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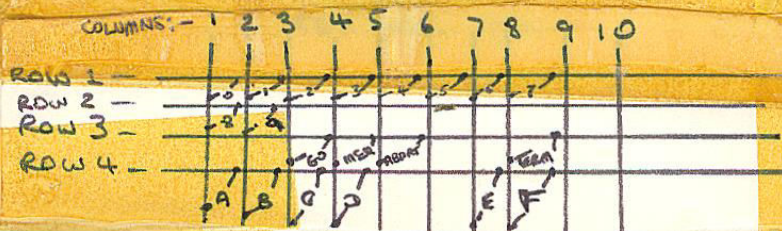
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The rest will have to be interpreted via your own program.

Each column contains 4 rows, so at each of locations 0D00-0D03 you can get 4 possible inputs.

Each row connects to one of the higher bits of the data bus.

Row 1 is the highest (bit 7) to row 4 which is the lowest.

By pressing say row 1, you are connecting 1 bit to 0V, leaving the rest at level 1. So the data value input is going to be 7F for row 1, (0111 1111), BF for row 2, DF for row 3, EF for row 4.

The address you load from is: Column no. - 1 plus 0D00.

So to decide whether ABORT is pressed, load the data value from 0D04 and test for DF.

The other considerations for this are; what happens if the program misses a key press, and how do you know that the key is released?

Well, the usual way of getting a key press, is to wait in a tight loop for the key to change from a value of FF (unpressed) to some other value. Then in the same way, wait in a tight loop until the key reverts back to 'FF'.

The best way to do this is by ILD'ing the location required, and testing for 00 with a JZ (jump zero) instruction.

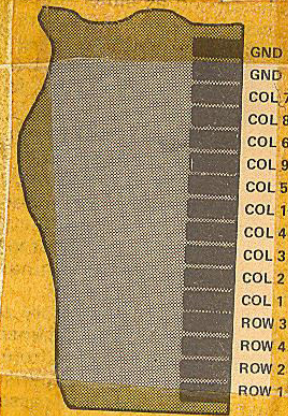
Beware! You cannot use ILD with an operand of 80 - i.e. using the extension register as a changing offset from 0D00!

If you are scanning the keyboard, then just load the value and exclusive-or with X'FF' then test for zero.

Anyway, enough talk, here is an example to test when the key GO is pressed and to display 'GO' for a while when it is!

(relocatable)

OB00 LDI X'0D'	Xpah (1)	C4 0D 35	Set P1 to Keyboard address.
OB03 LDI X'00'	Xpal (1)	C4 00 31	(0D00)
OB06 ILD 0D02	(1)	A9 02	Test if key pressed.
OB08 JZ OB06		98 FC	If not then try again.
OB0A XOR X'EO'		E4 EO	Test if row 3, (DF plus 1)



OBOC JNZ OBOO	9C F2	If not, then try again
OBOE LDI X'6F'	C4 6F	Load C'G'
OB10 ST ODO2 (1)	C9 02	Store on display.
OB12 DLY 08	8F 08	Delay a while.
OB14 LDI X'3F'	C4 3F	Load C'O'
OB16 ST ODO1 (1)	C9 01	Display for while
OB18 DLY 08	8F 08	Delay.
OB1A DLD OB20	B8 05	loop 256 times using (OB20) as a count
OB1C JNZ OBOE	9C F0	If not zero, goto OBOE.
OB1E JMP OBOO	90 E0	Back again for next time

Pattern Search Program

by Terry Wyatt

This is a nice little program which occupies a ridiculously low number of bytes.

OF20 Address of memory to be searched (high, low)

OF22 Byte to be looked for

OF23 Byte to replace it.

OF24 start:

OF24 LDI OF XPAH2	C4 OF 36
OF27 LDI 00 XPAL2	C4 00 32
OF2A LD (OF20)	C0 F5
OF2C JZ (OF44)	98 16
OF2E ST (2) E	CA OE
OF30 XPAH1	35
OF31 LD (OF21) ST (2) OC	C0 EF CA OC
OF35 XPAH1	31
OF36 ED@ (1) 1	C5 01
OF38 XPAH1 ST (OF20)	35 C8 E6
OF3B XPAH1 XPAL1	35 31
OF3D ST (OF21) XPAL1	C8 E3 31
OF40 XR OF22 JNZ (OF2A)	E0 E1 9C E6
OF44 LD (1) -1 ST (2) OD	C1 FF CA OD
OF48 LDI 01 XPAH3	C4 01 37
OF4B LDI 3F XPAL3	C4 3F 33
OF4E KPPC 3	3F
OF4F JMP (OF2A)	90 D9
OF51 LD (OF20) XPAH1	C0 CE 35
OF54 LD (OF21) XPAL1	C0 CC 31
OF57 LD (OF23) ST (1) -1	C0 CB C9 FF
OF5B ST (2) OD	CA OD
OF5D JMP (OF48)	90 E9
OF5F END.	

