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#### News:

Spectrum Software has released Micro-Cap 11, the eleventh generation of our SPICE circuit simulator.

For users of previous Micro-Cap versions, check out the new features available in the latest version. For those of you who are new to Micro-Cap, take our features tour to see what Micro-Cap has to offer.

## Micro-Cap 11.0.1.9

- -) Impedance / Conductance Changed Z(X) from V(X)/I(X) to V(X)/I(X) for sources that measure Z and G.
- -) Model Files Fixed a data sorting problem with core model data.

## Micro-Cap 11.0.1.8

- -) Auto Scale Improved auto scale when one curve is 0.0 at all points.
- -) Build Command Build command from menu was not grid snaping text.
- -) File Save Fixed a problem with file save when the circuit included a .Measure call.
- -) .Measure Improved parsing of .Measure statements.
- -) Dynamic AC Dynamic AC Optimizer Analysis Limits now allows defines in the Frequency field.
- -) .Measure Added a better divide by zero handler in .measure command.
- -) SPICE SPICE DC with LIST did not convert to Analysis Limits correctly.
- -) Operating Point Methods Dynamic AC and Dynamic DC now have private Operating Point Methods.
- -) Sample Circuits Added sample circuits to Power Lines and Complex AC Power folders.
- -) Optimizer Fixed a problem that occurred when using the Optimizer on a circuit which also used the PSS option.

# Micro-Cap 11.0.1.7

- -) Uninstall Corrected a small problem with Uninstall routines in Windows 10.
- -) Text Replacing text with blank text now removes the text from the schematic.
- -) Search and Replace Was not updating RTF grid text.
- -) RTF text Was not always updating color.
- -) Rubberband In Rubberband mode split wire colors now inherit the old line color.
- -) Smart paste Corrected a problem that occurred when pasting from one circuit section to a different section in another circuit.
- -) Text Corrected a text problem when using a null text formula delimiter.
- -) Stability analysis Fixed several small problems with Stability analysis.
- -) IBIS Corrected error handling in the IBIS routines.
- Component Find command Sped up the Component Find command.
- -) Distortion Removed optimization from Harmonic and Intermodulation Distortion.
- -) AC Power All AC power formulas now use P = V\*CONJUGATE(I)/2
- -) Model Model now always keeps data sorted.

## Micro-Cap 11.0.1.6

- -) Probe Removed the possibility to run Worst Case in Probe.
- -) Pulse Source Fixed an error in the old Pulse Source.
- -) Optimizer Optimizer's file import can now load files with any extension.
- -) Optimizer Can now select an expression from the optimizer file import.
- -) Current source When editing a current source MC11 placed brackets around the expression.
- -) Batch file Fixed an error that occurred when attempting /WC from batch file line.
- -) Probe Removed the possibility to run Worst Case in Probe.
- -) Monte Carlo Fixed corrupted text that displayed when there was no data in the list box.

- -) Harmonic distortion Corrected Harmonic distortion plot error that occurred when not using threads.
- -) Subcircuits Can now pass text parameters to subcircuits.
- -) PWL source warnings Removed warning message from PWL with duplicate x values.
- -) Page plotting Changed page plotting so that 'Use same X scales' option has no effect on different pages.
- -) Stepping Simultaneous stepping and optimization are no longer allowed.
- -) Picture display Fixed a crash that occurred when creating a picture with 'Create From' and then saving the circuit file before running the analysis.
- -) Schematic Improved the schematic redraw when using fat wires.
- -) Region Enable Schematic node voltages are no longer reset to zero when returning from an analysis when a Region Enable was present.
- -) Component Values The Info boxes for components that can have formulas now get computed values rather than purely symbolic
- -) Error messages Added an error message when quiting and a .dat, .bin, .cmp etc. file could not be saved.
- -) DC Analysis Fixed a conflict that occurred when stepping TEMP in both the DC step and the F11 step dialog box.
- -) Analysis Plot Program was not updating performance tags while running the optimizer and update display was on.
- -) Parsing Improved parsing in text formulas with added parentheses.
- -) Operating Point Removed the double check with Newton-Raphson call after Pseudo-transient.
- -) Help Corrected the help for "New MC11 Features.

## Micro-Cap 11.0.1.5

- -) Rename Fixed a rare problem with the File Rename command.
  -) Attribute dialog box Fixed a problem with editing more than one model name (digital parts).
- -) RTF Added uppercase (CTRL+U) and lowercase(CTRL+L) to RTF text editing.
- -) Info Box Removed the abs() function from Peak in the Info Box.
- -) Text editor Shift+Del and Ctrl+X now delete the whole line if nothing is selected else it deletes the selected text.
- -) Text editor The text page search was not hi-liting correctly because of tabs.
- -) Animate Animiate switch toggle was not updating the switch in all threads.
- -) Animate Group attribute removed from the Animated Relay.
- -) Analysis plot Did not redraw plot correctly when a large font size
- -) Analysis plot Improved accuracy of the AVG function in the Info
- -) Analysis plot Text pasted to the Analysis Limits dialog from an external .pdf file did not inherit the correct font and size.
- -) Monte Carlo Improved the numerical precision in the Load MC command.
- -) Monte Carlo A case error produced a miscolored exception item in
- -) Flux Units Changed the text name of flux units from W to Wb. No change to the number.
- -) Expressions Improved the parsing speed of very large expressions.
- -) Select box Select box is now based on grids rather than pixels to make selection easier.

