0E 02 F2 02 F2 02 0E 00
09F0	>	↑	06 49 20 10 20 40 00 00
09F8	?	—	00 60 90 20 00 20 00 00

0A00-0A83 screen memory

Control Character detection ladder. (ASCII character contained in VC)

ADDR CODE	COMMENT
0A84 4C 09	check if VC=09 TAB
0A86 1A E4	yes-goto AE4
0A88 4C 08	no-check if VC=08
	BACKSPACE
0A8A 1A F2	yes-goto AF2
0A8C 4C 60	no-check if VC=60 \
0A8E 1B 00	yes-goto B00
0A90 4C 0A	no-check if VC=0A
	LINE FEED
0A92 1B 10	yes-goto B10
0A94 4C 40	no-check if VC=40 @
0A96 1B 20	yes-goto B20
0A98 4C 12	no-check if VC=12
	CONTROL R
0A9A 1B 28	yes-goto B28
0A9C 4C 05	no-check if VC=05
	CONTROL E
0A9E 1B 30	yes-goto B30
0AA0 4C 0D	no-check if VC=0D RETURN
0AA2 1B 50	yes-goto B50
0AA4 4C 7F	no-check if VC=7F DELETE
0AA6 1B 70	yes-goto B70
0AA8 4C 5C	no-check if VC=5C
0AAA 1B 96	yes-goto B96
0AAC 4C 11	no-check if VC=11

0AAE 1B A0	CONTROL Q
0AB0 4C 17	yes-goto BA0
	no-check if VC=17
	CONTROL W
0AB2 1B B0	yes-goto BB0
	no-continue on to AB4

Program block to display character. Uses sub-routine at AD6 to store character in screen memory.

ADDR CODE	COMMENT
0AB4 4A 3C	check if end of line
0AB6 00 EE	no-return
0AB8 2A D6	yes-store character in screen memory
	l=DF9(V9 in Chip-8)
0ABA AD F9	MLS to get ASCII character pattern
0ABC 0D 10	l=D30(temporary storage for pattern)
0ABE AD 30	erase old character
0AC0 DA B7	check cursor condition
0AC2 4E 00	0=turn on cursor;1=leave cursor off
0AC4 2D 08	l=DFC(VC in Chip-8)
0AC6 AD FC	MLS to get ASCII char. pattern
0AC8 0D 10	l=D30(temporary storage for pattern)
0ACA AD 30	display new character
0ACC DA B7	X+05
0ACE 7A 05	display cursor
0AD0 2D 08	return
0AD2 00 EE	

Subroutine to pick up old character in screen memory and put in new one. V9=old, VC=new

ADDR CODE	COMMENT
0AD6 22 90	sub.-pick up character
0AD8 89 00	V9=V0
0ADA 80 C0	V0=VC
0ADC 22 98	sub.-put in new character
0ADE 7D 01	VD+01
0AE0 00 EE	

The following program blocks contain programming for the different control keys.

ADDR CODE	COMMENT
0AE4 4A 3C	check if end of line
0AE6 00 EE	yes-return
0AE8 2D 08	no-erase cursor
0AEA 7A 05	X+05
0AEC 2D 08	display cursor
0AEE 7D 01	VD+01
0AF0 00 EE	return
	BACKSPACE
0AF2 4A 00	check if beginning of line
0AF4 00 EE	yes-return
0AF6 2D 08	no-erase cursor
0AF8 7A FB	X-05
0AFA 2D 08	display cursor
0AFC 7D FF	VD-01
0AFE 00 EE	return
0B00 4B 00	check if top of screen
0B02 2B EA	yes-gosub BEA(scroll down)
0B04 2D 08	no-erase cursor
0B06 7B F8	VB-08
0B08 2D 08	display cursor
0BOA 7D F3	VD-0D
0BOC 00 EE	return

LINE FEED

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0B10	4B 38	check if bottom of screen
0B12	2B 04	yes-gosub BD4(scroll up)
0B14	2D 08	no-erase cursor
0B16	7B 08	VB+08
0B18	2D 08	display cursor
0B1A	7D 0D	VD+0D
0B1C	00 EE	return

e or CONTROL R

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0B20	4A 3C	check if end of line
0B22	00 EE	yes-return
0B24	2A D6	no-store VC in screen memory
0B26	7D FF	VD-01
0B28	3E 00	check cursor flag--entrance

