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ABSTRACT

A federally sponsored project was designed to incorporate a memory-assessment task and a memory strategy into a computer-based instructional system for assessing and assisting in remediating basic memory-processing and metacognitive deficiencies. The project resulted in an instructional system for school-aged children and youth with mild to moderate mental retardation as well as those with learning disabilities. The computer-based system is based upon an ordered recall task with a circular recall strategy. The system breaks the circular recall memory strategy into its component parts, trains each separately, and then chains the components together. The project involved substantiation of the useability and design of the instructional system, creation of the system, field testing and refinement, and preparation of a marketing plan. This final report describes activities carried out to complete project tasks. The report's appendices comprise the bulk of the document. Appendixes A and B provide the final design report and an addendum, outlining the significance of the problem, the population to benefit from the system to be developed, project timeline, computer screen layouts, plans for testing, commercial publishers' feedback, and other project information. Other appendices provide a user's manual, field test plan, final marketing plan, field test report, preliminary marketing plan, and software coding documentation. (Approximately 120 references in Appendix A) (JDD)

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## Task 301 - Substantiation of Useability and Design of the Instructional Systems

The Final Design Report submitted in the spring of 1985 contained the Substantiation Report, program design specifications incorporating reviewer-suggested changes, and comments regarding the feasibility, useability, and marketability of the software by educational software publishers. A copy of the Final Design Report may be found in Appendix A. The following paragraphs provide additional detail regarding the specific activities subsumed under Task 301.

### 301.1 - Completion of Substantiation Report

A substantiation report was prepared in January and February of 1985. This report described the nature and significance of the targeted problem in the education of students with mental retardation and learning disabilities based on an extensive literature review, detailed the specific features of the instructional packages and how they were to be assembled and programmed, and presented project timelines, a listing of components and costs, a work distribution plan, field test plans, a statement about the size and nature of the population, and a marketing distribution plan.

### 301.2 - Narrative Description of Programmatic Content

The narrative description, labeled The Program Narrative, was developed in January and February of 1985. Included in this package was a description of the program along with general program information; a document describing specifics of the program such as timing and criterion parameters written specifically for the programmers; a narrative containing screen-by-screen text detail regarding screen activity, verbal instruction, and text instructions; layouts of all screens comprising the program; and a description of the video game to be embedded in the software package.

### 301.3 - Solicitation and Incorporation of Feedback

Following completion of Tasks 301.1 and 301.2, these documents were sent to expert consultants in the fields of cognitive psychology and special education technology. They were asked to comment on the rationale underlying the project as well as on the appropriateness of the software design. After the Program Narrative and accompanying documents were sent to each reviewer, follow-up telephone calls were made upon receipt of their written feedback.

The reviewers' comments, directed towards the instructional design aspects and the technical use of the computer's features, were very favorable. Reviewer comments were

positive and supportive of the manner in which the software design captured the essence of the target cognitive task. Project staff worked with the Program Design Consultant to incorporate specific recommendations on the structure and dynamics. Having made the necessary modifications to the written documentation, project staff submitted the Final Design Report. This document included the Substantiation Report along with the updated Program Narrative.

An additional activity to be included in the work subsumed under this task was the submission of copies of the Final Design Report to a sample of persons representative of the eventual producers and distributors of the software. The purpose of the review was to provide feedback regarding the useability, suitability, and marketability of the software. Owing to the competitive dynamics of the educational software industry, project staff experienced difficulty in securing the assistance of many of those approached. The time period required for their review and return of comments exceeded that originally projected, thus forcing project staff to submit the Final Design Report to the federal government without this information. Once feedback had been received from all reviewers, it was incorporated into an addendum document and forwarded to the federal government. A copy of this addendum report may be found in Appendix B.

#### Task 302 - Creation of the Instructional System

The task of creating an instructional system such as the one proposed in this effort is multi-faceted and complex. For instance, it requires that the project team maintain an awareness of hardware and software limitations without losing sight of the goals of the project. Further, owing to the rapidly changing educational computing market, an awareness of current market trends is essential in order that a software product might be responsive to the immediate and near-future needs of the nation's schools. The instructional system in its finished state is a much more refined entity than that proposed in the Final Design Report. This came about through a continual evolutionary process as we encountered choice points and determined the best solutions based on pedagogical and technological considerations.

A prime example of such a choice was the decision to request a modification to the contract that would allow the software to be designed for MS-DOS computers rather than the Commodore 64. At the time that the original proposal was written, the Commodore and the Apple // series of computers comprised the majority of machines in the schools. In the short time between proposal submission and the commencement of programming activity for this software, the market had shifted and the MS-DOS computers were a strong contender in the educational computing marketplace.

Project staff verified the validity of these trends through consultation with a number of experts before suggesting that a change be made to the contract. Consequences for the project beyond the obvious programming changes were the need to purchase MS-DOS computers and peripherals to replace the Commodore equipment purchased originally. This entailed the need for decisions regarding speech output systems, graphics packages, and a redesign of some components of the software. These changes added considerably to the length of time required for project completion.

The process by which project staff and programmers worked interactively as the programming activities were conducted was a strong point of this project. Programming proceeded according to the specifications set forth in the Program Narrative, and demonstration disks were sent to project staff for review following the completion of each component. Staff would review the disks and then discuss and return a list of necessary changes to the programmer. At times these changes would be a matter of relatively simple reprogramming; at other times the requested change was incompatible with hardware or software limitations, and in these cases the programmer and project staff would work together to identify the solution that was technically feasible while continuing to maintain task integrity. This process of programming and refinement was a very difficult and time-consuming one for a software package this complex. The original amount of time allotted for software completion turned out to be inadequate; thus, project staff requested no-cost time extensions to the contract in order to accommodate these time overruns. These were sound decisions as it was essential to the field tests that we have a complete, valid, and reliable software package to present to the student subjects.

The programming activities were begun in the spring of 1985 with the hiring of the first of three programming teams. The workscope was underestimated by all three teams and project staff found it necessary to terminate subcontracts with the first two teams. The third programming team, who also encountered severe time overruns, nevertheless demonstrated a keen understanding of the target product and a willingness to work with project staff toward the goal of a finished product. In order that the project might be completed as swiftly as possible, project staff determined that the benefits to retaining this programmer outweighed the risks inherent in continuing a relationship that had resulted in behind-schedule performance.

#### 302.1 - Construction of the Flowchart and Operational Program -- Program A

The first programming team that was hired for the task became unable to complete the work in a timely manner due to the loss of key personnel. Therefore, a second programming

team was subcontracted to do the work. The workplan called for the Apple version of the software to be programmed first, so the programming team began by working closely with project staff to review and discuss program flow, the student/joystick and light pen interfaces, the driver routines, and the static and moving graphics screens. Project staff periodically reviewed development work.

The team encountered unexpected difficulties in developing the machine code interface routines for the Gibson Light Pen and the Ufonic Speech System. To successfully develop these routines, listings of the products' machine code drivers were required. Steve Gibson, the designer of the sophisticated Gibson Light Pen, had left Koala Technologies and no one in the company was able to provide the support in his absence. A short time later, Steve Gibson was located and provided the necessary information. Unfortunately, this information turned out to be incomplete, and the programming team was required to completely rewrite the routines. Ufonic honored their agreement to provide their proprietary routines; however, their bureaucratic policies created a delay of close to four weeks prior to their release. When this information finally arrived, it turned out to be incompatible with the software's programming language, necessitating a large amount of reprogramming.

After solving the problems with the lightpen and speech routines in September 1985, programming work on the main body of the software proceeded fairly smoothly until December. At that time, when the programming team attempted to link together all of the completed modules using the "C" compiler's linker program, the system would lock up and the modules would not execute. Several unsuccessful attempts were made to circumvent the problems in the compiler's linker, and the technical support personnel at the company that developed the compiler were not helpful. Our programmers rewrote the faulty sections of the compiler code, and this permitted successful linking on an Intel 80186-based machine. Although communication between this machine and the Apple had been established, this communication was still faulty and hindered attempts to link completely the program on the Apple.

At this point project staff realized that, even considering the severe and unanticipated problems that had surfaced with the light pen and speech system driver routines and the problems with the compiler, the programming team was not making sufficient progress to allow the entire project to be completed within the timeframe set forth. Thus, applicants were interviewed for the position, and in April 1986 a new programming team was hired.



Although there was some initial difficulty in getting the old programming team to surrender all relevant materials to the new programmer, this was eventually achieved. It was at this time that project staff, after consultation with national experts, recommended to the federal government a revised workplan to develop the second version of the software for MS-DOS machines rather than the Commodore. Given this change, the new programming team presented project staff with a plan that would concentrate on finishing the MS-DOS version first. The rationale for this plan was that the MS-DOS machine was a much better machine on which to develop code, and once the bugs had been worked out of the MS-DOS version, it would be relatively simple to port to the Apple. This new approach involved an initial port of what had been completed on the Apple by the previous programmer to the MS-DOS machine, then all subsequent programming done on the MS-DOS machine, and then a final port of the MS-DOS version back to the Apple, at which time any sections of code that did not port well would be refined.

The new programmer worked with project staff to identify a speech system and a light pen that would be most appropriate for inclusion in the MS-DOS equipment package. After examination of several speech output systems, the Echo PC synthesizer was selected. To enhance the intelligibility of the speech, we opted to use digitized rather than synthesized utterances, which involved a significant amount of custom encoding of words. The benefits to using the Echo were several; foremost among these is that the Echo is the speech peripheral most commonly found in educational settings. In addition, the customization of words for the MS-DOS machines also makes them available for use with the Apple system as well. In regard to the light pen, the programmer's investigation of reasonably-priced light pens led him to choose one from FTG Data Systems. This proved to be a very good choice, and the FTG representatives further assisted the project by making a loan of five additional pens to assist us in our field test endeavors.

The new programming team required a good deal of time to become familiarized completely with the work that had been done previously and with the specifications for the remainder of the work. Among the problems that the chief programmer needed to solve were the refinement of the routines involving the input interface; all confounds needed to be removed from the system so that we could be sure that the data gathered reflected student performance only and not any additional factors introduced by the hardware or software. This was especially crucial in regard to the lightpen activation subroutines and the routine that measured student pause times.

The amount of time allotted for student activity and the branching routines that were activated in response to student input were other aspects of the original programming that required quite a bit of refinement. The programmer also had to rework the video game and create the reward screens that were intended to increase student motivation. The programming language chosen for its portability to other machines is not a particularly good language in which to code graphics, and consequently we opted to modify the heavily graphics-dependent reward screens to present short musical selections along with a very simple graphic.

### 302.2 - Construction of the Flowchart and Operational Program -- Program B

As described above, since the MS-DOS computers are better development machines, the Apple IIe version of the software became Program B. Once construction and refinement of Program A was completed, it could then be ported to the Apple and refinement of Program B could begin. The porting was relatively straight-forward. Our expectations on areas of the Program A code that may not port well were borne out. Extensive re-coding and new coding were required in the following areas: (a) the graphics prompting screens, (b) graphics characters, (c), the videogame, (d) the music transition screens, (e) precise real-time pause time measurement, (f) the lightpen routines, (g) limited RAM for the assessment overlays, and (h) cursor control.

### 302.3 - Alpha Testing and Refinement -- Program A

As mentioned previously, an efficient process evolved whereby the programmer delivered work-to-date to project staff, and staff conducted a thorough review, testing each operation and the paths leading to and from various modules. A review period typically consumed three full days or more. Following completion of the review, specific comments would be returned to the programmer that specified the location and nature of the problem and presented potential solutions if one was not readily apparent. These feedback lists typically elicited some protestations from the programmer in which he cited the inability of the hardware to support various software functions or the extreme time costs of proposed changes. Project staff attempted whenever possible to take the programmer's comments into consideration when determining the extent to which these issues needed to be addressed for the final version of the software. In some instances project staff conceded and removed an item from the list of necessary changes; in other cases, the rationale for the importance of the item in relation to the integrity of system design was highlighted for the programmer and an appropriate course of action was determined by those involved.

A number of persons were involved in review of the software at this point. At least six professionals and research assistants conducted thorough examinations, and several students in the public schools also participated in working out the bugs in the field test-ready version. These students were not included in the subject pool for the eventual research study.

A great number of months were spent debugging the software according to the procedure described above. With over 175 separate modules, testing was a very time consuming and precise undertaking. Making this testing even more difficult was the transient nature of some of the problems. In addition, the complete software needed to be recompiled every time a modification was made, and this process itself often caused new problems to surface. The finished code is quite sophisticated and represents extensive refinement and enhancement.

#### 302.4 - Alpha Testing and Refinement -- Program B

The alpha testing and refinement of Program B, the Apple IIe version, proceeded in much the same manner as described in Activity 302.3 above. Because of the comprehensive nature of the instructional system, including student demographics, student customization, assessment, strategy training, reward transition, videogame, data recording, statistical analysis, data reporting, pre-test, and post-test sections, the alpha testing and refinement process was labor-intensive. An increased number of overlays were necessitated by the Apple's limited memory addressing capability and available RAM.

#### 302.5 - Preparation of Program Documentation -- Programs A and B

Although the user's manual was initially scheduled to be prepared after the completion of programming, it was decided that it would be beneficial to the programming task if the manual were prepared much earlier in the process. In this way, the programmers would have ready access to a description of the program as it should run. Our programmers concurred that this sort of a description was extremely helpful to them because it allowed them to see how the system should look to an eventual user. Therefore, a draft of a manual that was in accordance with the specifications contained in the Program Narrative was prepared before programming commenced. We realized at the time of its creation that it would not be the final version of the manual; as refinements to the software occurred, information within the manual would be changed accordingly. Thus, the manual that is presented as Appendix C represents the final project draft upon which an eventual publisher could build a commercial version.

As the software development proceeded, technical documentation of the coding also progressed. This documentation is vital to the provision of technical support, and enhancement, by an eventual publisher. This technical documentation of the coding is presented in Appendix H.

### Task 303 - Field Testing and Refinement

Field testing was a vital component in the development process because field test results verified the validity of the instructional package's design. The activity subsumed under this task involved the development and presentation of a research proposal to representatives of the Dallas Independent School District, training of research assistants, the actual field evaluation with 60 subjects, refinement of the software based on observations made during field testing, analyses and interpretation of the data, and the preparation of a field test report.

#### 303.1 - Preparation of the Field Test Plan

A field test plan was one of the required deliverables for this project. Included in the plan sent to the project officer were a description of the main research questions; a discussion of the significance of the problem and the rationale underlying the software design; a description of the subject population, measurement instruments, general procedures, research design; presentation of personnel requirements; and samples of the interview questions and consent letters developed for use in the schools. A copy of this plan is included as Appendix D.

#### 303.2 - Teacher Training

In the original proposal the field testing was to be conducted by teachers in their classrooms. Given the overwhelming demands already placed on classroom teachers, however, it was decided to conduct the research under the supervision of research assistants. The benefits to this choice were two-fold: first, the teacher did not have to take time away from classroom activities; and second, having multiple research assistants allowed trial-by-trial monitoring of performance. The rigors of the research design dictated that such precise monitoring be assured. This change to the original plan was reflected in the Field Test Plan.

#### 303.3 - Evaluation with Students and Teachers

A total of 60 students were identified to serve as subjects. These students were located in a total of 15 schools in the Dallas Independent School District. The district had difficulty securing informed consent for several students'

participation, and some new subjects needed to be identified. All students were pretested using the pretest capability of the software, and half were randomly assigned to the training condition. In total, 3-1/2 months were needed to permit 30 students to complete the intervention training software and to complete the subsequent post-testing of all 60 students. In addition to their participation as subjects in a study of the efficacy of the system, students' opinions regarding the software package were solicited and information was gathered concerning their familiarity with computer-assisted instruction and other computer-related activities.

Evaluations regarding the software's appeal and useability were also to be sought from teachers. Arrangements were made with the school district to release selected teachers from their classroom duties for one day to allow them to attend a workshop in which the software would be presented for their study and evaluation. The workshop was designed to assess teachers' opinions of the design of the system before they had hands-on experience with it, and then to follow-up the hands-on portion with an evaluation of the software's appropriateness for their students. Due to the programming delays, which in turn placed extreme time constraints on the field testing, the school year ended before we had an opportunity to conduct the teacher workshop. Since this activity has already been designed and approved, it will be easy to conduct the workshop during the next school year.

#### 303.4 - Analysis and Interpretation of Field Test Data

The analyses to be conducted on the field test data were described in the Field Test Plan. Analyses and interpretations can be found in the Field Test Report section. Additional analysis and subsequent interpretation is planned. The results of this research project will be documented and submitted for publication in leading professional journals. All materials resulting from the project will acknowledge the support of the Department of Education, and copies of all materials developed will be forwarded to the project officer.

#### 303.5 - Final Refinement of Hardware and Software

As was mentioned previously in this report, software refinement was an ongoing process. A smoothly-running instructional package is the final product of this project; however, there are several recommendations that we would suggest to the eventual publisher of the system to make it even more effective and responsive to the needs of various user populations. These enhancements are based on information gained from the field test results. More information on this topic is located in the Final Marketing Plan, which can be found in Appendix E.

### 303.6 - Submission of Field Test Report

The Field Test Report was prepared in order to describe the data collection efforts and to present the data analyses and interpretation. As one of the final deliverables, it is included in this report as Appendix F.

### Task 304 - Preparation of Marketing Plan and Recommendations

The work subsumed under this task concerns the activities designed to facilitate transfer of the product of this project to a capable software publisher for eventual commercial distribution. Although this is an area that often receives little emphasis, this project was active in seeking the opinions and recommendations of eventual publishers throughout the course of the project period and in motivating several publishers to consider this software package for inclusion in their commercial offering.

#### 304.1 - Submission of Preliminary Marketing Plan

A preliminary marketing plan was one of the deliverables under this contract. It was submitted to the federal government during the course of the project; a copy of this report may be found in Appendix G.

#### 304.2 - Submission of Marketing Plan for Evaluation by at Least Two Potential Producers/Distributors

Approximately 20 publishers were contacted with information about the project at the conclusion of data collection when a refined version of the software was available for demonstration. They were invited to contact project staff if they were interested in participating in a full-day demonstration of the software that would include discussions about its eventual commercial marketing. Several companies responded, and at this writing two have travelled to Texas for demonstrations, and two others are considering making the trip. The results of these activities are discussed in the Final Marketing Plan, which is enclosed as Appendix E.

#### 304.3 - Submission of Final Marketing Plan Incorporating Feedback from the Field

The Final Marketing Plan is a deliverable under this contract and is included as Appendix E. It serves as a summary of our activities with commercial publishers to date and outlines our plans for timely transfer of the software to a marketer and our commitment to continued involvement and information dissemination in regard to the products of this project.

APPENDIX A  
Final Design Report

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## Statement of the Problem

The most common informal observation about mentally retarded children and youth is that they do not "learn" as quickly or thoroughly as their nonretarded peers. Over the past 15 years of research, these observations have been well substantiated. However, a large volume of investigations indicates that these learning problems in many persons with mental retardation are primarily caused not by deficiencies in learning ability per se, but by deficiencies in the person's memory which underlies learning (Belmont & Butterfield, 1969; Detterman, 1979; Ellis, 1970). Several researchers have succeeded in their attempts to improve the memory processes of persons with learning difficulties (e.g., Belmont & Butterfield, 1977; Bray, 1979; Brown, 1978; Kramer & Engle, 1981; Lindgren & Richman, 1984; Swanson, 1983; Torgesen, Murphy & Ivey, 1979).

This project incorporates one of the best and most frequently used memory-assessment tasks along with the most effective memory strategy for that task into a computer-based instructional system for assessing and assisting in remediating basic memory-processing deficiencies. The computer-based system heightens the potential for learning since it incorporates many of the features found to enhance retention by leading cognitive psychologists and special educators.

## Significance of the Problem

Initially, the poor memory of persons with mental retardation was attributed to immutable defects in their neurological system (Ellis, 1963). As research techniques and theories become more refined, however, the precision in the understanding of memory deficiencies steadily increased. The most important influence in this movement was the development of sophisticated theories of memory based on computer information-processing models of mental functioning in nonretarded persons (Atkinson & Shiffrin, 1968; Waugh & Norman 1965). When translated from the field of theoretical cognitive psychology to the field of mental retardation (Ellis, 1970), they prescribed a whole new way of conceptualizing the mental activity of a person with mental retardation and pointed the way to a number of possible causes for memory deficiencies.

In the new conceptualization, memory is held to be comprised of two components, short-term memory (STM) and long-term memory (LTM). Short-term memory is limited in capacity and relatively brief in duration, i.e., approximately 30 seconds. Success in dialing a telephone number that a person has just looked up in a telephone book but the failure to recall it 30 minutes later is an example of the use of STM. Long-term memory, on the other hand, is considered to be of unlimited capacity and of permanent duration (Waugh & Norman 1965). Recalling the name of a favorite dog from childhood is an example of LTM. The important task of transferring needed information from STM to LTM is primarily a function of active mental processing of that information. There are a number of voluntary rehearsal or encoding

strategies that an efficient learner can employ to store the necessary information in LTM for later retrieval and use (Atkinson & Shiffrin, 1968, 1971). The more a person uses a cognitive strategy, the less mental effort it requires and the more automatic it becomes (Shiffrin & Schneider, 1977; Sternberg & Wagner, 1982).

While developing a repertoire of memory strategies, it is important for a learner to recognize the type of memory demands that a particular task presents, recognize the memory strategies (s)he has available, and choose the most appropriate one to use (Brown, 1978). These strategies about how to use one's memory strategies have been called "metamemory" or "metacognitive" skills. In essence, these are memory-management and logical-reasoning skills, and have been likened to an executive who makes decisions about how and when to use his resources (Butterfield & Belmont, 1977). Without metacognitive skills, a person who possesses memory strategies that would be adequate for successful performance on a particular task is passive and fails to employ them. Consequently, it has become increasingly recognized in instructional psychology that metacognitive skills are at least equally as important as memory skills in the cognitive functioning of successful learners (Brown, 1978; Flavell & Wellman, 1977).

Given this growing body of knowledge on efficient cognitive processing, it was logical for researchers in the field of mental retardation to heavily investigate these fundamental processes underlying successful performance. One such area to be investigated was the presence or absence of the use of metacognitive processes by

mentally retarded persons (Butterfield & Belmont, 1977; Campione & Brown, 1977). Serious deficiencies are pervasive across the population of mildly and moderately retarded persons. Little scientific data exists in this area for severely and profoundly retarded persons, largely because of the lack of any identified reliable methodology by which such information can be obtained. The basic presumption, however, that memory deficiencies are much more pronounced in the more severely handicapped persons is starting to receive some empirical support (Ashman, 1983; Ellis, Deacon, Harris, Poor, Angers, Diorio, Watkins, Boyd, & Cavalier, 1982).

## Prior Attempts to Solve the Problem

With the consensus that memory and metacognitive process deficiencies represented a critical problem for persons with mental retardation, interest became very intense in determining the extent to which they could be remediated. Extensive research attention turned towards developing an array of effective instructional techniques to impart to deficient information processors the rehearsal and metacognitive strategies of efficient information processors. The basic assumption underlying this research, and the work of this project, was that if basic process deficiencies exist and remain uncorrected, they will compound higher-level areas of functioning and frustrate instructional efforts. As a result of this new research, increasingly sophisticated techniques to identify the specific process deficiencies and then to remediate these deficiencies have been emerging (Belmont & Butterfield, 1977; Bray, 1979; Brown, 1978; Campione & Brown, 1977; Glidden, 1979; Hagen & Stanovich, 1977; Kramer & Engle, 1981).

Given the stunning success of many of these instructional techniques in training persons with mental retardation to significantly enhance their memory and learning performance through the use of cognitive strategies, research efforts have most recently been broadened to include the critical development of instructional techniques for the maintenance and generalization of the use of these cognitive strategies across time and situations (Belmont, Butterfield, & Borkowski, 1978; Belmont, Butterfield & Ferretti, 1982; Borkowski & Cavanaugh, 1979; Butterfield, 1981; Butterfield & Ferretti, in press).

The conclusions that must be drawn from the information presented above are that (a) a significant and pervasive problem in memory exists in the lives of persons with mental retardation, (b) these problems are the result of deficiencies in basic memory and metacognitive processes, (c) assessment techniques are available to identify the specific process deficiencies, and (d) instructional techniques are available to remediate those deficiencies.

Given the reliability and sophistication of the information on memory processes in mental retardation derived from the work of instructional and cognitive psychologists in the area, it is disconcerting how little influence this information has had on direct instructional techniques in special education for students with mental retardation (Pressley, Levin, & Bryant, 1983). While there has been some cross-over (e.g., Taylor & Turnure, 1979), the impact has been relatively small, considering the magnitude of the problem and the importance of this research for remediation. The factors accounting for this lack of transfer to special education are not definitively known, but they most likely include (a) the relatively short time that the information has been in the public domain, (b) the somewhat separate vehicles for professional communication in the two fields, e.g., different journals and conferences, and (c) the relatively unwieldy nature of much of the equipment and materials required by this assessment and instruction. This project will take major steps to both increase the speed with which the necessary cross-disciplinary dialogue is taking place and provide a powerful technology-based instructional aid for

special education classroom use which circumvents the major technical problems associated with this type of assessment and instruction and capitalizes on the unique educational attributes of computers.

In recent years, special education professionals concerned with another handicapping condition, learning disabilities, have begun to investigate the applicability of the theories and techniques of cognitive psychology and mental retardation to learning disabled children and youth (Bauer, 1977; Cohen & Netley, 1981; Dawson, Hallahan, Reeve, & Ball, 1980; Lindgren & Richman, 1984; Swanson, 1983; Tarver, Hallahan, Cohen, & Kauffman, 1977; Torgesen, Murphy, & Ivey, 1979; Torgesen & Goldman, 1977). Torgesen (1977) provided direction for special educators in this area by positing in a theoretical paper based largely on the previous work of cognitive psychologists that most of the performance deficits of learning disabled children are based on either their inability to employ efficient, task-appropriate cognitive strategies or their lack of awareness that such strategic processing will be effective.

These contentions agreed with long-standing clinical observations by teachers and therapists in the field. In 1968, the National Advisory Committee on Handicapped Children of the U.S. Office of Education proposed a definition of learning disabilities which became part of the Learning Disabilities Act of 1969. Reference to deficiencies in basic psychological processes is the most prominent factor in this definition (Mercer, Forgnone, & Wolking, 1976). Clements (1966), in an extensive review of clinical literature, listed "disorders of memory and thinking" as one of the 10 most frequently mentioned symptoms of learning disabled children.



The initial research investigations that were stimulated by this common observation and Torgesen's (1977b) theorizing have confirmed that, while the information processing problems experienced by learning disabled children are complex, the knowledge gained in the area of cognitive psychology and mental retardation on memory and metacognitive process deficiencies has direct relevance to practically all major aspects of the assessment and remediation of these problems in learning disabled children (Bauer, 1979, 1982; Jacobs, 1983; Rose, Cundick, & Higbee, 1983; Torgesen, 1977a; Torgesen & Houck, 1980; Wong, Wong, & Foth, 1977). Consequently, given the extent of the information available today, we believe the conclusions that can be drawn on memory and metacognitive process deficiencies in learning disabilities are very similar to those in mental retardation: the deficiencies are serious and pervasive and direct instructional strategies are available for their remediation.

## Nature of the Population to Benefit from the Aid

People with mental retardation are generally considered to be deficient in basic memory processes. Ellis (1970), in a major publication in the field of mental retardation, implies that differences in memory performance can be used to define retarded behavior. Within the years of research since 1970, a vast amount of empirical evidence has appeared that supports the general position espoused by Ellis. In their review of the literature, Borkowski and Cavanaugh (1979) concluded that deficits in effective memory strategies "are considered by many educators and theoreticians as the major problem characterizing the retarded, especially the educable mentally retarded" (pg. 569). At this point, it is plausible that most if not all people with mental retardation demonstrate a general deficit in memory functioning. Campione and Brown (1984) identified three types of memory deficiencies in the population. The first is that children with mental retardation fail to generate and use strategies that subjects of comparable age are likely to adopt spontaneously (Brown, Campione, Bray, & Wilcox, 1973; Campione & Brown, 1974). The second is that children with mental retardation need explicit instructions before they demonstrate strategic performance (Belmont & Butterfield, 1977; Butterfield, Wambold, & Belmont, 1973; Campione & Brown, 1977, 1978) and before they transfer strategy usage to new untrained situations (Borkowski & Cavanaugh, 1979; Brown, Campione, & Day, 1981; Campione, Brown & Ferrara, in press). The third is that children with mental retardation tend to cease employing a trained strategy when instruction is withdrawn; i.e., it does not become "their own".

Researchers studying cognition in persons with mental retardation have not systematically examined differences between the levels of severity of mental retardation. In the past, most research has utilized people from the mild and moderate ranges of retardation. Those people diagnosed as severely or profoundly retarded have been included in only a very few studies (Ashman, 1983; Ellis et.al., 1982).

Persons with severe and profound mental retardation are capable of acquiring skills in a variety of domains (Matson & McCartney, 1981; Mukherjie, 1977; Sailor & Guess, 1983). The question of whether or not the knowledge and skill deficits exhibited by persons with this degree of mental retardation are due to memory problems is still unanswered. It is possible, however, to infer some answers from the existing data on the relationship between I.Q. and memory.

One variable dependent upon I.Q. level is that of effective rehearsal utilization; there is a positive correlation between I.Q. and the occurrence of rehearsal strategies in recall (Brown, Campione, Bray, & Wilcox, 1973). By extrapolating from the data gathered primarily from comparisons between persons with mild to moderate mental retardation and nonretarded persons, it is very likely that the memory deficiencies exhibited by persons with severe mental retardation are due to low or nonexistent levels of rehearsal. This supposition has received support from Ellis et al. (1982) and Ashman (1983), whose findings suggest that persons with severe and profound mental retardation do seem to have serious memory deficiencies. Persons with severe and profound mental retardation have a higher incidence of maladaptive behaviors (Frankel & Simmons, 1976) and physical

disabilities (O'Conner, Justice, & Payne, 1970) than do those with mild or moderate retardation. These considerations, as well as their more limited intellectual abilities, would most likely preclude most of this group's use of the aid under development.

Another factor that influences memory development is chronological age. Several researchers have noted developmental changes in memory (Campione & Brown, 1977; Hagan & Huntsman, 1971; Hagan & West, 1970). Studying children and adults with and without retardation, Belmont and Butterfield (1971) concluded that both active rehearsal and strategic nonrehearsal changed systematically with age. They noted that spontaneous rehearsal is a strategy that develops late (in early adolescence) in nonretarded persons and "might never be expected to occur in the mentally retarded" (p. 239).

A third factor influencing memory development may be socioeconomic status (SES). Mild mental retardation is disproportionately found among the economically disadvantaged and less well-educated segments of society (Ramey & Finkelstein, 1981). The report of a comparison between low SES children who had received early childhood education and those who had not revealed that differences in memory abilities were among the significant effects (Ramey & Campbell, 1979). This suggests that low SES may be implicated in the existence of memory deficiencies, and leads to the assumption that children of low SES generally display poorer memory functioning than do children of middle or upper SES.

Memory deficiencies in children and youth with learning disabilities have been found to be widespread. Those memory deficits found in

persons with learning disabilities are now being recognized as similar to those observed among persons with mental retardation (Hagen, Barclay, & Schwethelm, 1982). The specific aspects of memory deficiencies in both populations are those that involve the acquisition and use of rehearsal strategies.

Metacognitive strategies play an important role in memory. Flavell (1979) presents metacognition as a guide to the selection of appropriate cognitive strategies for task performance. Cognitive strategies can be divided into two different types: control processes, which are specific strategies used to obtain a goal, (e.g., clustering); and executive functioning, which is the ability to select the appropriate control process to reach the goal (Atkinson & Shiffrin, 1968).

Persons with mental retardation exhibit a distinctive lack of executive functioning. Two obvious deficiencies become apparent. First, this population does not typically differentiate between those processes that require rehearsal and those that do not require rehearsal. Second, they do not coordinate retrieval strategies (Butterfield, Wambold, & Belmont, 1973). Both of these deficiencies are indicative of deficiencies in metacognition.

Ineffective metacognitive strategies are also apparent among persons with learning disabilities. Torgesen (1979) observed that this population is less efficient in spontaneously utilizing strategies although they can use appropriate strategies when instructed to do so. In her review, Jacobs (1984) implies that poor performance "is a function of metacognition, their awareness of the possibility and need

to use such strategies..." (pg. 215). In general, a common characteristic of people with learning disabilities is held to be that they are deficient in both cognitive and metacognitive strategies -- in both control and executive functions (Pearson & Spiro, 1980; Seidenburg, 1982).

Persons with mental retardation and those with learning disabilities have been shown to respond positively to instructional intervention. Training has been proven to be an effective means of increasing the use and effectiveness of rehearsal strategies. Performance of post-intervention handicapped groups similar to that of equal chronological age non-handicapped groups has been reported by Butterfield, Wambold, and Belmont (1973), Brown, Campione, Bray, and Wilcox (1973) and others. Campione and Brown (1977) concluded in their review of metamemory and memory that the evidence from effective training invalidates the "structural limitation" model; that is, performance levels are not completely determined by fixed limitations in the nature of the populations under study.

The population to benefit from this aid is defined not only in terms of demonstrated memory deficiencies but in terms of possession of the prerequisite skills necessary for interaction with the instructional package. Adequate visual acuity is essential. Since the package offers the option of text on the screen, a hearing-impaired person could interact with the system as long as his/her reading skills are adequate. If reading is inadequate, then hearing must be appropriate for speech discrimination at conversational intensity levels. Users

of the instructional package must also know alphabet letters and the numbers 0 through 9, and must have motor abilities sufficient to allow them to control the input modes.

In summary, this aid will benefit the population of persons with memory difficulties who are able to interact with the computer system as it is configured. In general, this population would include school-aged children and youth with mild to moderate mental retardation as well as those with learning disabilities. Because of the nature of the task demands, most of the children and youth with severe and profound mental retardation would be precluded from using the system.

## Size of the Population to Benefit from the Aid

The failure to use cognitive strategies to facilitate recall results in a general deficit in memory. Since intervention strategies designed to intervene in these areas appear to be effective, the number of people who could potentially benefit from programs of this nature is of interest. Under the general conclusion that most, if not all, persons with mental retardation and learning disabilities have fundamental problems in memory, it is possible to calculate the approximate number of people who could benefit.

The target population is composed of school-aged children and youth with learning disabilities or mild to moderate mental retardation. At least 90% of persons with mental retardation are classified in the category of mild to moderate retardation (Baroff, 1974; Tarjan, Wright, Eyman, & Keeren, 1973).

In 1981-82, 10.5% of the total elementary and secondary enrollment required special education and related services (U.S. Department of Education, 1983). According to the Fifth Annual Report to Congress on Public Law 94-142, approximately 4,233,282 students were utilizing these facilities. Nineteen percent were classified as mentally retarded and 38% as learning disabled; according to the proportion given above, the 19% figure translates into an estimate of 17% for those with mild to moderate mental retardation. Thus, 55% (that is, 2,328,315) of the students enrolled in special education could benefit from this computer-based intervention.



## Description of the Aid

In this project, ARC/US will design, develop, field test, and refine a computer-based instructional system to assess and assist in remediating the serious and pervasive problems in memory and metacognition of mentally retarded and learning disabled children and youth. Software design will be guided by powerful and sophisticated instructional techniques which have been developed in the areas of cognitive psychology and mental retardation/learning disabilities and will fully exploit the strengths of the computer. Centrally involved in the preparation of this design will be one of the leaders in cognitive instructional design.

The proposed instructional system is not curriculum-specific but instead focuses on some of the fundamental cognitive skills which underlie learning and performance across every content area. The software is structured around a memory task frequently used in assessment and instructional applications, which requires many of the same cognitive strategies for successful performance that underlie efficient information processing across a wide variety of situations (Latham, 1978). Field testing will take place in the natural classroom environment with typical mentally retarded and learning disabled students. Since memory and metacognitive process deficiencies are considered to characterize the large majority of such students and since the software provides graphic as well as vocal cues, the proposed instructional system should apply to all mildly and moderately mentally retarded students and severely learning disabled students.

With such a system, a teacher will be able to assess whether a student has significant memory process deficiencies, identify the nature of the deficiencies, and provide him/her individualized instruction on efficient memory and metacognitive processing strategies. Ultimately, this technologically-based aid will provide teachers a powerful means by which they can begin to remediate serious and pervasive cognitive problems encountered in the education of their mentally retarded and learning disabled students.

The following section provides a more detailed description of the memory task embedded in the instructional system. Appendix A contains general program information and Appendix B contains more detailed information for the programmer that further defines the workings of the system. Appendix C is the complete program narrative, which contains the instructions to the computer programmer regarding the use of screen layouts, vocal and orthographic text, and activity on the screen. Appendix D contains the screen layouts, Appendix E contains a description of the video-game interlude, Appendix F is the software evaluation form that was sent to program evaluators, and Appendix G is the informed consent letter that will be signed by participants in the field testing.

The instructional system will be programmed for use on two of the most widely-used computers in public school systems and homes: the Apple II series of computers and the Commodore 64. For all intents and purposes, the two programs are functionally the same, except for minor differences dictated by the hardware.

The instructional system being developed in this project is based upon the ordered recall task. The ordered recall task has been one of the vehicles used in establishing the general fund of knowledge in this area. It is steeped in a well-developed theory which yields systematic and reliable predictions; it is sensitive to the influence of strategic cognitive processes thereby distinguishing between sophisticated and ineffective information processors; it permits variation on a number of student and task-related factors which have direct educational impact; it yields orderly data; it permits both assessment of a student's mnemonic competence and instruction on efficient, effective, and generalizable cognitive strategies; and it is relatively easy to explain to students (Belmont, Ferretti, & Mitchell, 1982; Butterfield, Siladi, & Belmont, 1980; Butterfield, Wambold, & Belmont, 1973; Brown & Barclay, 1976).

This array of positive attributes that the ordered recall task has for cognitive and special education research notwithstanding, it has not received much use in special education applications. The primary reasons have been the unwieldy nature of the equipment typically used to administer the task, the mathematical complexity required to derive meaningful assessment information, and the individualization that this information dictates for the subsequent instructional components. These very reasons place the computer as the most logical medium for assessing and training ordered memory skills of mentally retarded and learning disabled students, for the computer has unique strengths in each of the problematic areas mentioned above. In addition, the computer has many other attributes which make it the near perfect

choice as the medium by which the logic and memory of these students is assessed and trained.

In an ordered recall task, the student is requested to recall in the order presented a list of items that (s)he has seen only once. The items are serially-presented, with only one item exposed at any one time. The student is asked to first recall the subset of the last items presented and then circle back and recall the subset of the remaining items which were presented first. This aspect of the task is called "circular recall" (Butterfield, Siladi, & Belmont, 1980).

For example, if there are seven items presented serially and the student is in a "3/4 circular recall" task, (s)he would attempt to recall the last 3 items first, followed by the first 4. Thus, for the list Q,P,X,J,N,B,T, the correct 3/4 circular recall would be N,B,T,Q,P,X,J. If there are 8 items presented, for which the last 3 are to be recalled prior to the first 5, the student is in "3/5 circular recall" task.

In the ordered recall task, each item is displayed for a fixed period of time (e.g., 0.5 seconds), but the student controls the pace of the presentation (i.e., the timing of the presentation of the next item). Difficulty of the task and memory load requirements can be varied by changing the number of items in the to-be-recalled list and the type of items to be recalled (e.g., letters, numbers, words).

Extensive research has shown that performance on the terminal items (N,B,T in the example above) reflects a student's STM abilities, and the task permits precise manipulation of variables which pertain

specifically to STM limitations and instructional strategies.

Similarly, performance on the initial terms (Q,P,X,J in the example above) reflects a student's LTM abilities and is sensitive to a number of manipulations directly related to strategic cognitive activity (Belmont & Butterfield, 1969, 1971a, 1971b; Brown & Barclay, 1976).

One of the most revealing measures of strategic cognitive activity in this task is the length of time the student pauses after the presentation of each item in the list. Non-retarded, non-learning-disabled students generally exhibit high recall accuracy when their pauses steadily increase across the initial items, followed by very brief pausing over the terminal items.

This pause pattern reflects an effective memory strategy for this and many other tasks: active cumulative rehearsal during the pauses of the initial items, i.e., those most difficult to recall in an ordered list, followed by fast passive glancing at the terminal items (Belmont & Butterfield, 1969, 1971a; Butterfield, Siladi, & Belmont, 1980).

In the example presented above, a student using this "cumulative rehearsal-fast finish" strategy would mentally repeat the "Q" to him/herself after it was presented, then repeat "Q-P" a few times after the P was presented, then repeat "Q-P-X" a greater number of times after the X was displayed, followed by "Q-P-X-J" after the J was displayed. An efficient information processor would mentally test him/herself on his/her ability to successfully recall these initial items before proceeding to the terminal items, thereby accounting for the longest pause after the fourth item in the list. This self-monitoring has been variously labeled as "executive control",

"metamemory", and "metacognition", and is held to be one of the definitive attributes of intelligence (Butterfield & Belmont, 1975; Brown, 1975, 1978; Campione & Brown, 1977; Flavell, 1971; Flavell & Wellman, 1977).

To continue with the example, after achieving a satisfactory level of retention on his/her self-testing, the student would proceed to the terminal items and expose the N, briefly glance at it, expose the B, briefly glance at it, expose the T, glance at it and then proceed to the actual recall test. The cognitive strategy described above conforms to well-established theory in the information processing realm, and consequently is viewed as the theoretically ideal cognitive solution for ordered recall (Atkinson & Shiffrin, 1968; Waugh & Norman, 1965).

When a student is found to be developmentally young (Brown & Campione, 1974) in his/her approach to ordered recall tasks, i.e., (s)he uses a less-than-optimal cognitive strategy, cognitive psychologists and special education researchers engage in an instructional sequence designed to impart the basic components of the ideal solution to the student (Belmont & Butterfield, 1977; Brown & Barclay, 1976; Butterfield, Siladi, & Belmont, 1980; Butterfield, Wambold, & Belmont, 1973). The remedial strategy focuses training on learning the terminal items, secondly on encoding the initial items, thirdly on retrieval of the initial items and self-checking, and finally on coordination of all strategic components.

The first component of the instructional sequences involves training the student to pace quickly through the terminal items. The second

component has the student cumulatively rehearsing the growing list of initial items as each one is presented. Integrated into this component is the practice of self-checking, in which the student mentally tests himself/herself to be certain of his/her accurate retrieval of the subset prior to exposing the next item in the list. The third component is the introduction of a delay between the last item seen by the child and the beginning of his recall attempt. This delay is to insure that in practice the initial items are successfully recalled from LTM only, and also to enhance the student's understanding of the necessity for active rehearsal of the initial items. The fourth component instructs the student to put all of these cognitive strategies together and provides practice on the smooth coordination of the strategies.

During the instructional sequence, a student is typically trained and brought to a criterion on one circular recall requirement, e.g., 3/4. Transfer of the cognitive strategy can then be tested upon the student's first encounter with a different circular recall requirement, e.g., 3/5.

The instructional system under development will bring the unique attributes of the computer to bear on the task demands for ordered recall and the instructional demands for assessing and assisting in remediating cognitive deficiencies. The end product will be an easy-to-use, informative, and powerful instructional tool for special educators.

## Explanation of How the Aid Assists in Solving the Problem

Simultaneous with these exciting trends in cognitive psychology, mental retardation, and learning disabilities have been the revolutionary developments in microcomputer technology and their resultant applications in rehabilitation, education, and special education. The general opinion is that we are standing on the threshold of a new era in improvements to the quality of life of handicapped persons. Much of the basis for this optimistic view has been provided by research supported by SEP which has shown that "in instances where technology is made available, is of good quality, and is used knowledgeably, it has enormous potential for improving the education, independence, and employability" of persons across a wide variety of handicapping conditions (Johnson & Kaufman, 1983).

The latest market projections provide an image of the magnitude of the computer movement in special education. Vest (1983) states that the special education market had an estimated spending segment of approximately \$10 billion in 1983, up from about \$4.6 billion in 1976. Translated to hardware, approximately 150,000 microcomputers were in the public schools with approximately 25,000 used primarily for special education. Of these special education units, 10,000 were used in administration and 15,000 for instruction. By 1985-86, approximately 500,000 microcomputers will be in public schools, 150,000 of which will be used primarily for special education. Of these, approximately 20,000 will be used for administrative purposes (Blaschke, 1983).



While the benefits of assistive devices have been substantial and the magnitude of the movement is impressive, only approximately 10% of the school-aged handicapped population actually receive these benefits. They are children and youth with visual impairments, hearing impairments, mobility impairments, and multiple handicaps. The 90% who are, for the most part, unserved by these powerful new tools consist of children who are mentally retarded, learning disabled, speech impaired, or emotionally disturbed (Report to Congress, 1981).

The Office of Special Education Programs clearly recognize both the extreme potential of computers for remediating problems in the education of mentally retarded and learning disabled children and the disproportionate effort that professionals in the area have devoted to persons with other handicapping conditions, thereby leaving this potential largely unrealized. With the unique strengths that a computer offers to education, particularly in the areas of logic, memory, and motivation, it is incumbent upon educators to begin to employ computer-based aids to solve or minimize the serious problems in logic and memory which characterize mentally retarded and learning disabled students.

Given the availability of computers for educational purposes, the challenge now is to design instructional packages that will capitalize not only on the computer's unique capabilities but also on the most sound and effective educational practices. A review of the cognitive psychology and special education literatures has resulted in the consolidation of several recommendations for the enhancement of learning. None of these recommendations were made specifically in

regard to computer-assisted instruction, yet in many cases these recommendations can best be met by computer-based instructional systems.

