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MARCH SHOW SET

The Wisconsin TI User Group Council
is sponsoring a Swap/Meet and Faire
When - March 1 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Where - VFW Post at 726 Pine St.

Green Bay, WI

Admission - \$1 per person \$2 per family
Dealers contact: Sally and John Vandermus
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Dealer times are from 8:30-5

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Bring extension cords and power strips
as outlets are limited.

Payment can be made to: Bruce Murray
PO Box 1031
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54935

Directions:

From Hwy. 41 take the Dousman St. exit,
turn right on Dousman to Webster Ave..
Turn right on Webster 1 block to Pine
St. then right on Pine 2 blocks to Hall.

From I-43 take the East Mason St. exit,
turn left on E. Mason to Webster Ave.
turn right on Webster 7 blocks to Pine
St. then left on Pine 2 blocks to Hall.

Membership in the Milwaukee Area 99/4 U.G.
is open to all interested in the solid performing
Texas Instrument's 99/4A computer and the shared
knowledge and good fun it provides.

Annual Dues.....Individuals - \$10.00
.....Families - \$15.00

We meet on the SECOND SATURDAY each month
in the lower level of WAUWATOSA 99L located at
7500 W. State Street 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.



by Jerome Trinkl

Program format is the most efficient way to store programs on disk as well as being the fastest way to load them.

Any memory image, be it assembly or basic can be saved in program format. Memory image is nothing more than an exact copy of the code as it resides in memory.

TI's convention for distinguishing among the two program format types are as follows:

Assembly language programs that load and run from option 5 of the E/A follow this format:

Note: (These bytes are not loaded but used to direct the loader.)

Ex: 1st file 1st 6 Bytes

0-1 >FFFF Header tells loader there is another file to load.
2-3 >xxxx No. of bytes max. >2000 (33 sectors max.)
4-5 >xxxx Address to load those bytes
1st file next 4 Bytes

Note: (These bytes are loaded as part of the executable program.)

6-7 >0460 B @
8-9 >xxxx Entry Address

Succeeding files contain:
(Again these do not load in memory)

0-1 >FFFF if there are more files or >0000 if this is the last file
2-3 >xxxx No. of bytes max. >2000
4-5 >xxxx Address to load those bytes

The reason there are a maximum of >2000 bytes (or 33 sectors on disk) per file is that TI's loader uses the 16k VDP memory to transfer the data during the Device Service Routine. Only 8192 (8K)b have been allocated for its buffer.

One final note of interest is that option 5 of the E/A allows a default filename of "UTIL1" if enter is just pressed and no filename given. This is sort of like X-basic autoload 'L3C' feature for assembly.

What about basic program format?
It is a bit more complex but is easily distinguished on disk from assembly.

Program load bytes The first 8 bytes

0-1 >xxxx Exclusive Or of next two words 2-3 and 4-5.
2-3 >xxxx Address of the end of the line number table.
4-5 >xxxx Address of the start of the line number table
6-7 >xxxx Address of the last memory location used in the program.

Line number table info next 2 bytes

8-9 >xxxx The last line number in the program.
10-11 >xxxx The start address of the program line.

Then comes the tokenized basic code. I hope this helps your understanding of TI 99/4A program image format.

From Nov 1985 issue of Micropendium.

One excellent feature of [4A/Talk] is often overlooked...That feature is in the use of the capture buffer and keyboard files to pre-write messages for upload to the message input area of a BBS.

The procedure is as follows:

After the program has loaded and you have finished with the default screen you enter FCTN 3 for half duplex. Then enter FCTN 4 to open the capture buffer. Now you can write a message using 40 character lines and FCTN X for a CR/LF to advance to the next line. You can continue to write your message and when done you select FCTN 5 and option 1 to save the buffer to disk. Now, after signing on to a BBS you go to the message input area and enter the message header information. When you come to the area where you input the body of the message you may use one of two methods to enter the message. If the BBS system only allows you to enter one line at a time, like TIBBS, you do the following:

Select FCTN 6 and option 1, Open a keyboard file. Enter the filename that you gave your message and then press enter. Now press FCTN D twice with a pause in between. On the second entry the first line of your message will appear on the screen. Continue to press FCTN D and your message will be entered one line at a time. When done press enter and BBS's options to save, edit etc. will appear and you can choose the one you wish.

If you are on a board that allows block input for messages, like TIBBS, then the procedure is as follows:

Input the message header information as before. Now select FCTN 6 and take option 3, Set up XON/XOFF characters and enter 17 for XON and 19 for XOFF. Now enter FCTN 6 again and select 1, Open a keyboard file. Enter the filename of your message file and press enter. Now the first time you enter FCTN D your entire message will be entered. To stop and start it as it is going in press FCTN D. When done press enter and select whatever option you wish.

Whether or not you select full or half duplex (FCTN 3) during this operation depends on whether the host has local echo on or off during the upload. TIBBS, for example, turns it off during unprompted block uploads so you must go half duplex. On most boards, however, full duplex is the proper selection. Using the above procedures you can also read other variable 90 files that you have downloaded from other systems. The use of the keyboard files section of 4A/Talk greatly increases its versatility.

One final note: with some modems you may have to experiment to find out how to get the text entry portion of the procedure to work. It works fine on the Radio Shack modem 1 and Volksmodem 12 modems I have but I had to put an on/off switch in the phone line for a friend of mine who uses a 300 baud Volksmodem. In any event, to see how the procedure works using any modem you can simply disconnect your modem from the RS232 if you have a problem with text entry and try it out. If you like the procedure, then you can do whatever is necessary to make it work with the modem hooked up.

Joe Nuvolini
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Converting RF Modulator For Universal Use

by Harold Hoyt

The RF Modulator can easily be modified to input video and audio signals to a video monitor or a TV.

Pop the top cover off of the RF Modulator. Position an RCA stereo phono jack, Radio Shack part #274-332, on the corner of the cover where the cable enters the Modulator. Drill 2 holes for the pins of the connector. Make the holes large enough to allow position adjustment. Verify that the position is correct and drill 4 #29 drill holes using the phono jack as a template. Attach the phono jack to the cover. Chop off screws and cut the partition if required to avoid interference.

Find where the video and audio wires enter the printed circuit board (These are marked with the words video and audio on the top of the board). Drill a #43 hole next to each of these leads from the copper side, being careful not to cut a trace. Cut and strip the ends of two short pieces of wire. Push the wire ends through the top of the board and solder the ends of the wires to the jacks. Replace the cover.

