

# Tiny PILOT:

## An Educational Language for the 6502

PILOT is a higher level language used for computer aided instruction. This version includes an editor and an interpreter. It requires fewer than 800 bytes of memory.

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*****
* CHAR * EDIT FUNCTION
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* * START EXECUTION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM
* UPARROW * MOVE EDIT POINTER TO START OF PROGRAM
* / * DISPLAY NEXT LINE OF THE PROGRAM
* % * PAD TO END OF LINE WITH DELETE CHARACTERS
* B/S * BACKSPACE TO CORRECT TYPING ERROR
* C/R * CARRIAGE RETURN - INDICATE END OF STATEMENT
* ANY * CHARACTER IS STORED IN PROGRAM (MAX 127 PER LINE)
*****
* FORMAT * STATEMENT * WHAT IT DOES
*****
* T:TEXT * TYPE * DISPLAY THE TEXT ON THE TERMINAL
* * *
* A: * ACCEPT * INPUT UP TO 40 CHARACTERS INTO
* * * ANSWER FIELD
* ?: * ACCEPT NAME * INPUT UP TO 40 CHARACTERS INTO
* * * NAME AND ANSWER FIELD.
* M:TEXT * MATCH * COMPARE TEXT TO LAST INPUT FROM
* * * TERMINAL AND SET MATCH FLAG TO
* * * Y IF EQUAL, N IF NOT EQUAL.
* J:N * JUMP * JUMP TO LABEL N FOR NEXT LINE.
* * * J:A MEANS JUMP TO LAST ACCEPT.
* * * J=* MEANS RESTART FROM BEGINNING.
* U:N * USE SUBROUTINE N * SAVE ADDRESS OF START OF NEXT
* * * LINE AND THEN PERFORM AS IN JUMP.
* E: * EXIT FROM SUBROUTINE * RETURN TO ADDRESS SAVED BY PRIOR
* * * USE STATEMENT.
* S: * STOP * STOP PROGRAM AND RETURN TO EDITOR
* * *
* C: * COMPUTE * PERFORMS ARITHMETIC ON VARIABLES
* * * NAMED A THROUGH Z. ALLOWED
* * * OPERATIONS ARE =, +, AND -
* * * RANGE IS + OR - 999
* * * C:$= WILL PLACE RESULT IN ANSWER
* * * FIELD INSTEAD OF A VARIABLE
* R: * REMARKS * PROGRAM REMARKS - NOT EXECUTED
* * *
* * * CONDITIONALS * MAY PRECEED ANY STATEMENT.
* N * * EXECUTE ONLY IF MATCH FLAG IS N
* Y * * EXECUTE ONLY IF MATCH FLAG IS Y
* * *
* *N * LABEL * MAY PRECEED ANY STATEMENT OR
* * * CONDITIONAL. ACTS AS DESTINATION
* * * FOR A JUMP OR USE STATEMENT
* $X * VARIABLE ITEM * AS PART OF TEXT CAUSES COMMENTS
* * * OF VARIABLES TO BE DISPLAYED OR
* * * MATCHED.
* * * $? INDICATES NAME FIELDS.
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Are you envious of the guys on your block who have big BASIC systems? Have you ever tried to teach machine language to someone who thinks HEX is an evil spell? I had the same problem until I discovered PILOT, and implemented a small version on my SYM-1. For those who haven't heard of PILOT yet, it is an educational, high level language intended for computer aided instruction. It is a very simple language, with only ten basic instructions, but it incorporates a number of features that make it easy enough to use as a method for introducing people to computers. I have written some math drill programs for my six- and eight-year olds, and in turn, my eight-year old loves to write programs for her little brother to run.

This implementation of PILOT is not a full "standard" version. After all, what do you expect from an interpreter and editor that run in less than 800 bytes? I also could not resist the temptation to change things a little here and there. It is close enough to give a flavor for what PILOT can do, and it makes a nice language to have fun with, even on a 2K system.

The editor performs only the most elementary functions required to get a program in and running. It accepts characters without checking syntax rules, the only limitation being that each line is a maximum of 127 characters long. I compromised at 127, instead of 80, because the sign of the index register changes at 128, and so I avoided a compare.

The program looks for the ASCII back-space character, hex 08, because my CRT actually backspaces. If your terminal doesn't, you might want to change this to a printable character such as the underscore used by many timesharing systems. A check is also made for the backspace in the code for the ACCEPT statement, so be sure to change it there as well.

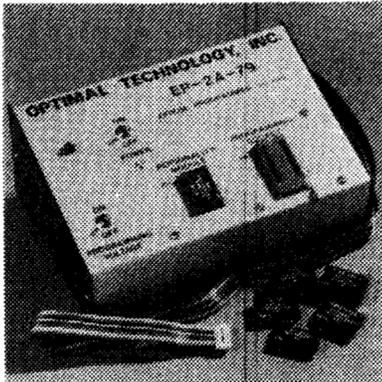
The editor doesn't have a provision for inserting a line between existing lines, but it is possible to change a line, provided you replace it with one of the same length or shorter. The percent key fills from the current position to the next end of line with delete characters, hex FF. Since most terminals ignore these, it works effectively as a delete to the end of the line. The program has to check for these during MATCH and COMPUTE statement processing, since they represent the logical end of line.

The carriage return, entered as the end of line, is converted to a zero by the editor. This simplifies looking for the end of each line, later on, since the zero flag is set as the byte gets loaded. The SYM monitor routine CRLF outputs both the carriage return and the line feed, so one doesn't save anything by keeping the return in the line to output it.

The locations CURAD and CURAD + 1 address the start of each PILOT line. Initially, this is set to \$500 by the routine SETBGN. The Y register is incremented to access the next character in the line. At the end of each line, subroutine SCURAD bumps Y one more time to get past the end of line character, and then adds the resulting Y value to the current address and resets Y to zero.

