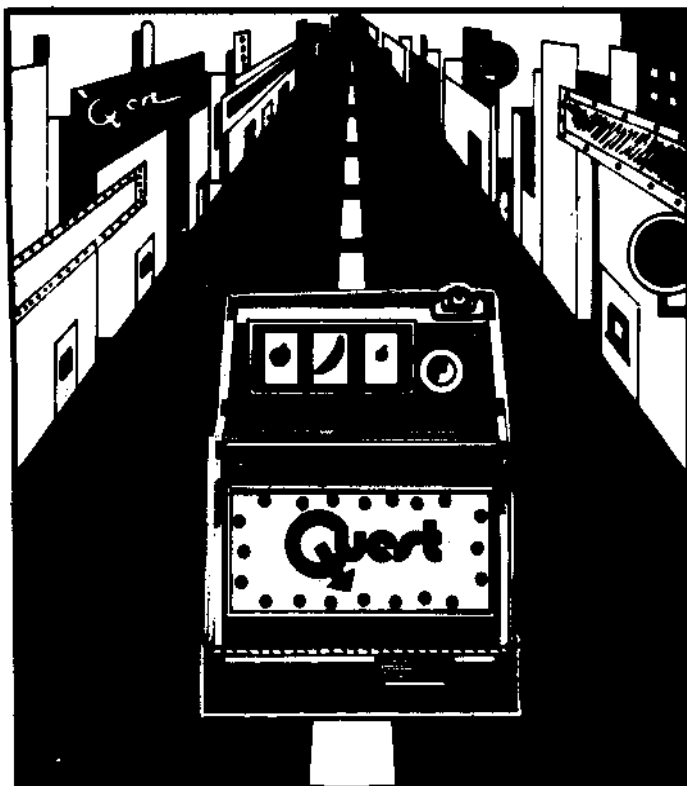


ONE-ARMED BANDIT

by
L. Owen

This program is a game which I call "One-Armed Bandit". It was conceived after I had built my own home-brew 1802 system, and had to answer the inevitable question, "But, what does it do?". Through various rewrites, it has matured to its present form, in which it will run on the basic Super Elf with only 256 bytes of memory. It will also run on expanded memory systems, as long as it is not entered with R2 as the program counter. Note that any loading errors beyond address XX20 hex may be corrected using the Super Elf's basic monitor, even though the program starts at the beginning of the page. Also, experimentation with the tone sequences is facilitated by this feature.

This game is modeled after the infamous slot machine, which, when its handle is pulled, spins some dials, with the object being to match up two or more of the dials. This "round" of play costs the player a specific amount of money to play. As the Elf has only two digits which are easily controllable, the game will allow three pulls of the crank (Input switch depressions) before charging the player. Each "pull" spins one dial at a time, with the first being the "A"pples dial, the second being the "B"ananas dial, and the third being the "C"herries dial. These three pulls constitute one round of play, which costs one point to play. The game starts the player off with three points, and calculates and displays the new score after every round of play. Points are added for every match found amongst the dial spins, and also if any of the spins match certain "secret" internal numbers. The game continues until the score drops to zero, or climbs to ten. In the first case, the display will show FF for Ffoowy, and a "Lose Tune" will be played. In the event of a win, the display will show BB for Beat the Bank, and a "Win Tune" will be played. In both cases, a new game may be started by depressing the Input switch again.



Also, when the dials spin, they go through the sequence 0,1,—8,9,0,1,etc., and a beep sound is generated for each increment. This action occurs when the Input switch is pressed, and stops when the switch is released.

The sound effects are produced using a music program which was published in Popular Electronics, and which I rewrote in the form of a subroutine. To allow experimenting with the tunes, I am including the following table:

These notes are not exact, as they were originally calculated for a system running at 2MHz. However, they are adequate for this program and for experimenting.

At any rate, my family, friends, and I have had a great deal of fun with this program. I hope that your readers will too.

One-Armed Bandit Table

Note	1/4 Duration	1/2 Dur.	1 Dur.	2 Dur.	Pitch
D	24	49	93	--	12
C#	22	45	88	--	14
C	20	41	83	--	15
B	1E	3D	7B	F6	17
A#	10	3A	75	EA	19
A	1B	37	6E	DC	1B
G#	1A	34	68	DO	1D
G	18	31	62	C4	1F
F#	17	2E	5D	BB	22
F	15	2B	57	AE	24
E	14	29	52	A4	27
D#	13	27	4E	9C	2A
D	12	24	49	92	2D
C#	11	22	45	8A	30
C	10	20	41	82	33
B	0F	1F	3E	7C	37
A#	0E	1D	3A	74	3B
A	0D	1B	37	6E	3F
G#	0D	1A	34	68	43
G	0C	1B	31	62	47
Rest	0B	16	2D	5A	C0 to FF

