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DESIGN NOTES FOR TINY BASIC

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SOME MOTIVATIONS

A lot of people have just gotten into having their own computer. Often they don't know too much about software and particularly systems software, but would like to be able to program in something other than machine language. The TINY BASIC project is aimed at you if you are one of these people. Our goals are very limited--to provide a minimal BASIC-like language for writing simple programs. Later we may make it more complicated, but now the name of the game is keep it simple. That translates to a limited language (no floating point, no sines and cosines, no arrays, etc.) and even this is a pretty difficult undertaking.

Originally we had planned to limit ourselves to the 8080, but with a variety of new machines appearing at very low prices, we have decided to try to make a portable TINY BASIC system even at the cost of some efficiency. Most of the language processor will be written in a pseudo language which is good for writing interpreters like TINY BASIC. This pseudo language (which interprets TINY BASIC) will then itself be implemented interpretively. To implement TINY BASIC on a new machine, one simply writes a simple interpreter for this pseudo language and not a whole interpreter for TINY BASIC.

We'd like this to be a participatory design project. This sequence of design notes follows the project which we are doing here at PCC. There may well be errors in content and concept. If you're making a BASIC along with us, we'd appreciate your help and your corrections.

Incidentally, were we building a production interpreter or compiler, we would probably structure the whole system quite differently. We chose this scheme because it is easy for people to change without access to specialized tools like parser generator programs.

THE TINY BASIC LANGUAGE

There isn't much to it. TINY BASIC looks like BASIC but all variables are integers. There are no functions yet (we plan to add RND, TAB; and some others later). Statement numbers must be between 1 and 255 so we can store them in a single byte. LIST only works on the whole program. There is no FOR-NEXT statement. We've tried to simplify the language to the point where it will fit into a very small memory so impecunious tyros can use the system.

The boxes shown define the language. The guide gives a quick reference to what we will include. The second grammar defines exactly what is a legal TINY BASIC statement. The grammar is important because our interpreter design will be based upon it.

IT'S ALL DOWN WITH MIRRORS----- ON HOW TINY BASIC WORKS

All the variables in TINY BASIC: the control information as to which statement is presently being executed and how the next statement is to be found, the return addresses of active GOSUBS-----all this information constitutes the state of the TINY BASIC interpreter.

There are several procedures which act upon this state. One procedure knows how to execute any TINY BASIC statement. Given the starting point in memory of a TINY BASIC statement, it will execute it changing the state of the machine as required. For example,

100 LET S = A+6

would change the value of S to the sum of the contents of the variable A and the integer 6, and sets the next line counter to whatever line follows 100, if the line exists.

A second procedure really controls the interpretation process by telling the line interpreter what to do. When TINY BASIC is loaded, this control routine performs some initialization, and then attempts to read a line of information from the console. The characters typed in are saved in a buffer, LBUF. It first checks to see if there is a leading line number. If there is, it incorporates the line into the program by first deleting the line with the same line number (if it is present) then inserting the new line. If it is of nonzero length. If there is no line number present, it attempts to execute the line directly. With this strategy, all possible commands, even LIST and CLEAR and RUN are possible inside programs. Suicidal programs are also certainly possible.

TINY BASIC GRAMMAR

The things in bold face stand for themselves. The names in lower case represent classes of things. ':= ' is read 'is defined as'. The asterisk denotes zero or more occurrences of the object to its immediate left. Parenthesis group objects. ε is the empty set. | denotes the alternative (the exclusive-or).

```
line ::= number statement (ε) | statement (ε)
statement ::= PRINT expr-list
            IF expression relop expression THEN statement
            GOTO expression
            INPUT var-list
            LET var = expression
            GOSUB expression
            RETURN
            CLEAR
            LIST
            RUN
            END
```

expr-list ::= (string | expression) (, (string | expression)) *

var-list ::= var (, var) *

expression ::= (+ | - | ε) term ((+ | -) term) *

term ::= factor ((* | /) factor) *

factor ::= var | number | (expression)

