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YOU ARE the last survivor in the

You are under attack from the enemy who are scaling the castle wall. You must drop the rocks to dislodge them. If they reach the top the game is over. How long will you survive?

The control keys are: Z left, X right and space bar to drop the rocks

 Castle Siege is in two parts. Type in Listing 1, which defines the characters, RUN and then NEW. Now type in Listing 2. See also note at bottom.

How it works

10-100 main game loop 1000-1500 initialize variables and strings

2000-2500 instructions

3000 POKE on other side of

3500 POKE on other side of screen

4000-4500 throw rock

5000-5500 PRINT enemy

6000-6500 game over

7000-7500 rock hit enemy routine

8000-8500 pick up rock routine

Variables

EH(), EL() climbing enemy D defender

R rock

FR falling rock

RO, DE test for rock and defender

E number of enemies

S4 sound channel

CO colour location

T time

BT best time

W wall location

L,Q loops

TE () test for enemy at top

Crown and Anchor

THIS GAME is played with three dice which are displayed on the screen.

The amount of money you have is displayed in the top left

Listing 1 — defines characters for Castle Siege

hand corner. You start with £100 and are prompted with the message "place bet". You then type in how much you wish to bet - not more money than you have!

After pressing RETURN you are promted with another message: "back". Type in which side of the dice you expect to be showing after the computer has thrown them. The computer will

then throw the dice and the outcome will be printed on the screen.

If one of the dice shows the side you backed you get double your stake money back. If two of the dice show your side you get treble your stake money back, and if all the dice show the side you backed you get four times your stake money returned. If none of them show your side you lose your stake.