MUSIC TO MARCH BY

by
Dan Van Dyke

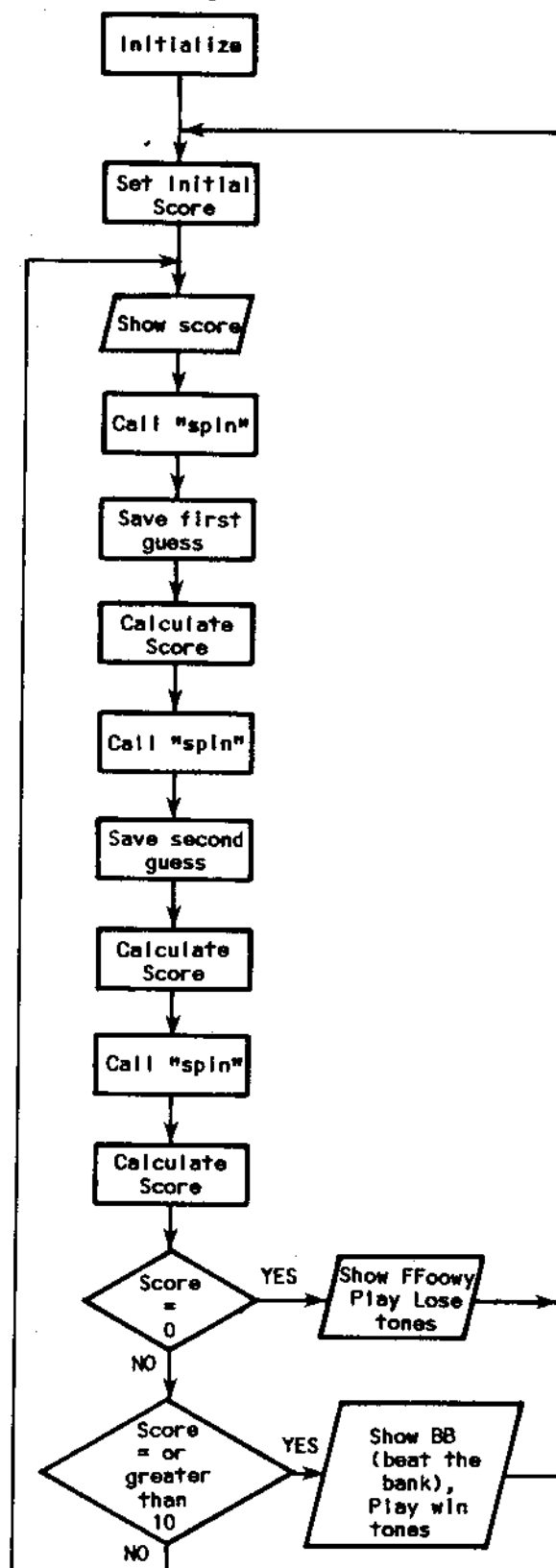
This program is designed to run on a basic Super Elf (256 bytes). The following program uses all of the available 1/4K or RAM and also Paul C. Moews music generator "Music Algorithm" program which appeared in Questdata Volume 1, Issue 10, page 6. The "Music Algorithm" must be loaded into location 00 thru location 2F. Be sure to put 23 into location 0001! The table of music (which is "When the Saints go Marching In") starts at location 30 and ends at location 98.

ADDR	CODE	ADDR	CODE
0030	68 01 42	006C	68 01 83
0033	55 01 52	006F	68 01 41
0036	50 01 57	0072	55 01 A5
0039	47 02 27	0075	47 01 C5
003C	68 01 41	0078	47 01 62
003F	55 01 52	007B	50 02 06
0042	50 01 57	007E	55 01 52
0045	47 02 27	0081	50 01 57
0048	68 01 41	0084	47 01 C5
004B	55 01 52	0087	55 01 A5
004E	50 01 57	008A	68 01 83
0051	47 01 C5	008D	5F 01 93
0054	55 01 A5	0090	68 01 C4
0057	68 01 83	0093	00 01 1B
005A	55 01 A5	0096	68 01 41
005D	5F 01 D0		
0060	55 01 52		
0063	55 01 52		
0066	5F 01 4A		
0069	68 01 4A		

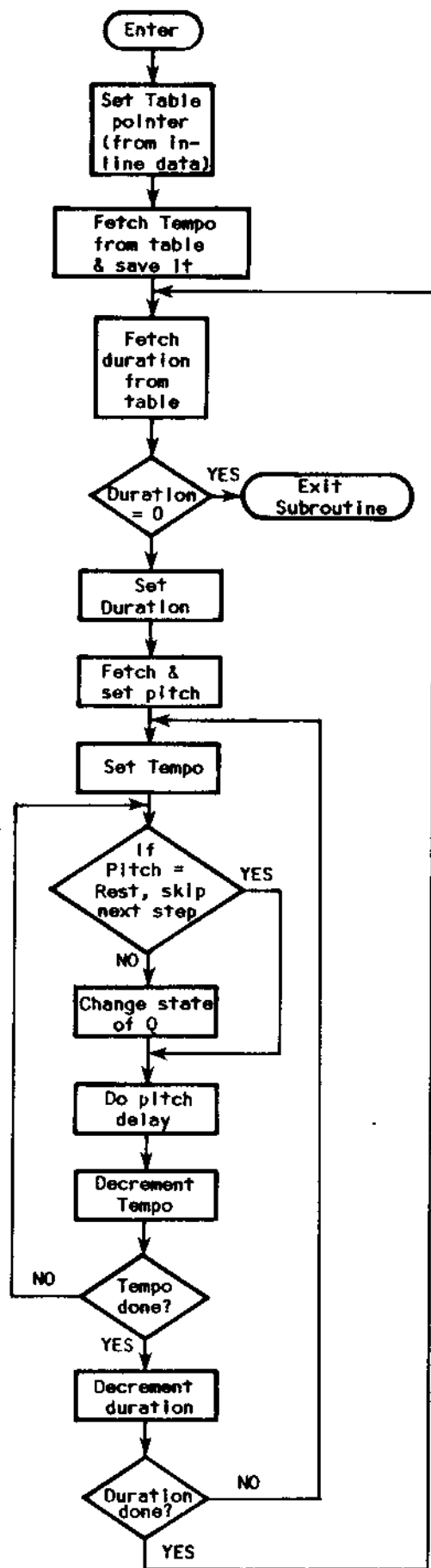
*0099-00FF
00 00 00

*This is done so unwanted tones will not be generated.

