A CHESS PLAYING PROGRAM

FOR THE 6502 MICROCOMPUTER

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# KIM Cassette Loading Instructions

- Enter (RS) to reset KIM.
- Enter (AD) 0 0 F 1 (DA) 0 0 to reset decimal flag.
- 3 Enter (AD) 1 7 F 9 (DA) C 1 to enter tape ID.
- Enter (AD) 1 8 7 3 (GO) to begin read routine.
- 5 Start your cassette player.
- When you see: 0000 D8 stop your cassette player. Enter (RS) (AD) 1 8 7 3 (GO) to read block 2. 6
- 7
- 8 Start your cassette player.
- 9 When you see: 0000 D8 stop your cassette player.
- 10 Enter (RS) (GO) to start program execution.

If you wish KIM to play a specific opening, enter the ID in address 17F9 and load the opening data. Enter (RS) before and after each tape load.

# Data for Openings

Microchess white	plays black	Opening
A0	A1	Four Knights
A2	A3	French Defence
A4	A5	Ruy Lopez
A6	A7	Queen's Indian
A8	A9	Guioco Piano

Remember to always press (RS) between each tape load. Otherwise, data at 0100 and 0101 may be overwritten by the stack. Verify these locations against the program listing if you have trouble executing the program.

A second copy of the two main programs can be found after the openings.

MICROCHESS was originally conceived as a program which would play chess using only a minimum hobbyist microcomputer system. The program designed will run on a KIM-1, 6502 based system, using only 1.1 Kbytes of RAM. Elimination of some unnecessary features would even allow an implementation in less than 1K.

Although MICROCHESS does not play an expert level of chess, it will play a reasonable game in most instances. In addition, it can provide a useful opponent for practising checkmates, learning openings, and sharpening general playing skills.

The program has been carefully designed to allow the average user to expand or modify the basic package to suit the requirements of his particular system configuration, or to experiment with his own ideas for improvement of the playing strategy.

User documentation supplied with the MICROCHESS program consists of a Player's Manual, a complete source program listing, and a Programmer's Manual, which explains the operation of the program and includes suggestions for expansion and modifications.

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# PLAYER'S MANUAL

MICROCHESS was designed to play a game of chess using the KIM-1 microcomputer system with no additional memory or peripherals. The human player's moves are entered on the self contained keyboard and the computer's responses are flashed on the LED display. Slight program alterations will permit the user to run the program using a teletype, CRT terminal, or another 6502 based system, (see the Programmer's Manual for details). All references in this manual assume that the KIM keyboard and display are being used.

#### LOADING THE PROGRAMS

Since the KIM-1 memory is divided into two non-contiguous segments, the program must be loaded in two sections. The first section will contain the program and data for the lower 1K of available memory between addresses 0000 and 03FF. The second section will contain the program segment between locations 1780 and 17E6. In addition, short program loaders may be used to enter the data necessary to use different "canned openings", which are stored between 00C0 and 00DB. Since sections of program reside in page one, which is normally reserved for the program stack, it is advisable to reset the stack pointer using the [RS] key before each load. In addition, it is prudent to check locations 0100 and 0101 before executing the program to ensure that they have not been inadvertently altered.

### MICROCHESS NOTATION

In order to keep memory requirements to a minimum, (an absolute necessity when programming chess in the 1K environment of the KIM-1), it has been necessary to use a special octal chess notation. Each square on the chess board is uniquely identified by a two digit octal number as shown below. The first digit specifies the rank (0 to 7) from the computer's end of the board. The second digit specifies the file (0 to 7) from the player's left. Moves are specified uniquely by the FROM square and the TO square using this notation.

#### COMPUTER

00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	   25 	26	27
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
50	51	52	53	54	   55 	56	57 
60	61	62	63	64	   65 	   66	67
70	71	72	   73 	74 L	75 	   76	77

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## MICROCHESS COMMAND KEYS

The following keys are used as commands while playing chess with the MICROCHESS program.

- [GO] This key is depressed immediately after loading the tape in order to start the program execution, or to restart the program after a temporary exit. No change occurs in the display after the [GO] key has been depressed. After execution begins the key has no effect on the system at all.
- [ST] This key is used to leave the MICROCHESS program and enter the KIM monitor in order to examine or change memory contents while playing a game. Under no circumstances should this key be pressed when the computer is contemplating its move. Only when the system is displaying a move is it permissable to press the [ST] key.
- [C] This key CLEARS the internal chessboard and resets it to begin another game. The board is set up with the computer playing white. CCCCCC is displayed to indicate that the board has been reset.

- This key EXCHANGES the computer's men with your men. The actual position of the board is unchanged. If [C] is pressed, followed immediately by [E], the board will be set up to begin a game with the computer playing black. By pressing [PC] followed by [E] followed by [PC]... the computer will play a game against itself, displaying the moves as it goes. EEEEEE is displayed immediately after the [E] key is pressed to verify operation.
- [F] This key is used to move the piece on the FROM square to the TO square to register the player's move, or to move one of the computer's men if desired.
- [PC] This key instructs the computer to PLAY CHESS. The computer analyses the current position and formulates its optimum move. The display will darken and flash until the move has been decided. When it relights the move is displayed.

#### THE COMPUTER'S MOVE

The computer moves are displayed in the format shown below:

# [piece|FROM square|TO square]

[piece! The piece which the computer is indicating that it wishes to move is encoded according to the table below:

<del></del>		<del></del>	
U - KING	4 - King Bishop	8 <b>–</b> K R Pa <b>w</b> n	C - K B Pawn
1 - Queen	5 - Queen Bishop	9 <b>–</b> Q R Pawn	D - Q B Pawn
2 - King Rook	6 - King Knight	A - K N Pawn	E - Q Pawn
3 - Queen Rook	7 - Queen Knight	B - Q N Pawn	F - K Pawn

| FROM square | The FROM and TO squares are indicated using the micronotation shown above.

For example the display [OF 13 33] indicates that the King Pawn is to be moved from King Pawn 2 to King Pawn 4. (This assumes that the computer is playing white.)

# ENTERING YOUR MOVE

Your moves are described to the computer using the same octal notation described above. It is not necessary to enter the type of piece being moved, just the FROM square and TO square locations.

The computer verifies the input by indicating in the left two digits the piece located on the FROM square. The first digit will be 0,1, or F. 0 indicates that the piece on the from square is one of the computer's men. 1 indicates that the piece is one of your men. F indicates that there is no piece on the FROM square.

The second digit indicates the type of piece located on the ROM square using the same hexadecimal code shown above.

If you have made an error in entering your move at this point just continue to press the appropriate keys. The numbers will scroll from right to left until the correct move is displayed.

For example, if you punch 6343 and see the display [ 1F 6343], the 1F indicates that the FROM square (63), contains the King Pawn and that you are preparing to move it to the square 43.

When you have entered and verified the move, depress the [F] key to register the move on the internal chess board. The first two digits of the display will be changed to FF to indicate that the FROM square is now unoccupied. If the TO square had been occupied, the previous occupant will have been captured automatically.

You may make as many moves in this manner as you wish, moving either your own men or the computer's. No verification of the legality of the moves is carried out. Illegal moves are accepted and executed as easily as legal moves, so care should be taken that you do not accidentally move in an illegal manner. Since the computer does not make a point of warning you if your king is in check, you must be careful not to leave this situation after your move. The computer will usually take off your king on its subsequent move if this is possible.

#### SPECIAL MOVES

CASTLING: You may make a castling move by making two moves in succession in the normal manner. First move the king to its new square, then move the rook. Remember to depress [F] after each move. The computer has no provision for castling during the middle game or end game, but may castle during the opening. If this occurs it will indicate a move of the king two squares over. You must complete the move for the computer by moving the rook for it. Just enter the appropriate TO and FROM square followed by [F] to make the move, then, go ahead and make your own move.

EN PASSANT: In order to capture en passant you must break the move into two separate components. First, move your pawn laterally to capture the computer's pawn. Then, move your pawn forward to its appropriate final square. Do not forget to depress [F] after each move to register it internally. Note that the computer cannot capture en passant itself and will not recognize the danger of your en passant captures in considering its double pawn moves.

- QUEENING PAWNS: If you should succeed in pushing a pawn to the eighth rank (rank 7 in micronotation), it will be necessary for you to manually set up the queen on that square. Because of the internal representation of the position it is possible only to have one Queen per side at a time. Therefore, if you already have one, you will have to choose a rook, bishop, or knight instead. To replace the pawn with a Queen the following steps should be carried out.
- 1) Use the [ST] key to exit from the MICROCHESS program and return control to the KIM monitor.
- 2) Find the pawn using the table of piece locations below. Confirm by its position that it is the correct one. Remove it from the board by entering the data 'CC', which indicates a captured piece.
- 3) Enter the address of the queen (0061). This memory location should now contain 'CC', assuming the queen has been lost.

