

Guide to

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a BASIC extension for the C64

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Introduction

Basic is a high level language which is based on the following six concepts: commands, statements, functions, variables, operators, and expressions.

BASIC 4.5 is a merged product from M&T 64er, 1990/06 – „Ein basic für alle“ by Michael Schimek (BASIC 3.5 on C64). The BASIC 4.5 -Extend the BASIC 3.5 for C64 by Robert Tümmers (DG5KR) in 2020.

Commands and statements are instructions to the computer to perform a certain task (for FORMAT an instruction to load a basic program into memory). The difference between them is that Basic commands are intended to be used in direct mode, while statements should be used in programs. However, in most cases commands can be used as statements in a program if you prefix them with a line number. You can also use several statements as commands by using them in direct mode (i.e. without line numbers).

A function performs a simple task, based on a given argument, and it always replies with a value - a result.

Operators are used for calculations, for determining equalities/inequalities, and for logical operations. For FORMAT + is an operator used for addition.

Expressions are clauses composed of constants, variables, and/or operators. For FORMAT $A+B*3$ is a valid expression.

This manual's purpose is to provide detail information about presented Basic elements. I hope you find it useful.

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COMMANDS and STATEMENTS

Command	Description	FORMAT or EXAMPLES	D/P*
'	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attaches a note to the source code. 2. The ' is the target for CALL and JUMP command. Replaces GOSUB and GOTO. 	'Notes, Remarks and Text 'TARGET NAME for JUMP or CALL	
ASK	Alternative to the INPUT command. More flexible	ASK ["optional prompt"],VR\$ -or- ASK "Your Prompt",CRSR,FMT,LEN,VR\$ | | | +-> string Variable | | | +-----> length of input | | +-----> 0=all Chars,1=A-Z,2=0-9 | +-----> 0=No cursor,>32=cursorform +-----> The prompt.	
AT	position the cursor on screen	AT 0,20 - Set the cursor in row 0 and column 20.	
AUTO	automatic line numbering	AUTO 10 Automatically numbers line in increments of ten.	D
BACKUP	Copies all the files on a disk to another disk	BACKUP D0 TO D1 ON U9 Copies disk from drive 0 to drive 1 in disk drive unit 9.	
BEGINBLOCK	Define a Command block. The block executes only if condition is true. (See also ENDBLOCK)	BEGINBLOCK [any condition] :INPUT "ENTER STRING: ";A\$:BEGINBLOCK A\$="E" :PRINT "EXECUTE BLOCK IF A\$<>E" ENDBLOCK	P
BEEP	Sounds a short system beep	BEEP	
BOX	Draws a rectangle	BOX [<color_src>,<left>,<top>[,<right>,<bottom>] [,<angle>[,<fill_flag>]	
CALL	Acts like a GOSUB. A name (max. 16 characters) is used instead of a line number. The goal is the apostrophe with the name. A RETURN jumps back and jumps to the next line.	CALL "TARGET" or T\$="TARGET":CALL T\$ The target looks like this: 'TARGET [Next line...]	

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CATALOG	List the disk directory page by page in a user friendly format for direct cursor position and operation.	CATALOG [U]8...[U]11	
CHAR	Prints string on a screen	CHAR [<color_src>],<left>,<top>,"<string>"[,<reverse_flag>]	
CIRCLE	Draws a circle, ellipse, arc, triangle or an octagon	CIRCLE [<color_src>][,<x>,<y>],<x_radius>[,<y_radius>][,<s_angle>]	
CLOSE	Closes an open logical file	CLOSE <file nr>	
CLR	Erases any variables in memory	CLR	
CLS	Clear the screen and delete all set screen window. SCNCLR cleans only inside a screen window. CLS unset the screen window and clear the hole screen.	CLS	
CMD	Redirects output	CMD <l_file>[,<w_list>]	
COLLECT	Deletes references to improperly closed files	COLLECT D0 ON U8	
COLOR	Assigns a color to the color source	<color_src>,<color>[,<luminance>]	
COPY	Copies a file	COPY [D0,]"FILEOLD" TO [D1,]"FILENEW"[,U9]	
CONT	Re-start the execution of a program that has been stopped	CONT	D
DATA	Declares data items	DATA <item>[[,<item>][,<...>[,<item>]]]	P
DEF FN	Defines a function	DEF FN <fnc_name>(<variable>)=<expression>	P
DELAY	Hold the execution for 1/50 (NTSC:1/60) * N seconds	DELAY [N] N is an 16 bit unsigned integer number	
DELETE	Deletes lines of BASIC text	DELETE [<first_line>][-<last_line>]	
DIM	Presents and reserves memory for an array	DIM [<variable>(<subscripts>)][,<...>]	P
DIRECTORY	Displays a disk directory	DIRECTORY [D0][,U8][,"<file>"] (See CATALOG)	
DLOAD	Loads a program from disk into a memory	DLOAD "<file>"[,<Ddrive>][,<Uunit>]	
DLRUN	Load and run a basic program from disk.	DLRUN "PROGNAME"	
DO	Defines a program loop	DO [UNTIL <bool_arg>|WHILE <bool_arg>] <statements> [EXIT] LOOP [UNTIL <bool_arg>|WHILE <bool_arg>]	P
DRAW	Draws dots, lines, and shapes	DRAW [<color_src>][<x>,<y>][[,<...>][,<x>,<y>]]	
DSAVE	Stores a program on disk	DSAVE "@<file>"[,<Ddrive>][,<Uunit>] @ = OVERWRITE PROGRAM ON DISK	
END	Stops program execution	END	