This sets things up for the start of the next line. Performing the line scan in this way saves two bytes each time I need to get to the next character because an INY is used instead of a JSR, and it also makes it easy to check for a line too

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*
* PAGE ZERO DATA REFERENCES
*
LST * $0000 ADDRESS OF LAST ACCEPT COMMAND
FLG * $0002 CURRENT YES/NO FLAG
CHRS * $0003 ALLOW 40 BYTES OF INPUT
NAME * $002B VARIABLE AREAS - 2 BYTES EACH
VARIBS * $0053 VARIABLE AREAS - 2 BYTES EACH
IFLAG * $0087 SPECIAL INDICATOR FLAG AREA
HOLDY * $0088 HOLD AREA FOR Y VALUE
WORK * $0089 TEMP WORK VARIABLE
RESULT * $008B RESULT HOLD AREA FOR COMPUTATIONS
ANSX * $008D HOLD AREA FOR ANSWER INDEX POINTER
SIGNIF * $008E SIGNIFICANCE INDICATOR
OPRATN * $008F LAST OPERATION IN COMPUTE STATEMENT
NUMDSP * $0090 DISPLAY VARIABLE BUILD AREA
RETURN * $0095 JUMP RETURN ADDRESS
CURAD * $0097 ADDRESS OF START OF CURRENT LINE

CR * $0D CARRIAGE RETURN CODE
*
* EXTERNAL ADDRESS REFERENCES
*
CRLF * $834D OUTPUT A CR AND LF
INCHR * $8A1B INPUT ONE CHARACTER
OUTCHR * $8A47 OUTPUT ONE CHARACTER

ORG $0200
*
* START OF THE EDITOR PORTION
*
0200 A9 80 START LDA:M $80 SET MODE TO EDIT FOR "PRT" ROUTINE
0202 85 87 STA IFLAG
0204 20 83 04 JSR SETBGN SET UP STARTING DATA AREA ADDRESS
*
* HERE IS THE START OF EACH NEW LINE
*
0207 A9 3E ELINE LDA:M $3E OUTPUT A ">" PROMPT CHARACTER
0209 20 47 8A JSR OUTCHR
*
* HERE IS WHERE EACH INPUT CHARACTER IS OBTAINED
*
020C 20 1B 8A EGET JSR INCHR
020F AA TAX CHECK FOR NULLS AND IGNORE
0210 F0 FA BEQ EGET SO THEY DON'T GET CONFUSED WITH EOL

0212 C9 5E CMP:M $5E IS IT AN UPARROW?
0214 F0 EA BEQ START YES - START AT BEGINNING AGAIN

0216 C9 40 CMP:M $40 IS IT "AT" SYMBOL FOR EXECUTE REQUEST?
0218 F0 38 BEQ EXEC YES - GO START ON THAT

021A C9 08 CMP:M $08 IS IT A BACKSPACE?
021C D0 06 BNE TRYDSP NO - GO CHECK FOR DISPLAY REQUEST

021E 88 DEY YES - BACK UP ONE CHARACTER
021F 10 EB BPL EGET BUT CHECK FOR PAST START OF LINE
0221 C8 INY HE BACKED UP TOO FAR - DISALLOW
0222 10 E8 BPL EGET UNCONDITIONAL

0224 C9 2F TRYDSP CMP:M $2F IS IT "/" FOR DISPLAY LINE REQUEST?
0226 D0 05 BNE TRYREP NO - CHECK FOR REPLACEMENT REQUEST
*
* DISPLAY TO THE NEXT CARRIAGE RETURN
*
0228 20 21 04 JSR PRT PRINT THE LINE
022B B0 DA BCS ELINE UNCONDITIONAL

022D C9 25 TRYREP CMP:M $25 IS IT "%" REQUEST TO PAD A LINE?
022F D0 0E BNE CHAR NO - MUST BE DATA CHARACTER
*
* PAD THE LINE FROM CURRENT LOC TO EOL WITH DELETE CHAR
*
0231 B1 97 PADLOP LDA:Y CURAD GET CURRENT CHARACTER
0233 F0 18 BEQ SETNL IF ZERO, WE ARE DONE
0235 A9 FF LDA:M $FF ELSE MAKE IT A DELETE CHAR
0237 91 97 STA:Y CURAD
0239 C8 INY BUMP TO NEXT CHARACTER
023A 10 F5 BPL PADLOP LOOP IF HAVEN'T DONE 128
023C 88 DEY LINE IS TOO LONG - BACK UP ONE
023D A9 0D LDA:M CR FORCE IN AN EOL HERE
*
* IT WASN'T AN EDIT CHARACTER - MUST BE DATA TO SAVE
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023F C9 0D CHAR CMPIM CR IS IT CARRIAGE RETURN AS EOL?
0241 D0 02 BNE CHAR1 SKIP AHEAD IF NOT
0243 A9 00 LDAIM $00 ELSE CONVERT CR TO ZERO AS EOL
0245 91 97 CHAR1 STAIY CURAD PUT IT AWAY
0247 F0 04 BEQ SETNL BRANCH IF YES
0249 C8 INY ELSE BUMP TO SET UP FOR NEXT ONE
024A 1C C0 BPL EGET AND GO GET IT IF STILL ROOM ON LINE
024C 88 DEY ELSE POINT BACK TO LAST CHAR & FALL THRU

024D 20 57 04 SETNL JSR LINEND DO CR/LF AND FIX UP CURAD
0250 B0 B5 BCS ELINE GO START A NEW LINE
*
* EXECUTION PORTION BEGINS HERE
*
0252 20 4D 83 EXEC JSR CRLF EXTRA BLANK LINE AFTER EDITOR

0255 20 83 04 RESTR1 JSR SETBGN HERE IF FROM J:*
0258 A2 33 LDXIM $33 ZERO VARIABLE ZREAS
025A A9 00 LDAIM $00
025C 85 96 STA RETURN +01
025E 95 53 RESTR1 STAX VARIAS
0260 CA DEX
0261 10 FB BPL RESTR1

0263 B1 97 LSTART LDAIY CURAD GET CHARACTER FROM THE LINE
0265 C9 2A CMPIM $2A CHECK FOR "*" LABEL MARKER
0267 D0 04 BNE CHKCON IF NOT - GO CHECK FOR CONDITIONAL
0269 C8 INY OTHERWISE SKIP PAST THE "*"
026A C8 SKPNXT INY SKIP PAST THE NEXT CHARACTER
026B D0 F6 BNE LSTART UNCONDITIONAL
*
* FLAG DEPENDENT PROCESSING HERE
*
026D C9 59 CHKCON CMPIM $59 CHECK FOR "Y" REQUEST
026F F0 04 BEQ TFLAG BRANCH IF YES
0271 C9 4E CMPIM $4E IF NOT - CHECK FOR "N" REQUEST
0273 D0 09 BNE STRTST BRANCH IF NEITHER
*
* SEE IF CONDITIONAL MATCHES FLAG
*
0275 C5 02 TFLAG CMP FLG SEE IF THEY MATCH
0277 F0 F1 BEQ SKPNXT SKIP TO NEXT CHAR & EXECUTE LINE
*
* NO MATCH - SKIP THIS STATEMENT
*
0279 20 5A 04 FWD JSR FWD1 USE THIS SUBROUTINE
027C B0 E5 BCS LSTART UNCONDITIONAL

