A NEW SELECTION
OF SOFTWARE TITLES FOR
THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION
MICROCOMPUTER SYSTEM
PERSONAL PRODUCTIVITY TOOLS

VIEW

VIEW is an award-winning word processor with advanced facilities designed to help both the professional user and the beginner to create high quality documents. Memos and letters, reports and newsletters—all can be produced easily and efficiently, with as many drafts as you like, using VIEW. You create text using the BBC Microcomputer keyboard and check what you have typed on the screen. Editing and correcting can be achieved at the touch of a key. You can also print as many copies as you require. The VIEW 2.1 package includes the booklets Into VIEW and the VIEW Guide. The form provides a clear, concise introduction to word processing, whilst the latter contains easy to follow examples that highlight all the advanced facilities VIEW has to offer. A function key card is included in the pack.

ViewStore

ViewStore is a powerful, general-purpose database manager with a range of possible applications from mailing lists and stock control to library catalogues and hobby collections. Database information is divided into records, and records are divided into fields. You might, for example, have one record per employee in your personnel database. Fields within that record might be for name, address, date of birth, position, etc. ViewStore is specifically designed for applications where large amounts of information need to be stored and accessed rapidly. Utilities supplied on an accompanying disk include a flexible report generator and a program to convert databases from the formats used by other programs (including Acomsoft Database).

ViewSheet

This powerful electronic spreadsheet will help you with business applications—cash flow forecasts, sales analysis or resource planning—and also with personal finances such as household budgeting or investment projections. By defining 'windows', it is possible to look at, simultaneously, separate sets of information from different areas of the spreadsheet. A special feature of ViewSheet is the ability to replace row and column numbers with headings, thus facilitating reference to all areas of the spreadsheet. You can print out either the entire worksheet or selected windows in special arrangements.

ViewPlot

ViewPlot enables you to produce excellent line graphs, to illustrate sales figures, for example. You could use the program to draw pie charts to demonstrate the voting breakdown in a local election, or bar charts to display the amount of resources used on different projects.

ViewSpell

ViewSpell is an automatic spelling checker, enabling you to produce error-free documents every time. The program will check each word in your document against its master dictionary of 70,000 words. Alternatively, create your own dictionary of technical terms or names and addresses. ViewSpell also enables you to search your dictionary for words beginning or ending with certain letters—an invaluable aid for Scrabble and crossword addicts. The ViewSpell pack consists of 8K ROM, dictionary and example disc, the ViewSpell User Guide and a reference card.

ViewIndex

Add the professional touch to your work—a comprehensive and accurate index. ViewIndex automatically creates your index for you, sorting it into alphabetical order and producing page or section number where the reference occurs. While you are using VIEW to create your document, simply mark the words or phrases within the text that you want to include in the index. VIEW indexes the rest for you.

Printer Driver Generator

(Not available for Master Compact)

The Printer Driver Generator allows you to generate a standard interface between VIEW and the special facilities of any printer. Once you have generated a printer driver, the facilities are accessed through fixed codes within the text. This ensures that one document will be printed out identically on different printers. Typical facilities include superscripts, subscripts, italics, bold, underline and foreign character sets. A screen driver is also included in the program, enabling you to check that you have included all the correct highlights.

Database

(Not available for Master Compact)

Database is a straightforward database system that stores data in filing card format. A flexible search facility enables you to look for information either numerically or by pattern matching, and this can then be sorted into alphabetical order if you wish. The search facility can be used on complete files or subsets of files.

OverView

(Master 128 only)

The VIEW family of software productivity tools will be familiar to many BBC Micro users for their simplicity, flexibility and professional quality. Designed with both the beginner and the experienced user in mind, each product is comprehensively documented and can be used independently. However, as the products are integrated, they can be used together for even greater time saving. In this way, you can retrieve and present information in many different ways with the advantage of entering information only once.