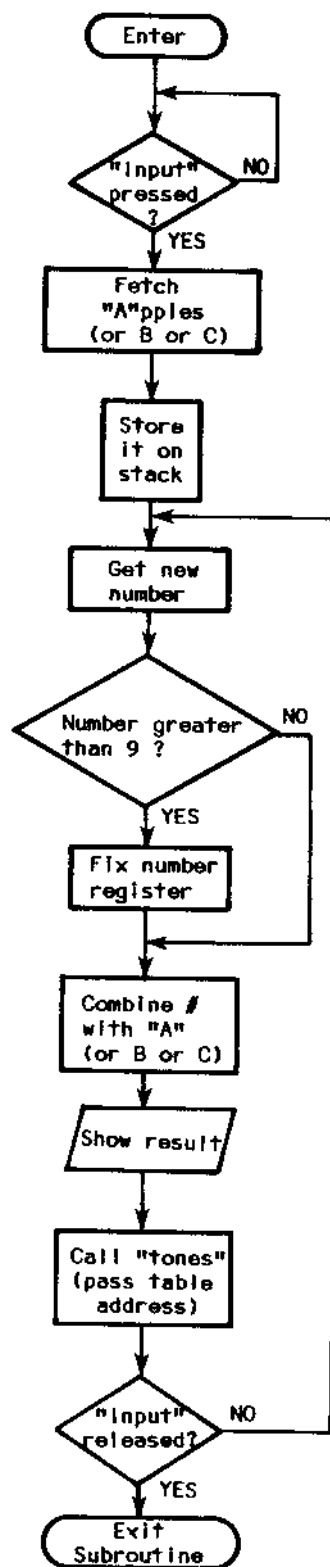
Main Program



Sub. "tones"



Sub. "spin"



ADDR	CODE	LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENT	ADDR	CODE	LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENT
0000	F8 00		LDI R0		Set hi byte of registers	0057	79		MARK		
0002	B2		PHI R2			0058	D5		SEP R5		
0003	B3		PHI R3			0059	B8				(address of "Lose" tune)
0004	B4		PHI R4								
0005	B5		PHI R5			005A	22	14	DEC R2		
0006	B6		PHI R6			005B	3F 5B	10	BN4 to 10		Wait for input to be pressed & released
0007	F8 FF		LDI FF		Set stack pointer						
0009	A2		PLO R2			005D	37 5D	11	B4 to 11		
000A	E2		SEX R2			005F	30 15		BR to 12		Go start a new game
000B	F8 0F		LDI 0F		Set main program counter						
000D	A3		PLO R3			0061	FF 0A	9	SMI 0A		If score less than 10, continue game
000E	D3		SEP R3								
000F	F8 98		LDI 98		Set "Spin" program counter	0063	3B 18		BL to 13		
0011	A4		PLO R4			0065	F8 BB		LDI BB		Score is 10 or more, so show BB (Beat the Bank), play "Win" tune, and go start a new game
0012	F8 73		LDI 73		Set "Tones" program counter						
0014	A5		PLO R5			0067	52		STR R2		
0015	F8 03	12	LDI 03		Set initial score	0068	64		OUT 4		
0017	AB		PLO RB								
0018	8B	13	GLO RB		Show the score	0069	22		DEC R2		
0019	52		STR R2			006A	79		MARK		
001A	64		OUT 4			006B	D5		SEP R5		
001B	22		DEC R2			006C	C2				(address of "Win" tune)
001C	D4		SEP R4		Call "Spin"						
001D	A0				"Apples data						
001E	8A		GLO RA		Save 1st number	006D	30 5A		BR to 14		
001F	38		SKP		(Skip over monitor's stack)						
0020	38										
0021	AC		PLO RC								
0022	FB 03		XORI 03		Add 1 to score if 1st guess = 3						
0024	3A 27		BNZ to 1								
0026	1B		INC RB								
0027	D4	1	SEP R4		Call "Spin"						
0028	B0				"Bananas data						
0029	8A		GLO RA		Save 2nd guess						
002A	BC		PHI RC								
002B	FB 07		XORI 07		Add 1 to score if 2nd guess = 7						
002D	3A 30		BNZ to 2								
002F	1B		INC RB								
0030	D4	2	SEP R4		Call "Spin"						
0031	C0				"Cherries data						
0032	8A		GLO RA		Save 3rd guess						
0033	52		STR R2								
0034	FB 09		XORI 09		Add 1 to score if 3rd guess=9						
0036	3A 39		BNZ to 3								
0038	1B		INC RB								
0039	8C	3	GLO RC		Add 1 to score if 1st guess=3rd						
003A	F3		XOR								
003B	3A 3E		BNZ to 4								
003D	1B		INC RB								
003E	9C	4	GHI RC		Add 1 to score if 2nd guess = 3rd						
003F	F3		XOR								
0040	3A 43		BNZ to 5								
0042	1B		INC RB								
0043	96	5	GHI RC		Add 1 to score if 1st guess = 2nd						
0044	52		STR R2								
0045	8C		GLO RC								
0046	F3		XOR								
0047	3A 4A		BNZ to 6								
0049	1B		INC RB								
004A	2B	6	DEC RB		Subtract 1 from score(can't play free)						
004B	3F 4B	7	BN4 to 7		Wait for input to be pressed & released						
004D	37 4D	8	B4 to 8								
004F	8B		GLO RB		if score=0, show FFoowwy and play "Lose" tune						
0050	3A 61		BNZ to 9								
0052	F8 FF		LDI FF								
0054	52		STR R2								
0055	64		OUT 4								
0056	22		DEC R2								

