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Preliminary

Graphics Control Routines

for the

ML Foundation System

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Abstract

Preliminary PMODE 4 setup and PMODE 4 PSET Graphics Control Routines for the ML Foundation System are developed and presented to run on top of the ML Foundation Core. These Preliminary Routines will be required during the implementation of a yet-to-be-developed Fake Text (maze-like) game.

This paper and its associated code are available online at:

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Introduction

The first thing I wanted to do with the ML Foundation System was to see if I could build a PMODE 4 (maze-like) game using it. In order to do so, I had to first build and control the PMODE 4 screens. That is the subject of this paper.

The CoCo's Extended Color BASIC ROM seems to be structured around a maximal graphics services concept; i.e. it's set up so that programmers can select and use whatever PMODE they desire at any time, changing back and forth between PMODEs in whatever sequence they choose, and the ROM would handle it all seamlessly.

Furthermore, that ROM code is also fully integrated with the BASIC Interpreter so that whatever the programmer wants to do must first be filtered through the BASIC and Extended BASIC Language system to determine what part of the ROM it should be dispatched to. For example, given a line of code, the BASIC Interpreter must first determine that it is about graphics rather than text before it can even begin to decide where it should be dispatched.

This is convenient for a beginning (or even a comparatively accomplished) BASIC programmer, but it uses a lot of memory and is quite slow.

I instead determined to pursue a minimal graphics services concept; one where only PMODE 4 would be used, and wherein the Assembly Language code could immediately dispatch control to the proper handler with a minimum of code and maximum speed.

Ultimately, separate routines will be developed for each PMODE. This will allow the programmer to determine how many (or if any) of these graphics routines are needed for the project being developed by the programmer. Keeping the PMODES separate will thus further minimize memory usage and maximize speed.

For the purposes of this paper, however, my efforts are restricted to PMODE 4 only.

In addition to restricting the game design to PMODE 4; in order to provide increased speed and simplicity, I determined to develop the game using 256 8-pixel by 12-pixel Fake Text characters as if the PMODE 4 screen were a 32x16 Text screen. The details of that are a subject for a later paper, however.

For the purposes of this present paper, that fake text concept simply served as a guideline into how complex these PMODE 4 Graphics Routines for the ML Foundation System needed to be.

To even further increase speed and simplicity, I determined to utilize only unsigned integers in the game development. Signed integer arithmetic and floating point numerical operations will also be left for future work.

A Note on Numbers: To keep everything simple to understand, and also neatly lined-up, I frequently refer to numbers as decimal bytes with three full digits, e.g., 004, 027, 229, etc. See Appendix A for conversions between the decimal and hexadecimal representations of bytes. The leading zeroes are NOT intended to indicate octal notation. Octal notation is not used anywhere in this paper.

In works of this complexity (at least for me) typos and other errors are bound to sneak in. Please let me know about any you discover so I can note and correct them.

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General Methodology

For any given PMODE (and for the Text screen as well), the CoCo's Extended BASIC ROM sets certain low-memory variables, including, but not limited to:

Hex		
Address	Abbrev.	Variable
00B2	FORCOL	Foreground Color
00B3	BAKCOL	Background Color
00B5	ALLCOL	All Pixels Color Byte
00B6	PMODE	The PMODE Value
00B7	ENDGRP	End of Current Graphic Page
00B9	HORBYT	# of Bytes/Horizontal Line
00BA	BEGGRP	Start of Current Graphic Page
00BC	GRPRAM	MSB of Start of Graphic RAM
00C1	CSSVAL	Screen's Color Set Argument
00DB	CHGFLG	Graphic Data Changed Flag

(cf. Zydhek, p. A-4).

Through some trial and error testing, I determined that by setting some of these variables and then setting-up the SAM and VDG chips appropriately, I could enter PMODE 4 quickly with a minimum of code usage.

Following that, I set-up simplified PCLS and PSET routines for PMODE 4.

More complex graphics code (e.g. LINE, BOX, FILL, etc.) are left for future work, as they were determined to not be necessary for the game I envisioned.

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BITWISE.BAS: Unsigned Integer Bitwise Operations in BASIC

In order to be able to check my work as I went along in the development, I decided that it would be convenient to be able to perform unsigned integer bitwise operations in BASIC, a task for which CoCo BASIC has not provided. Accordingly, I developed the following BITWISE.BAS program to perform unsigned 8-bit integer AND, OR, NOT, XOR, LSL, LSR, ROL, and ROR bitwise operations.

This is not part of the Graphics Control Routines, per se, but it is a self-contained utility which you might find useful in your own code development.

```
1000 '*****
1010 '*  
1020 '* BITWISE.BAS  
1030 '* MDJ 2023/03/14  
1040 '*  
1050 '* UNSIGNED INTEGER  
1060 '* BITWISE OPERATIONS  
1070 '* IN BASIC  
1080 '*  
1090 '*****  
1100 CLS  
1110 C = 0  'CARRY BIT  
1120 'TEMPORARY VARIABLES  
1130 ' = A8, A9, B8, B9, T  
1140 '  
  
1200 A = 0  
1210 INPUT "ENTER 1ST UINT A (0-255)";A  
1220 T = INT(A)  
1230 IF (T < 0) THEN A = 0  
1240 IF (T > 255) THEN A = 255  
1250 PRINT  
1260 '  
  
1400 B = 0  
1410 INPUT "ENTER 1ST UINT B (0-255)";B  
1420 T = INT(B)  
1430 IF (T < 0) THEN B = 0  
1440 IF (T > 255) THEN B = 255
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1450 PRINT
1460 GOTO 2200
1470 '

2000 A = 0
2010 C = 0  'CLEAR CARRY BIT
2020 INPUT "ENTER NEW UINT A (0-255)";A
2030 T = INT(A)
2040 IF (T < 0) THEN A = 0
2050 IF (T > 255) THEN A = 255
2060 PRINT
2070 GOTO 2200
2080 '

2100 B = 0
2110 INPUT "ENTER NEW UINT B (0-255)";B
2120 T = INT(B)
2130 IF (T < 0) THEN B = 0
2140 IF (T > 255) THEN B = 255
2150 PRINT
2160 '

2200 PRINT "SELECT OP:"
2210 PRINT "  A = INPUT NEW A"
2220 PRINT "  B = INPUT NEW B"
2230 PRINT "  Y = CHECK A"
2240 PRINT "  Z = CHECK B"
2250 PRINT "  S = SWAP:  A <--> B"
2260 PRINT "  N = NOT(A)    --> A"
2270 PRINT "  D = (A AND B) --> A"
2280 PRINT "  R = (A OR B)   --> A"
2290 PRINT "  X = (A XOR B)  --> A"
2300 PRINT "  2 = GO TO SECOND MENU"
2310 PRINT "  E = EXIT ?";
2320 A$ = INKEY$
2330 IF (A$ = "")  GOTO 2320
2340 PRINT
2350 IF (A$ = "A") GOTO 2000
2360 IF (A$ = "B") GOTO 2100
2370 IF (A$ = "Y") GOTO 12500
2380 IF (A$ = "Z") GOTO 13000
2390 IF (A$ = "S") GOTO 13500
2400 IF (A$ = "N") GOTO 14000
2410 IF (A$ = "D") GOTO 14500
2420 IF (A$ = "R") GOTO 15000
2430 IF (A$ = "X") GOTO 15500
2440 IF (A$ = "2") GOTO 3000

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2450 IF (A$ = "E") GOTO 32767
2460 GOTO 2200
2470 '

3000 PRINT
3010 PRINT
3020 PRINT "SELECT 2ND MENU OP:"
3030 PRINT " 4 = LSL"
3040 PRINT " 5 = LSR"
3050 PRINT " 6 = ROL"
3060 PRINT " 7 = ROR"
3070 PRINT " 1 = BACK TO FIRST MENU"
3080 PRINT " E = EXIT ?";
3090 A$ = INKEY$
3100 IF (A$ = "") GOTO 3090
3110 PRINT
3120 IF (A$ = "4") GOTO 16000
3130 IF (A$ = "5") GOTO 16500
3140 IF (A$ = "6") GOTO 17000
3150 IF (A$ = "7") GOTO 17500
3160 IF (A$ = "1") GOTO 2200
3170 IF (A$ = "E") GOTO 32767
3180 GOTO 3010
3190 '

12500 'OP Y = CHECK A
12510 PRINT "UINT: A = ";A
12520 GOSUB 20000          'A: UINT-->BITS
12530 PRINT "A BITS = ";A7;A6;A5;A4;A3;A2;A1;A0;
12540 PRINT "C = CARRY BIT = ";C
12550 GOSUB 20500          'A: BITS-->UINT
12560 PRINT "CHECK: A = ";A
12570 GOTO 2200
12580 '

13000 'OP Z = CHECK B
13010 PRINT "UINT: B = ";B
13020 GOSUB 21000          'B: UINT-->BITS
13030 PRINT "B BITS = ";B7;B6;B5;B4;B3;B2;B1;B0;
13040 GOSUB 20500          'B: BITS-->UINT
13050 PRINT "CHECK: B = ";B
13060 GOTO 2200
13070 '

13500 'OP S = SWAP: A <--> B
13510 GOSUB 22000
13520 PRINT "SWAPPED, NOW:"

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13530 PRINT "  UINT: A = ";A
13540 PRINT "  UINT: B = ";B
13550 GOTO 2200
13560 '

14000 'OP N = NOT(A) --> A
14010 C = 0  'CLEAR CARRY BIT
14020 GOSUB 22500
14030 PRINT "A = NOT(A) = ";A
14040 GOTO 2200
14050 '

14500 'OP D = (A AND B) --> A
14510 C = 0  'CLEAR CARRY BIT
14520 GOSUB 23000
14530 PRINT "A = (A AND B) = ";A
14540 GOTO 2200
14550 '

15000 'OP R = (A OR B) --> A
15010 C = 0  'CLEAR CARRY BIT
15020 GOSUB 23500
15030 PRINT "A = (A OR B) = ";A
15040 GOTO 2200
15050 '

15500 'OP X = (A XOR B) --> A
15510 C = 0  'CLEAR CARRY BIT
15520 GOSUB 24000
15530 PRINT "A = (A XOR B) = ";A
15540 GOTO 2200
15550 '

16000 'OP 4 = LSL(A) --> A
16010 GOSUB 24500
16020 PRINT "A = LSL(A) = ";A
16030 GOTO 2200
16040 '

16500 'OP 5 = LSR(A) --> A
16510 GOSUB 25000
16520 PRINT "A = LSR(A) = ";A
16530 GOTO 2200
16540 '

17000 'OP 6 = ROL(A) --> A
17010 GOSUB 25500
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17020 PRINT "A = ROL(A) = ";A
17030 GOTO 2200
17040 '

17500 'OP 7 = ROR(A) --> A
17510 GOSUB 26000
17520 PRINT "A = ROR(A) = ";A
17530 GOTO 2200
17540 '

20000 'CONVERT AN UNSIGNED INTEGER
20010 'IN REGISTER "A" TO INDIVIDUAL BITS.
20020 'ENTER WITH A = THE UNSIGNED INTEGER.
20030 'EXIT WITH A0-A7 = THE BITS.
20040 A8 = INT(A)
20050 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20060 A0 = A8 - (A9*2)
20070 A8 = A9
20080 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20090 A1 = A8 - (A9*2)
20100 A8 = A9
20110 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20120 A2 = A8 - (A9*2)
20130 A8 = A9
20140 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20150 A3 = A8 - (A9*2)
20160 A8 = A9
20170 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20180 A4 = A8 - (A9*2)
20190 A8 = A9
20200 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20210 A5 = A8 - (A9*2)
20220 A8 = A9
20230 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20240 A6 = A8 - (A9*2)
20250 A8 = A9
20260 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20270 A7 = A8 - (A9*2)
20280 RETURN
20290 '

20500 'CONVERT INDIVIDUAL BITS IN
20510 'REGISTER "A" TO AN UNSIGNED INTEGER.
20520 'ENTER WITH A0-A7 = THE BITS.
20530 'EXIT WITH A = THE UNSIGNED INTEGER.
20540 A = A7*128 + A6*64 + A5*32 + A4*16
20550 A = A + A3*8 + A2*4 + A1*2 + A0*1

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20560 RETURN
20570 '

21000 'CONVERT AN UNSIGNED INTEGER
21010 'IN REGISTER "B" TO INDIVIDUAL BITS.
21020 'ENTER WITH B = THE UNSIGNED INTEGER.
21030 'EXIT WITH B0-B7 = THE BITS.
21040 B8 = INT(B)
21050 B9 = INT(B8/2)
21060 B0 = B8 - (B9*2)
21070 B8 = B9
21080 B9 = INT(B8/2)
21090 B1 = B8 - (B9*2)
21100 B8 = B9
21110 B9 = INT(B8/2)
21120 B2 = B8 - (B9*2)
21130 B8 = B9
21140 B9 = INT(B8/2)
21150 B3 = B8 - (B9*2)
21160 B8 = B9
21170 B9 = INT(B8/2)
21180 B4 = B8 - (B9*2)
21190 B8 = B9
21200 B9 = INT(B8/2)
21210 B5 = B8 - (B9*2)
21220 B8 = B9
21230 B9 = INT(B8/2)
21240 B6 = B8 - (B9*2)
21250 B8 = B9
21260 B9 = INT(B8/2)
21270 B7 = B8 - (B9*2)
21280 RETURN
21290 '

21500 'CONVERT INDIVIDUAL BITS IN
21510 'REGISTER "B" TO AN UNSIGNED INTEGER.
21520 'ENTER WITH B0-B7 = THE BITS.
21530 'EXIT WITH B = THE UNSIGNED INTEGER.
21540 B = B7*128 + B6*64 + B5*32 + B4*16
21550 B = B + B3*8 + B2*4 + B1*2 + B0*1
21560 RETURN
21570 '

22000 'SWAP REGISTERS
22010 T = A
22020 A = B
22030 B = T
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22040 RETURN
22050 '

22500 'BITWISE NOT A
22510 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
22520 IF (A0 = 0) THEN A0 = 1 ELSE A0 = 0
22530 IF (A1 = 0) THEN A1 = 1 ELSE A1 = 0
22540 IF (A2 = 0) THEN A2 = 1 ELSE A2 = 0
22550 IF (A3 = 0) THEN A3 = 1 ELSE A3 = 0
22560 IF (A4 = 0) THEN A4 = 1 ELSE A4 = 0
22570 IF (A5 = 0) THEN A5 = 1 ELSE A5 = 0
22580 IF (A6 = 0) THEN A6 = 1 ELSE A6 = 0
22590 IF (A7 = 0) THEN A7 = 1 ELSE A7 = 0
22600 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
22610 RETURN
22620 '

23000 'BITWISE (A AND B) --> A
23010 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
23020 GOSUB 21000           'B: UINT-->BITS
23030 IF ((A0 = 1) AND (B0 = 1)) THEN A0 = 1 ELSE A0 = 0
23040 IF ((A1 = 1) AND (B1 = 1)) THEN A1 = 1 ELSE A1 = 0
23050 IF ((A2 = 1) AND (B2 = 1)) THEN A2 = 1 ELSE A2 = 0
23060 IF ((A3 = 1) AND (B3 = 1)) THEN A3 = 1 ELSE A3 = 0
23070 IF ((A4 = 1) AND (B4 = 1)) THEN A4 = 1 ELSE A4 = 0
23080 IF ((A5 = 1) AND (B5 = 1)) THEN A5 = 1 ELSE A5 = 0
23090 IF ((A6 = 1) AND (B6 = 1)) THEN A6 = 1 ELSE A6 = 0
23100 IF ((A7 = 1) AND (B7 = 1)) THEN A7 = 1 ELSE A7 = 0
23110 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
23120 RETURN
23130 '

23500 'BITWISE (A OR B) --> A
23510 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
23520 GOSUB 21000           'B: UINT-->BITS
23530 IF ((A0 = 1) OR (B0 = 1)) THEN A0 = 1 ELSE A0 = 0
23540 IF ((A1 = 1) OR (B1 = 1)) THEN A1 = 1 ELSE A1 = 0

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23550 IF ((A2 = 1) OR (B2 = 1)) THEN A2 = 1 ELSE A2 =
0
23560 IF ((A3 = 1) OR (B3 = 1)) THEN A3 = 1 ELSE A3 =
0
23570 IF ((A4 = 1) OR (B4 = 1)) THEN A4 = 1 ELSE A4 =
0
23580 IF ((A5 = 1) OR (B5 = 1)) THEN A5 = 1 ELSE A5 =
0
23590 IF ((A6 = 1) OR (B6 = 1)) THEN A6 = 1 ELSE A6 =
0
23600 IF ((A7 = 1) OR (B7 = 1)) THEN A7 = 1 ELSE A7 =
0
23610 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
23620 RETURN
23630 '

24000 'BITWISE (A XOR B) --> A
24010 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
24020 GOSUB 21000           'B: UINT-->BITS
24030 IF (((A0 = 1) AND (B0 = 0)) OR ((A0 = 0) AND (B0
= 1))) THEN A0 = 1 ELSE A0 = 0
24040 IF (((A1 = 1) AND (B1 = 0)) OR ((A1 = 0) AND (B1
= 1))) THEN A1 = 1 ELSE A1 = 0
24050 IF (((A2 = 1) AND (B2 = 0)) OR ((A2 = 0) AND (B2
= 1))) THEN A2 = 1 ELSE A2 = 0
24060 IF (((A3 = 1) AND (B3 = 0)) OR ((A3 = 0) AND (B3
= 1))) THEN A3 = 1 ELSE A3 = 0
24070 IF (((A4 = 1) AND (B4 = 0)) OR ((A4 = 0) AND (B4
= 1))) THEN A4 = 1 ELSE A4 = 0
24080 IF (((A5 = 1) AND (B5 = 0)) OR ((A5 = 0) AND (B5
= 1))) THEN A5 = 1 ELSE A5 = 0
24090 IF (((A6 = 1) AND (B6 = 0)) OR ((A6 = 0) AND (B6
= 1))) THEN A6 = 1 ELSE A6 = 0
24100 IF (((A7 = 1) AND (B7 = 0)) OR ((A7 = 0) AND (B7
= 1))) THEN A7 = 1 ELSE A7 = 0
24110 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
24120 RETURN
24130 '

24500 'BITWISE LOGICAL SHIFT LEFT (LSL)
24510 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
24520 C = A7
24530 A7 = A6
24540 A6 = A5
24550 A5 = A4
24560 A4 = A3
24570 A3 = A2

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24580 A2 = A1
24590 A1 = A0
24600 A0 = 0
24610 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
24620 RETURN
24630 '

25000 'BITWISE LOGICAL SHIFT RIGHT (LSR)
25010 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
25020 C = A0
25030 A0 = A1
25040 A1 = A2
25050 A2 = A3
25060 A3 = A4
25070 A4 = A5
25080 A5 = A6
25090 A6 = A7
25100 A7 = 0
25110 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
25120 RETURN
25130 '

25500 'BITWISE ROTATE LEFT THRU CARRY (ROL)
25510 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
25520 T = C
25530 C = A7
25540 A7 = A6
25550 A6 = A5
25560 A5 = A4
25570 A4 = A3
25580 A3 = A2
25590 A2 = A1
25600 A1 = A0
25610 A0 = T
25620 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
25630 RETURN
25640 '

26000 'BITWISE ROTATE RIGHT THRU CARRY (ROR)
26010 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
26020 T = C
26030 C = A0
26040 A0 = A1
26050 A1 = A2
26060 A2 = A3
26070 A3 = A4
26080 A4 = A5

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26090 A5 = A6
26100 A6 = A7
26110 A7 = T
26120 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
26130 RETURN
26140 '

32767 END
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Graphics Parameters

As mentioned under General Methodology above, for any given PMODE (and for the Text screen as well), the CoCo's Extended BASIC ROM sets certain low-memory variables.

To determine and record those variables' values under the various possible PMODE, Start Page, and Color Set combinations, I prepared the BASIC MLGCTST2.BAS program which appears in Appendix B.

The resulting lists of parameters are recorded in Appendix C.

For the purposes of this paper, we will be utilizing only the following three lists of parameters:

BASE: TEXT MODE
B2 FORCOL = 3
B3 BAKCOL = 0
B5 ALLCOL = 0
B6 PMODE = 0
B7 ENDGRP = 1400
B9 HORBYT = 10
BA BEGGRP = E00
BC GRPRAM = E
C1 CSSVAL = 0
DB CHGFLG = 0

PMODE= 4 , PAGE= 1 , COLORSET= 0
B2 FORCOL = 3
B3 BAKCOL = 0
B5 ALLCOL = 0
B6 PMODE = 4
B7 ENDGRP = 2600
B9 HORBYT = 20
BA BEGGRP = E00
BC GRPRAM = E
C1 CSSVAL = 0
DB CHGFLG = 0

MIDCALC = F0
POSTCALC = 7
ENDCALC = 6

PMODE= 4 , PAGE= 5 , COLORSET= 0
B2 FORCOL = 3
B3 BAKCOL = 0
B5 ALLCOL = 0
B6 PMODE = 4
B7 ENDGRP = 3E00
B9 HORBYT = 20
BA BEGGRP = 2600
BC GRPRAM = E
C1 CSSVAL = 0
DB CHGFLG = 0

MIDCALC = F0
POSTCALC = 13
ENDCALC = 6

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SVT: Set the SAM and VDG Registers for Text Mode

SVT is used to return to Text Mode from either of the PMODE 4 Graphics screens. This is a self-contained routine which sets the appropriate low-memory variables and also sets-up the SAM and VDG chips for Text Mode. Although SVT physically appears in memory after STSAMG (ORG \$458F vs. ORG \$4574 respectively), it appears here because it is logically prior to STSAMG in the Graphics Control System.

