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## TWO TINY BASIC MODS

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Tom Pittman's TINY BASIC TB651K V.1K may have a bug!!!

The following program has the ability to lock you out of your computer:

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I RUN
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What happens, is that when you type RUN, TINY begins execution, and the first statement it sees is RUN; which causes TINY to begin execution again. During all of this there is no test for a BREAK, which leaves the computer running away happily ignoring you.

This is no big deal, unless your computer happens to be located in a remote location (Like across town!), then it becomes a pain.

I found this bug late one night when nothing else was going right, (MY keyboard has not been the same since) and I typed it in by mistake.

Normally, I wouldn't care about it, but due to the circumstances it 'bugged' me, so I decided to do something about it. The following is the cure, and is located in the execute routine (XQ).

053F	A5	2A	LDA	2A	Get IL pointer (ADL)
0541	85	C4	STA	C4	Save it
0543	A5	2B	LDA	2B	Get IL pointer (ADH)
0545	85	C5	STA	C5	Save it
0547	4C	0F	05	JMP	050F GOTO NX routine
054A	EA		NOP		Not used
054B	EA		NOP		Not used

This replaces the previous data, and allows a break test on execution.

The multiple statements per line modification consists of changing the address of the Branch End routine to the new address, changing the name of the old NX IL code to NS (address remains the same), and the addition of the new NX IL code and address. NX retains the old meaning and description of Next Line. The new NS code searches for the Next Statement by looking for a colon (:) or carriage return, and passing control depending on what it has found.

The ML routine for the NS code is a modification of the old NX routine with a subroutine located at \$0AE8. This routine causes execution of the next statement if a colon is found, it goes to the next line if a carriage return is found and in the run mode, otherwise it returns to the command mode.

The new ML routine for the BE code tests for a carriage return or colon to indicate statement end.

A modification to the IL is needed at \$09B4 in order to use the colon (:) as a terminator, as this character is used to produce an X-OFF (DC3) after a print statement. This is modified to produce the X-OFF on an exclamation point (!) instead.

Another modification to the IL must be made at \$09F5. This is required to make TINY begin execution on the next line rather than next statement following GOSUB RETURN. This is required due to the fact that TINY only remembers the line number for the return link, so if the GOSUB was not the first statement in the line, a hard loop would be set up. With this modification however, execution will begin on the next line, and not the next statement after a GOSUB has been executed.

A modification is made to the IL at \$0A26 which causes execution to begin on the next line after a REM statement instead of beginning with the next statement. This allows colons to be in REM statements. It allows for more powerful IF THEN statements. I.E.: IF A=0 THEN REM: LET A=1: PRINT A: GOTO 20. In the above example if A is equal to 0, then execution begins on the next line, otherwise the rest of the present line is executed.

The colon may not be used in a print statement that is the second part of an IF THEN statement, since if the test is not true, then a search for the next statement is begun, and termination of the search will be prematurely done upon detection of the colon in the print statement. The colon may be in any other print statement however, even on the same line as the IF THEN statement. It just can not be used as the second part of an IF THEN statement.

The GOSUB will always be the last statement executed in a line. I.E.: IF A=0 THEN GOSUB 20: LET A=1: PRINT A: GOTO 10 In the above example if A is equal to 0, then the GOSUB 20 is executed, and execution continues with the next line following the example upon RETURN from the GOSUB. If A is not equal to 0, then the GOSUB is skipped, and the rest of the line is executed.

### IL ADDRESS CHANGES

CHANGE TO	WAS
022C F2	FD
022D 0A	03 Branch End (BE)
025A E0	9F
025B 0A	05 Next Line (NX)

Old IL code NX now becomes NX (Next Statement) there is no address change however.

### IL ROUTINE CHANGES

09B4	83	A1	!	X-OFF On (!) exclamation point instead of (:) colon
09F5	1E		NX	NX on Return instead of NS

### ML ROUTINE ADDITIONS

#### NEW NX ROUTINE

0AE0	20	14	04	JSR	0414	Search for "CR"
0AE3	D0	FB		BNE	0AE0	Con't until found
0AE5	4C	0B	05	JMP	050B	Get new line

#### NEW NS ROUTINE

0AE8	20	14	04	JSR	0414	Search for terminator
0AEB	F0	04		BEQ	0AF1	Return if "CR"
0AED	C9	3A		CMP	#3A	Return if ":"
0AEF	D0	F7		BNE	0AE8	Otherwise try again
0AF1	60			RTS		

#### NEW BE ROUTINE

0AF2	20	25	04	JSR	0425	Read BASIC character
0AF5	C9	0D		CMP	#0D	If it is a "CR"
0AF7	F0	F8		BEQ	0AF1	Return
0AF9	C9	3A		CMP	#3A	or a ":"
0AFB	F0	F4		BEQ	0AF1	Return
0AFD	4C	64	03	JMP	0364	Otherwise go branch

### ML ROUTINE CHANGES

#### NS ROUTINE

0506	20	E8	0A	JSR	0AE8	Find terminator
0509	B0	0C		BCS	0517	End line?
050B	A5	BE		LDA	BE	
050D	F0	23		BEQ	0532	Run mode?

## RAMBLINGS ABOUT PITTMAN TINY BASIC by

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Bought Tom Pittman's TINY BASIC, also his "Experimenter's Kit". Perhaps you might be interested in the following comments.

Things "not in the book" or at least not too clear.

Saving and loading basic programs using KIM cassette routines---Use the values in \$0020 & \$0021 for SAL & SAH and use the values in \$0024 & \$0025 for EAL & EAH when dumping to cassette. When loading the saved programs, transfer the values in \$17ED & \$17EE to \$0024 & \$0025 and enter TINY via the "warm start". Of course before loading the tape, you should have previously done a "cold start" to initialize the basic pointers, etc. Expect your whole system to crash if you try to make program changes without setting 24 & 25 to the correct values. You can append a second program to the one in memory if the second program has line numbers higher than the first. I have written a line re-numbering program if anyone is interested. The second program is loaded in starting at the address in \$0024 & \$0025 minus four. Again, transfer values from \$17ED & EE to \$0024 & 25. I am using a tape loading subroutine callable as a USER function, which directly uses 24 & 25 as a pointer for storing recovered data so that it is automatically set up as end pointer for user programs.