027E 85 87 STRTST STA IFLAG THIS WILL CLEAR HIGH BIT FOR EDITOR
0280 C8 INY POINT TO THE ":" CHAR
0281 C8 INY AND TO THE FOLLOWING CHARACTER
*
* ENTER NAME STATEMENT
*
0282 C9 3F XQUEST CMPIM $3F IS IT "?" FOR ENTER NAME?
0284 D0 05 BNE XA BRANCH IF NOT
0286 38 SEC TURN HIGH ORDER BIT ON TO INDICATE
0287 66 87 ROR IFLAG PROCESSING NAME COMMAND
0289 D0 0C BNE TAKEIN NOW USE THE ACCEPT LOGIC
*
* ACCEPT STATEMENT
*
028B C9 41 XA CMPIM $41 SEE IF HAVE ACCEPT STATEMENT
028D D0 34 BNE XC BRANCH IF NOT
028F A5 97 LDA CURAD SAVE ADDRESS OF THE "A" STATEMENT
0291 85 00 STA LST NOTE: WILL INCLUDE CONDITIONALS
0293 A5 98 LDA CURAD +01
0295 85 01 STA LST +01

0297 A9 3F TAKEIN LDAIM $3F DISPLAY "?" PROMPTING CHARACTER
0299 20 47 8A JSR OUTCHR

029C A2 27 LDXIM $27 CHRS GETS STORED BACKWARDS
029E 20 1B 8A ACHR JSR INCHR GET AN INPUT CHARACTER
02A1 C9 08 CMPIM $08 IS IT A BACKSPACE?
02A3 D0 03 BNE ACHR1 BRANCH IF NOT
02A5 E8 INX ELSE FORGET ABOUT LAST CHARACTER IN
02A6 D0 F6 BNE ACHR UNCONDITIONAL
02A8 C9 0D ACHR1 CMPIM CR WAS IT A CARRIAGE RETURN?
02AA D0 02 BNE ACHR2 NO - SKIP AHEAD
02AC A9 00 LDAIM $00 YES - CONVERT CR TO END OF LINE
02AE 95 03 ACHR2 STAX CHRS AND SAVE IT FOR MATCH STATEMENT
02B0 24 87 BIT IFLAG SEE IF GETTING NAME FIELD

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long. If Y is minus after it has been incremented, more than 128 characters have gone by since the start of the line.

The editor inserts an end of line at this point and continues on. If this occurs during line print or scan for end of line, it probably means that the PILOT program has gone off the end, so these routines branch to SETBGN to start at the beginning again. This does not prevent the PILOT program from looping while looking for an undefined label, but it does prevent printing some garbage.

The first character on a line is not necessarily useful for executing a PILOT statement. There might be a line feed or some other control character present there. The asterisk and the label are not used except as a destination for a USE or JUMP statement. If we do find one of these, we not only need to skip it, but we must also skip the next character, since that is the label. The routine SKPJNK takes care of skipping over everything but the asterisk, since the same routine is used by both normal command start and by the label search routine.

Once the program has searched out the first probable command character on the line, the next thing it has to do is look for a conditional flag. This will determine whether it must examine the rest of the line. A "Y" or an "N" is a conditional, and if the character of one of these lines, it is checked against the current value in FLG. If they do match, the program simply increments Y to point to the following character, and also starts again, but this time Y is pointing to the operation code following the conditional.

Most of the other operations execute in a similar manner. They look at the current character in A, do their processing if it is their turn, or branch to the next routine if it isn't theirs. There are some exceptions to this (naturally). The TEXT command is last because, if the character isn't a valid statement, the whole line must be printed anyway. One of the other exceptions is the processing for ENTER NAME (?) and ACCEPT statements, which share much of the same code. Another is the code for JUMP and USER statements, which also share common code.

Logically, the only difference between the ":" statement and the "A:" statement is that the ":" inputs characters into both CHRS and into NAME, while the "A:" saves the starting address of the line for use in "J:A" (jump to last accept) processing. In fact, the processing of the ENTER NAME statement merely involves setting the high order bit of IFLAG on and skipping the save of the line address that the ACCEPT statement performs. The high order bit of IFLAG is normally turned off by storing the ASCII command character in it. The code for the ACCEPT statement checks the high

order bit of IFLAG and stores the input character in NAME if the bit is on.

One thing to note is that data saved in NAME and CHRS are stored backwards, with the first input character in CHRS + 39, the second in CHRS + 38, etc. Since I have to initialize the X register anyway, I could initialize it with zero and count up, or with 39 and count down. If I am counting up, though, I need to do a compare to see if I have reached the maximum value. If I am counting down, the minus flag will automatically set when I reach the end.

The COMPUTE statement uses decimal arithmetic. Each variable is two bytes long, with the high order first. The high order decimal digit (bits 0-3 of the first byte) are used to indicate the sign. A value of 8 or 9 indicates a negative number, while anything else is considered positive. It works out to be tens' complement arithmetic. To illustrate, assume I want to calculate 1 minus 2, which everybody knows is -1. The actual result from the decimal subtract is \$9999, much as it would be \$FFFF in binary.

In order to display this as -1, we have to subtract \$9999 from zero to get \$0001. Using decimal arithmetic does have some disadvantages, particularly the fact that the range of numbers is -2000 to +7999 (\$8000 to \$7999) for two bytes instead of -32768 to +32767 for binary. Another disadvantage is that INC is not a decimal instruction.

The primary advantage of using decimal mode is the ease of translating from ASCII to internal and back. The ASCII characters zero through nine are \$30 through \$39 in hex. Multiplying by 10 in order to accept the next digit into a number is also very easy, since it only requires a four bit shift left. Converting to display merely means shifting each digit to the low order four bits. ANDing off the high order part, and ORing in \$30.

The MATCH statement is the most complicated statement apart from COMPUTE. In theory, all that has to be done is compare the characters in CHRS against those in the MATCH statement line, and then set FLG to Y if they match, and to N if they don't. This works fine if they match. The problems come when they are different. Before the flag gets set to N, we have to determine why they did not match.

