

# Sum Ducks

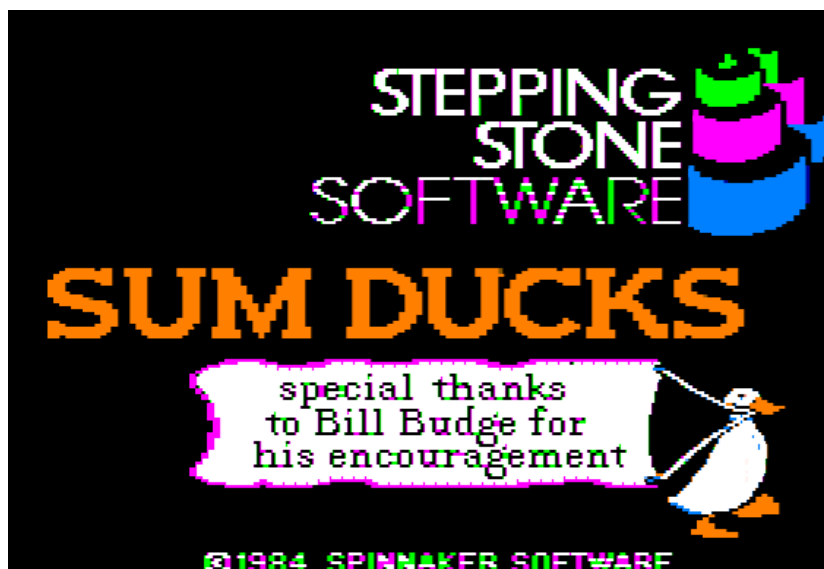


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-----Sum Ducks-----  
A 4am quack 2015-10-16  
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Name: Sum Ducks  
Genre: educational  
Year: 1984  
Credits:  
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Software engineer: Mark Ravitz  
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Graphics: Marge Boots  
Publisher: Spinnaker Software  
Media: single-sided 5.25-inch floppy  
OS: DOS 3.3  
Previous cracks: Asimov has a crack by  
"BH", but it's corrupted



## Chapter 0

In Which Various Automated Tools Fail  
In Ways Most Fowl

COPYA

read error on second pass

Locksmith Fast Disk Backup

unable to read track \$09; copy hangs  
with drive motor on

EDD 4 bit copy (no sync, no count)

no errors, but copy displays an error  
"THIS IS A DEFECTIVE DISK" and exits

Copy ][+ nibble editor

T09 is almost entirely sync bytes

Disk Fixer

T00 looks like a DOS 3.3 boot0/boot1

T00-T02 is a full copy of DOS 3.3

T11 has a standard disk catalog

T09 is unreadable

Why didn't any of my copies work?

A nibble check on boot? Disks do not  
declare themselves defective unless  
someone tells them to.

Next steps:

1. Trace the boot

2. ???



## Chapter 1

In Which Our Tools Do Not Save Us

```
[S6,D1=original disk]  
[S5,D1=my work disk]
```

```
]PR#5
```

```
..  
CAPTURING BOOT0  
...reboots slot 6...  
...reboots slot 5...  
SAVING BOOT0  
CAPTURING BOOT1  
...reboots slot 6...  
...reboots slot 5...  
SAVING BOOT1  
SAVING RWTS
```

Well that's not a surprise; most of the disk was readable, except track \$09.

Hey wait, the disk is mostly readable. Maybe I can just run it from my work disk?

1CATALOG, S6, D1

C1983 DSR^C#254

052 FREE

A 002 HELLO  
B 012 XMOD  
B 007 M  
B 002 SCREEN  
B 013 LOADER  
B 003 B0  
B 034 SCREEN2  
B 034 SL  
B 047 BLOCK2  
B 023 TITLE  
B 030 S2  
B 044 S3  
B 012 LZCD  
B 003 S1  
B 002 FONT  
B 034 LAYOUT  
B 003 STARTUP  
B 064 MAIN  
B 034 RULES  
B 016 LZMSK  
B 016 LZMAP  
B 009 UI.OBJ2

1RUN HELLO

?SYNTAX ERROR IN 776



LIST

```
776 @! FRE TAN  =# READ = RUN 5
TUC_USY?sto`pel€-j'$1 GR wzy
alrpxmqcB!LF h mqiqt~i} `jd SIN
"CSK(99#N-@]3WFEFGZyz€v
```

Well, that is a syntax error. ("You are technically correct, the best kind of correct!")

```
]BRUN STARTUP
B33E-      A=0F X=FF Y=25 P=31 S=EF
```

```
*BRUN MAIN
74FD-      A=00 X=B0 Y=25 P=33 S=E5
```

```
*BRUN RULES
2006-      A=20 X=FF Y=25 P=39 S=DD
```

This is not a very fruitful path of investigation. Let's start over.