var ::= A | B | C ... | Y | Z

number ::= digit digit *

digit ::= 0 | 1 | 2 | ... | 9

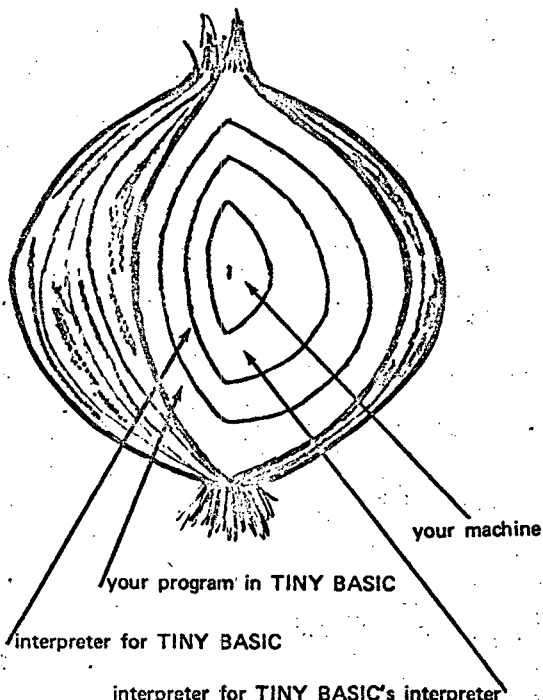
relop ::= < | > | = | ε | > (< | = | ε) | =

A BREAK from the console will interrupt execution of the program.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES AND ONIONS

When you write a program in TINY BASIC there is an abstract machine which is necessary to execute it. If you had a compiler it would make in the machine language of your computer a program which emulates that abstract machine for your program. An interpreter implements the abstract machine for the entire language and rather than translating the program once to machine code it translates it dynamically as needed. Interpreters are programs and as such have their's as abstract machines. One can find a better instruction set than that of any general purpose computer for writing a particular interpreter. Then one can write an interpreter to interpret the instructions of the interpreter which is interpreting the TINY BASIC program. And if your machine is microprogrammed (like PACE), the machine which is interpreting the interpreter interpreting the interpreter interpreting BASIC is in fact interpreted.

This multilayered, onion-like approach gains two things: the interpreter for the interpreter is smaller and simpler to write than an interpreter for all of TINY BASIC, so the resultant system is fairly portable. Secondly, since the major part of the TINY BASIC is programmed in a highly memory efficient, tailored instruction set, the interpreted TINY BASIC will be smaller than direct coding would allow. The cost is in execution speed, but there is not such a thing as a free lunch.

**LINE STORAGE**

The TINY BASIC program is stored, except for line numbers, just as it is entered from the console. In some BASIC interpreters, the program is translated into an intermediate form which speeds execution and saves space. In the TINY BASIC environment, the code necessary to provide the

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR TINY BASIC

LINE FORMAT AND EDITING

- Lines without numbers executed immediately
- Lines with numbers appended to program
- Line numbers must be 1 to 255
- Line number alone (empty line) deletes line
- Blanks are not significant, but key words must contain no unneeded blanks
- `'` deletes last character
- `X^C` deletes the entire line

EXECUTION CONTROL

CLEAR delete all lines and data
 RUN run program
 LIST list program

EXPRESSIONS**Operators**

Arithmetic	Relational
<code>+</code> <code>-</code>	<code>></code> <code>>=</code>
<code>*</code> <code>/</code>	<code><</code> <code><=</code>
	<code>=</code> <code><></code> <code>><</code>

Variables

A.....Z (26 only)

All arithmetic is modulo 2^{16}
 (± 32762)

INPUT / OUTPUT

PRINT X,Y,Z
 PRINT 'A STRING'
 PRINT 'THE ANSWER IS'
 INPUT X
 INPUT X,Y,Z

ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS

LET X=3
 LET X=-3+5*Y

CONTROL STATEMENTS

GOTO X+10
 GOTO 35
 GOSUB X+35
 GOSUB 50
 RETURN
 IF X>Y THEN GOTO 30

transformation would easily exceed the space saved.