For one thing, it might be the end of the MATCH statement line. Since all the characters up to that point have matched, the program treats this condition as a complete match. PILOT uses the comma as a separator in the match statement to indicate alternate possible matches, so if the mismatch character is a comma, it is treated as the end of line, and FLG is set to Y.

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02B2 10 02          BPL  A:HR3  BRANCH IF NOT
02B4 95 2B          STAX  NAME  ELSE SAVE IN NAME FIELD ALSO
02B6 C9 00  ACHR3  CMPIM  $:))  IS IT DONE YET?
02B8 F0 C3          BEQ  A:ONE  BRANCH IF HE HAS SIGNALLED END
02BA CA           DEX           ELSE BUMP FOR NEXT INPUT
02BB 10 E1          BPL  A:HR  AND GO GET IT IF ROOM STILL LEFT
02BD 20 4D 83  ADONE  JSR  C:LF  DO CR/LF TO LET GUY KNOW
02C0 4C 79 02          JMP  F:))

*
* COMPUTE STATEMENT
*
02C3 C9 43  XC      CMPIM  $:))  IS IT A "C" FOR COMPUTE?
02C5 F0 03          BEQ  X:))  BRANCH IF IT IS
02C7 4C 56 03      JMP  X:))  ELSE LONG JUMP TO TEST FOR M
02CA 20 94 04  XC1    JSR  G:IDX  GET INDEX POINTER TO RESULT
02CD 86 8D          STX  A:HX  SAVE IT FOR NOW
02CF A9 00          LDAIM $:))  CLEAR RESULT
02D1 85 8B          STA  R:RSLT
02D3 85 8C          STA  R:RSLT
02D5 C8            INY           POINT TO "="
02D6 A2 2B          LDXIM $:))  SET 1ST OPERATION TO "+" FOR ADD
02D8 D0 4A          BNE  O:WRAP GO SAVE & SET UP WORK AREA

*
* LOOP FOR EACH NEW CHARACTER IN COMPUTE PROCESSING
*
02DA C8            CMPLOP INY      BUMP TO NEXT CHARACTER
02DB B1 97          LDAIY C:RAD  GET A CHARACTER
02DD 30 20          BMI  I:K:PR  MINUS IS DELETE/ALSO LAST "OPERATOR"
02DF C9 2F          CMPIM  $:))  IS IT "/" FOR AN OPERATION SPECIFIED?
02E1 90 1C          BCC  I:K:PR  BRANCH IF YES
02E3 C9 3A          CMPIM  $:))  IF NOT - IS IT ":" FOR A NUMBER?
02E5 B0 12          BCS  N:G:NMB BRANCH IF NOT - MUST BE A VARIABLE

02E7 29 0F          ANDIM  $:))  CONVERT NUMBER TO BINARY
02E9 6A            RORA         SPIN TO HIGH ORDER PART OF A
02EA 6A            RORA
02EB 6A            RORA
02EC 6A            RORA
02ED A2 04          LDXIM  $:))  4 BITS TO ROLL INTO WORK
02EF 26 8A  BITROL  ROL  W:FK  +01 RIPPLE CARRY INTO WORK
02F1 26 89          ROL  W:FK  FOR 16 BITS
02F3 0A            ASLA         PUT NEXT BIT INTO CARRY
02F4 CA            DEX           COUNT ONE JUST DONE
02F5 D0 F8          BNE  B:TROL  CONTINUE IF MORE TO GO
02F7 F0 E1          BEQ  C:FLOP  ELSE GET NEXT CHARACTER (DIGITS)

02F9 20 9C 04  NOTNMB JSR  V:FANS  TRANSFER VARIABLE TO WORK AREA
02FC 4C DA 02      JMP  C:FLOP  GO GET NEXT CHARACTER (OPERATION?)

*
* GOT AN OPERATION - FIRST PERFORM PREVIOUS REQUEST
*
02FF F8            ISOPR  SED           SET TO DECIMAL MODE
0300 AA            TAX           SAVE NEW OPERATION IN X FOR NOW
0301 A5 8F          LDA  O:FATN  GET PREVIOUS OPERATION
0303 C9 2D          CMPIM  $:))  WAS IT A "-" FOR SUBTRACT?
0305 F0 10          BEQ  O:MNUM  BRANCH IF YES
0307 18            CLC           ALL OTHERS ASSUME IT IS ADD
0308 A5 8A          LDA  W:RK  +01
030A 65 8C          ADC  R:RSLT +01
030C 85 8C          STA  R:RSLT +01
030E A5 89          LDA  W:RK
0310 65 8B          ADC  R:RSLT
0312 85 8B          STA  R:RSLT
0314 4C 24 03      JMP  O:WRAP  GO WRAP UP THE OPERATION

0317 38            OPMNUS SEC          SUBTRACTION
0318 A5 8C          LDA  R:RSLT +01
031A E5 8A          SBC  W:RK  +01
031C 85 8C          STA  R:RSLT +01
031E A5 8B          LDA  R:RSLT
0320 E5 89          SBC  W:RK
0322 85 8B          STA  R:RSLT

0324 D8            OPWRAP CLD          GET OUT OF DECIMAL MODE
0325 86 8F          STX  O:RATN  SAVE NEW OPERATION
0327 8A            TXA         DO TRANSFER TO CHECK FOR "00"/"FF"
0328 F0 0A          BEQ  C:PDON  DONE IF IT WAS ZERO (EOL)
032A 30 08          BMI  C:PDON  OR DELETE CHARACTERS (FROM FILLING)

032C A9 00          LDAIM  $:))  ELSE CLEAR WORK AREA FOR NEXT ONE
032E 85 89          STA  W:RK
0330 85 8A          STA  W:RK  +01
0332 F0 A6          BEQ  C:FLOP  AND GO DO NEXT CHARACTER

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0334 A6 8D   CMPDON LDX  ANSX  GET INDEX TO RESULT
0336 10 13   BPL  TOVRIB PLUS IS NORMAL INDEX TO A VARIABLE