Plug in a stereo phono cord with male RCA phono plugs on each end. Code red for video and black for audio. This cord may then be plugged into either a VCR or video monitor.

This device may then be used either in the Monitor/VCR input without changing cords.

00000 ERROR CODES 00000

EXTENDED BASIC

I/O ERRORS

	#:	FIRST #	SECOND #	
10				NUMERIC OVERFLOW
14				SYNTAX ERROR
16				ILLEGAL AFTER SBRTN
19				NAME TOO LONG
20				UNRECOGNIZED CHAR
24				\$/# MISMATCH
28				IMPROPERLY USED NAME
36				IMAGE ERROR
39				MEMORY FULL
40				STACK OVERFLOW
43				RETURN WITHOUT FOR
44				FOR-NEXT MISMATCH
47				MUST BE IN SBRTN
48				RECURSIVE SUBCALL
49				MISSING END
51				RETURN WITHOUT GOSUB
54				STRING TRUNCATED
56				SPEECH # TOO LONG
57				BAD SUBSCRIPT
60				LINE NOT FOUND
61				BAD LINE #
62				LINE TOO LONG
67				CAN'T CONTINUE
69				COMMAND ILLEGAL IN PRGRM
70				ONLY LEGAL IN PRGRM
74				BAD ARGUMENT
79				NO PROGRAM PRESENT
79				BAD VALUE
80				NIL
81				INCORRECT ARGUMENT LIST
82				NIL
83				INPUT ERROR
84				DATA ERROR
97				PROTECTION VIOLATION
100				FILE ERROR
100				I/O ERROR
103				SBRTN NOT FOUND

RS 232c ERRORS

OPEN:	00	DEVICE CANNOT BE OPENED
	02	SOFTWARE SWITCH ERROR
	06	SOFTWARE ERROR
INPUT:	24	INTERNAL DATA TOO LARGE FOR BUFFER
	26	'CLEAR' FRESEED OR HARDWARE ERROR
PRINT:	36	'CLEAR' FRESEED OR HARDWARE ERROR
OLD:	50	CAN'T LOAD FROM SPECIFIED DEVICE
	52	CAN'T USE SOFTWARE SWITCH WITH 'OLD'
	54	PROGRAM TOO LARGE TO LOAD
	56	SEE INPUT CODE 26
SAVE:	60	CAN'T SAVE TO SPECIFIED DEVICE
	62	SEE 02. CAN'T USE WITH SAVE
	66	SEE 26.
MISC.:	43,73,83,93	EXECUTING ILLEGAL COMMAND

TI BASIC ERROR CODES PERTAINING TO DISK SYSTEM

#:	FIRST #	SECOND #	
0:	OPEN		CAN'T FIND SPECIFIED DISK DRIVE
1:	CLOSE		DISK OR PROGRAM IS WRITE PROTECTED
2:	IMP		BAD OPEN ATTRIBUTE
3:	PRINT		ILLEGAL OPERATION
4:	RESTORE		DISK FULL OR TOO MANY FILES OPENED
5:	OLD		ATTEMPT TO READ PAST EOF
6:	SAVE		DEVICE ERROR
7:	DELETE		FILE ERROR
9:	EOF		

DISK MANAGER ERROR CODES

FOR TI-WRITER

#:	FIRST #	SECOND #	0	- INDICATES DISK CONTROLLER NOT ON;
1:	OTHER	REC NOT FOUND		OR: DISKETTE NOT INITIALIZED.
2:	SEEK/STEP	CYCLIC REDUNDANCY	6	- NO DISK IN DRIVE; OR: IS UPSIDE DOWN;
3:	FILE	LOST DATA		OR: DRIVE IS NOT TURNED ON.
4:	PRINT	WRITE PROTECT	7	- NO DISK IN DRIVE.
5:	NIL	WRITE FAULT		
6:	NIL	NO DISK DRIVE	00	- ILLEGAL USE OF Load, PrintF; OR;
7:	NIL	INVALID INPUT		ERROR IN USING THESE COMMANDS.
9:			02	- NO FILE IN DISKETTE WITH FILENAME USED.
			04	- DISK IS FULL.
			06	- PRINT COMMAND IN PROGRESS WAS
				INTERUPTED; OR; DISK DOOR WAS OPENED
				WHILE RED LIGHT WAS ON.
			07	- INVALID FILENAME (I.E. NAME TOO LONG OR
				USING INVALID CHARACTERS).
			15	- INVALID DISK DRIVE NUMBER, OR DEVICE.

EXECUTION ERRORS

0-7	STANDARD I/O	11	BAD NAME	18	FOR NEXT ERROR
08	MEMORY FULL	12	CAN'T CONTINUE	1C	I/O ERROR
09	INCORRECT STATEMENT	13	BAD VALUE	1D	FILE ERROR
0A	ILLEGAL TAG	14	NUMBER TOO BIG	1E	INPUT ERROR
0B	ILLEGAL ERROR	15	STRING NUMBER	1F	DATA ERROR
0C	ILLEGAL OPERATION	16	BAD ARGUMENT	20	LINE TOO LONG
0D	UNRESOLVED REF.	17	BAD SUBSCRIPT	21	MEMORY FULL
0E	INCORRECT STATEMENT	18	NAME CONFLICT	22	UNKNOWN ERROR CODE
0F	PROGRAM NOT FOUND	19	CAN'T DO THAT		
10	INCORRECT STATEMENT	1A	BAD LINE NUMBER		

