

Chapter 1

Lode Runner

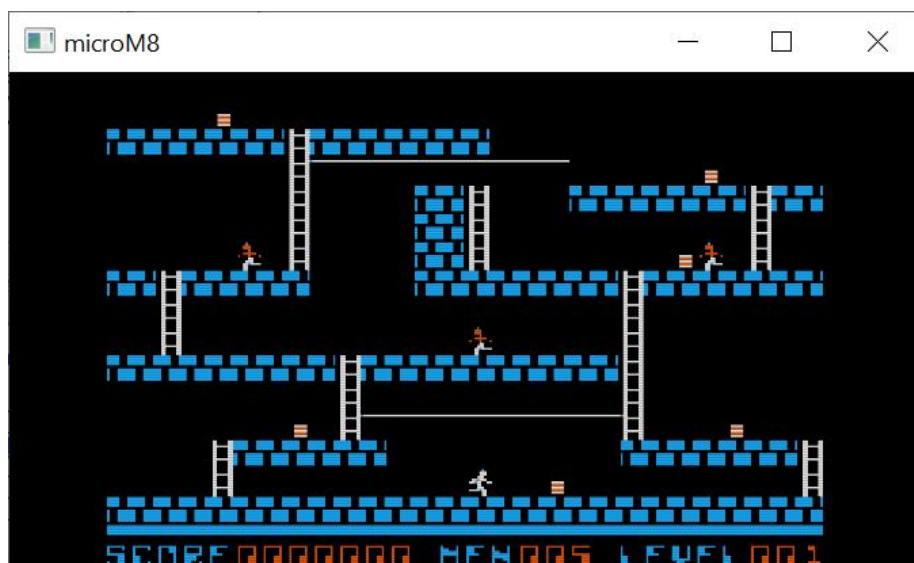
Lode Runner was a game originally written in 1982 by Douglas E. Smith (1960–2014) for the Apple II series of computers, and published by Broderbund.



You control the movement of your character, moving left and right along brick and bedrock platforms, climbing ladders, and "monkey-traversing" ropes strung across gaps. The object is to collect all the gold boxes while avoiding being touched by the guards. You can dig holes in brick parts of the floor which can allow you to reach otherwise unreachable caverns, and the holes can also trap the guards for a short while. Holes fill themselves in after a short time period, and if you're in a hole when that happens, you lose a life. However,

if a guard is in the hole and the hole fills, the guard disappears and reappears somewhere along the top of the screen.

You get points for collecting boxes and forcing guards to respawn. Once you collect all the boxes, a ladder will appear leading out of the top of the screen. This gets you to the next level, and play continues.



Code Runner included 150 levels and also a level editor.

Chapter 2

Apple II Graphics

Hi-res graphics on the Apple II is odd. Graphics are memory-mapped, not exactly consecutively, and bits don't always correspond to pixels. Color especially is odd, compared to today's luxurious 32-bit per pixel RGBA.

The Apple II has two hi-res graphics pages, and maps the area from \$2000-\$3FFF to high-res graphics page 1 (HGR1), and \$4000-\$5FFF to page 2 (HGR2).

We have routines to clear these screens.

```
3  <defines 3>≡ (109b) 21▷
    ORG      $0A
    TMP_PTR      DS.W      1
```

Defines:

 TMP_PTR, used in chunks 4, 24, and 50b.

```

4  < routines 4 > ≡ (109b) 24▷
    ORG      $7A51
    CLEAR_HGR1:
    SUBROUTINE

        LDA    #$20            ; Start at $2000
        LDX    #$40            ; End at $4000 (but not including)
        BNE    CLEAR_PAGE      ; Unconditional jump

    CLEAR_HGR2:
    SUBROUTINE

        LDA    #$40            ; Start at $4000
        LDX    #$60            ; End at $6000 (but not including)
        ; fallthrough

    CLEAR_PAGE:
        STA    TMP_PTR+1        ; Start with the page in A.
        LDA    #$00
        STA    TMP_PTR
        TAY
        LDA    #$80            ; fill byte = 0x80

    .loop:
        STA    (TMP_PTR),Y
        INY
        BNE    .loop
        INC    TMP_PTR+1
        CPX    TMP_PTR+1
        BNE    .loop            ; while TMP_PTR != X * 0x100
        RTS

```

Defines:

CLEAR_HGR1, used in chunk 92.

CLEAR_HGR2, used in chunk 87b.

Uses TMP_PTR 3.

2.1 Pixels and their color

First we'll talk about pixels. Nominally, the resolution of the hi-res graphics screen is 280 pixels wide by 192 pixels tall. In the memory map, each row is represented by 40 bytes. The high bit of each byte is not used for pixel data, but is used to control color.

Here are some rules for how these bytes are turned into pixels:

- Pixels are drawn to the screen from byte data least significant bit first. This means that for the first byte bit 0 is column 0, bit 1 is column 1, and so on.
- A pattern of 11 results in two white pixels at the 1 positions.
- A pattern of 010 results at least in a colored pixel at the 1 position.
- A pattern of 101 results at least in a colored pixel at the 0 position.
- So, a pattern of 01010 results in at least three consecutive colored pixels starting from the first 1 to the last 1. The last 0 bit would also be colored if followed by a 1.
- Likewise, a pattern of 11011 results in two white pixels, a colored pixel, and then two more white pixels.
- The color of a 010 pixel depends on the column that the 1 falls on, and also whether the high bit of its byte was set or not.
- The color of a 11011 pixel depends on the column that the 0 falls on, and also whether the high bit of its byte was set or not.

	Odd	Even
High bit clear	Green	Violet
High bit set	Orange	Blue

The implication is that you can only select one pair of colors per byte.

An example would probably be good here. We will take one of the sprites from the game.

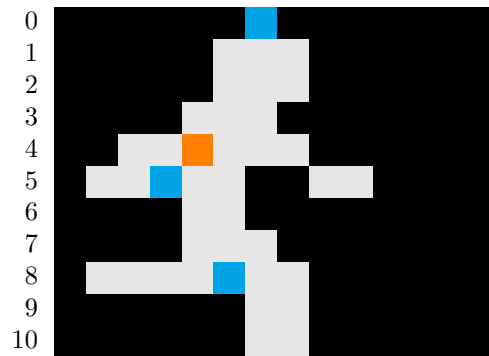
Bytes		Bits		Pixel Data
00	00	0000000	0000000	000000000000000
00	00	0000000	0000000	000000000000000
00	00	0000000	0000000	000000000000000
55	00	1010101	0000000	101010100000000
41	00	1000001	0000000	100000100000000
01	00	0000001	0000000	100000000000000
55	00	1010101	0000000	101010100000000
50	00	1010000	0000000	000010100000000
50	00	1010000	0000000	000010100000000
51	00	1010001	0000000	100010100000000
55	00	1010101	0000000	101010100000000

The game automatically sets the high bit of each byte, so we know we're going to see orange and blue. Assuming that the following bits are all zero, and we place the sprite starting at column 0, we should see this:



Here is a more complex sprite:

Bytes		Bits		Pixel Data
40	00	1000000	0000000	000000100000000
60	01	1100000	0000001	000001110000000
60	01	1100000	0000001	000001110000000
70	00	1110000	0000000	000011100000000
6C	01	1101100	0000001	001101110000000
36	06	0110110	0000110	011011001100000
30	00	0110000	0000000	000011000000000
70	00	1110000	0000000	000011100000000
5E	01	1011110	0000001	011110110000000
40	01	1000000	0000001	000000110000000
40	01	1000000	0000001	000000110000000

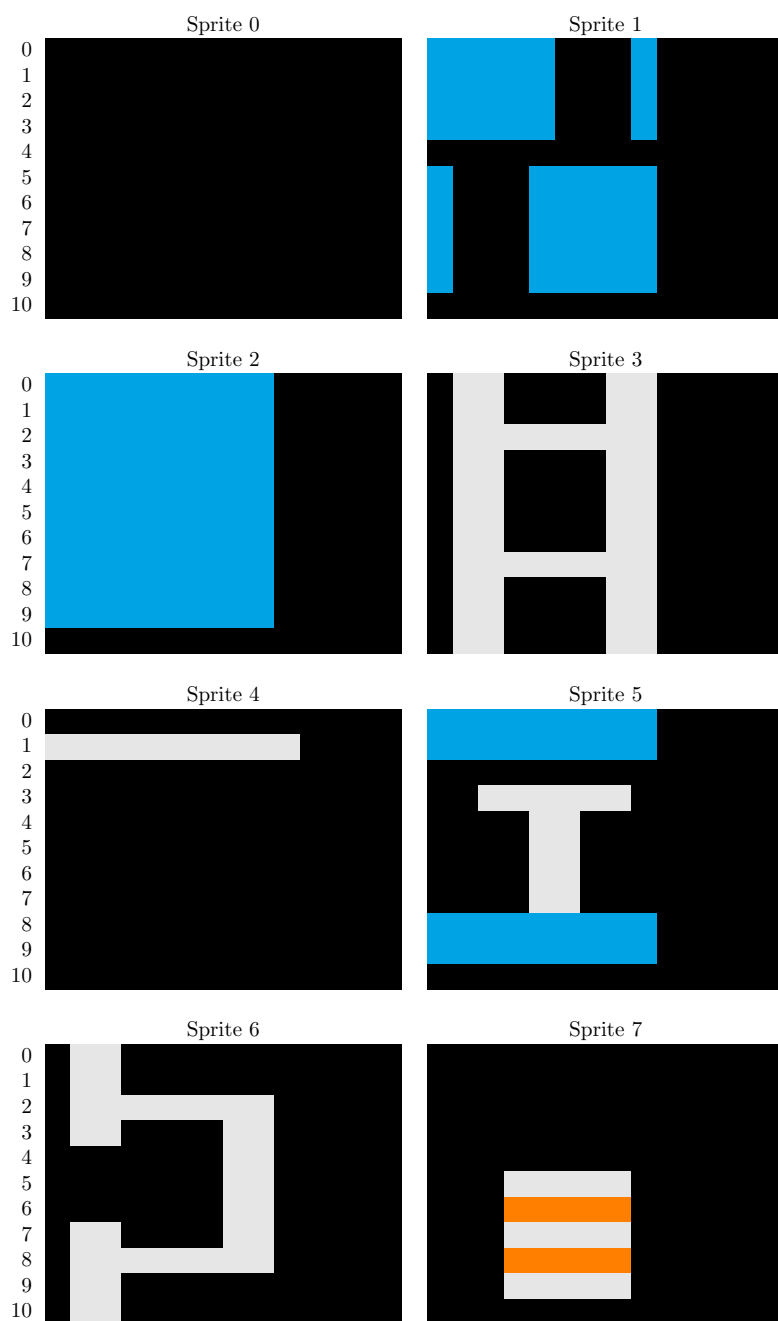


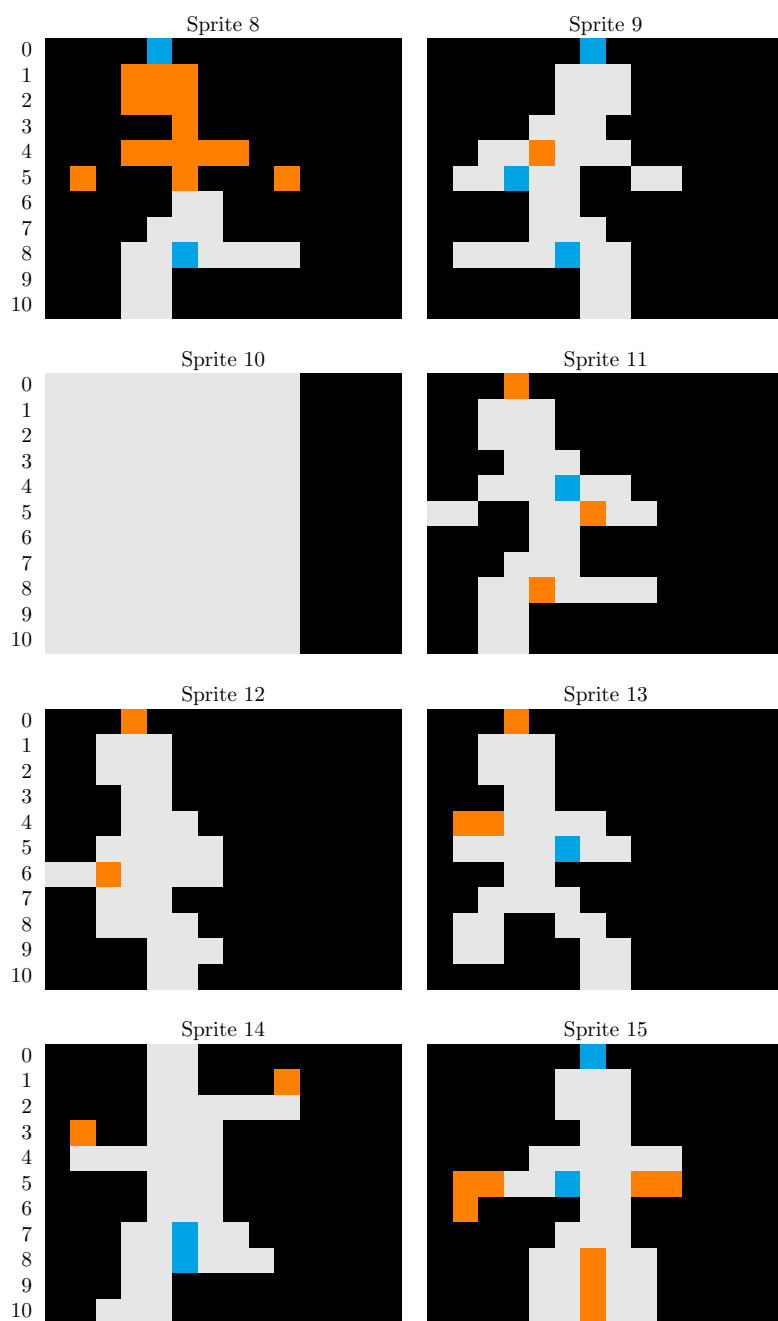
Take note of the orange and blue pixels. All the patterns noted in the rules above are used.

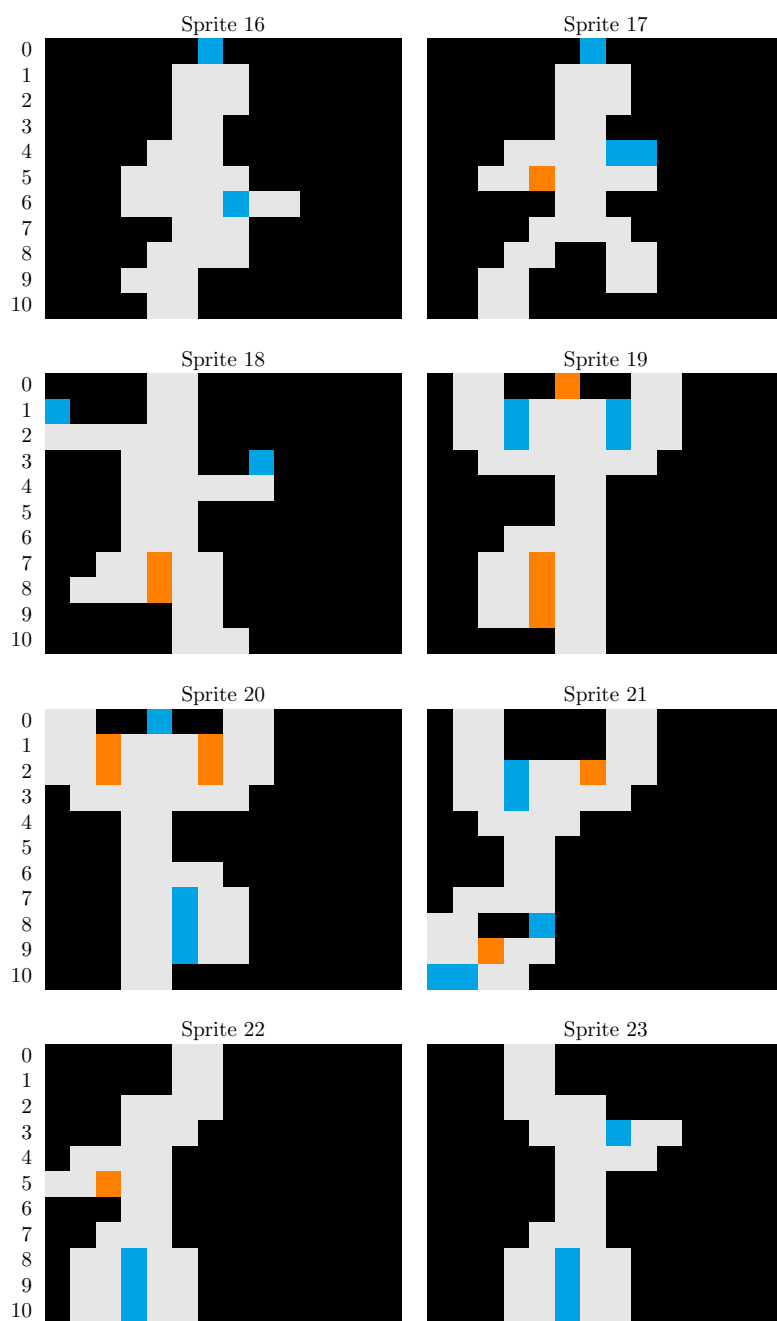
2.2 The sprites

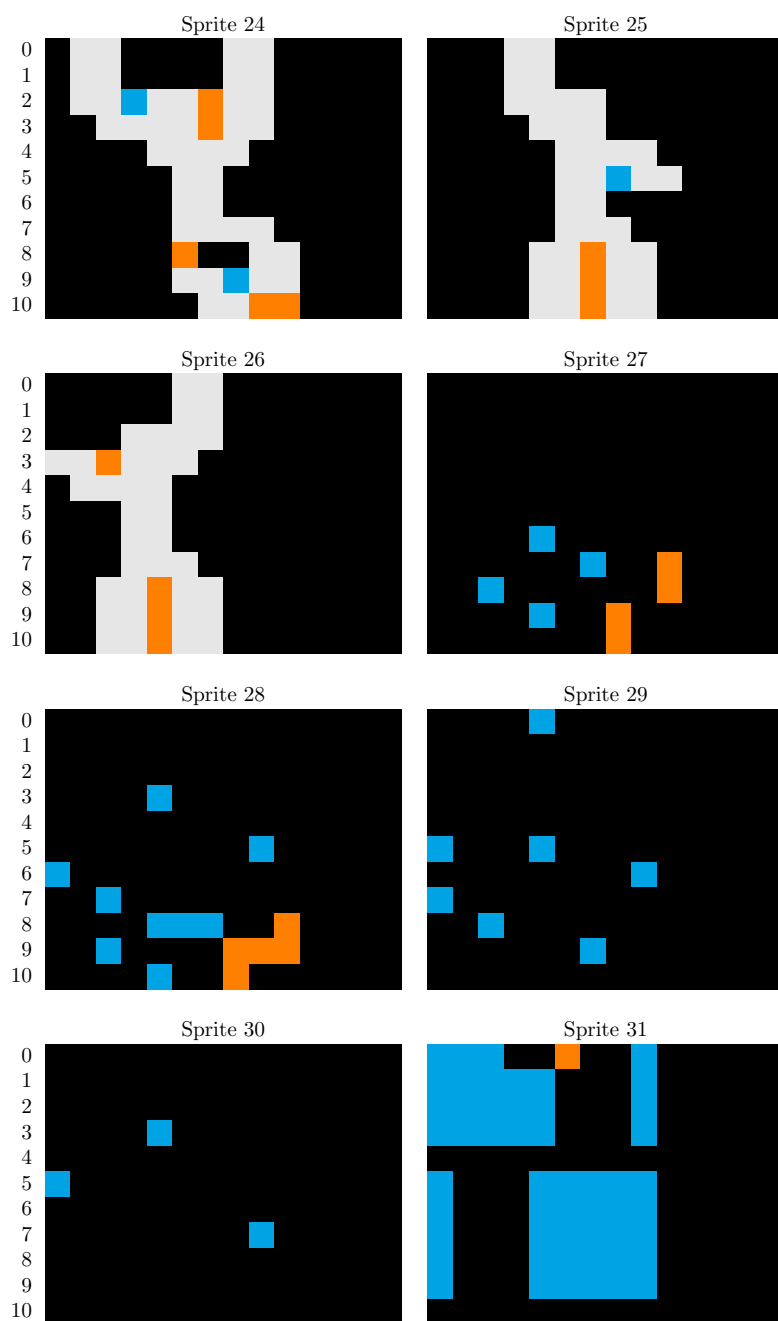
Lode Runner defines 104 sprites, each being 11 rows, with two bytes per row. The first bytes of all 104 sprites are in the table first, then the second bytes, then the third bytes, and so on. Later we will see that only the leftmost 10 pixels out of the 14-pixel description is used.