### HOW TINY STORES PROGRAMS:

User programs start at the address stored in \$0020 & \$0021 and lines are stored exactly as entered from the keyboard. The line number is stored as two hex bytes, all the rest as ASCII, ending with the carriage return, OD(hex). All lines are stored in sequence as numbered, with TINY doing the editing as each line is entered (or deleted, or replaced). TINY stores a ZERO line number in the two bytes following the CR in the last line of the program. When TINY responds to a CLEAR command, it puts the zero line number in the first two bytes of the user

program space and initializes the pointers. If you should accidentally clear, say be using the "cold" start to re-enter basic, after having entered a program; you can salvage the program by loading a value in the first byte of user memory equal (in hex) to the original line number of the first line. Of course, if the number is over 255, you'll have to put the high order value into the second byte. This will let you list and run the program, but if you want to make any changes, you'd better restore the pointer at 24 & 25. You can search through memory to find the right address using the following rules. First, line numbers are contained in the two bytes immediately following a carriage return (ODhex). The last CR is followed by two zero value bytes. Add 5 to the address of the last CR and load the result into 24 & 25.

### MACHINE LANGUAGE SUBROUTINES:

These can be used by calling a USER functions. If you want an ML subroutine to be included with your TB program, it can be "contained" within REM statements placed after the last line of your program. Make one or more REM statements using enough characters between the first REM and the last CR to accomodate your subroutine. The result will be garbage on a LIST, but that's immaterial. The ML subroutine can then be called by: X=USR(USR(S+20, 36)+USR(S+20,37)\*256-n) where X is the result returned from the subroutine in the A & Y registers, S is the starting address of TINY BASIC, and n is the number of bytes reserved for the machine language code +6. If the ML subroutine is to be called more than once, a variable may be set to the value within the opening and closing parentheses. Second and third arguments may be included to pass parameters. The line renumber program I wrote in TB uses this technique to locate the line numbers. I had at first written it using only the TB built in USER routines for "peek" and "poke", but it ran too slowly to suit me. No, the renumber program does not renumber the goto's and the gosub's.

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Oops! In issue #13, I left out the mod that must be made to the IL at \$0A26. Here it is:

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0A26 1E NX NX on REM instead of NS.
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In the next issue, we'll be presenting a very comprehensive string capability for TB as well as a cassette save and load ability. (I ran out of room in this issue). Must be a good number of Tiny Basic users out there. Have you done anything neat with TB? Let us know.

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## TINY BASIC CASSETTE SAVE & LOAD

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I recently bought TINY BASIC and the accompanying experimenter's kit, and have enjoyed finding out how the BASIC statements are broken down and implemented. With a little study one can easily pick up the pseudolanguage used to program the inner interpreter, and then all sorts of possibilities exist for custom modifications to suit one's whim. I noticed the comments about transferring BASIC statements to and from cassette tape in issue 13 (Lew Edwards, p. 14), and thought perhaps your readers might be interested in how I added the SAVE and LOAD commands to my version of TINY BASIC for the KIM-1. With my implementation, TINY can use the existing KIM monitor routines (or any others if one wishes) to save and load programs, and transfer of starting and ending addresses, etc. is handled by a machine language routine. The cassette file number is specified in the added BASIC commands: SAVE X or LOAD X, where X is any integer 0 \_ X \_ 255 corresponding to KIM file I.D.'s 00 through FF. My version of TINY is the one having the cold start at 2000 hex; corresponding address offsets can be added for other versions.

The patch to the Intermediate Interpreter is made at relative location 00B7, as shown on p.38 of the Experimenter's Manual. This is address 2827 absolute. The patch is as follows:

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;test for keyword SAVE
00B7 8B534156C5 TAPE BC LOAD "SAVE"
;push start address of
00BC 09 29 LB 29
;save routine onto stack
00BE 09 OE LB OE
;do it again
00C0 0B Q DS
;error stop if file id not number
00C1 C0 BN
;go to save routine at 290EH
00C2 2E US
;test for keyword LOAD
00C3 8A4C4F41C4 LOAD BC DFLT "LOAD"
;push start address of
00C8 09 29 LB 29
;load routine onto stack
00CA 09 28 LB 28
;go to load routine at
00CC 38 C0 J Q
;2928H via above instructions
00CE A0 DFLT BV *
; (continue with
; remaining IL code)

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The constants after the LB commands specify the hex addresses of the machine language routines which handle the SAVE X and LOAD X functions. The line labeled DFLT is thus moved from relative location 00B7 to 00CE, resulting in an offset of 17H or 23p for remaining lines. This must be accommodated in the jump and jump subroutine commands in the I.L. The changes in destination for those instructions which jump beyond the patch are listed. All error messages originating beyond the patch will also be increased by 23p.

My version jumps to a pair of machine language routines which initialize the file i.d., SAL, SAH, and the TINY BASIC registers. BASIC files are saved using a Hypertape routine stored in EPROM at location C400H; if the user wishes to use the KIM tape dump routine, he should change the contents of location 2927H to 18H. Appropriate routines can of course be relocated anywhere the user wishes, so long as the correct entry points are provided for in the I.L. patch. After execution of a SAVE or LOAD, TINY must be manually reentered at the warm start (the limits of memory for the BASIC statements are set for my system when BASIC is first entered). A jump to warm start could of course be placed at the end of the tape dump and load routines if ones stored in RAM instead of ROM were being used.

These alterations were worth their trouble in added convenience: SAVE 01 is a lot easier than exiting TINY, storing 01 in 17F9, and looking up the memory bounds for the BASIC statements to set SAL and SAH manually. I hope this modification will be of interest to other users of TINY BASIC.