0B2A	6E FF	1- VE=FF
0B2C	7E 01	0- VE+01
0B2E	1A E4	goto AE4 TAB

CONTROL E

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0B30	0D 60	erase display
0B32	6A 00	X=00
0B34	6B 00	Y=00
0B36	6E 00	VE=00
0B38	6D 00	VD=00
0B3A	60 00	V0=00
0B3C	AA 00	I=0A00
0B3E	4D 84	check if VD=84
0B40	1B 48	yes-goto B48
0B42	F0 55	no-MI=V0
0B44	7D 01	VD+01
0B46	1B 3E	goto B3E
0B48	6D 0D	VD=0D
0B4A	2D 08	display cursor
0B4C	00 EE	return

RETURN

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0B50	2A D6	store ASCII in screen
0B52	7D FF	memory
0B54	4B 38	VD-01
0B56	2B D4	check if bottom of
0B58	2D 08	screen
0B5A	7D 01	yes-gosub BD4(scroll up)
0B5C	7B 08	no-erase cursor
0B5E	4A 3C	VD+01
0B60	1B 68	VB+08
0B62	7A 05	check if A=3C
0B64	7D 01	yes-branch to B68
0B66	1B 5E	no-VA+05
0B68	6A 00	VD+01
0B6A	2D 08	goto B5E
0B6C	00 EE	X=00
		display cursor
		return

DELETE

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0B70	4A 00	check if beginning of line
0B72	00 EE	yes-return
0B74	2D 08	no-erase cursor
0B76	7D FF	VD-01
0B78	6C 00	VC=00
0B7A	2A D6	store character in screen
0B7C	7A FB	memory
0B7E	AD F9	X-05
0B80	0D 10	I=DF9
		MLS to get ASCII char.
		pattern

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0B82	49 0D	check if V9=0D
0B84	1B 8A	yes-goto BRA
0B86	AD 30	no-I=030
0B88	DA B7	erase character
0B8A	2D 08	display cursor
0B8C	4F 00	check if flag VF=00
0B8E	1B 92	yes-goto B92
0B90	2D 08	no-erase cursor
0B92	7D FF	VD-01
0B94	00 EE	return
0B96	4A 00	check if beginning of line
0B98	00 EE	yes-return
0B9A	2B 70	no-gosub B70 DELETE
0B9C	1B 96	goto B96

CONTROL Q

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0BA0	2B 96	gosub B96
0BA2	4B 00	check if top of screen
0BA4	00 EE	yes-return
0BA6	2D 08	no-erase cursor
0BA8	7B F8	Y-08
0BAA	6A 41	X=41
0BAC	2D 08	display cursor
0BAE	1B A0	goto BA0

CONTROL W

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0BB0	3A 3C	check if end of line
0BB2	1B C8	no-goto BC8
0BB4	3B 38	yes-check if bottom of
		screen
0BB6	1B C0	no-goto BC0
0BB8	2D 08	yes-erase cursor
0BBA	6A 3C	X=3C
0BBC	2D 08	display cursor
0BBE	00 EE	return
0BC0	2D 08	erase cursor
0BC2	6A FB	X=FB
0BC4	7B 08	Y+08
0BC6	2D 08	display cursor
0BC8	2D 08	erase cursor
0BCA	7A 0A	X+0A
0BCC	7D 01	VD+01
0BCE	2B 78	gosub B78 DELETE
0BD0	1B B0	

Program block to scroll up screen memory.

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0BD4	2D 08	erase cursor
0BD6	6D FF	VD=FF
0BD8	7D 0E	VD+0E
0BDA	4D 84	check if VD=84
0BDC	12 8A	yes-goto 2BA
0BDE	22 90	no-gosub 290(sub. to
		read ASCII char. from
		screen memory)
		VD-0D
0BE0	7D F3	gosub 298(sub. to write
0BE2	22 98	ASCII char. into screen
		memory)
		goto BDB
0BE4	1B D8	

Program block to scroll down screen memory.