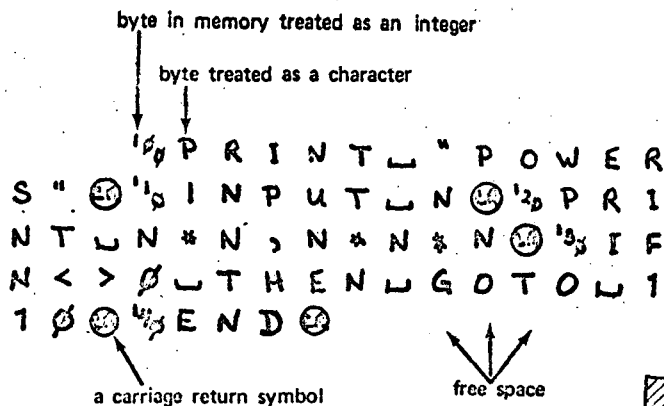
When a line is read in from the console device, it is saved in a 72-byte array called LBUF (Line Buffer). At the same time, a pointer, CP, is maintained to indicate the next available space in LBUF. Indexing is, of course, from zero.

Delete the leading blanks. If the string matches the BASIC line, advance the cursor over the matched string and execute the next IL instruction. If the match fails, continue at the IL instruction labeled lbl.

The TINY BASIC program is stored as an array called PGM in order of increasing line numbers. A pointer, PGP, indicates the first free place in the array. PGP=0 indicates an empty program; PGP must be less than the dimension of the array PGM. The PGM array must be reorganized when new lines are added, lines replaced, or lines are deleted.

Insertion and deletion are carried on simultaneously. When a new line is to be entered, the PGM array searches for a line with a line number greater than or equal to that of the new line. Notice that lines begin at PGM (0) and at PGM (j+1) for every j such that PGM (j)=[carriage return]. If the line numbers are equal, then the length of the existing line is computed. A space equal to the length of the new line is created by moving all lines with line numbers greater than that of the line being inserted up or down as appropriate. The empty line is handled as a special case in that no insertion is made.

TINY BASIC AS STORED IN MEMORY



ERRORS AND ERROR RECOVERY

There are two places that errors can occur. If they occur in the TINY BASIC system, they must be captured and action taken to preserve the system. If the error occurs in the TINY BASIC program entered by the user, the system should report the error and allow the user to fix his problem. An error in TINY BASIC can result from a badly formed statement, an illegal action (attempt to divide by zero, for example), or the exhaustion of some resource such as memory space. In any case, the desired response is some kind of error message. We plan to provide a message of the form:

! mmm AT nnn
where mmm is the error number and nnn is the line number at which it occurs. For direct statements, the form will be:

! mmm
since there is no line number.

Some error indications we know we will need are:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Syntax error | 5 RETURN without GOSUB |
| 2 Missing line | 6 Expression too complex |
| 3 Line number too large | 7 Too many lines |
| 4 Too many GOSUBs | 8 Division by zero |

THE BASIC LINE EXECUTOR

The execution routine is written in the interpretive language, IL. It consists of a sequence of instructions which may call subroutines written in IL, or invoke special instructions which are really subroutines written in machine language.

Two different things are going on at the same time. The routines must determine if the TINY BASIC line is a legal one and determine its form according to the grammar; secondly, it must call appropriate action routines to execute the line. Consider the TINY BASIC statement:

GOTO 100

At the start of the line, the interpreter looks for BASIC key words (LET, GO, IF, RETURN, etc.) In this case, it finds GO, and then finds TO. By this time it knows that it has found a GOTO statement. It then calls the routine EXPR to obtain the destination line number of the GOTO. The expression routine calls a whole bunch of other routines, eventually leaving the number 100 (the value of the expression) in a special place, the top of the arithmetic expression stack. Since everything is legal, the XFER operator is invoked to arrange for the execution of line 100 (if it exists) as the next line to be executed.