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
0097	D3	Exit	SEP	R3	Return from sub-routine
0098	3F 98	Enter	BN4	to Enter	Wait for input to be pressed
009A	43		LDA	R3	Fetch "A"pples (or B or C) and save on stack
009B	52		STR	R2	Fetch new number
009C	1A	20	INC	RA	
009D	8A		GLO	RA	
009E	FD 09		SDI	09	If greater than 9, fix it
00A0	33 A5		BGE	to 19	
00A2	F8 00		LDI	00	
00A4	AA		PLO	RA	
00A5	8A	19	GLO	RA	Combine it with "A" (or B or C)
00A6	F1		OR		
00A7	22		DEC	R2	Show result
00A8	52		STR	R2	
00A9	64		OUT	4	
00AA	22		DEC	R2	
00AB	79		MARK		Call sub. "Tones"
00AC	D5		SEP	R5	
00AD	B2				(address of "Spin" tune)
00AE	37 9C		B4	to 20	If input not released, continue
00B0	30 97		BR	to Exit	Else return from subroutine

Table of Tones

Spin Tones	Tempo
00B2 01	Duration and Pitch
00B3 08 27	Duration and Pitch
00B5 14 C0	End of sequence
00B7 00	

Registers Used:

P=3	5=Call Tones
X=2	6=Used
2=SP	A.0=First number
3=PC	B.0=Score
4=Call Spin	C=numbers

Lose Tones

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
00B8	08				Tempo
00B9	31 1F				Duration and Pitch
00BB	29 27				Duration and Pitch
00BD	20 33				Duration and Pitch
00BF	62 47				Duration and Pitch
00C1	00				End of sequence

Win Tones

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
00C2	08				Tempo
00C3	1E 17				Duration and Pitch
00C5	49 12				Duration and Pitch
00C7	1E 17				Duration and Pitch
00C9	18 1F				Duration and Pitch
00CB	15 24				Duration and Pitch
00CD	18 1F				Duration and Pitch
00CF	52 1B				Duration and Pitch
00D1	49 1F				Duration and Pitch
00D3	00				End of Sequence

0000	F800	B2B3	B4B5	B6F8	FFA2	E2F8	0FA3	D3F8
0010	98A4	F873	A5F8	03AB	8B52	6422	D4A0	8A38
0020	38AC	FB03	3A27	1BD4	B08A	BCF8	073A	301B
0030	D4C0	8A52	FB09	3A39	1B8C	F33A	3E1B	9CF3
0040	3A43	1B96	528C	F33A	4A1B	2B3F	4B37	4D8B
0050	3A61	F8FF	5264	2279	D5B8	223F	5B37	5D30
0060	15FF	0A3B	18F8	8B52	6422	79D5	C230	5A7A
0070	E212	7072	A646	B746	C630	6FA8	46A9	97A7
0080	89FC	40CF	CD7B	387A	89FF	013A	8927	873A
0090	8028	883A	7E30	77D3	3F98	4352	1A8A	FD09
00A0	33A5	F800	AA8A	F122	5264	2279	D5B2	379C
00B0	3097	0108	2714	C000	0831	1F29	2720	3362
00C0	4700	081E	1749	121E	1718	1F15	2418	1F52
00D0	1B49	1F00						

I/O Table:

Q-Line for sound
EF4 for "I"
IN4 for Hex keyboard

ESP

by
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Many QUESTDATA readers who want an ESP game to test their powers of paranormal preception without the necessity of a second player may find this program entertaining. Unlike the ESP test of QUESTDATA #12, the only players here are you and your Elf.

The program will run on basic or expanded Elf systems. I loaded the program for debugging purposes at Hex 0000, then moved it without modification to the page of memory beginning at Hex 0F00 and it worked fine.

Locations 000C-0029 provide the program key. Register F is continuously incremented until you push the input button. At that time the Elf will "guess" its number by retrieving Reg. E0 and shifting the byte right six places, thus "selecting" a number from 0-3 (varying the number of shift instructions will, of course, change the size of the highest number chosen) and storing it in Reg. E0. You then select the number you think Elf chose and enter it as a byte (00 to 03), and press and release "I".

If your selection matches Elf's, the Q light comes on and "AA" is displayed. Press the input button again and the current number of guesses is displayed and the Elf is ready to "select" its next secret number.

If your number fails to match, Elf will display "EE" and then wait for you to press the input key twice to go back and get another number. Then enter your next guess.

At the end of each run of ten numbers, the Elf will display "10" and wait for the input button to be pressed. Once pressed, it displays how many matches you've made out of the last ten tries and starts all over again.

Register assignments are simple: Register C keeps up with the number of matches you make; Register D is used to tally the total number of turns taken; Register E stores the Elf's number; and Register F is used as part of the pseudo-random number generating mechanism set up by the code in locations 000C—0018.

Do you have ESP? Blind luck should get you an average of 2 or 3 matches out of each run of 10. If you get any more than that, buy yourself a turban and start reading fortunes for a fee.

Registers Used:

X=4
P=0
4=Stack Pointer
C=Work Space
D=Number of Guesses
E=Work Space

ADDR CODE	COMMENT
0000 E4 F8 A0 A4	Register 4.0 is stack pointer
0004 F8 00 AC BC	Initialize working registers
0008 AD BD AE BE	Increment Reg. F until
000C 1F	INPUT pressed
000D 3F 0C 37 0F	Get 10 byte Reg. F
0011 8F	Shift it left six places for number between 0-3
0012 F6 F6 F6 F6	Store it in Reg. E.0.
0016 F6 F6	Display "00" as ready signal
0018 AE	Is INPUT pressed?
0019 F8 00 54 64	Get byte and store it
001D 3F 1D 37 1F	Retrieve Elf's "random" # and XOR it with player's number
0021 6C 54	Is D greater than 0? Then skip..
0023 8E F3	If D is 0, then jump for match
0025 C6	If D not 0, go to Loc. 0050
0026 30 30	Increment Reg. C and tell player
0028 30 50	He got one right..
0030 1C	Turn on "Q", too..
0031 F8 AA 54 64	Wait for INPUT to be pressed, then turn off "Q"
0035 7B	Increment turns Register and shows it
0036 3F 36 37 38	Is it 10 Turns yet?
003A 7A	If D is 0, then skip
003B 1D 8D 54 64	If D not 0, go for another turn
003F FB 0A	
0041 CE	
0042 30 0C	