]PR#5

```
...
]BLOAD BOOT1,A$2600
```

```
; move most of bootloader into place,
; except $BF00 (used by Diversi-DOS 64K
; on my work disk) -- so I can look at
; the code in its proper location but
; still load and save files as needed
*B600<2600.2EFFM
```

\*B700L

. bog standard, until...

B738- 4C 03 BB JMP \$BB03

Well that's definitely not normal. On a DOS 3.3 disk, there isn't usually anything in \$BBxx at all. (It's used for scratch space during sector reads.)

\*BB03L

BB03- 4E 06 BB LSR \$BB06  
BB06- 71 6E ADC (\$6E),Y  
BB08- 0A ASL  
BB09- BB ???  
BB0A- 40 RTI  
BB0B- 27 ???

Oh look, self-modifying code. This should be fun(\*).

I'm going to make a new program that reproduces the self-modifications of the original routine at \$BB03. When I'm done, I'll have

- a repeatable decryption routine, and
- complete documentation

Here we go.

(\*) not guaranteed, actual fun  
may vary



## Chapter 2

In Which We Painstakingly Create  
A Repeatable Decryption Routine,  
And It Stakes About As Much Pain  
As We Expected

The start of my self-decryption  
replication program:

```
; copy $BB00 page into place from a  
; pristine copy in lower memory (loaded  
; as part of the BLOAD BOOT1,A$2600)
```

```
2000-    A0 00          LDY    #$00  
2002-    B9 00 2B      LDA    $2B00,Y  
2005-    99 00 BB      STA    $BB00,Y  
2008-    C8           INY  
2009-    D0 F7         BNE    $2002  
200B-    60           RTS
```

```
; add the "LSR" instruction from $BB03,  
; followed by an "RTS"
```

```
*200B:4E 06 BB 60
```

```
; execute it and look at the result
```

```
*2000G
```

```
*BB06L
```

```
BB06-    38           SEC  
BB07-    6E 0A BB     ROR    $BB0A
```

Oh look, more self-modifying code.

```
; add these 2 instructions, followed  
; by an "RTS"
```

```
*200E:38 6E 0A BB 60
```

```
*2000G
```

```
*BB0AL
```

```
BB0A-    A0 27          LDY    #$27  
BB0C-    6E 0F BB     ROR    $BB0F
```

Oh look, more...

```
*2012:A0 27 6E 0F BB 60  
*2000G
```

```
*BB0FL
```

```
BB0F-      6E 1B BB      ROR      $BB1B  
BB12-      6E 15 BB      ROR      $BB15
```

```
Oh look...
```

```
*2017:6E 1B BB 6E 15 BB 60  
*2000G
```

```
*BB15L
```

```
BB15-      6E 1E BB      ROR      $BB1E  
BB18-      6E 25 BB      ROR      $BB25  
BB1B-      B9 00 BB      LDA      $BB00,Y
```

```
Oh...
```

```
*201D:6E 1E BB 6E 25 BB B9 00 BB 60  
*2000G
```

```
*BB1EL
```

```
BB1E-      59 00 B8      EOR      $B800,Y  
BB21-      99 00 BB      STA      $BB00,Y  
BB24-      C8            INY  
BB25-      D0 F4        BNE      $BB1B
```

```
Kill me.
```

```
Also, I need another part of boot1 in  
place before this will work.
```

\*B800<2800.28FFM

Now to reproduce the code properly.

\*2026:59 00 B8 99 00 BB C8 D0 F4 60  
\*2000G

\*BB27L

BB27-	A0 55	LDY	#\$55
BB29-	B9 00 BC	LDA	\$BC00,Y
BB2C-	59 00 B8	EOR	\$B800,Y
BB2F-	99 00 BC	STA	\$BC00,Y
BB32-	88	DEY	
BB33-	10 F4	BPL	\$BB29

Kill me now.