The introduction of OverView enables Master 128 owners who already benefit from the qualities of VIEW and ViewSheet to add the rest of the VIEW family with the purchase of only one package. The OverView pack is a sophisticated combination of ViewStore and ViewSpell on ROM cartridge and ViewIndex and Printer Driver Generator on disc.

Acomsoft Personal Productivity Programs enable the user to make the most of the computing power of the BBC Microcomputer. Each program is comprehensively documented to guide the beginner in easy stages, and to give the experienced user all the information that is needed to tackle complex tasks. The VIEW range provides an integrated system of business productivity tools. Each product within the range being specially designed for simplicity, flexibility and professional quality.

Please note that the contents of respective packages may vary dependent on machine type.
ISO-Pascal

This is a full implementation of Pascal to the ISO standard, with extensions to take advantage of the BBC Microcomputer's special facilities (sound, graphics etc.). It is the natural language for large-scale programming, compiling to a compact intermediate code, which is then interpreted to give a performance superior to interpreted BASIC. Without the complexities of machine code it is ideal for teaching at all levels and it is the natural successor to S-Pascal for advanced students. The pack comes with a comprehensive user guide and an introductory tutorial manual. A disc is also supplied containing various demonstration programs and an extended compiler to take full advantage of a 6502 Second Processor or Turbo if fitted.

The ISO-Pascal Stand Alone Generator program is a utility for use with the Acornsoft ISO-Pascal system. It enables you to take programs written in ISO-Pascal and produce versions of them which can be used in any BBC Microcomputer. The Stand Alone Generator provides facilities for combining machine code routines with Pascal programs, and it produces code compatible with a 6502 Second Processor and with different filing systems (such as NFS or ADFS). The package consists of 2 discs, a user guide and a licence which allows up to 100 commercial copies of a program, developed using the system to be distributed. An application form for a licence of unlimited copies for up to five years, is also included.

ISO-Pascal

Micro-PROLOG

The micro PROLOG computer language is designed to emphasise human logic rather than machine procedure and to put artificial intelligence techniques within the grasp of the micro user. The language readily lends itself to relational database, expert system, and problem-solving applications. The package consists of a ROM plus comprehensive reference manual, a disc containing extension modules and a version of the interpreter to take full advantage of a 6502 Second Processor or Turbo if fitted.

Micro-PROLOG

COMAL

Acornsoft COMAL is a general purpose language which has been chosen as the educational standard in many European countries. It includes a number of features which encourage well-structured programming and facilitate debugging and maintenance of software. A comprehensive user guide is supplied.

Micro-PROLOG

GXR – The Graphics Extension ROM

The GXR is the definitive graphics extension to the BBC Microcomputer MOS. GXR extends the standard PLOT and VDU calls to provide circle plotting, ellipses, parallelograms, dotted and dot-dash patterns, shading patterns, colour fill, shade fill and sprites and includes a built-in sprite designer. In writing GXR an emphasis was placed on speed and accuracy of plotting. The pack includes a user guide, a cassette of example programs and utilities which may be copied to disc, a reference card and a function key card for the sprite editor. Note: a separate version is available for the B+.

The BASIC Editor

The BASIC Editor is a utility ROM which provides powerful full-screen editing facilities for developing and maintaining BASIC programs. Many of the facilities of a word processor are provided such as the ability to move or copy blocks of program lines. In addition the BASIC Editor enables the programmer to define the target of jump instructions as labels and then automatically insert the appropriate line number when the editing sequence is complete. A user guide and function key strip are provided.

