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OS 3.3

Convert sections of the Hi-Res screen to shape tables with this combination Applesoft and machine language program. Save the tables to disk for later use in your programs.

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e have all seen shapes in game programs that we would like to use in our own programs. Until now, the only way to accomplish this was to re-create them. Depending on the complexity of the shapes, re-creation could take hours. LIFT.OFF is a program that will perform this tedious task for you quite easily.

LIFT.OFF is a graphics utility which enables you to convert anything on the Hi-Res screen into a usable vector shape. The entire process usually takes a couple of minutes from start to finish.

### Using LIFT OFF

Upon running this program, a short menu will be displayed. There are four options available:

- LOAD SCREEN This is used to load a
  Hi-Res screen from disk. The program will
  ask you for the file name. If you press the
  RETURN key without typing a file name,
  the disk Catalog will be displayed. After
  the screen has been loaded into memory,
  you will immediately be sent to the editor
  mode.
- EDITOR This command places you in the editor mode. In this mode, you will be able to edit or create a shape. Use the familiar I, J, K, and M keys to move the blinking cursor around the screen.

Pressing A will plot a point and pressing S will erase a point. Pressing W locks plotting and pressing E locks erasing. Press Q to unlock either one. Pressing the ESC key

will switch between full and mixed screen graphics. You can return to the menu at any time by pressing the "at" (@) key.

Note: When you enter the editor mode, the CLEAR HIBIT routine will be CALLed. While this routine does not physically affect the Hi-Res screen, it does alter its colors.

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3. BOX IN SHAPE — this option permits you to isolate the part of the Hi-Res screen to be converted into a shape. If you are not familiar with the layout of the Hi-Res screen, the simple chart (Figure 1) should be of help.

There are four values which can be changed: the top, bottom, left, and right. To change the value of a certain edge, press the space bar. When the flashing cursor reaches the name of the edge you wish to modify, press the RETURN key and then make the change.

You can keep changing the values until you are satisfied. The Hi-Res rectangle will be altered upon the entry of each new value.

Once you are satisfied, press the CONTROL key while typing S (CTRL-S) to start the converting process. You will be asked if you would like a negative shape Entering "no" will convert the shape exactly the way it is, while entering "yes" will convert the shape into a vector shape containing its opposite colors.

At this point, the machine language program takes over and does the actual conversion. Within a second or two (the advantage of machine language), you will see the result of your efforts.

After you are done admiring your creation, press < RETURN >. You will be asked if you want to save the shape. If you are satisfied with the shape, enter "yes" and then the name you wish to save it under. Once the shape is saved, the disk Catalog will be displayed before you are sent back to the menu.

Note: The CLEAR HIBIT routine is also CALLed in the "box in shape" mode.

 QUIT — This option allows you to exit gracefully from the program.

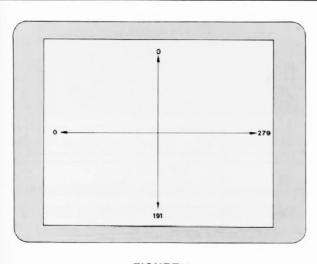
### Rules

There are a few rules you should be aware of when using LIFT OFF:

- 1. The difference between the top and bottom values must be at least two.
- The difference between the left and right values must be at least three.
- The top value cannot be greater than the bottom value.
- The left value cannot be greater than the right value.
- You cannot convert a shape which is greater than 8000 pixels in size. The formula (bottom-top) \* (right-left) will compute the number of pixels in the shape.

Don't worry too much about breaking these rules. The program detects all transgressions and will not allow you to proceed to the conversion stage until you have rectified them. You can always return to the menu by pressing the '@' key.

IMPORTANT: The shape to be converted must be set flush against each side of the Hi-Res rectangle. It should not touch or exceed any of these boundaries.



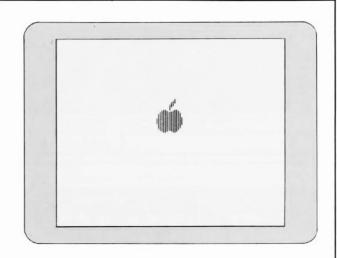


FIGURE 1

### Typing in the Program

BASIC program and a machine language program, both of which are relatively short. The program requires at least 48K of RAM and Apples of in POM or in a PAM cond

LIFT OFF is composed of two parts, a

Applesoft in ROM or in a RAM card.