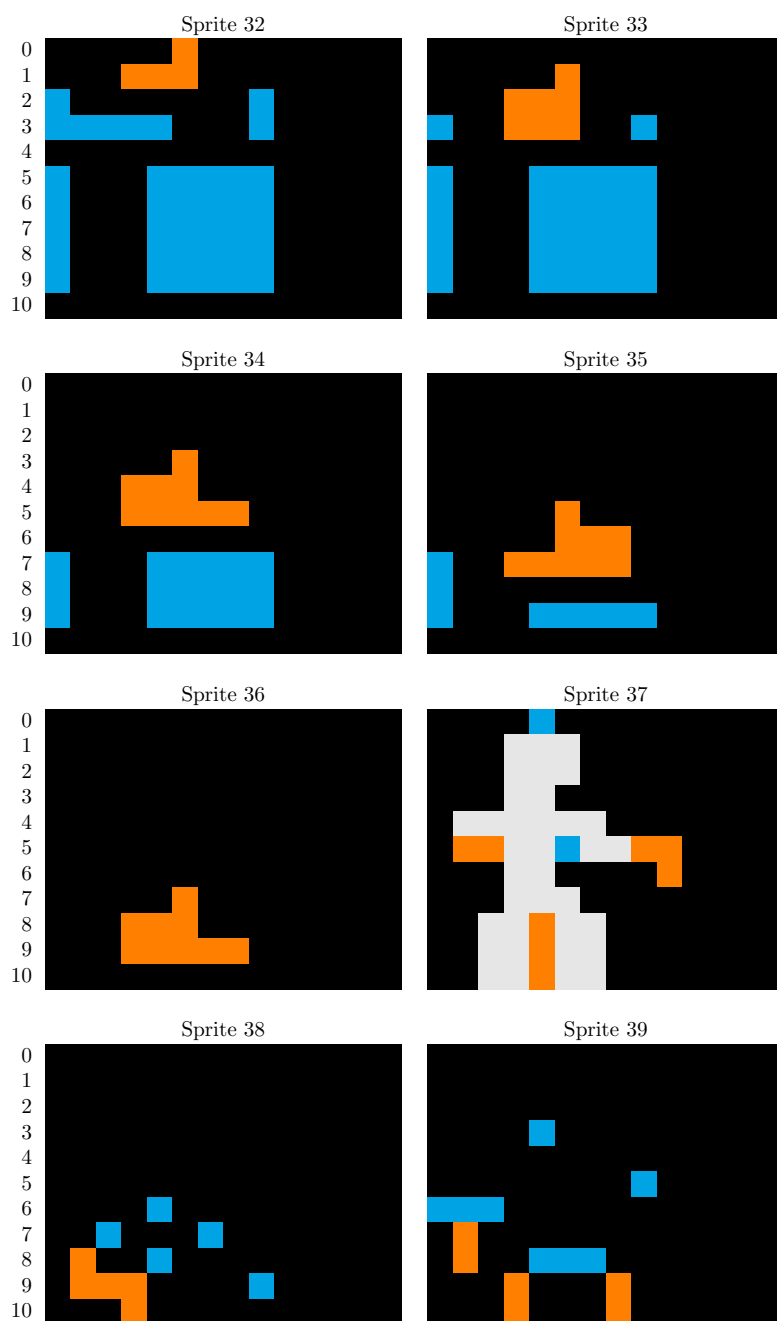
```
7  <tables 7>≡ (109b) 22▷
    ORG      $AD00
    SPRITE_DATA:
    INCLUDE "sprite_data.asm"
Defines:
    SPRITE_DATA, used in chunk 24.
```