\*202F:A0 55 B9 00 BC 59 00 B8 99 00 BC  
88 10 F4 60  
\*2000G

\*BB35L

(Finally, a block of real code that  
does more than just decrypt the next  
block!)

; change the JMP that brought us here

BB35-	A9 E0	LDA	#\$E0
BB37-	8D 3A B7	STA	\$B73A

; sets an unfriendly reset vector

BB3A-	20 C3 B7	JSR	\$B7C3
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```

; save some addresses on the stack
BB3D-    AD EC B7    LDA    $B7EC
BB40-    48          PHA
BB41-    AD F4 B7    LDA    $B7F4
BB44-    48          PHA
BB45-    AD 4D BE    LDA    $BE4D
BB48-    48          PHA

; set up to seek to seek to track $09
; (the unreadable track)
BB49-    A9 09          LDA    #$09
BB4B-    8D EC B7    STA    $B7EC
BB4E-    A9 00          LDA    #$00
BB50-    8D F4 B7    STA    $B7F4

; disable the instruction that turns
; off the drive motor at the very end
; of an RWTs call
BB53-    A9 60          LDA    #$60
BB55-    8D 4D BE    STA    $BE4D

; seek to track $09 (and leave the
; motor running)
BB58-    A0 E8          LDY    #$E8
BB5A-    A9 B7          LDA    #$B7
BB5C-    20 B5 B7    JSR    $B7B5

; restore everything
BB5F-    68          PLA
BB60-    8D 4D BE    STA    $BE4D
BB63-    68          PLA
BB64-    8D F4 B7    STA    $B7F4
BB67-    68          PLA
BB68-    8D EC B7    STA    $B7EC

```

```

; here we go --
; first, find a $D5 nibble
BB6B-    BD 8C C0    LDA    $C08C,X
BB6E-    10 FB      BPL     $BB6B
BB70-    48          PHA
BB71-    68          PLA
BB72-    C9 D5      CMP     #$D5
BB74-    D0 F5      BNE     $BB6B

; count the number of $F7 nibbles (in Y
; register) before the next $D5 nibble
BB76-    A0 00      LDY     #$00
BB78-    8C 0F BC    STY     $BC0F
BB7B-    BD 8C C0    LDA     $C08C,X
BB7E-    10 FB      BPL     $BB7B
BB80-    C9 D5      CMP     #$D5
BB82-    F0 0F      BEQ     $BB93
BB84-    C9 F7      CMP     #$F7
BB86-    D0 01      BNE     $BB89
BB88-    C8          INY

; accumulator is always $F7 by now (the
; nibble we found -- anything else has
; branched off instead of falling
; through to this arithmetic)
BB89-    18          CLC
BB8A-    6D 0F BC    ADC     $BC0F
BB8D-    8D 0F BC    STA     $BC0F
BB90-    4C 7B BB    JMP     $BB7B

; execution continues here (from $BB82
; after we find the next $D5 nibble) --
; if we didn't find any $F7 nibbles,
; start over
BB93-    98          TYA
BB94-    F0 E0      BEQ     $BB76

```



```

; skip any number of $FF nibbles
BB96-    BD 8C C0    LDA    $C08C,X
BB99-    10 FB      BPL     $BB96

; killing time
BB9B-    48          PHA
BB9C-    68          PLA
BB9D-    C9 FF      CMP     #$FF
BB9F-    F0 F5      BEQ     $BB96

; if the first thing we find after the
; sequence of $FF nibbles is another
; $05 nibble, fail immediately
BBA1-    C9 05      CMP     #$05
BBA3-    F0 35      BEQ     $BBDA

; skip next 5 nibbles
BBA5-    A0 05      LDY     #$05
BBA7-    BD 8C C0    LDA     $C08C,X
BBA9-    10 FB      BPL     $BBA7

; more time killing
BBAC-    48          PHA
BBAD-    68          PLA
BBAE-    88          DEY
BBAF-    D0 F6      BNE     $BBA7

; skip any number of $FF nibbles
BBB1-    BD 8C C0    LDA     $C08C,X
BBB4-    10 FB      BPL     $BBB1

; more time killing
BBB6-    48          PHA
BBB7-    68          PLA
BBB8-    C9 FF      CMP     #$FF
BBBA-    F0 F5      BEQ     $BBB1

```

```

; if the first thing we find after the
; sequence of $FF nibbles is another
; $05 nibble, fail immediately
BBBC-   C9 05          CMP    #$05
BBBE-   D0 1A          BNE    $BBDA