How it works

10-100 main game loop 1000-1500 initialize variables and strings

2000-2500 instructions

3000-3500 print credit

4000-4500 bleep

Variables

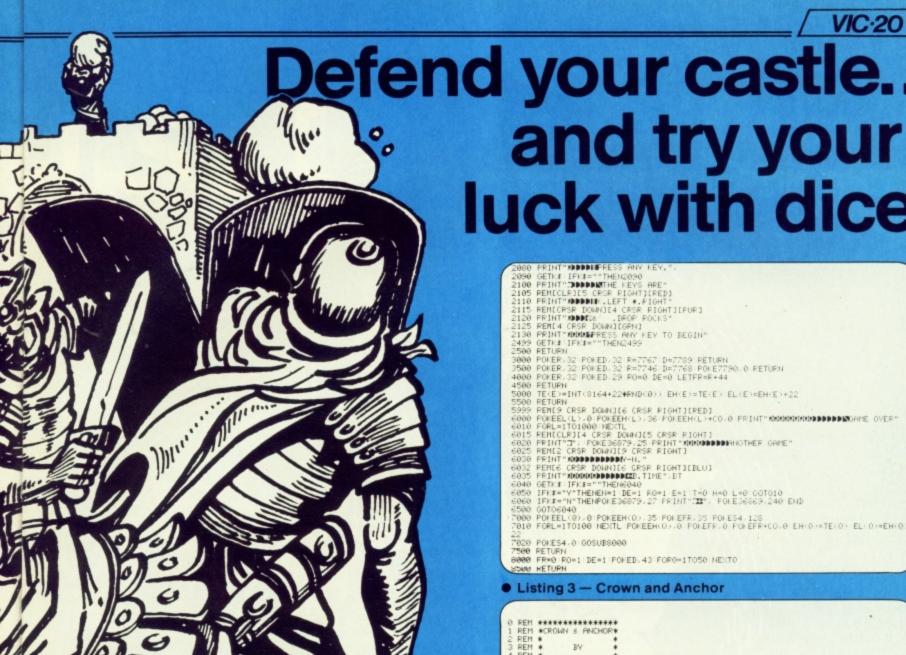
D() dice

P() position of numbers on dice

R number of dice right

T total credit

CO colour location



Listing 2 — Castle Siege, main game

```
REM * BY
REM * BY
REM * MATHEW SOLLY
REM *
REM **********
98 IFBTCTTHENBT=T
99 NEXTL
100 E=E+1:GOTO11
100 E=E+1:GOTO11
100 PONE36879.25 PONE36878.15 PONE36869.255 PONE650.255
1005 DIMEH(6):DIMEL(6):DIMTE(6)
1010 COS30720 R=7756:DE7778:T=0:BT=0:RO=1:DE=1:E=1:S4=36877
1500 RETURN
1500 RETURN
1500 RETURN
2000 PRINT"J"; PRINT"MACASTLE SIEGE BY M.S." "
2000 PRINT"J"; PRINT"MACASTLE SIEGE BY M.S." "
2000 PRINT"J"; PRINT"MACASTLE SIEGE BY M.S." "
2010 PRINT"MACASTLE DIMENJORS DOWN JOHN SURVIVOR OF WITHE CRESTLE > YOUR ONLY
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    2049 REMICERS DOWNJICESE DOWNJ
2050 PRINT"REMAINING HEAPON IS A MLARGE PILE OF ROCKS. MYOU MUST DROP ROCKS TO"
2059 PRINCESS DOWNJICESE DOWNJ
2050 PRINT"DISLODGE THE CLIMBING MENEMY.THE GAME IS OVERWHEN THE ENEMY REACHES"
2070 PRINT"THE TOP."
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11111/////

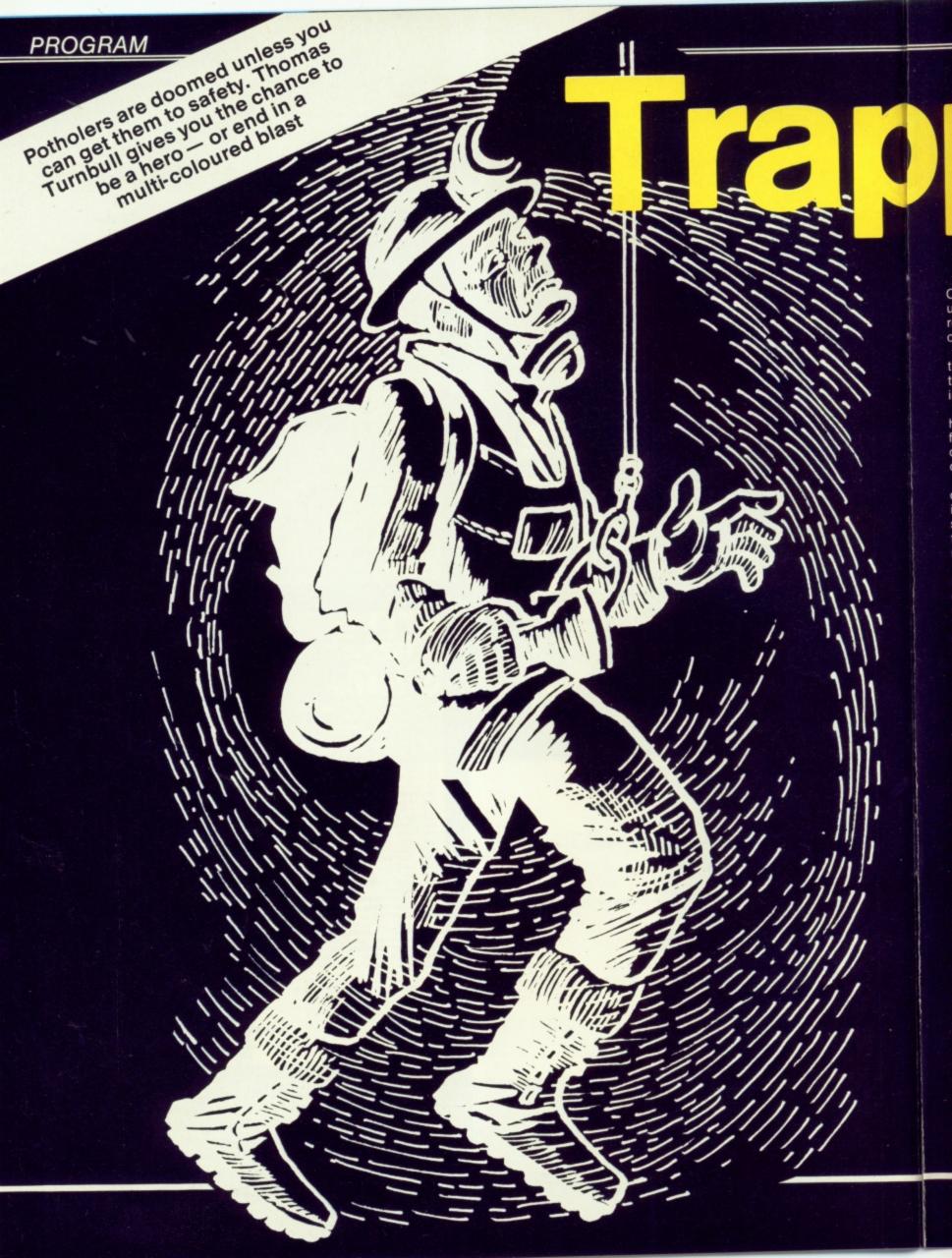
```
luck with dice
  98 FR-9:RD=1:DE=1:POKED, 43:FOR0=1T050:NEXTO
```

and try your

Listing 3 — Crown and Anchor

```
2030 PRINT"TO GAMBLE ON THE OUT- MOOME OF THE DICE.M"
2040 PRINT"VOU MUST PUT YOUR BET MON ANY ONE OF THE MIDICES SIDES.M"
2045 PRINT"MODDBDBFRESS ANY KEY"
2047 GETKE: IFKE: "THEN2047
2050 PRINT"MITHE COMPUTER THEN MITHROWS THE DICE.IF ONEMOF THEM SHOW
                                                                                                                                  MITHROWS THE DICE. IF ONE MOF THEM SHOWS THE SID
 2060 PRINT"YOU PICKED YOU GET
2070 PRINT"YOU GET TREBLE YOUR
2080 PRINT"SIDE YOU GET FOUR
2080 PRINT"SIDE YOU BET BACK.*
2080 PRINT"SIDE YOU BET BACK.*
2080 PRINT"SIDE YOU BET BACK.*
2080 PRINT"SIDE YOUR MONEY BACK AND IF ALL
2080 PRINT"SIDE YOU BET BACK.*
                                                                                                                         MDOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACKWIF TWO SHOW YOUR SIDEW MYONEY BACK AND IF ALL WITHE DICE SHOW YOUR WIT IMES YOUR BET BACK, W'
```

We have inserted REMs in the lines above those in which Commodore control characters appear in the listings. These are only for your guidance and should not be entered. Remember that lines in some listings may not fit unless you use abbreviations for the BASIC keywords — you'll find them in your manual



Dec

CAVERS are trapped deep underground — and they're relying on you and your rescue craft.

You must steer your way through the tunnel, avoiding the stalagmites and the sides, into a large cavern.

There you see the potholers signalling with a lamp, a flashing sprite which also changes shape due to a kind of BASIC interrupt.

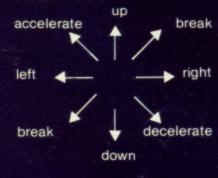
Touch the lamp with your craft and a bell rings, indicating the first part of your mission is complete. Now you and the rescued potholers must reach safety.

This time you use the right hand tunnel and touch your craft against a sprite with the word "winner" written inside it. This records your time score on the table.

Don't touch this sprite on the way in — it will be ignored until you have rescued the cavers.

Touching any other objects will result in a multi-coloured explosion, complete with the sound of the blast.

The game works with the joystick in port 2 and these are the controls:



The fire button is used to restart the game and to give instant slow speed.

You will find that the response to the joystick is instant, even though the controls in lines 1 to 25 are written in BASIC.

As the Commodore 64 finds sub-routines by searching line numbers from zero, I placed this routine at the beginning so it finds the routine and acts on it quickly.

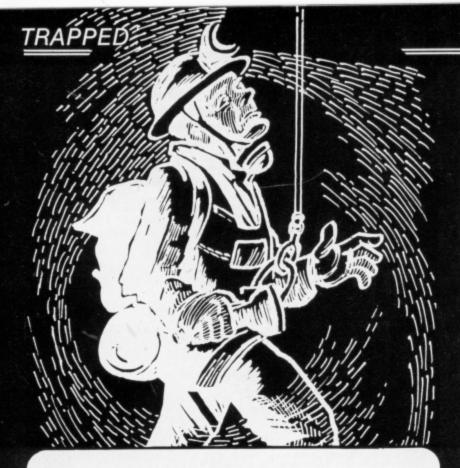
How it works

- 1-25 main joystick and control module
- 27-35 reset memory and store sprites and user-defined graphics
- 36-117 main section: switches on sprites, places them on screen and moves them
- 118-125 theme tune music DATA
- 130-410 user-defined graphics DATA
- 5000-5110 top 10 time table
 a high-score table for the
 best times
- 7000-8750 sprite DATA 9000-9015 bell sound effect
- 10000-10020 explosion effect 20000-25000 draw cavern routine
- 30000-30075 winner sprite DATA
- 40000-40100 win and display routine
- 45000-45150 instructions
- 50000-50070 routine to play theme music
- 60000 random high-resolution colour routine

When typing in this listing, you'll find REMs above lines containing control characters. These REMs are only for your guidance and should not be entered. And remember to abbreviate BASIC keywords—there's a list in your manual. Some lines may not fit without abbreviations. And it's quicker to type them in...