```
00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * SVT.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/15
00140 *
00150 * SET THE SAM AND
00160 * VDG REGISTERS FOR
00170 * TEXT MODE
00180 *
00190 * CF. EXTENDED BASIC
00200 * UNRAVELLED,
00210 * PAGE B-31
00220 *
00230 * ENTRY CONDITIONS:
00240 * NONE
00250 *
00260 * EXIT CONDITIONS:
00270 * NONE
00280 *
00290 * SEE MLGCTST2.BAS
00300 * RESULTS FOR LOW MEMORY
00310 * VARIABLE VALUES
00320 *
00330 *****
00340
00350 * LOW MEMORY
00360 * GRAPHICS
00370 * VARIABLES
00B2    00380 FORCOL EQU      $00B2      FOREGROUND
COLOR
00B3    00390 BAKCOL EQU      $00B3      BACKGROUND
COLOR
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	00B5	00400	ALLCOL	EQU	\$00B5	PIXEL MASK
	00B6	00410	PMODE	EQU	\$00B6	PMODE (0-4)
	00B7	00420	ENDGRP	EQU	\$00B7	END OF GRAPHIC
PAGE						
	00B9	00430	HORBYT	EQU	\$00B9	# OF
BYTES/HORIZONTAL LINE						
	00BA	00440	BEGGRP	EQU	\$00BA	START OF
GRAPHIC PAGE						
	00BC	00450	GRPRAM	EQU	\$00BC	MSB OF START OF
GRAPHIC RAM						
	00C1	00460	CSSVAL	EQU	\$00C1	VDG CSS RAM
IMAGE						
	00DB	00470	CHGFLG	EQU	\$00DB	CHANGE FLAG
		00480				
		00490	* HIGH MEMORY			
		00500	* SAM AND VDG REGISTER			
		00510	* ADDRESSES			
	FF20	00520	PIA1	EQU	\$FF20	
	FFC0	00530	SAM	EQU	\$FFC0	
		00540				
458F		00550		ORG	\$458F	
		00560				
458F 34	16	00570	SVT	PSHS	A,B,X	
4591 86	0E	00580		LDA	#\$0E	
4593 97	BC	00590		STA	GRPRAM	
4595 CC	0E00	00600		LDD	#\$0E00	
4598 DD	BA	00610		STD	BEGGRP	
459A CC	1400	00620		LDD	#\$1400	
459D DD	B7	00630		STD	ENDGRP	
459F 86	10	00640		LDA	#\$10	
45A1 97	B9	00650		STA	HORBYT	
45A3 86	03	00660		LDA	#\$03	
45A5 97	B2	00670		STA	FORCOL	
45A7 4F		00680		CLRA		
45A8 97	B6	00690		STA	PMODE	
45AA 97	B3	00700		STA	BAKCOL	
45AC 97	B5	00710		STA	ALLCOL	
45AE 97	C1	00720		STA	CSSVAL	
45B0 97	DB	00730		STA	CHGFLG	
		00740				
45B2 8E	FFC8	00750		LDX	#SAM+8	POINT TO THE
MIDDLE OF THE SAM						
REGISTER						
45B5 A7	0A	00760		STA	10,X	
45B7 A7	08	00770		STA	8,X	
45B9 A7	06	00780		STA	6,X	

45BB A7	04	00790	STA	4 , X	RESET SAM
DISPLAY PAGE TO \$400					
45BD A7	02	00800	STA	2 , X	
45BF A7	01	00810	STA	1 , X	
45C1 A7	1E	00820	STA	-2 , X	
45C3 A7	1C	00830	STA	-4 , X	
45C5 A7	1A	00840	STA	-6 , X	RESET SAM S VDG
TO TEXT MODE					
45C7 A7	18	00850	STA	-8 , X	
45C9 B6	FF22	00860	LDA	PIA1+2	PORT B DATA
45CC 84	07	00870	ANDA	#\$07	FORCE ALL BITS
TO ZERO:					
		00880 *			KEEP ONLY CSS
DATA					
45CE B7	FF22	00890	STA	PIA1+2	PUT THE VDG
INTO TEXT MODE					
45D1 35	16	00900	PULS	A,B,X	
45D3 39		00910	RTS		
		00920			
		0000	END		

See the PCLS4 Chapter below for testing.

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STSAMG: Set the SAM Register for Graphics Modes

STSAMG is a subroutine called by both SVG410 and SVG450. It sets the SAM Register for either of the two PMODE 4 setups (Start Page 1 or Start Page 5). Although STSAMG physically appears in memory before SVT (ORG \$4574 vs. ORG \$458F respectively), it appears here because it is logically subsequent to SVT in the Graphics Control System.

```
00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * STSAMG.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/12
00140 *
00150 * SET THE
00160 * SAM REGISTER FOR
00170 * GRAPHICS MODES
00180 *
00190 * CF. EXTENDED BASIC
00200 * UNRAVELLED,
00210 * PAGE B-31
00220 *
00230 * ENTRY CONDITIONS:
00240 * NONE
00250 *
00260 * EXIT CONDITIONS:
00270 * NONE
00280 *
00290 *****
00300
00310 * HIGH MEMORY
00320 * SAM REGISTER
00330 * ADDRESS
FFC0    00340 SAM     EQU      $FFC0
00350
4574     00360           ORG      $4574
00370
4574 C6 03   00380 STSAMG   LDB      #3       FIRST STSAMG
ENTRY POINT          00390 *           3 BITS IN SAM
VDG CONTROL REGIS
TER
```

4576 8E FFC0	00400	LDX	#SAM	POINT TO SAM
CONTROL REGISTER				
4579 46	00410 LBL001	RORA		PUT A BIT INTO
THE CARRY FLAG				
457A 24 04	00420	BCC	LBL002	GO IF BIT WAS
ZERO				
457C A7 01	00430	STA	1,X	SET SAM
REGISTER BIT				
457E 20 02	00440	BRA	LBL003	DO NEXT BIT
4580 A7 84	00450 LBL002	STA	,X	CLEAR SAM
REGISTER				
4582 30 02	00460 LBL003	LEAX	2,X	NEXT BIT IN
REGISTER				
4584 5A	00470	DEC B		HAVE WE DONE
ALL BITS?				
4585 26 F2	00480	BNE	LBL001	GO IF NO
4587 39	00490	RTS		
4588 C6 07	00500 STSAM2	LDB	#7	SECOND STSAMG
ENTRY POINT				
	00510 *			7 BITS IN SAM
DISPLAY PAGE REGI				
STER				
458A 8E FFC6	00520	LDX	#SAM+6	POINT TO SAM
DISPLAY PAGE REGIS				
TER				
458D 20 EA	00530	BRA	LBL001	GO SET THE
REGISTER				
	00540			
	0000 00550	END		

See the PCLS4 Chapter below for testing.

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SVG410: Set the SAM and VDG Registers for Graphics Mode

PMODE 4, Start Page 1, Color Set 0

SVG410 is used to go into PMODE 4 at Start Page 1. This routine sets the appropriate low-memory variables and also sets-up the VDG chip; it then calls STSAMG to setup the SAM chip.

```
00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * SVG410.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/15
00140 *
00150 * SET THE SAM AND
00160 * VDG REGISTERS FOR
00170 * GRAPHICS MODE
00180 *
00190 * PMODE 4
00200 * START PAGE 1
00210 * COLOR SET 0
00220 *
00230 * CF. EXTENDED BASIC
00240 *      UNRAVELLED,
00250 *      PAGE B-31
00260 *
00270 * ENTRY CONDITIONS:
00280 * NONE
00290 *
00300 * EXIT CONDITIONS:
00310 * NONE
00320 *
00330 * SEE MLGCTST2.BAS
00340 * RESULTS FOR LOW MEMORY
00350 * VARIABLE VALUES AND:
00360 *      MIDCALC
00370 *      POSTCALC
00380 *      ENDCALC
00390 *
00400 *****
00410
```

		00420	* LOW MEMORY		
		00430	* GRAPHICS		
		00440	* VARIABLES		
COLOR	00B2	00450	FORCOL EQU	\$00B2	FOREGROUND
COLOR	00B3	00460	BAKCOL EQU	\$00B3	BACKGROUND
	00B5	00470	ALLCOL EQU	\$00B5	PIXEL MASK
	00B6	00480	PMODE EQU	\$00B6	PMODE (0-4)
	00B7	00490	ENDGRP EQU	\$00B7	END OF GRAPHIC
PAGE	00B9	00500	HORBYT EQU	\$00B9	# OF
BYTES/HORIZONTAL	LINE	00510	BEGGRP EQU	\$00BA	START OF
GRAPHIC PAGE	00BC	00520	GRPRAM EQU	\$00BC	MSB OF START OF
GRAPHIC RAM	00C1	00530	CSSVAL EQU	\$00C1	VDG CSS RAM
IMAGE	00DB	00540	CHGFLG EQU	\$00DB	CHANGE FLAG
	00550				
	00560		* SAM REGISTER CONTROL		
	00570		* FIRST ENTRY POINT		
	4574	00580	STSAMG EQU	\$4574	
	00590				
	00600		* SAM REGISTER CONTROL		
	00610		* SECOND ENTRY POINT		
	4588	00620	STSAM2 EQU	\$4588	
	00630				
	00640		* HIGH MEMORY		
	00650		* VDG REGISTER		
	00660		* ADDRESS		
	FF20	00670	PIA1 EQU	\$FF20	
	00680				
45D4		00690		ORG	\$45D4
		00700			
45D4 34	16	00710	SVG410 PSHS	A,B,X	
45D6 86	0E	00720	LDA	#\$0E	
45D8 97	BC	00730	STA	GRPRAM	
45DA CC	0E00	00740	LDD	#\$0E00	
45DD DD	BA	00750	STD	BEGGRP	
45DF CC	2600	00760	LDD	#\$2600	
45E2 DD	B7	00770	STD	ENDGRP	
45E4 86	20	00780	LDA	#\$20	
45E6 97	B9	00790	STA	HORBYT	
45E8 86	04	00800	LDA	#\$04	
45EA 97	B6	00810	STA	PMODE	

45EC	86	03	00820	LDA	#\$03
45EE	97	B2	00830	STA	FORCOL
45F0	4F		00840	CLRA	
45F1	97	B3	00850	STA	BAKCOL
45F3	97	B5	00860	STA	ALLCOL
45F5	97	C1	00870	STA	CSSVAL
45F7	97	DB	00880	STA	CHGFLG
			00890		
45F9	86	F0	00900	LDA	#\$F0
					MIDCALC
45FB	B7	FF22	00910	STA	PIA1+2
45FE	86	07	00920	LDA	#\$07
					POSTCALC
4600	BD	4588	00930	JSR	STSAM2
4603	86	06	00940	LDA	#\$06
					ENDCALC
4605	BD	4574	00950	JSR	STSAMG
4608	35	16	00960	PULS	A,B,X
460A	39		00970	RTS	
			00980		
			0000	END	

See the PCLS4 Chapter below for testing.

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SVG450: Set the SAM and VDG Registers for Graphics Mode

PMODE 4, Start Page 5, Color Set 0

SVG450 is used to go into PMODE 4 at Start Page 5. This routine sets the appropriate low-memory variables and also sets-up the VDG chip; it then calls STSAMG to setup the SAM chip.

```
00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * SVG450.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/15
00140 *
00150 * SET THE SAM AND
00160 * VDG REGISTERS FOR
00170 * GRAPHICS MODE
00180 *
00190 * PMODE 4
00200 * START PAGE 5
00210 * COLOR SET 0
00220 *
00230 * CF. EXTENDED BASIC
00240 *      UNRAVELLED,
00250 *      PAGE B-31
00260 *
00270 * ENTRY CONDITIONS:
00280 * NONE
00290 *
00300 * EXIT CONDITIONS:
00310 * NONE
00320 *
00330 * SEE MLGCTST2.BAS
00340 * RESULTS FOR LOW MEMORY
00350 * VARIABLE VALUES AND:
00360 *      MIDCALC
00370 *      POSTCALC
00380 *      ENDCALC
00390 *
00400 *****
00410
```

		00420	* LOW MEMORY		
		00430	* GRAPHICS		
		00440	* VARIABLES		
COLOR	00B2	00450	FORCOL EQU	\$00B2	FOREGROUND
COLOR	00B3	00460	BAKCOL EQU	\$00B3	BACKGROUND
	00B5	00470	ALLCOL EQU	\$00B5	PIXEL MASK
	00B6	00480	PMODE EQU	\$00B6	PMODE (0-4)
	00B7	00490	ENDGRP EQU	\$00B7	END OF GRAPHIC
PAGE	00B9	00500	HORBYT EQU	\$00B9	# OF
BYTES/HORIZONTAL	LINE				
GRAPHIC PAGE	00BA	00510	BEGGRP EQU	\$00BA	START OF
GRAPHIC RAM	00BC	00520	GRPRAM EQU	\$00BC	MSB OF START OF
IMAGE	00C1	00530	CSSVAL EQU	\$00C1	VDG CSS RAM
	00DB	00540	CHGFLG EQU	\$00DB	CHANGE FLAG
	00550				
	00560		* SAM REGISTER CONTROL		
	00570		* FIRST ENTRY POINT		
	4574	00580	STSAMG EQU	\$4574	
	00590				
	00600		* SAM REGISTER CONTROL		
	00610		* SECOND ENTRY POINT		
	4588	00620	STSAM2 EQU	\$4588	
	00630				
	00640		* HIGH MEMORY		
	00650		* VDG REGISTER		
	00660		* ADDRESS		
	FF20	00670	PIA1 EQU	\$FF20	
	00680				
460B		00690		ORG	\$460B
		00700			
460B 34	16	00710	SVG410 PSHS	A,B,X	
460D 86	0E	00720	LDA	#\$0E	
460F 97	BC	00730	STA	GRPRAM	
4611 CC	2600	00740	LDD	#\$2600	
4614 DD	BA	00750	STD	BEGGRP	
4616 CC	3E00	00760	LDD	#\$3E00	
4619 DD	B7	00770	STD	ENDGRP	
461B 86	20	00780	LDA	#\$20	
461D 97	B9	00790	STA	HORBYT	
461F 86	04	00800	LDA	#\$04	
4621 97	B6	00810	STA	PMODE	

4623	86	03	00820	LDA	#\$03	
4625	97	B2	00830	STA	FORCOL	
4627	4F		00840	CLRA		
4628	97	B3	00850	STA	BAKCOL	
462A	97	B5	00860	STA	ALLCOL	
462C	97	C1	00870	STA	CSSVAL	
462E	97	DB	00880	STA	CHGFLG	
			00890			
4630	86	F0	00900	LDA	#\$F0	MIDCALC
4632	B7	FF22	00910	STA	PIA1+2	
4635	86	13	00920	LDA	#\$13	POSTCALC
4637	BD	4588	00930	JSR	STSAM2	
463A	86	06	00940	LDA	#\$06	ENDCALC
463C	BD	4574	00950	JSR	STSAMG	
463F	35	16	00960	PULS	A,B,X	
4641	39		00970	RTS		
			00980			
			0000	END		

See the PCLS4 Chapter below for testing.