ADDR CODE	COMMENT
OB EA 2D 08	erase cursor
OB EC 6D 84	VD=84
OB EE 7D F2	VD=0E
OB FO 4D FF	check if VD=FF
OB F2 12 7A	yes-goto 27A
OB F4 22 90	no-gosub 290(sub. to read ASCII char. from screen memory)
OB F6 7D 0D	VD+00
OB F8 22 98	gosub 298(sub. to write ASCII char. into screen memory)
OB FA 1B EE	goto BEE

Subroutine to turn cursor on or off.

ADDR CODE	COMMENT
OD 00 F8 F8	cursor pattern
OD 02 F8 F8	
OD 04 F8 F8	
OD 06 F8 00	
OD 08 AD 00	I=000--entrance to subroutine
OD 0A DA B7	display cursor pattern at (A,B)
OD 0C 00 EE	return

Note: page C (0C00-0CFF) has been left available for user programming in Chip-8 or machine language. Location 0200 has been left blank for the use of a jump instruction if needed.

Machine Language Subroutine to get ASCII character pattern.

ADDR CODE	COMMENT
OD 10 F8 09	ASCII character pattern page #
OD 12 BC	
OD 13 92	
OD 14 BE	
OD 15 F8 30	paragraph # for temporary storage of ASCII character pattern. Must be in page D regardless of the position of this subroutine.
OD 17 AE	
OD 18 0A	
OD 19 FE	
OD 1A FE	
OD 1B FE	
OD 1C AC	
OD 1D 4C	
OD 1E 33 26	branch to: 26
OD 20 FA	
OD 21 0F	
OD 22 FE	
OD 23 FE	
OD 24 FE	
OD 25 FE	
OD 26 FA	
OD 27 F0	
OD 28 5E	
OD 29 1E	
OD 2A 8E	
OD 2B FB 37	stopping point for temp. storage of ASCII char. branch to: 1D
OD 2D 3A 1D	return
OD 2F D4	

Machine language subroutine you-write-yourself to see if there is an input from an ASCII keyboard. If there is, then the ASCII character is put into M1. I is already set. 0D38-0D3F

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THE HAMURABI GAME

HAMURABI GAME

(Adapted by Fred Hannan)

Hamurabi has its roots in several claimed creations but I believe the original version for microcomputers was written by CREATIVE COMPUTING. This version was adapted from many different versions published in several magazines and books.

The instructions included in the game explain the rules and objectives.