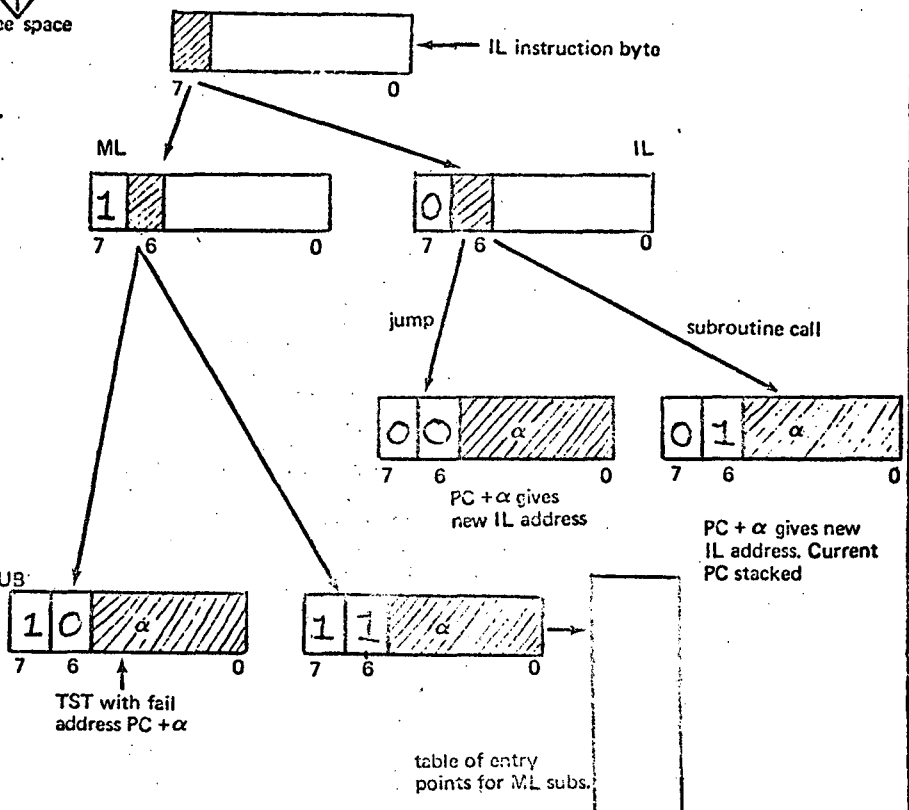
Each TINY BASIC statement is handled similarly. Some procedural section of an IL program corresponds to tests for the statement structure and acts to execute the statement.

ENCODING

There are a number of different considerations in the TINY BASIC design which fall in this general category. The problem is to make efficient use of the bits available to store information without losing out by requiring a too complex decoding scheme.

In a number of places we have to indicate the end of a string of characters (or else we have to provide for its length somewhere). Commonly, one uses a special character (NUL = 00H for example) to indicate the end. This costs one byte per string but is easy to check. A better way depends upon the fact that ASCII code does not use the high order bit; normally it is used for parity.

ONE POTENTIAL IL ENCODING



on transmission. We can use it to indicate the end (that is, last character) of a string. When we process the characters we must AND the character with 07FH to scrub off the flag bit.

The interpreter opcodes can be encoded into a single byte. Operations fall into two distinct classes--those which call machine language sub-routines, and those which either call or transfer within the IL language itself. The diagram indicates one encoding scheme. The CALL operations have been subsumed into the IL instruction set. Addressing is shown to be relative to PC for IL operations. Given the current IL program size, this seems adequate. If it is not, the address could be used to index an array with the ML class instructions.