First, type in the BASIC program (Listing 1) and save it under the name LIFT.OFF.

gram. (See Listing 2, the source listing.) If you do not own an assembler or if you do not understand assembly language, refer to "A Welcome to New Nibble Readers" for instructions on entering machine code.

Next, enter in the machine language pro-

Once you have entered the program, save it by typing BSAVE LIFT.OFF.ML, A\$1EDC.L\$DF.

# Capturing A Shape: A Case Study I will show you how simple the procedure

of capturing a shape really is.

1. Type NEW < RETURN > to clear memory, and type in the short program from Listing 3 named "APPLE.CREATOR."

- RUN it. You should see a green apple appear in the middle of the screen.
- RUN LIFT.OFF.
- When the menu options appear, enter 3 <RETURN > for option 3.

5. You should see the apple surrounded by a

- large rectangle. (See Figure 2.) Press < RETURN > , and the names of the rectangle sides along with their values will be displayed.
- 6. Start to enclose the apple shape, moving the BOTTOM side first. Press the space bar until it is aligned with the name of the side you are modifying; in this case, BOT-TOM. Then press < RETURN > and en-

ter in 97 < RETURN > when the "ENTER?" question appears. You should

see the Hi-Res rectangle re-justifying itself.

7. Now move the LEFT side. Press

- FIGURE 2
- cedure outlined in step 6, but apply it to the LEFT side. Enter 122 < RETURN > for the LEFT value.

  8. At this point, your screen should look like

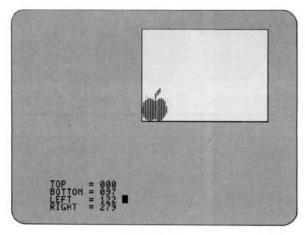
Figure 3. (If it does not, you have made

< RETURN > and follow the same pro-

- a mistake somewhere along the way. I suggest you restart from the beginning.)

  9. Now move the TOP side. Again follow the procedure outlined in step 6. Enter 61
- <RETURN > for the TOP value.

  10. Finally, move the RIGHT side. Enter 154
- (RETURN) or the RIGHT side. Enter 15
- Your screen should look like Figure 4.
   Notice that the sides of the rectangle are completely flush against the apple shape without touching it.
- 12. Press < RETURN > . The correct values for each side are:



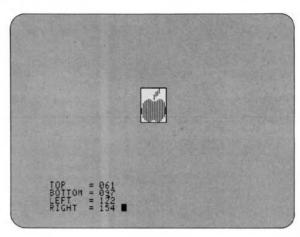


FIGURE 3

FIGURE 4

TOP = 061 BOTTOM = 097 LEFT = 122 RIGHT =154

If any of your values are different, correct them to match the ones above.

- Now press CTRL-S and type NO when the "NEGATIVE SHAPE?" question appears.
- Within a few seconds, the captured shape should appear.
- Press < RETURN > and enter YES when the question "SAVE SHAPE?" appears. Then enter APPLE as the file name.
- After the disk drive stops, press < RE-SET > and type NEW < RETURN > .
- Now, enter the short program from Listing 4 named "SHAPE.DEMO" and RUN it.
- If you have correctly followed all the instructions outlined, you should see four colorful apples and an interesting animated demonstration.

I hope you now realize how simple capturing shapes really is. Take some time to learn the "ins and outs" of this program — and don't be afraid to experiment!

### How LIFT OFF Works

#### The Applesoft Program LIFT.OFF

Lines 110-160 contain various short subroutines. The subroutine at line 110 may be of interest to you. It is a simple method I have devised to simulate the Print Using function. This useful function is available in the BASICs of many computers, but unfortunately, is not available in Applesoft.

Lines 180-240 contain the input subroutine. I, like many programmers, hate to use the INPUT statement, but I will normally write a small INPUT routine when it is necessary for the users of my programs to enter any substantial amount of information.

Basically, this subroutine builds the string I\$ with the characters obtained via the GET function. Special characters such as back-spaces are checked for and handled accordingly. When a < RETURN > is detected, this subroutine returns back to its caller. At that point, I\$ will contain the string obtained from the user, J\$ will contain string I\$'s first character, and the variable I will contain the value of I\$, if it is numerical.

Lines 250-390 contain the editor routine. Lines 250-280 set the Hi-Res and text screens and CALL the CLEAR HIBIT routine. All the editing commands are checked for and processed in lines 290-390.