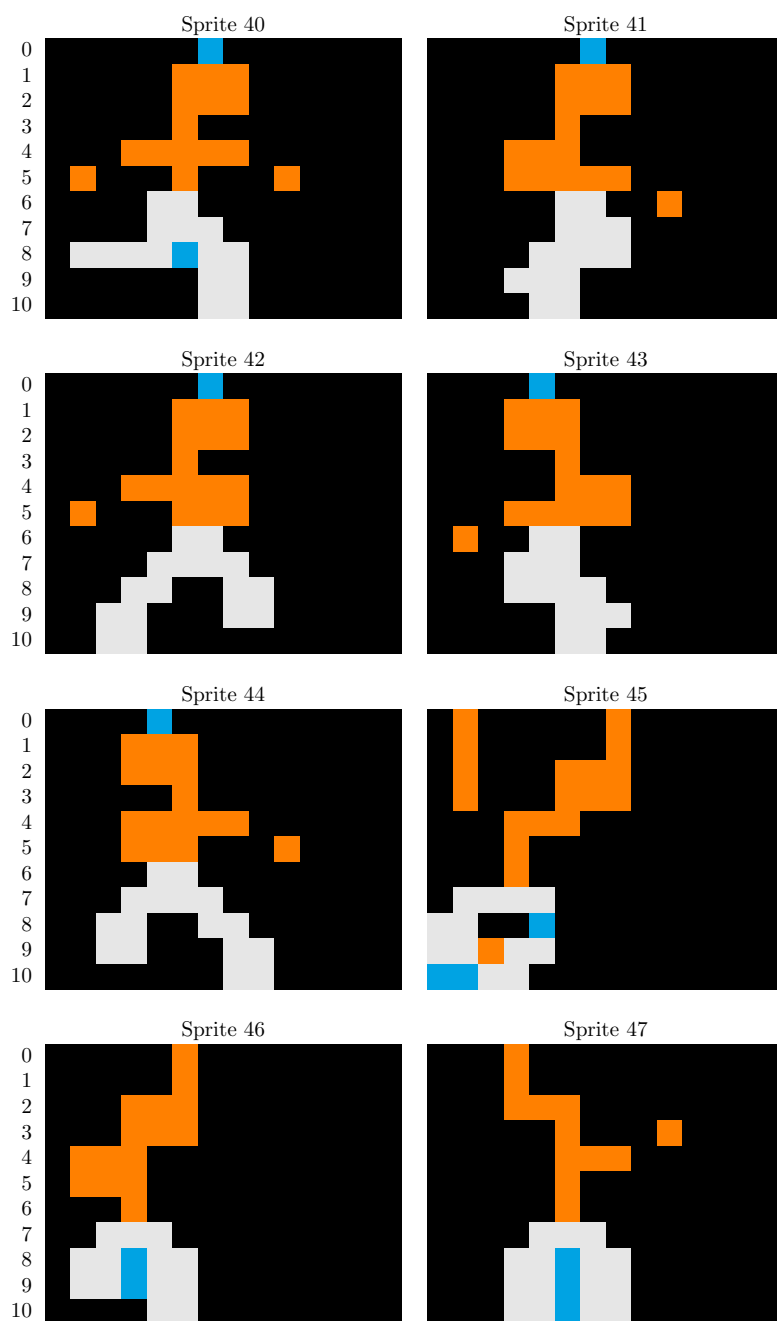


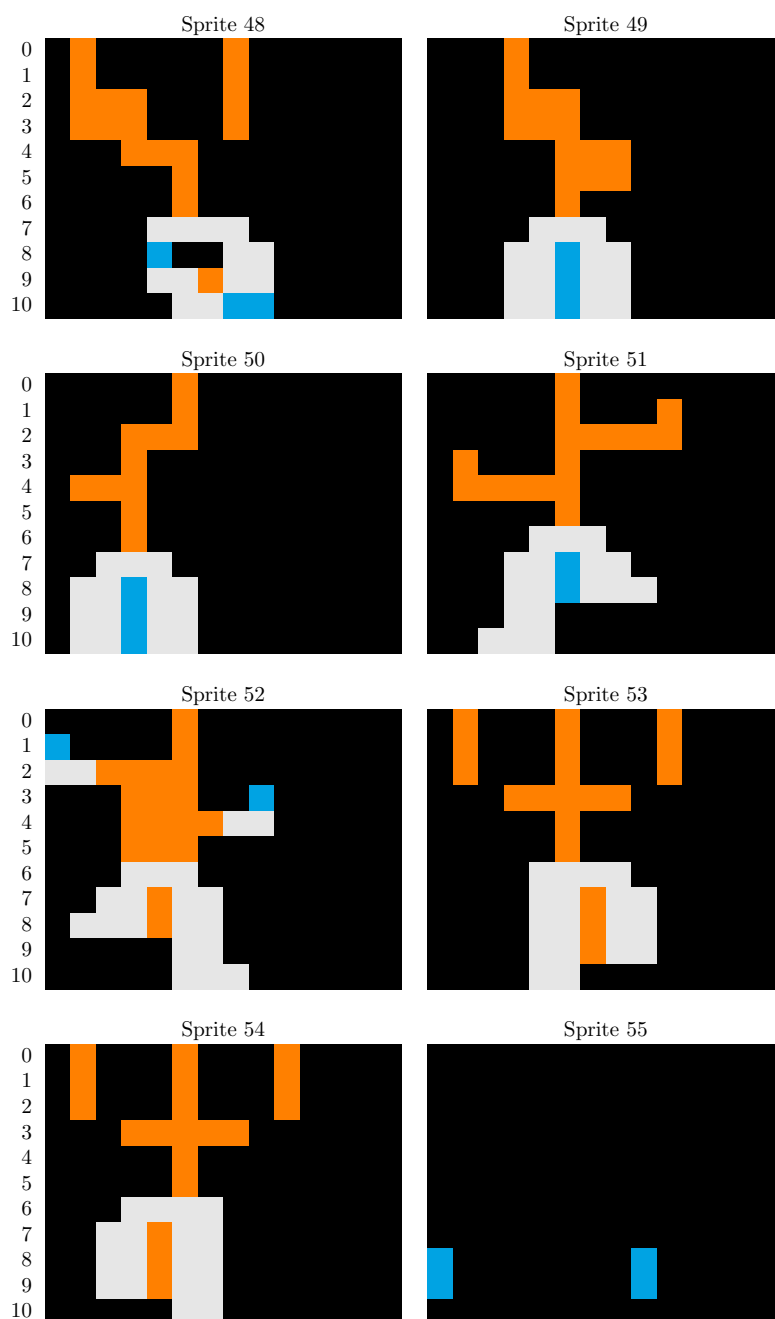


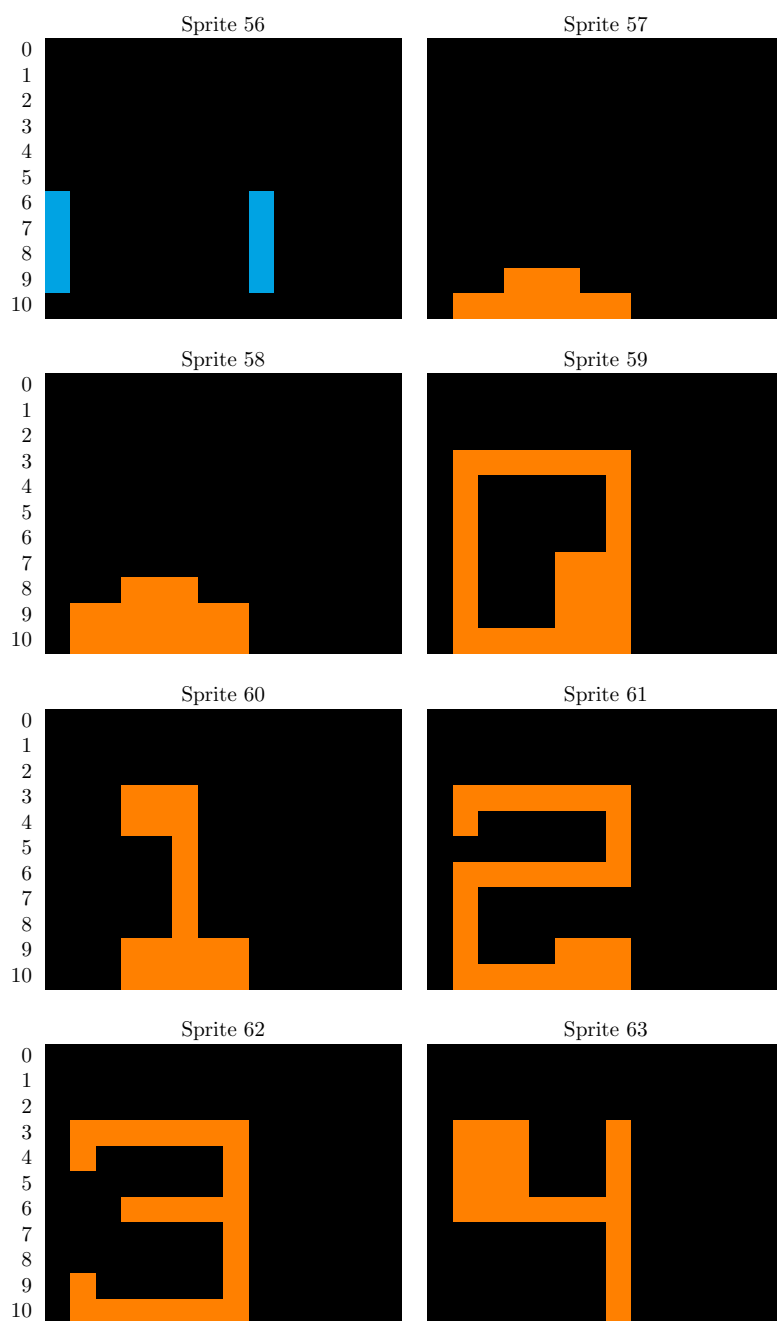


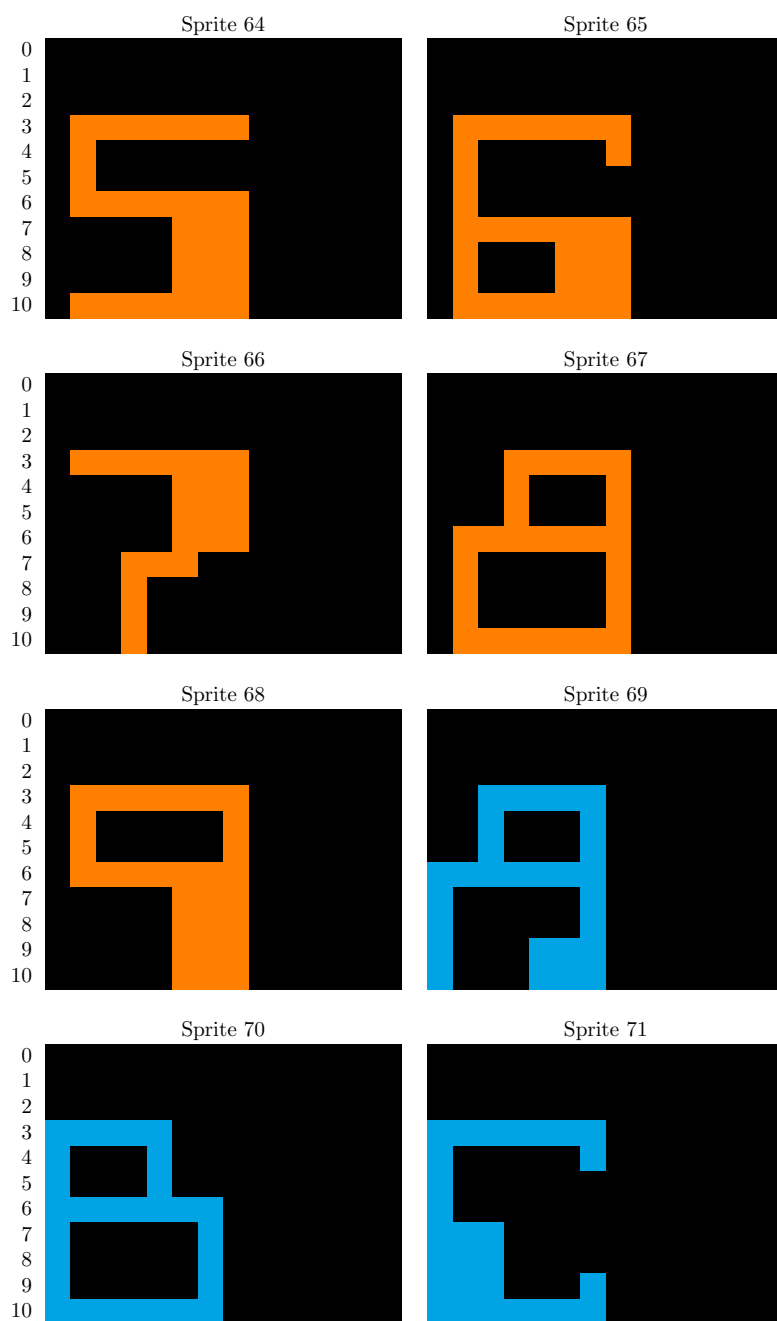


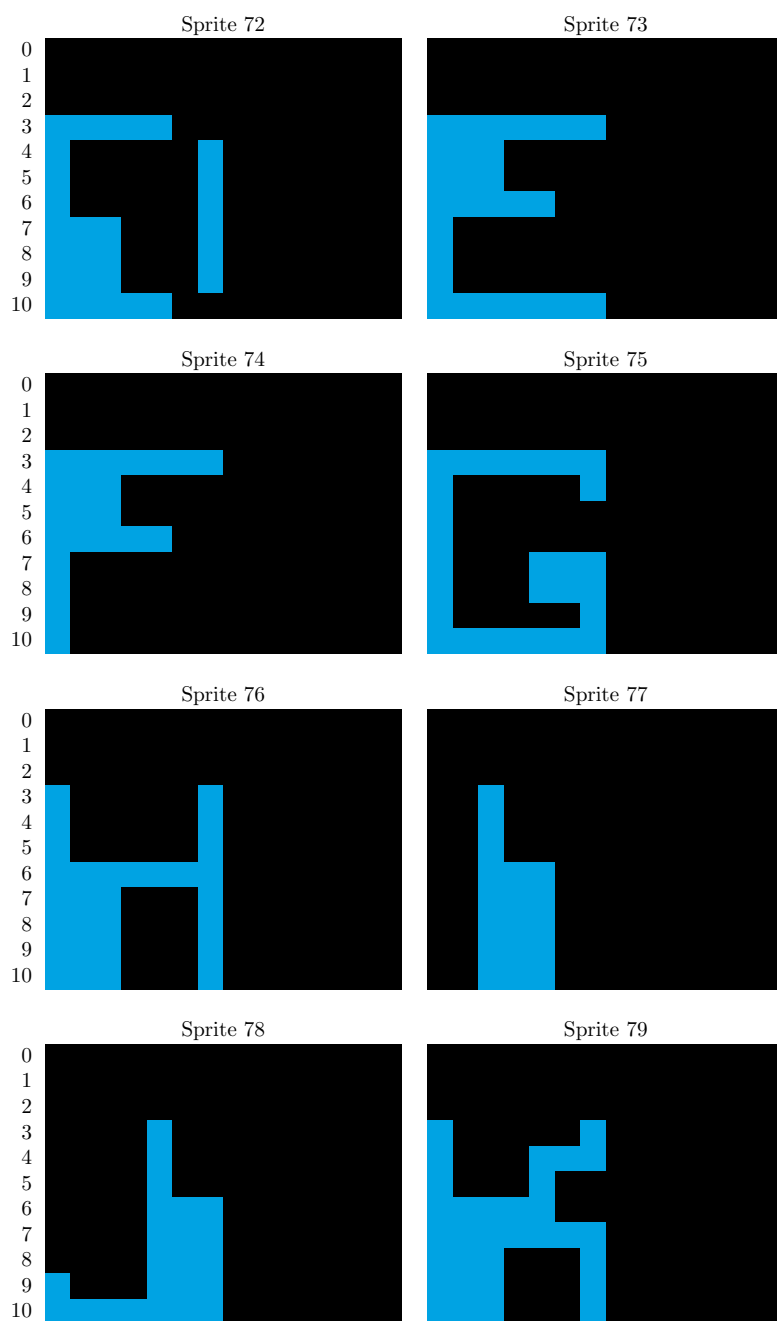


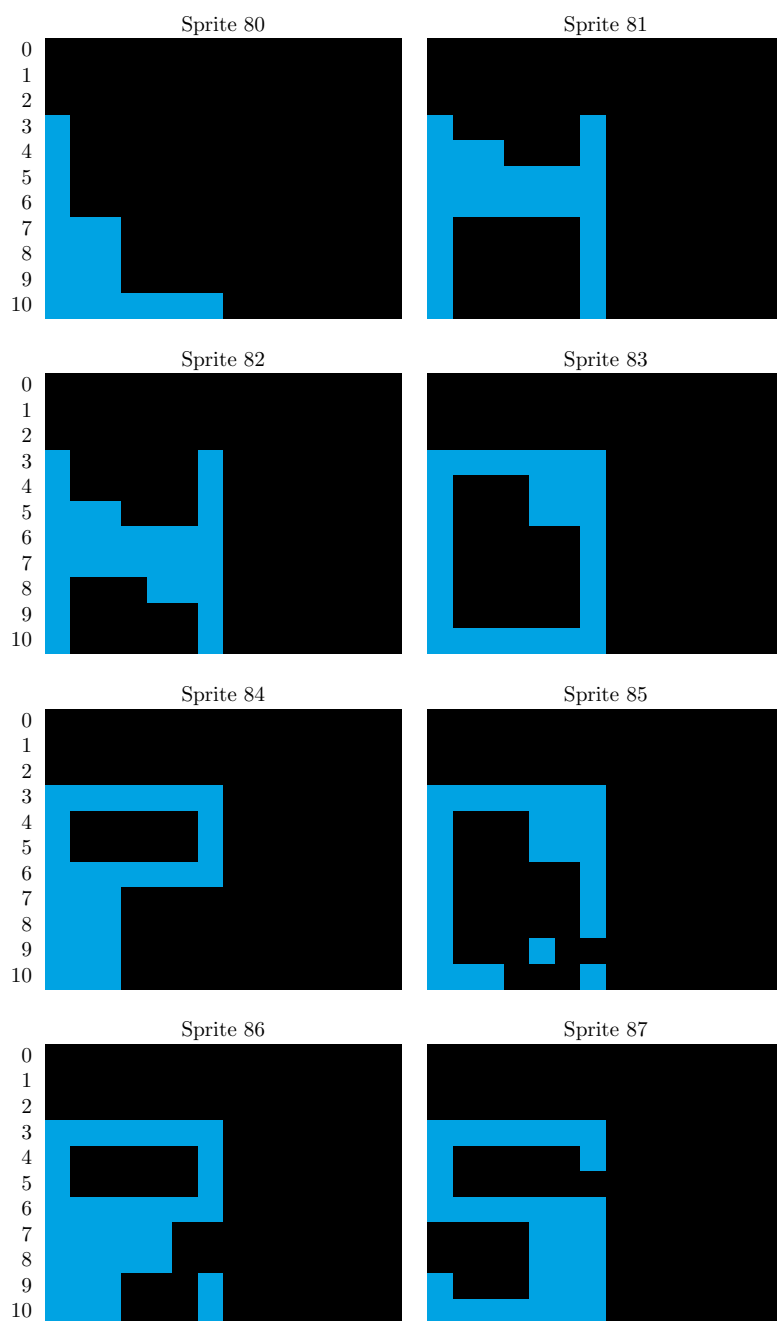


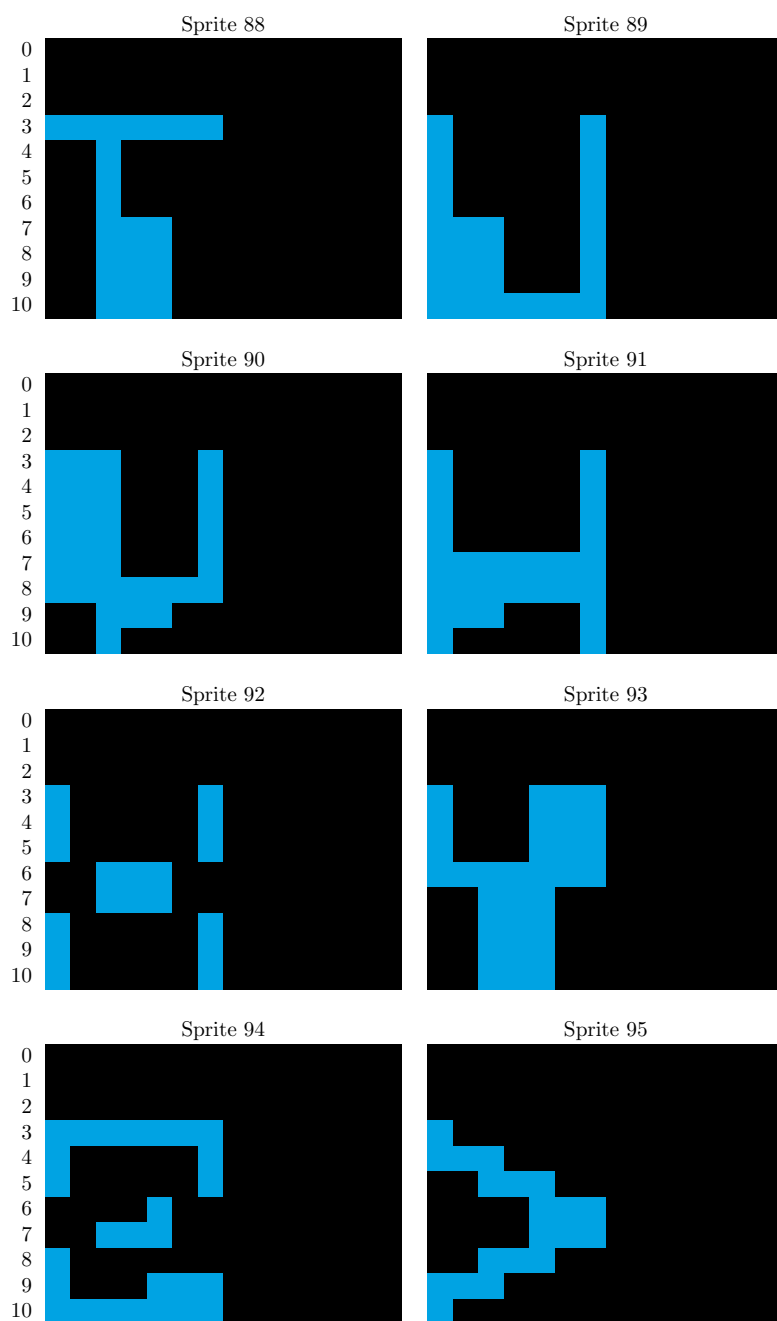


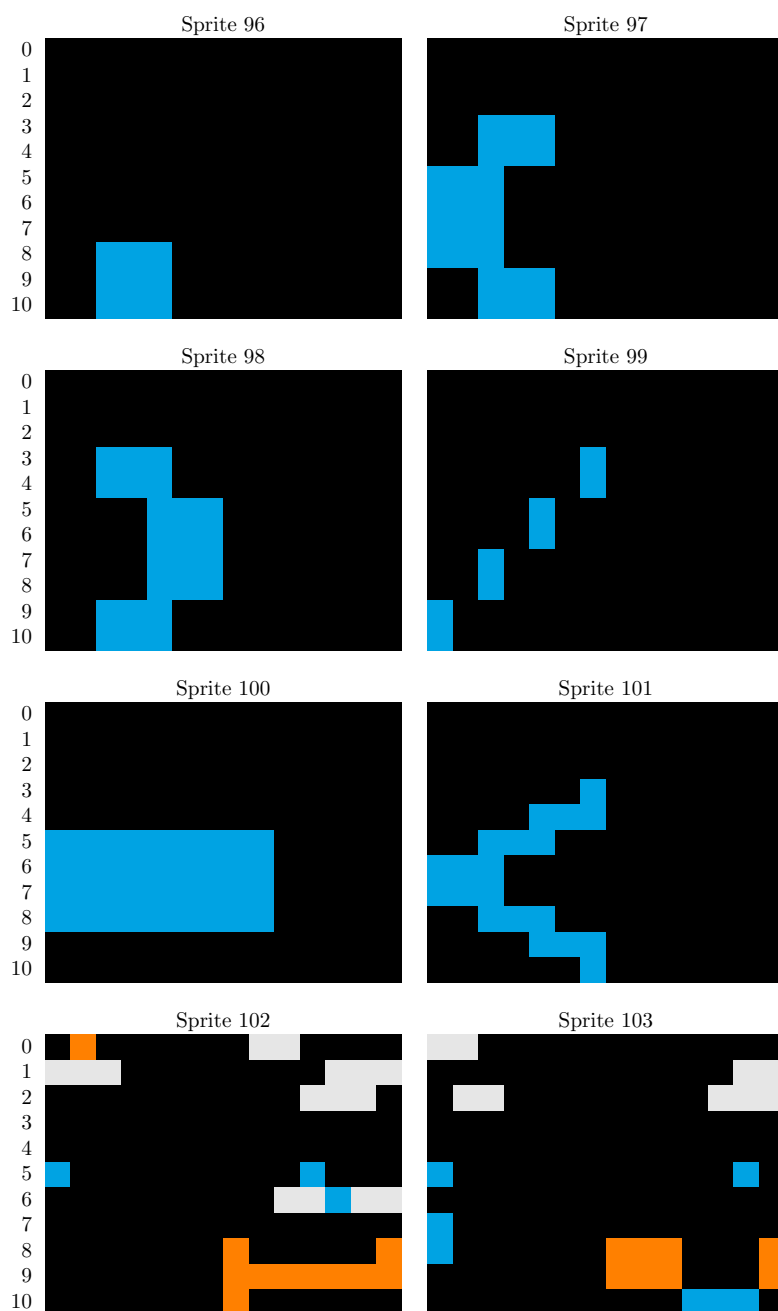












2.3 Shifting sprites

This is all very good if we're going to draw sprites exactly on 7-pixel boundaries, but what if we want to draw them starting at other columns? In general, such

a shifted sprite would straddle three bytes, and Lode Runner sets aside an area of memory at the end of zero page for 11 rows of three bytes that we'll write to when we want to compute the data for a shifted sprite.

```
21  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <3 23c>
      ORG      $DF
      BLOCK_DATA      DS      33
```

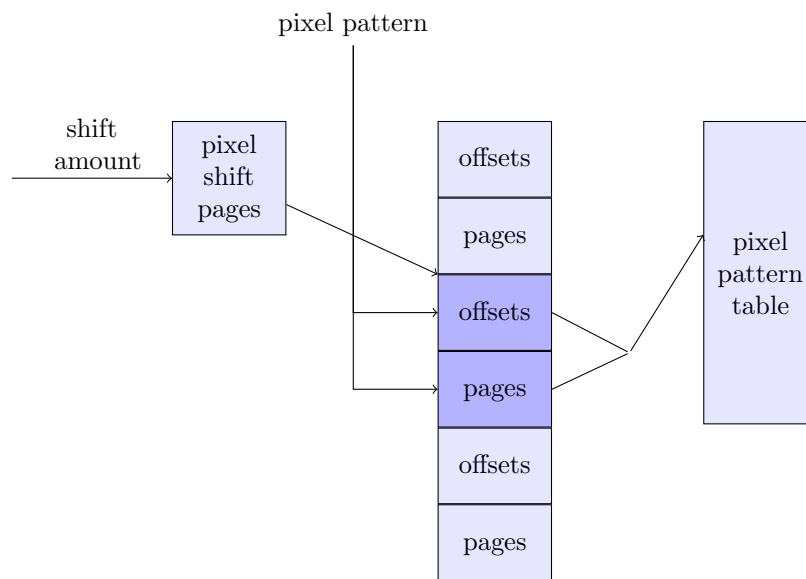
Defines:

BLOCK_DATA, used in chunks 24, 33, and 36.

Code Runner also contains tables which show how to shift any arbitrary 7-pixel pattern right by any amount from zero to six pixels.

For example, suppose we start with a pixel pattern of 0110001, and we want to shift that right by three bits. The 14-bit result would be 0000110 0010000. However, we have to break that up into bytes, reverse the bits (remember that each byte's bits are output as pixels least significant bit first), and set their high bits, so we end up with 10110000 10000100.

Now, given a shift amount and a pixel pattern, we should be able to find the two-byte shifted pattern. Code Runner accomplishes this with table lookups as follows:



The pixel pattern table is a table of every possible pattern of 7 consecutive pixels spread out over two bytes. This table is 512 entries, each entry being two bytes. A naive table would have redundancy. For example the pattern 0000100 starting at column 0 is exactly the same as the pattern 0001000 starting at column 1. This table eliminates that redundancy.

```
22 <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <7 23a>
    ORG    $A900
    PIXEL_PATTERN_TABLE:
    INCLUDE "pixel_pattern_table.asm"

Defines:
    PIXEL_PATTERN_TABLE, never used.
```

Now we just need tables which index into `PIXEL_PATTERN_TABLE` for every 7-pixel pattern and shift value. This table works by having the page number for the shifted pixel pattern at index `shift * 0x100 + 0x80 + pattern` and the offset at index `shift * 0x100 + pattern`.

```
23a  <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <22 23b>
      ORG      $A200
      PIXEL_SHIFT_TABLE:
      INCLUDE "pixel_shift_table.asm"
```

Defines:

`PIXEL_SHIFT_TABLE`, never used.

Rather than multiplying the shift value by 0x100, we instead define another table which holds the page numbers for the shift tables for each shift value.

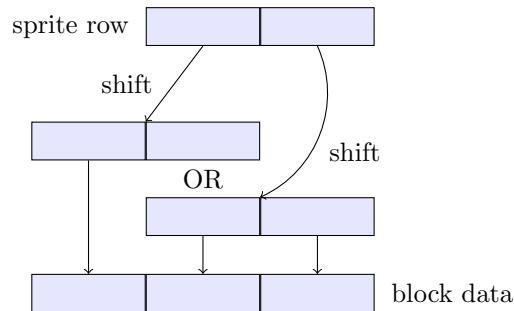
```
23b  <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <23a 26a>
      ORG      $84C1
      PIXEL_SHIFT_PAGES:
      HEX      A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7 A8
```

Defines:

`PIXEL_SHIFT_PAGES`, used in chunk 24.

So we can get shifted pixels by indexing into all these tables.

Now we can define a routine that will take a sprite number and a pixel shift amount, and write the shifted pixel data into the `BLOCK_DATA` area. The routine first shifts the first byte of the sprite into a two-byte area. Then it shifts the second byte of the sprite, and combines that two-byte result with the first. Thus, we shift two bytes of sprite data into a three-byte result.



Rather than load addresses from the tables and store them, the routine modifies its own instructions with those addresses.

```
23c  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <21 26b>
      ORG      $1D
      ROW_COUNT DS      1
      SPRITE_NUM DS      1
```

Defines:

`ROW_COUNT`, used in chunks 24, 33, and 36.

`SPRITE_NUM`, used in chunks 24, 33, 36, and 100a.

```

24  < routines 4 > +≡ (109b) <4 26c>
      ORG      $8438
      COMPUTE_SHIFTED_SPRITE:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with X set to pixel shift amount and
      ; SPRITE_NUM containing the sprite number to read.

      .offset_table      EQU $A000          ; Target addresses in read
      .page_table        EQU $A080          ; instructions. The only truly
      .shift_ptr_byte0    EQU $A000          ; necessary value here is the
      .shift_ptr_byte1    EQU $A000          ; 0x80 in .shift_ptr_byte0.

      LDA      #$0B                      ; 11 rows
      STA      ROW_COUNT
      LDA      #<SPRITE_DATA
      STA      TMP_PTR
      LDA      #>SPRITE_DATA
      STA      TMP_PTR+1                  ; TMP_PTR = SPRITE_DATA
      LDA      PIXEL_SHIFT_PAGES,X
      STA      .rd_offset_table + 2
      STA      .rd_page_table + 2
      STA      .rd_offset_table2 + 2
      STA      .rd_page_table2 + 2        ; Fix up pages in lookup instructions
                                          ; based on shift amount (X).

      LDX      #$00                      ; X is the offset into BLOCK_DATA.

      .loop:                            ; === LOOP === (over all 11 rows)
      LDY      SPRITE_NUM
      LDA      (TMP_PTR),Y
      TAY                      ; Get sprite pixel data.

      .rd_offset_table:
      LDA      .offset_table,Y          ; Load offset for shift amount.
      STA      .rd_shift_ptr_byte0 + 1
      CLC
      ADC      #$01
      STA      .rd_shift_ptr_byte1 + 1    ; Fix up instruction offsets with it.

      .rd_page_table:
      LDA      .page_table,Y            ; Load page for shift amount.
      STA      .rd_shift_ptr_byte0 + 2
      STA      .rd_shift_ptr_byte1 + 2    ; Fix up instruction page with it.

      .rd_shift_ptr_byte0:
      LDA      .shift_ptr_byte0          ; Read shifted pixel data byte 0
      STA      BLOCK_DATA,X              ; and store in block data byte 0.

      .rd_shift_ptr_byte1:
      LDA      .shift_ptr_byte1          ; Read shifted pixel data byte 1
      STA      BLOCK_DATA+1,X            ; and store in block data byte 1.

```



```

    LDA    TMP_PTR
    CLC
    ADC    #$68
    STA    TMP_PTR
    LDA    TMP_PTR+1
    ADC    #$00
    STA    TMP_PTR+1                ; TMP_PTR++

    ; Now basically do the same thing with the second sprite byte

    LDY    SPRITE_NUM
    LDA    (TMP_PTR),Y
    TAY                                ; Get sprite pixel data.

.rd_offset_table2:
    LDA    .offset_table,Y          ; Load offset for shift amount.
    STA    .rd_shift_ptr2_byte0 + 1
    CLC
    ADC    #$01
    STA    .rd_shift_ptr2_byte1 + 1 ; Fix up instruction offsets with it.
.rd_page_table2:
    LDA    .page_table,Y           ; Load page for shift amount.
    STA    .rd_shift_ptr2_byte0 + 2
    STA    .rd_shift_ptr2_byte1 + 2 ; Fix up instruction page with it.

.rd_shift_ptr2_byte0:
    LDA    .shift_ptr_byte0        ; Read shifted pixel data byte 0
    ORA    BLOCK_DATA+1,X          ; OR with previous block data byte 1
    STA    BLOCK_DATA+1,X          ; and store in block data byte 1.
.rd_shift_ptr2_byte1:
    LDA    .shift_ptr_byte1        ; Read shifted pixel data byte 1
    STA    BLOCK_DATA+2,X          ; and store in block data byte 2.

    LDA    TMP_PTR
    CLC
    ADC    #$68
    STA    TMP_PTR
    LDA    TMP_PTR+1
    ADC    #$00
    STA    TMP_PTR+1                ; TMP_PTR++

    INX
    INX
    INX                                ; X += 3
    DEC    ROW_COUNT                ; ROW_COUNT--
    BNE    .loop                    ; loop while ROW_COUNT > 0
    RTS

```

Defines:

COMPUTE_SHIFTED_SPRITE, used in chunks 33 and 36.

Uses BLOCK_DATA 21, PIXEL_SHIFT_PAGES 23b, ROW_COUNT 23c, SPRITE_DATA 7, SPRITE_NUM 23c,

and TMP_PTR 3.

2.4 Memory mapped graphics

Within a screen row, consecutive bytes map to consecutive pixels. However, rows themselves are not consecutive in memory.

To make it easy to convert a row number from 0 to 191 to a base address, Lode Runner has a table and a routine to use that table.

```

26a  <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <23b 28>
      ORG      $1A85
      ROW_TO_OFFSET_LO:
      INCLUDE "row_to_offset_lo_table.asm"
      ROW_TO_OFFSET_HI:
      INCLUDE "row_to_offset_hi_table.asm"

Defines:
      ROW_TO_OFFSET_HI, used in chunks 26c and 27.
      ROW_TO_OFFSET_LO, used in chunks 26c and 27.

26b  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <23c 32a>
      ROW_ADDR      EQU      $0C      ; 2 bytes
      ROW_ADDR2     EQU      $0E      ; 2 bytes
      HGR_PAGE      EQU      $1F      ; 0x20 for HGR1, 0x40 for HGR2

Defines:
      HGR_PAGE, used in chunks 26c, 33, and 92.
      ROW_ADDR, used in chunks 26c, 27, 33, 36, 60, 73a, 82, and 93.
      ROW_ADDR2, used in chunks 27, 36, 60, and 73a.

26c  <routines 4>+≡ (109b) <24 27>
      ORG      $7A31
      ROW_TO_ADDR:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with Y set to row. Base address
      ; (for column 0) will be placed in ROW_ADDR.

      LDA      ROW_TO_OFFSET_LO,Y
      STA      ROW_ADDR
      LDA      ROW_TO_OFFSET_HI,Y
      ORA      HGR_PAGE
      STA      ROW_ADDR+1
      RTS

Defines:
      ROW_TO_ADDR, used in chunks 33 and 93.
      Uses HGR_PAGE 26b, ROW_ADDR 26b, ROW_TO_OFFSET_HI 26a, and ROW_TO_OFFSET_LO 26a.

```

There's also a routine to load the address for both page 1 and page 2.

```

27  < routines 4>+≡ (109b) <26c 29a>
      ORG      $7A3E
      ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with Y set to row. Base address
      ; (for column 0) will be placed in ROW_ADDR (for page 1)
      ; and ROW_ADDR2 (for page 2).

      LDA      ROW_TO_OFFSET_LO,Y
      STA      ROW_ADDR
      STA      ROW_ADDR2
      LDA      ROW_TO_OFFSET_HI,Y
      ORA      #$20
      STA      ROW_ADDR+1
      EOR      #$60
      STA      ROW_ADDR2+1
      RTS

```

Defines:

ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES, used in chunks 36 and 69–72.

Uses ROW_ADDR 26b, ROW_ADDR2 26b, ROW_TO_OFFSET_HI 26a, and ROW_TO_OFFSET_LO 26a.

Code Runner's screens are organized into 28 sprites across by 17 sprites down. To convert between sprite coordinates and screen coordinates and vice-versa, we use tables and lookup routines. Each sprite is 10 pixels across by 11 pixels down.

```

28  <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <26a 30b>
      ORG      $1C35
      HALF_SCREEN_COL_TABLE:
          ; 28 cols of 5 double-pixels each
      HEX      00 05 0a 0f 14 19 1e 23 28 2d 32 37 3c 41 46 4b
      HEX      50 55 5a 5f 64 69 6e 73 78 7d 82 87
      SCREEN_ROW_TABLE:
          ; 17 rows of 11 pixels each
      HEX      00 0B 16 21 2C 37 42 4D 58 63 6E 79 84 8F 9A A5
      HEX      B5
      COL_BYTE_TABLE:
          ; Byte number
      HEX      00 01 02 04 05 07 08 0A 0B 0C 0E 0F 11 12 14 15
      HEX      16 18 19 1B 1C 1E 1F 20 22 23 25 26
      COL_SHIFT_TABLE:
          ; Right shift amount
      HEX      00 03 06 02 05 01 04 00 03 06 02 05 01 04 00 03
      HEX      06 02 05 01 04 00 03 06 02 05 01 04
      HALF_SCREEN_COL_BYTE_TABLE:
      HEX      00 00 00 00 01 01 01 02 02 02 02 03 03 03 04 04
      HEX      04 04 05 05 05 06 06 06 06 07 07 07 08 08 08 08
      HEX      09 09 09 0A 0A 0A 0A 0B 0B 0B 0C 0C 0C 0C 0D 0D
      HEX      0D 0E 0E 0E 0E 0F 0F 0F 10 10 10 10 11 11 11 12
      HEX      12 12 12 13 13 13 14 14 14 14 15 15 15 16 16 16
      HEX      16 17 17 17 18 18 18 18 19 19 19 1A 1A 1A 1A 1B
      HEX      1B 1B 1C 1C 1C 1C 1D 1D 1D 1E 1E 1E 1E 1F 1F 1F
      HEX      20 20 20 20 21 21 21 22 22 22 22 23 23 23 24 24
      HEX      24 24 25 25 25 26 26 26 26 27 27 27
      HALF_SCREEN_COL_SHIFT_TABLE:
      HEX      00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02
      HEX      04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06
      HEX      01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03
      HEX      05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00
      HEX      02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04
      HEX      06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01
      HEX      03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05
      HEX      00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05 00 02
      HEX      04 06 01 03 05 00 02 04 06 01 03 05

```

Defines:

COL_BYTE_TABLE, used in chunks 29b and 33.

COL_SHIFT_TABLE, used in chunks 29b and 33.

HALF_SCREEN_COL_BYTE_TABLE, used in chunk 30a.

HALF_SCREEN_COL_SHIFT_TABLE, used in chunk 30a.

HALF_SCREEN_COL_TABLE, used in chunk 29a.

SCREEN_ROW_TABLE, used in chunks 29a and 33.

Here is the routine to return the screen coordinates for the given sprite coordinates. The reason that `GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR` returns half the screen column coordinate is that otherwise the screen column coordinate wouldn't fit in a register.

```

29a  <routines 4>+≡ (109b) <27 29b>
      ORG      $885D
      GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with Y set to sprite row (0-16) and
      ; X set to sprite column (0-27). On return, Y will be set to
      ; screen row, and X is set to half screen column.

      LDA      SCREEN_ROW_TABLE,Y
      PHA
      LDA      HALF_SCREEN_COL_TABLE,X
      TAX                      ; X = HALF_SCREEN_COL_TABLE[X]
      PLA
      TAY                      ; Y = SCREEN_ROW_TABLE[Y]
      RTS

```

Defines:

`GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR`, used in chunks 31, 33, and 101.

Uses `HALF_SCREEN_COL_TABLE` 28 and `SCREEN_ROW_TABLE` 28.

This routine takes a sprite column and converts it to the memory-mapped byte offset and right-shift amount.

```

29b  <routines 4>+≡ (109b) <29a 30a>
      ORG      $8868
      GET_BYTE_AND_SHIFT_FOR_COL:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with X set to sprite column. On
      ; return, A will be set to screen column byte number
      ; and X will be set to an additional right shift amount.

      LDA      COL_BYTE_TABLE,X
      PHA                      ; A = COL_BYTE_TABLE[X]
      LDA      COL_SHIFT_TABLE,X
      TAX                      ; X = COL_SHIFT_TABLE[X]
      PLA
      RTS

```

Defines:

`GET_BYTE_AND_SHIFT_FOR_COL`, used in chunk 33.

Uses `COL_BYTE_TABLE` 28 and `COL_SHIFT_TABLE` 28.

This routine takes half the screen column coordinate and converts it to the memory-mapped byte offset and right-shift amount.

```

30a  < routines 4 > +≡ (109b) <29b 31a>
      ORG      $8872
      GET_BYTE_AND_SHIFT_FOR_HALF_SCREEN_COL:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with X set to half screen column. On
      ; return, A will be set to screen column byte number
      ; and X will be set to an additional right shift amount.

      LDA      HALF_SCREEN_COL_BYTE_TABLE,X
      PHA                      ; A = HALF_SCREEN_COL_BYTE_TABLE[X]
      LDA      HALF_SCREEN_COL_SHIFT_TABLE,X
      TAX                      ; X = HALF_SCREEN_COL_SHIFT_TABLE[X]
      PLA
      RTS

```

Defines:

GET_BYTE_AND_SHIFT_FOR_HALF_SCREEN_COL, used in chunk 36.