TINY BASIC INTERPRETIVE OPERATIONS

TST lbl,'string'	delete leading blanks If string matches the BASIC line, advance cursor over the matched string and execute the next IL instruction. If a match fails, execute the IL instruction at the labeled lbl.
CALL lbl	Execute the IL subroutine starting at lbl. Save the IL address following the CALL on the control stack.
RTN	Return to the IL location specified by the top of the control stack.
DONE	Report a syntax error if after deletion leading blanks the cursor is not positioned to read a carriage return.
JMP lbl	Continue execution of IL at the label specified.
PRS	Print characters from the BASIC text up to but not including the closing quote mark. If a quote is found in the program text, report an error. Move the cursor to the point following the closing quote.
PRN	Print number obtained by popping the top of the expression stack.
SPC	Insert spaces to move the print head to next zone.
NLINE	Output CHLF to Printer.
NXT	If the present mode is direct (line number zero), then return to line collection. Otherwise, select the next sequential line and begin interpretation.
XFER	Test value at the top of the AE stack to be within range. If not, report an error. If so, attempt to position cursor at that line. If it exists, begin interpretation there; if not report an error.
SAV	Place present line number on SBRSTK. Report overflow as error.
RSTR	Replace current line number with value on SBRSTK. If stack is empty, report error.
CMPR	Compare AESTK(SP), the top of the stack, with AESTK(SP-2) as per the relation indicated by AESTK(SP-1). Delete all from stack. If condition specified did not match, then perform NXT action.
INNUM	Read a number from the terminal and push its value onto the AESTK.
FIN	Return to the line collect routine.
ERR	Report syntax error and return to line collect routine.
ADD	Replace top two elements of AESTK by their sum.
SUB	Replace top two elements of AESTK by their difference.
NEG	Replace top of AESTK with its negative.
MUL	Replace top two elements of AESTK by their product.
DIV	Replace top two elements of AESTK by their quotient.
STORE	Place the value at the top of the AESTK into the variable designated by the index specified by the value immediately below it. Delete both from the stack.
TSTV lbl	Test for variable (i.e. letter) if present. Place its index value onto the AESTK and continue execution at next suggested location. Otherwise, continue at lbl.
TSTN lbl	Test for number. If present, place its value onto the AESTK and continue execution at next suggested location. Otherwise, continue at lbl.
IND	Replace top of stack by variable value if indexes.
LST	list the contents of the program area.
INIT	Performs global initialization Clears program area, empties GOSUB stack, etc.
GETLINE	Input a line to LBUF.
TSTL lbl	After editing leading blanks, look for a line number. Report error if invalid; transfer to lbl if not present.
INSRT	Insert line after deleting any line with same line number.
XINIT	Perform initialization for each stated execution. Empties AEXP stack.

A STATEMENT EXECUTOR WRITTEN IN IL

This program in IL will execute a TINY BASIC statement. The operators TST, TSTV, TSTN, and PRS all use a cursor to find characters of the TINY BASIC line. Other operations (NXT, XFER) move the cursor so it points to another TINY BASIC line.

THE IL CONTROL SECTION

START:	INIT		: INITIALIZE
CO:	NLINE		: TEST CR/LF
	GET LINE		: WRITE PROMPT & GET A LINE
	TSTL	XEC	: TEST FOR LINE NUMBER
	INSRT		: INSERT IT (MAY BE DELETE)
STMT:	JMP	CO	: INITIALIZE FOR EXECUTION
	XINIT		

STATEMENT EXECUTOR

STMT:	T:T	S1:'LET'	: IS STATEMENT A LET?
	TSTV	S16	: YES: PLACE VAR ADDRESS ON AESTK.
	CALL	EXPR	: PLACE EXPR VALUE ON AESTK.
	DONE		: REPORT ERROR IF NOT NEXT.
	STORE		: STORE RESULT.
	NXT		: AND SEQUENCE TO NEXT.
S1:	TST	S3:'GO'	: GOTO OR GOSUB
	TST	S2:'TO'	: YES...TO OR...SUB.
	CALL	EXPR	: GET LABEL.
	(NONE)		: ERROR IF NOT NEXT.
	RSTR		: SET UP AND JMP.
S2:	TST	S14:'SUB'	: ERROR IF NO MATCH.
	CALL	EXPR	: GET DESTINATION.
	DONE		: ERROR IF NOT NEXT.
	SAV		: SAVE RETURN LINE.
	XFER		: AND JMP.
S3:	TST	S8:'PRINT'	: PRINT.
S4:	TST	S7:'"	: TEST FOR QUOTE.
	PRS		: PRINT STRING.
S6:	TST	S4:'"	: IS THERE MORE?
	SPC		: SPACE TO NEXT ZONE.
	JMP	S4	: YES, JUMP BACK.
S6:	DONE		: NO, ERROR IF NO "
	NLINE		
	NXT		
S7:	CALL	EXPR	: GET EXPR VALUE.
	PRN		: PRINT IT.
	JMP	S5	: IS THERE MORE?
S8:	TST	S9:'IF'	: IF STATEMENT.
	CALL	EXPR	: GET EXPR VALUE.
	CALL	RELOP	: DETERMINE OP AND PUT ON STK.
	CALL	EXPR	: GET EXPR VALUE.
	CMPR		: PERFORM COMPARISON--PERFORMS NEXT IF FALSE.
	JMP	STMT	: GET NEXT STATEMENT.
S9:	TST	S12:'INPUT'	: INPUT STATEMENT.
S10:	CALL	VAR	: GET VAR ADDRESS.
	INNUM		: MOVE NUMBER FROM TTY TO AESTK.
	STORE		: STORE IT.
	TST	S11:'"	: IS THERE MORE?
	JMP	S10	: YES.
S11:	DONE		: MUST BE "
	NXT		: SEQUENCE TO NEXT.
S12:	TST	S12:'RETURN'	: RETURN STATEMENT.
	DONE		: MUST BE "
	INSRT		: RESTORE LINE NUMBER OF CALL.
	NXT		: SEQUENCE TO NEXT STATEMENT.
S13:	TST	S14:'END'	
S14:	FIN		: LIST COMMAND.
	TST	S15:'LIST'	
	DONE		
S15:	LST		: LIST COMMAND.
	NXT		
S16:	TST	S16:'RUN'	: RUN COMMAND.
	DONE		
S17:	NXT		
S18:	TST S17:'CLEAR'		: CLEAR COMMAND.
	DONE		
	JMP START		
S17:	ERR		: SYNTAX ERROR.
EXPR:	TST	E0:'"	
	CALL	TERM	: TEST FOR UNARY -
	NEG		: GET VALUE.
	JMP	E1	: NEGATE IT.
E0:	TST	E1:'<'	: LOOK FOR MORE.
	CALL	TERM	: TEST FOR UNARY +
E1:	TST	E2:'<'	: LEADING TERM.
	CALL	TERM	: SUM TERM.
	ADD		
	JMP	E1	
E2:	TST	E2:'<'	: ANY MORE?
	CALL	TERM	: DIFFERENCE TERM.
	SUB		
	JMP	E3	
E3:	T2:	RTN	: ANY MORE?

