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**MYARC Advanced BASIC**

This Manual contains an alphabetical listing of all MYARC

Advanced BASIC commands, statements and functions with detailed explanations on each. The Appendix Section provides significant reference details that you will find necessary for effective programming.

MYARC Advanced BASIC is totally upward compatible with MYARC Extended BASIC II and with TI Extended BASIC so that you are already familiar with nearly all the referenced commands, statements, and functions.

In addition to many new commands, statements and functions that were not in MYARC Extended BASIC II, MYARC Advanced BASIC

provides additional speed, power, flexibility, and/or  
sophistication.

Several MYARC Extended BASIC II commands and statements are no longer used in MYARC Advanced BASIC and many commands and statements that were used in MYARC Extended BASIC II have been revised and/or their descriptions modified to reflect the added flexibility that the User now will have and can take advantage of in MYARC Advanced BASIC.

To simplify I/O communication with external devices, a set of default I/O commands has been added to MYARC Advanced BASIC. These commands are described separately in the section "I/O Default Commands".

Different from MYARC Extended BASIC II and TI Extended BASIC, in MYARC Advanced BASIC the function "Break" is invoked by simultaneously depressing both the Control and Break keys.

Accordingly wherever in this manual reference is made to "CLEAR", press the two keys, CONTROL + BREAK.

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CAREFULLY REVIEW THIS ENTIRE MANUAL BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ANY SERIOUS PROGRAMMING.

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**Founder of DDI Software and prolific programmer in Myarc Advanced Basic**



It is with great honor we recognize the continued development of Advanced Basic and the updates he made to the code and our understanding of the software until his passing in 2005. Without Jim, many MDOS bugs would not have been found. And without Jim, the numerous updates to Advanced Basic that were made would have never happened. Rest in Peace Jim. Your efforts were, and are, greatly appreciated.

Information from the TI-99’ers Hall of Fame at [TI-99ers.ORG](http://ti99ers.org/hof/) includes more detail than a snapshot of what is presented below.

Doing business as DDI Software, Jim Uzzell provided some of the best and probably the most Myarc Advanced BASIC software available for the Myarc “Geneve” 9640 computer. Jim’s efforts were good enough to earn him two Jim Peterson Memorial Achievement Award nominations. The first nomination came in 1998 for his MYBASIC 4.0 and then again in 2000 for his release of ABASIC 4.0. Jim also identified and reported specific bugs he found within MDOS. Jim was widely considered to be the world authority in Myarc Advanced Basic.

We honor Jim Uzzell, for his knowledge and comradeship and for his dedicated involvement in the circle of support that surrounds the TI-99/4A / Geneve Community.

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**ABS ABS**

Format

ABS(numeric-expression)

Type

Numeric (REAL or DEFINT)

Description

The ABS function gives the absolute value of the numeric-expression.

If the value of the numeric-expression is positive or zero, ABS returns its value.

If the value of the numeric-expression is negative, ABS returns its negative (a positive number).

ABS always returns a non-negative number.  
Examples

100 PRINT ABS(45.2)  
PRINT ABS(45.2)

Prints 45.2

100 VV=ABS(-7.345)

VV=ABS(-7.345)

Sets VV equal to 7.345

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**ACCEPT ACCEPT**

Format

ACCEPT [[AT(row,column)] [BEEP] [ERASE ALL] [SIZE(numeric-expression)]

[INVERSE/BLINK] [CLIP] [VALIDATE(type[,...])]:]variable

Cross Reference

GRAPHICS, INPUT, LINPUT, MARGINS, TERMCHAR, BCOLOR, BTIME

Description

The ACCEPT instruction suspends program execution to enable you to enter data

from the keyboard.

The options available with ACCEPT make it more versatile for keyboard input than the input statement. You can accept up to one line of input from any position within the screen window, sound a tone when the computer is ready to accept input, clear the screen window before accepting input, limit input to a specified number of characters, and define the types of valid input.

ACCEPT can be used as either a program statement or a command.

The data value entered from the keyboard is assigned to the variable you specify. If you specify a numeric variable, the data value entered from the keyboard must be a valid representation of a number. If you specify a string variable, the data value entered from the keyboard can be either a string or a number. Trailing spaces are removed.

A string value entered from the keyboard can optionally be enclosed in quotation marks. However, a string containing a comma, a quotation mark, or leading or trailing spaces must be enclosed in quotation marks. A quotation mark within a string is represented by two adjacent quotation marks.

You normally press ENTER to complete keyboard input; however, you can also use Alt 7 (AID), Alt 9 (BACK), Alt 5 (BEGIN), CLEAR, Alt 6 (PROC'D), DOWN ARROW, or UP ARROW. You can use the TERMCHAR function to determine which of those keys was pressed to exit from the previous ACCEPT, INPUT, or LINPUT instruction.

Note that pressing CLEAR during keyboard input normally causes a break in the

program. However, if your program includes an ON BREAK NEXT statement, you  
can use CLEAR to exit from an input field.

Options

You can enter the following options, separated by a space in any order.

AT--Enables you to specify the location of the beginning of the input

field. Row and column are relative to the upper-left corner of the

screen window defined by the margins. The upper-left corner of the

window defined by the margins is considered to be the intersection of row 1 and column 1 by an ACCEPT instruction that uses the AT option. If you do not use the AT option, the input field begins in the far left column of the bottom row of the window.

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BEEP--Sounds a short tone to signal that the computer is ready to accept input.

.ERASE ALL--Places a space character (ASCII code 32) in every character position in the screen window before accepting input.

SIZE--Enables you to specify a limit to the number of characters that

can be entered as input. The limit is the absolute value of the  
numeric-expression. If the algebraic sign of the numeric-expression is positive, or if you do not use the SIZE option, the input field is cleared before input is accepted. If the numeric-expression is negative, the input field is not cleared, enabling you to place a value

in the input field that may be accepted by pressing ENTER. If you do  
not use the SIZE option, or if the absolute value of the numeric-expression is greater than the number of characters remaining in the row (from the beginning of the input field to the right margin), the input field extends to the right margin.

VALIDATE--Enables you to specify the characters or the types of characters that are valid input. If you specify more than one type, a character from any of the specified types is valid. The types are as follows:

**TYPE VALID INPUT**

ALPHA All alphabetic characters.

UALPHA All upper-case alphabetic characters.

LALPHA All lower-case alphabetic characters.

DIGIT All digits (0-9).

NUMERIC All digits (0-9), the decimal point (.), the plus sign (+), the minus sign (-), and the upper-case letter E.

You can also use one or more string-expressions as types. The characters contained in the strings specified by the string-expressions are valid input.

The VALIDATE option only verifies data entered from the keyboard. If there is a default value in the input field (entered with DISPLAY), for example, the validate option has no effect on that value.

New Options

CLIP--Using the CLIP option, the string represented in the "DISPLAY AT" statement will be clipped at the end of a line rather than wrapping around to the next line, as it does in the default mode. The CLIP option is particularly useful when using "DISPLAY AT" within a window.

BLINK/INVERT--BLINK will cause the line displayed to BLINK on and off. This is only available in GRAPHICS(3,1) mode.

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INVERT--Will cause the pixels in each character to invert their colors so the foreground- and background-colors will be inverted. This is only available in GRAPHICS(2,2), (2,3), (3,2), and (3,3) modes.

Examples

100 ACCEPT AT(3,5):Y

Accepts data at the third row, fifth column of the screen window into the

variable Y.

100 ACCEPT VALIDATE("YN"):R$

Accepts data containing Y and/or N into the variable R$. (YYNN would be a  
valid entry.)

100 ACCEPT ERASE ALL:B

Accepts data into the variable B after putting the blank character into all

positions in the screen window.

100 ACCEPT AT(R,C)SIZE(FIELDLEN)BEEP VALIDATE(DIGIT,"AYN"):X$

Accepts a digit or the letters A, Y, or N into the variable X$. The length  
of the input may be up to FIELDLEN characters. A field the length of FIELDLEN is filled with blank characters, and then the data value is accepted at row R, column C. A beep is sounded before acceptance of data.

Program

100 DIM NAME$(20),ADDR$(20)

110 DISPLAY AT (5,1)ERASE ALL:"NAME:"

120 DISPLAY AT(7,1):"ADDRESS:"

130 DISPLAY AT(23,1):"TYPE A ? TO END ENTRY."

140 FOR S=1 TO 20

150 ACCEPT AT(5,7)VALIDATE(ALPHA,"?")BEEP SIZE(13):NAME

$(S)

160 IF NAME$(S)."?" THEN 200

170 ACCEPT AT(7,10)SIZE(12):ADDR$(S)

180 DISPLAY AT(7,10):" ,.

190 NEXT S

200 CALL CLEAR

210 DISPLAY AT(1,1):"NAME","ADDRESS"

220 FOR T=1 TO S-1

230 DISPLAY AT(T+2,1):NAME$(T),ADDR$(T)

240 NEXT T

250 GOTO 250

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**ASC ASC**

Format

ASC(string-expression)

Cross Reference  
CH$

Description

The ASC function returns the ASCII character code corresponding to the first

character of the string-expression.

ASC is the inverse of the CHR$ function.

The string-expression cannot be a null string.

Examples

100 PRINT ASC("A")

Prints 65 (the ASCII character code for the letter A).

100 B=ASC("1")

Sets B equal to 49 (the ASCII character code for the character 1).

100 DISPLAY ASC("HELLO")

Displays 72 (the ASCII character code for the letter H).

100 A$="DAVID"

110 PRINT ASC(A$)

Prints 68 in line 110.

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**ATN ATN**

Format

ATN(numeric-expression)

Cross Reference  
COS, SIN, TAN

Description

The ATN function returns the angle (in radians) whose tangent is the value of the numeric-expression.

The value returned by ATN is always greater than -pi/2 and less than pi/2.

Examples

100 PRINT 4\*ATN(-1)  
Prints -3.141592654.

100 Q=PI/ATN(1.732)

Sets Q equal to 3.0000363894830.

**BCOLOR BCOLOR**

Format

CALL BCOLOR(foreground,background)

Cross Reference

BTIME, DISPLAY, ACCEPT

Description

This command is used to set the foreground- and background-colors of the BLINK parameter used in conjunction with DISPLAY AT, ACCEPT AT and BTIME. The value of foreground- or background-color is 1 to 16 as given in Appendix F. This subroutine is applicable only to graphics 3,1 (Text 2) mode.

Example

100 CALL GRAPHICS(3,1)

110 CALL SCREEN(16,5)

120 CALL BCOLOR(16,7)

130 DISPLAY AT(5,1)ERASE ALL BLINK:"THIS IS BLINKING"

140 ACCEPT AT(5,1)BLINK SIZE(-28):A$

This program displays normal text in white with a dark blue background. The

display area on line 5 will blink and alternately be white text on a dark red background and white text on a dark blue background.

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**BEEP BEEP**

Cross Reference

DISPLAY [AT], ACCEPT [AT]

Description

The BEEP command sounds a short tone when encountered as a command or program statement. BEEP is also an option in DISPLAY AT and ACCEPT AT commands.

You cannot use BEEP by itself as a program statement or as a command.

Example

100 CALL GRAPHICS(3,3)

110 DEFINT I,R,E

120 FOR I=1 TO 25

130 E=(437+I)-(RND\*50)

140 R=(167+I)-(RND\*50)

150 CALL PSET(RND\*184,RND\*480)

160 CALL DRAWTO(1,R,E)

170 DISPLAY AT(24,1)BEEP:R;E

180 FOR X=1 TO 1000::NEXT X

190 NEXT I

200 END

This program randomly selects the ROW COLUMN coordinates of 25 points and draws lines connecting them. Each time a line is drawn the values of ROW COLUMN are displayed in the left corner of screen and the BEEP sound is produced.

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**BREAK BREAK**

Format

BREAK(line-number-list)

Cross Reference

CONTINUE, ON BREAK, UNBREAK

Description

The BREAK instruction sets a breakpoint at each program statement you specify. When the computer encounters a line at which you have set a breakpoint, your program stops running before that statement is executed.

BREAK is a valuable debugging aid. You can use BREAK to stop your program at a specific program line, so that you can check the values of variables at that point.

You can use BREAK line-number-list as either a program statement or a command.

The line-number-list consists of one or more line numbers, separated by commas. When a BREAK instruction is executed, breakpoints are set at the specified program lines. If you use BREAK as a program statement, line-number-list is optional. When a BREAK statement with no line-number-list is encountered, the computer stops running the program at that point.

If you use BREAK as a command, you must include a line-number-list.

Breakpoints

When your program stops at a breakpoint, the message Breakpoint in line number is displayed. While your program is stopped at a breakpoint, you can enter any valid command.

To resume program execution starting with the line at which the break occurred, enter the CONTINUE command. However, if you edit your program(add, delete or change a program statement) you cannot use CONTINUE. This prevents errors that could result from resuming execution in the middle of a revised program. You also cannot use CONTINUE if you enter a MERGE or SAVE command or a LIST command with the file-specification option. Note that pressing CLEAR also causes a breakpoint to occur before the execution of the of the next program statement.

When your program stops at a breakpoint, the computer performs the following operations:

It restores the default character definitions of all ASCII characters from 33 thru 126.

It restores the default foreground-color and background-color to all characters.

It restores the default screen color.

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It deletes all sprites.

It resets the sprite magnification level to 1.

The graphics colors (see DCOLOR) and current position (see DRAWTO) are not

affected. If the computer is in Pattern or Text Mode, the graphics mode and  
margin settings remain unchanged.

Removing Breakpoints

You can remove a breakpoint by using the UNBREAK instruction or by editing or deleting the line at which the breakpoint is set. When your program stops at a breakpoint, that breakpoint is automatically removed.

All breakpoints are removed when you use the NEW or SAVE command. BREAK Errors

If the line-number-list includes an invalid line number (0 or a value greater than 32767), the message Bad line number is displayed. If the line-number-list includes a fractional or negative line number, the message Syntax error is displayed. In both cases, the BREAK instruction is ignored; that is, breakpoints are not set even at valid line numbers in the

line-number-list. If you were entering BREAK as a program statement, it is  
\_not entered into your program.

If the line-number-list includes a line number that is valid (1-32767) but is not the number of a line in your program, or a fractional number greater than 1, the message

WARNING

LINE NOT FOUND

is displayed. If you were entering BREAK as a program statement, the line number is included in the warning message. A breakpoint is, however, set at any valid line in the line-number-list preceding the line number which caused the warning.

Examples

150 BREAK

BREAK as a statement causes a breakpoint before execution of the next line in

the program.

100 BREAK 120,130

Causes breakpoints before execution of lines 120 and 130.

BREAK 10,400,130

As a command, causes breakpoints before execution of lines 10, 400, and 130.

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**BTIME BTIME**

Format

CALL BTIME(blinkrate-ON, blinkrate-OFF)

Cross Reference

BCOLOR, ACCEPT, DISPLAY

Description

This command is used to set the rate at which characters are set to BLINK in

the DISPLAY AT and ACCEPT AT statements.

Blinkrate can be an integer from 0 to 15, representing actual blink rates between 0 and 2503.5 milliseconds in multiples of 166.9 milliseconds.

Example

100 CALL GRAPHICS(3,1)

110 CALL DCOLOR(15,5)

120 CALL BCOLOR(15,7)

130 FOR I=0 TO 15

140 CALL BTIME(I,I)

150 DISPLAY AT(5,1)ERASE ALL BLINK:"RATE OF BLINK= ";I

160 FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000::NEXT DELAY

170 NEXT I

180 END

The above program illustrates some of the possible blink rates.

**BYE BYE**

Format  
BYE

Description

The BYE command resets the computer. Always use BYE to exit from MYARC

Advanced BASIC. The BYE command causes the computer to do the following:

Close all open files.

Erase the program and all variable values in memory.

Exit from MYARC Advanced BASIC.

Display the DOS command line.

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**CALL CALL**

Format

CALL subprogram-name[(parameter-list)]

Cross Reference

SUB

Description

The CALL instruction transfers program control to the specified subprogram.

You can use CALL as either a program statement or a command.

The CALL instruction transfers program control to the subprogram specified by the subprogram-name.

The optional parameter-list consists of one or more parameters separated by commas. Use of a parameter-list is determined by the subprogram you are calling. Some subprograms require a parameter-list, some do not use a parameter-list, and with some a parameter is optional.

You can use CALL as a program statement to call either a built-in MYARC Advanced BASIC subprogram or to call a subprogram that you write. After the subprogram is executed, program control returns to the statement immediately following the CALL statement.

You can use CALL as a command only to call a built-in MYARC Advanced BASIC subprogram, not to call a subprogram that you write.

Each of the following built-in subprograms is discussed separately in this manual:

BCOLOR ECOLOR LOAD PEEK SPRITE2

BTIME ERR LOCATE PEEKV SPRITESET

CHAR FILL LPR POINT STCR

CHARPAT FILES MAGNIFY POKEV TCOLOR

CHARSET GCHAR MARGINS POSITION TIME

CIRCLE GPOINT MEMSET PSET VCHAR

CLEAR GRAPHICS MKEY RECTANGLE VERSION

COINC HCHAR MLOC RESETPLT

COLOR HIDEMOUSE MOTION SAY

DATE INIT MOUSEDRAG SCREEN

DCOLOR INP MREL SEEMOUSE

DELSPRITE JOYST MYART SCHAR

DISTANCE KEY OUTP SOUND

DRAW LDCR PALETTE SPGET

DRAWTO LINK PATTERN SPRITE

Examples

CALL GRAPHICS(4)

CALL LINK("filename" [,parameters])

CALL RESETPLT

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Program

The following program illustrates the use of CALL with a built-in subprogram (CLEAR) in line 100 and the use of a user-written subprogram (TIMES) in line 120.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 X=4

120 CALL TIMES(X)

130 PRINT X

140 STOP

200 SUB TIMES(Z)

210 Z=Z\*PI

220 SUBEND

RUN

(SCREEN CLEARS)

12.56637061

**CDBL CDBL**

Format

CDBL=(numeric-expression)

Cross Reference

DEFtype, CINT, CSNG, CREAL

Description

Converts a number to double-precision. The numeric-expression must evaluate to either an integer, or a single- or a double-precision value.

CAUTION: Mixed mode arithmetic is not allowed.

Arithmetic modes:

REAL: Real numbers, and integers.

Binary: Integers, single-precision, double-precision.

Mixing real numbers with either single- or double-precision will cause a mixed arithmetic error.

THIS FEATURE NOT IMPLEMENTED.

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**CHAR -Subprogram CHAR**

Format

CALL CHAR(character-code,pattern-string[,...])

Cross Reference

CHARPAT, CHARSET, COLOR, DCOLOR, GRAPHICS, HCHAR, SCREEN, SPRITE, VCHAR

Description

The CHAR subprogram enables you to define your own characters so that you can

create graphics on the screen.

CHAR is the inverse of the CHARPAT subprogram.

Character-code is a numeric-expression with a value from 0 to 255,

specifying the number of the character (codes 0-255). You can define  
any of the 256 characters and display them as characters and/or sprites.

The pattern-string specifies the definition of the character. The pattern-string, which may be up to 64 digits long, is a coded representation of the pixels that define up to four characters on the screen, as explained below. Any letters entered as part of a pattern-string must be upper case.

You can use the CHARSET subprogram to restore default character definitions of characters 32-95 inclusive. Also, when your program ends (either normally or because of an error), stops at a breakpoint, or changes graphics mode, all default character definitions (0-255) are restored.

The instructions that you can use to display characters on the screen vary according to the graphics mode. In all modes except Text Modes, you can use the SPRITE subprogram to display sprites on the screen.

If you use HCHAR or VCHAR to display a character on the screen and then later use CHAR to change the definition of that character, the result depends on the graphics mode.

In Pattern and Text Modes, the displayed character changes to the newly defined pattern.

In Bit Mapped Modes, the displayed character remains unchanged. Graphics(1,X) Modes

In Graphics(1,1), (1,2), and (1,3) modes, each character is composed of 64 pixels in a grid eight pixels high and eight pixels wide, as explained below.

You can use the DISPLAY, DISPLAY USING, PRINT, and PRINT USING instructions and the HCHAR and VCHAR subprograms to display characters on the screen.

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Other Graphics Modes

In Graphics(2,X) and (3,X), each character is composed of 48 pixels in a grid eight pixels high and six pixels wide. The eight by eight grid described below is used to define characters; however, the last two pixels in each pixel-row are ignored.

In these modes, you can use the DISPLAY, DISPLAY USING, PRINT, and PRINT USING instructions and the HCHAR and VCHAR subprograms to display characters on the screen. You cannot display sprites in Text Modes.

Character Definition--The Pattern String

Characters are defined by turning some pixels on and leaving others off. The space character (ASCII code 32) is a character with all the pixels turned off. Turning all the pixels on produces a solid block, eight pixels high and eight pixels wide.

The foreground-color is the color of the pixels that are on. The background-color is the color of the pixels that are off. (For more information see COLOR, DCOLOR, and SCREEN.)

When you enter MYARC Advanced BASIC, the characters are predefined with the

appropriate pixels turned on. To redefine a character, you specify which  
pixels to turn on and which pixels to turn off.

For the purpose of defining characters, each pixel-row (eight pixels) is divided into two blocks (four pixels each). Each digit in the pattern-string is a code specifying the pattern of the four pixels in one block.

You define a character by describing the blocks from left to right and from

top to bottom. The first two digits in the pattern-string describe the  
pattern for the first two blocks (pixel-row 1) of the grid, the next two digits define the next two blocks (pixel-row 2), and so on.

The computer uses a binary (base 2) code to represent the status of each pixel; you use hexadecimal (base 16) notation of the binary code to specify which pixels in a box are turned on and which pixels are turned off.

The following table shows all the possible on/off combinations of the four pixels in a block and the binary code and hexadecimal notation representing each combination.

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**BINARY CODE HEXADECIMAL**

**BLOCK (0=OFF; 1=0N) NOTATION**

0000 0

—X 0001 1

X 0010 2

**XX** 0011 3

X 0100 4

**X X** 0101 5

**XX** 0110 6

-M 0111 7

X 1000 8

**X X** 1001 9

**X X** 1010 A

X XX 1011 B

**XX** 1100 C

XX X 1101 D

**XXX** 1110 E

**XXXX** 1111 F

A character definition consists of 16 hexadecimal digits; each digit represents one of the 16 blocks that comprise a character. As the pattern-string may be up to 64 digits long, you can define\_as many as four consecutive characters with one pattern-string.

If the length of the pattern-string is not a multiple of 16, the computer fills the pattern-string with zeros until its length is a multiple of 16.

Programs

For the dot pattern pictured below, you use "1898FF3D3C3CE404" as the pattern string for CALL CHAR. The following program uses this and one other string to make a figure "dance". This example will work only in Pattern Mode.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 A$="1898FF3D3C3CE404"  
120 B$="1819FFBC3C3C2720"  
130 CALL COLOR(27,7,12)  
140 CALL VCHAR(12,16,244)  
150 CALL CHAR(244,A$)

160 GOSUB 200

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170 CALL CHAR(244,B$)

180 GOSUB 200

190 GOTO 150

200 FOR DELAY=1 TO 150

210 NEXT DELAY

220 RETURN

RUN

(screen clears)

(character moves)

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

To make this example work in a Bit-Mapped Graphics Mode, make the following changes.

105 CALL GRAPHICS(2,2)

130 CALL DCOLOR(7,12)

140 CALL CHAR(144,A$,145,B$)

150 CALL VCHAR(12,16,144)

170 CALL VCHAR(12,16,145)

If a program stops for a breakpoint, all characters are reset to their

standard patterns. When the program ends normally or because of an error,  
all characters are reset.

The following example works in all graphics modes.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL GRAPHICS(X,Y)

120 CALL CHAR(144,"FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF")

130 CALL CHAR(42,"0F0F0F0F0F0F0F0F")

140 CALL HCHAR(12,17,42)

150 CALL VCHAR(14,17,144)

160 FOR DELAY=1 TO 500

170 NEXT DELAY

RUN

The X and Y in line 110 must be replaced with the number of the graphics mode to be designated.

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**CHARPAT** -Subprogram **CHARPAT**

Format

CALL CHARPAT(character-code,string-variable[,....])

Cross Reference

CHAR

Description

The CHARPAT subprogram enables you to ascertain the current character definition of specified characters.

Character-code is a numeric-expression with a value from 0 to 255, specifying the number of the character of which you want the current definition.

The pattern describing the character definition is returned in the specified string-variable. The pattern is in the form of a 16-digit hexadecimal code. See CHAR for an explanation of the pattern used for character definition.

See Appendix B for a list of avilable characters.

Example

100 CALL CHARPAT(33,C$)

Sets C$ equal to "0010101010001000", the pattern identifier for character 33, the exclamation point.

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**CHARSET** -Subprogram--Set Characters **CHARSET**

Format

CALL CHARSET

Cross Reference

CHAR, COLOR

Description

The CHARSET subprogram restores default character definitions and colors.

CHARSET, restores the default character definitions to characters 32-126, inclusive.

In Graphics (1) or (1,1), CHARSET restores the default colors to all 256 characters.

**CHDIR CHDIR**

Format

CHDIR path.filename

Cross Reference

FILES, PWD, KEY LIST

Description

This COMMAND allows you to change the default working directory.

Examples

From the prompt

CHDIR DSKx.SUBDIR

CHDIR HDSx.SUBDIR.SUBDIR

Typing PWD or KEY LIST from the prompt will display the working directory.

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**CHR$ -Function--Character CHR$**

Format

CHR$(character-code)

Type

String

Cross Reference

ASC

Description

The CHR$ function returns the character corresponding to the ASCII character code specified by the value of the character-code.

CHR$ is the inverse of the ASC function.

Character-code is a numeric-expression with a value from 0 to 32767 inclusive, specifying the number of the character you wish to use. If the value of character-code is greater than 255, it is repeatedly reduced by 256 until it is less than 256. If the value of the character-code is not an integer, it is rounded to the nearest integer.

Examples

100 PRINT CHR$(72)

Prints H.

100 X$=CHR$(33)

Sets X$ equal to !.

Program for a complete listing of all ASCII characters and their corresponding ASCII values, run the following program.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 IMAGE ### ## ### ##

120 FOR A=32 TO 127

130 PRINT USING 110:A,CHR$(A);

140 NEXT A

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**CINT CINT**

Format

(numeric-expression=CINT(numeric-expression)

Cross Reference

DEFvaratype,CREAL

Description

Converts a number to integer precision.

CAUTION: mixed mode arithmetic is not allowed.

Arithmetic modes:

REAL: real numbers and integers.

BINARY: integers, single-precision, double-precision

Mixing real numbers with either single- or double-precision will cause a mixed arithmetic mode error.

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**CIRCLE** -Subprogram **CIRCLE**

Format

CALL CIRCLE(line-type,pixelrow,pixelcol,radius)

Cross Reference

DRAW,DRAWTO,DCOLOR

Description

Draws an ellipse on the screen with center at pixelrow, pixelcol with a defined radius.

COORDINATES OF CENTER SCREEN SIZE

40 80

PIXELROW 1-192 X X

PIXELCOL 1-256 X

PIXELCOL 1-512 X

RADIUS 1-320 X

RADIUS 1-640 X

Example

CALL CIRCLE(1,98,128,160)

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**CLEAR -Subprogram CLEAR**

Format

CALL CLEAR

Cross Reference

DCOLOR, DELSPRITE

Description

The CLEAR subprogram erases the screen.

CLEAR places a space character (ASCII code 32) in every screen position.

The CLEAR subprogram has no effect on sprites. Use the DELSPRITE subprogram to remove sprites.

Programs

When the following program is run, the screen is cleared before the PRINT statements are performed.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 PRINT "HELLO THERE!"

120 PRINT "HOW ARE YOU?"

RUN

--screen clears

HELLO THERE!

HOW ARE YOU?

If the space character (ASCII code 32) has been redefined by the CALL CHAR subprogram, the screen is filled with the new character when CALL CLEAR is performed.

100 CALL CHAR(32,"0103070F1F3F7FFF")

110 CALL CLEAR

120 GOTO 120

RUN

--Screen is filled with \*

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

The following program first fills and then clears the entire screen.

100 CALL GRAPHICS(1,2)

110 CALL HCHAR(1,2,72,768)

120 FOR DELAY=1 TO 500::NEXT DELAY

130 CALL CLEAR

140 GOTO 140

RUN

(Press CLEAR to stop the Program.)

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**CLOSE CLOSE**

Format

CLOSE #file-number[:KILL], CLOSE ALL

Cross Reference

KILL, OPEN, DELETE

Description

The CLOSE instruction closes the specified file. When you close a file, you discontinue the association (between your program and the file) that you established in the OPEN instruction.

The KILL option is not allow without a specific #file-number. Use CLOSE ALL to close all open files.

You can use CLOSE as either a program statement or a command.

The file-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the file as assigned in its OPEN instruction.

The KILL option, which can be used only with certain devices, deletes the file after closing it. For more information about using the KILL option with a particular device, refer to the owner's manual that comes with that device.

After the CLOSE instruction is performed, the closed file cannot be accessed by an instruction because the computer no longer associates that file with a file -number. You can reassign the file-number to another file.

Closing Files Without the CLOSE Instruction

To protect the data in your files, the computer closes all open files when it reaches the end of your program or when it encounters an error (either in Command or Run mode).

Open files are also closed when you do one of the following:

Edit your program (add, delete, or change a program statement).

Enter the BYE, MERGE, NEW, OLD, RUN or SAVE command.

Open files are not closed when you stop program execution by pressing CLEAR(F4) or when your stops at a breakpoint set by a BREAK instruction.

Example

Diskette file

100 OPEN #24:"DSK1.MYDATA",INTERNAL,UPDATE,FIXED

200 CLOSE #24

RUN

The CLOSE statement for a diskette requires no further action on your part.

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**CLS**

Format

CLS

Description

You may use CLS either as a program statement or a command.

CLS clears the screen or window created with the CALL MARGINS statement, and returns the cursor

to the home position.

Examples

100 CALL GRAPHICS(2,1)

110 CALL MARGINS(1,24,1,40)

120 CALL HCHAR(1,1,ASC("A"),960)

130 CALL MARGINS(5,10,5,10)

140 CLS

150 CALL KEY(0,K,S)::IF S<1 THEN 150

RUN

Program will fill screen with character 65, the letter A, then it creates a window 5 rows by 5 columns.

The CLS statement clears this window leaving the remainder of the screen filled with the letter "A".

NOTE: An alternate method of clearing the active "window" in this case would have been to substitute

line 140 with:

140 DISPLAY AT(1,1)ERASE ALL:""

CALL CLEAR or CALL GRAPHICS(n[n1,n2]) will clear the entire screen.

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**COINC** -Subprogram--Coincidence **COINC**

Format

Two sprites

CALL COINC(#sprite-number1,#sprite-number2,tolerance,numeric-variable)

A Sprite and a screen pixel

CALL COINC(#sprite-number,pixelrow,pixelcol,tolerance,numeric-variable)

All Sprites

CALL COINC(ALL,numeric-variable)

CALL COINC(ALL,numeric-variable,pixelrow,pixelcol)

Cross Reference

SPRITE

Description

The COINC subprogram enables you to ascertain if sprites are coincident (in conjunction) with each other or with a specified screen pixel.

The exact conditions that constitute a coincidence vary depending on whether you are testing for the coincidence of two sprites, a sprite and a screen pixel, or all sprites.

If the sprites are moving very quickly, coinc may occasionally fail to detect a coincidence.

Two Sprites

Two sprites are considered to be coincident if the upper-left of the sprites are within a specified number of pixels (tolerance) of each other.

The values of the numeric-expression sprite-number1 and sprite-number2 specify the numbers of the two sprites as assigned in the SPRITE subprogram.

A coincidence exists if the distance between the pixels in the upper-left corners of the two sprites is less than equal to the value of the numeric-expression tolerance.

The distance between two pixels is said to be within tolerance if the difference between pixelrows and the difference between pixelcols are both less than or equal to the specified tolerance. Note that this is not the same as the distance indicated by the DISTANCE subprogram.

COINC returns a value in the numeric-variable indicating whether or not the specified coincidence exists. The value is -1 if there is a coincidence or 0 if there is no coincidence.

A Sprite and a Screen Pixel

A sprite is considered to be coincident with a screen pixel if the upper-left corner of the sprite is within a specified number of pixels (tolerance) of the screen pixel or if any pixel in the sprite occupies the screen pixel location.

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The sprite-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the sprite assigned in the SPRITE subprogram.

The pixelrow and the pixelcol are numeric-expressions whose values specify the position of the screen pixel.

A coincidence exists if the distance between the pixel in the upper-left corner of the sprite and the screen pixel is less than or equal to the value of the numeric-expression tolerance. (Note that a coincidence also exists if any pixel in the sprite occupies the screen pixel location).

The distance between two pixels is said to be within tolerance if the difference between pixelrows and the difference between pixelcols are both less than or equal to the specified tolerance. Note that this is not the same as the distance indicated by the DISTANCE subprogram.

COINC returns a value in the numeric-variable indicating whether or not the specified coincidence exists. The value is -1 if there is a coincidence or 0 if there is no coincidence.

All Sprites

The ALL option tests for the coincidence of any of the sprites.

For the ALL option, sprites are considered to be coincident if any pixel of any sprite occupies the same screen pixel location as any pixel of any other sprite.

Also the ALL with a pixelrow,pixelcol option considers there to be a coincidence if any sprite occupies the defined screen location of pixelrow,pixelcol.

COINC returns a value in the numeric-variable indicating whether or not a coincidence exists. The value is -1 if there is a coincidence or 0 if there is no coincidence.

Program

100 CALL CLEAR::S$="0103070F1F3F7FFF"

120 CALL CHAR(244,S$)::CALL CHAR(250,S$)

130 CALL SPRITE(#1,244,7,50,50)

140 CALL SPRITE(#2,250,5,44,42)

150 CALL COINC(#1,#2,10,C)

160 PRINT C

170 CALL COINC(ALL,C)

180 PRINT C

RUN

-1

0

Line 150 shows a coincidence because the upper-left corners of the sprites are within 10 pixels of each other.

Line 170 shows no coincidence because the shaded areas of the sprites do not occupy the same screen pixel location. (Shaded areas are compared only if you specify the ALL option.)Do not use when MOUSE interrupts are on (MOUSE ON).

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**COLOR --Subprogram COLOR**

Format

Pattern Mode

CALL COLOR(character-set,foreground-color,background-color[,....])

Sprites

CALL COLOR(#sprite-number,foreground-color[,....])

Cross Reference

CHAR, DCOLOR,GRAPHICS,PALETTE,SCREEN,SPRITE,TCOLOR

Description

The COLOR subprogram enables you to specify the colors of characters or sprites.

The types of parameters you specify in a call to the COLOR subprogram depend on whether you are assigning colors to characters or to sprites.

In general, each character has two colors. The color of the pixels that make up the character itself is the foreground-color; the color of the pixels that occupy the rest of the character position on the screen is the background color.

When you enter MYARC Advanced Basic, the foreground-color of all the characters is white; the background-color of all characters is blue. These default colors are restored when your program ends (either normally or because of an error, stops at a breakpoint, or changes graphics mode.

If a color is transparent, the color actually displayed is the color specified by the SCREEN subprogram.

See Appendix F for a listing of available colors and their respective codes.

Pattern Mode and Bit Mapped Modes

In these modes(i.e. Graphics(1,1),(2,2),(2,3),(3,2),(3,3), the 256 available characters are divided into 32 sets of 8 characters each. When you assign a color combination to a particular set, you specify the colors of all 8 characters in that set.

The character-set is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number (0-31) of the 8 character set.

Fore-ground-color and background-color are numeric-expressions whose values specify colors that can be assigned from among the 16 available colors.

In the 256 color mode(2,2), the colors are 1-256. In the 4 color mode(3,2) the colors are 1-4.

CALL COLOR(#0,foreground-color) sets the MOUSE color.

See Appendix D for available characters and character sets in Pattern Mode.

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Text Modes

An error occurs if you use the COLOR subprogram to assign character colors in either Text Mode (i.e. Graphics(2,1) or Graphics(3,1)). Use the SCREEN subprogram to assign character colors in Text Mode. Sprites are not displayed in text mode.

Graphics(1,2) and (1,3)

In these modes, you can use COLOR only to assign colors to sprites; any other use of the COLOR subprogram causes an error. Use the DCOLOR subprogram to specify character and graphics colors in High-Resolution Mode.

Sprites

A sprite is assigned a foreground-color when it is created with the SPRITE subprogram. The back-ground-color of a sprite is always transparent.

To re-assign colors to sprites you must use the sprite parameters, no matter what graphics mode the computer is in.

The sprite-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of a sprite as assigned by the SPRITE subprogram.

Fore-ground-color is a numeric-expression whose value specifies a color that can be assigned from among the 16 available colors.

Examples

100 CALL COLOR(#5,16)

Sets sprite number 5 to have a foreground-color of 16 (white). The background is always 1 (transparent).

This example is valid in all graphics modes. (Remember that sprites have no effect in Text Modes).

100 CALL COLOR(#7,INT(RND\*16+1))

Sets sprite number 7 to have a foreground-color chosen randomly from the 16 colors available. The background-color is 1 (transparent).

This example is valid in all graphics modes.

Program

This program sets foreground-color of characters 48-55 to 5(dark blue) and the background-color to 12(light yellow).

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL GRAPHICS(1) or (1,1)

120 CALL COLOR(3,5,12)

130 DISPLAY AT(12,16):CHR$(48)

140 GOTO 140

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**CONTINUE CONTINUE**

Format

CONTINUE  
CON

Cross Reference  
BREAK

Description

The CONTINUE command restarts a program which has been stopped by a breakpoint. It may be entered whenever a program has stopped running because of a breakpoint caused by the BREAK command or statement or pressing Control + Break keys (CLEAR.) However, you cannot use the CONTINUE command if you have edited a program line. CONTINUE may be abbreviated as CON.

When a breakpoint occurs, the standard character set and standard colors are

restored. Sprites cease to exist. CONTINUE does not restore user-defined

characters that have been reset or any colors. Otherwise, the program

continues as if no breakpoint had occurred.

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**COS --Function--Cosine COS**

Format

COS(numeric-expression)

Type  
REAL

Cross Reference  
ATN, SIN, TAN

Description

The COS function returns the cosine of the angle whose measurement in radians

is the value of the numeric-expression.

The value of the numeric-expression cannot be less than -1.5707963269514E10 or greater than 1.5707963266374E10.

To convert the measure of an angle from degrees to radians, multiply by pi/180.

Program

The following program gives the cosine for each of several angles.

100 A=1.047197551196

110 B=60

120 C=45\*PI/180

130 PRINT COS(A);COS(B)

140 PRINT COS(B\*PI/180)

150 PRINT COS(C)

RUN

.5 -.9524129804

.5

.7071067812

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**CREAL CREAL**

Format

(numeric-expression)=CREAL(numeric-expression)

Cross Reference

DEFvartype, CINT

Description

Converts a number to single-precision.

CAUTION: mixed mode arithmetic is not allowed.

Arithmetic modes:

REAL: real numbers and integers.

BINARY: integers, single-precision, double-precision

Mixing real numbers with either single- or double-precision will cause a mixed arithmetic mode error.

Example

X=CREAL(Y)

**CSNG CSNG**

This feature not implemented.

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**DATA DATA**

Format

DATA data-list

Cross Reference

READ, RESTORE

Description

The DATA statement enables you to store constants within your program. You can assign the constants to variables by using a READ statement.

The data-list consists of one or more constants separated by commas. The constants can be assigned to the variables specified in the variable-list of a READ statement. The assignment is made when the READ statement is executed.

If a numeric variable is specified in the variable-list of a READ statement, a numeric constant must be in the corresponding position in the data-list of the DATA statement. If a string variable is specified in a READ statement, either a string or a numeric constant may be in the corresponding position in the DATA statement. A string constant in a data-list may optionally be enclosed in quotation marks. However, if the string constant contains a comma, a quotation mark, or leading or trailing spaces, it must be enclosed in quotation marks.

A quotation mark within a string constant is represented by two adjacent quotation marks. A null string is represented in a data-list by two adjacent commas, or two commas separated by two adjacent quotation marks.

The order in which the data values appear within the data-list and the order of the DATA statements within a program normally determine the order in which the values are read. Values from each data-list are read sequentially, beginning with the first item in the first DATA statement. If your program includes more than one DATA statement, the DATA statements are read in ascending line-number order (unless you use a RESTORE statement to specify otherwise).

A DATA statement encountered during program execution is ignored.

A DATA statement cannot be part of a multiple-statement line, nor can it include a trailing remark.

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Program

The following program reads and prints several numeric and string constants.

100 FOR A=1 TO 5

110 READ B,C

120 PRINT B;C

130 NEXT A

140 DATA 2,4,6,7,8

150 DATA 1,2,3,4,5

160 DATA """THIS HAS QUOTES"""

170 DATA NO QUOTES HERE

180 DATA " NO QUOTES HERE, EITHER"

190 FOR A=1 TO 6

200 READ B$

210 PRINT B$

220 NEXT A

230 DATA 1,NUMBER,MYARC

RUN

2 4

6 7

8 1

2 3

4 5

"THIS HAS QUOTES"

NO QUOTES HERE

NO QUOTES HERE,EITHER

1

NUMBER

MYARC

Line 100 through 130 reads five sets of data and prints their values, two to a line.