The BASIC Editor

LISP

LISP is the fundamental list-processing language of artificial intelligence research, and the fact that it is still widely used more than twenty years after its original design is credit to the power of the language. Because of its simple overall structure LISP offers more flexibility in data and control structures than other languages, while giving sufficiently fast execution for language design applications. LISP contains a number of useful extensions including LOOP, WHILE and UNTIL functions. It can be used in any graphics mode, and several extensions to the language are provided to take advantage of the BBC Microcomputer's graphics and sound facilities including, VDU, CALL, MODE, TIME, INKEY and ADVAL. The system includes a LISP editor and a pretty-printer written in LISP so that they can be extended by the user. It is available either as a language ROM for the BBC Microcomputer Models B, B+, and 128K B+, or as a ROM Cartridge for the Master 128. Each version will automatically relocate itself to give additional memory on a Master Turbo, or if a 6502 Second Processor is fitted.

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Termulator

EDUCATION

The educational value of the BBC Microcomputer is now well-established, primarily in schools but also in the home. Not all of the titles selected here were originally concerned for classroom use, however, skilled teachers have exploited many of those designated "Home Education" to considerable advantage.

EDUCATION

The value of languages such as LOGO and COMAL and of business software such as VIEW and VIEW-STORE in education is widely recognised in the teaching profession. Refer to the appropriate sections in this catalogue for information on these, and similar items.

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Compendium

Comprising Workshop, ABC, Spooky Manor, Talkback.

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ABC

Spooky Manor

Talkback
**Workshop**

*Age range 3+*

This charming and colourful educational program is like playing with a set of magical tools on the screen. Discover, experiment—and then view the lively replay sequences. Picture keys and key matching make this program ideal for pre-readers. *A & B Computing* concluded that “Workshop is real value-for-money educational software since its open-ended nature will provide inspiration for children year after year.”

**ABC**

*Age range 7+*

Described by *Educational Computing* as “a unique tool, an outstanding word processor for children”, *ABC* is a simple-to-use screen writer, providing an effective way to produce short documents, letters, projects, lists and stories. The program includes facilities such as word-wraparound, format, print, load and save, search and replace, paint and tug, a choice of screen, copy, display, insert and much more! Also included is an extra program to convert ABC into VIEW files.

**Spooky Manor**

*Age range 7+*

An adventure game set in the mysterious Spooky Manor with the unique feature that up to four players can explore the Manor together. The program, great fun for young and old, includes exciting sound effects and all the puzzles and problems usual in this type of game—but no one gets killed! It involves simulation, problem solving, map drawing, discussion and organisation.

**Talkback**

*Age range 10+*

Talkback is an educational tool inspired by the famous computer game ELZA. The program allows users to create their own computer “characters” capable of holding simple conversations on the screen. This process is both entertaining and demanding, providing valuable lessons in verbal reasoning and language development, especially to both English and computer literate.

**Tree of Knowledge**

*(Not available for Master Compact)*

*Age range 8+*

Tree of Knowledge is an interactive program that illustrates some of the more imaginative aspects of computing. Initially the user builds up a branching data structure by answering and asking questions, and the resulting database is then used for information retrieval by deduction and logic. Databases can be saved and loaded from within the program, and two sample databases are supplied with the package.

**Micros in Business**

*(Available for Models B and B+ only)*

Micros in Business demonstrates how a microcomputer can be put to use in a business environment. It will therefore be of interest to people running small businesses, teachers, and those wishing to present text processing and spreadsheets, an electronic diary and some personnel demonstrations for use in larger businesses.

**GAMES**

**Hits 1**

Comprising: Magic Mushrooms, Planetox, Maze, Rocket Raid.

**Magic Mushrooms**

Magic Mushrooms isn’t only an exciting game of skill and quick thinking—it’s also a complete game constructor allowing unlimited scope for ingenuity in designing your own games. Guide Murphy around the screen leaping from brick to brick, bouncing on tram-poles, sliding down slides, and gliding up escalators in his quest for mushrooms. Collecting mushrooms is a hazardous occupation. Murphy must watch out for marauding monsters as he races against time towards the chequered flag. The game includes nine screens, ranging in difficulty from easy to extremely hard showing just a small selection of the many techniques you can use in designing your own screens.