I had to amend Terry's original program as there was a program bug, in that the high order digit would be 1 too large when the low order byte is FF.

The program searches from the address at OF20,21 until a match with (OF22) is found. Then, if a number key is pressed, the value at OF23 is moved in to replace the contents of this location.

If a command key is depressed, then the search continues to the next byte, until OFFF is reached.

E.g. to change all 08's to 03's from OBOO-OBFF, set Of20 to OB)OF21 to 00, OF22 to 08, OF23 to 03.

This program highlights the best method to display numbers using the monitor. Note the unconditional jump at OF4F, this will only be invoked when a command key is pressed, otherwise the jump will be missed.

Label Assembler for SC/MP

by G. Phillips.

The following program fits easily into the OF00 block and allows you to have any jump (JZ, JMP etc) refer to a label rather than an address calculated at program-writing time.

The advantage of this is that if you store your source program, with its labels uncalculated onto tape then if you want to add or remove the odd byte, you don't have to recalculate the jump operands.

It still leaves the problem of PC relative stores, but if you adopt the normal practice of using stack pointers, this should provide no bother.

Coding of Labels

Labels are included as part of the program, and coded as AO nn, where nn is a unique code representing a label.

Any jumps, whose operand is equal to the nn label, will have their jump displacement calculated, but if no label is found, the jump operand will remain unchanged.

So a simple endless loop could be : AO 77 90 77 meaning Go to label77. Upon compilation, the AO will be removed, so be careful that you allow for this in your program writing.

Compilation

You can compile up to 4K of a program at a time. As mentioned above, the compilation will first take a note of all labels (up to 47 labels can be held at any one time) and then go through converting any instruction : 9X to have the correct displacement.

The AO's will not be carried forward, and the compilation will stop when an '88' is reached.

Usually the program will be written out to the same area as used for the input, but a different area of ram may be specified.

The addresses are set up at: OF12-3 Start address for output user prog.
OF14-5 Start address for input user prog.

Run from OF17
If more than 47 labels are likely to be encountered, then change the stack area to somewhere other than 0000.

Program Listing

		Output Address
		Input Address
		Count
OF12-3	OH,OL	C4 00 36
OF14-5	IH,IL	C4 00 32
OF16		C4 00 C8 F6
OF17	LDI 00 XPAH2	C0 F2 35
OF1A	LDI 00 XPAE2	C0 F0 31
OF1D	LDI 00 ST count	A8 EE C5 01
OF21	LD OH XPAH1	94 FA E4 88
OF24	LD oL XPAL1	98 14
OF27	ILD count LD@1 1	E4 28 98 06
OF2B	JP (OF27) XRI 88	A8 E0 C5 01
OF2F	JZ (OF45)	90 EC
OF31	XRI 28 JZ 06	C5 01 CE FF
OF35	ILD count LD@1 1	B8 D6 CE FF
OF39	JMP (OF27)	90 E2
OF3B	LD@1 1 ST@2 -1	CE FF
OF3F	DLD count ST@2 -1	08
OF43	JMP (OF27)	
OF45	ST@2 -1	
OF47	NOP	

End of phase 1, all labels stored.