ADDR CODE	COMMENT
0044 30 5F	Else go to end run routine
0050 1D	Increment turns register
0051 F8 EE 54 64	Show that guess was wrong then wait for INPUT to be pressed
0055 3F 55 37 57	Get total number of turns
0059 8D	Is it "10" turns
005A FB 0A	If so, skip
005C CE	If not, go for another turn
005D 30 0C	Else, load "10" and show it
005F F8 10 54 64	Has input been pressed?
0063 3F 63 37 65	Now show total matches out of 10
0067 8C 54 64	Then start all over again
006A 30 00	

0000	E4F8	AOA4	F800	ACBC	ADBD	AEBE	1F3F	0C37
0010	0F8F	F6F6	F6F6	F6F6	AEF8	0054	643F	1D37
0020	1F6C	548E	F3C6	3030	3050	0000	0000	0000
0030	1CF8	AA54	647B	3F36	3738	7A1D	8D54	64F8
0040	0ACE	300C	305F	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
0050	1DF8	EE54	643F	5537	578D	F80A	CE30	0CF8
0060	1054	643F	6337	658C	5464	3000		

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PSEUDORANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR WITH DIGITAL SOUND

by
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A random number generator can be a pretty tricky programmer's problem when outside signals cannot be relied upon (such as the pressing of an input switch), when numbers are needed in a hurry, or when several thousand numbers are needed in a few milliseconds. A pseudo-random number generator can come pretty close to fulfilling such exotic needs. While it does not produce truly random numbers, it can spew out a string of over 32,000 15-bit numbers that are non-repetitive. The following routine makes use of an idea from Don Lancaster's book, "CMOS Cookbook". Basically, it is a 15 stage shift register with the output of the last two registers exclusive-ored and fed back to the first stage. The program could easily be modified to a 22 stage shift register with feedback provided in the same way. Such a generator would have a sequence length of over 4 million!

This pseudorandom number generator (PNG) has the advantage of simplicity: the 15 stage shift register version requires one scratchpad register, shares the stack of the main program, and can be written in only 12 bytes. The only restriction is that the initial contents of the scratchpad register must be non-zero.

Assuming that R(2) is non-zero, and that a stack (with R(1) as pointer) has been already set up, the program looks like this:

```

92 FE 51 FE  Last 2 bits X-ORed together
F3 FE      shifted into DF
82 7E A2    DF shifted into 1st 8 bits
92 7E B2    Carry bit shifted into last
              7 bits

```

R(2) contains the pseudorandom number.

One obvious use of a PRG is in computer music—the possibilities are endless. To facilitate rapid writing of programs, I have written four subroutines that carry out the functions of register initialization, PNG, note length calculation (essentially a division routine), and tone production.

A basic program which produces a series of random tones of equal length is:

```

00 30 90
02 DA DB DC
05 30 02

```

The purpose of the note length calculator is to tell the tone producer the number of cycles to run, so that each tone is of the same length.

So that you can write your own modifications, here is a summary of the scratchpad registers used:

- 0 main program
- 1 stack pointer
- 2 shift register for PNG
- 3 duplicates 2
- 4 tone length (calculated in note length calculator)
- 5 used as a time delay counter, re-freshed from 3 (used in the tone producer routine)
- A used to call the PNG
- B used to call the note length calculator
- C used to call the tone producer

Here are some ideas for new variations. To increase the tone length, shift left the contents of R(4): 84 7E A4 94 7E B4.

The range of tones may be restricted with an AND immediate: 83 FA 0F A3 ("OF" may be any value).

The note length calculator routine may be used to calculate new pitches from the PNG:

```

00 30 90
02 DA DB
04 84 A3 DB
07 DC
08 30 02

```

(This one was for those who thought the original program was prejudiced in favor of the lower-pitched tones.)

Here's how to produce an unsteady tone: a steady tone routine looks like this—30 90 F8 40 A3 F8 01 A4 DC 30 02. We have bypassed the A & B routines and have specified fixed values in their place. Now if we use the PNC to modify the specified note value by changing only the least significant bit, the result is a note that varies slightly in pitch in a random fashion: 30 90 DA 83 F6 F8 20 7E A3 F8 01 A4 DC 30 02.

The following program sounds like the 1802 has laryngitis. You might want to figure out how it works—it makes use of several modifications already mentioned.

```
00 30 90
02 DA 83 F6 87 7E A3 F8 02 A4
0B DC
0C 26 86 3A 02
10 DA 83 FA 1E A7 A3
16 DB 84 7E A6 94 7E B6
1D 30 02
```

White noise can be made by changing Q according to the value of the least significant bit of R(3): 30 90 DA 83 F6 CF 7A 38 7B 30 02. If you're into novel sound effects, here's a realistic "choo-choo train": 30 90 F8 FF AF DA 83 F6 CF 7A 38 7B 2F 8F 3A 05 F8 0A BF 2F 9F 3A 13 30 02.

The frequency range of the white noise generator can be reduced by inserting a time delay before a new number is calculated. In this program, depressing the input switch (EF4) sounds like a low-pass filter has been added: 30 90 DA 83 F6 CF 7A 38 7B 3F 02 C4 C4 C4 C4 C4 C4 30 02. The volume can be decreased by increasing the time the Q is off: 30 90 DA F8 FF AF 83 7E CF 7A 38 7B 3F 02 7A 30 02.