#### Micro-Cap 11.0.1.4

- -) Component Editor Component editor Import wizard now selects the closest matching part name in the list.
- -) Table Source Removed a 1e-12 conductance limit from the table source
- -) Search and Replace Corrected whole word Search and Replace function in schematic pages.
- -) Nodes/power/current Corrected the display of these items when placing a picture partly off screen.
- -) Derivatives Improved derivative handling when the symbol count exceeded the threshold.
- -) Demo menus Demo menus now pop down on the correct side.
- -) Worst Case / Monte Carlo Both normal Monte Carlo and Worst Case Monte Carlo now use the Show Zero Tolerance setting.
- -) Inline text editing Improved inline editing for Component parameter text.
- -) RFT Grid text Improved RFT Grid text editing.
- -) Time-dependent capacitors Improved the performance of timedependent capacitors.
- -) Component Editor Corrected Component Editor Undo Redo

command.

- -) Harmonic Distortion In Harmonic Distortion the "Name of Source Resistor" was not being changed correctly.
- -) Clipboard List Corrected Clipboard List for Run Options.
- -) Error window Fixed a display problem with the Error window.
- -) .Measure command Changed .measure command for trig functions to use HSPICE degrees units.
- -) TSTART Improved the TSTART parameter implmentation.
- -) Multiple plot pages Multiple plot pages with different size fonts caused text overlap.

#### Micro-Cap 11.0.1.3

- -) Threading Could not run a file with a User source, threading and stepping.
- -) Grid Snap Now using Properties (F10) Justify and Grid Snap default settings when text is moved from the text page to the schematic.
- -) Special Paste Model program Special Paste command improved and renamed Import Data From Clipboard.
- -) Auto Scale Improved the Auto Scale for Log plots containing zero or negative values.
- -) Formula text Formula text using variables that are not yet computed is now shown as Var=Not Available.
- -) Worst Case Temperature values added to the results page.
- -) Component Editor User is now prompted prior to removing a component file (\*.cmp) from the Component Library.
- -) DC Analysis DEL() and DD() functions now work correctly in DC analysis when stepping a .defined variable.
- -) Calculator Fixed a divide by zero in the calculator when plotting IM(x).
- -) Model Program Fixed a problem where a User type could modify the Analysis Limits (F9) settings of the specified circuit.
- -) Model Program Fixed a rare numeric problem with LM optimization of a User type device.
- -) Parameters The constant parameters of avg(),rms(),sum() can now use an expression like "TMAX/2" provided that it does not vary during the run
- -) Plots Fixed a problem with plot scales on multiple pages.
- -) Dialog box Was not keeping track of the last dialog box positions.

#### Micro-Cap 11.0.1.2

-) WFB.BIN - Fixed a problem in loading the Waveform Buffer file (WFB.BIN).

## Micro-Cap 11.0.1.1

- -) Acsch, Atanh, Asech, Acosh Fixed errors in these functions for certain arguments.
- -) Expressions Improved the detection of self referential variables like .define A B .define B A.
- Transmission Line Fixed stepping of the transmission line TD parameter.
- -) Migrate Fixed a problem with the 64 bit Migrate command.
- -) Find in Files Fixed a potential path clipping problem with this
- -) Shape Editor Fixed a binary file load problem with the 64 bit version.
- -) **Stepping** Enabled the stepping of the parasitic model parameters of the resistor, capacitor, and inductors.
- -) Harm(Prod()) Harm(prod(....)) or harm(series(...)) would crash in Transient. Harm(series(...,t)) was not being updated correctly.
- -) Find In Files Find In Files now correctly searches text files that were not saved with \r\n.
- -) File Load You can now load a file with no extension.
- -) Optimizer Corrected a minor error in the optimization order.
- -) Monte Carlo / Stepping When doing Monte Carlo and Stepping simultaneously, the lot/dev percent was not being applied to the stepped value.
- -) Expressions When a circuit had Auto Measure enabled and plot expression had a space in it, an erroneous error message was given.
- -) Error Handling If Performance, Monte Carlo, Fourier, or 3D can't find an expression, we now print a message to the plot window instead of issuing an error message and waiting for a key press.
- -) Array Variables Array variables can now be used with capacitors and inductors.
- -) Auto scale with threads AutoScale with multiple threads was searching wrong data for high / lows.
- -) FFT expressions Corrected FFT calculation of last values when using ratios like FFT() / FFT().
- -) Model statements Non-default model statements were being placed on the same text line.

- -) Digital Placment of a digital primitive displayed random node numbers in the status bar logical description until mouse button was released.
- -) Picture Removed a conflict between two MC11 instances that kept one from creating a "Create From" picture.
- -) Log Plot Improved the Log plot so that illegal values are not plotted and are ignored in the auto scale.
- -) File Load Some files types are now unloadable (like \*.zip)
- -) Excel import Excel output now shows only after writing is complete to speed it up.
- -) Excel export Fixed a crash In Model Excel export if you had a '%' in any field.