TERM:	CALL	FACT	
TO:	TST	T1:'"	
	CALL	FACT	: PRODUCT FACTOR.
	MPY		
	JMP	TO	
T1:	TST	T2:'/'	: ANY MORE?
	CALL	FACT	: QUOTIENT FACTOR.
	DIV		
	JMP	TO	
FACT:	TSTV	F0	: VARIABLE.
	IND		: YES, GET THE VALUE.
	RTN		
F0:	TSTN	F1	: NUMBER, GET ITS VALUE.
	RTN		
F1:	TST	F2:'('	: PARENTHEZIZED EXPR.
	CALL	EXPR	
	TST	F2:')'	: MATCHING PARENTHEZIS.
	RTN		
F2:	ERR		: ERROR.
RELOP:	TST	RO:'<'	
	LIT	0	: =
	RTN		
RO:	TST	R4:'<'	
	TST	R1:'<'	
	LIT	2	: <=
	RTN		
R1:	TST	R3:'>'	
	LIT	3	: <>
	RTN		
R3:	LIT	1	: <
	RTN		
R4:	TST	S17:'>'	
	TST	R5:'>'	
	LIT	5	: >=
	RTN		
R5:	TST R6:'<'		
	LIT 3		: <>
R6:	LIT 4		: >
	RTN		

TINY BASIC, EXTENDED VERSION

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INTRODUCTION

The version of TINY BASIC (TB) presented here is based on the design noted published in September 1975 *PCC* (Vol. 4, No. 2). The differences where they exist are noted below. In this issue we shall endeavor to present sufficient information to bring the system up on an Intel 8080-based computer such as the Altair 8800. Included is an octal listing of our ASCII version of TINY BASIC EXTENDED (TBX). In subsequent issues, structural details will be presented along with a source listing. A Suding-type cassette is now available from the authors (information to follow). We would greatly appreciate comments and suggestions from readers. Unlike some software people out there, we hope you *will* fiddle with TINY BASIC EXTENDED and make it *less Tiny!*

ABBREVIATED COMMAND SET

TB AND TBX

```
LET
PR
GOTO
GOSUB
RET
IF
IN
LST
RUN
NEW *
SIZE
DIM
FOR
NXT
```

In
TBIn
TBX

STANDARD BASIC

```
LET
PRINT
GOTO
GOSUB
RETURN
IF
INPUT
LIST
RUN
NEW
SIZE
DIMENSION
FOR
NEXT
```

*CLEAR in original TB

TBX -- HOW IT DIFFERS FROM TB

1. TBX system prompt is a colon ":".
2. Statement label values 1 to 65535.
3. Error correction during line entry:
 - a) Rubout (ASCII 177₈) to delete a character. Prints a "←".
 - b) Control L (form feed ASCII 014₈) to delete full line.
4. IN Statement: Termination of numeric input is accomplished by SPACE keystroke. All other terminations use CR (Carriage Return).
5. PR Statement: A comma is used for zone spacing while a semicolon produces a single space. A comma or semicolon at the end of a line suppresses CR and LF (Line Feed). To skip a line, use PR by itself.