EDITOR/ASSEMBLER ERROR CODES

X.9. EQUATES

ERRNO	>0200	0	NUMERIC OVERFLOW
ERRSYN	>0300	1	SYNTAX ERROR
ERRILL	>0400	4	ILL. AFTER SBRTN
ERRQUO	>0500	6	UNMATCHED QUOTES
ERRNLT	>0600	6	NAME TOO LONG
ERRRNM	>0700	7	\$/# MISMATCH
ERRBAS	>0800	8	OPTION BASE ERROR
ERRIMP	>0900	9	IMPROPERLY USED NAME
ERRIMG	>0A00	10	IMAGE ERROR
ERRMEM	>0B00	11	MEMORY FULL
ERRSTK	>0C00	12	STACK OVERFLOW
ERRRET	>0D00	13	RETURN WITHOUT FOR
ERRFOR	>0E00	14	FOR-NEXT MISMATCH
ERRMIS	>0F00	15	MUST BE IN SBRTN
ERRRECU	>1000	16	RECURSIVE SUBPRGM
ERRMIS	>1100	17	MISSING END
ERRRNG	>1200	18	RETURN WITHOUT GOSUB
ERRST	>1300	19	STRING TRUNCATED
ERRRBS	>1400	20	BAD SUBSCRIPT
ERRRSL	>1500	21	SPEECH # TOO LONG
ERRRNF	>1600	22	LINE NOT FOUND
ERRRBN	>1700	23	BAD LINE NUMBER
ERRRTL	>1800	24	LINE TOO LONG
ERRRCC	>1900	25	CAN'T CONTINUE
ERRRCP	>1A00	26	ILLEGAL IN PROGRAM
ERRRCP	>1B00	27	ONLY LEGAL IN PROGRAM
ERRRBA	>1C00	28	BAD ARGUMENT
ERRRPP	>1D00	29	NO PROGRAM PRESENT
ERRRBY	>1E00	30	BAD VALUE
ERRRNL	>1F00	31	INCORRECT ARGUMENT LIST
ERRRNP	>2000	32	INPUT ERROR
ERRRDT	>2100	33	DATA ERROR
ERRRFE	>2200	34	FILE ERROR
ERRRID	>2300	35	I/O ERROR
ERRRNF	>2400	37	SUBPROGRAM NOT FOUND
ERRRPV	>2700	39	PROTECTION VIOLATION
ERRRNV	>2900	40	UNRECOGNIZED CHARACTER
WRMNO	>2A00	41	NUMERIC OVERFLOW
WRNST	>2B00	42	STRING TRUNCATED
WRNPP	>2C00	43	NO PROGRAM PRESENT
WRNPF	>2D00	44	INPUT ERROR
WRNID	>2E00	45	I/O ERROR

LOADER ERROR CODES

0-7	STANDARD I/O
8	MEMORY OVERFLOW
9	NOT USED
10	ILLEGAL TAG
11	ILLEGAL ERROR
12	UNRESOLVED REF.

IBM II-WRITER Printer Controls (10)
 use with Editor (forget the Formatter)
 written for Gemini 10

Code	Function	Editor codes
00	Terminate Tabulation	Ctrl U Shift 2 Ctrl U
07	Buzzer Sounds	Ctrl U Shift 6 Ctrl U
08	Backspace	Ctrl U Shift H Ctrl U
09	Horizontal Tabulation	Ctrl U Shift I Ctrl U
10	Line Feed	Ctrl U Shift J Ctrl U
11	Vertical Tabulation	Ctrl U Shift K Ctrl U
12	Form Feed	Ctrl U Shift L Ctrl U
13	Carriage Return	Ctrl U Shift M Ctrl U
14	Enlarged Characters !!! CR	Ctrl U Shift N Ctrl U
15	Condensed Characters On	Ctrl U Shift O Ctrl U
17	Select Printer	Ctrl U Shift Q Ctrl U
18	Condensed Characters Off	Ctrl U Shift R Ctrl U
19	Disable Printer	Ctrl U Shift S Ctrl U
20	Enlarged Characters Off	Ctrl U Shift Y Ctrl U
27	Escape (ESC)	Ctrl U Fctn R Ctrl U

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100 *****
110 *
120 * DON'T LABELS *
130 *
140 * BY RON RUTLEDGE *
150 * CENTRAL IOWA U.S. *
160 *
170 *****
180 I%=CHR$(1)
190 O%=CHR$(0)
200 E%=CHR$(27)
210 L%="L%W%I%"
220 U%="U%"*%I%
230 OPEN #1:"PIO"
240 PRINT #1:E%*E%"L%O%*%DO NOT SEND"
250 PRINT #1:E%*W%"O%" FLOPPY DISK ENCLOSED"
260 PRINT #1:L%*U%"DO NOT XRAY"
270 PRINT #1: : :
280 CALL KEY$(O,K,S)
290 IF S=0 THEN 240
300 CLOSE #1
  
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Printer Settings using ESC with code

27:45	Underline On	ESC	-	1
27:45	Underline Off	ESC	-	0
27:48	Line Space 1/3"	ESC	0	
27:49	Line Space 7/72"	ESC	1	
27:50	Line Space 1/4"	ESC	2	
27:51	Line Space n/16"	ESC	3	n
27:52	Italics On	ESC	4	
27:52	Italics Off	ESC	5	
27:53	Ignore 'Pacer Out'	ESC	6	
27:53	Enable 'Pacer Out'	ESC	7	
27:56	Unidirectional Line Print	ESC	<	
27:64	Reset Default Settings	ESC	R	
27:65	Line Feed Space n/72"	ESC	A	n
27:65	Set 3 Vertical Tabs	ESC	B	n1 n2
27:67	Form Length to n Lines	ESC	C	n
27:68	Set 12 Horizontal Tabs	ESC	D	n1 n2
27:69	Emphasized Print On	ESC	H	
27:70	Emphasized Print Off	ESC	I	
27:71	Double Strike On	ESC	J	
27:71	Double Strike Off	ESC	K	
27:73	Single Density Graphics	ESC	L	
27:73	Double Density Graphics	ESC	M	
27:77	Elite Print On	ESC	N	
27:79	Skip Perforation (n Lines)	ESC	N	(n)
27:79	Skip Perforation Off	ESC	O	
27:80	Elite Print Off	ESC	P	
27:81	Right Margin at n	ESC	Q	n
27:82	Select n Int'l Char Set	ESC	R	n
27:83	Subscript Print On	ESC	S	1
27:83	Superscript Print On	ESC	S	0
27:84	Sub/Superscript Print Off	ESC	T	
27:85	Unidirectional Print On	ESC	U	1
27:85	Unidirectional Print Off	ESC	U	0
27:87	Double Width Print On	ESC	W	1
27:87	Double Width Print Off	ESC	W	0