# "...notice the heavy use of Boolean expressions."

As you scan through this section, you will notice the heavy use of Boolean expressions. This was done mainly to decrease the size of the program. While I did have 64K of RAM to work with, my goal was to write this program in less than 4K. This would not have been possible if the program had been written with the scores of IF...THEN statements that were replaced by the Boolean expressions.

Lines 400-450 contain the menu. This section of the program displays the program title, author's name and the copyright notice. The four options available in the menu are printed in line 430. Lines 440-450 wait for the user's choice and process it accordingly.

Line 460 allows you to quit the program. Lines 470-500 load the screen and get the file name from the user. If the user enters no name, then the disk Catalog is displayed. Lines 510-730 contain the "box in shape" routine. The variables used by this part of the program are initialized at line 510. The CLEAR HIBIT routine is CALLed. Lines 520-550 may be the most complex part of the program. (The algorithm alone took me over a day to write.) It is a very small routine which simulates the nonexistent Applesoft command, XHPLOT. XHPLOT, if there were such a command in Applesoft, would operate exactly like HPLOT, except that it would provide a nondestructive way of line plotting. (HPLOT destroys everything that it plots over.)

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By properly manipulating the SCALE, ROT and XDRAW commands, this routine has given me a satisfactory substitute for an XHPLOT command. And while this routine is in no way complete, it does meet the needs of this program.

Line 560 blinks the Hi-Res rectangle. Lines 630-640 contain the routine which allows you to manipulate values of the Hi-Res rectangle. The input data is processed and checked for errors in lines 650-730.

Lines 740-780 contain the conversion routine. Line 740 checks the size of the shape. If the shape is too large, it informs you and loops back to the "box in shape" routine. Lines 760-770 POKE in the values of each side of the Hi-Res rectangle (so that the machine language program can find the shape).

The captured shape directory is set up in line 780. Line 780 also CALLs the machine language program which actually does the conversion. Line 790 draws the captured shape onto Hi-Res page 2. The variable J holds the length of the captured shape (used later to save the captured shape).

Lines 800-860 save the captured shape. This routine saves the captured shape onto disk at address \$6000 (24576 dec.). After the shape is saved, the relevant information regarding the

shape will be displayed.

Lines 870-920 perform initialization. Line 860 loads the machine language program from disk into memory. Line 880 POKEs in a Shape Table which consists of a single dot and the short machine language routine CLEAR HIBIT. This routine strips the high bits out of each byte in the address range of \$2000-\$3FFF (8192-16383 dec.). The variables and strings used by LIFT.OFF are initialized at lines 890-910.

### The Machine Language Program

Essentially, the machine language program LIFT.OFF.ML scans a rectangular area (previously defined by the user) on the Hi-Res screen and converts the data it finds into a Vector Shape Table. (See pp. 92-99 of the BASIC Programming Manual, or pp. 150-166 of the Applesoft BASIC Programmer's Reference Manual for more information regarding Vector Shape Tables.)

Lines 030-040 initialize the pointers used by this program.

Lines 044-062 scan the screen from left to right and call the FIND routine to check the pixel at HLOC, VLOC. Depending on the condition of the pixel, a vector value of 5 or 1 will be placed into memory. (See Figure 5.) HLOC is incremented and checked to see if it has reached the right side of the Hi-Res rectangle.

Lines 066-085 perform functions similar to those performed by lines 44-62, except: they scan the screen from right to left, the vector codes used are 7 and 3 instead of 5 and 1, and HLOC is decremented and checked to determine whether it has reached the left side of the Hi-Res rectangle.

Lines 089-105 contain the FIND routine which checks the status (on/off) of the pixel at HLOC, VLOC (a sort of Hi-Res SCRN function). First, the value of HLOC is divided by 7 to locate the screen byte. The remainder is used to locate the bit within the byte. (Pixels are actually bits in a byte.)

The accumulator is then loaded with the value of the screen byte and logically ANDed to filter out the bits it is not presently testing. If the accumulator contains 0, then the pixel at HLOC, VLOC is off. If it contains any other value, then the pixel is on.

Lines 109-115 contain a routine that, after each screen line is completed, places a vector code of 6 or 2 into memory - again, depending on the condition of the pixel at HLOC, VLOC.

Lines 119-124 contain the PU1 routine. This routine stores the vector codes into memory starting at \$4000 (16384 dec.).

Lines 128-132 contain a routine that increments the variable VLOC by one and checks to see if it has reached the bottom of the Hi-Res rectangle. If it has not, then it CALLs the Monitor's HPOSN routine and loops back to scan another screen line.