Lieberman (1982) made several suggestions concerned with the optimization of learning that have been voiced by other researchers and educators. The first of these suggestions is to incorporate relatively novel presentations of information; this will attract attention to the task. The medium should be structured so that the teacher's messages are "open to the learner's inspection", meaning that objectives should be stated, relationships highlighted, and help given through the use of cues and prompts. It is important that the child have the prerequisites necessitated by the task; this requires that the task be analyzed and the component parts be taught in an appropriate sequence. A child should have access to a model of correct performance and should have an opportunity to imitate the model. Multisensory demonstrations are helpful, as is the active engagement of the student in practice. The student's reliance on prompts can then be gradually withdrawn. Additionally, it is vital that learning conditions be pleasant, avoiding unreasonable demands, and providing challenges, immediate feedback and rewards. Similar recommendations for training have been made by Borkowski and Cavanaugh (1979), Brown (1978), Carter (1984), Dawson, Hallahan, Reeve, and Ball (1980), Lewis (1983) and Sheinker, Sheinker, and Stevens (1984).

The computer-based instructional system under development combines oft-proven training techniques with the unique capabilities of the microcomputer. The circular recall paradigm has been used in previous

research with persons with mental retardation for the purposes of assessment and remediation (e.g., Belmont and Butterfield, 1971; Belmont, Butterfield, & Borkowski, 1978; Belmont, Ferretti, & Mitchell, 1982). This computer-based system breaks the circular recall memory strategy into its component parts, trains each separately, and then chains the components together. The students will work with a number of different list lengths and circular recall requirements; these variations on the same general task should increase the students' understanding of the basic strategy because the students are able to witness and participate in its application in a number of situations. The system also provides the student with additional practice in those areas in which (s)he is experiencing difficulty.

One of the problems inherent in previous studies employing circular recall was the unwieldy nature of the apparatus, which typically included several projectors, switches, and a viewing panel. An obvious benefit to the use of a microcomputer is that the necessary hardware is already located in many schools and homes, and that the software is portable.

## Project Timeline

As described in the Administrative Report filed with SEP for December, 1984, a revised staff resource plan was proposed to accomplish some project objectives at a faster pace than was originally planned. This plan is intended to recover some of the time lost due to some unusual delays in initiating the project at full staff capacity. This revised staff resource plan permits project tasks and activities to be accomplished according to the timeline on the following page.

It is probable that it will be beneficial to re-instate the increases in percentages of FTE for project staff that comprise the revised staff resource plan for January-April again in August and in January, 1986 in order to complete the tasks at a faster pace than was originally scheduled. This strategy of increasing the percentage of time devoted to the project would result in no increased cost to the federal government.

## Timeline

### Tasks & Activities

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
<b>301 Substantiation of the Useability and Design of the Instruction Systems</b>														
301.1 Completion of Substantiation Report	→	→												
301.2 Narrative Description of Programmatic Content - Programs A & B	→													
301.3 Solicitation and Incorporation of Feedback - Programs A & B	→	→												
301.4 Completion of Final Design Report			→											
<b>302 Creation of the Instructional Systems</b>														
302.1 Completion of Computer Programming Program A		→	→	→	→									
302.2 Completion of Computer Programming Program B						→	→							
302.3 Alpha Testing and Refinement Program A					→									
302.4 Alpha Testing and Refinement Program B								→						
302.5 Preparation of Program Documentation (Manual) - Programs A & B									→	→				
302.6 Submission of Aid - Description Document, Program Manual, & Test-Ready Aids									→	→				
<b>303 Field Testing and Refinement</b>														
303.1 Completion of Field Test Plan Programs A & B								→	→					
303.2 Inservice Training - Programs A & B									→					
303.3 Evaluation with Students and Teachers - Systems A & B										→	→			
303.4 Analysis of Field-Test Data Systems A & B												→		
303.5 Final Refinement of Hardware and Software - Systems A & B													→	→
303.6 Submission of Field-Test Report Systems A & B														→
<b>304 Preparation of Marketing Plan and Recommendations</b>														
304.1 Submission of Preliminary Marketing Plan												→		
304.2 Submission of Market Plan for Evaluation by at least two Potential Producers/Dist.													→	→
304.3 Submission of Final Marketing Plan Incorporating Feedback from the Field													→	→

## Components and Costs

The computer-based instructional systems that will be developed in this contract are comprised of off-the-shelf computer components and peripherals, the cognitive software that is being designed and programmed, and the software documentation that is being developed. The design of the systems incorporates some specific computer I/O components and peripherals that provide powerful educational features and that promise to be increasingly incorporated in educational computer applications in the future, i.e., light pens, joysticks, and speech synthesizers/digitizers.

Other than the specific I/O components mentioned above, the Commodore and Apple computer systems upon which the project's instructional systems are based were intended not to differ from the configuration of the systems typically found in public schools. That is, to insure the widest use of the cognitive software developed in the project, idiosyncratic hardware requirements were eliminated.

The fundamental Apple based computer system required by the Apple version of the software being developed consists of an Apple II series computer with a minimum of 48K of RAM, two floppy disk drives, a color monitor, a parallel printer interface, a parallel printer, a light pen, a potentiometer-type joystick and a speech synthesizer. The fundamental Commodore 64-based computer system required by the Commodore version of the software being developed consists of a Commodore 64 computer, one or two floppy disk drives, a color monitor, a parallel printer interface, a parallel printer, a light pen, a switch-type joystick, and a speech synthesizer. Attached is a copy of

a listing of the system components and costs submitted by a local computer vendor. In this project, two Apple-based systems and two Commodore systems will be developed.

Project staff have begun to be inundated with inquiries about the project from teachers and parents around the country, many of which include requests for recommendations on "the best" light pen, synthesizer, monitor, etc., to purchase. Given these requests for guidance, it may be beneficial for the project to compare alternate versions of these components within the two Apple systems and the two Commodore systems. This should result in no additional cost to the federal government, as these items can be compared in the normal course of the project.

# Computerose

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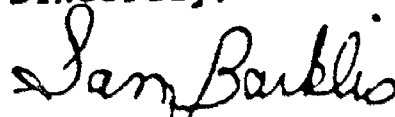
Dear Dr. Cavalier:

The following quote is submitted in response to your request for bids for Apple and Commodore computers as well as peripheral equipment.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT COST</u>	<u>EXTENDED COST</u>
2	Commodore 64 Computer	\$ 219.00	\$ 438.00
4	Commodore 1541 Disk Drive	249.00	996.00
2	Commodore 1702 Color Monitor	249.00	498.00
2	Apple IIe Starter System	1,095.00	2,190.00
2	Apple Disk Drive	395.00	790.00
4	C.Itoh Prowriter 10" Printer	399.95	1,599.80
2	Amdek I Color Monitor	287.00	574.00
2	Symtec Light Pen (Commodore)	175.00	350.00
2	Symtec Light Pen (Apple)	250.00	500.00
2	ConVoice Speech Synthesizer	139.95	279.90
2	Echo II Speech Synthesizer	139.95	279.90
2	Newport Prostick II Joystick	45.00	90.00
2	Kraft Joystick	49.00	98.00
2	Cardco Graphics Interface (P)	99.95	199.90
2	Grappler + Interface (P)	119.00	238.00
	Total		<u>\$9,121.50</u>

Thank you for according us the opportunity to assist you in meeting your computer needs.

Sincerely,



Sam Barklis  
Chief Executive Officer



## Labor Distribution

Dr. Al Cavalier, Project Director, has overall responsibility for achievement of the project's objectives. He will be centrally involved in the instructional systems design, evaluation and refinement as well as the financial administration of the project.

Dr. Beth Mineo, Assistant Project Director, is responsible for assisting Dr. Cavalier in the implementation of the project and the system's design, evaluation and refinement, with primary responsibility for coordinating the day-to-day operation of the project.

Dr. Ralph Ferretti, Program Design and Research Consultant, has primary responsibility for instructional program design in accordance with current cognitive theory and research and shares responsibility with Dr. Cavalier and Dr. Mineo for analysis and interpretation of the evaluative data and subsequent refinement of the program design.

A computer programmer with extensive experience in developing and documenting software for popular microcomputers, proficiency in assembly language programming for the 6502 family of micro-processors and specific skills in animated graphics and file management will devise the object codes, source codes and documentation for the instructional systems according to the specifications in the program narrative developed by project staff and consultants.

Consultants and reviewers with recognized expertise in a variety of relevant areas such as cognitive psychology, special education and computer science will provide feedback on the program narrative prior

to its translation into a computer program and on the evaluative data obtained from the Beta tests.

Mr. Robert Dubin and Ms. Nancy Sullivan, Marketing Specialists, have primary responsibility for the development and implementation of the ARC/US marketing plan and negotiation with independent software publishers.

Ms. Cindy Oliver, Project Secretary, is responsible for all secretarial and clerical support to the project staff.

Project responsibilities in person-days for each major project task are as follows:

Personal Assignment by Person Days

	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Task 5	Total
Project Director	14	40	18	9	36	117
Asst. Proj. Director	32	98	43	22		195
Proj. Design Conslt.	13	40	18			71
Computer Prog.		195	44			239
Marketing Spec.				33		33
Project Consultants	8		4			12
Project Secretary	26	80	35	18	36	195
TOTAL	93	453	162	82	72	862

## Plans for Testing

### Alpha Tests

- Purpose:
- \* To review the first version of the software as an integrated whole, and identify any aspects of the system in need of refinement;
  - \* to examine the ways in which subjects interact with the software;
  - \* to derive average pause-time data;
  - \* to gauge the speed with which students complete the package;
  - \* to evaluate selection modes in terms of ease of use and subject preference;
  - \* to evaluate the game interlude for appropriate timing, difficulty levels and motivational qualities.

Subjects: Eight staff members will take the role of student and run through the program attempting to provide the widest diversity of interactive responses. Five children in the non-retarded range of intelligence and a few children with mental retardation/learning disabilities will also interact with the system.

Procedure: In addition to the program instructions, the subjects will be told that they are assisting in the development of some new software and that they should do their best at the tasks. The subjects will be asked subjective questions regarding their experiences with the computer and the software.

## Beta Tests

- Purpose: \*
- \* To determine if the computerized version of the assessment/instruction procedure yields data similar to those derived from previous laboratory and classroom research;
  - \* to ascertain the validity of the assessment; that is, does it identify memory problems;
  - \* to ascertain the nature of the memory problems that individual students with learning disabilities and mental retardation have and any differences between groups;
  - \* to determine if the instructional techniques employed can assist in remediating the rehearsal deficiencies identified in the assessment, i.e., can a foundation of computerized remediation strategies begin to be laid down; and
  - \* to determine if students generalize the use of strategies trained directly to instances for which they have receive no training.

Subjects: Approximately 60 students matched for chronological age will serve as subjects. Twenty subjects with mental retardation, twenty with learning disabilities, and twenty nonhandicapped students will participate. Half of the subjects in each group will serve as controls while half will receive intervention with the computer-base instructional package.

Procedure: Pre- and Post-Test

All subjects will receive training to familiarize them with the computer, after which a computer-based pre-test will be administered. The subjects will receive six trials for each of 12 different circular recall requirements in which they will be shown items in a list and be asked to recall the list. The last three of these trials will be used in the data compilation. During this pre-test, no subjects will receive strategy training. This procedure will be the same for the post-test that follows the training.

Training

Half of the subjects in each subject classification will receive the computer-assisted instruction. The other half will receive no intervention between pre- and post-tests. A total of six circular recall requirements will be addressed in training.

Experimental Design and Data Analysis

There will be several factors or independent variables addressed in the experimental design and data analysis: subject classification (learning disabilities, mental retardation, non-handicapped), instructional level (training, control), test (pre, post), serial position, and circular recall requirement (e.g., 3/2, 4/3). The dependent measures are a processing measure (as reflected by the  $\omega^2$  value) or an accuracy measure (as reflected by percent correct).

Three types of group analyses will be conducted:

The first is to establish a relationship between the measures of processing and recall accuracy; theoretically, if a subject revises his processing to match that taught in the instructional package, his recall accuracy should improve. This correlation will be computed for every recall requirement.

The second type is an aggregate analysis of variance of the pre- and post-test measures of recall accuracy and processing as a function of subject classification and instructional effect. Again, these will be computed for every circular recall requirement.

It may happen that a subject's recall accuracy would be satisfactory without his/her use of the strategies that were instructed. To determine this, a third type of analysis looking at serial position in relation to the factors above would be necessary. This would entail a four-way analysis of variance for subject classification, pre-/post-test, instructional effect, and serial position (the specific number of serial positions is dependent on circular recall requirement). This analysis of variance would be computed for every circular recall requirement.

Depending on the nature of the accumulated data, it may be appropriate to do some analyses of individual subject's data in terms of the relationship between specific circular recall requirements and the processing and/or recall accuracy data. Since training will be conducted on only half of the circular recall requirements assessed in the pre- and post-test,

performance on the untrained circular recall requirements will serve as an index of generalization of strategy use to similar but different tasks. It would be premature at this juncture to assess generalization to less similar ones, i.e., those that require the same basic underlying strategies but have different surface structure. If generalization is evident, future research efforts should explore the extent to which it occurs and the conditions that optimize its occurrence.

## Channels of Distribution

Once the development, field testing and refinement stages have been completed, the instructional package of software and documentation will be ready to fulfill its primary purpose, which is assisting teachers in the assessment and remediation of memory deficiencies. Vital to the attainment of this end are effective channels for distribution of the product.

The most likely distributor would be a software publisher with an established reputation in the education market. Since there are literally hundreds of software companies, the pool of relevant potential marketers would be comprised of those offering a product line consistent with the offering of the ARC/US project. Three types of product lines potentially offer this compatibility: those with regular educational software, those with software designed for special needs populations, and those with software designed specifically around cognitive tasks. These three product lines are not mutually exclusive; in fact, from our compilation of information on software publishers, there are a few companies promoting software appropriate to all three categories.

The responsibility of ARC/US in the distribution process is six-fold. The first responsibility is the specification of the capabilities of the instructional system. The second is the identification of the target population. The third is to establish and document the need for software of this type among the target population. The fourth responsibility is to highlight the features and capabilities of the system. The fifth is to identify, based on the target population and



needs assessments, marketing strategies that a software publisher could employ to increase networks of information dissemination.

Through the field-testing process, ARC/US will obtain the information necessary to meet the first of these outlined responsibilities. We have devised a detailed plan for testing in which participants will be comprised of persons with mental retardation, those with learning disabilities, and nonhandicapped persons. The instructional package will be evaluated in terms of its validity (that is, its ability to differentiate among ability groups) and its instructional value (that is, its ability to assist in the remediation process). This research will allow us to draw conclusions regarding the capabilities of the software for assessment and instructional purposes.

This research will also allow us to determine the breadth of effective application of the package across the populations in need. Although the appropriateness of this software for the population of nonhandicapped students is not the primary focus of the development project, a determination of such appropriateness is incorporated in the research design to provide a base of comparison for the handicapped users. As a result, there is a distinct possibility that the results will show that the larger market of non-handicapped students could derive enhancements in memory functioning through use of this software. Project staff conducted an extensive review of the cognitive psychology and special education literatures to identify the characteristics and nature of the populations to benefit from the aid. We have determined that approximately 55% of the students enrolled in special education classrooms in this country could benefit from this

instructional package. This figure represents a market of close to two and one-half million students. More detailed information will be provided to the eventual marketer.

ARC/US's extensive literature review also assisted in establishing the need for this type of software. One of the conclusions that can be drawn from this review is that the memory task around which the package is constructed is a valid and "pure" means by which to assess and train memory skills, and also that the computer is a near-perfect vehicle for this package because of its ability for logical analysis and its capacity to deal with large amounts of information in an interesting, effective, and efficient manner. This package accomplishes the marriage of a theoretical knowledge base to a practical, educationally-sound assessment and training package.

ARC/US has the responsibility for highlighting the capabilities and positive attributes of the system to potential marketers and eventually to consumers. Detailed description of these would be lengthy; only the major points will therefore be summarized as follows. First, the package offers both assessment and remedial components, and remediation is based logically on the assessment results. This assessment permits the remediation components to be individually tailored to each student's needs. Second, the package uses the unique features of the computer to their fullest extent in assisting the child to understand and perform the required tasks; and third, the child's performance is analyzed and interpreted by the computer, which allows the teacher to obtain information practical for classroom purposes. This analysis and interpretation is guided by the consultation of the leading cognitive psychologists in the country.

The student's performance data is also permanently recorded for later review by the teacher.

In meeting the fifth responsibility, ARC/US will suggest marketing strategies for use by a potential publisher based upon the factors addressed above. We will assist the publisher in highlighting this program's appeal and value to parents, teachers, and school districts.

ARC/US's final responsibility to the distributor will be met through its ability to disseminate information across a nationwide network. Through our network of 1600 state and local affiliates, our core of 200,000 members, our national publications including our national newspaper which is distributed five times a year to each member, computerized data base, national electronic mail and bulletin board system, and our Bioengineering Program, we are in a unique position to raise the awareness of school personnel on the availability of quality educational software in the marketplace.

By the end of the sixteenth month of the project, a preliminary marketing plan will be developed and submitted to the contracting officer. The final marketing plan will take into account the views of the users, potential users, project consultants, and potential marketers in addressing such specific factors as appropriate unit-price, potential for widespread use, the value to the target population in assessing and remediating memory deficiencies and to improve learning capacity, as well as the interest among potential producers and distributors to market the compensatory educational aid that is developed.

## Feedback from Commercial Publishers

In compliance with SEP's request for feedback on the marketability, useability, and suitability of the product, ARC/US identified several commercial software companies having product lines compatible with the software under development in this project. The company presidents and/or product developers were contacted and their participation was requested. Several companies denied our request, citing most frequently the non-remunerative or time-consuming aspects of the task. Non-disclosure agreements were obtained from three marketers who agreed to participate.

These companies were sent an information packet including a statement of the problem addressed in the project, production and marketing plans, and the program narrative with accompanying documentation. The company representatives were guided in their review by the survey form created by ARC/US project staff. The form was intended to direct the reviewers' comments to the specific aspects of suitability, useability, and marketability (see Appendix F).

The review period that is typically observed in the software industry is 30 days or longer. As of this writing, only one software publisher has returned the completed evaluation form. Telephone, written, and personal contact with the remaining publishers has failed to result in return of their evaluations, although both have acknowledged the time constraints under which they have been placed and have given their personal assurances that feedback will be returned shortly. Project staff have approached additional publishers to serve as evaluators should the original evaluators fail to return comments by June 30, 1985.

Project staff will summarize all evaluative remarks in an addendum to the Final Design Report will be forwarded to the Project Officer by July 15, 1985.

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APPENDIX A

General Program Information



## General Program Information

Students will participate in two general types of activity in the program: assessment and instruction at different levels of difficulty. The program is ordered such that the student always receives the assessment section first. If (s)he meets criterion on the particular level of assessment, (s)he automatically progresses to the next level of assessment. If the student fails to reach criterion on assessment, instruction at that level commences on that level. The last instructional loop at each level includes a reassessment. This cycle repeats until the student fails to reach a criterion after three consecutive instruction/assessment sequences or (s)he reaches criterion at the highest level of assessment.

The target task embodied in this program is successful circular recall. Circular recall tasks have been used extensively in direct-instruction cognitive research. While they are somewhat abstract, they permit more precise assessment of cognitive strategy usage. These tasks are related to real-world effectiveness, however, and these similarities will be addressed in pre- and post-test evaluations as well as future modifications to the software package. If a student was told to remember the string L,T,Z,J,R,P,F, (s)he could employ circular recall strategy by recalling R,P,F, and then circling back to remember L,T,Z,J. This would be referred to as a 3/4 circular recall because the student remembered first the last three elements, and then the first four.

In the instructional portion of this program, the circular recall task is disassembled and each of the four components of the effective

strategy is individually trained. The student then learns how to combine the component strategies into integrated performance on the target task. The first component, known as "fast finish" training, teaches the student to retain the terminal set of items first by quickly memorizing them in a chunk. The second component, known as "cumulative rehearsal" training, shows the student how to memorize the first (and more difficult) set of elements by retrogressively rehearsing all previous elements in their original order as new ones are revealed. The third component, that of "interpolated delay and self testing", trains the student to hold those items memorized with cumulative rehearsal in memory for the amount of time equivalent to that needed to complete the fast finish on the terminal set. The final component, that of "chaining", teaches the student to incorporate the components into a unified strategy.

This software has been designed to advance through a general hierarchy of difficulty posed by various circular recall requirements. The requirements addressed in this program are in the estimated order from simplest to most difficult:

<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Circular Recall Pattern</u>	<u>Number of Elements</u>
A	2/2	4
B	3/2	5
C	3/3	6
D	2/4	6
E	2/5	7
F	4/4	8

The student begins assessment and instruction at the first level, that of a 2/2 circular recall requirement. There are two basic types of information that will be recorded for each student: accuracy of recall and pause-time pattern. Recall accuracy represents the number of items recalled correctly by the student. Pause-time patterns reflect the amount of time a student waits after seeing an element before displaying the next one. Thus, pause times correspond to the amount of time spent committing the item to memory. Since long strings of elements take longer to rehearse than do short strings, this would be reflected in corresponding differences in pause times. Circular recall requires the student to cumulatively rehearse certain elements; if pause times between elements do not vary, it is an indication that the student is not using the strategy.

Accuracy of recall is reflected in a percentage score derived by dividing the number of correctly recalled trials by the total number of trials and multiplying by 100. In addition to computing the accuracy of the whole string of elements, separate accuracy scores will be determined for the two components of the circular recall (initial items and terminal items). The accuracy criterion varies with the number of elements to be remembered:

Cumulative Rehearsal		Fast Finish	
<u>Number of Elements to be remembered</u>	<u>Criterion Greater than or equal to</u>	<u>Number of Elements to be remembered</u>	<u>Criterion Greater than or equal to</u>
2	2		
3	3	2	2
4	3	3	2
5	3	4	3
6	4		

The pause-time pattern criterion is a predetermined omega-squared value, (see attached) which quantifies the comparison between the student's pause-time pattern and an "ideal" pattern. Pause-time patterns will be computed for all phases of training but the cumulative rehearsal portions of Levels A and B and the fast finish portions of every level, and accuracy scores will be computed for all phases of training.

Pause Time Ideals

Cumulative rehearsal - 1 second per inter-item pause

- 2 item list: 1 second
- 3 item list: 1 second, 2 second
- 4 item list: 1 second, 2 second, 3 second
- 5 item list: 1 second, 2 second, 3 second, 4 second
- 6 item list: 1 second, 2 second, 3 second, 4 second, 5 second

Fast Finish: .75 second per inter-item pause

- 2 item list: .75 second
- 3 item list: .75 second, .75 second
- 4 item list: .75 second, .75 second, .75 second

<u>Level</u>	<u>Cum. Rehearsal List Length</u>	<u>Omega<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Total List Length</u>	<u>Omega<sup>2</sup></u>
A	2	--	4	.979
B	2	--	5	.873
C	3	.999	6	.775
D	4	.979	6	.775
E	5	.873	7	.699
F	4	.979	8	.639

To reach criterion on assessment or any portion of training, the student must meet both accuracy and pause-time criteria: achievement of the accuracy criterion indicates that the student is able to remember the specified number of elements, and attainment of the

pause-time criterion indicates that the student is employing the appropriate cognitive strategy. In the assessments, the student receives three trials which are used to compute the performance data. In the instructional portion four components are taught. Performance on a component must reach criterion before the student can proceed to the next component. A block of three trials at the end of each component is used for assessing mastery.

APPENDIX B  
Information for Programmer

## Information For Programmer

### General Information

- o The Ready Screen and Recall Screen always remain on for one second unless specifically stated in the program narrative.
- o The Recall Screen remains on for periods from .5 to 6 seconds, and recall is signaled by 3 bursts of a high frequency tone that take up .1 second apiece at the end of the Recall Screen's duration (e.g., if duration of screen is .5 second, screen is on in silence for .2 second and is paired with the tones at .3, .4, and .5 second).
- o When illuminating letters in the individual boxes, a subject should select the boxes in order from left to right. Any deviation from this pattern should result in the system's ignoring the incorrect selection, and waiting for the correct one. Regardless of the duration of the ensuing time delay, the screen will respond when the correct box is activated. After a box has been illuminated for .5 seconds, it will change color to indicate that it has already been activated.
- o When a subject selects individual letters for placement into the boxes, placement position will be predetermined (e.g., the first letter selected automatically goes into the third of five boxes, the second letter selected goes into the fourth box, etc.). The student may not correct errors of placement, but (s)he may use a letter more than once.
- o When elements on the screen are to flash, this flashing lasts for .75 seconds.

- o The letters to be used for each trial will be selected from the pool of all English consonants. To avoid perceptual confusion, no phonetically similar consonants can occur in the same portion of the list (fast finish, cumulative rehearsal). All phonetically similar letter names will be grouped together, and a randomization subroutine will choose only one letter from each grouping:

B,C,D,G,P,T,V,Z  
M,N  
S,X,F  
J,K  
H  
L  
Q  
R  
W  
Y

- o For the portions using numbers, the numbers will be randomly selected from 0 through 9. No letter or number may appear more than once during any one trial. The order of the letters when displayed beneath the empty boxes should also be randomized.
- o All text to be spoken will also be represented orthographically. This written text will appear on the bottom 4 lines of the screen. Previous text should be erased from the screen before new text appears; in other words, successive utterances should not scroll, but should appear independent of one another.
- o To use screen 11 (versions A, B, and C) with element strings greater than 2, the boxes will need to be collapsed into the 2 represented on screen 11.
- o After completion of every assessment portion and its accompanying video game interlude, screen 16 will appear. The student is



required to respond with the joystick/light pen in order to have the program continue. If the student does not respond, screen 16 will remain visible until the teacher performs the escape function.

- o The teacher will have the option of discontinuing student interaction at any time by the use of the escape function. The programmer will determine the specific keystroke sequence required for this function.
- o The next time a student works with the system following termination of an interaction using the escape function, assessment/instruction will begin at the level at which the student was working when interaction was halted. For the purpose of counting the number of times through assessment/instruction, tabulation will begin at zero as if the child had not previously interacted at the level.
- o A student will be allowed a specific amount of time in which to respond. If no response has been made by the end of this time period, it will be prompted by the aural and written cue "Do it now". In all portions of the program except the study times, this interval will be 30 seconds. The interval will be 45 seconds during study times (the times in which the student is illuminating the letters in the boxes in order to study them prior to his/her recall attempt). After the prompt, the student has 30 seconds in which to make a response in all portions of the program. If (s)he responds within that 30-second period, the program continues in the manner specified in the Program Narrative. If the student fails to respond within the second (30-second) time period, (s)he receives the following message:

You are taking too much time when it's your turn.  
Let's try another one.

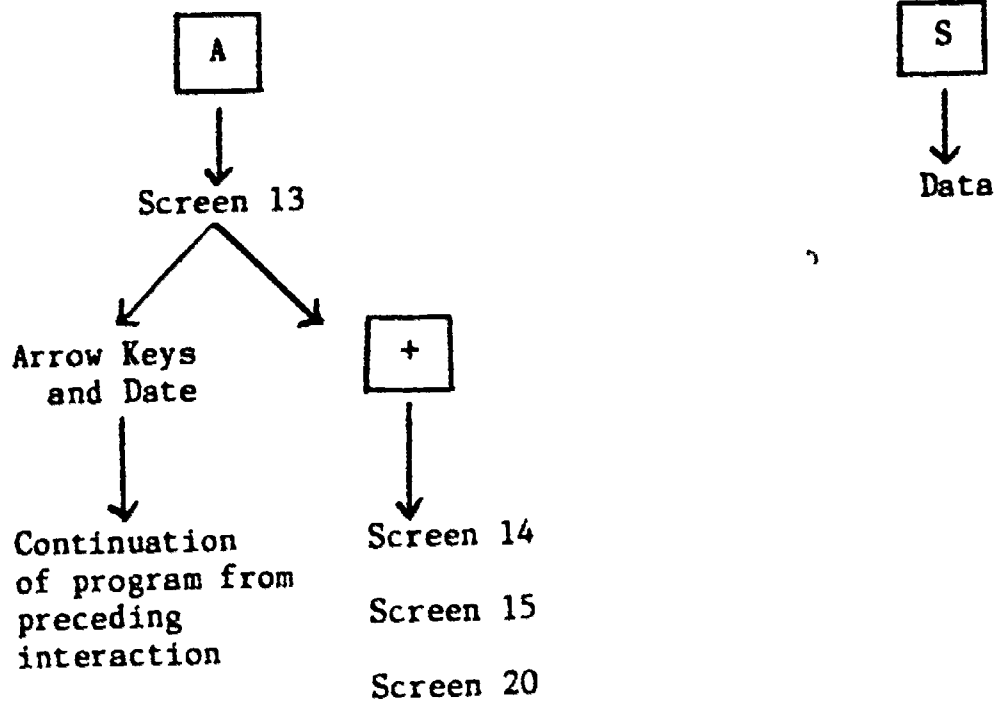
If the student fails to respond in the allotted time on this next problem, receives the prompt, and continues to be unresponsive, his/her interaction with the system will be discontinued, the program will terminate, and his/her performance data file will be closed.

Any time a student receives a prompt during instruction, that trial will not be counted toward his/her progression to the next step of the program. To progress, the student must complete a trial independently (that is, without the use of the prompting procedure described above).

- o In all portions of instruction (fast finish, cumulative rehearsal, interpolated delay, and chaining) the final loop consists of six trials. The first three of these will be trials in which the correction procedure may be applied; that is, the student is cycled back to the beginning of that portion at Loop 1. The last three of these trials will serve as the assessment, and the correction procedure will not be used.

Beginning of Program

Always begin with Screen 12



## Levels of Difficulty

1. Introduction
2. Input mode familiarization
3. Preassessment training on interaction with screen
  - A. 2/2
  - B. 3/2
  - C. 3/3
  - D. 2/4
  - E. 2/5
  - F. 4/4

### Programming Additional Levels

Level A is contained in the program narrative. It includes both the assessment and instructional portions. All other levels follow the same course, the only modifications being the total number of elements in the string, and the circular recall configuration.

The following is a breakdown of these variables according to level.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Total # of Elements</u>	<u>Initial Items (for cum. rehearsal)</u>	<u>Terminal Items (for fast finish)</u>
B	5	2	3
C	6	3	3
D	6	4	2
E	7	5	2
F	8	4	4

Changes in the text/speech will be necessary on words like "second", "both", "middle", etc., and screen 5 will also need to change accordingly.

## Data Recording/Analysis

### 1. Types of information needed

#### a. Demographics:

name  
birthdate  
date of each interaction with computer

#### b. Task parameters of each interaction:

level  
assessment/instruction  
number of times through each instructional component loop

Fast finish: Loop 1 (complete assistance)  
Loop 2 (voice/graphic assistance)  
Loop 3 (graphic assistance)  
Loop 4 (no assistance)

Cumulative rehearsal: Loop 1 (complete assistance)  
Loop 2 (voice/graphic assistance)  
Loop 3 (graphic assistance)  
Loop 4 (no assistance)

Interpolated delay: Loop 1 (1 second delay)  
Loop 2 (2 second delay)  
Loop 3 (3 second delay)  
Loop 4 (4 second delay)  
Loop 5 (5 second delay)  
Loop 6 (6 second delay)

Chaining: Loop 1 (complete assistance)  
Loop 2 (voice/graphic assistance)  
Loop 3 (graphic assistance)  
Loop 4 (no assistance) - serves as post-instruction assessment

The first time the student goes through a level (e.g., Level A), the data will be designed as A1. The second time through it will be designated A2, and so on. After three unsuccessful cycles (i.e., not reaching criterion) through the entire assessment/instruction package, his interaction with the program is terminated.

#### c. Assessment data:

number of items correctly recalled for each position  
in each of 3 assessment trials

pause time for each position in each of 3 assessment trials

average cumulative score on recall accuracy of terminal items

average cumulative score on recall accuracy of initial items

d. Computations to be performed:

$\omega^2$  for each trial  
average accuracy across 3 assessment trials

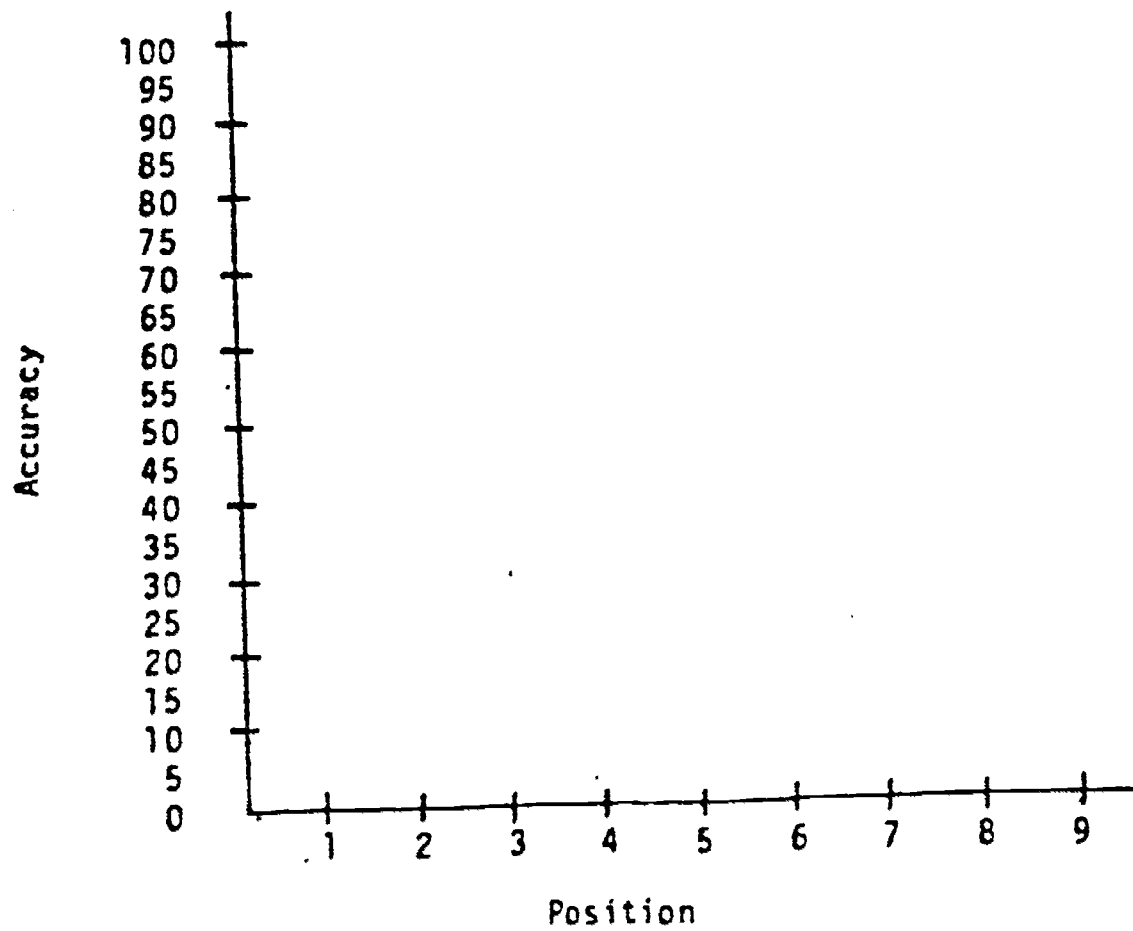
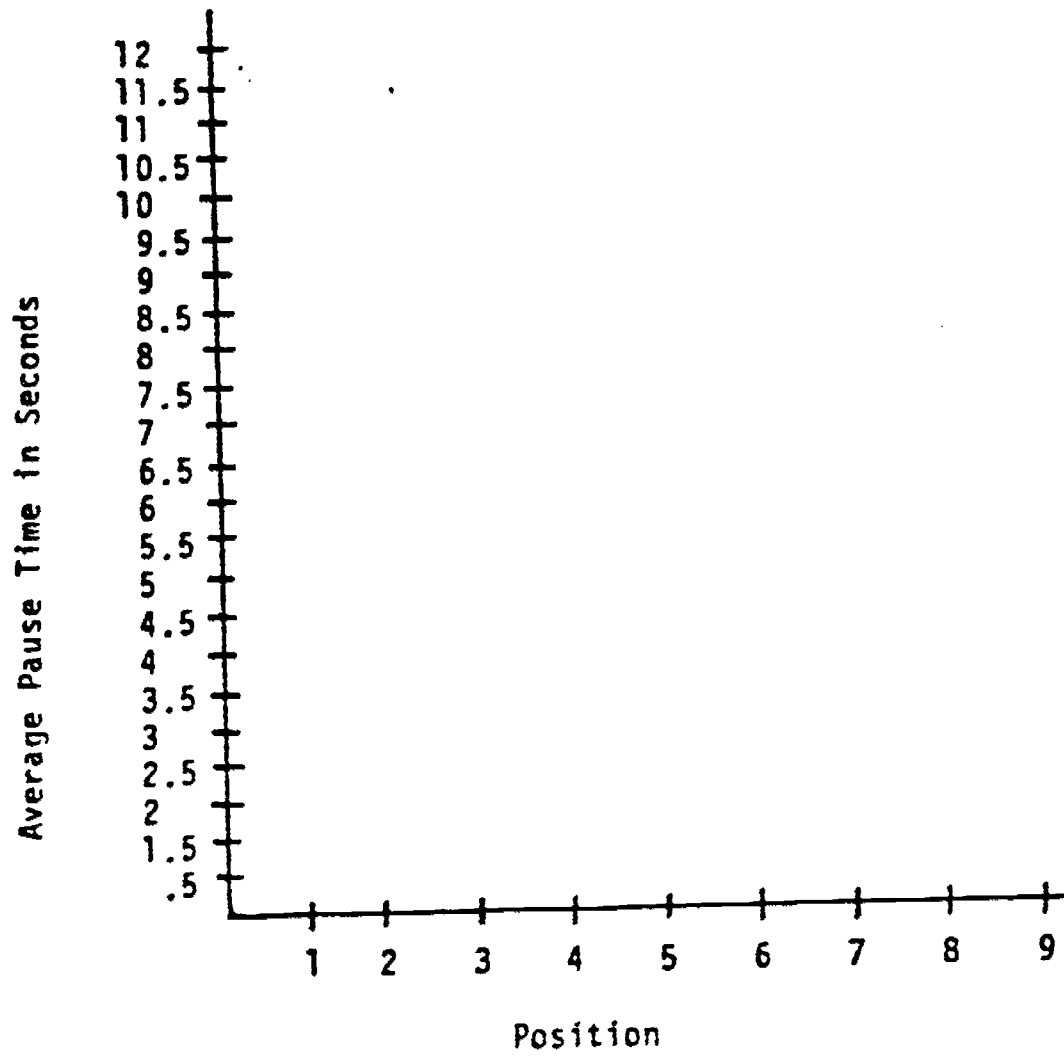
2. Data printouts available

- a. Graph or table of average pause time as a function of position
- b. Graph or table of recall accuracy as a function of position
- c. Table of instructional information: record of cycles through each loop per instructional component
- d. Interpretive remarks

3. Accessing printouts

- a. Daily printout - available after end of daily interaction
- b. Entire data base - available during initial screen interaction

Graphic Printouts





Omega<sup>2</sup> Computation

Omega<sup>2</sup> ( $\omega^2$ ) is the value reflecting the "fit" between an ideal pause-time pattern and the pause-time pattern demonstrated by the subject. An omega<sup>2</sup> value is computed for each of the last three assessment trials. The computational formula is:

$$\text{Omega}^2 = \frac{SS_{sp} - (df_{sp} \times MS_{error})}{SS_t + MS_p + (2)MS_{error}}$$

Formulae for each of the above values is provided next. The following chart should assist in interpretation of these formulae.

SERIAL POSITION

	j = 1	j = 2	j = 3	j = 4	j = 5	j = 6	j = 7	TOTAL
i = 1 SUBJECT								
i = 2 IDEA								
TOTAL								

i is an index of a specific row

j is an index of a specific column

The student's raw pause-time scores first must be transformed into Z scores to permit comparison with ideal times.

Steps to Calculating Z scores:

$$A = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n}{n}$$

$$B = \sqrt{\frac{(x_1 - A)^2 + (x_2 - A)^2 + \dots + (x_n - A)^2}{n}}$$

$$Z = \frac{x_i - A}{B} + 4$$

$x_i$  = individual score ( $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$ )

$n$  = number of serial positions

Steps to Calculating the Mean Square for Patterns ( $MS_p$ ):

$$A = (x_{1,1} + x_{1,2} + x_{1,3} + \dots + x_{1,j})^2 + (x_{2,1} + x_{2,2} + x_{2,3} + \dots + x_{2,j})^2$$

$$B = \frac{A}{n_{sp}}$$

$$C = x_{1,1} + x_{2,1} + x_{1,2} + x_{2,2} + x_{1,3} + \dots + x_{i,j}$$

$$D = C^2$$

$$E = \frac{D}{(2) (n_{sp})}$$

$x$  = a score

$x_{i,j}$  = the score in the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column

$n_{sp}$  = the number of serial positions

$n_p$  = the number of patterns

Mean Square for Patterns = Sums of Squares for Patterns =  $B-E$

Steps to Calculating the Sums of Squares for Serial Postions ( $SS_{sp}$ ):

$$A = (x_{1,1} + x_{2,1})^2 + (x_{1,2} + x_{2,2})^2 + \dots (x_{1,j} + x_{2,j})^2$$

$$B = \frac{A}{2}$$

$$C = x_{1,1} + x_{2,1} + x_{1,2} + x_{2,2} + x_{1,3} + x_{2,3} + \dots x_{i,j}$$

$$D = C^2$$

$$E = \frac{D}{(2)(n_{sp})}$$

Sums of Squares for Serial Positions = B-E

x = a score

$x_{i,j}$  = the score in the i-th row and the j-th column

$n_{sp}$  = the number of serial postions

$$\text{Mean Square for Serial Position} = \frac{E - E}{(n_{sp} - 1)}$$

Steps to Calculating the Sums of Squares of the Total ( $SS_t$ ):

$$A = x_{1,1}^2 + x_{2,1}^2 + x_{1,2}^2 + x_{2,2}^2 + x_{1,3}^2 + x_{2,3}^2 + \dots x_{1,j}^2$$

$$C = x_{1,1} + x_{2,1} + x_{1,2} + x_{2,2} + x_{1,3} + x_{2,3} + \dots x_{1,j}$$

$$D = C^2$$

$$E = \frac{D}{(2)(n_{sp})}$$

$x$  = a score

$x_{i,j}$  = the score in the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column

$n_{sp}$  = the number of serial positions

Steps to Calculating the Mean Square of the Error ( $MS_{\text{error}}$ ):

Sums of Squares of the Error =  $SS_{\text{total}} - SS_{\text{sp}} - SS_{\text{sp}}$

Mean Square of the Error =  $\frac{\text{Sums of Squares of the Error}}{(n_{\text{sp}} - 1)(n_{\text{p}} - 1)}$

Steps to Calculating Degrees of Freedom for Serial Postions ( $df_{sp}$ ):

$$df_{sp} = n_{sp} - 1$$

$n_{sp}$  = the number of serial positions

### Pre/Post Assessment Disk

The Pre/Post Assessment will be contained on a disk separate from that containing the actual Assessment-and-Instruction program. The data from the Pre/Post Assessment will be contained on another disk in a two-drive system and on the Pre/Post Assessment disk in a one-drive system. The Pre/Post Assessment will be used for evaluative purposes only in the project and will not be included in the final software product.

In the Beta test phase, Pre/Post Assessment will be administered to a set of students, a subset of whom will interact with the Assessment-and-Instruction program (which can be considered the treatment condition in the experimental design). The students who do not receive the Assessment-and-Instruction program can be considered to be in the control condition.

The number of different recall requirements in the Pre/Post Assessment is greater than the number in the Assessment-and-Instruction program. The recall requirements that are not included in the latter (and therefore are not trained) will be used on the Pre/Post Assessment to derive a measure of limited generalization, i.e., a transfer of training to tasks similar to, but not identical with, the training tasks.

The introduction to the task and selection mode in the Pre/Post Assessment sequence will follow exactly the specifications in the Program Narrative for Levels 1, 2, and 3. It then follows the identical procedure set forth in Loop 4 of the "Chaining" component of



the instructional portion, which is described on pages 51 and 52 of the Program Narrative. The format for the assessment will remain the same; only the list length and circular recall pattern will vary.

<u>Recall Requirement</u>	<u>Total # of Elements</u>	<u>Initial Item (Cum. Rehearsal)</u>	<u>Terminal Item (Fast Finish)</u>
2/2	4	2	2
2/3	5	3	2
3/3	6	3	3
4/2	6	2	4
2/4	6	4	2
4/3	7	3	4
3/4	7	4	3
2/5	7	5	2
4/4	8	4	4
3/5	8	5	3
4/5	9	5	4
3/6	9	6	3

APPENDIX C  
Program Narrative

LEVEL 1

This portion of the program is simply a brief introduction. It will be presented to the student only once.

1

1

Hello.

This is a game to see how good you are at remembering numbers and letters.

Before we start playing, I will teach you how to use the computer and what to do.

Here we go.

12

Blank

Screen 12 remains illuminated for the duration of the text.

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## LEVEL 2

This portion of the program is designed to familiarize the student with the input mode s/he will be using. Instructions in the use of each mode - light pen and joystick - are included, but the child will receive only those pertinent to the input mode selected for him/her by the teacher.

2

1

You will use a light pen when you work with the computer. We will practice with it now so that you get to be good at using it

This is what I want you to do.

See the box that's blinking?  
Your job is to put the number 3 in that box.

This is how you do it:  
Put the tip of the pen right on the number 3.

+   
Good you did it. Put the pen right on the  
It went into the box. number 3.

Let's try it again.

See the blinking box?

Put the number 2 in that box.  
Touch it with the pen, and it will go into the box.

+   
Great you've got the Put the pen right on the  
idea. number 2.

1  

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2

Flash far left-hand box.

(Positive feedback follows correct response immediately. If student fails to respond within 3 seconds or responds incorrectly, corrective feedback is given).

When student activates #3, number appears in box that was flashing. Flashing stops.

Flash middle box.

(Positive feedback follows correct response immediately. If student fails to respond within 3 seconds or responds incorrectly, corrective feedback is given).  
Number 2 appears in box when activated. Flashing stops.