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PCLS4: PMODE 4 PCLS

PCLS4 clears the PMODE 4 screen to either Black or Green.

	00100	*****			
	00110	*			
	00120	* PCLS4.ASM			
	00130	* MDJ 2023/03/15			
	00140	*			
	00150	* PMODE4 PCLS			
	00160	*			
	00170	* ENTRY CONDITIONS:			
	00180	* A = COLOR CODE			
	00190	* 0 = BLACK -->			
	00200	* SET A = #\$00			
	00210	* (ALL ZEROES)			
	00220	* 1 = GREEN -->			
	00230	* SET A = #\$FF			
	00240	* (ALL ONES)			
	00250	* DEFAULTS TO GREEN			
	00260	* IF ANYTHING ELSE			
	00270	*			
	00280	* EXIT CONDITIONS:			
	00290	* NONE			
	00300	*			
	00310	*****			
	00320				
	00330	* LOW MEMORY			
	00340	* GRAPHICS			
	00350	* VARIABLES			
PAGE	00B7	00360 ENDGRP EQU	\$00B7	END OF GRAPHIC	
GRAPHIC PAGE	00BA	00370 BEGGRP EQU	\$00BA	START OF	
4642		00380			
		00390	ORG	\$4642	
		00400			
4642 34	14	00410 PCLS4	PSHS	B,X	
4644 81	00	00420	CMPA	#\$00	IS COLOR 0 =
BLACK?					
4646 27	02	00430	BEQ	LBL001	GO IF YES
4648 86	FF	00440	LDA	#\$FF	DEFAULT TO 1 =
GREEN					
464A 1F	89	00450 LBL001 TFR	A,B	D = A:A	

464C 9E	BA	00460	LDX	BEGGRP	START ADDRESS
464E ED	81	00470 LBL002	STD	, X++	SET BYTES TO
COLOR					
4650 9C	B7	00480	CMPX	ENDGRP	AT END ADDRESS?
4652 26	FA	00490	BNE	LBL002	GO IF NO
4654 35	14	00500	PULS	B, X	
4656 39		00510	RTS		
		00520			
		0000	00530	END	

The Assembly Language Test Routine:

```

00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * TEST0201.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/15
00140 *
00150 * INITIAL PMODE 4
00160 * GRAPHICS TEST
00170 *
00180 *****
00190
00200 * MLCORE ADDRESS
4142    00210 POLCAT EQU      $4142
00220
00230 * GRAPHICS ROUTINES
00240 * ADDRESSES
4574    00250 STSAMG  EQU      $4574
4588    00260 STSAM2  EQU      $4588
458F    00270 SVT    EQU      $458F
45D4    00280 SVG410 EQU      $45D4
4608    00290 SVG450 EQU      $4608
4642    00300 PCLS4  EQU      $4642
00310
7000    00320          ORG      $7000
00330
7000 34  02           PSHS     A
00350
00360 * SET PMODE 4 PAGE 1
7002 BD   45D4          JSR      SVG410
00380
00390 * CLEAR THE SCREEN TO GREEN
7005 86   01           LDA      #$01
7007 BD   4642          JSR      PCLS4
00420

```

		00430	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
700A	34	03	00440	PSHS A,CC
700C	BD	4142	00450	LBL001 JSR POLCAT
700F	27	FB	00460	BEQ LBL001 NO KEYPRESS
7011	35	03	00470	PULS A,CC
		00480		
		00490	*	CLEAR THE SCREEN TO BLACK
7013	86	00	00500	LDA #\$00
7015	BD	4642	00510	JSR PCLS4
		00520		
		00530	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
7018	34	03	00540	PSHS A,CC
701A	BD	4142	00550	LBL002 JSR POLCAT
701D	27	FB	00560	BEQ LBL002 NO KEYPRESS
701F	35	03	00570	PULS A,CC
		00580		
		00590	*	SET PMODE 4 PAGE 5
7021	BD	4608	00600	JSR SVG450
		00610		
		00620	*	CLEAR THE SCREEN TO GREEN
7024	86	01	00630	LDA #\$01
7026	BD	4642	00640	JSR PCLS4
		00650		
		00660	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
7029	34	03	00670	PSHS A,CC
702B	BD	4142	00680	LBL003 JSR POLCAT
702E	27	FB	00690	BEQ LBL003 NO KEYPRESS
7030	35	03	00700	PULS A,CC
		00710		
		00720	*	CLEAR THE SCREEN TO BLACK
7032	86	00	00730	LDA #\$00
7034	BD	4642	00740	JSR PCLS4
		00750		
		00760	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
7037	34	03	00770	PSHS A,CC
7039	BD	4142	00780	LBL004 JSR POLCAT
703C	27	FB	00790	BEQ LBL004 NO KEYPRESS
703E	35	03	00800	PULS A,CC
		00810		
		00820	*	RETURN TO TEXT MODE
7040	BD	458F	00830	JSR SVT
		00840		
		00850	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
7043	34	03	00860	PSHS A,CC
7045	BD	4142	00870	LBL005 JSR POLCAT
7048	27	FB	00880	BEQ LBL005 NO KEYPRESS
704A	35	03	00890	PULS A,CC

		00900		
704C 35	02	00910	PULS	A
704E 39		00920	RTS	
		00930		
	0000	00940	END	

Making the Preliminary MLFT File: This program combines the Graphics Control Routines into the single MLFT.BIN file so that the machine language Graphics Control System can be loaded as a single entity. (See the Final PSET41 Chapter below for making the Final MLFT File.)

Note that the FLSYS.BIN file specified on Line 2000 is provided by the MAKEFALS.BAS program in ([MDJ01], p.104). It is not used in these Graphics Control Routines, but is included as a check that the MLCORE, False Disk Routines and Graphics Control Routines all fit together properly without any erroneous overlaps.

```

1000 *****
1010 '* 
1020 '* MAKEMLFT.BAS
1030 '* MDJ 2023/03/16
1040 '* 
1050 '* MAKES THE
1060 '* MLFT.BIN FILE
1070 '* 
1080 *****
1090 ' 

1500 CLEAR 200, &H4000
1510 ' 

2000 LOADM "FLSYS.BIN"
2010 LOADM "STSAMG.BIN"
2020 LOADM "SVT.BIN"
2030 LOADM "SVG410.BIN"
2030 LOADM "SVG450.BIN"
2040 LOADM "PCLS4.BIN"
2050 ' 

3000 SAVEM "MLFT.BIN", &H4416, &H4656, &H4416
3010 ' 

32767 END

```

The BASIC Language Control Program:

```
1000 '*****
1010 '*  
1020 '* TEST0201.BAS  
1030 '* MDJ 2023/03/16  
1040 '*  
1050 '* INITIAL PMODE 4  
1060 '* GRAPHICS TEST  
1070 '*  
1080 '*****  
1090 '  
  
1100 'SETUP MEMORY  
1110 CLEAR 0, &H4000  
1120 PCLEAR 8  
1120 '  
  
1200 'LOAD THE  
1210 'ML FOUNDATION CORE  
1220 LOADM "MLCORE.BIN"  
1230 '  
  
1300 'LOAD THE MLFT FILE  
1310 LOADM "MLFT.BIN"  
1320 '  
  
1400 'LOAD THE  
1410 'ML TEST ROUTINE  
1420 LOADM "TEST0201.BIN"  
1430 '  
  
2900 'REFERENCE THE  
2910 'TRANSFER VARIABLES  
2920 RA = &H400A 'REGPCH  
2930 RB = &H400B 'REGPCL  
2940 '  
  
3000 'SETUP THE  
3010 'RUN ADDRESS  
3020 C = &H7000  
3030 C1 = INT(C/256)  
3040 C2 = INT(C-(C1*256))  
3050 POKE RA, C1  
3060 POKE RB, C2  
3070 '
```

```
6000 'JUMP TO CORE
6010 'STARTUP ROUTINE
6020 EXEC &H4403
6030 '

9000 'MEMORY AND DISK
9010 'STATUS CHECK
9020 PRINT
9030 PRINT " MEM = " ;MEM
9040 PRINT "FREE = " ;FREE(0)
9050 '

32767 END
```

The BASIC Language Control Program, Abbreviated: The full program, as written above, bombs with a reported OM ERROR. This is intentional - The entire ML Foundation System is intended to be initialized using the absolute minimum of BASIC code; just enough to get the Machine Language system loaded and started. It is the following abbreviated BASIC code which is on disk as TEST0201.BAS.

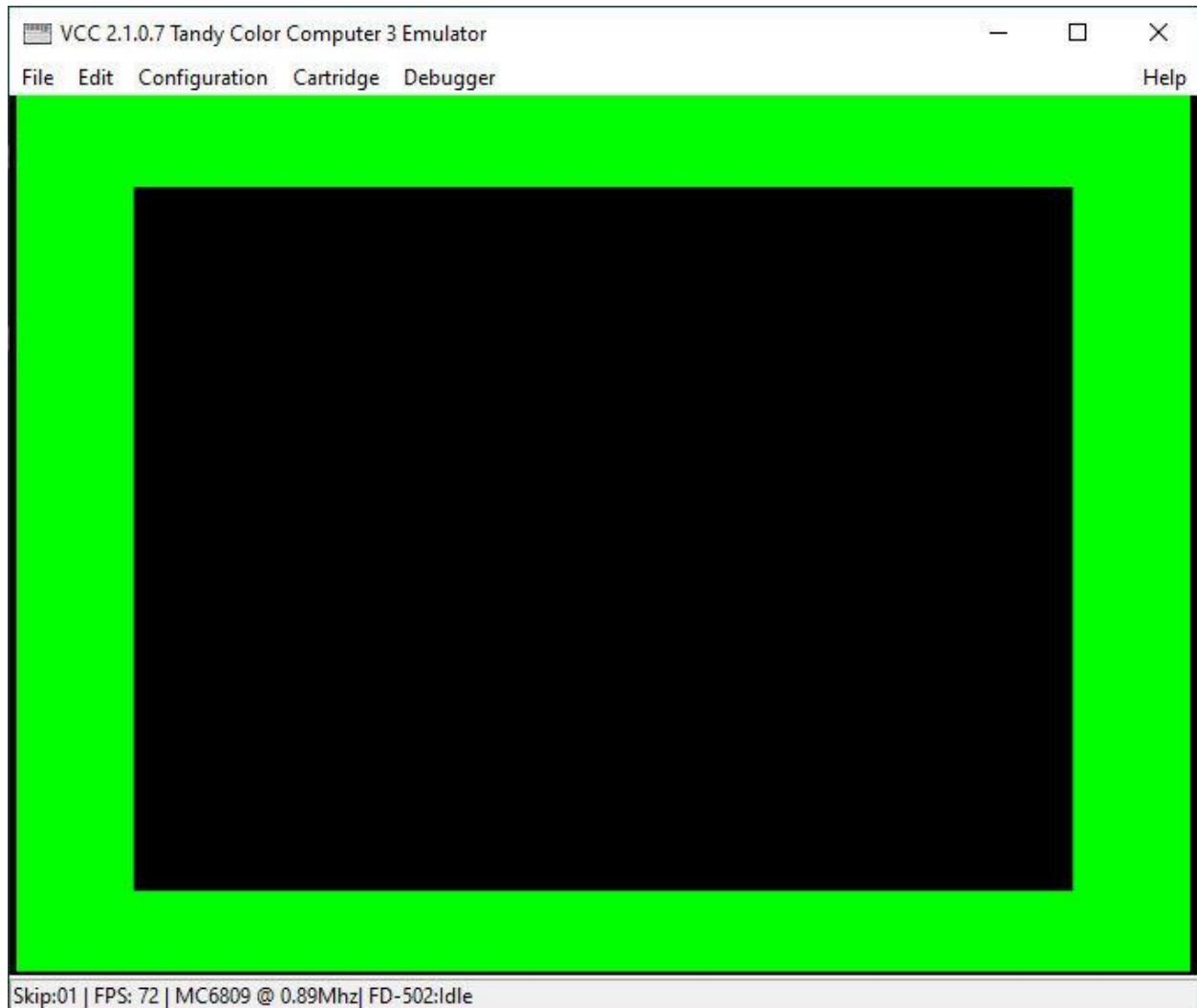
```
1110 CLEAR0 ,&H4000
1120 PCLEAR8
1220 LOADM"MLCORE.BIN"
1310 LOADM"MLFT.BIN"
1420 LOADM"TEST0201.BIN"
2920 RA=&H400A
2930 RB=&H400B
3020 C=&H7000
3030 C1=INT(C/256)
3040 C2=INT(C- (C1*256) )
3050 POKERA,C1
3060 POKERB,C2
6020 EXEC&H4403
9020 PRINT
9030 PRINT" MEM = " ;MEM
9040 PRINT"FREE = " ;FREE(0)
32767 END
```

Results:

On Startup of TEST0201.BAS: PMODE 4. Start Page 1; cleared to Green.



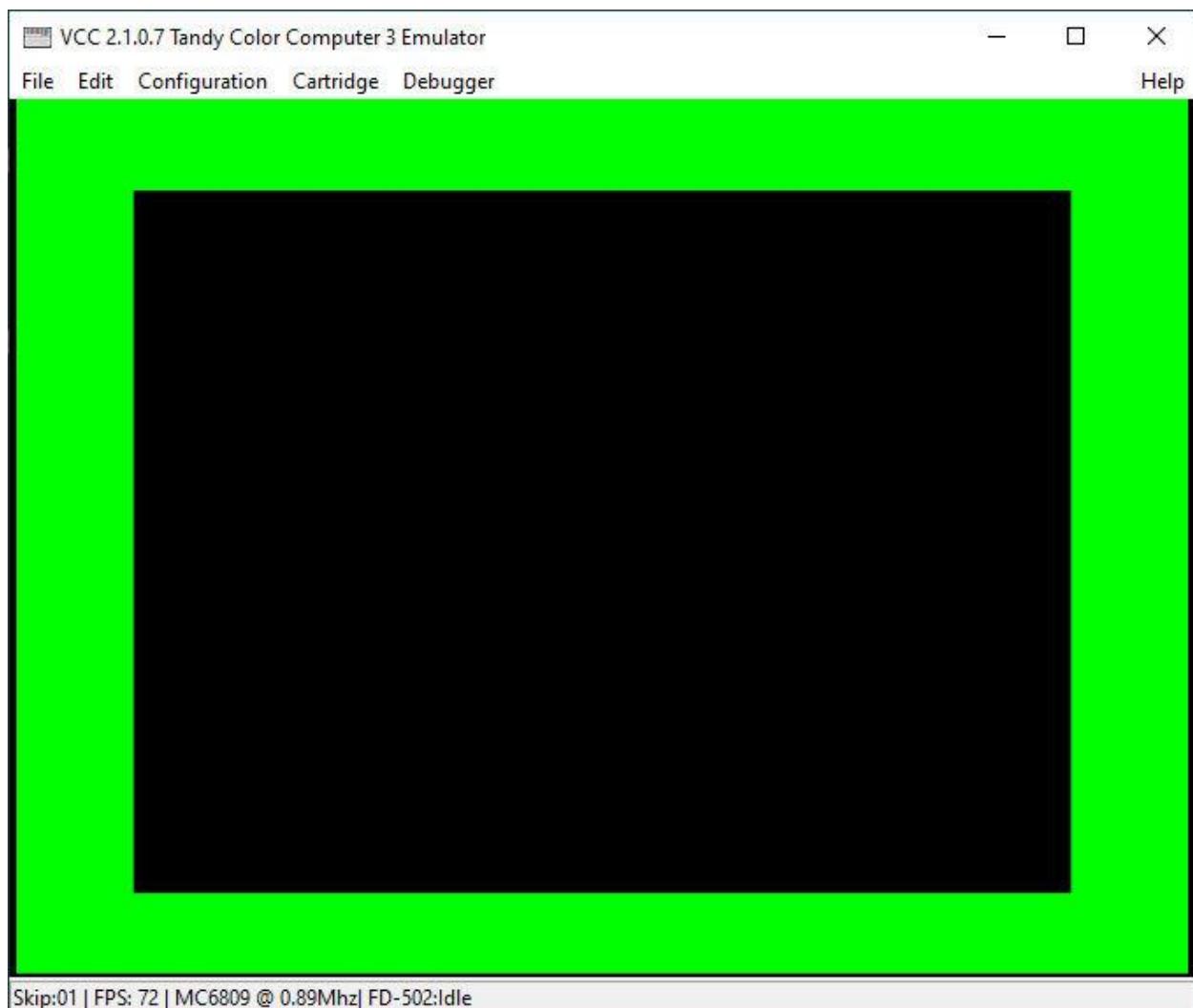
On First Keypress: PMODE 4. Start Page 1; cleared to Black.



