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RANDOM ACCESS

Lambda Access available

In June 1994 I began writing a program to manage the data base of subscribers and subscriptions to *The Z-Letter*. Formerly the data was in a SELECTOR V data base, and labels for each issue of *The Z-Letter* were produced by a combination of SELECTOR V procedures, Turbo Pascal programs, and Nevada COBOL programs. By August 1994 I had replaced all this with a custom data-base program written in LPascal, based on the sample programs in Borland's Turbo Data-Base Toolbox package, and using the Toolbox B-Tree routines.

At the same time I was working on the data-base program, I was also working on B-Tree routines of my own, to free me from Borland's products entirely. In September 1994 I recompiled the data-base program to use my routines instead of Borland. In over a year of use I've found a fixed a couple of bugs in the data-base program, and there's a major feature I'd still like to add. However, I haven't found any bugs in the B-Tree routines.

Accordingly, I am now offering the B-Tree routines as a product, called Lambda Access. The price is \$40. The package includes the B-Tree routines themselves, in four files called LACCESS1.INC, LACCESS2.INC, etc. My subscription data-base program's source files are

included, along with the data base itself; and the source files and a sample data base for another data-base program for the Richmond Farmer's Market, based on the first but showing different ways to do things. There is no printed manual (too expensive); instead there's a manual on disk, in the file LACCESSDOC.

Pascal programmers should have no difficulty using all this documentation and examples to write their own data-base programs, but if they do, they can always call or write me. The Lambda Access procedures and functions have the same names and take the same parameters as their Turbo-Access equivalents, so that programs written to use Borland's Toolbox can be compiled instead with Lambda Access, simply by replacing the include statements.

Oregon gets new area code

All of Oregon has been area code 503 for as long as there have been area codes. With multiple phones per household, plus cellular phones, car phones, pagers, faxes, and modems, there are no longer enough 503 numbers. Effective November 5, 1995, the northwestern corner of the state, including Portland, kept area code 503; the rest of the state, including Eugene, switched to area code 541.



Moving by leaps and bounds by Tina Huovinen

Hello again! Last issue I introduced you to Spellbinder's Edit mode and Command mode. Normally, when you start Spellbinder you'll be in Edit mode, where you do most of your typing. When you want to load and run a macro, print text, read text from a file, write text to a file, or search for something, you use the Edit/Command command to switch to Command mode.



EDIT

Just to confuse you, however, there is another kind of mode in Spellbinder. I wish the guy who wrote Spellbinder had chosen another word for it, but he didn't, and we're stuck with it now. The mode wheel only matters when you're in Edit mode. Remember the status line at the top of the screen? It looks like this:



L 0001 C 001 *WORD*

The first word in the status line, EDIT, indicates that we're in Edit mode; it changes to COMMAND if we go into Command mode. L and C indicate what line and column we're on, or rather the current line and column position of the cursor. *WORD* means that the current setting of the mode wheel is WORD.

The mode wheel can be set to WORD, SENT (sentence), PARA (paragraph), MARK, or CHAR (character). WORD is the default; the mode-wheel setting reverts to WORD whenever you go into Edit mode, and it switches from any of the other settings to WORD whenever you type anything.

To change the mode-wheel setting, use the Cursor Mode command, Control-O. (To be mnemonic, this should be Control-M, but Control-M is a carriage return, and has been that since teletype days. It's fixed permanently in ASCII, and we can't change it for our convenience.) Each time your use this command, the mode setting advances one place around the wheel. If the setting is WORD, Control-O changes it to SENT; another Control-O changes it to PARA; another makes it MARK; another, CHAR; another, back to WORD again.

The purpose of the mode wheel is to keep the number of Spellbinder commands small and easy to remember. Suppose some other word processor had commands to move the cursor forward by a word, sentence, paragraph, mark, or character; back by each of these units; and to delete a word, sentence, paragraph, mark, or character at a time. That would be 15 different commands!

Spellbinder, instead, has three commands to do all this. Mode Forward (Control-F) moves the cursor forward by the amount indicated by the mode-wheel setting. If the mode wheel is WORD, Control-F (F for forward) moves the cursor forward to the beginning of the next word. If the wheel setting is SENT, the cursor jumps forward to the beginning of the next sentence. PARA sends the cursor forward to the start of the next paragraph, CHAR to the next character. A MARK is a caret (); when the wheel is set to MARK, the cursor dashes forward to the next ^ it finds. If it doesn't find one, it goes all the way to the end of the text.

In the same way, the Mode Back command (Control-B, B for Back) moves the cursor back by a word, sentence, paragraph, or character. If the modewheel setting is MARK, the cursor moves to the last caret before its present position; if it doesn't find one, it moves all the way to the start of your text.

A third command that uses the mode-wheel setting is the Mode Delete (Control-D, D for Delete) command. This command deletes everything up to the start of the next word, sentence, paragraph, or character; if the wheel setting is MARK, it deletes

everything to the next caret or to the end of text, whichever comes first. If the amount of text to be deleted is more than one line, Spellbinder highlights the text that would be deleted, and asks you to confirm your intention with a Y or N before proceeding.

I know this sounds confusing at first, but it soon becomes second nature. The four commands are a lot easier to remember than 15, especially since three of them are Control-F for Forward, Control-B for Back, and Control-D for Delete.

These commands also involve a lot fewer keystrokes to perform common operations than the corresponding commands in other word processors. To delete a paragraph in some word processors, you have to move back to the beginning of the paragraph, mark it as the beginning of the block, move to the end of the paragraph, mark it as the end of the block, then execute the delete block command. Even if each of these operations are a single keystroke (and they probably aren't), that's a minimum of 5 keystrokes. In Spellbinder you tap the Cursor Mode key twice to change WORD to PARA, tap Mode Back to move to the beginning of the paragraph, and tap Mode Delete to delete the paragraph. That's 4 keystrokes instead of some multiple of 5.

Scan

But suppose you want to delete two lines that are right in the middle of a paragraph. Do you have to hold down the Delete key until they're gone?

You could, but there are several easier ways. One involves the Scan command (Control-S, S for Scan). Scan switches the cursor between the left and right margins of the current line. No matter where you are, hitting Scan will make the cursor jump to the right edge of your screen. Hit it again, and it'll jump to the left edge of your screen, and so on, back and forth. This is handy when you want to change text that's way on the left when you're on the right, or vice versa. Use Scan to get near the right place, then a few Mode Forward or Mode Back commands to get there, instead of lots of them to crawl through the whole line.