## Micro-Cap 11.0.1.0

- -) Arrays Improved Copy and Paste operations on .array text within a circuit.
- ff -) User Source In User files, the Data Point Count and Format are
- -) Pspice syntax The '=' sign is now optonal in the E,F,G, and H sources. VALUE =  $\{V(A)\}\$  is the same as VALUE  $\{V(A)\}\$
- -) PWL syntax Improved the PWL syntax to work if all of the data is surrounded by '(' ')'
- -) Localize The Localize command 'Localize selected parts only' did not allow for more then 1 part being selected.
- -) Mouse wheel control improved the mouse center wheel control.
- -) Macro parameters Array elements may now be used as macro parameters.
- -) .SPICE command .Spice command would cause an error if you had more the 10 DIGITAL new nodes within the command.
- -) Numeric Output The creation and viewing speed of very large
- numeric output files (> 1GByte) was greatly improved.
  -) Rename command The Rename function speed was greatly improved for very large circuits.
- -) Mouse wheel Mouse Wheel / Touch Screen / Touch Pad zoom direction was corrected for text view only.
- -) Measurements dialog box Removed spurious warnings regarding the Measurements Output file.
- -) Japanese character Corrected the file save using the Japanese char 'f|' 0x837C. Micro-Cap thought it was '|' and rejected it.
- -) Show Directory Updated Showdir to new versions of windows.
- -) Long file / path names Long path names in the Attribute dialog box will now show the front part +"..." + back part.
- -) Waveform Buffer file Corrected how the 32 and 64 bit versions handled the binary file WFB.BIN.
- -) Micro-Cap title bar Changed title to show (32 bit) or (64 bit).
- -) Hysteresis switch Corrected an error in the hysteresis type switch bug that occurred when the switch starts in the hysteresis zone and never gets a legal r value.
- -) FFT PH function Corrected the sign of PH(FFTS(V(A))).
- -) Noise analysis Removed overflows in certain noise circuits running the 64 bit version.
- -) BSIM Models Added checks for zero length and width for BSIM3 and BSIM4
- -) Noise analysis Added checks for zero noise frequency.

- -) .Options command Improved handling of the .Options command in the State Variables editor.
- -) Lossy Transmission Line Fixed a problem with the lossy tranmission line auxillary index.
- -) Plot Pages Fixed a problem with plot page use of tags.
- -) Recursion check Improved the recursion check for math
- -) Component Editor Improved the Add Part wizard to automatically add pins obtained from its .subckt statement.
- -) Shape Editor Block Shape editor now asks for block pin count to simplify adding parts with huge numbers of pins.
- -) Probe Fixed a problem that caused Probe to lose data when stepping a .define variable.
- -) Autoscaling Improved autoscaling when the X variable was not T in transient or F in AC.
- -) 64 Bit Version Fixed a problem that kept the 64 bit version from running in systems with 16 physical processors.
- -) Del operator Added the DEL operator to the list of allowed functions for Performance Plots.
- -) Arrays Improved error handling with array contents defined with recursive-like definitions.
- -) Performance Plots Performance functions using the LAST operators (like DEL) now skip the first data point (since it is not

computable).

#### Micro-Cap 11.0.0.8

- -) Wire Trim Placing a two pin component on a wire now trims the wire to meet the two pins.
- -) Sample circuits Added more sample circuits.
- -) Performance Plots The "Keep X Scales The Same" option now defaults to TRUE for Performance Plots.
- -) Pin Connections Pin connection dots now scale with the wire size.
- -) .TR command .TR statement now adds breakpoints.
- -) Stability Added "Stability Margin Text" to Properties so that its color, font, etc., can be controlled.
- -) Optimizer Added error checking for the Optimizer parameter limits.
- -) Auto Demo Made the Auto Demo run correctly even when the Menu Drop Down Right Aligned mode was selected.
- -) .Warnings Fixed a memory leak for .Warnings statements.

#### Micro-Cap 11.0.0.7

- -) RTF Fixed several editing problems with the RTF text dialog box.
- -) Optimizer Optimizer fields 'Low', 'Initial', 'High' and 'To' now can use .defined variables.
- -) Optimizer Fixed a numeric problem in the Powell Optimizer.
- -) Optimizer Added new optimizer sample circuits and model files (\*.mdl).
- -) Stepping Stepping dialog fields can now use .defined variables.
- -) Batch Files Added '/Optimize' to bath files.
- -) File New command Added Script File (.bat).
- -) DC Optimizer Improved import for DC Optimizer so that it can read stepped cases from standard Numeric Output file (.dno).
- -) Schematic Editor Fixed an offset problem when using cut and paste from one circuit to another.
- -) Digital Fixed a problem that occurred randomly on Pindly devices.

#### Micro-Cap 11.0.0.6

- -) File Load Fixed a circuit load problem that occurred when the file name had a '('.
- -) Localize Command Fixed a crash that occurred when using the Localize command on a SPICE file.
- -) DC Probe Fixed a plot problem that occurred when retrieving DC Probe results where a .define variable was used in Variable 1.
- -) Empty Circuit Fixed a crash that occurred when politting V(0) for an zero-node circuit.
- -) Tanh Derivative Fixed an overflow in a tanh derivative .
- -) New Sample Circuits Added four new sample circuits: Three RF circuits and a Peltz oscillator.