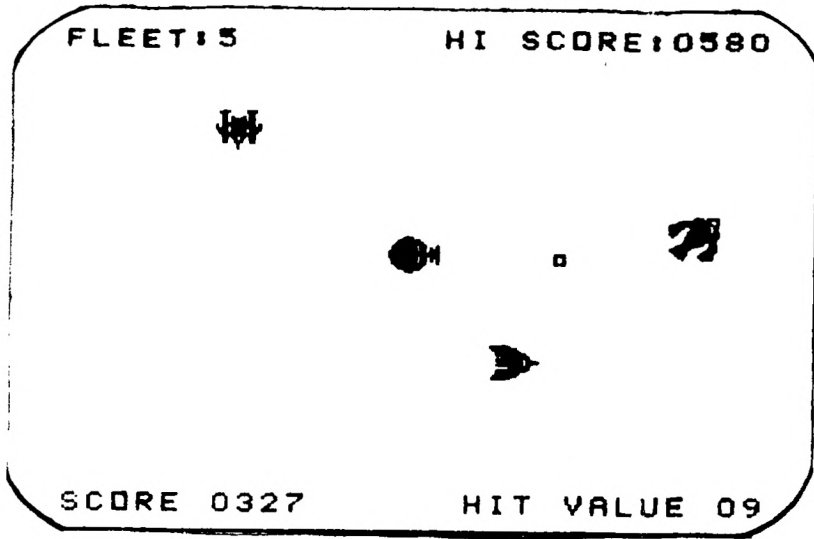
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FLOPPY DISK ENCLOSED
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Computer Dictionary Addendua

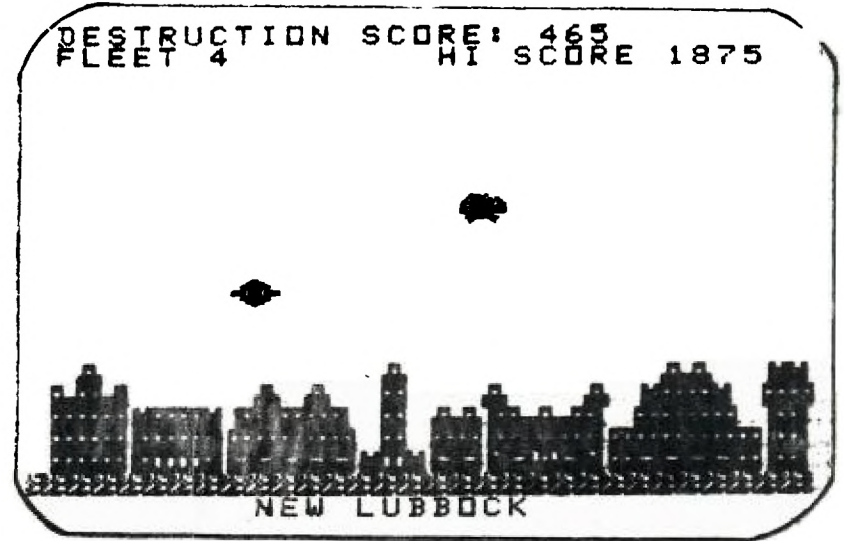
- BIT : Describes computers, as in "Our computer cost quite a BIT."
- BOSS : What friends do to you when you brag about your computer.
- BOYS : What your eyes do after staring at a screen too long.
- BOYS : Used to insert into DIP while working at your computer.
- COPY : What you do at school after playing PARSEC all night.
- CURSOR : What you become after your computer breaks down.
- DISK : What slips in your back after hours sitting at a terminal.
- CUMF : Where all your other hobbies go after buying a computer.
- ERAC : Made when you walked into a computer store "just to look"
- EXPANDED UNIT : The room you add to the house for your computer.
- FLUFF : The condition of a user's muscles after awhile.
- FORWARE : Rakes, sowers and other things not touched all summer.
- MEAT : What you'll never see cause now you're too poor to eat out.
- RAM : You used to watch on TV before computer was hooked to it.
- RAM : What you do to your computer when it stops working.
- RETURN : What you do to your computer when RAM doesn't work.
- WINDOW : What you throw your computer thru when you can't RETURN it.

Insert lines wherever codes are desired.
 Enter codes on line ending with CR.
 Print it out !!!



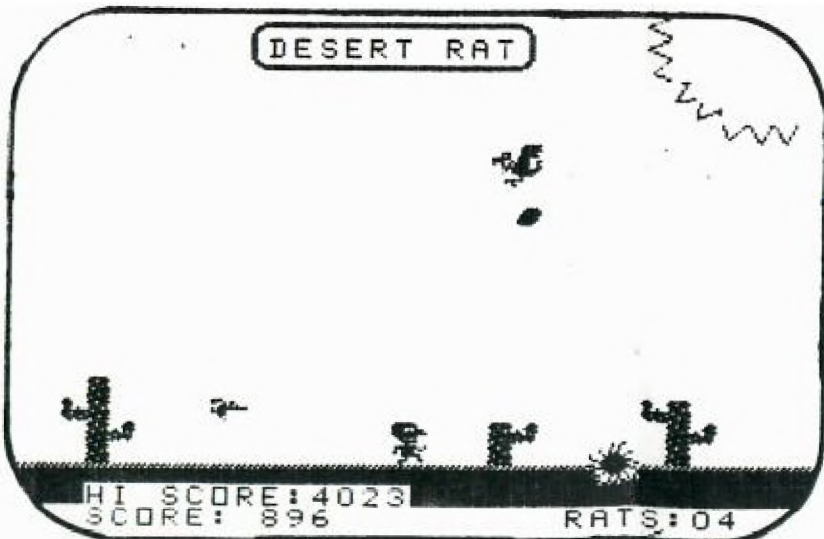
* KLINGON ATTACK *

You control 5 satellites on their lonely vigil deep in outer space, guarding civilizations' far perimeters from alien exploitation.



* KLUTO EMPIRE *

With your fleet of 5 laser armed cruisers, destroy the 6 imperial cities of the insidious Klutonian Empire, defended only by robot-drone Death Ships.



* DESERT RAT *

To survive the rigors of the desert, you must jump over the tumbling tumble weeds, duck the low flying woodpeckers, and shoot the vulture eggs dropping from above.

You'll need good joysticks for this one.