HPOSN, among other things, calculates the Hi-Res screen's vertical base addresses. The addresses can be found at \$26.\$27 (38.39 dec.). When the bottom of the Hi-Res rectangle is reached, the scanning process is done and the conversion of the vector codes into Vector Shape Table data begins.

Figure 6 shows how the program scans the Hi-Res screen and stores proper vector codes into memory

Lines 136-159 contain a routine that takes the vector codes from memory and converts them into a Vector Shape Table. Two vector codes are combined to form a single Vector

VECTOR	CODE	FUNCTION
<b>A</b>	0	MOVE UP, NO PLOT
<b>*</b>	1	MOVE RIGHT, NO PLOT
<b>\</b>	2	MOVE DOWN, NO PLOT
•	3	MOVE LEFT, NO PLOT
<b>A</b>	4	MOVE UP, PLOT
••	5	MOVE RIGHT, PLOT
<b>‡</b>	6	MOVE DOWN, PLOT
<b>◆</b> •	7	MOVE LEFT, PLOT

### FIGURE 5

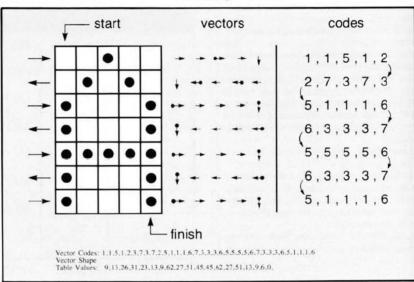


FIGURE 6

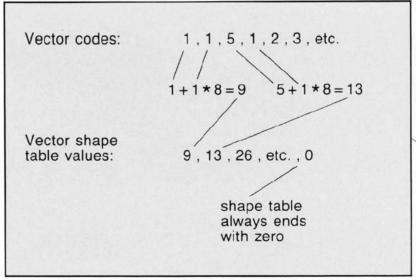


FIGURE 7

Shape Table value. This value is found by adding the first vector code to the product of the second vector code and 8. (See Figure 7.) The Vector Shape Table values are stored beginning at \$6004 (24580 dec.).

This process continues until a Vector Shape Table value of zero is computed. (The zero value will also be stored in memory to signal the end of the Vector Shape Table.) At that point, the conversion is over and control returns to the BASIC program.

### A Final Thought

If you would like to compile some of your captured shapes into a Shape Table, I suggest you obtain a copy of Nibble Vol. 2/No. 5. There you will find a program called HI-RES SHAPE COMBINER by Chris Carroll which performs this task for you. Otherwise, you might have to do it the hard way, by hand.