# Micro-Cap 11.0.0.5

- -) Find Component MC11 now saves the Find Component command dialog box settings.
- -) Analysis Limits A semicolon (;) may now be used as a comment marker in the X and Y expression and range fields.
- -) Undo Undo works better in the analysis limits dialog box and in other RTF text.
- -) Import command Import now can optionally import local subcircuits used by other subcircuits.
- -) Import command Added a memo to the Component Import wizard.
- -) Rubberbanding Fixed a crash that occurred when using the rubberbanding feature.
- -) Filter Designer Fixed an error that occurred in the Elliptic section of the Filter Designer.
- -) Sample Circuits Added "Vacuum Tubes" and "Oscillators" sample
- -) Expressions Added URAMP() and U() functions.
- -) Migrate command The Migrate command now copies files with a .cir extension that are in the library folder assuming that they are macro circuits.
- -) Print Preview Fixed a problem with Print Preview when using two monitors.

- -) Multiple MC11 instances You can now run simultaneous copies of MC11. Secondary instances cannot edit the \*.cmp, \*.shp, \*.tbl, \*.pkg files.
- -) Motor models Added DC stepper and AC induction motor models and test circuits.
- -) Plots When analysis plots share a common X axis, the axis scale is shown only once at the bottom producing a more compact display.
- -) Plots Fixed several aesthetic problems with polar plots.

- -) Macro probing Fixed a macro probing problem.
- -) Text select Text in a page with overflowing text did not select properly.
- -) Encryption Improved text encryption.
- -) Default button Corrected a problem with Default and Set Default buttons on the Properties dialog box.
- -) Monte Carlo The Monte Carlo Exception report was not reporting the new component tolerances for R, L, C, B and I.
- -) Monte Carlo Monte Carlo cases that trigger a "Report When" (exception) report are now colored red in the MC case list box.
- -) Worst Case Worst Case now handles R, L, and C tolerances when there is also a model tolerance.

#### Micro-Cap 11.0.0.3

- -) Expressions New ADD() function adds two AC expressions using a constant frequency increment to support frequency translation plots for up and down converters.
- -) Demo Worst Case Demo version now handles Worst Case correctly.
- -) Demo Demo version now loads component libraries with greater than ~ 30000 parts
- -) Migrate Fixed several bugs and added a detailed report of what was merged, added, or discarded in the File / Migrate command.
- -) Breakpoints Improved speed of adding breakpoints.
- Clipboard Clipboard now closes correctly when pasting a picture to the text page.
- -) Expressions Expressions now handle > 100,000 characters.
- -) Expressions MC11 now ignores presence of an unnecessary "=" sign in Pspice syntax
- -) BOM BOM now handles large circuits correctly.
- -) Temperature field The use of a .define variable in the analysis Temperature field is now supported.
- -) Passive element VALUE The TC1=... was being ignored when it followed a LOT=... in a passive element
- -) Sensitivity Fixed a small numerical error in the calculation of Sensitivity %/%.
- -) Touch pad Touch pad zoom gesture was backwards.
- -) Logo Added MC11 /NOLOGO to command line to turn off logo display upon startup to make it easier to see potential system error messages.
- -) Component library Copying a group from one component library file to another sometimes failed.

## Micro-Cap 11.0.0.2

- -) Check For Updates Improved error handling in the Check for Updates routine.
- -) HSPICE syntax HSPICE's G device can now use "CUR" or "VOL" in place of "VALUE".
- -) Protection An error message is now issued when attempting to translate or load a protected ibis (\*.ibs) file.
- -) Protection Auto save now saves protected files with their passwords.
- -) Batch files Added sample circuits and batch files to illustrate the use of batch (scripting) facility. See batch.cir and batch.bat and batch1.cir and batch1.bat
- SPICE parsing Corrected SPICE netlist parsing for PMOS/NMOS devices.
- -) Calculator 3D Plots Added Z-axis clipping to the calculator's 3D plots.
- SPICE TSTART usage SPICE netlists now use tstart correctly for auto scaling. Formerly scaled to T=0.
- -) Fourier Auto scale Corrected a Fourier autoscaling bug when Baseline was used.
- -) Picture placement Corrected the Orignal Size picture command.
- -) Find in Files Find in Files command now can load multiple found
- -) Model Program Corrected a problem when converting from .mdl files to .lib files.
- -) Model Program Corrected JFET conversion from .mdl to .lib files.
- -) Warnings Fixed the turn off warning for Digital Messages.
- -) Laplace Sources Improved NR iterations scheme for Laplace Sources.

- -) Shape editor Improved polygon handle placement for imported shapes.
- -) Batch files Improved recursive error handling in batch file GOTO statements.
- -) Dynamic DC Improved slider behavior in parts that use .defined values.

- -) Protection Changed protection to disallow binary libraries (\*.lbr).
- -) HSPICE syntax Expanded handling to include param arguments, use of ', and overrides of reserved constants and functions.
- -) Lossy lines Fixed a math problem in lossy transmission lines.
- -) Component editor Fixed a Component editor problem that occurred when you clicked on Text Attribute 1 or 2.