0338 A2 38   LDXIM $38 ELSE FUDGE INDEX FOR "FROM" RESULT
                USING "RESULT - VARIBS"

033A 20 9F 04 JSR  VTRANS +03 MOVE RESULT TO WORK AREA
033D 20 AB 04 JSR  CNVDSP +03 CONVERT IT TO DISPLAY FORM
0340 A2 04   LDXIM $04 TRANSFER DISPLAY TO ANSWER AREA
0342 B5 90   TALOOP LDAX  NUMDSP
0344 95 26   STAX  CHRS  +23 NOTE OFFSET TO PUT IT AT THE END
0346 CA     DEX
0347 10 F9   BPL  TALOOP
0349 30 08   BMI  XFWD  UNCONDITIONAL
034B A5 8C   TOVRIB LDA  RESULT +01 DESIRED VARIABLE
034D 95 54   STAX  VARIBS +01
034F A5 8B   LDA  RESULT
0351 95 53   STAX  VARIBS
0353 4C 79 02 XFWD  JMP  FWD  AND GO DO NEXT ONE
*
* PROCESS MATCH STATEMENT
*
0356 C9 4D   XM    CMPIM $4D IS IT "M" FOR MATCH?
0358 D0 4F   BNE  XU    BRANCH IF NOT
035A 88     DEY    BACK UP ONE FOR WHAT FOLLOWS
035B C8     MCHKX INY    POINT TO MATCH CHARACTER
035C A2 27   LDXIM $27 START AT FIRST ACCEPTED CHARACTER
035E B1 97   MCHK  LDAIY CURAD GET THE MATCH CHARACTER
0360 F0 08   BEQ  MXY    THEY HAVE MATCHED TO END OF "M:" STMT
0362 D5 03   CMPX  CHRS  CHECK FOR MATCH
0364 D0 08   BNE  MXNMCH BRANCH IF MATCH FAILED
0366 C8     INY    ELSE BUMP TO NEXT PAIR OF CHARACTERS
0367 CA     DEX
0368 10 F4   BPL  MCHK  AND GO CHECK IF STILL DATA LEFT
036A A2 59   MXY    LDXIM $59 BOTH EQUAL - SET FLAG TO "Y"
036C D0 37   BNE  MX    UNCONDITIONAL
036E C9 24   MXNMCH CMPIM $24 IS IT "$" FOR VARIABLE REQUEST?
0370 F0 13   BEQ  MNUMB YES - MATCH TO NUMERIC VARIABLE
0372 C9 2C   CMPIM $2C IS IT A COMMA GROUP SEPARATOR?
0374 F0 F4   BEQ  MXY    YES - MATCHED SO FAR - SET IT AS YES

0376 C8     MCOMMA INY    NO - SO NEED TO SKIP AHEAD TO COMMA
0377 B1 97   LDAIY CURAD
0379 F0 28   BEQ  MXSETN IF TO EOL, THERE IS NO MORE TO CHECK
037B C9 2C   CMPIM $2C CHECK FOR A COMMA CHARACTER
037D F0 DC   BEQ  MCHKX RESTART COMPARE AT NEXT MATCH CHARACTER
037F D0 F5   BNE  MCOMMA LOOP IN SEARCH OF A COMMA
0381 A4 88   MCOMX LDY  HOLDY RESET Y TO CURRENT LINE POINTER
0383 D0 F1   BNE  MCOMMA AND GO LOOK FOR NEXT COMMA

0385 C8     MNUMB INY    VARIABLE - BUMP TO VARIABLE ID
0386 86 8D   STX  ANSX  SAVE CURRENT X FOR NOW
0388 20 AB 04 JSR  CNVDSP CONVERT VARIABLE TO DISPLAY FORM
038B A6 8D   LDX  ANSX  GET POINTER TO INPUT BACK
038D 84 88   STY  HOLDY SAVE CURRENT "Y" POINTER
038F A0 04   LDYIM $04 HAVE TO SEARCH UP TO 5 BYTES

0391 B9 90 00 MXNOLP LDAY  NUMDSP GET ONE NUMERIC CHARACTER
0394 F0 08   BEQ  MXDIFF BRANCH IF END - MIGHT BE MATCH
0396 D5 03   CMPX  CHRS  ELSE CHECK AGAINST INPUT
0398 D0 E7   BNE  MCOMX BRANCH IF NO MATCH
039A CA     DEX    ELSE CONTINUE MATCHING
039B 88     DEY
039C 10 F3   BPL  MXNOLP UNCONDITIONAL

039E A4 88   MXDIFF LDY  HOLDY RESET Y TO CURRENT LINE POINTER
03A0 C8     INY    BUMP TO CHARACTER AFTER VARIABLE
03A1 D0 BB   BNE  MCHK  UNCONDITIONAL CONTINUE CHECKING

03A3 A2 4E   MXSETN LDXIM $4E GET "N" - MATCH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL
03A5 86 02   MX    STX  FLG  STORE IT
03A7 D0 AA   BNE  XFWD  UNCONDITIONAL FOWRRAD TO NEXT LINE
*
* PROCESS USE SUBROUTINE STATEMENT
*
03A9 C9 55   XU    CMPIM $55 IS IT A "U" FOR USE SUBROUTINE?
03AB D0 11   BNE  XJ    BRANCH IF NOT
03AD B1 97   LDAIY CURAD GET DESTINATION
03AF 48     PHA    SAVE THE LABEL CHARACTER
03B0 20 5A 04 JSR  FWD1  MOVE TO START OF NEXT LINE
03B3 A5 97   LDA  CURAD
03B5 85 95   STA  RETURN SAVE FOR RETURN ADDRESS
03B7 A5 98   LDA  CURAD +01
03B9 85 96   STA  RETURN +01
03BB 68     PLA    GET DESTINATION BACK

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There is also the possibility it might be caused by a request to match against the current value of a variable. To perform variable matching, the program calls CNVDSP which converts the variable to display format with leading zeros suppressed. It then matches the display format against the characters in CHRS. If the variable value matches, the program continues checking the rest of the MATCH statement.

If, even after all this, we still have a no-match condition, all is not lost yet. We have to scan forward in the MATCH statement, to look for a comma or the end of line. If we find the end of line, then FLG gets set to N. If we find a comma, the program starts the whole match process over again, from the character after the comma in the MATCH statement and from the beginning of CHRS. All this sounds confusing but, for example, the statement "M:YE,OK,SUR" will provide a Y indication for most affirmative responses such as YES or YES SIR or YEP or SURE WILL or OK.

As I mentioned earlier, the USE subroutine statement shares much of its code with the JUMP statement. The main difference is that the USE statement must save the address of the start of the next statement, while the JUMP statement doesn't need to. Note that the USE statement does not nest levels (sorry about that).