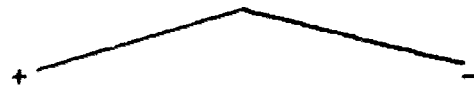
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2

2

Now you try one all by yourself.

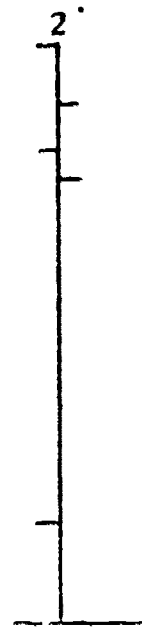
Get the number 1.



Good. You did it.

Put the pen right on the number 1.

2



Flash right-hand box.

(Positive feedback follows correct response immediately. If student fails to respond within 3 seconds or responds incorrectly, corrective feedback is given. Number 1 appears in box when activated. Flashing stops.)

2

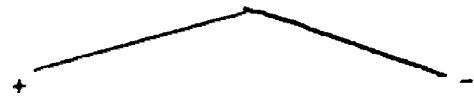
3

You will use a joystick when you work with the computer. We will practice with it now so that you get to be good at using it.

This is what I want you to do.

See the box that's blinking? Your job is to put the number 3 in that box.

This is what you should do:  
Move the joystick so that the light is on the number 3, and then push the joystick button.



Good. You did it. It went into the box.

Move the light onto the number 3 and press the button.

Let's try it again.

See the blinking box?

Put the number 2 in that box. Move the light to the number 2, press the button, and it will go into the box.

3

2

Flash left-hand box.

Cursor moves according to child's control. When child activates #3, number appears in box that was flashing. Flashing stops.

(Positive feedback follows correct response immediately. If student fails to respond within 5 seconds or responds incorrectly, corrective feedback is given).

Flash middle box.

Number 2 appears in box when activated. Flashing stops.

(Positive feedback follows correct response immediately. If student fails to respond within 5 seconds or responds incorrectly, corrective feedback is given).



2

4

Great. You've got the idea.

Move the light onto the number 2, and press the button.

Now try one all by yourself.

See the blinking box?

Get the number 1.

Good. You did it.

Move the light onto the number 2, and press the button.

2

Flash right-hand box.

Number 1 appears in box when activated. Flashing stops. (Positive feedback follows correct response immediately. If student fails to respond within 5 seconds or responds incorrectly, corrective feedback is given).

111

112

LEVEL 3

This portion of the program is intended to familiarize the student with the symbols and routines employed throughout the rest of the program. It takes the student through some interactions that, while simplified, are typical of the ones in which (s)he will participate.

3 1 This is a game to see how good you are at remembering. I'm going to show you some numbers. I'll show them to you one at a time.

See the flashing box? That's the one to light up first. I'll pretend to be you. Watch what I do.

After you light it up, a number will appear in it. Your job is to remember this number.

After the number disappears, light up the next box and you will see the next number to remember.

Now light up the last box.

When you light up the boxes this way, always work from the left-hand side to right-hand side.

5

Screen shows 3 boxes (only lower ones)

Left-hand box flashes

Little hand points to box, number appears for .5 sec then goes off.

Middle box flashes next.

Little hand points to box, number appears for .5 sec then goes off.

Right-hand box flashes.

Little hand points to box, number appears for .5 sec then goes off.

Light up a triangle on left side of screen.

Move arrow across screen from left to right. Using triangle on left as tip of arrow.

3

2

Now its your turn to light up the boxes.

Light up the box.

Light up this one next.

Light up the next one.

Good. You saw all the numbers.

This means the numbers are coming.

Light up the first one.

Light up the next one.

Light up the next one

Good. You saw all the numbers.

5

Shows three lower boxes.

Left-hand box flashes.

Upon activation, illuminates the numbers in the left hand box for .5 second.

Middle box flashes

Upon activation illuminates the middle box for .5 second.

Right-hand box flashes.

Upon activation, illuminates the number in the right-hand box for .5 second.

7

5

Shows three lower boxes.

Upon activation, illuminates the numbers in the left-hand box for .5 second.

Upon activation, illuminates the numbers in the middle box for .5 second.

Upon activation, illuminates the numbers in the right-hand box for .5 second.

3

3

Now you will see how to recall the numbers. I will be telling you rules about which number to recall first.

You will see this every time I am ready to tell you a new rule.

When you hear this (sound 3 short tones, each of .1 second duration), it means that it is time to recall the numbers.

I'll show you.

This means a new rule is coming.  
Here is the rule:

BLANK



6



BLANK



6



Stars flash in alternating pattern.

Stars flash in alternating pattern

3

4

This time, you should try to recall first the number you saw in this box,

and then recall the ones in the other boxes. Since you always work from left to right, you would do this one next,

and then, since there aren't any more to the right, go back and do the other one.

This means the numbers are coming.

If you light up the boxes in the wrong order, they will not show a number.

Watch what I do.

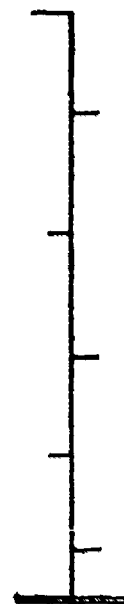
I light up this one first.

This one next.

And this one next.

I saw all the numbers. Now I will remember them.

5.



Shows only 3 lower boxes  
Flashes middle box.

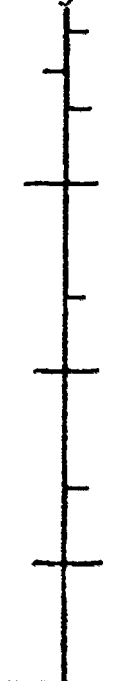
Flashes right-hand box.

Flashes left-hand box.

7



5



Screen shows 3 lower boxes

Left-hand box flashes.

Little hand points to box, number appears for .5 second, then goes off.

Middle box flashes.

Little hand points to box, number appears for .5 second, then goes off.

Right hand box flashes.

Little hand points to box, number appears for .5 second, then goes off.

8



(recall signal)

3

5

The rule said to remember this one first.

This number goes there.

This number goes in the next one.

This number goes in the other box.

Let's see if I got it right.

Good. These are the same.

Let's look at the next one.

These are the same.

Let's look at the next one.



Shows 3 lower boxes, with numbers below them.

Little hand goes to middle box, then to number that belongs in middle box.

Little hand goes to number that belongs in right-hand box.

Little hand goes to number that belongs in left-hand box.

Another row of boxes appears above those already on the screen.

Draws box outline around upper and lower middle selections.  
Illuminates number in upper middle box, which is the same as that in lower middle box.

Colors in area in box outline.

Draws box outline around upper and lower right-hand selections.  
Illuminates number in upper right-hand box, which is the same as that in the lower right-hand box.

Colors in area in box outline.

3

6

These are the same, too.

Good. I got them all.

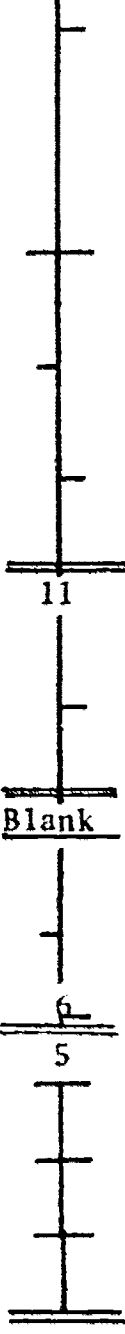
Now its your turn to recall the numbers.

Recall this one first.

A

Then this one,  
and then this one.

5



Draws box outline around upper and lower left-hand selections. Illuminates number in upper left-hand box, which is the same as that in the lower left-hand box.

Colors in area in box outline.

3 boxes collapse into 2.

Trucks move across screen.

Stars flash in alternating pattern.

Flashes middle box.

Flashes right-hand box.

Flashes left-hand box.



3

6a

Put your pen on the one you are going to recall first

+

Good. That's right.

-

No. Recall this one first.

Put your pen on the one you will recall next.

+

Good. That's right.

-

No. Recall this one next.

Put your pen on the one you will recall next.

+

Good. That's right.

-

No. Recall this one next.

5

Shows three lower boxes

Flash middle box (repeat from B until student performs correctly).

Flash right-hand box (repeat from A until student performs correctly).

Flash left-hand box (repeat from A until student performs correctly).

3

7

The numbers are coming.

Light up the box. \_\_\_\_\_

Remember the number you saw. When you're ready, light up this one.

When you're ready, light up the next one.

O.K. You saw all the numbers. When you hear the beeps, it will be time to recall the numbers by putting them where they belong.

129



Move arrow across screen.

Shows three lower boxes.

Left-hand box flashes.

Upon activation, illuminates the number on the left-hand box for .5 second.

Middle box flashes.

Upon activation, illuminates the number in the middle box for .5 second.

Right-hand box flashes.

Upon activation, illuminates the number in the right-hand box for .5 second.

(recall signal)

130

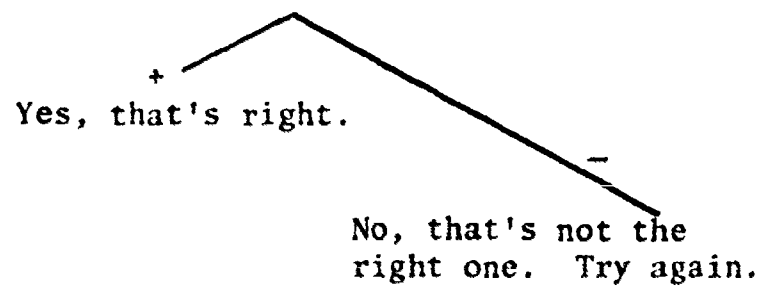
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Remember the rule?  
Do this one first.

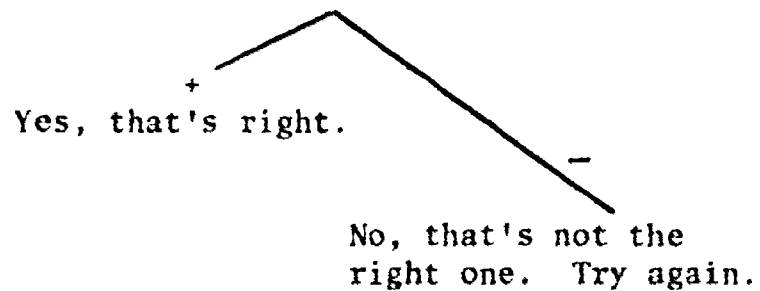
What number was in this box?

Get it. This will put it in the box.



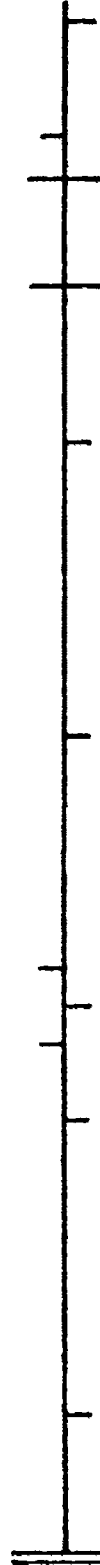
What number was in this box?

Put it in the box.



131

5



Shows 3 lower boxes, with numbers underneath.

Flashes middle box.

Continues to flash middle box until a number is activated.

Number appears in box.

Erases number in middle box. Flashes middle box until another number is activated. This number appears in box. Repeat until student activates correct number.

Flashes right-hand box.

Continues to flash middle box until a number is activated. When activated, the number appears in box.

Erases number in middle box. Flashes middle box until another number is activated. This number appears in box. Repeat until student activates correct number.

132

3

9

What number was in this box?

Put it in the box.

+  
Yes, that's right.

-  
No, that's not right. Try again.

Let's see how you did.

This is how I did mine.

The rule said to do this one first.

I got the one that goes here.

Moving to the right.

I got the one that goes in here.

133

5



Blank

5



Flashes left-hand box.

Continues to flash left-hand box until a number is activated. When activated, the number appears in box.

Erases number in middle box. Flashes middle box until another number is activated. This number appears in box. Repeat until student activates correct number.

Illuminates upper 3 boxes above existing boxes.

Hand points to middle-box.

Hand goes to number belonging in middle-box - it appears in box.

Hand goes to right-hand box.

Hand goes to number belonging to right-hand box - it appears in box.

134

3

10

Going back to the left.

I got the one that goes in here.

Did you do it that way?

Let's see if we did it the same.

Good. You did just like I did.

These don't match

Are these the same?

Good. Yours is just like mine.

No. They're not the same.

5

Hand goes to left-hand box.

Hand goes to number belonging in left-hand box - it appears in box.

Draws box outline around upper & lower left-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Draws box outline around upper & lower middle selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Draws box outline around upper & lower right-hand selection.

3

11

Are these the same?

Good. Yours is just like mine.

No. They're not the same.

O.K. We're going to try it again.

This time the rule is to recall.

This one first.

Remember that.

The numbers are coming.

Remember to go left-to-right.  
Light up the box.

When you are ready,  
light up the next one.

Light up the next one.

137

5



Blank

6



5



7



Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Stars flash in alternating pattern.

Illuminates three lower boxes.  
Flash left-hand box.

Move arrow across screen.

When left-hand box is activated, illuminates number in box for .5 second.

When middle box is activated, illuminates number in box for .5 second.

When right-hand box is activated, illuminates number in box for .5 second.

138

3

12

Now its your turn to put the numbers in the boxes.  
Remember which one to put in first.

Put in the next one.

Put in the next one.

Let's see if yours is the same as mine.

Good. Yours is just like mine.

These are not the same.

You did it.

They don't match



(recall screen)

Number chosen by student goes into left-hand box.

Number chosen by student goes into middle box.

Number chosen by student goes into right-hand box.

Illuminates upper 3 boxes above existing boxes.

Draws box outline around upper & lower left-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Draws box outline around upper & lower middle selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Draws box outline around upper & lower right-hand selections.

3

13

+  
Good they match.

-  
These do not match.

5



Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

If all three areas are colored in, goes to screen 11.

(Repeat from \* until student performs two consecutive series with 100% accuracy.)



## LEVEL A

This is the level at which the students begin assessment and training on circular recall strategy use. Thus strategy targeted for training at this level is the "2/2", which involves remembering the last 2 of 4 digits first using a "fast finish" technique, and then remembering the first 2 digits using a "cumulative rehearsal" technique. The students receive training on each of these techniques separately, and then learn to chain them together.

A

1

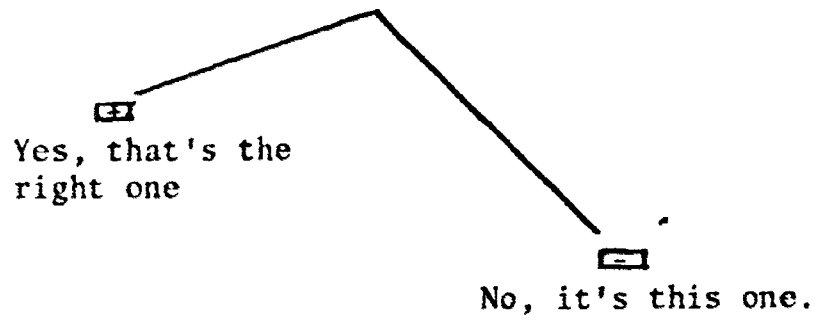
I am going to show you some letters.

Your job is to remember this many letters.

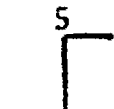
Here is the recall rule:

Recall first the letter that appears in this box.

Which one are you going to recall first?  
Get it.



Blank



Shows 4 lower boxes

Flashes stars in alternating pattern.

Shows 4 lower boxes

Flashes B

3

Flashes the correct box.

A

2

Let's begin

Light up the letters in the boxes.

Put the letters in the right boxes.  
Remember the rule.

Let's see how you did.  
Here is the right answer.

These are the ones that you recalled correctly.

Repeat this page 5 more times for a total of  
6 assessment trials.



Moves arrow across screen.

Shows 4 lower boxes.

When B<sub>1</sub>, activated, LN<sub>1</sub>, appears in it for .5 Sec.

When B<sub>2</sub>, activated, LN<sub>2</sub>, appears in it for .5 Sec.

When B<sub>3</sub>, activated, LN<sub>3</sub>, appears in it for .5 Sec.

When B<sub>4</sub>, activated, LN<sub>4</sub>, appears in it for .5 Sec.

Shows 4 empty boxes.

Letters appear below in random order in a row.  
(recall signal)

First letter selected goes in B<sub>3</sub>

Second letter selected goes in B<sub>4</sub>

Third letter selected goes in B<sub>1</sub>

Fourth letter selected goes in B<sub>2</sub>

Shows 4 upper boxes above existing ones. Letters  
appear in boxes in correct order all at once.  
(are not put on one-at-a-time.)

Boxes in area around all correctly matched upper  
& lower selections, and fills them in with color.

A 3 Following final trial comes brief interlude of video game.

Performance: Meets criterion on last 3 trials --- longer interlude of game, move on to next level of assessment  
less than criterion --- brief game interlude, move into training at this level.

A

4

Your job is to remember this many letters.

I'm going to show you some ways to study  
when you have to recall the last  
two letters then the first two letters.

The first way is to remember the letters in a little  
group.

I am going to show you how to study the last  
letters.

5.

Shows screen with lower 4 boxes.

Distinguishes between two clusters of boxes by  
drawing a blue box around the first two and a  
red box around the last two.



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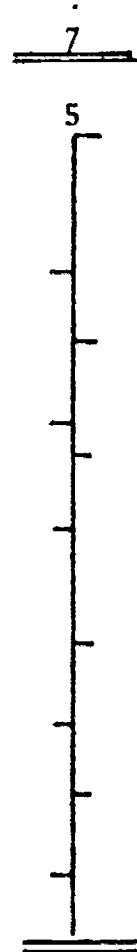
See these 2 boxes?

I'm lighting up the first one.

It's a lettername, (LN). I say the letter and go on right away to the next one.

Now I'm lighting up the next one.

Its a (LN). I say (LN).



Moves arrow across screen

(Although all 4 remain on screen, now working with 2-box group, only this group is highlighted with a larger, red box.)



Moves hand to left-hand box of the 2-box group.

Letter appears in the left-hand box for .5 second.

Moves hand to right-hand box.

Letter appears in right-hand box for .5 second.

A

6

This tells me to recall all the letters I saw

Which one went here?

It was a (LN). I will put the (LN) in the box.

This one is next.

Let's see if I did it right.

8

5

(recall signal)

Displays the 2 letters in random order below the boxes.

With all 4 boxes on screen and last 2 highlighted.

Flashes left-hand box of the 2-box group.

Little hand goes to (LN); letter appears in flashing left-hand box and flashing stops.

Flashes right-hand box.

Little hand goes to letter for right-hand box; it appears in right-hand box and flashing stops.

A

7

Here is the way it is supposed to be.

Here is what I did.

Let's see if they are the same.

Good. They match.

These match, too.

Now I want you to help me.

157

5

2 upper boxes appear above lower ones.

Little hand points to top row.  
Puts a letter in left-hand box.  
then right-hand box.

Little hand points to bottom row.

Draws box outline around upper and lower  
left-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline between the boxes  
and the out-lining borders.

Draws box outline around upper and lower  
right-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Trucks drive off screen.

11  
BLANK

158



A

8

Here are 2 boxes.

You are going to light up the letters in the boxes.

Light up this one.

(It's a LN). Say out loud LN.

Now light up this one.

It's a LN. Say out loud LN.

Put the right letter in this box.

Put the right letter in this box.

159

5

With all 4 boxes on screen, the groups separated and last 2 boxes highlighted:

Flashes 2 boxes momentarily.

Flashes left-hand box of 2-box group.

Upon activation of box, letter appears in left-hand box for .5 second.

(pauses 2 seconds to allow student to respond)

Flashes right-hand box.

Upon activation of box, letter appears in middle box for .5 second.

(pauses 2 seconds to allow student to respond)

(recall signal)

5

With all 4 boxes on the screen and last two highlighted:

The 2 letters that had been in the boxes appear below in random order.

Flashes left-hand box.

Upon activation of a letter, that letter appears in left-hand box.

Flashes right-hand box.

Upon activation of a letter, that letter appears in right-hand box.

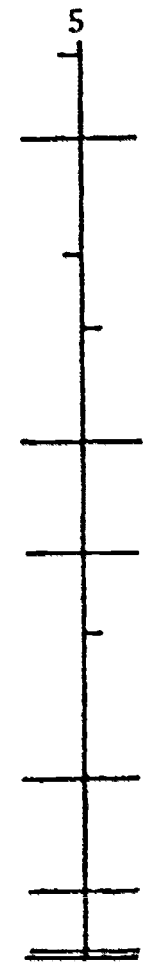
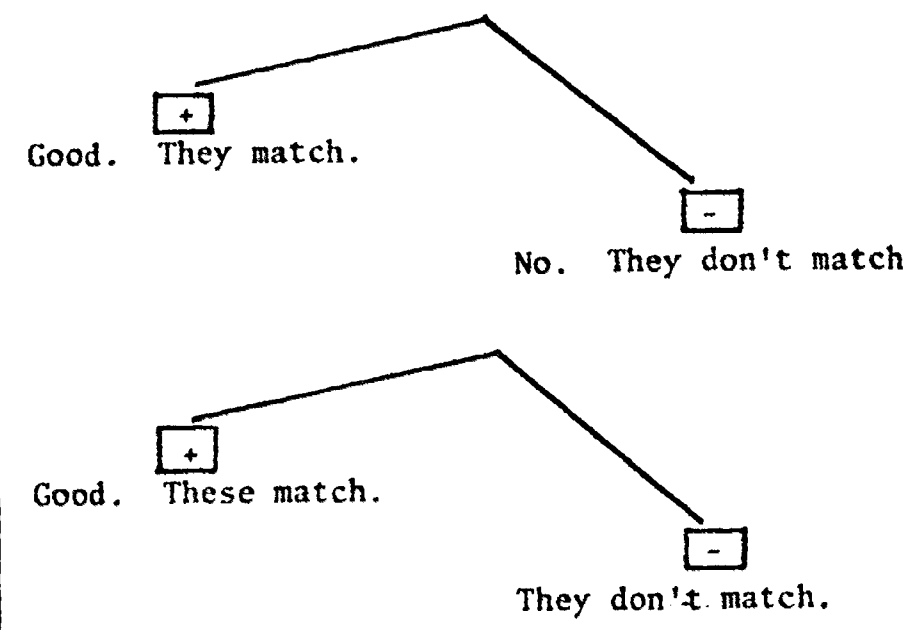
160

A 9

Let's see if you got it right

Here's the right answer.

Let's see if they are the same.



Upper row of 2 boxes appears. Correct letters are filled in: left-hand, right-hand.

Draws box outline around upper and lower left-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Draws box outline around upper and lower right-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

A

10

Great. You got them all.

Let's do some more.

Let's try it again.

5

If all correct goes to screen 11 and moves trucks across screen.

If incorrect, repeat from page 7.

A

11

Light up the letters in the last 2 boxes.  
Try to move through these quickly.

O.K. You saw all the letters.

Put the letters in the right boxes.

165



5



5



Move arrow across screen.

With all 4 boxes on the screen with last 2 highlighted:

Flashes left-hand box of the second 2-box group.

Upon activation of box, letter appears in left-hand box for .5 second.

Flashes right-hand box.

Upon activation of box, letter appears in right-hand box for .5 second.

(recall signal)

All 4 boxes on screen, last 2 highlighted.  
Displays letters in random order below boxes.

Flashes left-hand box of the second 2-box group.

Upon activation of letter, it appears in left-hand box.

Flash right-hand box.

Upon activation of letter, it appears in right-hand box.

166

A 12 Repeat Comparison Procedure 1 (Page 9).

A

13

Good, you got them all.

Let's try again.

5

If all correct,  
go to screen 11 and move trucks across screen.  
Go to next page.

If incorrect,  
repeat from page 11.

A 14

Light up the last 2 letters in the boxes.

7

Moves arrow across screen.

5

With all 4 boxes on the screen, and last 2 highlighted:

Upon activation of left-hand box, letter appears in it (activation of any other box is ignored) for .5 second.

Upon activation of right-hand box, letter appears in it for .5 second.

8

(recall signal)

5

With all 4 boxes on the screen and last 2 highlighted:

Display letters in random order below boxes.

As student selects each letter, it goes into a box:

Box #3 - box into which 1st letter selected appears

Box #4 - box into which 2nd letter selected appears

Put the letters in the right boxes...

172

171

A

15

(Repeat comparison procedure 1 (Page 9).)

173

174



A

16

Good. You got them all. Let's do some more.

Let's try again.

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If all correct:  
Go to screen 11 and move trucks across screen.

Repeat page 14 five more times.

\_\_\_\_\_

If incorrect:

Repeat page 11.

A

17

(If after 6 trials at page 14, student is performing at or above the specified accuracy criterion for the particular list length across the last three trials, he moves on to the next page.)

177

178

A

18

You just learned a way to remember these letters.

Now you are going to learn a way to remember these first two letters.

So that you can remember them when you have to remember the last two and then the first two, you will need to practice letters by saying them, first out loud and then in your head.

You are going to see the letters one at a time like before. Watch me.

5

Shows 4 boxes, but nothing is highlighted.

Highlights last 2 boxes with a box around them.

Eliminates highlighting of last 2.  
 Highlights first 2 in same manner.

A

19

When this letter comes on, I'm going to say it once.

LN<sub>1</sub>  
 (Voice says LN aloud.)

When this letter comes on, I will say the first letter, then the second one, Until I am sure I know them.

LN<sub>1</sub> LN<sub>2</sub> , LN<sub>1</sub> LN<sub>2</sub>  
 (Voice says both letters aloud, twice.)

7

5

Move arrow across screen.

Shows boxes, highlighting first 2.

Flashes left-hand box.

Little hand goes to flashing box; letter appears in box for .5 second.

Flashes right-hand box.

Little hand goes to flashing box; letter appears in box for .5 second.

A

20

I'm practicing the letters to help me recall them.

LN<sub>1</sub> LN<sub>2</sub>, LN<sub>1</sub> LN<sub>2</sub>

BLANK

8  
5



(recall signal)

Shows 4 boxes, highlighting first 2.

Letters appear below.

Display letters in random order below boxes.

Hand goes to (LN<sub>1</sub>); letter appears in LH box.

Hand goes to (LN<sub>2</sub>); letter appears in RH box.

A

21

Let's see if I got them right.  
Here's the way it is supposed to be.

Here is what I did.

Let's see if they are the same.

Good, they match.

These match, too.

I got them all right.

Now I want you to help me.

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—11—

—Blank—

Upper row of 2 boxes appears.

Little hand points to the top row.  
letters are filled in:left-hand, right hand

Little hand points to bottom row.

Draws box outline around upper & lower  
left-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Draws box outline around upper & lower  
right-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Moves trucks across screen.

A

22

See the flashing box? Light it up.

Out loud, say  $LN_1$ .

Light up the next box.

Out loud, say  
 $LN_1, LN_2; LN_1, LN_2$ .

Now it's your turn to put the letters in the boxes.

What goes here?

What goes here?

7

Moves arrow across screen.

5

Shows 4 boxes, highlights first two.

Flashes left-hand box.

When activated, flashing stops and letter  $LN_1$  appears for .5 second.  
 (pause 1 second to allow student time to repeat)

Flash right-hand box.

When activated, flashing stops and letter  $LN_2$  appears for .5 second.  
 (pause 2.5 seconds to allow student time to repeat)

8

(recall signal)

5

Shows 4 boxes, highlighting first two.  
 Letters ( $LN_1$  &  $LN_2$ ) appear below in random order.

Flashes left-hand box.

When activated, letter appears in left-hand box.

Flashes right-hand box.

When activated, letter appears in right-hand box.

A

23

Let's see if you got them right.

Here's the right answer.

Let's see if they are the same.

Good. They match

No. They don't match.

They match.

They don't match.

Comparison Procedure 2

5

Upper row of 2 boxes appears.  
Letters are filled in: left-hand, right-hand

Draws box outline around upper and lower left-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Draws box outline around upper and lower right-hand selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.



A 24 Good. You got both of them.  
Let's do some more.  
Let's try again.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If all correct,  
goes to screen 11 and moves trucks across screen.  
go to next page.  
If incorrect,  
Repeat from page 22.



A

25

Light up the letters in the boxes.  
 Remember to say them over and over in your head.

You saw both of the letters - Put them in the right boxes.

7

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8

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Moves arrow across screen.

With all 5 boxes on the screen, and first 2 highlighted.

Flashes left-hand box.

When activated, flashing stops and letter LN<sub>1</sub> appears in it for .5 second.  
 (pause 1 second)

Flashes right-hand box.

When activated, flashing stops and letter LN<sub>2</sub> appears in it for .5 second.  
 (pause 2.5 second)

(recall signal)

Shows 5 boxes, highlighting first two.  
 Letters appear below in random order.

Flashes left-hand box.

When activated, letter appears in left-hand box.

Flashes right-hand box.

When activated, letter appears in right-hand box.

LEVEL PAGE

VOICE

LEVEL	PAGE	VOICE	SCREEN NUMBER	ACTIVITY ON SCREEN
A	26	Repeat comparison procedure 2 page 23.		

195

196

A 27 Great. You got them both.  
 Let's do some more.  
 Let's try again.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

If both correct:  
 Go to screen 11 and moves trucks across screen.  
 Go to next page.  
 If incorrect:  
 Repeat from page 25.

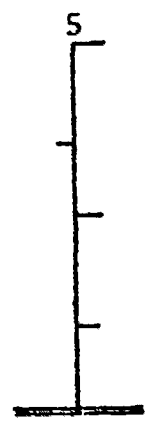
A

28

Light up the letters in the boxes.

Put the letters in the right boxes.

7



8



Moves arrow across screen.

With all 4 boxes on the screen, and first 2 highlighted:

When left-hand box is activated, letter LN<sub>1</sub> appears in it for .5 second.

When right-hand box is activated, letter LN<sub>2</sub> appears in it for .5 second.

(recall signal)

Shows 4 boxes, highlighting first two. letters appear below in random order.

First letter activated appears in left-hand box.

Second letter activated appears in right-hand box.

Instruction - Cumulative Rehearsal

LEVEL PAGE

VOICE

SCREEN  
NUMBER

ACTIVITY ON SCREEN

A 29 Repeat comparison procedure 2 page 23.

201

202

LEVEL	PAGE	VOICE	SCREEN NUMBER	ACTIVITY ON SCREEN
A	30	<p>Great. You got them both.</p> <p>Let's do some more.</p> <p>Let's try again.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>If all correct: Goes to screen 11 and moves trucks across screen.</p> <p>Repeat from page 28 five more times.</p> <p>If incorrect: Repeat from page 25.</p>



A

32

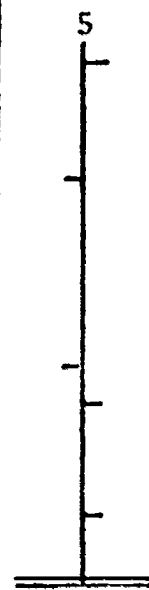
Light up the letters in the boxes. Don't move on to a new letter until you are sure you can remember the other ones. You can practice them as many times as you want to be sure you know them.

Light up the letters in the boxes.

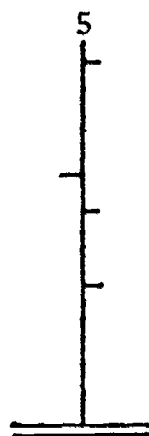
Put the letters in the right boxes.

205

7



8



Moves arrow across screen.

With all 4 boxes on the screen and the first 2 highlighted:

When left-hand box is activated, LN<sub>1</sub> appears in it for .5 second.

When right-hand box is activated, LN<sub>2</sub> appears in it for .5 second.

(recall signal - question mark remains on screen for 1 second; 3 beeps enter after .7 second has elapsed.)

Shows 4 boxes, highlighting first 2 letters appear below in random order.

First letter activated appears in left-hand box.

Second letter activated appears in right-hand box.

216



A 33 Repeat Comparison Procedure 2 page 23.

207

208

A

34

+

Great, You got them both.  
See, you can really remember those letters, even  
if you have to wait before recalling them.

Let's do some more.

-

Let's try again.

\_\_\_\_\_

If all correct:  
Go to screen 11 and move trucks across screen.

\_\_\_\_\_

Go to next page.

\_\_\_\_\_

Repeat from page 32.

209

210

A

35

I'm going to make you work a little harder. This time you are going to have to remember the letters for a longer time before you can recall them. Practice the letters over and over while you are waiting to put them in the right boxes. This will help you remember them.

Light up the letters in the boxes.

Practice these until its time to put them in the boxes.

7

3

8

Moves arrow across screen

With all 4 boxes on the screen and first 2 highlighted:

When left-hand box is activated, LN<sub>1</sub> appears in it for .5 second.

When right-hand box is activated, LN<sub>2</sub> appears in it for .5 second.

(recall signal - question mark remains on screen for 2 seconds; 3 beeps after 1.7 seconds have elapsed.

211

212

A

36

Put the letters in the right boxes.

5

Shows 4 boxes, highlighting first 2.  
Letters appear below in random order.

First letter activated appears in left-hand box.

Second letter activated appears in right-hand box.

213

214

A 37 Repeat Comparison Procedure 2, page 23.

215

216

A

38

+

Great. You got them both.

Let's do some more.

-

Let's try it again.

\_\_\_\_\_

If all correct:  
Go to screen 11 and move frogs across screen.

\_\_\_\_\_

(Go to next page.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Repeat from page 35.

217

218

A 39

Remember to practice the letters until you're sure you know them.

Light up the letters in the boxes.

Put the letters in the right boxes.

7

Moves arrow across screen.

With all 4 boxes on screen and first 2 highlighted.

When left-hand box is activated, LN<sub>1</sub>, appears in it for .5 second.

When right-hand box is activated, LN<sub>2</sub>, appears in it for .5 second.

(recall screen - question mark remains on screen for 3 seconds; 3 beeps after 2.7 seconds have elapsed.)

8

Shows 4 boxes, highlighting first 2. Letters appear below in random order.

First letter activated appears in left-hand box.

Second letter activated appears in right-hand box.

A

40

Repeat Comparison Procedure 2, page 23.

221

222



A

41

+

Great. You got them both.

Let's do some more

-

Let's try it again.  
Keep saying the letters over and over in your head  
to help you recall them.

2 3

\_\_\_\_\_ If all correct:  
Go to screen 11 and move mice across screen.

\_\_\_\_\_ Repeat pages 39 thru 41 with:

- A. 4-second delay during Recall Screen:  
question mark up for 4 seconds; 3 beeps after  
3.7 seconds.  
If "A" correct, repeat pages 39-41 with
- B. 5-second delay during Recall Screen:  
question mark up for 5 seconds; 3 beeps after  
4.7 seconds.  
If "B" correct, repeat pages 39-41 with
- C. 6-second delay during Recall Screen:  
question mark up for 6 seconds; 3 beeps after  
5.7 seconds.  
If "C" correct, go to next page.

\_\_\_\_\_ Repeat from page 39 with appropriate delay  
interval.

2 4

A

42

Repeat "C" (page 41) 5 more times..

2 5

2 6

A

43

If, after 6 trials at "C" (page 41) student is performing on last 3 trials at or above the specified level for accuracy and  $\omega^2$  for a given list length, he moves on to next page.

227

228

A

44

Now you are going to use all the things that you've learned at once so that you can recall all these letters.

I'm going to see if you can remember all these letters at one time.

This is the rule.

Start recalling with this one first, then this one, and this one, and that one.

I'll show you what I mean.

I'll pretend to be you. Watch how I study the letters so that I can recall the last ones and then the first ones.

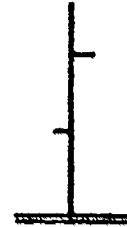
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Shows 4 boxes, not highlighted in any way.

Flashes all 4 boxes.

6



Stars flash in alternating pattern.

5



Shows boxes, not separated.

Flashes boxes in appropriate circular recall sequence.

A

45

I'm going to light up the letters in the boxes.  
I'm going to practice the first two over and over  
in my head, and then move through the last two  
quickly.

LN<sub>1</sub>

LN<sub>1</sub>, LN<sub>2</sub>, LN<sub>1</sub>, LN<sub>2</sub> . . .

I'm practicing these to make sure I know them.

LN<sub>3</sub>

LN<sub>4</sub>

The rule told me to recall this one first.

What letter was there?

Now I'll go back and recall the ones I practiced.

231

Let's see if I did it right.

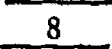
7



5



8



5



Arrow moves across screen

Shows 4 boxes (to be referred to in this narrative  
as B<sub>1</sub> B<sub>2</sub> B<sub>3</sub> B<sub>4</sub> for explanatory purposes)

Little hand goes to B<sub>1</sub>. LN<sub>1</sub> appears for .5 second.

Little hand goes to B<sub>2</sub>. LN<sub>2</sub> appears for .5 second.

Little hand goes to B<sub>3</sub>, LN<sub>3</sub> appears for .5 second.

Little hand goes to B<sub>4</sub>, LN<sub>4</sub> appears for .5 second.

(recall signal)

Shows 4 boxes  
Letters appear below in random order.

Little hand goes to B<sub>3</sub>.

Little hand goes to LN<sub>3</sub>. It appears in B<sub>3</sub>.

Little hand goes to LN<sub>4</sub>. It appears in B<sub>4</sub>.

Little hand goes to LN<sub>1</sub>. It appears in B<sub>1</sub>.

Little hand goes to LN<sub>2</sub>. It appears in B<sub>2</sub>.

232

A

46

Here is the way it is supposed to be.

Here is what I did.

Good they match.

Good they match.

Good they match.

These match, too.

I got them all right.

Now I want you to help me.

5

Upper row of 4 boxes appears.  
 Little hand points to the top row.  
 Letters are filled in this order:  
 ( 1 letter every .2 second)

B<sub>3</sub>, B<sub>4</sub>, B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>

Little hand points to bottom row.

Draws box outline around upper and lower B<sub>3</sub>  
 selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Draws box outline around upper and lower B<sub>4</sub>  
 selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Draws box outline around upper and lower B<sub>1</sub>  
 selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Draws box outline around upper and lower B<sub>2</sub>  
 selections.

Colors in areas in box outline.

Moves trucks across screen.

11

Blank

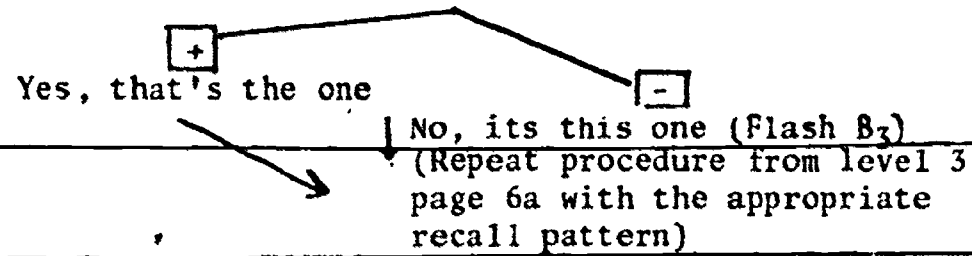
A

47

Remember the rule:

When you are recalling where the letters go,  
do this one first.

Which one are you going to recall first? Get it!



You are going to light up the letters in the boxes.  
Remember to say the first two over and over in your  
head, and then move through the last two quickly.

See the flashing box? Get it!

LN<sub>1</sub> .

LN<sub>1</sub>, LN<sub>2</sub>; LN<sub>1</sub>, LN<sub>2</sub>.

Repeat these until you are sure you know them.  
When you're sure you know them, then get the  
next one.

LN<sub>3</sub>.

235

LN<sub>4</sub>.

6

5

7

5

Stars flash in alternating pattern.

Shows 4 boxes; flash B<sub>3</sub>.

Flashing stops.

Arrow moves across screen.

Shows 4 boxes.

Flash B<sub>1</sub>.

When B<sub>1</sub> activated, flashing stops and LN<sub>1</sub> appears  
in it for .5 second.

(Pause 1 second to allow student time to repeat.)

Flashes B<sub>2</sub>.

When B<sub>2</sub> activated, flashing stops and LN<sub>2</sub> appears  
in it for .5 second.

(Pause 3 second to allow student time to repeat.)

Flashes B<sub>3</sub>.

When B<sub>3</sub> activated, flashing stops and LN<sub>3</sub> appears  
in it for .5 second.

Flashes B<sub>4</sub>.

When B<sub>4</sub> activated, flashing stops and LN<sub>4</sub> appears  
in it for .5 second.

A

48

Now it's your turn to put the letters in the boxes.

Which one did the rule say to recall first?

Get it!

+

Good

-

No. Recall this one first

What letter goes here?

What letter goes here?

Here?

Here?

8



(recall signal)

Shows 4 boxes  
Letters appear below in random order.

Flashes B<sub>3</sub>.

When activated, letter appears in B<sub>3</sub>.

Flashes B<sub>4</sub>.

When activated, letter appears in B<sub>4</sub>.

Flashes B<sub>1</sub>.

When activated, letter appears in B<sub>1</sub>.

Flashes B<sub>2</sub>.

When activated, letter appears in B<sub>2</sub>.



A

49

Let's see if you got it right.

Here's the right answer.

Let's see if they match.

+

Good they match.

-

No. They don't match.

+

They match

-

They don't match.

+

They match

-

They don't match.

+

Good. They match.

-

They don't match.

Comparison Procedure 3

5

Upper row of 4 boxes appears.  
Letters filled in in this order:

B<sub>3</sub>, B<sub>4</sub>, B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>

Draws box outline around upper and lower B<sub>3</sub>  
selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Draws box outline around upper and lower B<sub>4</sub>  
selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Draws box outline around upper and lower B<sub>1</sub>  
selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Draws box outline around upper and lower B<sub>2</sub>  
selections.

Colors in area in box outline.

Dissolves box outline.

Instruction - Chaining

LEVEL PAGE

VOICE

SCREEN  
NUMBER

ACTIVITY ON SCREEN

A 50 . Good. You got them all.

Let's do some more.

Let's try again.

\_\_\_\_\_

If all correct:

\_\_\_\_\_

Goes to screen 11 and moves trucks across screen.

\_\_\_\_\_

If incorrect:

Repeat from page 41.

A

51

Remember the rule:  
Recall this one first.

Get the one you will recall first.

+  
Good

-  
No. You should recall  
this one first

Light up the letters in the boxes.  
Remember to say the first two over and over in  
your head until you're sure you know them, and  
then to move through the last two quickly.

Remember to say these over and over in your head.

Go through these next 2 quickly.

213



Flashes stars in alternating fashion.

Shows 4 boxes; flash B<sub>3</sub> for 1 second.

Flashes B<sub>1</sub>.

Moves arrow across screen.

Shows 4 boxes.

Flashes B<sub>1</sub>.

When B<sub>1</sub> activated, flashing stops and LN<sub>1</sub> appears  
in it for .5 second.

(pause 1 second)

Flashes B<sub>2</sub>.

When B<sub>2</sub> activated, flashing stops and LN<sub>2</sub> appears  
in it for .5 second.

Flashes B<sub>3</sub>.

When B<sub>3</sub> activated, flashing stops and LN<sub>3</sub> appears  
in it for .5 second.

Flashes B<sub>4</sub>.

When B<sub>4</sub> activated, flashing stops and LN<sub>4</sub> appears  
in it for .5 second.

214

A

52

Put the letters in the right boxes.  
Remember the rule.

8

(recall screen)

5

Show 4 boxes  
Letters appear below in random order.

Flashes B<sub>3</sub>.

When activated, letter appears in B<sub>3</sub>.

Flashes B<sub>4</sub>.

When activated, letter appears in B<sub>4</sub>.

Flashes B<sub>1</sub>.

When activated, letter appears in B<sub>1</sub>.

Flashes B<sub>2</sub>.

When activated, letter appears in B<sub>2</sub>.

A

53

Repeat Comparison Procedure 3, Page 43.

217

218

A

54

Good you got them all.

Let's do some more.

Let's try again.

\_\_\_\_\_

If all correct.

\_\_\_\_\_

Goes to screen 11 and moves trucks across screen.

\_\_\_\_\_

If incorrect.

Repeat from page 45.

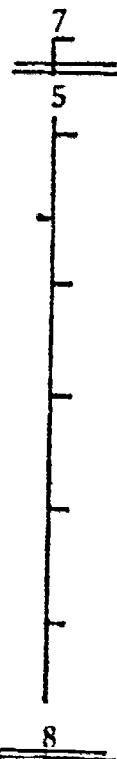
A

55

Light up the letters in the boxes.

Put the letters in the right boxes.  
Remember the rule.

251



Moves arrow across screen.

Shows 4 boxes.

When  $B_1$  activated,  $LN_1$  appears in it for .5 second.

When  $B_2$  activated,  $LN_2$  appears in it for .5 second.

When  $B_3$  activated,  $LN_3$  appears in it for .5 second.

When  $B_4$  activated,  $LN_4$  appears in it for .5 second.

(recall screen)



Shows 4 boxes.

Letters appear below in random order.

First letter selected appears in  $B_3$ .

Second letter selected appears in  $B_4$ .

Third letter selected appears in  $B_1$ .

Fourth letter selected appears in  $B_2$ .

252

A

56

Repeat Comparison Procedure 3, Page 43.

253

254



A

57

Great, you got them all.

Let's try again.

—

If all correct:

Goes to screen 11 and moves trucks across screen.

Repeat from page 49 five more times.

—

If incorrect:

Repeat from Page 45.

255

256

A 58 If after 6 trials at page 49 student is performing at or above the specified accuracy and  $\omega^2$  criteria for the particular list lengths during the last 3 of the 6 trials, s/he receives the assessment for the next circular recall requirement.

Before the beginning of instruction on the third level of circular recall, the student sees and hears the following:

You are doing a great job. When you had to remember this many letters

You recalled these first

and then went back and recalled these.







and when you had to remember this many letters

you recalled these first

and then went back and recalled these.

You practiced some of the letters over and over, and remembered some in a little group

Now you'll get a chance to do this with more letters. Keep up the good work.