# Micro-Cap 10 Revision History

#### Micro-Cap 10.1.0.3

- -) Probe Fixed a crash that occurred in AC Probe when clicking on an inductor.
- -) Attribute dialog box Fixed a bug where the program did not do a whole word search for the Model name.
- -) Inductors Fixed a bug involving copying core inductors which disordered the core inductors pointer.
- -) Drag Copy Ctrl+Drag copy of text while in the analysis did not force a re-run.
- -) Shape Editor Fixed the rotation and mirroring of polys and roots in the Shape editor.
- -) Protection Improved MC10 Protection handling.
- -) Transmission lines Fixed a math problem in lossy transmission lines.
- -) Component editor Fixed a problem in the Component editor that occurred when you clicked on Text Attribute 1 or 2.
- -) Check for Updates Improved error handling in the Check for Updates routine.
- -) HSPICE syntax HSPICE's G device can now use "CUR" or "VOL" in place of "VALUE".
- -) SPICE plots SPICE netlists now use tstart correctly for auto scaling. Formerly scaled to T=0.
- -) Model program Corrected JFET conversion from .mdl to .lib files.
- -) Auto Save Auto save now saves protected files with their passwords.
- -) Breakpoints Improved speed of adding breakpoints.
- -) Netlist Micro-Cap now ignores presence of an unnecessary "=" sign in Pspice syntax.
- -) Define variables The use of a .define variable in the analysis Temperature field is now supported. (e.g. 10K LOT=10% became 10K).
- -) Touch Pad Touch pad zoom gesture was backwards.
- -) Evaluation Version Evaluation version had trouble loading a component library with greater than 30000 parts.
- Component Editor Copying a group from one component library file to another sometimes failed.
- -) Macro drill down Fixed a macro drill down error.
- -) Text select Text in a page with overflowing text did not select properly.
- -) Undo Undo works better in the analysis limits dialog box and in other RTF text.
- Filter Designer Fixed an error that occurred in the Elliptic section of the Filter Designer.
- -) DC Probe Fixed a plot problem that occurred when retrieving DC Probe results where a .define variable was used in Variable 1.
- -) Empty circuit Fixed a crash that occurred when politting V(0) for an zero-node circuit.
- -) Tanh function Fixed an overflow in a tanh derivative.

#### Micro-Cap 10.1.0.2

- -) Key ID A Key ID number is now printed when there is a Key error on startup.
- -) SPICE files Improved the handling of SPICE A devices.
- -) Model program Removed code that limited log range to 8 decades.
- -) Coupled inductors Fixed a bug that caused circuits with coupled inductors using initial conditions to sometimes fail the operating point calculation.
- -) Expressions Fixed a bug that caused variables named IMPORT to be confused with the Import function.
- -) Optimizer Improved Optimizer cleanup to remove residual settings.
- -) Optimizer Fixed a bug in the Optimizer when FMAX was used.
- -) Optimizer Dynamic AČ optimizer was optimizing the DC variable rather than the AC variable
- -) Optimizer Improved Powell's handling of constraints

- -) Bounds Error Fixed an internal out of bounds error.
- -) Desktop Permission error Was not recognizing certain drives and

- desktop folders in Windows 7 and 8 as writable locations and issuing a Permission Denied message.
- -) Rerun Fixed an error when stepping caused a return trip through the setup code.
- -) Text Search Crashed if you did a text search on a schematic while still in an analysis mode.
- -) Text Search Locked up if you did a text replace with a blank search string.
- -) Text Color Several text color attributes were not being saved in the file correctly.
- -) Power Expressions Created better trapping for over/under flows.
- -) Harmonic Distortion 'All' is now the default in the curve selector list box.
- -) MOSFET Junction Current Fixed a problem in computing MOSFET junction current.
- -) AC FFT Norm Calculation Fixed a problem in computing the FTT / Norm function.
- -) Hasp Key Type The HASP key type is now displayed in the Statistics dialog box (ALT+Z).
- -) Slope Calculation Fixed a problem in the Slope calculation when both cursors are on the same point.
- -) HASP Library Updated the HASP library from haspw32.lib to libhasp\_windows.lib..
- -) Warning Bug Fixed a minor bug in the Warning statement.
- -) Color Property Color property had incorrect status bar text "Label Background".
- -) Dynamic DC In Dynamic DC the use of the Up/Down arrows lost any tolerance information. (e.g. 10K LOT=10% became 10K).
- -) AC Noise A wider variety of variables are now available in AC Noise analysis.
- -) Performance Functions Fixed a problem with period and frequency performance functions when used on digital wavefroms.
- -) Table Sources Table sources may now contain expressions like {(TEMP-8)/2}.
- -) Disabled Components Components on disabled local macro pages are now being correctly flaged as disabled.
- -) Enhanced Expression Usage .Nodeset commands can now handle expressions like .NODESET V(Charge)={SOC\*CELLS\*VCELL}'.
- -) Pin Names Numeric pins names for macros are not recommended due to confusion with nodes names. The program now appends PIN\_ to the front of a numeric node name to minimize conflict.
- -) AC Polar Plot The AC Polar chart can now use tokens.
- -) OPAMP Model Fixed a bug in the OPAMP model that caused a problem when VCC and VEE are the same node.