```
0 V=53248:S=54272:POKE54296,15:FORT=STOS+24:POKEI.0:NEXT:00T027
1 V=53248:POKEV+28.2:POKE53275,2:JV=PEEK(56320):IF3X=0THENSX=5
2 POKEV+28.2:POKEV+37.8:POKE5438,4:FR=JVAND16:REM FIRE BUTTON STATUS
3 JV=15-(JVAND15):IFJV=0THENJV=K:REM DIRECTION VALUE
4 C=PEEK(V+31):AND1:D=PEEK(V+30):AND2:IFJV=10THENJV=K:SX=SX-1:IFSX(1THENSX=1)
5 IFFR=0THENSX=2
6 IFJV=STHENJV=K:SX=SX+1:IFSX)50THENSX=50
7 IFJV=ITHENJV=Y-SX:POKE2040.200:IFYC0THENY=0
8 IFJV=STHENV=Y+SX:POKE2040.200:IFYC0THENY=0
9 IFJV=STHENX=X+SX:POKE2040.200:IFXC0THENX=35
10 IFJV=STHENX=X+SX:POKE2040.200:IFXC0THENX=320
11 IFJV=0THENX=X+SX:POKE2040.200:IFXC0THENX=320
12 K=JV:IFJD=2THENX=X+SX:POKE2040.200:IFXC0THENX=320
13 IFJV=0THENX=X+SX:POKE2040.200:IFXC0THENX=320
14 G=PEEK(V+30):NDB:IFG=SNNDF=ZTHEND=0:F=0:G=0:GOSUB9000:GOSUB40000:RETURN
20 IFG(11-RO)C60THENC=0:RETURN
20 IFJC(11-RO)C60THENC=0:RETURN
21 GOSUB10000:FORM=YT00225STEP10:POKE2040.2:POKES+4.17:POKES,127
22 POKES+1.0:POKEV+20.3:FORZ=211T0215:POKE2040.2:POKES+4.120.POKES+4.6
23 POKEY+1.0:POKEY+20.3:FORZ=211T0215:POKE2040.2:POKES+4.1:NEXT:NEXT
24 NEXT:SOO:V=225:D=0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY+1.0:POKEY
                                METUMN
POKE53281,15:PRINT"D":CL$=":MRXXMMCMCM":PRINT"#000000";TAB(13)"#CAVERN RESCUE
GOSUB9000 POKE53280.12:GOSUB50000 GOSUB9000
REM START SPRITES AT 13312(BLOCK 200)
POKE53281,15:PRINTCHR$(142):POKE52,48:POKE56,48:POKE56334,PEEK(56334)AND254
POKE53281,15:PRINTCHR$(142):POKE52,48:POKE56,48:POKE56334,PEEK(56334)AND254
POKE1,PEEK(1)AND251:FOR1=0T0511:POKE1+12288,PEEK(56334)PEEK(56334)AND254
POKE1,PEEK(1)AND251:FOR1=0T0511:POKE1+12288,PEEK(53248+1):NEXT
POKE1,PEEK(1)AND251:FOR1=0T0511:POKE1+12288,PEEK(53248+1):NEXT
POKE13272;(PEEK(53272)AND240)+12
FOR1=12800T013015:READN:POKE1,R:NEXT
PPINT""":POKEV+16,1:X=66:Y=200
FOR1=13312T013887:READN:POKE1,R:NEXT
GOSUB20000:RO=0:GOSUB40030:GOSUB45000
RO=T1:POKE2043,216:POKEV+42,0:POKEV+6,48:POKEV+7,225:POKEV+21,PEEK(V+21)OR8
POKEV+16,PEEK(V+16)OR8:KK=0:C=0:POKEV+39,0:X=50:Y=225
POKEV+21,9:POKE2041,214
POKEV+39,0:X=50:Y=225:GOSUB20000
POKE2041.INT(RND(0))**A)+221:GOSUB1:IFX)255THENPOKEV+16,9:POKEV,X-255:GOTOB6
POKEV+16,8:POKEV,X
POKEV+1,Y:IFC=1THENC=0:GOTO90
IFK=5THENK=0:OOTO80
IFD=2NNDXK=5THENS0
GOTOB4
PRINT"**":POKEV+16,8:X=50:Y=225:POKEV+1,V:POKEV,X-200:DOKEV+2,RNDXK=5THENS0
GOTOB4
PRINT"**":POKEV+16,8:X=50:Y=205:POKEV+1,V:POKEV,X-200:DOKEV+2,RNDXK=5THENS0
GOTOB4
PRINT"**":POKEV+16,8:X=50:Y=205:POKEV+1,V:POKEV,X-200:DOKEV+2,RNDXK=5THENS0
GOTOB4
PRINT"**":POKEV+16,8:X=50:Y=205:POKEV+1,V:POKEV,X-200:DOKEV+2,RNDXK=5THENS0
GOTOB4
PRINT"**":POKEV+16,8:X=50:Y=205:POKEV+1,V:POKEV,X-200:DOKEV-2,RNDXK=5THENS0
GOTOB4
PRINT"**":POKEV+16,8:X=50:Y=205:POKEV+1,V:POKEV,X-200:DOKEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXK=5THENS0
GOTOB4
PRINT"**":POKEV+16,8:X=50:Y=205:POKEV+1,V:POKEV,X-200:DOKEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,RNDXEV-2,R
                                              POKE53281,15:PRINT":7":CL$=":300000CH:PRINT":000000";TAB(13)"CAVERN RESCUE
5040 IFZ1=10THEN5060
5050 FORX1=9T0Z1STEP-1:TT(X1+1)=TT(X1):TT$(X1+1)=TT$(X1):NEXT
```

Will you survive to rescue the cavers?