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**DATE/DATE$ DATE/DATE$**

Format

CALL DATE("mm/dd/yy")

DATE$

Description

DATE$ can be a function.

CALL DATE can be a statement or a command.

It can be used to set the date or retrieve the current date.

To set the date use the format:

CALL DATE("mm/dd/yy")

mm is the two-digit equivalent of the current month 01-12

dd is the two digit date 01-31

yy is the last two digits. Two-digit range= range 01-99

To retrieve the current date, use the function DATE$.

Example

CALL DATE("01/01/87")

This example sets the date to January 1, 1987

Example

PRINT DATE$

01/01/87

Example

100 PRINT "TODAY'S DATE IS ";DATE$

110 INPUT "DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE THE DATE ?":CHANGE$

120 IF LEFT$(CHANGE$,1)="Y" OR LEFT$(CHANGE$,1)="y" THEN 130 ELSE END

130 INPUT "ENTER NEW DATE:":NEWDATE$

140 CALL DATE(NEWDATE$)

150 GOTO 100

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**DCOLOR --Subprogram--Draw Color** **DCOLOR**

Format

CALL DCOLOR(foreground-color,background-color)

Cross Reference

CIRCLE, COLOR, DRAW, DRAWTO, FILL, GRAPHICS, HCHAR, POINT, RECTANGLE, VCHAR

Description

The DCOLOR subprogram enables you to set the graphics colors.

The graphics colors are used by the CIRCLE, DRAW, DRAWTO, FILL, HCHAR, POINT, RECTANGLE, and VCHAR subprograms in Bit Mapped Graphics and normal Graphics modes.

Foreground-color and background-color are numeric-expressions whose values specify colors that can be assigned from among the 16 available colors. See Appendix F for a list of the available colors.

When you enter MYARC Advanced BASIC, the foreground-color is set to black and the background-color is set to transparent. These default

graphics colors are restored only when you change graphics mode. They  
are not restored when you enter RUN.

DCOLOR is effective only in Bit Mapped and normal Graphics modes. DCOLOR has no effect in Pattern or Text mode.

Programs

The following program sets the foreground-color of graphics to 5 (dark blue) and the background-color to 8 (cyan).

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL GRAPHICS(2,2)

120 CALL DCOLOR(5,8)

130 CALL HCHAR(8,20,72,3)

In the following program, the letters "HHH" are displayed on the screen.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL GRAPHICS(2,2)

120 RANDOMIZE

130 CALL DCOLOR(INT(RND\*8+1)\*2,INT(RND\*8+1)\*2-1)

140 CALL HCHAR(8,20,72,3)

150 FOR X=1 TO 400

160 NEXT X

170 GOTO 120

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

Line 130 changes the foreground-color (chosen randomly from the even-numbered colors available) and the background-color (chosen randomly from the odd-numbered colors).

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**DEF --Define Function** **DEF**

Format

DEF function-name[(parameterl [,. . . parameter7])]=expression

Description

The DEF statement enables you to define your own functions. These user-defined functions can then be used in the same way as built-in functions.

The function-name can be any valid variable name that does not appear as a variable name elsewhere in your program.

If the function-name is a numeric variable, the value of the expression must be a number. If the function-name is a string variable, the value of the expression must be a string.

If the function-name is a numeric variable, you can optionally specify its data-type (DEFINT, DEFREAL, DEFSNG, or DEFDBL) by using variable tags.

You can use up to seven parameters to pass values to a function. Parameters must be valid variable names. A variable name used as a parameter cannot be the name of an array. You can use an array element in the expression if the array does not have the same name as a parameter in that statement. The variable names used as parameters in a DEF statement are local to that statement; that is, even if a parameter has the same name as a variable in your program, the value of that variable is not affected.

If a parameter is a numeric variable, you can optionally specify its data-type (DEFINT, DEFREAL, DEFSNG, or DEFDBL) by using variable tags.

A DEF statement must have a lower line number than that of any use of the function-name it defines. A DEF statement is not executed.

A DEF statement can appear anywhere in your program, except that it cannot be part of an IF THEN statement.

DEF Without Parameters

When your program encounters a statement containing a previously defined function-name with no parameters, the expression is evaluated, and the function is assigned the value of the expression at that time.

If you define a function-name without parameters, it must appear without parameters when you use it in your program.

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DEF With Parameters

When your program encounters a statement containing a previously defined function-name with parameters, the parameters values are passed to the function in the same order in which they are listed. The expression is evaluated using those values, and the function is assigned the value of the expression at that time. String values can be passed only to string parameters. Numeric values can be passed only to numeric parameters.

If you define a function with parameters, it must appear with the same number of parameters when you use it in your program.

Recursive Definitions

A DEF statement may reference other defined functions (the expression may include previously defined function-names). However, a DEF statement may not be directly or indirectly recursive (self-referencing).

Direct recursion occurs when you use the function-name in the expression of the same DEF statement. (This would be similar to writing a dictionary definition that included the word you were trying to define.)

Indirect recursion occurs when the expression contains a function-name, and in turn the expression in the DEF statement of that function (or other function subsequently referenced) includes the original function-name. (This would be similar to looking up the dictionary definition of a word, finding that the definition included other words that you needed to look up, and then discovering that the definitions led you directly back to your original word.)

Examples

100 DEF PAY(OT)=40\*RATE+1.5\*RATE\*OT

110 RATE=4.00

120 PRINT PAY(3)

RUN

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Defines PAY so that each time it is encountered in a program the pay is figured using the RATE of pay times 40 plus 1.5 times the rate of pay times the overtime hours.

100 DEF RND20=INT(RND\*20+1)

Defines RND20 so that each time it is encountered in a program an integer from 1 to 20 is given.

100 DEF FIRSTWORD$(NAME$)=SEG$(NAME$,1,POS(NAME$," ",1)-1)

Defines FIRSTWORD$ to be the part of NAMES$ that precedes a space.

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DEFvartype DEFvartype

Vartypes: DEFINT, DEFREAL

DEFINT - define as integers

DEFREAL - define as double-precision RADIX 99 floating point (64 bit)

Format: DEFINT I,J,COUNT,LOOPNUM,DIM A(100)

DEFREAL SQRROOT,VALUE,N,DIM D(40)

DEFSTR NAM,FILENAME,N,F,DIM E(75)

NOTE: DEFREAL ALL is the default mode in MYARC Advanced BASIC.

Cross Reference

DIM, OPTION BASE, SUB

Description

The DEFvartype instruction enables you to declare the data-type of specified variables.

Usually the name given to a variable will identify the type of variable. Example: If a variable name ends in a dollar sign (i.e. A$) then the variable is a string variable. Numeric variables can be identified in MYARC Advanced BASIC in terms of precision by the use of the following symbol as terminator attached to the end of the variable name. %,is termed type declaration tag.

SYMBOL TYPE OF VARIABLE

$ STRING VARIABLE

% INTEGER CONSTANT

Variables can also be declared by use of the DEFvartype statement. The declaration must be present and executable at a lower line number than that of any use of the variable-names that it represents.

A DEFvartype statement must appear at the beginning of a line. Also, any variable defined by that statement must appear later in the program.

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The variable-list consists of one or more variables separated by commas. The DEFINT and DEFREAL statements allow an ALL option, if this is used then all numeric variables in the program will be defined as the type specified except if they are specifically declared otherwise.

A numeric variable of the integer data-type is a whole number greater than or equal to -32768 and less than 32767.

Integer variables are processed faster and use less memory that do real (or floating) point variables.

CAUTION: mixed mode floating point arithmetic is not allowed.

REAL: real numbers and integers

BINARY: integers, single-precision, double-precision

Mixing real numbers with either single- or double-precision will cause a mixed mode arithmetic error.

DEFvartype statements also can be used to declare thee types of arrays.

TYPE-DECLARATION-TAGS override DEFvartype statements.

Programs

In the following example, DEFSTR NAM overrides DEFINT ALL such that NAM(5) will be treated as a string.

100 DEFINT ALL

110 DEFSTR NAM(5)

120 NAM(5)="MYARC"::X%=37.123545::I=1.2345

130 PRINT NAM(5);X;I

RUN

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**DELETE DELETE**

Format

DELETE [startline#-endline#]

Description

100-200 deletes lines 100-through 200.

COMMAND LINES DELETED

DELETE All lines.

DELETE X Line number X only.

DELETE X- Lines from number X to the highest line number, inclusive.

DELETE -X Lines from the lowest line number to line number X, inclusive.

DELETE X-Y All lines from line number X to line number Y, inclusive.

DELETE X,Y All lines from line number X to line number Y, inclusive.

If any line-number-range does not include a line number in your program, the following conventions apply:

If line-number-range is higher than any line number in your program, the highest-numbered program line is deleted.

If line-number0range is lower than any line number in your program, the lowest-numbered program line is deleted.

If line-number-range is between lines in the program, only those lines that fall within the range specified will be deleted.

NOTE: For TI 99/4A Programs:

Delete will no longer be used to delete files from DISK STORAGE DEVICE. See KILL, CLOSE, FILES. However, programs that contain a "DELETE" file statement will execute exactly as they did under TI BASIC or TI EXTENDED BASIC. The token used internally will now be occupied by the KILL command. As long as the program is stored in tokenized form(program file, or DV163 merge format), then execution will not be affected. On listing the program, the word "KILL" will

be listed instead of "DELETE".

DELETE--no longer applies to files. DELETE applies to line numbers only. To delete files, see KILL.

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**DELSPRITE** --Subprogram--Delete Sprite **DELSPRITE**

Format

Delete Specified Sprite

CALL DELSPRITE(#sprite-number[,.. • ])

Delete All Sprites

CALL DELSPRITE(ALL)

Cross Reference  
CLEAR, SPRITE

Description

The DELSPRITE subprogram enables you to delete one or more sprites. All sprites are deleted when your program ends (either normally or because of an error), stops at a breakpoint, or changes graphics mode.

Delete Specific Sprites

Sprite-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number

of the sprite as assigned in the SPRITE subprogram. The sprite can  
reappear if it is redefined by the SPRITE subprogram, or if the LOCATE subprogram is called.

Delete All Sprites

If you enter the ALL option, all sprites are deleted, and can reappear only if redefined by the SPRITE subprogram.

Examples

100 CALL DELSPRITE(#3)  
Deletes sprite number 3.

100 CALL DELSPRITE(#4,#3\*C)

Deletes sprite number 4 and the sprite whose number is found by multiplying 3

by C.

100 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL)  
Deletes all sprites.

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**DIM --Dimension DIM**

Format

DIM array-name(integerl[,... integer7])[,array-name... ]

Cross Reference OPTION BASE

Description

The DIM instruction enables you to dimension (reserve space for) arrays with

one to seven dimensions.

You can use DIM as either a program statement or a command.

The array-name must be a valid variable name. It cannot be used as the name of a variable or as the name of another array. An array is either numeric or string, depending on the array-name.

The integer is the upper limit of element numbers in a dimension.

If a program includes an OPTION BASE 1 statement, the first element is

element 1, so the number of elements is equal to the integer plus 1.

A string array cannot have more than 16383 elements. For numeric

arrays, a DEFINT array cannot have more than 32767 elements, and a

floating point array cannot have more than 16383 elements. The number  
of integers in parentheses following the array-name determines the number of dimensions (1-7) in the array.

You can optionally specify the data-type (DEFvartype) of a numeric array by replacing DIM with the data-type.

An error occurs if you try to dimension a particular array more than once.

Note that you cannot use both instruction formats (DIM and data-type) to dimension the same array.

You cannot use OPTION BASE as a command.

You can dimension as many arrays with one DIM instruction as you can fit in one input line.

If you reference an array without first using a DIM instruction to dimension it, each dimension is assumed to have 11 elements (elements 0-10), or 10 elements (elements 1-10) if your program includes an OPTION BASE 1 statement.

If you use a DIM statement to dimension an array, the DIM statement must have a line number lower than that of any reference to that array. DIM statements are interpreted during pre-scan and are not executed.

A DIM statement can appear anywhere in your program, except as part of an IF THEN statement.

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Referencing an Array

To reference a specific element of an array, you must use subscripts. Subscripts are numeric-expressions enclosed in parentheses immediately following the reference to the array-name. An array must include one subscript for each dimension in the array. If necessary, the value of a subscript is rounded to the nearest integer.

Reserving Space for Arrays

When you use DIM as a program statement, the computer reserves space for arrays when enter the RUN instruction, before your program is actually run. If the computer cannot reserve space for an array with the dimensions you specify, the message Memory Full in line-number is displayed, and the command does note execute.

When you use DIM as a command, if the computer cannot reserve space for an array with the dimensions you specify, the message Memory Full is displayed and the command does not execute.

Until you place values in an array, each element in a string array is a null string and each element in a numeric array has a value of zero.

Naming Arrays

The rules for naming array variables follow the same pattern as the rules for other type variables, namely if a variable name ends in variable type descriptor defines the variable type.

NOTE: If a DEFSTR statement is executed then a string array name need not end in a $.

Array variable names ending in % refer to integer variables.

Type/declaration tags, such as $, %, take precedence over DEFvartype all declarations.

The following statements will remove arrays from memory:

NEW, OLD, MERGE, RUN (without continue)

CALL MEMSET --sets all elements of an array to a defined value. (See command MEMSET)

Examples

100 DIM X$(30)

Reserves space in the computer's memory for 31 string numbers of the array called X$.

100 DIM D(100),B(10,9)

Reserves space in the computer's memory for 101 members of the array called D and 110 (11 times 10) members of the array called B.

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**DISPLAY DISPLAY**

Format

DISPLAY [print-list]

DISPLAY [AT(row,column)] [BEEP] [ERASE ALL] [CLIP] [INVERSE/BLINK] [SIZE(numeric-expression)] [:print-list]

Cross Reference

DISPLAY USING, GRAPHICS, MARGINS, PRINT, BTIME, BCOLOR

Description

The DISPLAY instruction enables you to display numbers and strings on the screen. The numeric- and/or string-expressions in the print-list can be constants and/or variables.

The options available with the DISPLAY instruction make it more versatile for screen output than in the PRINT instruction. You can display data at any screen position, sound a tone when data items are displayed, clear the screen or a portion of the display row before displaying data, and accentuate displayed data by using the INVERSE/BLINK option.

You can use DISPLAY as either a program statement or a command.

The print-list consists of one or more print-items (items to be displayed on the screen) separated by print-separators. See PRINT for an explanation of the print-items and print-separators that make up a print-list.

Options

You can enter the following options, separated by a space, in any order.

AT--The AT option enables you to specify the beginning of the display field. Row and column are relative to the upper-left corner of the screen window defined by the margins. If you do not use the AT option, the display field begins in the far left column of the bottom row of the current screen window. Before a new line is displayed at the bottom of the window, the entire contents of

the window(excluding sprites) scroll up one line to make room for the new line. The contents of the top line of the window scroll off the screen and are discarded. If you use the AT option and

your print-list includes a TAB function, the TAB location is relative to the beginning of the display field. If you use the AT option and a print-item is too long to fit in the display field. either the extra characters are discarded (if you use the SIZE option) or the print-item is moved to the beginning of the next screen line (if you do not use the SIZE option).

BEEP--The BEEP option sounds a short tone when the data items are displayed.

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ERASE ALL--The ERASE ALL option places a space character (ASCII code 32) in every character position in the screen window before displaying the data.

SIZE--The SIZE option is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of character positions to be cleared, starting from the beginning of the display field, before the data is displayed. If the numeric-expression is greater than the number of characters remaining in the row (from the beginning of the display field to the right margin), or if you do not use the SIZE option, the display row is cleared from the beginning of the display field to the right margin.

New Options

CLIP--Using the CLIP option, the string represented in the "DISPLAY AT" statement will be clipped at the end of a line rather than wrapping around to the next line, as it does in the default mode. The CLIP option is particularly useful when using "DISPLAY AT" within a window.

BLINK/INVERT--BLINK will cause the line displayed to BLINK on and off. This is only available in GRAPHICS(3,1) mode.

INVERT--Will cause the pixels in each character to invert their colors so the foreground- and background-colors will be inverted. This is only available in GRAPHICS(2,2), (2,3), (3,2), (3,3) modes.

Examples

100 DISPLAY AT(5,7):Y

Displays the value of Y at the fifth row, seventh column of the screen. It

first clears row 5 from column 7 to the right margin.

100 DISPLAY ERASE ALL:B

Puts the blank character into all positions within the current screen window

before displaying the value of B.

100 DISPLAY AT(R,C) SIZE(FIELDLEN)BEEP:X$

Displays the value of X$ at row R, column C. First it beeps and blanks

FIELDLEN characters.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of DISPLAY. It enables you to

position blocks at any screen position to draw a figure or design.

Numbers must be entered as two digits (e.g., 1 would be "01", etc.). Do not press ENTER; the information is accepted as soon as the keys are pressed.

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This example is valid only in Pattern Mode.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL COLOR(27,5,5)

120 DISPLAY AT(23,1):"ENTER ROW AND COLUMN:"

130 DISPLAY AT (24,1):"ROW:COLUMN:"

140 FOR COUNT=1 TO 2

150 CALL KEY(O,ROW(COUNT),S)

160 IF S =0 THEN 150

170 DISPLAY AT(24,5+COUNT)SIZE(1):STR$(ROW(COUNT)-48)

180 NEXT COUNT

190 FOR COUNT=1 TO 2

200 CALL KEY(0,COLUMN(COUNT),S)

210 IF S =0 THEN 200

220 DISPLAY AT(24,16+COUNT)SIZE(1):STR$(COLUMN(COUNT)-48)

230 NEXT COUNT

240 ROW1=10\*(ROW(1)-48)+ROW(2)-48

250 COLUMN1=10\*(COLUMN(1)-48)+COLUMN(2)-48

260 DISPLAY AT(ROW1,COLUMN1)SIZE(1):CHR$(244)

270 GOTO 130

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**DISPLAY USING DISPLAY USING**

Format

DISPLAY [option-list:]USING ;format-string;[:print-list]; line-number;

Cross Reference

DISPLAY, IMAGE, PRINT

Description

The DISPLAY USING instruction enables you to define specific formats for

numbers and strings you display.

You can use DISPLAY USING as either a program statement or a command.

The format-string specifies the display format. The format-string is a string expression; if you use a string constant, you must enclose it in quotation marks. See IMAGE for an explanation of format-strings.

You can optionally define a format-string in an IMAGE statement, as specified by the line-number.

See DISPLAY under "Options" for an explanation of the options AT, BEEP, ERASE ALL, and SIZE.

See PRINT for an explanation of the print-list and print-options.

The DISPLAY USING instruction is identical to the DISPLAY instruction with the addition of the USING option, except that:

You cannot use the TAB function.

You cannot use any print-separator other than a comma(,), except that the print-list can end with a semicolon (;).

Examples

100 N=23.43

110 DISPLAY AT(10,4):USING"##.##":N

Displays the value of N at the tenth row and fourth column, with the format

"##.##", after first clearing row 10 from column 4 to the right margin.

100 DISPLAY USING "##.##":N

Displays the value of N at the 24th row and first column, with the format

"##.##".

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**DISTANCE --Subprogram** **DISTANCE**

Format

Two Sprites

CALL DISTANCE(#sprite-numberl,#sprite-number2,numeric-variable)

A Sprite and a Screen Pixel

CALL DISTANCE (#sprite-number,pixel -row, pixel -col umn ,numeric-variable)

Cross Reference  
COINC, SPRITE

Description

The DISTANCE subprogram enables you to ascertain the distance between two

sprites or between a sprite and a specified screen pixel.

The DISTANCE subprogram returns the square of the distance sought. (Note

that this is not the same as the distance specified by the "tolerance" in the COINC subprogram.)

The square of the distance is the sum of the square of the difference between pixel-rows and the square of the difference between pixel-columns. The distance between the two sprites (or the sprite and the screen pixel) is the square root of the number returned.

If the square of the distance is greater than 32767, the number returned is 32767.

Two Sprites

The distance between two sprites is considered to be the distance between the upper-left corners of the sprites.

Sprite-numberl and sprite-number2 are numeric-expressions whose values specify the numbers of the two sprites as assigned in the SPRITE subprogram.

The number returned to the numeric-variable equals the square of the distance between two sprites.

A Sprite and a Screen Pixel

The distance between a sprite and a screen pixel is considered to be the distance between the upper-left corner of the sprite and the specified pixel.

Sprite-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the sprite as assigned in the SPRITE subprogram.

The pixel-row and pixel-column are numeric-expressions whose values specify the position of the screen pixel.

The number returned to the numeric-variable equals the square of the distance between the sprite and the screen pixel.

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Examples

100 CALL DISTANCE(#3,#4,DIST)

Sets DIST equal to the square of the distance between the upper-left corners

of sprite #3 and sprite #4.

100 CALL DISTANCE(#4,18,89,D)

Sets D equal to the square of the distance between the upper-left corner of

sprite #4 and position 18,89.

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**DRAW --Subprogram** **DRAW**

Format

CALL DRAW(line-type,pixel-rowl,pixel-columnl,pixel-row2,pixel-column2

[,pixel-row3,pixel-column3,pixel-row4,pixel-column4[,...]])

Cross Reference

CIRCLE, DCOLOR, DRAWTO, FILL, GRAPHICS, POINT, RECTANGLE

Description

The DRAW subprogram enables you to draw or erase lines between specified

pixels.

The value of the numeric-expression line-type specifies the action taken by the DRAW subprogram.

**TYPE ACTION**

1 Draws a line of the foreground-color specified by the

DCOLOR subprogram. This is accomplished by turning on

each pixel in the specified line.

0 Erases a line. This is accomplished by turning off each

pixel in the specified line.

2 Reverses the status of each pixel on the specified line.

(If a pixel is on, it is turned off; if a pixel is off, it is turned on.) This effectively reverses the color of the specified line.

Pixel-row and pixel-column are numeric-expressions whose values specify the pixels to be connected *by* the line. You must specify at least two pixels to define the beginning and end points of a line.

Pixel-row must have a value from 1 to 192. Pixel-column must have a

value from 1 to 256.

You can optionally draw more lines by specifying additional pairs of pixels. The lines are not connected; each line extends from the first pixel of the pair to the second pixel of the pair. You must specify an even number of pixels.

The last pixel you specify becomes the current position used by the DRAWTO subprogram.

DRAW cannot be used in Pattern or Text modes of display. An error results if you use DRAW in Pattern or Text Modes.

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In Graphics(1,2) and (1,3) modes, the computer divides each pixel-row into 32 groups of 8 pixels each. (This is most obvious when you assign a background-color other than cyan or transparent.) The computer can assign 1 foreground-color and 1 background-color, from among the 16 available colors, to each 8-pixel group.

In the Bit-Mapped modes, each pixel is independent of every other pixel on the screen.

Programs

The following program draws a large triangle on the right of the screen.

100 CALL GRAPHICS(3)

110 CALL CLEAR

120 CALL DRAW(1,19,185,97,115)

130 CALL DRAW(1,19,185,97,255)

140 CALL DRAW(1,97,115,97,255)

150 GOTO 150

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

The next program uses a FOR-NEXT loop to draw a pattern of lines.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL GRAPHICS(3)

120 CALL SCREEN(6)

130 FOR X=1 TO 255 STEP 5

140 CALL DRAW(1,1,X,128,256-X)

150 NEXT X

160 GOTO 160

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**DRAWTO --Subprogram** **DRAWTO**

Format

CALL

DRAWTO(line-type,pixel-row,pixel-column[,pixel-row2,pixel-column2[,...]])

Cross Reference

CIRCLE, DCOLOR, DRAW, FILL, GRAPHICS, POINT, RECTANGLE

Description

The DRAWTO subprogram enables you to draw or erase lines between the current

position and the specified pixels.

Line-type is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the action taken by the DRAWTO subprogram.

**TYPE ACTION**

1 Draws a line of the foreground-color specified by the DCOLOR subprogram. This is accomplished by turning on each pixel in the specified line.

0 Erases a line. This is accomplished by turning off each pixel in the specified line.

2 Reverses the status of each pixel on the specified line. (If a pixel is on, it is turned off; if a pixel is off, it is turned on.) This effectively reverses the color of the specified line.

The line drawn by DRAWTO extends from the pixel in the current position to the pixel specified by the values of the numeric-expressions

pixel-row and pixel-column, which becomes the new current position.

You can optionally draw more lines by specifying additional sets of pixels. A line is drawn to each specified pixel from the new current position (the previously specified pixel).

Pixel-row must have a value from 1 to 192, pixel-column must have a value from 1 to 256.

The current position is the last pixel specified the last time the DRAW or the DRAWTO subprogram was called. When you enter MYARC Advanced BASIC, the current position is the intersection of pixel-row 1 and pixel-column 1.

This default current position is restored only when you change graphics mode.

DRAWTO cannot be used in Pattern or Text modes of display. An error results if you use DRAWTO in Pattern or Text Modes.

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In Graphics(1,2) and (1,3) modes, the computer divides each pixel-row into 32 groups of 8 pixels each. (This is most obvious when you assign a background-color other than cyan or transparent.) The computer can assign 1 foreground-color and 1 background-color (from among the 16 available colors), to each 8-pixel group.

Program The following program uses DRAWTO to create a pattern across the top of the screen.

100 CALL GRAPHICS(3)

110 CALL CLEAR

120 A=20::B=20

130 CALL DRAW(1,A,B,A,B)

140 FOR X=1 TO 10

150 B=B+20

160 CALL DRAWTO(1,A,B)

170 CALL DRAWTO(1,A+20,B-20)

180 CALL DRAWTO(1,A+20,B)

190 CALL DRAWTO(1,A,B-20)

200 NEXT X

210 GOTO 210

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

A new command or program statement CALL PSET(X,Y) can be used to set starting point for DRAWTO.

**ECOLOR** --Subprogram  **ECOLOR**

Format

CALL ECOLOR(color)

Cross reference

TCOLOR

Description

CALL ECOLOR(color) is used to "color in" the edge between the text and the border in Graphics modes (2,2), (2,3), (3,2), (3,3).

Example

CALL ECOLOR(10)

This would "color in" the edge as Light Red.

Program

100 CALL GRAPHICS(3,3)

110 CALL TCOLOR(4,14)

120 DISPLAY ERASE ALL

130 CALL ECOLOR(14)

RUN

Line 110 would set the text area for characters as foreground-color of Light Green and background-color to Magenta.

Line 120 would "paint" the screen with ASCII 32(blank character) in the background-color of Magenta.

Line 130 would set the edge color to Magenta.

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**END END**

Format

END

Cross Reference

STOP

Description

The END statement stops the execution of your program.

In addition to terminating program execution, END causes the computer to perform the following operations:

It closes all open files.

It restores the default character definitions of all characters.

It restores the default foreground color and background color to all characters in the Graphic mode selected unless you have used TCOLOR or PALETTE in those modes where they are allowed.

It restores the default screen color if you have not changed the screen color in those modes where they are allowed.

It deletes all sprites.

It resets the sprite magnification level to 1.

The graphic colors (see DCOLOR) and current position (see DRAWTO) are not affected.

An END statement is not necessary to stop your program; the program automatically stops after the highest line is executed.

END can be used interchangeably with the STOP statement, except that you cannot use STOP after a subprogram.

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**EOF** EOF

Format

EOF(file-number)

Type  
DEFINT

Cross Reference  
ON ERROR

Description

The EOF function returns a value indicating whether there are records

remaining in a specified file.

The file-number is a numeric expression whose value specifies the number of the file as assigned in its OPEN instruction.

The value returned by the EOF function depends on the current file position. EOF always treats a file as if it were being accessed sequentially, even if it has been opened for relative access.

VALUE MEANING

0 Not end-of-file.

(+)1 Logical end-of-file: No records remaining.

-1 Physical end-of-file: No records remaining, and no space

available for more records (storage medium full).

The EOF function cannot be used with an audio cassette.

For more information about using EOF with a particular device, refer to the owner's manual that comes with that device.

Examples

100 PRINT EOF(3)

Prints a value according to whether you are at the end of the file opened as

#3.

100 IF EOF(27)<>0 THEN 1150

Transfers control to line 1150 if you are at the end of the file opened as

#27.

100 IF EOF(27) THEN 1150

Transfers control to line 1150 if you are at the end of the file opened as

#27.

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**ERR --Subprogram--Error** **ERR**

Format

CALL ERR(error-code,error-type[,error-severity,[line-number]])

Cross Reference  
ON ERROR

Description

The ERR subprogram enables you to analyze the conditions that caused a

program error.

ERR is normally called from a subroutine accessed by an ON ERROR statement.

The ERR subprogram returns the error-code and error-type, and optionally the error-severity and line-number, of the most recent "uncleared" program error.

An error is "cleared" when another program error occurs or when the program

ends. A RETURN statement in a subroutine accessed by an ON ERROR statement  
also clears the error.

ON ERROR will not trap an error caused by the RUN command.

ERR returns a two- or three-digit number to the numeric variable error-code. See Appendix J for a list of error codes and the conditions that cause them to be displayed.

An error-code of 130- indicates an input/output (I/O) error. An error-code of 0 indicates that no error has occurred. The error-type is a numeric variable.

When an I/O error occurs, the value returned in error-type is the number (as assigned in an OPEN instruction) of the file in which the error occurred.

A negative error-type indicates that the error occurred during program execution.

An error-type of 0 indicates that no error has occurred. Options

The value returned to the numeric variable error-severity is always nine.

The value returned to the numeric variable line-number is the line number of the program statement that was executing when the error occurred.

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Examples

100 CALL ERR(A,B)

Sets A equal to the error-code and B equal to the error-type of the most

recent error.

100 CALL ERR(W,X,Y,Z)

Sets W equal to the error-code, X equal to the error-type, Y equal to the

error-severity, and Z equal to the line-number of the most recent error.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of CALL ERR.

100 ON ERROR 130

110 CALL SCREEN(18)

120 STOP

130 CALL ERR(W,X,Y,Z)

140 PRINT W;X;Y;Z

150 RETURN NEXT

RUN

79 -1 9 110

An error is caused in line 110 by an improper screen-color number. Because

of line 100, control is transferred to line 130. Line 140 prints the values obtained. The 79 indicates that a bad value was provided, the -1 indicates that the error occurred during program execution, the 9 is the error-severity, and the 110 indicates that the error occurred in line 110.

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**EXP --Function--Exponential** **EXP**

Format

EXP(numeric-expression)

Type  
REAL

Cross Reference  
LOG

Description

The EXP function returns the value of e raised to the power of the value of

the numeric-expression.

EXP is the inverse of the LOG function.  
The value of e is 2.718281828459.

Examples

100 Y=EXP(7)

Assigns to Y the value of e raised to the seventh power, which yields

1096.6331584290.

100 L=EXP(4.394960467)

Assigns to L the value of e raised to the 4.394960467 power, which yields

81.0414268887.

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**FILES FILES**

Format

CALL FILES(pathname)

Cross Reference

DOS Manual, Pathnames, Directories, OPEN, CLOSE, KILL, KEY LIST,CHDIR

Description

You can use CALL FILES either as a program statement or a command.

Displays the names of the files and directories on a disk. If pathname is specified, BASIC lists all files that match that pathname. Default is all files and directories in the current directory on the current drive.

To halt list, depress any key. To continue the listing, press another or the same key. This only works in command mode.

Examples

CALL FILES

Displays files of the default drive. (see KEY LIST,PWD,CHDIR)

CALL FILES("DSK1.")

Displays files in drive 1.

CALL FILES("RD")

Displays files on RD (ramdisk).

CALL FILES("DSK.UTILITIES.")

Searches all drives for the disk named "UTILITIES" and displays files.

CALL FILES(DSK1.SUBDIR3.")

Displays files of "SUBDIR3" . The maximum subdirectories for floppys is three.

CALL FILES(HDS1.SUBDIR1.SUBDIR2.")

Displays files of "SUBDIR2" which is a subdirectory of "SUBDIR1"

NOTE: DO NOT USE with a window less than 28 characters wide.

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**FILL --Subprogram** **FILL**

Format

CALL FILL(pixel-row,pixel-column)

Cross Reference

CIRCLE, DCOLOR, DRAW, DRAWTO, GRAPHICS, POINT, RECTANGLE

Description

The FILL subprogram enables you to fill in the area surrounding a specified pixel with a specified color.

Pixel-row and pixel-column are numeric-expressions whose values specify the pixel that you want to surround with a color or pattern.

Character-code is a numeric-expression with a value from 0-215 specifying the character with which to fill the area surrounding the specified pixel.

Pixel-row must have a value from 1 to 192, pixel-column must have a value from 1 to 256. The color of the pattern that surrounds the specified pixel is the foreground-color specified by the COLOR subprogram. If you have not called the DCOLOR subprogram, the default fill color is lt. green.

The area surrounding the specified pixel is filled with the fill pattern until a screen edge or a foreground pixel (a pixel that is turned on) is encountered.

The boundaries of the area to be filled can be defined by lines drawn with CIRCLE, DRAW, DRAWTO, POINT, RECTANGLE subprograms.

FILL cannot be used in Pattern or Text modes. An error results if you use FILL in Pattern or Text modes.

In Graphics(1,2) and (1,3) modes the computer divides each pixel-row into 32 groups of 8 pixels each. The computer can assign a foreground-color and a background-color (from among the 16 available colors) to each 8 pixel group.

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Program

The following program divides the upper portion of the screen into four horizontal columns and uses FILL to color them.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL GRAPHICS(3)

120 CALL DRAW(1,48,0,48,256)

130 CALL DRAW(1,96,0,96,256)

140 CALL DRAW(1,144,0,144,256)

150 CALL DCOLOR(7,8)

160 CALL FILL(43,1)

170 CALL DCOLOR(11,8)

180 CALL FILL(90 1)

190 CALL DCOLOR(3,8)

200 CALL FILL(138,1)

210 CALL DCOLOR(6,8)

220 CALL FILL(188,1)

230 GOTO 230

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**FOR TO FOR TO**

Format

FOR control-variable=initial-value TO limit[STEP increment]

Cross Reference  
NEXT

Description

The FOR TO instruction is used with the NEXT instruction to form a FOR-NEXT

loop, which you can use to control a repetitive process.

You can use FOR TO as either a program statement or a command. FOR-NEXT Loop Execution

When a FOR TO instruction is executed, the initial-value is assigned to the

control-variable. The computer executes instructions until it encounters a  
NEXT instruction (the group of instructions between the FOR TO and NEXT instructions are known as a "FOR-NEXT loop"). However, if the initial-value is greater than the limit (or, if you specify a negative increment, if the initial-value is less than the limit) the FOR-NEXT loop is not executed.

When the NEXT instruction is encountered, the increment is added to the control-variable; if you do not specify an increment, the control-variable is incremented by I. Note that if the increment is negative, the value of the control-variable is decreased.

The control-variable in the NEXT instruction must be the same as the control-variable in the FOR TO instruction. The new value of the control-variable is then compared to the limit. If you specify a positive increment (or if you do not specify an increment), the FOR-NEXT loop is repeated if the control-variable is less than or equal to the limit. If you specify a negative increment, the FOR-NEXT loop is repeated if the control-variable is greater than or equal to the limit.

If the condition for repeating the FOR-NEXT loop is met, control passes to

the instruction immediately following the FOR TO instruction. If the  
condition is not met, the FOR-NEXT loop terminates (control passes to the statement immediately following the NEXT statement).

Specifications

The value of the numeric-expression control-variable is re-evaluated each time the NEXT instruction is executed. If you change its value while a FOR-NEXT loop is executing, you may affect the number of times the loop is repeated. A FOR-NEXT loop executes much faster if the control-variable has been declared as a DEFINT than it does if the control-variable is REAL.

The control-variable cannot be an element of an array.

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The initial-value is a numeric-expression.

The value of the numeric-expression limit is not re-evaluated during the execution of a FOR-NEXT loop. If you change its value while a FOR-NEXT loop is executing, you do not affect the number of times the loop is repeated.

The value of the optional numeric-expression increment is not re-evaluated during the execution of a FOR-NEXT loop. If you change its value while a FOR-NEXT loop is executing, you do not affect the number of times the loop is repeated. The increment cannot be zero.

Nested FOR-NEXT Loops

FOR-NEXT loops may be "nested"; that is, one FOR-NEXT loop may be contained wholly within another. You must observe the following conventions:

Each FOR TO instruction must be paired with a NEXT instruction. Each nested loop must use a different control-variable.

If' a FOR-NEXT loop contains any portion of another FOR-NEXT loop, it must contain all of that FOR-NEXT loop. If a FOR-NEXT loop contains only part of another FOR-NEXT loop, an error occurs, and the message NEXT without FOR is displayed. If the FOR-NEXT loop is part of a program, the computer also displays the line-number where the error occurred.

FOR TO as a Program Statement

After you enter the RUN command, but before your program is actually run, the computer verifies that you have equal numbers of FOR TO and NEXT statements. If the numbers are not equal, the message FOR-NEXT nesting is displayed and the program is not run.

You can exit a FOR-NEXT loop by using a GOTO, ON GOTO, or IF THEN statement. If you use one of these statements to enter a loop, you could cause an error or create an infinite loop.

A FOR TO statement cannot be part of an IF THEN statement.  
FOR TO as a Command

If you use FOR TO as a command, it must be part of a multiple-statement line. A NEXT instruction must also be part of the same line.

After you press ENTER to execute the command, but before the command is actually executed, the computer verifies that you have equal numbers of FOR TO and NEXT instructions. If the numbers are not equal, the message FOR-NEXT nesting is displayed and the command is not executed.

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Examples

100 FOR A=1 TO 5 STEP 2

110 PRINT A

120 NEXT A

Executes the statements between this FOR and NEXT A three times, with A

having values of 1, 3, and 5. After the loop is finished, A has a value of

7.

100 FOR J=7 TO -5 STEP -.5

110 PRINT J

120 NEXT J

Executes the statements between this FOR and NEXT J 25 times, with J having

values of 7, 6.5, 6,..., -4, -4.5, and -5. After the loop is finished, J has

a value of -5.5.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the FOR-TO-STEP statement. There are three FOR-NEXT loops, with control-variables of CHAR, ROW, and COLUMN.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 0=0

120 FOR CHAR=33 TO 63 STEP 30

130 FOR ROW=1+D TO 21+0 STEP 4

140 FOR COLUMN=l+D TO 29+D STEP 4

150 CALL VCHAR(ROW,COLUMN,CHAR)

160 NEXT COLUMN

170 NEXT ROW

180 D=2

190 NEXT CHAR

200 GOTO 200

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**FREESPACE --Function** **FREESPACE**

Format

FREESPACE(memory-type)

Type

REAL

Description

The FREESPACE function returns a number representing, in bytes, the amount of memory space available for MYARC Advanced BASIC programs and data.

The following are the memory-types:

0 ALL memory

1 program space

2 data space

3 assembly space

4 stack space

Garbage Collection

Before FREESPACE returns a value, the computer executes an activity called "garbage collection".

All "inactive" strings are deleted. Strings become inactive when they are not associated with a variable. A string may be created by the computer for its internal use; it becomes inactive when no longer needed.

All "active" strings (strings that are still associated with variables) are moved to a contiguous area at the low end of memory. This leaves all available memory in one large, contiguous block.

The computer occasionally performs garbage collection by itself, i.e. when no memory is available because of an excess number and size of inactive strings.

NOTE: Stack space has a defined value of 3968 bytes. (>E000->EF80)

Examples

PRINT FREESPACE(0)

Prints a value that indicates the amount of available memory.

PRINT FREESPACE(2)

Prints a value that indicates the amount of available data space in bytes, which is based on the amount of memory allocation you chose when you started MYARC Advanced BASIC from MDOS.

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**GCHAR --Subprogram--Get Character** **GCHAR**

Format

Pattern and Text Modes

CALL GCHAR(row,column,numeric-variable)

High-Resolution Mode

CALL GPOINT(pixel-row,pixel-column,numeric-variable color value)

Cross Reference

GRAPHICS,HCHAR,VCHAR,DRAW

Description

The GCHAR subprogram enables you to ascertain the character code of a character on the screen or the color value of a screen pixel.

The meaning of the value returned to the specified numeric-variable varies according to the graphics mode.

Pattern and Text Modes

Row and column are numeric-expressions whose values specify a character position on the screen.

The value of row must be greater than or equal to 1 and less than or equal to 24 or 26.5(Graphics 3,1).

The value of column must be greater than or equal to 1. In Pattern mode, column must be less than or equal to 32; in Text mode, column must be less than or equal to 40 or 80.

GCHAR is not affected by margin settings. Row and column are relative to the upper-left corner of the screen, not to the corner of the window defined by the margins.

The character code of the character at the specified position is returned to the numeric-variable. See Appendix B for a list of ASCII character codes.

High-Resolution Mode

The pixel-row and pixel-column are numeric-expressions whose values specify a screen pixel position.

The value of the numeric-expression pixel-row and pixel-column must be greater than or equal to 1. In High-Resolution Mode, pixel-row must be less than or equal to 192. See Appendix K for Graphics Modes ranges.

The value of the numeric-expression pixel-column must be greater than or equal to 1 and less than or equal to the value of the maximum pixel columns allowed for the Graphics mode selected. See Appendix K.

In Graphics(3,3) pixel-row 193 through 212 is available.

The color of the specified screen pixel is given by the value returned to the numeric-variable.