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10 REM
20 REM
30 REM
40 REM
50 REM
60 REM
70 REM
80 REM
90 REM
100 REM
110 REM
120 REM
130 REM
140 DEFINT Z
150 CLS
160 INPUT "HAMURABI GAME - Do you need instructions (YES or NO)";I$
170 IF MID$(I$,1,1)="N" GOTO 340
180 IF MID$(I$,1,1)="n" GOTO 340
190 PRINT "HAMURABI - You are the much loved king of the ancient"
200 PRINT "kingdom of SUMERIA."
210 PRINT
220 PRINT "The object is to keep your kingdom growing by raising grain,"
230 PRINT "using the grain to feed your people and the strangers who"
240 PRINT "come to your city, keep enough grain for seed for next years"
250 PRINT "crop. In addition, you will buy land for planting crops in"
260 PRINT "times of plenty or sell your farm land in bad times to"
270 PRINT "get much needed grain."
280 PRINT TAB(10);"(The plague strikes occasionally)"
290 PRINT "you buy or sell land at its current value, each person"
300 PRINT "needs 20 bushels for food, each person can plant a"
310 PRINT "maximum of 10 acres, and each acre costs 1/2 bushel to plant."
320 PRINT "(If you want to quit, sell all of your land)"
330 PRINT : INPUT "Press RETURN to begin your reign.";B$
340 A=100;B=5;C=0;D=2800;E=200;F=3;G=3000;H=1000;J=L=1
350 CLS:P=0: PRINT "HAMURABI, I beg to report that in year ";L;":
360 PRINT
370 IF C=1 GOTO 390
380 PRINT C;" people starved, and ";: GOTO 400
390 PRINT " 1 person starved, and ";
400 IF B=1 GOTO 420
410 PRINT B;" people came to the city. ": GOTO 430
420 PRINT "1 person came to the city."
430 IF J>0 GOTO 460
440 A=A-(A/2)
450 PRINT "The plague killed half the people."
460 PRINT "The population is now ";A;".
470 PRINT "We harvested ";G;" bushels at ";F;" bushels per acre."
480 PRINT "Rats destroyed ";E;" bushels, leaving ";D;" bushels in storage."
490 PRINT "The city owns ";I;" acres of land."
500 K=16+RND(6): PRINT "Land is worth ";K;" bushels per acre."
510 PRINT : PRINT "HAMURABI . . ."
520 PRINT
530 INPUT " Buy how many acres";I: IF I=0 GOTO 570
540 J=I*K: IF J<=D GOTO 560
550 GOSUB 910: GOTO 530
560 D=D-J;H=H+I
570 PRINT : PRINT " * You are buying ";I;" acres."
580 IF I>0 GOTO 670
590 PRINT
600 INPUT " Sell how many acres";I: IF I=0 GOTO 640
610 IF I<H GOTO 640
620 IF I=H GOTO 950
630 GOSUB 910: GOTO 600
640 P=I: PRINT : PRINT " * You are selling ";I;" acres."
650 GOTO 660
660 H=H-I;D=D+K*I
670 REM
680 PRINT
690 INPUT " How many bushels shall we distribute as food";I
700 IF I<D GOTO 720
710 GOSUB 910: GOTO 690
720 D=D-I;C=A-(I/20);B=0: IF C>0 GOTO 740
730 B=-C/2;C=0
740 PRINT
750 PRINT " * You are distributing ";I;" bushels."
760 PRINT
770 INPUT " How many acres shall we plant "I
780 IF I>H GOTO 800
790 J=I/2: IF J<=D GOTO 810
800 GOSUB 910: GOTO 770
810 IF I>10*A GOTO 900
820 D=D-J;F=RND(5)+1;G=F*I
830 E=(D+G)*7/100
840 E=E*RND(2)
850 D=D-E+G;J=RND(11)-1
860 B=B+(5-F)*(D/600)+1
870 IF B<=50 GOTO 890
880 B=50
890 IF B<0 THEN B=0
900 A=A+B-C;L=L+1: GOTO 350
910 PRINT
920 PRINT "--> HAMURABI !! Think again -- you only have"
930 PRINT "--> ";A;" people, ";H;" acres, and ";D;" bushels in storage."
940 RETURN
950 CLS: PRINT "You sold all of your land."
960 PRINT "THE GAME IS OVER - GOODBYE!"
970 CLS

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PARTIAL DISPLAY SUBROUTINES

by
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The graphics test program displaying the Enterprise Spaceship (Popular Electronics, pg. 42, 44, July 1977, and in Netronics Assembly Manual) also shows the program bytes. If the graphic-modifying MAIN subroutine is not needed, space becomes available for modified INTERRUPT subroutines which display only the graphic.

Running from 0050-00FF, the graphic consists of 22 8-byte rows. Each row is scanned 4 times for a total of 88 desired graphic scans. To blank the screen during the first 40 (=128-88) scans, two 8-byte rows of zeros must be scanned 20 (=14 in hex) times. These are conveniently supplied in the original programs at 0040-004F; they could however appear anywhere on the same page as the graphic.

In the Top Blank program, the INTERRUPT subroutine puts half the number of blank scans in an unused register which is decremented and tested during blank scans. When this register reaches zero, the program jumps to load the graphic display address into R0. Two zero rows seem to be necessary since the decrementing, comparing, and repointing of R0 takes more time than is available in one between-scan period.

To display the graphic with unused lines at the bottom blanked, it is necessary to place the graphic memory so that it can be immediately followed, on the same page, by an 8-byte row of zero bytes. The graphic, originally at 0050-00FF, must be moved to 0048-00F7. 00F8-00FF must be zeros to be repeatedly scanned during blanking.