```
5900 TT(21)*TTTTE(21)*HIT
5880 PRINT'TTTRE(5)*MINE TRBLE (SECONDS)*
5890 PRINT'TTTRE(5)*MINE TRBLE (SECONDS)*
5890 PRINT'TTTRE(5)*MINE TRBLE (SECONDS)*
5890 PRINT'TTTRE(5)*MINE TRBLE (SECONDS)*
5890 PRINT'MEMPERS A KEY TO RESTRET* POKE198,0 WARIT198,1 POKE199.0 RETURN
5890 PRINT 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
5890 PRINT 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
5890 PRINT 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
5890 PRINT 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
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5890 PRINT 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
5890 PRINT 0, 0, 0, 0
5890 PRINT
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Find and use your 64's hidden memory



ONE OF the aspects which separates the Commodore 64 from the "also rans" is its large memory. While it is true that only about 38K is accessible from BASIC, with the aid of a few short routines, you will have ready access to around 60K

First Let me ask some questions:

- Are you fed up with converting your machine code routines or blocks of data into lengthy BASIC loaders (similar to listing 2)?
- Are you interested in simple animation or do you wish to have access to several screens of data?
- Do you wish that you had a few kilobytes of protected data area for your adventure or simulation?
- Do you want to move blocks of data around rapidly and easily?
- Are you just an enthusiastic dabbler?

If you answer yes to any of these questions then read on.

Before launching into description of the routines, it is necessary to disducss how RAM is organised and controlled on the 64.

Consider Figure 1. The only obvious parts of RAM available for use are the BASIC area and the spare area. So where is the rest of the RAM?

\$D000-\$DFFF 53248-57343

\$E000-\$FFFF 57344-65535

The answer hiding behind the ROMs and the I/O areas. Any address in these areas is shared by both RAM and ROM or I/O. The crunch is that a value POKEd to an address will be put into the RAM but a PEEK will reflect the value in ROM, not RAM.

Fortunately, the 6510 pro-

hexadecimal	decimal	size of RAM	usage
\$0000-\$03FF	0-1024	1024	system
\$0400-\$07FF	1024-2047	1024	video memory
\$0800-\$9FFF	2048-40959	38912	BASIC area
\$A000-\$BFFF	40960-49151	8192	BASIC ROM
\$C000-\$CFFF	49152-53247	4096	spare RAM

4096

8192

Figure 1 — Commodore 64 general memory map

cessor has an input/output control register at location 1. This location controls a whole handful of functions, as Figure 2 indicates. By setting the correct bit to zero, the ROM area controlled by that bit will be switched out and the RAM will become available for use. If the bit is set, the ROM is switched back in.

bit function

- switch for basic ROM switch for Kernal ROM
- switch for I/O area
- cassette write line 3
- cassette switch sense cassette motor control

Figure 2 — the function of location 1

Warning: Any attempt to switch out ROM by POKEing values into location 1 from BASIC will cause the machine to crash.

The routines described here use the switching out of ROMs to give you easy access to about 58K from BASIC.

Listing 1 gives the source code for the routines. I've included this since you may prefer to extract portions or modify it to suit your own purposes.

The first routine is called Blocksave. This routine will SAVE a specified block of memory to cassette or disc. Due to certain problems with saving with the interrrupts disabled, the routine will not SAVE the block behind \$D000 to \$FFFF. The syntax is simple:

SYS 49152 "filename", device, sa, start address, end

I/O colour RAM

Kernal ROM

C commodore



where Device is 1 for cassette or 8 for disc, sa = 2

As an example, to SAVE the BASIC ROM to disc use: SYS 49152 "BASIC ROM",8,2,10*4096,12*4086-1

Location 1000 is used as a flag to determine whether you want to save the RAM under the BASIC ROM or not. A zero value will leave the ROM alone, a non-zero value will switch the ROM out.

Hence, if you precede the above example with POKE1000,1 then you will SAVE the RAM under the ROM, not the ROM. You will, however, get a LOAD error when you reload the saved RAM. Unless you have problems with your cassette, you can ignore the error.

