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0	E00
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**SOUND WIZARD**  
by Alan Webster



With 'Sound Wizard' you can produce a variety of sound effects by combining any one of the 8 preset sound envelopes with your own choice of sound parameters. This allows you to produce off-the-shelf sound effects, and takes the work out of designing envelopes for your programs.

When you run the program you will be required to enter 4 parameters:

Sound channel (0 or 1)

Envelope number (1-8)

Pitch (0-255)

Duration (0-255)

The sound will then be heard, and the sound parameters displayed. You may now enter a new set of parameters, or if you press ESCAPE the computer will tell you at which program line the appropriate envelope is to be found (so that you may transcribe it into another program).

If you wish to add envelopes (or change them), you are advised not to renumber them as it can lead to confusion.

It should be noted that you can have only one Envelope defined at any time so the Envelopes have to be redefined when required, hence the use of PROCENV(E) where E is the Envelope number.

Given below are some examples to try:

Sound	Envelope	Pitch	Duration
1	1	200	40
1	2	200	50
1	3	4	100
0	3	5	40
1	4	50	100
1	5	200	150
1	6	0	10
1	7	20	100
0	8	6	20

```

10  REM Sound Wizard
20  REM by A.Webster
30  REM BEEBUG
40  REM VERSION P 1.0
50  :
60  ON ERROR GOTO 450
70  E=0
80  MODE 6
90  PRINTTAB(13,0)"SOUND WIZARD"
100 PRINTTAB(12)"by Alan Webster"
110 PRINT'TAB(9)"8 ENVELOPES DEFINED"
120 PRINTTAB(0,5);" Channel  Envelope  Pitch  Du
ration"
130 INPUTTAB(1,7),C:INPUTTAB(10,7),E
140 INPUTTAB(20,7),P:INPUTTAB(27,7),D
150 PROCENV(E)
160 SOUND C,1,P,D
170 PRINTTAB(0,16);"SOUND ";C;",";E;",";P;",";D;
SPC(100);
180 PRINTTAB(0,7);SPC(40);TAB(0,15);"ENVELOPE ";
E;SPC(5);:VDU30

```

```

190  GOTO 90
200  DEFPROCENV(X)
210  ON X GOTO 230,250,270,290,310,330,350,370
220  GOTO 380
230  ENVELOPE 1,1,-15,-15,-15,230,230,230,126,0,0
,-126,126,126
240  ENDPROC
250  ENVELOPE 1,1,4,2,-2,5,5,5,126,0,0,-126,126,1
26
260  ENDPROC
270  ENVELOPE1,1,6,0,-6,200,100,200,126,0,0,-126,
126,126
280  ENDPROC
290  ENVELOPE 1,1,-50,-50,-50,20,-20,20,126,0,0,-
126,126,126
300  ENDPROC
310  ENVELOPE 1,1,-100,100,-100,100,-100,100,126,
0,0,-126,126,126
320  ENDPROC
330  ENVELOPE 1,1,10,10,10,230,230,230,126,0,0,-1
26,126,126
340  ENDPROC
350  ENVELOPE 1,3,0,1,0,0,255,0,126,0,0,-126,126,
126
360  ENDPROC
370  ENVELOPE 1,3,0,1,0,0,255,0,126,0,0,-126,126,
126
380  ENDPROC
390  :
400  REM Add Extra Envelopes Here.
410  REM
420  REM
430  REM
440  :
450  ON ERROR OFF
460  IF ERR<>17 REPORT:PRINT " at line ";ERL:END
470  IF E=0 PRINT''':END
480  PRINTTAB(0,20);"LIST line ";(20*E)+210
490  END

```

## RESCUING A BAD PROGRAM

by C. Opie

```

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One of the most dreaded error messages that your Electron will produce is ' BadProgram' .Once that has been displayed you will find that you can no longer access your current Basic program. Now we come to your rescue with a program that will restore your program to health with almost magical efficiency. It can also be used to recover programs that refuse to load correctly from cassette.

The error message ' BadProgram' is produced by Basic when it detects that the program in memory has been corrupted, or has been loaded incorrectly. Once the message has been issued, the user cannot directly modify his program in any way. LIST does not work and typing new lines has no effect. This can be disastrous if a small programming error results in a corrupted program for which you have no backup copy on tape. The ' Rescue' program presented here will search through a ' BadProgram' for the corrupted parts, and fix these in such a way that the program can once again be listed and edited. This may not restore the original program completely but it does allow you to gain access to the program so that damaged lines can be deleted or replacd.

### **Using 'Rescue' to recover bad programs**

First type it in, and save it on cassette. (SAVE "RESCUE"). It is reasonably short but must be typed in very accurately.

When you get a ' BadProgram' message type the following:

```
MODE 6 <return>
PAGE=TOP+&100 <return>
CHAIN "RESCUE" <return>
```

Changing the value of PAGE ensures that the ' Rescue' program occupies a separate area of memory to the corrupt program. The ' Rescue' program will then attempt to patch up the program currently resident in memory. When it finishes, you should be able to list and edit your repaired program as normal.

On recovering a corrupt program, save it on tape with SAVE"name". This will safeguard it against any further corruption. Having saved the program, list it out and examine the lines of code. Some lines may contain rubbish, whilst others may have disappeared completely, depending on how serious the corruption was. You may now re-type or replace lines as needed.

Something to look out for are ' #characters appearing in the program after initial recovery. The rescue operation replaces any control characters in the program with the hash character (#).

### **Recovering cassette programs**

Sometimes you will find it impossible to load correctly. Then you will be plagued with a variety of error messages often followed by the words ' Rewind Tape' Trying to reload, will sometimes work but not always. This is how the ' Rescue' program can, once again, avert potential disaster.

Before attempting to re-load the offending program from cassette, type the following line into your Electron:

```
*OPT2,0 <return>
```

Now proceed to load the problem cassette as before. This time, although error messages may still appear, the program will continue to be loaded into the computer, including any corrupted sections. Once the corrupt program is in memory, follow the steps already described to restore as much of your program as possible. You should also, at this stage, restore cassette loading to its normal state by typing:

\*OPT <return>

Of course, this process will generally work only with your own programs, as you will need to know how to make corrections yourself, once 'Rescue' has done its job. It will not generally help with programs that you have bought or obtained elsewhere, especially if the 'BadProgram' message arises as a result of copy protection put on the software by the manufacturer.

### **Some final hints**

'Rescue' is an extremely effective utility, but it is still better to avoid losing your program in the first place. One way to reduce the chances of loss is to save your programs frequently onto cassette during development. Saving two copies will also help to avoid loading problems later. Moving back to a previous version is usually much easier than recovering a damaged program and should be quicker overall.

### **Explaining PAGE**

Part of your computer's memory is reserved for its own use. The point where your own programs start is always stored for reference in a special variable called PAGE. On the Electron, this is normally set to &E00 (3584 in decimal), when you first switch the computer on. To check, type PRINT PAGE <return>. PAGE can be set to other values for special purposes, usually so that a program can be located in a different part of memory. It is possible, in this way, to have more than one program in memory at the same time. This happens when the 'Rescue' program and your program are in memory together.

```
10 REM Rescue
20 REM by Colin Opie
30 REM BEEBUG
40 REM VERSION P 1.0
```

```

50 :
60 ON ERROR GOTO 320
70 PROCinit
80 REPEAT
90 PROCrecover
100 UNTIL finished
110 PAGE=P%
120 END
130 :
140 DEF PROCrecover
150 ?line=&0D: lenpos=line+3: count=1
160 IF ?line=&0D AND line?1=&FF THEN finished=TRU
E:ENDPROC
170 PRINT (line?1)*256+(line?2);
180 REPEAT
190 IF line?count<>&0D THEN count=count+1
200 IF line?count<>&0D AND line?count<32 AND coun
t>4 THEN line?count=35
210 IF count>250 THEN line?(count+1)=&0D
220 UNTIL line?count=&0D
230 PRINT ~line
240 line=line+count: ?lenpos=count
250 ENDPROC
260 :
270 DEF PROCinit
280 P%=&E00
290 line=P%: line?1=0: finished=FALSE
300 ENDPROC
310 :
320 ON ERROR OFF
330 MODE 6:IF ERR=17 END
340 REPORT:PRINT" at line ";ERL
350 END

```



## BAD PROGRAM LISTER

by E.Hanson

Start Address?&E00

```

E00
9D?wZC{.1DGCOL=PI>POSERL?STR$SIFx%CHAINA
MOD&RAD<JC-EPTRPTRTRUEDEF1$IN9UPOS4BOLDI
NKEYGET$ELSECOUNTELSESTR$5VDU18>RESTOREE
RLBA8.F9XLEFT$(TAB(COLOURF1541F5Z1FABSRE
MASCRIGHT$(GCOLTAB(INKEYACSRADACSREPEATf
MOVEnFOROPENOUT15vm3BGETSAVELEFT$(2msFOR
EOREORTAB(LEFT$(@READRUN189BPUTHIMEMGOTO
ABS1TREMAERLOPENINb0ERLSQRSMID$(cCLSRUNS
OUND L'SQRUMINKEYOPENUP!REPOR
T9RUNMOVETIMEADIVeNOT15OPENOUTVDUEVALCLO
SE!#ENVELOPEct15LEFT$(fOPENINBGETAUTOCIN
STR(LOMEMRUNxCCINKEY$0(CLSFTAB(4ACSGETLI
STCOS8*ABPROCCLSCOSR2LOGUDUNUASC93v1FOR
=1,QCLG1ABSDATA3?LORPTREVALeNOTMORMODExn
ENDGET$ASNv3ASN;
16053 COUNTFOFF1E^MOVEMOVESQRXGET$REPORT
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```