#### MACHINE LANGUAGE ROUTINES USED BY THE PATCH

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2906 8D F9 17 00 STA 17F9H STEPS COMMON TO
A9 00 LDA $00 BOTH
85 F1 STA 00F1H ROUTINES
60 RTS

290E 20 06 29 SAVE JSR 00 FILE SAVE ROUTINE
A5 20 LDA 0020H
8D F5 17 STA 17F5H
A5 21 LDA 0021H
8D F6 17 STA 17F6H INITIALIZATION
A5 24 LDA 0024H
8D F7 17 STA 17F7H
A5 25 LDA 0025H
8D F8 17 STA 17F8H
4C 00 C4 JMP HYPERTAPE

2928 20 06 29 LOAD JSR QQ set 17F9H, 00F1H
4C 73 18 JMP TLOAD read tape
292E AD ED 17 ENTER LDA EAL set address
85 24 STA 0024H at end
AD EE 17 LDA EAH of BASIC
85 25 STA 0075H program file
4C 03 20 JMP BASIC go to warm start

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Restart BASIC at ENTER (loc. 292EH) after loading.  
Restart at warm start (2003H in my version) after saving.

Summary of additional modifications to I.L. Code (new transfer statement destination caused by insertion of patch)

Relative Location (See pp. 36-40 TINY BASIC Experimenter's Manual)	New Instruction
0014	30 D3
001F	30 D3
0029	30 D3
004B	30 D3
0052	30 D3
0054	31 4B
0056	30 D3
0073	30 D3
009E	30 D3
00BE	30 EA
00C4	30 EA
00C8	30 EA
00CE	30 EA
00D3	30 F9
00D7	30 F9
00F7	31 47
0114	30 D3
0116	31 41
0118	31 41
0125	30 D3
012C	38 D3

#### TINY BASIC STRINGS

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Here is the string mod I've been using which I access thru the USR verb. This requires 512 bytes of memory, and is relocatable and will run out of ROM or protected memory except for the storage area which operates out of RAM, however it can be located in any 256 byte block of free memory.

PEEK \$ USR(2816,ADDRESS)  
PEEK at string at the string relative address ADDRESS. Returns decimal value of addressed byte.

POKE \$ USR(2822,ADDRESS,DATA)  
POKE data byte DATA into the string relative address ADDRESS. Returns string relative address plus one.

INPUT SP\$ USR(2832,BEGIN,END)  
INPUT a string of characters beginning with string relative address BEGIN, echoing back a space with each input character, until a carriage return is encountered, or the ending address END is reached. Returns the string relative ending address plus one.

INPUT \$ USR(2839,BEGIN,END)  
INPUT a string of characters as in INPUT SP\$, but without the space echo. Returns the string relative ending address plus one.

PRINT SP\$ USR(2905,BEGIN,END)  
PRINT the character string beginning with the string relative address BEGIN, and print a space after each character, until a carriage return is encountered, or the ending address END is reached. Returns the string relative ending address plus one.

PRINT \$ USR(2912,BEGIN,END)  
PRINT the character string as in PRINT SP\$, but without the space echo. Returns the string relative ending address plus one.

SEARCH \$ USR(2946,BEGIN,DATA)  
SEARCHes for the BCD equivalent of decimal value DATA, beginning at string relative address BEGIN, until a match is found, or the ending address of variable "L" is reached. Returns the string relative ending address plus one.

If a match is not found the return address will be 0 (zero). Variable "L" is decremented once per test until match is found, or it is 0.

MOVE \$    USR(2966,FROM,TO)    (Length in variable "L")

MOVES a group of characters of the length in variable "L" beginning at the relative string address FROM, and moving them to relative string address TO, for the length of variable "L". Returns the FROM ending address plus one. Variable "L" is zeroed. (Lower 8 bits only, see notes on addressing of strings).

#### SET POINTERS

These are memory formatting routines that are addressed by the other routines, and are listed with USR statements only for reference. They do not need to be accessed by TINY.

#### OPERATIONAL NOTES

Addressing is limited to 0-256 (8 bit addressing) and the upper bits are ignored (I.E. 512 will appear as a 0, and 513 will appear as a 1).

The string array table is permanently fixed to 256 bytes in length, and dedicated for this purpose. This table may be located anywhere in RAM so long as intrusion from other sources is not allowed. Relocation is done by changing the page location address at OBAA (OBAA AO OC LDY #0C). The routines that access the table are clean. (They are relocatable, and will operate out of ROM or protected memory.)

All data passed through the USR statements both to and from is in decimal. The data inside the routines however, remain in BCD.

In the PRINT and INPUT routines, if the BEGIN address is less than the END address, an error exit will occur which causes the exit address to be 0, and the function asked for is not performed.

If only one address is given, the second address will be assumed to be equal to the first address given (I.E. USR(2912 0) will print out a single character at location 0 and return an address value of 1 to TINY.

As with any USR statement in TINY, the address and data information passed through the USR statement can be calculated from any expression.

(Such as USR(2912,B,E-2) can be used to print a string starting at the address in variable "B", and using the E-2 to suppress the ending carriage return, and another variable can be used to pick-up the returning ending address.)

The routines given have been located at the end of TINY, as this allows for easy isolation from TINY by revising the user memory starting address located at 028B.

028B A9 0B LDA #0B Old starting address  
028B A9 0D LDA #0D New starting address  
This is the only place that TINY references this, so it is the only thing that needs to be changed. NOTE: A cold start MUST be done after this change to set the pointers, or else they will have to be set by hand.

The entire string mod requires less than 512 bytes of memory (256 bytes for the array, and 187 bytes for the routines.)

A possible mod would be to place the array page address in zero page memory, and modify it with TINY before going into the routines. This would allow for greater than 256 bytes, but program management must be closely followed, or strange things might happen!!!

The cancel code used in TINY will terminate an INPUT \$ without putting the character into the array, therefore this code can not be used directly. All previous characters will have been inserted however.