- 4) Press [DA] and enter the new location for the Queen, which is the square the pawn moved to. (e.g. 07)
- 5) Press [PC] followed by [GO] to reenter the MICROCHESS program. Continue in the normal manner from this point.

If the computer should push a pawn to the eighth rank, it will be necessary for you to replace the pawn with a Queen, or the highest piece available. Use the same procedure as above. The computer's Queen should be stored at address 0051.

# LEVEL DF PLAY

There are several sections of the program which can be bypassed in order to reduce the computer's response time in a given situation. This will reduce the quality of play accordingly. The strategy levels and data changes are outlined below.

LEVEL	LOCATION U2F2	LOCATION 018B	AVGE TIME PER MOVE				
SUPER BLITZ	00	FF	3 seconds				
BLITZ	00	FB	10 seconds				
NORMAL	08	FB	100 second				

### POSITION VERIFICATION

Occassionally, while playing a game, you will come to the sudden realization that the computer is seeing a different board setup from the one you have. This results from your misinterpretation of one of its moves, from entering one of your moves incorrectly, or from forgetting to press [F] to register your move.

It is possible in this situation to sneak a peek at the location of each piece as it is internally stored in order to verify its location on the board. To do this press [ST] to exit the MICROCHESS program and enter the KIM monitor. Then look at the addresses shown below to determine where the computer thinks each piece is. Afterwards, return to the chess program by pressing [PC] followed by [GO].

MEMORY LOCATIONS FOR THE PIECES

COMPUTER PIECES		YOUR PIECES
0050 0051 0052 0053 0054 0055 0056 0057	King Queen King Rook Queen Rook King Bishop Queen Bishop King Knight Queen Knight	0060 0061 0062 0063 0064 0065 0066
0058 0059 006A 005B 005C 005D 005E 005F	K R Pawn Q R Pawn K N Pawn Q N Pawn K B Pawn Q B Pawn Q Pawn K Pawn	0068 0069 006A 006B 006C 006D 006E 006F

# IMPORTANT NOTE:

Never depress the [ST] key while the computer is contemplating its move. Important parameters are stored in the same area of memory used by the KIM monitor programs. Reentry after these locations have been altered will probably destroy the board position.

#### NOTES

As mentioned above, there are three types of moves which the current version of MICROCHESS does not play. These are castling, en passant pawn captures, and queening of pawns. In order to make the game fair some players adopt one of the two following strategies. Recognizing that the computer cannot make these moves, some players choose not to make them themselves, thus both players suffer the same restrictions. On the other hand, other players have decided to help the computer by watching for appropriate castling or en passant situations and making the moves on the computer's behalf at that time. Of course, you may always play without regard to the computer's disadvantage, allowing it to fend for itself as best it can.

If you are an above average player, you may find that the MICROCHESS program is below your level of play and hence, always loses. You can add to the challenge of the game in the same way that you might against an inexperienced human player. Remove one or more of your pieces at the start of the game and see if you can come back from a position of disadvantage. The easiest way to remove a piece is to move one of the computer's men to the square of the piece you wish to remove, and then move it back to its original square.

# PROGRAMMER'S MANUAL

The program can be divided into three basic functional units.

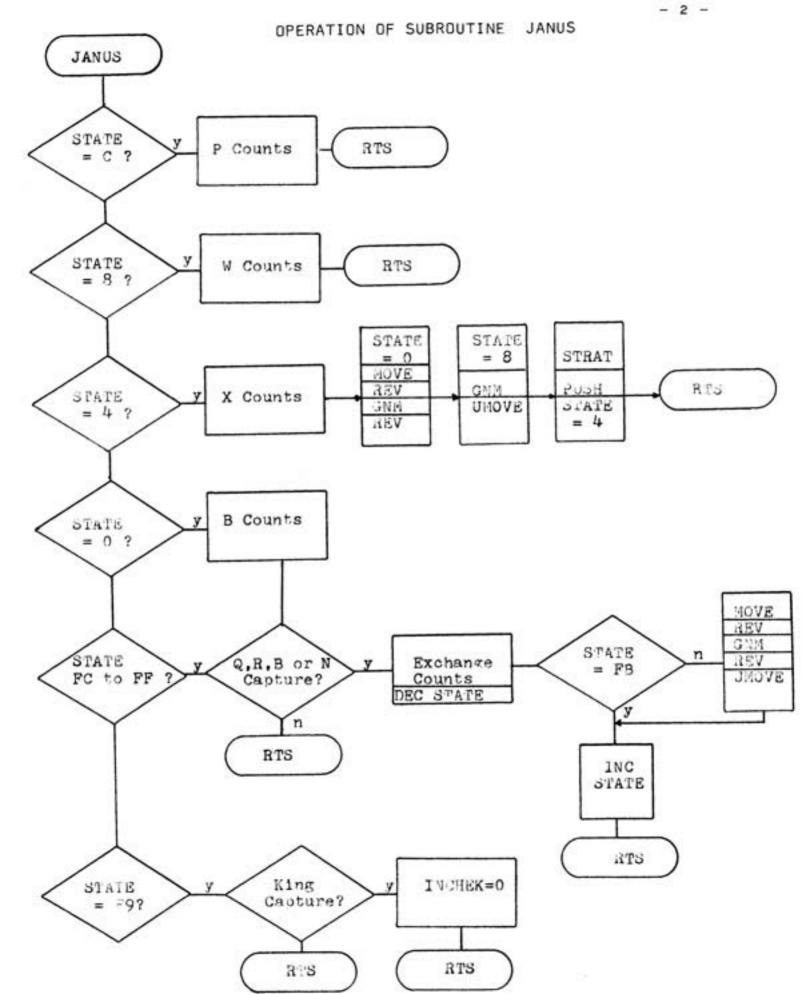
- I Control and Input/Output. This section comprises the initialization routines, the input and output routines, and the main entry into the move generation and evaluation routines.
- II Move Generation and Data Collection. This program group generates the moves available to the computer, one at a time. For each of these moves, data are collected regarding available continuation moves, the threats of possible reply moves, and the gain or loss from subsequent piece exchanges.
- III Strategic Analysis. The data collected by the move generation routines are analysed by a mathematical algorithm which assigns a value to each available move. The move with the highest assigned value will be the move that the computer selects.

# SOURCE LISTING

A complete listing of the program is included in source form. The average programmer should be able to use this document as a key to understanding the program's operation, and as a basis for further modifications. The complete cross reference table is included to assist in program relocation. As a convention in the listing, variables are preceded by a period to distinguish them from program labels, and external subroutines are preceded by an asterisk. Comment lines are preceded by a semicolon.

## SUBROUTINES GNM AND JANUS

The key to the operation of the MICROCHESS program lies in the two subroutines GNM and JANUS. GNM calculates the available moves for one side with three nested loops: NEWP, which loops through the pieces from the pawns to the king; NEX, which loops through the four to eight directions through which each piece can move using the table MOVEX as pointed to by the move direction pointer MOVEN; and the individual loops for each piece which select the appropriate directions and distances to move.



After each move has been calculated by GNM, the subroutine JANUS is called. JANUS uses the value of STATE to determine which portion of the analysis the computer is working on and directs it to the appropriate continuation routines. As can be seen from the simplified flow chart of JANUS' operation, JANUS often alters the value of STATE and calls the subroutine GNM again. This series of recursive subroutine calls calculates approximately 20,000 moves per second—over 2 million moves in a 100 second analysis. Most of these moves are repetitions generated from a slightly different board position.

#### PROGRAM FUNCTION FOR EACH VALUE OF .STATE

STATE	SET BY	FUNCTION
<b>C</b>	GO .	Generate all available moves from the current position and analyse as a benchmark with which to compare the real moves, which are generated by STATE 4.
4	GO	Generate all available moves, evaluating each one and assigning a value to it as a possible selection.
8	JANUS	Having made one trial move, generate the possible second moves for analysis.
O	JANUS	Having made one trial move, generate the possible replies for analysis.
FF	JANUS	Since a reply move was a capture, reverse the board and evaluate the exchange that could result.
FE	JANUS	Stage two of the exchange evaluation started by STATE FF.
FD	JANUS	Stage three of the exchange evaluation.
FC	JANUS	Last stage of the exchange evaluation.
F9	СНКСНК	Look for a capture of the king which signifies that the move being calculated is illegal.

#### STRATEGY OPERATION

After each real available move is generated and the various counts have been performed, the following information is available for decision making purposes.

MOB Mobility. The total number of moves available for a given side from a given position. Each queen move is counted as two moves.