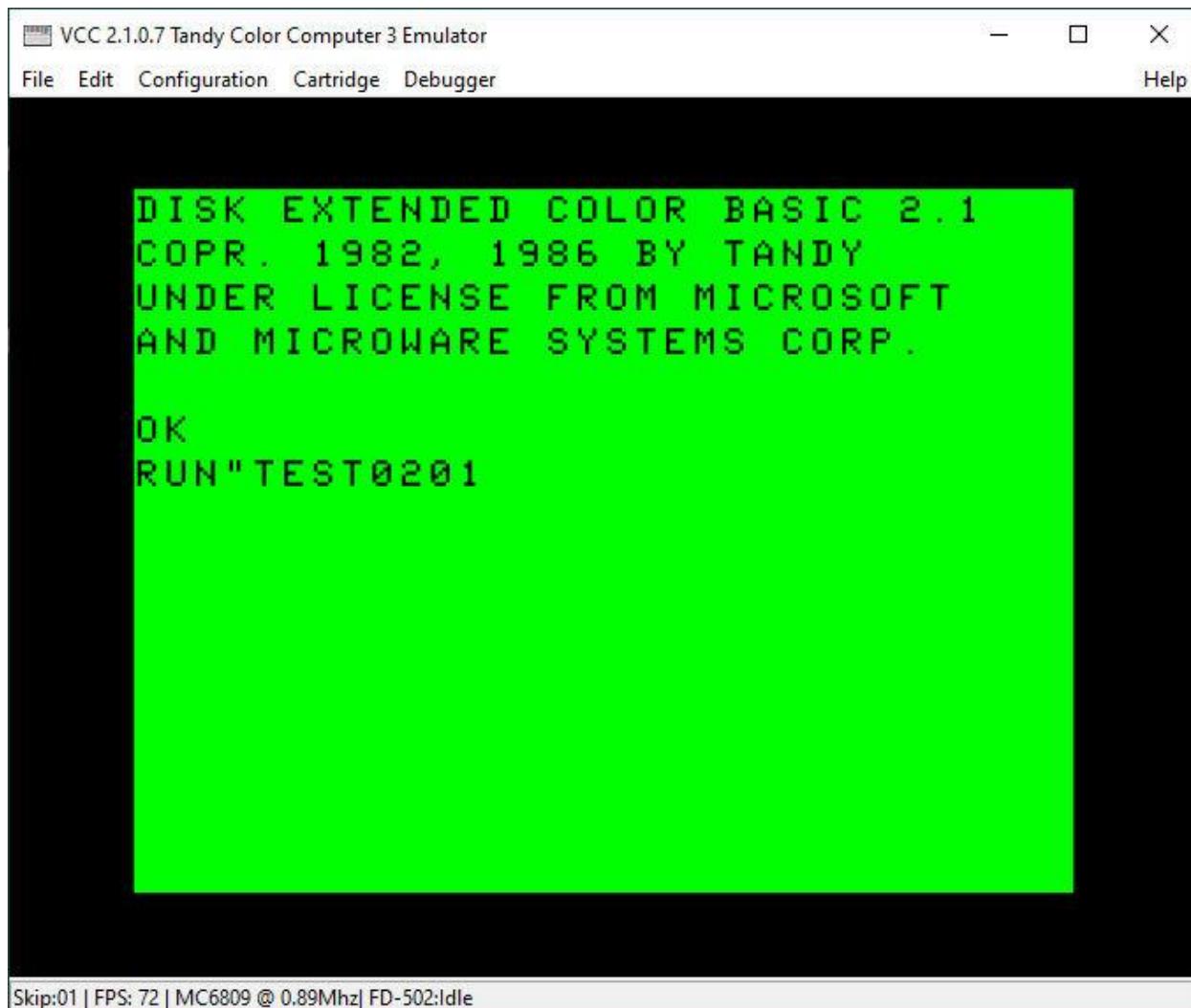
On Second Keypress: PMODE 4. Start Page 5; cleared to Green.



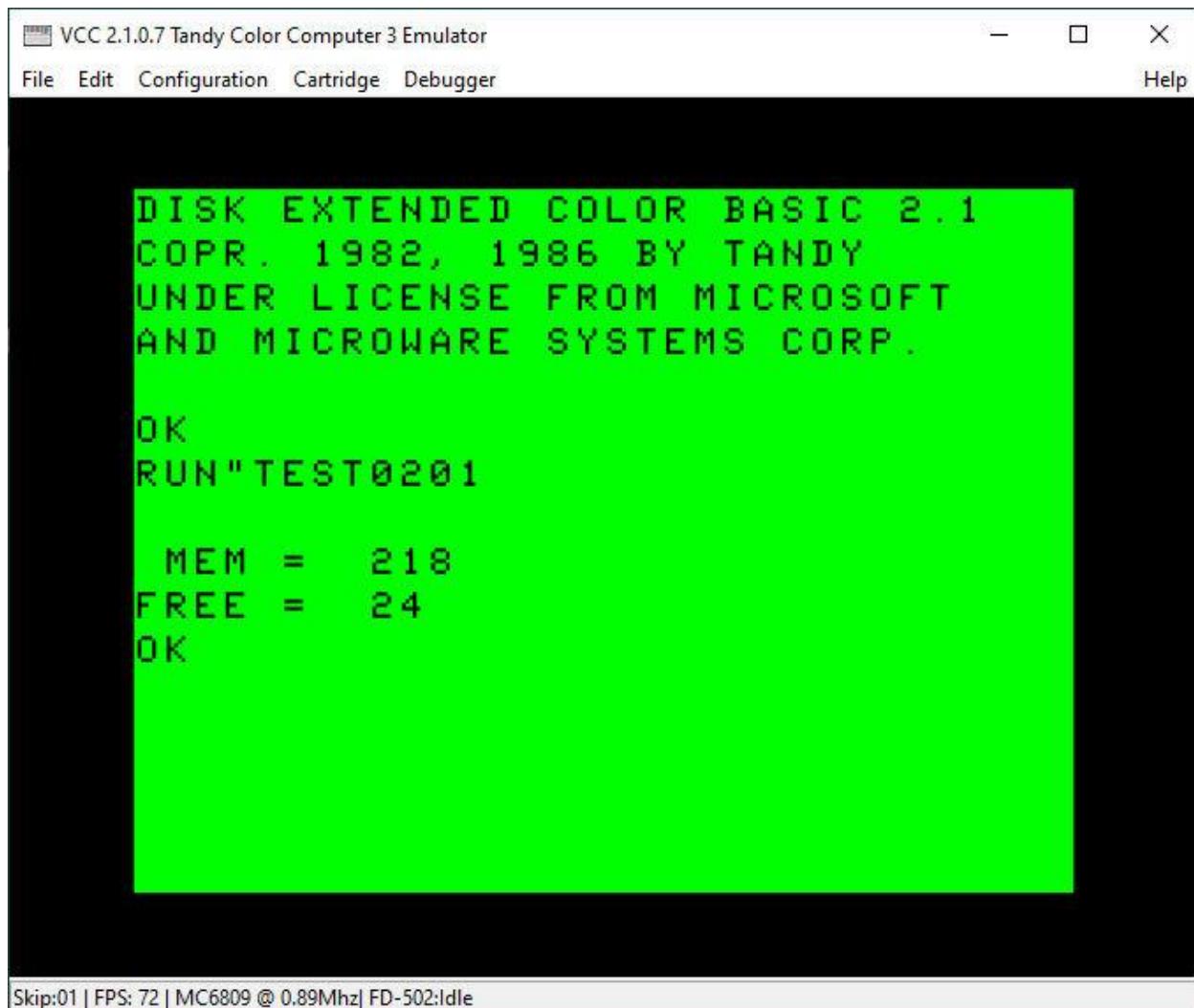
On Third Keypress: PMODE 4. Start Page 1; cleared to Black.



On Fourth Keypress: The return to Text Mode.



On Fifth Keypress: After exiting the TEST0201.BAS program.



All as expected.

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The ROM PSET Revisited

Since the PSET routines will eventually be the foundation of many other Graphics routines (LINE, BOX, FILL, etc.) I wanted to make sure that my PSET implementations were highly efficient; both in terms of bytes of memory occupied, and also in terms of CPU cycles consumed.

So it naturally occurred to me that the standard of comparison should be the CoCo's Extended BASIC ROM PSET routine. Regardless of its actual size and speed, the ROM PSET would be something I could measure improvements against; e.g. "This implementation is X% smaller and Y% faster than the ROM PSET."

So, I initially began to step through (Zydhek)'s ROM assembly listing, unwinding the PSET and recording the number of bytes used. I intended to go back later and fill-in the CPU cycles for each instruction.

1,147 lines (of the most outrageous spaghetti code I've ever seen up close) later, I finally reached the end and had "PSET Unwound" in my hands. It was so huge, I didn't even bother to go back and record the cycles. I didn't even total up the number of bytes.

Nor did I think it worthy of adding 49 pages to this paper to include it here. If you're interested, you can find it at:

<https://www.bds-soft.com/files/coco/NewFiles/MyPapers/2023/MLGC/ROMPSETUnwound.pdf> .

PSTGB4: Get PMODE 4 Byte and Bit Position from (X,Y) Coordinates

PSTGB4 translates the selected screen's X-Coordinate and Y-Coordinate into the screen's byte address, byte contents, and the bit position within that byte. PSTGB4 is a subroutine which is called by both PSET40 and PSET41..

```
00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * PSTGB4.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/15
00140 *
00150 * GET PMODE 4 BYTE
00160 * AND BIT POSITION FROM
00170 * (X,Y) COORDINATES
00180 *
00190 * ENTRY CONDITIONS:
00200 * A = Y-COORDINATE (0-191)
00210 * B = X-COORDINATE (0-255)
00220 *
00230 * EXIT CONDITIONS
00240 * A = BIT POSITION (0-7)
00250 * B = BYTE CONTENTS
00260 * X = BYTE ADDRESS
00270 *
00280 *****
00290
00300 * LOW MEMORY
00310 * GRAPHICS
00320 * VARIABLE
00330 BEGGRP EQU      $00BA    START OF
00BA GRAPHIC PAGE
00340
4657   00350          ORG      $4657
00360
00370 * AT THIS POINT THE
00380 * STACK CONTAINS
00390 *   1,S RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE
00400 *   ,S RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE
00410
00420 * MAKE ROOM FOR
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			00430 *	7,S	RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE
			00440 *	6,S	RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE
			00450 *	5,S	PIXEL NUMBER LOW BYTE
			00460 *	4,S	PIXEL NUMBER HIGH BYTE
			00470 *	3,S	BYTE NUMBER LOW BYTE
			00480 *	2,S	BYTE NUMBER HIGH BYTE
			00490 *	1,S	TEMP VALUE LOW BYTE
			00500 *	,S	TEMP VALUE HIGH BYTE
4657	32	7A	00510	PSTGB4	LEAS -6,S
			00520		
			00530 *	WITH A = Y-COORDINATE	
			00540 *	AND B = X-COORDINATE,	
			00550 *	D = A:B = PIXEL NUMBER = PN	
			00560 *	AND BYTE NUMBER = BN = PN/8	
4659	ED	64	00570		STD 4,S SAVE PN
465B	44		00580		LSRA
465C	56		00590		RORB
465D	44		00600		LSRA
465E	56		00610		RORB
465F	44		00620		LSRA
4660	56		00630		RORB D = D/8
4661	ED	62	00640		STD 2,S SAVE BN
			00650		
			00660 *	GET BYTE ADDRESS	
4663	DC	BA	00670		LDD BEGGRP START OF
GRAPHIC	PAGE				
4665	E3	62	00680		ADDD 2,S BYTE NUMBER
4667	1F	01	00690		TFR D,X BYTE ADDRESS
			00700		
			00710 *	BIT POSITION IN BYTE = BP	
			00720 *	= 7 - (PN - (BN*8))	
4669	EC	62	00730		LDD 2,S BN = BYTE
NUMBER					
466B	58		00740		LSLB
466C	49		00750		ROLA
466D	58		00760		LSLB
466E	49		00770		ROLA
466F	58		00780		LSLB
4670	49		00790		ROLA BN*8
4671	ED	E4	00800		STD ,S SAVE TEMP
4673	EC	64	00810		LDD 4,S PN
4675	A3	E4	00820		SUBD ,S PN - (BN*8)
4677	ED	E4	00830		STD ,S SAVE TEMP
4679	86	07	00840		LDA #7
467B	A0	61	00850		SUBA 1,S LSB OF TEMP -->
BP			00860		

		00870 * GET BYTE CONTENTS
467D E6	84	00880 LDB ,X
		00890
		00900 * CLEAN THE STACK AND RETURN
467F 32	66	00910 LEAS 6,S
4681 39		00920 RTS
		00930
	0000	00940 END

See the Final PSET41 Chapter below for testing.

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First Attempt

PSET40: Set a PMODE 4 Point to Black = 0

This was my first attempt at writing PSET40. It calls the subroutine PSTGB4 to translate the coordinates into the screen's byte data and then puts the black pixel to the screen. As can be seen below, this first attempt was already quite efficient (certainly so as compared to the ROM PSET), consuming 80 bytes of memory and 132 CPU cycles.

```
00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * PSET40F.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/15
00140 * FIRST ATTEMPT
00150 *
00160 * SET A PMODE 4
00170 * POINT TO
00180 * BLACK = 0
00190 *
00200 * ENTRY CONDITIONS:
00210 * A = Y-COORDINATE (0-191)
00220 * B = X-COORDINATE (0-255)
00230 *
00240 * EXIT CONDITIONS:
00250 * NONE
00260 *
00270 *****
00280
00290 * BYTE DATA
00300 * ROUTINE ADDRESS
4657    00310 PSTGB4   EQU     $4657
00320
4682      00330           ORG     $4682
00340
4682 34   10    00350 PSET40  PSHS    X
00360
00370 * AT THIS POINT THE
00380 * STACK CONTAINS
00390 *   3,S RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE
00400 *   2,S RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE
00410 *   1,S REGISTER X LOW BYTE
00420 *   ,S REGISTER X HIGH BYTE
```

		00430		
		00440	* MAKE ROOM FOR	
		00450	* 5,S RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE	
		00460	* 4,S RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE	
		00470	* 3,S REGISTER X LOW BYTE	
		00480	* 2,S REGISTER X HIGH BYTE	
		00490	* 1,S BYTE CONTENTS	
		00500	,S PIXEL MASK	
4684	32	7E	00510	LEAS -2,S
			00520	
			00530	* GO GET BYTE DATA
4686	BD	4657	00540	JSR PSTGB4
			00550	
			00560	* NOW:
			00570	* A = BIT POSITION (0-7)
			00580	* B = BYTE CONTENTS
			00590	* X = BYTE ADDRESS
			00600	
			00610	* SAVE THE BYTE CONTENTS
4689	E7	61	00620	STB 1,S
			00630	
			00640	* ALL ONES MASK TO
			00650	* SET BIT = 0 = BLACK
			00660	* USING "AND"
468B	81	00	00670	CMPA #0
468D	26	04	00680	BNE LBL001
468F	C6	FE	00690	LDB #\$FE
4691	20	32	00700	BRA LBL008
4693	81	01	00710	LBL001 CMPA #1
4695	26	04	00720	BNE LBL002
4697	C6	FD	00730	LDB #\$FD
4699	20	2A	00740	BRA LBL008
469B	81	02	00750	LBL002 CMPA #2
469D	26	04	00760	BNE LBL003
469F	C6	FB	00770	LDB #\$FB
46A1	20	22	00780	BRA LBL008
46A3	81	03	00790	LBL003 CMPA #3
46A5	26	04	00800	BNE LBL004
46A7	C6	F7	00810	LDB #\$F7
46A9	20	1A	00820	BRA LBL008
46AB	81	04	00830	LBL004 CMPA #4
46AD	26	04	00840	BNE LBL005
46AF	C6	EF	00850	LDB #\$EF
46B1	20	12	00860	BRA LBL008
46B3	81	05	00870	LBL005 CMPA #5
46B5	26	04	00880	BNE LBL006
46B7	C6	DF	00890	LDB #\$DF

46B9	20	0A	00900	BRA	LBL008
46BB	81	06	00910	LBL006	CMPA #6
46BD	26	04	00920	BNE	LBL007
46BF	C6	BF	00930	LDB	#\$BF
46C1	20	02	00940	BRA	LBL008
46C3	C6	7F	00950	LBL007	LDB #\$7F
46C5	E7	E4	00960	LBL008	STB ,S PIXEL MASK
			00970		
			00980	* SET THE PIXEL TO 0 = BLACK	
46C7	A6	61	00990	LDA 1,S	BYTE CONTENTS
46C9	A4	E4	01000	ANDA ,S	PIXEL MASK
46CB	A7	84	01010	STA ,X	PUT TO SCREEN
			01020		
			01030	* CLEAN THE STACK AND RETURN	
46CD	32	62	01040	LEAS 2,S	
46CF	35	10	01050	PULS X	
46D1	39		01060	RTS	
			01070		
		0000	01080	END	

Cycles and Bytes:

		00100	*****				
		00110	*				
		00120	* PSET40FD.ASM				
		00130	* MDJ 2023/03/15				
		00135	* FIRST ATTEMPT				
		00136	* CYCLES AND BYTES				
		00250	*				
		00260	*****				
		4657	00300	PSTGB4	EQU \$4657	CYCLES -----	BYTES -----
4682			00320	ORG	\$4682	-----	-----
4682	34	10	00340	PSET40	PSHS X	7	2
4684	32	7E	00500	LEAS	-2,S	5	2
4686	BD	4657	00530	JSR	PSTGB4	8	3
4689	E7	61	00610	STB	1,S	5	2
468B	81	00	00660	CMPA	#0	2	2
468D	26	04	00670	BNE	LBL001	3	2
468F	C6	FE	00680	LDB	#\$FE	2	2
4691	20	32	00690	BRA	LBL008	3	2
4693	81	01	00700	LBL001	CMPA #1	2	2
4695	26	04	00710	BNE	LBL002	3	2
4697	C6	FD	00720	LDB	#\$FD	2	2
4699	20	2A	00730	BRA	LBL008	3	2
469B	81	02	00740	LBL002	CMPA #2	2	2

469D	26	04	00750	BNE	LBL003	3	2
469F	C6	FB	00760	LDB	#\$FB	2	2
46A1	20	22	00770	BRA	LBL008	3	2
46A3	81	03	00780	LBL003	CMPA	#3	2
46A5	26	04	00790	BNE	LBL004	3	2
46A7	C6	F7	00800	LDB	#\$F7	2	2
46A9	20	1A	00810	BRA	LBL008	3	2
46AB	81	04	00820	LBL004	CMPA	#4	2
46AD	26	04	00830	BNE	LBL005	3	2
46AF	C6	EF	00840	LDB	#\$EF	2	2
46B1	20	12	00850	BRA	LBL008	3	2
46B3	81	05	00860	LBL005	CMPA	#5	2
46B5	26	04	00870	BNE	LBL006	3	2
46B7	C6	DF	00880	LDB	#\$DF	2	2
46B9	20	0A	00890	BRA	LBL008	3	2
46BB	81	06	00900	LBL006	CMPA	#6	2
46BD	26	04	00910	BNE	LBL007	3	2
46BF	C6	BF	00920	LDB	#\$BF	2	2
46C1	20	02	00930	BRA	LBL008	3	2
46C3	C6	7F	00940	LBL007	LDB	#\$7F	2
46C5	E7	E4	00950	LBL008	STB	,S	2
46C7	A6	61	00980	LDA	1,S	5	2
46C9	A4	E4	00990	ANDA	,S	4	2
46CB	A7	84	01000	STA	,X	4	2
46CD	32	62	01030	LEAS	2,S	5	2
46CF	35	10	01040	PULS	X	7	2
46D1	39		01050	RTS		5	1
		0000	01070	END		-----	-----
				TOTALS		132	80

See the Final PSET41 Chapter below for testing.

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First Attempt

PSET41: Set a PMODE 4 Point to Green = 1

This was my first attempt at writing PSET41. It calls the subroutine PSTGB4 to translate the coordinates into the screen's byte data and then puts the green pixel to the screen. Except for using a zeroes mask instead of a ones mask, this routine is identical to the first attempt at PSET40. Therefore, I did not do a separate cycles and bytes analysis for this routine.

