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REM's on DISPLAYs
by $K$. Johnson, SFU SPars
Video display units for computers comm in two basic types: "monochrome" or "color". The screen is the Face of a cathode ray tube (CRT). The most common example of a monochrome CRT display is the black and white IU. Other monochromes commonly used by computers are: green on black and amber on black.

The video data From a home type computer to a monochrome (or color) display may be transmitted by ane of twa common methods: a radio frequency (RF) carrier modulated by the video signal or by direct connection of a "composite video" (CU) into the display. The RF method allows use of an ordinary IU as a display which must be set usually to either channel 3 or 4 depending on the RF Modulator unit. The II 99 has a separate RF Modulator which gets the CU signal from the computer (along with operating power and the audio signal) and transmits it an the selected TU channel through the connection for the IU antenna. The quality of the display by this method is sometimes not too good because of the limited "resolution" of the normal IU system plus passible stray signal interferences from IU stations, Cable IU or oven nearby video tape recorders (UIR) which may be operating on the same channel into same other IU.

Higher quality of graphic displays can be had by connecting a composite video "Monitor" directly to the $C U$ and audio outputs of the computer. A CU Monitor is basically a IU set without RF receiving circuitry. Besides eliminating RF interferences, they are often built with "higher resolution" (more and smaller dots) than the normal IU. SONY (and more recently others) has for years built some models of their $T U s$ with $C U$ and audio input jacks sa they may be used as CU Monitors. They were primarily for use with "Closed Circuit" IU or UTR's. Almost any CU Monitor of this type will work with the II 99 and connected as shown:

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## NOISE on The Data Bus

by Jim Falz
Regratfully，ance again，this newsletter will ba sent out later than was haped．The delay this time was nat caused by weather or late articles（although thare were late articles）．Instead，the waskend that I usually set aside for the nowsletter was pre－empted by work naeds．I have faund that it takes at least three days plus a weekend to do the article gathering，Farmatting，and cutting－and－pasting when things ad well．You will note that I did not include typing in the list．（An article like＂Sorting＂takes a lang time with ane fingar）．Same of you have volunteered to help with the typing．Far this I thank you and I plan to take you up on it．I ask those af you that submit articles to REALLY try to have the articles to me by the secand Thursday．The best way to get an article to me is by uploading to the wilmington Bes．IF we can do these things， then the nawslatter production WILL go Easter． This should result in Fastar delivery．

Lat ma assure you that tha Deptford meating date is foramost in my mind．Ihe sseond Thursday daadlina was sat up based on the Deptfard maeting date．

Now，on to the news
Unfartunataly，the results of the Delmarva Chapter were received to late to be included in the March newsletter．Listed below are the Delmarva Chapter officars for 1987.

Congratulations and Good Luck！

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Apparantly，the Christiana mesting place problem has been resolved．Wa hava schedulad the Community Room at Christiana Mall far the Faurth Thursday through Dctabar．Usuallywe have to move the November and Dacember meating dates due to Thanksgiving and Christmas．When we know those new dates i will place them hare．

Don＇t forget that the Christiana group is raffling off a RAUE kmbaard．Chances are 53.00 each and the drawing is to occur the night that the breakeven ticket 13 sold．The keyboard was picked up at T．I．C．D．F．F．and should be available at the next meating．Dan＇t miss out！

Thanks to Anne Dhein for some graphics software on instance canversion．The naw software is in the software library．Contact Jack Shattuck if interestad．

The Traasurer asks that chapter renawals be made at the chapter meetings．This reduces the amount of work in treasury adjusting aach manth．

Speaking of ranewals，please check your renawal date．This is the time of year when many of the memberships expire．

NEWSLETTER EDITORS take note．Starting with the September 1986 DATABUS，articles appearing there have been placed in the DUUG library．Anyone interested in these or other DUUG holdings should contact us at the address an Page 1.