MAXC Maximum Capture. The number of points to be gained by capturing the most valuable piece currently under attack.

CC Capture Count. The total points of all opposing pieces under attack.

MAXP Maximum Capturable Piece. Identification of the opponent's piece under attack which is worth the most points.

PRIOR COUNTS (.PMOB, .PMAXC, .PCC, .PMAXP) reflect the status of the position as it exists for the computer before any move is made. This is a benchmark, against which further moves are to be compared.

CONTINUATION COUNTS (.WMOB, .WMAXC, .WCC, .WMAXP) are obtained for each move tested to determine the potential of the new position that would result if the move were made.

REPLY COUNTS (.BMOB, .BMAXC, .BCC, .BMAXP) are obtained for each move tested to determine the potential danger of the opponent's available replies.

EXCHANGE COUNTS (.WCAPO, .WCAP1, .WCAP2, .BCAPO, .BCAP1, .BCAP2) are used to analyse the effect of the potential exchange combinations. Each count reflects the maximum number of points capturable at each level of an exchange combination. Capture chains are halted by pawn captures, king captures, or by reaching a limit of three captures per side.

In addition, information regarding the moving piece and its TO and FROM squares can also be used by the STRATGY algorithm.

All information available is combined by the algorithm in the subprogram STRATGY to calculate a single strategic value for the move under analysis. The algorithm, a weighted sum of the count information, is shown below:

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VALUE = + 4.00 * WCAPO
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- + 1.25 \* WCAP1
- + 0.75 \* (WMAXC + WCC)
- + 0.25 \* (WMOB + WCAP2)
- 2.50 \* BMAXC
- 2.00 \* BCC
- 1.25 \* BCAP1
- 0.50 \* BMAXC
- U.25 \* (PMAXC + PCC + PMOB + BCAPO + BCAP2 + BMOB)

VALUE = VALUE + 02, A position bonus if the move is to the centre or out of the back rank.

VALUE = 00, If the move is illegal because the king is in check.

VALUE = FF, If the move results in a checkmate.

The move with the highest value is selected by the computer as the best move available. This algorithm can easily be modified by changing the weights assigned to the various parameters. For example, the program can be made to play more aggressively by increasing the importance of BMAXC and WCAPO in the equation above. On the other hand, it can be made to play more defensively by increasing the importance of BMAXC in the equation.

Note that the algorithm above has not yet been optimized. Therefore, it may be possible to significantly improve the play of the program by empirical testing to optimize the form and weights used for the equation.

An alternative form of algorithm to the weighted average type above, which also works well, assigns a fixed number of points to the occurrence of certain conditions. For example, the condition WMOB > PMOB may be considered to be worth 3 points regardless of the difference in value between the two variables. Similarly, conditions which are unfavourable would be assigned negative points. This type of strategy can be easily implemented by keeping a running total of the value in the accumulator and using CPX and CPY instructions to control branches around the adddition and subtraction routines. In general, more memory is required to implement an equally complex strategy using this type of algorithm, but in the long run this strategy will be more flexible.

## OPENING PLAY

The MICROCHESS program is designed in such a way that the opening can be played from memory, following established lines of play for up to nine moves per side. In order to conserve memory, only one opening is actually stored in the computer at a given time. The opening is stored in locations 00C0 through 00DB. By storing each of the openings provided on cassette tape with a different ID for each, it is possible to load the desired opening before beginning play. More openings can be added to the repertoire by coding them in the format shown below.

Users with expanded memory can set up all the openings in a set of tables, allowing the program to select the appropriate opening as long as its opponent is following a standard procedure.

The ability to load an opening by name and play it with the computer also provides an excellent method of rehearsing openings for a chessplayer who is attempting to memorize the standard plays.

Each move and expected reply is stored in 3 bytes. The program first checks that the expected reply TO square is the same as the one in the stored opening. If it matches, the piece and the TO square for the computer's move are loaded into the display and moved. For example, the following illustrates the GIUOCO PIANO Opening. The computer is playing white.

Address	Data	Move
UUDB	CC	Expected display when computer is making its first move.
UUDA UUD9 UUD8	UF 33 43	King pawn. To KP4. Expected reply P-KP4.
UUD7 UUD6 UUD5	υ6 22 52	Knight. To KB3. Expected reply: N-QB3.
UUD4	04	Bishop.

The last line of the opening sequence must be 99, or any impossible position square, to cause the program to leave the opening routine and enter the normal strategy evaluation routines.

#### MODIFYING THE INPUT AND OUTPUT ROUTINES

In order to use the MICROCHESS program on 6502 microprocessor systems other than the KIM-1, the only modifications necessary are changes to the input and output subroutine calls. These subroutines appear in the program listing as \*OUT and \*GETKEY at locations 0008, 0008, and 039F.

\*OUT is a subroutine in the KIM ROM at location 1F1F which displays, in hexadecimal format, the contents of memory locations OUFB, OUFA, and OUF9 on the 6 digit LED display. OUFB contains the coded piece identification and locations OUFA and OUF9 contain the FROM and TO squares respectively. These three locations are also used to display CCCCCC and EEEEEE as verification of the keyboard input. At address 039F, \*OUT is called by CKMATE at the end of the move analysis to flash the display. This call is not necessary for operation of the program and may be eliminated by replacing the JMP instruction at that location with an RTS (60). The MICROCHESS program has been designed so that neither the X and Y registers, nor the accumulator contents need be preserved by a replacement output subroutine.

\*GETKEY is a KIM subroutine which returns the value of the depressed key in the accumulator. Hexadecimal values are returned right justified (e.g. OA). The only non-hex key used is [PC] which returns the value 14. This key is used only once, at location 0033, so is easy to replace with any other value. Once again, the X and Y registers need not be preserved by a replacement input subroutine.

#### EXPANDED INPUT AND OUTPUT ROUTINES

Users with CRT or teletype terminals and additional memory will probably want to customize the input and output features of the program.

A format which can be used for move entry and move display is shown by the example: N(KN1) - KB3. This format completely expresses the move, and also provides a check value in the piece descriptor. Translation from this notation to the internal octal FROM and TO square notation is easily accomplished with a simple table lookup program which contains the file descriptors and subtracts 01 from the rank value.

The board can be displayed by providing a routine which prints a layout such as the one illustrated below. Before printing each square, the program could search the piece tables to determine if the square is occupied, and by which piece. The table descriptor is then obtained from the same tables used by the I/O routines above. Users with graphic terminals will want to set up even more elaborate board display routines.

WP	WP	WP	1             	WP	WP	WP	WP
       	   ** 		**	 	WN		**

#### SPECIAL MOVES

Several types of moves are not included in the MICROCHESS program in order reduce the memory requirements. These moves, castling, en passant capture, and queening of pawns, can be added by expanding and modifying some of the subroutines which generate and execute moves. GNM modified to spot the occurrence of situations in which the moves are available. The actual move calculations must added to CMOVE, and a flag to indicate the nature of the move set to allow MOVE and UMOVE to properly interpret them. flag could use the two spare bits in .SQUARE. Additional parameters would be required to indicate when castling, or en passant moves are legal during the game, because these moves depend upon previous play for their legality. Expansion of piece and point tables would allow the program to keep track of more than one queen per side.

#### STRATEGY IMPROVEMENTS

As you will soon discover when playing against the MICROCHESS program, it has a tendency to make ridiculous moves from time to time. These moves usually result from unusual positions, which point out deficiencies in the way the move value is calculated. A major problem in the analysis is that there is only one strategy which is used for the opening, the middle game, and the end game. This involves a considerable compromise of three different types of play. Users with memory expansion may wish to write three algorithms which can be switched in and out of the analysis at various points during the game.

Similarly, allowing more than 1K of memory enables the user to add more specialized evaluation routines. For example, a separate subroutine could be used to evaluate each of the following situations from both an offensive and defensive viewpoint, enabling a much more sophisticated level of play: 1- King in check. A major flaw in the current program causes the computer to minimize attacks by placing the opponent's king in check, even at the expense of a minor piece- a very short term solution to the problem! 2- En prise capture availability for either side. 3- Pawn development value: isolated pawns, passed pawns, doubled pawns, etc. 4- Xray analysis: the value of pins, discovered attack threats, etc. 5- Mating strategies: each of the major types of mates. 6-Positional development: utilization of open files, control of the centre, king position, pawn chains, etc.