Getting back to our two lines, you could use Scan to move past the end of the second line, then Mode Back, then Mode Forward. This will place your cursor right after the last character in the line, just like David's Line End key. Now hit RETURN to mark the line as the end of a paragraph, move up two lines, hit Cursor Mode twice to change WORD to PARA, and Mode Delete to delete the two lines. Pretty cumbersome, but now you know how Scan works.

B, F, and D

A better way involves the command-mode commands B, F, and D, which as you might guess are back, forward, and delete commands.

These three commands work on lines, not the mode wheel. B2 moves the cursor back two lines, F2 moves the cursor forward two lines, and D2 deletes two lines of text. B and F leave the cursor at the beginning of the line after they're done, no matter where the cursor was in the line. So if the cursor was on line 3, column 27, B2 would place it in line 1, column 1; F2 would place it in line 5, column 1.

The D command operates from the current cursor position. If you're in line 3, column 27, switch to command mode, and type D2, the two lines deleted will be the rest of line 3, plus line 4. To delete all of both lines, move the cursor to the beginning of the first line before typing D2.

Without a number of lines specified, B, F, and D operate like Mode Back, Mode Forward, and Mode Delete when the mode-wheel setting is MARK. That is, the command B by itself, will move the cursor back until it finds a caret or the beginning of text, whichever comes first. F by itself moves the cursor forward until it hits a caret or the end of text. Plain D will delete everything from the cursor position to the next caret or the end of text, after getting your confirmation if it's more than one line.

A related command is DA, or Delete All. When you type DA, Spellbinder asks for confirmation by printing REALLY? (Y/N) at the far right of the status line. If you type anything except Y, the command aborts, and nothing happens. If you type Y, Spellbinder deletes all text in memory, from beginning to end, no matter where the cursor is.

The .C command

Our dot command this time is \mathcal{C} , which is how you center a line in Spellbinder. David says that in the old days, typists would center a line by counting the characters in the line, subtracting them from the line length, divide the result by two, and start typing at that column. In Spellbinder it's much easier. To center a line, just start it with \mathcal{L} or \mathcal{L} . For example,

. cNOW IS THE TIME

will print as:

NOW IS THE TIME

To center a bunch of lines, put .C at the beginning of each one. For instance,

- . cNOW IS THE TIME . cA novel for all good men
- . cby Christina F. Huovinen

will appear on the printed page as:

NOW IS THE TIME A novel for all good men

by Christina F. Huovinen

Reading a file from disk

Last time I showed you some of the combinations of T, W, and WD to print text to a file. Most of the time you won't write something all in one session. We all have distractions pulling us away from our writing. So this time I'll show you how to read text from a file into Spellbinder, so that you can continue to work on it.

Since the W command is used to Write text to a file, it seems logical that R is how you Read text from a file. Actually there are several commands R, RI, RO, and RD.

If your "edit buffer" (the space in memory that Spellbinder uses to hold text) is empty, either R or RI will work. Either one will cause READ FILENAME> to appear in place of the COMMAND in the status line. Give it the name of your file. If you type it wrong, Spellbinder will respond with FILE NOT FOUND and ask you for a name again. Once you get it right, Spellbinder will copy the whole file into memory.

If you already have text on your screen, R and RI do very different things. R copies text from a file to the end of the text already in memory, no matter where your cursor is. RI inserts the text into the existing text at the position of the cursor. So R is Read and RI is Read and Insert.

If you don't want the whole file all at once, you can specify how many lines you want with a number after the R or RI. R4 would copy the first four lines (or next four, if you've already read text) to the end of your text, while RI4 would copy the first or next four lines to the current cursor position.

The RD command (Read Done) closes a file that was opened to read from. Spellbinder automatically closes open files when you leave it, so this command would mostly be used when you had copied some text from one file and then wanted to read from another one. You'd close the first file with the RD command, then open the next one by reading from it. If you weren't ready to read from it yet, but wanted to open it before you forgot to do so, you'd use the RO (Read

Open) command.

Most of the time you just use the R or RI command. If the file you want to work on is too big to fit in memory all at once, there's another set of commands you use instead of the R and W variants; but we'll save that for a later installment.

Starting up in command mode

Most of the time, the first thing you want to do in Spellbinder is go into command mode and read in a file. You can change Spellbinder to make it go into command mode automatically when you start it up!

Clear your memory with the DA command and type the following:

;Put Spellbinder in Command Mode on startup. ; &143

022 255

0000000000000000

We're not going to explain what this means yet, or how it works. For now, I just want to show you how to install this kind of change in Spellbinder.

Once you've typed these five lines, save them to disk with T/W/WD. Name the new file COMMAND.TAB so we can find it again later. Still in Command mode, move the cursor to the ampersand (the & character) and type PS, then hit the RETURN key.

If you've typed the lines exactly as shown, the cursor will move to the end of the text. If not, correct what you typed wrong and try again, moving the

cursor to the ampersand and typing PS.

Once you've typed PS and had the cursor move to the end of text, clear the text away with the DA command, then type XS. X, remember, is how you leave Spellbinder. XS is eXit and Save; you leave Spellbinder, but save certain kinds of changes permanently.

Back at the CP/M prompt, type SB to enter Spellbinder. When you hit a key to clear the initial screen, Spellbinder will automatically switch to command mode without you using the Edit/Command key!

Wrapping up

In this column we learned how to switch the mode-wheel setting with the Cursor Mode command, and the Mode Back, Mode Forward, and Mode Delete commands. We also learned how the Scan command works.

In the command mode, we learned the B, F, D, and DA commands. The dot command .C centers lines of text. We learned how to read text from files with the R, RI, RO, and RD commands, and we customized Spellbinder to go into command mode automatically at the beginning of a session.

Read this until you understand it, and remember that sometimes the best way to understand something is to just go ahead and try it out. Next issue we'll begin to learn how to print text, and how to see how your text will print without actually sending it to the printer, which will save paper. We'll also learn the dot command E and the MOVEIT macro. — Merry Christmas! Tina

THE CP/M PC

Part II: MYZ80 by Maddy Huovinen and Terry Corona

Hello! This is the second installment of a series comparing three different ways to run CP/M programs on a PC. In the first one, Gina and Katey explored a CP/M emulator called Z80MU. This issue, Terry and I will do the same for a Z80 emulator called MYZ80. Next issue David McGlone and Zener will write about a CP/M program launcher called 22NICE. Finally, in issue 42, David McGlone and David Samson will run a standard set of CP/M programs on some 4-MHz CP/M computers, a 9-MHz Micromint SB180FX Z-System computer, an 18-MHz YASBEC Z-System computer, and a couple of different PCs with different CPUs and different clock speeds. They will

then compare the speeds of these programs on these different systems.