; if the next nibble after that is not
; $FF, fail immediately
BBC0-   BD 8C C0      LDA    $C08C,X
BBC3-   10 FB          BPL    $BBC0
BBC5-   C9 FF          CMP    #$FF
BBC7-   D0 11          BNE    $BBDA

; check the counter (set at $BB8D)
BBC9-   AD 0F BC      LDA    $BC0F
BBCB-   38             SEC
BBCD-   E9 10          SBC    #$10

; if not zero, fail immediately
BBCF-   D0 09          BNE    $BBDA

; accumulator is 0 here, store it in
; $B739 (?!?!?)
BBD1-   8D 39 B7      STA    $B739    <-- !

; turn off drive motor
BBD4-   BD 88 C0      LDA    $C088,X

; continue elsewhere
BBD7-   4C 10 BC      JMP    $BC10

```

```

; The Badlands -- turn off drive motor,
; print error message, wipe memory,
; exit via $E000
BBDA-    BD 88 C0      LDA    $C088,X
BBDD-    AD 54 C0      LDA    $C054
BBE0-    AD 51 C0      LDA    $C051
BBE3-    AD 81 C0      LDA    $C081
BBE6-    20 58 FC      JSR    $FC58
BBE9-    A0 17         LDY    #$17
BBEB-    B9 F7 BB      LDA    $BBF7,Y
BBEE-    99 08 07      STA    $0708,Y
BBF1-    88           DEY
BBF2-    10 F7         BPL    $BBEB
BBF4-    4C 4B B7      JMP    $B74B

```

\*FC58G N 400<BBF7.BC0FM

THIS IS A DEFECTIVE DISK

So judgmental.



Chapter 3  
In Which Success Is Relative

Continuing from the success path at  
\$BC10...

\*BC10L

```
BC10-    A0 00          LDY    #$00
BC12-    B9 1F BC      LDA    $BC1F,Y
BC15-    99 00 9A      STA    $9A00,Y
BC18-    C8           INY
BC19-    D0 F7          BNE    $BC12
BC1B-    4C 00 9A      JMP     $9A00
```

\*BC1B:60

\*BC10G

\*9A00L

; This is actually the original call to  
; \$B793 that loads DOS from tracks 0-2

```
9A00-    20 93 B7      JSR     $B793
```

; save all status flags and registers,  
; because we're about to do something  
; else that is not loading DOS

```
9A03-    08           PHP
9A04-    48           PHA
9A05-    8A           TXA
9A06-    48           PHA
9A07-    98           TYA
9A08-    48           PHA
```

; set RWTS command = \$01 (read)

```
9A09-    A9 01          LDA    #$01
9A0B-    8D F4 B7      STA    $B7F4
```

; sector \$00

```
9A0E-    A9 00          LDA    #$00
9A10-    8D ED B7      STA    $B7ED
```

```

; track $0B (?!?)
9A13-    A9 0B          LDA    #$0B
9A15-    8D EC B7      STA    $B7EC

; address = $9900
9A18-    A9 00          LDA    #$00
9A1A-    8D F0 B7      STA    $B7F0
9A1D-    A9 99          LDA    #$99
9A1F-    8D F1 B7      STA    $B7F1

; read it
9A22-    A0 E8          LDY    #$E8
9A24-    A9 B7          LDA    #$B7
9A26-    20 B5 B7      JSR    $B7B5

; retry forever if that failed
9A29-    B0 FB          BCS    $9A26

; and continue there
9A2B-    4C 00 99      JMP     $9900

```

Dear Lord, there's still more to this  
copy protection.

```

*BSAVE DECRYPT BB03,A$2000,L$3E
*BSAVE BB00 DECRYPTED,A$BB00,L$156

```

A quick program to read T0B,S00 into  
\$9900 without having to trace up to  
this point:

```
0300-      20 E3 03      JSR      $03E3
0303-      84 00      STY      $00
0305-      85 01      STA      $01
0307-      A0 01      LDY      #$01
0309-      A9 60      LDA      #$60
030B-      91 00      STA      ($00),Y
030D-      A0 04      LDY      #$04
030F-      A9 0B      LDA      #$0B
0311-      91 00      STA      ($00),Y
0313-      C8        INY
0314-      A9 00      LDA      #$00
0316-      91 00      STA      ($00),Y
0318-      A0 08      LDY      #$08
031A-      91 00      STA      ($00),Y
031C-      C8        INY
031D-      A9 99      LDA      #$99
031F-      91 00      STA      ($00),Y
0321-      A0 0C      LDY      #$0C
0323-      A9 01      LDA      #$01
0325-      91 00      STA      ($00),Y
0327-      20 E3 03      JSR      $03E3
032A-      4C D9 03      JMP      $03D9
```

\*BSAVE READ T0BS00,A\$300,L\$20

\*300G

...read read read...

\*BSAVE T0BS00 9900,A\$9900,L\$100

\*9900L

```
9900-    4E 03 99    LSR    $9903
9903-    71 6E      ADC    ($6E),Y
9905-    07        ???
9906-    99 40 24    STA    $2440,Y
```

Are you !@#\$\$%^& kidding me.





## Chapter 4

In Which I Am Not !@#\$\$%^& Kidding You

OK, here we go (again).

```
; make a copy of $9900
*2900<9900.99FFM
```

The start of my SECOND self-decryption replication program:

```
; copy $9900 page into place from a
; pristine copy in lower memory
2100-    A0 00          LDY    #$00
2102-    B9 00 29      LDA    $2900,Y
2105-    99 00 99      STA    $9900,Y
2108-    C8           INY
2109-    D0 F7         BNE    $2102
210B-    60           RTS
```

\*210B:4E 03 99 60

\*2100G

\*9903L

```
9903-    38           SEC
9904-    6E 07 99      ROR    $9907
```

I tire of this, m'lord.

\*210E:38 6E 07 99 60

\*2100G

\*9907L

```
9907-    A0 24          LDY    #$24
9909-    6E 0C 99      ROR    $990C
```

I'm gonna start singing.

\*2112:A0 24 6E 0C 99 60  
\*2100G

\*990CL

990C- 6E 18 99 ROR \$9918  
990F- 6E 12 99 ROR \$9912

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen...

\*2117:6E 18 99 6E 12 99 60  
\*2100G  
\*9912L

9912- 6E 1B 99 ROR \$991B  
9915- 6E 22 99 ROR \$9922  
9918- B9 00 99 LDA \$9900,Y

Nobody knows but Woz...

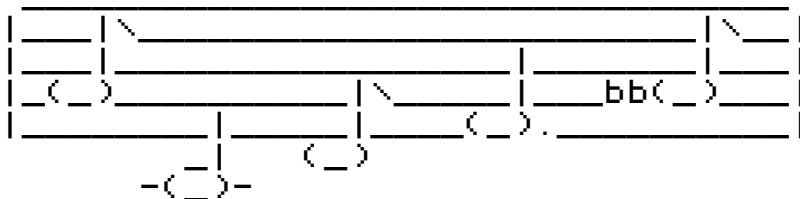
\*211D:6E 1B 99 6E 22 99 B9 00 99 60  
\*2100G

\*991BL

991B- 59 00 B8 EOR \$B800,Y  
991E- 99 00 99 STA \$9900,Y  
9921- C8 INY  
9922- D0 F4 BNE \$9918

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen...

Glory, Hallelujah.



Chapter 5  
In Which We Duckument The Most  
Unfriendly DOS Ever

\*9924L

```
9924-      A0 23          LDY      #$23
9926-      B9 74 99      LDA      $9974,Y
9929-      99 4D A4      STA      $A44D,Y
992C-      88          DEY
992D-      10 F7        BPL      $9926
```

This overwrites part of DOS (at \$A44D),  
which ends up looking like this:

```
| A44D-      A5 68          LDA      $68
| A44F-      48          PHA
| A450-      38          SEC
| A451-      A5 AF        LDA      $AF
| A453-      E5 67        SBC      $67
| A455-      A8          TAY
| A456-      A5 80        LDA      $80
| A458-      E5 68        SBC      $68
| A45A-      AA          TAX
| A45B-      E8          INX
| A45C-      65 68        ADC      $68
| A45E-      85 68        STA      $68
| A460-      C6 68        DEC      $68
| A462-      20 BC A3     JSR      $A3BC
| A465-      CA          DEX
| A466-      D0 F8        BNE      $A460
| A468-      68          PLA
| A469-      85 68        STA      $68
| A46B-      6C 60 9D     JMP      ($9D60)
```

This is changing the behavior of the LOAD command for loading Applesoft BASIC programs into memory. It extends past \$A450, which is normally the part of DOS that handles loading Integer BASIC programs. It also adds a call to \$A3BC, which is normally a test for Integer BASIC, but which I'm guessing is about to get overwritten in a later patch.