With the exception of the capture tree, the MICROCHESS program analyses in full only one move for each side beyond the move it will make. It is possible to use the same recursive technique used by TREE to carry out a full analysis to a further depth. To do this would require a routine to analyse and evaluate each intermediate position arrived at. Sequences possible positions with positive values for computer moves and negative values for opponent's moves can be summed to give the total long term value of each currently available move. In order to be time efficient, this analysis can be performed on a subset of the available continuations selected by a quick static analysis. In addition, a system of 'tree pruning' implemented to prevent long excursions down low valued branches. Programmers embarking on this type program should bear in mind that from an average position with 50 available moves per side, a total of 15.625 billion sequences are generated in three moves per side.

As can be seen, MICROCHESS is only the beginning. However, it does demonstrate the capability of a small scale hobbyist microcomputer system to tackle the game of chess. It is hoped that this program will provide an inspiration and a stepping stone that chess playing programmers will expand and build upon. Let us know what you have done to improve the system. We will attempt to publish or distribute some of your ideas. It is hoped that a tournament of chess playing microcomputers can be arranged at a future microcomputer gathering. Expanded and modified versions of MICROCHESS will then have the opportunity to prove their playing ability against other programs in the same memory utilization class.

# DATA FOR OPENINGS

The data below enables the computer to play the opening specified from memory. The data is in a block from 00C0 to 00DB. W specifies that the computer will play white, B specifies that the computer is black.

*							uts dimming i																					
<b>E</b>	44	OF	34	22	07	22	52	90	25	31	04	41	75	00	90	53	0E	23	36	04	52	55	01	14	74	07	03	66
FOUR KNIGHTS		P-K4	P-K4		N-KB3	N-QB3		N-B3	N-B3		B-N5	B-N5		0-0	0-0		P-Q3	P-Q3		B-N5	BxN		PxB	Q-K2		R-K1	N-Q1	
3	2	0F	33	43	90	22	22	07	25	25	04	46	36	00	01	72	0E	24	54	02	41	25	OB	25	63	02	03	66
ല	43	90	25	42	0F	24	22	OB	21	26	05	11	99	04	14	72	00	90	25	90	44	62	90	52	52	20	35	66
QUEEN'S INDIAN	-	P-Q4	N-KB3		P-QB4	P-K3		N-KB3	P-QN3		P-KN3	B-N2		B-N2	B-K2		0-0	0-0		N-B3	N-K5		Q-B2	NXN		OXN	P-KB4	
3	ည	OE	34	52	010	35	53	90	22	26	0A	21	99	04	1	63	00	01	72	07	25	33	01	15	25	01	25	66
В	44	0F	34	52	07	22	31	90	25	75	90	44	43	04	14	64	90	23	22	OB	22	34	90	11	52	00	90	99
RUY LOPEZ		P-K4	P-K4		N-KB3	N-QB3	•	B-N5	N-B3		0-0	NxP		P-Q4	B-K2		Q-K2	N-03	,	BxN	NPxB		PxP	N-N2		N-B3	0-0	
3	8	0F	33	43	90	22	55	04	46	52	00	01	33	OE	34	63	01	13	54	04	55	55	OE	43	99	07	25	66
В	44	0F	34	55	07	22	42	04	32	52	90	25	43	0F	43	43	04	41	52	90	44	7.5	90	52	52	04	52	66
GIUOCO PIANO		P-K4	P-K4		N-KB3	N-QB3	,	B-B4	B-B4		P-B3	N-B3		P-04	PxP		PxP	B-N5		N-B3	NxKP		0-0	NXN		PxN	BxP	
×	8	0F	33	43	90	22	52	04	35	45	OD)	25	52	OE	34	34	00	34	36	07	25	33	00	01	25	0B	25	66
В	44	0F	24	43	OE	33	52	90	25	36	04	14	34	90	13	14	01	14	63	00	90	45	00	32	55	07	22	66
FRENCH DEFENCE		P-K4	P-K3		P-Q4	P-04	,	N-0B3	N-KB3		B-N5	B-K2		P-K5	KN-Q2	•	BxB	OxB	,	0-05	(O-O		P-B4	P-084	,	N-B3	N-QB3	,
M	2	OF	33	53	OE	34	44	07	25	52	05	41	63	0F	43	64	02	63	63	01	14	72	20	32	45	90	22	66
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# EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

ADDR	SYMBOL	EXPLANATION
0050		LOCATION OF PIECES
0060	.BK :	OPPONENT'S PIECES
0070	.SETW :	
008F	.MOVEX :	
OUAU	.POINTS :	TABLE OF PIECE VALUES
00B0	.PIECE :	CURRENT PIECE UNDER ANALYSIS
00B1	.SQUARE :	TO SQUARE OF PIECE
00B2	.SP2 :	STACK POINTER FOR STACK 2 STACK POINTER FOR STACK 1
00B3 00B4	.INCHEK :	
00B4 00B5		
00B5	.STATE :	MOVE TABLE POINTER
OODC	OMOVE :	OPENING POINTER
OODC	OPNING:	OPENING MOVE TABLE
UUDD	.WCAPO :	COMPUTER CAPTURE O
OUDE	.COUNT :	START OF COUNT TABLE
OUDE	.BCAP2 :	
OODF	.WCAP2 :	
OUEO		OPPONENT CAPTURE 1
00E1		COMPUTER CAPTURE 1
00E2		OPPONENT CAPTURE O
UUE3		MOBILITY
OUE4		MAXIMUM CAPTURE
UUE5	.cc :	
OOE6		PIECE ID OF MAXC
00E3	.BMOB :	OPPONENT MOBILITY
OOE4	.BMAXC :	OPPONENT MAXIMUM CAPTURE
00E5	.BCC :	
UUE6	.BMAXP :	
00E8		CURRENT MAXIMUM CAPTURE
UUEB	.WMOB :	COMPUTER MOBILITY
OUEC	.WMAXC :	COMPUTER MAXIMUM CAPTURE
OOED	.WCC :	
OUEE		COMPUTER MAXP
OUEF		PREVIOUS COMPUTER MOB
	.PMAXC :	
OUF1	.PCC :	PREVIOUS COMPUTER CC
00F2	.PCP :	PREVIOUS COMPUTER MAXP
00F3	OLDKY:	KEY INPUT TEMPORARY
OOFB	.BESTP :	PIECE OF BEST MOVE FOUND
OOFA	.BESTV :	VALUE OF BEST MOVE FOUND
00F9	.BESTM :	TO SQUARE OF BEST MOVE
OOFA	.DIS1 :	DISPLAY POINT 1
OOFA	.DIS2 :	DISPLAY POINT 2
00F9	.DIS3 :	DISPLAY POINT 3