—	Shows 4 boxes
—	 draws box around last 2
—	 draws box around first 2 and eliminates box around last 2
—	 Shows 5 boxes
—	 draws box around last 3
—	 draws box around first 2 and eliminates box around last 2
—	 draws box around last 3



You will make the universe safe for mankind if you make contact with all the blue stars.

You make contact every time you put your light on a blue star.

You get a point for each blue star you contact.

Sometimes the stars will be shooting stars that move, and then they'll be worth 5 points if you make contact with them.

The evil alien ship is roaming the universe trying to capture blue stars.

If it does, the only way to get them back is to blast the alien ship with a missile as it moves across the screen.

You can fire missiles by putting your light in the middle of the launch pad.

If you blast the alien ship when it is carrying captured stars, the stars will be released and you will score a point for each one.

If you contact all the blue stars and blast the alien ship you will get to play for an extra minute.

—  
Show several blue stars.

—  
Show little hand going to blue star among red and yellow stars. When hand contacts star, it turns white, whistles, and then disappears.

—  
Show number 1 in score box.

—  
Show blue shooting stars.

—  
Show alien ship crossing screen full of stars, grabbing stars in its path.

—  
Show little hand contacting center of launch pad, firing a missile that hits the alien ship.

—  
Show alien ship blowing up and point total increasing in score box. The stars that were inside the ship remain on the screen for 1 second, turn white, and disappear.

You will make the universe safe for mankind if you make contact with all the blue stars.

You make contact every time you put your light on a blue star and push the button.

You get a point for each blue star you contact.

Sometimes the stars will be shooting stars that move, and then they'll be worth 5 points if you make contact with them.

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# APPLE VIDEO DISPLAY WORK SHEET (LO-RES)

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APPENDIX D  
Screen Layouts

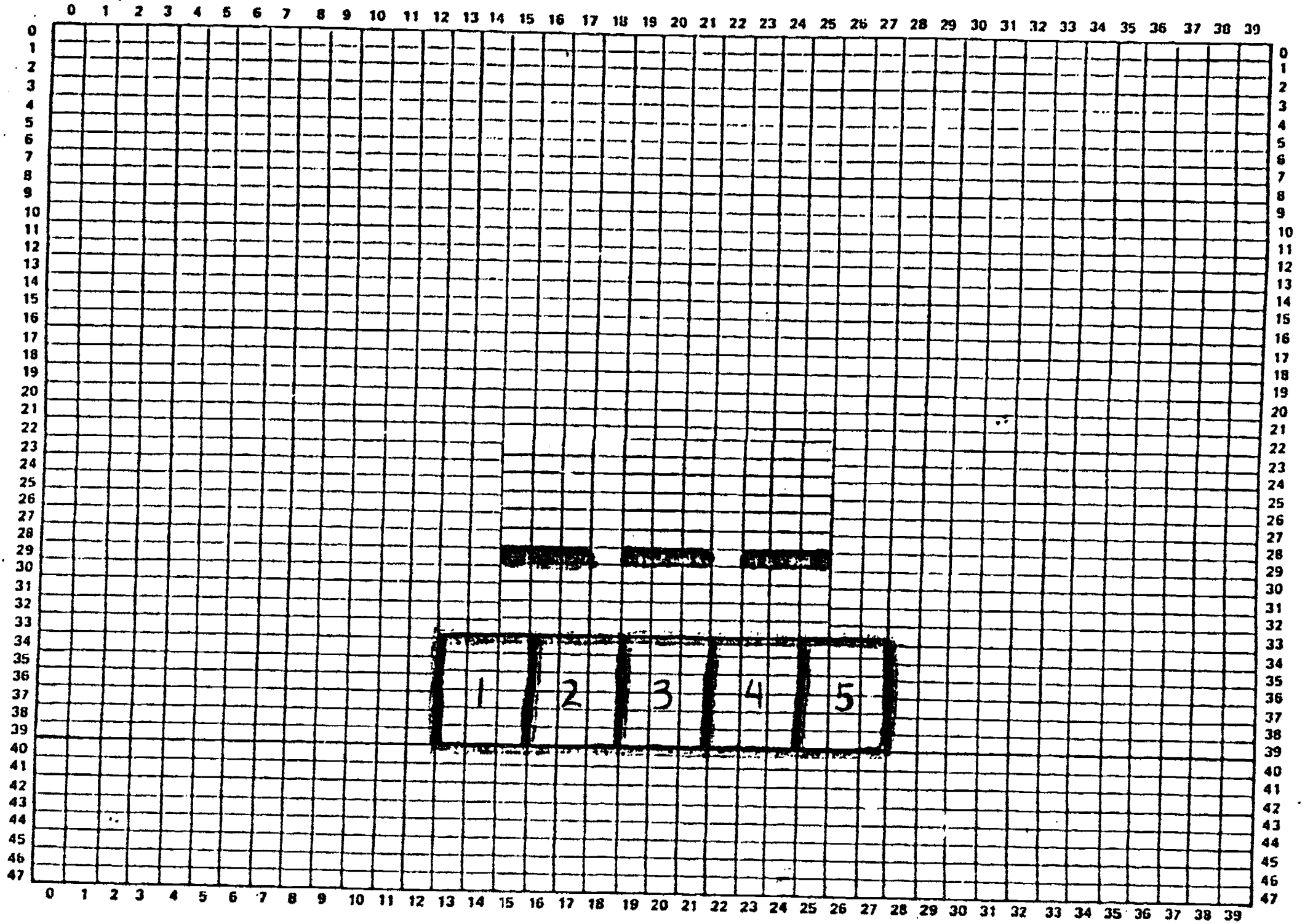
## Screen Layouts

### Screen Number

12	Title Screen - Parameters (assessment/training, student records)
13	Parameters - Student name/date (previous interactant)
14	Parameters - Student name/date (new interactant)
15	Parameters - Selection mode, game speed, etc.
20	Parameter review
1	Light pen
3	Joystick
2	Familiarization with selection mode drill
9	Two-digit span with correction boxes
5A	Digit span (up to 9 characters)
5B	Digit span with correction boxes
6	Rule screen
7	Ready screen
8	Recall screen
11A	Reward screen - trucks
11B	Reward screen - frogs
11C	Reward screen - mice
21	Video game
16	Continue interaction

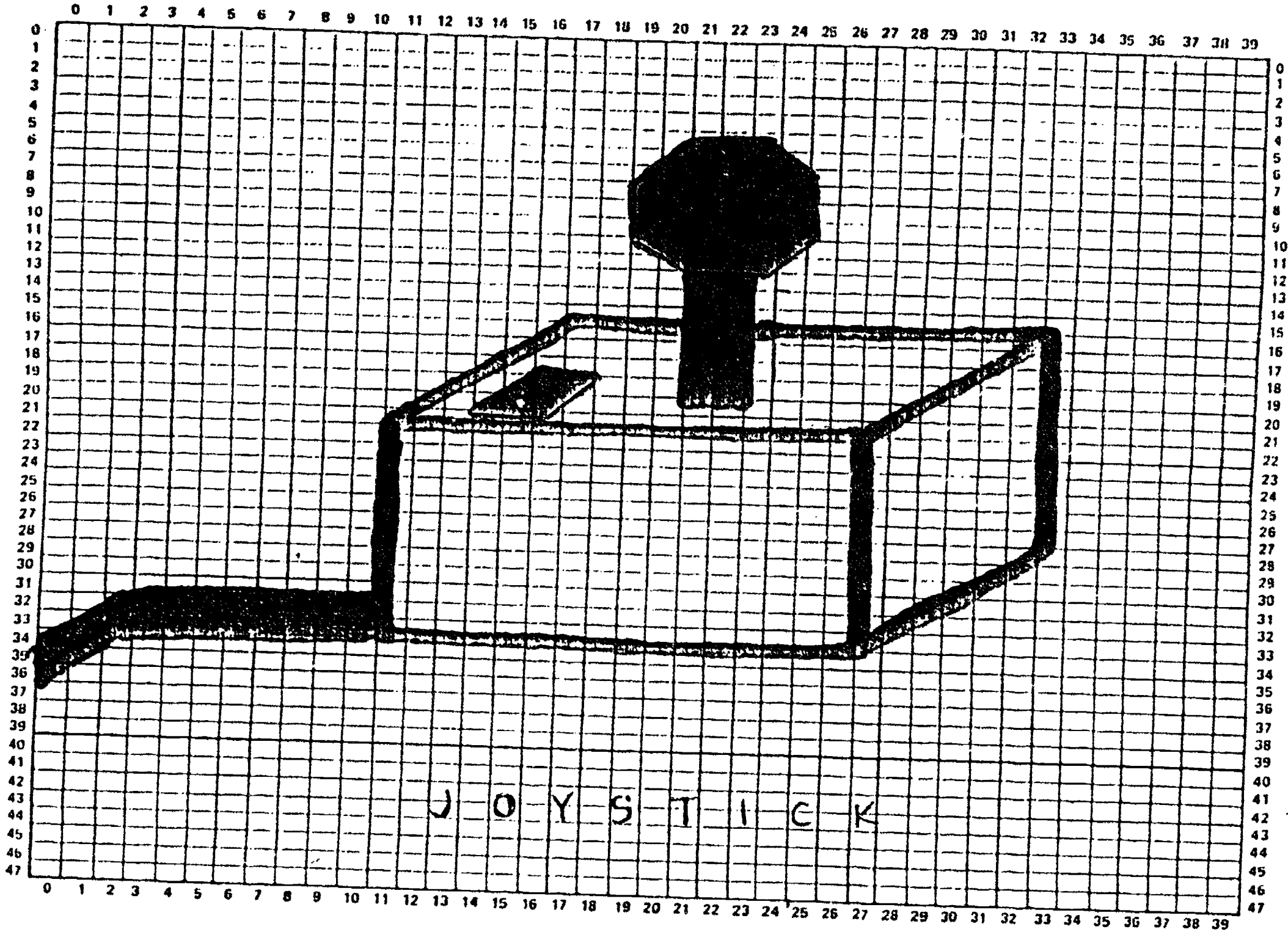


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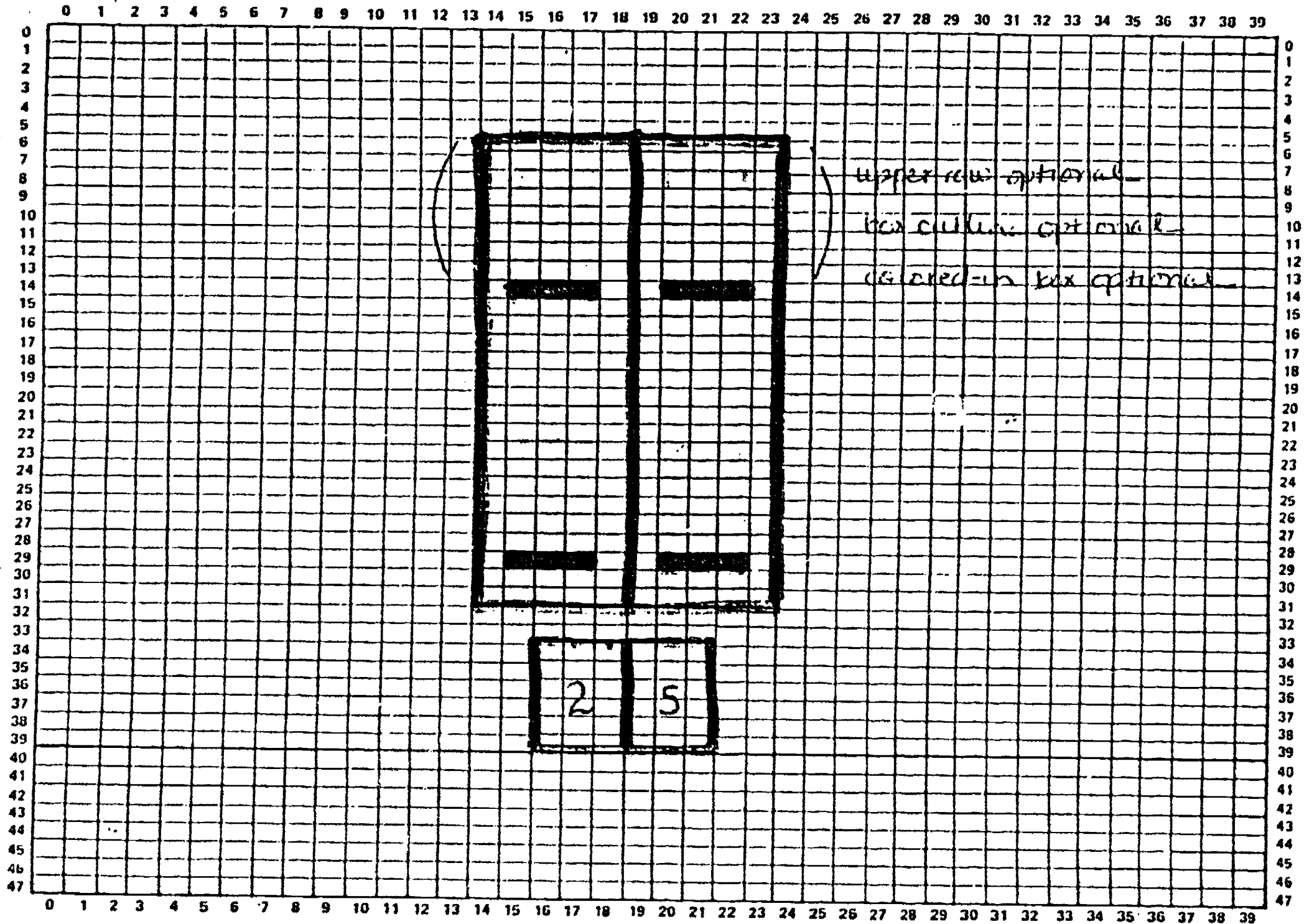
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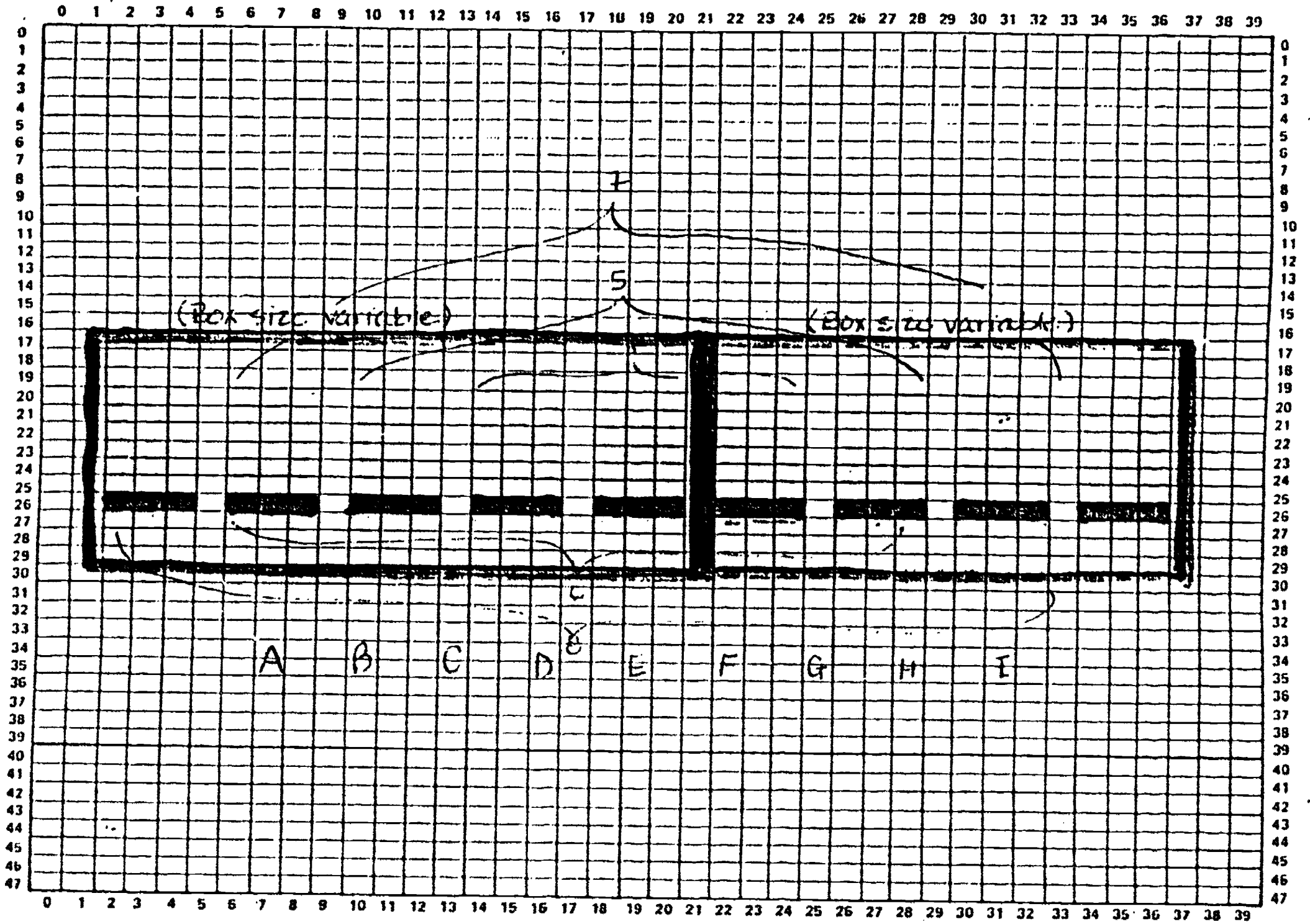
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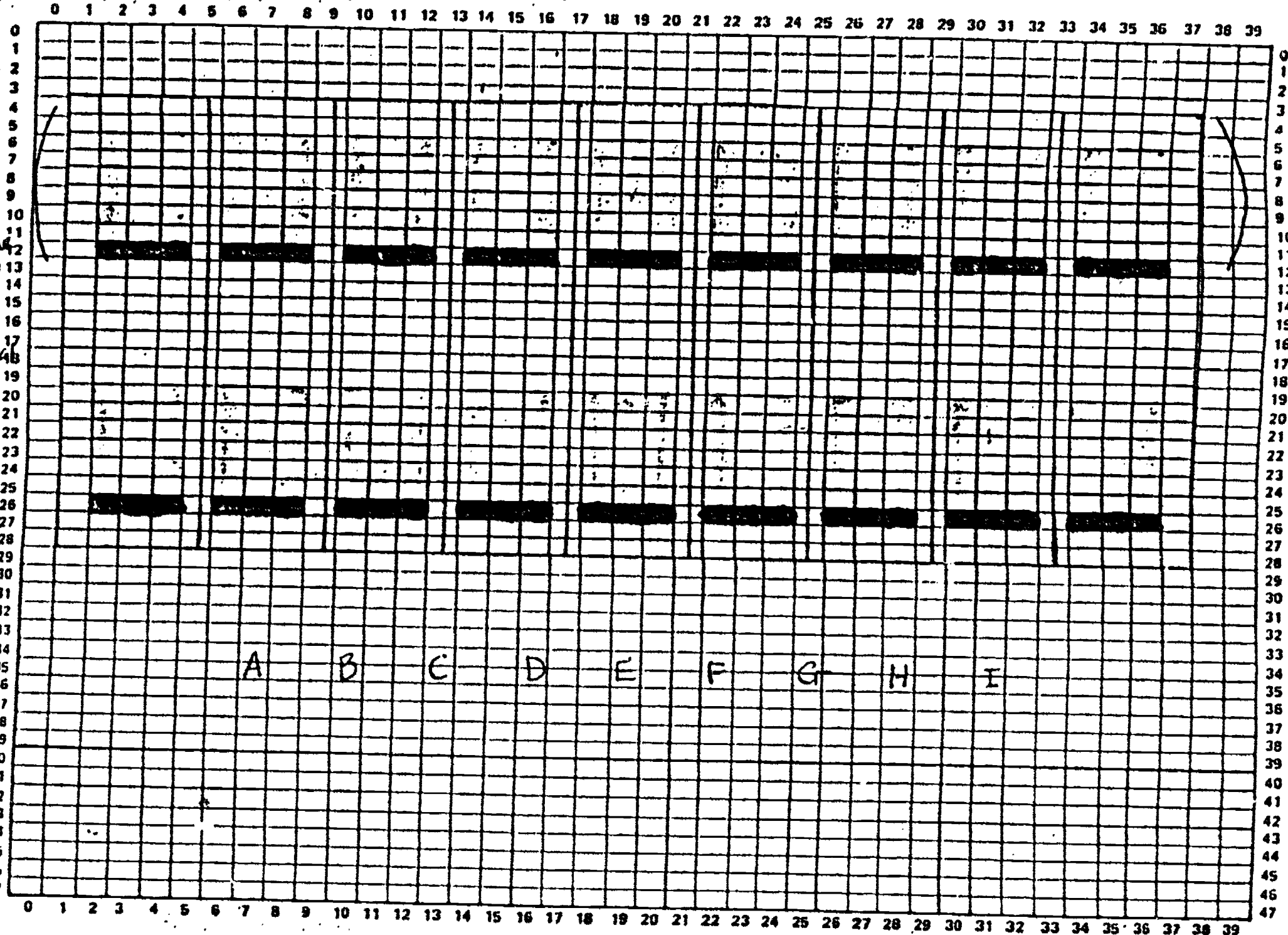
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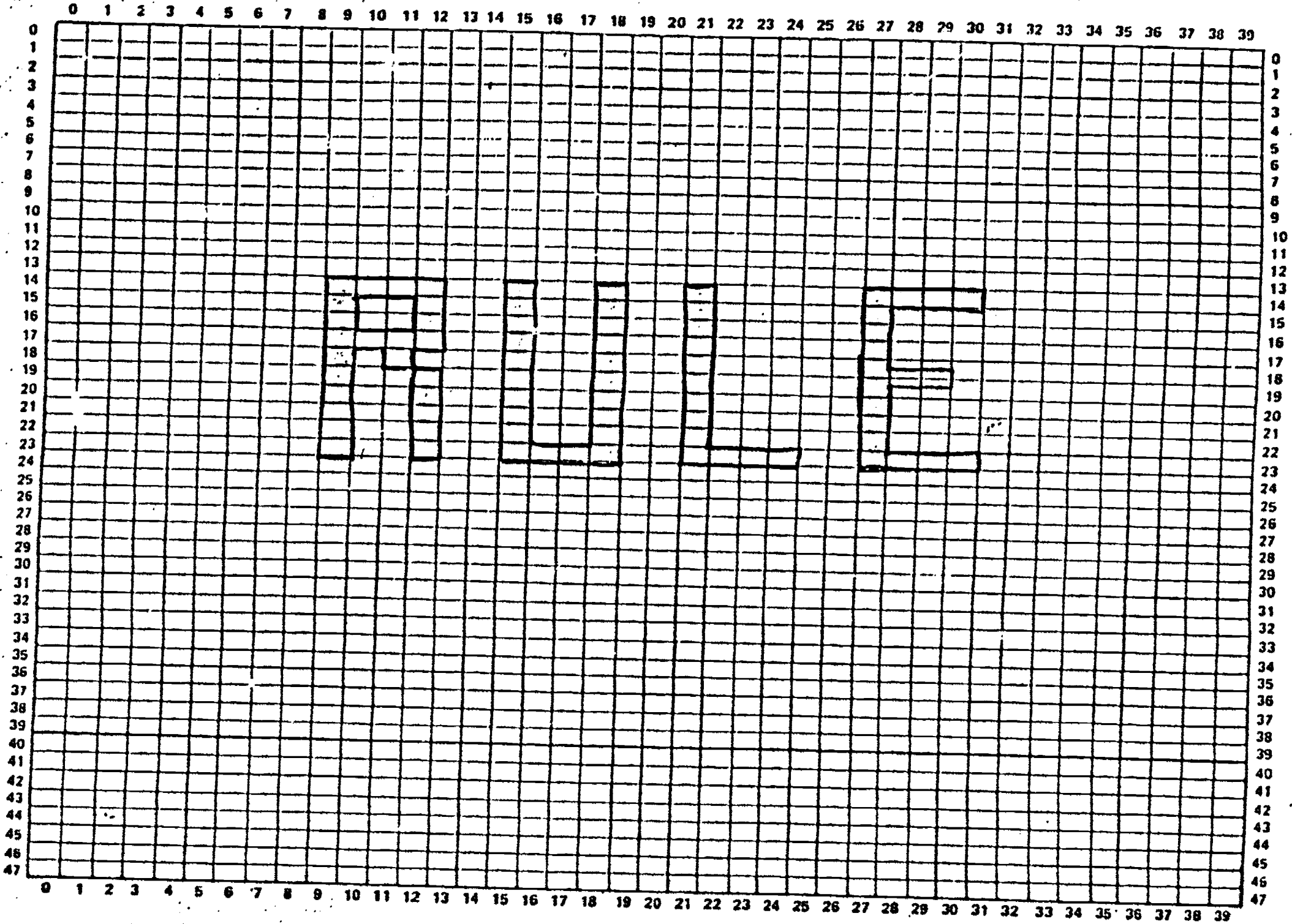
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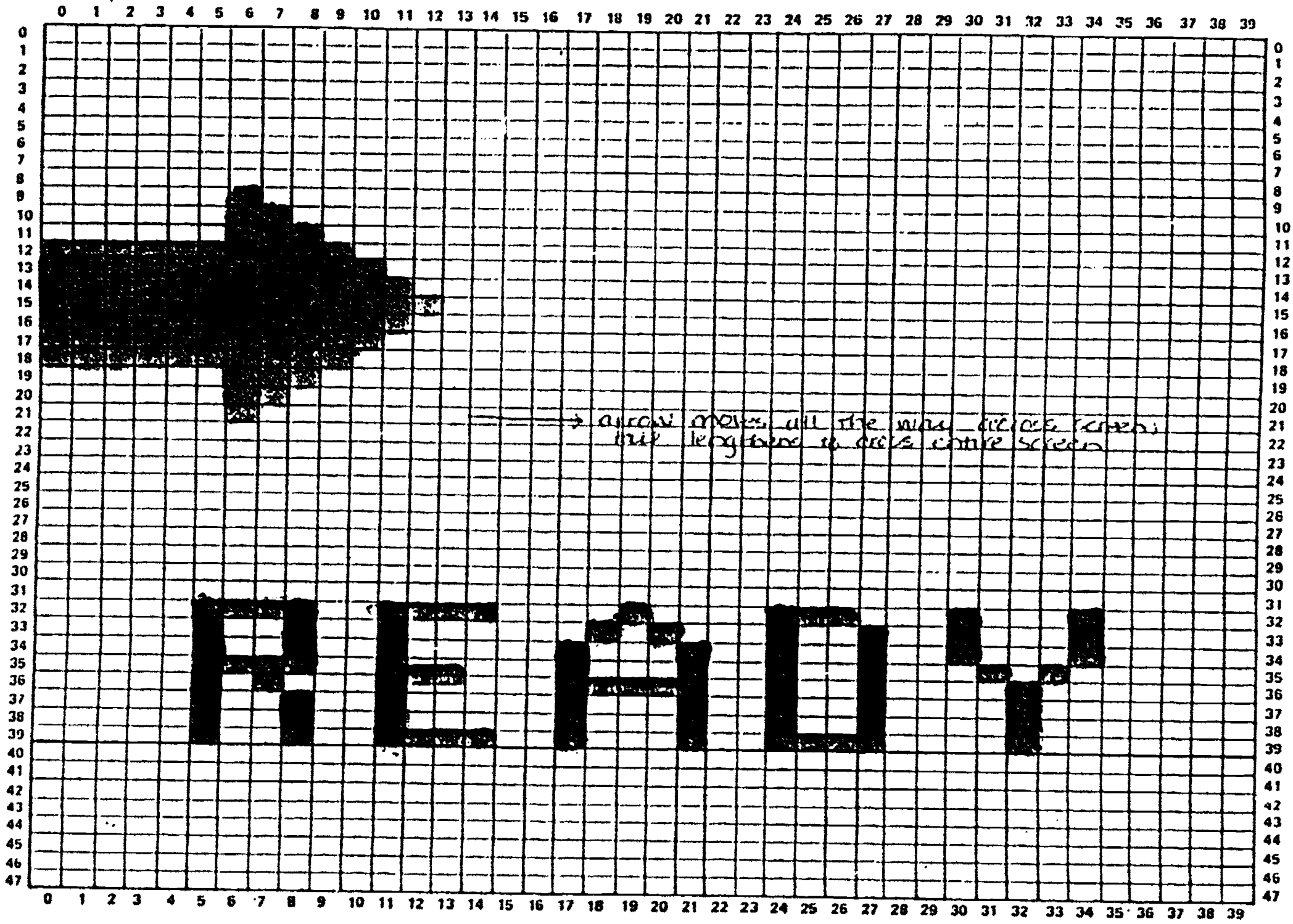
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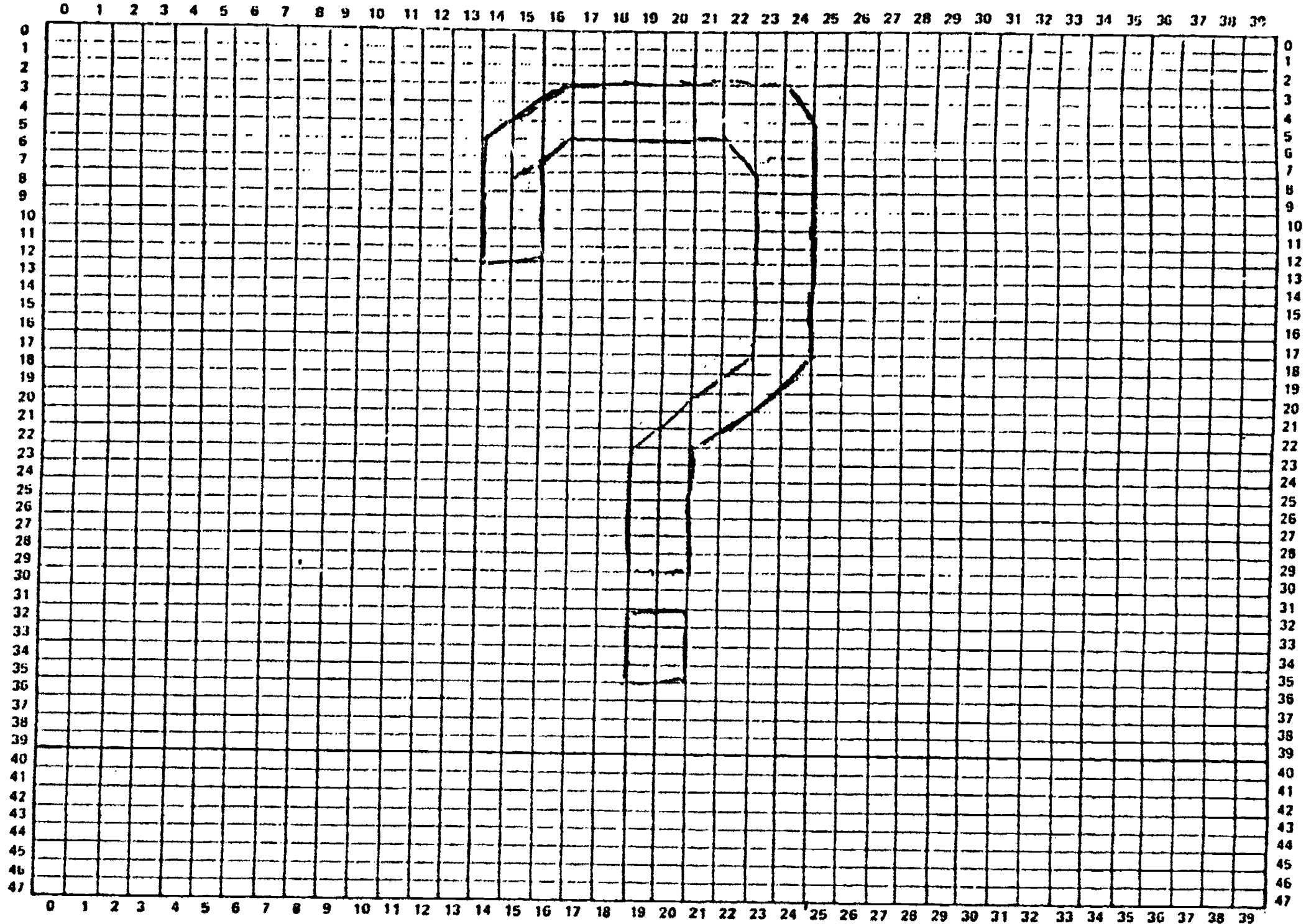
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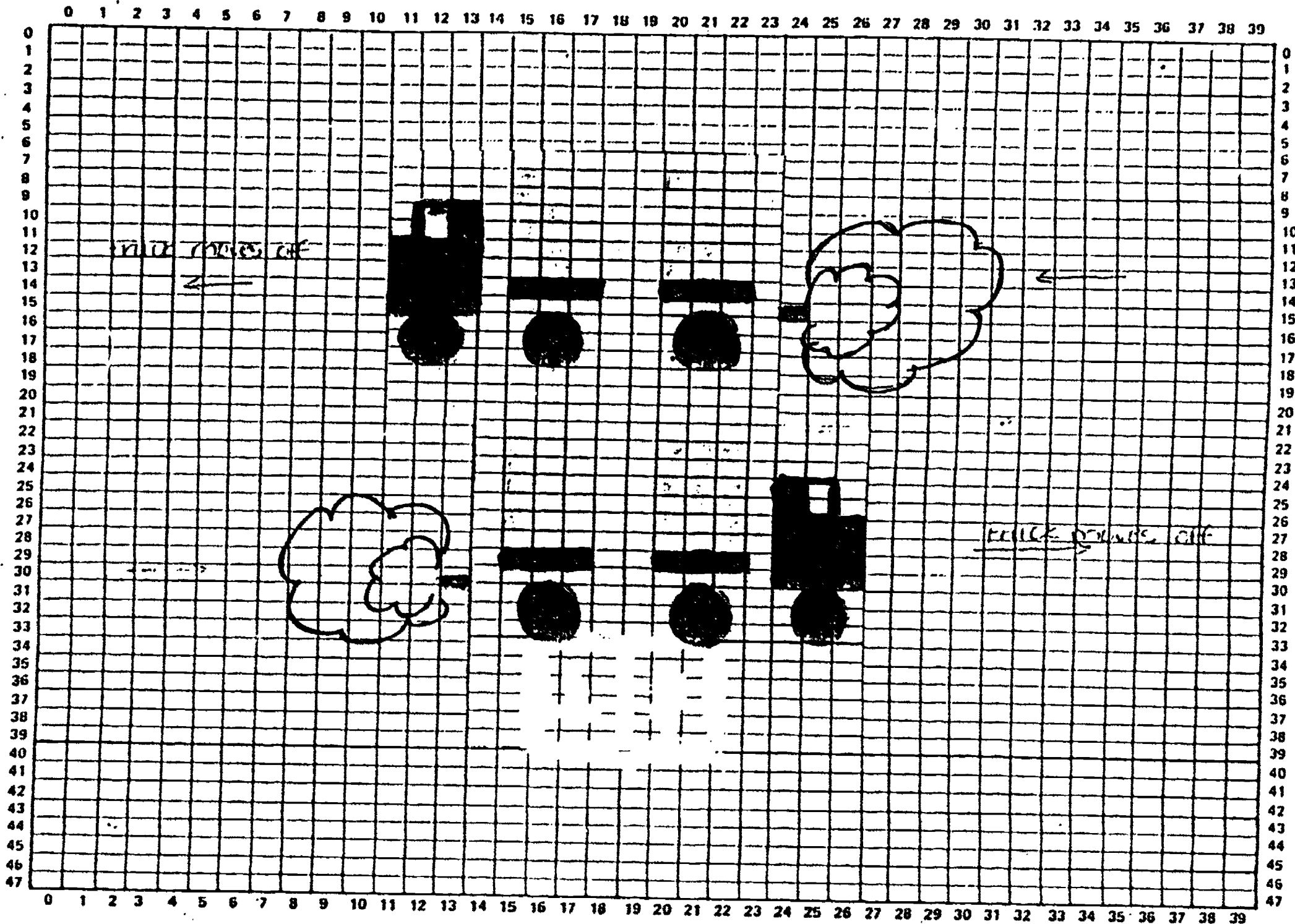


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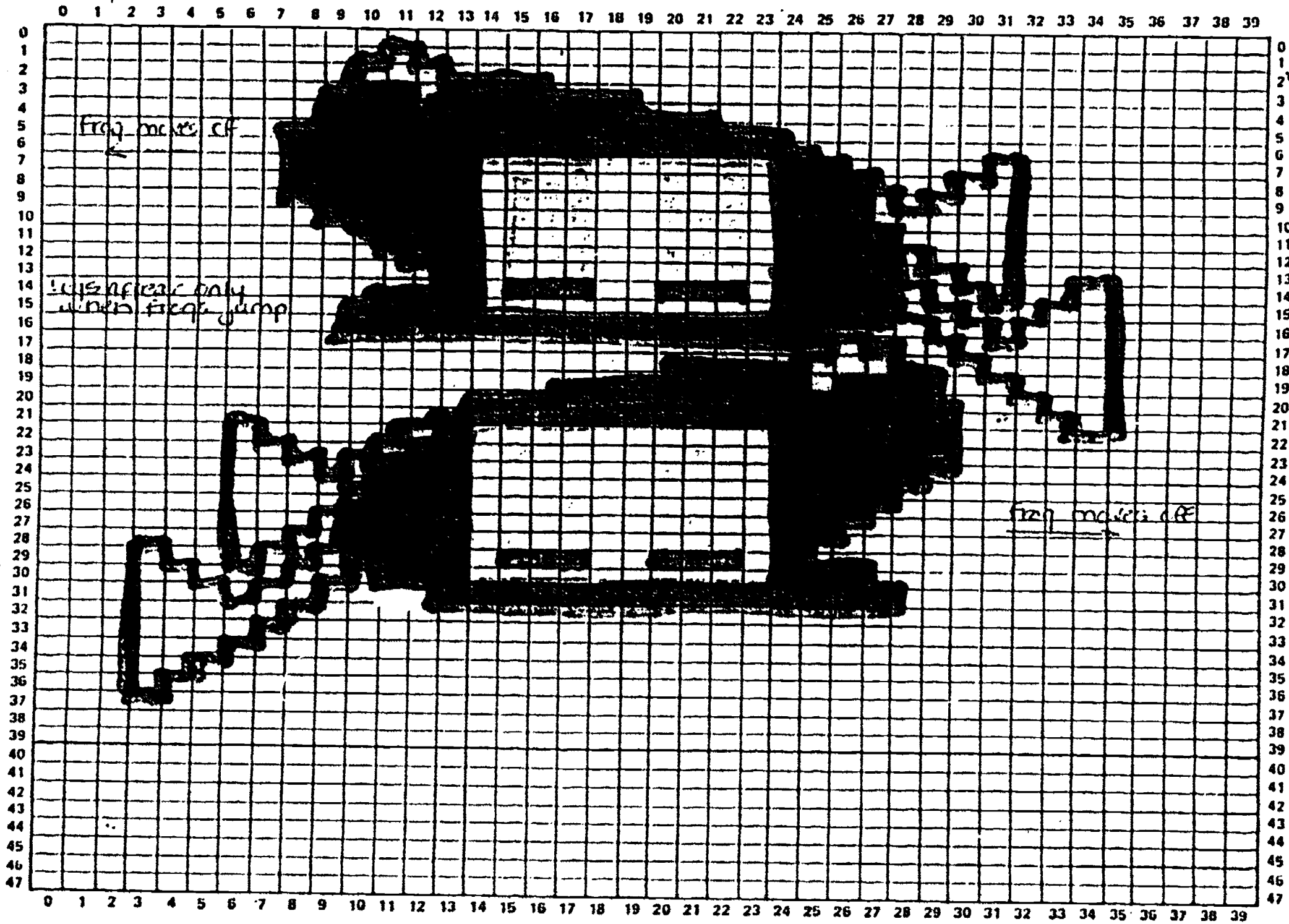
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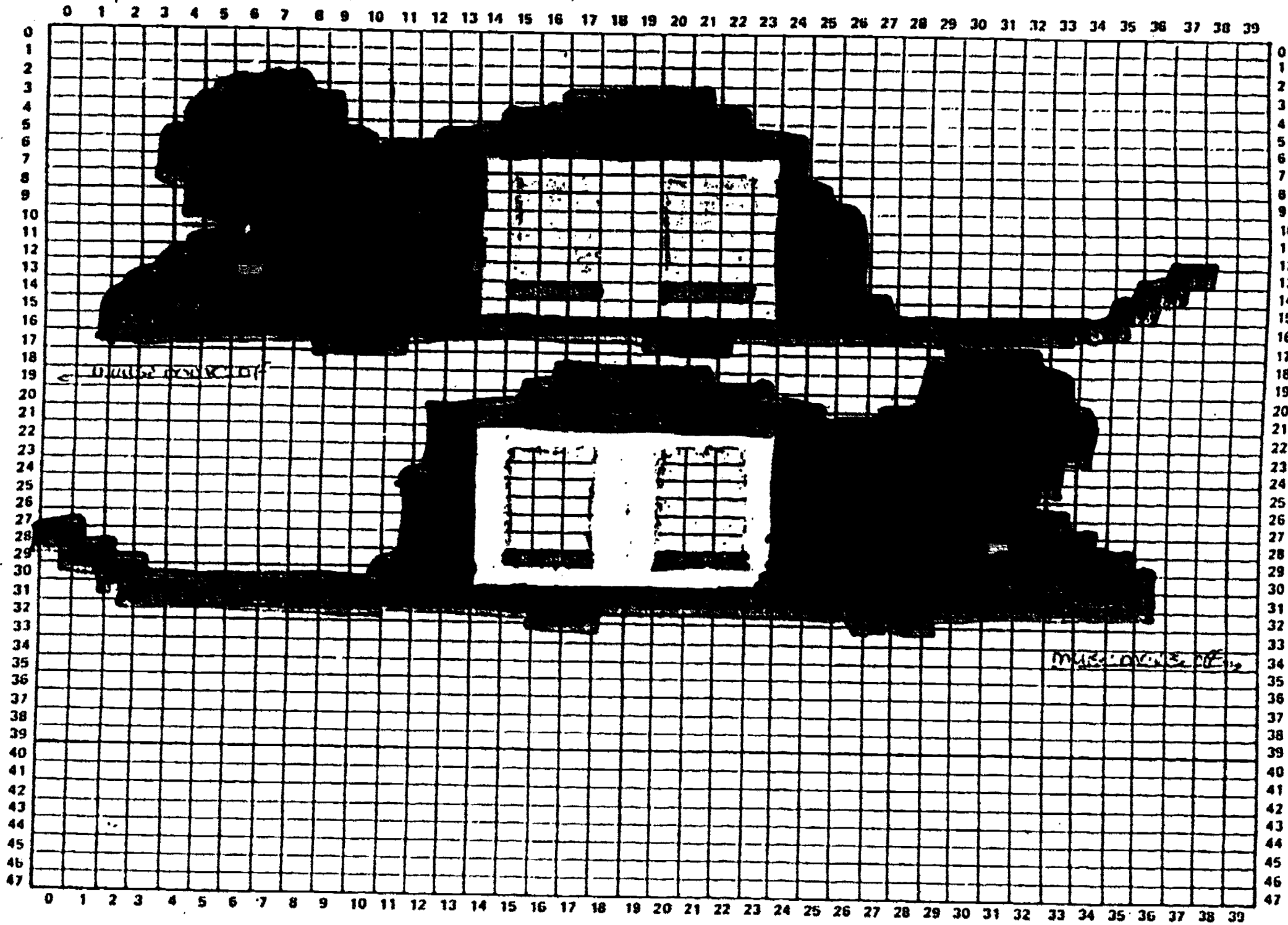
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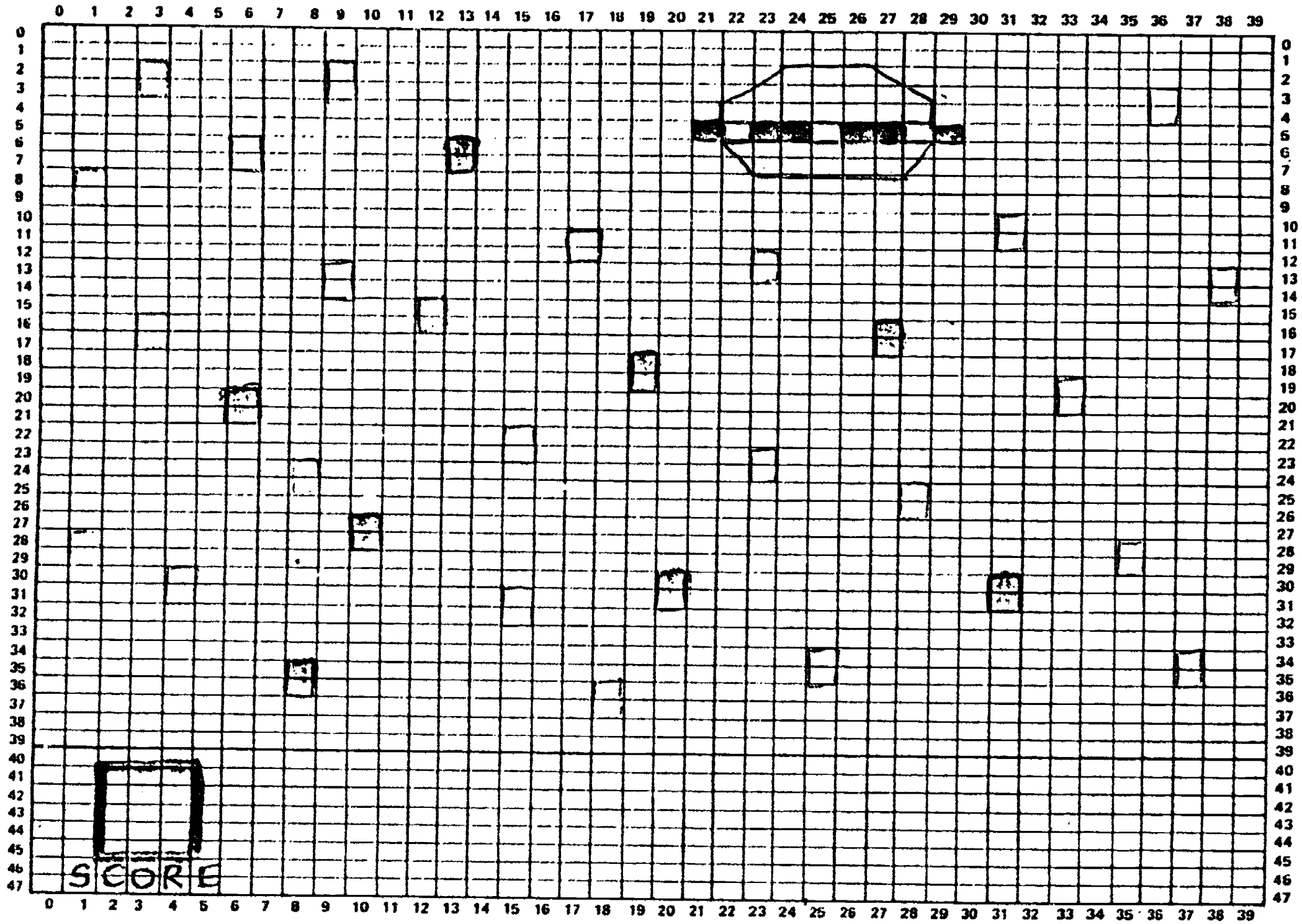