```

992F-      A0 18          LDY      #$18
9931-      B9 95 99      LDA      $9995,Y
9934-      99 BC A3      STA      $A3BC,Y
9937-      88            DEY
9938-      10 F7          BPL      $9931

```

Another DOS patch. The end result:

```

| A3BC-      98          TYA
| A3BD-      4D 39 B7    EOR      $B739    <--
| A3C0-      51 67      EOR      ($67),Y  <--
| A3C2-      91 67      STA      ($67),Y
| A3C4-      88          DEY
| A3C5-      C0 FF      CPY      #$FF
| A3C7-      D0 F3      BNE      $A3BC
| A3C9-      60          RTS
| A3CA-      A9 01      LDA      #$01
| A3CC-      20 B1 A4    JSR      $A4B1

```

This is an on-the-fly decryption that occurs as Applesoft BASIC programs are loaded. (\$67) points to the BASIC program in memory. This explains why I couldn't LOAD or RUN any of the BASIC programs on this disk when booting from my work disk: the files themselves are encrypted.

Note that there are two EOR statements, including \$B739, the value of which was changed after the nibble check at \$BB03 succeeded. So many layers...

```
993A-    A0 14          LDY    #$14
993C-    B9 A8 99      LDA    $99A8,Y
993F-    99 30 9E      STA    $9E30,Y
9942-    88           DEY
9943-    10 F7        BPL    $993C
```

DOS patch #3. The result:

```
| 9E30-    A9 80          LDA    #$80
| 9E32-    85 D6          STA    $D6
| 9E34-    A9 06          LDA    #$06
| 9E36-    D0 12          BNE    $9E4A
| 9E38-    AD 00 C0      LDA    $C000
| 9E3B-    C9 83          CMP    #$83
| 9E3D-    D0 03          BNE    $9E42
| 9E3F-    EA           NOP
| 9E40-    F0 F6          BEQ    $9E38
| 9E42-    4C D2 D7      JMP    $D7D2
```

This part of late-stage boot usually sets the reset vector to something useful. Instead, this patch will set the Applesoft RUN flag (zero page \$D6), which makes any command typed from the BASIC prompt RUN the current program in memory instead. The rest of the new code checks for <Ctrl-C> and hangs until you press something else. That part is skipped for now, but I'm guessing it's called later.



```

9945-    A0 02          LDY    #$02
9947-    B9 BD 99      LDA     $99BD,Y
994A-    99 03 A5      STA     $A503,Y
994D-    88           DEY
994E-    10 F7        BPL     $9947

```

DOS patch #4. The result:

```

| A503-    4C 38 9E      JMP     $9E38

```

This is the tail end of the RUN entry point. It's just a JMP to the code that was just patched earlier, that ensures that trying to <Ctrl-C> break to the prompt during boot will hang until you press something else. (Even if you did manage to get to the prompt, the RUN flag would ensure you couldn't do anything useful. Defense in depth!)

```

9950-    A0 02          LDY    #$02
9952-    B9 C0 99      LDA     $99C0,Y
9955-    99 8B A3      STA     $A38B,Y
9958-    88           DEY
9959-    10 F7        BPL     $9952

```

DOS patch #5. The result:

```

| A38B-    4C 82 A5      JMP     $A582

```

This patch adds a "JMP \$A582" to the end of the BLOAD command handler that starts at \$A35D. Not sure what \$A582 does, but I'm guessing I'm about to find out.

995B-	A0	31		LDY	##31
995D-	B9	C3	99	LDA	\$99C3,Y
9960-	99	7F	A5	STA	\$A57F,Y
9963-	88			DEY	
9964-	10	F7		BPL	\$995D

DOS patch #6. The result:

	A57F-	4C	84	9D	JMP	\$9D84
	A582-	20	71	A4	JSR	\$A471
	A585-	A5	68		LDA	\$68
	A587-	48			PHA	
	A588-	A5	67		LDA	\$67
	A58A-	48			PHA	
	A58B-	38			SEC	
	A58C-	AE	61	AA	LDX	\$AA61
	A58F-	AC	60	AA	LDY	\$AA60
	A592-	D0	01		BNE	\$A595
	A594-	CA			DEX	
	A595-	88			DEY	
	A596-	8A			TXA	
	A597-	E8			INX	
	A598-	6D	73	AA	ADC	\$AA73
	A59B-	85	68		STA	\$68
	A59D-	AD	72	AA	LDA	\$AA72
	A5A0-	85	67		STA	\$67
	A5A2-	C6	68		DEC	\$68
	A5A4-	20	BC	A3	JSR	\$A3BC
	A5A7-	CA			DEX	
	A5A8-	D0	F8		BNE	\$A5A2
	A5AA-	68			PLA	
	A5AB-	85	67		STA	\$67
	A5AD-	68			PLA	
	A5AE-	85	68		STA	\$68
	A5B0-	60			RTS	

Patch #5 set up a jump to \$A582 at the end of the BLOAD handler. It looks like patch #6 is reusing the decryption routine at \$A3BC (already used for Applesoft programs) for binary programs as well. Encrypt all the things!

```
9966-    A9 A2          LDA    $$A2
9968-    8D 27 A4        STA    $A427
```

This patches a branch in the middle of the LOAD handler so that DOS doesn't try to load Integer Basic programs. (Previous patches overwrote the Integer Basic handling for their own purposes.)

```
; restore everything and continue with
; the boot
```

```
996B-    68            PLA
996C-    AA            TAX
996D-    68            PLA
996E-    A8            TAY
996F-    68            PLA
9970-    28            PLP
9971-    4C 3B B7        JMP     $B73B
```

The result is a really messed up DOS that is maximally unfriendly to prying eyes and maximally incompatible with any other version of DOS. It decrypts both BASIC and binary files on the fly, traps <Ctrl-Reset>, traps <Ctrl-C>, and sets the RUN flag.

It does not, however, hinder copying the disk itself. To bypass the copy protection, I can write the decrypted \$BB00/\$BC00 back to disk, jump to a short routine at \$BC06 that sets the only two long-term side effects I can find (at \$B739 and \$B73A, and I'm not even sure the second one is necessary but I'm not willing to risk it), then falls through to the success path at \$BC10.

```
*BLOAD BOOT1,A$2600
*BLOAD BB00 DECRYPTED,A$2B00
```

```
; change "JMP $BB03" to "JMP $BC06"
*2738:4C 06 BC
```

```
; set up patch at $BC06
*2C06:A9 00 8D 39 B7 A9 E0 8D 3A B7
```

```
*2C06L
```

```
; my patch
```

```
2C06-    A9 00          LDA    #$00
2C08-    8D 39 B7      STA    $B739
2C0B-    A9 E0          LDA    #$E0
2C0D-    8D 3A B7      STA    $B73A
```

```
; existing code at $BC10
```

```
2C10-    A0 00          LDY    #$00
2C12-    B9 1F BC      LDA    $BC1F,Y
2C15-    99 00 9A      STA    $9A00,Y
2C18-    C8            INY
2C19-    D0 F7          BNE    $2C12
2C1B-    4C 00 9A      JMP    $9A00
```

```

; short program to write the decrypted
; and patched boot1 back to disk
08C0-    A9 08          LDA    #$08
08C2-    A0 E8          LDY    #$E8
08C4-    20 D9 03      JSR     $03D9
08C7-    AC ED 08      LDY    $08ED
08CA-    88            DEY
08CB-    10 05          BPL     $08D2
08CD-    A0 0F          LDY    #$0F
08CF-    CE EC 08      DEC     $08EC
08D2-    8C ED 08      STY     $08ED
08D5-    CE F1 08      DEC     $08F1
08D8-    CE E1 08      DEC     $08E1
08DB-    D0 E3          BNE     $08C0
08DD-    60            RTS

```

\*8E0.8FF

```

08E0- 00 0A 00 00 00 00 00 00

```

^^

sector count

```

08E8- 01 60 01 00 00 09 FB 08

```

^^ ^^

start track/sector

```

08F0- 00 2F 00 00 02 00 FE 60

```

^^

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command (write)

start address

```

08F8- 01 00 00 00 01 EF D8 00

```

[S6,D1=non-working copy]

\*8C0G

...write write write...

\*C600G

...works...

Quod erat liberandum.

A digital clock display with three orange-red seven-segment digits. The first digit is '9', followed by a colon separator, and then two '0's. The display has a slight glow and is set against a dark background.