

Number of characters of field entry displayed

■ **T**(ype)

A Alphanumeric characters
T Text characters
N Numbers only
D European dates only (ie D/M/Y)
M American dates only (ie M/D/Y)

■ **S**croll()

Y Entries can scroll in column
N Entries cannot scroll

Alphanumeric and text scroll by default; dates and numbers do not

■ **D**(ecimal places)

Blank Numbers displayed as entered
n Number of decimal places to which numbers
 displayed

■ **L**ow limit

Lowest value accepted in field

■ **H**igh limit

Highest value accepted in field

■ **I**(ndex)

N No index is maintained for this field
Y Updateable index maintained for this field
R Read-only index can exist for this field

■ **K**ey width)

Number of characters of each entry stored in index; essential if I=Y or R

■ **I**ndex name

Name of index file; essential if I=Y or R

■ **P**rompt

Message displayed on line 3; if left blank, field name displayed

■ **V**alue list

List of permitted entries in field

Database header entries

■ **T**itle

Title shown at top of data display

■ **D**isplay mode

S Database shown in spreadsheet display when
 first loaded
C Database shown in card display when first
 loaded

■ **R**ecord size

Blank 20 extra bytes of disc space saved for each record
+n n extra bytes of disc space saved for each record
n Exactly n bytes of disc space saved for each
 record

■ **O**rder field

Blank Database ordered by entry when first loaded
Field name Database ordered by this field when first loaded

■ **S**creen mode

Blank Database displayed in current screen mode
n Database displayed in screen mode n

Layout editor key command

COPY Mark or move field

Wildcards

? matches any single character
* matches any number of characters (including
 none)

Both ? and * can be used to match field entries

ACORNSOFT

**A database manager
for the BBC Microcomputer**

VIEWSTORE

Reference Card

Starting ViewStore

To enter ViewStore from VIEW, ViewSheet, BASIC or another language, type ***STORE** and press **RETURN**

Command screen commands

(Minimum abbreviations shown in brackets)

*BASIC (*B.)	Switches computer to BASIC
CAT (.)	Displays files on current drive
*DELETE filename (*DE.)	Deletes the specified file
ESCAPE	Switches between the command screen and the data screen
LIST (LI)	Lists the field names of the currently loaded database
LOAD filename (L)	Loads the database <i>D.filename</i> and the format file <i>F.filename</i>
LOAD datafile formatfile	Loads the database file <i>D.datafile</i> and the format file <i>F.formatfile</i>
LF filename	Loads the format file <i>F.filename</i>
MODE number (M)	Switches to the specified screen mode
NEW	Closes all files and reinitialises ViewStore
PREFIX (PRE)	Displays the currently set prefixes
PREFIX letter text	Sets the prefix for the file type specified by the letter to <i>text</i>
PRINTER filename (PRINTE)	Loads a printer driver from the specified file
SF filename	Saves the current format in file <i>F.filename</i>
*SHEET (*SHE.)	Switches computer to ViewSheet
*SPELL (*SPE.)	Switches computer to ViewSpell
UTILITY utilityname (U)	Enables you to run the named utility
*WORD (*W.)	Switches computer to VIEW

Note that filing system commands such as ***COPY** and ***COMPACT** and operating system commands such as ***TV** and ***FX** can all be used in the command screen.

Utilities

CONVERT	Builds a new database from the current database
INDEX	Builds a new index for the current database
LABEL	Creates a label for each record you select from the current database or from a select file
LINK	Creates a ViewSheet linking file with an entry for each record you select from the current database or from a select file
MACRO	Creates a VIEW macro call for each record you select from the current database or from a select file

REPORT

Creates a report with an entry for each record you select from the current database or from a select file

SELECT

Selects, sorts and lists records from the current database

SETUP

Creates new database, format and index files or a report definition file

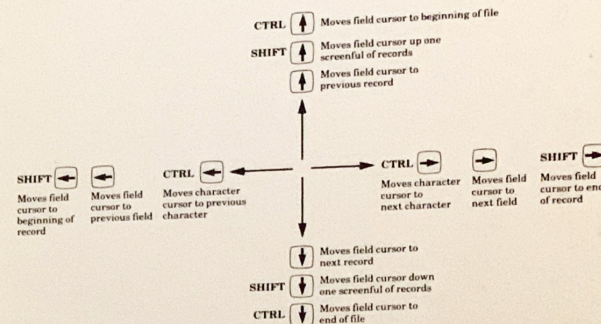
Function keys

F1 DATA	Switches to the data screen
SHIFT F1 CARD LAYOUT	Switches to card layout editor
F1 RECORD FORMAT	Switches to record format
SHIFT F1 DATABASE HEADER	Switches to database header
F2 CHANGE DISPLAY	Switches between spreadsheet display and card display
SHIFT F2 CURSOR LOCK	Switches off/on locking of cursor to same field when moving between records
F3 DELETE END OF FIELD	Deletes all characters from character cursor position to end of current field
F4 BEGINNING OF FIELD	Moves character cursor to beginning of current field
F5 END OF FIELD	Moves character cursor to end of current field
F6 INDEX FIELD	Displays records indexed by selected field
F7 LOCATE	Searches the records in the order of the current index to locate the specified entry. If the specified entry does not exist the search stops on the next entry
F8 INSERT CHARACTER	Inserts a character space at the character cursor position
F9 DELETE CHARACTER	Deletes character at character cursor position
SHIFT F9 DELETE RECORD	Deletes record at field cursor position

Cursor movement

→
SHIFT →
CTRL →
←
SHIFT ←
CTRL ←
↓
SHIFT ↓
CTRL ↓
↑
SHIFT ↑
CTRL ↑

Moves field cursor to next field
Moves field cursor to end of record
Moves character cursor to next character
Moves field cursor to previous field
Moves field cursor to beginning of record
Moves character cursor to previous character
Moves field cursor to next record
Moves field cursor down one screenful of records
Moves field cursor to end of file
Moves field cursor up one screenful of records
Moves field cursor to beginning of file



Other data screen key commands

DELETE	Deletes character to left of character cursor
ESCAPE	Switches between data screen and command screen

Data display flags

L	Field cursor is locked to current field when moving to another record
U	Field cursor is unlocked, ie returns to field 1 when moving to another record
Space	Number of bytes remaining to type in the current record

Record format entries

Note that in the record format and database header sections, the default values are shown first in each case

■ **Field name**

Name displayed at the top of the field in the spreadsheet display and the left of the field in the card display

■ **Width**