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PEEK $      USR(2816,ADDRESS)
OB00 20 A8 0B JSR OBA8 Set pointers A
OB03 B1 18 LDA (18),Y Pick up data
OB05 60 RTS Return to TINY
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POKE $      USR(2822,ADDRESS,DATA)
OB06 20 A8 0B JSR OBA8 Set pointers A
OB09 91 18 STA (18),Y Store data
OB0B E6 18 INC 18 Increment pointer
OB0D A5 18 LDA 18 Return address to TINY
OB0F 60 RTS Return to TINY
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INPUT SP$   USR(2832,BEGIN,END)
OB10 20 B5 0B JSR OBB5 Set pointers B
OB13 84 1B STY 1B Clear 1B
OB15 80 03 BCS OBI A Goto Input routine
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INPUT $      USR(2839,BEGIN,END)
OB17 20 B5 0B JSR OBB5 Set pointers B
OB1A A9 3F LDA #3F Print a "?"
OB1C 20 09 02 JSR 0209 Print a "SP"
OB1F A9 20 LDA #20 Print a "SP"
OB21 20 09 02 JSR 0209 Get a character
OB24 20 06 02 JSR 0206 Is it "ESC"?
OB27 CD 10 02 CMP 0210 Is it "ESC"?
OB2A F0 28 BEQ 0B54 If so return to TINY
OB2C CD 0F 02 CMP 020F Is it "BS"?
OB2F D0 11 BNE 0B42 If so back up
OB31 A5 1A LDA 1A Is it begin of array?
OB33 C5 18 CMP 18 If so restart
OB35 F0 E8 BEQ 0B1F Decrement pointer
OB37 C6 18 DEC 18 Input SP$ ?
OB39 A5 1B LDA 1B If not get next
OB3B D0 E7 BNE 0B24 character
OB3D AD 0F 02 LDA 020F Get "BS"
OB40 90 DF BCC 0B21 Print it
OB42 91 18 STA (18),Y Store data
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INPUT $      USR(2839,BEGIN,END) Con't.
OB44 E4 18 CPX 18 Is it end of array?
OB46 F0 0C BEQ 0B54 If so return to TINY
OB48 E6 18 INC 18 Increment pointer
OB4A C9 0D CMP #0D Is it a "CR"?
OB4C F0 08 BEQ 0B56 If so return to TINY
OB4E A5 1B LDA 1B Print a "SP"?
OB50 D0 D2 BNE 0B24 If not get next byte
OB52 F0 CB BEQ 0B1F Print a "SP"?
OB54 E6 18 INC 18 Increment pointer
OB56 A5 18 LDA 18 Return exit address
to TINY
OB58 60 RTS Return to TINY
PRINT SP$   USR(2905,BEGIN,END)
OB59 20 B5 0B JSR OBB5 Set pointers B
OB5C 84 1B STY 1B Clear 1B
OB5E 80 03 BCS 0B63 Goto print routine
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PRINT $      USR(2912,BEGIN,END)
OB60 20 B5 0B JSR 0B5B Set pointers B
OB63 B1 18 LDA (18),Y Pick up data
OB65 20 09 02 JSR 0209 Print character
OB68 E4 18 CPX 18 Is it end of array?
OB6A F0 11 BEQ 0B7D If end return to TINY
OB6C E6 18 INC 18 Increment pointer
OB6E C9 0D CMP #0D Is it a "CR"?
OB70 F0 0D BEQ 0B7F If so return to TINY
OB72 A5 1B LDA 1B Print a "SP"?
OB74 D0 ED BNE 0B63 If not get next byte
OB76 A9 20 LDA #20 Print a "SP"
OB78 20 09 02 JSR 0209 Go get next byte
OB7B D0 E6 BNE 0B63 Increment pointer
OB7D E6 18 INC 18 Get exit address
OB7F A5 18 LDA 18 Return to TINY
OB81 60 RTS
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```
SEARCH $     USR(2946,BEGIN,DATA) (Length in variable "L")
OB82 02 A8 0B JSR OBA8 Set pointers A
OB85 B1 18 LDA (18),Y Pick up test byte
OB87 E6 18 INC 18 Increment pointer
OB89 C5 1A CMP 1A Found match?
OB8B F0 06 BEQ 0B93 If so return to TINY
OB8D C6 98 DEC 98 Decrement variable 'L'
OB8F D0 F4 BNE 0B85 If not get next byte
OB91 84 18 STY 18 Clear 1B (pointer)
OB93 A5 18 LDA 18 Return exit address
to TINY
OB95 60 RTS Return to TINY
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MOVE $      USR(2966,FROM,TO) (Length in variable "L")
OB96 20 A8 0B JSR OBA8 Set pointers A
OB99 B1 18 LDA (18),Y Pick up byte
OB9B 91 1A STA (1A),Y Store it
OB9D E6 18 INC 18 Increment pointers
OB9F E6 1A INC 1A Decrement variable 'L'
OBA1 C6 98 DEC 98
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OBA3 D0 F4   BNE 0B99   If end return to TINY
OBA5 A5 18   LDA 18     Return exit address
                                to TINY
OBA7 60      RTS       Return to TINY

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SET POINTERS A  USR(2984,Y,A)
OBA8 84 18     STY 18     Save begin
OBAA A0 0C     LDY #0C    Set array page
OBAC 84 19     STY 19     Store array page
OBAE 84 1B     STY 1B     Store array page
OBBO A0 00     LDY #00    Clear Y
OBE2 85 1A     STA 1A     Save A
OBB4 60      RTS       Exit

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SET POINTERS B  USR(2997,Y,A)
OBB5 20 A8 0B JSR OBA8   Set pointers A
OBB8 AA       TAX       Save end
OBB9 A5 18     LDA 18     Recapture begin
OBBB 85 1A     STA 1A     Save it
OBBD E4 18     CPX 18     Bad address?
OBBF B0 03     BCS OBC4   If so go error
OBC1 68       PLA       Discard string link
OBC2 68       PLA       Clear A
OBC3 98       TYA       Exit
OBC4 60      RTS

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READ KEY  USR(3064)
OBF8 AD 00 C0 LDA 0C00   Pick up data
OBF8 29 7F   AND #7F     Clear bit B (Strobe)
OBF8 A0 00   LDY #00     Clear Y
OBF8 60      RTS       Return to TINY

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Editors note

Several of you were apparently confused as to how to add the Tiny Basic mods from #15 to your systems. I wholeheartedly recommend you pick up the Tiny Basic Experimenters Kit mentioned in one of the articles. (It's available for \$15 from 6502 Program Exchange, 2920 Moana Ln, Reno NV 85909.