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ENDBLOCK	Set the end of a BEGINBLOCK (See also BEGINBLOCK)	ENDBLOCK	P
FILES	Read all files from directory and store them into a string array	<pre>FILE V\$(0),I,[U]8 10 cls 20 clr 30 files v\$(0),i,8 40 print "count of files:",i 50 for x=1 to i 60 :print v\$(x) 70 next x</pre>	
FIND	Find BASIC Command or any Text and List line number or BASIC line.	<pre>FIND GOTO,1 - show all lines with the GOTO Command. FIND RETURN - show only line number with RETURN. FIND "AUTOR" - Show all Lines with the text "AUTOR"</pre>	
FOR	Defines a program loop	FOR <loop_var>=<start_val> TO <end_val> [STEP <increment>]	
FRAME	Draw a text frame	FRAME X1,Y1,X2,Y2,FRAME COLOR,FRAME TYPE [0-2],"TEXT"	
GET	Gets data from the keyboard	GET <variable>	
GET#	Gets data from a file or a device	GET# <file>,<variable>	
GETKEY	Gets data from the keyboard	GETKEY <variable>	
GOSUB	Calls a subroutine	GOSUB <line>	
GOTO	Redirects program execution	GOTO <line>	
GRAPHIC	Change the Graphic mode	<pre>GRAPHIC <mode>[,<clr_flag>] 0 normal text 1 high-resolution graphics 2 high-resolution graphics, split screen 3 multicolor graphics 4 multicolor graphics, split screen <clr_flag> - screen clear flag (0=off, 1=on)</pre>	
GSHAPE	Displays a shape on a graphic screen	<pre>GSHAPE <shape>[, [<x>,<y>][,<mode>]] <shape> - string variable containing a shape to be drawn <x> - scaled x coordinate. The default display position is the pixel cursor <y> - scaled y coordinate. The default display position is the pixel cursor</pre>	

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		<pre><mode> - replacement mode (0-4) 0 place shape as is (default) 1 place field inverted shape 2 OR shape with area 3 AND shape with area 4 XOR shape with area</pre>	
HEADER	Formats a disk	HEADER "<diskname>",D<drive>[,I<id>][,ON U<unit>]	
HELP	Displays the erroneous program line	HELP	D
IF	Conditional execution	IF <expression> THEN: <clause> [:ELSE <clause>]	
INPUT	Asks input from the user and stores acquired data	INPUT["<prompt>";]<variable>[,<...>,<variable>] See also ASK	
INPUT#	Reads data from a file or a device	INPUT#<file>,<variable>[,<...>,<variable>]	
KEY	Assigns a string into a function key	KEY [<key>,<string>]	
LET	Let's a var to assign a value	LET var=value (LET is optional)	
LIST	List one, more or all lines of your BASIC program	LIST [<first_line>][-<last_line>]]	
LOAD	Loads a program from storage device into a memory	LOAD ["<file>"[,<device>][,<rel_flag>]]	
LOCATE	Changes graphic pixel cursor position	LOCATE <x>,<y>	
LTRIM	Deletes all spaces at the beginning of a string	LTRIM X\$	
MEMORY	Show used and free memory of the c64.	MEMORY - Shows detail memory of program, vars an arrays MEMORY X - Store free memory to X	
MONITOR	Starts machine language monitor	For detail information see chapter TEDMON	
NEW	Erases BASIC program in memory	NEW	
NEXT	Completes a FOR loop	NEXT [<variable>[,<...>,<variable>]]	
NOTE	Create a One-Pager info side in a editor	<p>NOTE</p> <p>This command will create or modify a short mem. The memo is restricted for one side (40+25 chars) and stored in file named "NOTE.TXT" as SQR file. The file will be create on last use drive. The editor supports the BASIC 4.5 ESC-commands describe on page 24. (The improved BASIC programming Editor). The Editor will be exit with C-following by Q key and finished with the RETURN key.</p>	