This program will list any Basic program (or any text file) stored in the computer, in a format similar to that produced by the LIST command. Its particular value is in listing programs which the command, LIST, will not control; i.e. programs which have become 'damaged' in the computer. In this respect it forms a useful adjunct to the program 'Rescue'. In fact, 'Lister' will even list the remains of a program that has been partly overwritten when another shorter program has been loaded on top of it.

'Lister' works by looking at the Basic tokens as they are stored in memory, and converting them back to their original keyword format. The program is quite small, just under two blocks in length, as it uses the look-up table in the Basic ROM at &8071 to make the conversions.

LISTER will not convert the line numbers following a GOTO, as these are stored in code within the computer to save space. Note that for the sake of speed (and the irregularity of the way the tokens are set up in memory), the word "AND" is printed as "ND".

### Using ' Lister'

Type in the program and save a copy before use, as you would any Basic program.

Asuming that you want to use ' Lister'to list a program already in the computer, you will need to change PAGE before you load in ' Lister'This avoids overwriting the program already resident. Proceed as follows:

```
MODE6 <return>
PAGE=TOP+&100 <return>
CHAIN"LISTER" <return>
```

' Lister'will then run and print ' StartAddress?' . This will normally be &e00, but you can type in any address that you want. The listing will then start and will print in 1k blocks. After each block it will beep, and wait for you to press any key. It will then print the current address in hex followed by the next 1k of program, and so on until you stop the program by pressing ESCAPE.

```
10 REM Bad Program Lister
20 REM by Elizabeth Hanson
30 REM BEEBUG
40 REM VERSION P 1.0
50 :
60 MODE6
70 INPUT "Start Address",A$
80 @%=1:J%=255:A%=EVAL(A$)
90 REPEAT:PRINT'" ";~A%
100 FORI%=0TOJ%:X%=A%+I%
110 IFX%=&0D PRINT'A%?(I%+1)*256+A%?(I%+2);" ";:I
%=I%+3:GOTO140
120 IFX%>&7F ANDX%<&FF PROCL:GOTO140
130 IFX%>31PRINTCHR$(X%);ELSEPRINT~X%;
140 NEXT
150 A%=A%+J%+1:VDU7:B$=GET$:UNTILFALSE
160 END
170 :
180 DEFPROCL:K%=-1:T%=&8071
190 REPEAT:K%=K%+1:Y%=T%?K%:UNTILY%=X%ORK%>&300:L
%=K%
```

```

200 REPEAT:K%=K%-1:Z%=T%?K%:UNTILZ%>&7F ORK%<0
210 IFT%?(K%+2)<40K%=K%+3ELSEK%=K%+2
220 REPEAT:PRINTCHR$(T%?K%);:K%=K%+1:UNTILK%>=L%:
ENDPROC

```

## DOUBLE HEIGHT by B. Grand



Enlarge your text displays with this useful utility that will really make your programs stand out.

Large size text on the screen can add impact to your programs, but with the Electron there is no simple facility for generating double height characters. To overcome this we present a procedure which allows double height printing in any mode. This is extremely useful for making more prominent displays, required, for example, in education and in games. The procedure, called PROCdouble, is defined in lines 10000 to 10130 and is very easy to use. Simply add it to the end of your program, and it can then be called as a normal procedure. For

example

```
PROCdouble("FORTY-TWO",5,10)
```

will display "FORTY-TWO" in double height characters, and in a position on the screen, 10 characters down from the top and 5 characters in from the lefthand side. The string can be string variable, and the co-ordinates can also be variables.

We have put the procedure PROCdouble following a short program in lines 10 to 150 to show you how to use it. This program calls the procedure three times in order to display three lines of double-height text on the screen. Each time that you press the space bar the program re-runs in a different mode.