Terry and I come to this project with absolutely no biases about CP/M or MS-DOS; both of us have Macs at home. All tests were done on David McGlone's 286. My sister Tina helped us with Spellbinder, and Gina helped us find our way around the PC.

Where to get it

The first place we looked for MYZ80 was on the CP/M CDROM. Using VTYPE on Tina's SB180FX, we

searched for "myz80" in the CDROM directory text CDROM.TXT which David had created by using an MS-DOS utility XDIR. We found lots of files, including some duplications. In \BEEHIVE\MYZ80 we found MYZ80111.ZIP, which is version 1.11 of MYZ80, and Z-FOR-AT.ARK, which is an article written by Lee Bradley in August 1992. The prices in it for MYZ80 and NZ-COM are out of date now. In \ZSYS\ZNODE-12\I we found MYZ80111.ZIP again, plus IMPMYZ80.LBR, MYZ80CLK.LBR, and MYZ80CK2LBR. IMPMYZ80 is a version of the IMP modem program for MYZ80, constructed by Tom Mannion in September 1992. MYZ80CLK is a ZSDOS/ZDDOS clock driver by Steven N. Hirsch in August 1992, and MYZ80CKS is another one, with no FOR file to list the author or date. Other duplicates, or earlier versions in some cases, were found in \BEEHIVE\OS, \JSAGE\ZNODE3\UPLOADS, \JSAGE\ZNODE3\MODEM, and \ENTERPRS\CPM\UTILS\F.

Lee Bradley has also assembled a demo package which he sells for \$10 (see RESOURCES). It includes MYZ80111ZIP, the shareware version of 22DISK, and a demo setup Lee created.

Running MYZ80

We used PKUNZIP to unpack MYZ80111ZIP into these files:

MYZ80DOC CPMEXE BOOT.CPM ADSK HISTORY.TXT INSTALL.NOT READ.1ST ORDER.FRM

The files you actually need to run MYZ80 are CPMEXE, BOOT.CPM, and A.DSK. MYZ80.DOC is the "manual" for MYZ80, and you should read it, but it doesn't need to be there to run MYZ80. The last four files are special-purpose information also unnecessary to running MYZ80.

To start, just type CPM and hit return. Because this is the unregistered version, it will make you sit through two pages of text on getting a registered copy, plus many pages of instruction. This is a good thing the first few times.

Once you're through the display, MYZ80 offers you a prompt:

A0>

At this point you're "in CP/M." Actually, you're running MYZ80, which is a virtual Z80 or HD64180

chip written in 80x86 assembly language, and a virtual CP/M computer and CP/M-like environment written in Z80 assembly language. The documentation claims that the operating system supplied can be replaced with CP/M 22, CP/M 3.0, ZPM3, the Z-System, or any other compatible operating system.

Disk drives

Your virtual CP/M computer has no floppy-disk drives. Drives A, B, and C, providing permanent storage like a hard disk, are actually files on your PC's hard disk. Drive A is the file ADSK supplied with MYZ80, whose contents we'll examine in a moment. Drives B and C (BDSK and CDSK) are created by MYZ80 when you run it, if they don't exist already; they start out empty. Drives A, B, and C can hold up to 8160K of files. Drive D is a 190K RAM disk, using your PC's memory. Like all RAM disks, anything you put on it goes away when you turn your computer off, which in this case means when you exit from MYZ80. Using the COLDBOOT command (see below) does not wipe the RAM disk.

CP/M files are not visible from MS-DOS because they are contained in the disk files. MYZ80 comes with a number of CP/M files; you will no doubt add many more of your own.

Resident commands

MYZ80 has the standard CP/M resident commands DIR, ERA, REN, SAVE, and TYPE. These are identical to the ones built into CP/M 22, except that this TYPE stops at the end of each screen's worth of text until you hit a key, and ERA lists the files it erases. By using SAVE we determined that drives A, B, and C have a 4K block size and drive D has a 2K block size. That is, any file on the "hard disks" will be at least 4K, even if it's only a single character, and all file sizes will be multiples of 4K. Files on the RAM disk will be at least 2K and all file sizes will be multiples of 2. David says these block sizes are twice as large as necessary for 8-Mb hard-disk partitions and RAM disks.

Transient commands: IMPORT

MYZ80 comes with very few files on disk A. Fortunately, you can copy all your programs and files from your CP/M machine, using the IMPORT command. The syntax is IMPORT MS-DOS-files. For example, we copied all the files on a Kaypro II boot disk to the PC, using 22DISK. Then we copied them from the PC directory TEMP to MYZ80 with the

command IMPORT \TEMP*.*. This gave us PIP, STAT, etc. to work with. Incidentally, when we tried IMPORT \TEMP*.* C: we got no error message, but the files were copied to drive A, where we were, not drive C. IMPORT should either copy the files where we tell it to, or give an error message to let us know we won't get what we asked for.

We had to copy the files in two stages because you have no direct access to the PC's floppy-disk drives or hard disk, nor can you run MS-DOS utilities like 22DISK from inside MYZ80.

David suggested an experiment. Following his directions, we used UniForm to set the PC's drive G to Kaypro II format. Then we tried to copy all the files to MYZ80 with the command IMPORT G:*.*. This worked! So, while you still don't have direct access to the PC's drives with CP/M commands, you can import files directly from your CP/M diskettes — provided you have a copy of UniForm for your PC, your CP/M format is known to UniForm, and you remember to run UniForm before you go into MYZ80. You can automate this with the following commands:

UniForm /Q 4 /R c /R CD MYZ80 CPM UniForm /Q /S /R

The first line sets the UniForm drive on David's PC to Kaypro II format. UniForm displays only the formats appropriate to the drive you've selected as your UniForm drive, so go into UniForm manually to see which menu includes the format of your CP/M computer, and which option it is on that menu, replacing the "4" and "c" in this line. The second line logs you into the directory named MYZ80, and the third line executes MYZ80. The fourth line clears your UniForm drive after you leave MYZ80. If you type these lines into a file named ZBAT, this will all happen when you type Z at the MS-DOS prompt.