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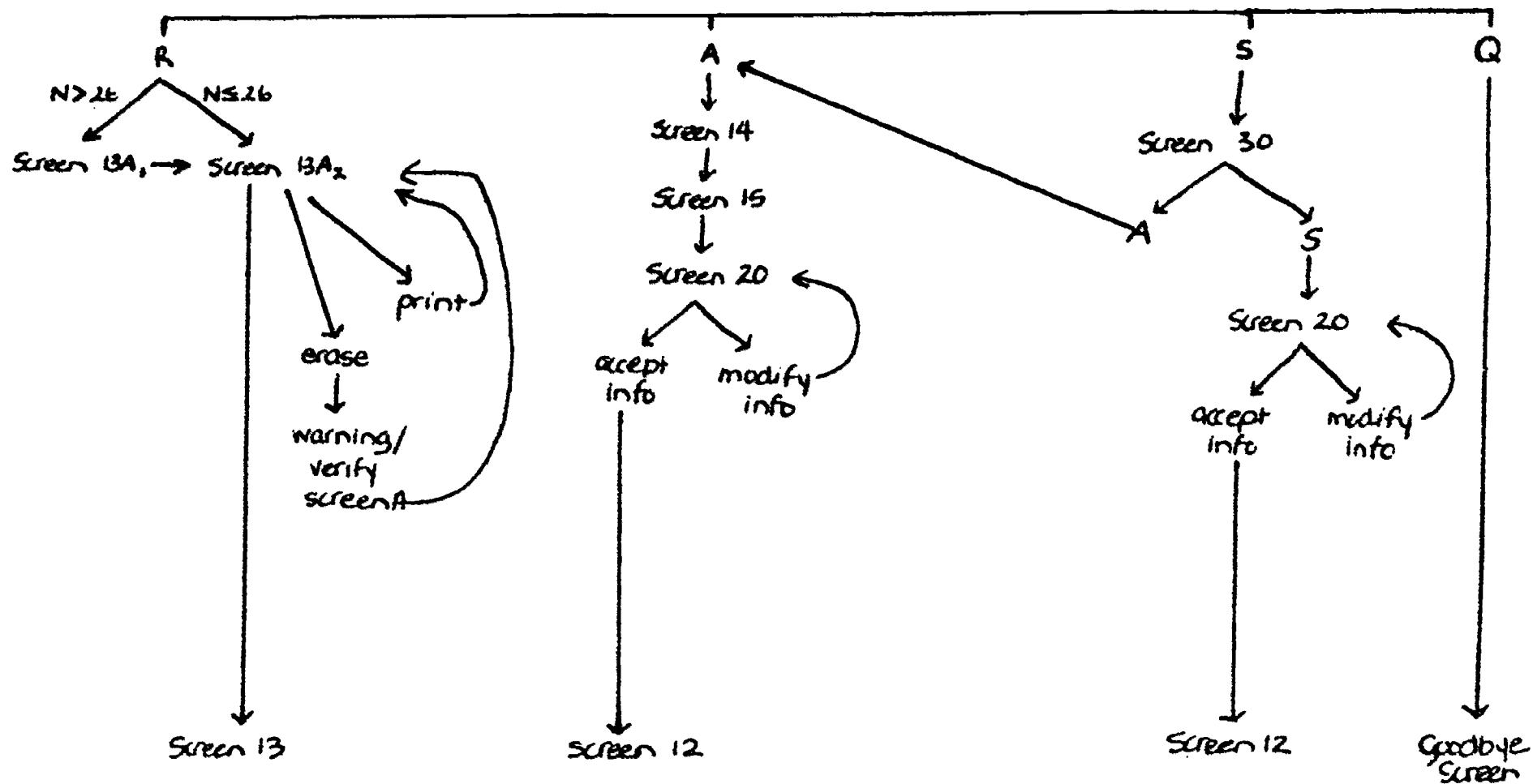


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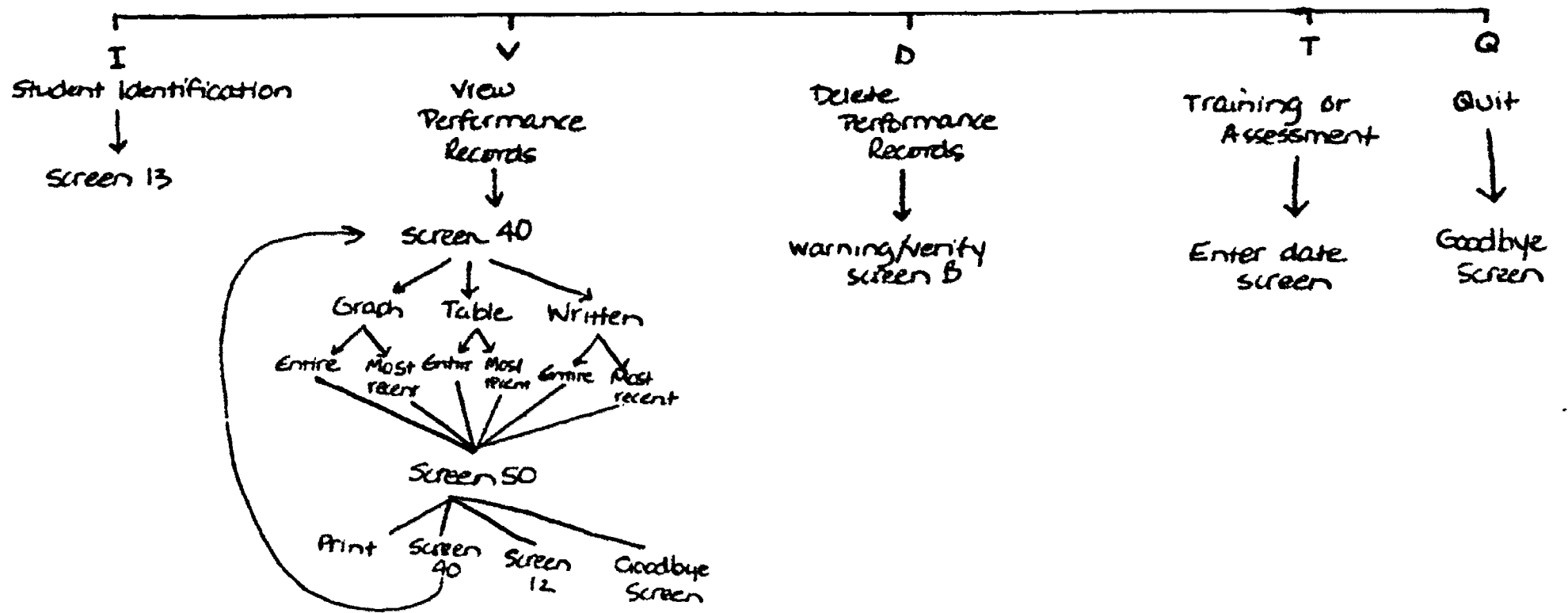




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APPENDIX E

Video Game

## Video Game

The setting for the game is intergalactic space; the object is to make contact with stars, with points accumulated for each star contacted. An evil alien ship, Stargrabber II, is continually moving through space capturing stars in its path.

Interludes of the game will follow each assessment portion. If the student meets criterion for the assessment, (s)he will receive a longer interlude, i.e., three minutes, than the one routinely provided, i.e., two minutes. The game interlude after the very first assessment will be approximately four minutes long to provide time to explain the rules of the game.

There are four levels of difficulty. The screen for each level contains 16 target stars and 16 meteors that serve as distractors. The basic screen color is black. Target stars are blue; distractors are red and yellow. At levels three and four a portion of the target stars will be shooting stars (i.e., they will move).

### Level 1

The stars and meteors are stationary (i.e., they remain in the same position) throughout the interlude. Their locations on the screen are approximately evenly dispersed. The objects are illuminated for 5 seconds, then disappear for 5 seconds. The alien ship does not appear during Level 1.

### Level 2

The stars and meteors are again stationary throughout the interlude. The stationary objects are illuminated for one second, then disappear

for two seconds. The alien ship appears during Level 2, and remains on the screen for the amount of time necessary for it to cross the screen from left to right. The ship will travel at a rate of one inch per second.

### Level 3

Twelve distractor meteors and twelve target stars remain stationary throughout the interlude; four stars and four meteors move. The stationary objects are illuminated for one second, then disappear for two seconds. The moving objects travel across the screen at a rate of two inches per second and, like the other objects, remain illuminated for only one second. They reappear two seconds later, and this reappearance may occur at any location on the screen. The movement pattern is identical to that previously described. The alien ship appears during Level 3, and remains on the screen for the amount of time necessary for it to cross the screen from left to right. The ship will travel at one inch per second.

### Level 4

Eight stars and eight meteors remain stationary; the remaining ones move. Stationary objects continue to flash at a rate of one second on, two seconds off. The moving objects travel at a rate of four inches per second, remaining illuminated for one second. They reappear two seconds later, and this reappearance may occur at any location on the screen. The movement pattern is identical to that previously described. The alien ship appears during Level 4, remaining on the screen for the amount of time necessary for it to cross the screen from left to right. The ship will travel at two inches per second.

### Rules of the Game

The object of the game is to collect points by contacting stars. Stationary stars are worth one point; shooting stars are worth five points. When a star has been contacted, it turns white, whistles, and then disappears from the screen. Nothing reappears in its place. The alien ship appears in Levels 2, 3, and 4, and crosses the screen in a straight line near the top; any stars in the path of the alien ship are captured by the ship and appear inside the ship for the remainder of its journey across the screen. The ship itself is worth ten points. The player has an opportunity to release the captured stars and add their point values to his/her total by blasting the alien ship before it leaves the screen. This can be accomplished by hitting the ship with a missile fired from one of three missile launch pads located at the bottom of the screen. Any stars in a missile's path are destroyed. There are an unlimited number of missiles available.

The player gets an extension of play if time remains, no more point-carrying elements remain on the screen, and the alien ship has been blasted. In the event that all but the last requirement are fulfilled, the alien ship will continue to periodically traverse the screen at varying heights until it is blasted or time runs out.

An extension of play provides the player with a new screen and play proceeds as it did at the interlude's commencement.

The playing time remaining and points accumulated always appear at the bottom of the screen. Time durations of the stars, meteors, and ship specified above relate to both response modes described below.

Durations and playing time will be adjusted in either response mode to make them of the same approximate difficulty level, as determined in pilot testing.

Mode

Light pen - player touches stars with light pen to contact them and activates missile pad by touching circle in middle of pad.

Joystick - player directs cursor to star/missile pad with joystick and presses button for contact activation.

APPENDIX F  
Software Evaluation Form

## Software Evaluation

We are requesting that you review this software design for its suitability, useability, and marketability, even if you do not believe it is appropriate for your product line.

### Suitability

What do you perceive as the primary purpose of this software?

Is the program as written appropriate for this purpose?

What changes can be made to make the program more appropriate?

Other comments on suitability?

### Useability

What aspects of the software contribute to its useability?

What aspects of the software detract from its useability?

How can these detractions be offset or changed?

Is the software appropriate for the target population?

Marketability

Whom do you regard as potential consumers of this software?

What is the commercial marketability of this software?

What changes do you recommend to improve the software's marketability?

What do you estimate to be the annual volume of sales of this software, with strong promotion and endorsement by ARC/US?

Other comments on marketability?

Please Rate the Software on this Continuum

	Low					High
Suitability	1	2	3	4	5	6
Useability	1	2	3	4	5	6
Marketability	1	2	3	4	5	6

We welcome any additional comments. Space is provided below.

Thank you very much for your assistance in the evaluation of this design.



APPENDIX G  
Informed Consent Letter

Dear

Your child is eligible for participation in a research project involving the field testing of new educational computer software. This software was developed through the cooperative efforts of special educators, cognitive psychologist and computer experts, and is intended to assess specific memory difficulties and assist in their remediation.

The software is designed to test the child on a number of related memory tasks, determine the child's level of functioning, and teach strategies that (s)he can use to be more successful. The children's performance on related tasks will be evaluated before and after their experience with his software to see if they are using the strategies they learned from the computer in other activities.

There is virtually no discomfort or risk involved with this research. Since training that involves repetition can get boring, this software includes lots of things that will make learning fun, such as lots of colorful pictures and action on the screen. The computer will be able to talk to your child, and will also build in brief periods of video game playing. This should not only prevent the potential problem with boredom, but should actually motivate the children to perform better.

The children who participate can reasonably be expected to benefit from the program in several ways. First, they should experience success on those memory tasks trained directly, and they may also be able to use the strategies taught to them in other situations. In addition, their interactions with the computer and the training assistant should be satisfying and enjoyable.

This research is being conducted by the Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States (ARC/US) for the U.S. Department of Education. We encourage your interest and participation, and will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Participation in this research is voluntary, and if you choose not to have your child participate there will be no penalty or loss of privileges for your child. You may also discontinue your child's participation at any time.

Results of this project will be shared with other parents and teachers through presentations and publications in appropriate journals; however, no written or oral accounts of this research will mention your child or any other child by name.

Project staff members will be most happy to share the research results with you. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter, and we look forward to including your child in this project.

Sincerely,

Al Cavalier, Ph.D.  
Director, Bioengineering Program  
Department of Research and Program Services

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**APPENDIX B**

**Addendum to Final Design Report:  
Commercial Publishers' Feedback**

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Representatives of three educational software companies evaluated the ARC's computer-based instructional system in terms of its suitability, useability, and marketability, using the form included in Appendix F of the Final Design Report. Their evaluation and comments are summarized below.

All evaluators perceived the training of memory/recall skills as the primary purpose of the software and agreed that the program as written is appropriate for that purpose.

All evaluators stated that the software's useability is enhanced by the fact that it is based on solid research and a well-developed theory in cognitive psychology, unlike 99% of all other special education software, and by the integration of extensive voice output and the inclusion of a powerful assessment capability.

The only factor noted as potentially detracting from its useability was the amount of repetition. Two evaluators noted that it will be important to assess the motivational power of the program since a fair amount of repetition is incorporated into the design, and there is always a fine line between insuring learning and losing attention through repetition. One evaluator suggested that the repetition could be offset by couching it in a fantasy or game. After reviewing this suggestion with the Program Design Consultant, project staff concluded that the integrity of the basic paradigm that has evolved from the cognitive theory and supporting research would be compromised if such features were incorporated. Another evaluator predicted that adults could be considered to be potential users if some of the aspects aimed at the juvenile population were modified. For instance, the use of animated graphics as reinforcement could be replaced by a scorecard on which percent correct is displayed. Project staff and the programmers are looking at these options at the present time.

Evaluators identified public and private institutions, schools, families, and user groups as consumers of the software. They saw potential for its use in both early learning and special education school programs. They characterized favorably the commercial marketability of the software, with comments ranging from "good" to "excellent". The evaluators offered some suggestions for changes that would improve the software's marketability; these included (a) shifting responsibility for explaining the operation of the hardware from the program to the teacher, (b) creating an MS-DOS version, and (c) incorporating an authoring system to allow for customized vocabulary. Evaluators were reluctant to project sales volume estimates, although one stated that "sales in the thousands per year are realistic". This person also suggested that if the product and marketing were aimed at the consumer level usage, the numbers could be increased by one or two orders of magnitude.

On a scale from 1 to 6, with six being the most favorable rating, the evaluators gave the software an average rating of 5.3 for suitability, 5.7 for useability, and 6 for marketability.

**Educational Software Companies that Evaluated the Software Package:**

Laureate Learning Systems  
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Burlington, VT 05401

Life Science Associates  
One Fenimore Road  
Bayport, New York 11705

Jostens Learning Systems  
600 West University Drive  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

APPENDIX C  
User's Manual



## Introduction

### Rationale

Memory is vital to learning. In fact, many times what appears as an inability to learn may in fact be a problem in remembering. Memory processes are complex, involving perception, encoding, storage, and retrieval of information. Research has shown that there are actually two types of memory: short-term memory (STM) and long-term memory (LTM). Short-term memory is limited in capacity and relatively brief in duration, i.e., approximately 30 seconds. Success in dialing a telephone number that one has just looked up in the telephone book but the failure to recall it 30 minutes later is an example of the use of STM. Long-term memory, on the other hand, is considered to be of unlimited capacity and of permanent duration. Recalling the telephone number of one's childhood home is an example of LTM.

To be able to remember something, a person needs to know whether it should be stored in STM or LTM, and how it can be transferred from STM to LTM. These factors determine what type of voluntary rehearsal or encoding strategies an efficient learner employs to store the necessary information in LTM for later retrieval and use.

The software developed by the ARC is not curriculum-specific but instead focuses on some of the fundamental cognitive skills that underlie learning and performance across every content area. The software is structured around a memory task that is frequently used in assessment and instructional applications and that requires many of the same cognitive strategies for successful performance that underlie efficient information processing across a wide variety of situations (Latham, 1978).

The instructional package developed in this project is based upon the ordered recall task. In the ordered recall task, a student is requested to recall in the order presented a list of items that s/he has seen only once. The items are serially-presented, with only one item exposed at a time. The student is asked to first recall the subset of the last items presented (the terminal items) and then circle back and recall the subset of the items that were presented first (the initial items). This aspect of the task is called "circular recall" (Butterfield, Siladi, & Belmont, 1980). If a student was told to remember the string L,T,Z,J,R,P,F, s/he could employ a circular recall strategy by recalling R,P,F, and then circling back to remember L,T,Z,J. This would be referred to as 3/4 circular recall because the student remembered first the last three elements and then the first four. In the ordered recall task, each item is displayed

for a fixed period of time (e.g., 0.5 seconds), but the student controls the pace of the presentation, i.e., the timing of the presentation of the next item. Task difficulty and memory load can be varied by changing the number of items in the to-be-recalled list and the type of items to be recalled (e.g., letters, numbers, words).

Extensive research has shown that performance on the terminal items reflects a student's STM abilities, and the task permits precise manipulation of variables that pertain specifically to STM limitations and instructional strategies. Similarly, performance on the initial items reflects a student's LTM abilities and is sensitive to a number of manipulations directly related to strategic cognitive activity (Belmont & Butterfield, 1969, 1971a, 1971b; Brown & Barclay, 1976).

One of the most revealing measures of strategic cognitive activity in this task is the length of time the student pauses after the presentation of each item in the list. Non-retarded, non-learning-disabled students generally exhibit high recall accuracy when their pauses steadily increase across the initial items, followed by very brief pausing over the terminal items. The increased pausing over the initial items reflects silent cumulative rehearsal of the growing list after each new item is presented since these are the most difficult items to remember.

### Program Overview

Students will participate in two general types of activity in the program: assessment and instruction at different levels of difficulty. The program is ordered such that the student always receives the assessment section first. If s/he meets a passing criterion on the particular level of assessment, s/he automatically progresses to the next level of assessment. If the student fails to reach criterion on assessment, instruction commences at that level. The last instructional loop at each level includes a reassessment. This cycle repeats until the student fails to reach a criterion after three consecutive instruction/reassessment sequences or s/he reaches criterion at the highest level of assessment.

In the instructional mode, students receive training on effective cognitive strategies on the recall task. In the early instruction trials, the computer models correct performance. Subsequently, assistance is systematically withdrawn until the student is performing the task independently. The cycle of assessment and instruction continues until the student has attained his/her maximum level of performance or completed the highest level of instruction contained in the program.

In the instructional portion of the program, the circular recall task is disassembled and each of the four components of the effective strategy is individually trained. The student then

learns how to combine the component strategies into integrated performance on the target task. The first component, known as "fast finish" training, teaches the student to retain the terminal set of items first by quickly memorizing them in a chunk. The second component, known as "cumulative rehearsal" training, shows the student how to memorize the first (and more difficult) set of elements by retrogressively rehearsing all previous elements in their original order as new ones are revealed. The third component, that of "interpolated delay and self testing", trains the student to hold those items memorized with cumulative rehearsal in memory for the amount of time equivalent to that needed to complete the fast finish on the terminal set. The final component, that of "chaining", teaches the student to incorporate the components into a unified strategy.

This software has been designed to advance through a general hierarchy of difficulty posed by different circular recall requirements. The requirements addressed in this program are in the estimated order from easiest to most difficult:

<u>Program Level</u>	<u>Circular Recall Pattern</u>	<u>Number of Elements</u>
A	2/2	4
B	3/2	5
C	3/3	6
D	2/4	6
E	2/5	7
F	4/4	8

The student begins assessment and instruction at the first level, that of a 2/2 circular recall requirement. There are two basic types of information that will be recorded on each student: accuracy of recall and pause-time pattern. Recall accuracy represents the number of items recalled correctly on a trial by the student. Pause-time patterns reflect the amount of time a student waits after seeing each item before displaying the next one. Thus, pause time corresponds to the amount of time spent committing an item to memory. Since long strings of items take longer to rehearse than do short strings, this would be reflected in corresponding differences in pause times. Circular recall requires the student to cumulatively rehearse certain elements; if pause times between elements do not vary, it is an indication that the student is not using the strategy. To reach criterion on assessment or any portion of training, the student must meet only an accuracy criterion, which indicates that the student is

able to remember the specified number of items. Pause-time information, which indicates that the student is employing the appropriate cognitive strategy, is collected but not used to determine whether or not the student moves on to the next level. In the assessments, the student receives three trials that are used to compute the performance data. In the instructional portion, four strategy components are taught. Performance on each component must reach criterion before the student can proceed to the next component. A block of three trials at the end of each component is used for assessing mastery.

### Features

This system has a number of features that make it attractive from an educational and technological standpoint. The software was designed by professionals who understand young people and the ways in which they learn. It makes use of the computer's many abilities in order to make the interactions between student and system interesting, motivating, and educational.

- o The student can elect to respond with either a light pen or a joystick.
- o The program automatically begins instruction at the level at which the student first has difficulty.
- o The student receives playing time on an intergalactic video game as a reward for hard work.
- o Multimodal output (graphics, voice, text) provides important redundancy for the student.
- o The system is based on a training strategy proven effective in numerous laboratory research studies.
- o Data is automatically gathered and analyzed by the computer as the student interacts with the system.
- o Information is provided teachers and parents via graphs, tables, and written interpretations of the results.

## USER GUIDELINES

### Using the Software for the First Time

Begin by familiarizing yourself with the software package. The package that has been provided to you consists of four floppy disks. These are the system disks, and contain the "workings" of the package. You will need to prepare a data disk; this disk will contain all of the student data.

## Preparing Data Disks

Your first task is to initialize the data disk to prepare it to receive student data. With the computer turned off, place Disk #1 of the system disk set in Drive #1, and place a disk formatted for your particular computer in Drive #2. Turn the machine on and wait a short period while the program is loaded in. When loading is complete, you will see a menu of choices that looks like this:

### (Screen of Main Option Menu)

To prepare the data disk, select the choice designated as "E". This selection is also used when you want to erase an entire disk of its accumulated data. You will see a message asking you to verify that you really intended to select this option because of the potential for destruction of any data files existing on the disk. Answer "yes" to both queries, and the system will take several seconds to clear the disk of any old data and prepare it to receive new data. Following completion of this operation, the system will return a prompt that looks like this:

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Should you wish to continue beyond the initialization of the data disk, you will need to re-boot the system. You may do this by typing OVCTT or by pressing the CONTROL, ALT, and DEL keys simultaneously.

### Program Options

Having done this, you will again see the Main Option Menu. The options available at this point are:

- I This allows you to proceed to another menu presenting student information options.
- V This takes you to the portion of the program that permits you to view table, and graphic representations of student performance.
- D This allows you to delete individual student files.
- E This erases an entire disk or initializes a new disk.
- T This permits a student to enter the assessment and training portions of the package.
- Q This closes all files and permits an orderly exit from the program.

These options will be explained in greater detail on the following pages.

## Student Identification

The software provides a sequence of assessments and training blocks to students, and also allows teachers and parents to review student progress. **VERY IMPORTANT:** To be able to access these capabilities, a student name first must be provided. The Student Identification Screen permits:

1. The selection of a student already on file;
2. The addition of a new student name into the file; or
3. The review of a list of all students on file.

(Screen 13)

Typing R allows you to review the list of students on file.

Typing A allows you to add a new student to the file.

The information needed for a new student includes name, birthdate, sex, and parameters of the students interaction with the system. These include the input mode (whether the student will use a lightpen or joystick), the desired videogame difficulty level, and the output mode (voice, text, or both). This individual information needs to be entered only once unless you desire to change some aspect of it later. After this initial input, this tailored information is called up automatically each time the student's name is selected at the beginning of the program.

(Screen 14)

(Screen 15)

After this information has been entered, you will have an opportunity to review it.

(Screen 20)

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If the information is correct, type Y. If any of the information is incorrect, type N. The cursor will return to the first line of information. If the last name is correct, press RETURN and the cursor will move to the next line. If the last name needs to be corrected, type the correct version over the incorrect one then press RETURN to accept the new version. Continue in this manner until all information presented is correct.

(Screen 13)

Typing S allows you to select a student already on file.

(Screen 30)

Every student who has interacted with the software previously is contained in the file unless his specific information was deleted. The Student Selection screen contains a window through which all the names on file can be scrolled. When you type in the name of the student you wish to select, the software automatically matches it up with the most similar name on file, and that name appears in the scrolling window. When you correctly type in the student's name, the window's function is not necessary. If you should misspell the student's name, the closest match will appear in the window, and that match will most likely be the name you intended to type. In most programs, a misspelling will prevent the computer from locating the desired file. On the other hand, this software compensates for spelling errors, and can actually save time. For example, to access the records of "Clayton Oliver", you would only need to type O and the system would automatically display a student name beginning with O. Even if there is more than one O entry, the I and M keys can be used to scroll up and down the list to locate "Oliver".

When the desired name appears in the window, type S to select that student. You will then have a chance to review the information entered previously about the student. Any changes to the parameters, such as increasing the videogame difficulty or changing the input mode from lightpen to joystick, can be made at this point. NOTE: The option of changing parameters is beneficial in that it allows you to tailor the software to the abilities of each student, yet be advised that changing parameters may alter the task to some degree. If research reliability is desired, the parameters should not be altered once they have been set.

If you cannot locate the desired name in the scrolling window, it means that the student is not on file. In that case, you will need to type A to add the student's name to the file.

(Screen 13)

Typing M allows you to return to the Main Option Menu.

### Selecting A Program Option

After selecting a student, you will need to indicate whether you want to review the student's performance record, have the student participate in training/assessment, or select another student.

### Student Identification

(Screen 12)

Typing I will return you to the Identification Screen, allowing you to select another student or view the list of all students on file.

### Viewing Performance Records

(Screen 12)

Typing V will allow you to select the form in which you would like to view student performance records.

(Screen 40)

You first get to select the form in which performance records will be presented. Typing G will result in records being presented in graph form; typing T will give you records in table form. Typing I will result in the presentation of an interpretation of student performance. These interpretations clarify the relationship of various aspects of the task and provide teachers and parents with a verbal account of student behavior on the task.

If you select the G option, you will next be asked whether you would like a graph of pause times or accuracy, and if you would like a printed copy of your selection.

(Screen 50)



You will then be required to select the circular recall level that you desire to be graphed by using the selection window. This allows you to scroll through the available options using the I and M keys. When your desired selection appears in the window, type S and your selection will be registered. Printouts are available for performance on the last three trials of each assessment, and you will be asked to specify which trial's data you wish to view.

(Screen 51)

(Screen 40)

Selecting the T option provides you with a representation of student data in table form. You will be asked to specify whether you wish to view a table containing data from the level most recently completed (select L) or for all levels completed (select A). You will also be given the option for a printed copy of the table you select.

(Screen 52)

Selecting the I option provides you with a narrative interpretation of student performance for a particular level. Again you will be given the option for a printed copy of the interpretation.

(Screen 53)

(Screen 40)

You may cycle through these options as many times as you wish. When viewing/printing of records is complete, type M to return to the Main Option Menu.

### Deleting Individual Student Files

(Screen 12)

Typing D will delete the records of the student whose name you selected in the previous step.

As opposed to the function described next that permits the entire data base to be erased, this function allows the deletion of a single student's file. This may be the option of choice when extra space is needed in the data base or the student has completed the entire instructional sequence and his data has been printed.

The computer will issue a warning when this option is selected since deletion of a file is a permanent alteration and the information cannot be recovered. You will be asked to verify that the selection is the one you intended.

(Warning/Verification Screen B)

Erasing All Files/Initializing New Disk

(Screen 12)

Typing E erases all the files on the data disk. This option is also used to initialize a new data disk.

Typing E erases all the data stored for each student on file. It should only be used when it is necessary to free the entire disk for a large amount of new data for new students, or when you desire to initialize a disk that had not been used with the program previously. Due to the severity of the consequences resulting from the selection of E, the computer will doublecheck that your selection of E was intentional by asking you to verify the selection.

(Warning/Verification Screen A)

Selecting Training/Assessment Option

(Screen 12)

Typing T begins the training/assessment portion of the program.

You will first be asked to enter the date (month, then day, then last two digits of the year) then press RETURN-. Use zeroes to fill in if the month or day is a single digit (e.g., March 5, 1986 would be entered as 03/05/86). If you type in a nonsense response for one of the items, the software will not advance to the next item, but will ask you to type another response.

(Date Screen)

Following the input of the date, the program will ask you to select the difficulty level at which the student should begin using the selection window.

(Screen 20)

The software automatically marks where the student's previous interaction ended; to start up at this point, simply type S to select "Current Level". You may choose to bring a student into the system at any level; however, **THE ONLY WAY TO GUARANTEE THAT ALL DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRINTOUTS IS TO PROGRESS THROUGH THE SYSTEM IN AN ORDERLY FASHION.** The best way to insure this is to always select the "Current Level" option at this point. After selecting a starting point that will bring the student into the training portion of the software, you will see a message to change the disk in Drive #1.

Quitting the System

(Screen 12)

Typing Q allows you to quit the program and places you back in the MS-DOS operating system.

A Student's First Interaction with the Software

The student's first exposure to the software is intended to familiarize him/her with the input mode selected for use (light pen or joystick) and the manner in which to respond to the various instructions given by the computer.

(Screen 1)

(Screen 3)

1. The student is shown a picture of the input mode s/he will use.

(Screen 2)

2. The student learns how to manipulate items on the screen using the light pen/joystick.

(Screen 5)

3. Correct responding to the conventions of the program is demonstrated for the student. This assistance is systematically withdrawn until the student is interacting independently with the program.

The student is instructed to:

- a. "Light up" the numbers in the boxes by activating each box with the joystick/light pen.
- b. Always work from left to right when lighting up the boxes. If the boxes are activated in the wrong order, they will not light up.
- c. Pay attention when the word "Rule" and the flashing stars appear on the screen because they signify the impending announcement of a new recall rule.
- d. Recall the numbers s/he saw when three short tones are sounded.
- e. Place numbers in the boxes in accordance with the recall rule. Placement position is predetermined by the recall strategy being assessed; for instance, if the strategy calls for the student to recall first the item in the third box, the first letter selected would automatically go into the third box. The student may not correct errors of placement, but s/he may use a letter more than once.

(Screen 6)

(Screen 8)

As mentioned above, the student's first exposure to the workings of the software is through the computer's modeling of a correct interaction. The cursor operates in concert with vocal and graphic cues (spoken directions, color changes, and flashing boxes) to direct student attention to the relevant aspects of the presentation. This assistance is gradually withdrawn: first, the cursor is removed, leaving the flashing boxes and vocal cues; second, the vocal cues are removed, leaving only the flashing boxes; finally, all cues are removed. This hierarchy of levels of assistance is employed throughout the program.

## Assessment

Once the student has been familiarized with the workings of the software, the program moves on to the assessment portion. In this section the student gets six opportunities to employ a designated circular recall strategy to remember a list of alphabet letters. No assistance is provided to the student during the assessment portion of the program because the purpose of the assessment is to determine whether the student can independently employ a designated circular recall strategy.

If the student performs at or above a predetermined criterion of recall accuracy, s/he progresses to an assessment at the next-highest level of circular recall. If s/he fails to meet criterion, instruction in the use of that particular circular recall strategy is begun. After assessment at each level, the student receives a few minutes of playing time on an intergalactic video game. The student's first interaction with the game begins with a presentation of the rules; this description is not repeated after this point.

Assessment involves:

illumination of the boxes from left to right by the student,

study of the letter in each box for whatever amount of time the student decides to study and,

replacement of the letters into the boxes according to the designated recall strategy.

If, while studying a letter, a student takes too long, the computer will beep at him/her after 25 seconds to prompt him/her to illuminate the next letter. During recall of the letters, the computer will beep at the student if s/he delays longer than 45 seconds before selecting his/her next response.

## Instruction

Instruction is begun at that level when the student fails to meet criterion during the assessment. Instruction breaks the circular recall into its component parts -- recalling the initial items and recalling the terminal items -- and teaches each separately. Then the student is taught to coordinate these strategies.

(Screen)

The first component of the instructional sequence involves training the student to pace quickly through the terminal items.

(Screen)

The second component has the student cumulatively rehearsing the growing list of initial items as each one is presented. Integrated into this component is the practice of self-checking in which the student mentally tests himself/herself to be certain of his/her accurate retrieval of the subset prior to exposing the next item in the list.

(Screen)

The third component is the introduction of a delay between the last item seen by the student and the beginning of his/her recall attempt. This delay is to insure that in practice the initial items are successfully recalled from LTM only, and also to enhance the student's understanding of the necessity for active rehearsal of the initial items.

(Screen)

The fourth component instructs the student to put all of these cognitive strategies together and provides practice on the smooth coordination of the strategies.

Practice on each of these four components is broken down into the four levels of assistance discussed earlier. If a student has difficulty at a level in which little assistance is provided, the computer will revert down to the simplest level and work back up the hierarchy of difficulty. A student is allowed to cycle back through the hierarchy three times; if s/he fails to be successful at completing a particular component (e.g., the terminal portion of a 3/2 circular recall) after three cycles through the hierarchy, interaction with the computer is terminated.

Additionally, the student's interaction with the system can be terminated at any time by pressing the CONTROL and BREAK keys simultaneously. Then, the next time the student works with the program, assessment/instruction begins at the level at which the student was working when interaction was halted.

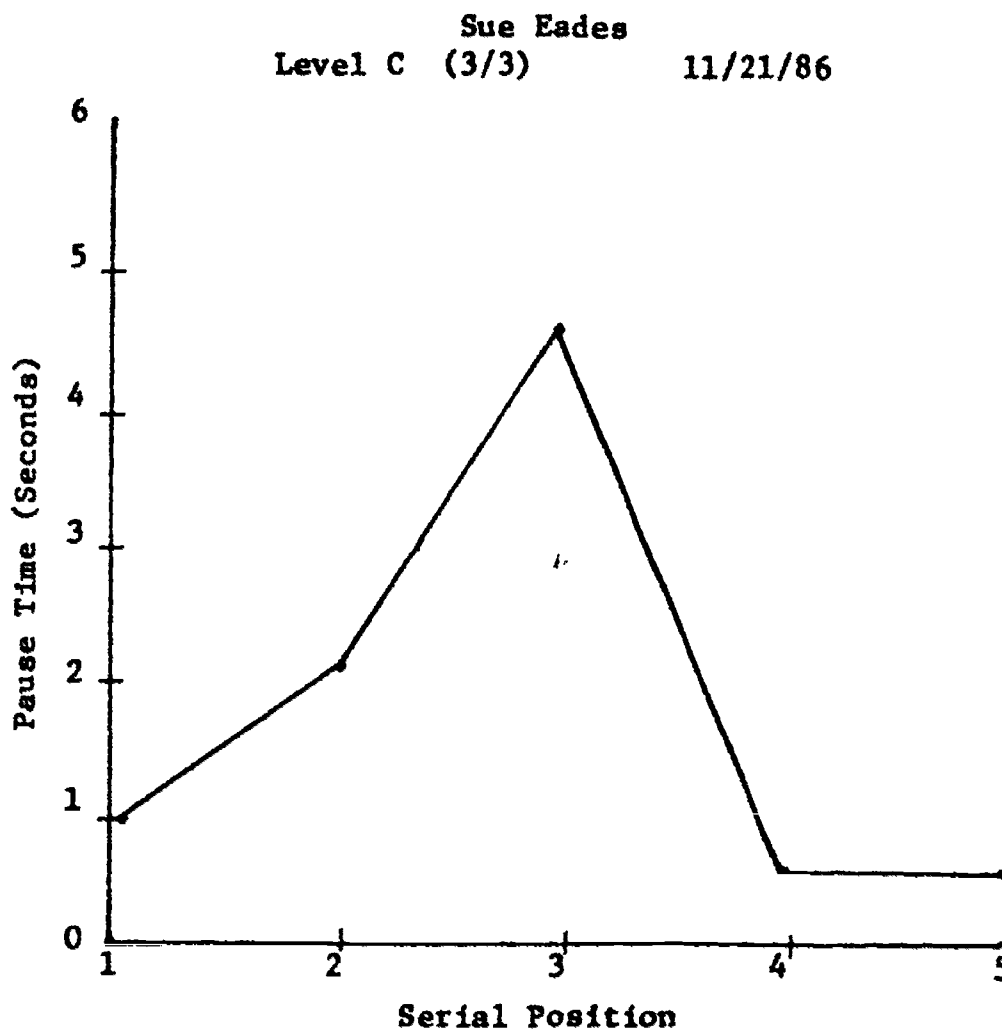
### Presentation of Results

Two types of data are being recorded as the student interacts with the software. The first type is a record of pause times, revealing the amount of time the student spent studying each letter before illuminating the next one. It is through a

comparison of a student's pause time pattern with one known to be ideal for a particular circular recall requirement that allows the computer to decide if the student is using the recall strategy correctly. The second type of data being computed is a recall accuracy measure (that is, the number of items the student is correctly sequencing during recall).

The computer tallies the number of times the student cycles through each level of assistance (modeling, voice/graphic cues, graphic cues, no assistance) for each instructional component (fast finish, cumulative rehearsal, etc.). This allows the teacher to see what portions of the program are giving the student the most difficulty. This information is available in tabular form.

Graphs and tables are also available to depict average pause time as a function of position of the item in the list (corresponding to the number of items in circular recall pattern) and accuracy as it relates to each position in the list.



Pause Time Table (1/10 Seconds)

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LEVEL	SERIAL POSITION					OMEGA
	1	2	3	4	5	
A	8	14	5			0.977
A	7	8	4			0.724
A	11	23	4			0.965
B	5	33	4	5		0.985
B	5	15	5	4		0.986
B	4	19	4	4		0.982
C	5	14	33	5	5	0.969
C	13	17	37	5	6	0.956
C	11	19	43	4	5	0.973

Finally, the computer will supply a written interpretation of student performance. This information will summarize the student's performance, clarify its significance, and assist the teacher in relating it to tasks beyond the instructional program.

Video Game Interlude

Interludes of the game follow each assessment portion, including those following instruction. If the student meets criterion for an assessment, s/he will receive a longer interlude than the one routinely provided. The game interlude that follows the very first assessment will be longer to provide ample time to explain the rules of the game.

The setting of the game is intergalactic space; the object is to make contact with stars, with points accumulated for each star contacted, only the blue stars are point-carrying stars; purple stars serve as distractors. An enemy ship is continually competing against the player since it moves across the screen capturing stars in its path.

There are four levels of difficulty. At Level 1, the stars are stationary throughout the interlude. The stars stay illuminated for five seconds, then disappear for five seconds. The enemy ship does not appear during Level 1. In Level 2, the stars are again stationary, but they are illuminated for only one second, then disappear for two seconds. The enemy ship appears during Level 2.



In Level 3, 75% of the stars are stationary, and the remaining 25% move across the screen. All stars remain illuminated for one second, and disappear for two seconds. The enemy ship appears in Level 3. In Level 4, only half of the stars are stationary; the others move across the screen. Illumination times are identical to those in Level 3. The enemy ship appears in Level 4.

If Levels 1-4 are selected for a student, the game will always play at that level until you change the selection. If Level A is selected, the game will begin at Level 1 and then will automatically increase levels as the student advances through the levels of the memory task.

**Rules of the Game.** The object of the game is to collect points by contacting stars. Stationary stars are worth one point; shooting stars are worth five points. When a star has been contacted, it chirps and then disappears from the screen. Nothing reappears in its place. The enemy ship appears in Level 2 and beyond. It crosses the screen in a straight line near the top, and any stars in the path of the enemy ship are captured by the ship and appear as a trail behind the ship for the remainder of its journey across the screen. The ship itself is worth ten points. The player has an opportunity to release the captured stars and add their point values to his/her total by blasting the enemy ship before it leaves the screen. This can be accomplished by hitting the ship with a rocket fired from one of three rocket bases located at the bottom of the screen. There are an unlimited number of rockets available, although a second rocket can't be fired until the first one has cleared the top of the screen.

The playing time remaining (in minutes) and the points accumulated always appear at the bottom of the screen. The player gets an extension of playing time for successful performance. An extension of playing time provides the player with a new screen and play proceeds as it did at the videogame interlude's commencement.

**Light Pen Mode.** The player touches stars with the light pen to contact them and activates the rockets by touching the rocket bases.

**Joystick Mode.** The player directs the cursor to a star or rocket base with the joystick and presses the joystick button for contact activation.

**APPENDIX D**  
**Field Test Plan**

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### Main Research Questions

- a) Does the computer-based package yield data similar to those derived from previous laboratory and classroom research on memory and metamemory processes?
- b) Is the assessment of process deficiencies valid?
- c) What specific memory problems in the targeted populations are uncovered by this package?
- d) Are the instructional techniques on effective cognitive processes effective?
- e) To what degree are the diagnosed short-term and long-term memory problems remediated by the computer-based package?
- f) Will students generalize the use of the trained strategies to instances on which they have received no training?

### Rationale

Educational and cognitive research has shown that memory process deficiencies are pervasive in persons with mental retardation or learning disabilities. Cognitive assessment and remediation procedures that have been too cumbersome and time consuming for classroom use have been translated by the ARC/US into a computer-based instructional package. This research permits examination of the package's validity and instructional potency, as well as a comparison of the remediation effects among groups of students with varying degrees of learning handicaps. It also provides a means by which valuable feedback from students and classroom teachers can be obtained.

### Student Populations

Approximately 60 students will participate (20 nonhandicapped students, 20 students with mental retardation, and 20 students with learning disabilities). The nonhandicapped students are those functioning adequately in regular education classrooms. Learning disabled students and students with mental retardation have been identified as such in accordance with school district evaluation and placement procedures. Learning disabled students have average or above average intellectual functioning (as measured by the WISC-R) but demonstrate significant delays in one or more academic areas. Students with mental retardation demonstrate significantly delayed functioning in academic areas commensurate with their overall academic functioning (as measured by the WISC-R) and adaptive behavior. All students will be between 12 and 14 years of age.

### Measurement Instruments

Four measurement instruments will be used. The first is a separate computer-based assessment of memory competencies that will be used as the pre- and post-test for all research subjects. The second is the assessment and remediation package incorporated

into the system software. The system allows for the automatic recording and analysis of data. The third instrument is a questionnaire for participating teachers that will be used in conjunction with the direct student research. The fourth instrument is a questionnaire for participating students. Copies of the questionnaires may be found in Appendix A and Appendix B.

### General Procedures

- a) Six complete computer systems with all necessary peripherals will be placed in the evaluation sites for the duration of the field tests.
- b) Two sessions will be conducted for a sample of the teachers whose students have served as subjects. The first will be a short inservice program intended to acquaint them with the theoretical basis for the software and the way in which the assessment and instruction is being presented to the students. They will have an opportunity to interact with the instructional system during this session. The second session will be a follow-up to the completion of data collection. In this session the preliminary research findings will be discussed, and teachers will be asked to evaluate the software's appropriateness in relation to the particular type of student with whom they are involved.
- c) Students will complete a questionnaire regarding their previous experience with computers and their opinions regarding the most effective and enjoyable uses of computers in the schools. Following completion of participation in the study, a brief interview will be conducted with each student in which they will be asked to comment on the software's ability to teach a new skill, hold student attention, and motivate improved performance.
- d) A pre-and post-assessment of memory processes in all participants will take place at the beginning and end of the study. This assessment will be computer-based, so all participants will undergo a brief familiarization with the computer before assessment begins. Each assessment should take approximately one hour.
- e) Participants receiving the intervention will interact daily with the computer until they have completed the instruction or attained their maximum level of performance. The daily sessions will last for approximately 30 minutes unless the student chooses to terminate the session early. Students will interact independently with the computer, and a trained research assistant will be available for assistance should it be needed.
- f) Data on the educational and psychometric measures pertaining to the students' diagnostic classifications were obtained from school records.

g) Parental consent letters detailing the study were sent to all parents of potential subjects. A copy of this letter may be found in Appendix C.

