The Missing Link 2.0 comprises the entire package contained in this folder. There is a slightly revised version of The Missing Link program that was published in 1990 by Texaments. A few bugs were fixed, but the main changes to the program were some tweaks to make it compatible with the Win994a simulator. The documentation has been greatly expanded to include previously undocumented features and information on interfacing with TML.   A high memory loader is included that makes it possible to embed additional A/L subroutines in an Extended BASIC program. Five additional A/L subroutines are included on the disk. Finally, there is a Missing Link tutorial called Potatohead.

Permission is granted to include The Missing Link with any program that uses it and also to freely distribute this folder provided all the files contained in it are included in their entirety.

TML 2.0 has been tested with the Classic 99 emulator and the Win994a simulator and works well with both. Win994a will only support the 16 color mode. Screen dumps do not seem to work.

Two disks are included in the package:

TML20ARC (archived disk) *or* The Missing Link 2-0.TIDisk (disk image)
>   132SPRITES - Sprite patterns that are used in TML demo
>   46FONT - 4x6 pixel font
>   48FONT - 4x8 pixel font
>   57FONT - 5x7 pixel font
>   68FONT - 6x8 pixel font
>   88FONT - 8x8 pixel font
>   CHARDEF – XB utility to create or modify fonts
>   CONFIG - Merge format file to modify TML defaults
>   CONVERT - utility to convert program toIV254 format files
>   HMLOADER - utility to embed A/L code in high memory
>   LOADER - Merge format file that loads TML
>   LOGO_C - TI Artist title screen
>   LOGO_P - TI Artist title screen
>   POTATOHEAD - TML tutorial
>   PS - Papersaver WYSIWYG text previsualization utility
>   PSSCRN_C - image of a papersaver screen
>   PSSCRN_P - image of a papersaver screen
>   TML - the main program
>   TMLDEMO - TML demonstration program
>   TMLEXTRASO - TML extras object code
>   TMLEXTRASS - TML extras source code
>   TMLEXTRAXB - TML extras embedded in an XB program

TMLFONTS (archived disk) *or* The Missing Link Fonts.TIDisk (disk image)
>   Contains many fonts that can be used by TML

Four PDF files are included in the package:
>   The Missing Link 2.0 Manual
>   PaperSaver Docs
>   Potatohead TML Tutorial
>   TML Cross Reference – a two page "cheat sheet" summarizing differences between XB and TML

At this point Papersaver is almost certainly of no use to anyone, but I included it to show how it was done "back in the day."

To get started, put the disk in Drive 1, type RUN "DSK1.TML"<enter> and then RUN "DSK1.TMLDEMO"<enter>. Be sure to print out the manual and Potatohead if you want to get started writing programs for TML.

Enjoy!