IMPORT and the other transient commands that come with MYZ80 have built-in help messages that tell you how to use them and give examples. To display them, type // after the command, for example, IMPORT //. David says this is a Z-System feature, and Z-System syntax for invoking the feature. Inconsistently, however, other options are not preceded by a slash, but a dash. While a double slash brings up the help message, the O option in IMPORT follows a dash instead of a slash. The O option tells IMPORT to go ahead and Overwrite a file if it already exists, instead of stopping and asking your permission to do so.

Other transient commands

COLOUR changes the colours on your screen; on a system with a monochrome monitor, it just prints the message "This utility only works with colour systems." It won't even display the help message.

DOSDIR shows a directory of the MS-DOS disks, so you can find files you want to import without leaving MYZ80 to search for them.

EXPORT works like IMPORT; you use it to copy files from MYZ80 to the PC's disk drives.

QUIT exits MYZ80. Normally, if you have something on the RAM disk, QUIT will warn you of this, and require you to confirm that it's OK to shut down MYZ80 and lose the contents of the RAM disk. But QUIT -O tells it to go ahead without warning you or requesting confirmation.

You can also have MYZ80 pass an error code to MS-DOS. For example, QUIT 14 would "cause MYZ80" to return an error level of 14". I don't know enough about MS-DOS to know what that means; trying this produced no reaction at all on David's PC. If we suppose that some MS-DOS utility or an MS-DOS program can somehow recover this message, this implies that we could set up a batch file that, as part of its operation, runs MYZ80. By renaming some CP/M program to MYZ80GO.COM, it would automatically run when MYZ80 started up. If this program ran into an error, it could invoke QUIT with the corresponding error code, for example, QUIT 14 if the file it was supposed to work on was missing. The MS-DOS utility could then report that the file was missing, letting the user know that the work he told the computer to do wasn't finished. At least, that's the use for this feature that I can imagine.

MYZ80GO is a transient text-viewing program, similar to the built-in TYPE command. When it runs, it displays the text HELLO.TXT, which is all the pages of instruction you see when you enter MYZ80. MYZ80's CP/M is patched to run the program MYZ80GO whenever it boots. By erasing MYZ80GO, you can eliminate paging through all that information whenever you start MYZ80GO. If you want to read them after that, just type TYPE HELLO.TXT. The two pages on registering MYZ80 you'll have to live with until you buy a registered copy.

Of course, erasing MYZ80GO.COM doesn't change the patched place in MYZ80; it still looks for MYZ80GO whenever it boots. When it doesn't find it, it displays MYZ80GO? to tell you so. Terry and I fixed that by copying a CP/M public-domain directory program called D4, and renaming it to MYZ80GO. Now whenever MYZ80 boots, it displays the files in disk A, in alphabetical order, complete with their size, user area, and total used and unused space and

directory allocations.

SHRINK reduces disk files to their minimum size. This doesn't affect the size of the CP/M files on the disk, but reduces the file ADSK, for example, to the minimum size required to hold the CP/M files. This matters only if your PC hard disk is short of space.

SLOWDISP slows down the MYZ80 display. You might need this if a CP/M program is too fast for the terminal emulation.

TERMINAL sets or changes the terminal emulation, including the number of lines and whether wrap-around if on or off. TERMINAL LIST displays the emulations available, and TERMINAL SHOW displays the current settings. There is no TeleVideo emulation listed.

Keyboard redefinition

MYZ80 has two built-in features not normally part of CP/M. By pressing the CONTROL and BREAK and SHIFT keys all at once, you bring up a window in which you can redefine any of the keys on the keyboard. For instance, you could redefine F1 to emit D CARRIAGE-RETURN, which would run a program called D.COM.

Key re-definitions in memory go away when you leave MYZ80. But the transient program KEY loads and saves keyboard definitions. The command KEY TEMP -S saves the current definitions to a file called TEMPKEY. KEY CLEAR wipes out any definitions in memory. To restore the ones in TEMPKEY, say the next time you enter MYZ80, the command is KEY TEMP (without the -S option).

You could use the key-definition menu to program the keys differently for different CP/M programs, saving each set to its own file and loading it when needed with the KEY command. For instance, you could save dBase II key definitions in DB.KEY, and Spellbinder key definitions in SB.KEY.

Built-in debugger

You call up the other built-in feature (the documentations calls them "online menus") by pressing CONTROL and BREAK together. In the window that appears is a complete debugger, complete with displays showing the contents of the virtual Z80's registers.

Running CP/M 3.0 or ZPM+

In user area 1 of disk A are a number of files for running ZPM+ instead of the CP/M 22-like operating system. ZPM+ is supposed to be an improvement over CP/M 3.0, but it's not easy to test this. Because

it's a replacement for part of CP/M 3.0, the way that ZCPR is a replacement for part of CP/M 2.2, ZPM+ is not complete in itself, and Simeon Cran can't include the parts of CP/M 3.0 needed to complete it, because CP/M is the legal property of Novell, and is not public domain. David is a licensed distributor of CP/M 3.0, and we could have got the specified files from him, but we left this for a future time, as this article was late already.

The files in user area 1 include an alternate boot file that would load CP/M 3.0 or ZPM+ instead of CP/M 22. If you wanted your MYZ80 to always do so, you would rename this file to BOOT.CPM and rename the BOOT.CPM file to something else.

If you wanted to run sometimes one, and sometimes the other, you could use the COLDBOOT command. COLDBOOT reboots MYZ80, optionally with a different system. For instance, if your CP/M 3.0 system's boot file was named BOOT3.CPM, you would type COLDBOOT BOOT3 to reboot with that system.

Actually running programs

We ran Spellbinder, FILT, David's subscription data-base program for *The Z-Letter*, LPascal, and NZ-COM

We imported Spellbinder directly from the directory on the PC where David keeps the master from which orders are filled. Because we weren't sure what terminal the default MYZ80 terminal setting corresponded to, we tried running Spellbinder without running CONFIGSB to configure it. Everything we tried worked fine, except that the arrow keys on the PC's keyboard didn't match the Spellbinder cursor commands. This could be fixed by customizing Spellbinder, or by redefining the keys as described above.

FILT worked perfectly when we ran it to transform a Spellbinder file into standard ASCII, with carriage return and line feed at the end of every line.

LPascal compiled the data-base program with no errors. The problem of drive assignments, which Gina and Katey ran into with Z80MU, did not arise, because MYZ80's virtual computer has its own drive A, B, C, and D. After copying the data-base files to drive B, we ran the program. As expected, the TeleVideo graphics characters used to draw boxes appeared as capital letters instead of graphics; changing the characters in the source to PC graphics characters and recompiling would fix this. Graphics aside, we found no errors in running the program.