### Research Design

Procedure: Pre- and Post-Test. All subjects will receive training to familiarize them with the computer, after which a computer-based pre-test will be administered. The subjects will receive 6 trials for each of 9 different circular recall requirements (i.e., the order in which recall is to occur) in which they will be shown items in a list and be asked to recall the list. The last three of these trials will be used in the data compilation. During this pre-test, no subjects will receive memory-strategy training. This procedure will be the same for the post-test that follows the training sessions.

Intervention. Half of the subjects in each subject classification will receive the computer-assisted instruction in the use of effective memory strategies. The other half will receive no intervention between pre-and post-tests. A total of 5 circular recall requirements will be addressed in training.

Experimental Design and Data Analysis. There will be several factors, or independent variables, addressed in the experimental design and data analysis: subject classification (learning disabilities, mental retardation, non-handicapped), instructional level (intervention, control), test (pre, post), serial position in a list, and circular recall requirement. The dependent measures are a measure of memory strategy use (as reflected by the omega statistic) and an accuracy measure (as reflected by percent correct recall).

Three types of group analyses will be conducted: The first is to determine the relationship between the measures of memory processes and recall accuracy. Theoretically, if a subject revises his processing to match that taught in the instructional package, his recall accuracy should improve. This correlation will be computed for every circular recall requirement.

The second type is an aggregate analysis of variance of the pre- and post-test measures of recall accuracy and memory processing as a function of subject classification and instructional level. Again, these will be computed for every circular recall requirement.

It may happen that a subject's recall accuracy would be satisfactory without his/her use of the memory strategies that were instructed. To determine this, a third type of analysis that looks at serial position in relation to recall accuracy and memory processing would be necessary. This will entail a four-way analysis of variance for subject classification, pre-/post-test, instructional level, and serial position (the specific

number of serial positions is dependent on circular recall requirement). This analysis of variance will be computed for every circular recall requirement.

Depending on the nature of the accumulated data, it may be appropriate to do some analyses of individual subject's data in terms of the relationship between specific circular recall requirements and memory strategy use and/or recall accuracy data.

Since instruction will be conducted on only half of the circular recall requirements assessed in the pre- and post-tests, performance on the remaining circular recall requirements will serve as an index of generalization of strategy use to different but similar tasks. It would be premature at this juncture to assess generalization to dissimilar ones. If generalization is evident, future research efforts should explore the extent to which it occurs and the conditions that optimize its occurrence.

### Personnel

The research will be conducted by the Assistant Project Director and three research assistants in conjunction with the subjects' special education teachers. They will conduct daily sessions in classrooms of various schools in the Dallas Independent School District. The teachers at the various sites will be invited to return comments on the forms provided.

### Project Summary

The following represents a summary of the project as it was communicated to representatives of the Dallas Independent School District; on the basis of this summary and a research proposal, permission was granted by the district for the research to be conducted in classrooms of the district's middle schools:

The most common informal observation about children and youth with learning disabilities and mental retardation is that they do not "learn" as quickly or thoroughly as their non-handicapped peers. Over the past 15 years of research, these observations have been well substantiated. However, a large volume of investigations indicates that these learning problems are primarily caused not by deficiencies in learning ability per se, but by deficiencies in the person's memory which underlies learning (Belmont & Butterfield, 1969; Detterman, 1979; Ellis, 1970). Guided by a well-supported theory of memory processes, several researchers have succeeded in their attempts to improve the memory processes of persons with learning difficulties.

This project incorporates one of the best and most frequently used memory-assessment tasks along with training on the most effective memory strategy for that task into a computer-based instructional system for assessing and assisting in remediating basic memory-process deficiencies. The computer-



based system increases the potential for learning since it incorporates many of the features found to enhance retention by leading cognitive psychologists and special educators.

### Significance of the Problem

Initially, the poor memory of persons with learning problems was attributed to immutable defects in their neurological system (Ellis, 1963). As research techniques and theories become more refined, however, the precision in the understanding of memory deficiencies steadily increased. The most important influence in this movement was the development of sophisticated theories of memory based on computer information-processing models of mental functioning in non-handicapped persons (Atkinson & Shiffrin, 1968; Waugh & Norman, 1965). When translated from the field of theoretical cognitive psychology to the field of mental retardation (Ellis, 1970), the theories prescribed a whole new way of conceptualizing the mental activity of persons with mental retardation and pointed the way to a number of possible causes for their memory deficiencies.

In the new conceptualization, memory is held to be comprised of two components, short-term memory (STM) and long-term memory (LTM). Short-term memory is limited in capacity and relatively brief in duration, i.e., approximately 30 seconds. Success in dialing a telephone number that a person has just looked up in a telephone book, but failure to recall it 30 minutes later is an example of the use of STM. Long-term memory, on the other hand, is considered to be of unlimited capacity and of permanent duration (Waugh & Norman, 1965). Recalling the name of a favorite dog from childhood is an example of LTM.

The important task of transferring needed information from STM to LTM is primarily a function of active mental processing of that information. There are a number of voluntary rehearsal or encoding strategies that an efficient learner can employ to store the necessary information in LTM for later retrieval and use (Atkinson & Shiffrin, 1968, 1971). The more a person uses a cognitive strategy, the less mental effort it requires and the more automatic it becomes (Shiffrin & Schneider, 1977; Sternberg & Wagner, 1982).

With the consensus that memory process deficiencies represented a critical problem for persons with learning difficulties, interest became very intense in determining the degree to which they could be remediated. Extensive research attention turned towards developing an array of effective instructional techniques to impart to deficient information processors the rehearsal and metacognitive strategies of efficient information processors. The basic assumption underlying this research, and the work of this project, was that if basic process deficiencies exist and remain uncorrected, they compound higher-level areas of functioning and frustrate instructional efforts. As a result of this new research,

increasingly sophisticated techniques to identify the specific process deficiencies and then to remediate these deficiencies have been emerging (Belmont & Butterfield, 1977; Bray, 1979; Brown, 1978; Campione & Brown, 1977; Glidden, 1979; Hagen & Stanovich, 1977; Kramer & Engle, 1981). However, these techniques are very labor-intensive and have not made their way into classroom applications to any large degree.

The conclusions that are drawn from the information presented above are that: (a) significant and pervasive problem in memory exists in the lives of persons with learning disabilities or mental retardations, (b) these problems are the result of deficiencies in basic memory and metacognitive processes, (c) assessment techniques are available to identify the specific process deficiencies, and (d) instructional techniques are available to begin to remediate those deficiencies.

### The Computer-Based Instructional System

The system developed by the ARC is not curriculum-specific but instead focuses on some of the fundamental cognitive skills which underlie learning and performance across every content area. The software is structured around a memory task which is frequently used in assessment and instructional applications and which requires many of the same cognitive strategies for successful performance that underlie efficient information processing across a wide variety of situations (Latham, 1978).

The instructional system being developed in this project is based upon the ordered recall task. In the ordered recall task, a student is requested to recall in the order presented a list of items that s/he has seen only once. The items are serially-presented, with only one item exposed at one time. The student is asked to first recall the subset of the last items presented (the terminal items) and then circle back and recall the subset of the items which were presented first (the initial items). This aspect of the task is called "circular recall" (Butterfield, Siladi, & Belmont, 1980). In the ordered recall task, each item is displayed for a fixed period of time (e.g., 0.5 seconds), but the student controls the pace of the presentation, i.e., the timing of the presentation of the next item. Task difficulty and memory load requirements can be varied by changing the number of items in the to-be-recalled list and the type of items to be recalled (e.g., letters, numbers, words).

Extensive research has shown that performance on the terminal items reflects a student's STM abilities, and the task permits precise manipulation of variables which pertain specifically to STM limitations and instructional strategies. Similarly, performance on the initial items reflects a student's LTM abilities and is sensitive to a number of manipulations directly related to strategic cognitive activity (Belmont & Butterfield, 1969, 1971a, 1971b; Brown & Barclay, 1976).

One of the most revealing measures of strategic cognitive activity in this task is the length of time the student pauses after the presentation of each item in the list. Non-retarded, non-learning-disabled students generally exhibit high recall accuracy when their pauses steadily increase across the initial items, followed by very brief pausing over the terminal items.

The computer-based instructional system under development combines proven training techniques with the unique capabilities of the microcomputer. This computer-based system breaks the circular recall memory strategy into its component parts, trains each separately, and then chains the components together for smooth operation. The students will work with a number of different list lengths and circular recall requirements; these variations on the same general task should increase the students' understanding of the basic strategy because the students are able to witness and participate in its application in a number of situations. The system also provides the student with additional practice in those areas in which s/he is experiencing difficulty.

Appendix A

Memory-Process Questionnaire for Teachers: Part One

The Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States appreciates your involvement in the field-testing of this software package on cognitive memory processes. Our goal is to develop an effective assessment and training tool that will be of assistance to teachers. Your comments are vital in helping us attain this goal; our refinements to this package will be guided by your feedback. Thank you for your assistance.

Inservice Program

Was a presentation of this type of inservice program useful? Please comment in the space below on how beneficial it was to your understanding and use of the software package.

Please rate the following aspects of the inservice program on how beneficial they were to your understanding and use of the software package.

	Not Beneficial	Somewhat Beneficial	Beneficial	Very Beneficial
Background Information	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demonstration	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hands-On Experience	_____	_____	_____	_____

Memory-Process Questionnaire for Teachers: Part Two

Now that your students have interacted with the software, we would like you to consider a few more questions. Thank you for your assistance in the field-testing of this software package.

Please complete the following:

My students have \_\_\_\_\_ mental retardation,  
\_\_\_\_\_ learning disabilities,  
\_\_\_\_\_ no diagnosed learning problems,  
and range in age from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Software Package

Does this software package address important skills/needs?

Does it address skills relevant to your classroom activities?

Is the software design sufficiently interesting to hold students' attention?

Describe the nature of the students for whom you feel this software would be most appropriate.

Please rate the following aspects of the software on the rating scale provided.

	Inadequate			Excellent		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Familiarization exercises	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Progression of task difficulty	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pace of interaction	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Graphics quality	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Voice quality	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Motivational quality of video game	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ease of record keeping	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Use of Voice for Instruction/Prompting	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Usefulness of Data Presentation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Does this software package provide you with useful information?  
Please comment.

Does the information provided add to your knowledge about your students' memory skills? Please comment.

Was the level of instruction appropriate for your students? Please comment.

Would you purchase and/or recommend the purchase of software such as this for use with special-needs students in your school?



Please describe any suggested changes or recommendations to increase the utility of this software package?

Please feel free to provide any additional comments.

Appendix B

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Name

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Date

1. Do you have a computer at home?  
If "yes", which brand?
  
2. Have you used any computers that your school owns?
  
3. If "yes", on how many days have you used them (approximately) this school year?
  
4. Would you like to use the computers more often at school?
  
5. In what ways, if any, can a computer help you learn?
  
6. In what ways, if any, can a teacher help you learn something better than a computer can?

Appendix C



November 17, 1986

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is eligible for participation in a research project, involving the field testing of new educational computer software. This software was developed through the cooperative efforts of special educators, cognitive psychologists and computer experts, and is intended to assess specific memory difficulties and assist in their remediation.

The software is designed to test the child on a number of related memory tasks, determine the child's level of functioning, and teach strategies that (s)he can use to be more successful. The children's performance on related tasks will be evaluated before and after their experience with this software to see if they are using the strategies they learned from the computer in other activities.

There is virtually no discomfort or risk involved with this research. Since training that involves repetition can get boring, this software includes lots of things that will make learning fun, such as lots of colorful pictures and action on the screen. The computer will be able to talk to your child, and will also build in brief periods of video game playing. This should not only prevent the potential problem with boredom, but should actually motivate the children to perform better.

Eligible children will be divided into two groups. The "control" group will not receive the computer-based instruction, but will be involved in pre- and post-testing. The other group of children who participate can reasonably be expected to benefit from the program in several ways. First, they should experience success on those memory tasks trained directly, and they may also be able to use the strategies taught to them in other situations. In addition, their interactions with the computer and the training assistant should be satisfying and enjoyable.

This research is being conducted by the Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States (ARC/US) for the U.S. Department of Education. It is being conducted with the approval and cooperation of the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) and with the sanction of the Department of Research, Evaluation and Audit and the Department of Special Education. We encourage your interest and participation, and will be glad to answer any questions you might have. Questions may be directed to Beth Mineo of ARC/US at (817) 640-0204, or to Don Hawkins of DISD at (214) 490-8701.

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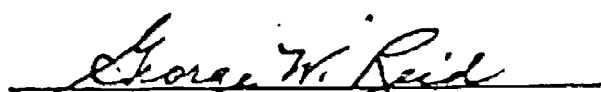
We are asking several non-handicapped students from Fred F. Florence School to participate in a "community/school service" capacity. Twenty students will be selected from those whose parent/guardian agree. Participation will require 30 minutes before school, starting at either 7:30 or 8:00, for 10 to 15 school days. If you agree to allow your child to possibly take part in this project, please sign the attached Parental Consent Form and have your child return it to his/her first period teacher immediately. If your child is selected for participation, you will be notified regarding the time your child needs to be at school and the duration of his or her participation.


Participation in this research is voluntary, and if you choose not to have your child participate there will be no penalty or loss of privileges for your child. You may also discontinue your child's participation at any time.

Results of this project will be shared with other parents and teachers through presentations and publications in appropriate journals; however, no written or oral accounts of this research will mention your child or any other child by name.

Project staff members will be most happy to share the research results with you. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter, and we look forward to including your child in this project.

Sincerely,

  
George Reid  
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Enclosure

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is eligible for participation in a research project involving the field testing of new educational computer software. This software was developed through the cooperative efforts of special educators, cognitive psychologists and computer experts, and is intended to assess specific memory difficulties and assist in their remediation.

The software is designed to test the child on a number of related memory tasks, determine the child's level of functioning, and teach strategies that (s)he can use to be more successful. The children's performance on related tasks will be evaluated before and after their experience with this software to see if they are using the strategies they learned from the computer in other activities.

There is virtually no discomfort or risk involved with this research. Since training that involves repetition can get boring, this software includes lots of things that will make learning fun, such as lots of colorful pictures and action on the screen. The computer will be able to talk to your child, and will also build in brief periods of video game playing. This should not only prevent the potential problem with boredom, but should actually motivate the children to perform better.

Eligible children will be divided into two groups. The "control" group will not receive the computer-based instruction, but will be involved in pre- and post-testing. The other group of children who participate can reasonably be expected to benefit from the program in several ways. First, they should experience success on those memory tasks trained directly, and they may also be able to use the strategies taught to them in other situations. In addition, their interactions with the computer and the training assistant should be satisfying and enjoyable.

This research is being conducted by the Association for Retarded Citizens of the United States (ARC/US) for the U. S. Department of Education. It is being conducted with the approval and cooperation of the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) and with the sanction of the Department of Research, Evaluation and Audit and the Department of Special Education. We encourage your interest and participation, and will be glad to answer any questions you might have. Questions may be directed to Beth Mineo of ARC/US at (817) 640-0204, or to Don Hawkins of DISD at (214) 526-0991.

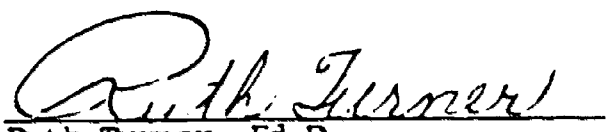
If you agree to allow your child to take part in this project, please sign the attached Parental Consent form and have your child return it to his/her homeroom teacher by January 24, 1986.

Participation in this research is voluntary, and if you choose not to have your child participate there will be no penalty or loss of privileges for your child. You may also discontinue your child's participation at any time.

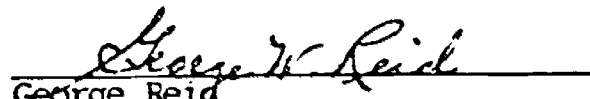
Results of this project will be shared with other parents and teachers through presentations and publications in appropriate journals; however, no written or oral accounts of this research will mention your child or any other child by name.


Project staff members will be most happy to share the research results with you. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter, and we look forward to including your child in this project.

Sincerely,

  
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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in the computer-based instructional project to be conducted by ARC/US and DISD during the second semester of the 1985-86 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please have your child to return this signed form to his or her homeroom teacher by January 24, 1986. Thank you.

APPENDIX E  
Final Marketing Plan

## Overview

The Bioengineering staff of the ARC of the United States have developed a computer-based instructional package that can be used to assess and assist in remediating problems in memory and metacognition in children and youth with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. This innovative package, using a memory task used previously only in laboratory applications, focuses on fundamental cognitive skills that are crucial to learning and performance.

## Applications

Although the user population for the cognitive software is extensive, primary usage is anticipated in school systems, specifically special education classrooms. The software will enable a teacher in a special education classroom to assess whether a student has significant memory process deficiencies, identify the nature of the deficiencies, and provide the student with individualized instruction that will help him/her improve memory skills.

Ultimately, the software will provide teacher and, possibly, parents, a means by which they can begin to remediate serious and pervasive learning problems encountered so often in children and youth with mental retardation and learning disabilities.

A sample of potential publishers also see applications for the package as a research tool in university settings that are involved in cognitive research.

Finally, the software is designed for use on either Apple IIe or IBM-compatible, MS-DOS computers. Since these are the most widely used types of computers in public school systems, this can be considered an additional benefit and selling point.

## The Target Population

The software was field tested with middle school-aged students who were nonhandicapped, those with learning disabilities, and those with mental retardation because project staff and consultants believed it to have applicability to the majority of students in the schools. Field-test results support this contention; gains were made by all subject groups that received training. Project staff and a sample of potential publishers agree that modifications to the original package that tailor it for specifically use by particular subgroups of consumers would greatly increase the size of the potential user population as well as increase the pedagogical power of the instructional package.

## Channels of Distribution

Having completed the development, field testing, and refinement stages, the instructional package of software and documentation is ready to fulfill its primary purpose, which is assisting teachers in the assessment and remediation of memory deficiencies. Vital to the attainment of this end is the identification of appropriate channels of distribution for the product.

The most preferred distributor would be a software publisher with an established reputation and a wide distribution network in the education market. Since there are literally hundreds of software companies, the pool of relevant potential marketers would be comprised of those offering a product line consistent with the offering of the ARC project. Three types of product lines potentially offer this compatibility: those with regular educational software, those with software designed for special needs populations, and those with software designed specifically around cognitive tasks. These three product lines are not mutually exclusive; in fact, from our compilation of information on software publishers, there are a few companies promoting software appropriate to all three categories. Several companies were contacted regarding their interest in marketing the software. The results of these activities is discussed later in this report.

The responsibility of the ARC in the distribution process is six-fold. The first responsibility is the technical specification of the capabilities of the instructional package. The second is the identification of the target population. The third is to establish and document the need for software of this type among the target population. The fourth responsibility is to highlight the unique features of the system. The fifth is to identify, based on the target population and needs assessments, marketing strategies that a software publisher could employ to increase networks of information dissemination. The final responsibility entails dissemination of information regarding the package's capabilities and its availability from the eventual marketer.

Through the field testing process, the ARC obtained the information necessary to meet the first of these outlined responsibilities. The tests involved 60 students: 20 had mental retardation, 20 were learning disabled, and 20 were nonhandicapped. The instructional package was evaluated in terms of its validity (that is, the consistency of its results with those of the laboratory tasks upon which it is based and its ability to differentiate among subject groups) and its instructional value (that is, its ability to assist in the remediation process). The research indicated that the subject groups did bring different abilities to the task and the software detected these differences, and it also demonstrated that the software was effective in improving performance on the targeted memory task across all subject groups.

The research also permitted a determination to be made regarding the breadth of effective application of the package across the populations in need. Although the appropriateness of this software for the population of nonhandicapped students was not the primary focus of the development project, nonhandicapped students were included in the subject population to provide a base of comparison for the handicapped subjects. Field test results indicate that the software was very effective in improving the skills of the nonhandicapped subjects. Further, these students found the software to be motivating and enjoyable. Thus, the original projections of market size have been greatly increased.

Project staff initially conducted an extensive review of the cognitive psychology and special education literatures to identify the characteristics and nature of the populations to benefit from the aid. It was estimated that 55% of the students enrolled in special education classrooms in this country could benefit from this instructional package. This figure represents a market of close to two and one-half million students. Add to this the several million students in regular education classrooms, and the potential market increases tremendously. In addition, further modifications to the software package would make it potentially useful for other purposes and with other populations.

The ARC's extensive literature review also assisted in confirming the need for this type of software. One of the conclusions that can be drawn from this review is that the memory task around which the package is constructed is a valid and "pure" means by which to assess and train fundamental memory skills. Another conclusion is that the computer is a near-perfect vehicle for this package because of its ability for logical analysis and its capacity to deal with large amounts of information in an interesting, effective, and efficient manner. This package accomplishes the marriage of a sophisticated theoretical framework and empirical knowledge base to a practical, educationally-sound assessment and training package. The educational software marketplace currently fails to offer products reflecting large-scale efforts of this nature even though the desirability of such a package has been acknowledged by researchers, service delivery personnel, and software publishers.

The ARC has the responsibility for highlighting the capabilities and positive attributes of the package to potential marketers and eventually to consumers. Detailed description of these features would be lengthy; only the major points will therefore be summarized here as follows. First, the package offers both assessment and remedial components, and remediation is based logically on the assessment results. Second, this assessment permits the remediation components to be individually

tailored to each student's needs. Third, the package uses the unique features of the computer to their fullest extent in assisting the student to understand and perform the required tasks. Fourth, the package employs innovations such as digitized speech output and light pen input to enhance its educational validity and appeal. Finally, the child's performance is analyzed and interpreted by the computer, which allows the teacher to obtain practical information for classroom purposes. This analysis and interpretation was designed with assistance from the leading cognitive psychologists in the country. The student's performance data are also permanently recorded for later review by the teacher.

In meeting the fifth responsibility, the ARC will suggest marketing strategies for use by a publisher based upon the factors addressed above. We will assist the publisher in highlighting this program's appeal and value to parents, teachers, and school districts. The ARC's final responsibility to the distributor will be met through the ARC's ability to disseminate information across a nationwide network. Through our network of 1300 state and local chapters, our core of over 160,000 members, our national publications including our national newspaper which is distributed six times a year to every member, our computerized technology data base, our national electronic mail and bulletin board system, and our Bioengineering Program, we are in unique position to raise the awareness of school personnel on the availability of effective educational software in the marketplace.

#### Market Demographics

The market for the software is not limited to school systems, but since this is the most likely consumer of this product, it would be pertinent to look at some statistics that will give an indication of the potential size of the market:

- o In 1983, the special education field spent \$10 billion on materials used by or on behalf of students.
- o Again, as of 1983, 330,000 microcomputers were in this country's schools.
- o In the 1984-85 school year, approximately 15 million students and 500,000 teachers used computers in the public schools.
- o By the end of 1986, there was an estimated 1,025,000 microcomputers in public schools. Approximately one-quarter of these, or 225,000, were used in special education, benefitting 4.3 million special education students.

- o Special education accounts for 11% of the purchases in the educational computing marketplace.
- o Market analysts' projections of the amount to be spent on educational software in the 1987-88 school year range from \$250 million to \$500 million.

These data indicate that there is clearly a significant market for this instructional package both now and in the future. Indeed, since this package appears to have application to both regular and special education programs, the potential market is enormous. The statistics cited above also indicate that substantial dollars are available to purchase equipment and other supplies that will enhance the learning of children and youth in classrooms across the country. Couple these factors with the viability of the cognitive software package and it would appear that the elements are in place to make it a successful product: a legitimate attractive product, an educational void to be filled, recognition of the computer as a viable educational aid, and the availability of monies for purchase.

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2. Blaschke, C.L. (1982). Microcomputers in special education trends and projections. Journal of Special Education Technology.
3. Carol Daniels, LINC Resources (personal communication based on Quality Education Data survey, LINC survey of states, and Johns Hopkins survey).
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Some initial marketing strategies:

1. In practical terms, highlight the effects that deficient, underlying cognitive strategies can have on educational activities, activities of daily living, and vocational activities.
2. Publicize availability of software through trade journals, newsletters, and teacher and education magazines.
3. Promote product at conventions of education, special education, rehabilitation, and computer technology professionals.

4. Organize demonstration seminars for educators.
5. Identify several schools in which to set up package on a trial basis at no charge to the school in an effort to elicit word-of-mouth publicity and testimonials.

#### Feedback From Commercial Publishers on Software Design

In compliance with SEP's request for feedback on the marketability, useability, and suitability of the product, the ARC identified several commercial software companies having product lines compatible with the software under development in this project. The company presidents and/or product developers were contacted and their participation was requested. Several companies denied our request, citing most frequently the non-remunerative or time-consuming aspects of the task. Non-disclosure agreements were obtained from three marketers who agreed to participate.

These companies were sent an information packet including a statement of the problem addressed in the project, production and marketing plans, and the Program Narrative with accompanying documentation. The company representatives were guided in their review by the survey form created by the ARC project staff. The form was intended to direct the reviewers' comments to the specific aspects of suitability, useability, and marketability.

The evaluations we received were overwhelmingly positive. On a scale from 1 to 6 with 6 being the most favorable score, the software package received an average score of 5.33 in regard to its suitability, an average score of 5.67 in regard to its useability, and a unanimous rating of 6 in regard to its marketability.

Several suggestions were made regarding the eventual marketing of the package. One reviewer commented that while our development work was being done for the Apple and Commodore computers, we might want to eventually consider adapting a version for MS-DOS machines. In the time that has passed between our survey and the present, we received approval to modify our workplan to replace the Commodore version with an MS-DOS version in response to the current trend in the educational marketplace. One reviewer commented that we might suggest to the eventual marketer that a lightpen be included with the instructional package to enhance convenience and discourage piracy. Reviewers also suggested that the market for this software could be increased greatly if field tests demonstrated it to be effective in improving the cognitive skills of the non-handicapped student population. The prevailing opinion appeared to be that the instructional package was a good one, and that effective marketing was the key to its viability as a commercial product.



## Locating a Commercial Marketer

Project staff worked in conjunction with the staff at LINC Resources to locate potential marketers for this product. LINC has in place a procedure by which software developers can locate appropriate potential publishers for their products. LINC provided assistance in the identification of appropriate publishers, in the preparation of informational documents to be sent to the publishers, and in the conduct of negotiations between the developer and marketer.

In the last months of the project, approximately 20 software companies were contacted regarding their interest in marketing the software package. Interested parties were asked to demonstrate their willingness to collaborate by submitting to ARC project staff a statement of the company's capabilities in regard to advertising and production as well as its distribution channels. Project staff reviewed responses to this request and selected five companies with which to conduct more detailed discussions. The three companies with the most appropriate capabilities, product lines, and demonstrated interest were invited to a software demonstration and marketing discussion held at the ARC National Headquarters.

Project staff met with representative of Laureate Learning Systems and American Guidance Services. Laureate offers a product line geared toward remediating communicative and learning difficulties. The large AGS market is primarily oriented toward regular education. Representatives of both publishers saw a comprehensive demonstration of the software's capabilities, discussed field test results, and presented strategies for further refinements to the software.

Both publishers agreed that this software package has wide applicability that can be enhanced further by the addition of some features and the definition of specialized markets. For instance, one publisher suggested enlarging the selection of available stimuli to include pictures, which would render the software appropriate for younger children. Manipulation of the minimum and maximum memory requirements would also increase the potential user population. Making all of these options selectable would allow teachers to customize the presentation to meet the needs of individual students to an even greater extent than the software presently allows.

Laureate is primarily interested in the special education market, while AGS would focus on the regular education market. This circumstance permits negotiation with both parties since their markets are for the most part exclusive of one another, and our research indicates the wisdom in defining separate versions of the software for each market. AGS is also interested in developing some workbook-based activities as an adjunct to computer instruction.

Project staff recognize another market for this software development. A package that would permit selectability for features such as list length, viewing time, criterion levels, and stimulus items would be a valuable tool for scientists conducting research on cognitive processing. This type of research is currently ongoing but is hampered by cumbersome presentation techniques and tedious data collection procedures. The software, as it is currently configured, automatically presents stimulus trials, records responses, and analyzes data. Only minor modifications would be necessary to make this a very useful research tool. Project staff have identified a publisher targeting this narrow market, and the company is enthusiastic about adding this product to its existing offerings.

The companies, owing to differences in size and policy, are obligated to pursue collaborations with the ARC via different routes. For instance, AGS needs to discuss the opportunity at an annual review meeting. In contrast, Laureate immediately stated an intense interest and after negotiation with the ARC submitted a proposal to the Small Business Innovation Research Grant program to support the necessary refinement work. The ARC has secured permission from the Department of Education to hold the copyright on the software, which helps to insure that the integrity of the software will be maintained on the road toward commercial publication.

The ARC will maintain its commitment to bring this product to market by guiding commercial publishers in their attempts to refine the package for use by their particular market population. Project staff have identified pedagogical and cosmetic changes that would improve the package, and these will be shared with the eventual publishers. It is not unreasonable to believe that this software might eventually be commercially available in three different forms targeted to meet the needs of a variety of populations. The ARC will continue to work with LINC and potential publishers to make this possibility a reality. When this occurs, it will indicate that the marketplace is accepting a revolutionary new type of software and that a strong theoretical base is a viable position from which to initiate a software development project.

APPENDIX F  
Field Test Report

## Field Test Report

This report documents the field testing of the software developed by the ARC under Contract No. 300-84-0156. The educational and cognitive research on which this project was based has shown that memory process deficiencies are pervasive in persons with mental retardation and learning disabilities. The ARC translated proven yet cumbersome cognitive assessment and remediation procedures into an instructional package that employs the computer as the tutor, the interactional interface, and the data collection and analysis system. The field testing permitted an examination of the package's validity and instructional potency as well as a comparison of the remediation effects among groups of students with varying degrees of learning handicaps. The report contains a description of the research plan, presentation of the data-based findings, and a discussion of the implications of these findings as well as the anecdotal observations made during the course of the seven-month field test period.

### Student Population

Sixty students participated in the complete study. Several other students were dropped from subject rolls because of scheduling and relocation problems. Of the 60 students participating in all aspects of the study, 20 had mental retardation, 20 had learning disabilities, and 20 were non-handicapped. The nonhandicapped students were those functioning adequately in regular education classrooms. Students with learning disabilities and students with mental retardation were identified as such in accordance with school district evaluation and placement procedures. Learning disabled students had average or above average intellectual functioning (as measured by the WISC-R) but demonstrated significant delays in one or more academic areas. Students with mental retardation demonstrated significantly delayed functioning in academic areas commensurate with their overall academic functioning (as measured by the WISC-R) and adaptive behavior. All students were between 12 and 14 years of age, attended schools within the Dallas Independent School District, and furnished written parental permission for participation in the study.

### Measurement Instruments

Four measurement instruments were used. The first is a computer-based assessment of memory competencies that was used to generate pre- and post-test data regarding students' ability to remember items presented in sequence. The second is the assessment and remedial instruction incorporated into the software. The software allows for the automatic recording and analysis of data. The third and fourth instruments are structured interviews of student familiarity with computers and of opinions regarding the instructional software package.

## General Procedures

The general data collection procedures were as follows:

a) Data on the educational and psychometric measures pertaining to the students' diagnostic classifications were obtained from school records, and informed consent letters were obtained from the parents of all potential subjects.

b) Five complete computer systems with all necessary peripherals were placed in the schools. Fifteen public schools participated, although 2/3 of the subjects attended a single school. Thus, the majority of the computers remained in that particular school and the others travelled with the itinerant research assistant.

c) Students were interviewed in their classrooms regarding their previous experience with computers and their opinions on the most effective and enjoyable uses of computers in the schools.

d) A pre-assessment (pre-test) of memory processes was conducted with all students. This assessment was computer-based, and all participants underwent a brief familiarization with the computer before the assessment began. Each assessment required between 60 and 90 minutes.

e) Participants receiving the training intervention interacted daily with the computer until they had completed the instruction or attained their maximum level of performance. Daily sessions lasted 30-45 minutes unless the student chose to terminate the session early. Students interacted independently with the computer, and a trained research assistant was available to provide assistance and record data for use in reliability checks.

f) Following completion of a post-assessment (post-test), a brief interview was conducted with each student in which they were asked to comment on the software's ability to teach a new skill, hold student attention, and motivate improved performance.

## Research Design

Procedure: Pre- and Post-Test. All subjects received training to familiarize them with the computer, after which a computer-based pre-test was administered. The subjects received six trials at each of eight levels (hierarchically arranged in regard to difficulty of circular recall requirement) in which they were shown items in a list and asked to recall the list. The last three of these six trials at each level were used in the data compilation. During the pre-test, no subjects received memory-strategy training. This procedure was the same for the post-test that followed the training sessions.

Intervention. Half of the subjects in each subject classification received the computer-based instruction in the use of effective memory strategies. The other half received no intervention between pre- and post-tests. A total of six recall requirements were included in the training. These six were a subset of the eight levels used in the pre- and post-tests. Students progressed through training until they had completed the entire sequence or had failed to meet the minimum criterion for continuation of training.

The intervention section consisted of assessment/training cycles that involved assessment of recall accuracy at a level and then training on cognitive strategies appropriate to that level if the student did not pass the assessment. If the student passed the assessment without training, or passed it after receiving training, s/he advanced to assessment and possibly training on the next level of difficulty, and so on until s/he failed to pass the assessment and failed to benefit from training.

### Experimental Design and Data Analyses

There were several factors, or independent variables, addressed in the experimental design and data analyses: subject Classification (learning disabilities (LD), mental retardation (MR), non-handicapped (NH)), instructional Condition (training, control), Test (pre-, post-), and circular recall requirement (the different difficulty levels). Classification and Condition were between-subjects factors, Test was a within-subjects factor. The dependent variables were a measure of cognitive strategy use (as reflected by the omega-squared statistic), a recall accuracy measure (as reflected by the number of items correctly recalled), and a memory-improvement measure (as reflected by the increase in the number of difficulty levels passed from pre-test to post-test).

Accuracy - 2/2 Level. A 3-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) on Classification x Condition x Test was conducted on the 2/2 (circular recall) level of difficulty, using the median number of items recalled accurately over the last three assessment trials as the dependent variable. The analysis showed that the main effects of Classification ( $p < .001$ ), Condition ( $p < .014$ ), and Test ( $p < .001$ ) were all significant. These main effects were qualified by a 3-way interaction of Classification x Condition x Test ( $p < .057$ ). This analysis reveals that:

- o the NH group recalled more than the LD group who recalled more than the MR group,
- o the subjects who received training recalled more than the subjects who received no training,

- o subjects recalled more on the post-test than they did on the pre-test,
- o the MR group who received training increased their recall from pre-test to post-test more than MR group who did not receive training and this difference was greater than the corresponding differences in the NH and LD groups.

Omega-squared - 2/2 Level. A 3-way ANOVA of Classification x Condition x Test was conducted on the 2/2 level of difficulty, using the median omega-squared value over the last three assessment trials as the dependent variable. No significant interaction or main effects were obtained.

Accuracy - 3/2 Level. A 3-way ANOVA of Classification x Condition x Test was conducted on the 3/3 level of difficulty on recall accuracy. Significant main effects for Classification ( $p < .001$ ) and Test ( $p < .001$ ) and a significant 2-way interaction of Condition x Test ( $p < .001$ ) were obtained. These effects were qualified by a significant 3-way interaction of Classification x Condition x Test ( $p < .004$ ). This analysis reveals that:

- o the LD and MR groups who received training showed a greater increase in recall from pre-test to post-test than the LD and MR groups who received no training. This was not true for the NH groups.

Omega-squared - 3/2 Level. A 3-way ANOVA of Classification x Condition x Test was conducted on the 3/3 level of difficulty on omega-squared. No significant main effects or interaction effects were obtained.

Levels Passed. As a result of the pass/fail criterion operating at each difficulty level, the numbers of students in each group who participated at the greater difficulty levels decreased with each succeeding level. This provides validity to the original hierarchical ordering of the different circular recall requirements. It also precludes conducting ANOVA's at these greater difficulty levels. To analyze the overall change that the instructional package created in student performance a more appropriate analysis is an analysis of variance on the increase or decrease in the number of difficulty levels (circular recall requirements) passed on the post-test relative to the highest level passed on the pre-test as a function of subject classification and instruction condition.

A 2-way ANOVA of Classification x Condition was conducted using the levels increase/decrease as the dependent variable. A significant main effect for Condition ( $p < .003$ ) was obtained. This analysis revealed that:

- o the subjects who received training showed significantly greater increases in the number of difficulty levels passed on the post-test relative to the highest level passed on the pre-test than subjects who received no training.

The dependent measures for each subject in this analysis were derived using the original criterion for scoring a level as passed, that is, perfect performance on the last three assessment trials on that level. A unanimous conclusion among project staff during the field testing was that this criterion was too rigid for all subject groups and suppressed the true effects that were taking place. We observed that occasionally a student made a simple mistake on one of the last three trials, e.g., momentarily losing his/her train of thought on the sixth trial after concentrating intensely on the first five trials, inadvertently touching the lightpen to the wrong place on the screen thereby selecting an incorrect letter, or turning away from the display screen momentarily because of a classroom distraction. This last example represented a large number of these types of "oops" errors, as each of the 60 subjects was tested in the natural classroom environment that, in most cases, was replete with a wide variety of "distractions". The "perfect-on-the-last-three" criterion forced each one of these instances to be scored as a failure. We believe a more reasonable criterion for passing a level that better reflects the actual gains and losses made is correct performance on four of the six assessment trials. We believe this is not an easier criterion but is a more fair criterion that gives a truer picture of the actual effects.

A 2-way ANOVA of Classification x Condition was conducted using the levels increase/decrease as the dependent variable, scored with the "four-out-of-six" passing criterion. Significant main effects for Classification ( $p < .001$ ) and Condition ( $p < .001$ ) were obtained. This analysis revealed that:

- o the subjects who received training showed significantly greater increases in the number of difficulty levels passed on the post-test relative to the highest level passed on the pre-test than the subjects who received no training.
- o the NH group showed greater increases than the LD group who showed greater increases than the MR group.

Conclusions. In any task allowing measurement of cognitive activity that will be used to compare cognitively-impaired and non-impaired individuals, it is important to employ difficulty levels that permit unrestricted assessment of the performance of both groups of subjects, i.e., levels that are not too difficult for the cognitively-impaired subjects, nor too easy for the non-impaired subjects. While typical clinical use of this software



in the classroom would most likely focus individually on the assessment and instruction of each student, the software incorporates sufficient flexibility in selecting difficulting levels that, when comparisons across student groups are desirable, difficulty levels that avoid floor and ceiling effects in the analyses should be easily identified.

In the research in this project, the initial level of difficulty, 2/2 circular recall, was too easy for many of the NH subjects. The task at this level did not tax them and they did not need to employ any particular cognitive strategies to perform successfully. As a result, the most appropriate analyses in this research are the ANOVA's on the 3/2 level of difficulty and on the increase/decrease in levels passed from pre- to post-test. From these analyses the following conclusions can be drawn:

- o the data derived from this computer-based assessment-and-instruction package are orderly and the general results are consistent with the types of results that have been previously obtained in laboratory research; therefore, the software represents a valid transfer of a sophisticated cognitive tool from laboratory equipment to a standard microcomputer,

- o the software provides effective instruction within a level of difficulty for students who are learning disabled and students who are mentally retarded; it also improves the performance of nonhandicapped students,

- o after receiving instruction through the software, students who are non-handicapped, learning disabled, and mentally retarded can perform successfully on memory tasks that are more difficult than the tasks which they completed successfully prior to instruction,

- o the relationship between the amount of instruction provided and the criterion used to evaluate whether a student benefitted from that instruction needs to be researched for this application, as it appears that some beneficial effects may be obscured by the choice of inappropriate levels.

### Student Interviews

Interviews on the following two topic areas were conducted with students who participated in the research: (1) their experience with and beliefs about computers and (2) their views about the instructional package that they helped to evaluate.

The first interview was conducted in the orientation stage of the research. The following questions were asked:

1. Do you have a computer at home?  
If so, which brand?
2. Have you used any computers that your school owns?
3. If so, on how many days have you used them  
(approximately) (this school year?)
4. Would you like to use the computers more often at  
school?
5. In what ways, if any, can a computer help you learn?
6. In what ways, if any, can a teacher help you learn  
something better than a computer can?
7. On what subjects, if any, would you like to receive  
computer instruction in addition to teacher instruction?
8. Do you think you remember information better when a  
teacher instructs you or when a computer instructs you?
9. Do you prefer to learn by yourself or in a group?
10. What features make up a good video arcade game?
11. Name your top 5 video arcade games.

The results provide a view of how the participants view computer usage as it pertains to the learning process. This was studied in questions 5-9, while experiences with computers are probed in questions 1-4. Questions 10 and 11 provide general information concerning the participants' interests in video games on the market, and this information further reveals features that appeal to and motivate the interests of those studied.

Thirty percent of the participants answered that they had computers at home, while the Non-Handicapped Training group made up 36% of those with home computers. The MR groups reported no home computers. However, most students had used computers at school (77%); among the MR groups, 70% had used school computers before. Among those students who had access to school computers, they most frequently spent a total of 1 semester in computer-related learning and activity. When asked if they would like to use computers more often at school, 96% answered Yes. Among the ways in which students thought a computer can help in learning, math was the most popular answer, followed by general studies and learning skills.

The benefits of a teacher over a computer were largely factors of communication: most participants in the LD group answered that teachers could explain things more clearly than a

computer could. The NH groups felt that teachers could communicate more coherently in topics that ranged from science laboratory applications to mastering the computer itself. While the MR groups found difficulty in citing ways a teacher could help them learn better than a computer, they did, however, give suggestions in favor of the computer. Math, reading, and language arts were subjects in which the MR groups felt computer use would be helpful. Likewise, both the LD and the NH groups cited general studies as subjects in which computer instruction could supplement teacher instruction. Forty-seven percent of the participants said they could remember information better when a teacher instructs them, 38% favored computer instruction, and 10% favored both. Forty-seven per cent preferred to learn by themselves, while 49% preferred group settings.

The preferences in videogame features and attractions were relatively consistent within groups, however they varied among groups. For instance, the NH groups repeatedly cited color as an important videogame feature, while action and challenge were favorites of the LD group. Shooting was the major feature that attracted the MR group.

Of the video arcade games that most subjects liked the best, the top five were those with animated characters and character personalities. The NH group cited the most high-level, skill-related games, but still maintained agreement with the other groups who favored the "animated character" type games. The overall favorites were: 1. Pac-Man 2. Ms. Pac-Man 3. Donkey Kong 4. Centipede 5. Mario Brothers

The second interview was conducted at the completion of the student's participation. The results reveal the views of the participants on the software developed in this project. The following questions were asked:

1. What do you think this software was trying to teach you?
2. Do you think you gained new skills?
3. If so, what were they?
4. What things did you like best about it?
5. What things did you like least?
6. How would you change the software?

In response to the first question, almost all participants responded with an answer pertaining to memory, or remembering, indicating that most of the participants had a clear picture of what skills were being tested. Over 90% of the participants felt that they had gained new skills as a result of the project and memory skills were cited frequently.

The video game was unquestionably the favorite aspect of the software. The feature mentioned second most frequently was the memory task, confirming the subjective impressions of our research assistants that many subjects truly enjoyed the type of memory tasks that the software presented. The students also cited the challenge presented in both the competition with their peers on the video game and on the memory tasks.

Subjects were more heterogeneous in response to the question on the features they liked the least. Some cited the difficulty of the higher levels of testing. Possibly reflecting greater anxiety, subjects in the LD and MR groups often mentioned that they liked least "making mistakes" or other related answers. The NH group that received training frequently cited "training", confirming our subjective impression that after the initial training they did not require the same frequency and degree of training as the other groups.

When asked how they would change the software, over 53% said they would make no changes at all. Among those who felt a change was needed, those from the NH groups suggested making the memory task easier and reducing the training. Subjects in the LD groups mentioned reducing the levels of difficulty, giving more examples, and giving more playing time on the videogame. No members of the MR group suggested any changes.

#### Subjective Observations

Observations made over the course of field testing provided valuable information about the software package as well as about the characteristics and needs of each of the subject groups. They are discussed in this section because they have a direct bearing on the outcomes reflected in the data.

As a unit, the subject groups brought different skills and experiences to the task presented via the software. The nonhandicapped group had more experience with computers outside of the school setting and were less fearful of the situation. Of all three groups, the students with mental retardation appeared particularly tentative in their physical interaction with the computer system. Use of a lightpen interface was novel for all students, and the majority mastered its use with ease.

Considering the age of the subjects, the experimenters expected to encounter behavior patterns typically attributed to middle school students. We expected them to be somewhat disdainful of tasks requiring a concerted effort and a serious attitude, and we were concerned that the presence of their peers would exacerbate these reactions. We also were concerned that subjects would be unable to maintain concentration of sufficient quality and duration for successful task completion. On these counts, our concerns were unfounded.

Although students initially approached the testing situation with some trepidation, and while many attempted to mask this with an air of nonchalance, once subjects were familiarized with the system they worked earnestly to complete the tasks successfully. The videogame reward was one that the students worked toward and enjoyed playing. They also took pride in their accomplishments both on the task and on the videogame.

One very concrete indication of the intensity with which they approached the work was their concentration. It was common for students to maintain attention to the display screen for 30 to 45 minutes without distraction. This was an especially surprising observation in regard to the students with learning disabilities and mental retardation. This may be attributable to the students' perception that they needed the information that was being imparted and trained in order to be successful on the assessments, and also to the quickly-paced interactional format in which instruction and practice were couched.

These observations should not be interpreted as suggesting that the instruction had the same attention-maintaining effect across students. In fact, the non-handicapped students who received training became increasingly distractible as they completed more cycles through training. Since this was seen to a lesser degree with the learning disabled students, and was not observed at all with students with retardation, these circumstances lead to the conclusion that detailed instruction during each cycle and at every level was not necessary for the nonhandicapped students. Rather, it may have been sufficient to provide this group with some initial instruction followed by repeated opportunity for practice with different recall requirements. As the instructional program is currently designed, it provides intensive instruction at each and every difficulty level. In our field testing, this circumstance appeared to engender some frustration in those students who understood the task and simply needed practice at generalizing these basic skills to new recall requirements.

