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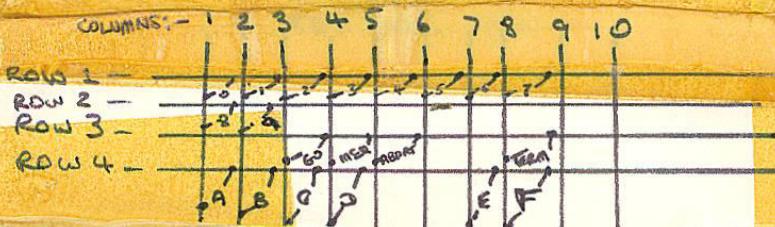
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The rest will have to be interpreted via your own program.

Each column contains 4 rows, so at each of locations ODO0-ODO1 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 OV, 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 ODO0.

So to decide whether ABORT is pressed, load the data value from ODO4 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 ODO0!

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)

OBO0 LDI X'0D'	Xpah (1)	C4 OD 35	Set Pl to Keyboard address.
OBO3 LDI X'00'	Xpal (1)	C4 00 31	(ODO0)
OBO6 ILD ODO2	(1)	A9 02	Test if key pressed.
OBO8 JZ OBO6		98 FC	If not then try again.
OBOA XOR X'EO'		E4 EO	Test if row 3, (DF plus 1)

GND
GND
COL 7
COL 8
COL 6
COL 9
COL 5
COL 10
COL 4
COL 3
COL 2
COL 1
ROW 3
ROW 4
ROW 2
ROW 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	CO EF CA OC	
OF35 XPAH1	31	
OF36 LD@ (1) 1	C5 01	
OF38 XPAH1 ST (OF20)	35 C8 E6	
OF3B XPAH1 XPALL	35 31	
OF3D ST (OF21) XPALL	C8 E3 31	
OF40 XR OF22 JNZ (OF2A)	EO 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	CO CE 35	
OF54 LD (OF21) XPALL	CO CC 31	
OF57 LD (OF23) ST (1) -1	CO 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 0B, 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 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~~ 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 A0'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	
OF14-5 IH,IL	
OF16	
OF17 LDI 00 XPAH2	C4 00 36
OF1A LDI 00 XPAE2	C4 00 32
OF1D LDI 00 ST count	C4 00 C8 F6
OF21 LD OH XPAH1	C0 F2 35
OF24 LD OL XPALL	C0 F0 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 Ed@1 1	A8 E0 C5 01
OF39 JMP (Of27)	90 EC
OF3B LD@1 1 ST@(2) -1	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

End of phase 1, all labels stored.

phase 2.

OF48	LD (OF12) XPAH3	LD (OF13) XPAL3	C0 C9 37	CO C7 33
OF4E	LD (OF14) XPAH2	LD (OF15) XPAL2	C0 C5 36	CO 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 XPAH1		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	
OF88	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	

Example

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

OBO0 A0 01	label no.1
OBO2 C4 OF 07	Load flag
OBO5 A0 02	label no.2
OB07 8F 03	delay
OB09 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.

This will compile to:

OBO0 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 .1uF (not electrolytic).

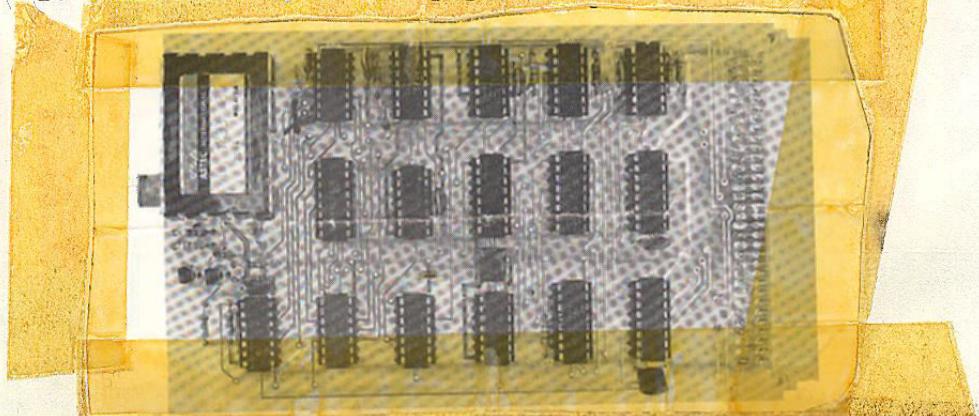
The reset time is now halved

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 lk 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 its 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 lk 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.

The Memory extension board provides the gating to select another 1½K bytes of memory in whatever form is desired, the board has sockets for 2111 ram, 2114 ram and 74S571 PROM. Extra current will be drawn by this module dependent upon the choice of memory device.

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The following may be 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.

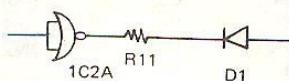
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Transistor



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.
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On the right is a diagram showing the format of the MK14 edge connecter.

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 ODOO to ODOA 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 ODOO. So to decide whether ABORT is pressed, load the data value from ODO4 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 ODOO! 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)

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OBOO LDI X'OD' Xpah (1) C4 OD 35 Set Pl to Keyboard address.  
OBO3 LDI X'00' Xpal (1) C4 00 31 (0D00)  
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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OB0C 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 EO. 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 XPAL1 35 31
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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 OBOO-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.

6) 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 : A0 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

OF12-3 OH, OL Output Address

OF14-5 IH, IL Input Address

OF16 Count

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 XPAL1	CO F0 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

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 (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

Example Program to bleep every time go is pressed (sets flag, thus also lights cassette interface led) OBOO AO 01 label no.1

OBO2 C4 OF 07 load flag

OB05 AO 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.

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 be 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