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phase 2.
OF48 LD (OF12) XPAH3 LD (OF13) XPAL3      C0 C9 37 C0 C7 33
OF4E LD (OF14) XPAH2 LD (OF15) XPAL2      C0 C5 36 C0 C3 32
OF54 LDI 00 ST count                      C4 00 C8 BF
OF58 ILD count LD@2 1                     A8 BD C6 01
OF5C ST@3 1 JP -8                         CF 01 94 F8
OF60 XRI 88 JZ OF9C                       E4 88 98 37
OF64 XRI 28 JZ 2D                         E4 28 98 2D
OF68 ANI F0 XRI 30 JZ 08                   D4 F0 E4 30 98 08
OF6E ILD count LD@2 1 ST@3 1              A8 A7 C6 01 CF 01
OF74 JMP OF58                             90 E2
OF76 ILD count LDI 00 XPAH1               A8 9F C4 00 35
OF7B LDI 1 XPAL1                          C4 01 31
OF7E LD@1 -2 JZ OF8D                      C5 FE 98 0B
OF82 XR(2) 00 JNZ -8                      E2 00 9C F8
OF86 LD(1) -1 SCL CAD count               C1 FF 03 F8 8C
OF8B JMP 2 LD(2) 00                       90 02 C2 00
OF8F ST@3 1 LD@2 1 JMP (OF58)             CF 01 C6 01 90 C3
OF95 LD@3 -1 LD@2 1 JMP (OF5A)            C7 FF C6 01 90 BF
OF9B LDI 00 XPAH3 LDI 02 XPAL3 XPPC 3     C4 00 37 C4 02 33 3F

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Example

Program to bleep every time go is pressed (sets flag, thus also lights cassette interface led)

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OB00 A0 01          label no.1
OB02 C4 0F 07       Load flag
OB05 A0 02          label no.2
OB07 8F 03          delay
OB09 B8 20          count to 256
OB0B 9C 02          loop back to label 2
OB0D 07 3F 90 01 88 reset flag, return to monitor, then go to 1.

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This will compile to:

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OB00 C4 0F 07 8F 03 B8 20 9C FA 07 3F 90 F3.
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Paul Kaufman Tips

If you suffer from slow reset time (sneeze 4 boards mostly), then read on, else skip a few bytes.

Change R11 to 1.2K; change C6 to .1uF (not electrolytic).

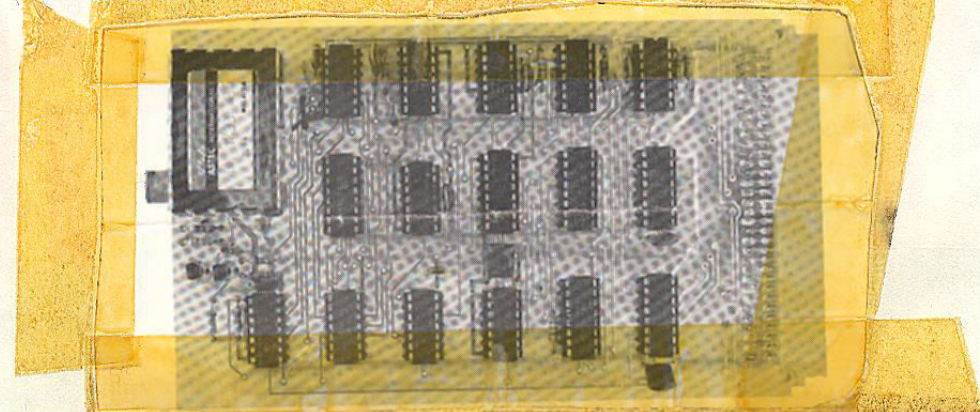
The reset time is now halved

Science of Cambridge VDU kit

by Paul Kaufman

Paul must have one of the first VDU kits, when mine arrives I will start on some decent programs for the newsletter, as at £33, a lot will be sold.

To fill the rest of the page, here is a photo of the board.



Review of Science of Cambridge VDU

by P. Kaufman

To go with this review, the next newsletter will contain info. to help you add another 1k of memory to the MK14, which will be a necessity for programs greater than 80 bytes! (Editors note)

Finally, after a wait of almost 3 months, my VDU board was delivered. On ripping open the Jiffy bag, I discovered a pile of I.C.s, resistors, several transistors, PCB and instruction leaflet.

The double-sided glass-fibre PCB is probably the best yet of S.of C.s range - all the holes drilled properly and component positions clearly marked.

For those waiting delivery, here is a list of non-optional extras.