## Micro-Cap 10.0.9.2

- -) Array Variables Fixed an error that occured when array variables are used in FFT expressions.
- -) Derivatives Fixed an error that occured when using an expression like LIMIT(V(Vinm), 3, IF(1, 1, 2)).
- -) Component Editor Fixed an error that caused a crash in the Component Editor Revert command.
- -) Initialization Fixed an error that occurs when using '.IC I(C1.L)=-5.00000E+000'.
- -) Missing ")" MC10 now handles missing right parentheses ")" in model statements.
- -) Tag numeric format MC10 now allows edits to a tag's vertical numeric format.
- -) Reduce Datapoints Fixed a crash that occurs when "Throw Data Out" is enabled and Sensitivity is run.
- -) SD assignment SD was not assignable using a .options sd=3 command.
- -) MC values If you run Monte Carlo, then return to the schematic, the last MC changed valued remained.
- -) Cleanup report Cleanup was not correctly reporting the number of files.
- -) BSIM3 Fixed an uninitialzed variable problem in the Berkeley code.
- -) 3D Fixed an error in the 3D Cursor mode value for slope.
- -) Device code Fixed a potential divide by zero in diode, bjt, jfet, and gaasfet code.
- Thread crash Fixed a crash that occurs when using threads under special conditions.
- -) File Save Fixed a Permission Denied error under Windows 7 that occurred when saving a file to the Desktop.

## Micro-Cap 10.0.9.1

-) HD Gain / Power - Fixed an error in the calculation of Gain when

Power is selected in Harmonic Distortion.

- -) FSV Function Added an FSV (Fit to Standard Values) function. In MC10 requires User added FSV attribute that specifies the FSV file name.
- -) Animate Fixed an error that occurs when you select Animate during the run, then select either Wait for Time Delay or Wait for Key Press.
- -) Model statement error Fixed an intermittent library error involving PNP and NPN devices.
- -) Recalling Gen Crash Fixed an error that occurs when stepping recalls gen due many macros and .defines

## Micro-Cap 10.0.9.0

- -) JFET Model Upgrade Upgraded the MC10 JFET to use the five additional parameters ISR, ALPHA, N, NR, and VK.
- -)  $\bf Undo\ /\ redo\ -\ Undo\ /\ redo\ was\ not\ setting\ up\ .params/.define\ for\ the\ .if in\ the\ text\ page.$
- -) Properties Scales Properties dialog scale changes affected more than one waveform.
- -) Harmonic Distortion Gain/Phase Plots of Gain and Phase were added to Harmonic distortion analysis.
- -) Macro .HELP command Fixed a problem with the macro .HELP command that caused it to malfunction when ther were extra spaces past the last " mark.
- -) Model Import Fixed a bug in the model user type which caused the import capability to fail.
- Search bug Fixed a crash that occurred when searching for a piece
  of text, then deleting that text, then searching for it again.
- -) Picture dialog Analysis Picture was not saving the "Keep Aspect Ratio" flag to the file.
- -) M parameter fix Corrected the JFET and GAASFET M parameter calculation.

## Micro-Cap 10.0.8.2

- -) Wildcard Fixed an error that occurs when an illegal wildcard such as V(R[@]) is specified in the Analysis Limits dialog box.
- -) Component Editor Added a check for duplicate component names when exiting the Component Editor.
- -) Analysis Re-run Now runs an analysis after a text replacement operation.
- -) Installation Folder Changed the default installation path to c:\mc10 due to frequent write-protect issues with the Programs folder in Windows 7.
- -) FREQ Expressions Update Added the FREQ attribute to the expressions to be updated after a copy operation.
- -) Table Source Expressions Fixed errors in tables sources that lacked {} around expressions in the last parameter.
- -) Paste Operation Fixed an error that occurred when pasting a part with .model statements when the circuit source was closed.

- -) Dynamic DC Dynamic DC now correctly displays currents after running transient and then invoking Dynamic DC.
- -) .PARAM Statement The .PARAM statement now allows IF statements within the table.
- -) Diode M Parameter The diode, BJT, JFET, and Gaasfet M values can now be greater than or equal to 1.0. If equal to 1.0, M is set to 0.999.
- -) User Model Optimizer The maximum number of optimizable parameters was increased to 20 from 8.
- -) User Model Optimizer A command was added to export the results to a text file.
- -) User Model Optimizer Numeric formatting was added for optimized parameters.
- -) User Model Optimizer Error handling was improved for the parameter select dialog box.
- -) User Model Optimizer A bug was fixed that caused a crash when the User circuit had a warning message.
- -) Analysis Tags Analysis tags now have visible handles when the graph background is black.
- -) Filter Design Plot The Filter Design Plot Properties Numeric Ouput and Save Curves are now accessible.
- -) Color Dialog Box Invoking the Color dialog box on a system with two monitors now displays it on both monitors.
- -) Circuit Scrolling Circuit scrolling now works properly even when the circuit is enlarged. Formerly the right edge was not reachable

with scrolling.

- -) Cross-hair Cursors Cross-hair cursors now show up correctly even when coincident with a select box.
- -) Shape Editor Fixed a bug in the Shape editor where shapes stayed gray when the Black and White option was used.
- -) Variables Pop-up List Fixed a bug in the variables pop-up list.
- -) Diode Attribute Dialog Box Fixed a bug in the dialog box where if you used {n1} were n1 is '.define n1 1k' for param n it gave an error.
- -) Rectangle Handle Selection Improved rectangle handle selection.
- -) Anchor Color Added an anchor color to specify the reference shape for the alignment commands.