```
00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * PSET41F.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/15
00140 * FIRST ATTEMPT
00150 *
00160 * SET A PMODE 4
00170 * POINT TO
00180 * GREEN = 1
00190 *
00200 * ENTRY CONDITIONS:
00210 * A = Y-COORDINATE (0-191)
00220 * B = X-COORDINATE (0-255)
00230 *
00240 * EXIT CONDITIONS:
00250 * NONE
00260 *
00270 *****
00280
00290 * BYTE DATA
00300 * ROUTINE ADDRESS
4657    00310 PSTGB4   EQU     $4657
00320
46D2      00330           ORG     $46D2
00340
46D2 34   10    00350 PSET41   PSHS    X
00360
00370 * AT THIS POINT THE
00380 * STACK CONTAINS
00390 *   3,S RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE
00400 *   2,S RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE
00410 *   1,S REGISTER X LOW BYTE
00420 *   ,S REGISTER X HIGH BYTE
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		00430		
		00440	* MAKE ROOM FOR	
		00450	* 5,S RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE	
		00460	* 4,S RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE	
		00470	* 3,S REGISTER X LOW BYTE	
		00480	* 2,S REGISTER X HIGH BYTE	
		00490	* 1,S BYTE CONTENTS	
		00500	,S PIXEL MASK	
46D4	32	7E	00510	LEAS -2,S
			00520	
			00530	* GO GET BYTE DATA
46D6	BD	4657	00540	JSR PSTGB4
			00550	
			00560	* NOW:
			00570	* A = BIT POSITION (0-7)
			00580	* B = BYTE CONTENTS
			00590	* X = BYTE ADDRESS
			00600	
			00610	* SAVE THE BYTE CONTENTS
46D9	E7	61	00620	STB 1,S
			00630	
			00640	* ALL ZEROES MASK TO
			00650	* SET BIT = 1 = GREEN
			00660	* USING "OR"
46DB	81	00	00670	LBL000 CMPA #0
46DD	26	04	00680	BNE LBL001
46DF	C6	01	00690	LDB #\$01
46E1	20	32	00700	BRA LBL008
46E3	81	01	00710	LBL001 CMPA #1
46E5	26	04	00720	BNE LBL002
46E7	C6	02	00730	LDB #\$02
46E9	20	2A	00740	BRA LBL008
46EB	81	02	00750	LBL002 CMPA #2
46ED	26	04	00760	BNE LBL003
46EF	C6	04	00770	LDB #\$04
46F1	20	22	00780	BRA LBL008
46F3	81	03	00790	LBL003 CMPA #3
46F5	26	04	00800	BNE LBL004
46F7	C6	08	00810	LDB #\$08
46F9	20	1A	00820	BRA LBL008
46FB	81	04	00830	LBL004 CMPA #4
46FD	26	04	00840	BNE LBL005
46FF	C6	10	00850	LDB #\$10
4701	20	12	00860	BRA LBL008
4703	81	05	00870	LBL005 CMPA #5
4705	26	04	00880	BNE LBL006
4707	C6	20	00890	LDB #\$20

4709 20	0A	00900	BRA	LBL008
470B 81	06	00910 LBL006	CMPA	#6
470D 26	04	00920	BNE	LBL007
470F C6	40	00930	LDB	#\$40
4711 20	02	00940	BRA	LBL008
4713 C6	80	00950 LBL007	LDB	#\$80
4715 E7	E4	00960 LBL008	STB	, S PIXEL MASK
		00970		
		00980 * SET THE PIXEL TO 0 = BLACK		
4717 A6	61	00990	LDA	1, S BYTE CONTENTS
4719 AA	E4	01000	ORA	, S PIXEL MASK
471B A7	84	01010	STA	, X PUT TO SCREEN
		01020		
		01030 * CLEAN THE STACK AND RETURN		
471D 32	62	01040	LEAS	2, S
471F 35	10	01050	PULS	X
4721 39		01060	RTS	
		01070		
		0000 01080	END	

See the Final PSET41 Chapter below for testing.

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Final PSET40: Set a PMODE 4 Point to Black = 0

This is the final PSET40. It calls the subroutine PSTGB4 to translate the coordinates into the screen's byte data and then puts the black pixel to the screen. As can be seen below, this final code is somewhat more efficient than the first attempt; consuming 65 bytes of memory and 126 CPU cycles, as compared to the first attempt's 80 and 132 respectively.

```
00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * PSET40.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/25
00140 * FINAL
00150 *
00160 * SET A PMODE 4
00170 * POINT TO
00180 * BLACK = 0
00190 *
00200 * ENTRY CONDITIONS:
00210 * A = Y-COORDINATE (0-191)
00220 * B = X-COORDINATE (0-255)
00230 *
00240 * EXIT CONDITIONS:
00250 * NONE
00260 *
00270 *****
00280
00290 * BYTE DATA
00300 * ROUTINE ADDRESS
4657 00310 PSTGB4 EQU $4657
00320
4682 00330 ORG $4682
00340
4682 34 30 00350 PSET40 PSHS X,Y
00360
00370 * AT THIS POINT THE
00380 * STACK CONTAINS
00390 * 3,S RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE
00400 * 2,S RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE
00410 * 1,S REGISTER X LOW BYTE
00420 * ,S REGISTER X HIGH BYTE
00430
00440 * MAKE ROOM FOR
```

		00450	*	5,S RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE
		00460	*	4,S RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE
		00470	*	3,S REGISTER X LOW BYTE
		00480	*	2,S REGISTER X HIGH BYTE
		00490	*	1,S BYTE CONTENTS
		00500	*	,S PIXEL MASK
4684	32	7E	00510	LEAS -2,S
		00520		
		00530	*	GO GET BYTE DATA
4686	BD	4657	00540	JSR PSTGB4
		00550		
		00560	*	NOW:
		00570	*	A = BIT POSITION (0-7)
		00580	*	B = BYTE CONTENTS
		00590	*	X = BYTE ADDRESS
		00600		
		00610	*	SAVE THE BYTE CONTENTS
4689	E7	61	00620	STB 1,S
		00630		
		00640	*	SAVE THE BYTE ADDRESS
468B	1F	12	00650	TFR X,Y
		00660		
		00670	*	ALL ONES MASK TO
		00680	*	SET BIT = 0 = BLACK
		00690	*	USING "AND"
468D	48		00700	LSLA A = A * 4
468E	48		00710	LSLA (4 BYTES PER
LBL)				
468F	8E	4694	00720	LDX #LBL000
4692	6E	86	00730	JMP A,X
4694	C6	FE	00740 LBL000	LDB #\$FE
4696	20	1A	00750	BRA LBL008
4698	C6	FD	00760 LBL001	LDB #\$FD
469A	20	16	00770	BRA LBL008
469C	C6	FB	00780 LBL002	LDB #\$FB
469E	20	12	00790	BRA LBL008
46A0	C6	F7	00800 LBL003	LDB #\$F7
46A2	20	0E	00810	BRA LBL008
46A4	C6	EF	00820 LBL004	LDB #\$EF
46A6	20	0A	00830	BRA LBL008
46A8	C6	DF	00840 LBL005	LDB #\$DF
46AA	20	06	00850	BRA LBL008
46AC	C6	BF	00860 LBL006	LDB #\$BF
46AE	20	02	00870	BRA LBL008
46B0	C6	7F	00880 LBL007	LDB #\$7F
46B2	E7	E4	00890 LBL008	STB ,S PIXEL MASK
			00900	

		00910	*	SET THE PIXEL TO 0 = BLACK		
46B4	1F	21	00920	TFR	Y,X	BYTE ADDRESS
46B6	A6	61	00930	LDA	1,S	BYTE CONTENTS
46B8	A4	E4	00940	ANDA	,S	PIXEL MASK
46BA	A7	84	00950	STA	,X	PUT TO SCREEN
		00960				
		00970	*	CLEAN THE STACK AND RETURN		
46BC	32	62	00980	LEAS	2,S	
46BE	35	30	00990	PULS	X,Y	
46C0	39		01000	RTS		
		01010				
		0000	01020	END		

Cycles and Bytes:

		00100	*****			
		00110	*			
		00120	*	PSET40D.ASM		
		00130	*	MDJ 2023/03/25		
		00135	*	FINAL		
		00136	*	CYCLES AND BYTES		
		00140	*			
		00270	*****			
		00280				
	4657	00310	PSTGB4	EQU	\$4657	CYCLES
4682		00330		ORG	\$4682	BYTES
4682	34	30	00350	PSET40	PSHS	X,Y
4684	32	7E	00510		LEAS	-2,S
4686	BD	4657	00540		JSR	PSTGB4
4689	E7	61	00620		STB	1,S
468B	1F	12	00650		TFR	X,Y
468D	48		00700		LSLA	
468E	48		00710		LSLA	
468F	8E	4694	00720		LDX	#LBL000
4692	6E	86	00730		JMP	A,X
4694	C6	FE	00740	LBL000	LDB	#\$FE
4696	20	1A	00750		BRA	LBL008
4698	C6	FD	00760	LBL001	LDB	#\$FD
469A	20	16	00770		BRA	LBL008
469C	C6	FB	00780	LBL002	LDB	#\$FB
469E	20	12	00790		BRA	LBL008
46A0	C6	F7	00800	LBL003	LDB	#\$F7
46A2	20	0E	00810		BRA	LBL008
46A4	C6	EF	00820	LBL004	LDB	#\$EF
46A6	20	0A	00830		BRA	LBL008

46A8	C6	DF	00840	LBL005	LDB	#\$DF	2	2
46AA	20	06	00850		BRA	LBL008	3	2
46AC	C6	BF	00860	LBL006	LDB	#\$BF	2	2
46AE	20	02	00870		BRA	LBL008	3	2
46B0	C6	7F	00880	LBL007	LDB	#\$7F	2	2
46B2	E7	E4	00890	LBL008	STB	,S	5	2
46B4	1F	21	00920		TFR	Y,X	7	2
46B6	A6	61	00930		LDA	1,S	5	2
46B8	A4	E4	00940		ANDA	,S	4	2
46BA	A7	84	00950		STA	,X	4	2
46BC	32	62	00980		LEAS	2,S	5	2
46BE	35	30	00990		PULS	X,Y	9	2
46C0	39		01000		RTS		5	1
		0000	01020		END		-----	-----
						TOTALS	126	65

See the Final PSET41 Chapter below for testing.

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Final PSET41: Set a PMODE 4 Point to Green = 1

This is the final PSET41. It calls the subroutine PSTGB4 to translate the coordinates into the screen's byte data and then puts the green pixel to the screen. Except for using a zeroes mask instead of a ones mask, this routine is identical to the final PSET40. Therefore, I did not do a separate cycles and bytes analysis for this routine.

```
00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * PSET41.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/26
00140 * FINAL
00150 *
00160 * SET A PMODE 4
00170 * POINT TO
00180 * GREEN = 1
00190 *
00200 * ENTRY CONDITIONS:
00210 * A = Y-COORDINATE (0-191)
00220 * B = X-COORDINATE (0-255)
00230 *
00240 * EXIT CONDITIONS:
00250 * NONE
00260 *
00270 *****
00280
00290 * BYTE DATA
00300 * ROUTINE ADDRESS
4657 00310 PSTGB4 EQU      $4657
00320
46C1 00330          ORG      $46C1
00340
46C1 34   30 00350 PSET41  PSHS      X,Y
00360
00370 * AT THIS POINT THE
00380 * STACK CONTAINS
00390 * 3,S RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE
00400 * 2,S RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE
00410 * 1,S REGISTER X LOW BYTE
00420 * ,S REGISTER X HIGH BYTE
00430
00440 * MAKE ROOM FOR
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			00450	*	5,S RTS ADDRESS LOW BYTE
			00460	*	4,S RTS ADDRESS HIGH BYTE
			00470	*	3,S REGISTER X LOW BYTE
			00480	*	2,S REGISTER X HIGH BYTE
			00490	*	1,S BYTE CONTENTS
			00500	*	,S PIXEL MASK
46C3	32	7E	00510		LEAS -2,S
			00520		
			00530	*	GO GET BYTE DATA
46C5	BD	4657	00540		JSR PSTGB4
			00550		
			00560	*	NOW:
			00570	*	A = BIT POSITION (0-7)
			00580	*	B = BYTE CONTENTS
			00590	*	X = BYTE ADDRESS
			00600		
			00610	*	SAVE THE BYTE CONTENTS
46C8	E7	61	00620		STB 1,S
			00630		
			00640	*	SAVE THE BYTE ADDRESS
46CA	1F	12	00650		TFR X,Y
			00660		
			00670	*	ALL ZEROES MASK TO
			00680	*	SET BIT = 1 = GREEN
			00690	*	USING "OR"
46CC	48		00700		LSLA A = A * 4
46CD	48		00710		LSLA (4 BYTES)
PER LBL)					
46CE	8E	46D3	00720		LDX #LBL000
46D1	6E	86	00730		JMP A,X
46D3	C6	01	00740	LBL000	LDB #\$01
46D5	20	1A	00750		BRA LBL008
46D7	C6	02	00760	LBL001	LDB #\$02
46D9	20	16	00770		BRA LBL008
46DB	C6	04	00780	LBL002	LDB #\$04
46DD	20	12	00790		BRA LBL008
46DF	C6	08	00800	LBL003	LDB #\$08
46E1	20	0E	00810		BRA LBL008
46E3	C6	10	00820	LBL004	LDB #\$10
46E5	20	0A	00830		BRA LBL008
46E7	C6	20	00840	LBL005	LDB #\$20
46E9	20	06	00850		BRA LBL008
46EB	C6	40	00860	LBL006	LDB #\$40
46ED	20	02	00870		BRA LBL008
46EF	C6	80	00880	LBL007	LDB #\$80
46F1	E7	E4	00890	LBL008	STB ,S PIXEL MASK
			00900		

			00910	*	SET THE PIXEL TO 1 = GREEN
46F3	1F	21	00920	TFR	Y,X
ADDRESS					BYTE
46F5	A6	61	00930	LDA	1,S
CONTENTS					BYTE
46F7	AA	E4	00940	ORA	,S
46F9	A7	84	00950	STA	,X
SCREEN					PIXEL MASK
			00960		PUT TO
			00970	*	CLEAN THE STACK AND RETURN
46FB	32	62	00980	LEAS	2,S
46FD	35	30	00990	PULS	X,Y
46FF	39		01000	RTS	
			01010		
		0000	01020	END	

The Assembly Language Test Routine:

```

00100 *****
00110 *
00120 * TEST0202.ASM
00130 * MDJ 2023/03/26
00140 *
00150 * SECOND PMODE 4
00160 * GRAPHICS TEST
00170 *
00180 *****
00190
00200 * MLCORE ADDRESS
4142    00210 POLCAT EQU      $4142
00220
00230 * GRAPHICS ROUTINES
00240 * ADDRESSES
4574    00250 STSAMG  EQU      $4574
4588    00260 STSAM2  EQU      $4588
458F    00270 SVT    EQU      $458F
45D4    00280 SVG410 EQU      $45D4
4608    00290 SVG450 EQU      $4608
4642    00300 PCLS4   EQU      $4642
4657    00310 PSTGB4 EQU      $4657
4682    00320 PSET40 EQU      $4682
46C1    00330 PSET41 EQU      $46C1
00340
7000    00350 ORG      $7000
00360

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7000	34	06	00370	PSHS	A,B
			00380		
			00390	*	SET PMODE 4 PAGE 1
7002	BD	45D4	00400	JSR	SVG410
			00410		
			00420	*	CLEAR THE SCREEN TO GREEN
7005	86	01	00430	LDA	$\#\$01$
7007	BD	4642	00440	JSR	PCLS4
			00450		
			00460	*	PUT A BLACK DOT CTR OF GREEN SCREEN
700A	86	5C	00470	LDA	$\#92$ Y
700C	C6	80	00480	LDB	$\#128$ X
700E	BD	4682	00490	JSR	PSET40 BLACK DOT
			00500		
			00510	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
7011	34	03	00520	PSHS	A,CC
7013	BD	4142	00530	LBL001	JSR POLCAT
7016	27	FB	00540	BEQ	LBL001 NO KEYPRESS
7018	35	03	00550	PULS	A,CC
			00560		
			00570	*	CLEAR THE SCREEN TO BLACK
701A	86	00	00580	LDA	$\#\$00$
701C	BD	4642	00590	JSR	PCLS4
			00600		
			00610	*	PUT A GREEN DOT CTR OF BLACK SCREEN
701F	86	5C	00620	LDA	$\#92$ Y
7021	C6	80	00630	LDB	$\#128$ X
7023	BD	46C1	00640	JSR	PSET41 GREEN DOT
			00650		
			00660	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
7026	34	03	00670	PSHS	A,CC
7028	BD	4142	00680	LBL002	JSR POLCAT
702B	27	FB	00690	BEQ	LBL002 NO KEYPRESS
702D	35	03	00700	PULS	A,CC
			00710		
			00720	*	SET PMODE 4 PAGE 5
702F	BD	4608	00730	JSR	SVG450
			00740		
			00750	*	CLEAR THE SCREEN TO GREEN
7032	86	01	00760	LDA	$\#\$01$
7034	BD	4642	00770	JSR	PCLS4
			00780		
			00790	*	PUT A BLACK DOT CTR OF GREEN SCREEN
7037	86	5C	00800	LDA	$\#92$ Y
7039	C6	80	00810	LDB	$\#128$ X
703B	BD	4682	00820	JSR	PSET40 BLACK DOT
			00830		

		00840	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
703E	34	03	00850	PSHS A,CC
7040	BD	4142	00860	LBL003 JSR POLCAT
7043	27	FB	00870	BEQ LBL003 NO KEYPRESS
7045	35	03	00880	PULS A,CC
		00890		
		00900	*	CLEAR THE SCREEN TO BLACK
7047	86	00	00910	LDA #\$00
7049	BD	4642	00920	JSR PCLS4
		00930		
		00940	*	PUT A GREEN DOT CTR OF BLACK SCREEN
704C	86	5C	00950	LDA #92 Y
704E	C6	80	00960	LDB #128 X
7050	BD	46C1	00970	JSR PSET41 GREEN DOT
		00980		
		00990	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
7053	34	03	01000	PSHS A,CC
7055	BD	4142	01010	LBL004 JSR POLCAT
7058	27	FB	01020	BEQ LBL004 NO KEYPRESS
705A	35	03	01030	PULS A,CC
		01040		
		01050	*	RETURN TO TEXT MODE
705C	BD	458F	01060	JSR SVT
		01070		
		01080	*	WAIT FOR A KEYPRESS
705F	34	03	01090	PSHS A,CC
7061	BD	4142	01100	LBL005 JSR POLCAT
7064	27	FB	01110	BEQ LBL005 NO KEYPRESS
7066	35	03	01120	PULS A,CC
		01130		
7068	35	06	01140	PULS A,B
706A	39		01150	RTS
		01160		
		0000	01170	END

Making the Final MLFT File: This program combines all the Graphics Control Routines into the single MLFT.BIN file so that the entire machine language Graphics Control System can be loaded as a single entity.

Note that the FLSYS.BIN file specified on Line 2000 is provided by the MAKEFALS.BAS program in ([MDJ01], p.104). It is not used in these Graphics Control Routines, but is included as a check that the MLCORE, False Disk Routines and Graphics Control Routines all fit together properly without any erroneous overlaps.

```

1000 *****
1010 '* 
1020 '* MAKEMLFT.BAS
1030 '* MDJ 2023/03/26
1040 '* 
1050 '* MAKES THE
1060 '* MLFT.BIN FILE
1070 '* 
1080 *****
1090 ' 

1500 CLEAR 200, &H4000
1510 ' 

2000 LOADM "FLSYS.BIN"
2010 LOADM "STSAMG.BIN"
2020 LOADM "SVT.BIN"
2030 LOADM "SVG410.BIN"
2030 LOADM "SVG450.BIN"
2040 LOADM "PCLS4.BIN"
2050 LOADM "PSTGB4.BIN"
2060 LOADM "PSET40.BIN"
2070 LOADM "PSET41.BIN"
2080 ' 

3000 SAVEM "MLFT.BIN", &H4416, &H46FF, &H4416
3010 ' 

32767 END

```

The BASIC Language Control Program:

```

1000 *****
1010 '* 
1020 '* TEST0202.BAS
1030 '* MDJ 2023/03/26
1040 '* 
1050 '* SECOND PMODE 4
1060 '* GRAPHICS TEST
1070 '* 
1080 *****
1090 ' 

1100 'SETUP MEMORY
1110 CLEAR 0, &H4000

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```
1120 PCLEAR 8
1120 '

1200 'LOAD THE
1210 'ML FOUNDATION CORE
1220 LOADM "MLCORE.BIN"
1230 '

1300 'LOAD THE MLFT FILE
1310 LOADM "MLFT.BIN"
1320 '

1400 'LOAD THE
1410 'ML TEST ROUTINE
1420 LOADM "TEST0202.BIN"
1430 '

2900 'REFERENCE THE
2910 'TRANSFER VARIABLES
2920 RA = &H400A 'REGPCH
2930 RB = &H400B 'REGPCL
2940 '

3000 'SETUP THE
3010 'RUN ADDRESS
3020 C = &H7000
3030 C1 = INT(C/256)
3040 C2 = INT(C- (C1*256))
3050 POKE RA, C1
3060 POKE RB, C2
3070 '

6000 'JUMP TO CORE
6010 'STARTUP ROUTINE
6020 EXEC &H4403
6030 '

9000 'MEMORY AND DISK
9010 'STATUS CHECK
9020 PRINT
9030 PRINT " MEM = ";MEM
9040 PRINT "FREE = ";FREE(0)
9050 '

32767 END
```

The BASIC Language Control Program, Abbreviated: The full program, as written above, bombs with a reported OM ERROR. This is intentional - The entire ML Foundation System is intended to be initialized using the absolute minimum of BASIC code; just enough to get the Machine Language system loaded and started. It is the following abbreviated BASIC code which is on disk as TEST0202.BAS.

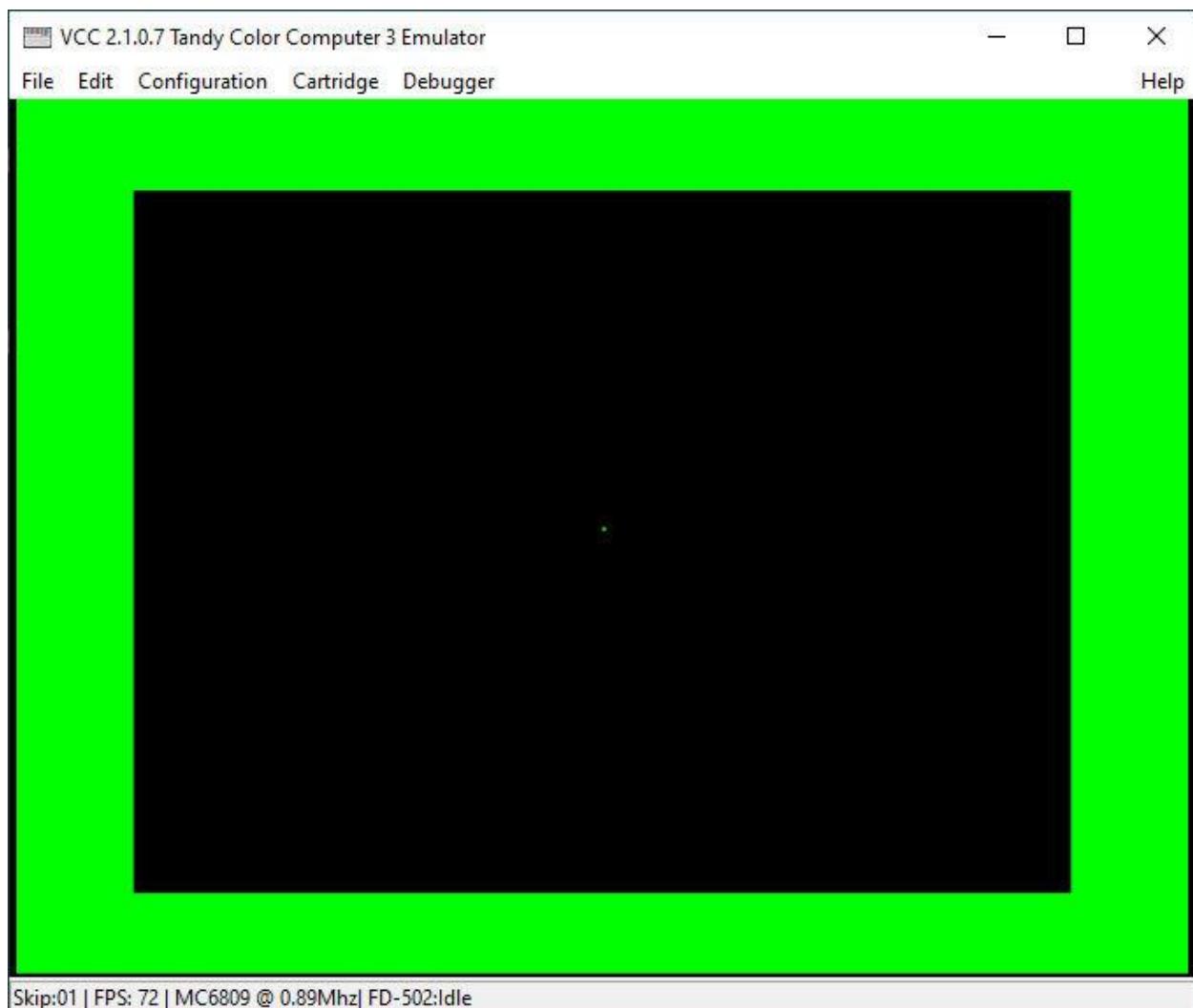
```
1110 CLEAR0,&H4000
1120 PCLEAR8
1220 LOADM"MLCORE.BIN"
1310 LOADM"MLFT.BIN"
1420 LOADM"TEST0202.BIN"
2920 RA=&H400A
2930 RB=&H400B
3020 C=&H7000
3030 C1=INT(C/256)
3040 C2=INT(C-(C1*256))
3050 POKERA,C1
3060 POKERB,C2
6020 EXEC&H4403
9020 PRINT
9030 PRINT" MEM = ";MEM
9040 PRINT"FREE = ";FREE(0)
32767 END
```

Results:

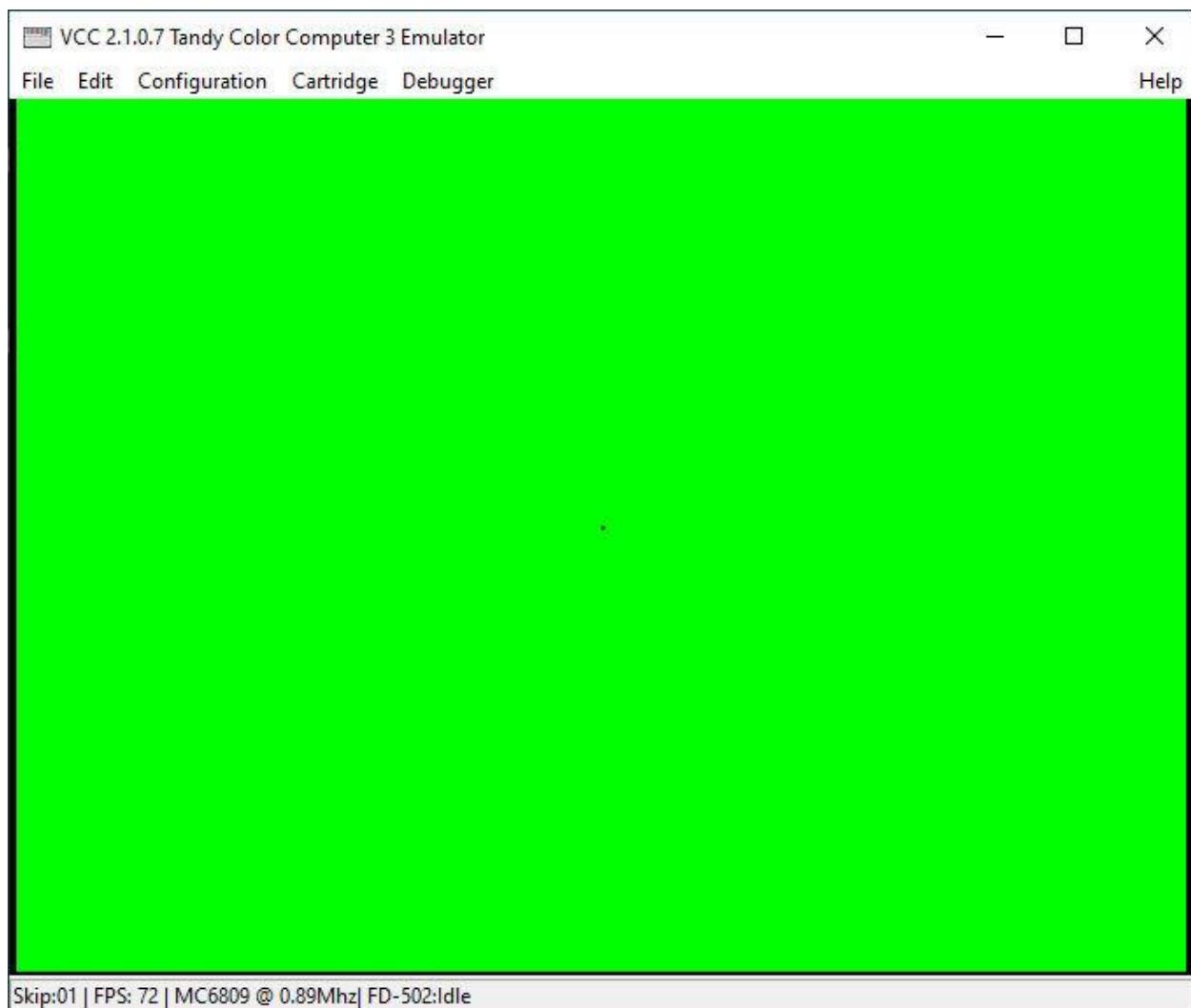
On Startup of TEST0202.BAS: PMODE 4. Start Page 1; cleared to Green, with central Black pixel.



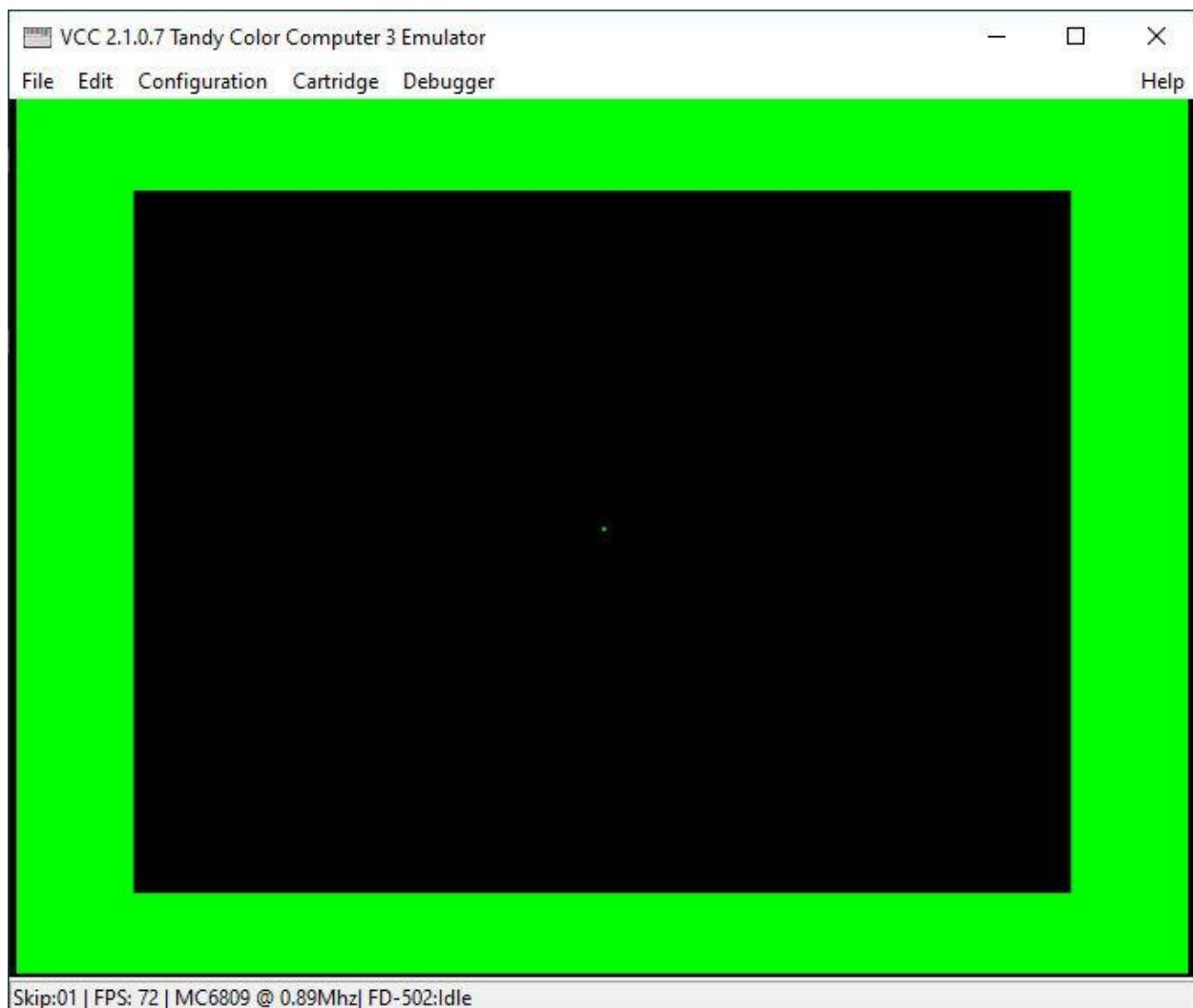
On First Keypress: PMODE 4. Start Page 1; cleared to Black, with central Green pixel.