Note: Any programs saved with blocksave must be loaded using the command:

LOAD "", device, 1

otherwise it will not LOAD

into the correct place.

As mentioned earlier, you cannot PEEK the ROM areas. The next routine, named Peekall, will do this job. The syntax is:

SYS 49155, address

the contents of the address will be returned in location 998. This routine will work on all areas.

The RAM under the ROMs offers great possibilities as virtual storage for animation or databases. The next command, Blockmove, is included to assist such applications. Quite simply, blockmove will take a specified slab of memory contents and put it at a specified location. The syntax is:

SYS 39158, sa, fa, da

where sa is the start address of the block

fa is the finish address of the block

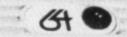
da is the destination address

Demonstrations 1 and 2 use this command to show you how to create multiple

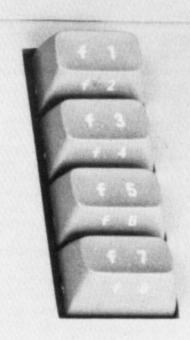
screens for data or animation. As with blocksave, a flag is available to decide which

```
10 EM=49158:FL=49161:SN=1024:CL=55296
20 REM SELECT RAM BEHIND KERNAL ROM AND SET FLAG TO SWITCH OUT ROM
30 RR=14+4096.POKE996.0
40 REM FILL EIGHT SCREENS WITH CHARACTERS
50 FOR I=1708
60 BL=RR+(I-1)*1000
70 SYS FL,BL,BL+1000.I
80 NEXT
90 PRINT CHR*(147)
100 REM DISPLRY EACH SCREEN IN SEQUENCE WITH RANDOM COLDURS
110 FORI=1708
120 BL=RR+(I-1)*1000
130 SYS FL,CL,CL+1000.RND(1)*16
140 SYS BM.BL,BL+1000.SN
150 NEXT
160 C=C+1 FCC10THEN100
170 REM SET UP EIGHT DIFFERENT SCREENS BEHIND THE KERNAL ROM
180 FOR I=1708
190 PRINT CHR*(147). 04=" SCREEN*+STR*(I)
200 FOR J=1701000 PRINTSPC(I)00; NEXT
210 BL=RR+(I-1)*1000
220 SYS BM.SN.SN+1000.BL
230 NEXT
240 PRINT CHR*(147)
250 REM DISPLRY THEM IN SEQUENCE
260 SYS FL,CL,CL+1000.I
270 FORI=1708
280 BL=RR+(I-1)*1000
290 SYS BM.BL,BL+1000.SN
300 NEXT
310 C=C+1: IFCC20THEN260
320 REM
330 PEM DEMONSTRATION OF HOW EIGHT SCREENS OF DATA CAN BE
340 REM STORED AND RECALLED FROM THE RAM BEHIND THE
```

Demonstration 1







ROM is switched out. Location 996 contains this flag. A zero value will switch out the Kernal ROM and a non zero value will switch out the BASIC ROM. This has particular

5 REMICRYS ONJIGNHTJIS CRSR RIGHTJIBLKJICRSR DOWNJIJO CRSR LEFTJ
10 As="34" DOWNJIJOM+5JIRVS OFFJIC CRSR RIGHTJIBLKJICRSR DOWNJIJO CRSR LEFTJ
25 REMICRYS ONJICOM+5JIRVS OFFJICRSR DOWNJIJO CRSR RIGHTJ
30 As=As="31" DOWNJIJOM+5JIRVS OFFJICRSR DOWNJIJO CRSR RIGHTJ
40 As=As="31" DOWNJIJOM+5JIRVS OFFJICRSR DOWNJIJO CRSR LEFTJ
40 As=As="32" DOWNJIJOM+5JIRVS OFFJICRSR DOWNJIJO CRSR LEFTJ
50 Bs=Bs="32" DOWNJIJOM+5JIRVS OFFJICRSR DOWNJIJO CRSR LEFTJ
50 Bs=Bs=300
50 Bs=Bs

Demonstration 2

300 BS#BS+200:NEXT 310 GOT0250

implications if you plan to move data to the colour RAM.

If you use the RAM behind the Kernal ROM for this purpose, you cannot move it to the colour RAM since both are switched out simultaneously. Demonstration 2 keeps the colour data behind the BASIC ROM to prevent this problem.

The next command, blockfill, fills a specified area with a specified character. This is useful for zeroing a block of RAM or filling the colour RAM with a specified colour. The syntax is:

SYS 49161, sa, fa, ch where sa is the start of the block affected

fa is the finish of the block ch is the character

The final command, charmove, is a specified form of blockmove. This command will download the normal upper case set of characters (256 characters in all) to a specified

address. This will be of value if you plan to redesign your character set. The syntax is:

SYS 491, start address of destination

All addressesare to be input as decimal values. All Parameters can be input as values, variables expressions.

Listing 2 gives a BASIC loader for the routines. Once you have typed it in, SAVE it, since, while a crude checksum is included, you could make an error. Once it is up and running, why not save it using Blocksave? Like this:

SYS 49152 "name", dev, sa, 49152,49527

Demonstrations 1 and 2 give an idea of the possibilities of these routines.

Try them and enjoy.