Example

100 CALL GRAPHICS(3,3)

110 CALL GPOINT(106,256,X)

Returns to X the color value of a position of the center of screen.

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Examples

100 CALL GCHAR(12,16,X)

Assigns to X the ASCII code of the character at row 12, column 16 in Pattern

and Text modes.

100 CALL GCHAR(R,C,K)

Assigns to K the ASCII code of the character that is in row R, column C in

Pattern and Text modes.

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**GOSUB --Go to a Subroutine** **GOSUB**

Format

GOSUB line-number

GO SUB

Cross Reference  
ON GOSUB, RETURN

Description

The GOSUB statement transfers program control to the specified subroutine. A subroutine frequently is used to perform a specific operation several times in the same program.

The line-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the program statement at which the subroutine begins.

Use a RETURN statement to return program control to the statement immediately following the GOSUB statement that called the subroutine.

To avoid unexpected results, it is recommended that you excercise care if you use GOSUB to transfer control to or from a subprogram or into a FOR- NEXT loop.

Subroutines may be recursive (self-referencing). To avoid constructing

infinite loops, it is recommended that you exercise care when using recursive subroutines.

Nested Subroutines

Subroutines may be "nested"; that is, within a subroutine you can use GOSUB to transfer control to another subroutine. Because RETURN restores program control to the statement immediately following the most recently executed GOSUB, it is important to exercise care when using nested subroutines.

For example, you might use GOSUB in your main program to transfer control to a subroutine. When the computer encounters a RETURN in the second subroutine the GOSUB in the first subroutine. Then, when a RETURN is encountered in the first subroutine, program control returns to the statement following the GOSUB in your main program.

Example

100 GOSUB 200

Transfers control to statement 200. That statement and the ones up to RETURN are executed and then control returns to the statement after the calling statement.

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Program

The following program illustrates a use of GOSUB. The subroutine at line 260 figures the factorial of the value of NUMB. The whole program figures the solution to the equation

NUMB = X!/(Y! \* (X-Y)!)

where the exclamation point means factorial. This formula is used to figure certain probabilities. For instance, if you enter X as 52 and Y as 5, you'll

find that the number of possible five-card poker hands is 2,598,960. Both  
numbers entered must be positive integers less than or equal to 69.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 INPUT "ENTER X AND Y: ":X,Y

120 IF X<Y THEN 110

130 IF X>69 OR Y>69 THEN 110

140 IF X<0 THEN PRINT "NEGATIVE"::GOTO 110 ELSE NUMB=X

150 GOSUB 260

160 NUMERATOR=NUMB

170 IF Y<0 THEN PRINT "NEGATIVE"::GOTO 110 ELSE NUMB=Y

180 GOSUB 260

190 DENOMINATOR=NUMB

200 NUMB=X-Y

210 GOSUB 260

220 DENOMINATOR=DENOMINATOR\*NUMB

230 NUMB=NUMERATOR/DENOMINATOR

240 PRINT "NUMBER IS";NUMB

250 STOP

260 REM CALCULATE FACTORIAL

270 IF NUMB<2 THEN NUMB=1::GOTO 320

280 MULT=NUMB-1

290 NUMB=NUMB\*MULT

300 MULT=MULT-1

310 IF MULT>1 THEN 290

320 RETURN

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**GOTO GOTO**

Format

GOTO line-number

GO TO

Cross Reference  
ON GOTO

Description

The GOTO statement unconditionally transfers program control to the specified

program statement.

The line-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the program statement to which unconditional program control is transferred.

To avoid unexpected results, it is recommended that you exercise care if you use GOTO to transfer control to or from a subroutine or into a FOR-NEXT loop.

Program

The following program shows the use of GOTO in line 160. Any time that line is reached, the program executes line 130 next and proceeds from that new point.

100 REM ADD 1 THROUGH 100

110 ANSWER=O

120 NUMB=1

130 ANSWER=ANSWER+NUMB

140 NUMB=NUMB+1

150 IF NUMB>100 THEN 170

160 GOTO 130

170 PRINT "THE ANSWER IS";ANSWER

RUN

THE ANSWER IS 5050

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**GRAPHICS --Subprogram** **GRAPHICS**

Format

CALL GRAPHICS(graphics-mode1,graphics mode2)

Cross Reference

CHAR,CIRCLE,COLOR,DCOLOR,DRAW,DRAWTO,FILL,MARGINS,POINT,RECTANGLE, SCREEN

Description

The GRAPHICS subprogram enables you to select the graphics-mode that offers you the combination of text and graphics capabilities that best suits the particular needs of your program.

Graphics-mode is defined by a pair of numbers, the first of which defines the screen width(i.e. 1=32 characters, 2=40 characters, 3=80 characters), the second defines the mode the display is currently operating at(i.e. text or bit-mapped).

A new Graphics mode GRAPHICS(4), a text mode with 80x24 screen is available.

See appendix K for a more detailed description of each graphics mode.

When you enter MYARC Advanced BASIC, the computer is in Text-2 mode.

Whenever you use the CALL GRAPHICS subprogram, the computer does the following:

Clears the entire screen.

Restores the default character definitions of characters 33-126.

Restores the default foreground-color and background-color to all characters.

Restores the default graphics foreground-color and background-color.

Restores the default screen color.

Deletes all sprites.

Resets all sprites.

Resets the sprite magnification level to 1.

Restores the default current position(pixel-row 1, pixel-column 1).

Turns off all sound.

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Pattern Mode

In Pattern Mode, the screen is considered to be a grid 24 characters high and 32 characters wide. Each character is 8 pixels and 8 pixels wide. The 256 available characters are divided into 32 sets of 8 characters each. You can use the COLOR subprogram to assign a foreground- and a background-color, from among the 16 available colors, to each character set.

In Pattern Mode, you have access to sprites.

The DCOLOR subprogram has no effect in Pattern Mode. If you use a CIRCLE, DRAW, DRAWTO, FILL, POINT, or RECTANGLE subprogram, the error message Graphics mode error in line-number is displayed.

Text Modes

In Text Modes, the screen is considered to be a grid 24 characters high and 40 characters wide (Graphics(2,1)) or 26 characters high and 80 characters wide (Graphics(3,1)). Each character is 8 pixels high and 6 pixels wide.

You can use the SCREEN subprogram to assign one background-color from among the 16 available colors. The colors you select are assigned to all 256 characters.

In Text Mode, you do not have access to sprites (the SPRITE subprogram has no effect in Text Modes). Using the COLOR subprogram to assign colors to sprites has no effect.

The DCOLOR subprogram has no effect in Text Mode. If you use a CIRCLE, DRAW, DRAWTO, FILL, POINT, or RECTANGLE subprogram, the error message Graphics mode error in line-number is displayed.

Graphics(1,2) and (1,3)

In these modes, the screen is considered to be a grid 192 pixels high and 256 pixels wide.

You can use the DCOLOR subprogram to assign colors to sprites; any other use of COLOR subprogram causes an error.

You can use the DCOLOR subprogram to assign color to the graphics you display.

Use the COLOR subprogram only to assign colors to sprites; any other use of the COLOR subprogram causes an error.

In these modes, you have access to sprites.

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In order to maintain compatibility with MYARC Extended BASIC II, CALL GRAPHICS(1), (2), and (3) will be supported as follows:

CALL GRAPHICS (1) = CALL GRAPHICS(1,1)  
CALL GRAPHICS (2) = CALL GRAPHICS(2,1)  
CALL GRAPHICS (3) = CALL GRAPHICS(1,2)

All programs using these older calls to graphics will run with no modification.

In these modes the computer divides each pixel-row into 32 groups of 8 pixels. The computer can assign a foreground-color and a background-color (from among the 16 available colors) to each 8-pixel group.

Bit-Mapped Graphics Modes

In bit-mapped graphics modes, each pixel on the screen is totally independent from any other. Each character of text is 8 pixels high and 6 pixels wide.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Graphics Mode**  2,2  2,3  3,2  3,3  Example | **Screen Dimension (Pixel)** 256 x 212 256 x 212 512 x 212 512 x 212 | **Screen Dimension**  **(Text)**  40 x 26  40 x 26  80 x 26  80 x 26 |

100 CALL GRAPHICS (3)

As a statement, changes the graphics mode to High-Resolution during program execution until execution stops or until another statement changes the Graphics Mode to something else.

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**HCHAR --Subprogram--Horizontal Character** **HCHAR**

Format

CALL HCHAR(row,column,character-code[,number of repetitions])

Cross Reference

DCOLOR, GCHAR, GRAPHICS, VCHAR

Description

The HCHAR subprogram enables you to place a character on the screen and

repeat it horizontally.

Row and column are numeric-expressions whose values specify the position on the screen where the character is displayed.

The value of row must be greater than or equal to 1, and must be less than or equal to the total number of rows available on the screen. The value of column must be greater than or equal to 1 and must be less than or equal to the total number of columns available on the screen.

HCHAR is not affected by margin settings.

Character-code is a numeric-expression with a value from 0-255, specifying the number of the character. See Appendix B for a list of ASCII character codes.

The optional number-of-repetitions is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of times the character is repeated horizontally. If the repetitions extend past the end of a row they continue from the first character of the next row. If the repetitions extend past the end of the last row they continue from the first character of the first row.

If you use HCHAR to display a character on the screen, and then later use CHAR, COLOR, or DCOLOR to change the appearance of that character, the result depends on the Graphics Mode.

In Pattern and Text Modes, the displayed character changes to the newly specified pattern and/or color(s).

In other modes the displayed character remains unchanged.

Examples

100 CALL HCHAR(12,16,33)

Places character 33 (an exclamation point) in row 12, column 16.

100 CALL HCHAR(1,1,ASC("!"),768)

Places an exclamation point in row 1, column 1, and repeats it 768 times,

which fills the screen in Pattern Mode.

100 CALL HCHAR(R,C,K,T)

Places the character with an ASCII code specified by the value of K in row R,

column C and repeats it T times.

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**HEX$ HEX$**

Format

HEX$(numeric-expression)

Description

Returns hexadecimal string equivalent to numeric-expression.

This command functions on integer values only.  
Example

A$ = HEX$(-1)::PRINT A$  
The computer prints:  
FFFF

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**IF THEN ELSE IF THEN ELSE**

Format

IF relational-expression THEN line-numberl [ELSE line-number2]

numeric-expression statement) statement2

Description

The IF THEN statement enables you to transfer program control to a specified program statement, or to execute a statement or series of statements, based on the status of a condition you specify.

The condition tested by the IF THEN statement can be either a relational-expression or a numeric-expression.

A relational-expression is "true" if it accurately describes the relationship between the variables it references; otherwise, it is "false."

A numeric-expression is "false" if it has a value of zero; otherwise, it is "true."

The action specified following THEN or ELSE can be either a line-number or a statement.

If the conditional requirement is met and you specify a line-number, program control is transferred to the program statement located at that line-number.

If the conditional requirement is met and you specify a statement, the specified statement is executed. The statement may be either a single program statement or a series of program statements separated by a double colon (::) statement separator symbol.

If the tested condition is "true," the computer performs the action specified following THEN.

If the tested condition is "false" and you use the ELSE option, the computer performs the action specified following ELSE. Note: A statement separator symbol (::) must not immediately precede ELSE, as this causes a syntax error.

If the tested condition is "false" and you do not use the ELSE option, there are three possibilities.

IF THEN is followed by a statement, program execution proceeds with the next program line.

IF THEN is followed by a line-number only, program execution proceeds with the next program line.

IF THEN is followed by a line-number and a statement separator, program execution proceeds with the statements after the statement separator. Note: In this case, the statement separator symbol functions as an implied ELSE.

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An IF THEN statement cannot contain a DEF, DIM, FOR, NEXT, OPTION BASE, SUB, or SUBEND instruction.

Examples

100 IF X>5 THEN GOSUB 300 ELSE X=X+5

If X is greater than 5, then 300 is executed. When the subroutine is ended

control returns to the line following this line. If X is 5 or less, X is set

equal to X+5 and control passes to the next line.

100 IF Q THEN C=C+1::GOTO 500 ELSE L=L/C::GOTO 300

If Q is not zero, then C is set equal to C+1 and control is transferred to line 500. If Q is zero, the L is set equal to L/C and control is transferred to line 300.

100 IF A$="Y" THEN COUNT=COUNT+1::DISPLAY AT(24,1):"HERE WE GO AGAIN!"::GOTO 300

If A$ is not equal to "Y", then control passes to the next line. If A$ is equal to "Y", then COUNT is incremented by 1, a message is displayed, and control is transferred to line 300.

100 IF HOURS =40 THEN PAY=HOURS\*WAGE ELSE PAY=HOURS\*WAGE+.5\*WAGE\* (HOURS-40)::0T=1

If HOURS is less than or equal to 40, then PAY is set equal to HOURS\*WAGE and control passes to the next line. If HOURS is greater than 40, then PAY is set equal to HOURS\*WAGE+.5\*WAGE\*(HOURS-40), OT is set equal to 1, and control passes to the next line.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of IF THEN ELSE. It accepts up to 1000 numbers and then prints them in order from smallest to largest.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 DIM VALUE(1000)

120 PRINT "ENTER VALUES TO BE SORTED.":"ENTER '9999' TO END ENTRY."

130 FOR COUNT=1 TO 1000

140 INPUT VALUE(COUNT)

150 IF VALUE(COUNT)=9999 THEN 170

160 NEXT COUNT

170 COUNT=COUNT-1

180 PRINT "SORTING."

190 FOR SORT1+1 TO COUNT

200 FOR SORT2=SORT1+1 TO COUNT

210 IF VALUE(SORT1)>VALUE(SORT2) THEN

TEMP=VALUE(SORT1)::VALUE(SORT1)=VALUE(SORT2)::VALUE(SORT2)=TEMP

220 NEXT SORT2

230 NEXT SORT1

240 FOR SORTED=1 TO COUNT

250 PRINT VALUE(SORTED)

260 NEXT SORTED

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**IMAGE IMAGE**

Format

IMAGE format-string

Cross Reference

DISPLAY USING, PRINT USING

Description

The IMAGE statement enables you to specify the format in which numbers or

strings are printed or displayed by a PRINT USING or DISPLAY USING statement.

The format-string is a string constant.

A format-string containing a quotation mark or leading or trailing spaces must be enclosed in quotation marks. A format-string included in a PRINT USING or DISPLAY USING statement (rather than as part of an image statement) must be enclosed in quotation marks.

Any character can be part of a format-string. Certain combinations of characters are interpreted as format-fields, as described below.

An IMAGE statement is not executed.

An IMAGE statement cannot be part of a multiple-statement line.

Format-Fields

A format-string can consist of one or more format-fields, each specifying the format of one print-item. Format-fields can be separated by any character except a decimal point or a pound sign.

A format-field may consist of the following characters:

A pound sign (#) is replaced by a character from a print-item in the print-list of a PRINT USING or DISPLAY USING instruction. Allow one pound sign for each digit or character; allow one pound sign for the minus sign if necessary. If you do not allow as many pound signs as are necessary to represent the print-item, each pound sign is replaced by an

asterisk (\*). If you use more pound signs than are necessary to  
represent the print-item, each pound sign is replaced by a space. Added spaces precede a number (which right-justifies the number); added spaces follow a string (which left-justifies the string).

To indicate that a number is to be given in scientific notation, circumflexes (1 must be given for the E and power numbers. There must be four or five circumflexes, and 10 or fewer characters (minus sign, pound signs, and decimal point) when using the E format.

The decimal point separates the whole and fractional portions of numbers, and is printed where it appears in the IMAGE statement.

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All other letters, numbers, and characters are printed exactly as they appear in the IMAGE statement.

Format-string may be enclosed in quotation marks. If it is not enclosed

in quotation marks, leading and trailing spaces are ignored. However,  
when used directly in PRINT...USING or DISPLAY...USING, it must be enclosed in quotation marks.

Each IMAGE statement may have space for many images, separated by any character except a decimal point. If more values are given in the PRINT USING or DISPLAY USING statement than there are images, then the images are reused, starting at the beginning of the statement.

If you wish, you may put format-string directly in the PRINT...USING or DISPLAY USING statement immediately following USING. However, if a format-string is used often, it is more efficient to refer to an IMAGE statement.

Examples

100 IMAGE *$####.###*

110 PRINT USING 100:A

IMAGE $####.### allows printing of any number from -999.999 to 9999.999. The

following illustrates how some sample values would be printed or displayed:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **VALUE**  -999.999  -34.5  0  12.4565  6312.991  99999999 | **APPEARANCE**  $-999.999  $ -34.500  $ 0.000  $ 12.457  $6312.999  $\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* |

100 IMAGE ANSWERS ARE ### AND ##.##

110 PRINT USING 100:A,B

Allows printing of two numbers. The first may be from -99 to 999 and the

second may be from -9.99 to 99.99. The following illustrates how some sample

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| values would be printed or displayed:  **VALUES APPEARANCE** | | |  |
| -99 | -9.99 | ANSWERS ARE | -99 AND -9.99 |
| -7 | -3.459 | ANSWERS ARE | -7 AND -3.46 |
| 0 | 0 | ANSWERS ARE | 0 AND .00 |
| 14.8 | 12.75 | ANSWERS ARE | 15 AND 12.75 |
| 795 | 852 | ANSWERS ARE | 795 AND \*\*\*\*\* |
| -984 | 64.7 | ANSWERS ARE | \*\*\* AND 64.70 |

300 IMAGE DEAR ####

310 PRINT USING 300:X$

Allows printing a four-character string. The following illustrates how some

sample values would be printed or displayed:

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**VALUES APPEARANCE**

JOHN DEAR JOHN,

TOM DEAR TOM ,

RALPH DEAR \*\*\*\*,

Programs

The following program illustrates a use of IMAGE. It reads and prints seven numbers and their totals.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 IMAGE $####.##

120 IMAGE " ####.##"

130 DATA 233.45,-147.95,8.4,37.263,-51.299,85.2,464

140 TOTAL=O

150 FOR A=1 TO 7

160 READ AMOUNT

170 TOTAL=TOTAL+AMOUNT

180 IF A=1 THEN PRINT USING 110:AMOUNT ELSE PRINT USING 120:AMOUNT

190 NEXT A

200 PRINT "

210 PRINT USING "$####.##":TOTAL

RUN

$ 233.45

-147.95

8.40

37.26

-51.30

85.20

464.00

$ 629.06

Lines 110 and 120 set up the images. They are the same except for the dollar sign in line 110. To keep the blank space where the dollar sign was, the format-string in line 120 is enclosed in quotation marks.

Line 180 prints the values using the IMAGE statements.

Line 210 shows that the format can be put directly in the PRINT USING statement.

The amounts are printed with the decimal points aligned.

The following program shows the effect of using more values in the PRINT USING statement than there are images in the IMAGE statement.

100 IMAGE ###.##,###.#

110 PRINT USING 100:50.34,50.34,37.26,37.26

RUN

50.34, 50.3

37.26, 37.3

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**INIT --Subprogram--Initialize** **INIT**

Format

CALL INIT

Cross Reference

LINK, LOAD

Description

The INIT subprogram reserves memory space to enable the computer to run assembly-language

subprograms. It also removes the pointers in memory to any previously loaded assembly-

language program.

The amount of memory set aside for assembly-language programs is 49,152 bytes.

The following is how the memory is allocated;

Total memory block >2000->E000 49152

BASIC utilities table >DF68->DFFF 152

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If you are loading multiple assembly-language programs and they are RORG "type" and the total bytes do not exceed the total bytes available then CALL INIT is only required before the first program is loaded.

**INP INP**

Format

CALL INP(port,databyte[,databyte...])

Cross Reference

OUTP

You may use CALL INP either as a program statement or a command.

Use only ports 1 or 2 as the PIO or PIO/2 ports respectively.

Sends a databyte to a port.

The databyte may be any integer between 0 and 255.

Data is received and sent internally through various components within the computer, known as ports.

The INP statement is used to obtain direct control of a device such as the keyboard, sound, etc.

INP is the complement function to the OUTP command.

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**INPUT INPUT**

Format

Keyboard Input

INPUT [input-prompt:]variable-list

File input

INPUT #file-number[,REC record-number]

Cross Reference

ACCEPT, EOF, LINPUT, OPEN, REC, TERMCHAR

Description

The INPUT statement suspends program execution to enable you to enter data from the keyboard. INPUT can be used to retrieve data from an external device.

The variable-list consists of one or more variables separated by commas. Values are assigned to the variables in the variable-list in the order they are input. A value assigned to a numeric variable must be a number; a value assigned to a string variable may be a string or a number.

Variables are assigned to a values sequentially in the variable-list. A value can be assigned to a variable, and then that variable can be used as a subscript later in the same variable-list.

Input from the Keyboard

If you do not specify a file-number, the program pauses to accept input from the keyboard.

If you enter an input-prompt, it appears at the beginning of the input field, followed immediately by the flashing cursor.

The input-prompt is a string expression; if you use a string constant, you must enclose it in quotation marks.

If you do not enter an input-prompt, a question mark (?) appears at the beginning of the input field,followed by a space. The flashing cursor appears in the character position following the space.

The input field begins in the far left column of the bottom row of the screen window defined by the margins. You can enter up to 157 characters from the keyboard; however, an exceptionally long entry may not be processed correctly by the computer.

The values entered to the variable-list of one INPUT statement must be separated by commas. You must enter the same number of values as there are variables in the variable-list.

A string value entered from the keyboard can optionally be enclosed in quotation marks. However, a string containing a comma, a quotation mark, or

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leading or trailing spaces must be enclosed in quotation marks. A quotation mark within a string is represented by two adjacent quotation marks.

You normally press ENTER to complete keyboard input; however, you can also use Alt 7(AID), Alt 9(BACK), Alt 5(BEGIN), CLEAR, Alt 6(PROC'D), DOWN ARROW, or UP ARROW. You can use the TERMCHAR function to determine which of these keys was pressed to exit from the previous INPUT, LINPUT, or ACCEPT instruction.

Note that pressing CLEAR during keyboard input normally causes a break in the

program. However, if your program includes an ON BREAK NEXT statement, you can use CLEAR to exit from an input field.

The computer sounds a short tone to signal that it is ready to accept keyboard input.

Examples

100 INPUT X

Allows the input of a number.

100 INPUT X$,Y

Allows the input of a string and a number.

100 INPUT "ENTER TWO NUMBERS: ":A,B

Displays the prompt ENTER TWO NUMBERS and then allows the entry of two

numbers.

100 INPUT A(J),J

First evaluates the subscript of A and then accepts data into that element of

the array A. Then a value is accepted into J.

100 INPUT J,A(J)

First accepts data into J and then accepts data into the Jth element of the

array A.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of INPUT from the keyboard.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 INPUT "ENTER YOUR FIRST NAME: ":FNAME$

120 INPUT "ENTER YOUR LAST NAME: ":LNAME$

130 INPUT "ENTER A THREE DIGIT NUMBER: ":DOLLARS

140 INPUT "ENTER A TWO DIGIT NUMBER: ":CENTS

150 IMAGE OF $###.## AND THAT IF YOU

160 CALL CLEAR

170 PRINT "DEAR ";FNAME$;",": :

180 PRINT " THIS IS TO REMIND YOU"

190 PRINT "THAT YOU OWE US THE AMOUNT"

200 PRINT USING 150:DOLLARS+CENTS/100

210 PRINT "IF YOU DO NOT PAY US, YOU WILL SOON"

220 PRINT "RECEIVE A LETTER FROM OUR"

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230 PRINT "ATTORNEY, ADDRESSED TO"

240 PRINT FNAME$;" ";LNAME$;"!": :

250 PRINT TAB(15);"SINCERELY,": : :TAB(15);"I. DUN YOU": :

260 GOTO 260

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

Lines 110 through 140 allow the person using the program to enter data, as requested with the input-prompts.

Lines 170 through 250 construct a letter based on the input. (Be certain to enter the colons exactly as indicated, because they control line spacing.)

Input from a File

If you include a file-number, input is accepted from the specified device.

The file-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the file as assigned in its OPEN instruction.

If necessary, file-number is rounded to the nearest integer.

If you use the REC option, the record-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the record from which you want to

input to the variable-list. The records in a file are numbered  
sequentially, starting with zero. The \_REC option can be used only with a file opened for RELATIVE access.

If necessary, record-number is rounded to the nearest integer.

You can accept input only from files opened in INPUT or UPDATE mode. DISPLAY files must have fewer than 161 characters in each record to be used with an INPUT statement; however, an exceptionally long record may not be processed correctly by the computer.

If there are more variables in the variable-list than there are values in the current record, the computer proceeds as follows:

In the case of INTERNAL FIXED records, null strings are assigned to the remaining variables, causing a program error if any of the remaining variables are numeric.

For other records, the computer reads the next record in the file, and uses its values to complete the variable-list.

If there are more values in the current record than are necessary to fill the variable-list, the remaining values are discarded. However, if the variable-list ends with a comma, the computer is placed in an input-pending

condition. The remaining values are assigned to the variables in the  
variable-list of the next INPUT statement unless that statement includes the REC option, in which case the remaining values are discarded.

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Examples

100 INPUT #1:X$

Puts into X$ the next value available in the file that was opened as #1.

100 INPUT #23:X,A,LL$

Puts into X, A, and LL$ the next three values from the file that was opened

as #23 with data in INTERNAL format.

100 INPUT #11,REC 44:TAX

Puts into TAX the first value of record number 44 of the file that was opened

as #11 with RELATIVE file organization.

100 INPUT #3:A,B,C,

110 INPUT #3:X,Y,Z

Puts into A, B, and C the next three values from the file opened as #3. The comma after C creates an input-pending condition, and because the INPUT statement in line 110 has no REC clause, the computer assigns to X, Y, and Z data values beginning where the previous INPUT statement stopped.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the INPUT statement. It opens a file on disk drive 1 called TEST and writes 5 records to the file. It then goes back and reads the records and displays them on the screen.

100 OPEN #1:"DSK1.TEST",SEQUENTIAL,INTERNAL,OUTPUT,FIXED 64

110 FOR A=1 TO 5

120 PRINT #1:"THIS IS RECORD",A

130 NEXT A

140 CLOSE #1

150 CALL CLEAR

160 OPEN #1:"DSK1.TEST",SEQUENTIAL,INTERNAL,INPUT,FIXED 64

170 PRINT

180 FOR B=1 TO 5

190 INPUT #1:A$,C

200 PRINT A$;C

210 NEXT B

220 CLOSE #1

RUN

THIS IS RECORD 1  
THIS IS RECORD 2  
THIS IS RECORD 3  
THIS IS RECORD 4  
THIS IS RECORD 5

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**INT --Function--Integer** **INT**

Format

INT(numeric-expression)

Type  
Real

Description

The INT function returns the largest integer not greater than the value of

the numeric-expression.

If the value of the numeric-expression is an integer, INT returns the value of the numeric-expression itself. If the numeric-expression is not an integer, INT returns the largest integer not greater than the numeric-expression.

Examples

100 PRINT INT(3.4)  
Prints 3.

100 X=INT(3.9)

Sets X equal to 3.

100 P=INT(3.9999999999)

Sets P equal to 3.

100 DISPLAY AT(3,7):INT(4.0)

Displays 4 at the third row, seventh column of the current screen window.

100 N=INT(-3.9)

Sets N equal to -4.

100 K=INT(-3.00000001)  
Sets K equal to -4.

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**JOYST --Subprogram--Joystick JOYST**

Format

CALL JOYST(key-unit,x,y)

Description

The JOYST subprogram enables you to ascertain the position of either of the

Joystick Controllers.

The numeric-expression key-unit can have a value of 1 or 2, specifying the joystick you are testing.

The position of the specifed joystick is returned in the numeric

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| variables x and y as follows:  **POSITION** | **X** |  |
| Center | 0 | 0 |
| Up | 0 | (+)4 |
| Upper Right | (+)4 | (+)4 |
| Right | (+)4 | 0 |
| Lower Right | (+)4 | -4 |
| Down | 0 | -4 |
| Lower Left | -4 | -4 |
| Left | **-4** | 0 |
| Upper Left | -4 | (+)4 |

If the specified joystick is not connected to the computer, x and y are both returned as O.

Example

100 CALL JOYST(1,X,Y)

Returns values in X and Y according to the position of joystick number 1.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the JOYST subprogram. It creates a sprite and then moves it around according to the input from a joystick.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL SPRITE(#1,33,5,96,128)

120 CALL JOYST(1,X,Y)

130 CALL MOTION(#1,-Y\*4,X\*4)

140 GOTO 120

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**KEY KEY**

Expanded usage of the KEY command has been incorporated into the MYARC 9640.

Using the familiar command CALL KEY, the KEY subprogram is invoked. This KEY subprogram has been enlarged to also cover MYARC Advanced BASIC.

In addition, using the newly added KEY (not CALL KEY) commands, you can now change or tailor the functions performed by individual program function keys

in various ways to accomodate your own programming needs. Three different  
constructs are used to change and/or utilize your redefined keys.

**CALL KEY** --subprogram

Format

CALL KEY(key-unit,key,status)

Description

The KEY subprogram enables you to transfer one character from the keyboard

directly to a program.

CALL KEY can sometimes replace an INPUT statement, especially for the input of a single character.

The numeric-expression key-unit can have a value from 0 to 6, as explained below.

The character code of the key pressed is returned in the numeric variable key. If no key is pressed, a value of 0 is returned.

See Appendix B for a list of the available characters.

The keyboard status is returned in the numeric variable status as explained below.

Because the character represented by the key pressed is not displayed on the screen, the information already on the screen is not disturbed.

Key-Unit Options

The value you specify for the key-unit determines what portion of the keyboard is active and how the key pressed is interpreted.

**KEY-UNIT RESULT**

0 Console keyboard, in mode previously specified by CALL KEY.

1 Only the left side of the keyboard is active.

2 Only the right side of the keyboard is active.

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3 Places keyboard in the same mode as mode 0.

4 Remaps the keyboard in the PASCAL mode. Both upper- and lower-case alphabetical character codes are returned by the computer. It is not recommended to use this mode until MDOS code is changed. This effects all versions (2.21 and prior). A mistake in programming will cause this mode to return erroneous values.

5 Places the key board in 99/4A BASIC mode. Both upper- and lower-case alphabetical character codes are returned by the computer.

Status

The value returned as the status can be interpreted as follows:

-1 The same key was pressed as was returned the last time KEY was called.

0 No key was pressed.

1 A different key was pressed than was returned the last time KEY was called.

See Appendix M for the return values of all KEY modes.

Example

100 CALL KEY(0,K,S)

Returns in K the ASCII code of any key pressed on the keyboard except SHIFT, CTRL, ALT, and CAPS and in S a value indicating whether a key was pressed.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the KEY subprogram. It creates a sprite and then enables you to move it around by using the arrow keys(E, S, D, and X) without pressing ALT. Note that line 130 returns to line 120 if no key has been pressed.

To stop the sprite's movement, press any key(except the arrow keys) on the left side of keyboard.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL SPRITE(#1,33,5,96,128)

120 CALL KEY(1,K,S)

130 IF S=0 THEN 120

140 IF K=5 THEN Y=-4

150 IF K=0 THEN Y=4

160 IF K=2 THEN Y=-4

170 IF IF K=3 THEN X=4

180 IF K=1 THEN X,Y=0

190 IF K>5 THEN X,Y=0

200 CALL MOTION(#1,Y,X)

210 GOTO 120

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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150 IF K=0 THEN Y=4 160 IF K=2 THEN Y=-4

170 IF K=3 THEN X=4

180 IF K=1 THEN X,Y=O

190 IF K>5 THEN X,Y=0

200 CALL MOTION(#1,Y,X)

210 GOTO 120

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

KEY COMMANDS FOR REDEFINING FUNCTION KEYS

KEY

Format

KEY(numeric-expression)=string expression

Description

The KEY numeric expression, string expression command allows you to redefine the associated string of a specified function key. The purpose of this command is to allow you to redefine the default for any specified function key.

Upon invoking BASIC, function KEYS 1-10 are predefined as follows:

F1 LIST F6 MERGE F11 DRIVE/DIR

F2 RUN F7 NUM F12 PRINTER

F3 OLD F8 TRACE

F4 SAVE F9 PRINT

F5 CON F10 KEY

Numeric expression defines the function key number that is being redefined. Valid function key numbers are 1-12.

Note: F11 and F12 can only be used for their defined function i.e. KEY(11 or 12)=string expression. If the SCROLL LOCK is on, pressing the function key returns the string currently assigned to the function key in command mode and when a program is calling for input.

Pressing the function key with SCROLL LOCK on, will return its associated string in any screen mode. Use KEY ON or KEY OFF to display /remove function key menu in screen modes (3,1), (3,2), (3,3).

Using Hchar at row 25, a second menu can be added of user defined menu items. User must provide a routine in their program to use the user defined menu. String expression defines the string that is to be returned when the function key is pressed.

Either in the imperative mode (cursor blinking), or when a program is asking for input while running, pressing the function key will return its associated string.

You can use the command KEY LIST to view the complete list on the screen.

Format

ON KEY (numeric expression) GOSUB line number

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KEY(numeric-expression)=ON/OFF

KEY STOP

Description

The ON KEY (numeric expression GOSUB line number and KEY(numeric expression) =ON/OFF commands enable a running program to be halted and execution transferred to a predefined subprogram when a function key is pressed.

To successfully allow the program to transfer to the desired subroutine, you must first tell MYARC Advanced BASIC which function key is to transfer control to where.

The numeric expression must be a valid function key number from 1 to 15.

Keys are mapped the same as

CALL KEY mode 5. See Appendix M. Use F1 thru F9 and the following;

F10=LT ARROW F11=RT ARROW F12=DWN ARROW F13=UP ARROW

F14=ENTER F15=ALT =

KEY STOP clears ALL on key gosub line numbers. You must issue a new on key to reactivate.

The line number tells the basic interpreter where the subroutine is to start once.

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**KILL KILL**

Format

KILL file-specification

Cross Reference  
CLOSE

Description

The KILL instruction removes a file from an external storage device. Although the file is not physically erased, the space it occupies becomes available for you to store another file in the future.

You can use KILL as either a program statement or a command.

The file-specification indicates the name of the file to be deleted. The file-specification is a string-expression; if you use a string constant, you must enclose it in quotation marks.

You can also remove files stored on some external devices by using the KILL option in the CLOSE instruction.

For more information about the options available with a particular device, refer to the owner's manual that comes with that device.

Example

KILL "DSK1.MYFILE"

Deletes the file named MYFILE from the diskette in disk drive 1.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of KILL.

100 INPUT "NAME OF FILE TO BE DELETED: ":X$  
110 KILL X$

**NOTE:** For TI 99/4A PROGRAMS

Delete will no longer be used to delete files from disk storage device (see KILL, CLOSE, FILES). However programs that contain a "DELETE" file statement will execute exactly as they did under TI BASIC or TI EXTENDED BASIC. The token used internally will now be occupied by the KILL

command. As long as the program is stored in tokenized form (program

file, or DV163 merge format) the execution will not be affected. On

listing the program the word "KILL" will be listed instead of "DELETE".

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**LEFT$ LEFT$**

Format

LEFT$(string$,numvar)

Cross Reference  
SEG$, R1GHT$, POS

Description

LEFT$() returns the leftmost portion of the string represented by string$ of

length numvar.

The LEFT$ function creates a new string but does not destroy the original string.

LEFT$(A$,5) is equivalent to SEG$(A$,1,5) if A$ is at least 5 characters long.

If the string is shorter then the length specified, the string LEFT$ function will pad the string with blank spaces rather than return an error condition

LEFT$ can be used with numerical data if the number is first converted to a string using the STR$(n) function.

Example

100 B$=LEFT$("1234",3)

110 PRINT B$

120 C$=VAL(LEFT$(STR$(-1234),4)

130 PRINT C$

RUN

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LEFT$ can also be used to make a program user friendly by separating first from last names, checking the first character of a response etc.

Example

100 INPUT "What is your full name please ":NAME$

110 SP=POS(NAME$," ",1)

120 FIRST$=LEFT$(NAME$,SP-1)

130 INPUT FIRST$&" IS THE CAPITOL OF THE UNITED STATES BROOKLYN ?":ANSWER$

135 A$=LEFT$(ANSWER$,1)

140 IF A$="Y" OR A$="y" THEN PRINT "I'M SORRY ";FIRST$;" that is not

correct"::GOTO 170

150 if A$="N" OR "n" THEN PRINT "\* THAT IS RIGHT"::STOP

160 PRINT "TYPE YES or NO as a response please "::GOTO 130

RUN

What is your full name please ? ABRAHAM LINCOLN

ABRAHAM IS THE CAPITOL OF THE UNITED STATES BROOKLYN ? NO

THAT IS RIGHT

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**LEN** --Function--Length **LEN**

Format

LEN(string-expression)

Type  
DEFINT

Description

The LEN function returns the number of characters in the string specified by

the string-expression.

If the string-expression is a null string, LEN returns a zero.

Remember that a space is a valid character and is considered to be part of the length of a string.

Examples

100 PRINT LEN("ABCDE")  
Prints 5.

100 X=LEN("THIS IS A SENTENCE.")  
Sets X equal to 19.

100 DISPLAY LEN("")  
Displays 0.

100 DISPLAY LEN(" ")  
Displays 1.

100 A$="DAVID"

110 DISPLAY LEN(A$)

Displays 5 when A$ equals DAVID.

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**LET LET**

Format

[LET ]variable-list=expression

Description

The LET instruction, often called the "assignment" instruction, enables you

to assign values to variables.

You can use LET as either a program statement or a command.

The variable-list consists of one or more variables separated by commas. Do not mix numeric and string variables in the same variable-list. However, you can include both DEFINT and REAL numeric variables in the same variable-list.

The value of expression is assigned to all variables in the variable-list. If the variable-list contains numeric variables, the expression must be a

numeric-expression. If the variable-list contains string variables, the expression must be a string-expression.

The word LET can be optionally omitted from instruction.  
Examples

100 T=4

Assigns to T the value 4.

100 X,Y,Z=12.4

Assigns to X, Y, and Z the value 12.4.

100 A=3<5

Assigns -1 to A because it is true that 3 is less than 5.

100 B=12<7

Assigns 0 to B because it is not true that 12 is less than 7.

100 L$,D$,B$="B"

Assigns to L$, D$, and B$ the string constant "8".

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Program

The following program illustrates a use of LET.

100 K=1

110 K,A(K)=3

120 PRINT K;A(1)

130 PRINT A(3);A(K)

RUN

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In line 100, the variable K is assigned the value 1.

In line 110, the variable K and the array element A(K) are assigned the value of 3. Note that when line 110 is executed, the subscript K is not assigned a new value, but has the same value it had before the line was executed. Therefore, A(K) is an expression equivalent to A(1), referring to the same element of the array.

In line 120, the values of K and A(1) are printed.

When line 130 is executed, K has a value of 3; therefore, A(K) is now an expression equivalent to A(3). Both expressions have a value of 0 (the  
default value) because no value has been assigned to this element of array.

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**LINK --Subprogram LINK**

Format

CALL LINK(subprogram-name[,parameter-list])

Cross Reference  
INIT, LOAD, SUB

Description

The LINK subprogram enables you to transfer control from a MYARC Advanced

BASIC program to an assembly-language subprogram.

The subprogram-name is an entry point in an assembly-language subprogram that you have previously loaded into memory with the LOAD subprogram. The subprogram-name is a string-expression; if you use a string constant, it must be enclosed in quotation marks.

The optional parameter-list consists of one or more parameters, separated by commas, that are to be passed to the assembly-language subprogram. The contents of the parameter-list depend on the particular subprogram you are accessing.

The rules for passing parameters to an assembly-language subprogram are the same as the rules for passing parameters to a MYARC Advanced BASIC subprogram (see SUB).

Example

100 CALL LINK("START",1,3)

Links the MYARC Advanced BASIC program to the assembly-language subprogram

START, and passes the values 1 and 3 to it.

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**LINPUT --Line Input** **LINPUT**

Format

Keyboard Input

LINPUT [input-prompt:]string-variable

File Input

LINPUT #file-number[,REC record-number]:string-variable

Cross Reference

ACCEPT, EOF, INPUT, OPEN, TERMCHAR

Description

The LINPUT statement suspends program execution to enable you to enter a line of unedited data from the keyboard. LINPUT can be used also to retrieve an unedited record from an external device.

LINPUT assigns an entire line, a file record, or the remaining portion of a file record (if there is an input-pending condition) to the string-variable.

See INPUT for an explanation of keyboard- and file-input, and input options.

No editing is performed on the input data. All characters (including commas, quotation marks, colons, semicolons, and leading and trailing spaces) are assigned to the string-variable as they are encountered.

The maximum value that can be input from the keyboard is 255 characters.

LINPUT is frequently used instead of INPUT when the input data may include a comma. (A comma is not accepted as input by the INPUT statement, except as part of a string enclosed in quotation marks.)

To use LINPUT for file input the file must be in DISPLAY format.

You normally press ENTER to complete keyboard input; however, you can also

use AID, BACK, BEGIN, CLEAR, PROC'D, DOWN ARROW, or UP ARROW. You can use  
the TERMCHAR function to determine which of these keys was pressed to exit from the previous ACCEPT, INPUT, or LINPUT instruction.

Note that pressing CLEAR during keyboard input normally causes a break in the

program. However, if your program includes an ON BREAK NEXT statement, you  
can use CLEAR to exit from an input field.