6. DIM Statement: One or two dimensional arrays permitted. Array arguments can be expressions.

Example: 10 LET V = 10
 20 DIM A(10,10),B(2+V)
 . . .

Array variables can be used in the same manner as ordinary variables.

7. FOR and NXT Statements: Step equal to 1 only. Iterative limits can be expressions. Nesting permitted. Care must be exercised when exiting a loop prior to completion of indexing. See Example.

Example: 10 LET X = 10
 20 FOR I = 1 to X
 30 LET Y = 2 * A + B
 40 IF Y = Z I = I + 1; NXT I; GOTO 60 *
 50 NXT I
 60 LET Y = 3
 . . .

* For explanation of "*" see no. 9.

8. Available Functions:

- a) RN: Random number generator. Range $0 \leq RN \leq 10,000$. No argument permitted.
- b) TB(E): Tab function. In a PR statement, TB(E) prints a number of SPACE's equal to the value of expression "E".

9. The dollar sign can be used to write multiple statement lines.

Example: 10 IN B
 20 LET A = 2 * (B + 1) \$ PRA \$ END

When using an IF statement, a "false" condition transfers execution to the next numbered line. Thus in line 40 of the example of no. 7, the chained statements will not be executed unless a "true" condition is encountered.

10. LST Command: Can take anyone of three forms:

- a) LST CR— lists all statements in program
- b) LST a CR— lists only statement labelled a
- c) LST a,b CR— lists all statements between labels a and b inclusive.

11. SZE Command: Prints two decimal numbers equal to:

- a) Number of memory bytes used by current program.
- b) Number of memory bytes remaining.

Note: Array storage included only after first execution of program.

12. Recording Programs on Cassette: Core dumps to cassette should begin at 033350 (split octal) and continue through address stored at

033354 (low byte of address)
033355 (high byte of address)

Of course these cassette programs should be loaded back at 033350.

IMPLEMENTING TBX

Memory Allocation:

- I. Misc. Storage (I/O Routines) 000000 to 000377*
- II. TBX 020000 to 033377
- III. TBX Programs 034000 to upper limit of memory.

* In our system we maintain a Monitor/Editor in the first 1K byte of memory. 3/4 K is protected and 1/4 K can be used for system RAM. Such a configuration is useful but not necessary.

External Program Requirements:**1. System Entry Routine --**

ADRS	INST	
000000	061	} LXi SP
000001	377	
000002	000	
000003	303	} JMP TBX Entry Point
000004	254	
000005	021	

The stack pointer (SP) must not be in protected memory. If you desire to relocate the SP change the following locations accordingly:

- a) 000001 (SP low) and 000002 (SP high)
- b) 026301 (SP low) and 026302 (SP high)

2. System Recovery Routine --

ADRS	INST
000070	303
000071	000
000072	000

3. Input Subroutine: Your input subroutine must begin at 000030. It should carry out the following functions:

- a) Move an ASCII character from the input device to register A. The ASCII character should be right justified in A with Parity bit equal to zero. Example: "B" keystroke should set A to 102g.
- b) Test for ESC keystroke (ASCII 177g) and jump if true to 000000. Suggested instructions

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    376 } CPI 'ESC'
    177 }
    312 }
    000 } JPZ System Entry Routine
    000 }
    ...

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- c) Output an echo check of the input character.
- d) No registers should be modified except A.