*\$ 10 each
3/820
American #*

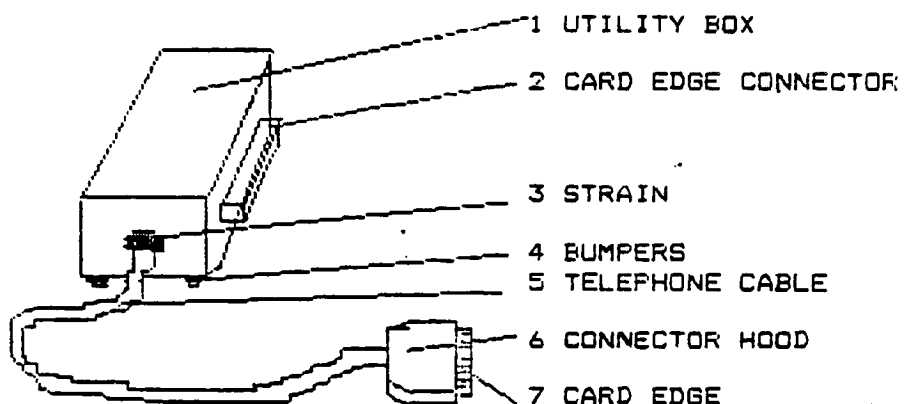
CABLE BOX

by Jim Edwards (SFV 99ers)

One feature of the T.I.99 that has never been hard for me to criticize was the physical size and design of the peripheral cable and connector. It always seemed to take up an undeserved portion of desk space. With only a goal in mind and virtually no "hardware saave", I set out to alleviate the problem. It seemed a simple task to build a compact connector that would plug in without disturbing the original components. Actually, the most difficult aspect of the project was rounding up the parts.

That proved to be an education. Card edges and their matching connectors have several configurations. For example 22/44 means that it has 22 conductors on both sides. Spacings vary as well: .10, .125, .156, etc. This refers to the distance between the centers of the conductors. This project requires 44 conductors (22 on a side) with .10 centers. Finding a card edge connector was difficult enough, but finding the male counterpart was impossible. A section was literally cut out of an abandoned board.

I found most of the parts at Pacific Radio while the card was found in a card board box at All Electronics. Obviously, the exact parts may vary but be certain of the number of conductors and spacing. Once everything is rounded up, simply solder the wires together making sure to match one end to the other. Optionally, an interrupt switch can be added for those screen dump programs that require one.



#	PART	MANUFACTURER	PT.#	COST
1	UTILITY BOX	CALRAD	90-785	\$2.10
2	CARD EDGE CONNECTOR	GC ELECTRONICS	41-875	\$4.74
3	STRAIN			.25
4	1/4" BUMPERS	RUSSELL IND.	REC-2075H	\$1.79
5	50 CONDUCTOR TELEPHONE CABLE			
6	CONNECTOR HOOD	GC ELECTRONICS	41-1003	\$2.48
7	CARD EDGE SCAVANGED FROM PC BOARD			\$1.50

				\$12.86

Alive and Kickin'

Several years ago Texas Instruments developed a home computer called the 99/4A. It didn't have all the bells and whistles of a Macintosh or an IBM-AT; however, at one point you could buy 50 99/4As for the same price as one Macintosh. Consequently, TI sold quite a few (over 2.5 million in the United States alone). Because of competition and continued loss of revenue, TI was forced, in early 1983, to abandon its interests in the home computer market. This left the 99/4A without a parent company for support—an orphaned computer.

However, because the machines were very reliable and the market penetration widespread, the 99/4A survived its infancy and is coming of age in 1985.

Since TI did not encourage third-party development of products for the 99/4A, the transition was not an easy one for its users or developers. Large companies like Atari-Soft and Imagic continued to develop new products for a short time, but few of the smaller companies were able to survive the landslide effect of unsold TI products being dumped at below cost prices.

As the dust settled over the next eight to 10 months, a second generation of 99/4A developer began to emerge. Cor Comp on the West Coast and Myarc on the East gained recognition as quality manufacturers of advanced expansion products for the 99/4A. Navarone Industries, who had weathered the storm with products like Console Writer and the Cartridge Expander, is still a major force in the development of new products for the 99/4A.

Owners of 99/4As began developing a network of dedicated user groups, sharing ideas at monthly meetings, and passing the word around that the TI 99/4A was still alive and growing. The number of user groups grew to over 300 with some metropolitan clubs reporting memberships of over 2,000. With such a revival taking place in the TI community, you would think that computer magazines would be having a heyday with news stories, product reviews, and advertising. However, every major publication that had supported the 99/4A abandoned it almost as abruptly as TI. As new developers emerged so did new magazines. *MICROpendium* and *Mini-Mag 99*, along with numerous newsletters generated

by user groups, have become the communication medium for the 99/4A.

The TI-99/4A user base is one of the largest and most dedicated of any computer today, and their numbers are continuing to grow. People are awakening to the fact that the \$50 computer they bought a few years ago is more expandable and powerful than ever before. Not only have the users pooled their efforts, but some developers have been working together to provide better, more compatible products for the 99/4A. Cor Comp and Navarone have, for some time, been developing companion hardware and software products for the 99/4A.

The TI-99/4A is definitely alive and kicking! There's a groundswell of support that promises to make the 99/4A an exciting and productive tool for years to come.

—From a letter by
W.F. Hadley
Navarone Industries
Sonora, California
Telephone (209) 533-8349

DOES THIS SOUND
FAMILIAR?

TIPC Owners Everywhere—Unite!

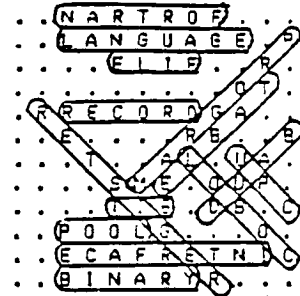
There was a collective sigh of relief when TI introduced the *Business-Pro* and thus, reaffirmed its determination to stay in the PC market. There had been an increasing concern among many Texas Instruments Professional Computer (TIPC) owners that their favorite PC might become an orphan. That concern has been clearly dispelled.

During the "Dark Winter" of 1984-85, there were many suggestions given in various publications to try to improve TI's market condition. What surprised me was the lack of suggestions from TI computer owners. The limited success of the TIPC is probably mostly by word of mouth, so one would expect a greater use of this resource.