**Planetoid**

Actions stations! The Aliens are landing! Flying over the planetoid is your starship speeds to the rescue, firing laser missiles and dodging the enemy and their shell-fire. Save the life-forms while fending off raiders, mutants, bombers, and megacytes. Lightning reflexes are required to play this game—the fastest ever seen on a micro! Complete with sound effects, full colour graphics, and table of High Scores.

**Maze**

Maze is a real-time game with fast 3-D graphics. Find your way around the mazes which make up the security system inside the top secret installation of the Martian command. To obtain the secret information you are looking for you must search as many of the levels as you can move over between them in the computer-controlled lift. The corridors are patrolled by robot guards armed with rechargeable guns who will shoot you on sight if you can’t avoid or destroy them, so you must stay alert to danger at all times. This game is fully compatible with either keyboard or joysticks and includes a table of high scores.

**Rocket Raid**

You are flying low in the final approach to the target of your mission, the Martian’s’ supply base, protected by any rocket missiles poised ready to shoot you down. Fire bullets and drop bombs to destroy fuel tanks and their servicing units. At the same time you must concentrate on flying the ship: the walls of the cavern close in around you, and those mean little green things, the Phizzers, are out to get you. Out of the cavern again, and slip into a horde of meteorites—the ones are indestructables, so you have to dodge out of their way. Now skyscrapers loom up and the ship becomes entrapped in a rather hazardous maze.

**Hits 2**

Comprising: Starship Command, Arcadians, Meteors, Labyrinth.

**Starship Command**

Command a starship against the attacking alien in this demanding high-resolution graphics game. You control the forward drive and sideways thrust of your ship, which is equipped with a shield, a short-range scanner, and a sector display of the stars and alien ships. This game is fully compatible with either keyboard or joysticks, and includes a table of high scores.
Games continued

Arcadians
We are the Arcadians! Our mission: to destroy all aliens. The Arcadians chant as they fly in convoy overhead. Without warning, some of them suddenly swoop down towards you: take aim and fire while avoiding their deadly dive-bombing tactics. This game is for one or two players, is fully compatible with either keyboard or joysticks, and includes table of high scores.

Meteors
Steer your laser ship through a hail of meteors smashing them with your laser bolts as they hurtle towards you. Avoid being hit by the missiles from hostile flying saucers which fire at you as they pass. Your ship is equipped with as many laser bolts as you can fire and as a last resort you can escape through hyperspace.

Complete with sound effects and table of high scores.

Labyrinth
Guide Mork through the labyrinth, eating fruit to replenish his dwindling energy supply. Crush the Tiger Moths, shoot the Flitterbugs, dodge the Thresher and if you are not too exhausted find and collect the magic crystals which lead to new and more challenging levels of the labyrinth.

Complete with splendid colour graphics, sound effects and a table of high scores, Labyrinth is fully compatible with either keyboard or joysticks.

Elite
Since its release Elite has quickly established itself as a classic, winning two computer awards and a gold disc for achieving over 100,000 sales, and setting a standard against which other games are judged. The game features interstellar travel in a distant cluster of galaxies in the outer Universe, providing a supreme test of combat, navigational and entrepreneurial skills, as you strive to earn your reputation as one of the Elite! The package includes a Space Trader's Flight Training manual, a short novel to set the scene, cards and maps.

Repton 2
In order to complete Repton 2, you must: collect all the 4744 earth sections, collect all the 42 jigsaw puzzle pieces, and collect the "finish character". We assure you that the game has thoroughly tested to completion.

Repton 3
Is much larger than its predecessors, it has 24 fascinating screens, all the favourite Repton characters have been retained together with some new ones. A screen-designer is included for devising your own game screens. There is also a character-designer which enables you to redesign any or all of the games characters.

REVS
TO PLAY IT IS TO BELIEVE . . .
Inch by inch, the fastest Grand Prix circuits in the world have been converted into a colourful, 3D graphics game of nerve and skill to challenge the most competent and courageous of drivers.