We imported all the files from the NZ-COM directory, copying the old disks first, then the new ones, so that we had all the files in both versions, but

the newer one when a program was in both sets. Then we ran MKZCM, which linked the MYZ80 BIOS with ZRDOS and ZCPR. Running that system, we set the path to D0: A15: D0:, and copied all the COM files to A15:. We also loaded a history shell, LSH; fiddled with the directory names, and otherwise set up the environment in ways David suggested. When all was arranged, we ran NZBLITZ to save the environment to a file named Z.COM.

Typing Z at the MYZ80 prompt then launched us quickly into a Z-System environment, with a real BIOS, ZCPR, and ZRDOS running on top of Simeon Cran's virtual Z80. Everything worked fine, except that some utilities wanted a fancier TCAP than we had, like the one Gary Ratliff constructed for an HP 125 in issue 37 of this magazine. Selecting a specific emulation and a matching TCAP, then updating that TCAP, would probably eliminate any terminal problems. What we really need is a TeleVideo emulation, so that MYZ80 on David's PC can run programs copied from David's YASBEC or Tina's SB180FX without change.

Terry typed QUIT without remembering to exit from NZ-COM to MYZ80's CP/M, and discovered that you can exit from NZ-COM right to MS-DOS without going through the intermediate step. That's nice!

Conclusion

Simeon Cran's MYZ80 appears to be a really good virtual CP/M machine. We couldn't find anything that wouldn't run on it, and David spent some time trying, after we finished our tests. The fact that you can run NZ-COM in this environment is terrific! It would be interesting to get CP/M 3.0 running, and then try to launch Z3PLUS. Perhaps we'll have time to try this sometime soon. Meanwhile, NZ-COM worked so well that we tend to believe that CP/M 3.0 and Z3PLUS probably would, too.

The isolation of the CP/M environment from the PC's floppy-disk drives struck us at first as a bad feature. In practice, however, the drives that matter are the virtual hard-disk partitions A, B, and C, and the RAM disk, drive D. The pipeline to the "outside world" provided by the IMPORT and EXPORT commands is more than adequate. We wish we knew how to add more hard-disk partitions. Tina's SB180FX has four 8-Mb partitions, plus two RAM disks; David's YASBEC has four 40-Mb partitions, plus a RAM disk. We tried making a copy of CDSK called DDSK, but MYZ80 ignored it. Drive D remained the RAM disk, and drive E was still an illegal reference.

Comparison of 22NICE with Z80MU and MYZ80, and timed tests of program execution by all three programs, will appear in issue 42.

THE Z-SYSTEM APOLOGIST

Combining ZFILER and ARUNZ by Bob Vinisky

In issue 38 we looked at shell tools and possible uses for them. We'll expand on that theme this time to see how we can use shells in our daily computing life. Programming ZFILER and MENU is a simple task for most applications. When combined with ARUNZ, these shells can generate amazingly sophisticated processing for your needs. This doesn't mean highly advanced programming, however, as most of your daily needs are quite simple. Let's take a look at a couple of examples.

ZFILER was developed as a file-management tool. If you've used SWEEP or a similar tool you'll take to the built-in commands immediately. The biggest advance in ZFILER (besides taking advantage of the Z-System path, named directories, etc.) is the macro facility. This macro system's easy to use and essentally extends ZFILER's functions to include your needs. Here are a couple of examples from my macro list.

Reading files in libraries

Seldom-used tools or programs are often kept in libraries to conserve precious disk space. Before extracting the program from the library, I'll often wish to read the documentation. So I've set up a couple of simple macros to accomplish this with two keystrokes. Remember, the computer's supposed to make things simple, not bog you down with syntax, etc.

The ZTOOL list contains many items for manipulating libraries. Here I chose LDIR, LT and LBREXT. LDIR gives you a listing of the files in a library, LT types text files directly from a library, and LBREXT extracts files from a library, automatically uncrunching them if need be. I've chosen L to be my macro key for reading items from within libraries. Notice the exclamation mark in the macro below. This tells ZFILER to pause the screen after command

execution to let you read the screen display.

```
L! LDir $d$u$n

IF IN d%>o you want to see anything%<?
typit $d$u$n
ELSE

FI
```

First we execute LDIR with parameters \$d\$u\$n — this tells LDIR to give a listing for the pointed-to file (\$N) in the current directory (\$D\$U: where \$D is the drive and \$U the user area). This is necessary because you may not be logged into the DU where ZFILER's located. It isn't always necessary to include such detail, but it doesn't cost much space in the command line.

Once we have the library listing, the screen pauses and displays the flow-control prompt Do you want to see anything? IF IN stands for "if input"; it

pauses the screen while displaying the text. If we answer N, execution passes to the end of the macro and we return to the main ZFILER screen. If we want to see something, we press Y. Execution passes to the command typit \$d\$u\$n:

TYPIT \$"What file do you want to see? ";LT \$* \$11

TYPIT is a command in my ALIAS.CMD file. This alias puts up a prompt What file do you want to see? and waits for my response. LT \$* \$11 is the command to display the file. \$* takes the entire command tail as its parameter. We passed the command \$d\$u:\$n to TYPIT, and ARUNZ interprets this to mean the file ZFILER's pointing to. \$'11 is the response we gave the prompt What do you want to see?. This actually works easier that it is to explain. Here's a sample screen shot of this process:

	Library:	C0:DF11R	LBr Created: 01/15/89 0:00										
Member Name		Size		CRC	Index		Member Name		Size		CRC	Index	
						ı			***************************************		G000-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00		
	DF11R	.CZM	75r	9.37k	1AE5	1	1	DF11R	DZC	26r	3.25k	02E7	76
	DF11R	FOR	2r	0.25k	E808	102							

DF11R LBr members: 3 matched, 3 active, 0 free, 0 deleted, 3 total Do you want to see anything? Y

What do you want to see? DF11RFOR

```
^S pause, ^C abort, ^X next file, ^Z stops paging
Member: DF11R.FOR
```

DF, vers. 1.1, revised. A program to display differences between two text files. Standard output to screen, or redirect output to diskfile or device. Written 1980, revised 1984; cosmetic change of help menu 1989.

This two-step process is necessary so you can answer the initial prompt. Then, if you wish to go on, the alias executes. If not, you return to ZFILER. Simple and effective.