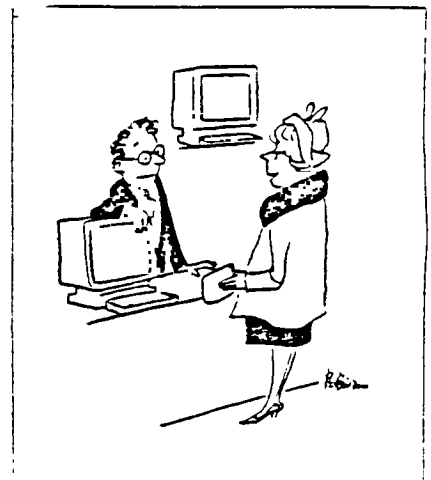
By letting our fellow users know about our favorite computer, it is possible to make a powerful impression, especially when IBM PCs appear to be falling like flies.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE LAST MONTH

The words for definitions in order are:
BAUD BINARY BIT CPU COBOL FORTRAN
FILE RECORD TABLE REGISTER PROGRAM
LANGUAGE LOOP INTERFACE



FOR SALE
2-SCHUGART PHF1250 EACH \$125.00
1-POWER SUPPLY \$75.00
1-EPSON RX/80 PRINTER NEW
IN BOX \$200.00
ALL FOR \$500.00
CALL JOHN (818) 891-4921



"I want to get my husband a computer, but I want a dumb one - I wouldn't dare get him anything smarter than he is."

NEW YORK

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100 A=40 :: DIM B(40),C(40),
D(40),E(37),F(37),A$(37),B(3
),H(3),I(9),J(9)
-----
110 RESTORE :: CALL CLEAR ::
CALL CHARSET :: CALL SCREEN
(15) :: K=100 :: FOR L=0 TO 4
0 :: B(L)=0 :: NEXT L :: M=0
:: N=0 :: O=0 :: FOR L=32 T
O 44 :: READ B$ :: CALL CHAR
(L,B$) :: NEXT L
-----
120 DATA "55A5555555555555A",
"552A55555555555555555500
FF191919", "54A544757A55=44"
, "191919FF00AA5555A"
-----
130 DATA "1919191919191919",
"000000FFFF", "18181818181818
18", "FFFFFFFFFFFFFF"
-----
140 DATA "0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F",
"0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F", "00000000
FFFFFFFF", "FFFFFFFF"
-----
150 FOR L=48 TO 95 :: CALL C
HARPAT(L,B$) :: CALL CHAR(48+
L,B$) :: NEXT L :: CALL COLOR
(1,16,2) :: CALL COLOR(2,6,2)
:: FOR L=3 TO 9 :: CALL COLO
R(L,2,7) :: CALL COLOR(6+L,2,
4) :: NEXT L
-----
160 CALL HCHAR(5,1,39,32) ::
CALL HC=FF 13,5,39,24) :: CAL
L HCHAR(20,1,39,32)
-----
170 CALL VCHAR(1,5,37,24) ::
CALL VCHAR(5,13,37,9) :: CALL
VCHAR(5,20,37,16) :: CALL VC
HAR(1,29,37,24) :: FOR L=1 TO
17 :: READ P,Q,R :: CALL HC
HAR(Q,P,R) :: NEXT L
-----
180 DATA 13,4,34,20,4,34,5,5
,39,13,5,39,20,5,39,28,5,39
-----
190 DATA 4,13,35,5,13,39,13,
13,39,20,13,39,28,13,39,29,1
3,33,13,14,36
-----
200 DATA 5,20,39,20,20,39,28
,20,39,20,21,36
-----
210 FOR L=0 TO 37 :: READ E(
L),F(L),A$(L) :: CALL HCHAR(F
(L),E(L),ASC(A$(L))) :: NEXT
L
-----
220 DATA 4,3,A,27,3,B,7,4,C,
15,4,D,22,4,E,30,4,F,3,6,6,1
1,3,H,18,3,1,26,3,J
-----
230 DATA 6,7,K,14,7,L,21,7,M
,29,7,N,4,11,D,12,11,P,19,11
,Q,27,11,R
-----
240 DATA 7,12,6,15,12,T,22,1
2,U,11,14,V,19,14,W,25,14,X,
5,15,Y,21,15,Z,29,15,0
-----
250 DATA 4,19,1,19,18,2,27,1
8,3,7,19,4,22,19,5,30,19,6,3
,21,7,19,21,9,26,21,9,5,22,6
,29,22,>
-----
260 B$="NEW YORK" :: DISPLAY
AT(2,6):B$ :: FOR L=1 TO 9
:: CALL HCHAR(2,17+L,ASC(SEG
$(B$,L,1))+48) :: NEXT L :: D
ISPLAY AT(16,7) :: " HAVE" ::
DISPLAY AT(17,9) "100 POIN
TS" :: RANDOMIZE :: DEF S(P)
=INT(RND*P)
-----
270 G(0),H(2)=1 :: G(1),H(3)
=-1
-----
280 FOR L=0 TO A :: T=D(L) ::
GOSUB 820 :: IF T=0 THEN 37
0
-----
290 P=B(L) :: Q=C(L) :: IF T A
ND 1 THEN P=P+1 :: U=43 :: V
=44 :: W=39 :: X=0 :: Y=1 ::
IF P>32 THEN 400
-----
300 IF T AND 2 THEN P=P-1 ::
U=44 :: V=43 :: W=39 :: X=0
:: Y=-1 :: IF P<1 THEN 400
-----
310 IF T AND 4 THEN Q=Q+1 ::
U=42 :: V=41 :: W=37 :: X=-
1 :: Y=0 :: IF Q>24 THEN 400
-----
320 IF T AND 8 THEN Q=Q-1 ::
U=41 :: V=42 :: W=37 :: X=1
:: Y=0 :: IF Q<1 THEN 400
-----
330 IF T AND 16 THEN 390
-----
340 IF T AND 32 THEN 480
-----
350 IF T AND 64 THEN W=39 ::
T=T-64 :: D(L)=T :: K=K+10
-----
360 GOTO 410
-----
370 NEXT L :: GOTO 570
-----
380 CALL GCHAR(C(L)+Y,B(L)+X
,Z) :: IF Z>95 THEN D(L)=(T O
R 32)AND NOT 16 :: GOTO 410
-----
390 K=K-1 :: GOTO 370
-----
400 K=K+25 :: D(L)=0 :: GOTO
470
-----
410 CALL GCHAR(Q,P,R) :: IF I
=U OR I=40 THEN K=K-1 :: GOT
O 370
-----
420 CALL GCHAR(Q+Y,P+X,R) ::
IF R<>32 THEN D(L)=T OR 16
-----
430 IF I=V THEN U=40
-----
440 CALL GCHAR(C(L),B(L),D)
: IF I=40 THEN W=V
-----
450 IF I=32 THEN D(L)=0 :: K
=K-100 :: GOTO 370
-----
460 CALL HCHAR(Q,P,U)
-----
470 CALL HCHAR(C(L),B(L),W)
: B(L)=P :: C(L)=Q :: GOTO 3
70
-----
480 CALL GCHAR(Q,P,R) :: IF R
=U THEN 370
-----
490 IF R<>39 THEN 550
-----
500 I=0 :: FOR J=0 TO 3 :: R
=2^J :: CALL GCHAR(Q+H(J),P+
G(J),I) :: IF NOT(I=39 OR I=3
7) THEN I=I OR R
-----
510 NEXT J
-----
520 I=2^S(4) :: IF (I AND 1)=
0 THEN D(L)=I OR 64 :: GOTO
460
-----
530 IF I=15 THEN 370 ELSE 52
0
-----
540 D(L)=0 :: IF R<>32 THEN
I(I)=P :: J(I)=Q :: D=Q+1 ::
K=K-100
-----
550 U=32 :: CALL SOUND(4000,
-5,0) :: GOTO 460
-----
570 IF D(N)=0 THEN 600
-----
580 N=N+1 :: IF N>A THEN N=0
ELSE 700
-----
600 R=S(4) :: D(N)=2^R :: ON
R+1 GOTO 610,620,630,640
-----
610 B(N)=1 :: GOTO 650
-----
620 B(N)=32 :: GOTO 650
-----
630 C(N)=1 :: GOTO 670
-----
640 C(N)=24 :: GOTO 670
-----
650 IF S(2)=1 THEN C(N)=5 ::
GOTO 700
-----
660 C(N)=20 :: GOTO 700
-----
670 IF S(2)=1 THEN B(N)=5 ::
GOTO 700
-----
680 B(N)=28
-----
700 IF K<0 THEN K=0
-----
710 DISPLAY AT(17,5):USING "
####":K :: IF K=0 THEN 760
-----
720 M=M+1 :: IF M>100 THEN 7
50
-----
730 IF S(25)>0 OR D=0 THEN 7
50
-----
740 CALL HCHAR(J(I),I(O),39)
:: FOR L=0 TO 9 :: J(L)=J(L)
+1 :: I(L)=I(L)+1 :: NEXT L
:: Q=Q-1
-----
750 GOTO 290
-----
760 IF K=0 T=2 :: CALL SOUND(4
000,-1,0) :: GOTO 780
-----
770 FOR L=1 TO 5 :: CALL SOU
ND(1000,898,0) :: CALL SOUND(
1000,784,0) :: CALL SOUND(100
0,890,0) :: NEXT L
-----
780 DISPLAY AT(2,6) "PLAY AG
AIN ? Y N Y" :: ACCEPT AT(2
,23) S(1) (-) VALIDATE("YN"):C
$ :: IF C$="Y" THEN 110
-----
800 CALL CLEAR :: CALL CHARS
ET :: PRINT "YOU HAVE":K:"PO
INTS" :: END
-----
820 CALL KEY(G,I,R) :: IF RC
=1 THEN RETURN
-----
830 IF I=64 AND C<91 THEN I=
I-65 :: GOTO 880
-----
840 IF I>47 AND I<58 THEN I=
I-22 :: GOTO 880
-----
850 IF I=44 THEN I=36 :: GOT
O 880
-----
860 IF I=46 THEN I=37 :: GOT
O 980
-----
870 RETURN
-----
880 CALL GCHAR(F(I),E(I),I)
: IF I>95 THEN I=(48 ELSE I)
+1+48
-----
900 CALL HCHAR(F(I),E(I),I)
: CALL SOUND(-200,1047,0) ::
RETURN