Uses HALF_SCREEN_COL_BYTE_TABLE 28 and HALF_SCREEN_COL_SHIFT_TABLE 28.

We also have some utility routines that let us take a sprite row or column and get its screen row or half column, but offset in either row or column by anywhere from -2 to +2.

```

30b  < tables 7 > +≡ (109b) <28 31b>
      ORG      $888A
      ROW_OFFSET_TABLE:
      HEX      FB FD 00 02 04

```

Defines:

ROW_OFFSET_TABLE, used in chunk 31a.

31a $\langle \text{routines } 4 \rangle + \equiv$ (109b) $\langle 30a \ 31c \rangle$

```

    ORG      $887C
    GET_SCREEN_ROW_OFFSET_IN_X_FOR:
    SUBROUTINE
        ; Enter routine with X set to offset+2 (in double-pixels) and
        ; Y set to sprite row. On return, X will retain its value and
        ; Y will be set to the screen row.

        TXA
        PHA
        JSR    GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR
        PLA
        TAX                                ; Restore X
        TYA
        CLC
        ADC    ROW_OFFSET_TABLE,X
        TAY
        RTS

```

Defines:

GET_SCREEN_ROW_OFFSET_IN_X_FOR, used in chunk 100a.

Uses GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR 29a and ROW_OFFSET_TABLE 30b.

31b $\langle \text{tables } 7 \rangle + \equiv$ (109b) $\langle 30b \ 32b \rangle$

```

    ORG      $889D
    COL_OFFSET_TABLE:
    HEX      FE FF 00 01 02

```

Defines:

COL_OFFSET_TABLE, used in chunk 31c.

31c $\langle \text{routines } 4 \rangle + \equiv$ (109b) $\langle 31a \ 33 \rangle$

```

    ORG      $888F
    GET_HALF_SCREEN_COL_OFFSET_IN_Y_FOR:
    SUBROUTINE
        ; Enter routine with Y set to offset+2 (in double-pixels) and
        ; X set to sprite column. On return, Y will retain its value and
        ; X will be set to the half screen column.

        TYA
        PHA
        JSR    GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR
        PLA
        TAY                                ; Restore Y
        TXA
        CLC
        ADC    COL_OFFSET_TABLE,Y
        TAX
        RTS

```

Defines:

GET_HALF_SCREEN_COL_OFFSET_IN_Y_FOR, used in chunk 100a.

Uses COL_OFFSET_TABLE 31b and GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR 29a.

Now we can finally write the routines that draw a sprite on the screen. We have one routine that draws a sprite at a given game row and game column. There are two entry points, one to draw on HGR1, and one for HGR2.

```
32a  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <26b 39>
      ROWNUM      EQU      $1B
      COLNUM      EQU      $1C
      MASK0       EQU      $50
      MASK1       EQU      $51
      COL_SHIFT_AMT EQU      $71
      GAME_COLNUM EQU      $85
      GAME_ROWNUM EQU      $86
```

Defines:

COL_SHIFT_AMT, used in chunks 33 and 36.

COLNUM, used in chunks 33 and 36.

GAME_COLNUM, used in chunks 33, 40a, 42a, 45, 47, 54d, 59a, 61, 85a, 87b, 101, and 107.

GAME_ROWNUM, used in chunks 33, 40a, 45, 47, 53, 56-59, 61, 83, 85b, 87b, 92, 93, 95c, 96c, 99a, 101, and 107.

MASK0, used in chunk 33.

MASK1, used in chunk 33.

ROWNUM, used in chunks 33 and 36.

```
32b  <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <31b 54a>
      ORG          $8328
      PIXEL_MASK0:
      BYTE         %00000000
      BYTE         %00000001
      BYTE         %00000011
      BYTE         %00000111
      BYTE         %00001111
      BYTE         %00011111
      BYTE         %00111111
      PIXEL_MASK1:
      BYTE         %11111000
      BYTE         %11111000
      BYTE         %11110000
      BYTE         %11100000
      BYTE         %10000000
      BYTE         %11111110
      BYTE         %11111100
```

Defines:

PIXEL_MASK0, used in chunk 33.

PIXEL_MASK1, used in chunk 33.


```

33  < routines 4> +≡ (109b) <31c 38>
      ORG      $82AA
DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE1:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with A set to sprite number to draw,
      ; GAME_ROWNUM set to the row to draw it at, and GAME_COLNUM
      ; set to the column to draw it at.

      STA      SPRITE_NUM
      LDA      #$20          ; Page number for HGR1
      BNE      DRAW_SPRITE   ; Actually unconditional jump

DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with A set to sprite number to draw,
      ; GAME_ROWNUM set to the row to draw it at, and GAME_COLNUM
      ; set to the column to draw it at.

      STA      SPRITE_NUM
      LDA      #$40          ; Page number for HGR2
      ; fallthrough

DRAW_SPRITE:
      STA      HGR_PAGE
      LDY      GAME_ROWNUM
      JSR      GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR
      STY      ROWNUM          ; ROWNUM = SCREEN_ROW_TABLE[GAME_ROWNUM]

      LDX      GAME_COLNUM
      JSR      GET_BYTE_AND_SHIFT_FOR_COL
      STA      COLNUM          ; COLNUM = COL_BYTE_TABLE[GAME_COLNUM]
      STX      COL_SHIFT_AMT    ; COL_SHIFT_AMT = COL_SHIFT_TABLE[GAME_COLNUM]

      LDA      PIXEL_MASK0,X
      STA      MASK0          ; MASK0 = PIXEL_MASK0[COL_SHIFT_AMT]
      LDA      PIXEL_MASK1,X
      STA      MASK1          ; MASK1 = PIXEL_MASK1[COL_SHIFT_AMT]

      JSR      COMPUTE_SHIFTED_SPRITE

      LDA      #$0B
      STA      ROW_COUNT
      LDX      #$00
      LDA      COL_SHIFT_AMT
      CMP      #$05
      BCS      .need_3_bytes    ; If COL_SHIFT_AMT >= 5, we need to alter three screen bytes,
                                ; otherwise just two bytes.

      .loop1:
      LDY      ROWNUM

```

```

        JSR     ROW_TO_ADDR
        LDY     COLNUM
        LDA     (ROW_ADDR),Y
        AND     MASK0
        ORA     BLOCK_DATA,X
        STA     (ROW_ADDR),Y          ; screen[COLNUM] = screen[COLNUM] & MASK0 | BLOCK_DATA[i]

        INX
        INY
        LDA     (ROW_ADDR),Y
        AND     MASK1
        ORA     BLOCK_DATA,X
        STA     (ROW_ADDR),Y          ; screen[COLNUM+1] = screen[COLNUM+1] & MASK1 | BLOCK_DATA[i+1]

        INX
        INX
        INC     ROWNUM
        DEC     ROW_COUNT
        BNE     .loop1
        RTS
        ; X += 2
        ; ROWNUM++
        ; ROW_COUNT--
        ; loop while ROW_COUNT > 0

.needs_3_bytes
        LDY     ROWNUM
        JSR     ROW_TO_ADDR
        LDY     COLNUM
        LDA     (ROW_ADDR),Y
        AND     MASK0
        ORA     BLOCK_DATA,X
        STA     (ROW_ADDR),Y          ; screen[COLNUM] = screen[COLNUM] & MASK0 | BLOCK_DATA[i]

        INX
        INY
        LDA     BLOCK_DATA,X
        STA     (ROW_ADDR),Y          ; screen[COLNUM+1] = BLOCK_DATA[i+1]

        INX
        INY
        LDA     (ROW_ADDR),Y
        AND     MASK1
        ORA     BLOCK_DATA,X
        STA     (ROW_ADDR),Y          ; screen[COLNUM+2] = screen[COLNUM+2] & MASK1 | BLOCK_DATA[i+2]

        INX
        INC     ROWNUM
        DEC     ROW_COUNT
        BNE     .needs_3_bytes
        RTS
        ; X++
        ; ROWNUM++
        ; ROW_COUNT--
        ; loop while ROW_COUNT > 0

```

Defines:

DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE1, used in chunks 40a and 42a.

DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2, used in chunks 40a, 42a, 59a, 61, and 101.

Uses BLOCK_DATA 21, COL_BYTE_TABLE 28, COL_SHIFT_AMT 32a, COL_SHIFT_TABLE 28, COLNUM 32a, COMPUTE_SHIFTED_SPRITE 24, GAME_COLNUM 32a, GAME_ROWNUM 32a, GET_BYTE_AND_SHIFT_FOR_COL 29b, GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR 29a, HGR_PAGE 26b, MASKO 32a, MASK1 32a, PIXEL_MASKO 32b, PIXEL_MASK1 32b, ROW_ADDR 26b, ROW_COUNT 23c, ROW_TO_ADDR 26c, ROWNUM 32a, SCREEN_ROW_TABLE 28, and SPRITE_NUM 23c.

There is a different routine which draws a sprite at a given screen coordinate. Upon entry, the Y register needs to be set to the screen row coordinate (0-191). However, the X register needs to be set to half the screen column coordinate (0-139) because otherwise the maximum coordinate (279) wouldn't fit in a register.

```

36  <draw sprite at screen coordinate 36>≡
      ORG      $8336
DRAW_SPRITE_AT_PIXEL_COORDS:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with A set to sprite number to draw,
      ; Y set to the screen row to draw it at, and X
      ; set to *half* the screen column to draw it at.

      STY      ROWNUM
      STA      SPRITE_NUM
      JSR      GET_BYTE_AND_SHIFT_FOR_HALF_SCREEN_COL
      STA      COLNUM
      STX      COL_SHIFT_AMT
      JSR      COMPUTE_SHIFTED_SPRITE

      LDA      #$0B
      STA      ROW_COUNT
      LDX      #$00
      LDA      COL_SHIFT_AMT
      CMP      #$05
      BCS      .need_3_bytes      ; If COL_SHIFT_AMT >= 5, we need to alter three screen bytes,
                                   ; otherwise just two bytes.

      .loop1:
      LDY      ROWNUM
      JSR      ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES
      LDY      COLNUM
      LDA      BLOCK_DATA,X
      EOR      #$7F
      AND      (ROW_ADDR),Y
      ORA      (ROW_ADDR2),Y
      STA      (ROW_ADDR),Y
      INX
      INY
      LDA      BLOCK_DATA+1,X
      EOR      #$7F
      AND      (ROW_ADDR),Y
      ORA      (ROW_ADDR2),Y
      STA      (ROW_ADDR),Y
      INX
      INX
      INC      ROWNUM
      DEC      ROW_COUNT
      BNE      .loop1
      RTS

```

```
.need_3_bytes:
    LDY    ROWNUM
    JSR    ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES
    LDY    COLNUM
    LDA    BLOCK_DATA,X
    EOR    #$7F
    AND    (ROW_ADDR),Y
    ORA    (ROW_ADDR2),Y
    STA    (ROW_ADDR),Y
    INX
    INY
    LDA    BLOCK_DATA+1,X
    EOR    #$7F
    AND    (ROW_ADDR),Y
    ORA    (ROW_ADDR2),Y
    STA    (ROW_ADDR),Y
    INX
    INY
    LDA    BLOCK_DATA+2,X
    EOR    #$7F
    AND    (ROW_ADDR),Y
    ORA    (ROW_ADDR2),Y
    STA    (ROW_ADDR),Y
    INX
    INC    ROWNUM
    DEC    ROW_COUNT
    BNE    .need_3_bytes
    RTS
```

Defines:

DRAW_SPRITE_AT_PIXEL_COORDS, used in chunks 101 and 103.

Uses BLOCK_DATA 21, COL_SHIFT_AMT 32a, COLNUM 32a, COMPUTE_SHIFTED_SPRITE 24,
GET_BYTE_AND_SHIFT_FOR_HALF_SCREEN_COL 30a, ROW_ADDR 26b, ROW_ADDR2 26b,
ROW_COUNT 23c, ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES 27, ROWNUM 32a, and SPRITE_NUM 23c.

2.5 Printing strings

Now that we can put sprites onto the screen at any game coordinate, we can also have some routines that print strings. We saw above that we have letter and number sprites, plus some punctuation. Letters and punctuation are always blue, while numbers are always orange.

There is a basic routine to put a character at the current `GAME.COLNUM` and `GAME.ROWNUM`, incrementing this "cursor", and putting it at the beginning of the next line if we "print" a newline character.

We first define a routine to convert the ASCII code of a character to its sprite number. Lode Runner sets the high bit of the code to make it be treated as ASCII.

```

38  < routines 4 > +≡                                     (109b) <33 40a>
      ORG      $7B2A
      CHAR_TO_SPRITE_NUM:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with A set to the ASCII code of the
      ; character to convert to sprite number, with the high bit set.
      ; The sprite number is returned in A.

      CMP      #$C1                      ; 'A' -> sprite 69
      BCC      .not_letter
      CMP      #$DB                      ; 'Z' -> sprite 94
      BCC      .letter

      .not_letter:
      ; On return, we will subtract 0x7C from X to
      ; get the actual sprite. This is to make A-Z
      ; easier to handle.
      LDX      #$7C
      CMP      #$A0                      ; ' ' -> sprite 0
      BEQ      .end
      LDX      #$DB
      CMP      #$BE                      ; '>' -> sprite 95
      BEQ      .end
      INX
      CMP      #$AE                      ; '.' -> sprite 96
      BEQ      .end
      INX
      CMP      #$A8                      ; '(' -> sprite 97
      BEQ      .end
      INX
      CMP      #$A9                      ; ')' -> sprite 98
      BEQ      .end
      INX
      CMP      #$AF                      ; '/' -> sprite 99
      BEQ      .end
      INX
      CMP      #$AD                      ; '-' -> sprite 100

```

```

        BEQ      .end
        INX
        CMP      #$BC                      ; '<' -> sprite 101
        BEQ      .end
        LDA      #$10                      ; sprite 16: just one of the man sprites
        RTS

.end:
        TXA

.letter:
        SEC
        SBC      #$7C
        RTS

```

Defines:

CHAR.TO.SPRITE_NUM, used in chunk 40a.

Now we can define the routine to put a character on the screen at the current position.

```

39  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <32a 40b>
        DRAW_PAGE EQU      $87          ; 0x20 for page 1, 0x40 for page 2

```

Defines:

DRAW_PAGE, used in chunks 40a, 42a, 87b, 91, and 92.

$$\langle routines\ 4 \rangle + \equiv$$

ORG \$7B64

PUT CHAR:

SUBROUTINE

```
; Enter routine with A set to the ASCII code of the
; character to put on the screen, with the high bit set.
```

```

CMP      #$8D
BEQ      NEWLINE                ; If newline, do NEWLINE instead.
JSR      CHAR_TO_SPRITE_NUM
LDX      DRAW_PAGE
CPX      #$40
BEQ      .draw_to_page2

```

```
JSR     DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE1
INC     GAME_COLNUM
RTS
```

```
.draw_to_page2
    JSR     DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2
    INC     GAME_COLNUM
    RTS
```

```
NEWLINE:
    SUBROUTINE
    INC     GAME_ROWNUM
    LDA     #$00
    STA     GAME_COLNUM
    RTS
```

Defines:

NEWLINE, used in chunk 90b.
PUT_CHAR, used in chunks 41, 88c, and 89b.

Uses CHAR_TO_SPRITE_NUM 38, DRAW_PAGE 39, DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE1 33, DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2 33, GAME_COLNUM 32a, and GAME_ROWNUM 32a.

The `PUT_STRING` routine uses `PUT_CHAR` to put a string on the screen. Rather than take an address pointing to a string, instead it uses the return address as the source for data. It then has to fix up the actual return address at the end to be just after the zero-terminating byte of the string.

$$\langle defines\ 3 \rangle + \equiv$$

```

      ORG      $10
      SAVED RET ADDR      DS.W      1

```

Defines:

SAVED_RET_ADDR, used in chunks 41 and 49.


```

41  < routines 4 > +≡
      ORG      $86E0
      PUT_STRING:
      SUBROUTINE

      PLA
      STA      SAVED_RET_ADDR
      PLA
      STA      SAVED_RET_ADDR+1
      BNE      .next

      .loop:
      LDY      #$00
      LDA      (SAVED_RET_ADDR),Y
      BEQ      .end
      JSR      PUT_CHAR

      .next:
      INC      SAVED_RET_ADDR
      BNE      .loop
      INC      SAVED_RET_ADDR+1
      BNE      .loop

      .end:
      LDA      SAVED_RET_ADDR+1
      PHA
      LDA      SAVED_RET_ADDR
      PHA
      RTS

```

Defines:

PUT_STRING, used in chunks 88 and 89.
 Uses PUT_CHAR 40a and SAVED_RET_ADDR 40b.

Like PUT_CHAR, we also have PUT_DIGIT which draws the sprite corresponding to digits 0 to 9 at the current position, incrementing the cursor.

```

42a  < routines 4 > +≡ (109b) <41 43>
      ORG      $7B15
      PUT_DIGIT:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with A set to the digit to put on the screen.

      CLC
      ADC      #$3B                ; '0' -> sprite 59, '9' -> sprite 68.
      LDX      DRAW_PAGE
      CPX      #$40
      BEQ      .draw_to_page2
      JSR      DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE1
      INC      GAME_COLNUM
      RTS

      .draw_to_page2:
      JSR      DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2
      INC      GAME_COLNUM
      RTS

```

Defines:

PUT_DIGIT, used in chunks 45, 47, and 88–90.

Uses DRAW_PAGE 39, DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE1 33, DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2 33, and GAME_COLNUM 32a.

2.6 Numbers

We also need a way to put numbers on the screen.

First, a routine to convert a one-byte decimal number into hundreds, tens, and units.

```

42b  < defines 3 > +≡ (109b) <40b 44b>
      ORG      $C0
      HUNDREDS DS      1
      TENS      DS      1
      UNITS      DS      1

```

Defines:

HUNDREDS, used in chunks 43, 47, and 89c.

TENS, used in chunks 43–45, 47, 89c, and 90a.

UNITS, used in chunks 43–45, 47, 89c, and 90a.

```
43  < routines 4 > +≡ (109b) < 42a 44a >
      ORG      $7AF8
      TO_DECIMAL3:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with A set to the number to convert.

      LDX      #$00
      STX      TENS
      STX      HUNDREDS

      .loop1:
      CMP      100
      BCC      .loop2
      INC      HUNDREDS
      SBC      100
      BNE      .loop1

      .loop2:
      CMP      10
      BCC      .end
      INC      TENS
      SBC      10
      BNE      .loop2

      .end:
      STA      UNITS
      RTS
```

Defines:

TO_DECIMAL3, used in chunks 47 and 89c.

Uses HUNDREDS 42b, TENS 42b, and UNITS 42b.

There's also a routine to convert a BCD byte to tens and units.

```

44a  < routines 4 > +≡ (109b) <43 45>
      ORG      $7AE9
      BCD_TO_DECIMAL2:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with A set to the BCD number to convert.

      STA      TENS
      AND      #$0F
      STA      UNITS
      LDA      TENS
      LSR
      LSR
      LSR
      LSR
      STA      TENS
      RTS

```

Defines:

BCD_TO_DECIMAL2, used in chunks 45 and 90a.

Uses TENS 42b and UNITS 42b.

2.7 Score and status

Lode Runner stores your score as an 8-digit BCD number.

```

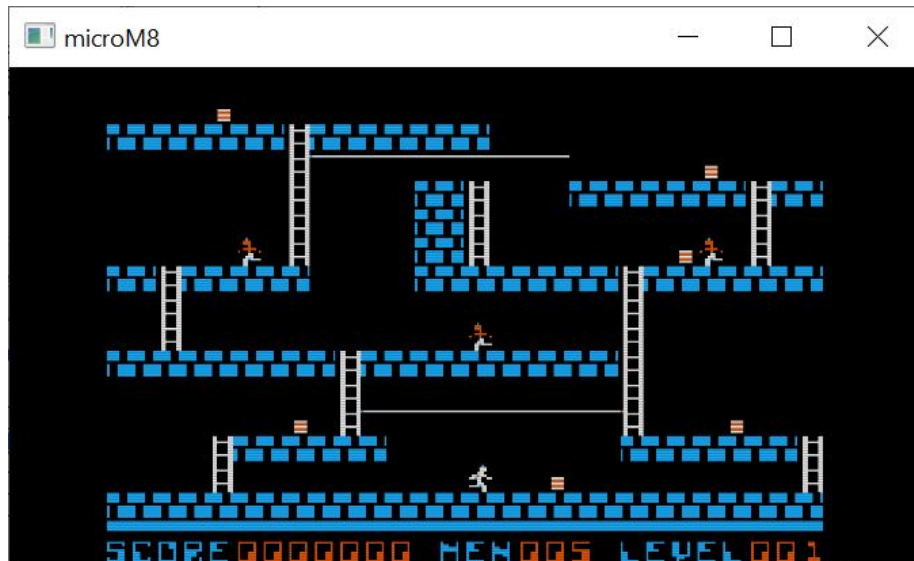
44b  < defines 3 > +≡ (109b) <42b 46>
      ORG      $8D
      SCORE    DS      4      ; BCD format, tens/units in first byte.

```

Defines:

SCORE, used in chunks 45, 88a, 101, and 106.

The score is always put on the screen at row 16 column 5, but only the last 7 digits. Row 16 is the status line, as can be seen at the bottom of this screenshot.



There's a routine to add a 4-digit BCD number to the score and then update it on the screen.

```

45  <routines 4>+≡                                     (109b) <44a 47>
      ORG      $7A92
      ADD_AND_UPDATE_SCORE:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with A set to BCD tens/units and
      ; Y set to BCD thousands/hundreds.

      CLC
      SED                                ; Turn on BCD addition mode.
      ADC      SCORE
      STA      SCORE
      TYA
      ADC      SCORE+1
      STA      SCORE+1
      LDA      #$00
      ADC      SCORE+2
      STA      SCORE+2
      LDA      #$00
      ADC      SCORE+3
      STA      SCORE+3                ; SCORE += param
      CLD                                ; Turn off BCD addition mode.

      LDA      5
      STA      GAME_COLNUM

```

```

LDA    16
STA    GAME_ROWNUM

LDA    SCORE+3
JSR    BCD_TO_DECIMAL2
LDA    UNITS          ; Note we skipped TENS.
JSR    PUT_DIGIT

LDA    SCORE+2
JSR    BCD_TO_DECIMAL2
LDA    TENS
JSR    PUT_DIGIT
LDA    UNITS
JSR    PUT_DIGIT

LDA    SCORE+1
JSR    BCD_TO_DECIMAL2
LDA    TENS
JSR    PUT_DIGIT
LDA    UNITS
JSR    PUT_DIGIT

LDA    SCORE
JSR    BCD_TO_DECIMAL2
LDA    TENS
JSR    PUT_DIGIT
LDA    UNITS
JMP    PUT_DIGIT          ; tail call

```

Defines:

ADD_AND_UPDATE_SCORE, used in chunk 101.