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## YOUR COMPUTER IS IN THE MAIL ．．．



NDTES FROM TICOFF 2 by Jack Shattuck

In the week Myarc began shipping its Geneve 5640 computer to dealers，aUUG members at IICDFF 2 had a chance to sea it running with Spad XIII， Not－Polyoptics＇WI lalr combat filght simulator． The program is written in pure Assembly Language but seemed like primitive animation when run on the TI－99／4A compared with the action on Myarc＇s new system．Lau Phillips carrectly noted that II game software would take on an entiraly new look with the Geneve 9540．The crass－pattern keyboard cursor keys also seemed a great improvement．

Geneve＇s swan laga reportedly derives from the Swiss city，a fitting symbol of the Phoenix－ like upgrade from what soms thought an abandoned ugly duckling of a computer．（who＇s an orphan， and who＇s abandaned it？！！！）

As usual when Lou Phillips presants，he did quietly throw in an extra kicker．Finishing his address at TICDFF 2 ，he casually mentioned that the following week at Boston＇s＂Fayun＂，he＇d be announcing Myarc＇s own bus box，which II owners lacking the Peripheral Expansion Box－and a NEW group of computer custamers－could use to house the Geneve card as well as further offerings．No furtine details were immadiately available．

The nearest dealers who are stocking Geneve and who＂have（them）available for immediate shipment＂，according to a Myare mailing，are Steve Citran＇s CITRONIC TECHNALOGIES， 981 Townley Avenue，Union，NJ 070日3 〔201）606－5619 and Jeff Guide／Jim horn of aisk anly software，p．a． Box 4170 ，Rockville，MD $20850(301) 359-1339$. The prices may vary，probably between $\$ 425-\$ 475$ in the minumum configuration（card and keyboard）

You＇ll got a manual and six software items with Geneva．Thesa ara Muarc＇s Disk Operating System（M－aOS），Advanced（i．e．Level 3．0）Basic， a Cartridge Saver to dump II cartridges to disk （over 30 madules can fit anto ane DS／OD flappy）， 4.21 PASCAL，and E0－column versions of Microsoft Multiplan and II－writer，the latter allowing the retention of Editor and Formatter togather

Io provide support for the Geneve community are two newly amnounced groups：

The MYARC SUPPDRT GROUP asks falks to write to Don Iversan， 483 Ualley Road，Wast Orange，NJ 07052 （Myarc＇s hame state），or contact CIS EMAIL ID 74756，413 Jay Holovacs．

J．Peter Moddia，Barry Iraver，Corson buman and others are requesting $\$ 1$ and your ideas for start－up of a Geneve newslatter．Ientatively to use the name GENial GENeve，they can be reached by writing Genial Computarwara，P．O．Bax 1日3，in Grafton，MA 01519．That＇s Travar＇s nama being redirected to New England，where Mr．Moddie will presumably diract his graphic skills to a print outlet．There ara a group of GENial programmers．

In case you hadn＇t heard，Hoddie has issued FONTWRITER II（sea Decamber＇s DATA BLS，p．3），to include Prowriter compatible sustems．Asgard is the distributar at $924.95,(301) 345-2492$ ．

The prolific Hoddie also had his Computer Shopper software first prize wimner，XB：Bug，at TICOFF 2 for commercial sale at $\$ 15$ ，under that provides features beyond XB Detective，for the debugging of Basıc／XBasic programs．Either will serve you well（ 32 K is needed），although the use of a screen menu in Detective may offer an extra convenience far some over the short $15-\mathrm{pg}$ ．＂Bug

QUUG at IICOFF was prominently situated and exchanged contacts with numerous other groups of TI users from out of town．Some local Jersey II owners who never heard of us before should be in touch with the Deptfard meeting，as a result．

Norm Sellers got rearranged on the schedule for what I believe was the second straight year， but gave a strong demonstration of his A／L music prepracessor software．Jahn Kelley＇s discussian of the II PLATO Beta program intrigued not a few persons；we sold eight sets of material，but the group most interested was the II Bostan Computer Sociaty contimgent，who also took a copy of the protocols．It saems that the acquisition of this package is a major coup by our IIBBS committee．

Boston＇s group（BCS IIUG）provided Fairware For sala，i．e．first taking a suggested donation on the spot，using a Form to send authors so the user would be registered for notification of any subsequent updates．That＇s not a bad idea，but at variance with the understanding that lets the usar determine by trial whether or not a program is of benefit or worthy of such acknowledgment． Thay also ware selling public domain disks at a 53 cost．Other User Groups had a Few programs or PD disks for sala，too．

I decided to get a little exatic and bought the BCS PD Disk ${ }^{\circ} 67$ ，with three music programs． One，Six Ribbons，is a little minstral tune，on the disk mostly as filler．The ather two pieces are Wagnerian operatic music with an appropriate brooding graphic satting for aach．

A more forboding mauntain foregraund，with aminous constantly shifting and darkening skies， is hard to imagine when you see the accompanying graphic display for Siegfried＇s funeral music in Die Gotterdammarung，Act III，Scene III