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IN6 250:NN+3
470 DISPLAY AT(X+6,1):" C
hoice?" :: ACCEPT AT(X+6,16)
SIZE(-3)VALIDATE(DIGIT):K
480 IF FLAG=1 THEN 500
490 IF K=NN+2 THEN 840 ELSE
IF K=NN+3 THEN CLOSE #1 :: N
N=0 :: GOTO 190
500 IF K<>NN AND K<>NN+1 THE
N 590
510 IF K=NN THEN CALL CLEAR
:: CLOSE #1 :: END
520 DISPLAY AT(X+5,12)SIZE(1
2):" #?" :: ACCEPT AT(X+5,15
)SIZE(2)VALIDATE(DIGIT):KD :
: IF KD<1 OR KD>NN THEN 520
530 IF V(KD,1)>0 THEN 550
540 FOR J=1 TO 10 :: DISPLAY
AT(11,1):" " PROTECTED -
CANNOT DELETE": " " :: DISPL
AY AT(12,1):" " :: NEXT J ::
GOTO 570
550 DISPLAY AT(X+6,1)SIZE(27
)BEEP:" Verify - Delete ";PG
$(KD);"? " :: DISPLAY AT(X+6,
28)SIZE(1):"Y" :: ACCEPT AT(
X+6,28)SIZE(-1)VALIDATE("YN"
):Q$ :: IF Q$<"Y" THEN 570
560 DELETE D$&PG$(KD)
570 CLOSE #1
580 CALL VCHAR(1,3,32,672)::
NN=0 :: X=0 :: FLAG=0 :: 60
TO 260
590 IF K<1 OR K>127 OR LEN(P
G$(K))=0 THEN 430
600 IF ABS(V(K,1))=5 OR ABS(
V(K,1))=4 AND V(K,2)=254 THE
N 640
610 DISPLAY AT(12,1)ERASE AL
L:"Print to ? S": "(P)rinte
r?": "(S)creen?" :: ACCEPT AT
(12,12)SIZE(-1)VALIDATE("PS"
):Q$ :: IF Q$="S" THEN PP=0
:: GOTO 630
620 DISPLAY AT(12,1)ERASE AL
L:"PRINTER? PIO" :: ACCEPT A
T(12,10)SIZE(-18):P$ :: OPEN
#3:P$ :: PP=3
630 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREE
N(16):: ON ABS(V(K,1))GOTO 6
80,690,750,760
640 CLOSE #1 :: IF SEG$(PG$(
K),LEN(PG$(K)),1)="*" THEN D
ISPLAY AT(12,1)ERASE ALL:"RE
TURN TO BASIC AND LOAD BY":
TYPING OLD ";D$&PG$(K):: STO
P
650 CALL PEEK(-31952,A,B)::
CALL PEEK(A#256+B-65534,A,B)
:: C=A#256+B-65534 :: A$=D$&