Here's some final food for thought: this one produces a snake-like tone of slightly varying pitch and timbre: 30 90 DA F8 FF AF 83 7E CF 7A 38 7B A3 2F 8F 3A 06 30 02.

As you can see, the sound effects possible with a purely digital sound source (only one line) are endless. Applications are just as numerous; music, sound effects, and voice production are just a few.

Registers Used:
P=0
X=1
0=PC
1=Stack Pointer
2=Random #
3=Work
4=Used
5=Work
A=Call RND
B=Call LEN
C=Call

*****INITIALIZATION OF REGISTERS*****

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
0090	F8 00	INIT:	LDI	00	Initialize high bytes of
0092	B1		PHI	1	R1
0093	BA		PHI	A	RA
0094	8B		PHI	B	RB
0095	BC		PHI	C	RC
0096	F8 FF		LDI	FF	Initialize low byte of
0098	A1		PLO	1	R1
0099	E1		SEX	1	Make it the stack pointer
009A	F8 AA		LDI	AA	Initialize low byte of
009C	AA		PLO	A	RA so it points to RND.
009D	F8 BA		LDI	BA	
009F	AB		PLO	P	
00A0	F8		PHI	8	
00A1	DB		SEP	B	Call Note length calculator
00A2	AC		PLO	C	
00A3	82		GLO	2	
00A4	F9 01		ORI	01	
00A6	A2		PLO	2	
00A7	30 02		BR	02	Return to program.

*****PSEUDORANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR*****

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENT
00A9	D0	EXIT 1:	SEP	0	Return
00AA	92	RND:	GHI	2	
00AB	FE		SHL		
00AC	51		STR	1	
00AD	FE		SHL		
00AE	F3		XOR		
00AF	FE		SHL		
00B0	82		GLO	2	
00B1	7E		SHL	C	
00B2	A2		PLO	2	
00B3	A3		PLO	3	
00B4	92		GHI	2	
00B5	7E		SHLC		
00B6	B2		PHI	2	
00B7	30 A9		BR	EXIT 1:	

*****NOTE LENGTH CALCULATOR*****

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	OPCODE	OPERAND	COMMENTS
00B9	D0	EXIT2:	SEP	0	Return
00BA	83	LENCAL:	GLO	3	Prevent division by zero
00BB	32 D2		BZ	FIXIT	
00BD	F8 FF		LDI	FF	Prepare scratchpad
00BF	51		STR	1	
00C0	F8 00		LDI	00	Initialize register
00C2	A4		PLO	4	4.
00C3	B4		PHI	4	
00C4	83	LOOP1:	GLO	3	Division routine.
00C5	F5		SD		
00C6	51		STR	1	
00C7	14		INC	4	
00C8	33 C4		BDF	LOOP1	
00CA	84		GLO	4	Multiply by 2.
00CB	FE		SHL		
00CC	A4		PLO	4	(Shift R4 left)
00CD	94		GHI	4	
00CE	7E		SHLC		
00CF	B4		PHI	4	
00D0	30 B9		BR	EXIT2	Finished
00D2	F8 FF	FIXIT:	LDI	FF	
00D4	A4		PLO	4	
00D5	F8 01		LDI	01	
00D7	B4		PHI	4	
00D8	30 B9		BR	EXIT2	Finished


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*****TONE PRODUCER*****
ADDR CODE LABEL OPCODE OPERAND COMMENTS
00DA D0 EXIT3: SEP 0 Return
00DB 83 TONES: GLO 3
00DC A5 PLO 5
00DD 3A E1 BNZ LOOP2
00DF 30 EB BR CHECK
00E1 85 LOOP2: GLO 5 Kill time.
00E2 25 DEC 5
00E3 3A E1 BNZ LOOP 2
00E5 C5 LSNQ Complement Q.
00E6 7A REQ
00E7 38 SKP
00E8 7B SEQ
00E9 31 DB BQ TONES Continue if Q=1
00EB 24 CHECK DEC 4
00EC 94 GHI 4
00ED 3A DB BNZ TONES Continue if
00EF 84 GLO 4 R4 not = 00
00F0 3A DB BNZ TONES
00F2 30 DA BR EXIT 3 Finished

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0090 F800 B18A BBBC F8FF A1E1 F8AA AAF8 BAAB
00A0 F80B AC82 F901 A230 0200 92FE 51FE F3FE
00B0 827E A2A3 927E B230 A9D0 8332 D2F8 FF51
00C0 F800 A4B4 83F5 5114 33C4 84FE A494 7EB4
00D0 30B9 F8FF A4F8 01B4 30B9 D083 A53A E130
00E0 EB85 253A E1C5 7A38 7B31 DB24 943A DB84
00F0 3ADB 30DA

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ELFWRITER

by
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Elfwriter is a program that will let you write and display messages or other information on the T.V. screen with your Elf system. The displayed information can be saved on tape and then read back onto the screen for display or editing.

Elfwriter has these features:

1. The program will run on a basic Elf, as long as it has 1K of RAM and the 1861 video chip.
2. It is written for hex keyboard, but an ASCII keyboard could be used with only a few minor changes.
3. 16 characters per line are displayed with either 5 or 10 lines displayed at a time.
4. The basic program fits in 1/2K of RAM, so that all remaining memory (2 pages in a 1K system, 14 pages in 4K system) can be used for display.
5. There are some editing features: change display page up or down, erase line, erase display area, carriage return-line feed.
6. There is some unused space for adding features and special character patterns.

USING ELFWRITER

Load the program at 0000 - 01FF. When Reset, Run is pressed, Elfwriter is ready to use, with page 2 displayed (Pages 0 and 1 contain the program - Don't write onto them!). To clear the entire display area - all pages - enter "BB". To write, enter the ASCII code (20-5F) of the desired character and press Input key. Continue in this manner until you have written the desired information. At the end of a line, the program will begin writing at the beginning of the next line. When a page is full, the writing will begin at the top of the next page and the display will then show the new page.