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- -) Pseudo Transient Operating Point Method The Pseudo Transient Operating Point Method has been modified so that it works with AC analysis.
- -) FC Diode Parameter The FC parameter in the diode model can now be defined with a negative value.
- -) Monte Carlo Histograms Histograms that have a very fine grid size will now hide individual grid labels so that some labels stay on the screen
- -) FFT Window The FFT Window can now operate on waveforms that have a log time scale on the X axis.
- -) Numeric Output Duplicate Y Expressions An option has been added to the Numeric Output Properties page that lets the numeric output file contain duplicate Y expression columns.
- -) Performance Tags When a performance tag that had been hidden is redisplayed on the screen, it now has an offset from the bottom left corner so that the value can be grabbed and moved easily.
- -) PG Operator The PG operator has been expanded so that it now works with User Sources and WAV File Sources.
- -) Schematic Graphic Objects A select box drawn in a schematic will only select an unfilled graphic object if the select box covers any of the graphic object's border. A select box entirely within a graphic object does not select the encompassing object.
- -) Rainbow Option The Rainbow option for a waveform color now only has an effect when multiple branches are simulated such as in Stepping or Monte Carlo. For a single branch simulation, the color used will be that defined in the analysis limits dialog box.
- -) Line Object Holding the Shift key down while drawing a graphic line object forces the line into one of eight positions: the four orthogonal orientations and the four possible 45 degree orientations.
- -) Shortcuts More than one shortcut key combination can now be assigned to a single command.
- -) TMAX, TSTART X Range Setting In the Transient Analysis Limits dialog box, clicking the X-Range column header and selecting the TMAX, TSTART option only updates those waveform lines that contain the T variable in the X expression.
- -) .Param Statement The Param statement can now be used to define data points within table source components.
- -) Show All Paths command The Show All Paths command now highlights subcircuit devices that the selected digital path goes through.
- -) Model Program Initialize The Initialize command now reorders the data according to the value in the X field.
- -) Subcircuit PARAM: Statement A subcircuit call that contains an empty PARAM: statement is now ignored.

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- -) 3D, FFT, Performance and Monte Carlo Windows These windows now check the currently open windows to determine the window size that they will initially be created with.
- -) Distortion Analyses The analyses now check all possible steps to determine whether to warn the user about the instance where a very large number of cycles will be simulated.
- -) W (Current Switch) The error message for when the voltage source specified in the REF attribute for the W (Current Switch) component has been improved.
- -) Localize Models The Localize Models command has been improved to handle the cases where a subcircuit model has nested subcircuits within it.
- -) Step Selection Operator The Step Selection Operators can now be mixed in an expression that also contains a define variable.

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-) Stepping Limit - The total number of steps that can be specified in

- a stepping operation has been increased to 30,000.
- -) Analysis Print Preview An Individual Pages option has been added to the print preview. This prints all of the selected pages where each page is printed to its own sheet of paper.
- -) Enable Regions An enable region can no longer disable another enable region. This provides the capability to have overlapping enable regions.
- -) Model Program For a user part, if the X variable is T (for a transient analysis) or F (for an AC analysis), the underlying simulation has its range adjusted depending on the data entered in the model data.
- -) Model Program For a user part, the optimizer now ignores data points where the X variable does not have a match in the underlying simulation.
- -) User Source AC Analysis Operating Point Value The User Source now uses the value specified when Time=0 in the USR file as the DC value for the source during an AC analysis operating point calculation.
- -) Capacitor If a capacitor has been specified with an expression such as C(C3), where the C3 capacitor is a constant value, the standard linear capacitor model will be used instead of the nonlinear capacitor.
- -) BSIM4 The Level=54 model has now been mapped into the BSIM4 model.
- -) Default Expressions In the AC Analysis Limits, the default operator is now specified with the case dB instead of db.
- -) Default Expressions When a node name has been specified in the schematic, the default expressions in the analysis limits now use the same case that the user entered.
- -) Model Program Data The tab key now scrolls through all of the data in the list rather than just what appears on screen before advancing to the next object.
- -) Model Program For a user part, if the underlying AC simulation has its frequency step set to Auto, the Model program now automatically converts that to Log for the optimization.
- -) Add Part Wizard When adding a macro in the Add Part Wizard of the Component Editor, the Name field now defaults to the name of the macro file.
- -) Analysis Print Preview When selecting pages for printing from the list, the Ctrl and Shift keys can now be used with the mouse to select multiple windows.
- -) Component Editor Wizards The Add Part Wizard and Import Wizard now ignore the Palette setting of the component that is being used as a template.
- -) SPICE .OP Statement If a .OP statement is specified in a SPICE circuit file, the Model Parameters and Operating Point Values will automatically be enabled for the numeric output.
- -) Perform\_M Global Setting The maximum value that the Perform\_M global setting can be set to has been increased to 10.