Uses BCD_TO_DECIMAL2 44a, GAME_COLNUM 32a, GAME_ROWNUM 32a, PUT_DIGIT 42a, SCORE 44b, TENS 42b, and UNITS 42b.

The other elements in the status line are the number of men (i.e. lives) and the current level.

```

46  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <44b 48>
      ORG    $A6
      LEVELNUM DS    1
      ORG    $C8
      LIVES   DS    1

```

Defines:

LEVELNUM, used in chunks 47, 82a, 97a, and 98a.

LIVES, used in chunks 47 and 106.

Here are the routines to put the lives and level number on the status line. Lives starts at column 16, and level number starts at column 25.

```

47  < routines 4 > +≡ (109b) <45 65>
      ORG      $7a70
      PUT_STATUS_LIVES:
      SUBROUTINE

      LDA      LIVES
      LDX      16
      ; fallthrough

      PUT_STATUS_BYTE:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Puts the number in A as a three-digit decimal on the screen
      ; at row 16, column X.

      STX      GAME_COLNUM
      JSR      TO_DECIMAL3
      LDA      16
      STA      GAME_ROWNUM
      LDA      HUNDREDS
      JSR      PUT_DIGIT
      LDA      TENS
      JSR      PUT_DIGIT
      LDA      UNITS
      JMP      PUT_DIGIT          ; tail call

      PUT_STATUS_LEVEL:
      SUBROUTINE

      LDA      LEVELNUM
      LDX      25
      BNE      PUT_STATUS_BYTE    ; Unconditional jump

```

Defines:

PUT_STATUS_LEVEL, used in chunk 63.

PUT_STATUS_LIVES, used in chunk 63.

Uses GAME_COLNUM 32a, GAME_ROWNUM 32a, HUNDREDS 42b, LEVELNUM 46, LIVES 46, PUT_DIGIT 42a, TENS 42b, TO_DECIMAL3 43, and UNITS 42b.

Chapter 3

Sound

3.1 Sound "strings"

A sound "string" describes a sound to play in terms of pitch and duration, ending in a 00. Just like in the `PUT_STRING` routine, rather than take an address pointing to a sound string, instead it uses the return address as the source for data. It then has to fix up the actual return address at the end to be just after the zero-terminating byte of the string.

Because `NOTE_INDEX` is not zeroed out, this actually appends to the sound data buffer.

The format of a sound string is duration, followed by pitch, although the pitch is lower for higher numbers.

One example of a sound string is 07 45 06 55 05 44 04 54 03 43 02 53, found in `CHECK_FOR_GOLD_PICKED_UP_BY_PLAYER`.

```
48  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <46 50a>
    NOTE_INDEX EQU $54
    SOUND_DURATION EQU $0E00 ; 128 bytes
    SOUND_PITCH EQU $0E80 ; 128 bytes
```

Defines:

`NOTE_INDEX`, used in chunks 49, 52, and 107.
`SOUND_DURATION`, used in chunks 49 and 52.
`SOUND_PITCH`, used in chunks 49 and 52.


```

49  <load sound data 49>≡ (109a)
      ORG      $87E1
      LOAD_SOUND_DATA:
      SUBROUTINE

      PLA
      STA      SAVED_RET_ADDR
      PLA
      STA      SAVED_RET_ADDR+1
      BNE      .next

      .loop:
      LDY      #$00
      LDA      (SAVED_RET_ADDR),Y
      BEQ      .end
      INC      NOTE_INDEX
      LDX      NOTE_INDEX
      STA      SOUND_DURATION,X
      INY
      LDA      (SAVED_RET_ADDR),Y
      STA      SOUND_PITCH,X

      INC      SAVED_RET_ADDR
      BNE      .next
      INC      SAVED_RET_ADDR+1

      .next:
      INC      SAVED_RET_ADDR
      BNE      .loop
      INC      SAVED_RET_ADDR+1
      BNE      .loop

      .end:
      LDA      SAVED_RET_ADDR+1
      PHA
      LDA      SAVED_RET_ADDR
      PHA
      RTS

```

Defines:

LOAD_SOUND_DATA, used in chunk 101.

Uses NOTE_INDEX 48, SAVED_RET_ADDR 40b, SOUND_DURATION 48, and SOUND_PITCH 48.

3.2 Playing notes

The `PLAY_NOTE` routines plays a note through the built-in speaker. The time the note is played is based on X and Y forming a 16-bit counter (X being the most significant byte), but A controls the pitch, which is how often the speaker is clicked. The higher A, the lower the pitch.

The `ENABLE_SOUND` location can also disable playing the note, but the routine still takes as long as it would have.

```

50a  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <48 51b>
      ENABLE_SOUND EQU $99 ; If 0, do not click speaker.
      SPKR EQU $C030 ; Access clicks the speaker.
Defines:
      ENABLE_SOUND, used in chunk 50b.
      SPKR, used in chunk 50b.

50b  <play note 50b>≡ (109a)
      ORG $87BA
      PLAY_NOTE:
      SUBROUTINE

      STA TMP_PTR
      STX TMP_PTR+1

      .loop:
      LDA ENABLE_SOUND
      BEQ .decrement_counter
      LDA SPKR

      .decrement_counter:
      DEY
      BNE .counter_decremented
      DEC TMP_PTR+1
      BEQ .end

      .counter_decremented:
      DEX
      BNE .decrement_counter
      LDY TMP_PTR
      JMP .loop

      .end:
      RTS
Defines:
      PLAY_NOTE, used in chunks 52 and 103.
      Uses ENABLE_SOUND 50a, SPKR 50a, and TMP_PTR 3.

```

3.3 Playing a sound

The `SOUND_DELAY` routine delays an amount of time based on the `X` register. The total number of cycles is about 905 per each `X`. Since the Apple //e clock cycle was 980 nsec (on an NTSC system), this routine would delay approximately 887 microseconds times `X`. PAL systems were very slightly slower (by 0.47%), which corresponds to 883 microseconds times `X`.

```
51a  <sound delay 51a>≡ (109a)
      ORG      $86B5
      SOUND_DELAY:
      SUBROUTINE

      LDY      #$B4          ; 180
      .loop:
      DEY              ; 2 cycles
      BNE      .loop      ; 3 cycles
      DEX              ; 2 cycles
      BNE      .loop      ; 3 cycles
      RTS
```

Defines:

`SOUND_DELAY`, used in chunk 52.

Finally, the `PLAY_SOUND` routine plays one section of the sound string stored in the `SOUND_PITCH` and `SOUND_DURATION` buffers. We have to break up the playing of the sound so that gameplay doesn't pause while playing the sound, although game play does pause while playing the note.

Alternatively, if there is no sound string, we can play the note stored in location `$$$A4` as long as location `$$$9B` is zero. The duration is `2 + SOUND_PERIOD`.

The routine is designed to delay approximately the same amount regardless of sound duration. The delay is controlled by `SOUND_PERIOD`. This value is hardcoded to 6.

```
51b  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <50a 54b>
      ORG      $8C
      SOUND_PERIOD:
      HEX      06
```

Defines:

`SOUND_PERIOD`, used in chunk 52.

```

52  <play sound 52>≡ (109a)
    ORG    $8811
    PLAY_SOUND:
    SUBROUTINE

        LDY    NOTE_INDEX
        BEQ    .no_more_notes
        LDA    SOUND_PITCH,Y
        LDX    SOUND_DURATION,Y
        JSR    PLAY_NOTE

        LDY    NOTE_INDEX          ; Y = NOTE_INDEX
        DEC    NOTE_INDEX          ; NOTE_INDEX--
        LDA    SOUND_PERIOD
        SEC
        SBC    SOUND_DURATION,Y    ; A = SOUND_PERIOD - SOUND_DURATION[Y]
        BEQ    .done
        BCC    .done              ; If A <= 0, done.
        TAX
        JSR    SOUND_DELAY

    .done:
        SEC
        RTS

    .no_more_notes:
        LDA    $9B
        BNE    .end
        LDA    $A4
        LSR                    ; pitch = $A4 >> 1
        INC    $A4            ; $A4++
        LDX    SOUND_PERIOD
        INX
        INX                    ; duration = SOUND_PERIOD + 2
        JSR    PLAY_NOTE

        CLC
        RTS

    .end:
        LDX    SOUND_PERIOD
        JSR    SOUND_DELAY

        CLC
        RTS

```

Defines:

PLAY_SOUND, never used.

Uses NOTE_INDEX 48, PLAY_NOTE 50b, SOUND_DELAY 51a, SOUND_DURATION 48, SOUND_PERIOD 51b,
and SOUND_PITCH 48.

Chapter 4

Levels

One of the appealing things about Lode Runner are its levels. 150 levels are stored in the game, and there is even a level editor included.

4.1 Drawing a level

Let's see how Lode Runner draws a level. We start with the routine `DRAW_LEVEL_PAGE2`, which draws a level on HGR2. Note that HGR1 would be displayed, so the player doesn't see the draw happening.

We start by looping backwards over rows 15 through 0:

```
53  <level draw routine 53>≡ (109a) 54c>
      ORG      $63B3
      DRAW_LEVEL_PAGE2:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Returns carry set if there was no player sprite in the level,
      ; or carry clear if there was.

      LDY      15
      STY      GAME_ROWNUM
```

`.row_loop:`

Defines:

`DRAW_LEVEL_PAGE2`, used in chunk 84a.

Uses `GAME_ROWNUM` 32a.

We'll assume the level data is stored in a table which contains 16 pointers, one for each row. As usual in Lode Runner, the pages and offsets for those pointers are stored in separate tables. these are CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES and CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS.

```
54a  <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <32b 55d>
      ORG      $1C05
      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS:
      HEX      00 1C 38 54 70 8C A8 C4 E0 FC 18 34 50 6C 88 A4
      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES:
      HEX      08 08 08 08 08 08 08 08 08 08 08 09 09 09 09 09
      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2:
      HEX      0A 0A 0A 0A 0A 0A 0A 0A 0A 0A 0B 0B 0B 0B 0B 0B
```

Defines:

CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS, used in chunks 54c, 61, 84b, 101, and 103.
 CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES, used in chunks 54c, 61, 84b, and 103.
 CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2, used in chunks 54c, 84b, 101, and 103.

At the beginning of this loop, we create two pointers which we'll simply call PTR1 and PTR2.

```
54b  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <51b 55a>
      PTR1      EQU      $06      ; 2 bytes
      PTR2      EQU      $08      ; 2 bytes
```

Defines:

PTR1, used in chunks 54, 56b, 61, 84b, 85a, and 103.
 PTR2, used in chunks 54c, 56-58, 84b, 85a, 101, and 103.

We set PTR1 to the pointer corresponding to the current row, and PTR2 to the other page, though I don't know what it's for yet.

```
54c  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <53 54d>
      LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS,Y
      STA      PTR1
      STA      PTR2
      LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES,Y
      STA      PTR1+1
      LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2,Y
      STA      PTR2+1
```

Uses CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS 54a, CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES 54a, CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2 54a, PTR1 54b, and PTR2 54b.

Next, we loop over the columns backwards from 27 to 0.

```
54d  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <54c 54e>
      LDY      27
      STY      GAME_COLNUM
```

.col_loop:

Uses GAME_COLNUM 32a.

We load the sprite from the level data.

```
54e  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <54d 55c>
      LDA      (PTR1),Y
```

Uses PTR1 54b.

Now, as we place each sprite, we count the number of each piece we've used so far. Remember that anyone can create a level, but there are some limitations. Specifically, we are limited to 45 ladders, one player, and 5 guards. We store the counts as we go.

We'll assume that these values are zeroed before the `DRAW_LEVEL_PAGE2` routine is called.

```
55a  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <54b 55b>
      ORG      $00
      PLAYER_COL DS      1      ; The column number of the player.
      PLAYER_ROW DS      1      ; The row number of the player.
      ORG      $8D
      GUARD_COUNT DS      1
      ORG      $93
      GOLD_COUNT DS      1
      ORG      $A3
      LADDER_COUNT DS      1
```

Defines:

GOLD_COUNT, used in chunks 56c, 83, and 101.
 GUARD_COUNT, used in chunks 57b, 83, and 107.
 LADDER_COUNT, used in chunks 56a and 83.
 PLAYER_COL, used in chunks 58c, 59b, 83, 100a, 101, 103, and 107.
 PLAYER_ROW, used in chunks 58c, 100a, 101, 103, and 107.

However, there's a flag called `VERBATIM` that tells us whether we want to ignore these counts and just draw the level as specified. Possibly when we're using the level editor.

```
55b  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <55a 58b>
      ORG      $A2
      VERBATIM DS      1
```

Defines:

VERBATIM, used in chunks 55c, 59b, and 82c.

```
55c  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <54e 56a>
      LDX      VERBATIM
      BEQ      .draw_sprite1      ; This will then unconditionally jump to
                                   ; .draw_sprite2. We have to do that because of
                                   ; relative jump amount limitations.
```

Uses `VERBATIM` 55b.

Next we handle sprite 6, which is a symbol used to denote ladder placement. If we've already got the maximum number of ladders, we just put in a space instead. For each ladder placed, we write the `LADDER_LOCS` table with its coordinates.

```
55d  <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <54a 57a>
      ORG      $0C00
      LADDER_LOCS_COL DS      48
      LADDER_LOCS_ROW DS      48
```

Defines:

LADDER_LOCS_COL, used in chunk 56a.
 LADDER_LOCS_ROW, used in chunk 56a.

```

56a  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <55c 56b>
      CMP    #$06
      BNE    .check_for_box

      LDX    LADDER_COUNT
      CPX    45
      BCS    .remove_sprite

      INC    LADDER_COUNT
      INX
      LDA    GAME_ROWNUM
      STA    LADDER_LOCS_ROW,X
      TYA
      STA    LADDER_LOCS_COL,X

```

Uses GAME_ROWNUM 32a, LADDER_COUNT 55a, LADDER_LOCS.COL 55d, and LADDER_LOCS_ROW 55d.

In any case, we remove the sprite from the current level data.

```

56b  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <56a 56c>
      .remove_sprite:
      LDA    0
      STA    (PTR1),Y
      STA    (PTR2),Y

```

```

      .draw_sprite1
      BEQ    .draw_sprite      ; Unconditional jump.

```

Uses PTR1 54b and PTR2 54b.

Next, we check for sprite 7, the gold box.

```

56c  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <56b 57b>
      .check_for_box:
      CMP    #$07
      BNE    .check_for_8

      INC    GOLD_COUNT
      BNE    .draw_sprite      ; This leads to a situation where if we wrap
                                ; GOLD_COUNT around back to 0 (so 256 boxes)
                                ; we end up falling through, which eventually
                                ; just draws the sprite anyway. So this is kind
                                ; of unconditional.

```

Uses GOLD_COUNT 55a.

Next, we check for sprite 8, a guard. If we've already got the maximum number of guards, we just put in a space instead. For each guard placed, we write the `GUARD_LOCS` table with its coordinates. We also write some other guard-related tables.

```

57a  <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <55d 73b>
      ORG          $0C60
      GUARD_LOCS_COL    DS      8
      GUARD_LOCS_ROW    DS      8
      GUARD_FLAGS_OC70  DS      8
      GUARD_FLAGS_OC78  DS      8
      GUARD_FLAGS_OC80  DS      8
      GUARD_FLAGS_OC88  DS      8

Defines:
GUARD_FLAGS_OC70, used in chunk 57b.
GUARD_FLAGS_OC78, used in chunk 57b.
GUARD_FLAGS_OC80, used in chunk 57b.
GUARD_FLAGS_OC88, used in chunk 57b.
GUARD_LOCS_COL, used in chunk 57b.
GUARD_LOCS_ROW, used in chunk 57b.

57b  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <56c 58a>
      .check_for_8:
          CMP        #$08
          BNE        .check_for_9

          LDX        GUARD_COUNT
          CPX        5
          BCS        .remove_sprite      ; If GUARD_COUNT > 5, remove sprite.

          INC        GUARD_COUNT
          INX
          TYA
          STA        GUARD_LOCS_COL,X
          LDA        GAME_ROWNUM
          STA        GUARD_LOCS_ROW,X
          LDA        #$00
          STA        GUARD_FLAGS_OC70,X
          STA        GUARD_FLAGS_OC88,X
          LDA        #$02
          STA        GUARD_FLAGS_OC78,X
          STA        GUARD_FLAGS_OC80,X

          LDA        #$00
          STA        (PTR2),Y
          LDA        #$08
          BNE        .draw_sprite      ; Unconditional jump.

```

Uses `GAME_ROWNUM` 32a, `GUARD_COUNT` 55a, `GUARD_FLAGS_OC70` 57a, `GUARD_FLAGS_OC78` 57a, `GUARD_FLAGS_OC80` 57a, `GUARD_FLAGS_OC88` 57a, `GUARD_LOCS_COL` 57a, `GUARD_LOCS_ROW` 57a, and `PTR2` 54b.

Here we insert a few unconditional branches because of relative jump limitations.

```
58a  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <57b 58c>
      .next_row:
      BPL      .row_loop
      .next_col:
      BPL      .col_loop
```

Next we check for sprite 9, the player.

```
58b  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <55b 62>
      PLAYER_X_ADJ      EQU      $02      ; [0-4] minus 2 (so 2 = right on the sprite location)
      PLAYER_Y_ADJ      EQU      $03      ; [0-4] minus 2 (so 2 = right on the sprite location)
      PLAYER_ANIM_STATE  EQU      $04      ; Index into SPRITE_ANIM_SEQS
      PLAYER_FACING_DIRECTION EQU      $05      ; Hi bit set: facing left, otherwise facing right
```

Defines:

PLAYER_ANIM_STATE, used in chunks 58c, 100, and 103.

PLAYER_X_ADJ, used in chunks 58c, 100a, and 101.

PLAYER_Y_ADJ, used in chunks 58c, 100a, 101, and 103.

Uses SPRITE_ANIM_SEQS 99b.

```
58c  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <58a 58d>
      .check_for_9:
      CMP      #$09
      BNE      .check_for_5

      LDX      PLAYER_COL
      BPL      .remove_sprite      ; If PLAYER_COL > 0, remove sprite.

      STY      PLAYER_COL
      LDX      GAME_ROWNUM
      STX      PLAYER_ROW
      LDX      #$02
      STX      PLAYER_X_ADJ
      STX      PLAYER_Y_ADJ      ; Set Player X and Y movement to 0.
      LDX      #$08
      STX      PLAYER_ANIM_STATE  ; Corresponds to sprite 9 (see SPRITE_ANIM_SEQS)

      LDA      #$00
      STA      (PTR2),Y
      LDA      #$09
      BNE      .draw_sprite      ; Unconditional jump.
```

Uses GAME_ROWNUM 32a, PLAYER_ANIM_STATE 58b, PLAYER_COL 55a, PLAYER_ROW 55a, PLAYER_X_ADJ 58b, PLAYER_Y_ADJ 58b, PTR2 54b, and SPRITE_ANIM_SEQS 99b.

Finally, we check for sprite 5, the symbol for a brick, and replace it with a brick. If the sprite is anything else, we just draw it.

```
58d  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <58c 59a>
      .check_for_5:
      CMP      #$05
      BNE      .draw_sprite
      LDA      #$01      ; Brick sprite
```

We finally draw the sprite, on page 2, and advance the loop.

```

59a  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <58d 59b>
      .draw_sprite:
          JSR      DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2

          DEC      GAME_COLNUM
          LDY      GAME_COLNUM
          BPL      .next_col          ; Jumps to .col_loop

          DEC      GAME_ROWNUM
          LDY      GAME_ROWNUM
          BPL      .next_row          ; Jumps to .row_loop

```

Uses DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2 33, GAME_COLNUM 32a, and GAME_ROWNUM 32a.

After the loop, in verbatim mode, we copy the entire page 2 into page 1 and return. Otherwise, if we did place a player sprite, reveal the screen. If we didn't place a player sprite, that's an error!

```

59b  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <59a 60>
          LDA      VERBATIM
          BEQ      .copy_page2_to_page1

          LDA      PLAYER_COL
          BPL      .reveal_screen

          SEC                      ; Oops, no player! Return error.
          RTS

```

Uses PLAYER_COL 55a and VERBATIM 55b.

To copy the page, we'll need that second ROW_ADDR2 pointer.

```
60  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <59b 61>
    .copy_page2_to_page1:
        LDA    #$20
        STA    ROW_ADDR2+1
        LDA    #$40
        STA    ROW_ADDR+1
        LDA    #$00
        STA    ROW_ADDR2
        STA    ROW_ADDR
        TAY

    .copy_loop:
        LDA    (ROW_ADDR),Y
        STA    (ROW_ADDR2),Y
        INY
        BNE    .copy_loop

        INC    ROW_ADDR2+1
        INC    ROW_ADDR+1
        LDX    ROW_ADDR+1
        CPX    #$60
        BCC    .copy_loop

        CLC
        RTS
```

Uses ROW_ADDR 26b and ROW_ADDR2 26b.

Revealing the screen, using an iris wipe. Then, we remove the guard and player sprites!

```

61  <level draw routine 53>+≡ (109a) <60
    .reveal_screen
        JSR      IRIS_WIPE

        LDY      15
        STY      GAME_ROWNUM

    .row_loop2:
        LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS,Y
        STA      PTR1
        LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES,Y
        STA      PTR1+1
        LDY      27
        STY      GAME_COLNUM

    .col_loop2:
        LDA      (PTR1),Y
        CMP      #$09
        BEQ      .remove
        CMP      #$08
        BNE      .next

    .remove:
        LDA      #$00
        JSR      DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2

    .next:
        DEC      GAME_COLNUM
        LDY      GAME_COLNUM
        BPL      .col_loop2

        DEC      GAME_ROWNUM
        LDY      GAME_ROWNUM
        BPL      .row_loop2

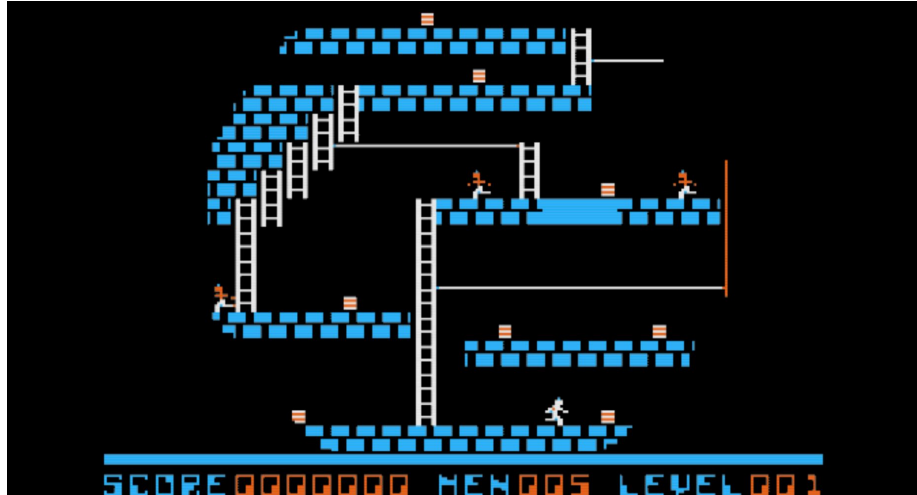
        CLC
        RTS

```

Uses CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS 54a, CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES 54a, DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2 33, GAME_COLNUM 32a, GAME_ROWNUM 32a, IRIS_WIPE 63, and PTR1 54b.