## LISTING 1 — LIFT.OFF

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RETURN

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REM ******
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                 LIFT.OFF
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    REM *
              BY STEVEN WONG
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    REM *
58
    RFM *
    REM * COPYRIGHT (C) 1984 *
AA
    REM * BY MICROSPARC, INC
    REM * LINCOLN, MA. 01773
    REM ***************
     LOMEM: 32768: TEXT : HOME : GOTO 878
PRINT RIGHT$ (*00* + STR$ (J),3);: RETURN
POKE - 16384,0: POKE - 16297,8: RETURN
188
     HOME : PRINT DS CATALOG : PRINT : PRINT : GOTO
     150
     CALL BL: HTAB 1: PRINT "DISK ERROR #" PEEK (222
149
150
     PRINT . . . PRESS A KEY : CALL BL
160 POKE KR,0: WAIT KB,128: POKE KR,0: RETURN 170 I = FRE (0):I$ = "":K = POS (0) + I
     GET AS: IF AS ( S$ AND A$ ( ) R$ AND A$ ( ) B
188
     $ THEN 188
198
     PRINT A$;: IF A$ = R$ THEN 240
200 I
      = PEEK (SP) - PEEK (SP): IF A$ ( > B$ THEN
     I$ = I$ + A$: GOTO 238
     IF LEN (14) ( 2 THEN HTAB K: PRINT St; HTAB
     K: GOTO 170
228
     PRINT S$B$;:1$ = LEFT$ (I$, LEN (I$) - 1): GOTO
      188
238
     IF LEN (1$) ( 16 THEN 188
     = VAL (I$):J$ = LEFT$ (I$,1): RETURN
POKE MS,8:K = 8:MC = 8: CALL 774: HOME : VTAB 2
2: FOR I = 1 TO 48: PRINT "=";: NEXT
248
250
     VTAB 23: PRINT M45;: VTAB 23: HTAB 3: FLASH : PRINT
268
     M1$: POKE 58,63: VTAB 24
278
     PRINT 'A=ON
                    S=OFF I-J-K-M 2=MENU ESC=SCREE*
      :: POKE 2039,14: SCALE= 1: ROT= 0: GOSUB 120: NORMAL
288
     VTAB 21: HTAB 14: PRINT "X=";:J = X: GOSUB 110:
    HTAB 23: PRINT "Y=";:J = Y: GOSUB 110
I = PEEK (KB): XDRAW 1 AT X,Y:I = I - 128: XDRAW
298
      1: IF I < 8 THEN 298
     POKE KR, 8: IF 1 ( ) 69 AND 1 ( ) 81 AND 1 ( )
388
      87 THEN 350
     VTAB 23: HTAB 1: PRINT M4$;: VTAB 23: FLASH : IF
310
      I = 81 THEN MC = 0: HTAB 3: PRINT M1$: GOTO 340
      IF 1 = 87 THEN MC = 1: HTAB 15: PRINT M24: GOTO
328
      348
      IF 1 = 69 THEN MC = 2: HTAB 30: PRINT M3$;
338
348
      NORMAL : GOTO 388
    Z = PEEK (SP) - PEEK (SP):X = X + (I = 75) - (
      I = 74):X = X + ((X ( 8) - (X ) 279)) * 288
     Y = Y + (1 = 77) - (1 = 73):Y = Y + ((Y ( 0) - (
      Y > 191)) * 192: IF I = 27 THEN K = NOT (K): POKE
      MS - K,8
      IF NOT MC THEN IF I = 65 OR I = 83 THEN HCOLOR=
378
      3 * (I = 65): HPLOT X,Y
      IF MC THEN HCOLOR= 3 * (MC = 1): HPLOT X,Y
388
398
      IF 1 ( ) 64 THEN 280
          FRE (0): POKE 216.0: POKE 230,32: POKE 233,
400
     I =
      3: TEXT : HOME : FOR J = 1 TO 3 STEP 2: UTAB J
FOR I = 1 TO 40: PRINT "-";: NEXT I, J: PRINT "
418
      COPYRIGHT (C) 1984 BY MICROSPARC, INC.*
INVERSE : VTAB 2: PRINT SPC( 7)*LIFT OFF
428
       STEVEN WONG SPC( 7): NORMAL
      VTAB 18: PRINT *(1) LOAD SCREEN*: PRINT *(2) ED
438
      ITOR": PRINT "(3) BOX IN SHAPE": PRINT "(4) QUI
449
      CALL BL: VTAB 15: CALL BH: PRINT : HTAB 5: PRINT
      "YOUR CHOICE --> ";: GOSUB 170: IF NOT I OR I >
      4 THEN 449
458
      ON I GOTO 479,259,519
      HOME : END
468
      VTAB 28: PRINT "FILE NAME? ":: GOSUB 178: IF IS
478
       = ' THEN GOSUB 138: GOTO 408
      ONERR GOTO 500
488
      PRINT D$"BLOAD "1$",A$2000": POKE 216,8: GOTO 2
498
      VTAB 20: GOSUB 140: GOTO 440
500
      CALL 774:A = 0:B = 0:C = 279:D = 191: GOSUB 120:L2 = 1630:L = 0: GOTO 560
510
520 J = C - A: ROT= 0: IF C < 256 THEN FOR Z = 1 TO
      188: NEXT
      1F J > 254 THEN SCALE= C - 255 + 1: XDRAW 1 AT
538
      255,B: XDRAW 1 AT 255,D:J = 254 - A
      SCALE= J + 1: XDRAW 1 AT A,B: XDRAW 1 AT A,D: ROT=
      16: SCALE= D - B - 1
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499 IF I ( 0 OR 1 ) 276 OR I + 3 ) C THEN 738 700 A = I: GOTO 560 710 IF I ( 3 OR I ) 279 OR I - 3 ( (A) THEN 738 728 C = I: GOTO 568 HOME : VTAB 22: PRINT "ERROR":: GOSUB 150: GOSUB 520: GOTO 570 HOME : VTAB 22: IF. (D - B) \* (C - A) > 8000 THEN PRINT "SHAPE IS TOO LARGE";: GOSUB 150: GOTO 5 79 PRINT "NEGATIVE SHAPE? ";: GOSUB 178: POKE 239 759 4 \* (J\$ = "Y"): GOSUB 520: POKE 249.8: POKE 250 ,D: POKE 237,B 768 A = A + 1:J = INT (A / 256):1 = A - J \* 256: POKE 251,1: POKE 252,J: POKE 235,1: POKE 236,J 778 C = C - 1:J = INT (C / 256):1 = C - J \* 256: POKE 253,1: POKE 254,J HGR2 : POKE 238,96: CALL 62458: POKE 24576,1: POKE 24578,4: POKE 238,32: CALL 7988: POKE 233,96: SCALE= 1: ROT= 8 HOME : HGR2 : XDRAW 1 AT A,B + 1: GOSUB 168:J = 798 PEEK (8183) + PEEK (8184) \* 256 - 24575 TEXT : HOME : VTAB 8: PRINT 'SAVE SHAPE? ":: GOSUB 178: IF J\$ ( > "Y" THEN 488 VTAB 11: CALL BH: PRINT "NAME? ";: GOSUB 178: IF 1 = " THEN 888 810 ONERR GOTO 868 828 PRINT DS BSAVE SHAPE. 15 ,A24576, L.J: HOME 838 848 VTAB 8: PRINT "NAME: SHAPE." 15: VTAB 11: PRINT "ADDRESS SAVED: 24576" VTAB 14: PRINT "LENGTH OF SHAPE: "J" BYTES": VTAB 17: GOSUB 150: PRINT : GOSUB 130: GOTO 400 860 VTAB 14: GOSUB 140: GOTO 800 870 D\$ = CHR\$ (4): IF PEEK (7900) ( > 169 OR PEEK (8888) ( > 288 THEN PRINT D&"BLOAD LIFT.OFF.M POKE 232,0: IF PEEK (768) ( > 1 OR PEEK (798 ) ( > 288 THEN FOR I = 768 TO 798: READ J: POKE 888 I,J: NEXT # = CHR\$ (13):B\$ = CHR\$ (8):S\$ = CHR\$ (32):X = 139:Y = 95:BH = - 958:BL = - 198 B = - 16384:KR = - 16368:SP = - 16336:FS = -=" + M3\$: GOTO 400 928 DATA 1,8,4,8,29,8,169,8,133,6,168,169,32,133,7 178,177,6,41,127,145,6,288,288,247,238,7,282,28 8.242.96 **KEY PERFECT 4.0** RUN ON LIFT. OFF LINEW - LINEW CHECK CODE 3.8 5AF3 28 -110 834E 128 -218 B45F 228 -318 ON: LIFT.OFF AD84 328 -418 9095 428 -518 TYPE: A 528 -BC33 618 LENGTH: 888C SE9C 628 -719 E86F 728 -818 CHECKSUM: FC E072 820 -910 928 -30FC 928 TOTAL PROGRAM CHECK IS : 8CAB

