## Edifing Keywords

ASSEM Switches into assembler mode.
BANK Display the current bank number, or change to the bank [bank[ - specified. If on/off specified will enable or disable the bankJl, banks.
on/offf]
BASIC Switches out of assembler mode.
COMP Will compile the program in memory and optionally save
["filen- it to a file. filename must be 12 characters or less if
ame"], specified.
devnumj]
DELETE Will delete a range of lines from start to end from your [start - program. With no parameters, acts like NEW.
end]
DESC Create a subroutine labe/ and start the code at line\#.
line\#,
label
ERROR Will display the errors.
EXEC (>) Will run a single line in immediate mode. Shorthand > command
block
FAST Enables speed up of some commands
FIND text Searches the program in the current bank for lines containing text. Do not use quotes if searching for keywords. If searching for assembly, put a left bracket in front of the instruction.
LIST Will display the program in memory. Can optionally only
[line\#[ - display lines between the given parameters.
line\#]]
LISTER A scrollable LIST. If line\# specified, will start at that line.
[line\#]
LITE [0/1] With no parameter or a 1 , will enable LITE mode. 0 will disable.

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## Editing Keywords (cont)

LLIST Displays extended details about the program in memory. [line\#f - if the value of printer? is 1 , the output will be sent to a line\#[, printer.
printe-
$r$ ? $\left.{ }^{2}\right]$
NEW Clears the current program bank, or banks specified. [bank[bank]]
OLD Attempts to restore the program in the current bank, or
[bank[- banks specified.
bankJ]
PLIST Sends the program LIST to a printer.
[line\#[-
line\#]]
QUIT Quit Vision BASIC.
RENUM Will renumber the lines from start to end to new, using a start - step of 10 if not specified.
end,
new[,
step]
RUN Runs the compiled, in memory program. If the program is [line\#] not compiled or has been altered, will compile first. If line\# specified, will start at that line number, otherwise will start from the first line of the program.

SLOW Run at normal C64 speeds.
VLIST Will display all of the variables from the program in
[num] memory. If num specified, will send the output to a printer.

Keywords related to writing, editing, modifying and displaying programs

## Disk and File Commands

| DEVICE | Sets the device number for the default device. |
| :--- | :--- |
| devnum |  |$\quad$| DIR [num] | Lists the current device's directory. If num is supplied, <br> will be sent to a printer |
| :--- | :--- |
| DISK | Equivalent to OPEN 15,devnum,15,"command":CLOSE |
| ["comma- | 15. Uses default device if not specified. Initializes the |
| nd"[, | device if command not specified. |
| devnum]] |  |

[^0]
## Disk and File Commands (cont)

LOAD "fil- Load a file from the default device. If filename not ename"[, specified, will use last specified filename.
devnum]
SAVE "fil- Save a file to the default device. Filename must be 12 ename"], characters or less. If filename not specified, will use devnum] last specified filename.

VERIFY "- Verify the program in memory against a file on the filename"[, default device. If filename not specified, will use last devnum] specified filename.
Commands related to using disk drives

| Variables |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| variable\$ | At the end of a variable name, a \$ specifies that the variable is a STRING. |
| CLR | Clears the memory used by all variables. |
| DECIMAL variablel, variable[, variable[, ...]l] | Creates new decimal variables. |
| DIM [DECIMAL] variable(value) | Create array variable of value size. |
| GLOBAL | Restores the global variable scope |
| LET | Assigns a simple value to a simple variable. Useful for speed. |
| LOCAL | Starts a local scope for variables. |
| TAG tag = value | Creates a TAG named tag with the value value. Like a label in assembler. |
| VARIABLES [address] | Moves the program variable table to address or 32768 if not specified. |

Variables must start with a letter, and can be up to 8 characters long.

Numbers and the symbols !, @, \#, \%, \& and ? are allowed in variable names.

Anything past 8 characters is silently ignored.

Variable names can contain keywords, but cannot start with keywords.

Strings must be terminated with a dollar (\$) sign.

All variables are assumed to be integer variables by default.