- 1) 3M of Co-ax. cable with a standard phono plug at one end and a TV type co-ax plug at the other.
- 2) A 4Mhz crystal for sneeze boards below 5, this replaces the MK14's 4.4Mhz where supplied!!
- 3) 10 off 14pin i.c. sockets
- 4) 6 off 16pin i.c. sockets
- 5) one 4.7K resistor
- 6) 32 way double sided edge connector, (unless you are untidy like me and connect things up without connectors- ed.)
- 7) Couple of yards of ribbon cable (16 way)

Construction is no problem if you keep to the board markings. I suggest mounting the discrete components first, leaving the I.C.s & modulator til last. Be careful with the diode, as its marking easily peels off (?!!) Note at the edge of the board there are two rows of connectors, row 'A' is the outer one, row 'B' is the inner one. Be careful to avoid solder bridges here as you will otherwise get some v. strange results on switch on.

The most consuming task is the wiring up of the data and address lines - be careful to get them right even if it means taking your time.

There are several control lines which may be hardwired or connected to the flags. These are used to select the memory pages to be displayed and the display formats.

I suggest they should be connected as follows:

- 1) B13 to flag 1 turns vdu on and off
- 2) B14 to flag 2 alternates between graphics or ASCII.
- 3) B16 to flag 0 changes Black on white to white on black.

The cassette interface can be left alone.

The VDU displays 32 lines of 16 characters in ASCII mode, or 64 lines of 8 lumps (8 bits to a lump),.

I found the picture to be very stable and exceptionally clear in all mode

Some fiddling was needed to the TV to get the picture central on the screen.

The manual gives 3 useful programs for the VDU and some explanation of it functioning. I didn't get a circuit diagram, but a S.A.E to S. of C. soon got me one. The only serious criticism is that the VDU does not give you an extra memory, and relies on existing memory to function. What this means is that if you want to use the whole screen (two 256 byte areas) you are only left with 80 bytes (hex) to write programs with.

It is relatively easy to add 1k using 2 2114's, even if you decide you don't need the VDU, occupying 0400--7FF. To be prepared for next newsletter, order 2 2114's and a couple (only one for issue 4 or 5) of 74LS00's.

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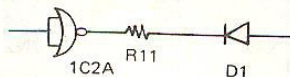
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- 2) On some boards two positions are marked for C4. The position in the centre of the board is for C5.
- 3) The connections for the transistor are as shown below.
- 4) In some boards the +ve sign for the LEDS is the wrong way round. It should be on the left.
- 5) The polarity of the LEDS is as shown below.

2N2926
Transistor



LED

- 6) On later boards there is an extra 27K resistor in series with D1. This improves the noise immunity.



- 7) Cheap foreign recorders may require an input of about 100mV. To get this larger signal increase R6 to 2K7.
- 8) If the output level from your tape recorder is less than 200mV try decreasing R1.
- 9) If data is corrupted to towards 00 signals are too weak and if towards FF then the signals are too strong.
- 10) C2 must be fitted on the MK14 board. It should be about 20µF with the +ve sign to the left.
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On the right is a diagram showing the format of the MK14 edge connector.

So if you group one half of the switches in tens and the other half in groups of 4, you will have 40 unique keys (assuming you have 40 keys on the keyboard) Now the monitor can only recognise hex codes (0-F) and 4 command keys.

The rest will have to be interpreted via your own program. Each column contains 4 rows, so at each of locations OD00 to OD0A you can get 4 possible inputs. Each row connects to one of the higher bits of the data bus. Row 1 is the highest (bit 7) to row 4 which is the lowest. By pressing say row 1, you are connecting 1 bit to 0v, leaving the rest at level 1. So the data value input is going to be 7F for row 1, (0111 1111), BF for row 2, DF for row 3, EF for row 4.

The address you load from is: Column no. - 1 plus OD00. So to decide whether ABORT is pressed, load the data value from OD04 and test for DF.

The other considerations for this are; what happens if the program misses a key press, and how do you know that the key is released?

Well, the usual way of getting a key press is to wait in a tight loop for the key to change from a value of FF (unpressed) to some other value. Then in the same way, wait in a tight loop until the key reverts back to 'FF'.