Extracting files from libraries

Here are my macro and alias for extracting files. Here we use LBREXT instead of LT.

G
LDir \$d\$u\$n
getitnow \$d\$u\$n

GETITNOW

\$"What file do you want?"

\$" Put it where?"

LbrExt \$* \$12\$11

Displaying a syntax message

A standard Z-System convention for reminding yourself of a tool's syntax is typing the tool name followed by two slashes (//). Here's how to do it in ZFILER:

A! IF EQ \$f *.com; \$d\$u\$n //; ELSE; ECHO n%>ot a com file%<;

The macro reads: if the pointed-to file is a COM file (IF EQ \$f *com) then send the file name, followed by two slashes, to the multiple command line buffer (\$d\$u\$n //). If it isn't a COM file (ELSE), then don't

waste my time trying to display its syntax, tell me it isn't a com file.

These simple ideas will give you an idea of how ZFILER operates for you. They also show how a combination of ZFILER and ARUNZ opens up limitless possibilities for controlling your working environment.

ERRATA

On page 6, middle right column of issue 39, it should say "tap the 'e' key", not tape. Too bad there's no automatic program to catch mistakes like that, where the wrong word is spelled correctly!

PERSONAL ADS

COMPUTERS FOR SALE OR TRADE

Each one in working condition, price \$50 plus shipping, unless otherwise specified. Two Eagle III computers, each with two 784K disk drives, \$75 plus shipping. One Eagle II computer. Two TeleVideo 802 computers. One TeleVideo 803 computer. One TeleVideo TPC-1 portable computer. One Epson QX-10 computer. Three Kaypro computers, all with double-sided 390K floppy-disk drives (Kaypro 4, New 2, 2X, etc.). One Morrow MD-2 computer; terminal not included. One Morrow MD-3 computer; terminal not included. One Xerox 820 computer with dual 8" drive units. Two TRS-80 Model II computers, one SSDD 8" floppy-disk drive each. Five NorthStar Horizon computers, condition unknown, \$20 plus shipping; wood and steel covers available. Other computers come and go all the time; let me know what you're looking for. Will trade for comparable computers not in my collection. Contact David A.J. McGlone, phone (541) 688-3563.

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Will buy, or trade spare computer parts, books, manuals, software for the following items: Boot disks: Altos 8000 with hard disk, DEC VT180, Maxicom D/L with hard disk, Sanyo 2000, Sharp 5500, 5600, 5631, Sharp YX-3500, Systel 3, Telcom ECD 4000EX (3½"), TRS-80 Model II/12/16/6000 CP/M 3.0, Zeus 3X with hard disk. Hardware: Three (3) NorthStar Advantage hard-disk controller cards; three (3) TeleVideo hard-disk controller cards, Zenith Z-100 data separator card. Software: Any version of UniForm other than UniForm-PC and the CP/M versions listed in the price list at the back of this magazine. Contact David A.J. McGlone, (541) 688-3563.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Even after keeping two copies each, the following titles are extra in the quantities listed: CP/M and the Personal Computer, 1. CP/M Bible, 1. CP/M Handbook with MP/M, 3. CP/M Primer, 8. dBase II User Guide, 3. Everyman's Data Base Primer, 1. Inside CP/M, 1. Kaypro User's Handbook, 1. Mastering CP/M, 1. The MBASIC Handbook, 2. Oh! Pascal! (Second Edition), 1. Osborne CP/M User Guide, 5. The Perfect Manual for the Kaypro II, 2. Problem Solving and Structured Programming in Pascal, 1. The Programmer's CP/M Handbook, 4. Programming the Z80, 1. Soul of CP/M, 1. Starting Forth, 1. The Users Guide to CP/M Systems, 1. Using CP/M, 5. Using dBase II, 3. Z80 and 8080 Assembly Language Programming, 1. Z80 Assembly Language Programming (Leventhal), 3. The Z80 Microcomputer Handbook, 3. Z80 Users Manual, 1. Will sell for \$15 each, or \$10 each if you buy four or more. Will also trade for any not listed here if I don't have two copies already, especially CP/M Solutions and CP/M Techniques by Barbier. Please help me lighten the load in my file cabinets! Contact David A.J. McGlone, (541) 688-3563.

Books wanted

Looking for Perfectly Serious, an Indepth Look at Perfect Writer, by Kristine Farry. Also another one by Beverly Howard. Already have the PeopleTalk manual, not useful. Would like to have something on WordStar 4 besides the user manual, too. Contact George Kleiser, P.O. Box 752, Duson LA 70529.

Hardware and information wanted

Technical information, mounting hardware, and power supply needed for Shugart SA 400 and SA 400L 5¼" floppy-disk drives. For use in TRS-80 Model III computer. Earl W. Ladendorf, 208 S. Columbia

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Good working condition, with SWP board installed (runs early MS-DOS software, or may be used as 1-Mb RAM disk) and 5-MHz CPU. Also included: Kaypro daisy-wheel printer, Carrying case for computer, CP/M system disks, all software in Perfect series, some WordStar, BASIC, other CP/M programs, some issues of *Micro Cornucopia*, and many diskettes. Would like to find a good home for all as I have gone completely to MS-DOS. Robert C. Bates, 321 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis MD 21403, phone (410) 267-7684, CompuServe 75447,1515.

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I need manuals for the following S-100 hardware: ASC 5½" hard-disk controller, CPS 32K memory, Pickles & Trout IEEE-488 interface, PMMI MM-103-9 300-baud modem, QT clock/calendar, RCTC 1-Mb dynamic memory board kit, Seals 16K memory, Seiko extender board with logic probe, Simpliway VDB-A video

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LETTERS

S-100 treasure trove

9 October 1995

Dear sir:

During my working days at China Lake I worked in the Microprocessor Lab where we helped the scientists and engineers develop systems and software (mainly for missiles and control systems) by stocking hardware, software, handouts, and giving programming classes and general advice on small and embedded systems. One day I had the entire staff of the B1 program office from Edwards AFB in my office discussing office networking.

It soon became evident that computers were going to take over so I went out and became one of the first two or three home computer owners in the area. As leader of the Computer Club, I started to get invitations to help other engineers and scientists with their systems. Got to the point that I could do an IMSAI 22-slot motherboard in 2½ hours a la prima. Built a LOT of IMSAIs. Sure hurt to see them on pallets in the excess warehouse when the IBM PC took over. By then I had a garage full of S-100 cards, mainframes, manuals, software, and documentation. I made a friend a deal that he just couldn't refuse so he took away four truckloads of STUFF.