A striking，yet distancing，reflective view of the Rhine is background for the Prelude to Tristan und Isolda．Such an unusual pair！Thay wers composed by Ken Gilliland，whasa address is included in the REM remarks．There＇s a note to the effect that the powerful siegfried piece won a II Swap programming contest，with no further information provided；the composer is a resident of California．I＇ve placed a copy of this disk， called＂Opera＂，in gUUG＇s software library．

Another new product obtained was the Orphan Survivor＇s Handboak by Ron Albright．It helped overcame Art Byer＇s disappointment that editors across II land couldn＇t issue a＂best of＂ 1985 newslatter on disk．Covering varied languages on the II plus II－Writer，telecom modes and a list of User Graups Cincomplate，$\quad$ UUuG omitted among othars），we were pleasad to see threa reprints Eram 1986 DAIA BUS issues－a tribute to quUG＇s newsletter relevance and readability．At the end of the publication was a form to send fort update material as part of a＂Users Network 99＂，being led by Las Angeles User Graup UP Terrie Masters．

There are a series of $I I$ feste this time of year；Bostan，Denver，Las Angeles，Ottawa，plus IICDFF，during April and Mas．If you can＇t make any others（airline low fare until May 20），save your money for the Triton College（in suburban Chicagol area faire in November．
 BASIC/XB PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES

With a large number of newar users joining our group, we have seen the demand for refresher and introductory BASIC pragramming classes. DUUG usad to hold them in 1983, and the need is there again. Bath Deptfard and Davar users have mevad to respond to that need, and Northern Delaware mambers will have their chance shortly.

Hera are some techniques recalled, from the ariier years of THE DATA BUS, in 1983 and 1985 1ssuas. How often have same of aur axperienced programmers usad these lately?
"DISPLAY AI" IN BASIC (UOI.1, No. B, Aug. 19B3): Driginally offared by Jack Shattuck

```
GO REM CALL CLEAR OPTIONAL
100 R-12
110 C=1
120 gosub 190
130 R-6
140 C-5
150 GOSUB 190
1EO OATA HERE'S HOW TO PRINT
    IN BASIC
170 DATA WITHOUT SCROLLING U
P
180 GOTD 180
190 READ MS
200 FOR I=1 TD LEN(MS)
210 CALL HCHARCR,C+I+1,ASC(S
EG$(MS,I,1)) )
z2O NEXT I
230 RETURN
```

This listing offars a variation to E BASIC "print" command, which requiras upward scrolling with each line printed. CALL HCHAR will print characters without that need, and this routine demanstrates its use far entira lines at a time.

Tha reference in line $210(\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{I}+1)$ insures that taxt intanded to gtart in the first column, as sat forth in IIns 110 ( $C=1$ ), actually begins in column 3 , the usual starting place of $I I$ taxt sinca calumns $1-2$ (and 31-32) may be off an odge of the screan far same TV's used as manitors.

If you REALLY want to start in calumns 1 ar 2, use C+I-1 ar $\mathrm{C}+1$ respactivaly, in lina 210.

This subroutine prints a singla iine. To add additional lines, give naw coordinates (for example, as shawn in lines 130-140), than GaSUB again. The actual message segment (Ms) is read from OAIA statamants, after which the program returned to the main listing, a CALL KEY pause, or whatever. Hera lina 180 is a freeze line that makes the pragram hald until yau FCIN 4 <BREAK>.

DATA statements don't need quates to print. CALL CLEAR has baan omitted since ona advantage usually sought from a slow but usaful CALL HCHAR command is to print mora data without disturbing the previous scramn display

After antaring this program, RUN it without a CALL CLEAR statement to sea what's maant. Naxt CALL CLEAR and RUN.

If wou want to use a comma in what you'll be displaying, you'll have to anclose the OATA statement 1 n quatation marks (like your usual PRINT command), since the comma is treated as a reserved charactar in a DATA statement. Normally quatation marks aren't needed far DATA display.

## YALLEM USEF:S GFQQUF

another oldie but goodie
by Barry Boland
This tip appeared in Vol. 3, No. 3 (April 1985):
big, Battar, BEST, or, How to Gain Memory by INCREASING Program Size! (Requires XBASIC, 32K Expansion, Disk Drive)

This was downlaaded in February, 1985, from our very own IIBBS. It's yet another example af how wa can help each other betwean meetings. The problam hera was switching memory areas, not an "quersized" pragram.