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TINY BASIC PAGE 0 MEMORY MAP  
for TOM PITTMAN's TINY BASIC TB651K V.1K

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0000 - 000F  UNUSED
0010 - 001F  USED IN PROTO VERSIONS ONLY
0020 - 0021  USER SPACE LOW ADDRESS
0022 - 0023  USER SPACE HIGH ADDRESS
0024 - 0025  PROGRAM END + STACK RESERVE
0026 - 0027  TOP OF GOSUB STACK
0028 - 0029  CURRENT BASIC LINE #
002A - 002B  IL PROGRAM COUNTER

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TVT-6/TINY BASIC INTERFACE

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I had a lot of trouble getting Tom Pittman's Tiny Basic to work with the KIM-1/TVT-6 combination. Now, looking back, the input and output routines included below seem fairly simple and straight-forward. So I thought I should share these with you to help those who may be making the same mistakes I was.

The T. B. version I have resides in memory locations 0200 to 0AC6. You must change six bytes within T.B. as follows;

1. Set 0207 to C7 and 0208 to 0A. This is a jump to a subroutine to input a character. The input routine saves the return address to T.B. then jumps to the SCAN program and stays there until interrupted by a strobe signal from a key being pressed on the keyboard. If the IRQ vector has been properly set to 0AD3, a character is sent to the cursor subroutine. Then a return is made to T.B. Note that a CLI (clear interrupt status) instruction was inserted in SCAN (underlined in the hex dump).
2. Set 020A to F3 and 020B to 0A. This is a jump to the output subroutine where the miscellaneous characters T.B. sends for the benefit of a teletype are trapped before falling through to the cursor subroutine.

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002C - 002D  BASIC POINTER
002E - 002F  SAVED POINTER
0030 - 007F  INPUT BUFFER AND COMPUTATION STACK
0080 - 0081  RANDOM NUMBER SEED
0082 - 0083  VARIABLE 'A'
0084 - 0085  VARIABLE 'B'
....
00B4 - 00B5  VARIABLE 'Z'
00B6 - 00B7  TRANSFER WORK POINTER
00B8 - 00B9  MISC WORK REGISTER
00BA - 00BB  MISC WORK REGISTER
00BC - 00BD  TEMPORARY STORAGE REGISTER
00BE        RUN MODE FLAG
00BF        PRINT CONTROL
00C0        INPUT BUFFER POINTER
00C1        COMPUTATION STACK POINTER
00C2        2nd 1/2 OF STACK POINTER (ALWAYS 00)
00C3        COUNTER (USED IN PN ONLY)
00C4 - 00C5  IL XQ POINTER
00C6 - 00C7  GOSUB STACK WORK POINTER
00C8 - 00D7  USED IN SPHERE VERSIONS ONLY
00D8 - 00FF  UNUSED

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There are the major use of these registers only they may be used for other purposes on an availability basis.

3. Set 020F to 08. This allows T.B. to recognize the ASCII backspace.

4. Set 028C to 0E. When starting T.B. at 0200 (cold start), this byte determines how T.B. defines the lowest address of program space.

5. Also be sure to set 17FE to D3 and 17FF to 0A.

I relocated SCAN to be able to reload T.B. from tape in one load. The version of SCAN shown is from Don Lancaster's Popular Electronics article except for bytes OBA4 and OBCC which were changed in order to display pages 0C00 and 0D00.

The Cursor program is adapted from Don's but is much shorter as it only supports backspace and carriage return controls--all you really need with T.B. (also INPUT sets lowercase to uppercase so you don't have to shift back and forth.)