Examples

100 LINPUT L$

Assigns to L$ anything typed before ENTER is pressed.

100 LINPUT "NAME: "NM$

Displays NAME: and assigns to NM$ anything typed before ENTER is pressed.

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100 LINPUT #1,REC M:L$(M)

Assigns to L$(M) the value that was in record M of the file that was opened

as #1 with RELATIVE DISPLAY file organization.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of LINPUT. It reads a previously existing file and displays only the lines that contain the word "THE."

100 OPEN #1:"DSK1.TEXT1",INPUT,FIXED 80,DISPLAY

110 IF EOF(1) THEN CLOSE #1 :: STOP

120 LINPUT #1:A$

130 X=POS(A$,"THE",1)

140 IF X>0 THEN PRINT A$

150 GOTO 110

**NOTE:**

Remember to press the two keys, Control + Break whenever the Manual

refers to "CLEAR".

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**LIST LIST**

Format

List to the screen

LIST [line-number-range]

List to a File (or Device)

LIST "file-specification"[:line-number-range]

Cross Reference  
LLIST

Description

The LIST command displays the program (or a portion of it) currently in memory. You can also use LIST to output the program listing to an external device.

The optional line-number-range specifies the portion of the program to be listed. If you do not enter a line-number-range, the entire program

is listed. The program lines are always listed in ascending order.

If you enter a file-specification, the program listing is output to the specified file or device. The file-specification, a string constant, must be enclosed in quotation marks.

The program listing is output as a SEQUENTIAL file in DISPLAY format with VARIABLE records (see OPEN); the file-specification option can be used only with devices that accept these options. For more information about listing a program on a particular device, refer to the owner's manual that comes with that device. If you do not enter a file-specification, the program listing is displayed on the screen.

You can stop the listing at any time by pressing CLEAR. Pressing any other key (except SHIFT, ALT, or CTRL) causes the listing to pause until you press a key again.

The LIST command only works with peripherals that support DISPLAY/VARIABLE type records.

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The Line-Number-Range

A line-number-range can consist of a single line number, a single line number followed by a hyphen, a single line number preceded by a hyphen, or a range of line numbers.

COMMAND LINES LISTED

LIST All lines.

LIST X Line number X only.

LIST X- Lines from number X to the highest line number, inclusive.

LIST -X Lines from the lowest line number to line number X, inclusive.

LIST X-Y or All lines from line number X to line number Y, inclusive.

LIST X Y

If the line-number-range does not include a line number in your program, the following conventions apply:

If line-number-range is higher than any line number in the program, the highest-numbered program line is listed.

If line-number-range is lower than any line number in the program, the lowest-numbered program line is listed.

If line-number-range is between lines in the program, the next higher numbered program line is listed.

Examples

LIST

Lists the entire program in memory on the display screen.

LIST 100

Lists line 100.

LIST 100-

Lists line 100 and all after it.

LIST -200

Lists all lines up to and including line 200.

LIST 100-200

Lists all lines from 100 through 200.

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**LLIST LLIST**

Format

LLIST[linenum1][-][linenum2][ W/w] or [ W/w(width)]

Cross Reference

LIST

Description

Same line format as LIST except that LLIST automatically sends list to default print device.

COMMAND LINES LISTED

LLIST All lines.

LLIST X Line X only.

LLIST X- Lines from X to the highest line number, inclusive.

LLIST -X Lines from the lowest line number to line number X, inclusive.

LLIST X-Y or X Y All lines from line numbers X to Y, inclusive

LLIST X-Y,W or W132 All lines from line numbers X to Y, I Inclusive are printed using a page width of

W to a maximum of 160.

If the line-number-range does not include a line number in the program, the following conventions apply.

If line-number-range is higher than any line number in the program, the highest-numbered program line is listed.

If line-number-range is lower than any line number in the program, the lowest-numbered program line is listed.

If line-number-range is between lines in the program, the next higher numbered program line is listed.

Width is the number of characters across the page and the default is 80 characters. W has a default of 160 characters. W can be upper or lower case.

If the page width depends upon an escape code or control code sequence, then that sequence must be sent to the print device before using LLIST. This can be accomplished by the following method.

From the command prompt;

For 132 or 136 width printer OPEN #X:"PIO"::PRINT #X:CHR$(15)::CLOSE #1

For 160(condensed elite) width OPEN #x:"PIO"::PRINT#X:CHR$(15);CHR$(27);CHR$(77) ::CLOSE #1

The default device can be changed by changing the name of LPT.

LPT device.filename from command prompt or KEY(12)="PIO" or "RS232.[options]" from command prompt or within a program.

Any width greater than 80 or less than 80 will create a file of that length on a storage device.

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Examples

LLIST

Prints the entire program in memory on the display screen.

LLIST 100

Prints line 100.

LLIST 100‑

Prints line 100 and all after it.

LLIST -200

Prints all lines up to and including line 200.

LLIST 100-200

Prints all lines from 100 through 200.

LLIST 100-200,132

Prints all lines from 100 through 200 on a page width of 132 characters.

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**LOAD --Subprogram** **LOAD**

Format

File Only

CALL LOAD(file-specification-list)

Data Only

CALL LOAD(address,byte-list[,"",address,byte-list[,...]])

File and Data

CALL LOAD(file-specification-list,address,byte-list[,...])

CALL LOAD(address,byte-list,file-specification-list[,...])

Cross Reference

INIT, LINK, PEEK, PEEKV, POKEV, VALHEX

Description

The LOAD subprogram enables you to load assembly-language subprograms into

memory. You can also use LOAD to assign values directly to specified CPU  
(Central Processing Unit) memory addresses. You can use the POKEV subprogram to assign values to VDP (Video Display Processor) memory.

To load an assembly-language subprogram, specify a file-specification-list; to assign values to CPU memory, specify an address and a byte-list (an address must always be followed by a byte-list).

You must enter at least one parameter. The first parameter you specify can be either a file-specification-list or an address.

If you wish to follow an address and byte-list with another address and byte-list, enter a file-specification-list or a null string (two-adjacent quotation marks) as a separator.

The optional file-specification-list consists of one or more

file-specifications separated by commas. A file-specification is a  
string-expression; if you use a string constant, you must enclose it in quotation marks.

Each file-specification names an assembly-language object (program) file to be loaded into memory. The specified file can include subprogram names, so that the subprograms can be executed by the LINK subprogram.

The object file to be loaded must be in DISPLAY format with FIXED

records (see OPEN). For more information about the file options  
available with a particular device, refer to the owner's manual that comes with that device.

You can optionally load bytes of data to a specified CPU memory address. The address specifies the first address where the data is to be loaded; if the byte-list specifies more than one byte of data, the bytes are assigned to sequential memory addresses starting with the address you specify.

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The numeric-expression address must have a value from -32768 to 32767 inclusive.

You can specify an address from 0 to 32767 inclusive by specifying the actual address.

You can specify an address from 32768 to 65535 inclusive by subtracting 65536 from the actual address. This will result in a value from -32768 to -1 inclusive.

If you know the hexadecimal value of the address, you can use the VALHEX function to convert it to a decimal numeric-expression, eliminating the possible need for calculations.

If necessary, the address is rounded to the nearest integer.

The byte-list consists of one or more bytes of data, separated by commas, that are to be loaded into CPU memory starting with the specified address.

Each byte in the byte-list must be a numeric-expression with a value

from 0 to 32767. If the value of a byte is greater than 255, it is

repeatedly reduced by 256 until it is less than 256. If necessary, a

byte is rounded to the nearest integer.

Note that you must use the INIT subprogram to reserve memory space before you use LOAD to load a subprogram.

If you call the LOAD subprogram with invalid parameters or load an object file with absolute (rather than relocatable) addresses, the computer may function erratically or cease to function entirely. If this occurs, turn off the computer, wait several seconds, then turn the computer back on again.

The Loader

LOAD uses a "relocatable linking" loader.

Because it is "relocatable," you cannot use LOAD to specify a memory address at which you want to load a file. However, the file you are loading may specify an absolute load address if it includes an AORG directive.

Because it is "linking", the object files specified in the file-specification-list can reference each other.

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**LOCATE --Subprogram** **LOCATE**

Format

CALL LOCATE(#sprite-number,pixel-row,pixel-column[,...])

Cross Reference  
DELSPRITE, SPRITE

Description

The LOCATE subprogram enables you to change the location of one or more

sprites.

The sprite-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of a sprite as assigned by the SPRITE subprogram.

The pixel-row and pixel-column are numeric-expressions whose values specify the screen pixel location of the pixel at the upper-left corner of the sprite.

LOCATE can cause a sprite that has been deleted with DELSPRITE sprite-number to reappear.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the LOCATE subprogram.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL SPRITE(#1,33,7,1,1,25,25)

120 YLOC=INT(RND\* 150+1)

130 XLOC=INT(RND\* 200+1)

140 FOR DELAY=1 TO 300 :: NEXT DELAY

150 CALL LOCATE(#1,YLOC,XLOC)

160 GOTO 120

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

Line 110 creates a sprite as a fairly quickly moving red exclamation point.

Line 140 locates the sprite at a location randomly chosen in lines 120 and 130.

Line 150 repeats the process.

Also see the third example of the SPRITE subprogram.

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**LOG --Function--Natural Logarithm LOG**

Format

LOG(numeric-expression)

Type  
REAL

Cross Reference  
EXP

Description

The LOG function returns the natural logarithm of the value of the

numeric-expression. LOG is the inverse of the EXP function.

The value of the numeric-expression must be greater than zero. Examples

100 PRINT LOG(3.4)

Prints the natural logarithm of 3.4, which is 1.223775432.

100 X=LOG(EXP(7.2))

Sets X equal to the natural logarithm of e raised to the 7.2 power, which is

7.2.

100 S=LOG(SQR(T))

Sets S equal to the natural logarithm of the square root of the value of T.

Program

The following program returns the logarithm of any positive number in any base.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 INPUT "BASE: ":8

120 IF B =1 THEN 110

130 INPUT "NUMBER: ":N

140 IF N =0 THEN 130

150 LG=LOG(N)/LOG(B)

160 PRINT "LOG BASE";B;"OF";N;"IS";LG

170 PRINT

180 GOTO 110

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**LPR LPR**

Format

CALL LPR(x,y)

Cross Reference

POINT, DRAW, DRAWTO, LINE, PSET or preset or the current position of the

mouse cursor.

Description

Last Point Referenced returns the coordinates of the last point referenced by

the graphics commands.

**LPT LPT**

Syntax

LPT=device name string

Cross Reference

DOS Manual, DEFAULTS, LCOPY, LTRACE, LLIST

Description

You can use LPT either as a program statement or a command.

LPT is used to modify the name of the default print device. Example

LPT="PIO"

LPT="RS232.BA=9600,DA=8"

The default print device is accessed from BASIC in the command mode or within a program by use of the following commands: LCOPY, LTRACE, LLIST.

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**LTRACE LTRACE**

Cross Reference  
TRACE, BREAK

Description

LTRACE is used exactly as TRACE except the output is directed towards the

default print device rather than the screen.

LTRACE is a valuable aid because it is not affected by screen clearing commands such as:

CALL CLEAR, CLS, DISPLAY, ERASE ALL, CALL GRAPHICS( ) etc.

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**MAGNIFY --Subprogram MAGNIFY**

Format

CALL MAGNIFY(numeric-expression)

Cross Reference  
CHAR, SPRITE

Description

The MAGNIFY subprogram enables you to specify whether all sprites are single‑

or double-sized and whether they are unmagnified or magnified.

The value of the numeric-expression specifies the size and magnification "level" of all sprites. (You cannot specify the level of an individual sprite.)

**LEVEL CHARACTERISTICS**

1 Single-sized, unmagnified

2 Single-sized, magnified

3 Double-sized, unmagnified

4 Double-sized, magnified

The screen position of the pixel in the upper-left corner of a sprite is considered to be the position of that sprite. That pixel remains in the same screen position regardless of changes to the magnification level.

When you enter MYARC Advanced BASIC, sprites are single-sized and unmagnified (level 1). When your program ends (either normally or because of an error), stops at a breakpoint, or changes graphics mode, the sprite magnification level is restored to I.

Single-Sized Sprites

A single-sized sprite is defined only by the character you specify when the sprite is created.

Double-Sized Sprites

A double-sized sprite is defined by four consecutive characters, including the character that you specify when the sprite is created.

If the number of the character you specify is a multiple of 4, that character is the first of the four characters that comprise the sprite's definition. If the character number is not a multiple of 4, the next lower character that is a multiple of four is the first character of the sprite.

The first of the four characters defines the upper-left quarter of the sprite, the second character defines the lower-left quarter of the sprite, the third defines the upper-right quarter of the sprite, and the last of the four characters defines the lower-right quarter of the sprite.

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Unmagnified Sprites

An unmagnified sprite occupies only the number of characters on the screen specified by the characters that define it.

A single-sized unmagnified sprite occupies 1 character position on the screen; a double-sized unmagnified sprite occupies 4 character positions.

Magnified Sprites

A magnified sprite expands to twice the height and twice the width of an unmagnified sprite. The expansion occurs down and to the right; the pixel in the upper-left corner of the sprite remains in the same screen position.

A magnified sprite has 4 times the area of an unmagnified sprite. When you

magnify a sprite, each pixel of the unmagnified sprite expands to 4 pixels of the magnified sprite.

A single-sized magnified sprite occupies 4 character positions on the screen; a double-sized magnified sprite occupies 16 character positions.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the MAGNIFY subprogram.

A little figure (single-sized, unmagnified) appears near the center of the screen. In a moment, it becomes twice as big (single-sized, magnified), covering four character positions. In another moment, it is replaced by the upper-left corner of a larger figure (single-sized, magnified), still covering four character positions. Then the full figure appears (double-sized, magnified), covering sixteen character positions. Finally it is reduced in size to four character positions (double-sized, unmagnified).

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL CHAR(148,"1898FF3D3C3CE404")

120 CALL SPRITE(#1,148,5,92,124)

130 GOSUB 230

140 CALL MAGNIFY(2)

150 GOSUB 230

160 CALL CHAR(148,"0103C3417F3F07070707077E7C40000080C0C080

FCFEE2E3E0E0E06060606070")

170 GOSUB 230

180 CALL MAGNIFY(4)

190 GOSUB 230

200 CALL MAGNIFY(3)

210 GOSUB 230

220 STOP

230 REM DELAY

240 FOR DELAY=1 TO 500

250 NEXT DELAY

260 RETURN

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Line 110 defines character 148.

Line 120 sets up sprite using character 148. By default the magnification factor is 1.

Line 140 changes the magnification factor to 2.

Line 160 redefines character 148. Because the definition is 64 characters long, it also defines characters 149, 150, and 151.

Line 180 changes the magnification factor to 4.  
Line 200 changes the magnification factor to 3.

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**MARGIN --Subprogram** **MARGIN**

CALL MARGINS(left,right,top,bottom)

Cross Reference

ACCEPT,CLEAR,DISPLAY,DISPLAY USING,GRAPHICS,INPUT,LINPUT,PRINT,PRINT USING

Description

The MARGINS subprogram enables you to define screen margins. The margins you specify define a screen window that affects the operation of several instructions.

Left, right, top, and bottom are numeric-expressions whose values specify the margins.

The margins cannot "overlap"; that is, the position of the top margin must be higher on the screen than the bottom margin, and the position of the left margin must be farther left on the screen than the right margin.

When creating a screen window, you must leave the window large enough to allow entry of a command.

The valid range for margin location varies according to the graphics mode. Acceptable values for the margins in each mode are found in Appendix K.

The upper-left corner of the window defined by the margins is considered to be the intersection of row 1 and column 1 by the ACCEPT, DISPLAY, DISPLAY USING instructions that use the AT option.

The lower-left corner of the window is considered to be the beginning of the input line by the ACCEPT, INPUT, and LINPUT instructions.

The lower-left corner of the window is considered to be the beginning of the print line by the DISPLAY, DISPLAY USING, PRINT, and PRINT USING instructions.

When the ACCEPT, INPUT, LINPUT, or PRINT USING instructions cause scrolling, scrolling occurs only in the window.

The CLEAR, GCHAR, HCHAR, VCHAR subprograms are not affected by the margins setting.

In all modes, the margins can extend to the edges of the screen.

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When you enter MYARC Advanced BASIC, the left margin is set to 1 and the right margin to 80. The top and bottom margins are set to 1 and 24 respectively. Changing Modes resets margins to the default for that mode.

Examples

100 CALL MARGINS(3,30,1,24)

Sets all four margins to the default value in Pattern Mode.

100 CALL MARGINS(1,40,1,24)

Sets the left, right, top and bottom margins to the extreme edges of the screen in the 40 column Text Mode (Graphics(2,1)). This is the default mode.

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**MAX --Function--Maximum** **MAX**

Format

MAX(numeric-expression1,numeric-expression2)

Type

Numeric (REAL or DEFINT)

Cross Reference  
MIN

Description

The MAX function returns the larger value of two numeric-expressions.

MAX is the opposite of the MIN function.

If the values of the numeric-expressions are equal, MAX returns that value.

Examples

100 PRINT MAX(3,8)  
Prints 8.

100 F=MAX(3E12,1800000)  
Sets F equal to 3E12.

100 G=MAX(-12,-4)  
Sets G equal to **-4.**

100 A=7::6=-5

110 L=MAX(A,B)

Sets **L** equal to 7 when A=7 and B=-5.

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**MEMSET MEMSET**

Format

CALL MEMSET(array-variable(),expression)

Cross Reference  
DIM, SWAP

Description

The MEMSET statement will set all elements of the designated numeric or

string array to the value of the expression.

Example

100 DIM A$(2,2),C(400)

110 CALL MEMSET(A$0,"8")

120 PRINT A$(2,1)

130 CALL MEMSET(C(),234)

140 PRINT C(0);C(400)

RUN

B

234 234

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**MERGE MERGE**

Format

MERGE["]file-specification["]

Cross Reference  
SAVE

Description

The MERGE command combines a program from an external storage device with the

program currently in memory. MERGE is frequently used to combine several  
previously written program segments into one program.

The file-specification is a string constant that indicates the name of the program on the external device. The file-specification can optionally be enclosed in quotation marks.

The lines of the external program are inserted in line-number order among the lines of the program in memory. If a line number in the external program duplicates a line number in the program in memory, the new line replaces the old line.

The MERGE command does not clear breakpoints.

A program on an external device can be merged only if it was saved with the MERGE option of the SAVE command.

Example

MERGE DSK1.SUB

Merges the program SUB into the program currently in memory.

Program

Listed below is an example of how to merge programs. If the following

program is saved on DSK1 as BOUNCE with the merge option, it can be merged with other programs.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 RANDOMIZE

140 DEF RN050=INT(RND\* 50-25)

150 GOSUB 10000

10000 FOR AA=1 TO 100

10010 QQ=RND50

10020 LL=RND50

10030 CALL MOTION(#1,QQ,LL)

10040 NEXT AA

10050 RETURN

SAVE "DSK1.BOUNCE",MERGE

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Place the following program into the computer's memory.

120 CALL CHAR(96,"18183CFFFF3C1818")

130 CALL SPRITE(#1,96,7,92,128)

150 GOSUB 500

160 STOP

Now merge BOUNCE with the above program.  
MERGE DSK1.BOUNCE

The program that results from merging BOUNCE with the above program is shown here.

LIST

100 CALL CLEAR

110 RANDOMIZE

120 CALL CHAR(96,"18183CFFFF3C1818")

130 CALL SPRITE(#1,96,7,92,128)

140 DEF RND50=INT(RND\* 50-25)

150 GOSUB 10000

160 STOP

10000 FOR AA=1 TO 100

10010 QQ=RND50

10020 LL=RND50

10030 CALL MOTION(#1,QQ,LL)

10040 NEXT AA

10050 RETURN

Note that line 150 is from the program that was merged (BOUNCE), not from the program that was in memory.

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**MIN --Function--Minimum** **MIN**

Format

MIN(numeric-expressionl,numeric-expression2)

Type  
Numeric

Cross Reference  
MAX

Description

The MIN function returns the smaller value of two numeric-expressions. MIN  
is the opposite of the MAX function.

If the values of the numeric-expressions are equal, MIN returns that value.

Examples

100 PRINT MIN(3,8)  
Prints 3.

100 F=MIN(3E12,1800000)  
Sets F equal to 1800000.

100 G=MIN(-12,-4)  
Sets G equal to -12.

100 A=7::8=-5

110 L=MIN(A,B)

Sets L equal to -5 when A=7 and8=-5.

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**MOD --Function** **MOD**

Format

MOD(numvarl,numvar2)

Description

MOD computes the arithmetic remainder (MODulo) from the expression

numvarl,numvar2. The remainder is then rounded up or down to the nearest  
integer.

Example

10 FOR I=1 TO 1000

20 R = MOD(I,20)

30 PRINT I,R  
40 NEXT I RUN

The above program prints to the screen the modulo base 20 of all integers between 1 and 1000.

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**MOTION --Subprogram** **MOTION**

Format

CALL MOTION(#sprite-number,vertical-velocity,horizonal-velocity[,...])

Cross Reference

SPRITE

Description

The MOTION subprogram enables you to change the velocity of one or more sprites.

The sprite-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of a sprite as assigned by the SPRITE subprogram.

The vertical- and horizonal-velocity are numeric-expressions whose values range from -128 to 127. If both values are zero, the sprite is stationary. The speed of a sprite is in direct linear proportion to the absolute value of the specified velocity.

A positive vertical-velocity causes the sprite to move toward the bottom of the screen; a negative vertical-velocity causes the sprite to move toward the top of the screen.

A positive-horizontal-velocity causes the sprite to move to the right; a negative horizontal-velocity causes the sprite to move to the left.

If neither the vertical- nor horizontal-velocity are zero, the sprite moves at an angle in a direction and at a speed determined by the velocity values.

When a moving sprite reaches an edge of the screen, it disappears. The sprite reappears in the corresponding position at the opposite edge of the screen.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the MOTION subprogram.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL SPRITE(#1,33,5,92,124)

120 FOR XVEL=-16 TO 16 STEP 2

130 FOR YVEL=-16 TO 16 STEP2

140 DISPLAY AT(12,11):XVEL;YVEL

150 CALL MOTION(#1,YVEL,XVEL)

160 NEXT YVEL

170 NEXT XVEL

Line 110 creates a sprite.

Line 120 and 130 set values for the motion of the sprite.

Line 150 sets the sprite in motion.

Lines 160 and 170 complete the loops that set the values for the motion of the sprite.

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**MOUSE --Commands** **MOUSE**

The MYARC 9640 supports the industry standard MS mouse interface. Software within the operating system is used to position the mouse on the screen and detect mouse key depressions. The mouse itself is implemented as sprite #0 and therefore sprite #0 should not be used elsewhere in the program when using the mouse. In order to easily interface to these low level routines, MYARC Advanced BASIC implements a standard set of mouse commands. An example program is given in Appendix L illustrating the use of these commands.

MOUSE ON

Turns on mouse interrupt. Mouse buttons are checked at the start of each BASIC statement.

If a mouse button is pressed, program execution is branched to an "ON MOUSE" subroutine or subprogram if the particular mouse key pressed was "armed".

MOUSE OFF

Turns off mouse interrupt checking.

MOUSE STOP

Delays action of the mouse button until MOUSE ON statement is encountered. The MOUSE ON interrupts is put on hold until a MOUSE ON command is later executed. Branching then takes place immediately if a mouse button was depressed.

ON MOUSE(buttonnum) GOSUB (linenum)

The program line number of a sub routine is executed when its corresponding button is pressed. Mouse button #1 is the left button.

CALL MKEY(button1status,button2status,button3status,pxlrow,pxlcol)

The variables you use for button#status return the following:

-1 button was pressed only once.

0 button is not being or has not been pressed

1 button was pressed once since last call

The variables you use for pxlrow and pxlcol return the mouse's position.

CALL MLOC(pxlrow,pxlcol)

Returns the location of the row and column when a mouse button was last pressed.

Additionally, the mouse is always sprite pattern 252. It is also always sprite #0. The mouse shape can be defined by using CALL SCHAR(252,patternstring). The mouse default color is 16. It can be changed using CALL COLOR(#0,color). You can alternatively change the mouse color by redefining color 16 with the CALL PALETTE command.

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CALL MREL(pxlrow,pxlcol)

Returns information of row and column when mouse button was released.

CALL MOUSEDRAG(ON,linecolor)

Draws a solid line as you move the mouse. The linecolor is 1-16 or 1-256 or 1-4 depending on the mode used. The left button controls the drag. MODE(3,2) will usually require a redefined PALETTE for effective use.

CALL MOUSEDRAG(OFF)

Reverse mouse drag ON command.

CALL HIDEMOUSE

Eliminates mouse cursor.

CALL SEEMOUSE(pxlrow,pxlcol,speed [,color])

Displays mouse cursor at pxlrow, pxlcol. Speed range 1-8. Color option (1-16) is available if using sprite mode 2. See Appendix K.

NOTE: The MOUSEDRAG ON command and ON MOUSE(1) GOSUB CAN NOT be used together. Once the ON MOUSE has been used it stays active even if you issue a new gosub to a different line number. There is no mouse off(button #) command, but a patch to the KEY STOP allows you to remove all gosubs. This also removes all ON KEY GOSUBS and requires you to turn them on if they are to be used.

Example

100 CALL GRAPHICS(3,3) Can be 1,1 1,2 1,3 2,2 2,3 3,2 3,3

110 CALL SCHAR(252,"E0C0A01")

120 MOUSE ON

130 ON MOUSE(1) GOSUB 220 Activate gosub routines

140 ON MOUSE(2) GOSUB 240

150 ON MOUSE(3) GOSUB 250

160 CALL SEEMOUSE(100,100,3,4)

170 CALL MKEY(BUT1,BUT2,BUT3,ROW,COL)

180 DISPLAY AT(15,1):BUT1;BUT2;BUT3;ROW;COL

190 IF ROW>150 THEN 210 End program if row greater than 150

200 GOTO 170

210 CALL HIDEMOUSE::MOUSE OFF::END

220 CALL MLOC(ROW1,COL1)::CALL MREL(ROW2,COL2)

230 DISPLAY AT(17,1):TIME$;ROW1;COL1;ROW2;COL2::RETURN

240 DISPLAYAT(19,1):DATE$;"MOUSE KEY 2"::RETURN

250 KEY STOP

260 ON MOUSE(2) GOSUB 220

270 ON MOUSE(3) GOUSB 210

280 CALL MOUSEDRAG(ON,4)

290 RETURN

MOUSE(1) REPORTS MLOC and MREL info

MOUSE(2) reports date

First time MOUSE(3) eliminates MOUSE(1), redefines MOUSE(2) to report MLOC and MREL and turns on button #1 to activate drawing on the screen. Second press ends program.

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**MYART--Subprogram MYART**

Format

MYART(path.filename)

Description

CALL MYART(path.filename) loads and displays a MYART picture.

Graphics mode must match before it is called.

Example program to detect graphics mode

100 CALL RESETPLT

110 CALL GRAPHICS(4)

120 CLS

130 DISPLAY AT(20,10):"MYART path.filename"

140 ACCEPT AT(21,16)BEEP:MY$

150 OPEN #1:MY$,INPUT,DISPLAY,FIXED 128

160 INPUT #1:A$

170 CLOSE #1

180 IF SEG$(A$,2,1)=CHR$(0) THEN 200

190 CALL GRAPHICS(3,3) :: GOTO 210

200 CALL GRAPHICS(2,3)

210 CALL MYART(MY$)

220 CALL KEY(0,K,S) :: IF S<1 THEN 220

230 CALL RESETPLT

240 CALL GRAPHICS(4)

**NEW NEW**

Format

NEW

Description

The NEW command erases the program currently in memory, so that you can enter a new program.

The NEW command restores the computer to the condition it was in when you selected MYARC Advanced BASIC from the main selection list with the following exceptions:

The INIT subprogram does not effect the memory available for MYARC Advanced BASIC programs.

Assembly-language subprograms loaded by the LOAD subprogram remain in memory, but is a separate memory and does not reduce the memory available for MYARC Advanced BASIC programs.

NEW restores all other default values, closes any open files, and cancels any BREAK command in effect.

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**NEXT NEXT**

Format

NEXT control-variable

Cross Reference  
FOR TO

Description

The NEXT instruction marks the end of a FOR-NEXT loop.

You can use NEXT as either a program statement or a command.

The control-variable is the same control-variable that appears in the corresponding FOR TO instruction.

The NEXT instruction is always paired with a FOR TO instruction to form a FOR-NEXT loop (see FOR TO).

A NEXT statement cannot be part of an IF THEN statement.

If NEXT is used as a command, it must be part of a multiple-statement line. A FOR TO instruction must precede it on the same line.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the NEXT statement in lines 130 and 140.

100 TOTAL=O

110 FOR COUNT=10 TO 0 STEP -2

120 TOTAL=TOTAL+COUNT

130 NEXT COUNT

140 FOR DELAY=1 TO 100::NEXT DELAY

150 PRINT TOTAL,COUNT;DELAY

RUN

30 -2 101

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**NUMBER NUMBER**

Format

NUMBER [initial-line-number][,increment]

NUM

Description

The NUMBER command puts the computer in Number Mode, so that it automatically

generates line numbers for your program.

If you enter an initial-line-number, the first line number displayed is the one you specify. If you do not specify an initial-line-number, the computer starts with line number 100.

Succeeding line numbers are generated by adding the value of the

numeric- expression increment to the previous line number. To specify  
increment only (without specifying an initial-line-number), you must precede the increment with a comma. The default increment is 10.

If a line number generated by the NUMBER command is the number of a line already in the program in memory, the existing program line is displayed with the line number. To indicate that the displayed line is an existing program line, the prompt symbol (>) that normally appears to the left of the line number is not displayed. When the computer displays an existing program line, you can either edit the line or press ENTER to leave the line unchanged.

If you enter a program line that contains an error, the appropriate error message is displayed, and the same line number appears again, enabling you to retype the line correctly.

If the next line number to be generated is greater than 32767, the computer leaves Number Mode.

To leave Number Mode, press ESC. If the computer is displaying only a line number (that is, a line number not followed by any characters), you can leave Number Mode by pressing ENTER, UP ARROW, DOWN ARROW.

Special Editing Keys in Number Mode

In Number Mode, you can use the editing keys whether you are changing existing program lines or entering new ones.

LEFT ARROW --Pressing LEFT ARROW moves the cursor one character position to

the left. When the cursor moves over a character, it does not change or  
delete it.

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RIGHT ARROW --Pressing RIGHT ARROW moves the cursor one character position to

the right. When the cursor moves over a character, it does not change or  
delete it.

INS --Pressing INS enables you to insert characters at the cursor position. ZEiracters that you type are inserted until you press one of the other special editing keys. The character at the cursor position and all characters to the right of the cursor move to the right as you type. You may lose characters if they move so far to the right that they are no longer in the program line.

DEL --Pressing DEL deletes the character in the cursor position. All CFEracters to the right of the cursor move to the left.

ERASE (Ctrl C) --Pressing ERASE erases the program line currently displayed

1incuding the line number). The program line is erased only from the  
screen, not from memory.

REDO (Alt + F8) --Pressing REDO causes the program line or other text most recently input to be disp-537-6d. This line can be especially helpful if you make an error while editing a program line, causing the computer not to

accept it. Pressing REDO displays the original line so that you can make  
corrections without haviT1T—fo retype the entire line. When you press REDO, the computer leaves Number Mode and enters Edit Mode.

ESC (Ctrl +Break) --Pressing ESC causes the computer to leave Number Mode.

17--you were entering a new program line, it is not accepted. If you were  
changing an existing program line, any changes that you made are ignored.

ENTER --If you press ENTER when the computer is displaying only a line number (that is, a line number not followed by any characters), the computer leaves

Number Mode. If the line number is the number of an existing program line,  
that program line is not changed or deleted.

If you press ENTER when the computer is displaying a line number followed by a program line, that line is accepted and the next line number is generated. The displayed line may be a new line that you have entered, an existing program line that you have not changed, or an existing program line that you have edited.

UP ARROW --UP ARROW works exactly the same as ENTER in Number Mode. DOWN ARROW --DOWN ARROW works exactly the same as ENTER in Number Mode.

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Example

In the following, what you type is UNDERLINED. Press ENTER after each line. NUM instructs the computer to number starting at 100 with increments of 10.

NUM

100 X=4

110 271-0

120

NUM 110

110 Z=11

120 PRINT (Y+X)/Z

130

NUM 105,5

105 Y=7

110 77T1

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LIST

100 X=4

105 Y=7

110 Z=11

120 PRINT (X+Y)/Z

NUM 110 instructs the computer to number starting at 110 with increments of 10. Change line 110 to Z=11.

NUM 105,5 instructs the computer to number starting at line 105 with increments of 5. Line 110 already exists.

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**OLD OLD**

Format

OLD ["]file-specification["]

Cross Reference  
SAVE

Description

The OLD command loads a program from an external storage device into memory.

The file-specification indicates the name of the program to be loaded from the external device. The file-specification, a string constant, can optionally be enclosed in quotation marks.

The program to be loaded can be one of the following:  
A saved MYARC Advanced BASIC program.

A file in DISPLAY VARIABLE 80 format, created by the LIST command or a text editing or word processing program.

A specially prepared assembly-language program that executes automatically when it is loaded.

Before the program is loaded, all open files are closed. The program

currently in memory is erased after the program begins to load. For more  
information see "Loading an Existing Program".

Protected and Unprotected Programs

To execute an unprotected MYARC Advanced BASIC program that has been loaded into memory, enter the RUN command when the cursor appears. You can use the LIST command to display the program or any portion of the program.

If the program was saved using the PROTECTED option of the SAVE command, it

starts executing automatically when it is loaded. When the program ends  
(either normally or because of an error) or stops at a breakpoint, it is erased from memory.

Examples

OLD CSI

Displays instructions and then loads into the computer's memory a program

from a cassette recorder.

OLD "DSK1.MYPROG"

Loads into the computer's memory the program MYPROG from diskette in disk

drive one.

OLD DSK.DISK3.UPDATE85

Loads into the computer's memory the program UPDATE85 from the diskette named

DISK3.

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**ON BREAK ON BREAK**

Format

ON BREAK STOP

ON BREAK NEXT

Cross Reference  
BREAK

Description

The ON BREAK statement enables you to specify the action you want the

computer to take when either a breakpoint is encountered or CLEAR is pressed.

If you enter the STOP option, or if your program does not include an ON BREAK statement, program execution stops when a breakpoint is encountered or CLEAR is pressed.

If you enter the NEXT option, program execution continues normally (with the next program statement) when a breakpoint is encountered or CLEAR is pressed. If you press CLEAR while the computer is performing an input or an output operation with certain external devices, an error condition occurs, causing the program to halt. When the NEXT option is in effect, pressing CTL-ALT-DEL is the only way to interrupt your program. However, by doing so, you perform a "reboot" of the system therefore erasing the program in memory and causing you to exit from MYARC Advanced BASIC without closing any open files, possibly causing the loss of data in those files.

ON BREAK does not affect a breakpoint that occurs when a BREAK statement with no line-number-list is encountered in a program.

Program

The following program illustrates the use of ON BREAK.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 BREAK 150

120 ON BREAK NEXT

130 BREAK

140 FOR A=1 TO 50

150 PRINT "CLEAR IS DISABLED."

160 NEXT A

170 ON BREAK STOP

180 FOR A=1 TO 50

190 PRINT "NOW IT WORKS."

200 NEXT A

Line 110 sets a breakpoint at line 150.

Line 120 sets breakpoint handling to go to the next line.

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A breakpoint occurs at line 130 despite line 120, because no line number has been specified after BREAK. Enter CONTINUE.

No breakpoint occurs at line 150 because of line 120; CLEAR has no effect during the execution of lines 140 through 160 because of line 120. Line 170 restores the normal use of CLEAR.

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**ON ERROR ON ERROR**

Format

ON ERROR STOP

ON ERROR line-number

Cross Reference  
ERR, GOSUB, RETURN

Description

The ON ERROR statement enables you to specify the action you want the

computer to take if a program error occurs.

If you enter the STOP option, or if your program does not include an ON ERROR statement, program execution stops when a program error occurs.

If you enter a line-number, a program error causes program control to be transferred to the subroutine that begins at the specified line-number. A RETURN statement in the subroutine returns control to a specified program statement.

When an error transfers control to a subroutine, the line-number option is

cancelled. If you wish to restore it, your program must execute an ON ERROR  
line-number statement again.

The ON ERROR line-number statement does not transfer control when the error is caused by a RUN statement.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of ON ERROR.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 DATA "A","4","B","C"

120 ON ERROR 190

130 FOR G=1 TO 4

140 READ X$

150 X=VAL(X$)

160 PRINT X;"SQUARED IS";X\*X

170 NEXT G

180 STOP

190 REM ERROR SUBROUTINE

200 ON ERROR 230

210 X$="5"

220 RETURN

230 REM SECOND ERROR

240 CALL ERR(CODE,TYPE,SEVER,LINE)

250 PRINT "ERROR";CODE;" IN LINE";LINE

260 RETURN 170

Line 120 causes any error to pass control to line 190.

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Line 130 begins a loop. An error occurs in line 150 and control passes to line 190.

Line 200 causes the next error to pass control to line 230.

Line 210 changes the value of X$ to an acceptable value. Line 220 returns

control to the line in which the error occurred (line 150).

The second time an error occurs, the SECOND ERROR subroutine is called because of line 200. Line 240 obtains specific information about the error by using CALL ERR. Line 250 reports the nature of the error, and line 260 returns control to line 170 of the main program, which begins the next iteration of the loop.

When the third error occurs, the message Bad Argument in 150 is displayed because the program does not specify what action to take if another error occurs. Program execution ceases.

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**ON GOSUB ON GOSUB**

Format

ON numeric-expression;GOSUB; line-number-list

GOSUB

Cross Reference  
GOSUB, RETURN

Description

The ON GOSUB statement enables you to transfer conditional program control to

one of several subroutines.

The value of the numeric-expression determines to which of the line numbers in the line-number-list program control is transferred.

If the value of the numeric-expression is 1, program control is transferred to the subroutine that begins at the program statement specified by the first line number in the line-number-list; if the value of the numeric-expression is 2, program control is transferred to the subroutine that begins at the program statement specified by the second line number in the line-number-list; and so on.

If necessary, the value of the numeric-expression is rounded to the

nearest integer. The value of the numeric-expression must be greater  
than or equal to 1 and less than or equal to the number of line numbers in the line-number-list.

The line-number-list consists of one or more line numbers separated by commas. Each line number specifies a program statement at which a subroutine begins.

Use a RETURN statement to return program control to the statement immediately following the ON GOSUB statement that called the subroutine.

To avoid unexpected results, it is recommended that you exercise special care if you use ON GOSUB to transfer control to or from a subprogram or into a FOR-NEXT loop.

Examples

100 ON X GOSUB 1000,2000,300

Transfers control to 1000 if X is 1, 2000 if X is 2, and 300 if X is 3.

100 ON P-4 GOSUB 200,250,300,800,170

Transfers control to 200 if P-4 is 1 (P is 5), 250 if P-4 is 2, 300 if P-4 is

3, 800 if P-4 is 4, and 170 if P-4 is 5.

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Program

The following program illustrates a use of ON GOSUB.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 DISPLAY AT(11,1):"CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:"

120 DISPLAY AT(13,1):"1 ADD TWO NUMBERS."

130 DISPLAY AT(14,1):"2 MULTIPLY TWO NUMBERS."

140 DISPLAY AT(15,1):"3 SUBTRACT TWO NUMBERS."

150 DISPLAY AT(16,1):"4 EXIT PROGRAM."

160 DISPLAY AT(20,1):"YOUR CHOICE:"

170 DISPLAY AT(22,2):"FIRST NUMBER."

180 DISPLAY AT(23,1):"SECOND NUMBER."

190 CALL MARGIN(3,30,1,24)

200 ACCEPT AT(20,14)VALIDATE(DIGIT):CHOICE

210 IF CHOICE<1 OR CHOICE>4 THEN 200

220 IF CHOICE=4 THEN STOP

230 ACCEPT AT(22,16)VALIDATE(NUMERIC):FIRST

240 ACCEPT AT(23,16)VALIDATE(NUMERIC):SECOND

250 CALL MARGIN(3,30,1,8)

260 ON CHOICE GOSUB 280,300,320

270 GOTO 190

280 DISPLAY AT(3,1)ERASE ALL:FIRST;"PLUS";SECOND;"EQUALS";FIRST+SECOND

290 RETURN

300 DISPLAY AT(3,1)ERASE ALL:FIRST;"TIMES";SECOND;"EQUALS";FIRST\*SECOND

310 RETURN

320 DISPLAY AT(3,1)ERASE ALL:FIRST;"MINUS";SECOND;"EQUALS";FIRST-SECOND

330 RETURN

Line 260 determines where to go according to the value of CHOICE.

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**ON GOTO ON GOTO**

Format

ON numeric-expression GOTO line-number-list

GOTO

Cross Reference  
GOTO

Description

The ON GOTO statement enables you to transfer unconditional program control

to one of several program statements.

The value of the numeric-expression determines to which of the line numbers in the line-number-list program control is transferred. If the value of the numeric-expression is 1, program control is transferred to the program statement specified by the first line number in the line-number-list; if the value of the numeric-expression is 2, program control is transferred to the program statement specified by the second line number in the line-number-list; and so on.