Tags cannot be to the left of an equals sign in a math expression.

| Math |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| vov AND vov | Performs a logical (bitwise) AND. |
| vovOR vov | Performs a logical (bitwise) OR. |
| vovEOR vov | Performs a logical (bitwise) Exclusive OR. |
| ABS(vov) | Returns the absolute value of vov. |
| INT(vov) | Returns the integer value of vov, rounded down. |
| SGN(vov) | Returns the sign of vov. |
| WHOLE(vov) | Returns the integer value of vov without rounding. |
| FRAC(vov) | Returns the fractional value of vov, stripped of the |
| ABS(vov) | sign. |
| RANDOM | Initializes the absolute value of vov. |
| RND | Generate a random number table |
| $\pi$ | The value of PI in decimal. |

Parentheses are not allowed in mathematical expressions.
e.g. $A=4^{*}(3+4)$ is not allowed and would need to be expressed as $A=3+4: A=A * 4$

Order of operations is not followed. All expressions are strictly evaluated from left to right.
e.g. $4+3 * 5-2 * 6$ would be evaluated as $4+3=7,7 * 5=35,35-2=$ $33,33 * 6=198$.

The functions USR, FRE, POS, SQR, LOG, EXP, COS, SIN, TAN and ATN are not available.

## Speedy Math

$\mathrm{ADD} v o p=v o v+v o v$
COMPARE vov, vov
DEC vop
DOUBLE vop
HALF vop
INC vop
SUBTRACT $v o p=v o v-v o v$
These commands only with with non-arrayed integer variables, tags
These commands only with with non-arrayed integer variables, tags
and pointers, except INC, DEC, HALF and DOUBLE which also work on non-arrayed decimal variables.

## Bitmap Commands

BITMAP [bmp, multicolor, map, drawto, screen, color1, color2, color3, clearcol, clear map]

Both parameters must be 2 byte ints. Decrements vop by 1 . Multiplies vop by 2. Divides vop by 2 . Increments vop by 1.

Turns modes bmp and multicolor on (1) or off (0).
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## Bitmap Commands (cont)

BMPCLR [c/ear- Clears the currently visible bitmap screen if map[, clearcol]] clearmap is 1, and color screen if clearcol is set to 1 . If neither argument is specified, will clear both.
BMPCOL
screen, color1,
color2, color3, clearcoll, clearmap]

| BMPLOC map, | map sets with bitmap screen will be visible (0-7). |
| :--- | :--- |
| drawto | drawto sets with screen will be drawn to with the <br> drawing commands. |

HLINE $x, y$, len, Draws a straight, horizontal line starting at $(x, y)$ color and continuing to the right for len pixels with color color
LIMITS width, Limits the area on the bitmap that drawing height, $x$-pos, $y-\quad$ commands will affect.
pos, colorplot
LINE $x 1, y 1[, x 2$, Draws a line on the bitmap from $(x 1, y 1)$ to $(x 2$, $y 2[$, colorl] $\quad y 2$ ), in color color if specified. If $x 2$ and $y 2$ are not specified, will draw a line from ( $x 1, y 1$ ) to the current coordinate.
PLOT $x, y$, color Draws a pixel on the bitmap at coordinates $(x, y)$ in color color.
VLINE $x, y$, len, Draws a straight, vertical line starting at $(x, y)$ color and going down for len pixels with color color

All parameters can be either values or variables. If a parameter is left off, a default or previous value will be used.

## Sprite Commands

CODE Any code following this command will be stored in values.... memory at the location indicated by the "code" pointer.

| COLLISION |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| selection | Copies the collision registers and zeros the copied <br> register. If selection is 0, copies the sprite-to-sprite <br> register, if 1 copies the sprite-to-foreground register. |
| DETECT | Used after the COLLISION command. Checks is the |


| mob\#[, | specified sprites were involved in a collision. |
| :--- | :--- |
| mob\#[, |  |
| mob\#[, ...]]] |  |

MOB Chooses which sprite to make current. Initializes the number, on, sprite. number chooses which sprite ( $0-7$ ). on turns it multicolor, on or off, multicolor enables or disables multicolor priority, $x$, mode, priority enables or disables background $y, x$-add, $y$ - priority, $x, y$ choose the initial coordinates, $x$-add and add $\quad y$-add set the offsets.
MOBCLR Clears all of the sprite registers. Recommended to use at the beginning of your program if you're using sprites, and also when you want to clear the screen of sprites.
MOBCOL Sets the sprite colors. colorsets the color of the color, current sprite, shared1 sets the first color shared by shared1, all multicolor sprites, shared2 sets the second.
shared2
MOBEXP $x$ - Enables and disables the $x$-expansion and the $y$ expan, $y$ - expansion of the current sprite.
expan