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1 ! 2 ! 10 TEMPSTORE 20 PEEKVAL 39 SAVEFLAG 40 CHKCOM 50 FRINUM 60 GETADR 70 SAVER 90 SEPARA 90 *=$C000 ! 100 ! 120 J1
                                               999
998
1888
$REFD
$RD8A
$B7F7
$E15F
$E104
 110 | 120 Ji JMP BLOCKSAVE ! SVS 491*
ADDRESS.FINISH ADDRESS
130 | DEVICE...: FOR CASSETTE, 8 FOR DISK22 ! SA...2
140 ! POKE 1000.0... ASSUMES NORMAL RAM
150 ! POKE 1000.1... SHITCHES OUT BASIC ROM
                                                                                               ! SYS 49152 "NAME", DEVICE, SA, START
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1250 !
1260 BLOCKFILL
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     JSR PARAMETER
LIA #14
STA #FB
LIA #15
STA #FC
LIA #15
STA #FC
LIA #14
STA 990
LIA #15
STA 991
LIA #15
STA #FD
LIA #14
STA #FD
LIA #FD
LIA #FD
LIA #FD
LIA #FD
LIA #FB
CLC
#1
STA #FB
LIA #FC
LIA #FB
CMP 990
BNE AGAIN2
LIA #FC
CMP 991
BNE AGAIN2
RTS
        1270
1280
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1390
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LDA #14
STA #F8
LDA #15
STA #F0
LDA #15
STA #F0
LDA #60
STA #F0
LDA #56334
AND #254
STA #56334
LDA #61
AND #251
LDA #65
LDA #61
AND #251
STA #F0
LDA #F0
LDA #F0
LDA #F0
STA #FB
LDA #F0
STA #FB
LDA #F0
STA #F0
LDA #60
STA #F0
STA #F0
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STA #F0
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                                740 AGAINS
                JSR CHKCOM
JSR FRMNUM
JSR GETADR
RTS
                2060
READY.
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■ Listing 1 — source code of routines. Only for those who have an assembler program

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1 DRTR76,15,192,76,59,192,76,94,192,76,211,192,76,20,193,32,212,225,32,110
2 DRTR193,165,20,72,165,21,72,32,110,193,166,20,164,21,104,133,21,104,133
3 DRTR20,173,232,3,240,4,169,54,133,1,169,20,32,95,225,169,55,133,1,96,32
4 DRTR110,193,165,20,133,251,165,21,133,252,160,0,165,1,141,231,3,41,248,120
5 DRTR133,1,177,251,141,230,3,173,231,3,133,1,88,96,32,110,193,165,20,133
6 DRTR251,165,21,133,252,22,110,193,165,20,141,222,3,165,21,141,223,3,22,110
7 DRTR193,165,20,133,253,165,21,133,254,173,220,3,240,8,169,254,141,229,3
8 DRTR76,147,192,169,248,141,229,3,165,1141,231,3,45,229,3,120,133,1,160
9 DRTR0-1,77,251,145,253,165,251,24,105,1,133,251,165,225,120,133,1,160
9 DRTR0-1,77,251,145,253,165,251,24,105,1,133,251,165,225,120,133,252,165
10 DRTR253,24,105,1,133,253,165,20,133,254,165,251,205,222,3,208,219
11 DRTR165,252,205,223,3,208,212,173,231,3,133,1,88,96,32,110,193,165,20,133,254
12 DRTR251,165,21,133,252,32,110,193,165,20,141,222,3,165,21,141,223,3,32
13 DRTR110,193,165,20,133,253,160,0,165,253,145,251,165,251,204,105,1,133,251
14 DRTR165,252,105,0,133,253,160,0,165,255,252,205,200,202,206,225,223,208,226,2165,252,205,223,3,208
15 DRTR225,96,32,110,193,165,20,133,251,165,21,133,251,165,251,205,223,3,208
16 DRTR133,254,173,14,220,41,254,141,14,220,165,1,41,251,133,160,0,177,253
17 DRTR145,251,24,165,251,105,1133,251,165,251,205,223,3,208,222,165,252,204,105,123,106
10 DRTR133,254,173,14,220,41,254,141,14,220,96,32,253,169,0,133,253,166,208
19 DRTR215,165,19,4,133,1173,14,220,91,141,14,220,96,32,253,174,32,138
20 DRTR173,32,247,183,96
100 DRTR133,2247,183,96
100 DRTR133,254,154,154,154,141,14,220,96,32,253,174,32,138
100 DRTR173,32,247,183,96
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 Listing 2 — the same program which you can type in using BASIC

Smile, then get serious

Fire Ant £7.95

Mogul, PO Box 4BT, 35-37 Wardour St, London W1A 4BT

I'm a fast reader, but I was only halfway through the crammedto-bursting instruction screen when it moved on. There's another chance when the demo has finished but a little longer reading time and better spacing would be nice.

The program, happily, is much better than its original impression. As the sole surviving soldier ant, you must rescue your Queen, held hostage on Screen 8 by Scorpions. Success brings missions to further Scorpion colonies. At first glance, it might seem a Pacman variation - the screens are visible mazes with objects scattered round, patrolling Scorpions lay eggs, and randomly change to purple, double-speed frenzy.

Closer inspection reveals yellow gates and force-fields

blocking your way and further hazards become apparent during play. Lightning reflexes help but you must collect the right objects in the right order, placing them in the right places to unblock tunnels and circumvent traps. Objects will kill you if they are taken out of order. And death is not a pretty sight, happening many times before you discover the correct method for each screenescape and even Scorpion stings may get you.

This requires patience, multiple eyes, low cunning and a fast joystick. It's very addictive dawn broke as I reached level 6. Will satisfy adventure and arcade fans. More please!

instructions	40%
playability	90%
graphics	90%
value for money	85%



Turtle Jump £6.99

Romik, 272 Argyll Ave, Slough, Berks

Software games and more serious and rated by our experious experious. The screen setting is a map of islands in the Caribbean, with turtles swimming between them. Your objective is to get from one island to another and collect treasure However, it's not quite as simple as that.

You can jump short distances and travel on anything solid. This means you can travel from one island to another on the backs of the turtles, if you can keep your balance. The only trouble is that if a crocodile appears all the turtles dive. There are a few logs you could usefully jump onto, and there are also some small volcanic islands that appear and later sink beneath the surface. So it is possible, with difficulty, to travel the islands.