To begin a new line, or to skip lines, enter "OD" (ASCII code for carriage return). To erase the current line, enter "EE" - a carriage return is automatic. To change the page being displayed press "OC" for the next higher page, or "DD" for the next lower page. To display messages after they are written, press Reset, Run and page 2 will be displayed.

A totally white screen means a non-existent page of memory is being displayed - go back (using DD) to a memory page that you can use. A display that does not show character patterns

that you have written means you are on page 0 or page 1 (which contain the program). DO NOT TRY TO WRITE ON THESE PAGES.

If you "get lost" and don't know which page you are on, pressing Reset, Run will put you on page 2 and no information will be lost. When pages are changed, the writing begins at the beginning of the top line. To space or skip over letters already written, use "20" (ASCII space) to skip over characters.

If using the 10 line display format, you may only write on the top 5 lines displayed. Change page to write on the other 5 lines. The display format can be changed from 5 to 10 lines at any time by changing byte 00D9 as indicated in the listing.

TRANSFER LOGIC

The program is basically an expanded version of the original T.V. Typewriter Jr. that fits in a basic 256 byte Elf, and uses much of the same logic. The program can be found in Elf of the Valley Newsletter - August 1978, or in more detail in Questdata #4.

The program stores portions of two characters in each byte. The 4 high bits store one character and the 4 low bits store the next character in sequence. Similarly, there are two characters displayed per byte across the screen to get 16 characters on a line of 8 bytes. In order to get the correct character and display it in the correct position, the Q line and E register are used as follows:

If Q=0 get high 4 bits If Q=1 get low 4 bits
If RE=0 display on high 4 bits
If RE=1 display on low 4 bits

These are tested and cause the program to proceed to the correct sequences:

Q	RE	Jump to
—	—	—
0	0	016A
0	1	0165
1	0	0179
1	1	0174

The use of the above information along with the memory map should make the logic easy to understand and the program easy to modify as desired.

Registers Used:

X=3
P=2
0=Display Page Pointer (Initially 0200)
1=Address of Video Interrupt Routine (00C3)
2=Stack pointer (00FF)
3=Main program pointer (0100)
6=Pointer to memory containing display page (00CB)
7=No. of bytes/line of characters - Used for erasing line (0028)
8=Counts erased bytes - for erasing display
9=No. of lines/character (0005)
A=Points to current byte in character being transferred
B=Points to first byte in character being transferred
C=No. of bytes/line (0008)
D=Points to first byte in current display position
E=Flag for transfer logic
F=Points to current byte in current display position

ADDR	CODE	COMMENT
0000	F8 00	Initialize registers
0002	A3 AE	
0004	B1 B2	
0006	B6 BA	
0008	BB BE	
000A	F8 01	
000C	B3 F8	
000E	02 B8	
0010	BD BF	
0012	56 F8	
0014	C3 A1	
0016	F8 FF	
0018	A2 F8	
001A	CB A6	
001C	30 C0	
001E	xx xx	
0020	02 55	Character Patterns (20-47 for
0022	75 22	ASCII 20-2F, 48-6F for ASCII
0024	22 22	30-3F, 70-97 for ASCII 40-4F,
0026	00 01	98-BF for ASCII 50-5F)
0028	02 07	
002A	61 22	
002C	41 72	
002E	00 01	
0030	02 05	
0032	72 70	
0034	41 27	
0036	07 02	
0038	00 07	
003A	34 20	
003C	41 02	
003E	20 04	
0040	02 05	
0042	75 20	
0044	22 02	
0046	40 24	
0048	72 77	
004A	57 77	
004C	77 00	
004E	10 47	
0050	52 11	
0052	54 41	
0054	55 22	
0056	27 21	
0058	52 77	
005A	77 71	
005C	77 00	
005E	40 12	

0060 52 41	00C0 D3 72	Video Interrupt Routine	0120 DD 32	
0062 11 51	00C2 70 22		0122 D0 F0	
0064 51 22	00C4 78 22		0124 FB EE	
0066 27 20	00C6 52 C4		0126 32 B8	
0068 72 77	00C8 C4 C4		0128 F0 FB	
006A 17 71	00CA F8 02		012A 0D 3A	
006C 77 04	00CC B0 F8		012C 40 8D	
006E 10 42	00CE 00 A0		012E FA F0	Carriage Return/Line Feed
0070 77 67	00D0 80 E2		0130 FC 30	
0072 67 77	00D2 E2 20		0132 AD 33	
0074 57 75	00D4 A0 E2		0134 D6 F8	
0076 45 72	00D6 20 A0		0136 00 AE	
0078 15 54	00D8 E2 20		0138 30 05	
007A 54 44	00DA A0 3C		013A xx xx	Unused
007C 52 25	00DC D0 30		013C xx xx	
007E 47 55	00DE C1 xx	Unused	013E xx xx	
0080 77 64	00E0 xx xx		0140 F0 FF	Routine to point to correct
0082 56 65	00E2 xx xx		0142 20 FF	character pattern - Converts
0084 72 26	00E4 xx xx		0144 10 B9	ASCII code to pattern location
0086 47 55	00E6 xx xx		0146 3B 4F	
0088 55 54	00E8 xx xx		0148 8B FC	
008A 54 45	00EA xx xx		014A 2B AB	
008C 52 25	00EC xx xx		014C 99 30	
008E 45 55	00EE xx xx		014E 43 02	
0090 75 67	00F0 xx xx		0150 FA 0F	
0092 67 47	00F2 xx xx		0152 52 F0	
0094 57 65	00F4 xx xx		0154 F6 52	
0096 75 52	00F6 xx xx		0156 3B 5B	
0098 77 77	00F8 xx xx		0158 7B 30	
009A 75 55	00FA xx xx		015A 5C 7A	
009C 55 76	00FC xx xx	Stack Area	015C 8B F4	Transfer logic - Selects left or
009E 43 00	00FE xx xx		015E AA E2	right character and left or
00A0 55 54			0160 31 71	right display area, then
00A2 25 55	0100 E2 69	Initialize and Reset Registers	0162 8E 3A	transfers character to correct
00A4 55 14	0102 F8 10		0164 6A 0A	location.
00A6 41 00	0104 AD F8		0166 FA F0	
00A8 75 67	0106 08 AC		0168 30 7E	
00AA 25 57	0108 8D AF		016A 0A F6	
00AC 22 24	010A F8 05		016C F6 F6	
00AE 21 00	010C A9 F8		016E F6 30	
00B0 47 51	010E 20 AB		0170 7E 8E	
00B2 25 57	0110 3F 10	Keyboard Input Routine	0172 32 79	
00B4 52 44	0112 37 12		0174 0A FA	
00B6 11 00	0114 6C FB	Test for special characters	0176 0F 30	
00B8 47 57	0116 BB 32		0178 7E 0A	
00BA 27 25	0118 A0 F0		017A FE FE	
00BC 52 76	011A FB 0C		017C FE FE	
00BE 13 07	011C 32 CA		017E EF F1	
	011E F0 FB		0180 5F E2	