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| Sprite Commands (cont) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| MOBPAT shape\#, bank | Moves the CODE pointer to point at the specified sprite she's data. shape\# specifies the shape to point at, bank specifies the bank where the coded data will be sent. |
| MOBSET <br> shape\#, <br> number, <br> number, <br> number, ... | Initialize a sprite from The Spreditor. |
| MOBXY $x, y$, <br> $x$-add, $y$-add | Moves the current sprite to the coordinates $(x, y) . x$ add and $y$-add set the offsets. |
| SHAPE <br> bytel, bytel, <br> byte[, ...]] ] | Changes the current sprite's shape. IF more than 1 shape specified, will set the shape for the following sprites. |

Commands begin with MOB as a carryover from Simon's BASIC.

| Interrupt Commands |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| HALTINT | Stops the interrupt totally, returning interrupts to <br> normal. |
| INTEND flag | Should be the last statement in your interrupt routine. <br> If flag is 0, JMP to BASIC's hardware timer routine, 1 <br> will RTI. |
| INTERRUPT | Create a new raster interrupt at line raster (50-249) |
| raster, line\# | which calls the code at line\#. |
| RASTER | Selects the next raster line to interrupt. |
| raster | Should be the first command in your interrupt routine. |
| STARTINT |  |

Lets you program raster interrupts.

It is critical to halt your interrupts before exiting your program.

| Using Machine Language |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Branching and <br> Jumping | Simply put the line number after the branch or jump <br> command, e.g. JMP1000 |
| Tags and <br> variables | Can be used in place of values and addresses |

## Using Machine Language (cont)

| ML-safe | START, GOTO, GOSUB, RETURN., REM, TAG, |
| :--- | :--- |
| commands | PROC, MODULE, LOCAL, GLOBAL, ADD< |
|  | SUBTRACT, COMPARE, HALF, DOUBLE, |
|  | VARIABLES, HALT, RESUME, VERSION, DEBUG, |
|  | STARTINT, RASTER, BYTES, STRINGS |

START
address
Specifies the starting location for an ML program. Must be placed at the vey beginning on your ML program, and only used once.

Mnemonics must be enclosed in [] brackets, e.g. 100 [LDA1: ORA \#1: STA1]; TURN BASIC ROM ON

A semicolon (;) starts a comment in ML mode.

## BASIC Keywords

| ASC(string) | Returns the ASCII value of string |
| :---: | :---: |
| BUTTON joynum | Returns 1 if the joystick button is pressed, 0 if not. |
| BYTES count/, byte[, tag[, alignment]]] | When compiling, will insert count bytes of value byte (default 0), with a (string) label of tag, aligned to alignment. |
| CHRS(vov, counfl) | Appends ASCII character vov to a string, 1 or count times. |
| CLOCK [jiffies] | Sets the CLOCK to jiffies if specified, or 0 if not. |
| CLOSE file\#, file\#, ... | Close 1 or more files. |
| CLS [pokecode[, color]] | Clears the current text screen. Uses space if pokecode not specified. Colors will not be changed unless color is specified. |
| CMD file\#[, string] | Redirects all I/O to file file\#. Optionally sends string to the file. |
| COPY start, end, new | Copies the memory from addresses start - end to address new |
| DATA val, val, | Hold data to be READ later. |



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| BASIC Keywords (cont) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| DEBUG 0/1 | Enable (1) or disable (0) DEBUG mode, which reduces the number of passes for compilation. Will result in slower and larger programs. |
| DETEXT(type) | Returns how much extended memory of type is attached to the system. |
| DO line\#, times | Run line line\# times times. |
| DUP\$(string, count) | Duplicates string string count times. |
| ELSE <br> statement | If the prior IF expression evaluated to FALSE, statement will be executed. |
| END | End the execution of the program and returns screen to normal. |
| FETCH count, destination, reu[, bank] | Copies count bytes from an attached REU at address reu and bank bank to C64 address destination |
| FILL start, end[, bytel, step]] | Fills the memory from address startto address end with value byte (default 0 ) incrementing the address by step (default 1) |
| FOR var=start TO end[STEP val | Defines a FOR loop that iterates variable varfrom the value start to the value end, defaulting to incrementing by 1 if STEP is not defined, or by val if it is defined. |
| GET variable | Read a character and put in it variable |
| GET\# file\#, variable | Read a character from file\# and put in it variable |
| GOSUB line\#[, <br> line\#[, ...]] | Runs a subroutine at line\#. If more than 1 line\# is specified, will run each one in the order they are specified. |
| GOTO tag / line number | Jumps to the line_number or tag in the program |