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PG$(K):: CALL LOAD(C,LEN(A$)
)
660 FOR I=1 TO LEN(A$):: CAL
L LOAD(C+I,ASC(SEG$(A$,I,1))
):: NEXT I :: CALL LOAD(C+I,
0)
670 CALL VCHAR(1,3,32,672)::
CALL SCREEN(8):: FOR S=0 TO
14 :: CALL COLOR(S,2,1):: N
EXT S :: DISPLAY AT(12,2):"L
OADING ";A$ :: GOTO 900
680 OPEN #2:D$&PG$(K),INPUT
,FIXED :: GOTO 700
690 OPEN #2:D$&PG$(K),INPUT
700 LINPUT #2:M$ :: PRINT #P
P:M$ :: IF EOF(2)THEN 730
710 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S=0
THEN 700
720 CALL KEY(0,K2,S2):: IF S
2<1 THEN 720 ELSE 700
730 CLOSE #1 :: CLOSE #2 ::
PRINT " >>>press any key<<
" :: IF Q$="P" THEN CLOSE #
3
740 CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF ST
<1 THEN 740 ELSE 580
750 OPEN #2:D$&PG$(K),INPUT
,INTERNAL,FIXED :: J=0 :: 60
TO 770
760 OPEN #2:D$&PG$(K),INPUT
,INTERNAL :: J=0
770 IF EOF(2)=1 THEN 730 ::
J=J+1 :: INPUT #2:M$ :: IF L
EN(M$)=8 THEN 790
780 PRINT #PP:M$ :: GOTO 820
790 FOR Y=1 TO 8 :: @0=ASC(S
EG$(M$,Y,1)):: IF @0<32 OR @
0>127 THEN 810
800 NEXT Y :: GOTO 780
810 RESTORE #2 :: FOR X=1 TO
J-1 :: INPUT #2:M$ :: NEXT
X :: INPUT #2:M :: PRINT #PP
:M
820 CALL KEY(0,K,S):: IF S=0
THEN 770
830 CALL KEY(0,K2,S2):: IF S
2<1 THEN 830 ELSE 770
840 DISPLAY AT(24,1):"PRINTE
R NAME? PIO" :: ACCEPT AT(24
,15)SIZE(-14):PP$ :: OPEN #2
:PP$ :: PRINT #2:SEG$(D$,1,4
)&" - Diskname= "&N$
850 PRINT #2:RPT$("=",28):"A
vailable=";358-VT;"Used=";VT
:RPT$("=",28)
860 PRINT #2:"FILENAME SIZE
TYPE":RPT$("_",28)
870 FOR P=1 TO NN-1 :: PRINT
#2:PG$(P);TAB(15);V(P,3);TA
B(20);T$(ABS(V(P,1)));TAB(25

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);V(P,2):: NEXT P :: CLOSE #
2
880 DISPLAY AT(12,3)ERASE AL
L:"(P) to print again": "(R
) to rescans": "(Q) to quit"
890 ACCEPT AT(15,4)VALIDATE(
"PQR")SIZE(-1)BEEP:Q$ :: IF
Q$="P" THEN 840 :: CLOSE #1
:: NN=0 :: IF Q$="R" THEN 19
0 ELSE END
900 RUN "DSKX.1234567890"

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This version turns off the Quit key, restarts itself rather than crashing on an I/O error, and has pre-scan for faster start-up. It displays disk name, sectors available and sectors presumably used - it also totals up actual sectors used and sounds a warning if any sectors are not accounted for.

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somewhere among those 140 programs, there might be something you would be willing to pay \$3 for? The Menu Loader is included as a bonus on every disk I sell!

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100 CALL CLEAR :: RANDOMIZE
:: DISPLAY AT(3,4):"TIGERCUB
MATH PUZZLE"
110 DISPLAY AT(6,1):"Insert
+, -, * (multiply) OR / (div
ide) between the digits
to equal the total": "Type
0 to give up"
120 DISPLAY AT(12,1):"Level
1 or 2?" :: ACCEPT AT(12,15)
VALIDATE("12"):L$
130 T,X=INT(9#RND+1):: M$=ST
R$(X):: Z$=M$&" "
140 FOR J=1 TO 4 :: Y(J)=IN(
9#RND+1):: Z=INT(4#RND+1)::
ON Z 60SUB 240,250,260,270
:: Z$=Z$&STR$(Y(J))&" " :: N
EXT J
150 IF L$="1" AND T<>INT(T)T
HEN 130 :: Z$=Z$&"="&STR$(T)
160 DISPLAY AT(12,1):Z$ :: D
ISPLAY AT(18,1):" " :: DISPL
AY AT(20,1):" " :: DISPLAY A
T(22,1):" "
170 P=2 :: FOR J=1 TO 4 :: A
CCEPT AT(12,P)VALIDATE("0+*
/")SIZE(1):S$
180 IF S$="0" THEN 200 ELSE
IF S$="+" THEN X=X+(J)ELSE
IF S$="-" THEN X=X-(J)ELSE
IF S$="*" THEN X=X*(J)ELSE
X=X/(J)
190 P=P+2 :: NEXT J :: IF X=
T THEN 230 :: DISPLAY AT(18,
1):"WRONG!"
200 DISPLAY AT(20,1):"ANSWER
IS ";M$
210 DISPLAY AT(22,1):"PRESS
ANY KEY"
220 CALL KEY(0,K,ST):: IF ST
<1 THEN 220 :: GOTO 130
230 DISPLAY AT(18,1):"RIGHT!
" :: GOTO 210
240 M$=M$&"+"&STR$(Y(J)):: T
=T+Y(J):: RETURN
250 M$=M$&"-"&STR$(Y(J)):: T
=T-Y(J):: RETURN
260 M$=M$&"*"&STR$(Y(J)):: T
=T*Y(J):: RETURN
270 M$=M$&"/"&STR$(Y(J)):: T
=T/Y(J):: RETURN

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