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 018A 29 89
 018C 3A 60
 018E 8E FB
 0190 01 AE
 0192 3A 95
 0194 1D 3A
 0196 08 2C
 0198 8C 32
 019A B2 30
 019C 08 xx
 019E xx xx
 01A0 F8 00
 01A2 A8 F8
 01A4 00 58
 01A6 18 98
 01A8 FB 10
 01AA 3A A3
 01AC F8 02
 01AE B8 30
 01B0 02 E2
 01B2 8D FC
 01B4 28 AD
 01B6 30 33
 01B8 F8 28
 01BA A7 8D
 01BC FA F0
 01BE AD A8
 01C0 F8 00
 01C2 58 18
 01C4 27 87
 01C6 3A C0
 01C8 30 35
 01CA 06 FC
 01CC 01 56
 01CE 30 DA
 01D0 06 FF
 01D2 01 56
 01D4 30 DA
 01D6 9D FC
 01D8 01 56
 01DA BD BF
 01DC B8 F8
 01DE 00 AE
 01E0 30 02
 01E2 xx xx
 01E4 xx xx
 01E6 xx xx
 01E8 xx xx

Blank screen subroutine

Automatic linefeed at end of line

Erase line subroutine

Change page (higher)

Change page (lower)

Automatic change page when full

Unused

01EA xx xx
 01EC xx xx
 01EE xx xx
 01F0 F8 00
 01F2 80
 01F3 A0
 01F4 E3
 01F5 70
 01F6 00

Super Monitor entry

Notes:

1. Locations marked xx are unused (except for stack-00FB - 00FF) and can be used for additions to program.
2. For 5 line display, leave 00D9 as 20. For a 10 line display, change it to 80.
3. Location 01A9 should contain the number of pages of RAM in hex. It is set for 4K in above listing. For 1K, set to 04, etc.

0000 F800 A3AE B1B2 B6BA BBBE F801 B3F8 02B8
 0010 BDBF 56F8 C3A1 F8FF A2F8 CBA6 30C0 0000
 0020 0255 7522 2222 0001 0207 6122 4172 0001
 0030 0205 7270 4127 0702 0007 3420 4102 2004
 0040 0205 7520 2202 4024 7277 5777 7700 1047
 0050 5211 5441 5522 2721 5277 7771 7700 4012
 0060 5241 1151 5122 2720 7277 1771 7704 1042
 0070 7767 6777 5775 4572 1554 5444 5225 4755
 0080 7764 5665 7226 4755 5554 5445 5225 4555
 0090 7567 6747 5765 7552 7777 7555 5576 4300
 00A0 5554 2555 5514 4100 7567 2557 2224 2100
 00B0 4751 2557 5244 1100 4757 2725 5276 1307
 00C0 D372 7022 7822 52C4 C4C4 F802 B0F8 00A0
 00D0 80E2 E220 A0E2 20A0 E220 A03C D030 C100
 00E0 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
 00F0 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0002 0020 238B
 0100 E269 F810 ADF8 08AC 8DAF F805 A9F8 20AB
 0110 3F10 3712 6CFB BB32 A0F0 FBCC 32CA F0FB
 0120 DD32 D0F0 FBEE 32B8 F0FB 0D3A 408D FAF0
 0130 FC30 AD33 D6F8 00AE 3005 0000 0000 0000
 0140 F0FF 20FF 10B9 3B4F 8BFC 28AB 9930 4302
 0150 FA0F 52F0 F652 3B5B 7B30 5C7A 8BF4 AAE2
 0160 3171 8E3A 6A0A FAF0 307E 0AF6 F6F6 F630
 0170 7E8E 3279 0AFA 0F30 7E0A FEFE FEFE EFF1
 0180 5FE2 8FFC 08AF 8AFC 08AA 2989 3A60 8EFB
 0190 01AE 3A95 1D3A 082C 8C32 B230 0800 0000
 01A0 F800 A8F8 0058 1898 FB10 3AA3 F802 B830
 01B0 02E2 8DFC 28AD 3033 F828 A78D FAF0 ADA8
 01C0 F800 5818 2787 3AC0 3035 06FC 0156 30DA
 01D0 06FF 0156 30DA 9DFC 0156 BDBF B8F8 00AE
 01E0 3002 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
 01F0 F800 B0A0 E370 00

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