KIM's Memory map now appears thus:

```

0020-00B9  Used by tiny BASIC
00E8-00EE  Used by I/O routines
0200-0AC6  Tiny BASIC
0AC7-0B79  INPUT & OUTPUT Subroutines
0B7A-0BDC  SCAN
0BDD-0BFF  34 bytes for USR subroutines (I put
Don Box's subscripted variable SBR's
here; see KUN #5.)
0C00-0DFF  TVT-6 display area
0E00-13FF  1.5K program area

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# TVT6/TINY BASIC INTERFACE LISTING

SET 17FE = D3, 17FF = 0A

OAC7 68		INPUT	PLA LOW	SAVE ...
OAC8 85 E8			STA TEMP	RETURN ...
OACA 68			PLA HI	ADDRESS.
OACB 85 E9			STA TEMP+1	
OACD BA			TSX	AND STACK ...
OACE 86 EA			STX TEMP+2	POINTER.
OADO 4C A7 OB			JMP SCAN	
OAD3 AD 00 17	BREAK		LDA CHAR	GET CHARACTER.
OAD6 29 7F			AND #\$7F	REMOVE PARITY.
OAD8 C9 61			CMP #\$61	LOWER CASE LETTER?
OADA 90 02			BCC SKIP	NO; SKIP AHEAD.
OADC E9 20			SBC #\$20	YES; MAKE UPPER CASE.
OADE 85 EB	SKIP		STA TEMP+3	SAVE CHARACTER.
OAE0 C9 0D			CMP #\$0D	CARRAGE RETURN?
OAE2 FO 03			BEQ RTN1	YES; RETURN.
OAE4 20 FB OA			JSR CURSOR	NO; ENTER CHARACTER.
OAE7 A6 EA	RTN1		LDX TEMP=3	RESTORE ...
OAE9 9A			TXS	STACK POINTER.
OAEA A5 E9			LDA TEMP+1	RESTORE ...
OAEC 48			PHA	RETURN ...
OAED A5 E8			LDA TEMP	ADDRESS.
OAEE 48			PHA	
OAF0 A5 EB			LDA TEMP+3	GET CHARACTER..
OAF2 60	RTN2		RTS	RETURN TO TINY.
OAF3 C9 0B	OUTPUT		CMP #\$0B	TRAP ...
OAF5 30 FB			BMI RTN2	CONTROL ...
OAF7 C9 7F			CMP #\$7F	CHARACTERS.
OAF9 B0 F7			BCS RTN2	
OAFB 48	CURSOR		PHA	SAVE CHARACTER.
OAFD A0 00			LDY #0	RESET INDEX.
OAFE A5 EE			LDA EE	GET CURSOR HI ADDR.
OB00 C9 0D			CMP #\$0D	IS CURSOR ON PAGE 0D?
OB02 F0 04			BEQ CONT	YES; CONTINUE.
OB04 C9 0C			CMP #\$0C	NO; OR ON PAGE 0C?
OB06 D0 2F			BNE SCROLL	NO; INITIALIZE CURSOR.
OB08 B1 ED	CONT		LDA (ED),Y	GET OLD CHARACTER.
OB0A 29 7F			AND #\$7F	REMOVE CURSOR.
OB0C 91 ED			STA (ED),Y	REPLACE.
OB0E 68			PLA	RECALL NEW CHARACTER.
OB0F C9 20			CMP #\$20	IS IT A CHARACTER?
OB11 B0 59			BCS ENTER	YES; ENTER IT.
OB13 C9 0D			CMP #\$0D	CARRAGE RETURN?
OB15 D0 0C			BNE SKIP1	NO; SKIP
OB17 A5 ED			LDA ED	YES; MOVE CURSOR ...
OB19 09 1F			ORA #\$1F	TO RIGHT SIDE.
OB1B 85 ED			STA ED	AND REPLACE.
OB1D 20 61 OB			JSR INCR	INCREMENT CURSOR.
OB20 4C 6F OB			JMP END	

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OB23 C9 08      SKIP1  CMP #08      BACKSPACE?
OB25 D0 4C      BNE RESTORE NO; CONTINUE.
OB27 C6 ED      DEC ED        YES; DECREMENT CURSOR.
OB29 A9 FF      LDA #FF      TEST FOR PAGE ...
OB2B C5 ED      CMP ED        UNDERFLOW.
OB2D D0 44      BNE RESTORE O.K. TO CONTINUE.
OB2F C6 EE      DEC EE        DECREMENT PAGE.
OB31 A9 0B      LDA #0B      TEST FOR SCREEN ...
OB33 C5 EE      CMP EE        UNDERFLOW.
OB35 D0 3C      BNE RESTORE O.K.
OB37 A9 00      SCROLL LDA #0      NOT O.K.; HOME CURSOR.
OB39 85 ED      STA ED        TO OCOO
OB3B A9 0C      LDA #0C      (UPPER LEFT OF SCREEN)
OB3D 85 EE      STA EE
O23F A0 20      LOOP   LDY #20     ADD OFFSET TO INDEX.
OB41 B1 ED      LDA (ED),Y     MOVE ...
OB43 A0 00      LDY #0        CHARACTER ...
OB45 20 5F 0B   JSR STORE      UP.
OB48 D0 F5      BNE LOOP      LOOP UNTIL END OF SCREEN.
OB4A 18         CLC          CLEAR FLAG.
OB4B A9 E0      HOME   LDA #E0     HOME CURSOR
OB4D 85 ED      STA ED        TO ODEO
OB4F A9 0D      LDA #0D      (LOWER LEFT OF SCREEN).
OB51 85 EE      STA EE
OB53 F0 1E      BCS RESTORE FINISH IF FLAG SET.
OB55 A9 20      SPACE  LDA #20     ELSE; CLEAR LAST LINE.
OB57 20 5F 0B   JSR STORE      ENTER SPACT TO ...
OB5A D0 F9      BNE SPACE     END OF LINE.
OB5C 38         SEC          SET FLAG.
OB5D B0 EC      BCS HOME     TRY AGAIN.

OB5F 91 ED      STORE  STA (ED),Y  ENTER CHARACTER.
OB61 E6 ED      INCR   INC ED      INCREMENT CURSOR.
OB63 D0 06      BNE RTN      OVERFLOW?
OB65 E6 EE      INC EE        YES; INCR CURSOR TO NEXT PAGE.
OB67 A9 0E      LDA #0E      TEST FOR SCREEN OVERFLOW.
OB69 C5 EE      CMP EE
OB6B 60         RTN          RTS

OB6C 20 5F 0B   ENTER  JSR STORE   ENTER CHARACTER.
OB6F D0 02      END     BNE RESTORE END OF SCREEN?
OB71 F0 C4      BEQ SCROLL YES; SCROLL UP.
OB73 B1 ED      RESTORE LDA (ED),Y GET CHARACTER.
OB75 09 08      ORA #80      ADD CURSOR.
OB77 91 ED      STA (ED),Y  REPLACE.
OB79 60         RTS          RETURN TO I/O ROUTINES.

```

#### HEX DUMP OF RELOCATED "SCAN" PROGRAM:

```

OB7A EA 8D 84 0B 48 68
OB80 D0 00 20 00 80 69 08 C9 C0 90 F0 20 DA 0B 20 00
OB90 80 AA AD 83 0B 69 1F 8D 83 0B 8A D0 AA EA 69 C0
OBA0 20 00 80 C9 86 90 D3 AD D9 0B 49 80 30 05 8D D9
OBB0 4B A2 66 20 DA 0B 20 DA 0B 10 05 8D D9 4B A2 67
OBC0 20 1E 80 58 48 68 A9 00 8D 83 0B A9 84 8D 84 0B
OBDO 20 00 80 18 CA 30 A4 10 ED 80 B0 00 60

```

# tiny basic

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Dear Eric,

First, let me say that 6502 User Notes is top quality and getting better with each issue. Keep up the good work.