Further support for this notion came from the attending behaviors of the students with mental retardation. It was within the group of subjects who received training that attention was most intense. Subjects with mental retardation were in greatest need of the instruction presented, and their extremely high attention levels would indicate that they were aware of their lack of skills necessary for correct performance of the memory task and were actively seeking to improve their performance.

These findings indicate that an appropriate modification to the existing software package might be an option permitting selection of various degrees of instruction. In this way, students requiring all that the original package offered in terms of task breakdown, hierarchical presentation, and fading of cues

could benefit from all of these features, while students requiring a less detailed training package would be relieved of excessive detail that might impede motivation or learning.

A related observation is that nonhandicapped and learning disabled students rarely required additional explanation beyond that offered as a part of the software. On the other hand, students with mental retardation frequently required the research assistant to provide additional information as an adjunct to the software's instruction. This suggests that an even more detailed version of the instruction than the version currently offered might be helpful to a subset of students with significant learning problems. The need for additional instruction could be a factor determined by the software on-line as it analyzes accuracy and pause time data and detects consistent error patterns in the data. This additional feature would greatly enhance the power of this package.

**APPENDIX G**  
**Preliminary Marketing Plan**

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## OVERVIEW

ARC of the United States Bioengineering scientists have developed a computer-based instructional package that can be used to assess and assist in remediating problems in memory and metacognition in children and youth with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. This innovative package, using a memory task used previously only in laboratory applications, focuses on basic cognitive skills which are crucial to learning and performance.

## THE TARGET POPULATION

This package will be field tested on children and youth who are non-handicapped, those with learning disabilities and those with mental retardation because of its applicability to the entire school-age population. However, the population to benefit the most from this aid is that group with identifiable memory difficulties who are able to interact with the computer system. Generally, the audience that falls into this category is composed of school-aged children and youth with mild to moderate mental retardation and those with learning disabilities.

## APPLICATIONS

Although the user population for the cognitive software is extensive, primary usage is anticipated in school systems, specifically special education classrooms. The program will enable a teacher in a special education classroom to assess whether a student has significant memory process deficiencies, identify the nature of the deficiencies and provide the student with individualized instruction that will help him/her improve memory skills.

Ultimately, the system will provide teachers and, possibly, parents, a means by which they can begin to remediate serious and pervasive learning problems encountered so often in children and youth with mental retardation and learning disabilities.

Finally, the system is designed for use on either the Apple II series or the IBM compatible, MS-DOS computers. Since these are the most widely used types of computers in public school systems, this can be considered an additional benefit and selling point.

## CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION

Once the development, field testing and refinement stages have been completed, the instructional package of software and documentation will be ready to fulfill its primary purpose, which is assisting teachers in the assessment and remediation of memory deficiencies. Vital to the attainment of this end are effective channels for distribution of the product.

The most preferred distributor would be a software publisher with an established reputation and a wide distribution network in the education market. Since there are literally hundreds of software companies, the pool of relevant potential marketers would be comprised of those offering a product line consistent with the offering of the ARC project. Three types of product lines potentially offer this compatibility: those with regular educational software, those with software designed for special needs populations, and those with software designed specifically around cognitive tasks. These three product lines are not mutually exclusive; in fact, from our compilation of information on software publishers, there are a few companies promoting software appropriate to all three categories.

The responsibility of the ARC in the distribution process is six-fold. The first responsibility is the technical specification of the capabilities of the instructional system. The second is the identification of the target population. The third is to establish and document the need for software of this type among the target population. The fourth responsibility is to highlight the unique features of the system. The fifth is to identify, based on the target population and needs assessments, marketing strategies that a software publisher could employ to increase networks of information dissemination. The final responsibility entails dissemination of information regarding the package's availability from the eventual marketer.

Through the field-testing process, the ARC will obtain the information necessary to meet the first of these outlined responsibilities. We have devised a detailed plan for evaluation in which participants will be comprised of persons with mental retardation, those with learning disabilities, and nonhandicapped persons. The instructional package will be evaluated in terms of its validity (that is, its ability to differentiate among ability groups) and its instructional value (that is, its ability to assist in the remediation process). This research will allow us to draw conclusions regarding the capabilities of the software for assessment and instructional purposes.

This research will also allow us to determine the breadth of effective application of the package across the populations in need. Although the appropriateness of this software for the population of nonhandicapped students is not the primary focus of the development project, a determination of such appropriateness is incorporated in the research design to provide a base of comparison for the handicapped users. As a result, there is a distinct possibility that the results will show that the larger market of non-handicapped students could derive enhancements in memory functioning through use of this software. Project staff conducted an extensive review of the cognitive psychology and special education literatures to identify the characteristics and nature of the populations to benefit from the aid. We have determined that approximately 55% of the students enrolled in special education classrooms in this country could benefit from

this instructional package. This figure represents a market of close to two and one-half million students. More detailed information will be provided to the eventual marketer.

The ARC's extensive literature review also assisted in confirming the need for this type of software. One of the conclusions that can be drawn from this review is that the memory task around which the package is constructed is a valid and "pure" means by which to assess and train memory skills, and also that the computer is a near-perfect vehicle for this package because of its ability for logical analysis and its capacity to deal with large amounts of information in an interesting, effective, and efficient manner. This package accomplishes the marriage of a theoretical knowledge base to a practical, educationally-sound assessment and training package. The educational software marketplace currently fails to offer products reflecting large-scale efforts of this nature even though the desirability of such packages has been acknowledged by researchers, service delivery personnel and software publishers.

The ARC has the responsibility for highlighting the capabilities and positive attributes of the system to potential marketers and eventually to consumers. Detailed description of these features would be lengthy; only the major points will therefore be summarized as follows. First, the package offers both assessment and remedial components, and remediation is based logically on the assessment results. Second, this assessment permits the remediation components to be individually tailored to each student's needs. Third, the package uses the unique features of the computer to their fullest extent in assisting the child to understand and perform the required tasks; and fourth, the package employs innovations such as digitized speech output and light pen input to enhance its educational validity and appeal. Finally, the child's performance is analyzed and interpreted by the computer, which allows the teacher to obtain practical information for classroom purposes. This analysis and interpretation was designed with assistance from the leading cognitive psychologists in the country. The student's performance data is also permanently recorded for later review by the teacher.

In meeting the fifth responsibility, the ARC will suggest marketing strategies for use by a potential publisher based upon the factors addressed above. We will assist the publisher in highlighting this program's appeal and value to parents, teachers, and school districts. The ARC's final responsibility to the distributor will be met through the ARC's ability to disseminate information across a nationwide network. Through our network of 1300 state and local affiliates, our core of 200,000 members, our national publications including our national newspaper which is distributed six times a year to each member, our computerized technology data base, our national electronic mail and bulletin board system, and our Bioengineering Program,

we are in a unique position to raise the awareness of school personnel on the availability of effective educational software in the marketplace.

### MARKET DEMOGRAPHICS

The market for the software is not limited to school systems, but since this is the most likely "buyer" of this product, it would be pertinent to look at some statistics that will give an indication of the potential size of the market:

- o In 1983, the special education field spent \$10 billion on materials used by or on behalf of students.<sup>1</sup>
- o Again, as of 1983, 330,000 microcomputers were in this country's schools.<sup>1</sup>
- o By the end of 1986, there will be an estimated 1,025,000 microcomputers in public schools.<sup>2</sup> Approximately one-quarter of these, or 225,000, will be used in special education,<sup>3</sup> benefitting 4.3 million special education students.<sup>3</sup>
- o Special education accounts for 11% of the purchases in the educational computing marketplace.<sup>3</sup>
- o In the 1984-85 school year, approximately 15 million students and 500,000 teachers used computers in the public schools.<sup>3</sup>
- o Market analyst's projections of the amount to be spent on educational software in the 1987-88 school year range from \$250 million to \$500 million.<sup>4</sup>

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These data indicate that there is clearly a significant market for this instructional system both now and in the future. Indeed, since this system appears to have application to both regular and special education programs, the potential market is

enormous. The statistics cited above also indicate that substantial dollars are available to purchase equipment and other supplies that will enhance the learning of children and youth in classrooms across the country. Couple these factors with the viability of the cognitive software system and it would appear that the elements are in place to make it a successful product: a legitimate, attractive product, an educational void to be filled, recognition of the computer as a viable educational aid, and the availability of monies for purchase.

#### SUGGESTED MARKETING STRATEGIES:

1. Publicize availability of software through trade journals, newsletters, and teacher and education magazines.
2. Promote product at conventions of education, special education, rehabilitation, and computer technology professionals.
3. Organize demonstration seminars for educators.
4. Identify several schools in which to set up system on a trial basis at no charge to the school in an effort to elicit word of mouth publicity and testimonials.

#### FEEDBACK FROM COMMERCIAL PUBLISHERS

In compliance with SEP's request for feedback on the marketability, useability, and suitability of the product, the ARC identified several commercial software companies having product lines compatible with the software under development in this project. The company presidents and/or product developers were contacted and their participation was requested. Several companies denied our request, citing most frequently the non-remunerative or time-consuming aspects of the task. Non-disclosure agreements were obtained from three marketers who agreed to participate.

These companies were sent an information packet including a statement of the problem addressed in the project, production and marketing plans, and the program narrative with accompanying documentation. The company representatives were guided in their review by the survey form created by the ARC project staff. The form was intended to direct the reviewers' comments to the specific aspects of suitability, useability, and marketability.

The evaluations we received were overwhelmingly positive. On a scale from 1 to 6, with 6 being the most favorable score, the software package received an average score of 5.33 in regard to its suitability, an average score of 5.67 in regard to its useability, and a unanimous rating of 6 in regard to its marketability.

Several suggestions were made regarding the eventual marketing of the package. One reviewer commented that while our development work was being done for the Apple and Commodore computers, we might want to eventually consider adapting a version for MS-DOS machines. In the time that has passed between our survey and the present, we received approval to modify our workplan to replace the Commodore version with an MS-DOS version in response to the current trend in the educational marketplace. One reviewer commented that we might suggest to the eventual marketer that a lightpen be included in the instructional package to enhance convenience and discourage piracy. Reviewers also suggested that the market for this software could be increased greatly if field tests demonstrated it to be effective in improving the cognitive skills of the non-handicapped student population. The prevailing opinion appeared to be that the instructional package was a good one, and that effective marketing was key to its viability as a commercial product.

#### LOCATING COMMERCIAL MARKETER

We will be working closely with the staff at LINC Resources to locate potential marketers for this product. LINC has in place a procedure by which software developers can locate appropriate potential publishers for their products. LINC provides assistance in the identification of appropriate publishers, in the preparation of informational documents to be sent to the publishers, and in the conduct of negotiations between the developer and marketer. LINC will advertise the availability of the software package to potential marketers through the LINC Notes newsletter. The availability of a resource such as LINC is invaluable to this project, and ARC staff will take full advantage of the services that LINC offers.

During the period in which beta tests are being completed, approximately 20 software companies will be contacted regarding their interest in marketing this product. Interested parties will be asked to demonstrate their willingness to collaborate by submitting to ARC project staff a statement of their company's capabilities in regard to advertising and production as well as its distribution channels. Project staff will review the responses to this request, and will select at least five companies with which to conduct more detailed discussions. The two companies with the most appropriate capabilities, product line, and demonstrated interest will travel to the ARC for a demonstration of the software and to review field test data and marketing ideas. During these visits the potential marketers will be asked to project an appropriate unit-price for the instructional system as well as an approximate expectation as to annual sales volume. The results of this process will be reported to the project officer in the final marketing report.

**APPENDIX H**

**Software Coding Documentation**



**FUNCTION DOCUMENTATION  
FOR  
COGNITIVE TRAINING TOOL**

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## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: OVCTT.C

Synopsis: main()

Description: overlaid Cognitive Training Tool

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

char	bufdate[7] /* buffer to get date */
int	clvl /* current level */
cp.dsk	
int	dfd /* data file descriptor */
char	indev /* lightpen or joystick */
int	meet_accuracy
int	prep
int	set /* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
int	train
int	xscale
int	yscale

#### Local:

c	recieve menu selection
d	randum number
struct grphoss grphosl	graphics module parameters
level	current student level +1
oncemore	receives response from keeping to
	terminate assessment loop
struct sounds soundl	sound module parameters

Returns:

Functions called: asmt, chlp1, chlp2, chlp3, chlp4, close, crlp1, crlp2, crlp3, crlp4, cursdsp, delete, fflp1, fflp2, fflp3, fflp4, game, gameintr, idlp1, idlp2, idlp3, idlp4, keepgoin, l2j, l2l, l3a, l3b, l3c, l3d, l3e, lv1l, menu, opscrn13, preat, prepgm, printf, putchar, ran, tdate, trans, viewdata

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** **ASMT.C**

**Synopsis:** `asmt(1)`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

**Description:** `do all assessment for required level`

**VARIABLES:**

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**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `act_box, act_rltr, chkaccu, cursoff, decide_patn, dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, init, ioctlsa, loadwrd, loboxes, lseek, omeg, outlinebox, prin, printf, question, ready, rstrtwid, rule, set_blink, setmem, show_ltr, show_row, strncpy, wait, wipe, write`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **ASMT.C**

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

```
struct      assessment_r ca,
struct      log          clog
int         clvl         /* current level */
int         crlen        /* length of # of elements in
struct      student     cs
dfdslog
int         listlen      /* total # of elements in an
assessment
int         logfd        /* log file descriptor */
int         loglen       /* length of log structure */
log
int         loop         /* loop number 1-4 */
char        lrbl[10]     /* letters held by lower row boxes */
char        ltr[10]     /* letters to appear below lower row
int         meet_accuracy
int         prep
int         set          /* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
int         setctr       /* count of failures for set */
struct      log          slog
```

#### Local:

```
c          recieve menu selection
f          index
i          index
j          index
logscore  accuracy score
ok        flag indicating upper & lower box match
score     accuracy score
time      pause time to select box or letter
which     letter selected
```



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: CHLP1.C

Synopsis: `chlp1(1)`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

Description: `chaining loop #1 DEMO`

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

<code>int</code>	<code>crlen</code>	<code>/* length of # of elements in</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>listlen</code>	<code>/* total # of elements in an</code>
		<code>assessment</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>loop</code>	<code>/* loop number 1-4 */</code>
<code>char</code>	<code>lrbl[]</code>	<code>/* letters held by lower row boxes */</code>
<code>char</code>	<code>ltr[]</code>	<code>/* letters to appear below lower row</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>set</code>	<code>/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */</code>

#### Local:

<code>i</code>	<code>index for element within group</code>
<code>index</code>	<code>index for rehearsal line</code>
<code>j</code>	<code>index for number of rehearsals</code>
<code>k</code>	<code>index for letter within a group</code>
<code>struct ansistr ans</code>	<code>parameters for screen manipulation</code>
<code>temp[]</code>	<code>buffer for rehearsal line</code>

Returns:

Functions called: `ansisec, decide_patn, freewrd, init, ioctlsa, loadwrd, loboxes, prin, putchar, question, ready, rstwtwin, rule, set_blink, set_box_clr, show_row, simpler, stop_blink, wait, wipe`

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** `CHLP2.C`

**Synopsis:** `chlp2(1)`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

**Description:** `chaining loop #2`

**VARIABLES:**

See Next Page

**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `act_box, act_rbox, act_rltr, chkaccu, cursoff,`  
`decide_patn, dissolvebox, init, ioctlsa, loadwrđ,`  
`loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, question, ready`  
`, rstrtwın, rule, set_blink, setmem, show_ltr,`  
`show_row, stop_blink, wait, wipe, write`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: CHLP2.C

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	log	clog
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
cs		
int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	itr2ctr	/* iteration number for loop 2 */
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
		assessment
int	logfd	/* log file descriptor */
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
int	meet_accuracy	
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

c	recieve menu selection
first	flag parameter for box selection
i	index for element within group
incorrect	counter for number of misses
index	index for rehearsal line
j	index for number of rehearsals
k	index for letter within group
match	flag indicating match
score	accuracy score
temp[]	buffer for rehearsal line
which	letter selected
time	pause time to select a box or letter
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: CHLP3.C

Synopsis: `chlp3(1)`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

Description: `chaining loop #3`

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

<code>struct</code>	<code>log</code>	<code>clog</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>crlen</code>	<code>/* length of # of elements in</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>listlen</code>	<code>/* total # of elements in an</code>
		<code>assessment</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>loglen</code>	<code>/* length of log structure */</code>
<code>char</code>	<code>lrbl[10]</code>	<code>/* letters held by lower row boxes */</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>meet_accuracy</code>	<code>struct log slog</code>
<code>char</code>	<code>urbl[10]</code>	<code>/* letters held by upper row boxes */</code>

#### Local:

<code>c</code>	<code>receive menu selection</code>
<code>first</code>	<code>flag parameter for box selection</code>
<code>i</code>	<code>index for element within group</code>
<code>incorrect</code>	<code>counter for number of misses</code>
<code>index</code>	<code>index for rehearsal line</code>
<code>j</code>	<code>index for number of rehearsals</code>
<code>match</code>	<code>flag indicating match</code>
<code>score</code>	<code>accuracy score</code>
<code>time</code>	<code>pause time to select a box or letter</code>
<code>which</code>	<code>letter selected</code>
<code>wrongctr</code>	<code>iteration counter for training loop</code>

Returns:

Functions called:

`act_box, act_rbox, act_rltr, chkacou, cursoff,`  
`decide_patn, dissolvebox, freewrd, init, loctlsa,`  
`loadwrd, loboxes, mus, outlinebox, prin, question,`  
`ready, rstrtwid, rule, set_blink, setmem, show_ltr,`  
`show_row, stop_blink, wait, wipe, write`

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Name: **CHLP4.C**

Synopsis: **chlp4(1)**  
**1 /\* level of assessment training \*/**

Description: **chaining loop #4**

**VARIABLES:**

**See Next Page**

Returns:

Functions called: **act\_box, act\_rlt, chkaccu, cursuff, decide\_patn, dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, init, ioctlsa, loadwrđ, loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf, question, ready, rstrtwın, setmem, show\_ltr, show\_row, wait, wipe, write**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

CHLPA.C

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	log	clog
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
struct	student	cs
int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
char	ltr[]	/* letters to appear below lower row
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
struct	log	slog

#### Local:

c	receive menu selection
first	flag parameter for box selection
i	index for element within a group
incorrect	counter for number of misses
index	index for rehearsal line
j	index for number of rehearsals
k	index for letter within group
match	flag indicating match
score	accuracy score
time	pause time to delect a box or letter
which	letter selected
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **CRLP1.C**

Synopsis: **crip1(1)**  
**1 /\* level of assessment training\*/**

Description: **cumulative rehearsal loop #1**

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	assessment_r	ca,
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
struct	student	cs
int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
struct	log	slog

#### Local:

i	index for element within group
i2	index for recall list
index	index for rehearsal line
j	index for number of rehearsals
k	index for letter within group
temp[]	buffer for rehearsal line

Returns:

Functions called: **decide\_patn, freewrd, getch, init, ioctlsa, loadwrd, loboxes, lseek, outlinebox, prin, printf, question, ready, rstrtwid, set\_blink, set\_box\_clr, setmem, show\_ltr, show\_row, stop\_blink, wait, wipe, write**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: CRLP3.C

Synopsis: `crip3(1)`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

Description: `cumulative rehearsal loop #3`

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

<code>struct</code>	<code>assessment_r</code>	<code>ca,</code>
<code>struct</code>	<code>log</code>	<code>clog</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>crlen</code>	<code>/* length of # of elements in</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>dfd</code>	<code>/* data file descriptor */</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>itr</code>	<code>/* iteration number */</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>loglen</code>	<code>/* length of log structure */</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>loop</code>	<code>/* loop number 1-4 */</code>
<code>char</code>	<code>lrbl[]</code>	<code>/* letters held by lower row boxes */</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>set</code>	<code>/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */</code>
<code>struct</code>	<code>log</code>	<code>slog</code>
<code>char</code>	<code>urbl[]</code>	<code>/* letters held by upper row boxes */</code>

#### Local:

<code>first</code>	<code>flag parameter for box selection</code>
<code>i</code>	<code>index for element within group</code>
<code>incorrect</code>	<code>counter for number of misses</code>
<code>index</code>	<code>index for rehearsal line</code>
<code>j</code>	<code>index for number of rehearsal</code>
<code>match</code>	<code>flag indicating match</code>
<code>score</code>	<code>accuracy score</code>
<code>time</code>	<code>pause time to select a letter or box</code>
<code>which</code>	<code>letter selected</code>
<code>wrongctr</code>	<code>iteration counter for training loop</code>

Returns:

Functions called:

`act_box, chkaccu, cursoff, decide_patn, dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, ioctlsa, loadwrd, loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf, question, ready, rstrtwid, set_blink, set_box_clr, setmem, show_ltr, show_row, stop_blink, wait, wipe, write`



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: CRLP2.C

Synopsis: `cr1p2(1)`  
1 /\* level of assessment training \*/

Description: cumulative rehearsal loop #2

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	log	clog
struct	student	cs
int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an assessment
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

first	flag parameter for box selection
incorrect	counter for number of misses
index	index for rehearsal line
j	index for number of rehearsals
k	index for letter within group
match	flag indicating match
score	accuracy score
temp[]	buffer for rehearsal line
time	pause time to select box or letter
which	letter selected
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

Returns:

Functions called: `act_box, act_rltr, chkaccu, decide_patn, freewrd, getch, init, ioctlsa, loadwrd, loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf, question, ready, rstrtwid, set_blink, setmem, show_ltr, show_row, stop_blink, wait, wipe, write`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **CRLP4.C**

Synopsis: **orlp4(1)**  
**1 /\* level of assessment training \*/**

Description: **cumulative rehearsal loop #4**

### VARIABLES:

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Returns:

Functions called: **ct\_box, act\_rltr, chkaccu, cursoff, decide\_pat, dissolvebox, fræwrd, getch, init, loadwrd, loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf, question, ready, rstrtwid, setmem, show\_ltr, show\_row, wait, wipe, write**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **CRLP4.C**

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

int	crilen	/* length of # of elements in
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	logfd	/* log file descriptor */
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
int	setctr	/* count of failures for set */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

c	receive menu selection
first	flag parameter for box selection
i	indx for element within group
incorrect	counter for number of misses
j	index for number of rehearsals
k	index for letter within group
match	flag indicating match
missing	flag indicating correct disk is missing
score	accuracy score
time	pause time to select a box or letter
which	letter selected
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Name: **DELETE.C**

Synopsis: **delete()**

Description: **delete a student's performance record**

**VARIABLES:**

Global:

struct

student cs

Local:

c

receive menu selection

Returns:

Functions called: **del\_std, getcomm, ioctlsa, printf**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **FFLP1.C**

Synopsis: **fflp1(1)**  
**1 /\* level of assessment training \*/**

Description: **fast finish loop #1**

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	ltr[]	/* letters to appear below lower row
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
int	train	

#### Local:

buf[]	buffer for prompt line
i	index for occurrence within group
i2	index for recall list

Returns:

Functions called: **decide\_patn, freewrd, init, ioctlsa, loadwrd, loboxes, outlinebox, prin, question, ready, rstwtwin, set\_blink, set\_box\_clr, show\_ltr, show\_row, sprintf, wait, wipe**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** `FFLP2.C`

**Synopsis:** `fflp2(1)`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

**Description:** `fast finish loop #2`

**VARIABLES:**

`See Next Page`

**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `act_box, chkaccu, cursoff, decide_patn, dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, init, ioctlsa, loadwrd, loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf, question, rstrtwid, set_blink, set_box_clr, setmem, show_ltr, show_row, sprintf, stop_blink, wait, wipe, write,`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **FFLP2.C**

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	log	clog
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
int	fflen	/* length of list that holds len# of
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
		assessment
int	logfd	/* log file descriptor */
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
int	meet_accuracy	
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

buff[]	buffer for prompt line
first	flag parameter for box selection
i	index for element within group
incorrect	counter for number of misses
j	index for number of rehearsals
match	flag indicating match
score	accuracy score
time	pause time to select a box or letter
which	letter selected
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** **FFLP3.C**

**Synopsis:** `fflp3(1`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

**Description:** `fast finish loop #3`

**VARIABLES:**

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**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `_exit, act_box, act_rltr, chkaccu, cursoff,`  
`decide_patn, dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, init,`  
`ioctlsa, loadwrđ, loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox,`  
`prin, printf, questio, ready, rstrtwın, set_blink,`  
`setmem, show_ltr, show_row, sprintf, stop_blink, wait,`  
`wipe, write`



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**FELP3.C**

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	assessment_r	ca,
struct	log	clog
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
struct	student	cs
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
char	ltr[]	/* letters to appear below lower row
int	meet_accuracy	
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

buf[]	buffer for prompt line
first	flag parameter for box selection
i	index for element within group
incorrect	counter for number of misses
j	index for number of rehearsals
match	flag indicating match
score	accuracy score
time	pause time to select a box or letter
which	letter selected
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** **FFLP4.C**

**Synopsis:** `fflp4(1  
1 /* level of assessment training */`

**Description:** `fast finish loop #4`

**VARIABLES:**

`See Next Page`

**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `act_box, act_rltr, chkaccu, cursoff, decide_patn,  
dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, init, ioctlsa, loadwrd,  
loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf,  
question, ready, rstwtwin, setmem, show_ltr, show_row,  
sprintf, wipe, write`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **FFLPA.C**

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	assessment_r	ca,
struct	log	clog
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
struct	student	cs
int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	logfd	/* log file descriptor */
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
char	ltr[]	/* letters to appear below lower row
int	meet_accuracy	
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
int	setctr	/* count of failures for set */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

buf[]	buffer for prompt line
c	receive menu selection
first	flag paramete for box selection
i	index for occurance within group
i2	index for recall list
incorrect	counter for number of misses
j	index for number of rehearsals
k	index for letter within group
match	flag indicating match
score	accuracy score
time	pause time to select a box or letter
which	letter selected

GAME.C

```
game()
indev      input device
level     game difficulty level
time      time limit
xscale    horizontal scaling factor
yscale    vertical scaling factor
```

**VARIABLES:**

**Static:**

```
struct startype stars[]
```

**Local:**

```
ANSI          ans
fd
hitbuf[]
i
num
nums[][]
rocbuf[]
shipbuf[]
shipont
shipspd
x
y
```

```
game2, gameinit, wait
```

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **GAMEINTR.C**

Synopsis: **gameintr()**

Description: Introduction and primer for game

### VARIABLES:

#### Static:

bx[]	pl[]
by[]	vx[]
gx[]	vy[]
gy[]	working[]
nums[]	
ox[]	
oy[]	

#### Local:

ANSI	ans
base	pointer to rocket base shape
cnt	random number for ship movement
curs	pointer to cursor shape
i	general purpose index
num	pointer to array of ASCII digits
objlng	object length box vocabulary
rbase	rocket base shape
rcurs	cursor shape
x	horizontal character position
y	vertical line position

Returns:

Functions called: **ansiscr, drawnum, freewrd, plt, pltchr, shipmov, speak, wait, whistle**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **IDLP1.C**

Synopsis: **idlp1(1)**  
**1 /\* level of assessment training \*/**

Description: **interpolated loop #1**

### VARIABLES:

**See Next Page**

Returns:

Functions called: **act\_box, act\_rltr, chkaccu, cursorf, decide\_patn, dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, init, listlen, loadwrd, loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf, qrestion, ready, rstrtwid, set\_box\_clr, setmem, show\_ltr, show\_row, wait, wipe, write**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: IDLPR1.C

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	assessment_r	ca,
struct	log	clog
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
struct	student	cs
int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	logfd	/* log file descriptor */
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
char	ltr[]	/* letters to appear below lower row
int	meet_accuracy	
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

first	flag parameter for box selection
i	general purpose index
incorrect	counter for number of misses
match	flag indicating match
score	score accuracy
temp[]	buffer for rehearsal line
time	pause time to select box or letter
which	letter selected
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** **IDLP2.C**

**Synopsis:** `idlp2(1)`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

**Description:** `interpolated loop #2`

**VARIABLES:**

`See Next Page`

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

`act_box, act_rltr, chkaccu, cursoff, decide_patn,  
dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, init, ioctlsa, loadwrd,  
loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf,  
question, ready, rstrtwid, setmem, show_ltr, show_ltr.  
show_row, wait, wipe, write`



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **IDLP2.C**

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	assessment_r	ca,
struct	log	clog
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
struct	student	cs
int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	logfd	/* log file descriptor */
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
char	ltr[]	/* letters to appear below lower row
int	meet_accuracy	
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

first	flag parameter for box selection
i	general purpose index
incorrect	counter for number of misses
j	index for number of rehearsals
k	index for letter within group
match	flag indicating match
score	score accuracy
temp[]	buffer for rehearsal line
time	pause time to select box or letter
which	letter selected
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** IDLP3.C

**Synopsis:** idlp3(1)  
1 /\* level of assessment training \*/

**Description:** interpoplated loop #3

**VARIABLES:**

See Next Page

**Returns:**

**Functions called:** act\_box, act\_rltr, chkaccu, cursoff, decide\_patn, dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, init, ioctlsa, loadwrđ, loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf, question, ready, rstwtwin, setmem, show\_ltr, show\_row, wait, wipe, write

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **IDLP3.C**

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	assessment_r	ca,
struct	log	clog
int	orien	/* length of # of elements in
struct	student	cs
int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	logfd	/* log file descriptor */
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
char	ltr[]	/* letters to appear below lower row
int	meet_accuracy	
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,eh */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

delaysec	seconds to delay error recall
first	flag parameter for box selection
i	general purpose index
incorrect	counter for number of misses
j	index for number of rehearsals
k	index for letter within group
match	flag indicating match
score	score accuracy
temp[]	buffer for rehearsal line
time	pause time to select box or letter
which	letter selected
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** **IDLP4.C**

**Synopsis:** `idlp4(1)`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

**Description:** `interpolated loop #4`

**VARIABLES:**

See next Page

**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `act_box, act_rltr, chkaccu, cursoff, decide_patn, dissolvebox, freewrd, getch, init, ioctlsa, loadwrđ, loboxes, lseek, mus, outlinebox, prin, printf, question, ready, rstrtwin, setmem, show_ltr, show_row, wait, wipe, write`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

IDLPA.C

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	assessment_r	ca,
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
struct	student	cs
int	itrctr	/* count of correct iterations for
	set	
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	logfd	/* log file descriptor */
int	loglen	/* length of log structure */
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
int	meet_accuracy	
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
struct	log	slog
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

c	receive menu selection
first	flag parameter for box selection
i	general purpose index
incorrect	counter for number of misses
j	index for number of rehearsals
k	index for letter within group
match	flag indicating match
missing	flag to indicate disk is missing
score	score accuracy
time	pause time to select box or letter
which	letter selected
wrongctr	iteration counter for training loop

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: L2J.C

Synopsis: L2J(1)  
1 /\* level of assessment training \*/

Description: familiarize the user with Joy Stick

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

char

ltr[] /\* letters to appear below lower row

#### Local:

time

pause time to select a box or letter

which

letter selected

Returns:

Functions called: act\_rltr, cursoff, jystk, loboxes, prin, rstrtwm,  
set\_blink, show\_ltr, show\_row, stop\_blink, wait, wipe

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: L2L.C

Synopsis: L2L(1)  
1 /\* level of assessment training \*/

Description: familiarize user with lightpen

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

ohar

ltr[] /\* letters to appear below lower row

#### Local:

time

pause time to select a box or letter

which

letter selected

Returns:

Functions called: act\_rltr, loboxes, ltpen, prin, rstrtwid, set\_blink,  
show\_ltr, show\_row, stop\_blink, wait, wipe

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **L3A.C**

Synopsis: **L3A()**

Description: **letter display primer**

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

int	orlen	/* length of # of elements in
int	fflen	/* length of list that holds len# of
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
		assessment

#### Local:

ANSI	ans
c	escape character

Returns:

Functions called: actandshow, getchar, initnum, ioctlsa, loadwrđ, loboxes, prin, printf, putchar, ready, rstrtwin, set\_blink, set\_box\_clr, show\_ltr, stop\_blink, wait, wipe



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: L3B.C

Synopsis: L3B()

Description: recall primer demonstration

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

int

crlen /\* length of # of elements in

int

fflen /\* length of list that holds len# of

#### Local:

struct

ansistr ans

c

escape character

Returns:

Functions called:

ansiser, clr\_ltr, initnum, ioctlsa, loboxes,  
movandshow, outlinandshow, prin, question, rstrtwi,  
rule, set\_blink, show\_ltr, stop\_blink, truck, wait,  
wipe,

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Name: **L3C.C**

Synopsis: **L3C()**

Description: **recall primer and exercise**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**time  
which**

**pause time to select a box or letter  
letter selected**

Returns:

Functions called: **act\_rbox, cursoff, loboxes, prin, rstrtwin, rule,  
set\_blink, stop\_blink, wait, wipe**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **L3D.C**

Synopsis: **l3d()**

Description: **letter display and recall exercise**

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
int	fflen	/* length of list that holds len# of
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
int	set	/* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
char	urbl[0]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

i	index for box position
match	flag indicating match
n	
struct	ansistr ans
time	pause time to select a box or letter
which	letter selected
whichone	index for box tor recall

Returns:

Functions called:

act\_box, act\_rltr, ansiscr, clr\_ltr, dissolvebox,  
initnum, loboxes, outlinebox, prin, putchar, question,  
ready, rstrtwin, set\_blink, set\_box\_clr, show\_ltr,  
show\_row, stop\_blink, wait, wipe

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **L3E.C**

Synopsis: **L3e()**

Description: **assessment exercise**

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

int	clvl	/* current level */
int	crlen	/* length of # of elements in
int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	fflen	/* length of list that holds len# of
int	listlen	/* total # of elements in an
	assessment	
int	loop	/* loop number 1-4 */
char	lrbl[]	/* letters held by lower row boxes */
int	set	/* training set asmt, ff, cr, id, ch
char	urbl[]	/* letters held by upper row boxes */

#### Local:

c	receive menu selection
f	index
i	index for element within group
j	index for number of rehearsals
match	flag indicating match
missing	flag to indicate disk is missing
time	pause time
which	letter selected

Returns:

Functions called:

act\_box, act\_rltr, dissolvebox, getch, initnum,  
loboxes, lseek, outlinebox, prin, printf, question,  
ready, rstrtwi, rule, set\_blink, show\_ltr, show\_row,  
stop\_blink, wait, wipe, write

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** LVL1.G

**Synopsis:** lv11()

**Description:** brief introduction

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

freewrd, hello, loadwrd, prin, rstrtwrn, wait , wipe

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Name: **MENU.C**

Synopsis: **menu()**

Description: **Main menu for CTT program**

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

**struct**

**student cs**

**Local:**

**c**

**menu selection**

Returns:

Functions called:

**cursdsp, getch, ioctlsa, printf, putchar, warning,  
window**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** `OPSCRN13.C`

**Synopsis:** `opscrn13()`

**Description:** `manipulate screen13`

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

<code>c</code>	<code>menu selection</code>
<code>flag</code>	<code>flag indicating a successful student record creation</code>

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

`get_data, getch, ioctlisa, opscrn30, printf, putchar, review, revlist`

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** PREAT.C

**Synopsis:** `preat()`

**Description:** `prepare for assessment and training`

**VARIABLES:**

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**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

`access, cursdsp, found, getch, init_stik, initpen,  
ioctlsa, lseek, printf, read, rstrtwm, selstrt,  
selstrtp, window`



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

PREAT.C

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

int	SCREEN
int	VOICE
char	bufdate[7] /* buffer to get date */
int	clvl /* current level */
struct	personal_r op
struct	personal_r *cpr
struct	student *osp
int	currs /* current student record # */
int	dfd /* data file descriptor */
char	indev /* lightpen or joystick */
int	itrctr /* count of correct iterations for set
int	loglen /* length of log structure */
int	loop /* loop number 1-4 */
int	maxtime /* voice or text output */
int	prep flag to indicate pre-post assessment
int	set /* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch */
int	setctr /* count of failures for set */
struct	log slog

#### Local:

c	response to prompts
missing	flag to indicate correct disk is missing

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **PREPGM.C**

Synopsis: **prepgm()**  
**nstud**        **number of students**  
**sfd**         **student file data pointer**

Description:        **Say hello and open files before program**

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

int	dfd	/* data file descriptor */
int	sfd	/* student file descriptor */
int	logfd	/* log file descriptor */

#### Local:

ans	
buf	command line buffer
cmd	command line buffer
i	index for box position
sufix	sufix to log name

Returns:

Functions called:

**access, ansiscr, close, creat, cursdsp, getch, ioctlisa,  
open, printf, read, sprintf, system**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** `T_DATE()`

**Synopsis:** `t_date()`

**Description:** To read today's date from keyboard

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

`c`

`i`

`ok`

**Static:**

`msg`

**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `cursdsp, getch, ioctlsa, printf, putchar`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **TRANS.C**

Synopsis: `trans(1)`  
`1 /* level of assessment training */`

Description: this procedure decides if the user can go to next level

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

<code>int</code>	<code>crlen</code>	<code>/* length of # of elements in</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>listlen</code>	<code>/* total # of elements in an</code>
		<code>assessment</code>

#### Local:

<code>i</code>	<code>general purpose index</code>
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Returns:

Functions called: `decide_patn, freewrd, ioctlsa, loadwrd, loboxes, prin,`  
`set_box_clr, wait, wipe`

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** VIEWDATA.C

**Synopsis:** viewdata()

**Description:** This routine views a student's assessment performance analysis

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

struct student cs

**Local:**

c menu response  
struct databuf vd parameter for viewdata

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

getch, graphs, printf, shrink, table, vmenu, wipe

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** **L3A.C**

**Synopsis:** **actandshow(n,which)**  
**int n**            **number of boxes**  
**int which**       **which box**

**Description:**    **Accept a box selection and display a letter**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**  
**int time**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**    **act\_box, show\_ltr, stop\_blink**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**ACTLTR.C**

Synopsis:

```
act_rbox(n,c,k,f)
char c /* indicates row 'h' or 'l' */
int f  flag indicating first time
int *k /* number of selected box */
int n  /* number of boxes */
```

Description:

This function selects one of 'n' boxes, setting k to the number of the selected box, and returning the time in increments of 50 msec if it is less than 30 sec else it returns -1.\*/

VARIABLES:

Global:

stikss

Local:

int c	pause time
int x	horizontal character position
int y	vertical line position

Returns:

return(t)

Functions called:

ansiscr, lightpen, stik

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **ACTLTR.C**

Synopsis: **act\_rltr(n,k,f)**  
int \*k pointer to number of selected box  
int f flag indicating first time  
int n number of boxes

### Description:

This function selects a character from 'n' characters, sets k=position of selected letter and returns time in increments of 50 msec if less than 30 sec else returns -1./

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

stikss

#### Local:

int c pause time  
int x horizontal character position  
int y vertical line position

Returns: return(c)

Functions called: ansiscr, lightpen, stik



**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** CHKACCU.C

**Synopsis:** chkaccu(logp)

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**Description:** according to current level decides corresponding circular recall accuracy and omega squared requirements

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**  
int pass flag indicating a passing score

**Returns:**  
return(pass)

**Functions called:**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**CHKACCU.C**

Synopsis:

```
chkaccu(logp)
struct log *logp    pointer to log data
typedef struct log {
struct student std /* student identification data
int date /* assessment date; mddy
int set /* training set asmt,ff,cr,id,oh
int loop /* loop number 1-4
int itr /* iteration number
struct trial tri /* data for recall trial
float omega2cr /* omega squared for cumulative rehearsal
float omega2f /* omega squared represented as a float
int crscore /* # right for cumulative rehearsal
int ffscore /* # right for fast finish
```

Returns:

Functions called:

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**CLELTR.C**

Synopsis:

```
clr_ltr(pos, num, which, chr, forgrnd, backgrnd)
char chr      letter to display
char pos      high or low row
int backgrnd  background color
int forgrnd   foreground color
int num       number of letters
int which     box in which letter is to be displayed
```

Description:

color letter paints a char any color and returns to blk/wht

VARIABLES:

Local:

```
ANSI ans      parameters for screen display
int x          horizontal character position
int y          vertical line position
```

Returns:

Functions called:

ansiser, putchar

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Name: **STIK.C**

Synopsis: **cursoff()**

Description:

VARIABLES:

LOCAL:

ANSI ans

parameters for screen display

Returns:

Functions called:

ansisrc, putchar

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## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**DELSTD.C**

Synopsis:

```
del_std(name)
char *name      pointer for name of student to delete
```

Description:

Deletes all identifying and assessment information for a selected student

VARIABLES:

Global:

```
struct student  bufesp  pointer to current student record
int currd       current data record #
int currs       current student record #
int nstud       # of students
int sfd         student file descriptor
```

Local:

```
int n           general purpose index
```

Returns:

```
return(-1)      not found
return(currs)   current student number
```

Functions called:

```
found, lseek, read, write
```

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Name:

**LOADMRD.C**

Synopsis:

**freewrd()**

Description:

Free up memory used by vocabulary

Returns:

Functions called:

free, getch, printf

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## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

GAME2.C

Syopsis:

```
ovmain(dummy, level, shipbuf, hitbuf, rocbuf, nms, time, star, xscale, yscale,
indev, shipspd, shipent)
struct startype {
    int color;
    int x,y;
    int cx,cy,dx,dy,mx,my;
    int on;
    int cnt,timeon,timeoff;
}
char hitbuf[]
char indev
char rocbuf[]
char shipbuf[]
int level
int nms
int shipent
int shipspd
int time
int xscale
int yscale
struct startype star[]
```

Returns:

Functions called:

```
ansisec, blnkstar, drawnum, drawstr, erasenum, intvls,
loadrocket, movrocket, plchr, renew, shipmov, starhit,
stick, update
```

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GAME2.C**

Description:

Do you want to play a game?