If necessary, the value of the numeric-expression is rounded to the

nearest integer. The value of the numeric-expression must be greater  
than or equal to 1 and less than or equal to the number of line numbers in the line-number-list.

The line-number-list consists of one or more line numbers separated by commas. Each line number specifies a program statement.

To avoid unexpected results, it is recommended that you exercise care if you use ON GOTO to transfer control to or from a subroutine or a subprogram or into a FOR-NEXT loop.

Examples

100 ON X GOTO 1000,2000,300

Transfers control to 1000 if X is 1, 2000 if X is 2, and 300 if X is 3. The  
equivalent statement using an IF-THEN-ELSE statement is IF X=1 THEN 1000 ELSE IF X=2 THEN 2000 ELSE IF X=3 THEN 300 ELSE PRINT "ERROR!"::STOP.

100 ON P-4 GOTO 200,250,300,800,170

Transfers control to 200 if P-4 is 1 (P is 5), 250 if P-4 is 2, 300 if P-4 is

3, 800 if P-4 is 4, and 170 is P-4 is 5.

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Program

The following program illustrates a use of ON GOTO. Line 260 determines where to go according to the value of CHOICE.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 DISPLAY AT(11,1):"CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:"

120 DISPLAY AT(13,1):"1 ADD TWO NUMBERS."

130 DISPLAY AT(14,1):"2 MULTIPLY TWO NUMBERS."

140 DISPLAY AT(15,1):"3 SUBTRACT TWO NUMBERS."

150 DISPLAY AT(16,1):"4 EXIT PROGRAM."

160 DISPLAY AT(20,1):"YOUR CHOICE:"

170 DISPLAY AT(22,2):"FIRST NUMBER:"

180 DISPLAY AT(23,1):"SECOND NUMBER:"

190 CALL MARGIN(3,30,1,24)

200 ACCEPT AT(20,14)VALIDATE(DIGIT):CHOICE

210 IF CHOICE<1 OR CHOICE>4 THEN 200

220 IF CHOICE=4 THEN STOP

230 ACCEPT AT(22,16)VALIDATE(NUMERIC):FIRST

240 ACCEPT AT(23,16)VALIDATE(NUMERIC):SECOND

250 CALL MARGIN(3,30,1,8)

260 ON CHOICE GOTO 270,290,310

270 DISPLAY AT(3,1)ERASE ALL:FIRST;"PLUS";SECOND;"EQUALS";FIRST+SECOND

280 GOTO 190

290 DISPLAY AT(3,1)ERASE ALL:FIRST;HTIMES";SECOND:"EQUALS";FIRST\*SECOND

300 GOTO 190

310 DISPLAY AT(3,1)ERASE ALL:FIRST;"MINUS";SECOND;"EQUALS";FIRST-SECOND

320 GOTO 190

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**ON WARNING ON WARNING**

Format

ON WARNING PRINT

STOP  
NEXT

Description

The ON WARNING statement enables you to specify the action you want the computer to take if a warning condition occurs during the execution of your program.

A warning, a condition caused by invalid input or output, does not normally cause program execution to be terminated.

If you enter the PRINT option, or if your program does not include an ON WARNING statement, the computer displays a warning message when a warning condition occurs during program execution.

If you enter the STOP option, program execution stops when a warning condition occurs during program execution.

If you enter the NEXT option, program execution continues normally when a warning condition occurs and no warning message is displayed. Normally, execution continues beginning with the next program statement; however, if the cause of the warning is an invalid response to an INPUT statement, program execution continues beginning with that same INPUT statement.

You may have multiple ON WARNING statements in the same program.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of ON WARNING.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 ON WARNING NEXT  
120 PRINT 120,5/0  
130 ON WARNING PRINT  
140 PRINT 140,5/0

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150 ON WARNING STOP  
160 PRINT 160,5/0  
170 PRINT 170

RUN

120 9.99999E+\*\*

140

\* WARNING

NUMERIC OVERFLOW IN 140

9.99999E+"

160

\* WARNING

NUMERIC OVERFLOW IN 160

Line 110 sets warning handling to go to the next line. Line 120 therefore prints the result without any message.

Line 130 sets warning handling to the default, printing the message and then

continuing execution. Line 140 therefore prints 140, then the warning, and  
then continues.

Line 150 sets warning handling to print the warning message and then stop

execution. Line 160 therefore prints 160 and the warning message and then  
stops.

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**OPEN OPEN**

Format

OPEN #file-number:file-specification[ file-organization[ size]]

[,file-type][,open-mode][,record-type[ record-length]]

Cross Reference

CLOSE, INPUT, PRINT

Description

The OPEN instruction establishes an association between the computer and an

external device, enabling you to store, retrieve, and process data.

The file-number is a numeric-expression having a value between 1 and 255. The file-number is assigned to the external file or device indicated by the file-specification so that input/output processing instructions may refer to the file by its file-number. While a file is open, its file-number cannot be assigned to another file. However, you may have more than one file open to a device at one time. File-number 0 always refers to the keyboard and screen of your computer, and is always open. You cannot open or close file-number O.

If necessary, the file-number is rounded to the nearest integer.

The file-specification is a string-expression; if you use a string constant, you must enclose it in quotation marks.

Options

The following options may be entered in any order.

The file-organization specifies whether records are to be accessed sequentially or randomly. Enter SEQUENTIAL for sequential access, or

RELATIVE for random access. Records in a sequential-access file are

read or written in sequence from beginning to end. Records in a

random-access (relative-record) file can be accessed in any order (they can be processed randomly or sequentially.)

If you do not specify a file-organization, it is assumed to be SEQUENTIAL.

You can optionally specify the initial size of the file. Size is a numeric- expression, the value of which specifies the initial number of

records in the file. Note: The size option cannot be used with all  
peripherals.

The file-type specifies the format of data in the file.

INTERNAL--The computer transfers data in binary format. This is

the most efficient method of sending data.

DISPLAY--The computer transfers data in ASCII format. DISPLAY

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files can only use FIXED records of 64 or 128. If no file-type is specified in OPEN, the default is DISPLAY.

DISPLAY type files require a special kind of output record. Each element in the PRINT field must be separated by a comma enclosed in

quotation marks. The comma serves as a field separator in the file.  
The omission of this comma causes an I/O error. Note: This is not the same as a print separator, which must be inserted between an element in the PRINT field and the field separator.

The open-mode specifies the input/output operations that can be performed on the file.

INPUT--The computer can only read data from the file. OUTPUT--The computer can only write data to the file. UPDATE--The computer can both read from and write to the file.

APPEND--The computer can only write data and only at the end of the file; records already in the file cannot be accessed.

If you open an existing file for OUTPUT, the data items you write to the file replace those currently in the file.

If you do not specify an open-mode, it is assumed to be an UPDATE.

The record-type specifies whether the records in the file are FIXED (all of the same length) or VARIABLE (of various lengths).

SEQUENTIAL files can have FIXED or VARIABLE records. If you do not specify the record-type of a SEQUENTIAL file, it is assumed to be VARIABLE.

RELATIVE files must have FIXED records. If you do not specify the

record-type of a RELATIVE file, it is assumed to be FIXED.

You can optionally specify the length of records in the file. Record-length is a numeric-expression, the value of which specifies the fixed size (for FIXED records) or maximum size (for VARIABLE records) of each record.

If you do not specify a record-length, its value is supplied by the peripheral.

If you open a file that does not exist, a file is created with the options

you specify. If you open a file that does exist, the options you specify  
must be the same as the options that you specified when you created the file, except that a file with FIXED records can be opened as either SEQUENTIAL or RELATIVE, regardless of the file-organization that you specified when you created the file.

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For more information about the options available with a particular device, refer to the owner's manual that comes with that device.

Examples

100 OPEN #1:"CS1",OUTPUT,FIXED

Opens a file on cassette. The file is SEQUENTIAL, with data stored in DISPLAY format. The file is opened in OUTPUT mode with FIXED length records of 64 bytes.

300 OPEN #23:"DSK.MYDISK.X",RELATIVE 100,INTERNAL,FIXED,UPDATE

Opens a file named "X". The file is on the diskette named MYDISK in  
whichever drive that diskette is located. The file is RELATIVE, with data kept in INTERNAL format with FIXED length records of 80 bytes. The file is opened in UPDATE mode and starts with 100 records made available for it.

100 OPEN #234:A$,INTERNAL

Where A$ equals "DSK2.ABC", assumes a file on the diskette in drive 2 with a name of ABC. The file is SEQUENTIAL, with data kept in INTERNAL format. The file is opened in UPDATE mode with VARIABLE length records that have a maximum length of 80 bytes.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the SIZE option in an OPEN statement.

100 OPEN #1:"DSK1.LARGE",RELATIVE

110 PRINT #1,REC 100:0

120 CLOSE #1

130 OPEN #1:"DSK1.LARGE",SEQUENTIAL,FIXED

200 CLOSE #1

Line 100 opens a RELATIVE file on diskette.

Line 110 writes to the 100th record, thereby reserving space for 100 contiguous records.

Line 120 closes the file.

Line 130 reopens the file, this time with SEQUENTIAL file organization.

Line 200 closes the file.

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**OPTION BASE OPTION BASE**

Format

OPTION BASE 0 or 1

Cross Reference

DIM

Description

The OPTION BASE statement enables you to set the lower limit of array subscripts.

You can use the OPTION BASE statement to specify a lower array-subscript limit of either 0 or 1. If your program does not include an OPTION BASE statement, the lower limit is set to 0.

The OPTION BASE statement applies to every array in your program. You can have only one OPTION BASE statement in a program.

If you do not set the lower array-subscript limit to 1, the computer reserves memory for element 0 of each dimension of each array. To avoid reserving unnecessary memory, it is recommended that you set the lower limit to 1 if your program does not use element 0.

The OPTION BASE statement must have a lower line number than any DIM statement or any reference to an array in your program. The OPTION BASE statement is evaluated during pre-scan and is not executed.

The OPTION BASE statement cannot be part of an IF THEN statement.

Example

100 OPTION BASE 1

Sets the lowest allowable subscript of all arrays to one.

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**OUTP OUTP**

Format

CALL OUTP(port,databyte)

Cross Reference

INP

You may use CALL OUTP either as a program statement or a command.

Use only ports 1 or 2 as the PIO or PIO/2 ports respectively.

Sends a databyte to a port.

The databyte may be any integer between 0 and 255.

Data is received and sent internally through various components within the computer, known as ports.

The OUTP statement is used to obtain direct control of a device such as the keyboard, sound, etc.

OUTP is the complement function to the INP command.

**PALETTE --Subprogram PALETTE**

Format

CALL PALETTE(#color,redvalue,bluevalue,greenvalue[,#color2,redvalue2,bluevalue2,greenvalue2,...])

Cross Reference

TCOLOR,RESETPLT

Description

Mixes a new color palette for one or more colors in the 16-color sets and the 4-color set.

The range for each colorvalue is from 1 to 8.

The number-color for MODE(3,2) is limited to colors 1-4 (See Graphics).

A new command or program statement CALL RESETPLT

Resets the palette to the default values.

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**PATTERN --Subprogram PATTERN**

Format

CALL PATTERN(#sprite-number,character-coed[....])

Cross Reference

CHAR, MAGNIFY, SPRITE

Description

The PATTERN subprogram enables you to change the pattern on one or more sprites.

The sprite-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the sprite as assigned in the SPRITE subprogram.

Character-code is a numeric-expression with a value from 0-255, specifying the character number of the character you want to use as the pattern for a sprite.

If you use the MAGNIFY subprogram to change to double-sized sprites, the sprite definition includes the character specified by the character-code and three additional characters (See MAGNIFY.)

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the PATTERN subprogram.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL COLOR(12,16,16)

120 FOR A=19 TO 24

130 CALL HCHAR(A,1,120,32)

140 NEXT A

150 A$="0171821214141FFFF4141212119070080E09884848282FFFFF8282848498E000"

160 B$="01061820305C4681814246242C180700806018342462428181623A0C0418E000"

170 C$="0106182C2446428181465C3020180700806018040C3A6281814262243418E000"

180 CALL CHAR(244,A$,248,B$,252,C$)

190 CALL SPRITE(#1,244,5,130,1,0,8)

200 CALL MAGNIFY(3)

210 FOR A=244 TO 252 STEP 4

220 CALL PATTERN(#1,A)

230 FOR DELAY=1 TO 5 :: NEXT DELAY

240 NEXT A

250 GOTO 210

(Press CLEAR to stop program.)

Lines 110 through 140 build a floor.

Lines 150 through 180 define characters 244 through 255.

Line 190 creates a sprite in the shape of a wheel and starts it moving to the right.

Line 200 makes the sprite double-sized.

Lines 210 through 250 make the spokes of the wheel appear to move as the character displayed is changed.

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**PEEK --Subprogram--Peek at CPU RAM PEEK**

Format CALL PEEK(address, numeric-variable-list[,"",address, numeric-variable-list[,...]])

Cross Reference

LOAD, PEEKV, POKEV, VALHEX

Description

The PEEK subprogram enables you to ascertain the contents of specified CPU memory addresses.

You can use the PEEKV subprogram to ascertain the contents of VDP memory.

The address is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the first CPU (Central Processing Unit) memory address at which you want to peek.

The address must have a value from -32768 to 32767 inclusive.

You can specify an address from 0 to 32767 inclusive by specifying the actual address.

You can specify an address from 32768 to 65535 inclusive by subtracting 65536 from the actual address. This will result in a value from -32768 to -1 inclusive.

If you know the hexdecimal value of the address, you can use the VALHEX function to convert it to a decimal numeric-expression, eliminating the need for manual calculations.

If necessary, the address is rounded to the nearest integer.

The numeric-variable-list consists of one or more numeric-variables separated by commas. Bytes of data starting from the specified CPU memory address are assigned sequentially to the numeric- variables in the numeric-variable-list.

One byte, with a value from 0 to 255 inclusive, is returned to each specified numeric-variable.

You can specify multiple addresses and numeric-variable-lists by entering a null string(two adjacent quotation marks) as a separator between a numeric-variable-list and the next address.

If you call the PEEK subprogram with invalid parameter, the computer may function erratically or cease to function entirely. If this occurs, turn off the computer, wait several seconds, and then turn the computer back on again.

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Examples

100 CALL PEEK(8192,X1,X2,X3,X4)

Returns the values in memory locations 8192, 8193, 8194, and 8195 in the

variables Xl, X2, X3, and X4, respectively.

100 CALL PEEK(22433,A,B,C,"",-4276,X,Y,Z)

Returns the values in locations 22433, 22434, and 22435 in A, B, C, respectively; and the values in locations 61260, 61261, and 61263 in X, Y, and Z, respectively.

100 CALL PEEK(VALHEX("4F55"),V1,V2,V3)

Uses VALHEX to ascertain the decimal equivalent of the hexidecimal number 4F55, which is 20309. Then the values in locations 20309, 20310, and 20311 are returned in V1, V2, and V3, respectively.

Program

The following program returns in A the number of the highest numbered sprite (#15) currently in use. A zero is returned to B, because no sprites are defined after the DELSPRITE statement.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL SPRITE(#15,33,7,100,100,0,0)

120 CALL PEEK(VALHEX("837A"),A)

130 CALL DELSPRITE(ALL)

140 CALL PEEK(VALHEX("837A"),B)

150 PRINT A,B

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**PEEKV --Subprogram--Peek at VDP RAM** **PEEKV**

Format

CALL PEEKV(address,numeric-variable-list[,"",address,

numeric-variable-list[,...])

Cross Reference

LOAD, PEEK, POKEY, VALHEX

Description

The PEEKV subprogram enables you to ascertain the contents of specified VDP memory addresses. You can use the PEEK subprogram to ascertain the contents of CPU memory.

The address is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the first VDP

(Video Display Processor) memory address at which you want to peek.

The address must have a value from 0 to 16383 inclusive.

If you know the hexadecimal value of the address (0000-3FFF), you can use the VALHEX function to convert it to a decimal numeric-expression.

If necessary, the address is rounded to the nearest integer.

The numeric-variable-list consists of one or more numeric-variables separated by commas. Bytes of data starting from the specified VDP memory address are assigned sequentially to the numeric-variables in the numeric-variable-list.

One byte, with a value from 0 to 255 inclusive, is returned to each specified numeric-variable.

You can specify multiple addresses and numeric-variable-lists by entering a null string (two adjacent quotation marks) as a separator between a numeric-variable-list and the next address.

If you call the PEEKV subprogram with invalid parameters, the computer may function erratically. If this occurs, turn off the computer, wait several seconds, then turn the computer back on.

Example

100 CALL PEEKV(6300,A1,A2,A3)

Returns the values in locations 6300, 6301, and 6302 in Al, A2, and A3,

respectively.

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Programs

The following program illustrates a use of the PEEKV subprogram.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL POKEV(32\* 16+12,66)  
120 CALL PEEKV(32\* 16+12,A)  
130 PRINT A

Line 110 pokes a "B" into a location that causes it to appear of the screen. Line 120 peeks at that location, and assigns there (66) to the variable A.

in the middle the value found

The next program starts a sprite moving diagonally across the 120 assigns the values of the row and column coordinates of and X, respectively.

screen. Line

the sprite to Y

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL SPRITE(#1,33,5,100,100,25,25)

120 CALL PEEKV(VALHEX("300"),X,Y)

130 DISPLAY AT(24,1):Y;X

140 GOTO 120

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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| **PI --Function--Pi**  Format PI  Type REAL  Description  The PI function returns the value of pi.  The value of pi is 3.14159265359. Example  100 VOLUME=4/3\*PI\*6'3  Sets VOLUME equal to four-thirds times pi times six cubed,  volume of a sphere with a radius of six. | **PI**  which is the |

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**POINT --Subprogram POINT**

Format

CALL POINT(pixel-type,pixel-row,pixel-column[,pixel-row,pixel-column2[,...]])

Cross Reference

CIRCLE, DCOLOR, DRAW, DRAWTO, FILL, GCHAR, GRAPHICS, RECTANGLE

Description

The POINT subprogram enables you to place, or erase specific points (pixels)

on the screen, one or more at a time.

Pixel-type is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the action taken by the POINT subprogram.

**TYPE ACTION**

2 Reverses the status of the specified point (pixel). (If

a pixel is on, it is turned off; if a pixel is off, it is

turned on). This effectively reverses the color of the  
specified pixel.

1 Places a point, of the foreground-color specified by the DCOLOR subprogram, at a specified pixel-row and pixel-column. This is accomplished by turning on the pixel at the designated row and column.

0 Erases a point at a specified pixel-row and pixel-column. This is accomplished by turning on the pixel at the designated row and column.

Pixel-row and pixel-column are numeric-expressions whose values represent the screen position where the point will be placed (turned on or off).

You can optionally place more points by specifying additional sets of pixels.

Pixel-row and pixel-column must be within the range of the particular graphics mode of the screen.

The last pixel-row/pixel-column you specify becomes the current position used by the DRAWTO subprogram.

POINT cannot be used in Pattern or Text Modes. Example

100 CALL POINT(1,96,128)

Turns on a single pixel in the center of the screen.

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**POKEY --Subprogram--Poke to VDP RAM POKEY**

Format

CALL POKEV(address,byte-list[,"",address,byte-list[,...]])

Cross Reference

LOAD,PEEK,PEEKV,VALHEX

Description

The POKEV subprogram enables you to assign values directly to specified VDP memory addresses.

You can use the LOAD subprogram to assign values to CPU.

The address is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the first VDP(Video Display Processor) memory address where data is to be poked. If the byte-list specifies more than one byte of data, the bytes are assigned to sequential memory addresses starting with the address

you specify.

The address must have a value from 0 to 16383 inclusive.

If you know the hexadecimal value of the address (>0000->3FFF), you can use the valhex function to convert it to a decimal numeric-expression.

If necessary, the address is rounded to the nearest integer.

The byte-list consists of one or more bytes of data, separated by commas, that are to be poked into VDP memory starting with the specified address.

Each byte in the byte-list must be a numeric-expression with a value from 0 to 32767. If the value of a byte is greater than 255, it is repeatedly reduced by 256 until it is less than 256. If necessary, a byte is rounded to the nearest integer.

You can specify multiple addresses and byte-lists by entering a null string(two adjacent quotation marks) as a separator between a byte-list and the next address.

If you call the POKEV subprogram with invalid parameters the computer may function erratically. If this occurs, turn off the computer, wait several seconds, then turn the computer back on.

Examples

100 CALL POKEV(3333,233)

Pokes the value 233 into location 3333.

100 CALL POKEV(13784,273)

Pokes the value 17 (273 reduced bye 256 once) into location 13784.

100 CALL POKEV(7343,246,"",VALHEX("2E4F"),433)

Pokes the value 246 into location 7343, and uses VALHEX to ascertain the decimal value equivalent of the hexadecimal number 2E4F (11855). The value 177(433 reduced by 256 once) is then poked into this location.

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Program

The following program uses POKEV to display on the screen the characters that correspond to ASCII codes 65 through 255, at the specified by line 130.

1 CALL GRAPHICS(1,1)

100 CALL CLEAR :: X=0

110 FOR R=0 TO 23

120 FOR C=0 TO 31 STEP 3

130 CALL POKEV(R\*32+C)+1024,X)

140 X=X+1::NEXT C :: NEXT R

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**POS --Function--Position** **POS**

Format

POS(string-expression,substring,numeric-expression)

Type  
DEFINT

Description

The POS function returns the position of the first occurrence of a substring

within a specified string.

The string-expression specifies the string within which you are seeking

the substring. If you use a string constant, it must be enclosed in  
quotation marks.

The substring is the segment (of the string-expression) you are trying

to locate. The substring is a string-expression; if you use a string  
constant, it must be enclosed in quotation marks.

The value of the numeric-expression specifies the character position in the string-expression where the search for the substring begins.

If necessary, the value of the numeric-expression is rounded to the nearest integer.

If the substring is present within the string-expression, POS returns the number of the character position (within the string-expression) of the first character of the substring.

If the substring is not present, or if the value of the numeric-expression is greater than the number of characters in the string-expression, POS returns a zero.

Examples

100 X=POS("PAN","A",1)

Sets X equal to 2 because A is the second letter in PAN.

100 Y=POS("APAN","A",2)

Sets Y=3 because the A in the third position in APAN is the first occurrence

of A in the portion of APAN that was searched.

100 Z=POS("PAN","A",3)

Sets Z equal to 0 because A was not in the part of PAN that was searched.

100 R=POS("PABNAN","AN",1)

Sets R equal to 5 because the first occurrence of AN starts with the A in the

fifth position in PABNAN.

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Program

The following program illustrates a use of POS. Input is searched for spaces, and is then printed with each word on a single line.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 PRINT "ENTER A SENTENCE."

120 LINPUT X$

130 S=POS(X$," ",1)

140 IF S=0 THEN PRINT X$::PRINT::GOTO 110

150 Y$=SEG$(X$,1,5)::PRINT Y$

160 X$=SEG$(X$,S+1,LEN(X$))

170 GOTO 130

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**POSITION --Subprogram POSITION**

Format

CALL POSITION(#sprite-number,numeric-variable1,numeric-variable2[,...])

Cross Reference

SPRITE

Description

The POSITION subprogram enables you to ascertain the current position of one or more sprites.

The sprite-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the sprite as assigned in the SPRITE subprogram.

The current screen position of a sprite is returned as two numeric-variables representing the pixelrow and pixelcol, respectively, specifing the position of a screen pixel.

The screen position of the pixel in the upper-left corner of a sprite is considered to be the position of that sprite.

Note that a sprite in motion continues to move during and following the execution of the POSITION subprogram. Remember to allow for this continued motion in your program.

Example

100 CALL POSITION(#1,Y,X)

Returns the position of the upper left corner of sprite #1. Also see the third example of the SPRITE subprogram.

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**PPT PPT**

Cross Reference

LPT,KEY LIST,KEY

Description

Prints current printer device-name or output device name to screen.

i.e. LPT path.filename would list program in memory to a storage device when LLIST is used

from the command prompt. PPT is a command only.

PRINT PRINT

Format

Print to the screen

PRINT [print-list]

Print to a File (or Device)

PRINT #file-number[,REC record-number][:print-list]

Cross Reference

DISPLAY,OPEN,PRINT USING,TAB

Description

The PRINT instruction enables you to display data items on the screen or print them to an external device. You can use PRINT as either a program statement or a command.

The print-list consists of one or more items( items to be printed or displayed) separated by print separators. A PRINT instruction without a print-list advances the print position to the first position of the next record. This has the effect of printing a blank record, unless the preceding PRINT instruction ended with a print-separator.

The numeric- and/or string-expressions in the print-list can be constants and/or variables.

Print items are the numeric- and string expressions to be printed. Any function is also a valid print item.

Print separators are the punctuation(commas, semicolons, and colons) between print items specifying the placement of the print items in the print record.

Printing to the Screen

Each print item is displayed in the row of the screen window defined by the margins, starting from the far left column of the window. Before a new line is displayed at the bottom of the window, the entire contents of the window(excluding sprites) scroll up one line to make room for the new line. The contents of the top line of the window scroll off the screen and are discarded.

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Each line on the screen is treated as one print record. The record length of the screen is the width of the window.

Printing to a File

If you include an optional file-number, the print-list is sent to the

specified device. The file-number is a numeric-expression whose value  
specifies the number of the file as assigned in its OPEN instruction. You cannot print to a file opened in INPUT mode.

If you do not specify a file-number (or if you specify file-number 0), the print-list is displayed on the screen.

If you use the REC option, the record-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the record in which you want to print the print-list. The records in a file are numbered sequentially, starting with zero. The REC option can be used only with a file opened for RELATIVE access.

If you print to a file opened in INTERNAL format with FIXED records, each record is filled with trailing binary zeros, if necessary, to bring it to its specified length. If a record is longer than the record length of the file, it is truncated (extra characters are discarded).

For more information about printing to a particular device, refer to the owner's manual that comes with that device.

Printing Numbers: INTERNAL Files

The amount of memory space allocated to a number printed to a file opened in

INTERNAL format varies according to its data-type. A DEFINT is always  
allocated 3 bytes, whereas a REAL number is always allocated 9 bytes.

Note that if you print a DEFINT value to a file, you cannot access that file on a Home Computer that does not support the INTEGER data-type. You can circumvent this by converting all DEFINT variables and functions to REAL variables before printing them to a file.

Printing Numbers: The Screen and DISPLAY Files

The format of a number printed to the screen or to a file opened in DISPLAY format varies according to the characteristics of the number.

Positive numbers and zero are printed with a leading space (instead of a plus sign); negative numbers are printed with a leading minus sign. All numbers are printed with a trailing space.

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Numbers are printed in either decimal form or scientific notation, according to these rules:

All numbers with 10 or fewer digits are printed in decimal form.

REAL numbers with more than 10 digits are printed in scientific notation only if they can be presented with more significant digits in scientific notation than in decimal form. If printed in decimal form, all digits beyond the tenth are omitted.

If a number is printed in decimal form, the following rules apply:

DEFINT numbers and REAL numbers with no decimal portion are printed without decimal points.

REAL numbers are printed with decimal points in the proper position. If the number has more than 10 digits, it is rounded to 10 digits. A zero is not printed by itself to the left of the decimal point. Trailing zeros after the decimal point are omitted.

If number is printed in scientific notation, the following rules apply: The format is mantissaEexponent.

The mantissa is printed with six or fewer digits,•with one digit to the left of the decimal point.

Trailing zeros are omitted after the decimal point of the mantissa.

If there are more than five digits after the decimal point of the mantissa, the fifth digit is rounded.

The exponent is a two-digit number displayed with a plus or minus sign.

If you attempt to print a number with an exponent greater than 99 or less than -99, the computer prints two asterisks (\*\*) following the sign of the exponent.

Printing Strings

A string constant in a print-list must be enclosed in quotation marks. A quotation mark within a string constant is represented by two adjacent quotation marks.

A string printed to a file opened in INTERNAL format has a length one greater than the length of the string.

When a string is printed to the screen or to a file opened in DISPLAY format, no leading or trailing spaces are added to the string.

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Print Separators

At least one print separator must be placed between adjacent print items in the print-list. Valid print separators are the semicolon (;), the colon (:), and the comma (,).

A semicolon (;) print separator causes the next print item to print immediately after the current print item.

A colon (:) print separator causes the next print item to print at the beginning of the next record. Consecutive colons used as print separators must be divided by a space. Otherwise, they are treated as a statement separator symbol.

If you print to the screen or to a file opened in DISPLAY format, a comma (,) print separator causes the next print item to print at the beginning of the next "zone." Print records are divided into 14-character zones; the number of zones in a print record varies according to its record length.

If you print to a file opened in INTERNAL format, a comma print separator has the same effect as a semicolon print separator.

If a print separator would have the effect of splitting the next print item between two records, the print item is moved to the beginning of the

following record. However, if discarding the trailing space from a numeric print item allows it to fit in the current record, the number is printed in the current record without its trailing space.

If the print-list ends with a print separator, the computer is placed in a print-pending condition. Unless the next PRINT instruction includes the REC option, it is considered to be a continuation of the current PRINT instruction. RESTORE #file-number terminates a print-pending condition.

If the print-list is not terminated by a print separator, the computer considers the current record complete when all the print items in the print-list are printed. The first print-item in the next PRINT instruction begins in the next record.

Examples

100 PRINT

Causes a blank line to appear on the display screen.

100 PRINT "THE ANSWER IS";A

Causes the string constant THE ANSWER IS to be printed on the display screen, followed immediately by the value of ANSWER. If ANSWER is positive, there will be a blank for the positive sign after IS.

100 PRINT X:Y/2

Causes the value of X to be printed on a line and the value of Y/2 to be

printed on the next line.

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100 PRINT #12,REC 7:A

Causes the value of A to be printed on the eighth record of the file that was opened as number 12 with RELATIVE file organization. (Record number 0 is the first record.)

100 PRINT #32:A,B,C,

Causes the values of A, B, and C to be printed on the next record of the file that was opened as number 32. The final comma creates a pending print-condition. The next PRINT statement directed to file number 32 will print on the same record as this PRINT statement unless it specifies a record, or a RESTORE #32 statement is executed, thereby closing the print-pending print condition.

100 PRINT #1,REC 3:A,B

150 PRINT #1:C,D

Causes A and B to be printed in record 3 of the file that was opened as number 1. PRINT #1:C,D causes C and D to be printed in record 4 of the same file.

Program

The following program prints out values in various positions on the screen.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 PRINT 1;2;3;4;5;6;7;8;9

120 PRINT 1,2,3,4,5,6

130 PRINT 1:2:3

140 PRINT

150 PRINT 1;2;3;

160 PRINT 4;5;6/4

RUN

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 6 7 | 8 9 |
| 1 |  |  | 2 |  |
| 3 |  |  | 4 |  |
| 5 |  |  | 6 |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |
| 1 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 1.5 |  |

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**PRINT USING PRINT USING**

Format

Print to the Screen

PRINT USING format-string[:print-list]

line-number

Print to a File (or Device)

PRINT #file-number[,REC record-number],USING format-string[print-list]

line-number

Cross Reference  
IMAGE, PRINT

Description

The PRINT USING instruction enables you to define specific formats for

numbers and strings you print.

You can use PRINT USING as either a program statement or a command.

The format-string specifies the print format. The format-string is a string expression; if you use a string constant you must enclose it in quotation marks. See IMAGE for an explanation of format-strings.

You can optionally define a format-string in an IMAGE statement, as specified by the line-number.

See PRINT for an explanation of the print-list print options.

The PRINT USING instruction is identical to the PRINT instruction with the addition of the USING option, except that:

You cannot use the TAB function.

You cannot use any print separator other than a comma (,), except that the print-list can end with a semicolon (;).

If you use PRINT USING to print to a file, the file must have been opened in DISPLAY format.

Examples

100 PRINT USING "###.##":32.5  
Prints 32.50.

100 PRINT USING "THE ANSWER IS ###.#":123.98  
Prints THE ANSWER IS 124.0.

100 PRINT USING 185:37.4,-86.2

185 IMAGE ###.#

Prints the values of 37.4 and -86.2 using the IMAGE statement in line 185.

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**RANDOMIZE RANDOMIZE**

Format

RANDOMIZE[seed]

Cross Reference  
RND

Description

The RANDOMIZE instruction varies the sequence of pseudo-random numbers generated by the RND function.

You can use RANDOMIZE as either a program statement or a command.

The optional seed is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the random number sequence to be generated by RND functions. The first two bytes of the internal representation of the value of the seed determine the random number sequence generated by RND. If the first two bytes of the seed are identical each time you run your program, the same random number sequence is generated. If you do not enter a seed, a different and unpredictable sequence of random numbers is generated by RND each time you run your program.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the RANDOMIZE statement. It

accepts a value for the seed and prints the first 10 values obtained using the RND function.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 INPUT "SEED: ":S

120 RANDOMIZE S

130 FOR A=1 TO 10::PRINT A;RND::NEXT A::PRINT

140 GOTO 110

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

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**READ READ**

Format

READ variable-list

Cross Reference  
DATA, RESTORE

Description

The READ statement enables you to assign constants (stored within your

program in DATA statements) to variables.

The variable-list, consisting of one or more variables separated by commas, specifies the numeric and/or string variables that are to be

assigned values. When a READ statement is executed, the variables in  
its variable-list are assigned values from the data-list of a DATA

statement. Unless you use a RESTORE statement to specify otherwise,  
DATA statements are read in ascending line-number order.

If a data-list does not contain enough values to assign to all the variables, the READ statement assigns values from subsequent DATA statements until all

the variables have been assigned a value. If there are no more DATA  
statements, a program error occurs and the message Data error in line-number is displayed.

If a numeric variable is specified in the variable-list, a numeric constant must be in the corresponding position in the data-list of a DATA statement. If a string variable is specified in the variable-list, either a string or a numeric constant can be in the corresponding position in the DATA statement.

See the DATA statement for examples.

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**REC --Function--Record Number REC**

Format

REC(file-number)

Type  
DEFINT

Description

The REC function returns a record number reflecting the position of the next record in the specified file.

The file-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the file as assigned in its OPEN instruction.

The REC function returns the number of the record in the specified file that is to be accessed by the next PRINT, INPUT, or LINPUT instruction (the next sequential record). (REC always treats a file as if it were being accessed sequentially, even if it has been opened for relative access.)

The records in a file are numbered sequentially starting with zero. Example

100 PRINT REC(4)

Prints the position of the next record in the file that was opened as number 4.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the REC function.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 OPEN #1:"DSK1.PROFILE",RELATIVE,INTERNAL

120 FOR A=0 TO 3

130 PRINT #1:"THIS IS RECORD",A

140 NEXT A

150 RESTORE #1

160 FOR A=0 TO 3

170 PRINT REC(1)

180 INPUT #1:A$,B

190 PRINT A$;B

200 NEXT A

210 CLOSE #1

RUN

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0

THIS IS RECORD 0

1

THIS IS RECORD 1

2

THIS IS RECORD 2

3

THIS IS RECORD 3

Line 110 opens a file.

Lines 120 through 140 write four records on the file.

Line 150 resets the file to the beginning.

Lines 160 through 200 print the file position and read and print the values at that position.

Line 210 closes the file.

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**RECTANGLE --Subprogram** **RECTANGLE**

Format

CALL RECTANGLE(line-type,pixel-rowl,pixel-columnl,

pixel-row2,pixel-column2,pixel-row3 ,pixel-column3[,...]])

Cross Reference

CIRCLE, DCOLOR, DRAW, DRAWTO, FILL, GRAPHICS, POINT

Description

The RECTANGLE subprogram enables you to place rectangles of various types and

proportions on the screen.

Rectangles may be hollow (only the perimeter of the rectangle is drawn), or solid (both the perimeter and the entire area enclosed by the perimeter is drawn).

Line-type is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the action taken by the RECTANGLE subprogram.

**TYPE ACTION**

5 Reverses the status of each pixel of the specified

rectangle (solid). (If a pixel is on, it is turned off;

if a pixel is off, it is turned on). This effectively

reverses the color of the specified rectangle.

4 Draws a rectangle (solid), of the foreground-color specified by the DCOLOR subprogram. This is accomplished by turning on each pixel in the specified rectangle.

3 Erases a rectangle (solid). This is accomplished by

turning off each pixel in the specified rectangle.

2 Reverses the status of each pixel in the perimeter of the

specified rectangle. (If a pixel is on, it is turned  
off; if a pixel is off, it is turned on.) This effectively reverses the color of the perimeter.

1 Draws the perimeter of a rectangle, of the foreground-color specified by the DCOLOR subprogram. This is accomplished by turning on each pixel in the specified rectangle.

0 Erases the perimeter of a rectangle. This is accomplished by turning off each pixel in the specified rectangle.

Pixel-row(#), and pixel-column(#), are numeric-expressions whose values represent the screen positions of specific points of the rectangle. There are three points needed to define the rectangle, as shown below.

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Pixel-rowl / pixel-columnl specify the TOP LEFT corner of the rectangle.

Pixel-row2 / pixel-column2 specify the TOP RIGHT corner of the rectangle.

Pixel-row3 / pixel-column3 specify the BOTTOM LEFT corner of the rectangle.

All pixel-rows must have a value from 1 to 192. All pixel-columns must have a value from 1 to 256.

Note that the first pixel set (pixel-rowl and pixel-columnl) represents the  
top leftmost point of the rectangle and must have a lower column value than

the second pixel set. The second pixel set represents the top rightmost  
point of the rectangle. In the same manner, the third pixel set, which represents the bottom leftmost point of the rectangle, must have a higher row value than setl or set2.

If the procedure outlined above is not followed, an error is issued.

You can optionally draw more rectangles by specifying additional sets of pixels. You must specify three sets of pixels for each rectangle.

The bottom-rightmost point of the last rectangle drawn becomes the current position used by the DRAWTO subprogram.

RECTANGLE cannot be used in Pattern or Text Modes.

Program

100 CALL GRAPHICS(1,2)

110 CALL RECTANGLE(1,8,80,8,175,134,80)

120 FOR T=1 TO 8 :: CALL RECTANGLE(4,T\* 16,100,T\* 16,155,T\* 16+T-1,100)

NEXT T

130 FOR DELAY=1 TO 2000 :: NEXT DELAY

140 CALL RECTANGLE(3,16,100,16,155,128,100)

150 FOR DELAY=1 TO 2000 :: NEXT DELAY

160 END

Line 100 selects a usable graphics mode (and clears the screen). Line 110 draws a large box on the screen.

Line 120 uses a for-next loop to fill the box with lines of different

thickness. (This shows how RECTANGLE could be used to replace DRAW.  
RECTANGLE is slower, but more versatile.)

Line 130 uses a for-next loop to delay execution of the next statement.

Line 140 clears the lines, but leaves the box to illustrate how RECTANGLE can be used as an eraser.

Line 150 delays the execution of the next statement.  
Line 160 ends the program.

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**REM --Remark** **REM**

Format

REM remark

! remark

Description

The REM statement enables you to document your program by including

explanatory remarks within the program itself.

You can use any character in a remark.

The length of a REM statement is limited only by the length of a program statement.

A REM statement encountered during program execution is ignored by the computer.

Trailing Remarks

In addition to the REM statement, trailing remarks can be added to the ends of lines in MYARC Advanced BASIC, allowing detailed internal documentation of programs. An exclamation mark (!) begins each trailing remark.

Example

100 REM BEGIN SUBROUTINE

Identifies a section beginning a subroutine.

100 FOR X=1 to 16 ! BEGIN LOOP

Identifies a section beginning a FOR-NEXT loop.

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**RESEQUENCE RESEQUENCE**

Format

RESEQUENCE [initial-line-number][,increment]

RES

Description

The RESEQUENCE command assigns new line numbers to all lines in the program

currently in memory.

If you enter an initial-line-number, the first line number assigned is one you specify. If you do not specify an initial-line-number, the computer starts with line number 100.

Succeeding line numbers are assigned by adding the value of the numeric-expression increment to the previous line number. Note that to specify an increment only (without specifying an initial-line-number), you must precede the increment with a comma. The default increment is 10.

To ensure that your program continues to function properly, all line-number references within your program are changed to reflect the newly assigned line numbers. (Line numbers mentioned in REM statements are not affected.) If an invalid line-number reference (a reference to a line number that does not exist in your program) is encountered, the computer changes the line-number reference to 32767, without displaying any error message or warning.

If the values you enter for the initial-line-number and increment would have the effect of creating a line number greater than 32767, the message Bad line number is displayed and the program is not resequenced.

Examples

RES

Resequences the lines of the program in memory to start with 100 and number

by 10s.

RES 1000

Resequences the lines of the program to start with 1000 and number by 10s.

RES 1000,15

Resequences the lines of the program in memory to start with 1000 and number

by 15s.

RES ,15

Resequences the lines of the program in memory to start with 100 and number

by 15s.

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**RESTORE RESTORE**

Format

Restore Data

RESTORE [line-number]

Restore a File

RESTORE #file-number[,REC record-number]

Cross Reference

DATA, INPUT, PRINT, READ

Description

The RESTORE instruction specifies either the DATA statement to be used with the next READ statement or the record to be accessed by the next file-processing instruction.

RESTORE with DATA and READ Statements

If you enter a line-number, the next READ statement executed assigns

values beginning from the data-list in the specified DATA statement.