If you want to use this procedure in one of your own programs, you are recommended to consult the Electron User Guide, pages 200 and 201, which tell you how merge Basic programs together.

```
10 REM Double Height Text
20 REM by B.Grand
30 REM BEEBUG
40 REM VERSION P 1.0
50 :
60 FOR mode=0 TO 6
70 MODE mode
80 FOR A=2 TO 17 STEP 5
90 PROCdouble("ELECTRON",2,A)
100 PROCdouble("Mode",2,A+2)
110 PROCdouble(STR$(mode),8,A+2)
120 NEXT
130 WAIT=GET
140 NEXT
150 END
160 :
10000 DEF PROCdouble(A$,K,L)
10010 REM Version E 1.0
10020 LOCAL N
10030 A%=&A:X%=0:Y%=&A
10040 D=&A00
10050 FOR N=1 TO LEN(A$)
```

```

10060 B$=MID$(A$,N,1)
10070 ?D=ASC(B$)
10080 CALL (&FFF1)
10090 VDU23,240,D?1,D?1,D?2,D?2,D?3,D?3,D?4,D?4
10100 VDU23,241,D?5,D?5,D?6,D?6,D?7,D?7,D?8,D?8
10110 PRINT TAB(K+N,L);CHR$(240);TAB(K+N,L+1);CHR$
(241)
10120 NEXT N
10130 ENDPROC
>

```

### 3-D LETTERING by G. Weston



This short program produces a 3-D effect on lettering used for headings, and considerably improves the look of the title page of programs in which it is incorporated. In this particular version the text is printed in white with a black shadow against a blue background.

To use the program for your own purposes,

you really only need the procedure PROCDOUBLE. This is defined in lines 1000 onwards. To call the procedure you need one or more lines of the kind appearing on lines 70 to 100. In each case three parameters follow the procedure call. The first, in quotation marks, is the text to be printed. The second two parameters give the x and y co-ordinates of the printing position on the screen. A little experiment is needed here - but remember that 0,0 is the bottom left hand corner, and 1279,1023 is the top right hand corner of the screen.

The technique used in this program is to print the text in white, and then to overprint it in black 8 positions down to the left (hence line 1070). Overprinting might be expected partially to erase the original text, but this is avoided by using the GCOL statement in line 1030 to perform so-called 'OR' plotting. See the User Guide p.153 for further details.

```

10  REM 3-D Lettering
20  REM by G.Weston
30  REM BEEBUG
40  REM VERSION P 1.0
50  :
60  MODE 5
70  PROCDOUBLE("BEEBUG",450,800)
80  PROCDOUBLE("for the",400,600)
90  PROCDOUBLE("Acorn",450,400)
100 PROCDOUBLE("Electron",360,200)
110 END
120 :
1000 DEFPROCDOUBLE(A$,X,Y)
1010 VDU5
1020 VDU19,0,4,0,0,0:VDU19,1,0,0,0,0
1030 GCOL1,3
1040 MOVE X,Y
1050 PRINT A$
1060 GCOL 1,1
1070 MOVE X-8,Y-8
1080 PRINT A$
1090 ENDPROC

```

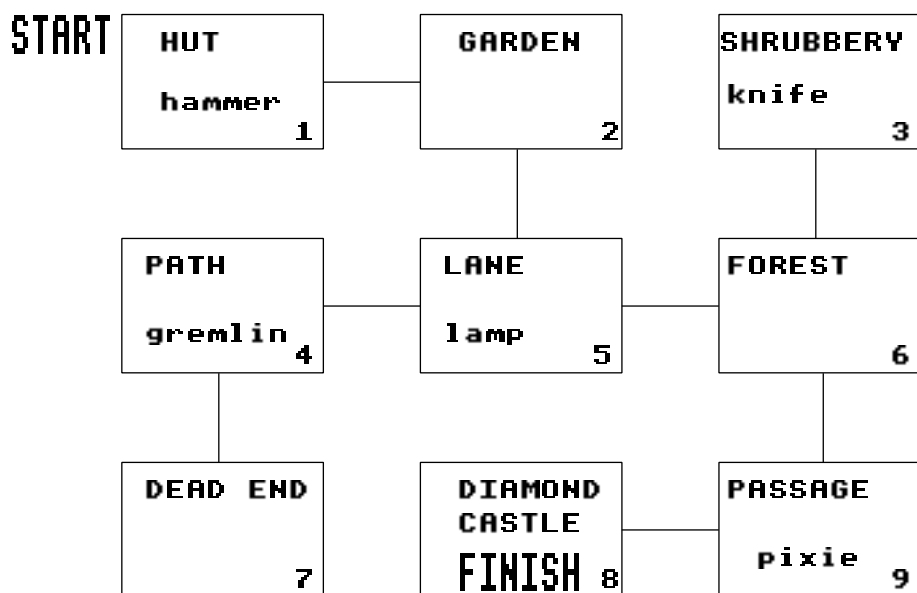


Fig 1

**MAP OF RETURN OF THE DIAMOND**





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