Since my retirement I've gotten back to CP/M and S-100 again. The other day my friend flew down

from Yerrington, Nevada, stuffed me into his homebuilt airplaine, flew me up to Yerrington, stopped by the U-Haul, drove home, stuffed ALL of that STUFF in the back of the truck, wined and dined me overnight, and in the morning guided me to the highway and pointed the way home. As a result, I have a file cabinet full of S-100 cards, another cabinet full of manuals, 20 boxes of software documentation, and 20 boxes of 8" disks. There's a lot of duplication that I'll have to sort through. Do you need any copies of CP/M 22 or CP/M 3.0 books?

I note that you list CP/M 3.0 in your ad. One article I read recently said that he was running a BBS under CP/M 3.1??????

I realize that you specialize in the Z80 processor but there are a lot of other Digital Research operating systems out there as well as other manufacturers.

I have a LOT of operating systems for the 80x86 family (up to 100 users) and the source code for Wendin Dos, a multiuser, multitasking system with built-in windowing. Any interest in any of this stuff?

This brings me down to my last two dozen computers. The population out here in the desert was 35,000 prior to the cutbacks. May be closer to 25,000 now. The last count of the registered computers at the Naval Station was 11,000. This does

not count aircraft equipment, weapons systems, home-built embedded stuff, nor most development systems. From personal experience trying to inventory this stuff, I estimate that the count is only about 50% to 60% of reality. This is only one employer in the area so there's no idea how many all the contractors have. We have four thriving computer stores and a bunch of garage operations too.

A friend of mine contracts maintenance on a storage system for the Navy UNIVAC. This is a 10-Gb disk system. He tests the 500-Mb drives on an S-100 system and has a home-built controller to ring out the whole kaboodle. Know many folks with a 10-Gb S-100 system? I was inspecting the Cray when I was in computer security. Over in the corner behind a divider was an IMSAI. Turned out that was what they booted up the Cray with.

Best wishes, Rlee H. Peters 1600A North Sierra View Ridgecrest CA 93555-2438 (619) 446-4825 LT Col USAFA (Ret) GS-12 (Ret)

Thank you for the duplicate books and manuals. Having the duplicate manuals means I won't have to pay printing or duplication costs when someone orders them. The extra books are even more valuable, since I have no contracts with their publishers and can't copy them.

To the best of my knowledge, there never was a version of CP/M-80 later than 3.0. The author of the article you saw may have made changes from a 3.0 source and called the altered version 3.1; this was a fairly common practice at one time. Or he may be calling some other DRI operating system CP/M when it's actually CP/M-85, CP/M-86, CP/M-68K, or something else.

Thank you for your offer of other DRI operating systems, but I'm not interested in anything except CP/M (2.2 and 3.0), MP/M, MP/M II, and the Z-System. The CP/M-86, Concurrent CP/M, etc. users will have to get their support somewhere else. I have to draw the line somewhere; the house is full of computers, etc. as it is!

Thank you for the 8" disks and the Exidy Sorceror, which got here in fine shape. I haven't had a chance to play with it yet, but it looks like a fine machine. — DAJM

DR Assembler Plus Tools

2 December 1995

Dear David:

Some years ago I inquired of Digital Research at their then U.K. office for their MAC assembler. I got a prompt and polite response from a Miss Bunce. She disclaimed all knowledge of the product and

suggested I try Messrs. Mackintosh. To me at the time the name meant two things. First was the well-known rain-proof fabric, and second was a brand of almost equally well known confectionery. Both commanded markets wider than any MAC then connected with software. Thus I became disenchanted with DR software. Fortunately, there were better products available elsewhere.

However, though frustrated then I was pleased to read your recent advertisement and to get this chance to enlarge my collection particularly in respect of the handbooks. A different author often improves one's understanding of a topic by his new viewpoint. DR handbooks have not enjoyed a good press but I haven't found them as opaque as they are painted. At least the readers are not addressed as idiots and dummies in the current repellent fashion. I hope this is a passing phase because the style of technical texts in other fields from the US. is usually excellent. The Z-Letter is not bad either!

Lang may your lum reck!
Yours,
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I agree that the X for Dummies titles represent an obnoxious trend. Unfortunately, it fits so well with the ignorance of the computer store salesmen and the ignorance they desire in their customers that it's probably here to stay. That is, the dumber the customers, the more times the stores will be able to sell them new hardware and software upgrades, whether the customers need them or not. In the old days computer owners were expected to learn how to use their machines, and just owning one was a sign of intelligence. As someone else remarked, CP/M for Dummies would have been so insulting that no one would have bought it.

Even worse than the X for Dummies series are the competition, the Complete Idiot's Guide to X folk. It's too bad Isaac Asimov is dead. I would love to see him make money by extending his The Intelligent Man's Guide to X series to computer subjects. — DAJM

SB180FX B/P Bios

25 December 1995

David,

Have you had a chance to try out the SB180FX version of B/P Bios yet? Only a couple of small changes have been made, and one order has come through, with only one small hitch in installation, so I think it is ready to go.

I am currently working on software and hardware to install an LCD flat screen on one of my YASBECs to make an 8-bit laptop with VGA video. Should have it at TCF this year. Also definitely need to carry on with my long-standing plan for an Oberon compiler for the Z-System, and then maybe an entirely new OS and environment (right . . . in how many years?). Oh well, it's nice to dream.