If the specified line-number is not the line-number of a DATA statement, the computer uses the first DATA statement with a line-number higher than the one you specified.

If there is no higher numbered DATA statement, a program error occurs and the message Data error in line-number is displayed (the line-number is the line number of the READ statement that caused the error).

If you do not enter a line-number or a file-number, the next READ statement executed assigns values beginning from the data-list of the first DATA statement in your program.

If there are **no** DATA statements in your program, the message Data error in line-number is displayed.

RESTORE with a File

If you enter a file-number, RESTORE repositions the specified file at its first record, record zero (unless you use the REC option). The file-number is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of the file as assigned in its OPEN instruction.

If you use the REC option, the record-number is a numeric-expression specifying the number of the record at which you want to position the

file. The records in a file are numbered sequentially, starting with  
zero. The **REC** option can be used only with a file opened for RELATIVE access.

RESTORE terminates any print- or input-pending conditions.

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Examples

100 RESTORE

Sets the next DATA statement to be used to the first DATA statement in the

program.

100 RESTORE 130

Sets the next DATA statement to be used to the DATA statement at line 130 or, if line 130 is not a DATA statement, to the next DATA statement after line 130.

100 RESTORE #1

Sets the next record to be used by the next PRINT, INPUT, or LINPUT statement

using file #1 to be the first record in the file.

100 RESTORE #4,REC H5

Sets the next record to be used by the next PRINT, INPUT, or LINPUT statement

using file #4 to be record H5.

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RETURN RETURN

Format

With GOSUB and ON GOSUB

RETURN

With ON ERROR

RETURN [NEXT

line-number]

Cross Reference

GOSUB, ON GOSUB, ON ERROR

Description

The RETURN statement causes program control to return to the main program

from a subroutine called by a GOSUB, ON GOSUB, or ON ERROR statement.

RETURN with GOSUB and ON GOSUB

When the computer encounters a RETURN statement in a subroutine called by a GOSUB or ON GOSUB statement, program control returns to the statement immediately following the GOSUB or ON GOSUB statement.

No options are allowed with a RETURN statement in a subroutine called by a GOSUB or ON GOSUB statement.

RETURN with ON ERROR

The action taken by the computer when it encounters a RETURN statement in a subroutine called by an ON ERROR statement depends on the RETURN option.

If you specify the NEXT option, program control returns to the statement immediately following the statement that caused the error.

If you specify a line-number, program control is transferred to the specified program statement.

If you do not specify an option, program control returns to the statement that caused the error. The statement is re-executed.

RETURN "clears" the error, so that it can no longer be analyzed by the ERR subprogram.

Programs

The following program illustrates a use of RETURN as used with GOSUB. The program figures interest on an amount of money put into savings.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 INPUT "AMOUNT DEPOSITED: ":AMOUNT

120 INPUT "ANNUAL INTEREST RATE: ":RATE

130 IF RATE 1 THEN RATE=RATE\* 100

140 PRINT "NUMBER OF TIMES COMPOUNDED"

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150 INPUT "ANNUALLY: "COMP

160 INPUT "STARTING YEAR: ":Y

170 INPUT "NUMBER OF YEARS: ":N

180 CALL CLEAR

190 FOR A=Y TO Y+N

200 GOSUB 240

210 PRINT A,INT(AMOUNT\* 100+.5)/100

220 NEXT A

230 STOP

240 FOR 8=1 TO COMP

250 AMOUNT=AMOUNT+AMOUNT\*RATE/(COMP\* 100)

260 NEXT B

270 RETURN

The following program illustrates a use of RETURN with ON ERROR.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 A=1

120 ON ERROR 160

130 X=VAL("D")

140 PRINT 140

150 STOP

160 REM ERROR HANDLING

170 IF A>4 THEN 220

180 A=A+1

190 PRINT 190

200 ON ERROR 160

210 RETURN

220 PRINT 220 :: RETURN NEXT

RUN

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190  
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220  
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Line 120 causes an error to transfer control to line 160. Line 130 causes an error.

Line 170 checks to see if the error has occurred four times and transfers control to 220 if it has. Line 180 increments the error counter by one. Line 190 prints 190. Line 200 resets the error handling to transfer to line 160. Line 210 returns to the line that caused the error and executes it again.

Line 220, which is executed only after the error has occurred four times, prints 220 and returns to the line following the line that caused the error.

Line 140, the next one after the one that causes the error, prints 140. See also example of the ON ERROR statement.

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**RIGHTS RIGHT$**

Format

RIGHT$(string-expression,length)

Cross Reference  
LEFTS, POS, STR$

Description

RIGHT$ returns the right-most "length" of characters from the string expression. If the string-expression is shorter than the length, the actual string-expression will be returned.

Example

10 A$="MY NAME IS HARRY POTTER"

20 PRINT RIGHT$(A$,12)

RUN

HARRY POTTER

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**RND --Function--Random Number** **RND**

Format  
RND

Type  
REAL

Cross Reference  
RANDOMIZE

Description

The RND function returns a pseudo-random number.

RND returns the next pseudo-random number in the current series of

pseudo-random numbers. The number returned is always greater than or equal  
to 0 and less than 1.

The numbers returned by RND are called "pseudo-random" because they are not generated strictly at random, but are generated as members of predefined series. You can use the RANDOMIZE instruction to make the numbers generated by RND more random.

The same sequence of random numbers is generated by RND each time you run a particular program unless the program includes a RANDOMIZE instruction.

Examples

100 COLOR16=INT(RND\* 16)+1

Sets COLOR16 equal to some number from 1 through 16.

100 VALUE=INT(RND\* 16)+10

Sets VALUE equal to some number from 10 through 25.

100 LL(8)=INT(RND\*(13-A+1))+A

Sets LL(8) equal to some number from A through B.

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**RPT$ --Function--Repeat String RPT$**

Format

RPT$(string-expression,numeric-expression)

Type  
String

Description

The RPT$ function returns a string consisting of a specified string repeated a specified number of times.

The string-expression specifies the string to be repeated. If you use a string constant, it must be enclosed in quotation marks.

The value of the numeric-expression specifies the number of repetitions of the string-expression.

If the length of the string-expression and the value of the numeric-expression would create a string longer than 255 characters, the excess characters are discarded and the following message is displayed:

\*WARNING

STRING TRUNCATED

Examples

100 M$=RPT$("ABCO",4)

Sets M$ equal to "ABCDABCDABCDABCD".

100 CALL CHAR(244,RPTW0000FFFF",8))

Defines characters 244 through 247 with the string

"000OFFFFOOOOFFFFOOOOFFFFOOOOFFFFOOOOFFFFOOOOFFFFOOOOFFFFOOOOFFFF".

100 PRINT USING RPT$("#",40):X$

Prints the value of X$ using an image that consists of 40 number signs

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**RUN RUN**

Format

Execute Program in Memory

RUN [line-number]

Execute Program on External Device

RUN file-specification[,Continue]

Description

The RUN instruction causes the computer either to execute the program currently in memory or to both load and execute a program from an external. You can use RUN as either a program statement or a command.

When you use RUN as a program statement, one program can start the execution of another program. This enables you to divide a large program into smaller segments, each of which can be loaded into memory only as needed.

If you specify a line-number, your program starts running at the specified program line.

If you enter a file-specification, your program is first loaded into memory from the specified external device, and then executed starting from the lowest-numbered line in the program. The file-specification is a string expression; if you use a string constant, you must enclose it in quotation marks. If you additionally specify the Continue option, the new program loaded must contain only variables used in the previous program. A syntax error will occur when trying to use a variable not contained in the previous program.

If you do not enter either a line-number or a file-specification, the computer executes the program currently in memory starting with the lowest-numbered line in the program.

Before the program starts running, the computer:

Sets the values of all numeric variables to zero.

Sets the values of all string variables to null strings (strings containing no characters).

Closes all open files.

Restores the default screen color (cyan).

Deletes all sprites.

Resets the sprite magnification level to 1.

Checks for certain program errors.

RUN does not affect the graphics mode, margin settings, graphics colors (see DCOLOR), or current position (see DRAWTO).

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Examples

RUN

Causes the computer to begin execution of the program in memory.

RUN 200

100 RUN 200

Causes the computer to begin execution of the program in memory starting at line 200.

RUN "DSK1.PRG3"

100 RUN "DSK1.PRG3"

Causes the computer to load and begin execution of the program named PRG3 from the diskette in disk drive 1.

100 A$="DSK1.MYFILE"

110 RUN A$

Causes the computer to load and begin execution of the program named MYFILE from the diskette in disk drive 1.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the RUN command used as a statement. It creates a "menu" and lets the person using the program choose what other program he wishes to run. The other programs should RUN this program rather than ending in the usual way, so that the menu is given again after they are finished.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 PRINT "1 PROGRAM 1."

120 PRINT "2 PROGRAM 2."

130 PRINT "3 PROGRAM 3."

140 PRINT "4 END."

150 PRINT

160 INPUT "YOUR CHOICE: "C

170 IF C=1 THEN RUN "DSK1.PRG1"

180 IF C=2 THEN RUN "DSK1.PRG2"

190 IF C=3 THEN RUN "DSK1.PRG3"

200 IF C=4 THEN STOP

210 GOTO 100

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**SAVE SAVE**

Format

SAVE file-specification[,INTERNAL][,MERGE][PROTECTED]

Cross Reference

MERGE, OLD

Description

The SAVE command copies the program in memory to an external storage device. When you are using SAVE, your program remains in memory, even if an error occurs.

The saved program can later be loaded back into memory with the OLD command.

The file-specifications names the program to be stored. The file-specification, a string constant, optionally can be enclosed in quotation marks.

To specify that your program is to be available for merging with other programs, use the MERGE option. If you use the MERGE option, the program is stored as a SEQUENTIAL file in DISPLAY format with VARIABLE records (DV/163)(see OPEN); MERGE can be used only with devices that accept these options.

For more information about using MERGE with a particular device, refer to the owner's manual that comes with that device.

If you do not use the MERGE option, your program cannot later be merged with another program.

If you use the PROTECTED option, you ensure that the program, when subsequentially loaded with the OLD command, cannot be listed, edited, or saved.

As the PROTECTED option is not reversible, it is recommended that you keep an unprotected version of the program. If you also wish to protect a diskette-based program from being deleted,

use the protect feature of the Disk Manager.

If you use the INTERNAL option, your program will be saved in INTERNAL format with VARIABLE records and will be compatible with the TI 99/4A. The program size in bytes should be limited to approx. 24K and cannot have ANY of the reserved words of MYARC

Advanced BASIC.

SAVE removes any breakpoints you have set in your program.

Examples

SAVE PRG1

Saves program to the current working directory(see PWD or KEY LIST)

SAVE DSK1.PRG1

Saves the program in memory on the diskette or harddrive(if you have emulate set) in disk drive 1 under the name PRG1.

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SAVE DSK1.PRG1,PROTECTED

Saves the program in memory on the diskette in disk drive 1 under the name PRG1. The program may be loaded into memory, but it may not be edited, listed(screen or printer), or resaved.

SAVE DSK1.PRG1,MERGE

Saves the program in memory on the diskette in disk drive 1 under the name PRG1. The program may later be merged with a program in memory by using the MERGE command.

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**SAY** --Subprogram **SAY**

Format

CALL SAY(word-string[,direct-string][,...])

Cross Reference

SPGET

Description

The SAY subprogram enables you to instruct the computer to produce speech.

Word-string is a string-expression whose value is any of the words or phrases in the computer's resident vocabulary. If you use a string constant, you must enclose it in quotation marks. Alphabetic characters must be upper-case.

The computer substitutes "UHOH" for a word-string not in the vocabulary.

A speech phrase (more than one word) must be enclosed in pound signs(#). A speech phrase must be predefined; that is it must be resident in the computer's vocabulary.

A compound is a new word formed by combining two words already in the vocabulary. For example, SOME+THING produces "something" and THERE+FOUR produces "therefore". A compound must not be enclosed in pound signs.

See Appendix H for a list of the computer's resident vocabulary .

Direct-string is a string-expression whose value is the computer's internal representation of a word or phrase. You can use or modify a direct-string returned by the SPGET subprogram.

See Appendix I for information on adding suffixes to direct-strings. You can specify multiple word-strings and direct-strings by alternating them. To specify two consecutive word-strings or direct-strings, enter an extra comma as a separator between them.

Examples

100 CALL SAY("HELLO, HOW ARE YOU")

Causes the computer to say "Hello, how are you".

CALL SAY(A$,,B$)

Causes the computer to say the words indicated by A$ and b$, which must have been returned by SPGET.

The following program illustrates a use of CALL SAY with a word-string and three direct-strings.

100 CALL SPGET("HOW",X$)

110 CALL SPGET("ARE",Y$)

120 CALL SPGET("YOU",Z$)

130 CALL SAY("HELLO",X$,,Y$,,Z$)

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**SCHAR --Subprogram SCHAR**

Format

CALL SCHAR(char#,string-variable)

Cross Reference

CHAR,SPRITE

Description

The SCHAR subprogram enables you to define sprites and sprites only, works just like CALL CHAR except CHAR defines characters and sprites. The execption to this is switching to GRAPHICS(1,1) redefines both characters and sprites.

**SCREEN --Subprogram SCREEN**

Format

CALL SCREEN(background-color)

Cross Reference

COLOR,DCOLOR,GRAPHICS

Description

The SCREEN subprogram enables you to change the screen color. The screen color is the color of the border and the color displayed when transparent is specified as the background-color of a character or pixel.

In Text Mode, SCREEN enables you to change the color of the displayed characters, as well as the color of the screen.

Background-color is a numeric-expression whose value specifies a screen color from among the 16 available colors.

In GRAPHICS(1,1), when your program ends the default colors are restored. In other modes, some set the edge of the screen to the color selected, some set the complete screen including the edge, some will transfer the color to the complete screen when you switch modes.

The codes for the available colors are listed in Appendix F.

100 CALL SCREEN(8)

Changes the screen to cyan.

100 CALL SCREEN(2)

Changes the screen to black.

100 CALL GRAPHICS(2,3)

110 FOR X=1 TO 256

120 CALL SCREEN(X)

130 CALL TCOLOR(X,X)

140 DISPLAY :: NEXT X

150 CALL GRAPHICS(3,1)

Scrolls 256 colors to the screen, displays the color and sets the edge, but not the border.

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Program

The following program uses CALL SCREEN with CALL VCHAR and PRINT in the Text Mode to change the color of a character.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL GRAPHICS(2,1)

120 CALL VCHAR(12,12,33,3)

130 CALL SCREEN(5,16)

140 PRINT "DARK BLUE SCREEN WITH WHITE LETTERS"

150 GOTO 150

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

Line 130 changes the screen to dark blue and the characters to white.

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**SEG$** --Function--String Segment **SEG$**

Format

SEG$(string-expression, start-position,length)

Type  
String

Description

The SEG$ function returns a specified substring (segment of a string).

The string-expression specifies the string of which you want to specify

a substring. If you use a string constant, it must be enclosed in  
quotation marks.

The start-position is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the character position in the string-expression where the substring begins. The value of the start-position must be greater than zero.

The length is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the length of the substring.

If the start-position is greater than the length of the string-expression, or if the length is zero, SEG$ returns a null string.

If the specified length is greater than the remaining length of the string-expression (starting from the specified start-position), SEG$ returns a substring consisting of all characters in the string-expression starting from the start-position to the end of the string-expression.

Examples

100 X$=SEG$("FIRSTNAME LASTNAME",1,9) Sets X$ equal to FIRSTNAME.

100 Y$=SEG$("FIRSTNAME LASTNAME"11,8) Sets Y$ equal to LASTNAME.

100 Z$=SEG$("FIRSTNAME LASTNAME",10,1)  
Sets Z$ equal to " ".

100 PRINT SEG$(A$,B,C)

Prints the substring of A$ starting at the character at position B and

extending for C characters.

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**SGN --Function--Signum (Sign)** **SGN**

Format

SGN(numeric-expression)

Type  
DEFINT

Description

The SGN function returns a number indicating the algebraic sign of the value

of the numeric-expression.

If the value of the numeric-expression is negative, SGN returns a -1. If the value of the numeric-expression is zero, SGN returns a O.

If the value of the numeric-expression is positive, SGN returns a (+)1. Examples

100 IF SGN(X2)=1 THEN 300 ELSE 400

Transfers control to line 300 if X2 is positive and to line 400 if X2 is zero

or negative.

100 ON SGN(X)+2 GOTO 200,300,400

Transfers control to line 200 if X is negative, line 300 if X is zero, and

line 400 if X is positive.

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**SIN --Function--Sine** **SIN**

Format

SIN(numeric-expression)

Type  
REAL

Cross Reference  
ATN, COS, TAN

Description

The SIN function returns the sine of the angle whose measurement in radians

is the value of the numeric-expression.

The value of the numeric-expression cannot be less than -1.5707963267944E10 or greater than 1.5707963267944E10.

To convert the measure of an angle from degrees to radians, multiply pi/180.

Program

The following program gives the sine for each of several angles.

100 A=.5235987755982

110 B=30

120 C=45\*PI/180

130 PRINT SIN(A);SIN(B)

140 PRINT SIN(B\*PI/180)

150 PRINT SIN(C)

RUN

.5 -.9880316241

.5

.7071067812

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**SOUND --Subprogram SOUND**

**Format**

CALL SOUND(duration,frequencyl,volumel[,frequency2,volume2]

[,frequency3,volume3][,frequency4,volume4])

Description

The SOUND subprogram enables you to instruct the computer to produce musical

tones or noise.

The computer contains three music generators and one noise generator, enabling you to create up to four different sounds at once. You can specify the frequency and volume of each sound independently.

Duration is a numeric-expression whose absolute value specifies the length of the sound in milliseconds (thousanths of seconds). Duration

can have an absolute value from 1 to 4250. (A value of 1000 will  
produce a sound for one second.)

The actual duration produced by the computer may vary by as much as one sixtieth (1/60) of a second from the value you specify.

You can enter only one duration, which applies to all specified sounds (music and noise).

Frequency is a numeric-expression that has different meanings depending on whether you use it to specify one of the music generators or the noise generator.

You must enter at least one frequency.

The frequency of a music generator specifies the frequency of the tone in Hertz (cycles per second). The acceptable values range from 110 to 44733; the upper limit exceeds the range of human hearing.

The actual frequency produced by the computer may vary by as much as ten percent from the value you specify.

See Appendix C for the frequencies of some commomly used tones.

The frequency of the noise generator has a value from -1 to -8, specifying the type of noise produced.

The frequencies from -1 to -3 produce different types of periodic noise. A frequency of -4 produces a periodic noise that varies depending on the frequency value of the third music generator.

The frequencies from -5 to -7 produce different types of white noise. A frequency of -8 produces a white noise that varies depending on the frequency value of the third music generator.

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Volume is a numeric-expression whose value is inversely proportional to the loudness of the sound.

You must enter at least one volume.

The volume can be from 0 to 30. Zero is the maximum volume and 30 is silence.

If you call SOUND while the computer is still producing the tones specified in a previous call to the SOUND subprogram, the result depends on the algebraic sign of the duration of the previous call to SOUND. If the duration was positive, the new sound does not begin until the old sound is

complete. If the duration was negative, the new sound begins immediately,  
interrupting the old sound.

Examples

100 CALL SOUND(1000,110,0)

Plays A below low C loudly for one second.

100 CALL SOUND(500,110,0,131,0,196,3)

Plays A below low C and low C loudly, and G below C not as loudly, all for

half a second.

100 CALL SOUND(4250,-8,0)

Plays loud white noise for 4.250 seconds.

100 CALL SOUND(DUR,TONE,VOL)

Plays the tone indicated by TONE for a duration indicated by DUR, at a volume

indicated by VOL.

Program

The following program plays \*the 13 notes of the first octave that is available on the computer.

100 X=2"(1/12)

110 FOR A=1 TO 13

120 CALL SOUND(100,110\*X"A,O)

130 NEXT A

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**SPGET --Subprogram--Get Speech** **SPGET**

Format

CALL SPGET(word-string,string-variable[,...])

Cross Reference

SAY

Description

The SPGET subprogram enables you to assign the computer's internal representation of a speech word to a variable.

SPGET is especially useful if you want to add a suffix to a word in the computer's resident vocabulary.

Word-string is a string-expression whose value is any of the words or phrases in the computer's resident vocabulary. If you use a string constant, you must enclose it in quotes.

The computer substitutes "UHOH" for a word-string not in the vocabulary.

A speech phrase (more than one word) must be enclosed in pound signs(#).

See Appendix for a list of the computer's resident vocabulary.

The internal representation of the word-string (the direct-string) is returned in the string-variable.

See Appendix I for information on adding suffixes to direct-strings.

You can specify multiple word-strings and direct strings by alternating them.

Program

The following program illustrates using CALL SPGET.

110 CALL SPGET("COMPUTER",Y$)

120 CALL SAY("I AM A",Y$)

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**SPRITE --Subprogram** **SPRITE**

Format

CALL SPRITE(#sprite-number,character-code,foreground-color,

pixel-row,pixel-column[, vertical-velocity,horizontal-velocity][,...])

Cross Reference

CHAR, COINC, COLOR, DELSPRITE, DISTANCE, GRAPHICS, LOCATE, MAGNIFY, MOTION,

PATTERN, POSITION, SCREEN

Description

The SPRITE subprogram enables you to create sprites.

Sprites are graphics that can be assigned any valid color and placed anywhere

on the screen. Sprites treat the screen as a grid 256 pixels high and 256  
pixels wide. However, only the first 192 pixels are visible on the screen.

You can create up to 32 sprites in all graphics modes except Text Modes, which do not allow sprites (the SPRITE subprogram has no effect in Text Modes).

Sprites can be set in motion in any direction at a variety of speeds. A

sprite continues its motion until it is specifically changed by the program or until program execution stops. Because sprites move from pixel to pixel, their motion can be smoother than that of characters, which can be moved only one character position (6 or 8 pixels) at a time.

Sprites "pass over" characters on the screen. When two or more sprites are coincident (occupying the same screen pixel position), the sprite with the lowest sprite-number covers the other sprite(s).

At any given time, only four sprites (in Graphics(1,1) and (1,2)) or eight sprites (in the other graphics modes) can be on the same horizontal pixel-row. Once this limit is exceeded the row of pixels in the sprite(s) with the highest sprite-number(s) disappears.

You can use the DELSPRITE subprogram to delete one or more sprites. All sprites are deleted when your program ends (either normally or because of an error), stops at a breakpoint, or changes graphics mode.

Sprite Specifications

The sprite-number is a numeric-expression with a value from 1 to 32. If you specify the value of a previously defined sprite, the old sprite is

replaced by the new sprite. If the old sprite had a vertical- or  
horizontal-velocity and you do not specify a new velocity, the new sprite retains the old velocity.

Character-code is a numeric-expression with a value from 0-255, specifying the character that defines the sprite pattern.

If you use the MAGNIFY subprogram to change to double-sized sprites, the

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sprite definition includes the character specified by the character-code and three additional characters (see MAGNIFY).

Once defined by the SPRITE subprogram, the character-code of a sprite can be changed by the PATTERN subprogram.

The foreground-color is a numeric-expression with a value from 1 to 16, specifying one of the 16 available colors. Once defined by the SPRITE subprogram, the foreground-color of a sprite can be changed by the COLOR subprogram.

The background-color of a sprite is always transparent.

The pixel-row and pixel-column are numeric-expressions whose values specify the screen pixel position of the pixel at the upper-left corner of the sprite.

Once defined by the SPRITE subprogram, the pixel-row and pixel-column of a sprite can be changed by the LOCATE subprogram, and the current pixel-row and pixel column of a sprite can be ascertained by the

POSITION subprogram. Also, the distance between sprites or between a  
sprite and a specified screen pixel can be ascertained by the DISTANCE subprogram, and the COINC subprogram can be used to ascertain whether sprites are coincident with each other or with a specified screen pixel.

Sprite Motion

The optional vertical- and horizontal-velocity are numeric-expressions with values from -128 to 127. If both values are zero, the sprite is stationary. The speed of a sprite is in direct linear proportion to the absolute value of the specified velocity.

A positive vertical-velocity causes the sprite to move toward the top of the screen; a negative vertical-velocity causes the sprite to move toward the bottom of the screen.

A positive horizontal-velocity causes the sprite to move to the right; a

negative horizontal-velocity causes the sprite to move to the left.

If neither the vertical- nor horizontal-velocity are zero, the sprite moves at an angle, in a direction and at a speed determined by the velocity values.

The velocity of a sprite can be changed by the MOTION subprogram.

When a moving sprite reaches an edge of the screen, it disappears. The

sprite reappears in the corresponding position at the opposite edge of the screen.

The motion of a sprite may be affected by the computer's internal processing and by input to, and output from, external devices.

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Program

The following three programs show some possible uses of sprites.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL CHAR(244,"FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF")

120 CALL CHAR(246,"183C7EFFFF7E3C18")

130 CALL CHAR(248,"FOOFFOOFFOOFFOOF")

140 CALL SPRITE(#1,244,5,92,124,#2,248,7,1,1)

150 CALL SPRITE(#28,33,16,12,48,1,1)

160 CALL SPRITE(#15,246,14,1,1,127,-128)

170 GOTO 170

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

Line 140 creates a dark blue sprite in the center of the screen and a red striped sprite in the upper-right corner of the screen. Line 150 creates a white sprite near the upper-left corner of the screen and starts it moving

slowly at a 45-degree angle down and to the right. The sprite is an  
exclamation point.

Line 160 creates a dark red sprite at the upper-right corner of the screen and starts it moving very fast at a 45 degree angle down and to the left.

The following program makes a rather spectacular use of sprites.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 CALL CHAR(244,"0008081C7F1C0808")

120 RANDOMIZE

130 CALL SCREEN(2)

140 FOR A=1 TO 28

150 CALL SPRITE(#A,244,INT(A/3)+3,92,124,A\*INT(RND\*4.5)

-2.25+A/2\*SGN(RND-.5),A\*INT(RND\*4.5)-2.25+A/2\*SGN(RND-.5))

160 NEXT A

170 GOTO 140

(Press CLEAR to stop the program.)

Line 110 defines character 244.

Line 150 defines the sprites, 28 in all. The sprite-number is the current

value of A. The character-value is 244. The sprite-color is INT(A/3)+3.  
The starting dot-row and dot-column are 92 and 124, the center of the screen. The row- and column-velocities are chosen randomly using the value of A\*INT(RNO\*4.5)-2.25+A/2\*SGN(RND-.5).

Line 170 causes the sequence to repeat.

The following program uses all the subprograms that relate to sprites except

for COLOR. They are CHAR, COINC, DELSPRITE, LOCATE, MAGNIFY, MOTION,  
PATTERN, POSITION, and SPRITE.

The program creates two double-sized magnified sprites in the shapes of two people walking along a floor. There is a barrier that one of them passes through and the other jumps through. The one that jumps through goes a

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little faster after each jump, eventually catching the other one. When this happens, they each become double-sized, unmagnified sprites and continue

walking. When they meet for the second time, the one that has been going  
faster disappears and the other continues walking.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 S1$="0103030103030303030303030303030380C

0C08000COCOCOCOCOCOCOCOCOCOEO"

120 S2$="0103030103070F1818030303060C0C0E80C

0C08000EOF008CCCOC00060303038"

130 COUNT=O

140 CALL CHAR(244,51$)

150 CALL CHAR(248,S2$)

160 CALL SCREEN(14)

170 CALL COLOR(14,13,13)

180 FOR A=19 TO 24

190 CALL HCHAR(A,1,136,32)

200 NEXT A

210 CALL COLOR(13,15,15)

220 CALL VCHAR(14,22,128,6)

230 CALL VCHAR(14,23,128,6)

240 CALL VCHAR(14,24,128,6)

250 CALL SPRITE(#1,244,5,113,129,#2,244,7,113,9)

260 CALL MAGNIFY(4)

270 XDIR=4

280 PAT=2

290 CALL MOTION(#1,0,XDIR,#2,0,4)

300 CALL PATTERN(#1,246+PAT,#2,246-PAT)

310 PAT=-PAT

320 CALL COINC(ALL,CO)

330 IF CO>0 THEN 370

340 CALL POSITION(#1,YPOSI,XPOS1)

350 IF XPOS1>136 AND XPOS1<192 THEN 470

360 GOTO 300

370 REM COINCIDENCE

380 CALL MOTION(#1,0,0#2,0,0)

390 CALL PATTERN(#1,244,#2,244)

400 IF COUNT>0 THEN 540

410 COUNT=COUNT+1

420 CALL POSITION(#1,YPOS1,XPOS1,#2,YPOS2,XPOS2)

430 CALL MAGNIFY(3)

440 CALL LOCATE(#1,YPOS1+16,XPOS1+8,#2,YPOS2+16,XPOS2)

450 CALL MOTION(#1,0,XDIR,#2,0,4)

460 GOTO 340

470 REM #1 HIT WALL

480 CALL MOTION(#1,0,0)

490 CALL POSITION(#1,YPOS1,XPOS1)

500 CALL LOCATE(#1,YPOS1,193)

510 XDIR=XDIR+1

520 CALL MOTION(#1,0,XDIR)

530 GOTO 300

540 REM SECOND COINCIDENCE

550 FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000 :: NEXT DELAY

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560 CALL MOTION(#2,0,4)

570 CALL DELSPRITE(#1)

580 FOR STEP1=1 TO 20

590 CALL PATTERN(#2,248)

600 FOR DELAY=1 TO 40 :: NEXT DELAY

610 CALL PATTERN(#2,244)

620 FOR DELAY=1 TO 40 :: NEXT DELAY

630 NEXT STEP1

640 CALL CLEAR

Lines 110, 120, 140, 150, 250, and 260 define the sprites.

Line 130 sets the meeting counter to zero.

Lines 170 through 200 build the floor.

Lines 210 through 240 build the barrier.

Line 270 sets the starting speed of the sprite that will speed up.

Line 290 sets the sprites in motion.

Line 300 creates the illusion of walking.

Line 320 checks to see if the sprites have met. Line 330 transfers control if the sprites have met.

Lines 340 and 350 check to see if the sprite has reached the barrier and transfer control if it has.

Line 360 loops back to continue the walk.

Lines 370 through 460 handle the sprites running into each other. Lines 380 and 390 stop them.

Line 400 checks to see if it is the first meeting.

Line 410 increments the meeting counter.

Line 420 finds the sprites position.

Line 430 makes them smaller.

Line 440 puts them on the floor and moves the fast one slightly ahead.

Line 450 starts them moving again.

Lines 470 through 530 handle the fast sprite jumping through the barrier. Line 480 stops it.

Line 490 finds where it is.

Line 500 puts it at the new location beyond the barrier.

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Lines 510 and 520 start it moving again, a little faster.

Lines 540 through 640 handle the second meeting.

Line 560 starts the slow sprite moving.

Line 570 deletes the fast sprite.

Lines 580 through 630 make the slow sprite walk 20 steps.

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**SQR --Function--Square Root SQR**

Format

SQR(numeric-expression)

Type  
REAL

Description

The SQR function returns the positive square root of the value of the

numeric-expression.

The value of the numeric-expression cannot be negative. Examples

100 PRINT SQR(4)  
Prints 2.

100 X=SQR(2.57E5)

Sets X equal to the square root of 257,000, which is 506.9516742255.

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**STOP STOP**

Format STOP

Cross Refernce END

Description

The STOP statement stops the execution of your program.

When your computer encounters a STOP statement, the computer performs the following operations:

It closes all open files.

It restores the default character definitions of all characters.

Restores the default foreground-color (black) and background-color (transparent) to all characters.

Restores the default screen color (cyan).

Deletes all sprites.

Resets the sprite magnification level to 1.

The graphics colors (see DCOLOR) and current position (see DRAWTO) are not affected. If the computer is in Pattern or Text Mode the graphics mode and margin settings remain unchanged.

A STOP statement is not necessary to stop your program; the program automatically stops after the highest-numbered line is executed.

STOP is frequently used before a subprogram that follows the main portion of a program, to ensure that the subprogram is not executed after the execution of the highest-numbered line in the main program.

STOP can be used interchangeably with the END statement, except that you cannot use STOP to end a subprogram.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of the STOP statement. The program

adds the numbers from 1 to 100.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 TOT=O

120 NUMB=1

130 TOT=TOT+NUMB

140 NUMB=NUMB+1

150 IF NUMB>100 THEN PRINT TOT::STOP

160 GOTO 130

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**STR$ --Function--String-Number STR$**

Format

STR$(numeric-expression)

Type  
String

Cross Reference  
VAL

Description

The STR$ function returns the string representation of the value of the

numeric-expression.

STR$ enables you to use the string representation of the numeric-expression with an instruction that requires a string-expression as a parameter.

STR$ is the inverse of the VAL function.  
STR$ removes leading and trailing spaces.  
Examples

100 NUM$=STR$(78.6)

Sets NUM$ equal to "78.6".

100 LL$=STR$(3E15)

Sets LL$ equal to "3.E+15".

100 X$=STR$(A\*4)

Sets X$ equal to a string representation of whatever value is obtained when A is multiplied by 4. For instance, if A is equal to -8, X$ is set equal to "-32".

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**SUB --Subprogram** **SUB**

Format

SUB subprogram-name[(parameter[,...])]

Cross Reference

CALL, SUBEND, SUBEXIT

Description

The SUB statement is the first statement in a subprogram.

You can use a subprogram to separate a group of statements from the main

program. Subprograms are generally used to perform a specific operation  
several times in the same program or in different programs, or to isolate variables that are specific to the subprogram.

Subprograms are accessed from your main program with a CALL statement. The subprogram-name in the SUB statement is the same name that you use in the CALL statement that transfers control to the subprogram.

The maximum length of a subprogram-name is 15 characters.

A user-written subprogram may have the same subprogram-name as a built-in subprogram. In such a case, a CALL statement will access the user-written subprogram instead of the built-in one.

You can use parameters to pass values to a subprogram. Parameters must be valid names of variables or arrays.

SUBEND must be the last statement executed in a subprogram. When the

computer encounters a SUBEND or a SUBEXIT statement in a subprogram, program control returns to the statement immediately following the CALL statement that called the subprogram.

It is recommended that you do not use any statement other than SUBEND or SUBEXIT to leave a subprogram. If you use another statement to leave a subprogram you may still be using variables local to the subprogram, which may cause unexpected results.

Subprograms must have higher line numbers than any part of your main program. A SUB statement cannot be part of an IF THEN statement.

Subprogram Variables

The variables used in a subprogram (other than those used as parameters) are local to the subprogram; that is, even if a variable in your main program has the same name as a variable in a subprogram, the value of that variable outside the subprogram is not affected by changes to its value in the

subprogram. If a subprogram is called more than once, any local variables  
used in the subprogram retain their values from one call to the next.

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Parameters

When your program executes a subprogram beginning with a SUB statement with parameters, the parameter values (constants or variables) are passed from the

parameter-list of the CALL statement to the subprogram. The parameter-list  
in the CALL statement must contain the same number of parameters as the SUB statement. Values are passed in the order in which they are listed.

A numeric parameter must be passed a numeric value. A string parameter must be passed a string value.

An array parameter must be passed an array. A string-array parameter must be passed a string array.

To pass an entire array as one parameter, follow the array name with left and right parentheses. If the array has more than one dimension, place one comma between the parentheses for each additional dimension.

Passing Parameters by Reference and Value

When a subprogram manipulates the value of a parameter passed to it, the new parameter value may or may not be passed back to the main program. When a parameter is passed to a subprogram "by reference", the new value is passed back to the main program after the subprogram has executed.

When a parameter is passed to a subprogram "by value", the new value is not passed back to the main program.

Variables, array elements, and arrays are normally passed by reference. However, if a numeric variable or array element is of a different data-type in the main program than it is in the subprogram, the parameter is passed by value.

To specify that a variable or array element is to be passed by value rather than by reference, enclose it in parentheses in the CALL statement's parameter-list. Note that this option is not available for arrays.

If you use an expression as a parameter, it is evaluated and passed by value.

Examples

100 SUB MENU

Marks the beginning of a subprogram. No parameters are passed or returned.

100 SUB MENU(COUNT,CHOICE)

Marks the beginning of a subprogram. The variables COUNT and CHOICE may be used and/or have their values changed in the subprogram and returned to the variables in the same position in the calling statement.

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100 SUB PAYCHECK(DATE,Q,SSN,PAYRATE,TABLE(,))

Marks the beginning of a subprogram. The variables DATE, Q, SSN, PAYRATE, and the array TABLE with two dimensions may be used and/or have their values changed in the subprogram and returned to the variables in the same position in the calling statement.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of SUB. The subprogram MENU had been previously saved with the MERGE option. It prints a menu and requests a choice. The main program tells the subprogram how many choices there are and

what the choices are. It then uses the choice made in the subprogram to determine what program to run.

100 CALL MENU(5,R)

110 ON R GOTO 120,130,140,150,160

120 RUN "DSK1.PAYABLES"

130 RUN "DSK1.RECEIVE"

140 RUN "DSK1.PAYROLL"

150 RUN "DSK1.INVENTORY"

160 RUN "DSK1.LEDGER"

170 DATA ACCOUNTS PAYABLE,ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE,PAYROLL,INVENTORY,GENERAL

LEDGER

Beginning of subprogram MENU.

Note that this R is not the same as the R used in lines 100 and 110 in the main program.

10000 SUB MENU(COUNT,CHOICE)  
10010 CALL CLEAR

10020 IF COUNT>22 THEN PRINT "TOO MANY ITEMS" CHOICE=O :: SUBEXIT

10030 RESTORE

10040 FOR R=1 TO COUNT

10050 READ TEMP$

10060 TEMP$=SEG$(TEMP$,1,25)

10070 DISPLAY AT(R,1):R;TEMP$

10080 NEXT R

10090 DISPLAY AT(R+1,1):"YOUR CHOICE: 1"

10100 ACCEPT AT(R+1,14)BEEP VALIDATE(DIGIT)SIZE(-2):CHOICE

10110 IF CHOICE>COUNT OR CHOICE<1 THEN 10100

10120 SUBEND

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**SUBEND --Subprogram End** **SUBEND**

Format  
SUBEND

Cross Reference  
SUB, SUBEXIT

Description

The SUBEND statement marks the end of a subprogram.

SUBEND must be the last statement executed in a subprogram. When the

computer encounters a SUBEND statement in a subprogram, program control returns to the statement immediately following the CALL statement that called the subprogram.

It is recommended that you do not use any statement other than SUBEND or SUBEXIT to leave a subprogram. If you use another statement to leave a subprogram you may still be using variables local to the subprogram, which may cause unexpected results.

A SUBEND statement cannot be part of an IF THEN statement.

The only statements that can immediately-follow a SUBEND statement are REM, END, or the SUB statement for the next subprogram.

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**SUBEXIT --Subprogram Exit** **SUBEXIT**

Format  
SUBEXIT

Cross Reference  
SUB, SUBEND

Description

The SUBEXIT statement enables you to leave a subprogram before the computer

executes the SUBEND statement that ends the subprogram.

SUBEXIT enables you to have more than one exit from a subprogram.

When the computer encounters a SUBEXIT statement in a subprogram, program control returns to the statement immediately following the CALL statement that called the subprogram.

It is recommended that you do not use any statement other than SUBEND or

SUBEXIT to leave a subprogram. If you use another statement to leave a  
subprogram you may still be using variables local to the subprogram, which may cause unexpected results.

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**SWAP SWAP**

Format

CALL SWAP var1, var2

Description

The SWAP statement is used to exchange the values of two variables, provided they are of the same type and precision. If they are not of the type an error will occur.

The SWAP statement cannot be used to "SWAP" the contents of two arrays, except as individual elements.

There is a required space between SWAP and var1.

Examples

100 FOR I=1 TO 100

110 CALL SWAP A$(I),B$(I)

120 NEXT I

The SWAP statement can also be used to alphabetize two strings.

100 INPUT "STRING #1 >":A$

110 INPUT "STRING #2 >:B$

120 IF A$>B$ THEN CALL SWAP A$,B$

130 PRINT A$,B$

SWAP can also be used with a DEFvartype.

100 DEFSTR B

110 A$="TEST"

120 B$="TEST1"

130 SWAP A$,B

140 PRINT A$,B

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**TAB --Function--Tabulate TAB**

Format

TAB(numeric-expression)

Cross Reference

DISPLAY,PRINT

Description

The TAB function specifies the starting position of the next item to be printed by a PRINT or DISPLAY instruction.

The numeric-expression specifies the starting position of the next print item in a print-list of a PRINT or DISPLAY instruction.

If the value of the numeric-expression is not an integer, it is rounded to the nearest integer. If the value of the numeric-expression is less than 1, it is replaced by 1.

If the value of the numeric-expression is greater than the record length of the screen or device, it repeatedly reduced by the record length until it is less than or equal to the record length. The record length of the screen is the width of the screen window defined by the margins. For more information

about the record length of a particular device, refer to the owner's manual that comes with that device.

Because the TAB function itself is treated as a separate print item, it must be preceded and /or followed by a print separator (usually a semicolon), unless it is the only item in the print-list.

If the number of characters already printed in the current record is greater than or equal to the position indicated by the value of the numeric-expression, the print item following the TAB is printed in the next record, beginning in the position specified by the value of the numeric-expression.

TAB can be used to print to a device or file only if the device or file has been opened in DISPLAY format.