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ON	Redirects program execution conditionally	ON <expression> GOSUB <line>[,<...>,<line>] ON <expression> GOTO <line>[,<...>,<line>]																																									
OPEN	Opens a logical file for I/O operations	OPEN <file>[,<device>[,<address>[, "<command>,<type>,<mode>"]]] INPUTS <file> - logical file number for the file to be opened (1-255) <device> - input/output device number <address> - secondary address for device <command> - command for device <type> - file type (prg/seq/rel/usr) <mode> - I/O mode (read/write) Device numbers: 1 Keyboard 3 Screen 4 Printer 8-11 Disk 15 Command channel																																									
PAINT	Fills an area with color	PAINT [<color_src>][, [<x>,<y>][, <mode>]]																																									
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PRINT#	Writes data to a file or a device	PRINT#<file>,<printlist>	
PUDEF	Redefines PRINT USING symbols	PUDEF "<definition>" <definition> - definition string for symbols (from left to right): the first character defines a filler character, the second character defines a comma, the third character defines a decimal point, and the fourth character defines a dollar sign. 10 PUDEF "*" - Prints * in the place of blanks. 20 PUDEF " &" - Prints & in the place of commas. 30 PUDEF " .," - Prints decimal points in the place of commas, and commas in the place of decimal points. 40 PUDEF " .,£" -Prints English pound sign in the place of \$, decimal points in the place of commas, and commas in place of decimal points.	
POKE	Writes a value into a RAM memory	POKE 16Bit memory,8Bit data	
READ	Get information from DATA statements	READ <variable>[,<...>,<variable>]	
REM	Attaches a note to the source code	REM Notes and Text	
RENAME	Renames a file	RENAME [D<drive>,"<old_filename>" TO "<new_filename>"[,U<unit>]	
RENUMBER	Renumbers program lines	RENUMBER [<new_line>[,<increment>[,<start_line>]]]	D
RESTORE	Reset the DATA Pointer (See DATA above) or enable | disable the RESTORE KEY. By disable the key is not able to interrupt a running Program or jumping into the build in Monitor.	RESTORE [ON|OFF]	
RETURN	Returns from a subroutine	RETURN	
RTRIM	Deletes all spaces at the end of a string	A\$="TEXT" " RTRIM A\$:PRINT A\$ Output: "TEXT"	
RUN	Executes a program	RUN [<line>]	
SAVE	Stores program in a storage device	SAVE [<file>[,<device>[,<eot_flag>]]]	
SCALE	Controls bit maps scaling	SCALE 0 1 SCALE 1 - turns scaling on. Coordinates may then be scaled from 0 to 1023 in both x and y rather than the normal scale values, which are:	