The best way to do this is by ILD'ing the location required, and testing for 00 with a JZ (jump zero) instruction. Beware! You cannot use ILD with an operand of 80 - i.e. using the extension register as a changing offset from OD00! If you are scanning the keyboard, then just load the value and exclusive-or with X'FF' then test for zero. Anyway, enough talk, here is an example to test when the key Go is pressed and to display 'GO' for a while when it is

(relocatable)

```
OBOO LDI X'OD' Xpah (1) C4 OD 35 Set P1 to Keyboard address.
OBO3 LDI X'00' Xpal (1) C4 00 31 (OD00)
OB06 ILD ODO2          A9 02 Test if key pressed.
OB08 JZ OB06           98 FC If not then try again.
OBOA XOR X'EO'         E4 EO Test if row 3, (DF plus 1)
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OBOC JNZ OBOO          9C F2 If not, then try again
OBOE LDI X'6F'         C4 6F load C'G
OB10 ST ODO2          C9 02 store on display
OB12 DLY 08            8F 08 Delay a while
OB14 LDI X'3F'         C4 3F load c'O'
OB16 ST OD01          C9 01 Display a while
OB18 DLY 08            8F 08 Delay
OB1A DLD OB20          B8 05 Loop 256 times using B20 as count
OB1C JNZ OBOE          9C F0 if not zero go to OB0E
OB1E JMP OBOO          90 E0. Back again for next time
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Pattern Search Program

by Terry Wyatt

This is a nice little program which occupies a ridiculously low number of bytes.

OF20 Address of memory to be searched (high, low)

OF22 Byte to be looked for

OF23 Byte to replace it.

OF24 start:

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OF24 LDI OF XPAH2      C4 0F 36
OF27 LDI 00 XPAL2     C4 00 32
OF2A LD (OF20)         C0 F5
OF2C JZ (OF44)         98 16
OF2E ST (2) E          CA 0E
OF30 XPAHI             35
OF31 LD (OF21) ST (2) OC. C0 EF CA 0C
OF35 XPAL1             31
OF36 LD @(1) 1         C5 01
OF38 XPAHI ST (OF20)   35 C8 E6
OF3B XPAHI XPALI      35 31
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OF3D ST (OF21) XPAL1      C8 E3 31
OF40 XR OF22 JNZ (OF2A)   E0 E1 9C E6
OF44 LD (1) -1 ST (2) OD  C1 FF CA 0D
OF48 LDI 01 XPAH3         C4 01 37
OF4B LDI 3F XPAL3         C4 3F 33
OF4E XPPC 3               3F
OF4F JMP (OF2A)           90 D9
OF51 LD (OF20) XPAH1      C0 CE 35
OF54 LD (OF21) XPAL1      C0 CC 31
OF57 LD (OF23) ST (1) -1  C0 CB C9 FF
OF5B ST (2) OD            CA 0D
OF5D JMP (OF48)           90 E9
OF5F END.

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I had to amend Terry's original program as there was a program bug, in that the high order digit would be 1 too large when the low order byte is FF. The program searches from the address at OF20,21 until a match with (OF22) is found. Then, if a number key is pressed, the value at OF23 is moved in to replace the contents of this location. If a command key is depressed, then the search continues to the next byte, until OFFF is reached. E.g. to change all 08's to 03's from OB00-OBFF, set Of 20 to OB OF21 to 00, OF22 to 08, OF23 to 03. This program highlights the best method to display numbers using the monitor. Note the unconditional jump at OF4F, this will only be invoked when a command key is pressed, otherwise the jump will be missed.

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Label Assembler for SC/MP

by G. Phillips.

The following program fits easily into the OF00 block and allows you to have any jump (JZ, JMP etc) refer to a label rather than an address calculated at program-writing time. The advantage of this is that if you store your source program, with its labels uncalculated onto tape then if you want to add or remove the odd byte, you don't have to recalculate the jump operands. It still leaves the problem of PC relative stores, but if you adopt the normal practice of using stack pointers, this should provide no bother.

Coding of Labels

Labels are included as part of the program, and coded as A0 nn, where nn is a unique code representing a label. Any jumps, whose operand is equal to the nn label, will have their jump displacement calculated, but if no label is found, the jump operand will remain unchanged.

So a simple endless loop could be : A0 77 90 77 meaning Go to label77 Upon compilation, the A0 will be removed, so be careful that you allow for this in your program writing.

Compilation

You can compile up to 4K of a program at a time. As mentioned above, the compilation will first take a note of all labels (up to 47 labels can be held at any one time) and then go through converting any instruction : 9X to have the correct displacement.