TAB cannot be used with PRINT USING or DISPLAY USING.

Examples

100 PRINT TAB(12);35

Prints the number 35 at the twelfth position from left margin.

100 PRINT 356;TAB(18);"NAME"

Prints 356 at the beginning of the line and NAME at the eighteenth position from the left margin.

100 PRINT "ABCDEFGHIJKLM";TAB(5);"NOP"

Prints ABCDEFGHIJKLM at the beginning of the line and NOP at the fifth position of the next line.

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**TAN --Function--Tangent TAN**

Format

TAN(numeric-expression)

Type

REAL

Cross Reference

ATN,COS,SIN

Description

The TAN function returns the tangent of the angle whose measurement in radians is the value of the numeric-expression.

The numeric-expression cannot be less than -1.5707963269514E10 or greater than 1.5707963266374E10.

To convert the measure to radians, multiply by pi/180.

Program

The following program gives the tangent for each of several angles.

100 A=.7853981633973

110 B=26.5650511177

120 C=45\*PI/180

130 PRINT TAN(A);TAN(B)

140 PRINT TAN(B\*PI/180)

150 PRINT TAN(C)

RUN

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**TCOLOR --Subprogram** **TCOLOR**

Format

CALL TCOLOR(foreground-color,background color)

Cross Reference

PALETTE

Description

The TCOLOR subprogram enables you to change the foreground-color and background-color of text characters.

In bit map modes, the color set for a given portion of text remains even when subsequent text is changed.

In text modes, when colors are changed, all text is changed at the same time.

Color numbers range from 1 to the number of colors available to the mode(4,16,256). See PALETTE

Example

100 CALL TCOLOR(16,5)

This sets the foreground-color to white and the background-color to dark blue.

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**TERMCHAR--Function--Termination Character TERMCHAR**

Format

TERMCHAR

Type

DEFINT

Cross Reference

ACCEPT,INPUT,LINPUT

Description

The TERMCHAR function returns the character code of the key pressed to exit from the previously executed INPUT, ACCEPT, or LINPUT statement.

In a program, the value returned by TERMCHAR depends on the key pressed to exit from the last instruction that accepted input from the keyboard.

VALUE RETURNED KEY

1 F7 AID

2 F4 CLEAR

10 FX or DOWN ARROW

11 FE or UP ARROW

12 F6 PROC'D

13 ENTER

14 F5 BEGIN

15 F9 BACK

If you use TERMCHAR as part of a command(unless it is preceded by ACCEPT, INPUT, or LINPUT), the value returned depends on the key to enter the command(ENTER, UP ARROW, or DOWN ARROW.

Note that pressing CLEAR during keyboard input normally causes a break in the program. However, if your program includes an ON BREAK NEXT statement, you can use CLEAR to exit from an input field.

Program

The following program illustrates a use of TERMCHAR. The program displays name, address, and city, state, and zip code information entered from the keyboard. Line 160 enables you to correct errors in previously entered lines by pressing UP ARROW. This returns the cursor to the beginning of the line that immediately precedes the one from which UP ARROW was entered.

100 CALL CLEAR

110 R=5::C=12

120 DISPLAY AT(R,C-10):"NAME :"

130 DISPLAY AT(R+1,C-10):"ADDRESS:"

140 DISPLAY AT(R+2,C-10):"C,S,Z:"

150 ACCEPT AT(R,C)SIZE(-20):A$(R)

160 IF TERMCHAR=11 THEN R=R-1 ELSE R=R+1

170 IF R=8 THEN 180 ELSE 150

180 DISPLAY AT(20,1):A$(5):A$(6):A$(7)

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**TIME/TIME$ TIME/TIME$**

Description

The computer has an internal clock that can be accessed from BASIC.

TIME$ can be used to read the clock and TIME to set the clock.

TO SET CLOCK

Format

CALL TIME("hh:mm:ss")

The string length is always 8 characters. Therefore an hour less than 10 must be preceded by a 0.

The clock works on 24 hour time so all times after 12 noon must have 12 hours added to them.

Example

CALL TIME("06:15:00") 6:15 A. M.

CALL TIME("18:15:00") 6:15 P. M.

TO READ CLOCK

Format

PRINT TIME$

OR

T$=TIME$

Example

10 CALL CLEAR

20 DISPLAY AT(24,1):TIME$

30 GOTO 20

10 CALL TIME("00:00:00")

20 FOR I=1 TO 10000

30 NEXT I

40 PRINT TIME$

This is an easy to see how long a program takes to execute.

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**TRACE TRACE**

Format

TRACE ON  
TRACE OFF

Description

The TRACE ON instruction causes the computer to display the line number of

each line in your program before it is executed.

TRACE ON enables you to see the order in which the computer performs statements as it runs your program. It is valuable as a debugging aid to help you find errors (such as unwanted infinite loops) in your program.

TRACE **OFF** removes the effect of the TRACE ON command.

You can use TRACE ON or TRACE OFF either as a program statement or a command.

Programs

The following programs display a trace of the order of execution of the program lines.

100 FOR J=1 TO 3

110 PRINT "WORD"

120 NEXT J

130 TRACE ON

RUN

100 FOR J=1 TO 3

110 PRINT "WORD"

120 NEXT J

TRACE ON

RUN

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**UNBREAK UNBREAK**

Format

UNBREAK [line-number-list]

Cross Reference  
BREAK

Description

The UNBREAK instruction removes a breakpoint from each program statement you

specify.

You can use UNBREAK as either a program statement or a command.

The line-number-list consists of one or more line numbers separated by commas. When an UNBREAK instruction is executed, breakpoints are removed from the specified program lines.

If you do not include a line-number-list, UNBREAK removes all breakpoints, except for a breakpoint that occurs when a BREAK statement with no line-number-list is encountered in a program.

If the line-number-list includes an invalid line number (0 or a value greater

than 32767), the message Bad line number is displayed. If the  
line-number-list includes a fractional or negative line number, the message

Syntax error is displayed. In both cases, the UNBREAK instruction is  
ignored; that is, breakpoints are not removed even at valid line numbers in the line-number-list. If you were entering UNBREAK as a program statement, it is not entered into your program.

If the line-number-list includes a line number that is valid (1-32767) but is not the number of a line in your program, or a fractional number greater than 1, the message

\* WARNING

LINE NOT FOUND

is displayed. (If you were entering UNBREAK as a program statement, the

line-number is included in the warning message). A breakpoint is, however, removed from any valid line in the line-number-list that precedes the line number that caused the warning.

Examples

UNBREAK

450 UNBREAK

Removes all breakpoints (except those resulting from a BREAK statement with

no line-number-list).

UNBREAK 100,130

350 UNBREAK 100,130

Removes the breakpoints from lines 100 and 130.

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**VAL --Function--Value** **VAL**

Format

VAL(string-expression)

Type  
REAL

Cross Reference  
STR$

Description

The VAL function returns the numeric value of the string-expression.

VAL enables you to use the numeric value of the string-expression with an instruction that requires a numeric-expression as a parameter.

VAL is the inverse of the STR$ function.

The string-expression must be a valid representation of a number. The

length of the string-expression must be greater than 0 and less than 255. If you use a string constant, it must be enclosed in quotation marks.

Examples

100 NUMB=VAL("78.6")  
110 PRINT NUMB

Prints 78.6.

100 LL=VAL("3E15")

Sets LL equal to 3E+15, or 315.

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**VALHEX --Function--Value of Hexadecimal Number VALHEX**

Format

VALHEX(string-expression)

Type  
DEFINT

Description

VALHEX returns the numeric value of the hexadecimal number represented by the

string-expression.

The string-expression specifies the hexadecimal (base 16) number to be converted to a decimal (base 10) number. If you use a string constant, it must be enclosed in quotation marks.

The string-expression must contain only valid hexadecimal digits

(0-9,A-F). Alphabetic hexadecimal digits must be upper-case letters.  
VALHEX can convert a hexadecimal number from one to four digits long. If the length of the string-expression is greater than four, VALHEX uses only the last four characters.

VALHEX returns an integer greater than or equal to -32768 (hexadecimal 8000) and less than or equal to 32767 (hexidecimal 7FFF).

Examples

100 A=VALHEX("400A")  
Sets A equal to 16394.

100 PRINT VALHEX("8200")  
Prints -32256.

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**VCHAR --Subprogram--Vertical Character** **VCHAR**

Format

CALL VCHAR(row,column,character-code[,number-of-repetitions])

Cross Reference

DCOLOR, GCHAR, GRAPHICS, HCHAR

Description

The VCHAR subprogram enables you to place a character on the screen and

repeat it horizontally.

Row and column are numeric-expressions whose values specify the position on the screen where the character is displayed.

The value of row must be greater than or equal to 1 and not exceed the total number of rows in the present graphics mode.

The value of column must be greater than or equal to 1 and must not exceed the total number of columns in the present graphics mode.

VCHAR is not affected by margin settings.

Character-code is a numeric-expression with a value from 0-255, specifying the number of the character. See Appendix B for a list of ASCII character codes.

The optional number-of-repetitions is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number of times the character is repeated horizontally. If the repetitions extend past the end of a column, they continue from the first character of the next column. If the repetitions extend past the end of the last column, they continue from the first character of the first column.

If you use VCHAR to display a character on the screen, and then later use CHAR, COLOR, or DCOLOR to change the appearance of that character, the result depends on the graphics mode.

In Pattern and Text Modes, the displayed character changes to the newly specified pattern and/or color(s).

In High-Resolution Mode, the displayed character remains unchanged.

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Examples

100 CALL VCHAR(12,16,33)

Places character 33 (an exclamation point) in row 12, column 16.

100 CALL VCHAR(1,1,ASC("!"),768)

Places an exclamation point in row 1, column 1, and repeats it 768 times,

which fills the screen in Pattern Mode.

100 CALL VCHAR(R,C,K,T)

Places the character with an ASCII code specified by the value of K in row R,

column C, and repeats it T times.

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**VERSION VERSION**

Format

CALL VERSION(numeric-variable)

Description

The VERSION subprogram returns a value indicating the version of BASIC being used.

In MYARC Advanced BASIC, VERSION returns a value of 400 to the numeric-variable you specify.

Example

100 CALL VERSION(V)

Sets V equal to 400.

**WEND WEND**

The WEND statement terminates the loop that begins with WHILE.

Statements between WHILE and WEND are executed repeatedly until the condition stated in the WHILE statement is no longer true.

Unlike FOR-NEXT statements, WHILE-WEND loops may NOT be nested. WEND always continues the most recent while loop until the WHILE statement's condition becomes false.

See WHILE for detailed description of the WHILE-WEND loop.

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**WHILE WHILE**

Format

WHILE condition :: .....program..... :: WEND

Cross Reference

WEND,FOR-NEXT,IF-THEN-ELSE

Description

The WHILE statement starts a loop which is executed repeatedly while the WHILE 'condition' is true. The loop is terminated with a WEND statement.

'Condition' is a logical expression, numeric or variable that WHILE evaluates. If the 'condition' is TRUE (or a non/zero value, i.e. condition<>0), the program then loops between the WHILE and the WEND statements. When the condition is no longer TRUE (false or condition=0) WHILE passes execution to the statement after WEND.

Unlike FOR-NEXT statements WHILE-WEND loops may NOT be nested.

Example

100 WHILE S=0 THEN 110

110 CALL KEY(0,K,S)

120 WEND

130 ...... program lines

140 END

This short routine checks the entries into the keyboard buffer until it is empty then proceeds to the rest of the program. The keyboard is said to be "Flushed".

100 REM WHILE TEST

110 WHILE NAME$<>"LAST"

120 READ NAME$,PHONE$

130 COUNT=COUNT+1

140 PRINT NAME$;TAB(20);PHONE$

150 WEND

160 PRINT "NUMBER OF NAMES=";COUNT

170 PRINT "WHILE HAS BEEN EVALUATED TO FALSE"

180 DATA MYARC, 201-766-1700

190 DATA JIM UZZELL,201-000-0000

200 DATA LAST,LAST

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**I/O DEFAULTS**

MYARC Advanced BASIC includes several features to simplify the direction of input and output to certain devices. These devices are your main storage device(typically DSK1), your main printer (typically PIO). These defaults are set from the operating system defaults when BASIC is initially started.

The following names are used for reassigning a particular default device:

NAME DEVICE

LPT Default printing device

CHDIR Default disk drive or directory

These commands can not be used in a program as a program statement.

The following can be used as a program statement for reassigning a particular device.

KEY(11)="string-expression" Changes working directory or drive.

KEY(12)="string-expression" Changes the printing device.

These are the only uses for these keys and should not be confused with the KEY command.

To change a default, type the command and follow it by the desired device name. For example, the LLIST command prints the program in memory to the main printer port. If your printer is connected to the RS232 port and not the PIO port you would need to redirect the output from LLIST. To do this type from the prompt

LPT RS232[.BA=4800.....]

To change drives or directory, from the prompt type CHDIR "path.[directory.]"

You may also check to see what a particular default is set for at any time. To do this, type any of the following commands and BASIC will list what that device is set for:

COMMAND DEVICE

PPT Lists the default printer

PWD Lists the default working directory

KEY LIST Lists both of the above and the default of FCTN keys 1-10.

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ADVANCED BASIC LOADING OPTIONS

When invoking Abasic from the MDOS command line or a batch file you may also want to invoke several available options. One option is the amount of memory allocated to data space. The following depicts the memory allocation for Abasic:

ABASIC PROGRAM ASSEMBLY DATA

INTER MEMORY LANGUAGE SPACE

56K 64K SUBROUTINES VARIABLES

------------- 48K AND

DATA STRINGS

BUFFERS 64K OR

8K GREATER

Memory allocation is fixed except for data space. Data space can be as small as 64K(the default amount), or as large as the available memory in your 9640. With a standard GENEVE, this is limited to 192K minus any RAMDISK and/or SPOOLER rounded to the nearest 8K multiple. Note: This could change if the size of MDOS changes.

To request data space greater than 64K, simply type a space followed by the amount of memory desired (in 8K byte multiples i.e. 128,192) after typing ABASIC1 from the command line of MDOS or in a batch file.

Another optional parameter in the command line or batch file is the selection of the initial default directory and the initial program to be loaded and executed. In order to set a different default directory in ABASIC, type a space and the desired directory pathname ending with a period. ABASIC will set this as the default directory and initially try to load and execute a file named "LOAD" on this directory. If you would like to initially execute another program on the default directory, simply enter the filename. Lastly, if you want to load the ABASIC interpreter and inhibit the auto load of the initial program, enter an asterisk "\*".

The following examples should help you understand these capabilities better:

ABASIC1 \* Sets the default directory to that of MDOS(usually DSK1) and goes to the command mode of ABASIC

ABASIC1 Sets the default directory to that of MDOS(usually DSK1) and attempts to load and run the program LOAD.

ABASIC 128 DSK2.PROG1 Attempts to allocate 128K to DATA space, sets the default directory to DSK2 and attempts to load and run the program PROG1.

ABASIC1 128 DSK2.\* Attempts to allocate 128K to DATA space, set the default directory to DSK2 and goes to the command mode of ABASIC.

NOTE: It is recommended that ABASIC be started from a batch file.MYARC ADVANCED BASIC

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**APPENDIX A**:

COMMANDS, STATEMENTS, AND FUNCTIONS

The following is a list of all MYARC Advanced BASIC commands, statements, and functions. Commands are listed first; if a command can also be used as a statement, the letter "S" is listed to the right of the command. Commands

that can be abbreviated have the acceptable abbreviations underlined. Next  
is a list of all MYARC Advanced BASIC statements; those that can also be used as commands have a "C" after them. Finally, there is a list of all MYARC Advanced BASIC functions.

MYARC Advanced BASIC Commands

BREAK  
BYE

S

S

S S

CHOIR CLOSE CLS CONTINUE DELETE KEY

LIST LLIST LPT LTRACE MERGE NEW NUMBER OLD

PCM PMD I/O Default

PPT PWD *.1* Commands

S RESEQUENCE

S RUN S

SAVE

CALL SPEED

TRACE ON/OFF S

UN BREAK S

MYARC Advanced BASIC Statements

ACCEPT

BEEP  
CALL

CALL BCOLOR C

CALL BTIME

CALL CHAR

CALL CHARPAT C

CALL CHARSET C

CALL CIRCLE C

CALL CLEAR  
CLOSE

CALL COINC  
CALL COLOR  
DATA

CALL DATE

CALL DCOLOR C

DEF

DEFvartype

CALL DESPRITE C

DIM

DISPLAY

DISPLAY USING C

CALL DISTANCE C

CALL DRAW  
CALL DRAWTO

END

CALL ERR

CALL FILES

CALL FILL

FOR TO

CALL GCHAR

GOSUB

GOTO

CALL GRAPHICS

CALL HCHAR

IF THEN ELSE

IMAGE

CALL INIT

INPUT

INPUT

CALL JOYST

CALL KEY

KILL

LET

CALL LINK

LINPUT

CALL LOAD

CALL LOCATE

CALL MAGNIFY

CALL MARGIN

CALL MEMSET

C CALL MOTION

C C

C MOUSE

NEXT

C ON BREAK

C ON ERROR

ON GOSUB

ON GOTO

C ON WARNING

C OPEN

C

C C C C C C C C C C C

C C

OPTION BASE

CALL OUT

C CALL PATTERN CALL PEEK CALL PEEKV

C CALL POINT

C CALL POKEV

C CALL POSITION

C PRINT

C PRINT USING RANDOMIZE

C READ

C CALL RECTANGLE

C REM

C RESTO

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RETURN STOP C CALL VCHAR C

CALL SAY C SUB CALL VERSION C

CALL SCREEN C SUBEND WEND

CALL SOUND C SUBEXIT WHILE

CALL SPGET C CALL SWAP

CALL SPRITE C CALL TIME C

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ABS HEX$ SEG$

ASC LEFT$ SGN

ATN LEN SIN

CDBL LOG SIR

CHR$ MAX STR$

CINT MIN TAB

COS MOD TAN

CREAL PI TERMCHAR

CSING POS TIME$

DATE$ REC VAL

EOF RND VALHEX

EXP RIGHT$

FREESPACE RPT$  
INT

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**APPENDIX B**

ASCII CODES

The following predefined characters may be printed or displayed on the screen.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ASCII ASCII  CODE CHARACTER CODE | | |  |
| 30 | (cursor) | 63 | ? (question mark) |
| 31 | (space) | 64 | @ (at sign) |
| 32 | (space) | 65 | A |
| 33 | ! (exclamation point) | 66 | B |
| 34 | " (quote) | 67 | C |
| 35 | # (number or pound sign) | 68 | D |
| 36 | $ (dollar) | 69 | E |
| 37 | % (percent) | 70 | F |
| 38 | & (ampersand) | 71 | G |
| 39 | ' (apostrophe) | 72 | H |
| 40 | ( (open parenthesis) | 73 | I |
| 41 | ) (close parenthesis) | 74 | J |
| 42 | \* (asterisk) | 75 | K |
| 43 | + (plus) | 76 | L |
| 44 | , (comma) | 77 | M |
| 45 | - (minus) | 78 | N |
| 46 | . (period) | 79 | 0 |
| 47 | / (slash) | 80 | P |
| 48 | 0 | 81 | Q |
| 49 | 1 | 82 | R |
| 50 | 2 | 83 | S |
| 51 | 3 | 84 | T |
| 52 | 4 | 85 | U |
| 53 | 5 | 86 | V |
| 54 | 6 | 87 | W |
| 55 | 7 | 88 | X |
| 56 | 8 | 89 | Y |
| 57 | 9 | 90 | Z |
| 58 | : (colon) | 91 | [ (open bracket) |
| 59 | ; (semicolon) | 92 | \ (reverse slant) |
| 60 | < (less than) | 93 | ] (close bracket) |
| 61 | = (equals) | 94 | (exponentiation) |
| 62 | > (greater than) | 95 | \_ (underline) |

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ASCII Codes (continued)

96 ' (accent grave)

97 a

98

99

100

101

102

103

104

105

106

107

108 1

109

110

111

112

113

114

115

116

117

118

119

120

121

122

123 { (left brace)

124 (vertical bar)

125 1 (right brace)

126 - (tilde)

127 DEL (appears as a blank)

When key unit = 3 or = 5, the following key presses may also be detected by CALL KEY.

1  
4  
7  
9

11

13

15

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Alt 7 | (AID) | 3 | Alt 1 | | (DEL) |
| Alt 2 | (INS) | 6 | Alt 8 | | (REDO) |
| Alt 3 | (ERASE) | 8 | Alt | S | (LEFT ARROW) |
| Alt D | (RIGHT ARROW) | 10 | Alt | X | (DOWN ARROW) |
| Alt E | (UP ARROW) | 12 | Alt | 6 | (CMD) |
| ENTER |  | 14 | Alt | 5 | (BEGIN) |
| Alt 9 | (BACK) |  |  |  |  |

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**APPENDIX C**

MUSICAL TONE FREQUENCIES

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| The following table gives the frequencies (rounded to integers) of four  octaves of the tempered scale (one half step between notes). While this list  does not represent the entire range of notes that the computer can produce, it can be helpful for programming music. | | | |
| FREQUENCY | NOTE | FREQUENCY | NOTE |
| 110 | A | 440 | A (above middle C) |
| 117 | A#,Bb | 466 | A#,Bb |
| 123 | 8 | 494 | B |
| 131 | C (low C) | 523 | C (high C) |
| 139 | C#,Db | 554 | C#,Db |
| 147 | 0 | 587 | D |
| 156 | D#,Eb | 622 | D#,Eb |
| 165 | E | 659 | E |
| 175 | F | 698 | F |
| 185 | F#,Gb | 740 | F#,Gb |
| 196 | G | 784 | G |
| 208 | G#,Ab | 831 | G#,Ab |
| 220 | A (below middle C) | 880 | A (above high C) |
| 220 | A (above middle C) | 880 | A (above high C) |
| 223 | A#,Bb | 932 | A#,Bb |
| 247 | B | 988 | B |
| 262 | C (middle C) | 1047 | C |
| 277 | C#,Db | 1109 | C#,Db |
| 294 | D | 1175 | D |
| 311 | D#,Eb | 1245 | D#,Eb |
| 330 | E | 1319 | E |
| 349 | F | 1397 | F |
| 370 | F#,Gb | 1480 | F#,Gb |
| 392 | G | 1568 | G |
| 415 | G#,Ab | 1661 | G#,Ab |
| 440 | A (above middle C) | 1760 | A |

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|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **APPENDIX D** | CHARACTER SETS  ASCII CODES SET | | ASCII CODES |
| SET |
| 29 | 0-7 | 13 | 128-135 |
| 30 | 8-15 | 14 | 136-143 |
| 31 | 16-23 | 15 | 144-151 |
| 0 | 24-31 | 16 | 152-159 |
| 1 | 32-39 | 17 | 160-167 |
| 2 | 40-47 | 18 | 168-175 |
| 3 | 48-55 | 19 | 176-183 |
| 4 | 56-63 | 20 | 184-191 |
| 5 | 64-71 | 21 | 192-199 |
| 6 | 72-79 | 22 | 200-207 |
| 7 | 80-87 | 23 | 208-215 |
| 8 | 88-95 | 24 | 216-223 |
| 9 | 96-103 | 25 | 224-231 |
| 10 | 104-111 | 26 | 232-239 |
| 11 | 112-119 | 27 | 240-247 |
| 12 | 120-127 | 28 | 248-255 |

**APPENDIX E**

PATTERN-IDENTIFIER CONVERSION TABLE

**BINARY CODE HEXADECIMAL**

**BLOCK (O=OFF; 1=0N) NOTATION**

0000 0

-3ir 0001 1

X 0010 2

**XX** 0011 3

7- 0100 4

**X X** 0101 5

-IT- 0110 6

**XXX** 0111 7

X 1000 8

**X X** 1001 9

TT- 1010 A

**X XX** 1011 B

TX- 1100 C

**XX X** 1101 D

XXX 1110 E

**XXXX** 1111 F

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|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **APPENDIX F** | COLOR CODES |  |  |
|  |
| COLOR | CODE | COLOR | CODE |
| Transparent | 1 | Medium Red | 9 |
| Black | 2 | Light Red | 10 |
| Medium Green | 3 | Dark Yellow | 11 |
| Light Green | 4 | Light Yellow | 12 |
| Dark Blue | 5 | Dark Green | 13 |
| Light Blue | 6 | Magenta | 14 |
| Dark Red | 7 | Gray | 15 |
| Cyan | 8 | White | 16 |

**APPENDIX G**

MATHEMATICAL FUNCTIONS

The following mathematical functions may be defined with DEF as shown.

Function MYARC Extended BASIC II statement

Secant

Cosecant

Cotangent

Inverse Sine

Inverse Cosine

Inverse Secant

Inverse Cosecant

Inverse Cotangent

Hyberbolic Sine

Hyberbolic Cosine

Hyperbolic Tangent

Hyperbolic Secant

Hyperbolic Cosecant

Hyperbolic Cotangent

Inverse Hyperbolic Sine

Inverse Hyperbolic Cosine

Inverse Hyperbolic Tangent

Inverse Hyperbolic Secant

Inverse Hyperbolic Cosecant

Inverse Hyperbolic Cotangent

DEF SEC(X)=1/COS(X)

DEF CSC(X)=1/SIN(X)

DEF COT(X)=1/TAN(X)

DEF ARCSIN(X)=ATN(S/SQR(1/X\*X))

DEF ARCCOS(X)=ATN(X/SQR(1/X\*X))+PI/2

DEF ARCSEC(X)=ATN(SQR(X\*X/1))+(SGN(X)/1)\*PI/2

DEF ARCCSC(X)=ATN(1/SQR(X\*X/1))+(SGN(X)-1)\*PI/2

DEF ARCCOT(X)=PI/2-ATN(X) or =PI/2+ATN(-X)

DEF SINH(X)=(EXP(X)-EXP(-X))/2

DEF COSH(X)=(EXP(X)+EXP(-X))/2

DEF TANH(X)=2\*EXP(-X)/(EXP(X)+EXP(-X))+1

DEF SECH=2/(EXP(X)+EXP(-X))

DEF CSCH=2/(EXP(X)-EXP(-X))

DEF COTH(X)=2\*EXP(-X)/(EXP(X)-EXP(-X))+1

DEF ARCSINH(X)=LOG(X+SQR(X\*X+1))

DEF ARCCOSH(X)=LOG(X+SQR(X\*X-1))

DEF ARCTANH(X)=LOG((1+X)/(1-X))/2

DEF ARCSECH(X)=LOG((1+SQR(1-X\*X))/X)

DEF ARCCSCH(X)=LOGUSGN(X)\*SQR(X\*X+1)+1)/X)

DEF ARCCOTH(X)=LOG((X+1)/(X-1))/2

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**APPENDIX H**

LIST OF SPEECH WORDS

The following is a list of all the letters, numbers, words, and phrases that can be accessed with CALL SAY and CALL SPGET. See Appendix M for instructions on adding suffixes to anything in this list.

/ (NEGATIVE) CENTER F

+ (POSITIVE) CHECK FIFTEEN

0 CLEAR FIGURE

1 COLOR FIND

2 COME FINE

3 COMES FINISH

4 COMMA FINISHED

5 COMMAND FIRST

6 COMPLETE FIT

7 COMPLETED FIVE

8 COMPUTER FOR

9 CONNECTED FORTY

A (a) CONSOLE FOUR

Al ( ) CORRECT FOURTEEN

ABOUT COURSE FOURTH

AFTER CYAN FROM

AGAIN 0 FRONT

ALL DATA G

AM DECIDE GAMES

AN DEVICE GET

AND DID GETTING

ANSWER DIFFERENT GIVE

ANY DISKETTE GIVES

ARE DO GO

AS DOES GOES

ASSUME DOING GOING

AT DONE GOOD

B DOUBLE GOOD WORK

BACK DOWN GOODBYE

BASE DRAW GOT

BE DRAWING GRAY

BETWEEN E GREEN

BLACK EACH GUESS

BLUE EIGHT H

BOTH EIGHTY HAD

BOTTOM ELEVEN HAND

BUT ELSE HANDHELD UNIT

BUY END HAS

BY ENDS HAVE

BYE ENTER HEAD

C ERROR HEAR

CAN EXACTLY HELLO

CASSETTE EYE HELP

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List of Speech Words (continued)

HERE MEMORY PRINTER

HIGHER MESSAGE PROBLEM

HIT MESSAGES PROBLEMS

HOME MIDDLE PROGRAM

HOW MIGHT PUT

HUNDRED MODULE PUTTING

HURRY MORE Q

I MOST R

I WIN MOVE RANDOMLY

IF MUST READ (read)

IN N READ1 (red)

INCH NAME READY TO START

INCHES NEAR RECORDER

INSTRUCTION NEED RED

INSTRUCTIONS NEGATIVE REFER

IS NEXT REMEMBER

IT NICE TRY RETURN

J NINE REWIND

JOYSTICK NINETY RIGHT

JUST • NO ROUND

K NOT S

KEY NOW SAID

KEYBOARD NUMBER SAVE

KNOW 0 SAY

L OF SAYS

LARGE OFF SCREEN

LARGER OH SECOND

LARGEST ON SEE

LAST ONE SEES

LEARN ONLY SET

LEFT OR SEVEN

LESS ORDER SEVENTY

LET OTHER SHAPE

LIKE OUT SHAPES

LIKES OVER SHIFT

LINE P SHORT

LOAD PART SHORTER

LONG PARTNER SHOULD

LOOK PARTS SIDE

LOOKS PERIOD SIDES

LOWER PLAY SIX

M PLAYS SIXTY

MADE PLEASE SMALL

MAGENTA POINT SMALLER

MAKE POSITION SMALLEST

ME POSITIVE SO

MEAN PRESS SOME

PRINT SORRY

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List of Speech Words (continued)

SPACE THIRTEEN WANT

SPACES THIRY WANTS

SPELL THIS WAY

SQUARE THREE WE

START THREW WEIGH

STEP THROUGH WEIGHT

STOP TIME WELL

SUM TO WERE

SUPPOSED TOGETHER WHAT

SUPPOSED TO TONE WHAT WAS THAT

SURE TOO WHEN

T TOP WHERE

TAKE TRY WHICH

TEEN TRY AGAIN WHITE

TELL TURN WHO

TEN TWELVE WHY

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS TWENTY WILL

THAN TWO WITH

THAT TYPE WON

THAT IS INCORRECT U WORD

THAT IS RIGHT UHOH WORDS

THE (the) UNDER WORK

THE1(th ) UNDERSTAND WORKING

THEIR UNTIL WRITE

THEN UP X

THERE UPPER Y

THESE USE YELLOW

THEY V YES

THING VARY YET

THINGS VERY YOU

THINK W YOU WIN

THIRD WAIT YOUR

Z ZERO

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**APPENDIX I:**

ADDING SUFFIXES TO SPEECH WORDS

This appendix describes how to add ING, S, and ED to any word available in the Solid State SpeechTM resident vocabulary.

The code for a word is first read using SPGET. The code consists of a number of characters, one of which tells the speech unit the length of the word. Then, by means of the subprograms listed here, additional codes can be added to give the sound of a suffix.

Words often have trailing-off data that make the word sound more natural but prevent the easy addition of suffixes. In order to add suffixes this trailing-off data must be removed.

The following program allows you to input a word and, by trying different truncation values, make the suffix sound like a natural part of the word. The subprograms DEFING (lines 1000 through 1130), DEFS1 (lines 2000 through 2100), DEFS2 (lines 3000 through 3090), DEFS3 (lines 4000 through 4120), DEFED1 (lines 5000 through 5070), DEFED2 (lines 6000 through 6110), DEFED3 (lines 7000 through 7130), and MENU (lines 10000 through 10120) should be input separately and saved with the MERGE option. (The subprogram MENU is the same one used in th illustrative program with SUB.) You may wish to use different line numbers. Each of these subprograms (except MENU) defines a suffix.

DEFING defines the ING sound. DEFS1 defines the S sound as it occurs at the end of "cats." DEFS2 defines the S sound as it occurs at the end of "cads." DEFS3 defines the S sound as it occurs at the end of "wishes." DEFED1 defines the ED sound as it occurs at the end of "passed." DEFED2 defines the ED sound as it occurs at the end of "caused." DEFED3 defines the ED sound as it occurs a the end of "heated."

In running the program, enter a 0 for the truncation value in order to leave the truncation sequence.

100 REM \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

110 REM REQUIRES MERGE OF:

120 REM MENU (LINES 10000 THROUGH 10120)  
130 REM DEFING (LINES 1000 THROUGH 1130)  
140 REM DEFS1 (LINES 2000 THROUGH 2100)  
150 REM DEFS2 (LINES 3000 THROUGH 3090)  
160 REM DEFS3 (LINES 4000 THROUGH 4120)  
170 REM DEFED1 (LINES 5000 THROUGH 5070)  
180 REM DEFED2 (LINES 6000 THROUGH 6110)  
190 REM DEFED3 (LINES 7000 THROUGH 7130)

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Adding Suffixes to Speech Words (continued) 200 REM \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

210 CALL CLEAR

220 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM IS USED TO"

230 PRINT "FIND THE PROPER TRUNCATION"

240 PRINT "VALUE FOR ADDING SUFFIXES"

250 PRINT "TO SPEECH WORDS.": :

260 FOR DELAY=1 TO 300::NEXT DELAY

270 PRINT "CHOOSE WHICH SUFFIX YOU"

280 PRINT "WISH TO ADD.":

290 FOR DELAY=1 TO 800::NEXT DELAY

300 CALL MENU(8,CHOICE)

310 DATA 'ING','S' AS IN CATS,'S' AS IN CADS,'S' AS IN WISHES,

'ED' AS IN PASSED,'ED' AS IN CAUSED,'ED' AS IN HEATED, END

320 IF CHOICE=O OR CHOICE=8 THEN STOP

330 INPUT "WHAT IS THE WORD? ":WORD$

340 ON CHOICE GOTO 350,379,390,410,430,450,470

350 CALL DEFING(D$)

360 GOTO 480

370 CALL DEFS1(D$)!CATS

380 GOTO 480

390 CALL DEFS2(D$)!CADS

400 GOTO 480

410 CALL DEFS3(D$)!WISHES

420 GOTO 480

430 CALL DEFED1(DWPASSED

440 GOTO 480

450 CALL DEFED2(0$)!CAUSED

460 GOTO 480

470 CALL DEFED3(D$)!HEATED

480 REM TRY VALUES

490 CALL CLEAR

500 INPUT "TRUNCATE HOW MANY BYTES?":L

510 IF L=0 THEN 300

520 CALL SPGET(WORDS$,B$)

530 L=LEN(B$)-L-3

540 C$=SEG$(B$1,2)&CHR$(L)&SEG$(B$,4,L)

550 CALL SAY(,C$&D$)

560 GOTO 500

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Adding Suffixes to Speech Words (continued)

The data has been given in short DATA statements to make it as easy as possible

to input. The data statements may be consolidated to make the program

shorter.

1000 SUB DEFING(A$)

1010 DATA 96,0,52,174,30,65  
1020 DATA 21,186,90,247,122,214  
1030 DATA 179,95,77,13,202,50  
1040 DATA 153,120,117,57,40,248

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1050 DATA | 133,173,209,25,39,85 |
| 1060 DATA | 225,54,75,167,29,77 |
| 1070 DATA | 105,91,44,157,118,180 |
| 1080 DATA | 169,97,161,117,218,25 |
| 1090 DATA | 119,184,227,222,249,238,1 |

1100 RESTORE 1010

1110 A$=""

1120 FOR I=1 TO 55::READ A::A$=A$&CHR$(A)::NEXT I

1130 SUBEND

2000 SUB DEFS1(A$)!CATS

2010 DATA 96,0,26

2020 DATA 14,56,130,204,0

2030 DATA 223,177,26,224,103

2040 DATA 85,3,252,106,106

2050 DATA 128,95,44,4,240

2060 DATA 35,11,2,126,16,121

2070 RESTORE 2010

2080 A$=""

2090 FOR I=1 TO 29::READ A::A$&CHR$(A)::NEXT I

2100 SUBEND

3000 SUB DEFS2(AWCADS

3010 DATA 96,0,17

3020 DATA 161,253,158,217

3030 DATA 168,213,198,86,0

3040 DATA 223,153,75,128,0

3050 DATA 95,139,62

3060 RESTORE 3010

3070 A$=""

3080 FOR I=1 TO 20::READ A::A$=A$&CHR$(A)::NEXT I

3090 SUBEND

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Adding Suffixes to Speech Words (continued)

4000 SUB DEFS3(AWWISHES

4010 DATA 96,0,34

4020 DATA 173,233,33,84,12

4030 DATA 242,205,166,55,173

4040 DATA 93,222,68,197,188

4050 DATA 134,238,123,102

4060 DATA 163,86,27,59,1,124

4070 DATA 103,46,1,2,124,45

4080 DATA 138,129,7

4090 RESTORE 4010

4100 A$=""

4110 FOR I=1 TO 37::READ A::A$=A$&CHR$(A)::NEXT I

4120 SUBEND

5000 SUB DEFED1(A$)!PASSED

5010 DATA 96,0,10

5020 DATA 0,224,128,37

5030 DATA 204,37,240,0,0

5040 RESTORE 5010

5050 A$=""

5060 FOR I=1 TO 13::READ A::A$=A$&CHRS(A)::NEXT I

5070 SUBEND

6000 SUB DEFED2(A$)!CAUSED

6010 DATA 96,0,26

6020 DATA 172,163,214,59,35

6030 DATA 109,170,174,68,21

6040 DATA 22,201,220,250,24

6050 DATA 69,148,162,166,234

6060 DATA 75,84,97,145,204

6070 DATA 15

6080 RESTORE 6010

6090 A$=""

6100 FOR I=1 TO 29::READ A::A$=WCHR$(A)::NEXT I

6110 SUBEND

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7000 SUB DEFED3(A$)!HEATED

7010 DATA 96,0,36

7020 DATA 173,233,33,84,12

7030 DATA 242,205,166,183

7040 DATA 172,163,214,59,35

7050 DATA 109,170,174,68,21

7060 DATA 22,201,92,250,24

7070 DATA 69,148,162,38,235

7080 DATA 75,84,97,145,204

7090 DATA 178,127

7100 DATA 7010

7110 A$=""

7120 FOR 1=1 TO 39::READ A::A$=A$&CHR$(A)::NEXT I

7130 SUBEND

10000 SUB MENU(COUNT,CHOICE)

10010 CALL CLEAR

10020 IF COUNT>22 THEN PRINT "TOO MANY ITEMS" :: CHOICE=0 :: SUBEXIT

10030 RESTORE

10040 FOR 1=1 TO COUNT

10050 READ TEMP$

10060 TEMP$=SEG$(TEMP$,1,25)

10070 DISPLAY AT (I,1):I;TEMP$

10080 NEXT I

10090 DISPLAY AT(I+1,1):"YOUR CHOICE: 1"

10100 ACCEPT AT(I+1,14)BEEP VALIDATE(DIGIT)SIZE(-2):CHOICE

10110 IF CHOICE<1 OR CHOICE>COUNT THEN 10100

10120 SUBEND

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Adding Suffixes to Speech Words (continued)

You can use the subprograms in any program once you have determined the number of bytes to truncate. The following program uses the subprogram DEFING in lines 1000 through 1130 to have the computer say the word DRAWING using DRAW plus the suffix ING. Note that it was found that DRAW should be truncated by 41 characters to produce the most natural sounding DRAWING. The subprogram DEFING in lines 1000 through 1130 is the program you saved with the MERGE option.

100 CALL DEFING(ING$)

110 CALL SPGET("DRAW",DRAWS$)

120 L=LEN(DRAW$)-3-41! 3 BYTES OF SPEECH OVERHEAD, 41 BYTES TRUNCATED

130 DRAW$=SEG$(DRAW$,1,2)&CHR$(L)&SEG$(DRAW$,4,L)

140 CALL SAY("WE ARE",DRAW$UNGWA1 SCREEN")

150 GOTO 140

1000 SUB DEFING(A$)

1010 DATA 96,0,52,174,30,65

1020 DATA 21,186,90,247,122,214

1030 DATA 179,95,77,13,202,50

1040 DATA 153,120,117,57,40,248

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 1050 DATA | 133,173,209,25,39,85 |
| 1060 DATA | 225,54,75,167,29,77 |
| 1070 DATA | 105,91,44,157,118,180 |
| 1080 DATA | 169,97,161,117,218,25 |
| 1090 DATA | 119,184,227,222,249,238,1 |

1100 RESTORE 1010

1110 A$=""

1120 FOR I=1 TO 55::READ A::A$=A$&CHR$(A)::NEXT I

1130 SUBEND

(Press SHIFT C to stop the program.)

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**APPENDIX J:**

ERROR MESSAGES

The following lists all the error messages that MYARC Advanced BASIC gives. The first list is alphabetical by the message that is given, and the second list is numeric by the number of the error that is returned by CALL ERR. If the error occurs in the execution of a program, the error message is often followed by IN line-number.

Sorted by Message

# Message Descriptions of Possible Errors

74 BAD ARGUMENT

* Bad value given in ASC, ATN, COS, EXP, INT, LOG, SIN, SOUND, SQR, TAN, or VAL.
* An array element specified in a SUB statement.
* Bad first parameter or too many parameters in LINK. 61 BAD LINE NUMBER
* Line number less than 1 or greater than 32767.
* Omitted line number.
* Line number outside the range 1 through 32767

produced by RES.