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		multicolor mode: x = 0 to 159, y = 0 to 199 high resolution mode: x = 0 to 319, y = 0 to 199	
SCRATCH	Deletes a file from disk	SCRATCH "<file>"[,D<drive>][,U<unit>]	
SCNCLR	Clears the screen	Clears the current screen, whether graphics,text or both.	
SOUND	Produces a sound	SOUND <voice>,<frq_control>,<duration> VOICE No 1-2 sounds square VOICE No 3 sounds noise For more information see chapter Musical note table	
SSHAPE	Saves a rectangular graphic area into a string variable	SSHAPE <shape>,<left>,<top>[,<right>,<bottom>] SSHAPE V\$,0,0 - Saves screen area from the upper left corner to where the cursor is positioned under the name V\$.	
STOP	Stop a running program or enable | disable the STOP KEY	STOP [ON|OFF] STOP OFF - RUN/STOP KEY DISABLED	
SYS	Executes a machine language program	SYS 16Bit Address Parameters can be passed anyway using the following memory locations: 2034 (\$07F4)= Accumulator 2035 (\$07F5)= X register 2036 (\$07F6)= Y register	
TRAP	Turns on or off error interception	TRAP [<line>] <line> - BASIC line number where program execution.	
TROFF	Turns trace mode off	TROFF	
TRON	Turns trace mode on	TRON	
VER	Show version of this BASIC extension	VER	
VERIFY	Checks stored program against the one in memory	VERIFY "<file>"[,<device>[,<rel_flag>]]	
VOL	Sets sound volume level	VOL 0-8	
WAIT	Waits for a change of memory address	WAIT <address>,<ctrl_value1>[,<ctrl_value2>] <address> - memory location to be monitored (0-65535) <ctrl_value1> - first control value (0-255) <ctrl_value2> - second control value (0-255)	
WINDOW	Create a screen section as fix window.	WINDOWS X1,Y1,X2,Y2	

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XOR	8Bit Exclusive OR	XOR X,Y,S XOR 1,1,S -> Result 0 in S XOR 0,1,S -> Result 1 in S XOR 1,0,S -> Result 1 in S XOR 0,0,S -> Result 0 in S	
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* D = only direct Mode, P = only program Mode, blank = both (most cases)

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Functions

Functions	Description	FORMAT	D/P
PI	Returns the value of pi	PI(<dummy>)	
ABS	Returns the magnitude of the numeric value	ABS(<number>)	
ASC	Returns character's ASCII code	ASC(<string>)	
ATN	Returns arctangent	ATN(<number>)	
CHR\$	Returns a character in the base of ASCII code	CHR\$(<ascii_code>)	
COS	Returns cosine value	COS(<angle>)	
DEC	Converts hexadecimal number to decimal	DEC(<HEXSTRING>) (0000-FFFF)	
ERR\$	Returns string describing error condition	ERR\$(<err_condition>)	
EXP	Raises constant e to the given power	EXP(<power>)	
FN	Calls user-defined function	FN<fnc_name>(<number>)	
FREE	Returns the amount of available memory	FREE(Dummy)	
HEX\$	Converts a decimal number into a hexadecimal one	HEX\$(<number>)	
INSTR	Searches for a substring	INSTR(<string_1>,<string_2>[,<start_pos>])	
INT	Extracts the integer portion of a decimal number	INT(<number>)	
JOY	Polls joystick port	JOY(<port>)	
LEFT\$	Strips string from the right	LEFT\$(<string>,<length>)	
LEN	Returns the number of characters in the string	LEN(<string>)	
LOG	Returns the natural log of the given number	LOG(<number>)	
MID\$	Returns a substring	MID\$(<string>,<start_pos>,<length>)	
PEEK	Gives contents of memory location (8Bit)	PEEK(<address>)	
POS	Current cursor x position	POS(<dummy>)	
RCLR	Returns color source's current color	RCLR(<color_src>) 0 - background 1 - foreground 2 - multicolor 1 3 - multicolor 2 4 - border	
RDOT	Returns information about the current PC location	RDOT(<info_flag>) 0 - current pixel cursor x position 1 - current pixel cursor y position 2 - color source used at current PC position	

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RGR	Returns current graphic mode	RGR(<dummy>)	
RIGHT\$	Strips string from the left	RIGHT\$(<string>,<length>)	
RLUM	Returns color source's current luminance	RLUM(<color_src>) -> Returns current luminance: 0-7 0 - background 1 - foreground 2 - multicolor 1 3 - multicolor 2 4 - border	
RND	Generates a random number	RND(<seed>)	
SGN	Returns number's sign	SGN(<number>) +1 if <number> is positive 0 if <number> is zero -1 if <number> is negative	
SIN	Returns sine value	SIN(<angle>)	
SPC	Skips over spaces	SPC(<Number of spaces>)	
SQR	Returns the square root	SQR(<number>)	
STR\$	Converts number into a string	STR\$(<number>)	
TAB	Sets cursor's x position	TAB(<column>)	
TAN	Returns tangent value	TAN(<angle>)	
USR	Executes a machine language program with a parameter	USR(<parameter>)	
VAL	Converts string into a number	VAL(<string>)	

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Operators

Operators	Description
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division
^	raising to a power (exponentiation); ^ = up arrow
=	equal to
<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	less than or equal to
>=	greater than or equal to
<>	not equal to
><	not equal to
AND	Boolean AND
NOT	Boolean NOT
OR	Boolean OR

Reserved Variables

There are seven variable names which are reserved for use by the computer, and may not be used for another purpose.

