

# Basic Reference

## Binary Operators

| Precedence | Operator | Notes  |
|------------|----------|--|
| 5          | !        | Byte and Word indirection. e.g. A!5 means “the word at address A+5”. (See Ch39 of the BBC Micro User Guide for more). Replaces PEEK, DEEK and so on.                                   |
|            | ?        |  |
| 4          | *        |  |
|            | /        | Forward slash is floating point divide. 22/7 is 3.142857   |
|            | \        | Backward slash is integer divide, 22/7 is 3  |
|            | %        | Modulus of integer division ignoring signs   |
|            | >>       | Logical shifts up to 32 places, inserting zeros at the appropriate ends.   |
|            | <<       |  |
| 3          | +        |  |
|            | -        |  |
| 2          | <        | Compares as numbers or strings. If either is floating point it is compared as such, and the match is not exactly equal, but about 1 part in 100,000. Returns -1 for true, 0 for false. |
|            | <=       |  |
|            | >        |  |
|            | >=       |  |
|            | <>       |  |
|            | =        |  |
| 1          | &        | Binary operators on integers, but can be used as logical operators. Equivalent to and, or and exclusive or.  |
|            |          |  |
|            | ^        |  |

## Unary Operators

| Operator   | Notes  |
|------------|--|
| \$nn       | Unary operator, \$nn is a hexadecimal marker.                  |
| asc(s\$)   | Return ASCII value of first character or zero for empty string |
| atan(n)    | Arctangent of n in degrees                                     |
| chr\$(n)   |  |
| cos(n)     | Cosine of n, n is in degrees.                                  |
| event(v,r) |  |
| exp(n)     | e to the power n   |
| inkey\$()  |  |
| int(n)     | Whole part of the float value n. Integers are unchanged.       |
| isval(s\$) | Converts string to number, returns -1 if okay, 0 if fails.     |
| key()      |  |
| left\$()   |  |
| len(a\$)   | Return length of string in characters.                         |
| log(n)     | Natural Logarithm (e.g. ln2) of n.                             |
| mid\$()    |  |
| rand(n)    | Random integer $0 < x < n$ (e.g. 0 to n-1)                     |
| right\$()  |  |
| rnd(n)     | Random number $0 < x < 1$ , ignores n.                         |
| sin(n)     | Sine of n, n is in degrees.                                    |
| sqr(n)     | Square root of n   |
| str\$()    |  |
| tan(n)     | Tangent of n, n is in degrees.                                 |
| time       |  |
| val(s\$)   | Convert string to number. Error if bad number.                 |

## BASIC Commands (General)

| Command       | Notes   |
|---------------|---|
| ' <string>    | Comment. This is a string for syntactic consistency. The tokeniser will process a line that doesn't have speech marks as this is not common. REM this is a comment is now ' "this is a comment" |
| assert <expr> | Error generated if <expr> is zero   |
| clear         | Clear out stack, strings, reset all variables.  |
| end           | End Program   |
| new           | Erase Program   |
| run           | Run Program   |
| stop          | Halt program with error   |
| sys <address> | Call 65C02 machine code at given address. Passes contents of variables A,X,Y in those registers.  |