There are two reserved labels in PILOT. The first is the asterisk, which is used to completely restart the PILOT program (including zeroing the variables). The second reserved label is "A". This label indicates a JUMP (or USE) to the last ACCEPT statement. If the label in the statement is not one of the reserved labels, the program sets CURAD back to the start of the PILOT program via a call to SETBGN + 3 and starts the search for that label.

The STOP statement is trivial. It merely requires a jump back to the start of the editor.

Processing of the EXIT from subroutine statement is slightly more complex. It involves a check of the high order byte of the address contained in RETURN. If it is zero, then there was no USE statement executed to get there, and the program merely advances to the next line. The high order byte can never be zero, since all the lines are stored above \$500. After restoring the return address to CURAD, the program resets the high order byte to zero. This means that the PILOT program can either "fall through" a subroutine, or use it in a normal fashion.

The REMARKS processing rivals that of the STOP statement for complexity. It merely involves advancing to the next

statement. One final PILOT statement is the TYPE statement. It is also the default statement if none of the above sections processed it. If the statement is not a true TYPE statement, Y is backed up twice, so the whole line will be printed. Otherwise, the line is printed following the "T".

The remainder of the program consists of subroutines used by various PILOT statements. The routine PRT prints the current line to the end. It uses the high order bit of IFLAG to see if the program is in editor mode. If it is, then all characters are printed, instead of being checked for a "\$" to indicate a variable. After the line has been printed, a carriage return and line feed are output. It then falls through to FWD1.

The purpose of this routine is to advance to the end of the current line, and set up CURAD for the next line. Since it checks for end of line first, before incrementing Y, the fall through from PRT will immediately exit this routine, thus saving a branch in PRT.

FWD1, in turn, exits to a routine called SCURAD. This adds one to Y, and adds the result to CURAD as the start of the next line. Finally, this routine falls through to SKPJNK, which skips over any unwanted junk at the start of the line and executes the return.

With the exception of CNVDSP, the remaining routines are short and pretty much to the point. The VTRANS routine must transfer the high order byte of the variable last, so it sets the sign flag for CNVDSP. The format of the NUMDSP array is set up in the same "backward" manner used for CHRS and NAME, and it is the output of CNVDSP. If the variable is negative, a "-" is inserted as the first character.

The high order bit of SIGNIF is used to keep track of whether a non-zero digit has been encountered in the number being converted. If the bit is off and the current digit is zero, the index is not decremented, but the zero is stored anyway. If the bit is on, the digit gets stored regardless of its value. Any non-zero digit turns on the high order bit, just to make sure. An end of line zero is inserted after the last digit.

There are three SYM monitor routines used in this program. If you plan to bring Tiny PILOT up on another system you will have to change the addresses for these routines. They are all fairly standard, so most systems should have equivalents. INCHR gets one ASCII character from the terminal into the A register, without parity; OUTCHR outputs one ASCII character from A; and CRLF outputs a carriage return then a line feed. Tiny PILOT assumes that all registers are preserved by these routines.

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03BC D0 06          BNE JIO NO GO HANDLE AS JUMP STATEMENT
*
* PROCESS JUMP STATEMENT
*
03BE C9 4A        XJ    CMPIM $4A IS IT "J" FOR JUMP STATEMENT?
03C0 D0 2E        BNE XS  BRANCH IF NOT
03C2 B1 97        LDAIY CURAD GET DESTINATION

03C4 85 87        JDO    STA IFLAG SAVE LABEL CHARACTER
03C6 C9 2A        CMPIM $2A HAVE "*" TO REQUEST RETURN TO BEGINNING?
03C8 F0 23        BEQ IREST BRANCH IF SO
03CA C9 41        CMPIM $41 SEE IF A LABELLED JUMP
03CC D0 0A        BNE JI  IF NOT "A", IT'S A NORMAL JUMP

03CE A5 00        LDA LST ELSE SET TO START OF LAST ACCEPT
03D0 85 97        STA CURAD
03D2 A5 01        LDA LST +01
03D4 85 98        STA CURAD +01
03D6 D0 43        BNE ILNEXT UNCONDITIONAL

03D8 20 86 04    JF    JSR SETBGN +03 AND GET BACK TO START OF PROGRAM

03DB B1 97        FNDMRK LDAIY CURAD GET FIRST CHARACTER
03DD C9 2A        CMPIM $2A IS IT "*" FOR A MARKER?
03DF D0 07        BNE FMNEXT NOPE - GO AHEAD TO NEXT LINE
03E1 C8          INY ELSE BUMP TO MARKER CHARACTER
03E2 B1 97        LDAIY CURAD GET LABEL
03E4 C5 87        CMP IFLAG SEE IF ITS THE ONE WE WANT
03E6 F0 33        BEQ ILNEXT YES - GO EXECUTE IT
03E8 20 5A 04    FMNEXT JSR FWD1 ELSE GO TO NEXT LINE
03EB B0 EE        BCS FNDMRK AND CONTINUE LOOKING
03ED 4C 55 02    IREST JMP RESTRT INDIRECT TO RESTRT
*
* STOP STATEMENT
*
03F0 C9 53        XS    CMPIM $53 IS IT AN "S" FOR STOP STATEMENT?
03F2 D0 03        BNE XE  BRANCH IF NOT
03F4 4C 00 02    JMP START ELSE RETURN TO EDITOR START
*
* EXIT FROM SUBROUTINE
*
03F7 C9 45        XE    CMPIM $45 IS IT AN "E"
03F9 D0 10        BNE XR  BRANCH IF NOT
03FB A5 96        LDA RETURN +01 MOVE RETURN ADDRESS TO CURAD
03FD F0 10        BEQ XXFWD SKIP LINE IF NOT SET
03FF 85 98        STA CURAD +01