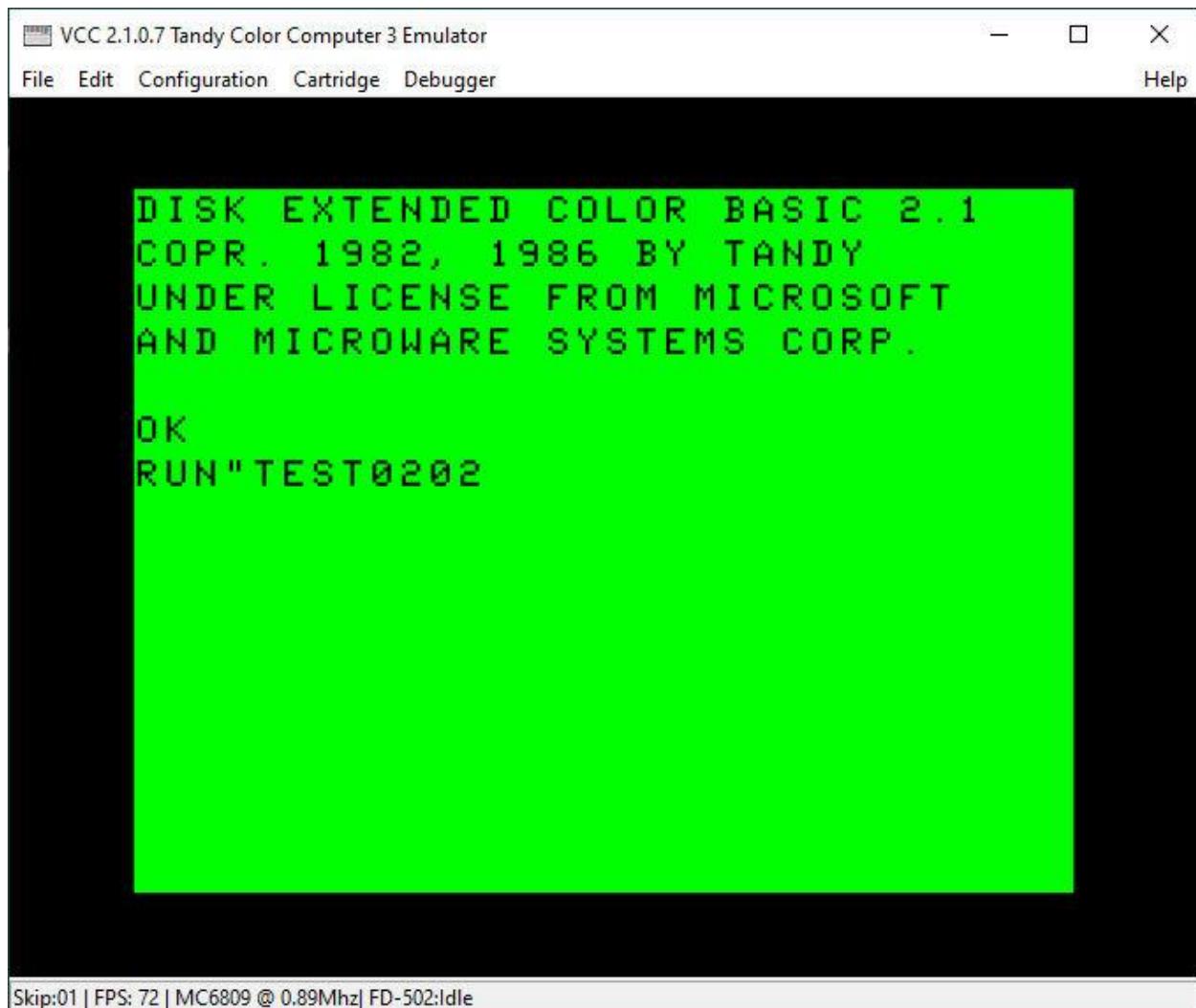
On Second Keypress: PMODE 4. Start Page 5; cleared to Green, with central Black pixel.



On Third Keypress: PMODE 4. Start Page 5; cleared to Black, with central Green pixel.

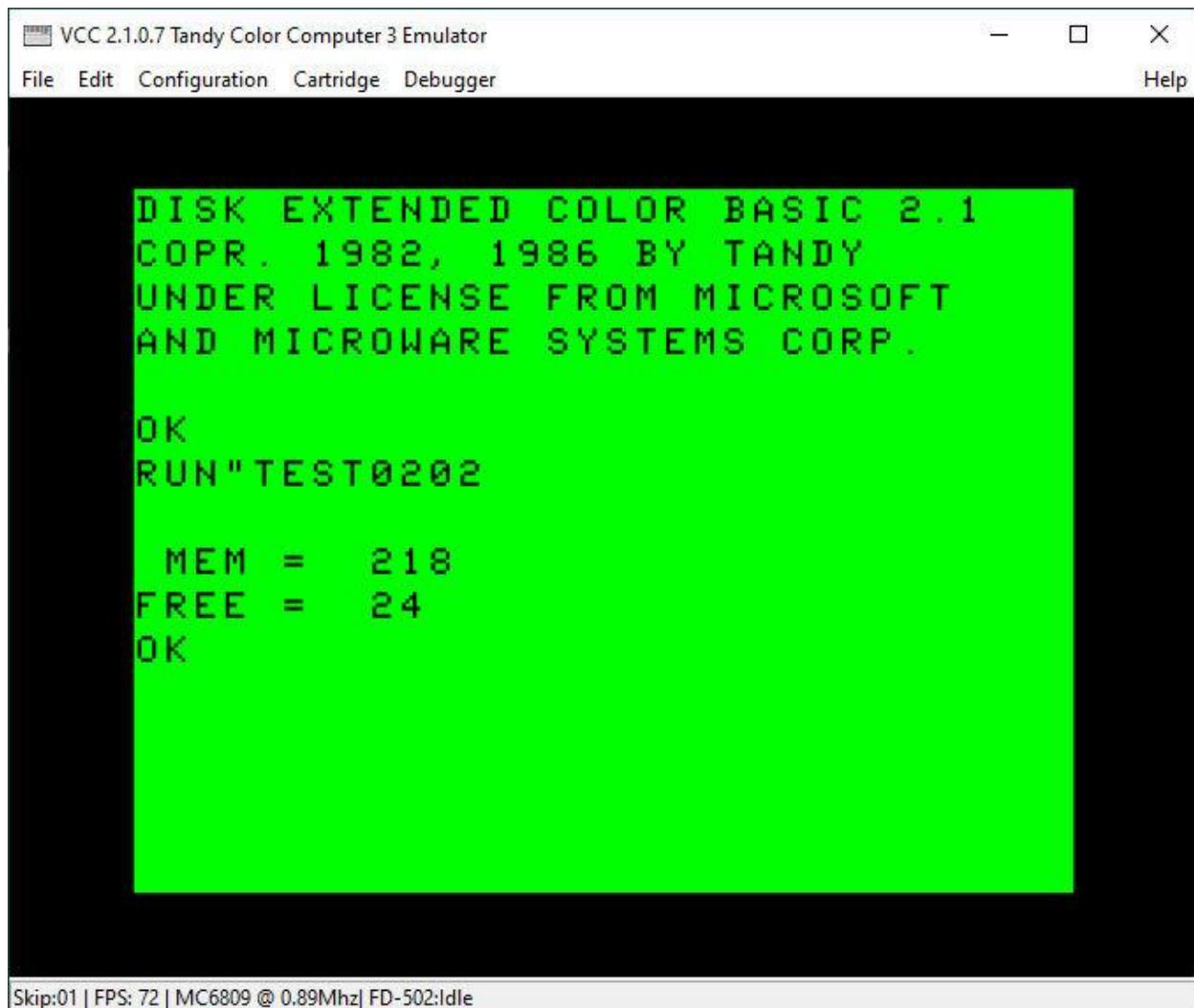


On Fourth Keypress: The return to Text Mode.



Skip:01 | FPS: 72 | MC6809 @ 0.89Mhz| FD-502:Idle

On Fifth Keypress: After exiting the TEST0202.BAS program.



All as expected.

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Results

These Graphics Control Routines, although Preliminary and for PMODE 4 only, will nevertheless serve to enable the subsequent development of the projected Fake Text PMODE 4 (maze-like) game as originally envisioned.

Finally, I present MAKEMLGC.BAS, which is identical to MAKEMLFT.BAS, except that it excludes the FLSYS.BIN file from [MDJ01]. This will allow the False Disk Routines and the Preliminary Graphics Control Routines to stand separately and on their own within the ML Foundation System.

```
1000 *****  
1010 '*  
1020 '* MAKEMLGC.BAS  
1030 '* MDJ 2023/04/06  
1040 '*  
1050 '* MAKES THE  
1060 '* MLGC.BIN FILE  
1070 '*  
1080 *****  
1090 '  
  
1500 CLEAR 200, &H4000  
1510 '  
  
2010 LOADM "STSAMG.BIN"  
2020 LOADM "SVT.BIN"  
2030 LOADM "SVG410.BIN"  
2030 LOADM "SVG450.BIN"  
2040 LOADM "PCLS4.BIN"  
2050 LOADM "PSTGB4.BIN"  
2060 LOADM "PSET40.BIN"  
2070 LOADM "PSET41.BIN"  
2080 '  
  
3000 SAVEM "MLGC.BIN", &H4574, &H46FF, &H4574  
3010 '  
  
32767 END  
  
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```

Conclusions and Future Work

The Preliminary Graphics Control Routines for the ML Foundation System are complete and functional (subject, of course, to the correction of any as-yet-undiscovered bugs).

They cover the setup of PMODE 4 and the PSET routines for PMODE 4.

Future work should include:

1. Setup and PSET routines for PMODES 0-3.
- 2, More complex graphics routines for PMODES 0-4, including, but not necessarily limited to:

DRAW
GET
LINE
PAINT
PCOPY
PPOINT
PUT

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Appendix A

Decimal to Hexadecimal Conversions

<u>DEC</u>	<u>HEX</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>HEX</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>HEX</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>HEX</u>
000	00	032	20	064	40	096	60
001	01	033	21	065	41	097	61
002	02	034	22	066	42	098	62
003	03	035	23	067	43	099	63
004	04	036	24	068	44	100	64
005	05	037	25	069	45	101	65
006	06	038	26	070	46	102	66
007	07	039	27	071	47	103	67
008	08	040	28	072	48	104	68
009	09	041	29	073	49	105	69
010	0A	042	2A	074	4A	106	6A
011	0B	043	2B	075	4B	107	6B
012	0C	044	2C	076	4C	108	6C
013	0D	045	2D	077	4D	109	6D
014	0E	046	2E	078	4E	110	6E
015	0F	047	2F	079	4F	111	6F
016	10	048	30	080	50	112	70
017	11	049	31	081	51	113	71
018	12	050	32	082	52	114	72
019	13	051	33	083	53	115	73
020	14	052	34	084	54	116	74
021	15	053	35	085	55	117	75
022	16	054	36	086	56	118	76
023	17	055	37	087	57	119	77
024	18	056	38	088	58	120	78
025	19	057	39	089	59	121	79
026	1A	058	3A	090	5A	122	7A
027	1B	059	3B	091	5B	123	7B
028	1C	060	3C	092	5C	124	7C
029	1D	061	3D	093	5D	125	7D
030	1E	062	3E	094	5E	126	7E
031	1F	063	3F	095	5F	127	7F

<u>DEC</u>	<u>HEX</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>HEX</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>HEX</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>HEX</u>
128	80	160	A0	192	C0	224	E0
129	81	161	A1	193	C1	225	E1
130	82	162	A2	194	C2	226	E2
131	83	163	A3	195	C3	227	E3
132	84	164	A4	196	C4	228	E4
133	85	165	A5	197	C5	229	E5
134	86	166	A6	198	C6	230	E6
135	87	167	A7	199	C7	231	E7
136	88	168	A8	200	C8	232	E8
137	89	169	A9	201	C9	233	E9
138	8A	170	AA	202	CA	234	EA
139	8B	171	AB	203	CB	235	EB
140	8C	172	AC	204	CC	236	EC
141	8D	173	AD	205	CD	237	ED
142	8E	174	AE	206	CE	238	EE
143	8F	175	AF	207	CF	239	EF
144	90	176	B0	208	D0	240	F0
145	91	177	B1	209	D1	241	F1
146	92	178	B2	210	D2	242	F2
147	93	179	B3	211	D3	243	F3
148	94	180	B4	212	D4	244	F4
149	95	181	B5	213	D5	245	F5
150	96	182	B6	214	D6	246	F6
151	97	183	B7	215	D7	247	F7
152	98	184	B8	216	D8	248	F8
153	99	185	B9	217	D9	249	F9
154	9A	186	BA	218	DA	250	FA
155	9B	187	BB	219	DB	251	FB
156	9C	188	BC	220	DC	252	FC
157	9D	189	BD	221	DD	253	FD
158	9E	190	BE	222	DE	254	FE
159	9F	191	BF	223	DF	255	FF

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Appendix B: MLGC Tests

Machine Language Graphics Control Parameters Lists Reporting Program:

```
1000 *****  
1010 '*  
1020 '* MLGCTST2.BAS  
1030 '* MDJ 2023/03/14  
1040 '*  
1070 '* REPORTS  
1080 '* GRAPHICS  
1090 '* PARAMETERS  
1100 '*  
1110 '* CF. EXTENDED BASIC  
1120 '* UNRAVELLED,  
1130 '* PAGE B-31  
1140 '*  
1150 '* RUN IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
1160 '* STARTUP TO AVOID ANY  
1170 '* PRECONTAMINATION OF  
1180 '* THE PARAMETERS  
1190 '*  
1200 '* NOTE: ALL OUTPUT IS  
1210 '* TO THE PRINTER  
1220 '*  
1230 *****  
1240 '  
1250 L = 0 'LINE COUNTER  
1260 'TEMPORARY VARIABLES  
1270 ' = A, A8, A9, B, I, T, X8, X9  
  
1300 CLEAR &H200  
1310 PCLEAR 8  
1320 PRINT #2, "*****"  
1330 PRINT #2, "*"  
1340 PRINT #2, "* MLGCTTST2.BAS"  
1350 PRINT #2, "* GRAPHICS PARAMETERS"  
1360 PRINT #2, "*"  
1370 PRINT #2, "*****"  
1380 PRINT #2, " "  
1390 '  
  
1400 'BASE RUN  
1410 PRINT #2, "*****"  
1420 PRINT #2, "*"  
1430 PRINT #2, "* BASE: TEXT MODE"
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1440 PRINT #-2, "*"
1450 PRINT #-2, "*****"
1460 PRINT #-2, " "
1470 L = 13
1480 GOSUB 10000 'GET & REPORT GRAPHIC VARIABLES
1490 GOSUB 16000 'NEXT PAGE
1500 '

2500 'PMODE 0 RUNS
2510 P9 = 0 'PMODE
2520 FOR G9 = 1 TO 8 'PAGE
2530   FOR C9 = 0 TO 1 'COLOR SET
2540     PRINT #-2, "PMODE=";P9;" , PAGE=";G9;" , COLORSET=";C9
2550     L = L + 1
2560     PMODE P9, G9
2570     SCREEN 0, C9
2580     GOSUB 10000 'GET & REPORT GRAPHIC VARIABLES
2590     GOSUB 11000 'DO AND REPORT PRECALC
2600     GOSUB 12000 'DO AND REPORT OR WITH CSSVAL
2610     GOSUB 13000 'DO AND REPORT MIDCALC
2620     GOSUB 14000 'DO AND REPORT POSTCALC
2630     GOSUB 15000 'DO AND REPORT ENDCALC
2640     GOSUB 16000 'NEXT PAGE
2650     SCREEN 1, 0
2660   NEXT C9
2670 NEXT G9
2680 '