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	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	OA	OB	oc	OD	OE	OF
0000:	D8	A2	FF	94	A2	CS	86	B2	20	1F	1F	20	6A	1F	C5	F3
0010:	FO	F6	85	F3	C9	OC	DO	OF	A2	1F	B5	70	95	50	CA	10
0020:	F9	86	DC	A9	CC	DO	12	CS	OE	DO	07	20	B2	02	A9	EE
0030:	DO	07	C5	14	DO	OB	20	A2	03	85	FB	85	FA	85	F9	DO
0040:	BF	CS	OF	DO	06	20	48	03	4C	SD	01	4C	96	01	10	00
0070:	03	04	00	07	02	05	01	06	10	17	11	16	12	15	14	13
0080:	73 FO	74 FF	70	77 10	72	75 0F	71 EF	76 F1	60	67	61	66	62	65	64	63
00A0:	OB	OA	06	06	04	04	04	04	DF 02	E1	EE 02	F2	12	OE	1F	21
0100:	A6	B5	30	5C	A5	BO	FO	08	EO	08	DO	04	C5	02 E6	02 F0	05 05
0110:	F6	E3	CS	01	DO	02	F6	E3	50	1E	AO	OF	A5	B1	DS	60
0120:	00	FO	03	88	10	F8	B9	AO	00	D5	E4	90	04	94	E6	95
0130:	E4	18	98	75	E5	95	E5	28	EO	04	FO	03	30	31	60	A5
0140:	E8	85	DD	AS	00	85	B5	20	4B	03	20	B2	02	20	00	0.5
0150:	50 E0	B2	02	A9 OB	98	85	B5 C5	20 B 1	20	02	20	31	03	4C	80	17
0170:	FD	AO	07	A5	A5 B1	60 D9	60	00	DO FO	04	88	00 F0	85 F1	84 10	60 F6	50 B9
0180:	AO	00	D5	E2	90	02	95	E2	C6	B5	A9	FB		B5	FO	03
0190:	20	25	03	E6	35	60	CS	08	BO	12	20	EA	03	A2	15	B5
01A0:	50	C5	FA	FO	03	CA	10	F7	86	FB	86	BO	4C	00	00	CO
0200:	A2	10	A9	00	95	DE	CA	10	FB	A9	10	85	ВО	C6	BO	10
0210:	01	60	20	1E	03	A4	ВО	A2	08	86	B6	CO	08	10	41	CO
0220:	06 D0	10 FB	2E FO	CO D9	20	10 90	1F 02	DO	O1 FB	FO	05	10	OE	20	8E	02
0240:	SC	02	DO	FB	FO	C7	20	90	02	A5	D2 B6	A2 C9	04	86 DO	B6 F7	20 F0
0250:	BC	A2	10	86	B6	20	8E	02	A5	B6	CS	08	DO	F7	FO	AD
0260:	A2	06	86	<b>B6</b>	20	CA	02	50	05	30	03	20	00	01	20	1E
0270:	03	C6	B6	A5	<b>B6</b>	C9	05	FO	EB	20	CA	02	70	8F	30	8D
0280:	20	00	01	A 5	B 1	29	FO	CS	20	FO	EE	4C	OD	05	20	CA
0290: 02A0:	02	30 50	03 F9	20 30	00	01	20	1E	03	C6	B6	60	20	CA	02	90
02B0:	B6	60	A2	OF	38	B4	60	00 A9	77	28 F5	50 50	F0	60	1E 94	03 50	C6 38
02C0:	AS	77	F5	50	95	50	CA	10	EB	60	A5	B1	A6	B6	18	75
02D0:	8F	85	B1	29	88	DO	42	A5	B1	A2	20	CA	30	OE	D5	50
02E0:	DO	F9	EO	10	30	33	A9	7F	69	01	70	01	88	A5	<b>B</b> 5	30
02F0:	24		08		20	48	08	A9	FS	85	B5	85	<b>B4</b>	20	48	03
0300:	20	B2 38	02	20 FF	09	02	20	2E	03	28	68	85	B5	A5	B4	30
0320:	B5	50	A 9	B1	60	18	A9 4B	00	20	A9 B2	FF 02	18	09	60	A 6	BO
0330:	02	BA	86	B3	A6	B2	94	68	85	B6	68	85	BO	AA	68	B2
0340:	50	68	AA	68	85	B1	95	50	4C	70	03	BA	86	B3	A6	B2
0350:	SA	A5	B1	48	84	45	1 F	D5	50	FO	03	CA	10	F9	AS	CC
0360:	95	50	8A	48	A6	ВО	B5	50	94	50	48	88	48	A5	B6	48
0370:	BA	86	B2	A6	B3	94	60	A6	E4	E4	AO	DO	04	A9	00	FO
0380:	FA	A6	E3 OC	DO FO	06 0A	A6 85	FA	DO A5	02 B0	A9 85	FF	A2 A5	04 B1	86 85	B5 F9	C5 4C
03A0:	1F	1F	A6	DC	10	17	A5	FS	D5	DC	DO	OF	CA	B5	DC	85
03B0:	FB	CA	B5	DC	85	F9	CA	86	DC	DO	1A	85	DC	A2	OC	86
03CO:	B5	86	FA	A2	14	20	02	02	A2	04	86	<b>B</b> 5	20	00	02	A6
03D0:	FA	EO	OF	50	12	A6	FB	B5	50	85	FA	86	BO	A 5	FS	85
03E0:	B1	20	4B	03	4C	00	00	A9	FF	60	A2	04	06	F9	26	FA 00
03F0:	CA	DO	F9	05	F9	85	F9	85	B1	60	00	00	00	00		
1780:	18	AS F1	80	65 E2	EB E5	65	EC E5	65	ED	65 EF	E1	65 E3	DF	38	E5	F0
17A0:	E5 4A	18	E5	40	65	EC	65	DE	E5	E5	E5 E4	4A	18	69	8A 90	65
17B0:	DD	65	DD	65	DD	65	DD	65	E1	38	E5	E4	£5	E4	E5	E5
17CO:	E5	E5	E5	EO	A6	B1	EO	33	FO	16	EO	34	FO	12	EO	22
17D0:	FO	OE	EO	25	FO	OA		BO		09		50	CO	10	10	03
17E0:	18	69	02	4C	77	03										

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2			;	EXECUTION B	EGINS AT ADDRES	S 0000
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	0000 D8 0001 A2 FF 0003 9A 0004 A2 C8 0006 86 B2		CHESS	+++ CLD LDXIM TXS LDXIM STXZ	FF C8 .SP2	INITIALIZE TWO STACKS
10 11 12 13 14			;	ROUTINES TO DISPLAY AND FROM KEYBOAR	GET KEY	
15 16 17 18 19	0008 20 1F 000B 20 6A 000E C5 F3 0010 F0 F6 0012 85 F3	1F	ÓUT	JSR JSR CMPZ BEQ STAZ	*OUT *GETKEY OLDKY OUT OLDKY	DISPLAY AND GET INPUT KEY IN ACC (DEBOUNCE)
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	0014 C9 OC 0016 D0 UF 0018 A2 1F 001A B5 70 001C 95 50 001E CA 001F 10 F9 0021 86 DC 0023 A9 CC 0025 D0 12		; WHSET	CMPIM BNE LDXIM LDAZX STAZX DEX BPL STXZ LDAIM BNE	OC NOSET 1F .SETW .BOARD WHSET .OMOVE CC CLDSP	[C] SET UP BOARD FROM SETW
31 32 33 34 35 36	0027 C9 0E 0029 D0 07 002B 20 B2 002E A9 EE 0030 D0 07	02	; NOSET	CMPIM BNE JSR LDAIM BNE	OE NOREV REVERSE EE CLDSP	[E] REVERSE BOARD AS IS
37 38 39 40	0032 C9 14 0034 D0 0B 0036 20 A2		NOREV	CMPIM BNE JSR	14 NOGO GO	[PC] PLAY CHESS
41 42 43 44 45	0039 85 FB 003B 85 FA 003D 85 F9 003F D0 BF		; CLDSP	STA STAZ STAZ BNE	.DIS1 .DIS2 .DIS3 CHESS	DISPLAY ACROSS DISPLAY
46 47 48 49 50	0041 C9 OF 0043 D0 06 0045 20 4B 0048 4C 9D	03	; NOGO	CMPIM BNE JSR JMP	OF NOMV MOVE DISP	[F] MOVE MAN AS ENTERED

51	004B	4C	96	01	NOMV	JMP	INPUT	
52 53 54 55 56 57					; ; ; ;	ANALYSIS BY	JANUS DIRECTS T DETERMINING WHA R AFTER EACH MOV Y GNM	T I
58 59 60 61	0100 0102				JANUS	+++ LDXZ BMI	.STATE NOCOUNT	
62 63 64 65					;	THIS ROUTING IT DEPENDS THE CORRECT	E COUNTS OCCURRI UPON STATE TO II COUNTERS	ENCES NDEX
66 67 68 69 70 71 72	0104 0106 0108 010A 010C 010E	F0 E0 D0 C5	08 08 04 E6		COUNTS	LDAZ BEQ CPXIM BNE CMPZ BEQ	.PIECE OVER 08 OVER .BMAXP XRT	IF STATE=8 DO NOT COUNT BLK MAX CAP MOVES FOR WHITE
73 74 75 77 78 78 88 88 88 88 88	0110 0112 0114 0116	C 9 D 0	01 02		; OVER	INCZX CMPIM BNE INCZX	.MOB 01 NOQ .MOB	MOBILITY + QUEEN FOR TWO
	0118 011A 011C 011E 0121 0123 0124 0126	A0 A5 D9 F0 88 10 B9	0F B1 60 03 F8 A0		; NOQ ELOOP FOUN	BVC LDYIM LDAZ CMPAY BEQ DEY BPL LDAAY	NOCAP OF .SQUARE .BK FOUN ELOOP .POINTS	CALCULATE POINTS CAPTURED BY THIS MOVE
87 88 89 90	0129 012B 012D 012F	90 94	04 E6			CMPZX BCC STYZX STAZX	.MAXC LESS .PCAP .MAXC	SAVE IF BEST THIS STATE
91 92 93 95 96	0131 0132 0133 0135 0137	75 95			; LESS	CLC PHP ADCZX STAZX PLP	• CC • CC	ADD TO CAPTURE COUNTS
97 98 99 100	0138 013A 013C	FΟ	03		NOC AP	CPXIM BEQ BMI	O4 ON4 TREE	(=00 ONLY)