- -) New Batch File Image Commands New commands are now available for use in batch files that perform image captures to aid in quickly creating documentation. Images can be created for any circuit page, analysis page, performance plot window, 3D plot window, FFT window, or histogram window.
- -) Model Program Fixed Parameter The parameters that are setup for a user defined model now have an option to be fixed. The value entered for the parameter will not be affected by any initialization or optimization. The fixed parameter value will be used during an optimization and when the corresponding model is created.
- -) Model Program Diode Parameters The BV, EG, and XTI parameters for the diode in the Model program now always maintain the value that has been entered in the field. Any initialization or optimization will have no effect on the value.
- -) Model Program RLC Limits Any resistor, capacitor, or inductor that is being optimized in the Model program now have their minimums hardcoded at 0 to prevent negative impedances.
- -) Model Program User Part The memo field is now added right above the model when a library is created.
- -) Continuous Phase Calculation The phase plot calculations now produce a continuous phase plot when a step selection operator is used in the phase expression being plotted
- used in the phase expression being plotted.

  -) Toolbar Loading The loading of the toolbars in the program has been optimized to minimize delays. This will mainly aid systems that still use 16 bit color.
- -) Diode\_Max\_IS Global Settings The Diode\_Max\_IS global setting was added. This limits the maximum value of IS in a diode when the N diode parameter has been set to a value smaller than .1 in order to

help prevent any overflows during the simulation.

- -) Normalization Operators The normalization operators now force a Log frequency step in AC analysis if the frequency step was previously set to Auto.
- -) .TR Statement The .TR statement which sets the maximum time step in transient analysis is now available in SPICE circuit files.
- -) .PSS Statement A .PSS statement has been added for SPICE text files in order to both enable the periodic steady state option and to define its settings.

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- -) Diagonal GMIN Stepping The diagonal GMIN stepping was improved to aid in convergence with DC operating point calculations.
- -) Poly Sources The SPICE poly sources have had their convergence routines improved.
- -) Table Function The table function has been improved to both run faster during a simulation and to converge better.
- -) Retrace The Retrace capability in transient analysis now remembers the time step information from the prior run.
- -) FFT Windows The THD and IHD waveforms now have default unit settings of %. The phase waveform now has a default unit setting of degrees.
- -) Impedance Operator Z() The Z() impedance operator now works with inductors and capacitors that have been defined with a nonlinear equation in AC analysis.
- -) Limit Operator The Limit operator can now handle the case where the maximum and minimum parameters for the operator have been swapped.
- -) AC Analysis The low frequency limit in AC analysis has been set to 1e-30Hz.
- -) Coupled Inductors The convergence of coupled inductors has been improved for situations when the inductors have been defined with an extremely high inductance value.
- -) Diode Model One of the diode current error checks has been modified to better aid convergence.
- -) Border and Title Block An entry called Title Block Border has been added to the objects list in the schematic Properties dialog box. This object controls the color of the border and the title block outline.
- -) Rename Components The Rename Components command will now ignore expressions in the analysis limits that specify components within a subcircuit or macro.
- -) Performance Plot Numeric Output The default file name for a numeric output file created through a performance plot now automatically strips out any characters that would create an illegal file name.
- -) Picture Files Schematic files now look for a picture file in the local directory before searching through the paths specified in the Picture field of the Paths dialog box.
- -) Check for Updates The Check for Updates dialog box now has a horizontal scroll bar in the operations field so that long path and files can be seen.

- -) Tranmission Line The F and S variables can now be used in the transmission line parameters. For example, the R parameter in the lossy transmission line model can have an expression containing the variable F in order to model the skin effect. Note that these frequency variables will only be updated in an AC or Dynamic AC analysis. In any other type of analysis, these variables will be calculated assuming that the frequency is 0.
- -) Ideal Transmission Line The history is now stored for the ideal transmission line so that it can operate with the Retrace and Leave options in the transient analysis.
- -) Print Preview A dotted line is now displayed in the schematic print preview to show the printed area available.
- -) Print Preview Black and White and Gray Scale options are now available in the print preview dialog boxes.
- -) Analysis Plots The Text and Graphics modes are now available to use on plots that do not have any data present.
- -) Align Commands The align commands can now be used with analysis text.
- -) PWL The check to see if there are duplicate X values in the PWL data now ignores data points that contain the same Y value when a repeat is used.
- -) Optimizer The red target dots can now be displayed on multiple waveforms when the optimizer is trying to optimize to more than one waveform.

- -) WAV Output The Sample Rate and Number of Bits selected for the WAV output is now saved in the circuit file.
- -) Status Bar Status bar help has been added for the Dynamic AC and the Dynamic DC dialog boxes.
- -) Preferences Changes made in the International Settings and Auto Save pages is now stored without having to hit Apply when changing between pages in the Preferences dialog box.
- -) Distortion Plots The list available in the What to Plot fields can now expand past the original width of the field.
- -) Get Performance Function The list available in the Expressions field can now expand past the original width of the field.

- -) Analysis Progress Bar The analysis progress bar now takes into account the periodic steady state calculations.
- -) Attribute Dialog Box Font The attribute that is currently selected in the Attribute dialog box will now be the attribute selected in the Font dialog box when the Font button is clicked.
- -) Distortion Analyses The hardcoded waveforms no longer have their ranges error checked when the plot for the waveform is disabled.
- -) Distortion Analyses The hardcoded waveforms may now be manually scaled in the analysis limits.
- -) Harmonic Distortion The THD waveform can now store the waveform style that a user selects from one analysis session to another
- Distortion Analyses The autoscale now checks the FFT page of the Properties dialog box to determine the scaling range for the FFT waveforms.
- -) S and W Switches These switch models were modified to help prevent floating point errrors when the On and Off triggers were set extremely close together.