I have been following the Tiny Basic items with particular interest and feel that Michael Day, Lew Edwards and William Clements are to be congratulated for their contributions in issues #13-15. The following comments may be of interest:

a) In Day's string mods, KIM owners who are using the TTY I/O routines GETCH and OUTCH will

have problems, since these do not save the Y register. Rather than reassemble the code, you can set up a couple of buffer I/O routines as follows:

```

INPUT  JSR  GETCH  OUTPUT JSR  OUTCH
      INY                      INY
      RTS                      RTS

```

and change your JMP vectors at \$0206 and \$0209 to wherever you tuck these routines in. There is also a pretty obvious typo at OB82: 02 should be 20. These string features are really interesting to play with. (The BNE instruction at \$0B7B in Tiny B must be changed to BEQ for this mod to work).

b) In Clements tape SAVE and LOAD mod, one item was omitted from the list of revised branches: at IL relative address 00DD, the "30E2" should be changed to "30F9". This mod also works great, although personally, I have reservations about adding IL workload (I seldom use "Let" expressions) for non-run-time extensions and prefer to use an input trap routine. But that is another story.



I have developed a small (74 bytes) utility program which makes it pretty easy and straightforward to load machine-code routines. If you feel that your readers would be interested, the enclosed listing and example of use will make most of it clear, together with these additional comments.

My system is a KIM-1 with an additional 8K bytes of RAM, located at \$2000 to \$3FFF. My version of Tiny Basic is TB651T, V.1T, which loads at \$2000 and extends to \$28C6. Day's multiple statement per line mode are tucked into the remaining \$2800 space, and the next 1K is allocated to utilities, like tape I/O (I use Lew Edwards' ZIPTAPE, the greatest thing to come along since sliced bread!), Selectric print routines, etc. User space is allocated starting at \$2D00, but this can vary.

EZLOAD is an interface routine which scans the output stream looking for a unique prefix character. When it finds it, it then proceeds to convert each following pair of characters into a hex byte which is placed at the top (bottom?) of the Basic stack. Anyway, the bytes are shuffled along the stack, with the Basic stack pointer and variable "A" (an arbitrary choice) keeping up with the head of the code. The loading stops when a carriage return comes along, but may resume and stop several times. When the dust finally settles, the machine code is neatly arranged in execution order at the top of user space, with not a byte wasted, and with "A" all set to be used as the first parameter in a USR function call.

The machine code is written into REM statements, and will print in readable form when listed. It is, in fact, loaded by being LISTed, and is effectively wiped out by a warm start (the Basic stack pointer is reset) or by the execution of an END statement, which ends up doing a warm start for you. The best way to use a program with EZLOAD machine code is to do a command-mode END, list the program, then RUN it.

The code will not load when you are first typing it in, unless you have an I/O setup with external echo. You may be tempted to use the selected prefix character in a run-time PRINT "...", but this will clobber your stack when it is in use for other things. With some slight changes, though, this presents some intriguing possibilities. Obviously, the programs may be saved on tape, and later loaded with their machine-code still intact and usable. This is a considerable benefit.

EZLOAD was written with severe space constraints, consequently some niceties were left out, such as checking for stack overflow. In particular, it will not work as is unless some modifications are made to Tiny's memory grab code in the cold start areas. These are detailed below. Users with more bytes available might want to check for valid HEX code characters (KIM's PACKT will return with Zero bit set if valid, reset otherwise, assuming you enter with Y equal 0) and use the validity check to step over spaces and other readability aids. You could also use several of Tiny's variables to point to various code segments, or several different prefixes, etc etc.

The trouble with the cold start code, insofar as this program is concerned, is that it runs the top-of-user-space pointer (\$0022-23) to the last real RAM location plus one. That plus one I didn't need! And contrary to what the Experimenter's Kit seems to say (top of page 6), the Basic stack pointer must be decremented before use, not after; these conditions presented severe problems in initializing EZLOAD, beyond resetting the load flag which is done by the first carriage return from a warm start. So that cute memory grab finally had to go!

In my version of TB, the cold start vector jump at \$2000 points to \$2085. The code from \$2085 thru \$20A9 initializes both the start and end of user space pointers (\$0020-21 and \$0022-23, respectively). The following code was substituted: (You should, of course, use your own start and end values):

```
2085 A9 00 COLDST LDA #000
2087 85 20 STA $20
2089 A9 2D LDA #02D
208B 85 21 STA $21 ; user space start
                    at $2D00
208D A9 FF LDA #0FF
208F 85 22 STA $22
2091 A9 3F LDA #03F
2093 85 23 STA $23 ; user space end at
                    $3FFF
2095 A0 00 LDY #000 ; zero Y register
2097 4C AA 20 JMP $20AA ; for rest of init
20AA D8 ..... CLD ; existing code
20AB A5 20 LDA $20
                    etc
```

In the following warm start code, the Basic stack pointer \$0026-27 is made equal to top-of-user-space pointer \$0022-23. The worse this mod can do (I hope!) is to prevent the use of byte \$3FFF in the Basic stack.