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Sorry, Hal, haven't had time yet. Between holiday commitments, The Z-Letter, the calendar, the index, Lambda Access, LPascal, and the article I promised Dave Baldwin for TCJ, I've been busier than a one-legged man in a butt-kicking contest. Maybe, if I land the programming job I have my eye on, I'll be able to come to Trenton this year — but don't take that as a promise! — DAJM

RESOURCES

Hal Bower writes, sells, and supports B/PBios, the most advanced CP/M-compatible operating system today. Presently it's available for the Ampro Little Board, the Micromint SB180, and the YASBEC. The cost is \$69.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling. Hal Bower, 7914 Redglobe Court, Severn MD 21144-1048, phone (410) 551-5922. [2/95]

Lee Bradley sells My-Z-Demo, a package for running CP/M or the Z-System on a PC. The high-density 3½" disk contains Simeon Cran's My-Z80, the shareware version of Sydex' 22DISK, 170 utilities, and copious documentation files. Send \$10 to Lee R. Bradley, 24 East Cedar Street, Newington CT 06111-2534, phone (203) 666-3139. [2/95]

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David Morrison deals in Xerox 820, 820-II, and 16/8 computers, software, and manuals. P.O. Box 1911, Mishawaka IN 46546-1911, phone (219) 257-0193. [5/95]

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The SEBHC Journal is the magazine of the Society of Eight-Bit Heath Computerists, dedicated to Heath/Zenith H-8 and H-89 computers. It's published by Leonard Geisler, 895 Starwick Drive, Ann Arbor MI 48105, phone (313) 662-0750. [2/95]

Chuck Stafford sells products for Kaypro computers: Advent TurboROM, \$35; hard-disk conversion kit, \$175 (without clock); *Micro Cornucopia* Schematics and Theory of Operations for Kaypro II/2/IV, Kaypro 10, '84 Kaypros, \$15 each, any two for \$25, all three for \$30; Kaypro 10 Tinker Kit, \$10; Teac 96-tpi drives, \$15 each or two for \$25. Prices include tax and shipping. He sometimes has hard disks for sale: ST-225, ST-251, and others. Write to Charles B. Stafford, 4000 Norris Avenue, Sacramento CA 95821, or phone (916) 483-0312 evenings or weekends. [2/95]

Sydex sells PC software useful for copying CP/M files and handling CP/M disk formats (22DISK), running CP/M programs on a PC (22NICE), and copying CP/M boot disks without having the original machine (AnaDisk). Free sampler disks with the limited shareware versions are available. The registered versions, which are more powerful, are \$25 each for 22DISK and AnaDisk, \$40 for 22NICE (which includes 22DISK). Add \$2.50 for shipping and handling with each order. Talk to Chuck or Miriam at Sydex, P.O. Box 5700, Eugene OR 97405, phone (541) 683-6033. [2/95]

Jim Thale sells the I/O board which gives the YASBEC two additional high-capacity disk formats, two serial ports, and two Centronics ports. The board's available with surface-mounts, PAL, and big chips only for \$150, or with the additional parts for \$210. James S. Thale, Jr., 1150 Somerset Avenue, Deerfield IL 60015-2944, phone (708) 948-5731. [2/95]

Trio Company of Cheektowaga, Ltd. sells several CP/M packages as well as PC software. They offer

InfoStar 1.5 (\$160), SuperSort 1.60 (\$130), and WordStar 4.0 (\$130). Write P.O. Box 594, Cheektowaga NY 14225, or call (716) 892-9630. [2/95]

Steven W. Vagts publishes Z-100 LifeLine, a bimonthly journal dedicated to the Zenith Z-100 dual 8088-8085 computer. A one-year subscription is \$15 per year to any U.S. zip code, \$18 to Canada or Mexico, and \$20 to any other country, from Steven W. Vagts, 2409 Riddick Road, Elizabeth City NC 27909, phone (919) 338-8302. [2/95]

Walnut Creek CDROM sells the CP/M CDROM, containing over 480 Mb of CP/M public-domain software and freeware, including the entire Sound Potentials, CP/MUG, and SIGM collections. The cost is \$39.95. California residents add 8.25% sales tax. Shipping is \$5 in the US or Canada, \$9 elsewhere. Walnut Creek CDROM, 4041 Pike Lane, Suite D-893, Concord CA 94520. Orders can also be placed at (800) 786-9907, or orders@cdrom.com. For questions phone (510) 674-0783 or fax (510) 674-0821. [2/95]

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The Analytical Engine, Vol. 3 No. 1, November 1995, is published February, May, August, and November by CHAC, the Computer History Association of California, 3375 Alma Street, Suite 263, Palo Alto CA 94306-3518, fax (415) 856-9914, Internet engine@chac.org. This issue has part 1 of Convivial Cybernetic Devices, an interview with Lee Felsenstein; eulogies for John V. Atanasoff, J. Presper Eckert, and Gerard Salton; and news of CHAC's new Web page. Basic individual hard-copy subscriptions are \$35 per year; contact CHAC for information about other rates, including online. [All computers]

A Bit More, October 1995 and November 1995, is the newsletter of NOVAOUG, the Nova Osborne Users Group. The October issue prints online discussions on Pascal implementations that were available for CP/M, replacing the batteries in the Epson Geneva, Epson Geneva cables and other questions. The CP/M Gems List lists favorite programs.

The November issue includes Low-Cost Internet Connections, Eye Glasses in the Computer World, and ZPM on Amstrads. Membership's \$12 per year from William E. Kost, 7007 Brocton Court, Springfield VA 22150, phone (703) 569-2213. [Osbornes and PCs]

Classic Computer Society Newsletter, November 1995 and December 1995, is edited by Andy Shapiro. In the November issue Al Paarmann describes all the modifications he's made to what used to be a Kaypro II. There's more on this in the December issue, plus a note on direct I/O in WordStar. Contact the Classic

Computer Society, P.O. Box 2007, Santa Barbara CA 93120, (805) 684-8838, for membership information. [All computers]

The Computer Journal, #76 (November/December 1995): Helmut Jungkunz' "European Beat" celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Schneider/Amstrad CPC User Group Munich. Herb Johnson ("Dr. S-100") has more about GIDE, the S-100 bus, and the Jade bus probe. The schematics of the Jade bus probe are in the center fold this issue. Terry Hazen's PC Time Clock includes quite a bit on timekeeping in Z-System machines. Ronald W. Anderson's "Small System Support" includes part 5 of his C Tutorial series, plus a section on Assembler. Claude Palm talks about Floppy Disk Problems he found and fixed while working on his CPUZ180 single-board computer. See our RESOURCES section for TCJ's address and subscription rates. [All computers]

Sanyo PC Hackers Newsletter, September 1995, October 1995, and November 1995, contains some Sanyo CP/M model information, but most of the contents is for Sanyo PCs, mostly the MBC-550 series. The November issue has Experiences Printing Envelopes with the Canon BJ-100, which is independent of computer or operating system. Dues are \$20/year 3rd class, \$25 first class US or Canada, \$30 foreign air; back issues are \$2 singly or \$17 for any 12 consecutive issues. Victor Frank Publishing, P.O. Box 762, Menlo Park CA 94026. [Sanyo]

Z-100 LifeLine, #42 (November-December 1995). This issue has a ten-page insert reprinting Z-100 field service bulletins. See RESOURCES for address and subscription information. [Z-100]

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