RE: PRDGRAM PROBLEMS
FROM: JIMI JONES - WILMINGTON, DE
TD: ALL
HI EUERYDNE. I'M IRYING TD GEI A PROGRAM ID RUN ON POWERUP USING IHAT FEATURE OF EXTENDED BASIC, WHEN I SELECT EXTENDED BASIC TKE DISK ACTIUATES AND I GEI AN I/D ERROR MESSAGE. THE IITLE OF THE PROGRAM IS LQAO.
©If you have a disk program callad "OSK1. LOAO", it is automatically run when XBASIC is salected from the II Title Screm. That feature is ofton amplayed ta bring up main menus on XBasic disks. - Editar)

IF I TYPE IN THE "CALL FILES(1)" STATEMENT, II WILL LQAO, AND APPEAR TD EE D.K. THE SIZE OF THE PROGRAM ACCORDING TD THE OISK MANAGER IS 50 (smetars).

IS THERE ANY WAY OF INCORPDRATING A SIATEMENT WITHIN THE PROGRAM (OR OTHERUISE) IO FIX THIS PROBLEM? I MAY BE ASKING TOO MUCH, I REALIZE. THIS PROGRAM WAS QRGINALLY ON CASSETTE AND I HAD THIS PROBLEM THERE TOD. ANY HELP YOU CAN GIUE WILL BE GREAILY APPRECIATEO. THANKS MUCHI
** JIMI **
RE: Program Problems
FROM: Barry Boland
Tロ: Jimi Janes
Jimi, this may sound dumb, BUT it works!
What you want to do is ADD SOME SIZE to your program, to maka it trip over into the Intornal/Uariabla 254 format which uses the extra 32k (expansion) memory ...

What I did was taka my disk catalog program and renumber it (say RES 30000,1).

Save it in MERGE format (SAUE DSK1.CAT, MERGE) and then MERGE it in with the program you want to fix (by laading the program to be fixed, than entaring MERGE DSK1.CAT)

Ihen SAVE that (naw combinad program) back to the disk...

It shauld now wark with tha LDAD name as you want, just laava an END statamant (that is, have Line 29999 ENO) befare the extra program.

CIo show how things reparat thomselves, the technique here was raised at the last Christiana meating, and was also recalled at one of the warkshop sessions at Calvary Episcopal Church in North wilmington. Remember, the "dumb" questian is usually the one you fail to ask! - Ed.j
by Thamas Coppens

An important programming problem is the: sorting of numbers or strings. This means $:$ ordering the numbers (strings) in ascending or ; descending order (ascending or descending alphabetical order). In this article series we: will try to give you a number of methods for: sorting which can be programmed in BASIC. We: will also try to see how efficient (this means; quick!) each method is. Therefore, we will; always sort the same array of numbers and give: the time needed. By the way, you can chack the: time for yourself!!

## 1. BUBBLE SORT

In this rathar simple mathod, one goes through the rows of numbers, for example, from left to right. When twa adjacent: numbers are in the wrong order (first bigger ; than second when ordering in ascending order), they are swapped. Inis procedure is repeated until no more swapping has to be: done.
The advantages ars: simple, short program. The disadvantages: much swapping, much
'loop'-wark and slow.
Here fallows the program:


190 IF $A(I)<-A(I+1)$ THEN 215
$195 \mathrm{X}-\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{I})$
200 A(I)-A(I+1)
$210 A(I+1)=X$
$214 \mathrm{~F}=\mathrm{I}$
215 NEXI I
220 IF F=0 THEN 260
$225 \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{F}$
230 EOTD 170
250 REM END OF SURT
25O PRINT "END"
265 REM PRINT SURTED ARRAY
270 FOR I-1 IO 100
280 PRINT A(I)
290 NEXT I
300 END

The approximate times for sorting 100 elements ara:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Bubble Sart : }{ }^{3 \prime 20 "} \text { Integer Flag Sort : e'31" }
\end{aligned}
$$

2. SHAKER SORT

When doing a bubble sort by hand on paper to see what happens, ane remarks that the biggest elamant is fast bubbling up (after one loop it is in its place). This 15 not the case, however, for the smallest element. This problem is taken care of in the so-called shaker sort. In fact, this is a bubble sort that goes bath ways. One time the loop goes from laft to right, the next time from right to left. This makes the name obvious. It may be clear that this can be combined with all the special Eatures for the amelioration of the bubble sort.