I have not yet had any problems in using EZLOAD, but Murphy says that someone out there will, and probably the first time out. I would be interested in any comments or suggestions.

```
2CB2 EZLOAD ORG $2CB2

ZERO PAGE LOCATIONS

2CB2 TOPL * $0022 TOP LIMIT OF
2CB2 TOPH * $0023 USER SPACE
2CB2 SPL * $0026 T-B STACK
2CB2 SPH * $0027 POINTER
2CB2 ALO * $0082 TINY'S
2CB2 AHI * $0083 VARIABLE "A"
2CB2 FLAG * $00F8 LOAD ON/OFF SW
2CB2 POINTL * $00FA POINTER FOR
2CB2 POINTH * $00FB LOAD ROUTINE

KIM SUBROUTINES

2CB2 PACKT * $1A00 CONV ASCII/HEX
2CB2 OUTCH * $1EA0 OUTPUT CHAR
2CB2 INCPT * $1F63 INCR LOAD PTR

SET T-B OUTPUT JMP VECTOR AT $2009
TO ADDRESS $2CB2

2CB2 48 ENTRY PHA SAVE CHAR
2CB3 20 A0 IE JSR OUTCH THEN PRINT IT
2CB6 C8 INY ZERO Y-REG
2CB7 68 PLA
2CB8 C9 0D CMPIM $0D WAS IT CR?
2CBA F0 0A BEQ SETFLG EXIT LOAD MODE
2CBC 24 F8 BITZ FLAG LOAD MODE ON?
2CBE 70 09 BVS ALOAD YES - 1ST CHAR
2CC0 30 0C BMI BLOAD YES - 2ND CHAR
2CC2 C9 5C CMPIM "\ PREFIX CHAR?
2CC4 D0 02 BNE OUT NO - SKIP
2CC6 85 F8 SETFLG STAZ FLAG
2CC8 60 OUT RTS

2CC9 06 F8 ALOAD ASL FLAG TOGGLE BIT
2CCB 4C 00 IA JMP PACKT 1ST NYBBLE
2CCE 46 F8 BLOAD LSR FLAG
2CD0 20 00 IA JSR PACKT CODE BYTE IN ACC
2CD3 91 22 STAIY TOPL PARK IT
2CD5 A6 26 LDZX SPL NOW DEC
2CD7 D0 02 BNE SKIP
2CD9 C6 27 DECZ SPH
2CDB A5 27 LDAH SPH COPY TO
2CDD 85 FB STAZ POINTH LOAD PTR
2CDF 85 83 STAZ AHI & VAR "A"
2CE1 CA DEX
2CE2 86 26 STXZ SPL
2CE4 86 FA STXZ POINTL
2CE6 86 82 STXZ ALO
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2CE8 CB      SHUFL INY      MOVE ALL
2CE9 B1 FA    LDAIY POINTL BYTES DOWN
2CEB 88      DEY          ONE PLACE
2CEC 91 FA    STAIY POINTL
2CEE 20 63 1F JSR      INCPY
2CF1 A5 FA    LDAAZ POINTL CK IF
2CF3 C5 22    CMPZ TOPL  ALL DONE?
2CF5 A5 FB    LDAAZ POINTH
2CF7 E5 23    SBCZ TOPH
2CF9 90 ED    BCC  SHUFL  MORE
2CFB 60      RTS        NEXT CHAR..

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SAMPLE ORG \$0200

THIS IS A SAMPLE MACHINE-CODE ROUTINE  
TO ILLUSTRATE USES OF EZLOAD

SET UP A NUMERICAL ARRAY OF 128  
16-BIT ELEMENTS IN MEMORY SPACE  
2A00-2AFF, INDEXED BY 0 TO 127

READ ROUTINE, R=USR(A,I), WHERE R=CONTENTS  
OF ARRAY(I), A=ADDRESS, I=SUBSCRIPT

```

0200 98      READ  TYA      TRANSFER INDEX
0201 0A      ASLA      MULTIPLY BY 2
0202 AA      TAX        USE FOR INDEXING
0203 BD 00 2A LDAAX $2A00 INTO ARRAY
0206 E8      INX        NOW GET
0207 BC 00 2A LDYAX $2A00 HIGH BYTE
020A 60      RTS

```

WRITE ROUTINE, Z=USR(B,W,I), WHERE Z=DUMMY  
B=ADDRESS, W=VAL TO BE STORED, I=SUBSCRIPT

```

020B 86 F9    WRITE STXZ $F9  PARK X FOR NOW
020D 0A      ASLA      SUBSCRIPT * 2
020E AA      TAX        USE FOR INDEXING
020F 98      TYA
0210 9D 00 2A STAAX $2A00 STORE LO BYTE
0213 A5 F9    LDAAZ $F9  GET H1 BYTE
0215 E8      INX        ..AND
0216 9D 00 2A STAAX $2A00 STORE IT
0219 60      RTS

```

```

1 REM \980AAABD002AE8BC002A60
2 REM \86F90AAA989D002AASF9E89D002A60
3 REM
4 REM PROGRAM TO DEMO USE OF EZLOAD
5 REM
6 REM MACHINE CODE CREATES ARRAY READ AND WRITE FUNCTIONS
7 REM BASIC PROGRAM LOADS 64 RANDOM NUMBERS AND PRINTS THEM
8 REM THEN SORTS THE ARRAY AND PRINTS THE RESULTS
9 REM
10 B=A+11:C=0
20 Z=USR(B,RND(1000),C):C=C+1:IF C<64 GOTO 20
30 GOSUB 100
40 REM SORT THEN PRINT
50 R=63
60 F=0:C=0:L=R
70 IF USR(A,C)<=USR(A,C+1)GOTO 90
80 T=USR(A,C):Z=USR(B,USR(A,C+1),C):Z=USR(B,T,C+1)
85 F=1:R=C
90 C=C+1:IF C<L GOTO 70:IF F=0 GOSUB 100:GOTO 60
95 END
100 C=0:PR
110 PR USR(A,C),:C=C+1:IF C-C/8*8=0 PR:IF C<64 GOTO 110
120 PR:RETURN

```

!RUN

985	633	946	338	313	186	51	816
230	248	700	186	143	65	47	456
126	831	161	173	233	681	268	869
344	477	673	609	187	981	597	496
244	58	256	541	142	917	365	183
210	263	510	333	967	420	560	145
370	774	487	919	46	838	342	614
340	606	534	318	995	326	614	695

46	51	58	126	142	143	145	161
173	183	186	186	187	210	230	230
244	248	256	263	268	310	318	326
333	338	340	342	344	365	370	420
456	477	487	475	498	510	534	541
560	597	606	609	614	614	633	666
673	681	695	700	774	816	831	836
869	917	919	946	967	981	995	995