Food grows on the islands and is used to top up your energy level. There is an energy barometer displayed on the screen to guide you

You must recover treasure by jumping in while the chest lid is open and getting out again before it closes. The longer you're in the more treasure you collect. Collected treasure must be taken back to your home base.

A nice game whose theme is different from the run of the mill. I found it difficult to keep on the backs of the turtles and consequently tended to end up on one island far from the treasure but feeding myself silly. Needs joystick L.C.

instructions	70%
playability	60%
graphics	70%
value for money	70%



Multisound Synthesizer £14.99

Romik, 272 Argyll Ave, Slough

This utility is designed to allow you to use the sound capabilities of the 64 without POKEing. The range of control offered is enormous and this review can only hint at all the features available.

The synthesizer consists of three screen displays. You set up the characteristics of the note you want using a control screen. This allows you to adjust the attack, decay, sustain, release etc. The levels set for each parameter are indicated by a bar chart display.

Switching to the keyboard screen displays a three octave keyboard with the notes suitably identified, e.g. Q is note C, and 2 is C sharp. As the 64 has four rows of keys the set-up becomes similar to a two keyboard organ. As you play the note in use is indicated. You can move the entire keyboard up or down a few octaves as required. I

found this presentation made it very easy to play.

The third screen is for special effects, giving complete control over all the remaining sound features built into the 64. There are just too many to itemîse. You have control over the filtering effects, oscillator and envelope sweeping, ring modulation etc.

You can obviously create tunes, but you can also append tunes, store up to nine tunes in the 64's memory, superimpose tunes over one of eight built-in drum routines, or create your own. Lastly the tunes can be SAVEd to tape or

This program is great for two types of user - the one fingered organists and the experimenter. It is an easy way of trying out different settings so you know what you want to code into your own programs. L.C.

instructions 70% ease of use 70% display 80% value for money 80%



Cash Controller disc £14.95

Richard Shepherd Software, 23-25 Elmshott La, Cippenham, Berks

A potentially useful package for those who like to keep track of their expenditure. The routines are nicely written and crash-proof.

The package starts by presenting a Main Menu. Firsttime users would then select from this the Budget Menu and set up headings. You are allowed up to 16, e.g. car, heating, phone etc. There is an option to change these if you have second thoughts. You can then allocate a budget to each. Finally you can transfer to the Bank Account Menu and set up an opening cut out To balance. unnecessary repetition, you can even set up standing orders.

You would subsequently update via the Bank Account Menu. Entering transactions is very simple and prompts are clear. First you enter the date, then a short (up to 10 characters) description. Next you

enter the heading to be debited (or credited) and the amount. That's all there is to it.

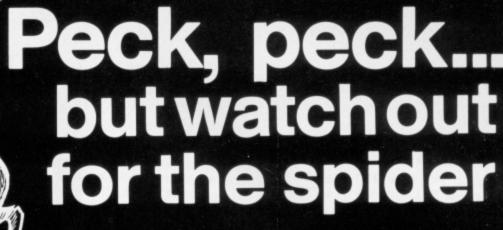
The computer does the appropriate calculations and updating as necessary. You can then call up a number of reports, to the screen or printer.

You can print out your budget headings, just for reference. More to the point you can print out details of your budgets and variances (the difference between what you allowed and what you spent). You can also print a statement listing all transactions between two specified

found the package foolproof. My only niggle is that there is no quit option, which means turning the computer off at the end. L.C.

instructions	90%
ease of use	80%
display	70%
value for money	80%





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DATA0.0.0.128.128.128.192.96
DATA3.1.1.0.0.0.1.7
DATA48.24.184.252.124.188.20.128
DATA0.0.1.1.13.6
DATA0.96.240.220.254.248.240.192
DATA12.24.29.63.62.53.40.1
DATA12.24.29.63.62.53.40.1
DATA12.128.128.0.0.128.224
DATA13.7.7.126.222.254.124
DATA18.192.224.224.126.127.127.62
DATA68.238.255.255.255.255.187.17
DATA0.9.0.0.0.0.00
DATA0.3.15.29.31.59.60.31
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DATA0.3.15.29.31.59.60.31
DATA0.3.6.83.136.136.68.34.34
DATA12.36.83.136.136.68.34.34
DATA72.36.34.17.17.34.68.68.999
F=7168
READA: IFA=999THENGOTO200

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POKE36876,200:IFZ)9THENIFINT(RND(1)*4)
DIT(RND(1)*470
IFPEEK(7724+B)=100RPEEK(7725+B)=100RPEEK(7724+B)=11THEN00T0400
POKE7724+B,8:POKE7725+B,9:Z=Z+1
K=PEEK(197)
INT(RND(1)*2):IFI=1THEN00T0400

L=INT(RND(1)*2): IFL=1THENG0T0830

L=INT(RND(1)*2): IFL=1THENDOTOSSG GOTOS68 POKE36876.0: IFMR*MOORMR+1=MOORMR-1=MOTHENGOTO970 IFPEEK(MO-22)=11THENGOTO890 IFPEEK(MO-22)=11THENGOTO910 POKEMO, 12: POKEMO+1.13: POKEMO+22, 14: POKEMO+23, 15 REM(HOMESIEN'S ONICORN) PRINT*###SCORE=":SC :IFK=33THENGOTO530 IFK=26THENGOTO530 IFK=26THENGOTO590 IFK=12THENGOTO650 IFK=36THENGOTO740

GOTU350 IFPEEK(MA-1)=10THENGOT0350 LU=0:RU=1:LL=2:RL=3 POKEMA+1,32:POKEMA+23,32

MH=MH-1 IFPEEK(MA-1)=90RPEEK(MA+21)=9THENGOSUB930

GOTO358 IFPEEK(MA+2)=18THENGOT0358 LU=4:RU=5:LL=6:RL=7

Your challenge is to eat the worms which keep appearing in your burrow. However, a spider is after your blood and his touch is lethal. The controls are included in the game.