| BASIC Keywords (cont) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| HALT | Will stop compilation at this point. All previous code will be compiled. |
| IF expression [AND \| <br> OR\|EOR <br> expression] | Evaluates the expression and sets a flag that will be acted upon when the program reaches a THEN statement. |
| INPUT var, var, ... | Read lines and put the values in var. |
| INPUT\# file\#, var[, var[, ...]] | Read lines from file file\# and store them in var |
| JOIN vop = low, high | The opposite of SPLIT |
| JOY(joynum) | Returns the value of the joystick port joynum. joynum is typically 1 or 2 . |
| KEYPRESS [vov[, vov]] | If $v o v$ not specified, will wait for any keypress, otherwise will wait for vov to be pressed. If a second $v o v$ is specified will act like an IF block and will be FALSE for first char or TRUE for second char. |
| LEFT\$(string, count) | Returns count characters from the left of string |
| LEN(string) | Returns the length of string. |
| $\operatorname{LOC}(x, y)$ | Moves the cursor to location $x, y$ on the current text screen. |
| LONGPEEK(address) | Will return a single value from address on a SuperCPU. |
| LONGPOKE address, val, val, val, ... | Will poke into the extended memory of a SuperCPU. |
| MID\$(string, position, count | Returns count characters, starting at index position from string. |

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## BASIC Keywords (cont)

MODULE When compiling, write this section to separate module filename[, file filename for reusability. The default device will be devnum[, used if not specified. Address 49152 will be used for address]]* loading if not specified.
MODULE The end of the module to be written
END
NEXT var[, The end of the FOR loop. var must match the FOR var[, ...]] loop you are continuing.
ON var Will jump to line\# that matches the value of var.
GOSUB |
GOTO
line\#, line\#,
...
OPEN Open a connection to device dev\# assigning it to file
file\#, dev\#, file\# with a secondary parameter of secondary and secondary, send string through the open file.

## string

PADBUT Returns 1 if the paddle button is pressed, 0 if not.
joynum
PADDLE Returns the value of the paddle, 0-255. Paddles 1-2
joynum are in joynum 1, 3-4 are in 2.
PAUSE Will pause execution for seconds seconds. If an
seconds[, optional jiffies is specified, will pause for an additional
jiffies] (jiffies/60)s.
PEEK(vov[, Will return the memory at address vov, optionally
index) offset by index.
POKE Will put values vov in consecutive memory starting at
address, address. Can also be used with strings.
vov, vov,
vov, ...
PRINT Prints expression to the current text screen
expression
PRINT\#
Print expresion to file file\#
file\#,
expression
READ vop,
Read values from a DATA statement
vop, ...

| BASIC Keywords (cont) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| REM | Turns the rest of the line into a comment. |
| RESTORE [line\#] | Resets the pointer to the start of all DATA statements, or to the DATA statement on line line\# |
| RESUME | Will resume compilation after a HALT. Must be at the beginning of a line, or it will be ignored. |
| RETURN | Ends a subroutine and sends program flow back to the GOSUB statement. |
| REUPEEK(address, bank) | Will return the value from an attached REU at address in bank bank |
| REUPOKE address, bank, val, val, val, ... | Will write the values to an attached REU starting at address in bank bank |
| RIGHT\$(string, count) | Returns count characters from the right of string |
| SPC(Vov) | Prints vovspaces |
| SPLIT Iow, highl, $\text { high2] }=v o v$ | Splits a variable into low and high bytes. |
| STASH count, address, reu[, bank] | Copies count C64 memory bytes at address address to the attached REU address reu in bank bank |
| STATUS | Reads and clears the STatus |
| STOP | Stops the program execution but does not reset the screen. |
| STR\$(vor) | Converts number vovinto a string. |
| STRINGS [size] | With no parameter, stretches the string field to 53247, otherwise to size. |
| SWAP count, c64, reu[, bank] | Swaps the main memory at address c64 with the memory on the attached REU at address reu in bank bank |



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## BASIC Keywords (cont)

| SWITCH <br> start, end, <br> start2 | Swaps the memory at addresses start-end with the memory starting at address start2 |
| :---: | :---: |
| SYS <br> address[, $A, X, Y$ ST] | Starts execution of ML code at address. If the A, X, Y and ST values are specified, they will be loaded into the registers before starting. |
| TAB(vov) | Moves the cursor to vov on the current line. |
| THEN <br> statement | If the prior IF expression evaluated to TRUE, statement will be executed. |
| TRAP line\# <br> [, vop] | Sends control of your program to line\#on error. vop if specified must be a non-arrayed int which will have the address of the error stored in it. |
| VAL(string) | Returns the mathematical value of string. |
| VERSION number | Specifies which version of Vision BASIC needed to compile the block of code. |
| WAIT <br> address, and, eor | Will wait for a non-0 result from PEEKing address and filtering with AND and and EOR eor |