REVS is, simply, the most advanced race simulator yet. Both car and circuits are painstakingly modelled on the real thing.

Compete against your friends or on your own against the computer-controlled cars. Name your own competitors; compete against their skill, make your own adjustments to the aerodynamics of your car, master the finger-tip controls to increase your skills in hours of enjoyment.

Enjoy the sights, sounds and spills of real racing at Silverstone and then attempt the additional 4 software circuits supplied in this package.

David Hunt, Formula 3 racing driver and consultant to this project, gives the view from behind the wheel:

"Brands Hatch: "Perhaps the Grand Prix drivers' favourite circuit due to its numerous challenging corners - Paddock Bend being arguably the most difficult in the world."

Donington Park: "A difficult track because the temptation to hurl the car around by the scruff of the neck but smoothness is the only way to drive fast laps."

Oulton Park: "A tough driver's circuit with little time to relax and a good variety of challenges - no place for the faint-hearted!"

Snetterton: "Some tricky flat-out motoring and daunting Russell swerves contrasted with two very important slow corners, combine to make this Norfolk airfield into a stern test for both engineer and driver."

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Karate Combat
Set in the realm of the mystic Orient, Karate Combat pairs you, in thrillingly realistic battle against 16 of the mightiest most skilful exponents of open-hand fighting. Your ultimate aim is to defeat each opponent and ultimately battle against the 16th opponent, The Master.

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BOOKS

ISO-Pascal
Peter Cockerell, A5, 189pp
This book is the reference manual for ISO-Pascal. It explains the steps necessary to create and compile Pascal programs on the BBC Microcomputer or the Acorn Electron, and describes the Acorn extensions to the language.

Micro-PROLOG Reference Manual
D R Brough, K L Clark, F G McCabe, C S Mellish, A5, 180pp
This reference manual describes the micro-PROLOG system for the BBC Microcomputer, from the programmer’s point of view. It describes the syntax of micro-PROLOG, the various built-in features, and how to interact with the system.

LISP on the BBC Microcomputer
Arthur Norman and Gillian Cattell, A5, 192pp
A comprehensive guide to Acornsoft LISP, with a complete glossary describing all the pre-defined LISP functions. It includes a general introduction to LISP, with several example programs to illustrate the features of the language.

COMAL
Roy Thornton and Paul Christensen, A5, 440pp
This manual introduces the user to the implementation of COMAL. The first section takes the form of a tutorial course for the user who is new to programming. The second contains the information which a user already familiar with BASIC or Pascal will need to write software in COMAL. There is then a reference section containing a complete summary of the language by keyword as well as various tables, and finally a number of demonstration programs.

BASIC ROM User Guide
Mark Plumbley, A5, 359pp
This book contains a detailed description of the BASIC system used on the BBC Microcomputer and Acorn Electron. It covers the operation of BBC BASIC I, BBC BASIC II and Electron BASIC, and enables the serious programmer to considerably enhance the facilities of this machine. A number of useful examples is provided including a complete disassembler, and various facilities such as listing variables and overlaying procedures are described. Extensive reference sections cover the ROM routines and error recovery, including changing MODE inside procedures and salvaging bad programs.

Termulator
Katy Edgcombe, A5, 53pp
This manual comprehensively explains how to use the Termulator ROM to set up the BBC Microcomputer to emulate various terminals such as, VT100, VT52, Tektronix, and glass teletype.

Microtext on the BBC Microcomputer
Edited by Nigel Bevan and Robert Watson, The National Physical Laboratory, A5, 122p
This manual describes the implementation of Microtext on the BBC Microcomputer. It contains full details of the use of Microtext and assumes no previous knowledge of the system. However, a basic understanding of the BBC Microcomputer system is useful, with special reference to the loading and saving of discs and cassettes and also the layout of the keyboard.

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