4.2 Iris Wipe

Whenever a level is finished or starts, there's an iris wipe transition. The routine that starts it off is `IRIS.WIPE`.



```
62  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <58b 64>
    WIPE_COUNTER EQU $6D
    WIPE_MODE EQU $A5 ; 0 for open, 1 for close.
    WIPE_DIR EQU $72 ; 0 for close, 1 for open.
    WIPE_CENTER_X EQU $77
    WIPE_CENTER_Y EQU $73
```

Defines:

`WIPE.COUNTER`, used in chunks 63 and 74–76.
`WIPE.MODE`, used in chunks 63 and 106.

```

63  <iris wipe 63>≡ (109a)
      ORG      $88A2
      IRIS_WIPE:
      SUBROUTINE

      LDA      88
      STA      WIPE_CENTER_Y
      LDA      140
      STA      WIPE_CENTER_X

      LDA      WIPE_MODE
      BEQ      .iris_open

      LDX      #$AA
      STX      WIPE_COUNTER
      LDX      #$00
      STX      WIPE_DIR          ; Close

      .loop_close:
      JSR      IRIS_WIPE_STEP
      DEC      WIPE_COUNTER
      BNE      .loop_close

      .iris_open:
      LDA      #$01
      STA      WIPE_COUNTER
      STA      WIPE_MODE          ; So next time we will close.
      STA      WIPE_DIR          ; Open
      JSR      PUT_STATUS_LIVES
      JSR      PUT_STATUS_LEVEL

      .loop_open:
      JSR      IRIS_WIPE_STEP
      INC      WIPE_COUNTER
      LDA      WIPE_COUNTER
      CMP      #$AA
      BNE      .loop_open
      RTS

```

Defines:

IRIS.WIPE, used in chunk 61.

Uses IRIS_WIPE_STEP 67, PUT_STATUS_LEVEL 47, PUT_STATUS_LIVES 47, WIPE_COUNTER 62,
and WIPE_MODE 62.

The routine `IRIS_WIPE_STEP` does a lot of math to compute the circular iris, all parameterized on `WIPE_COUNTER`.

Here is a routine that divides a 16-bit value in A and X (X being LSB) by 7, storing the result in Y, with remainder in A. The routine effectively does long division. It also uses two temporaries.

```
64  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <62 66>
      MATH_TMPL    EQU    $6F
      MATH_TMPH    EQU    $70
```

Defines:

`MATH_TMPH`, used in chunks 65, 77, and 78a.

`MATH_TMPL`, used in chunks 65, 77, and 78a.


```

65  < routines 4 > +≡ (109b) <47 109a>
      ORG      $8A45
DIV_BY_7:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with AX set to (unsigned) numerator.
      ; On exit, Y will contain the integer portion of AX/7,
      ; and A contains the remainder.

      STX      MATH_TMPL
      LDY      8
      SEC
      SBC      7

      .loop:
      PHP
      ROL      MATH_TMPH
      ASL      MATH_TMPL
      ROL
      PLP
      BCC      .adjust_up
      SBC      7
      JMP      .next

      .adjust_up
      ADC      7

      .next
      DEY
      BNE      .loop

      BCS      .no_adjust
      ADC      7
      CLC

      .no_adjust
      ROL      MATH_TMPH
      LDY      MATH_TMPH
      RTS

```

Defines:

DIV_BY_7, used in chunks 75 and 76.

Uses MATH_TMPH 64 and MATH_TMPL 64.

Now, for one iris wipe step, we will need lots and lots of temporaries.

```

66  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <64 80d>
    WIPE0      EQU    $69      ; 16-bit value
    WIPE1      EQU    $67      ; 16-bit value
    WIPE2      EQU    $6B      ; 16-bit value
    WIPE3L     EQU    $75
    WIPE4L     EQU    $76
    WIPE5L     EQU    $77
    WIPE6L     EQU    $78
    WIPE3H     EQU    $79
    WIPE4H     EQU    $7A
    WIPE5H     EQU    $7B
    WIPE6H     EQU    $7C
    WIPE7D     EQU    $7D      ; Dividends
    WIPE8D     EQU    $7E
    WIPE9D     EQU    $7F
    WIPE10D    EQU    $80
    WIPE7R     EQU    $81      ; Remainders
    WIPE8R     EQU    $82
    WIPE9R     EQU    $83
    WIPE10R    EQU    $84

```

Defines:

WIPE0, used in chunks 74 and 78.
 WIPE1, used in chunks 74 and 77–79.
 WIPE10D, used in chunks 71, 72, 76b, and 79b.
 WIPE10R, used in chunks 71, 72, 76b, and 79b.
 WIPE2, used in chunks 68, 74d, 75a, 77, and 78a.
 WIPE3H, used in chunks 70, 75b, and 79a.
 WIPE3L, used in chunks 70, 75b, and 79a.
 WIPE4H, used in chunks 72, 75c, and 80a.
 WIPE4L, used in chunks 72, 75c, and 80a.
 WIPE5H, used in chunks 71, 75c, and 80b.
 WIPE5L, used in chunks 71, 75c, and 80b.
 WIPE6H, used in chunks 69b, 75d, and 79d.
 WIPE6L, used in chunks 69b, 75d, and 79d.
 WIPE7D, used in chunks 71, 72, 75e, and 79c.
 WIPE7R, used in chunks 71, 72, 75e, and 79c.
 WIPE8D, used in chunks 69b, 70, 76a, and 80c.
 WIPE8R, used in chunks 76a and 80c.
 WIPE9D, used in chunks 69b, 70, 76a, and 79f.
 WIPE9R, used in chunks 69b, 70, 76a, and 79f.

The first thing we do for a single step is initialize all those variables!

```

67  <iris wipe step 67>≡ (109a) 68▷
      ORG      $88D7
      IRIS_WIPE_STEP:
      SUBROUTINE

      <WIPE0 = WIPE_COUNTER 74b>
      <WIPE1 = 0 74c>
      <WIPE2 = 2 * WIPE0 74d>
      <WIPE2 = 3 - WIPE2 75a>

      ; WIPE3, WIPE4, WIPE5, and WIPE6 correspond to
      ; row numbers. WIPE3 is above the center, WIPE6
      ; is below the center, while WIPE4 and WIPE5 are on
      ; the center.

      <WIPE3 = WIPE_CENTER_Y - WIPE_COUNTER 75b>
      <WIPE4 = WIPE5 = WIPE_CENTER_Y 75c>
      <WIPE6 = WIPE_CENTER_Y + WIPE_COUNTER 75d>

      ; WIPE7, WIPE8, WIPE9, and WIPE10 correspond to
      ; column byte numbers. Note the division by 7 pixels!
      ; WIPE7 is left of center, WIPE10 is right of center,
      ; while WIPE8 and WIPE9 are on the center.

      <WIPE7 = (WIPE_CENTER_X - WIPE_COUNTER) / 7 75e>
      <WIPE8 = WIPE9 = WIPE_CENTER_X / 7 76a>
      <WIPE10 = (WIPE_CENTER_X + WIPE_COUNTER) / 7 76b>

```

Defines:

IRIS.WIPE_STEP, used in chunk 63.

Now we loop. This involves checking WIPE1 against WIPE0:

- If $\text{WIPE1} < \text{WIPE0}$, return.
- If $\text{WIPE1} == \text{WIPE0}$, go to `DRAW_WIPE_STEP` then return.
- Otherwise, call `DRAW_WIPE_STEP` and go round the loop.

Going around the loop involves calling `DRAW_WIPE_STEP`, then adjusting the numbers.

```

68  <iris wipe step 67>+≡ (109a) <67
    .loop:

    <iris wipe loop check 74a>

        JSR    DRAW_WIPE_STEP

        LDA    WIPE2+1
        BPL    .89a7

    <WIPE2 += 4 * WIPE1 + 6 77>
        JMP    .8a14

    .89a7:

    <WIPE2 += 4 * (WIPE1 - WIPE0) + 16 78a>
    <Decrement WIPE0 78b>
    <Increment WIPE3 79a>
    <Decrement WIPE10 modulo 7 79b>
    <Increment WIPE7 modulo 7 79c>
    <Decrement WIPE6 79d>

    .8a14:

    <Increment WIPE1 79e>
    <Increment WIPE9 modulo 7 79f>
    <Decrement WIPE4 80a>
    <Increment WIPE5 80b>
    <Decrement WIPE8 modulo 7 80c>
        JMP    .loop

```

Uses `DRAW_WIPE_STEP` 69a and `WIPE2` 66.

Drawing a wipe step draws all four parts. There are two rows which move north and two rows that move south. There are also two left and right offsets, one short and one long. This makes eight combinations.

```
69a  <draw wipe step 69a>≡ (109a)
      ORG      $8A69
      DRAW_WIPE_STEP:
      SUBROUTINE
```

```
      <Draw wipe for south part 69b>
      <Draw wipe for north part 70>
      <Draw wipe for north2 part 71>
      <Draw wipe for south2 part 72>
```

Defines:

DRAW_WIPE_STEP, used in chunks 68 and 74a.

Each part consists of two halves, right and left (or east and west).

```
69b  <Draw wipe for south part 69b>≡ (69a)
      LDY      WIPE6H
      BNE      .draw_north
      LDY      WIPE6L
      CPY      176
      BCS      .draw_north      ; Skip if WIPE6 >= 176

      JSR      ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES

      ; East side
      LDY      WIPE9D
      CPY      40
      BCS      .draw_south_west
      LDX      WIPE9R
      JSR      DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK

      .draw_south_west
      ; West side
      LDY      WIPE8D
      CPY      40
      BCS      .draw_north
      LDX      WIPE9R
      JSR      DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK
```

Uses DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK 73a, ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES 27, WIPE6H 66, WIPE6L 66, WIPE8D 66, WIPE9D 66, and WIPE9R 66.

70 \langle *Draw wipe for north part 70* $\rangle \equiv$ (69a)

```
.draw_north:
    LDY    WIPE3H
    BNE    .draw_north2
    LDY    WIPE3L
    CPY    176
    BCS    .draw_north2      ; Skip if WIPE3 >= 176

    JSR    ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES

    ; East side
    LDY    WIPE9D
    CPY    40
    BCS    .draw_north_west
    LDX    WIPE9R
    JSR    DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK

.draw_north_west
    ; West side
    LDY    WIPE8D
    CPY    40
    BCS    .draw_north2
    LDX    WIPE9R
    JSR    DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK
```

Uses DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK 73a, ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES 27, WIPE3H 66, WIPE3L 66, WIPE8D 66, WIPE9D 66, and WIPE9R 66.

71 \langle *Draw wipe for north2 part 71* $\rangle \equiv$ (69a)

```
.draw_north2:
    LDY    WIPE5H
    BNE     .draw_south2
    LDY     WIPE5L
    CPY     176
    BCS     .draw_south2      ; Skip if WIPE5 >= 176

    JSR     ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES

    ; East side
    LDY     WIPE10D
    CPY     40
    BCS     .draw_north2_west
    LDX     WIPE10R
    JSR     DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK

.draw_north2_west
    ; West side
    LDY     WIPE7D
    CPY     40
    BCS     .draw_south2
    LDX     WIPE7R
    JSR     DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK
```

Uses DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK 73a, ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES 27, WIPE10D 66, WIPE10R 66,
WIPE5H 66, WIPE5L 66, WIPE7D 66, and WIPE7R 66.

```

72  <Draw wipe for south2 part 72>≡ (69a)
    .draw_south2:
        LDY    WIPE4H
        BNE    .end
        LDY    WIPE4L
        CPY    176
        BCS    .end          ; Skip if WIPE4 >= 176

        JSR    ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES

        ; East side
        LDY    WIPE10D
        CPY    40
        BCS    .draw_south2_west
        LDX    WIPE10R
        JSR    DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK

    .draw_south2_west
        ; West side
        LDY    WIPE7D
        CPY    40
        BCS    .draw_south2
        LDX    WIPE7R
        JMP    DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK          ; tail call

    .end:
        RTS

```

Uses DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK 73a, ROW_TO_ADDR_FOR_BOTH_PAGES 27, WIPE10D 66, WIPE10R 66, WIPE4H 66, WIPE4L 66, WIPE7D 66, and WIPE7R 66.

Drawing a wipe block depends on whether we're opening or closing on the level. Closing on the level just blacks out pixels on page 1. Opening on the level copies some pixels from page 2 into page 1.

73a $\langle \text{draw wipe block 73a} \rangle \equiv$ (109a)

```

    ORG      $8AF6
DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK:
    SUBROUTINE
    ; Enter routine with X set to the column byte and Y set to
    ; the pixel number within that byte (0-6). ROW_ADDR and
    ; ROW_ADDR2 must contain the base row address for page 1
    ; and page 2, respectively.

    LDA      WIPE_DIR
    BNE      .open
    LDA      (ROW_ADDR),Y
    AND      WIPE_BLOCK_CLOSE_MASK,X
    STA      (ROW_ADDR),Y

    .open:
    LDA      (ROW_ADDR2),Y
    AND      WIPE_BLOCK_OPEN_MASK,X
    ORA      (ROW_ADDR),Y
    STA      (ROW_ADDR),Y
    RTS

```

Defines:

DRAW_WIPE_BLOCK, used in chunks 69–72.

Uses ROW_ADDR 26b, ROW_ADDR2 26b, WIPE_BLOCK_CLOSE_MASK 73b, and WIPE_BLOCK_OPEN_MASK 73b.

73b $\langle \text{tables 7} \rangle + \equiv$ (109b) $\langle 57a \ 82e \rangle$

```

    ORG      $8B0C
WIPE_BLOCK_CLOSE_MASK:
    BYTE     %11110000
    BYTE     %11110000
    BYTE     %11110000
    BYTE     %11110000
    BYTE     %10001111
    BYTE     %10001111
    BYTE     %10001111
WIPE_BLOCK_OPEN_MASK:
    BYTE     %10001111
    BYTE     %10001111
    BYTE     %10001111
    BYTE     %10001111
    BYTE     %11110000
    BYTE     %11110000
    BYTE     %11110000

```

Defines:

WIPE_BLOCK_CLOSE_MASK, used in chunk 73a.

WIPE_BLOCK_OPEN_MASK, used in chunk 73a.

74a $\langle \text{iris wipe loop check 74a} \rangle \equiv$ (68)

```

    LDA    WIPE1+1
    CMP    WIPE0+1
    BCC    .draw_wipe_step ; Effectively, if WIPE1 > WIPE0, jump to .draw_wipe_step.
    BEQ    .8969           ; Otherwise jump to .loop1, which...

.loop1:
    LDA    WIPE1
    CMP    WIPE0
    BNE    .end
    LDA    WIPE1+1
    CMP    WIPE0+1
    BNE    .end           ; If WIPE0 != WIPE1, return.
    JMP    DRAW_WIPE_STEP

.end:
    RTS

.8969:
    LDA    WIPE1
    CMP    WIPE0
    BCS    .loop1         ; The other half of the comparison from .loop.

.draw_wipe_step:

```

Uses DRAW_WIPE_STEP 69a, WIPE0 66, and WIPE1 66.

4.2.1 Initialization

74b $\langle \text{WIPE0} = \text{WIPE_COUNTER 74b} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```

    LDA    WIPE_COUNTER
    STA    WIPE0
    LDA    #$00
    STA    WIPE0+1        ; WIPE0 = WIPE_COUNTER

```

Uses WIPE0 66 and WIPE_COUNTER 62.

74c $\langle \text{WIPE1} = 0 \text{ 74c} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```

    ; fallthrough with A = 0
    STA    WIPE1
    STA    WIPE1+1        ; WIPE1 = 0

```

Uses WIPE1 66.

74d $\langle \text{WIPE2} = 2 * \text{WIPE0 74d} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```

    LDA    WIPE0
    ASL
    STA    WIPE2
    LDA    WIPE0+1
    ROL
    STA    WIPE2+1        ; WIPE2 = 2 * WIPE0

```

Uses WIPE0 66 and WIPE2 66.

75a $\langle \text{WIPE2} = 3 - \text{WIPE2} \text{ 75a} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```
LDA    #$03
SEC
SBC     WIPE2
STA     WIPE2
LDA     #$00
SBC     WIPE2+1
STA     WIPE2+1      ; WIPE2 = 3 - WIPE2
```

Uses WIPE2 66.

75b $\langle \text{WIPE3} = \text{WIPE_CENTER_Y} - \text{WIPE_COUNTER} \text{ 75b} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```
LDA     WIPE_CENTER_Y
SEC
SBC     WIPE_COUNTER
STA     WIPE3L
LDA     #$00
SBC     #$00
STA     WIPE3H      ; WIPE3 = WIPE_CENTER_Y - WIPE_COUNTER
```

Uses WIPE3H 66, WIPE3L 66, and WIPE_COUNTER 62.

75c $\langle \text{WIPE4} = \text{WIPE5} = \text{WIPE_CENTER_Y} \text{ 75c} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```
LDA     WIPE_CENTER_Y
STA     WIPE4L
STA     WIPE5L
LDA     #$00
STA     WIPE4H
STA     WIPE5H      ; WIPE4 = WIPE5 = WIPE_CENTER_Y
```

Uses WIPE4H 66, WIPE4L 66, WIPE5H 66, and WIPE5L 66.

75d $\langle \text{WIPE6} = \text{WIPE_CENTER_Y} + \text{WIPE_COUNTER} \text{ 75d} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```
LDA     WIPE_CENTER_Y
CLC
ADC     WIPE_COUNTER
STA     WIPE6L
LDA     #$00
ADC     #$00
STA     WIPE6H      ; WIPE6 = WIPE_CENTER_Y + WIPE_COUNTER
```

Uses WIPE6H 66, WIPE6L 66, and WIPE_COUNTER 62.

75e $\langle \text{WIPE7} = (\text{WIPE_CENTER_X} - \text{WIPE_COUNTER}) / 7 \text{ 75e} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```
LDA     WIPE_CENTER_X
SEC
SBC     WIPE_COUNTER
TAX
LDA     #$00
SBC     #$00
JSR     DIV_BY_7
STY     WIPE7D
STA     WIPE7R      ; WIPE7 = (WIPE_CENTER_X - WIPE_COUNTER) / 7
```

Uses DIV_BY_7 65, WIPE7D 66, WIPE7R 66, and WIPE_COUNTER 62.