0401 A5 95        LDA RETURN
0403 85 97        STA CURAD
0405 A9 00        LDAIM $00 NOW SET TO NOT-USED AGAIN
0407 85 96        STA RETURN +01
0409 F0 10        BEQ ILNEXT UNCONDITIONAL
*
* REMARK STATEMENT
*
040B C9 52        XR    CMPIM $52 IS IT AN "R"
040D D0 03        BNE YT  BRANCH IF NOT - ELSE SKIP THE LINE
040F 4C 79 02    XXFWD JMP FWD CAN'T REACH THAT FAR ALONE
*
* TYPE STATEMENTS AND SYNTAX ERRORS
*
0412 C9 54        XT    CMPIM $54 IS IT A VALID "T" STATEMENT
0414 F0 02        BEQ TE  BRANCH IF SO
0416 88          DEY ELSE BACK UP TO ORIGINAL START
0417 88          DEY
0418 20 21 04    TE    JSR PRT NOW PRINT THE LINE
041B 20 6E 04    ILNEXT JSR SKPJNK CURAD IS SET - SKIP OVER LEADING JUNK
041E 4C 63 02    JMP ISTART AND GO START ON THE LINE
*
* PRINT A LINE FROM CURRENT LOCATION TO
* NEXT EOL AND THEN SET UP FOR NEXT LINE
*
0421 B1 97        PRT    LDAIY CURAD GET THE CURRENT CHARACTER
0423 F0 32        BEQ ILINEEND BRANCH IF TO END OF LINE
0425 24 87        BIT IFLAG SEE IF IN EDITOR
0427 30 26        BMI CHROUT IF SO, DON'T LOOK FOR "$"

0429 C9 24        CMPIM $24 IS IT A SPECIAL ONE ("*")
042B D0 22        BNE CHROUT BRANCH IF NOT
042D C8          INY ELSE BUMP TO NEXT ONE
042E B1 97        LDAIY CURAD GET VARIABLE
0430 C9 3F        CMPIM $3F IS IT REQUEST FOR NAME ("*")?
0432 F0 0F        BEQ NAMEO BRANCH IF YES

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0434 20 A8 04      JSR  CNVDSP CONVERT VARIABLE TO DISPLAY
0437 A2 04          LDXIM $04 GOT 5 BYTES POSSIBLE

0439 B5 90      VBDISP LDAX NUMDSP GET A CHARACTER
043B F0 15      BEQ  CHROUT +03 BRANCH IF TO END OF VARIABLE
043D 20 47 8A    JSR  OUTCHR ELSE OUTPUT IT
0440 CA          DEX   AND COUNT IT
0441 10 F6      BPL  VBDISP UNCONDITIONAL LOOP

0443 A2 27      NAMEO LDXIM $27  REMEMBER - IT CAME IN BACKWARDS
0445 85 2B      LDAX  NAME
0447 F0 09      BEQ  CHROUT +03 BRANCH IF TO END OF NAME
0449 20 47 8A    JSR  OUTCHR
044C CA          DEX   AND COUNT IT
044D 10 F6      BPL  NAMEO +02 UNCONDITIONAL

044F 20 47 8A    CHROUT JSR  OUTCHR
0452 C8          INY
0453 10 CC      BPL  PRT  LOOP IF NOT TOO MANY
0455 30 2C      BMI  SETBGN RESET TO BEGINNING IF PAST THE END
0457 20 4D 83    LINEND JSR  CRLF  OUTPUT A CR AND THE LINE FEED
*
* ENTER HERE TO SKIP A LINE WITHOUT PRINT
* AND INITIALIZE FOR THE NEXT LINE
*
045A B1 97      FWD1  LDAIY CURAD GET A CHARACTER
045C F0 05      BEQ  SCURAD BRANCH IF END OF LINE
045E C8          INY   ELSE BUMP TO NEXT ONE
045F 10 F9      BPL  FWD1  LOOP IF NOT TOO MANY
0461 30 20      BMI  SETBGN RESET TO BEGINNING IF PAST THE END
*
* HERE FIXES UP CURAD TO POINT TO BEGINNING OF A LINE
* CURAD SHOULD INDEX END OF LINE (WITH Y) ON ENTRY
*
0463 C8          SCURAD INY          BUMP PAST THE CR
0464 98          TYA   MOVE COUNT TO A
0465 18          CLC   CLEAR CARRY FOR ADD
0466 65 97      ADC  CURAD ADD TO LOW ORDER FIRST
0468 85 97      STA  CURAD AND SAVE RESULT
046A 90 02      BCC  SKPJNK SKIP IF NO CARRY FORWARD
046C E6 98      INC  CURAD +01 ELSE BUMP HIGH ORDER
*
* HERE TO SKIP PAST LEADING JUNK ON A LINE
*
046E A0 FF      SKPJNK LDYIM $FF  SET UP Y THIS WAY
0470 C8          SJLOOP INY   INCREMENT TO NEXT CHARACTER
0471 24 87      BIT  IFLAG SEE IF IN EDIT MODE
0473 30 0C      BMI  SJRTS DON'T TRY SKIPPING JUNK IF SO
0475 B1 97      LDAIY CURAD GET CHARACTER TO LOOK AT
0477 30 F7      BMI  SJLOOP IGNORE DELETE CHARACTER ALSO
0479 C9 2A      CMPIM $2A LOOK FOR "*" LABEL MARKER
047B F0 04      BEQ  SJRTS RETURN IF FOUND
047D C9 3F      CMPIM $3F LOOK FOR POSSIBLE OPERATION CHARACTER
047F 90 EF      BCC  SJLOOP CONTINUE SKIPPING IF TOO LOW
0481 38          SJRTS SEC   SET CARRY FOR BRANCHES AFTER RETURN
0482 50          RTS   BEFORE RETURN
*
* SET UP BEGINNING ADDRESS OF USER AREA
*
0483 20 4D 83    SETBGN JSR  CRLF  START ON A NEW LINE
0486 A0 00      LDYIM $00  EVEN PAGE BOUNDARY
0488 84 97      STY  CURAD
048A 84 00      STY  LST  ALSO SET UP THIS GUY AS DEFAULT
048C A9 05      LDAIM $05
048E 85 98      STA  CURAD +01
0490 85 01      STA  LST  +01
0492 D0 DA      BNE  SKPJNK UNCONDITIONAL
*
* COMPUTE INDEX FOR A VARIABLE
*
0494 B1 97      GETIDX LDAIY CURAD GET VARIABLE LETTER
0496 38          SEC
0497 E9 41      SBCIM $41  SUBTRACT "A" TO MAKE RELATIVE TO ZERO
0499 0A          ASLA  TIMES TWO BYTES PER VARIABLE
049A AA          TAX   MOVE TO INDEX REGISTER
049B 60          RTS   AND RETURN
*
* TRANSFER A VARIABLE'S DATA TO WORK AREA
*
049C 20 94 04    VTRANS JSR  GETIDX GET INDEX POINTER FIRST
049F B5 54      LDAX  VARIBS +01 NOW MOVE TO WORK AREA
04A1 85 8A      STA  WORK +01
04A3 B5 53      LDAX  VARIBS
04A5 85 89      STA  WORK
04A7 60          RTS