The AO's will not be carried forward, and the compilation will stop when an '88' is reached.

Usually the program will be written out to the same area as used for the input, but a different area of ram may be specified. The addresses are set up at:

OF12-3 Start address for output user prog.

OF14-5 Start address for input user prog.

Run from OF17

If more than 47 labels are likely to be encountered, then change the stack area to somewhere other than 0000.

Program Listing

OF12-3 OH, OL Output Address

OF14-5 IH, IL Input Address

OF16 Count

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OF17 LDI 00 XPAH2      C4 00 36
OF1A LDI 00 XPAL2      C4 00 32
OF1D LDI 00 ST count   C4 00 C8 F6
OF21 LD OH X???1      CO F2 35
OF24 LD OL XPALI       CO FO 31
OF27 ILDI Count LD@1 1 A8 EE C5 01
OF2B JP (OF27) XRI 88  94 FA E4 88
OF2F JZ (OF45)          98 14
OF31 XRI 28 JZ 06       E4 28 98 06
OF35 ILD count Id@1 1  A8 EO C5 01
OF39 JMP (OF27)         90 EC
OF3B LD@1 1 STO(2)      C5 01 CE FF
OF3F DLD count ST@2 -1 B8 D6 CE FF
OF43 JMP (OF27)         90 E2
OF45 ST@2 -1           CE FF
OF47 NOP               08
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End of phase 1, all labels stored.

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phase 2.

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OF48 LD (OF12) XPAH3 LD (OF13) XPAL3      C0 C9 37 C0 C7 33
OF4E LD (OF14) XPAH2 LD (F15) XPAL2       C0 C5 36 C0 C3 32
OF54 LDI 00 ST count                       C4 00 C8 BF
OF58 ILD count LD@2 1                      A8 BD C6 01
OF5C ST@3 1 JP -8                          CF 01 94 F8
OF60 XRI 88 JZ OF9C                        E4 88 98 37
OF64 XRI 28 JZ 2D                          E4 28 98 2D
OF68 ANI FO XRI 30 JZ 08                   D4 F0 E4 30 98 08
OF6E ILD count LDQ2 1 ST@3 1              A8 A7 C6 01 CF 01
OF74 JMP OF58                             90 E2
OF76 ILD count LDI 00 XPAHI                A8 9F C4 00 35
OF7B LDI 1 XPAL1                          C4 01 31
OF7E LD@1 -2 JZ OF8D                       C5 FE 98 0B
OF82 XR(2) 00 JNZ -8                      E2 00 9C F8
OF86 LD 1) -1 SCL CAD count                C1 FF 03 F8 8C
OF8B JMP 2 LD(2) 00                       90 02 C2 00
OF8F STQ3 1 LD@2 1 JMP (OF58)             CF 01 C6 01 90 C3
OF95 LDQ3 -] LD@2 1 JMP (OF5A)            C7 FF C6 01 90 BF
OF9B LDI 00 XPAH3 LDI 02 XPAL3 XPPC 3     C4 00 37 C4 02 33 3F
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Example Program to bleep every time go is pressed (sets flag, thus also lights cassette interface led) OBOO AO 01 label no.1

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OBO2 C4 OF 07 load flag
OB05 AO 02 label no.2
OBO7 8F 03 delay
OBO9 B8 20 count to 256
OBOB 9C 02 loop back to label 2
OBOD 07 3F 90 01 88 reset flag, return to monitor, then go to 1.
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This will compile to: OBOO C4 OF 07 8F 03 B8 20 9C FA 07 3F 90 F3.

Paul Kaufman Tips

If you suffer from slow reset time (sneeze 4 boards mostly), then read on, else skip a few bytes.
Change R11 to 1.2K; change c6 to 0.1uF (not electrolytic). The reset time is now halved

Science of Cambridge VDU kit by Paul Kaufman

Paul must have one of the first VDU kits, when mine arrives I will start on some decent programs for the newsletter, as at £33, a lot will be sold.

To fill the rest of the page, here is a photo of the board.

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Review of Science of Cambridge VDU
by P. Kaufman

To go with this review, the next newsletter will contain info. to help you add another 1k of memory to the MK14, which will be a necessity for programs greater than 80 bytes! (Editors note)

Finally, after a wait of almost 3 months, my VDU board was delivered. On ripping open the Jiffy bag, I discovered a pile of ICs, resistors, several transistors, PCB and instruction leaflet.

The double-sided glass-fibre PCB is probably the best yet of S.of C.s range - all the holes drilled properly and component positions clearly marked. For those waiting delivery, here is a list of non-optional extras:

- 1) 3M of Co-ax. cable with a standard phono plug at one end and a TV type co-ax plug at the other.
- 2) A 4Mhz crystal for sneeze boards below 5, this replaces the MK14's 4.4Mhz where supplied!!
- 3) 10 off 14pin i.c. sockets
- 4) 6 off 16pin i.c. sockets
- 5) one 4.7K resistor