4. Output Subroutine: Your output subroutine should begin at 000050. It should move the ASCII character in register A to the output device. Parity bit is zero. No registers including A should be modified.**5. CR-LF Subroutine:** At 000020 you must have a subroutine that will output a CR followed by a LF. Only register A may be modified.**LOADING TBX:**

The octal listing of TBX is reproduced later in the text. Addressing is split octal and gives the address of the first byte of each line. An octal loader of some kind is almost a necessity. Loading by front panel switches would be a considerable chore. A Sudio-type cassette is available for \$5, postpaid, from the authors. Send check or money order to: TBX Tape c/o John Arnold, Route 4, Box 52-A, Tyler TX 75701. If you are interested in a Baudot version of TBX, please inquire at the same address.

Use of a cassette tape to store TBX is virtually a necessity. Every effort has been made to protect TBX against self-destruction byt nothing is 100% sure!

The highest address available in your system for program storage must be loaded as follows:

026115 XXXg low part
026116 XXXg high part

Example: Suppose you have one 4K board; 026115 377
026116 037

EXECUTING TBX:

Simply examine 000000 and place the computer in the RUN mode. A colon indicates the system is operative.

ERROR MESSAGES

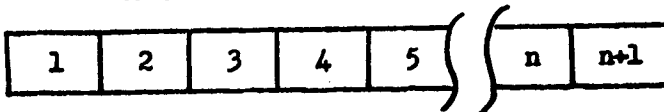
The form of error messages is: ERR α β where α is error number, and β is statement number where error was detected. Label 000000 indicates error occurred in direct execution.

ERROR NUMBER

- 1 Input line too long-exceeds 72 characters.
- 2 Numeric overflow on input.
- 3 Illegal character detected during execution.
- 4 No ending quotation mark in PR literal.
- 5 Arithmetic expression too complex.
- 6 Illegal arithmetic expression.
- 7 Label does not exist.
- 8 Division by zero not permitted.
- 9 Subroutine nesting too deep.
- 10 RET executed with no prior GOSUB
- 11 Illegal variable.
- 12 unrecognizable statement or command.
- 13 Error in use of parentheses.
- 14 Memory depletion.

EXAMPLE PROGRAM OF TBX

One example program written in TBX follows. It might assist you in debugging. A TBX line is structured as follows:

**Byte No.**

- 1 & 2 Binary value of label; most significant part in 1.
- 3 Length of text plus 2 in octal.
- 4 thru n Text of line.
- n + 1 CR (015g).

After the last line you should find two 377s. At the end of the example run is an octal dump of the program area of memory.

EXAMPLE PROGRAM IN TBX

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:NEW
:10 IN A
:20 PR" TEST A IS ";A
:30 PR
:40 GOTO 10
:1ST

00010 IN A
00020 PR" TEST A IS ";A
00030 PR
00040 GOTO 10
:1ST 20

00020 PR" TEST A IS ";A
:1ST 20,30

00020 PR" TEST A IS ";A
00030 PR
:RUN

? 12 TEST A IS 12
? 356 TEST A IS 356

?
:
:DP0:034000 007,
034000 000 012 007 040 111 116 040 101
034010 015 000 024 025 040 120 122 042
034020 040 040 124 105 123 124 040 101
034030 040 111 123 040 042 073 101 015
034040 000 036 005 040 120 122 015 000
034050 050 012 040 107 117 124 117 040
034060 061 060 015 377 377 007 022 000
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020000 041 111 020 006 110 337 376 015
020010 312 036 020 376 177 312 040 020
020020 376 014 312 067 020 167 043 005
020030 312 306 026 303 005 020 167 311
020040 053 004 076 077 357 303 005 020
020050 332 000 021 076 057 276 322 000
020060 021 303 371 020 000 000 000 327
020070 076 072 357 076 015 062 007 020
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020110 000 114 123 124 040 066 060 060
020120 054 066 062 060 015 015 042 124
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020140 040 042 105 116 104 042 015 106
020150 117 122 040 122 117 127 040 042
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020210 062 010 000 000 000 000 000 000
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020230 346 017 311 000 000 000 000 000
020240 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
020250 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
020260 000 000 000 000 000 021 111 020
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021140 043 163 043 072 356 033 074 167
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TINY BASIC EXTENDED

OCTAL LISTING

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023120 175 057 157 043 311 315 071 023
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023150 101 022 247 311 345 052 352 033
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024040 000 000 000 000 000 000 002 000
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024060 000 000 003 000 126 053 000 023
024070 016 000 004 000 000 023 000 023
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