XDRAW 1 AT A,B + 1: XDRAW 1 AT C,B + 1: ROT= 0:

POKE FS,0: FOR K = 1 TO 7:Z = PEEK (SP): GOSUB

HOME : VTAB 21: PRINT \* TOP = ';:J = B: GOSUB

PRINT : PRINT \* LEFT = \*;:J = A: GOSUB 110: PRINT : PRINT \* RIGHT = \*;:J = C: GOSUB 110: POKE L2

POKE L2,160: VTAB 21 + L: HTAB 18: CALL BL: PRINT "ENTER?";: GOSUB 170: IF J\$ = " OR I\$ = " THEN

HOME : GOSUB 520: ON L + 1 GOTO 650,670,690,718

IF I < 8 OR I > 189 OR I + 2 > D THEN 738

IF I < 2 OR I > 191 OR I - 2 < B THEN 730

110: PRINT : PRINT \* BOTTOM = ";:J = D: GOSUB 1

GOSUB 160:K = PEEK (KB): IF K = 32 THEN L = (L + 1) \* (L ( 3):L1 = 1630 + L \* 128: POKE L1,96

528: NEXT : GOSUB 168: POKE MS,8

: POKE L2,160:L2 = L1

IF K = 64 THEN GOSUB 520: GOTO 400

IF K = 19 THEN 740

660 B = I: GOTO 560

680 D = 1: GOTO 560

IF K ( > 13 THEN 598

Errors: 0

LISTING 3 - APPLE.CREATOR

LISTING 4 — SHAPE.DEMO