FOR-TO-STEP-NEXT loops and DO loops will only work on integer variables.

| Functions and subroutines |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { POINT vop } \\ & =\text { line\# } \end{aligned}$ | Sets vop to the address of the compiled code for line line\#. |
| POINT <br> TAG $\operatorname{tag}=$ line\# | Creates a tag and points it to the address of the compiled code for line line\#. |
| PROC tagl. vopl, vopl, ...]J] | Defines the start of a subroutine named $t a g$ with parameters vop. |
| PASS vopl, vopl, vop[, ...]IJ | Defines paramaters vop for a subroutine. Must be the first command after PROC if you're passing parameters. |

## Functions and subroutines (cont)

| RETURN | End the subroutine and send execution back to the <br> calling line. |
| :--- | :--- |
| SEND | Will make the subroutine return the value vov. This must |
| vov | be the final command before RETURN if used. |
| TAG tag[ | Creates a TAG named tag. If vov is not specified, tag will |
| = vov] | get the current address in the program. Used like a |
|  | LABEL in assembler. |

Call a subroutine like
tag.vo p,v op, vop

Strings and string variables cannot be returned from subroutines.

## Sound Commands

ADSR attack, Specifies the attack, decay, sustain and release decay, parameters for the current voice.
sustain,
release
CUTOFF Sets the cutoff frequency to freq for the SID filtering freq

FILTER Enables or disables the filters of voice1, voice2, voice1, voice3, the output of the external input and the
voice2, resonance value.
voice3, ext, resonance

FREQ freq Specifies that the current voice will play frequency freq.
PULSE width Specifies the pulse waveform width for the current voice.

SIDCLR Clears the sound registers
VOICE num Chooses which voice will be used (1-3)
VOL volume, Controls the main volume and filter selection. Can low, band, enable or disable the Iow, band and high pass filters. high, If disconnect is enables, disconnects the output of disconnect voice 3.


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## Sound Commands (cont)

WAVE Enables or disables the gate. wave is 1 (triangle), 2 gate, (sawtooth), 4 (pulse) or 8 (noise). ring chooses ring wave, modulate oscillators. sync chooses sync modulate oscillring, ators. test enables or disables the voice oscillator.
sync
test
All parameters can be values or variables. If a parameter is left off, a previously used value will be used, or a 0 if no value has been specified before.

The commands FREQ, PULSE, ADSR, and WAVE require you to set a current VOICE before calling them.

0 disables, 1 enables

## Text Video Commands

| BANK bank | Selects the active 16K memory bank for video. This is not for setting REU banks. You will probably not need to ever use this command. |
| :---: | :---: |
| BLANK blank[, off | Blanks or restores the screen. off turns the video chip off completely. |
| CHARPAT character, charset | Moves the "code" pointer to point at a specific character image. character is the character that you want to point at, charset is the character set that the character is in. |
| CHARSET <br> charset | Selects the desired character set. |
| COLORS text, <br> border, <br> screen, <br> color1, color2, <br> color3 | Sets the color registers. |
| COPYSET charset[, case] | Copies the C64 character set to location charset. If case is 0 , copy uppercase, if 1 copy lowercase. |
| EXTENDED onl, color1, color2, color3] | Turns on or off extended color mode. If colors are supplied, will set the 3 background colors. |

## Text Video Commands (cont)

LOWERCASE Changes the character set to lowercase. If disable [disable] is 1, disables keyboard toggling between upper and lower case.

MULTI on[, Turns on or off multicolor mode. If colors are color1, color2] specified, will set the background colors.

NORMAL Resets the screen to normal text mode.
UPPERCASE Changes the character set to uppercase. If disable [disable] is 1 , disables keyboard toggling between upper and lower case.

PANX Pans the screen horizontally. panvalue can be 0-7 panvalue, ( $0=$ none), if columns is 0 , sets 38 column screen, 1 columns sets 40 column screen.

PANY Pans the screen vertically. panvalue can be 0-7 panvalue, (3=none). If rows is 0,24 row screen, if 1,25 row rows VIDLOC Moves the text screen to and of the 641 K screens screen, available. screen chooses which 1 K to use, printto printto, chooses which screen to print to (you will probably charset want this to be equal to screen), charset selects to location of the character set.


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