### VARIABLES:

#### Static:

char	*curspt
char	CURS
char	nums[]
char	scores[]
char	tempchar
char	times[]
int	jx
int	jy
int	maxtime
int	pba

#### Local:

ans;	ansiscr	parameters for screen display
char	*base	pointer to base shape
char	*strp	pointer to star shape
char	rbase	base shape
char	str1	start shape
int	curtime	remaining time
int	oldscore	
int	score	
int	shiphit	flag indicating that a ship has been
	hit	
int	alloff	flag indicating all stars are off
int	first	first time flag for joystick
int	i	general purpose index
int	j	general purpose index
int	renewed	flag indicating stars have been
	renewed	
int	rx1	rocket left most character position
int	rx2	rocket right most character position
int	ry1	rocket top most line position
int	ry2	rocket bottom most line position
int	t1	receives intrvl return to compute
	time	
int	t2	receives intrvl return to compute
	time	
int	tim	general purpose iteration counter
int	x	horizontal character position
int	y	vertical line position



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GAMEINIT.C**

Synopsis:

```
ovmain(dummy, level, star, shipspd, shipent)
```

```
struct startype
    int color;
    int x,y;
    int cx,cy,dx,dy,mx,my;
    int on;
    int ont,timeon,timeoff;
```

```
int *shipspd
int level
struct startype *star
```

Description:

```
unsigned *shipent
```

Initialize game parameters

### VARIABLES:

#### Static:

```
int mult
int table[]
int tablen
static char mcolor[]
static int mx[]
static int my[]
```

#### Local:

```
double          d random number
int             dx[] horizontal distance moved
int             dy[] vertical distance moved
int             i general purpose index
int             j general purpose index
int             stopm
int             stops
int             timeoff time period star is off
int             timeon time period star is on
struct          startype *starp
```

Returns:

Functions called:

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** GRAPHS.C

**Synopsis:** `ovmain(graphs)`

**Description:** This routine graphs pause times

**VARIABLES:**

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**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `acgraph, ioctlsa, keyin, printf, ptgraph, window`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GRAPHS.C**

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Static:

```
    struct trivals {
    struct          trial      *trlp
    int             *valsp
    }
    struct mapdats {
    int             value
    int             *valsp
    char           mrk
    char           *linep
    }
    typedef struct lvlidscs {
    char            *title
    char            levelc
    }
    char           asmtdsc[]
    struct         lvlidscs  dsclvla[]
    char           baseln[]
    char           *head1
    char           *head2
    char           *head3
    char           *heada
    char           *headb
    struct         assessment_r *bufcar
    struct         assessment_r; bufca
```

#### Local:

```
    char c           prompt response
```

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**INITIAL.C**

Synopsis:

```
init(lvl)
int lvl    level 1..6
```

Description:

initializes list of letters

VARIABLES:

Global:

char	lrbl[]	letters held by lower row boxes
char	ltr[]	letters to appear below lower row
char	urbl[]	letters held by upper row boxes
int	crlen	length of # of elements in
int	fflen	length of list that holds len# of
int	listlen	total # of elements in an assessment

Local:

struct rsel{	
char	flag; <-- flag='1' for selection-'2' for shuffle
char	letter; <-- letter= selected char.
char	*xclset; excluded set of characters
}	
char c	receives next letter
int j	general purpose integer
int k	general purpose index
struct rsel pass	parameters for randssel

Returns:

Functions called:

ran, randssel

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**INITSTK.C**

Synopsis:

**init\_stik()**

Description:

Initializes joystick

VARIABLES:

Global:

int	pba
int	xscale
int	yscale

Local:

char c	receive character
double d	random number
int x	horizontal character position
int y	vertical line position

Returns:

Functions called:

ioctlisa, joypos, printf, ran

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Name:

**INITPEN.C**

Synopsis:

**initpen()**

Description:

Initializes pseudo random number table based on current clock reading

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

int	pba
int	xscale
int	yscale

**Local:**

char c	block character
double d	random number
int i	receives intervals for calculating elapsed time

Returns:

Functions called:

intvls, ioctlsa, ran

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**JYSTK.C**

Synopsis:

**jystk()**

Description:

Displays a picture of a joystick

### VARIABLES:

#### Static:

char	*icon[]
char	clmrw[][]

#### Local:

ANSI ans	parameters for screen display
double rand	random number
int clm	current column
int clmlmt	number of columns
int i	receives intvls for calculating elapsed time
int row	current row
int rowlmt	number of rows
int startx	start column
int x1	
int xadj	column width
int y1	
struct	grphess grphosl

Returns:

Functions called:

ansiscr, cursdsp, plticon, wait

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**KEEPGOING.C**

Synopsis:

**keepgoing(t)**

**t flag indicates if it is after training sec**

Description:

function that asks if user wants to continue

VARIABLES:

Global:

int

loop          loop number 1-4

int

meet\_accuracy

int

set          training set asmt,ff,cr,id,ch

int

train

Local:

c

prompt response

cl

prompt response

missing

flag indicating correct disk is missing

Returns:

Functions called:

access, getch, ioctlsa, printf, rstrtwm



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**LOADWRD.C**

Synopsis:

```
loadwrđ(stringp)
char *stringp pointer to vocabulary
```

Description:

Loads vocabulary of words

VARIABLES:

Static:

```
int lodadr
int objadr
```

Local:

```
char ldinfo[] header information
int fd file description number
int n bytes read
unsigned objlng length of object for vocabulary
```

Returns:

Functions called:

close, getch, malloc, open, printf, read

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**            **LOBOXES.C**

**Synopsis:**   **loboxes(p,n,first,last)**  
              **char p;**    **row position (high or low)**  
              **int first**   **first box to draw**  
              **int last**    **last box to draw**  
              **int n**        **number of boxes**

**Description:**    **Draws display and selection boxes**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

<b>int i</b>	<b>index for box position</b>
<b>int x</b>	<b>horizontal box position</b>
<b>int y</b>	<b>vertical line position</b>

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**    **lobox**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **L3B.C**

Synopsis: **movandshow(n, which, chr)**  
**char \*chr**  
**int n**      **number of boxes**  
**int which** **box number to color**

Description:

Color box selected, show a letter and return box to previous color

Returns:

Functions called: **set\_box\_clr, show\_ltr, wait**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **OPSCRN30.C**

Synopsis: **opscrn30()**

manipulate screen 30 to locate a student

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	student	cs
struct	student	*csp
int	currs	current student record #
int	sfd	student file descriptor

#### Static:

static char \*blank

#### Local:

char c	prompt response
int flag	indicate student selected

Returns:

Functions called: cutsp, find\_name, get\_data, ioctlsa, keyin, lseek, modify, printf, read, review, showname

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## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **MUS.C**

Synopsis:

Description: Plays song and displays scale as a reward

### VARIABLES:

#### Static:

char	*songp[]	pointers to filename
char	notemsg[]	note shape
char	readonly[]	read only attribute
int char	songfil[][]	set of file names
int	count	number of bytes in song file
int	loaded	flag indicating scale has been drawn
int	x	horizontal box position
struct	display dsply[]	displayed notes
struct	filenote #fnote	pointer to note description

Returns:

Functions called: cursdsp, mode, palette, sheet, song, wait

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**L3B.C**

Synopsis:

```
outlinandshow(n,which)
int n      number of boxes
int which  box number to outline
```

Description:

Display a letter in high and low row and draw connection between boxes

Returns:

Functions called:

outlinebox, show\_ltr

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** `PLT.C`

**Synopsis:**  
`plt(color,x,y)`  
`int color` color code for star  
`int x` horizontal character position  
`int y` vertical line position

**Description:** Plot a star at the specified location

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

`struct grphcs grphcs1` parameters for graphics module

**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `grphcs`

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Name: QUESTION.C

Synopsis: question()

Description: sound three bells

Returns:

Functions called: ioctlisa, printf



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**READY.C**

Synopsis:

**ready()**

Description:

display the ready image and moving arrow

### VARIABLES:

#### Static:

char arrowhd	arrow head shape
char arwshft	arrow start shape
char readymsg[]	word "ready"

#### Local:

ANSI	ans parameters for screen display
char *arrowhdp	pointer to arrowhead shape
char *arwshftp	pointer to arrowhead shape
int i	idle counter
int x1	horizontal character position
int y1	vertical line position

Returns:

Functions called:

ansisor, cursdsp, pltchr , pltmsg, wait

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**REVLIST.C**

Synopsis:

**revlist()**

Description:

review student file, can get a hard copy of student list

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	student	cs
int	nstud	# of students
int	sfd	student file descriptor

#### Static:

int more than 26 assume less than 26 student in file

#### Local:

char c	prompt response
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Returns:

Functions called:

getch, ioctlisa, list, lseek, ops13a2, printf, putchar,  
read

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**RULE.C**

Synopsis:

**rule()**

Description: display the rule image and blinking stars

### VARIABLES:

#### Static:

```
struct startype{
  int          color;
  int          x,y;
  int          on;
  int          cnt,timeon,timeoff;
  char        *objp;
}
char          rulemsg[]      word rule
char          starc         star shape
struct        startype stars[] set of star locations
```

#### Local:

```
ANSI          ans parameters for screen display
char          *starp pointer to star shape
int           i odle counter
int           j star index
int           x1 horizontal character position
int           y1 vertical line position
```

Returns:

Functions called: ansiscr, blinkstars, cursdsp, pltmsg, wait

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**PREAT.C**

Synopsis:

**selstrt()**

Description:

select a starting point for training

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

int	clvl	current level
struct	personal_r	cp
int	loop	loop number 1-4
int	set	training set asmt,ff,cr,id,oh

#### Static:

strtlv[0]

#### Local:

char	c	prompt response
int	curs	cursor index
int	n sel	maximum number of selections

Returns:

Functions called: **curstdsp, loctlsa, keyin, printf**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**PREAT.C**

Synopsis:

**selstrtp()**

Description:

Select a prepost starting level

### VARIABLES:

Global:

int  
struct

clvl          current level  
personal\_r op

Static:

strtlv[]

Local:

char c  
int curs  
int nsel

prompt response  
cursor index  
maximum number of selections

Returns:

Functions called:

**cursdsp, ioctlsa, keyin, printf**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**LOBOXES.C**

Synopsis:

```
set_blink(position,num,which)
char position  row position (high or low)
int num        number of boxes
int which      box to set
```

Description:

Set blink attribute for box

VARIABLES:

Local:

```
int          x horizontal character position
int          y vertical line position
```

Returns:

Functions called:

lobox

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**SHOWROW.C**

Synopsis:

```
show_row(n,rol)
char *rol      pointer to indicate string of characters
int n          number of characters
```

Description:

Displays the row of characters at the bottom of the screen

VARIABLES:

Local:

ANSI	ans
char str[]	row of characters
int first	first character position for row
int x	horizontal character position
int y	vertical line position

Returns:

Functions called:

aniser, putchar

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**SHRINK.C**

Synopsis:

```
ovmain(sh, rink, name, n, nff, accum, accterm, ptcum)
char *name
int    accterm    percent accuracy of ff
int    accum      percent accuracy of cum
int    n          total number of items
int    nff        number of fast finish items
int    ptcum      pause time cummulative
```

Description:

provide interpretive remarks

VARIABLES:

Local:

```
char  ans
int   first          first fast finish location
int   hiaccterm      flag indicating passing fras finish
int   hiaaccum       flag indicating passing cumulative rehearsal
int   hiptcum        flag indicating passing pause time
int   i              general purpose index
int   len            string index
int   pascum         passing cumulative rehearsal score
int   paspt          passing pause time score
int   pasterm        passing fast finish score
int   print          flag indicating hard copy
int   x              general purpose index
```

Returns:

Functions called:

```
getch, iocrlsa, puts, s000, s001, s010, s011, s100,
s101, s110, s111, sprintf, stropy, strlen, window
```



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **CHLPL.C**

Synopsis: **simpler(start, stop, n)**  
**int n**            **number of boxes**  
**int start**       **starting box number**  
**int stop**        **ending box number**

Description:        **Color conection between high and low rows for a series of boxes**

### VARIABLES:

Local:  
**int i**                    **general purpose index**

Returns:

Functions called:    **outlinebox, prin, rstrtwid, wait**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**GAMEINTR.C**

**Synopsis:**

**speak(string)**  
**char \*string**                    **pointer for string to be spoken**

**Description:**

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

**curpos**  
**int**                    **VOICE**

**Local:**

**ANSI**                    **ans parameters for screen display**  
**int i**                    **general purpose index**  
**struct**                    **grphcss grphcsi parameters for graphics module**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**ansiscr, prin**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **TABLE.C**

Synopsis: **ovmain(table, len, acc, pau)**  
**int \*acc**            **pointer to accuracy scores**  
**int \*pau**           **pointer to pause times**  
**int len**            **number of entries**

Description:        **This routine prints table formatted assessment record**

### VARIABLES:

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Returns:

Functions called:    **decide\_patn, fclose, fopen, fputs, getch, getlevel,**  
**ioctlsa, keyin, lseek, omeg, printf, read, sprintf,**  
**window**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

TABLE.C

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

```
bufacc[]
bufcar
struct          student    cs
int             dfd        data file descriptor
```

#### Static:

```
static char *head1
static char *head2
static char *head3
static char *heada
static char *headb
struct *bufcar
struct assessment_r bufca
```

#### Local:

```
FILE *pf          pointer to printer file
char c            prompt response
char c1           prompt response
char c2           prompt response
char level        student level
char str[]        print line
float omega2      omega squared rating
int pf1
int bufacc[]      assessment data
int hard          hard copy flag
int i             general purpose index
int j             general purpose index
int k             general purpose index
int l             general purpose index
init length      elements per trial
int bufpau[]     pause time data
```

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **VMENU.C**

Synopsis: `ovmain(vmenu,dd)`  
`struct databuf *dd` pointer to accuracy table  
`struct databuf{`  
`int len` entry length  
`int ffnun` fast finish length  
`int fface` fast finish accuracy score  
`int cracc` cumulative rehearsal accuracy score  
`int pau[]` pause times  
`int acc[]` accuracy scores  
`}`

Description: This routine is a menu for viewdata routine

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

<code>struct</code>	<code>assessment_r *car</code>
<code>struct</code>	<code>student cs</code>
<code>int</code>	<code>dfd</code> data file descriptor
<code>int</code>	<code>fflen</code> length of list that holds len# of
<code>int</code>	<code>listlen</code> total # of elements in an
	assessment

#### Local:

<code>char c</code>	prompt response
<code>char c1</code>	prompt response
<code>int craccbuf[]</code>	cululative rehearsal accuracy data
<code>int ffacebuf[]</code>	fast finish accuracy data
<code>int i</code>	general purpose index
<code>int j</code>	general purpose index
<code>int seeklvl</code>	level of data to search for

Returns: return (c) menu selection

Functions called: `decide_patn, getch, ioctlsa, lseek, ,printf, putchar,`  
`read, window`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **MENU.C**

Synopsis: **warning()**

Description: **Supplies warning messages, collects overriding responses and deletes the student information**

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	student	cs
int	maxstud	max students in file
int	nstud	# of students
int	sfd	student file descriptor

#### Local:

char c	prompt response
--------	-----------------

Returns:

Functions called: **dbcreat, getch, ioctl, lseek, printf, putchar, read**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**WINDOW.C**

**Synopsis:**

**wipe()**

**Description:**

**Clears a display window for subsequent text**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**iootlsa, window**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**GRAPHS.C**

**Synopsis:**

**acgraph()**

**Description:**

**VARIABLES:**

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**Returns:**

**Functions called:** **decide\_patn, fclose, fopen, fputs, getch, ioctlsa, keyin, lseek, mapdatf, printf, read, sellvl, setmem, sprintf**



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

GRAPHS.C

Description:

VARIABLES:

Global:

bufca		
char	bufdate[7]	buffer to get date
buftrl		
int	dfd	data file descriptor
dsolvla[]		
line[]		
mapdat		
seeklvl		
setsep		
trval		

Local:

FILE	*pf	pointer to printer file
char	*setdsep	pointer to set descriptions
char	buf[]	edited date
char	hlin	horizontal line character
char	n[]	
char	vlin	vertical line character
char	c	prompt response
char	c1	prompt response
char	c2	prompt response
char	level	student level
char	line[]	print line
char	str[]	print line
int	pfi	printer file return code
int	vals[]	
int	bufacc[]	accuracy scores
int	bufpau[]	pause times
int	l	
int	length	
int	seeklvl	level to seek
int	t	trial number
int	data	
int	hard	flag indicating hard copy
int	i	general purpose index
int	j	general purpose index
int	k	general purpose index
int	lines	line count
struct mapdats	mapdat	data mapped to vertical scale
struct trial	buftrl	trials
struct trivals	trival	trial values

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**ACTLTR.C**

Synopsis:

```
act_box(n,i,c,f)
char      c      which row 'h' or 'l'
int       f      first time flag
int       i      box to activate
int       n      number of boxes
```

Description:

This function activates the i-th box of c row and returns the time increments of 50 msec if the time is less than 30 sec else returns -1.

VARIABLES:

Global:

stikss.xmax = n;

Local:

```
int       t      elapsed time
int       x      horizontal character position
int       y      vertical line position
```

Returns:

```
return(-1)    over 30 seconds elapsed time
return(t)     elapsed time
```

Functions called:

ansiscr, lightpen, stik

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

GAME2.C

Synopsis:

```
blinkstar(starp)
struct startype *starp    pointer to set of star descriptions
```

Description:

Review status of stars erasing those that are due to go off  
and replotting those that are due to go on

VARIABLES:

Global:

```
char      *strp    pointer to start description
char      strl     star shape
```

Returns:

Functions called: plchr

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**CURSDSP.C**

Synopsis:

```
cursdsp(x)
int x      type of cursor to display
```

Description:

Display a cursor

VARIABLES:

Local

```
struct          pcdosbs {
int             func;
int             ax;
int             bx;
int             cx;
int             dx;
};
struct pcdosbs  pcdosbl  parameters for PC-DOS interface
```

Returns:

Functions called: `pcdosb`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**DBCREAT.C**

Synopsis:

**dbcreat(ns)**  
**int ns**                    **number of students**

Description:

**Create a new student data base**

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

struct	assessment_r	*car
struct	student	*osp
int	dfd	data file descriptor
int	sfd	student file descriptor

**Local:**

int	i	index for student index file
int	j	index for student assessment data

Returns:

Functions called:

**close, creat, write**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

GAME2.C

Synopsis:

```
drawstr(strg,x,y)
char *strg      pointer to string to be drawn
int x          horizontal line position
int y          vertical character position
```

Description:

Plot a star

VARIABLES:

Local:

struct

grphcss

grphcs1

Returns:

Functions called: grphcs

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**FINDNAME.C**

**Synopsis:**

**find\_name(n)**  
**int            n            student number**

**Description:**

**to retrieve currs rec, prev rec, and next rec**

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

<b>struct</b>	<b>student</b>	<b>bufcs</b>	<b>buffer cs</b>
<b>struct</b>	<b>student</b>	<b>bufcs1</b>	

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**getns, strncpy**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

GETDATA.C

Synopsis:

get\_data()

Description:

To get necessary information of a new student

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	personal_r	cp
struct	student	cs
int	dfd	data file descriptor
int	loglen	length of log structure
struct	log	slog

#### Static:

static	char	*blank
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#### Local:

char	b_date[]	date buffer
char	c	prompt response
int	flag	student inserted ok
int	i	general purpose index
int	l	level number
int	ok	date valid flag

Returns:

flag

Functions called:

cutsp, ins\_std, ioctlsa, keyin, lseek, printf, putchar,  
setmem, write



**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**GETLEVEL.C**

**Synopsis:**

**char getlevel(l)**  
**int l**                    **horizontal character position**

**Description:**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**char**                    **level**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**    **level**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**REVLIST.C**

Synopsis:

**list(i)**  
**int i**      **horizontal character position**

Description:

List the remainder of the student file

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

<b>struct</b>	<b>student</b>	<b>*osp</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>nstud</b>	<b># of students</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>sfd</b>	<b>student file descriptor</b>

#### Local:

<b>int</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>horizontal character position</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>vertical line position</b>

Returns:

Functions called:

**ioctlsa, lseek, printf, putchar, read**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**GAME2.C**

**Synopsis:**

**loadrocket(x1,roobuf)**

**char roobuf[]**

**int x1 horizontal character position**

**Description:**

**Plot a rocket at its base location**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**int**

**i**

**general purpose index**

**int**

**x**

**horizontal character position**

**int**

**x2**

**int**

**y**

**vertical line position**

**Returns:**

**Functions called: pltrkt**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**OUTLINEB.C**

Synopsis:

**outlinebox(n,k)**

<b>int</b>	<b>k</b>	<b>box to outline</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>number of boxes</b>

Description:

This routine connects the k-th box of the upper row with the k-th box of the lower row of n boxes.

VARIABLES:

Local:

<b>ANSI</b>	<b>scrndat</b>	<b>parameters for screen manipulation</b>
<b>char</b>	<b>block</b>	<b>block shape</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>horizontal character position</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>vertical line position</b>

Returns:

Functions called: **ansisr, putchar, dissolvebox**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**OMEG.C**

Synopsis:

**omeg(n,nff,r)**

int        n        list length  
int        nff      fast finish length  
int        r[]      pause times

Description:

Compute the omega square rating

VARIABLES:

Static:

int                    idl2[]  
int                    idlr[]

Local:

float                  idl[]        ideal values  
float                  m            omega squared rating  
float                  mserr  
float                  mspr  
float                  ssspr  
float                  sstr  
float                  z[]        z - scores  
int                    cum        cumulative rehearsal length  
int                    i            general purpose index

Returns:

m

Functions called:

msp, sssp, sst, zoo

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**PLTICON.C**

Synopsis:

```
plticon(color,x,y,icon,xmag,ymag)
char *   icon      pointer of shape to be plotted
int      color     color of plotted object
int      x         horizontal character position
int      xmag      magnetude in horizontal direction
int      y         vertical line position
int      ymag      magnetude in vertical direction
```

Description:

Plot an icon

VARIABLES:

Local:

```
struct          grphcss  grphcs1  parameters for graphics
routine
```

Returns:

Functions called: grphcs

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** `PLTMSG.C`

**Synopsis:** `pltmsg(color, x, y, chr, xmag, ymag)`  
`char`      `*chr`      `message`  
`int`      `color`      `message color`  
`int`      `x`      `x start position`  
`int`      `xmag`      `x character multiple`  
`int`      `y`      `y start position`  
`int`      `ymag`      `y line multiple`

**Description:**      `Plot a message on the graphics screen`

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**  
`struct`                      `grphcss`      `grphcsl`      `parameters for graphics routine`

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**      `grphcs`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**PRIN.C**

Synopsis:

```
prin(string)
char      *string  pointer for string to speak
```

Description:

Print text and send text to speech routine

VARIABLES:

Global:

```
int int      SCREEN
int int      VOICE
```

Local:

```
char      string1[] print line
char      c          general purpose character
int       i          source string index
int       j          destination string index
```

Returns:

Functions called:

printe, printf, toupper



**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**GRAPHS.C**

**Synopsis:**

**ptgraph()**

**Description:**

**Report a pause time graph**

**VARIABLES:**

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**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**fopen, getch, ioctlsa, printf**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GRAPHS.C**

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

dsclv1a[]

#### Local:

FILE \*pf

char	*setdsep	pointer to set descriptions
char	buf[	edited date
char	hlin	horizontal line character
char	n[	
char	vlin	vertical line character
char	c	prompt response
char	c11	prompt response
char	c2	prompt response
char	level	student level
char	line[	print line
char	str1[	print line
int	pf1	printer file return code
int	vals[	
int	t	trial number
int	data	
int	hard	flag indicating hard copy
int	i	general purpose index
int	j	general purpose index
int	k	general purpose index
int	lines	line count
struct mapdats	mapdat	data mapped to vertical scale
struct trial	values	trlvals trlval

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GAME2.C**

Synopsis:

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Description:

**Establish a new set of stars**

VARIABLES:

Local:

char	*strp	pointer to star shpae
char	str1	star shape
int	i	general purpose index
int	timeon	time star is on
int	times	

Returns:

Functions called: **plchr, shipmov, update**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

GAME2.C

Synopsis:

```
renew(star, level, shipbuf, hitbuf, rocbuf, shipspd, indev, xscale, yscal  
e, time, tim, shiphit, curtime, oldscore, score, nums)  
char *nums  
char hitbuf[]  
char indev  
char rocbuf[]  
char shipbuf[]  
int *curtime  
int *oldscore  
int *score  
int *time  
int level  
int shiphit  
int shipspd  
int tim  
int xscale  
int yscale  
struct startype star[]
```

Returns:

Functions called:

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **REVIEW.C**

Synopsis: **review()**  
char #out pointer to output type ttle  
char #spd pointer to speed title  
char c keyboard input

Description: to review information of a student, either new or old student

### VARIABLES:

Global:  
struct personal\_r op  
struct student cs

Returns:

Functions called: ~~getcmm, lectisa, medinfo, printf~~

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** WINDOW.C

**Synopsis:** `rstrtwin(y)`  
`int y horizontal line position`

**Description:** clear the window defined as line 20 through 24 and set the cursor at yhe selected line y.

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**  
`ANSI ans parameters for screen display`

**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `ansiser, printf`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **S000.C**

Synopsis: **ovmain(s000,name,first,nff,accum,aceterm,print)**  
char        **\*name**        **pointer to student name**  
int         **aceterm**     **fast finish accuracy score**  
int         **accum**        **cumulative rehearsal score**  
int         **first**        **list length**  
int         **nff**          **number of fast finish elements**  
int         **print**        **flag indicating hard copy**

Description:        **provide interpretive remarks**

### VARIABLES:

#### Local:

int	a	cumulative rehearsal accuracy score
int	b	fast finish accuracy score
int	len	length of string
int	n	fast finish length
int	x	list length

Returns:

Functions called:    **sprintf, strien**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **S001.C**

Synopsis: **ovmain(s001,name,first,nff,accum,accterm,print)**  
char        **#name**        **pointer to student name**  
int         **accterm**     **fast finish accuracy score**  
int         **accum**        **cumulative rehearsal score**  
int         **first**        **list length**  
int         **nff**          **number of fast finish elements**  
int         **print**        **flag indicating hard copy**

Description:        **provide interpretive remarks**

### VARIABLES:

#### Local:

int	a	cumulative rehearsal accuracy score
int	b	fast finish accuracy score
int	len	length of string
int	n	fast finish length
int	x	list length

Returns:

Functions called:    **sprintf, strlen**



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **S010.C**

Synopsis: **ovmain(s010, name, first, nff, accum, accterm, print)**  
char \*name pointer to student name  
int accterm fast finish accuracy score  
int accum cumulative rehearsal score  
int first list length  
int nff number of fast finish elements  
int print flag indicating hard copy

Description: provide interpretive remarks

### VARIABLES:

#### Local:

int	a	cumulative rehearsal accuracy score
int	b	fast finish accuracy score
int	len	length of string
int	n	fast finish length
int	x	list length

Returns:

~~sprintf, strlen~~

Functions called:

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**S011.C**

Synopsis:

**ovmain(s011,name,first,nff,accum,aocterm,print)**

<b>char</b>	<b>*name</b>	<b>pointer to student name</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>aocterm</b>	<b>fast finish accuracy score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>accum</b>	<b>cumulative rehearsal score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>first</b>	<b>list length</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>nff</b>	<b>number of fast finish elements</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>print</b>	<b>flag indicating hard copy</b>

Description:

provide interpretive remarks

VARIABLES:

Local:

<b>int</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>cumulative rehearsal accuracy score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>fast finish accuracy score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>len</b>	<b>length of string</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>fast finish length</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>list length</b>

Returns:

Functions called: **sprintf, strlen**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **S100.C**

Synopsis: **ovmain(s100,name,first,nff,accum,accterm,print)**  
**char \*name pointer to student name**  
**int accterm fast finish accuracy score**  
**int accum cumulative rehearsal score**  
**int first list length**  
**int nff number of fast finish elements**  
**int print flag indicating hard copy**

Description: **provide interpretive remarks**

### VARIABLES:

#### Local:

<b>int</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>cumulative rehearsal accuracy score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>fast finish accuracy score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>len</b>	<b>length of string</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>fast finish length</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>list length</b>

Returns:

Functions called: **sprintf, strlen**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **S101.C**

Synopsis: **ovmain(s101,name,first,nff,accum,accterm,print)**

<b>char</b>	<b>*name</b>	<b>pointer to student name</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>accterm</b>	<b>fast finish accuracy score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>accum</b>	<b>cumulative rehearsal score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>first</b>	<b>list length</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>nff</b>	<b>number of fast finish elements</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>print</b>	<b>flag indicating hard copy</b>

Description: **provide interpretive remarks**

### VARIABLES:

#### Local:

<b>int</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>cumulative rehearsal accuracy score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>fast finish accuracy score</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>len</b>	<b>length of string</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>fast finish length</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>list length</b>

Returns:

Functions called: **sprintf, strlen**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**S110.C**

Synopsis:

```
ovmain(s110, name, first, nff, accum, acoterm, print)
char      *name      pointer to student name
int       acoterm    fast finish accuracy score
int       accum      cumulative rehearsal score
int       first      list length
int       nff        number of fast finish elements
int       print      flag indicating hard copy
```

Description:

provide interpretive remarks

VARIABLES:

Local:

int	a	cumulative rehearsal accuracy score
int	b	fast finish accuracy score
int	len	length of string
int	n	fast finish length
int	x	list length

Returns:

Functions called:

sprintf, strlen

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**S111.C**

Synopsis:

```
ovmain(s111,name,first,nff,accum,accterm,print)
char      *name      pointer to student name
int       accterm    fast finish accuracy score
int       accum      cumulative rehearsal score
int       first      list length
int       nff        number of fast finish elements
int       print      flag indicating hard copy
```

Description:

provide interpretive remarks

VARIABLES:

Local:

int	a	omulative rehearsal accuracy score
int	b	fast finish accuracy score
int	len	length of string
int	n	fast finish length
int	x	list length

Returns:

Functions called: `sprintf, strlen`

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## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**LOBOXES.C**

Synopsis:

```
set_box_clr(pos, num, which, forgrnd)
char        pos        row position (high or low)
int         forgrnd    foreground color
int         num        number of boxes
int         which      which box to color
```

Description:

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

ANSI	ans	parameters for screen display
int	UNDScore	character code
int	VERLINE	charactercode
int	i	general purpose index
int	x	horizontal character position
int	y	vertical line position
int	1y	y + 2

Returns:

Functions called:

ansiscr, putchar

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**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**MUS.C**

**Synopsis:**

**sheet()**

**Description:**

**Display a music scale**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**struct**

**drw lines lines for scale**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**drw**

**548**



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**SHOWLTR.C**

Synopsis:

```
show_ltr(num, chr, which, ypos, time)
char      chr      character to display
char      ypos     row position (high or low)
int       num      number of elements
int       time     time to display in thenth of a second
int       which    which box to display
```

Description:

This function shows a letter in k-th box ( $k \leq n$ ) for an amount of time specified by time for argument 'time', 0 denotes no time specified by 'time' limit unless screen is wiped out

1 denotes 0.1 sec  
5 denotes 0.5 sec  
10 denotes 1.0 sec  
50 denote 5.0 sec  
etc.

VARIABLES:

Static:

```
int      t1
int      t2
static   char blank
```

Local:

```
ANSI    ans      parameters for screen display
int     intvl    elapsed time
int     x        horizontal character position
int     y        vertical line position
```

Returns:

```
return(intvl)
```

Functions called:

```
ansisecr, intvls, putchar
```

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**FINDNAME.C**

**Synopsis:**

**showname()**

**Description:**

**Display a students name**

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

<b>struct</b>	<b>student</b>	<b>bufcs</b>	<b>buffer cs</b>
<b>struct</b>	<b>student</b>	<b>bufos1</b>	
<b>struct</b>	<b>student</b>	<b>bufos2</b>	

**Returns:**

**Functions called: iotlsa, printf**

**550**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

MUS.C

Synopsis:

song(sp)  
int sp

Description:

Play a song

VARIABLES:

Local:

int	z	note index
struct	display	disply
unsigned	s	song selection

Returns:

Functions called: free, getsong, loader, ran savscr, tone

551

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

GAME2.C

Synopsis:

```
starhit(i, starp)
int i
struct startype *starp
```

Description:

### VARIABLES:

Local:

char	*strp	pointer to star shape
char	strl	star shape

Returns:

Functions called: plchr, whistle

552

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**LOBOXES.C**

**Synopsis:**

**stop\_blink(pos, num, which)**

**char pos row position (high or low)**

**int num number of boxes**

**int which box number to reset blink attribute**

**Description:**

Turn off blink attribute for box

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**int y horizontal character position**

**int x vertical line position**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**lobox**

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**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:** `WAIT.C`

**Synopsis:** `wait(time)`  
`int time time to wait in tenths of a second`

**Description:** `Wait a requested interval of time`

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

<code>unsigned</code>	<code>t1</code>	<code>intervals from which to calculate time</code>
<code>unsigned</code>	<code>t2</code>	<code>intervals from which to calculate time</code>
<code>unsigned</code>	<code>t3</code>	<code>intervals from which to calculate time</code>

**Returns:**

**Functions called:** `intvls`

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**WINDOW.C**

Synopsis:

```
window(top,bottom,left,width)
int      bottom    bottom line number
int      left     left most character position
int      top      top line number
int      width    width in characters
```

Description:

Sets the text window.

VARIABLES:

Global:

```
wndbtm
wndlft
wndtop
wndwdth
```

Returns:

Functions called:

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**OUTLINEB.C**

Synopsis:

```
dissolvebox(n,k)
int          k    box to connect
int          n    number of boxes
```

Description:

This routine disconnects the k-th box of the upper row from the k-th box of the lower row of n boxes.

VARIABLES:

Local:

ANSI	crndat	parameters for screen display
int	x	horizontal column position
int	y	vertical line position

Returns:

Functions called:

ansiscr, loboxes, putchar



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**MUS.C**

Synopsis:

```
drw(linep)
struct    drw *linep    pointer to parameters for line drawing
                        position
```

Description:

Draw a line for a musical staff

VARIABLES:

Local:

int	a	
int	color_cd	line color
int	hline_ln	horizontal line shape
int	hor_x	horizontal line starting character position
int	hor_y	horizontal line vertical line position
int	ver_x	vertical line character position
int	ver_y	vertical line starting line position
int	vline_ln	vertical line shape

Returns:

Functions called:

color, line

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GETCOMM.C**

Synopsis:

```
getcomm(x,y)
  int      x      horizontal character position
  int      y      vertical line position
```

Description:

get a command character together with a RTN, return command char

VARIABLES:

Local:

char

c[]

receives a string of characters from keyboard input

Returns:

return(c[0]) return first keystroke

Functions called:

ioctlsa, keyin

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**FINDNAME.C**

Synopsis:

```
getns(n,bufcexp)  get n-th stud rec
int             n   student number
struct         student *bufcexp  pointer to student record
```

Description:

Locate a students name in the student index

VARIABLES:

Global:

```
bufcexp
int             sfd      / student file descriptor
```

Returns:

```
return(-1); no stud rec#
return(read(sfd,(char *)bufcexp,26));
```

Functions called:

```
lseek, read
```

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**MUS.C**

**Synopsis:**

**getsong( songfilep )  
char \*songfilep**

**Description:**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**int**

**retrn**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**malloc, notes, szntfil**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**INSSTD.C**

Synopsis:

```
ins_std(name,data)
char      *name      pointer to student name
struct personal_r *data pointer to student personal data
```

Description:

Insert a student in the student data base

VARIABLES:

Global:

struct	student	*bufesp
struct	student	cs
int	currd	current data record #
int	currs	current student record #
int	maxstud	max students in file
int	nstud	# of students
int	sfd	student file descriptor

Local:

char	c	general usage character
int	n	

Returns:

```
return(-1) /* duplicate keys */ return(-2) /* no
space left in sdb */ return(currs) pointer to current
student
```

Functions called:

found, lseek, read, write

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**LIGHTPEN.C**

Synopsis:

**lightpen(stiksp)**  
**struct stiks \*stiksp** parameters for lightpen routine

Description:

requests a lightpen reading

VARIABLES:

Global:

int	int	pba
int	maxtime	voice or text output
stiksp		

Local:

int	i	elapsed time
int	t	
int	t1	time of entry
int	t2	time of activation
int	x	horizontal character position
int	y	vertical line position

Returns:

return(-1)  
return(t2 - t1)

Functions called:

chirp, intvls, penpos, alarm

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**LOBOXES.C**

Synopsis:

```
lobox(x,y,blink)
char      blink      flag indicating blink attribute
int       x          horizontal character position
int       y          vertical line position
```

Description:

Draw a box for character display

VARIABLES:

Local:

ANSI	ans	parameters for screen display
int	UNDScore	horizontal line shape
int	VERLINE	vertical line shape
int	i	horizontal index
int	y1	vertical index

Returns:

Functions called: ansiscr, putchar

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GRAPHS.C**

Synopsis:

```
mapdatf(mapdatp)
struct mapdata *mapdatp parameters for mapdat routine
```

Description:

Map the data to vertically scaled positions

VARIABLES:

Local:

int

i

horizontal index

int

scale

scale to appl to y value

Returns:

Functions called:



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name: **REVIEW.C**

Synopsis: **modinfo()**

Description: **Modify student personal information**

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

struct	personal_r	op
struct	student	cs
int	dfd	data file descriptor
int	sfd	student file descriptor
sptr		

#### Local:

char	*out	pointer to output type title
char	*spd	pointer to speed title
char	c	input character
char	input[]	input device name
char	output[]	output type name
char	sex[]	sex title
char	speed[]	speed title
int	i	elapsed time
struct	personal_r *pp	pointer to personal data
struct	personal_r p	personal data
struct	student *sptr	pointer to student data
struct	student s	student data

Returns:

Functions called: **cutsp, found, ioctlsa, lseek, modify, printf, strncpy, write**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**OMEG.C**

Synopsis:

float	msp(n,z,ideal)
float	ideal[] ideal pause times
float	z[] z scores
int	n length of string

Description:

Compute mean square

VARIABLES:

Local:

float	a
float	b
float	c
float	d
float	e
float	m
int	i

Returns:

Functions called:

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**MUS.C**

Synopsis:

```
savscr(y)
int      y      vertical line position
```

Description:

### VARIABLES:

Global:

dsply[]

Local:

```
int      a
int      al
int      b
int      i
```

Returns:

Functions called:

plchr

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**SELLVL.C**

**Synopsis:**

**sellvl(levelp)**  
**int \*levelp pointer to level number**

**Description:**

**Get student assessment data for a requested level**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**Char c**

**Returns:**

**Functions called: decide\_patn, fclose, fputs, ioctlsa, keyin, lseek, mapcapf, printf, read, setmem, sprintf**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GAME.C**

Synopsis:

```
shipmov(bx,by,shipbuf,hitbuf,nums)
char hitbuf[]
char shipbuf[]
int bx[]
int by[]
int nums[10]  string of digits
```

Description:

Display a ship moving across the screen

VARIABLES:

Local:

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Returns:

Functions called: hit, pltrkt, pltshp

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

GAME\_C

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Local:

char	*ship	
char		lship
int		length
int		nt
int		oship
int		
int		r
int		umcaptives
int		x
int		y
int		ocket
int		x
int		x1
int		x2
int		
int		1
int		x2
int		y
int		y1
int		y2
int		
int		1
int		2

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**OMEG.C**

**Synopsis:**

float	sssp(n,z,ideal)	
float	z[]	z scores
float	ideal[]	ideal pause times
int	n	length of string

**Description:**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

float	a
float	b
float	c
float	d
float	e
float	m
int	i

**Returns:**

m

**Functions called:**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

OMEG.C

Synopsis:

```
float    sst(n,z,ideal)
float    ideal[]    ideal pause times
float    z[]        z scores
int      n          length of string
```

Description:

VARIABLES:

Local:

```
float    a
float    b
float    c
float    d
float    e
float    m
int      i
```

Returns:

m

Functions called:



## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**STIK.C**

Synopsis:

```
stik(stiksp)
struct stiks      *stiksp  parameters for stik routine
```

Description:

requests a joystick reading and replaces current block and writes new cursor

VARIABLES:

Global:

```
int      pba
int      xscale
```

Static:

```
char      lastx
struct    curpos  curposs
```

Local:

```
ANSI      ans      parameters for screen display
char      currentx  current horizontal box number
int       t1       start time
int       t2       stop time
int       x        horizontal character position
int       y        vertical line position
```

Returns:

```
return(-1)
return(t2 - t1)
```

Functions called:

ansisec, intvls, joypos, putchar

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**tone.c**

**Synopsis:**

**tone(freq,time)**

**int freq frequency of tone**

**int time time in tenths of a second**

**Description:**

Sound a tone for a specified period of time

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

int

hibyt

int

lobyt

int

port

port number

long

count

long

divisor

long

i

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

inportb, outportb, printf

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GAME2.C**

Synopsis:

```
update(oldscore, score, nums, x)
char      *nums      string of digits
int       *oldscore   pointer to previous score
int       score      current score
int       x
```

Description:

Erase old scores and draw updated scores

VARIABLES:

Local:

int	i	index into string
int	n[]	array of digits from score
int	x1	horizontal character position
int	y	vertical line position

Returns:

Functions called:

drawnum, erasenum

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**WHISTLE.C**

**Synopsis:**

**whistle()**

**Description:**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**struct**

**sounds**

**soundl**

**parameters for sound  
routine**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**sound**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

ZOO.C

Synopsis:

```
zoo(n,raw,z)
float      z[]      z scores
int        n         number of data points
int        raw[]    raw pause times
```

Description:

compute z scores

VARIABLES:

Local:

```
float      a
float      b
float      c
float      d
int        i
```

Returns:

Functions called:

sqrt

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

~~ALARM.G~~

Synopsis:

```
alarm(param1, param2, param3)
int  param1
int  param2
int  param3
```

Description:

Sound alar for time out

VARIABLES:

Local:

struct

sounds

sound1

paramaters for the sound  
routine

Returns:

Functions called:

sound

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## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**ANSISCR.C**

Synopsis:

**ansiscr(ansip)**  
**ANSI        \*ansip        pointer to parameters for screen display**

Description:

To provide "ioctl" functions using an ansi terminal interface.

VARIABLES:

Local:

FILE	*fp	pointer to file defination
char	c	general usage character
char	clmn	column number
char	line	line number
int	send	

Returns:

Functions called:    **putc**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**CUTSP.C**

**Synopsis:**

**outsp(strg,n)**  
**char strg pointer to string**  
**int length of string**

**Description:**

cut unnecessary space(s) or null terminator(s) in a string

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**int i index into string**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**



**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**DECIDE.C**

**Synopsis:**

```
decide_patn(1)
int l;    current level
```

**Description:**

according to current level decides corresponding circular recall pattern and assigns appropriate values to fflen and crlen

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

int	crlen	length of # of elements in
int	fflen	length of list that holds len# of
int	listlen	total # of elements in an
		assessment
int	prep	

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**GAME.C**

**Synopsis:**

**drawnum(nums,x,y)**

<b>char</b>	<b>#nums</b>	<b>string of digits</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>horizontal character position</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>vertical line position</b>

**Description:**

Draw numbers on graphics using graphics characters

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

**struct**                    **grphcss**    **grphcs1**

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**grphcs**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GAME2.C**

Synopsis:

**erasenum(nums,x,y)**

<b>char</b>	<b>*nums</b>	<b>string of digits</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>horizontal character position</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>vertical line position</b>

Description:

Rewrite graphics numbers in background color

VARIABLES:

Local:

<b>struct</b>	<b>grphess</b>	<b>grphesl</b>
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Returns:

Functions called:

**grphes**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**FOUND.C**

**Synopsis:**

**found(name)**

**char \*name pointer to student name**

**Description:**

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

**int**

**nstud**

**# of students**

**Returns:**

**return(-1)**

**Functions called:**

**b\_search, lseek, read**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GAME.C**

Synopsis:

```
hit(x1,y1,hitbuf)
char hitbuf[]
int x1
int y1
```

Description:

Make a sound and display an icon to signify a shop being hit by a rocket

VARIABLES:

Local:

int	x2	adjusted horizontal character position
int	y2	adjusted vertical line position y2

Returns:

Functions called: chirp, plthit

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

`INTVLS.C`

Synopsis:

`intvls()`

Description:

Get clock tick reading to compute interval of time in ticks

VARIABLES:

Local:

```
struct          pedosbs {
  int            func;
  int            ax;
  int            bx;
  int            cx;
  int            dx;
}
int             i
struct          pedosbs  pedosbl
```

Returns:

`return(i)`

Functions called:

`pedosb`

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**JOYPOS.C**

**Synopsis:**

```
joypos(x,y)
int      *x
int      *y
```

**Description:**

Get a joystick reading

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

int	i	counter of idle loop
int	js	x,y position of joystick

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

joyposr

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**KEYIN.C**

Synopsis:

**keyin()**

Description:

to echo off inappropriate char and output a beep

VARIABLES:

Local:

char

c

receive keystroke

Returns:

return(-1)

return(c)

Functions called:

getch, putchar



**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**GRAPHS.C**

**Synopsis:**

```
mapcapf(mapdatap)
struct mapdata *mapdatap pointer to parameters for mapcapf
routine
```

**Description:**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

```
int i
int scale
```

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**MODIFY.C**

Synopsis:

```
modify(n, str, x1, y, x2)
char      *str pointer to string to modify
int       n   length of string
int       x1  horizontal character position
int       x2  horizontal end character position
int       y   vertical line position
```

Description:

to modify a string on a certain line w/i range x1,x2

VARIABLES:

Local:

```
char c
int i
```

Returns:

Functions called:

ioctlsa, keyin, printf, putchar

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

PENPOS.C

Synopsis:

```
penpos(x,y)
int *x
int *y
```

Description:

VARIABLES:

Global:

int pba

Local:

```
struct pcdosbs {
int func;
int ax;
int bx;
int cx;
int dx;
}
int i
int t1
int t2
int x11
int x12
int y11
int y12
struct pcdosbs pcdosbl
```

Returns:

```
return(t2 - t1)
return(t2 - t1)
```

Functions called:

alarm, intvls, pcdosb

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**PLTCHR.C**

**Synopsis:**

```
plchr(color,x,y,chr,xmag,ymag)
char    *chr    character shape to plot
int     color   color of shape
int     x       horizontal character position
int     xmag    x scaling factor
int     y       vertical line position
int     ymag    y scaling factor
```

**Description:**

Plot a graphics character

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

struct	grphcss	grphcs	parameters for graphics routine
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**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

grphcs

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**PLTRKT.C**

Synopsis:

```
pltrkt(color,x,y)
int      color      color of rocket
int      x          horizontal character position
int      y          vertical line position
```

Description:

Plot a rocket on a graphics screen

VARIABLES:

Static:

char

rkt

Local:

struct

grphcss

grphosl

parameters for graphics  
routine

Returns:

Functions called:

grphcs

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**PLTSHP.C**

**Synopsis:**

**pltshp(color,x,y,shp)**

<b>int</b>	<b>color</b>	<b>color of rocket</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>horizontal character position</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>vertical line position</b>

**Description:**

**Plot a shop on the graphics screen**

**VARIABLES:**

**Static:**

<b>char</b>	<b>ship</b>
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**Local:**

<b>struct</b>	<b>grphess</b>	<b>grphesl</b>	<b>parameters for graphics routine</b>
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**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**grphes**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**FOUND\_C**

Synopsis:

```
b_search(nm,lb,ub)  binary search
char      *nm  pointer to student name
int       lb   left branch
int       ub   right branch
```

Description:

### VARIABLES:

#### Global:

```
struct      student  *bufcsp
struct      student  cs
int         sfd      student file descriptor
```

#### Local:

```
char        f1[]
char        f2[]
char        l1[]
char        l2[]
int         i
int         k
int         k1
int         len
int         mid
```

Returns:

```
return(b_search(nm,mid+1,ub)) return(lb*(-1))
return(mid) /* both full names match */
```

Functions called:

```
lseek, read, strlen, strcmp, tolower
```

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**CHIRP.C**

Synopsis:

```
chirp( parm1, parm2, parm3)
int      parm1
int      parm2
int      parm3
```

Description:

Make a chirping sound

VARIABLES:

Local:

struct

sounds

sound1

parameters for sound  
routine

Returns:

Functions called:

sound

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**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

Name:

**GETCH.C**

Synopsis:

**getch()**

Description:

replacement for getch() to provide raw input

Returns:

Functions called:

**bdos(0x08);**

## FUNCTION DESCRIPTION

Name:

**GRPHCS.ASM**

Synopsis:

```
grphcs_
char c    function code
int x     x-coordinate
int y     y-coordinate
int color
int xlr   x-coordinate lower right
int ylr   y-coordinate lower right
```

Description:

graphics screen interface

VARIABLES:

Local:

x0	dw	0
y0	dw	0
x1	dw	0
y1	dw	0
x2	dw	0
y2	dw	0
color	dw	0
xmagn	dw	0
ymagn	dw	0

Returns:

Functions called:

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**JOYPOS.ASM**

**Synopsis:**

**joyposr\_**

**Description:**

reads JOYSTICK and returns x and y on; the Aztec stack.

**VARIABLES:**

**Global:**

int

pba\_

**Local:**

int

yx

int

cnt

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**PCDOSB.ASM**

**Synopsis:**

```
pedosb_  
struct  
    int  ax    ax register  
    int  bx    bx register  
    int  cx    cx register  
    int  dx    dx register
```

**Description:**

"C" to pedos bios 10 interface

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**SOUND.ASM**

**Synopsis:**

**sounda\_**  
**char funct          function code**

**Description:**

**square wave sound primitives**

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

<b>int</b>	<b>scale1</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>scale2</b>
<b>int</b>	<b>seed</b>

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**

**FUNCTION DESCRIPTION**

**Name:**

**VCRINTF.ASM**

**Synopsis:**

```
vccintf_  
struct  
    int  funct      function code  
    char *string   words to speak
```

**Description:**

" to assembler function interface using a BASIC function.  
call interface

**VARIABLES:**

**Local:**

```
int      scale1  
int      scale2  
int      seed
```

**Returns:**

**Functions called:**