100 REM SHAKER SORT
110 DIM A(100)
120 RANDOMIZE (2)
130 REM SET UP RANDOM ARRA
Y
140 FOR I-1 ID 100
150 A(I)=INT(RND*(99999))
150 NEXT I
170 PRINT "SIART"
1BO REM START DF SORT
$190 \mathrm{~N}=100$
200 L-1
$210 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{N}$
220 F=0
230 FOR I-L IO R-1
240 IF $A(I)<-A(I+1)$ IHEN 290
250 X-A(I)
260 A(I)-A (I+1)
270 A(I+1)-X
280 F-1
290 NEXT I
300 IF F-0 THEN 460
310 R-R-1
320 IF R-L IHEN 460
330 F=0
340 FOR I-R TO L+1 STEP - 1
350 IF $A(I)>-A(I-1)$ THEN 400
360 X-A(I)
370 A(I)-A(I-1)
380 A(I-1)=X
350 F-1
400 NEXT I
410 IF F-0 THEN 460
420 L-L+1
430 IF L-R THEN 450
440 GOTD 220
450 REM END OF SORI


##  <br> 180 $A(M)-A(1)$ <br> 190 M-M-1 <br> 200 IF M-1 THEN 330 <br> $210 \mathrm{~J}=\mathrm{L}$ <br> 220 I-J <br> 230 J-J*2 <br> 240 IF J-M THEN 280 <br> 250 IF J>M THEN 310 <br> 250 IF $A(J)>=A(J+1)$ THEN 280 <br> 270 J=J +1 <br> 280 IF X>A(J) THEN 310 <br> 290 A(I)-A(J) <br> 300 GOTO 220 <br> 310 A(I) $=X$ <br> 320 GOTa 130 <br> 330 A(1)-X <br> 331 PRINT "END" <br> 340 FOR I-1 TO N <br> 350 PRINT A(I) <br> 350 NEXI I <br> 370 END <br> : E.QUICK SORT <br> This is probably the fastast sort. <br> Tha procedure is as follows: <br> - choose an arbitrary slament from the array to be sorted. For example: the elemant in the middla. <br> - search the array from the laft and from the right to the middle. Do this until yat find caming fram the left an slement larger than the chosen alament and coming from the right an element smaller then the chasan slement. Swap thasa elements and continue the procedure until the painters meet each other. At that moment the array is split in two, where the elements in the left part are smaller than the elements in the right part. <br> - now sort each part of the array as mentioned above until the parts are formed by ane alement. <br> The algorithm is straightforward but the BASIC program is not that easy. For each partition the left and right ands have to be put in memory. This is done by building up a LIFO stack (this means a last in first out stack). <br> A pragram listing of the quick sart is given below:






## FAGE $1 G$ - DELAWAFE VALLEY DSEFS GFQLF

15060 CALL SCREEN(11)
15062 CALL SOUND (100,444, 2)
15064 FOR DEL-O IO 500
15066 NEXI DEL
15070 PRINT "START"
15080 RETURN

The sart mathods were tested with this program and the time measured. The results were as fallows:


Df course, thase times are approximative times. In fact, the times are dependent on the length of the program. Indeed, when taking the programs apart, the sorting
 For 400 elements takes only $2,11 "$ in that case.
From all the programs and sorts raviawed in: this series it seems evident to use the: fastest in your programs. It is a waste of time to use a bubblesort instead of $a$ heapsort or quicksort. As a last remark:

- thare ara still otheretypes pasorts. - there are variations in the sort's thamselves. The time for a shellsort varies with the used method of sorting the groups.


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A third display method often used on larger business computars for displaying color outputs is the "RGB" systam. The display unit is even simpler in construction than a CU Monitor cbut usually more expensive). It recaives from the compitar (special outputs) three separate signals (plus audio) on separate lines which cantral the three calor "guns" (Red, Green, Blua) of the colar CRT. The RGB system is considerad to giva the highest quality color screan graphics available and the schematic wiring diagrams far the 99/4A show signs that II planned to hava it available at one time. As a matter of fact, several computer reference books list the IIgs as having REB output. THIS IS NOT TRUE, but it may ba possible to install by consale modifications and replacement of the Undeo Display Processar (UDP) chip with a REB type (also made by II).
plato
by Jọn Kelley
Mark April 30th on your calandars. On the 30th we have been invited to come down to the University of Delaware Willard hall for a chance to use the Flato System and be able to see first hand what its all about. We will meet from 7pm to Spm. Thare will be copies of the Plata tarminal program available from our Library $1 F$ you care to sign up. Remember you need a 1200 baud modem, $32 k$, disk drive, and Xbasic.
 Newark, next to the Daer Park Inn. Parking 19 located across the streat from willard Hall. Hope to see a good turn out from the gUUG and any other Il users interested in using the Plato system.


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