Program Bottom Blank implements this. A minor complication arises, due to the fact that during the last four scans the video chip pulls the display status line low. In the original program, the 3C instruction sensed this only as

the last 4 scans were completed. In Bottom Blank this "almost-done" signal is sensed with 3 scans still to go. So the FOUR subroutine is added to keep repointing R0 to zeros until the display status line again goes high, signaling that the display window is finally closed. Without FOUR, the bytes following the zero row get displayed.

Once the logic of these modifications becomes clear, one should be able to write interrupt routines to blank the screen at the top, bottom, or top and bottom. Of course, users with more than one page of memory can dedicate one page for display, blank anywhere easily with zeros, and use the standard interrupt routine.

		Top Blank		
ADDR	CODE		LABEL	COMMENT
0000	90 B1 B2 B3 B4			B4 unnecessary in this mod.
0005	F8 39* A3			*Address changes from P.E.
0008	F8 3F* A2			original Graphics Test Program
000B	F8 11 A1 D3			
000F	72 70		RETURN	
0011	22 78 22 52		INTERRUPT	
0015	C4 C4 C4			
0018	F8 14 A5			Bytes from 0018 to 003F are different from original Graphics Test Program
001B	F8 00 B0			#Blank scans/2 (in hex) to R5.0 Address of 2 zero lines to R0

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ADDR CODE	LABEL	COMMENT	ADDR CODE	LABEL	COMMENT
001E F8 40 A0	BLANK		---- DMA scan 1		
---- DMA zero row 1			0020 E2 20 A0		
0021 25 85 32 27		Countdown blank scans by 2 and jump on zero to PIC to display graphics beginning at 0050	---- DMA scan 2		Scan each 8-byte line four times as in original Graphics Test Program
---- DMA zero row 2			0023 E2 20 A0		
0025 30 1E			---- DMA scan 3		
---- DMA zero row 2			0026 E2 20 A0		
0027 F8 50 A0	PIC		---- DMA scan 4		Makes D=0 if last line.
002A E2	REFRESH		0029 FB F0		Get new display line if D not = 0
---- DMA Scan 1		Scan each 8-byte line four times as in original Graphics Test Program	002B 3A 1F		Save in D address of 8 zero bytes that must immediately follow last line of graphic.
002B E2 20 A0			002D 80		Repoint to zero row until EFI shows we're in last 4 scans.
---- DMA Scan 2			---- DMA zero row		
002E E2 20 A0			002E 20 A0	BLANK	
---- DMA Scan 3			0030 3C 2E		
0031 E2 20 A0			---- DMA zero row		
---- DMA Scan 4			0032 20 A0 34 32	FOUR	Repoint to zero row until EFI shows last 4 scans done.
0034 80 3C 2A		Check for end of display window. Do-nothing MAIN loop	---- DMA zero row		
0037 30 0F			0036 30 0F 00		
0039 E2 69 30 3B	MAIN	3D to 3F is stack area	0039 E2 69 30 3B	MAIN	Do-nothing MAIN loop.
003D XX XX XX		Bytes 0040 - 00FF containing graphic same as original P.E. Spaceship Program	003D xx xx xx		3D to 3F is stack area.
0040 00 00 00 etc.	ZERO		0048 7B DE DB etc.	GRAPHIC	40 to 47 is unused Bytes 0048-00F7 contain graphic found as 0050-00FF in original.
0050 7B DE 0B etc.	GRAPHIC		00F8 00 00 00 etc.	ZERO	Zero row for blanking.

Bottom Blank

ADDR CODE	LABEL	COMMENT
0000 90 B1 B2 B3 B4		B4 unnecessary in this mod.
0005 F8 39* A3		*Address changes from P.E.
0008 F8 3F* A2		original Graphics Test Program
000B F8 11 A1 D3		
000F 72 70	RETURN	
0011 22 78 22 52	INTERRUPT	
0015 C4 C4 C4		
0018 F8 00 B0		
001B F8 48 A0 E2		Spaceship graphic moved to begin at 0048 instead of 0050
001F 80	REFRESH	

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