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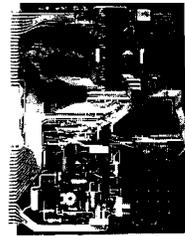
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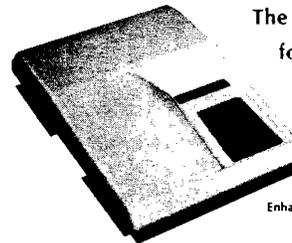
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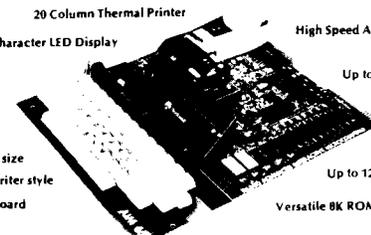
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04A8 20 9C 04 CNVDSP JSR VTRANS MOVE TO WORK AREA
04AB 10 17 BPL ISPLUS BRANCH IF POSITIVE
04AD A9 2D LDAIM $2D ELSE PUT IN MINUS SIGN
04AF 85 94 STA NUMDSP +04
04B1 F8 SED SET DECIMAL MODE INDICATOR
04B2 38 SEC
04B3 A9 00 LDAIM $00 SUBTRACT FROM ZERO TO COMPLEMENT
04B5 E5 8A SBC WORK +01
04B7 85 8A STA WORK +01
04B9 A9 00 LDAIM $00
04BB E5 89 SBC WORK
04BD 85 89 STA WORK
04BF D8 CLD CLEAR DECIMAL MODE
04C0 A2 03 LDXIM $03 ONLY 4 POSITIONS LEFT
04C2 D0 02 BNE ISPL SKIP INDEX SET

04C4 A2 04 ISPLUS LDXIM $04 PLUS HAS FIVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE
04C6 18 ISPL1 CLC TURN OFF SIGNIFICANCE INDICATOR
04C7 66 8E ROR SIGNIF
04C9 A5 89 LDA WORK GET FIRST DIGIT
04CB 20 E6 04 JSR TOOUT PUT TO OUTPUT AREA
04CE A5 8A LDA WORK +01 SECOND DIGIT IS HIGH ORDER OF THIS
04D0 4A LSRA MOVE TO LOW ORDER
04D1 4A LSRA
04D2 4A LSRA
04D3 4A LSRA
04D4 20 E6 04 JSR TOOUT
04D7 A5 8A LDA WORK +01 LOW ORDER IS THIRD DIGIT
04D9 20 E6 04 JSR TOOUT
04DC 24 8E BIT SIGNIF SEE IF HAD ANY SIGNIFICANT CHARS
04DE 30 01 BMI ISPL2 SKIP NEXT IF YES
04E0 CA DEX ELSE KEEP THE LAST ZERO THERE
04E1 A9 00 ISPL2 LDAIM $00 INSERT END OF LINE MARKER
04E3 95 90 STAX NUMDSP
04E5 60 RTS AND RETURN

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\* CONVERT CURRENT VALUE TO ASCII AND PUT TO OUTPUT AREA

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04E6 29 0F TOOUT ANDIM $0F KEEP ONLY LOW ORDER
04E8 09 30 ORAIM $30 MAKE IT ASCII
04EA 95 90 STAX NUMDSP SAVE REGARDLESS
04EC 24 8E BIT SIGNIF SEE IF SIGNIFICANCE STARTED
04EE 30 05 BMI SETSIG YES - ALL ARE IMPORTANT NOW
04F0 C9 30 CMPIM $30 ELSE SEE IF SHOULD START NOW
04F2 D0 01 BNE SETSIG IMPORTANT IF NOT ZERO
04F4 60 RTS ELSE RETURN

04F5 38 SETSIG SEC SET SIGNIFICANCE BIT ON
04F6 66 8E ROR SIGNIF ALWAYS
04F8 CA DEX AND POINT TO NEXT AVAILABLE POSITION
04F9 60 PGMEND RTS AND THEN RETURN

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SYMBOL TABLE 2000 225A

ACHR	029E	ACHRQ	02A8	ACHRR	02AE	ACHRS	02B6
ADONE	02BD	ANSX	008D	BITROL	02EF	CHAR	023F
CHARQ	0245	CHKCOH	026D	CHROUT	044F	CHRS	0003
CMPDON	0334	CMPLOI	02DA	CNVDSP	04A8	CR	0D0D
CRLF	834D	CURAD	0097	EGET	020C	ELINE	0207
EXEC	0252	FLG	0002	FMNEXT	03E8	FNDMRK	03DB
FWD	0279	FWDQ	045A	GETIDX	0494	HOLDY	0088
IFLAG	0087	ILNEX	041B	INCHR	8A1B	IREST	03ED
ISOPR	02FF	ISPLQ	04C6	ISPLR	04E1	ISPLUS	04C4
JDO	03C4	JF	03D8	LINEND	0457	LSTART	0263
LST	0000	MCHK	035E	MCHKX	035B	MCOMMA	0376
MCOMX	0381	MNUMB	0385	MX	03A5	MXDIFF	039E
MXNMCH	036E	MXNOLI	0391	MXSETN	03A3	MXY	036A
NAME	002B	NAMEO	0443	NOTNMB	02F9	NUMDSP	0090
OPMNUS	0317	OPRAT	008F	OPWRAP	0324	OUTCHR	8A47
PADLOP	0231	PGMENI	04F9	PRT	0421	RESTRQ	025E
RESTR	0255	RESUL1	008B	RETURN	0095	SCURAD	0463
SETBGN	0483	SETNL	024D	SETSIG	04F5	SIGNIF	008E
SJLOOP	0470	SJRTS	0481	SKPJNK	046E	SKPNXT	026A
START	0200	STRTS1	027E	TAKEIN	0297	TALoop	0342
TE	0418	TFLAG	0275	TOOUT	04E6	TOVRIB	034B
TRYDSP	0224	TRYREF	022D	VARIABLES	0053	VBDISP	0439
VTRANS	049C	WORK	0089	XA	028B	XC	02C3
XCC	02CA	XE	03F7	XFWD	0353	XJ	03BE
XM	0356	XQUEST	0282	XR	04C8	XS	03F0
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