013E	60			XRT	RTS		
				;			COUNT
0141 0143 0145 0147 014A 014D	85 85 20 20	DD 00 B5 4B B2 00	02 02	on4	LDAZ STAZ LDAIM STAZ JSR JSR JSR JSR	.XMAXC .WCAPO OO .STATE MOVE REVERSE GNMZ REVERSE	SAVE ACTUAL CAPTURE STATE=0  GENERATE IMMEDIATE REPLY MOVES
0155 0157	85 20	B5 09			LDAIM STAZ JSR JSR	08 •STATE GNM UMOVE	STATE=8 GENERATE CONTINUATION MOVES
0160	ΕO	F9	17	NOCOUNT	JMP CPXIM BNE	STRATGY F9 TREE	FINAL EVALUATION
				;			BE
0166 0168 016A 016C	C5 D0 A9 85	B1 04 00		RETJ	LDAZ CMPZ BNE LDAIM STAZ RTS	.BK .SQUARE RETJ OO .INCHEK	IS KING IN CHECK? SET INCHEK=0 IF IT IS
				;	A TRIAL MOV	E, GENERATE REP	LIES &
0171 0173 0175 0178	A 0 A 5 D 9 F 0	07 B1 60	00	TREE	BVC LDYIM LDAZ CMPAY BEQ	RETJ 07 •SQUARE •BK FOUNX	NO CAP (PIECES)
017B 017D 017F 0182 0184 0186	F0 10 B9 D5 90 95	F6 A0 E2 02 E2	00	FOUNX	BEQ BPL LDAAY CMPZX BCC STAZX	RETJ LOOPX .POINTS .BCAPO NOMAX .BCAPO .STATE	(KING) SAVE BEST CAP AT THIS LEVEL
	01413 01443 01443 01444 01440 0157 0157 0157 0157 0160 01668 01668 01668 01668 01668 0167 0177 0177 0177 0177 0177 0184 0186	013F A5 0141 A9 0143 A9 0144 A20 0144 D20 0150 A9 0155 A20 0155 D0 0157 A0 0168 D0 0168 A9 0168 A9 0168 A9 0168 A9 0178 A5 0178 B8 0178 B9 0178 B9 0184 95	014A 20 B2 014D 20 00 0150 20 B2 0153 A9 08 0155 85 B5 0157 20 09 015A 20 31 015D 4C 80 0160 E0 F9 0162 D0 0B  0164 A5 60 0166 C5 B1 0168 D0 04 016C 85 B4 016E 60  016F 50 FD 0171 A0 07 0173 A5 B1 0175 D9 60 0178 F0 05 0178 F0 05 0178 F0 F1 017D 10 F6	013F A5 E8 0141 85 DD 0143 A9 00 0145 85 B5 0147 20 4B 03 014A 20 B2 02 014D 20 00 02 0150 20 B2 02 0153 A9 08 0155 85 B5 0157 20 09 02 015A 20 31 03 015D 4C 80 17 0160 E0 F9 0162 D0 0B 016A A9 00 016C 85 B1 016B D0 04 016C 85 B4 016E 60 0171 A0 07 0173 A5 B1 0175 D9 60 00 016C 85 B4 016E 60 0178 F0 05 017A 88 017B F0 F1 017D 10 F6 017F B9 A0 00 0182 D5 E2 0184 90 02 0186 95 E2	013F A5 E8 ON4 0141 85 DD 0143 A9 00 0145 85 B5 0147 20 4B 03 0144 20 B2 02 014D 20 00 02 0150 20 B2 02 0150 20 B2 02 0155 85 B5 0157 20 09 02 015A 20 31 03 015D 4C 80 17 0160 E0 F9 0162 D0 0B  ;; 0164 A5 60 0166 C5 B1 0168 A9 00 016C 85 B4 016E 60  RETJ ;; ;;  016F 50 FD TREE 0171 A0 07 0173 A5 B1 0175 D9 60 00 0178 F0 05 017A 88 017B F0 F1 017D 10 F6 017B P0 F1 017D 10 F6 017B P9 A0 00 0182 D5 E2 0184 90 02 0186 95 E2	GENERATE FU AND ANALYSI	GENERATE FURTHER MOVES FOR   AND ANALYSIS   ANALYSIS

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151 152 153 154 155	018A 018C 018E 0190 0193 0195	C5 F0 20 E6	B5 03 25	03	UPTREE;	LDAIM CMPZ BEQ JSR INC RTS	FB .STATE UPTREE GENRM .STATE	IF STATE=FB TIME TO TURN AROUND GENERATE FURTHER CAPTURES	
157 158					, ,	THE PLAYER	R'S MOVE IS INPUT	INPUT	
159 160 161 162 163 164	0196 0198 019A 019D 019F	B0 20 A2 B5	12 EA 1F 50	03	; INPUT DISP SEARCH	CMPIM BCS JSR LDXIM LDAZX CMPZ		NOT A LEGAL SQUARE #	
165 166 167 168	01A1 01A3 01A5 01A6	FO CA	03				HERE	DISPLAY PIECE AT FROM	
169 170	01A8 01AA 01AC	86 86	FB BO	00	HERE ERROR	STXZ STXZ JMP	.DIS1 .PIECE CHESS	SQUARE	
171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 181 182 183 184 185 186 187	0 , 12 0				; ; ; ;	SIDE, CALI	ALL MOVES FOR ONE L JANUS AFTER EAC EXT STEP	CH	
	0200 0202 0204 0206 0207	A 9 9 5 C A	OO DE		GNMZ GNMX CLEAR	+++ LDXIM LDAIM STAZX DEX BPL	10 00 .COUNT CLEAR	CLEAR COUNTERS	
	0209 020B 020D 020F 0211	85 C6 10	B0 B0 01		; GNM NEWP	LDAIM STAZ DECZ BPL RTS	10 .PIECE .PIECE NEX	SET UP PIECE NEW PIECE ALL DONE? -YES	
189 190 191 193 194 196 199 199 190	0212 0215 0217 0219 021B 021F 022F 0221 0223 0225	A4 A2 86 CU 10 CU 10 CU	B0 08 86 08 41 06 2E 04 1F		; NEX	JSR LDYZ LDXIM STXZ CPYIM BPL CPYIM BPL CPYIM BPL CPYIM BPL CPYIM	RESET .PIECE 08 .MOVEN 08 PAWN 06 KNIGHT 04 BISHOP	READY GET PIECE  COMMON START WHAT IS IT? PAWN  KNIGHT BISHOP	

201 202 203	0229 022B		-			BEQ BPL	QUEEN ROOK	QUEEN ROOK
204 205 206 207 208	022D 0230 0232 0234 0237	D0 F0 20 D0	FB D9 9C FB		; KING QUEEN	JSR BNE BEQ JSR BNE	SNGMV KING NEWP LINE QUEEN	MUST BE KING! MOVES 8 TO 1 MOVES
209 210 211 212 213 214 215	0239 023B 023D 023F 0242 0244	A2 86 20 D0	04 B6 9C FB	02	; ROOK AGNR	BEQ LDXIM STXZ JSR BNE BEQ	NEWP  04 .MOVEN LINE AGNR NEWP	8 TO 1 MOVES 4 TO 1
216 217 218 219 220 221	0246 0249 024B 024D 024F	A5 C9 D0	B6 04 F7	02	; BISHOP	JSR LDAZ CMPIM BNE BEQ	LINE .MOVEN O4 BISHOP NEWP	MOVES 8 TO 5
222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229	0253 0255	20 A5 C9 D0	B6 8E B6 08 F7	02	; KNIGHT AGNN	LDXIM STXZ JSR LDAZ CMPIM BNE BEQ	10 .MOVEN SNGMV .MOVEN O8 AGNN NEWP	MOVES 16 TO 9
230 231 232 233 234 235 236	0260 0262 0264 0267 0269 0268	86 20 50 30	B6 CA 05 03		; PAWN P1	LDXIM STXZ JSR BVC BMI JSR	06 .MOVEN CMOVE P2 P2 JANUS	RIGHT CAP?
237 238 239 240 241	026E 0271 0273 0275 0277	20 C6 A5 C9	1E B6 B6 05		P2	JSR DECZ LDAZ CMPIM BEQ	RESET .MOVEN .MOVEN 05 P1	YES LEFT CAP?
242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250	0279 027C 027E 0280 0283 0285 0287 0289 028B	20 70 30 20 A5 29 C9 F0	CA 8F 8D 00 B1 F0 20 EE	0.1	P3	JSR BVS BMI JSR LDAZ ANDIM CMPIM BEQ JMP	CMOVE NEWP NEWP JANUS SQUARE FO 20 P3 NEWP	AHEAD ILLEGAL  GETS TO 3RD RANK?  DO DOUBLE