57 BAD SUBSCRIPT

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 79 BAD VALUE | * Use of too large or small subscript in an array. * Incorrect subscript in DIM. * Incorrect value given in AND, CHAR, CHR$, CLOSE, EOF, FOR, GOSUB, GOTO, HCHAR, INPUT, MOTION, NOT, OR, POS, PRINT, PRINT USING, REC, RESTORE, RPT$, SEG$, SIZE, VCHAR, or XOR. * Array subscript value greater than 32767. * File number greater than 255 or less than zero. * More than three tones and one noise generator specified in SOUND. * A value passed to a subprogram is not acceptable in the subprogram. For example, a sprite velocity value less than -128 or a character value greater than 143. * Value in ON...GOTO or ON...GOSUB greater than the number of lines given. * Incorrect position given after the AT clause in ACCEPT or DISPLAY. |

67 CAN'T CONTINUE

* Program has been edited after being stopped by a breakpoint.
* Program was not stopped by a breakpoint. 69 COMMAND ILLEGAL IN PROGRAM
* BYE, CON, LIST, MERGE, NEW, NUM, OLD, RES, or SAVE

used in a program.

84 DATA ERROR

* READ or RESTORE with data not present or with a

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string where a number value is expected.

* Line number after RESTORE is higher than the highest line number in the program.
* Error in object file in LOAD.  
  109 FILE ERROR
* Wrong type of data read with a READ statement.
* Attempt to use CLOSE, EOF, INPUT, OPEN, PRINT, PRINT USING, REC, or RESTORE with a file that does not exist or does not have the proper attributes.
* Not enough memory to use a file.  
  44 FOR-NEXT NESTING
* The FOR and NEXT statements of loops do not align properly.
* Missing NEXT statement.  
  130 I/O ERROR
* An error was detected in trying to execute CLOSE, DELETE, LOAD, MERGE, OLD, OPEN, RUN, or SAVE.
* Not enough memory to list a program. 16 ILLEGAL AFTER SUBPROGRAM
* Anything but END, REM, or SUB after a SUBEND. 36 IMAGE ERROR
* An error was detected in the use of DISPLAY USING, IMAGE, or PRINT USING.
* More than 10 (E-format) or 14 (numeric format) significant digits in the format string.
* IMAGE string is longer than 254 characters. 28 IMPROPERLY USED NAME
* An illegal variable name was used in CALL, DEF, or DIM.
* Using a MYARC Advanced BASIC reserved word in LET.
* Using a subscripted variable or a string variable in a FOR.
* Using an array with the wrong number of dimensions.
* Using a variable name differently than originally assigned.

A variable can be only an array, a numeric or string variable, or a user defined function name.

* Dimensioning an array twice.
* Putting a user defined function name on the left of the equals sign in an assignment statement.
* Using the same variable twice in the parameter

list of a SUB statement.

81 INCORRECT ARGUMENT LIST

* CALL and SUB mismatch of arguments.  
  83 INPUT ERROR
* An error was detected in an INPUT.  
  60 LINE NOT FOUND
* Incorrect line number found in BREAK, GOSUB, GOTO, ON ERROR, RUN, or UNBREAK, or after THEN or ELSE.
* Line to be edited not found.

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62 LINE TOO LONG

* Line too long to be entered into a program.

39 MEMORY FULL

* Program too large to execute one of the

following: DEF, DELETE, DIM, GOSUB, LET, LOAD, ON...GOSUB, OPEN, or SUB.

* Program too large to add a new line, insert a line, replace a line, or evaluate an expression.

49 MISSING SUBEND

* SUBEND missing in a subprogram.

47 MUST BE IN SUBPROGRAM

* SUBEND or SUBEXIT not in a subprogram. 19 NAME TOO LONG
* More than 15 characters in variable or subprogram

name.

43 NEXT WITHOUT FOR

* FOR statement missing, NEXT before FOR, incorrect FOR-NEXT nesting, or branching into a FOR-NEXT loop. 78 NO PROGRAM PRESENT
* No program present when issuing a LIST, RESEQUENCE,

RESTORE, RUN, or SAVE command.

10 NUMERIC OVERFLOW

* A number too large or too small resulting from

a \*,+,-,/ operation or in ACCEPT, ATN, COS, EXP,

INPUT, INT, LOG, SIN, SQR, TAN, or VAL.

* A number outside the range -32768 to 32767 in

PEEK or LOAD.

70 ONLY LEGAL IN A PROGRAM

* One of the following statements was used as a

command: DEF, GOSUB, GOTO, IF, IMAGE, INPUT,

ON BREAK, ON ERROR, ON...GOSUB, ON...GOTO,

ON WARNING, OPTION BASE, RETURN, SUB, SUBEND,or

SUBEXIT.

25 OPTION BASE ERROR

* OPTION BASE executed more than once, or with a

value other than 1 or zero.

97 PROTECTION VIOLATION

* Attempt to save, list, or edit a protected program.

48 RECURSIVE SUBPROGRAM CALL

* Subprogram calls itself, directly or indirectly. 51 RETURN WITHOUT GOSUB
* RETURN without GOSUB or an error handled by the

previous execution of an ON ERROR statement.

56 SPEECH STRING TOO LONG

* Speech string returned by SPGET is longer than 255 characters.

40 STACK OVERFLOW

* Too many sets of parentheses.
* Not enough memory to evaluate an expression or assign a value.

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54 STRING TRUNCATED

* A string created by RPT$, concatenation ("&" operator), or a user defined function is longer than 255 characters.
* The length of a string expression in the VALIDATE

clause is greater than 254 characters.

24 STRING-NUMBER MISMATCH

* A string was given where a number was expected or vice versa in a MYARC Advanced BASIC supplied function or subprogram.
* Assigning a string value to a numeric value or vice versa.
* Attempting to concatenate ("&" operator) a number.
* Using a string as a subscript.  
  135 SUBPROGRAM NOT FOUND
* A subprogram called does not exist or an assembly language subprogram named in LINK has not been loaded.

14 SYNTAX ERROR

* An error such as a missing or extra comma or parenthesis, parameters in the wrong order, missing parameters, missing keyword , misspelled keyword, keyword in the wrong order, or the like was detected in a MYARC Advanced BASIC command, statement, function, or subprogram.
* DATA or IMAGE not first and only statement on a line.
* Items after final ")".
* Misssing "#" in SPRITE.
* Missing ENTER, tail comment symbol (!), or statement separator symbol (::).
* Missing THEN after IF.
* Missing TO after FOR.
* Nothing after CALL, SUB, FOR, THEN, or ELSE.
* Two E's in a numeric constant.
* Wrong parameter list in a MYARC Advanced BASIC supplied subprogram.
* Going into or out of a subprogram with GOTO, GOSUB, ON ERROR, etc.
* Calling INIT without the Memory Expansion peripheral attached.
* Calling LINK or LOAD without first calling INIT.
* Using a constant where a variable is required.
* More than seven dimensions in an array. 17 UNMATCHED QUOTES
* Odd number of quotes in an input line. 20 UNRECOGNIZED CHARACTER
* An unrecognized character such as ? or % is not in a quoted string.
* A bad field in an object file accessed by LOAD.

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Additional Error Messages

Sorted by #

# Message

35 SYMBOL NOT FOUND

63 STRING FORMAT ERROR

64 ERROR BASIC OS

65 MOUSE MODE ERROR

99 INVALID ERROR NUMBER

101 INTEGER OVERFLOW

102 INVALID FILENAME

103 ARGUMENT NOT NUMERIC

104 MISSING ARGUMENT

105 TOO MANY ARGUMENTS

106 STRING TOO LONG

107 GRAPHICS MODE ERROR

108 WINDOW TOO SMALL

111 MEMORY OVERFLOW

112 CHECKSUM ERROR

113 DUPLICATE DEF

114 ILLEGAL TAG

115 UNRESOLVED REFERENCE

116 NAME NOT IN TABLE

117 INDEX OUT OF RANGE

These messages are added to syntax or bad value error messages if appropriate.

MISSING COMMA

MISSING LEFT PAREN

MISSING RIGHT PAREN

LINETYPE(see Draw, Rect)

PIXEL ROW or PIXEL COL

GRAPHIC MODES Vs XOP6 VIDEO MODES Vs V9938 MODES

GRAPHICS XOP6 VIDEO V9938

MODE MODE MODE

1,1 2/3 Multicolor/Graphic 1

1,2 4 Graphic 2

1,3 5 Graphic 3

2,1 0 Text 1

2,2 6 Graphic 4

2,3 9 Graphic 7

3,1 A Text 2-26 lines

3,2 7 Graphic 5

3,3 8 Graphic 6

4 1 Text 2-24 lines

Graphics Mode 4, a new Graphics mode is basically the same as Mode 3,1.

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**APPENDIX K**

GRAPHICS MODES - Summary

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| GRAPHICS MODE | SCREEN DIMEN. | SCREEN SIZE | DEFAULT MARGINS | MODE NAME | NO.OF PATNS. | COLORS PER SCREEN | PATTERN SIZE | SPRITE MODE | MEMORY/ SCREEN |
| 1,1 | 256,192 | 32x24 | 3,30  1,24 | Pattern Graphicl | 256 | 16 | 8 x 8 | 1  4/line | 4K/scr 32 pgs |
| 1,2 | 256,192 | 32x24 | 3,30  1,24 | Graphic2 | 768 | 16 | 8 x 8 | 1  4/line | 16K/scr 8 pgs |
| 1,3 | 256,192 | 32x24 | 3,30  1,24 | Graphic3 | 768 | 16 | 8 x 8 | 2  8/line | 16K/scr 8 pgs |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2,1 | 256,192 | 40x24 | 1,40  1,24 | Text- 1 | 256 | 2 | 6 x 8 | None | 4K/scr  3 pgs |
| 2,2 | 256x212 | 40x26 | 1,40  1,24 | Bitmap-1 | ??? | 16 | 6 x 8 | 2  8/line | 32K/scr  4 pgs |
| 2,3 | 256,212 | 40x26 | 1,40  1,24 | Bitmap-4 | ??? | 256 | 6 x 8 | 2  8/line | 64K/scr 2 pgs |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3,1 | 512,212 | 80x26 | 1,80  1,24 | Text- 2 | 256 | 2+2 | 6 x 8 | None | 8K/scr 16 pgs |
| 3,2 | 512x212 | 80x26 | 1,80  1,24 | Bitmap-2 | ??? | 4 | 6 x 8 | 2  8/line | 32K/scr 4 pgs |
| 3,3 | 512x212 | 80x26 | 1,80  1,24 | Bitmap-3 | ??? | 16 | 6 x 8 | 2  8/line | 64K/scr 2 pgs |

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**APPENDIX L**

PROGRAM - ILLUSTRATING MOUSE COMMANDS

The following program illustrates the use of several MOUSE Commands to draw lines on the screen. Press MOUSE button 1 to start drawing a line and hold it down until you are done drawing.

100 CALL GRAPHICS(2,3) :: REM 256 COLOR BIT MAPPED MODE

110 CALL SPRITE(#1,33,16,1,1) :: REM DEFINE MOUSE AS !

120 CALL SEEMOUSE :: REM MAKE SURE MOUSE IS VISIBLE ON SCREEN

130 CALL MOUSE(Y,1) :: REM TEST FOR BUTTON PRESS

140 IF Y=0 THEN 130 :: REM WAIT FOR A BUTTON PRESS

150 CALL MOUSEDRAG(ON) :: REM BUTTON PRESSED SO START DRAWING

160 CALL MOUSE(Y,1) :: REM TEST BUTTON STATUS

170 IF Y=1 THEN 160 :: REM DRAW UNTIL RELEASED

180 CALL MOUSEDRAG(OFF) :: REM STOP DRAWING WHEN RELEASED

190 GO TO 130 :: REM GO TO WAIT FOR NEXT BUTTON PRESS

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**APPENDIX M**

ADDITIONAL EXTENDED ASCII CODES FOR KEYBOARD MODE 6

In addition to the normal ASCII codes returned in keyboard mode 5, the following additional Extended Codes are also returned in keyboard mode 6:

EXTENDED CODE(HEX) FUNCTION

3 NUL Character

F Back Arrow

10-19 ALT Q,W,E,R,T,Y,U,I,O,P

1E-26 ALT A,S,D,F,G,H,J,K,L

2C-32 ALT Z,X,C,V,B,N,M

3B-44 F1-F10 Function Keys (Base Case)

47 Home

48 Up Arrow

49 Page Up

4B Left Arrow

4D Right Arrow

4F End

50 Down Arrow

51 Page Down

52 INS

53 DEL

54-5D F11-F20 (Upper Case F1-F10)

5E-67 F21-F30 (CTRL F1-F10)

68-71 F31-F40 (ALT F1-F10)

72 CTRL PRTSC(Start/Stop Echo to Printer)

73 CTRL Right Arrow (Reverse Word)

74 CTRL Left Arrow (Advance Word)

75 CTRL END (Erase to End of Line)

76 CTRL PG DN (Erase to End of Screen)

77 CTRL HOME (Clear Screen and Home)

78-83 ALT 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0,-,=

84 CTRL PG UP (Top 25 Lines of Text and Home Cursor)

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                  <MODE>                   <MODE>

|KEY|  0   1   2   3   4   5  |KEY|  0   1   2   3   4   5

|vvvvvvKEYvvvvv| 0   1   2   3   4   5  |vvvvvvKEYvvvvv| 0   1   2   3   4   5

   --- ~ ---     96  -   -   96  96  96 SHIFT            58  -   -   58  58  58

SHIFT           126  -   -  126 126 126    --- ' ---     39  -   -   39  39  39

   --- 1 ---     49  19  -   49  49  49 SHIFT            34  -   -   34  34  34

CTRL            177  -   -  177 177 177    --- , ---     44  -   14  44  44  44

FCTN              3  -   -   3  131   3 CTRL            128  -   -  128   0 128

SHIFT            33  -   -   33  33  33 FCTN            184  -   -  184 184 184

   --- 2 ---     50   7  -   50  50  50 SHIFT            60  -   -   60  60  60

CTRL            178  -   -  178 178 178    --- . ---     46  -   13  46  46  46

FCTN              4  -   -    4 132   4 CTRL            155  -   -  155  27 155

SHIFT            64  -   -   64  64  64 FCTN            185  -   -  185 185 185

   --- 3 ---     51   8  -   51  51  51 SHIFT            62  -   -   62  62  62

CTRL            179  -   -  179 179 179    --- / ---     47  -   16  47  47  47

FCTN              7  -   -    7 135   7 CTRL            187  -   -  187 187 187

SHIFT            35  -   -   35  35  35 SHIFT            63  -   -   63  63  63

   --- 4 ---     52   9  -   52  52  52    --- A ---     65   1  -   65  65  65

CTRL            180  -   -  180 180 180 CTRL            129  -   -  129   1 129

FCTN              2  -   -    2 130   2 FCTN            124  -   -  124 124 124

SHIFT            36  -   -   36  36  36    --- B ---     66  16  -   66  66  66

   --- 5 ---     53  10  -   53  53  53 CTRL            130  -   -  130   2 130

CTRL            181  -   -  181 181 181 FCTN            190  -   -  190 190 190

FCTN             14  -   -   14 142  14    --- C ---     67  14  -   67  67  67

SHIFT            37  -   -   37  37  37 CTRL            131  -   -  131   3 131

   --- 6 ---     54  -   19  54  54  54 FCTN             96  -   -   96  96  96

CTRL            182  -   -  182 182 182    --- D ---     68   3  -   68  68  68

FCTN             12  -   -   12 140  12 CTRL            132  -   -  132   4 132

SHIFT            94  -   -   94  94  94 FCTN              9  -   -    9 137   9

   --- 7 ---     55  -    7  55  55  55    --- E ---     69   5  -   69  69  69

CTRL            183  -   -  183 183 183 CTRL            133  -   -  133   5 133

FCTN              1  -   -    1 129   1 FCTN             11  -   -   11 139  11

SHIFT            38  -   -   38  38  38    --- F ---     70  12  -   70  70  70

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CTRL            158  -   -  158  30 158 FCTN            123  -   -  123 123 123

FCTN              6  -   -    6 134   6    --- G ---     71  17  -   71  71  71

SHIFT            42  -   -   42  42  42 CTRL            135  -   -  135   7 135

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CTRL            159  -   -  159  31 159    --- H ---     72  -    1  72  72  72

FCTN             15  -   -   15 143  15 CTRL            136  -   -  136   8 136

SHIFT            40  -   -   40  40  40 FCTN            191  -   -  191 191 191

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CTRL            176  -   -  176 176 176 CTRL            137  -   -  137   9 137

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SHIFT            41  -   -   41  41  41    --- J ---     74  -    2  74  74  74

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SHIFT            95  -   -   95  95  95 FCTN            192  -   -  192 192 192

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SHIFT            43  -   -   43  43  43    --- L ---     76  -   12  76  76  76

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SHIFT           123  -   -  123 123 123 FCTN            194  -   -  194 194 194

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SHIFT           125  -   -  125 125 125 CTRL            141  -    - 141  13 141

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SHIFT           124  -   -  124 124 124    --- N ---     78  -   15  78  78  78

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Ap**pendix M (Cont.)**

                <MODE>                   <MODE>

|KEY|  0   1   2   3   4   5  |KEY|  0   1   2   3   4   5

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FCTN             39  -   -   39  39  39 n               110  S   S   78 110 110

   --- P ---     80  -   11  80  80  80 o               111  -   -   79 111 111

CTRL            144  -   -  144  16 144 p               112  C   C   80 112 112

FCTN             34  -   -   34  34  34 q               113  A   A   81 113 113

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   --- U ---     85  -    4  85  85  85 PAGE UP          12  -   -   12 140  12

CTRL            149  -   -  149  21 149 TAB             137  -   -  137   9 137

FCTN             95  -   -   95  95  95 DELETE            3  -   -    3 131   3

   --- V ---     86  13  -   86  86  86 PAGE DOWN         2  -   -    2 130   2

CTRL            150  -   -  150  22 150 ESC             155  -   -  155  27 155

FCTN            127  -   -   -  127 127 UP ARROW         11  5   -   11 139  11

   --- W ---     87   4  -   87  87  87 DOWN ARROW       10  0   -   10 138  10

CTRL            151  -   -  151  23 151 LEFT ARROW        8  2   -    8 136   8

FCTN            126  -   -  126 126 126 RIGHT ARROW       9  3   -    9 137   9

   --- X ---     88   0  -   88  88  88 F1   SL ON      226  -   -  226 226 226

CTRL            152  -   -  152  24 152 F1   SL OFF       3  -   -    3 131   3

FCTN             10  -   -   10 138  10 F2   SL ON      227  -   -  227 227 227

   --- Y ---     89  -   18  89  89  89 F2   SL OFF       4  -   -    4 132   4

CTRL            153  -   -  153  25 153 F3   SL ON      228  -   -  228 228 228

FCTN            198  -   -  198 198 198 F3   SL OFF       7  -   -    7 135   7

   --- Z ---     90  15  -   90  90  90 F4   SL ON      229  -   -  229 229 229

CTRL            154  -   -  154  26 154 F4   SL OFF       2  -   -    2 130   2

FCTN             92  -   -   92  92  92 F5   SL ON      230  -   -  230 230 230

SPACE            32  -   -   32  32  32 F5   SL OFF      14  -   -   14 142  14

ENTER            13  -   -   13  13  13 F6   SL ON      231  -   -  231 231 231

a                97  |   |   65  97  97 F6   SL OFF      12  -   -   12 140  12

b                98  |   |   66  98  98 F7   SL ON      232  -   -  232 232 232

c                99  |   |   67  99  99 F7   SL OFF       1  -   -    1 129   1

d               100  |   |   68 100 100 F8   SL ON      233  -   -  233 233 233

e               101  |   |   69 101 101 F8   SL OFF       6  -   -    6 134   6

f               102  |   |   70 102 102 F9   SL ON      234  -   -  234 234 234

g               103  |   |   71 103 103 F9   SL OFF      15  -   -   15 143  15

h               104  S   S   72 104 104 F10  SL ON      235  -   -  235 235 235

i               105  A   A   73 105 105 F10  SL OFF     188  -   -  188 188 188

j               106  M   M   74 106 106 F11             224  -   -  224 224 224

k               107  E   E   75 107 107 F12             225  -   -  225 225 225

l               108  -   -   76 108 108

CALL KEY ASCII CHARACTERS

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**Appendix N**

ABASIC ASSEMBLY SUPPORT AND OTHER INFORMATION

UTILITIES INFO XMLLNK DATA VALUES

ADDRESS CONTENTS

>2002 >24F4 (DEFAULT-NO PGM) 6 CNS

>2004 >DF68 (DEFAULT-NO PGM) >20 CIF

>DF60 1st LINK NAME >26 SCROLL

>DF66 1st LINK ADDRESS >0D3A FCOMP

>DF68 SCAN >236C >0D7C FSUB

>DF70 PAD >8300 >0D80 FADD

>DF78 GPLWS >83E0 >0E88 FMUL

>DF80 SOUND >F120 >0FF4 FDIV

>DF88 VDPRD >F100 >11AE CSN

>DF90 VDPSTA >F102 >12B8 CFI

>DF98 VDPWD >F100

>DFA0 VDPWA >F102 UTILITIES NOT SUPPORTED

>DFA8 XMLLNK >2018 COMPCT

>DFB0 KSCAN >201C GETSTR

>DFB8 VSBW >2020 MEMCHK

>DFC0 VMBW >2024 VPUSH

>DFC8 VSBR >2028 VPOP

>DFD0 VMBR >202C ASSGNV

>DFD8 VMTR >2030 VGWITE

>DFE0 NUMASG >2008 GVWITE

>DFE8 NUMREF >200C

>DFF0 STRASG >2010

>DFF8 STRREF >2014

RORG programs start loading at address >24F4 thru >DF67(minus 8 bytes for each "LINK" name and address)

Utility workspace used by Abasic for assembly programs >2038 to >2098

First free address pointer >2002

Last free address pointer >2004

Abasic memory tables start at >FB00(The pages allocated)

Default I/O pab is at >FC00 (64 bytes)

Abasic FAC and ARG are located at >F3C0 and F3D0

The TI FAC and ARG can be used also. Any program that loaded into those memory locations would corrupt those memory locations, unless your program provides memory space for these routines.

No portion of address >F140 to >FE30 can be used to store an assembly language program, although an assembly language program can use information from these addresses (i.e. I/O PAB)

The following are the meanings of values returned when a drive is cataloged(file type):

1 D/F

2 D/V

3 I/F

4 I/V

5 PGM

6 DIR

7 EMU

If these values have a minus sign in front of them it means that the file is protected.

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**Appendix N (Cont.)**

ABASIC ASSEMBLY SUPPORT AND OTHER INFORMATION

DEFAULT I/O PAB DETAIL at >FC00 (64 bytes)

OPCODE EQU 0 I/O OPCODE

MFLAG EQU 1 MODE FLAG

ECODE EQU 2 ERROR CODE

BAHIGH EQU 3 BUF ADD HIGH

BALOW EQU 4 BUF ADD LOW

LRN EQU 6 LOGICAL RECORD NUMBER

RECNUM EQU 6 RECORD NUMBER

LRC EQU 8 LOGICAL RECORD LENGTH

MEMTYP EQU 10 CPU or VDP

CCHIGH EQU 11 CHARACTER COUNT HIGH

CHRCNT EQU 12 CHAR COUNT

STATBY EQU 14 STATUS BYTE(RECORD NUMBER)

NAMEL EQU 15 NAME LENGTH

NAME EQU 16 NAME(40 characters)

IOCONT EQU 56 IO CONTINUE

FILENO EQU 57 BASIC FILE NUMBER

INTOFF EQU 58 POINTER INTO BUFFER

PABBUF EQU 60 32 BIT ADDRESS POINTER

TO DATA BUFFER

The following combinations of keys produce special effects and are available to MDOS and/or ABASIC:

ALT CTRL DEL makes the keyboard routine initiate the equivalent of a system reset/boot(soft boot).

CTRL BREAK (CTRL C) makes the keyboard routine invoke the (Keyboard break) interrupt.

CTRL NUM-LOCK makes the keyboard routine wait for you to press any key but NUM-LOCK. This gives you a way to suspend an operation temporarily, then resume.

SHIFT PRTSC or CTRL PRTSC or PRTSC makes the keyboard routine invoke the Print Screen interrupt.

The keyboard treats the following keys as a group, rather than individually; CTRL, SHIFT, NUM- LOCK, CAPS-LOCK and INS. The service routine for the keyboard I/O routine returns a "shift status" byte that tells you when one of these keys are pressed.

PRE-SCAN

The following symbols are used by ABASIC for pre-scan:

!@P+ Turn pre-scan on

!@P- Turn pre-scan off

!@P\* Terminate pre-scan

If your program uses a large quantity of variables(any kind) it is recommended that pre-scan be used.

String variables(any kind) should precede numeric variables(any). Memory space allocated for Strings is less than that of numeric variables and allows for the most efficient use of Data space(Freespace(2)).

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ABASIC ASSEMBLY SUPPORT AND OTHER INFORMATION

ABASIC Memory block >F000->FFFF

>F000->F01F User and ABASIC WS Register

>F020->F03F ABASIC WS Register

>F040->F047 Fast move byte routine

>F048->F04F Fast move word routine

>F050->F061 Fast move to/from stack routine

>F062->F07D Fast move memory table page 3 to active page 3

>F080->F0FF ABASIC WS Registers (Many Abasic routines use these registers i.e.XOP)

>F100->F107 Port read/write (0,1,2,3)

>F108->F10F Port read/write (0,1,2,3)

>F110->F117 Page Map(active pages)

>F120->F12F Sound

>F130->F13F Clock

>F140->FE2F Abasic support data(i.e. i/o pab, buffers, program storage info). Corruption of this memory block will cause lockup.

>FE30->FF2F Reserved for ABASIC

>FF30->FFDF Unused block of memory(Debug may use part of this)

>FFE0->FFFF Used by MDOS and DEBUG

Call Peek can be used to get the values from >0000->FFFF memory addresses. Information at these memory addresses are values based on the visible memory(active pages).

Call Load can be used to put values in >2000->DFFF memory addresses, but memory addresses >2000->24F3 contain the Abasic Assembly support routines and other Abasic routines. (See Utilities info table)

The following are the syntax for STCR and LDCR:

CALL STCR(address,length,input value)

CALL LDCR(address,length,output value)

The following are four new assembly instructions available to the TMS9995:

DIVS (DIVide Signed) MPYS (MultiPlY Signed)

[<label>] DIVS <gas> [<comment>]

[<label>] MPYS <gas> [<comment>]

A destination-operand is not used, because it must always be R0 and R1 of the user workspace.

Examples

DIVS R2 DIVS \*R4+ DIVS @ADDR DIVS @VALUE(R10)

MPYS R3 MPYS \*R7+ MPYS @LABEL MPYS @INDEX(R8)

opcodes: DIVS = >0180 Format VI

MPYS = >01C0 Format VI

LWP (Load Workspace-Pointer from a register)

LST (Load STatus-register)

[<label>] LWP <wa> [<comment>]

[<label>] LST <wa> [<comment>]

opcodes: LWP = >0090 Format VIII

LST = >0080 Format VIII

Examples LWP R5 LWP R12 LST R13 LST R0

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**APPENDIX O**

COLOR CHART DEFAULT PALETTE

COLOR MDOS MYBASIC

CODE G,R,B CODE R,G,B

TRANSPARENT 0 0,0,0 1 0,0,0

BLACK 1 0,0,0 2 1,1,1

GREEN 2 6,1,1 3 1,7,1

LT GREEN 3 7,3,3 4 3,8,3

DK BLUE 4 1,1,7 5 1,1,8

LT BLUE 5 3,2,7 6 3,4,8

DK RED 6 1,5,1 7 6,1,1

CYAN 7 6,2,7 8 2,7,8

MED RED 8 1,7,1 9 8,1,1

LT RED 9 3,7,3 10 8,3,3

DK YELLOW A 6,6,1 11 7,7,1

LT YELLOW B 6,6,4 12 7,7,4

DK GREEN C 4,1,1 13 1,5,1

MAGENTA D 2,6,5 14 7,2,6

GRAY E 5,5,5 15 6,6,6

WHITE F 7,7,7 16 8,8,8

HEXDECIMAL TO DECIMAL CHART

5th DIGIT 4th DIGIT 3rd DIGIT 2nd DIGIT 1st DIGIT

HEX DEC HEX DEC HEX DEC HEX DEC HEX DEC

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

1 65536 1 4096 1 256 1 16 1 1

2 131072 2 8192 2 512 2 32 2 2

3 96608 3 12288 3 768 3 48 3 3

4 262144 4 16384 4 1024 4 64 4 4

5 327680 5 20480 5 1280 5 80 5 5

6 393216 6 24576 6 1536 6 96 6 6

7 458752 7 28672 7 1792 7 112 7 7

8 524288 8 32768 8 2048 8 128 8 8

9 589824 9 36864 9 2304 9 144 9 9

A 655360 A 40960 A 2560 A 160 A 10

B 720896 B 45056 B 2816 B 176 B 11

C 786432 C 49152 C 3072 C 192 C 12

D 851968 D 53248 D 3328 D 208 D 13

E 917504 E 57344 E 3584 E 224 E 14

F 983040 F 61440 F 3840 F 240 F 15

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**APPENDIX P**

RS232 INFO AND OUTP EXAMPLE

RS232 MEMORY MAP FOR MYBASIC ONLY

C000 - CFFE DSR ROM

D000 - DFFE PARALLEL I/O

RS232 CARD OUTPUT/INPUT BIT DEFINITION

MYBASIC ONLY SUPPORTS CRU ADDRESS >1300(PORT/1) AND >1500(PORT/2) FOR INP

AND OUTP.

ADDRESS BUS BIT LAYOUT (Only A3 thru A14 are used)

A0 A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7 A8 A9 A10 A11 A12 A13 A14 A15

NOT USED BASE ADDRESS CRU ADDRESS

RS232 CARD CRU OUTPUT BIT DEFINITION

ADDR BIT DEFINITION

1300 0 DSR ROM page enable, 1=enable

1302 1 Parallel Port mode set, 1=input mode

1304 2 Parallel Port Strobe bit

1306 3 Spare Parallel Port bit

1308 4 Flag 0

130A 5 Clear To Send, RS232 Port 0, 0=active

130C 6 Clear To Send, RS232 Port 1, 0=active

130E 7 Indicator LED control,1=LED on

RS232 CARD CRU INPUT DEFINITION

ADDR BIT DEFINITION

1300 0 Spare

1302 1 Parallel Port configuration sense

1304 2 Parallel Port Acknowledge sense bit

1306 3 Spare Parallel Port Sense bit

1308 4 Flag 0

130A 5 Clear To Send, RS232 Port 0 sense

130C 6 Clear To Send, RS232 Port 1 sense

130E 7 LED state sense

9902 UART BASE ADDRESSES

UART 0=1340 UART 1=1380

TI RS232 CARD DEFINITIONS FOR ADDRESS C000 - C00E

ADDR CONTENTS EXPLANATION

C000 BYTE >AA Identification

C001 BYTE 1 Version number

C002 BYTE 0 Number of programs

C003 BYTE 0 Reserved

C004 DATA >C010 Power up routine

C006 DATA 0 User program header

C008 DATA >C016 DSR header

C00A DATA 0 Subroutine link header

C00C DATA >C06C Address of interupt link

C00E DATA 0 Address of subroutine libraries

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**APPENDIX P (Cont.)**

RS232 INFO AND OUTP EXAMPLE CON'T

ASCII FUNCTION FUNCTION ASCII FUNCTION FUNCTION

CODE ACRONYM CODE ACRONYM

0 NUL Null 17 DC1 Device Control 1

1 SOH Start heading 18 DC2 Device Control 2

2 STX Start text 19 DC3 Device Control 3

3 ETX End text 20 DC4 Device Control 4

4 EOT End transmission 21 NAK Negative ACK

5 ENQ Enquiry 22 SYN Synchronous idle

6 ACK Acknowledge 23 ETB End transmission block

7 BEL Bell 24 CAN Cancel

8 BS Backspace 25 EM End medium

9 HT Horizontal tab 26 SUB Substitute

10 LF Line feed 27 ESC Escape

11 VT Vertical tab 28 FS File separator

12 FF Form feed 29 GS Group separator

13 CR Carriage return 30 RS Record separator

14 SO Shift out 31 US Unit separator

15 SI Shift in

16 DLE Data link escape

SOFTWARE OPTIONS

OPTION Enter As

BAUD RATE=110, 300,600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 .BA=(desired rate)

DATA BITS= 7 or 8 .DA= 7 (or 8)

PARITY=ODD,EVEN,ONE .PA= O (or E or N)

TWO STOP BITS .TW

NULLS .NU

CHECK PARITY .CH

ECHO OFF .EC

CRLF OFF .CR

LF OFF .LF

Only Baud rate and stop bits are allowed in an OLD/SAVE to RS232

Only Nulls, Echo off, Crlf off and Lf off can be used with PIO

Example program using OUTP

100 A$="THIS IS A TEST"

110 CALL OUTP(1,7) Ring printer bell

120 CALL OUTP(1,15) Set printer to condensed

130 FOR X=1 TO 14 \

140 A=ASC(SEG$(A$,X,1)) Send ASCII value to printer

150 CALL OUTP(1,A) /

160 NEXT X /

170 CALL OUTP(1,18) Cancel condensed

180 CALL OUTP(1,10) Send linefeed

190 !CALL OUTP(1,13) Carriage return(uni-directional printers)

The 1 in OUTP is RS232 port at CRU >1300 2 would be >1500

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**APPENDIX Q**

SECTOR 0 Volume Information Block VIB

ADDRESS CONTENTS

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0000-0009 Disk name-up to 10 characters

000A-000B Total number of sectors on disk

total type sec/trk trks bytes

>0168 360 SS/SD 9(>09) 40 92160

>0280 640 SS/DD 16(>10) 40 163840

>02D0 720 SS/DD 18(>12) 40 184320

>02D0 720 DS/SD 9(>09) 40 184320

>0500 1280 DS/DD 16(>10) 40 327680

>05A0 1440 DS/DD 18(>12) 40 368640

>05A0 1440 SS/DD 18(>12) 80 368640

>0A00 2560 DS/QD 16(>10) 80 655360

>0B40 2880 DS/QD 18(>12) 80 737280

>1680 5760 HiDen 36(>24) 80 1474560

000C Number of sectors/track (see\_above)

000D-000F DSK (>44534B )

0010 >50 = Disk protected >20 = Not protected

0011 Number of tracks >28=40 >50=80

0012-0013 Number of sides/density

>0101 SS/SD >0202 DS/DD

>0102 SS/DD >0202 DS/QD

>0201 DS/SD >0203 DS/HD

0014-001D 1st Sub Directory Filename

001E-001F Directory link for File Descriptor Records of 1st SubDir See

0020-0029 2nd Sub Directory Filename NOTE 1

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**APPENDIX Q (Cont.)**

SECTOR 0 Volume Information Block VIB

002A-002B Directory link for File Descriptor Records of 2nd SubDir below

002C-0035 3rd Sub Directory Filename

0036-0037 Directory link for File Descriptor Records of 3rd Sub Dir

0038-00EB Sector allocation bit map (AU)

This is a sector by sector bit map of sector use 1=used 0=available. The first byte at >38 is for sectors 0 through

7(a fresh formatted DD or less with no subdirectories will

have >03 which equals 0000 0011 or 2 sectors used---read right to left---sector 0 and sector 1), next byte is for sectors 8 through 15, and so on. For QD each bit equals 2 sectors, HiDen equals 4 sectors.

NOTE 1

It is highly recommended that you create sub directory prior to placing files on a disk because MDOS uses the next available sector to create the directory link to the file descriptor records, which would place the sub directories directory link at sector 2, 3, 4 and may make it possible

for recovery of files easier in case the disk crashes.

SECTOR 1 Directory link

Each 16-bit word lists the sector number of the File Descriptor Record for an allocated file, in Alphabetical order of the filenames. Each Subdirectory will have a sector identified as its directory link and will be structured the same as sector 1.

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**APPENDIX Q (Cont.)**

SECTOR 2 FILE DESCRIPTOR RECORDS FDR

ADDRESS CONTENTS

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0000-0009 Filename-up to 10 characters

000A-000B Extended Record Length (if=>256)

000C Filetype |----FLOPPY---| |--HARDDRIVE--|

NOT PROTECTED PROTECTED N/P PROTECT

DIS/FIX >00 >08 >10 >18

Program >01 >09 >11\_See >19

INT/FIX >02 >0A >12\_NOTE\_2 >1A

DIS/VAR >80 >88 >90\_below >98

INT/VAR >82 >8A >92 >9A

000D Number of (MAXRECSIZE) records/sector or records/AU

000E-000F Number of sectors allocated to the file

0010 For memory-image program files and variable-length data files

this contains the number of bytes used in the last disk sector

of file. This is used to determine end-of-file.

0011 MAXRECSIZE of data file (logical record length if <256 else 0)

0012-0013 File record count, but with the second byte being the

high-order byte of the value. (i.e. >2301=>0123)

0014-0015 Time of creation bits: hhhh hmmm mmms ssss

0016-0017 Date of creation YYYY YYYM MMMd dddd

0018-0019 Time of last change secs are /2 remainder discarded

001A-001B Date of last change

001C-001E Block link

For a file which is "not fractured", these three bytes point to the sectors on which the file is stored. If we let the 6 nybbles of these bytes be represented by >UVWXYZ then the word formed from >0XUV will be the sector number of the first sector of the file and >0YZW will be the logical offset of the last sector of the file. That is, the number of sectors in the file will be >0YZW + >0001(File Descriptor Record is not included in the sector count). If the file is "fractured", then this three-byte block refers to the first segment of the fractured file and will be followed by as many additional three-byte blocks as there are additional file segments. In each block the word >0XUV is the starting sector of the segment and the word >0YZW is one less than the total number of sectors used by the file through the current segment.

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**APPENDIX Q (Cont.)**

FILE STORAGE

Files are placed on the disk in first-come/first served manner. The first file written will start at sector >0042, and each subsequent file will be placed after it. Sectors >2 through >41 are reserved for File Descriptor Records. File data will be stored in these sectors if no other sectors are available. If more than 64 files are stored on a disk, additional File Descriptor Records will be allocated as needed, one sector at a time, from the next available pool of sectors unused. A Subdirectory Directory Link map will be allocated the same as a FDR as described in this section.

NOTE 2

You should never see these codes on a floppy only system. These codes are used as part of the harddrive structure. For HardDrive, this byte in bit form of 76543210, will have bit 4 set. MDOS does not change bit when Copy HD to Floppy occurs. i.e. I/V which equals >82 and in bit form would be 1000 0010 and would be 1001 0010 or >92 if file has changed. Also bit 5 will be set if file is a "DSK1"(emulate) type file.

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**APPENDIX R**

DISK LAYOUT-HARDDRIVE MFM ONLY

The following information is based on a 20meg drive.

SECTOR >00 Volume Information Block VIB

ADDRESS CONTENTS

0000-0009 Disk volume name

000A-000B Total number of allocation units

000C Sectors per track

000D Number of DIR entries\*64

000E Step rate of drive

000F Reduced write current cyl\*8

0010-0011 Hard disk parameters

1 2 3

binary format xxxx xxxx x xxx xxxx

1. Sectors/AU

This is the number of sectors per allocation unit -1

2. Number of heads

This is the number of heads -1

3. Write precompensation cyl\*16

0012-0015 Time and date drive formatted

0016 The number of files in the root directory

0017 The number of sub-directories in the root directory

0018-0019 Pointer to the root directory index record(20meg=>20)

001A-001B Pointer to the DSK1 emulation descriptor record

001C- Sector pointers to sub-directories in root directory up to a max of 114

sub-directories. Each word(>xxxx)\*AU=actual sector location

SECTOR >20 Root Directory Descriptor Record

0000-0017 This information follows the same format as sector >00

0018-0019 This points to the sector location of the Link Map of files in root directory

To find actual sector multiply this value by number of Allocation Units per sector

i.e 20meg (>0020\*2=>0040)

SECTOR >40 Link Map(Index) of files in root directory(20 meg drive)

The 2 byte values are the sectors of the files in the root directory

Each value must be multiplied by Allocation Units per sector

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**APPENDIX R (Cont,)**

FILE DESCRIPTOR RECORD

All Files follow this format

0000-0009 File name

000A-000B Extended Record Length(if >255)

000C Filetype status flag(see layout floppy)

000D Number of records per sector

000E-000F Number of sectors used

0010 Same as layout-floppy

0011 Logical record length if <256 else 0

0012-0013 Number of records used

0014-0017 Time and date of creation

0018-001B Time and date of last update

001C-001D FI

001E-001F Pointer to previous File Descriptor Block 0 if none

0020-0021 Pointer to next File Descriptor Block 0 if none

0022-0023 Number of AUs allocated for this File Descriptor Record

0024-0025 Pointer to parent(Directory/Sub-directory map) of this file

0026-0027 Extented info about file

0028-0029 First sector of data for this file

002A-002B Last sector of data for this file if not fractured

Total sectors would be Last minus First +1

If fractured additional words would follow indicating first and last of fracture

For more detailed information consult the HFDC manual.

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