76a $\langle \text{WIPE8} = \text{WIPE9} = \text{WIPE_CENTER_X} / 7 \text{ 76a} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```
LDX    WIPE_CENTER_X
LDA     #$00
JSR     DIV_BY_7
STY     WIPE8D
STY     WIPE9D
STA     WIPE8R
STA     WIPE9R           ; WIPE8 = WIPE9 = WIPE_CENTER_X / 7
```

Uses DIV_BY_7 65, WIPE8D 66, WIPE8R 66, WIPE9D 66, and WIPE9R 66.

76b $\langle \text{WIPE10} = (\text{WIPE_CENTER_X} + \text{WIPE_COUNTER}) / 7 \text{ 76b} \rangle \equiv$ (67)

```
LDA     WIPE_CENTER_X
CLC
ADC     WIPE_COUNTER
TAX
LDA     #$00
ADC     #$00
JSR     DIV_BY_7
STY     WIPE10D
STA     WIPE10R           ; WIPE10 = (WIPE_CENTER_X + WIPE_COUNTER) / 7
```

Uses DIV_BY_7 65, WIPE10D 66, WIPE10R 66, and WIPE_COUNTER 62.

4.2.2 All that math stuff

```

77  <WIPE2 += 4 * WIPE1 + 6 77>≡ (68)
      LDA    WIPE1
      ASL
      STA    MATH_TMPL
      LDA    WIPE1+1
      ROL
      STA    MATH_TMPH      ; MATH_TMP = WIPE1 * 2

      LDA    MATH_TMPL
      ASL
      STA    MATH_TMPL
      LDA    MATH_TMPH
      ROL
      STA    MATH_TMPH      ; MATH_TMP *= 2

      LDA    WIPE2
      CLC
      ADC    MATH_TMPL
      STA    MATH_TMPL
      LDA    WIPE2+1
      ADC    MATH_TMPH
      STA    MATH_TMPH      ; MATH_TMP += WIPE2

      LDA    #$06
      CLC
      ADC    MATH_TMPL
      STA    WIPE2
      LDA    #$00
      ADC    MATH_TMPH
      STA    WIPE2+1      ; WIPE2 = MATH_TMP + 6

```

Uses MATH_TMPH 64, MATH_TMPL 64, WIPE1 66, and WIPE2 66.

78a $\langle \text{WIPE2} += 4 * (\text{WIPE1} - \text{WIPE0}) + 16 \text{ 78a} \rangle \equiv$ (68)

```

    LDA    WIPE1
    SEC
    SBC    WIPE0
    STA    MATH_TMPL
    LDA    WIPE1+1
    SBC    WIPE0+1
    STA    MATH_TMPH      ; MATH_TMP = WIPE1 - WIPE0

    LDA    MATH_TMPL
    ASL
    STA    MATH_TMPL
    LDA    MATH_TMPH
    ROL
    STA    MATH_TMPH      ; MATH_TMP *= 2

    LDA    MATH_TMPL
    ASL
    STA    MATH_TMPL
    LDA    MATH_TMPH
    ROL
    STA    MATH_TMPH      ; MATH_TMP *= 2

    LDA    MATH_TMPL
    CLC
    ADC    #$10
    STA    MATH_TMPL
    LDA    MATH_TMPH
    ADC    #$00
    STA    MATH_TMPH      ; MATH_TMP += 16

    LDA    MATH_TMPL
    CLC
    ADC    WIPE2
    STA    WIPE2
    LDA    MATH_TMPH
    ADC    WIPE2+1
    STA    WIPE2+1      ; WIPE2 += MATH_TMP

```

Uses MATH_TMPH 64, MATH_TMPL 64, WIPE0 66, WIPE1 66, and WIPE2 66.

78b $\langle \text{Decrement WIPE0 78b} \rangle \equiv$ (68)

```

    LDA    WIPE0
    PHP
    DEC    WIPE0
    PLP
    BNE    .b9ec
    DEC    WIPE0+1      ; WIPE0--
.b9ec

```

Uses WIPE0 66.

- 79a $\langle \text{Increment WIPE3 79a} \rangle \equiv$ (68)
 INC WIPE3L
 BNE .89f2
 INC WIPE3H ; WIPE3++
 .89f2
 Uses WIPE3H 66 and WIPE3L 66.
- 79b $\langle \text{Decrement WIPE10 modulo 7 79b} \rangle \equiv$ (68)
 DEC WIPE10R
 BPL .89fc
 LDA #\$06
 STA WIPE10R
 DEC WIPE10D
 .89fc
 Uses WIPE10D 66 and WIPE10R 66.
- 79c $\langle \text{Increment WIPE7 modulo 7 79c} \rangle \equiv$ (68)
 INC WIPE7R
 LDA WIPE7R
 CMP #\$07
 BNE .8a0a
 LDA #\$00
 STA WIPE7R
 INC WIPE7D
 .8a0a
 Uses WIPE7D 66 and WIPE7R 66.
- 79d $\langle \text{Decrement WIPE6 79d} \rangle \equiv$ (68)
 DEC WIPE6L
 LDA WIPE6L
 CMP #\$FF
 BNE .8a14
 DEC WIPE6H
 Uses WIPE6H 66 and WIPE6L 66.
- 79e $\langle \text{Increment WIPE1 79e} \rangle \equiv$ (68)
 INC WIPE1
 BNE .8a1a
 INC WIPE1+1 ; WIPE1++
 .8a1a
 Uses WIPE1 66.
- 79f $\langle \text{Increment WIPE9 modulo 7 79f} \rangle \equiv$ (68)
 INC WIPE9R
 LDA WIPE9R
 CMP #\$07
 BNE .8a28
 LDA #\$00
 STA WIPE9R
 INC WIPE9D
 .8a28
 Uses WIPE9D 66 and WIPE9R 66.

80a $\langle \textit{Decrement WIPE4 80a} \rangle \equiv$ (68)

```

        DEC     WIPE4L
        LDA     WIPE4L
        CMP     #$FF
        BNE     .8a32
        DEC     WIPE4H
        .8a32

```

Uses WIPE4H 66 and WIPE4L 66.

80b $\langle \textit{Increment WIPE5 80b} \rangle \equiv$ (68)

```

        INC     WIPE5L
        BNE     .8a38
        INC     WIPE5H           ; WIPE5++
        .8a38

```

Uses WIPE5H 66 and WIPE5L 66.

80c $\langle \textit{Decrement WIPE8 modulo 7 80c} \rangle \equiv$ (68)

```

        DEC     WIPE8R
        BPL     .8a42
        LDA     #$06
        STA     WIPE8R
        DEC     WIPE8D
        .8a42

```

Uses WIPE8D 66 and WIPE8R 66.

4.3 Level data

Now that we have the ability to draw a level from level data, we need a routine to get that level data. Recall that level data needs to be stored in pointers specified in the `CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_` tables.

4.3.1 Getting the compressed level data

The level data is stored in the game in compressed form, so we first grab the data for the level and put it into the `COMPRESSED_LEVEL_DATA` buffer.

There's one switch here, `PREGAME_MODE`, which dictates whether we're going to display the high-score screen, attract-mode game play, or an actual level for playing.

80d $\langle \textit{defines 3} \rangle + \equiv$ (109b) <66 82d>

```

        PREGAME_MODE    EQU    $A7

```

Defines:

`PREGAME_MODE`, used in chunks 81a, 92, 97, 98, 106, and 107.


```

81a  <load compressed level data 81a>≡
      ORG      $630E
      LOAD_COMPRESSED_LEVEL_DATA:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Enter routine with A set to 1.

      STA      $bf74
      LDA      PREGAME_MODE
      LSR
      BEQ      .copy_level_data      ; If PREGAME_MODE was 0 or 1, copy level data

      LDA      $96
      LSR
      LSR
      LSR
      LSR
      CLC
      ADC      3
      STA      $b7ec      ; = 3 + 16 * $96
      LDA      $96
      AND      #$0F
      STA      $b7ed
      LDA      #$00
      STA      $b7f0
      LDA      #$0D
      STA      $b7f1
      LDA      #$00
      STA      $b7eb
      LDY      #$E8
      LDA      #$B7      ; AY = B7E8

      JSR      $23      ; JMP ($24)
      BCC      .end
      JMP      $6008

      .end:
      RTS

      .copy_level_data:
      <Copy level data 81b>
      Uses PREGAME_MODE 80d.

```

We're not really using ROW_ADDR here as a row address, just as a convenient place to store a pointer. Also, we can see that level data is stored in 256-byte pages at 9F00, A000, and so on. Level numbers start from 1, so 9E00 doesn't actually contain level data.

```

81b  <Copy level data 81b>≡ (81a)
      (ROW_ADDR = $9E00 + LEVELNUM * $0100 82a)
      <Copy data from ROW_ADDR into COMPRESSED_LEVEL_DATA 82b>

```

82a $\langle \text{ROW_ADDR} = \$9\text{E}00 + \text{LEVELNUM} * \$0100 \text{ 82a} \rangle \equiv$ (81b)

```

        LDA    LEVELNUM        ; 1-based
        CLC
        ADC    #$9E
        STA    ROW_ADDR+1
        LDY    #$00
        STY    ROW_ADDR        ; ROW_ADDR <- 9E00 + LEVELNUM * 0x100

```

Uses LEVELNUM 46 and ROW_ADDR 26b.

82b $\langle \text{Copy data from ROW_ADDR into COMPRESSED_LEVEL_DATA 82b} \rangle \equiv$ (81b)

```

        .copyloop:
        LDA    (ROW_ADDR),Y
        STA    COMPRESSED_LEVEL_DATA,Y
        INY
        BNE    .copyloop
        RTS

```

Uses ROW_ADDR 26b.

4.3.2 Uncompressing and displaying the level

82c $\langle \text{load level 82c} \rangle \equiv$

```

        ORG    $6238
        LOAD_LEVEL:
        SUBROUTINE
        ; Enter routine with X set to whether the level should be
        ; loaded verbatim or not.

        STX    VERBATIM

         $\langle \text{Initialize level counts 83} \rangle$ 

        LDA    1
        STA    ALIVE
        JSR    LOAD_COMPRESSED_LEVEL_DATA

```

$\langle \text{uncompress level data 84a} \rangle$

Defines:

LOAD_LEVEL, used in chunks 86 and 107.

Uses VERBATIM 55b.

82d $\langle \text{defines 3} \rangle + \equiv$ (109b) $\langle \text{80d 87a} \rangle$

```

        TMP            EQU    $1A
        LEVEL_DATA_INDEX EQU    $92

```

82e $\langle \text{tables 7} \rangle + \equiv$ (109b) $\langle \text{73b 89a} \rangle$

```

        ORG    $0C98
        TABLE_OC98    DS    6
        ORG    $0CE0
        TABLE_OCE0    DS    31

```

Here we are initializing variables in preparation for loading the level data. Since drawing the level will keep track of ladder, gold, and guard count, we need to zero them out. There are also some areas of memory whose purpose is not yet known, and these are zeroed out also.

```

83  <Initialize level counts 83>≡ (82c)
      LDX    #$FF
      STX    PLAYER_COL
      INX
      STX    LADDER_COUNT
      STX    GOLD_COUNT
      STX    GUARD_COUNT
      STX    $19
      STX    $A0
      STX    LEVEL_DATA_INDEX
      STX    TMP
      STX    GAME_ROWNUM
      TXA

      LDX    30
.loop1
      STA    TABLE_0CE0,X
      DEX
      BPL    .loop1

      LDX    5
.loop2
      STA    TABLE_0C98,X
      DEX
      BPL    .loop2

```

Uses GAME_ROWNUM 32a, GOLD_COUNT 55a, GUARD_COUNT 55a, LADDER_COUNT 55a,
and PLAYER_COL 55a.

The level data is stored in "compressed" form, just 4 bits per sprite since we don't use any higher ones to define a level. For each of the 16 game rows, we load up the compressed row data and break it apart, one 4-bit sprite per column.

Once we've done that, we draw the level using `DRAW_LEVEL_PAGE2`. That routine returns an error if there was no player sprite in the level. If there was no error, we simply return. Otherwise we have to handle the error condition, since there's no point in playing without a player!

```

84a  <uncompress level data 84a>≡ (82c)
      .row_loop:
      <get row destination pointer for uncompressing level data 84b>
      <uncompress row data 85a>
      <next compressed row for row_loop 85b>

      JSR     DRAW_LEVEL_PAGE2
      BCC     .end                ; No error

      <handle no player sprite in level 86>

      .end:
      RTS

      .62c4:
      JMP     $6008                ; play? complain? fall over?

```

Uses `DRAW_LEVEL_PAGE2` 53.

Each row will have their sprite data stored at locations specified by the `CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_` tables.

```

84b  <get row destination pointer for uncompressing level data 84b>≡ (84a)
      LDA     CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS,Y
      STA     PTR1
      STA     PTR2
      LDA     CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES,Y
      STA     PTR1+1
      LDA     CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2,Y
      STA     PTR2+1

```

Uses `CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS` 54a, `CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES` 54a, `CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2` 54a, `PTR1` 54b, and `PTR2` 54b.

To uncompress the data for a row, we use the counter in TMP as an odd/even switch so that we know which 4-bit chunk (nibble) in a byte we want. Even numbers are for the low nibble while odd numbers are for the high nibble.

In addition, if we encounter any sprite number 10 or above then we replace it with sprite 0 (all black).

```

85a  <uncompress row data 85a>≡ (84a)
      LDA    0
      STA    GAME_COLNUM

      .col_loop:
      LDA    TMP                      ; odd/even counter
      LSR
      LDY    LEVEL_DATA_INDEX
      LDA    COMPRESSED_LEVEL_DATA,Y
      BCS    .628c                    ; odd?
      AND    #$0F
      BPL    .6292                    ; unconditional jump
      .628c

      LSR
      LSR
      LSR
      LSR
      INC    LEVEL_DATA_INDEX

      .6292
      INC    TMP

      LDY    GAME_COLNUM
      CMP    10
      BCC    .629c
      LDA    0                      ; sprite >= 10 -> sprite 0
      .629c:

      STA    (PTR1),Y
      STA    (PTR2),Y

      INC    GAME_COLNUM
      LDA    GAME_COLNUM
      CMP    28
      BCC    .col_loop              ; loop while GAME_COLNUM < 28
      Uses GAME_COLNUM 32a, PTR1 54b, and PTR2 54b.

85b  <next compressed row for row_loop 85b>≡ (84a)
      INC    GAME_ROWNUM
      LDY    GAME_ROWNUM
      CPY    16
      BCC    .row_loop              ; loop while GAME_ROWNUM < 16
      Uses GAME_ROWNUM 32a.

```

When there's no player sprite in the level, a few things can happen. Firstly, if `\$96` is zero, we're going to jump to `\$6008`. Otherwise, we set `\$96` to zero, increment `\$97`, set `X` to `0xFF`, and retry `LOAD_LEVEL` from the very beginning.

86 *⟨handle no player sprite in level 86⟩*≡ (84a)

```
    LDA    $96
    BEQ    .62c4

    LDX    0
    STX    $96
    INC    $97
    DEX
    JMP    LOAD_LEVEL
```

Uses `LOAD_LEVEL` 82c.

High scores

There are ten slots in the high score table, each with eight bytes. The first three bytes are for the player initials, the fourth byte is the level – or zero if the row should be empty – and the last four bytes are the BCD-encoded score, most significant byte first.

HI_SCORE_DATA, used in chunks 89 and 90a.

```
JSR    CLEAR_HGR2
LDA     #$40
STA     DRAW_PAGE
LDA     #$00
STA     GAME_COLNUM
STA     GAME_ROWNUM
```

<draw high score table header 88a>
 <draw high score rows 88b>
 <show high score page 91>

Uses `CLEAR_HGR2` 4, `DRAW_PAGE` 39, `GAME_COLNUM` 32a, and `GAME_ROWNUM` 32a.

88a \langle *draw high score table header 88a* $\rangle \equiv$ (87b)

```

; "      LODER RUNNER HIGH SCORES\r"
; "\r"
; "\r"
; "      INITIALS LEVEL  SCORE\r"
; "      -----\r"
JSR      PUT_STRING
HEX      A0 A0 A0 A0 CC CF C4 C5 A0 D2 D5 CE CE C5 D2 A0
HEX      C8 C9 C7 C8 A0 D3 C3 CF D2 C5 D3 8D 8D 8D A0 A0
HEX      A0 A0 C9 CE C9 D4 C9 C1 CC D3 A0 CC C5 D6 C5 CC
HEX      A0 A0 D3 C3 CF D2 C5 8D A0 A0 A0 A0 AD AD AD AD
HEX      AD AD AD AD A0 AD AD AD AD AD A0 AD AD AD AD AD
HEX      AD AD AD 8D 00

```

Uses PUT_STRING 41 and SCORE 44b.

88b \langle *draw high score rows 88b* $\rangle \equiv$ (87b)

```

LDA      #$01
STA      $55                ; Used for row number
.loop:
   $\langle$ draw high score row number 88c $\rangle$ 
   $\langle$ draw high score initials 89b $\rangle$ 
   $\langle$ draw high score level 89c $\rangle$ 
   $\langle$ draw high score 90a $\rangle$ 
   $\langle$ next high score row 90b $\rangle$ 

```

88c \langle *draw high score row number 88c* $\rangle \equiv$ (88b)

```

CMP      #$0A
BNE      .display_0_to_9
LDA      #1
JSR      PUT_DIGIT
LDA      #0
JSR      PUT_DIGIT
JMP      .rest_of_row_number

.display_0_to_9:
LDA      #$A0
JSR      PUT_CHAR            ; space
LDA      $55
JSR      PUT_DIGIT

```

```

.rest_of_row_number:
; ".  "
JSR      PUT_STRING
HEX      AE A0 A0 A0 A0 00

```

Uses PUT_CHAR 40a, PUT_DIGIT 42a, and PUT_STRING 41.

89a $\langle \text{tables 7} \rangle + \equiv$ (109b) $\langle 82e \ 99b \rangle$

```

        ORG      $79A2
        HI_SCORE_TABLE_OFFSETS:
        HEX      00 08 10 18 20 28 30 38 40 48

```

Defines:

HI_SCORE_TABLE_OFFSETS, used in chunk 89b.

89b $\langle \text{draw high score initials 89b} \rangle \equiv$ (88b)

```

        LDX      $55
        LDY      HI_SCORE_TABLE_OFFSETS,X
        STY      $56
        LDA      HI_SCORE_DATA+3,Y
        BNE      .draw_initials
        JMP      .next_high_score_row
.draw_initials:
        LDY      $56
        LDA      HI_SCORE_DATA,Y
        JSR      PUT_CHAR
        LDY      $56
        LDA      HI_SCORE_DATA+1,Y
        JSR      PUT_CHAR
        LDY      $56
        LDA      HI_SCORE_DATA+2,Y
        JSR      PUT_CHAR

        ; " "
        JSR      PUT_STRING
        HEX      A0 A0 A0 A0 00

```

Uses HI_SCORE_DATA 87a, HI_SCORE_TABLE_OFFSETS 89a, PUT_CHAR 40a, and PUT_STRING 41.

89c $\langle \text{draw high score level 89c} \rangle \equiv$ (88b)

```

        LDY      $56
        LDA      HI_SCORE_DATA+3,Y
        JSR      TO_DECIMAL3
        LDA      HUNDREDS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT
        LDA      TENS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT
        LDA      UNITS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT

        ; " "
        JSR      PUT_STRING
        HEX      A0 A0 00

```

Uses HI_SCORE_DATA 87a, HUNDREDS 42b, PUT_DIGIT 42a, PUT_STRING 41, TENS 42b, TO_DECIMAL3 43, and UNITS 42b.

90a $\langle \text{draw high score 90a} \rangle \equiv$ (88b)

```

        LDY      $56
        LDA      HI_SCORE_DATA+4,Y
        JSR      BCD_TO_DECIMAL2
        LDA      TENS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT
        LDA      UNITS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT

        LDY      $56
        LDA      HI_SCORE_DATA+5,Y
        JSR      BCD_TO_DECIMAL2
        LDA      TENS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT
        LDA      UNITS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT

        LDY      $56
        LDA      HI_SCORE_DATA+6,Y
        JSR      BCD_TO_DECIMAL2
        LDA      TENS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT
        LDA      UNITS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT

        LDY      $56
        LDA      HI_SCORE_DATA+7,Y
        JSR      BCD_TO_DECIMAL2
        LDA      TENS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT
        LDA      UNITS
        JSR      PUT_DIGIT

```

Uses BCD_TO_DECIMAL2 44a, HI_SCORE_DATA 87a, PUT_DIGIT 42a, TENS 42b, and UNITS 42b.

90b $\langle \text{next high score row 90b} \rangle \equiv$ (88b)

```

        .next_high_score_row:
        JSR      NEWLINE
        INC      $55
        LDA      $55
        CMP      #11
        BCS      .end
        JMP      .loop

```

Uses NEWLINE 40a.

90c $\langle \text{defines 3} \rangle + \equiv$ (109b) $\langle 87a \ 94b \rangle$

```

        TXTPAGE2          EQU      $C055

```

Defines:

TXTPAGE2, used in chunk 91.

```
91  <show high score page 91>≡ (87b)
      .end:
          STA    TXTPAGE2      ; Flip to page 2
          LDA    #$20
          STA    DRAW_PAGE     ; Set draw page to 1
          RTS
```

Uses DRAW_PAGE 39 and TXTPAGE2 90c.

Chapter 6

Game play

6.1 Splash screen

```
92  <splash screen 92>≡ (109a)
      ORG      $6008
      .main:
      JSR      CLEAR_HGR1

      LDA      #$FF
      STA      .rd_table+1
      LDA      #$0E
      STA      .rd_table+2      ; RD_TABLE = 0x0EFF
      LDY      0
      STY      GAME_ROWNUM
      STY      PREGAME_MODE
      STY      $96              ; GAME_ROWNUM = $96 = PREGAME_MODE = 0
      LDA      #$20
      STA      HGR_PAGE
      STA      DRAW_PAGE       ; HGR_PAGE = DRAW_PAGE = 0x20

      <splash screen loop 93>

      STA      TXTPAGE1
      STA      HIRES
      STA      MIXCLR
      STA      TXTCLR
      JMP      .618E
```

Uses CLEAR_HGR1 4, DRAW_PAGE 39, GAME_ROWNUM 32a, HGR_PAGE 26b, HIRES 94b, MIXCLR 94b, PREGAME_MODE 80d, TXTCLR 94b, and TXTPAGE1 94b.

This loop writes a screen of graphics by reading from the table starting at `\$0F00`. The table is in pairs of bytes, where the first byte is the byte offset from the beginning of the row, and the second byte is the byte to write. However, if the first byte is `0x00` then we end that row.

As in other cases, the pointer into the table is stored in the LDA instruction that reads from the table.

The code takes advantage of the fact that all bytes written to the page have their high bit set, while offsets from the beginning of the row are always less than `0x80`. Thus, if we read a byte and it is `0x00`, we end the loop. Otherwise, if the byte is less than `0x80` we set that as the offset. Otherwise, the byte has its high bit set, and we write that byte to the graphics page.

```

93  <splash screen loop 93>≡ (92)
    .draw_splash_screen_row:
        JSR     ROW_TO_ADDR      ; ROW_ADDR = ROW_TO_ADDR(Y)
        LDY     #0

    .loop:
        INC     .rd_table+1
        BNE     .rd_table
        INC     .rd_table+2      ; RD_TABLE++

    .rd_table:
        LDA     $1A84            ; A <- *RD_TABLE ($1A84 is just a dummy value)
        BEQ     .end_of_row      ; if A == 0: break
        BPL     .is_row_offset   ; if A > 0: A -> Y, .loop
        STA     (ROW_ADDR),Y     ; *(ROW_ADDR+Y) = A

        INY                     ; Y++
        BPL     .loop            ; While Y < 0x80 (really while not 00)

    .is_row_offset:
        TAY
        BPL     .loop            ; Unconditional jump

    .end_of_row:
        INC     GAME_ROWNUM
        LDY     GAME_ROWNUM
        CPY     #192
        BCC     .draw_splash_screen_row

```

Uses `GAME_ROWNUM` 32a, `ROW_ADDR` 26b, and `ROW_TO_ADDR` 26c.

6.2 Startup code

The startup code is run immediately after relocating memory blocks.

```
94a  <startup code 94a>≡ (109a)
      <set startup softswitches 94c>
      <set stack size 94d>
      <maybe set carry but not really 95a>
      <ready yourself 95c>
```

The first address, ROMIN_RDROM_WRRAM2 is a bank-select switch. By reading it twice, we set up the memory area from \D000-\DFFF to read from the ROM, but write to RAM bank 2.

The next four softswitches set up the display for full-screen hi-res graphics, page 1.

```
94b  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <90c 95b>
      ROMIN_RDROM_WRRAM2      EQU      $C081
      TXTCLR                  EQU      $C050
      MIXCLR                  EQU      $C052
      TXTPAGE1                EQU      $C054
      HIRES                   EQU      $C057
```

Defines:

HIRES, used in chunks 92 and 94c.
 MIXCLR, used in chunks 92 and 94c.
 ROMIN_RDROM_WRRAM2, used in chunk 94c.
 TXTCLR, used in chunks 92 and 94c.
 TXTPAGE1, used in chunks 92, 94c, and 106.

```
94c  <set startup softswitches 94c>≡ (94a)
      ORG      $5F7D

      LDA      ROMIN_RDROM_WRRAM2
      LDA      ROMIN_RDROM_WRRAM2
      LDA      TXTCLR
      LDA      MIXCLR
      LDA      TXTPAGE1
      LDA      HIRES
```

Uses HIRES 94b, MIXCLR 94b, ROMIN_RDROM_WRRAM2 94b, TXTCLR 94b, and TXTPAGE1 94b.

The 6502 stack, at maximum, runs from \0100-\01FF. The stack starts at \0100 plus the stack index (the S register), and grows towards \0100. Here we are setting the S register to 0x07 which makes for a very small stack – 8 bytes.