251 252 253					;	CALCULA'	TE SI N	NGLE SI	CEP MOV	ES	
254 255 256 257	U28E U291 U293	30 20	03 00	01	SNGMV	JSR BMI JSR		CMOVE ILL1 JANUS		CALC MO -IF LE -EVALU	GAL
258 259 260 261	U296 U299 U29B	С6		03	ILL1	JSR DECZ RTS		RESET .MOVEN			
262 263 264					; ; ;	CALCULA STRAIGH	T LIN	E FOR (			
265 266 267	029C 029F 02A1	90 50	02 F9	02	LINE	JSR BCC BVC BMI		CMOVE OVL LINE ILL		CALC MO NO CHK CH, NOC RETURN	
268 269 270 271	U2A3 U2A5 U2A6 U2A9	υ8 20		01	OVL	PHP JSR PLP		JANUS		EVALUAT	
272 273 274 275	02AA 02AC 02AF 02B1	20 C6	1 E	03	ILL	BVC JSR DECZ RTS		LINE RESET .MOVEN		NOT A C LINE ST NEXT D	OPPED
276 277 278	022.				; ; ;	EXCHANG ANALYSI		ES FOR	REPLY		
279 280	02B2		ŰF		REVERSE ETC	LDXIM SEC	i	UF			
281 282 283 284	02B4 02B5 02B7 02B9	B4 A9 F5	77 50		E10	LDYZX LDAIM SBCZX		.BK 77 .BOARD		SUBTRA POSITI FROM 7	ON
285 286	02BB 02BD	94				STAZX STYZX SEC		.BK .BOARD		AND	
287 288 289 290	02C0 02C2 02C4	A9 F5 95	50			LDAIM SBCZX STAZX DEX		77 .BOARD .BOARD		EXCHAN PIECES	
291 292 293 294	02C6 02C7 02C9	10	EB		;	BPL RTS		ETC			
295 296 297					;						
298 299 300					; ;						

301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309			; ; ; ; ; ; ;	USING .SQUATABLE. FLAC N - ILLEGAL V - CAPTURE C - ILLEGAL [MY THANKS	(LEGAL UNLESS) BECAUSE OF CHE O JIM BUTTERFIL OHIS MORE EFFIC	E WS: IN CH) CK ELD
310 311 312 313	02CA A5 E 02CC A6 E 02CE 18	В6	; CMOVE	LDAZ LDXZ CLC	.SQUARE .MOVEN	GET SQUARE MOVE POINTER
314 315	02CF 75 8 02D1 85 E	В1		ADCZX STAZ	.MOVEX .SQUARE	MOVE LIST NEW POS'N
316 317 318	02D3 29 8 02D5 D0 1 02D7 A5 E	42		ANDIM BNE LDAZ	88 ILLEGAL .SQUARE	OFF BOARD
319 320 321 322 323 324	02D9 A2 2 02DB CA 02DC 30 0 02DE D5 5 02E0 D0 E	0E 50	LOOP	LDXIM DEX BMI CMPZX BNE	NO BOARD LOOP	IS TO SQUARE OCCUPIED?
325 326 327	02E2 E0 3 02E4 30 3		;	CPXIM BMI	10 ILLEGAL	BY SELF?
328 329 330 331	02E6 A9 7 02E8 69 0 02EA 70 0	01	;	LDAIM ADCIM BVS	7F 01 SPX	MUST BE CAP! SET V FLAG (JMP)
332 333 334	02EC B8		; NO	CLV		NO CAPTURE
335 336 337 338	02ED A5 E 02EF 30 2 02F1 C9 0 02F3 10 2	24 08	; SPX	BMI	.STATE RETL 08 RETL	SHOULD WE DO THE CHECK CHECK?
339 341 342 344 344 347			;	AND LOOKS FOR CAPTURE TO ILLEGAL MOVE CHECK. SING	INDICATE E BECAUSE OF CE THIS IS ING, IT IS NOT	
348 349 350	02F5 48 02F6 08 02F7 A9 B	F9	снкснк	PHA PHP LDAIM	F9	STATE

351 352 353 354 355 356 357	02F9 02FB 02FD 0300 0303 0306 0309	85 20 20 20 20 28	B4 4B B2 09	02 02		STAZ STAZ JSR JSR JSR JSR PLP	.STATE .INCHEK MOVE REVERSE GNM RUM	GENERATE ALL REPLY MOVES TO SEE IF KING IS IN CHECK
359 361 362 364 365	030A 030B 030D 030F 0311 0312	85 A5 30 38 A9	B4 04			PLA STAZ LDAZ BMI SEC LDAIM RTS	.STATE .INCHEK RETL FF	NO - SAFE YES - IN CHK
366 367 368	0315 0316 0318	A 9	00		; RETL	CLC LDAIM RTS	00	LEGAL RETURN
369 370 371 372 373	U319 U31B U31C U31D	18 B8	FF		; ILLEGAL	LDAIM CLC CLV RTS	FF	ILLEGAL RETURN
374 375					;	REPLACE	.PIECE ON CORR	ECT .SQUARE
376 377 378 379 380 381	031E 0320 0322 0324	B5 85	50		RESET	LDXZ LDAZX STAZ RTS	.PIECE .BOARD .SQUARE	GET LOCAT. FOR PIECE FROM BOARD
382 383					;			
384 385 386 387	0325 0328 032B 032E	20 20	B2 09	02 02	GENRM GENR2 RUM	JSR JSR JSR JSR	MOVE REVERSE GNM REVERSE	MAKE MOVE REVERSE BOARD GENERATE MOVES REVERSE BACK
388 389 390					;	ROUTINE	TO UNMAKE A MO	VE MADE BY
391 392 393 394 395 396	0336 0337	86 A6 9A 68	B2		UMOVE	TSX STXZ LDXZ TXS PLA	.SP1 .SP2	UNMAKE MOVE EXCHANGE STACKS MOVEN
397 398 399 400	033B	85 68 85 AA				STAZ PLA STAZ TAX	.MOVEN	CAPTURED PIECE

401	033E 68			PLA		FROM SQUARE
402	033F 95 5	50		STAZX	. BOARD	
403	0341 68			PLA		PIECE
404 405	0342 AA 0343 68			TAX PLA		TO SQUARE
405	0343 85 E	21		STAZ	.SQUARE	
407	U346 95 5			STAZX	BOARD	
408	0348 4C 7	70 03		JMP	STRV	
409	_		;		WOURD BIRDS	
410			;		MOVES .PIECE	
411			;	TO .SQUARE,	A STACK TO UNI	1A K E
412 413			,	THE MOVE LAT		IAND
413			,	1118 11042 2111	<b></b>	
415	U34B BA		MOVE	TSX		
416	034C 86 E	33		STXZ	.SP1	SWITCH
417	034E A6 E			LDXZ	.SP2	STACKS
418	0350 9A			TXS		
419	0351 A5 H	31		LDAZ	.SQUARE	mo gouann
420	0353 48			PHA		TO SQUARE
421	0354 A8			TAY	4.0	
422	0355 A2		01111011	LDXIM	1F	CHECK FOR
423	0357 D5 5		CHECK	CMPZX	.BOARD TAKE	CAPTURE
424	0359 F0 (	03		BEQ DEX	THE	CHITORE
425	035B CA	F ()		BPL	CHECK	
426 427	035C 10 I		TAKE	LDAIM	CC	
428	0360 95		INKD	STAZX	BOARD	
429	0362 8A	<i>,</i>		TXA	•	CAPTURED
430	0363 48			PHA		PIECE
431	0364 A6 1	В0		LDXZ	.PIECE	
432	0366 B5	50		LDAZX	.BOARD	
433	u368 94 !	50		STYZX	.BOARD	FROM
434	036A 48			PHA		SQUARE
435	036B 8A			TXA		PIECE
436	036C 48	m.c		PHA	MOVEN	PIECE
437	036D A5	В6		LDAZ PHA	.MOVEN	MOVEN
438	036F 48		STRV	TSX		110 4 111
439 440	0370 BA 0371 86	. כם	SINV	STXZ	.SP2	SWITCH
440	0371 00 1			LDXZ	.SP1	STACKS
441	0375 A0	כם		TXS	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	BACK
443	0376 60			RTS		
444	03/0 00		:			
445			•		N OF SUB STRATG	
446			•		CHECK OR CHECK	MATE
447			;	AND ASSIGNS	VALUE TO MOVE	
448			;		DMAK C	CAN DIT CAD
449	0377 A6		CKMATE	LDXZ	.BMAXC	CAN BLK CAP
450	0379 E4	AO		CPXZ	.POINTS	MY KING?