How it works

10-190 define characters 200-250 set up opening screen and wait for keypress

put 260-330 burrow on screen

340 sets up variables

350 puts man on screen

360-390 put random worms on screen

400-460 check for man hitting monster

470 prints score at the top of the screen

480-520 check for the directional keys to be hit

530-580 moves man left

590-640 moves man right 650-730 moves man down

740-820 moves man up

830-880 moves monster left to right

890-920 moves monster up or down

930-960 add 10 to score and make worms disappear

970-1010 got you! routine

Variables

MA screen position of the top left corner of your man

LU top left character of your man

LL bottom left of your man RU top right character of your

man RL bottom right of your man SC score

MO screen position of the top left corner of the monster

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REMs have been inserted in the lines above control characters to guide you as you type in Tweet Tweet. Do not enter the REMs. Remember also that it's quicker and ensures all lines will fit if you abbreviate the BASIC keywords — there is a list in your manual.

TFPEEK(MA+2)=80RPEEK(MA+24)=8THENG0SUB938

1FPEEK (MA-22)=11THENG0T0670

GOTIO356 \$09-128:G=8 POKEMR+22,32:POKEMR+23,32:G=G+1 IFPEEK(MR-44)=80RPEEK(MR-45)=8THEN2=Z-1:SC=SC+18 MR=MR-22:POKEMR,LU:POKEMR+1.RU:POKEMR+22,LL:POKEMR+23,RL:POKE96878,15 POKE36876,SO:SO=SO+48 IFO=3THENPOKE36876,0:POKEMR+44,11:GOTIO358 GOTIO588 IFPEEK(MR+44)=11THENGOTIO768 GOTIO559

G0T0358 G=8
S0=208:G=8
POKEMA.32:POKEMA+1,32:G=G+1
IFPEEK(MA+44)=80RPEEK(MA+45)=9THENSC=SC+10:Z=Z-1
MAHMA+22:POKEMA,U:POKEMA+1,RU:POKEMA+22,LL:POKEMA+23,RL:POKE36878,15
POKE36876,S0:S0=S0=40
IFG=3THENPOKE36876,0:POKEMA-22,11:G0T0350

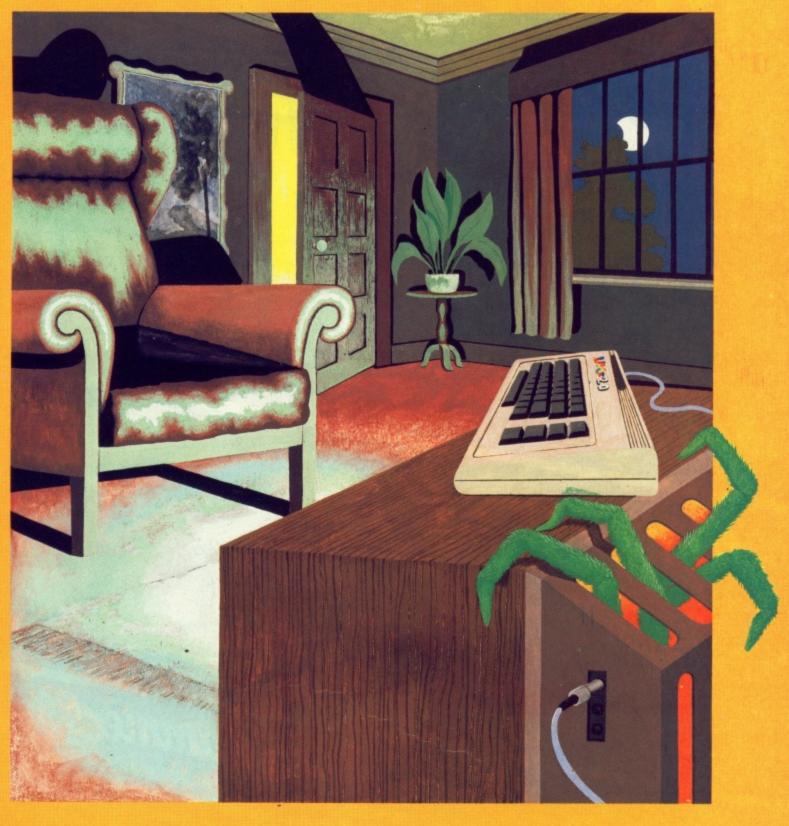
IFPEEK(M0+2) (32THENGOT0430 POKEM0,32:POKEM0+22,32:M0=M0+1

GOT0438 IFPEEK(M0-1) <> 32THENGOT0438 POKEM0+1,32:POKEM0+23,32:M0=M0-1

POKEMO+1,32:POKEMO+23,32:MU=HU-1 GOTO438 POKEMO,32:POKEMO+1,32:POKEMO+22,32:POKEMO+23,32: MU=MO-66:GOTO468 POKEMO,32:POKEMO+1,32:POKEMO+22,32:POKEMO+23,32: MU=MO+66:GOTO468 SU=SC+18 POKEMA-1,32:POKEMA+21,32:POKEMA+21,32:POKEMA+3,32:POKEMA+

POKEMA-1,32:POKEMA+21,32 POKEMA+2,32:POKEMA+24,32:Z=Z-1 RETURN

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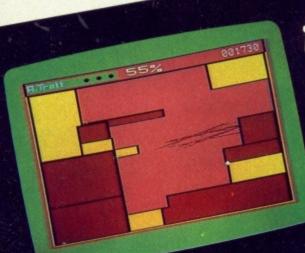
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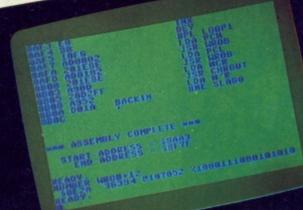
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