```
94d  <set stack size 94d>≡ (94a)
      LDX      #$07
      TXS
```

This next part seems to set the carry only if certain bits in location \5F94 are set. I can find no writes to this location, so the effect is that the carry is cleared. It's entirely possible that this was altered by the cracker.

```

95a  <maybe set carry but not really 95a>≡ (94a)
      CLC
      LDA    #$01
      AND    #$A4
      BEQ    .short_delay_mode
      SEC
      ; fall through to short delay mode

```

This next part sets the delay for this game mode, and also reads the keyboard strobe softswitch. That just clears the keyboard strobe in readiness to see if a key is pressed. Then we get dumped into the main loop.

```

95b  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <94b 95d>
      KBDSTRB EQU    $C010

```

Defines:

KBDSTRB, used in chunks 95c and 97b.

```

95c  <ready yourself 95c>≡ (94a)
      ORG    $5F9A

```

.short_delay_mode:

```

      LDX    #$22          ; Number of times to check for keyboard press (34).
      LDY    #$02          ; Number of times to do X checks (2).
                          ; GAME_ROWNUM was initialized to 1, so we do 34*2*1 checks.

      LDA    KBDSTRB
      LDA    #$CA          ; Fake keypress 0x4A (J)
      JMP    .check_for_button_down

```

Uses GAME_ROWNUM 32a and KBDSTRB 95b.

Checking for a joystick button (or equivalently the open apple and solid apple keys) to be pressed involves checking the high bit after reading the corresponding button softswitch. Here we're checking if any of the buttons are pressed.

```

95d  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <95b 96b>
      BUTN0 EQU    $C061    ; Or open apple
      BUTN1 EQU    $C062    ; Or solid apple
      STORED_KEY EQU    $95
      ORG    $95
      HEX    CA

```

Defines:

BUTN0, used in chunk 96a.

BUTN1, used in chunk 96a.

STORED_KEY, used in chunk 96a.

```

96a  <check for button down 96a>≡
      ORG      $6199

      .check_stored_key:
      LDA      STORED_KEY

      .check_for_button_down:
      CMP      #$CB          ; Key pressed is 0x4B (K)?
      BEQ      .no_button_pressed ; Skip check button presses.
      LDA      BUTN1
      BMI      .button_pressed
      LDA      BUTN0
      BMI      .button_pressed

```

; fall through to .no_button_pressed

Uses BUTN0 95d, BUTN1 95d, and STORED_KEY 95d.

Here we read the keyboard, which involves checking the high bit of the KBD softswitch. This also loads the ASCII code for the key. We check for a keypress in a loop based on the X and Y registers, and on GAME.ROWNUM! So we check for X x Y x GAME.ROWNUM iterations. This controls alternation between "attract-mode" gameplay and the high score screen.

```

96b  <defines 3>+≡ (109b) <95d
      KBD      EQU      $C000

Defines:
      KBD, used in chunk 96c.

```

```

96c  <no button pressed 96c>≡
      ORG      $61A9

      .no_button_pressed:
      LDA      KBD
      BMI      .key_pressed
      DEX
      BNE      .check_stored_key
      DEY
      BNE      .check_stored_key
      DEC      GAME_ROWNUM
      BNE      .check_stored_key

```

; fall through to .no_button_or_key_timeout

Uses GAME_ROWNUM 32a and KBD 96b.

If one of the joystick buttons was pressed:

97a $\langle \text{button pressed at startup 97a} \rangle \equiv$
 ORG \$6201

```
.button_pressed:
    LDX    #$00
    STX    $96
    INX
    STX    LEVELNUM
    STX    $9D
    LDA    #$02
    STX    PREGAME_MODE
    JMP    .play_game
```

Uses LEVELNUM 46 and PREGAME_MODE 80d.

And if one of the keys was pressed:

97b $\langle \text{key pressed at startup 97b} \rangle \equiv$
 ORG \$61F6

```
.key_pressed:
    STA    KBDSTRB      ; Clear keyboard strobe
    CMP    #$85          ; if ctrl-E:
    BEQ    .ctrl_e_pressed
    CMP    #$8D          ; if return key:
    BEQ    .return_pressed
```

 ; fall through to .button_pressed

Uses KBDSTRB 95b.

Two keys are special, ctrl-E, which opens the level editor, and return, which starts a new game (?).

97c $\langle \text{ctrl-e pressed 97c} \rangle \equiv$
 ORG \$6211

```
.ctrl_e_pressed:
    JMP    .start_level_editor
```

97d $\langle \text{return pressed 97d} \rangle \equiv$
 ORG \$61E4

```
.return_pressed:
    LDA    #$01
    JSR    $6359
```

Finally, if no key or button was pressed and we've reached the maximum number of polls through the loop:

```

98a  <timed out waiting for button or keypress 98a>≡
      ORG      $61B8

      .no_button_or_key_timeout:
      LDA      PREGAME_MODE
      BNE      .check_game_mode      ; If PREGAME_MODE != 0, .check_game_mode.

      ; When PREGAME_MODE = 0:
      LDX      #$01
      STX      PREGAME_MODE          ; Set PREGAME_MODE = 1
      STX      LEVELNUM
      STX      $AC
      STX      $9D                  ; LEVELNUM = $AC = $9D = 1
      LDX      $99
      STX      .restore_99+1         ; Save previous value of $99
      STA      $99                  ; $99 = 0
      JMP      .init_game_data

      Uses LEVELNUM 46 and PREGAME_MODE 80d.

98b  <check game mode 98b>≡
      ORG      $61DE

      .check_game_mode:
      CMP      #$01
      BNE      .game_mode_not_1
      BEQ      .display_high_score_screen      ; Unconditional jump

98c  <game mode not 1 98c>≡
      ORG      $61F3

      .game_mode_not_1:
      JMP      $6008

98d  <display high score screen 98d>≡
      ORG      $61E9

      .display_high_score_screen:
      JSR      HI_SCORE_SCREEN
      LDA      #$02
      STA      PREGAME_MODE          ; PREGAME_MODE = 2
      JMP      .long_delay_attact_mode

      Uses HI_SCORE_SCREEN 87b and PREGAME_MODE 80d.

```

When we change over to attract mode, we set the delay to the next mode very large: 195075 times around the loop.

```

99a  <long delay attract mode 99a>≡
      ORG      $618E

      .long_delay_attact_mode:
      JSR      $869f
      LDX      #$FF
      LDY      #$FF
      LDA      #$03
      STA      GAME_ROWNUM

      ; fall through to .check_stored_key
Uses GAME_ROWNUM 32a.

```

6.3 Moving the player

The player's sprite position is stored in `PLAYER.COL` and `PLAYER.ROW`, while the offset from the exact sprive location is stored in `PLAYER.X_ADJ` and `PLAYER.Y_ADJ`. These adjustments are offset by 2, so that 2 means zero offset. The player also has a `PLAYER.ANIM.STATE` which is an index into the `SPRITE.ANIM.SEQS` table. The `GET_SPRITE_AND_SCREEN_COORD_AT_PLAYER` gets the sprite corresponding to the player's animation state and the player's adjusted screen coordinate.

```

99b  <tables 7>+≡ (109b) <89a 108b>
      ORG      $6968
      SPRITE_ANIM_SEQS:
      HEX      0B 0C 0D      ; player running left
      HEX      18 19 1A      ; player monkey swinging left
      HEX      0F              ; player digging left
      HEX      13              ; player falling, facing left
      HEX      09 10 11      ; player running right
      HEX      15 16 17      ; player monkey swinging right
      HEX      25              ; player digging right
      HEX      14              ; player falling, facing right
      HEX      0E 12          ; player climbing on ladder

Defines:
      SPRITE_ANIM_SEQS, used in chunks 58 and 100a.

```

```

100a  <get player sprite data 100a>≡
      ORG      $6B85
      GET_SPRITE_AND_SCREEN_COORD_AT_PLAYER:
      SUBROUTINE
      ; Using PLAYER_COL/ROW, PLAYER_X/Y_ADJ, and PLAYER_ANIM_STATE,
      ; return the player sprite in A, and the screen coords in X and Y.

      LDX      PLAYER_COL
      LDY      PLAYER_X_ADJ
      JSR      GET_HALF_SCREEN_COL_OFFSET_IN_Y_FOR
      STX      SPRITE_NUM          ; Used only as a temporary to save X
      LDY      PLAYER_ROW
      LDX      PLAYER_Y_ADJ
      JSR      GET_SCREEN_ROW_OFFSET_IN_X_FOR
      LDX      PLAYER_ANIM_STATE
      LDA      SPRITE_ANIM_SEQS,X
      LDX      SPRITE_NUM
      RTS

```

Defines:

GET_SPRITE_AND_SCREEN_COORD_AT_PLAYER, used in chunk 103.

Uses GET_HALF_SCREEN_COL_OFFSET_IN_Y_FOR 31c, GET_SCREEN_ROW_OFFSET_IN_X_FOR 31a,
 PLAYER_ANIM_STATE 58b, PLAYER_COL 55a, PLAYER_ROW 55a, PLAYER_X_ADJ 58b,
 PLAYER_Y_ADJ 58b, SPRITE_ANIM_SEQS 99b, and SPRITE_NUM 23c.

Since PLAYER_ANIM_STATE needs to play a sequence over and over, there is a routine to increment the animation state and wrap if necessary. It works by loading A with the lower bound, and X with the upper bound.

```

100b  <increment player animation state 100b>≡
      ORG      $6BF4
      INC_ANIM_STATE:
      SUBROUTINE

      INC      PLAYER_ANIM_STATE
      CMP      PLAYER_ANIM_STATE
      BCC      .check_upper_bound    ; lower bound < PLAYER_ANIM_STATE?
      ; otherwise PLAYER_ANIM_STATE <= lower bound:

      .write_lower_bound:
      STA      PLAYER_ANIM_STATE      ; PLAYER_ANIM_STATE = lower bound
      RTS

      .check_upper_bound:
      CPX      PLAYER_ANIM_STATE
      BCC      .write_lower_bound    ; PLAYER_ANIM_STATE > upper bound?
      ; otherwise PLAYER_ANIM_STATE <= upper bound:
      RTS

```

Defines:

INC_ANIM_STATE, never used.

Uses PLAYER_ANIM_STATE 58b.

This routine checks whether the player picks up gold. First we check to see if the player's location is exactly on a sprite coordinate, and return if not. Otherwise, we check the phantom sprite data to see if there's gold at the player's location, and return if not. So if there is gold, we decrement the gold count, put a blank sprite in the phantom sprite data, increment the score by 250, place a gold sprite on the screen at the player location, and then load up data into the sound area.

```

101  <check for gold picked up by player 101>≡
      ORG      $6B9D
      CHECK_FOR_GOLD_PICKED_UP_BY_PLAYER:
      SUBROUTINE

          LDA    PLAYER_X_ADJ
          CMP    #$02
          BNE    .end
          LDA    PLAYER_Y_ADJ
          CMP    #$02
          BNE    .end

          LDY    PLAYER_ROW
          LDA    CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS,Y
          STA    PTR2
          LDA    CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2,Y
          STA    PTR2+1                      ; PTR2 <- CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR2_ + PLAYER.

          LDY    PLAYER_COL
          LDA    (PTR2),Y
          CMP    #$07                      ; Gold
          BNE    .end

          LSR    $94
          DEC    GOLD_COUNT                ; GOLD_COUNT--

          LDY    PLAYER_ROW
          STY    GAME_ROWNUM
          LDY    PLAYER_COL
          STY    GAME_COLNUM
          LDA    #$00
          STA    (PTR2),Y
          JSR    DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2        ; Register and draw blank at player loc in PTR2

          LDY    PLAYER_ROW
          LDX    PLAYER_COL
          JSR    GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR
          LDA    #$07                      ; Gold
          JSR    DRAW_SPRITE_AT_PIXEL_COORDS ; Draw gold at player loc

          LDY    #$02
          LDA    #$50

```

```
JSR    ADD_AND_UPDATE_SCORE          ; SCORE += 250
JSR    LOAD_SOUND_DATA
HEX     07 45 06 55 05 44 04 54 03 43 02 53 00
```

```
.end:
```

```
RTS
```

Uses ADD_AND_UPDATE_SCORE 45, CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS 54a, CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2 54a, DRAW_SPRITE_AT_PIXEL_COORDS 36, DRAW_SPRITE_PAGE2 33, GAME_COLNUM 32a, GAME_ROWNUM 32a, GET_SCREEN_COORDS_FOR 29a, GOLD_COUNT 55a, LOAD_SOUND_DATA 49, PLAYER_COL 55a, PLAYER_ROW 55a, PLAYER_X_ADJ 58b, PLAYER_Y_ADJ 58b, PTR2 54b, and SCORE 44b.

```

103  <move player 103>≡
      ORG      $64BD
      MOVE_PLAYER:
      SUBROUTINE

      LDA      #$01
      STA      $94                ; $94 = 1
      LDA      $9C
      BEQ      .data_9C_zero      ; If $9C == 0
      BPL      .data_9C_positive_ ; If $9C < 0x80
      JMP      $67E7              ; Otherwise (if $9C >= 0x80)

.data_9C_positive_:
      JMP      data_9C_positive

.data_9C_zero:
      LDY      PLAYER_ROW
      LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS,Y
      STA      PTR2
      LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2,Y
      STA      PTR2+1              ; PTR2 <- CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR2_ + PLAYER_ROW

      LDY      PLAYER_COL
      LDA      (PTR2),Y
      CMP      #$03
      BEQ      .sprite_is_ladder_ ; ladder at phantom location?
      CMP      #$04
      BEQ      .sprite_is_pole    ; pole at phantom location?
      LDA      PLAYER_Y_ADJ
      CMP      #$02
      BEQ      .sprite_is_ladder_ ; player at exact sprite row?

      ; player is not on exact sprite row, fallthrough.

.sprite_is_pole:
      LDA      PLAYER_Y_ADJ
      CMP      #$02
      BCC      .player_moving_up  ; player to the left of sprite row?
      LDY      PLAYER_ROW
      CPY      #$0F
      BEQ      .sprite_is_ladder_ ; player exactly sprite row 15?

      LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS+1,Y
      STA      PTR1
      STA      PTR2
      LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES+1,Y
      STA      PTR1+1              ; PTR1 = CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_ + Y
      LDA      CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2+1,Y
      STA      PTR2+1              ; PTR2 = CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR2_ + Y

```

```

LDY    PLAYER_COL
LDA     (PTR1),Y
CMP     #$00                      ; Empty
BEQ     .player_moving_up
CMP     #$08                      ; Guard
BEQ     .sprite_is_ladder_
LDA     (PTR2),Y
CMP     #$01                      ; Brick
BEQ     .sprite_is_ladder_
CMP     #$02                      ; Stone
BEQ     .sprite_is_ladder_
CMP     #$03                      ; Ladder
BNE     .player_moving_up

.sprite_is_ladder_:
JMP     .sprite_is_ladder

.player_moving_up:
LDA     #$00
STA     $9B                      ; $9B = 0
JSR     GET_SPRITE_AND_SCREEN_COORD_AT_PLAYER
; A = sprite number
; X = half screen col
; Y = screen row
JSR     DRAW_SPRITE_AT_PIXEL_COORDS

LDA     #$07                      ; Next anim state: player falling, facing left
LDX     PLAYER_FACING_DIRECTION
BMI     .player_facing_left
LDA     #$0F                      ; Next anim state: player falling, facing right
.player_facing_left:
STA     PLAYER_ANIM_STATE

JSR     $6C13

INC     PLAYER_Y_ADJ              ; Go down faster
LDA     PLAYER_Y_ADJ
CMP     #$05
BCS     .down_too_fast            ; PLAYER_Y_ADJ >= 5
JSR     CHECK_FOR_GOLD_PICKED_UP_BY_PLAYER
JMP     $6C02                    ; tailcall

.down_too_fast:
LDA     #$00
STA     PLAYER_Y_ADJ              ; Wrap around to move up???

LDY     PLAYER_ROW
LDA     CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS+1,Y
STA     PTR1
STA     PTR2

```



```

    LDA    CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES+1,Y
    STA    PTR1+1                      ; PTR1 = CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_ + PLAYER_ROW
    LDA    CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES2+1,Y
    STA    PTR2+1                      ; PTR2 = CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR2_ + PLAYER_ROW

    LDY    PLAYER_COL
    LDA    (PTR2),Y
    CMP    #$01                        ; Brick
    BNE    .move_down
    LDA    #$00                        ; Store empty sprite

.move_down:
    STA    (PTR1),Y
    INC    PLAYER_ROW                  ; Move down

    LDA    CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS+1,Y
    STA    PTR1
    LDA    CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES+1,Y
    STA    PTR1+1                      ; PTR1 = CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_ + PLAYER_ROW
    LDY    PLAYER_COL
    LDA    #$09                        ; player facing right
    STA    (PTR1),Y
    JMP    $6C02                      ; tailcall

.sprite_is_ladder:
    LDA    $9B
    BNE    .658f
    LDA    #$64
    LDX    #$08
    JSR    PLAY_NOTE

.658f:
    LDA    #$20
    STA    $A4
    STA    $9B
    JSR    $6A12
    LDA    $9E
    CMP    #$C9
    BNE    .65a4
    JSR    $66BD
    BCS    .65c2
    RTS

```

Defines:

MOVE_PLAYER, used in chunk 108a.

Uses CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_OFFSETS 54a, CURR_LEVEL_ROW_SPRITES_PTR_PAGES 54a,
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 PLAYER_COL 55a, PLAYER_ROW 55a, PLAYER_Y_ADJ 58b, PTR1 54b, and PTR2 54b.

6.4 Initialization

```

106  <Initialize game data 106>≡
      ORG      $6056

      .init_game_data:
          LDA      0
          STA      SCORE
          STA      SCORE+1
          STA      SCORE+2
          STA      SCORE+3
          STA      $97
          STA      WIPE_MODE          ; WIPE_MODE = SCORE = $97 = 0
          STA      $53
          STA      $AB
          STA      $A8                ; $53 = $AB = $A8 = 0
          LDA      #$9b              ; 155
          STA      $A9                ; $A9 = 155
          LDA      5
          STA      LIVES              ; LIVES = 5
          LDA      PREGAME_MODE
          LSR
          ; if PREGAME_MODE was 0 or 1 (i.e. not displaying high score screen),
          ; play the game.
          BEQ      .put_status_and_start_game

          ; We were displaying the high score screen
          LDA      1
          JSR      $6359
          CMP      #$00
          BNE      .6086
          JSR      $8106
          JMP      $6008

      .6086:
          LDA      $1FFF
          BNE      .6091
          LDA      $36
          LDX      $37
          BNE      .6095

      .6091:
          LDA      $38
          LDX      $39

      .6095:
          STA      JMP_ADDR
          STX      JMP_ADDR+1

      .put_status_and_start_game:

```

```

        JSR     PUT_STATUS
        STA     TXTPAGE1

```

Uses LIVES 46, PREGAME_MODE 80d, SCORE 44b, TXTPAGE1 94b, and WIPE_MODE 62.

107 \langle start game 107 $\rangle \equiv$

```

        ORG     $609F

```

```

.start_game:

```

```

        LDX     #$01
        JSR     LOAD_LEVEL
        LDA     #$00
        STA     $9E
        STA     $9F
        LDA     PREGAME_MODE
        LSR
        ; if PREGAME_MODE was 0 or 1 (i.e. not displaying high score screen),
        ; play the game.
        BEQ     .play_game

```

```

        ; When PREGAME_MODE is 2:

```

```

        JSR     $869F
        LDA     PLAYER_COL
        STA     GAME_COLNUM
        LDA     PLAYER_ROW
        STA     GAME_ROWNUM
        LDA     #$09
        JSR     $8700

```

```

.play_game:

```

```

        LDX     #$00
        STX     $9C
        STX     NOTE_INDEX

        LDA     $97
        CLC
        ADC     GUARD_COUNT      ; GUARD_COUNT + $97 can't be greater than 8.
        TAY
        LDX     TIMES_3_TABLE,Y  ; X = 3 * Y
        LDA     $6CA7,X
        STA     $60
        LDA     $6CA8,X
        STA     $61
        LDA     $6CA9,X
        STA     $62

        LDY     $97
        LDA     $621D,Y
        STA     $5F

```

Uses GAME_COLNUM 32a, GAME_ROWNUM 32a, GUARD_COUNT 55a, LOAD_LEVEL 82c, NOTE_INDEX 48, PLAYER_COL 55a, PLAYER_ROW 55a, PREGAME_MODE 80d, and TIMES_3_TABLE 108b.

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(109b) $\triangleleft 99b$

```

<tables 7>+=
    ORG      $6214
    TIMES_3_TABLE:
    HEX      00 03 06 09 0C 0F 12 15 18

```

TIMES_3_TABLE, used in chunk 107.

Chapter 7

The whole thing

We then put together the entire assembly file:

```
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      ; However, since each section should start with ORG, it should not be
      ; necessary.
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      ; Graphics routines
      < level draw routine 53>
      < splash screen 92>
      < construct and display high score screen 87b>
      < iris wipe 63>
      < iris wipe step 67>
      < draw wipe step 69a>
      < draw wipe block 73a>

      ; Sound routines
      < load sound data 49>
      < sound delay 51a>
      < play note 50b>
      < play sound 52>

109b  < * 109b> ≡
      PROCESSOR 6502
      < defines 3>
      < tables 7>
      < routines 4>
```

Chapter 8

Defined Chunks

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 $\langle \text{WIPE10} = (\text{WIPE_CENTER_X} + \text{WIPE_COUNTER}) / 7$ 76b) [67](#), [76b](#)
 $\langle \text{WIPE2} += 4 * (\text{WIPE1} - \text{WIPE0}) + 16$ 78a) [68](#), [78a](#)
 $\langle \text{WIPE2} += 4 * \text{WIPE1} + 6$ 77) [68](#), [77](#)
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 $\langle \text{WIPE2} = 3 - \text{WIPE2}$ 75a) [67](#), [75a](#)
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 $\langle \text{WIPE4} = \text{WIPE5} = \text{WIPE_CENTER_Y}$ 75c) [67](#), [75c](#)
 $\langle \text{WIPE6} = \text{WIPE_CENTER_Y} + \text{WIPE_COUNTER}$ 75d) [67](#), [75d](#)
 $\langle \text{WIPE7} = (\text{WIPE_CENTER_X} - \text{WIPE_COUNTER}) / 7$ 75e) [67](#), [75e](#)
 $\langle \text{WIPE8} = \text{WIPE9} = \text{WIPE_CENTER_X} / 7$ 76a) [67](#), [76a](#)
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 $\langle \text{check game mode}$ 98b) [98b](#)
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