3500 'PMODE 1 RUNS
3510 P9 = 1 'PMODE
3520 FOR G9 = 1 TO 7 'PAGE
3530   FOR C9 = 0 TO 1 'COLOR SET
3540     PRINT #-2, "PMODE=";P9;" , PAGE=";G9;" , COLORSET=";C9
3550     L = L + 1
3560     PMODE P9, G9
3570     SCREEN 0, C9
3580     GOSUB 10000 'GET & REPORT GRAPHIC VARIABLES
3590     GOSUB 11000 'DO AND REPORT PRECALC
3600     GOSUB 12000 'DO AND REPORT OR WITH CSSVAL
3610     GOSUB 13000 'DO AND REPORT MIDCALC
3620     GOSUB 14000 'DO AND REPORT POSTCALC
3630     GOSUB 15000 'DO AND REPORT ENDCALC
3640     GOSUB 16000 'NEXT PAGE
3650     SCREEN 1, 0
3660   NEXT C9
3670 NEXT G9
3680 '

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4500 'PMODE 2 RUNS
4510 P9 = 2 'PMODE
4520 FOR G9 = 1 TO 7 'PAGE
4530   FOR C9 = 0 TO 1 'COLOR SET
4540     PRINT #-2, "PMODE=";P9;" , PAGE=";G9;" , COLORSET=";C9
4550     L = L + 1
4560     PMODE P9, G9
4570     SCREEN 0, C9
4580     GOSUB 10000 'GET & REPORT GRAPHIC VARIABLES
4590     GOSUB 11000 'DO AND REPORT PRECALC
4600     GOSUB 12000 'DO AND REPORT OR WITH CSSVAL
4610     GOSUB 13000 'DO AND REPORT MIDCALC
4620     GOSUB 14000 'DO AND REPORT POSTCALC
4630     GOSUB 15000 'DO AND REPORT ENDCALC
4640     GOSUB 16000 'NEXT PAGE
4650     SCREEN 1, 0
4660   NEXT C9
4670 NEXT G9
4680 '

5500 'PMODE 3 RUNS
5510 P9 = 3 'PMODE
5520 FOR G9 = 1 TO 5 'PAGE
5530   FOR C9 = 0 TO 1 'COLOR SET
5540     PRINT #-2, "PMODE=";P9;" , PAGE=";G9;" , COLORSET=";C9
5550     L = L + 1
5560     PMODE P9, G9
5570     SCREEN 0, C9
5580     GOSUB 10000 'GET & REPORT GRAPHIC VARIABLES
5590     GOSUB 11000 'DO AND REPORT PRECALC
5600     GOSUB 12000 'DO AND REPORT OR WITH CSSVAL
5610     GOSUB 13000 'DO AND REPORT MIDCALC
5620     GOSUB 14000 'DO AND REPORT POSTCALC
5630     GOSUB 15000 'DO AND REPORT ENDCALC
5640     GOSUB 16000 'NEXT PAGE
5650     SCREEN 1, 0
5660   NEXT C9
5670 NEXT G9
5680 '

6500 'PMODE 4 RUNS
6510 P9 = 4 'PMODE
6520 FOR G9 = 1 TO 5 'PAGE
6530   FOR C9 = 0 TO 1 'COLOR SET
6540     PRINT #-2, "PMODE=";P9;" , PAGE=";G9;" , COLORSET=";C9
6550     L = L + 1

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6560      PMODE P9, G9
6570      SCREEN 0, C9
6580      GOSUB 10000  'GET & REPORT GRAPHIC VARIABLES
6590      GOSUB 11000  'DO AND REPORT PRECALC
6600      GOSUB 12000  'DO AND REPORT OR WITH CSSVAL
6610      GOSUB 13000  'DO AND REPORT MIDCALC
6620      GOSUB 14000  'DO AND REPORT POSTCALC
6630      GOSUB 15000  'DO AND REPORT ENDCALC
6640      GOSUB 16000  'NEXT PAGE
6650      SCREEN 1, 0
6660      NEXT C9
6670      NEXT G9
6680      '

7500 PRINT #-2, " "
7510 PRINT #-2, " "
7520 PRINT #-2, "*****"
7530 PRINT #-2, "*"
7540 PRINT #-2, "* END OF RUN"
7550 PRINT #-2, "*"
7560 PRINT #-2, "*****"
7570 GOTO 32767

10000 'GET & REPORT GRAPHIC VARIABLES
10030 B2 = PEEK(&H00B2)
10040 B3 = PEEK(&H00B3)
10050 B5 = PEEK(&H00B5)
10060 B6 = PEEK(&H00B6)
10070 B7 = PEEK(&H00B7)*256+PEEK(&H00B8)
10080 B9 = PEEK(&H00B9)
10090 BA = PEEK(&H00BA)*256+PEEK(&H00BB)
10100 BC = PEEK(&H00BC)
10110 C1 = PEEK(&H00C1)
10120 DB = PEEK(&H00DB)
10130 SCREEN 1, 0
10140 PRINT #-2, "B2 FORCOL = "; HEX$(B2)
10150 PRINT #-2, "B3 BAKCOL = "; HEX$(B3)
10160 PRINT #-2, "B5 ALLCOL = "; HEX$(B5)
10170 PRINT #-2, "B6 PMODE = "; HEX$(B6)
10180 PRINT #-2, "B7 ENDGRP = "; HEX$(B7)
10190 PRINT #-2, "B9 HORBYT = "; HEX$(B9)
10200 PRINT #-2, "BA BEGGRP = "; HEX$(BA)
10210 PRINT #-2, "BC GRPRAM = "; HEX$(BC)
10220 PRINT #-2, "C1 CSSVAL = "; HEX$(C1)
10230 PRINT #-2, "DB CHGFLG = "; HEX$(DB)
10240 PRINT #-2, " "
10250 L = L + 11

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10260 RETURN
10270 '

11000 'DO AND REPORT PRECALC
11005 'FOR REFERENCE ONLY
11010 A = B6 + 3      'LDA PMODE, ADDA #3
11020 A = A * 16      'LDB #$10, MUL
11030 B = &H80          'DECIMAL 128
11040 GOSUB 23500     'GO DO A = (A OR B)
11050 'PRINT #-2, "PRECALC = "; HEX$(A)
11060 'L = L + 1
11070 RETURN
11080 '

12000 'DO AND REPORT OR WITH CSSVAL
12005 'FOR REFERENCE ONLY
12010 B = C1          'CSSVAL
12020 GOSUB 23500     'GO DO A = (A OR B)
12030 'PRINT #-2, "OR CSSVAL = "; HEX$(A)
12040 'L = L + 1
12050 RETURN
12060 '

13000 'DO AND REPORT MIDCALC
13005 'TO PIA1+2
13010 T = A
13020 A = PEEK(&HFF22)  'PIA1+2 VALUE
13030 B = &H07          'DECIMAL 7
13040 GOSUB 23000     'GO DO A = (A AND B)
13050 B = T
13060 GOSUB 23500     'GO DO A = (A OR B)
13070 PRINT #-2, "MIDCALC = "; HEX$(A)
13080 L = L + 1
13090 RETURN
13100 '

14000 'DO AND REPORT POSTCALC
14005 'LDA POSTCALC, THEN JSR STSAM2
14010 A = INT(BA/256)  'MSB OF BEGGRP
14020 A = A/2           'LSRA
14030 PRINT #-2, "POSTCALC = "; HEX$(A)
14040 L = L + 1
14050 RETURN
14060 '

15000 'DO AND REPORT ENDCALC
15005 'LDA ENDCALC, THEN JSR STSAMG

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15010 A = B6 + 3      'LDA PMODE, ADDA #3
15020 'DECREMENT IF PMODE = 4
15030 IF (A = 7) THEN A = 6
15040 PRINT #-2, "ENDCALC    = "; HEX$(A)
15050 L = L + 1
15060 RETURN
15070 '

16000 'NEXT PAGE
16010 T = 57 - L
16020 FOR I = 0 TO (T-1)
16030   PRINT #-2, " "
16040 NEXT I
16050 L = 0  'RESET LINE COUNT
16060 RETURN
16070 '

20000 'CONVERT AN UNSIGNED INTEGER
20010 'IN REGISTER "A" TO INDIVIDUAL BITS.
20020 'ENTER WITH A = THE UNSIGNED INTEGER.
20030 'EXIT WITH A0-A7 = THE BITS.
20040 A8 = INT(A)
20050 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20060 A0 = A8 - (A9*2)
20070 A8 = A9
20080 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20090 A1 = A8 - (A9*2)
20100 A8 = A9
20110 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20120 A2 = A8 - (A9*2)
20130 A8 = A9
20140 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20150 A3 = A8 - (A9*2)
20160 A8 = A9
20170 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20180 A4 = A8 - (A9*2)
20190 A8 = A9
20200 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20210 A5 = A8 - (A9*2)
20220 A8 = A9
20230 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20240 A6 = A8 - (A9*2)
20250 A8 = A9
20260 A9 = INT(A8/2)
20270 A7 = A8 - (A9*2)
20280 RETURN
20290 '

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20500 'CONVERT INDIVIDUAL BITS IN
20510 'REGISTER "A" TO AN UNSIGNED INTEGER.
20520 'ENTER WITH A0-A7 = THE BITS.
20530 'EXIT WITH A = THE UNSIGNED INTEGER.
20540 A = A7*128 + A6*64 + A5*32 + A4*16
20550 A = A + A3*8 + A2*4 + A1*2 + A0*1
20560 RETURN
20570 '

21000 'CONVERT AN UNSIGNED INTEGER
21010 'IN REGISTER "B" TO INDIVIDUAL BITS.
21020 'ENTER WITH B = THE UNSIGNED INTEGER.
21030 'EXIT WITH B0-B7 = THE BITS.
21040 X8 = INT(B)
21050 X9 = INT(X8/2)
21060 X0 = X8 - (X9*2)
21070 X8 = X9
21080 X9 = INT(X8/2)
21090 X1 = X8 - (X9*2)
21100 X8 = X9
21110 X9 = INT(X8/2)
21120 X2 = X8 - (X9*2)
21130 X8 = X9
21140 X9 = INT(X8/2)
21150 X3 = X8 - (X9*2)
21160 X8 = X9
21170 X9 = INT(X8/2)
21180 X4 = X8 - (X9*2)
21190 X8 = X9
21200 X9 = INT(X8/2)
21210 X5 = X8 - (X9*2)
21220 X8 = X9
21230 X9 = INT(X8/2)
21240 X6 = X8 - (X9*2)
21250 X8 = X9
21260 X9 = INT(X8/2)
21270 X7 = X8 - (X9*2)
21280 RETURN
21290 '

23000 'BITWISE (A AND B) --> A
23010 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
23020 GOSUB 21000           'B: UINT-->BITS
23030 IF ((A0 = 1) AND (X0 = 1)) THEN A0 = 1 ELSE A0 = 0
23040 IF ((A1 = 1) AND (X1 = 1)) THEN A1 = 1 ELSE A1 = 0
23050 IF ((A2 = 1) AND (X2 = 1)) THEN A2 = 1 ELSE A2 = 0

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23060 IF ((A3 = 1) AND (X3 = 1)) THEN A3 = 1 ELSE A3 = 0
23070 IF ((A4 = 1) AND (X4 = 1)) THEN A4 = 1 ELSE A4 = 0
23080 IF ((A5 = 1) AND (X5 = 1)) THEN A5 = 1 ELSE A5 = 0
23090 IF ((A6 = 1) AND (X6 = 1)) THEN A6 = 1 ELSE A6 = 0
23100 IF ((A7 = 1) AND (X7 = 1)) THEN A7 = 1 ELSE A7 = 0
23110 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
23120 RETURN
23130 '

23500 'BITWISE (A OR B) --> A
23510 GOSUB 20000           'A: UINT-->BITS
23520 GOSUB 21000           'B: UINT-->BITS
23530 IF ((A0 = 1) OR (X0 = 1)) THEN A0 = 1 ELSE A0 = 0
23540 IF ((A1 = 1) OR (X1 = 1)) THEN A1 = 1 ELSE A1 = 0
23550 IF ((A2 = 1) OR (X2 = 1)) THEN A2 = 1 ELSE A2 = 0
23560 IF ((A3 = 1) OR (X3 = 1)) THEN A3 = 1 ELSE A3 = 0
23570 IF ((A4 = 1) OR (X4 = 1)) THEN A4 = 1 ELSE A4 = 0
23580 IF ((A5 = 1) OR (X5 = 1)) THEN A5 = 1 ELSE A5 = 0
23590 IF ((A6 = 1) OR (X6 = 1)) THEN A6 = 1 ELSE A6 = 0
23600 IF ((A7 = 1) OR (X7 = 1)) THEN A7 = 1 ELSE A7 = 0
23610 GOSUB 20500           'A: BITS-->UINT
23620 RETURN
23630 '

32767 END

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Appendix C:

Graphics PMODE Parameters

Machine Language Graphics Control Parameters Lists:

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*****  
*  
* MLGCTTST2A.BAS ABBREVIATED  
* GRAPHICS PARAMETERS  
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*****  
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*  
* BASE: TEXT MODE  
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B2 FORCOL = 3  
B3 BAKCOL = 0  
B5 ALLCOL = 0  
B6 PMODE = 0  
B7 ENDGRP = 1400  
B9 HORBYT = 10  
BA BEGGRP = E00  
BC GRPRAM = E  
C1 CSSVAL = 0  
DB CHGFLG = 0
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B7 ENDGRP = 1400  
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BA BEGGRP = E00  
BC GRPRAM = E  
C1 CSSVAL = 0  
DB CHGFLG = 0
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B9 HORBYT = 10
BA BEGGRP = E00
BC GRPRAM = E
C1 CSSVAL = 8
DB CHGFLG = 0

MIDCALC = B8
POSTCALC = 7
ENDCALC = 3

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B9 HORBYT = 10
BA BEGGRP = 1400
BC GRPRAM = E
C1 CSSVAL = 0
DB CHGFLG = 0

MIDCALC = B0
POSTCALC = A
ENDCALC = 3

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B5 ALLCOL = 0

B6 PMODE = 0
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B9 HORBYT = 10
BA BEGGRP = 1400
BC GRPRAM = E
C1 CSSVAL = 8
DB CHGFLG = 0

MIDCALC = B8
POSTCALC = A
ENDCALC = 3

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B9 HORBYT = 10
BA BEGGRP = 1A00
BC GRPRAM = E
C1 CSSVAL = 0
DB CHGFLG = 0

MIDCALC = B0
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ENDCALC = 3

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BC GRPRAM = E
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DB CHGFLG = 0

MIDCALC = B8
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BC GRPRAM = E

C1 CSSVAL = 0

DB CHGFLG = 0

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C1 CSSVAL = 8

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BC GRPRAM = E
C1 CSSVAL = 0
DB CHGFLG = 0

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BC GRPRAM = E
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DB CHGFLG = 0

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DB CHGFLG = 0

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C1 CSSVAL = 0
DB CHGFLG = 0

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Appendix D: My CoCo Philosophy

The CoCo community enjoys a great diversity of interests.

Some choose to concentrate on hardware innovations and modifications such as interfacing with VGA and HDMI monitors, SD Card data storage, and 104-key keyboards. This interest is at least partly born of necessity, since composite monitors, floppy diskettes, and CoCo spare parts are no longer manufactured and are in increasingly short supply.

Others concentrate on expanding the software horizons of the CoCo 3, using NitrOS-9 and other operating systems to make the multitasking CoCo behave ever closer to modern Windows, Mac, and Linux machines.

Still others are devoted to emulating the CoCo on other platforms by developing emulators such as VCC, OVCC, MAME, and XRoar.

And some just love retro gaming.

My personal interest is twofold:

1. To see VCC increasingly used as a learning tool for budding software developers.
2. To see just how much I can cram into a 64K CoCo 2.

First, VCC: Today's Grade School, Junior High, and High School students have a wealth of available learning tools. Micro-bits, Arduinos, and Raspberry Pi supermicro devices provide highly affordable entry-level introductions to computer programming and interfacing. Maker-Spaces and Innovation Centers in our schools and libraries help foster growth and experience.

But these devices do have limitations. Even these simple(?) computers can have rather steep learning curves, and their low initial cost can quickly expand as new peripherals and experimental equipment and supplies are added.

VCC is free, and can be used on any Windows computer: just download it, install it, and it runs. If you don't own a Windows computer, your school, library, or a friend probably does. The included BASIC language is easy to learn and can readily serve as a stepping-stone towards more complex programming languages. (And, no, learning structured programming does not require a language that enforces structure. In fact, I think learning to structure your programs is actually more effective when you do so on your own.)

I prefer VCC to the other emulators for these purposes because its setup is trivial: Again, just download it, install it, and it runs. OVCC, MAME, and XRoar have their advantages, but ease of setup is not one of them. Even with their available Windows binary packages, they require pre-installation of other bits and pieces of software before they can be downloaded,

installed, and run. This may not be a major problem for a reasonably adept aficionado, but it forms a significant barrier for the newbie. And, it's the newbie whom we're trying to reach, interest, and encourage here; the newbie who may not yet recognize even the tiniest awakening of interest in things computational.

But, for these purposes, VCC has one glaring weakness: its instruction manual is woefully terse. I would like to see VCC bundled with a selection of tutorials, manuals, and examples suited to guiding even the most newbie of newbies into the wonders of computing.

Second, The Stuffed CoCo: I'm simply fascinated by the challenge of seeing how much functional capability I can sandwich into the nooks and crannies of the 64K space. Whether it's working in the available RAM left by the 32K ROM and the dedicated RAM that supports that ROM, or whether it's jumping right into ALLRAM mode and just filling the entire 64K to near-overflowing; it's an investigative gauntlet which goes right to the heart of my enchantment with puzzles in general.

It's great fun!

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