451 452 453	U37B U37D U37F	A 9	ΟO			BNE LDAIM BEQ	NOCHEK UU RETV	GULP! DUMB MOVE!
454 4556 457 457 459	0381 0383 0385 0387 0389	A6 Dû	U6 EE U2		; NOCHEK	LDXZ BNE LDXZ BNE LDAIM	.BMOB RETV .WMAXP RETV FF	IS BLACK UNABLE TO MOVE AND KING IN CH? YES! MATE
460 461 462	038B 038D				; RETV	LDXIM STXZ	04 STATE	RESTORE STATE=4
463 464 465 466					; ; ; ;	IS COMP	UE OF THE MOVE ( ARED TO THE BEST S IT IF IT IS BE	r move and
467 468 469 470 471 472 473	038F 0391 0393 0395 0397 0399	90 FU 85 A5	UC UA FA BU		; PUSH	CMPZ BCC BEQ STAZ LDAZ STAZ	.BESTV RETP RETP .BESTV .PIECE .BESTP	IS THIS BEST MOVE SO FAR? YES! SAVE IT
1456789012345678901234544444444444444444444444444444444444	039B 039D 039F	85	F9	1F	RETP		.SQUARE .BESTM *OUT ROGRAM TO PLAY C	
	03B2 03B4	10 A 5 D 5 D C A B 5 A B 5 A B 6 C 8 6	17 F9 DC OF DC FB DC F9		; ; GO	PLAY FELDXZ BPL LDAZ CMPZY BNE DEX LDAZ STAZ DEX LDAZ STAZ DEX STAZ DEX STAZ BNE	END OPNING DIS1	OPENING? -NO -YES WAS OPPONENT'S MOVE OK?  GET NEXT CANNED OPENING MOVE  DISPLAY IT  MOVE IT (JMP)
496 497 498 499 500	U3BB U3BD U3BF U3C1 U3C3	A2 86 86	UC B5 FA		end noopen	STAZ LDXII STXZ STXZ LDXII	.STATE .BESTV	FLAG OPENING FINISHED STATE=C CLEAR BESTV GENERATE P

501 502	03C5	20	02	02	•	JSR	GNMX	MOVES
503 504 505 506	03C8 03CA 03CC	86	B5	02	;	LDXIM STXZ JSR	O4 .STATE GNMZ	STATE=4 GENERATE AND TEST AVAILABLE MOVES
507 508 509 510 511	03CF 03D1 03D3	A6 E0 90				LDXZ CPXIM BCC	.BESTV OF MATE	GET BEST MOVE IF NONE OH OH!
512 513 514 515 516 517 518 519	03D7 03D9 03DB 03DD 03DF	85 86 A5 85 20	B0 F9 B1		; MV2	LDXZ LDAZX STAZ STXZ LDAZ STAZ JSR JMP	.BESTP .BOARD .BESTV .PIECE .BESTM .SQUARE MOVE CHESS	MOVE THE BEST MOVE AND DISPLAY IT
520 521 522	03E7 03E9		FF		; MATE	LDAIM RTS	FF	RESIGN OR STALEMATE
523 524 525 526					; ;	SUBROUTINE PLAYER'S N	E TO ENTER TH	E
527 528 529 531 532 533 534 535	03EA 03EC 03EE 03F0 03F1 03F3 03F5 03F7	06 26 CA D0 05 85 85	F9 FA F9 F9		DISMV ROL	LDXIM ASLZ ROLZ DEX BNE ORAZ STAZ STAZ RTS	O4 .DIS3 .DIS2  ROL .DIS3 .DIS3 .SQUARE	ROTATE KEY INTO DISPLAY
536 537 538 539 540 541					;	A VALUE TO CONSIDERAT	NING SUBROUTI O THE MOVE UNI FION AND RETUI JMULATOR	DER
5443456 54456 54456 54490	1780 1781 1783 1785 1787 1789 1788	A9 65 65 65 65	EB EC ED E1		STRATGY	+++ CLC LDAIM ADCZ ADCZ ADCZ ADCZ ADCZ ADCZ SEC	80 .WMOB .WMAXC .WCC .WCAP1 .WCAP2	PARAMETERS WITH WEIGHT OF 0.25

SYMBOL	ADDR	DEF	CROSS	S REF	FEREN	CES						
SPX	02ED		331									
CHKCHK RETL ILLEGAL RESET GENRM GENR2 RUM UMOVE MOVE CHECK TAKE STRV CKMATE	02F5 0315 0319 031E 0325 0328	348 366 370 377 384 385	317	338 327 237		273						
	032E 0331 034B 0357 035E 0370 0377	387 392 4123 427 439 455	356 118 49 426 424 408 597 451	110	353	384	518					
NOCHEK RETV PUSH	U381 U38B U38F	461 468		456	458							
RETP GO END NOOPEN MV2 MATE DISMV ROL STRATGY	039F 03A2 03BB 03BD 03D5 03E7 03EA 03EC 1780	476 481 496 497 512 521 527 528 543	40 485 482 494 510 162 531	470								
POS POSN	17E0	595		585 594	587	589						
NOPOSN .BOARD	17E3 0050		591 25 423	164		286 433	289 513	290 592	323	378	402	407
.BK .SETW .MOVEX .POINTS	0060 0070 008F 00A0	604 605	82 24 314 86	127	141 450	282	285					
.PIECE	UUBU		67 590		185		191					
.SQUARE	UUB1	608	81	128 517	534	581	311	315	318	379	406	419
.SP2 .SP1 .INCHEK		609 610 611	9 393 131	394 416 352	441	440						
.STATE	00B4			109	116		152				_	462
.MOVEN	UUB6	613	193	212 397	218	224	226	232	238	239	259	274
.OMOVE .OPNING .WCAPU .COUNT .BCAP2	OODC OODE OODE	618	28 484 107 180 555	481 487 570	493 490		573					
.WCAP2 .BCAP1 .WCAP1 .BCAP0 .MOB .MAXC .CC	OUE3 OUE4	620 621 622 623		580 574 149 77 90	553							

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CROSS REFERENCES
SYMBOL
          ADDR DEF
                       89
. PCAP
          00E6 626
                      455 557
.BMOB
          00E3 627
                      449 566 576 577
          00E4 628
. BMAXC
          00E5 629
                      578 579
.BCC
          00E6 630
                       71
.BMAXP
.XMAXC
          00E8 631
                      106
          00EB 632
                      545
.WMOB
                      546 563
          00EC 633
. WMAXC
                      547 564
          00ED 634
.WCC
                      457
          OUEE 635
.WMAXP
          00EF 636
                      556
. PMOB
. PMAXC
          00F0 637
                      551
          00F1 638
                      552
.PCC
          00F2 639
.PCP
.OLDKY
          00F3 640
                       17
                           19
          00FB 641
                      473 512
.BESTP
                      468 471 499 508 514
          OOFA 642
.BESTV
          OUF9 643
                      475 516
.BESTM
          00FB 644
                       42 169 488
.DIS1
.DIS2
          00FA 645
                       43 165 529
                       44 483 491 528 532 533
          OUF9 646
.DIS3
          1F1F 647
                       15 476
*OUT
          1F6A 648
                       16
*GETKEY
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#### BLOCK DATA

.SETW	0070	03 73	04 74	00 70	07 77	02 72	05 75	01 71	06 76	10 60	17 67	11 61	16 66	12 62	15 65	14 64	13 63
. MOVEX	0090	FO	FF	01	10	11	OF	EF	F1	DF	E 1	EE	F2	12	0E	1F	21
.POINTS	OOAO	0B	OA	06	06	04	04	04	04	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02
.OPNING	0000			υB 45										34	34	OE	52

NOTE THAT 00B7 TO 00BF, 00F4 TO 00F8, AND 00FC TO 00FF ARE AVAILABLE FOR USER EXPANSION AND I/O ROUTINES.

# Micro-ADE 6502



# ASSEMBLER

This flexible two pass assembler can be used to assemble small programs directly in memory, or with up to two computer controlled cassettes for easy handling of large programs. The allocation of memory to the source, object, and symbol table is user defined. The symbol table may be listed at any time in alphabetical or address order. Efficient packed ASCII coding reduces the memory required by the symbol table. Error messages warn you of mistakes before the program crashes the system.

# DISASSEMBLER

The disassembler translates object code into assembler source language. Symbolic arguments and labels are defined from the symbol table. The assembler symbol table can be saved at assembly time for use with the disassembler for easy debugging. Relocation of undocumented programs becomes a snap. Use this disassembler once, and you'll never look at a hex dump again!

# EDITOR

Quick edit features include the FIX, INSERT, MOVE, and DELETE commands. Lines are automatically numbered. Cassette commands: GET, SAVE, and REPRODUCE simplify the editing of multiple file source programs on cassettes. A page mode formats the output for CRT terminals to allow easy viewing of long listings.

Micro-ADE is a well documented package of programs which may be used with any 6502 microcomputer system. The comprehensive 56 page user manual includes the full source listing for all input/output and KIM cassette I/O routines enabling you to interface your own peripheral devices with ease. All programs and utility routines coreside in 4K. Schematics are included for automatic control of two cassette recorders.

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