- 6) 32 way double sided edge connector, (unless you are untidy like me and connect things up without connectors- ed.)
- (7) Couple of yards of ribbon cable (16 way)

Construction s no problem if you keep to the board markings. I suggest mounting the discrete components first, leaving the ICs & modulator til last. Be careful with the diode, as its marking easily peels off (?!!) Note at the edge of the board there are two rows of connectors, row 'A' is the outer one, row 'B' is the inner one. Be careful to avoid solder bridges here as you will otherwise get some v. strange results on switch on.

The most consuming task is the wiring up of the data and address lines - be careful to get them right even if it means taking your time. There are several control lines which may be hardwired or connected to the flags. These are used to select the memory pages to be displayed and the display formats.

I suggest they should be connected as follows:

- 1) B13 to flag 1 turns vdu on and off
- 2) B14 to flag 2 alternates between graphics or ASCII.
- 3) B16 to flag 0 changes Black on white to white on black.

The cassette interface can be left alone.

The VDU displays 32 lines of 16 characters in ASCII mode, or 64 lines of 8 lumps (8 bits to a lump), . I found the picture to be very stable and exceptionally clear in all modes.

Some fiddling was needed to the TV to get the picture central on the screen. The manual gives 3 useful programs for the VDU and some explanation of it

functioning. I didn't get a circuit diagram, but a S.A.E to S. of C. soon got me one. The only serious criticism is that the VDU does not give you an extra memory, and relies on existing memory to function. What this means is that if you want to use the whole screen (two 256 byte areas) you are only left with 80 bytes (hex) to write programs with, It is relatively easy to add 1k using 2 2114's, even if you decide you don't need the VDU, occupying 0400--7FF. To be prepared for next newsletter, order 2 2114's and a couple (only one for issue 4 or 5) of 74LS00's.

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The Memory extension board provides the gating to select another 1.5K bytes of memory in whatever form is desired, the board has sockets for 2111 ram, 2114 ram and 745571 PROM. Extra current will be drawn by this module dependent upon the choice of memory device.

The VDU interface is connected between the MK14 and the aerial socket of any UHF 625 line domestic television. It presents on the screen a maximum of 512 bytes of MK14 memory, any two 1/2K sections of memory may be selected (including the monitor) and the bit mapped display may be represented graphically or in upper case ascii characters. Connections have to be made on the reverse of the MK 14 p.c.b. but the VDU module will run from the MK14's own stabilised supply rail. Programs are provided for listing hex programs, moving spots about for video game development etc.

The following may useful to those with cassette interface problems, as the older C.I. instructions were not so helpful.

Extra Notes on Construction

- 1) The white band on D1 is the positive end.
- 2) On some boards two positions are marked for C4. The position in the centre of the board is for C5.
- 3) The connections for the transistor are as shown below.
- 4) In some boards the +ve sign for the LEDS is the wrong way round. It should be on the left.
- 5) The polarity of the LEDS is as shown below.
- 6) On later boards there is an extra 27 K resistor in series with D1. This improves the noise immunity.
- 7) Cheap foreign recorders may require an input of about 100mV. To get this larger signal increase R6 to 2K7.
- 8) If the output level from your tape recorder is less than 200mV try decreasing R1.
- 9) If data is corrupted to towards 00 signals are too weak and if towards FF then the signals are too strong.
- 10) C2 must be fitted on the MK 14 board. It should be about 20uF with the +ve sign to the left.
- 11) This interface is capable of running at teletype speeds.

I've also included the latest price list for S.of C's accessories.

Extra ram (256 bytes)	£ 3.60 plus VAT
Ram 1/0 (8154)	£ 7.80 plus VAT
Cassette interface module with software and instructions	£5.95 plus VAT
Prom programmer	£9.95 plus VAT
Blank DM72LS571 (two) for programming for dedicated application	£5.95 plus VAT
Mains power supply unit	£4.95 plus VAT
V.D.U. interface	£29.00 plus VAT
V.D.U. interface less character generator	£23.00 plus VAT