Variables	Description
DS	Disk drive's status in numbers
DS\$	Disk drive's status in words
EL	Last error line
ER	Stores error condition number (See BASIC Error Messages)
ST	ST is a status variable for input / output. The value depends on the results of the last input/output operation.
TI	Clock value in 1/60 in a seconds
TI\$	Current time in format of "HHMMSS"

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BASIC Error Messages

These error messages are printed by BASIC. You can also PRINT the messages through the use of the ERR\$ function.

Error number	Message	Description
1	TOO MANY FILES	There is a limit of 10 files OPEN at one time.
2	FILE OPEN	An attempt was made to open a file using the number of an already open file.
3	FILE NOT OPEN	The file number specified in an I/O statement must be opened before use.
4	FILE NOT FOUND	No file with that name exists (disk).
5	DEVICE NOT PRESENT	The required I/O device not available.
6	NOT INPUT FILE	An attempt made to GET or INPUT data from a file that was specified as output only.
7	NOT OUTPUT FILE	An attempt made to send data to a file that was specified as input only.
8	MISSING FILE NAME	An OPEN, LOAD, or SAVE to the disk generally requires a file name.
9	ILLEGAL DEVICE NUMBER	An attempt made to use a device improperly (SAVE to the screen, etc.).
10	NEXT WITHOUT FOR	Either loops are nested incorrectly, or there is a variable name in a NEXT statement that does not correspond with one in a FOR.
11	SYNTAX ERROR	A statement is unrecognizable by BASIC. This could be because of missing or extra parenthesis, misspelled keyword, etc.
12	RETURN WITHOUT GOSUB	A RETURN statement encountered when no GOSUB statement was active.
13	OUT OF DATA	A READ statement encountered, without data left unREAD.
14	ILLEGAL QUANTITY	A number used as the argument of a function or statement is outside the allowable range.
15	OVERFLOW	The result of a computation is larger than the largest number allowed (1.701411833E+38).
16	OUT OF MEMORY	Either there is no more room for program and program variables, or here are too many DO, FOR, or GOSUB statements in effect.
17	UNDEF'D STATEMENT	A line number referenced does not exist in the program.

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18	BAD SUBSCRIPT	The program tried to reference an element of an array out of the range specified by the DIM statement.
19	REDIM'D ARRAY	An array can only be DIMensioned once. If an array is referenced before that array is DIM'd, an automatic DIM (to 10) is performed.
20	DIVISION BY ZERO	Division by zero is not allowed.
21	ILLEGAL DIRECT	INPUT or GET statements are only allowed within a program.
22	TYPE MISMATCH	This occurs when a number is used in place of a string or vice-versa.
23	STRING TOO LONG	A string can contain up to 255 characters.
24	FILE DATA	Bad data read from a tape.
25	FORMULA TOO COMPLEX	Simplify the expression (break into two parts or use fewer parentheses).
26	CAN'T CONTINUE	The CONT command does not work if the program was not RUN, there was an error, or a line has been edited.
27	UNDEF'D FUNCTION	A user defined function referenced that was never defined.
28	VERIFY	The program on tape or disk does not match the program in memory.
29	LOAD	There was a problem loading. Try again.
30	BREAK	The stop key was hit to halt program execution.
31	CAN'T RESUME	A RESUME statement encountered without TRAP statement in effect.
32	LOOP NOT FOUND	The program has encountered a DO statement and cannot find the corresponding LOOP.
33	LOOP WITHOUT DO	LOOP encountered without a DO statement active.
34	DIRECT MODE ONLY	This command is allowed only in direct mode, not from a program.
35	NO GRAPHICS AREA	A command (DRAW, BOX, etc.) to create graphics encountered before the GRAPHIC command was executed.
36	BAD DISK	An attempt failed to HEADER a disk, because the quick header method (no ID) was attempted on an unformatted disk, or the disk is bad.

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DISK Error Messages

Error number	Message	Description
20	Block header not found.	The disk controller is unable to locate the header of the requested data block. Caused by an illegal sector number, or the header has been destroyed.
21	No sync character.	The disk controller is unable to detect a sync mark on the desired track. Caused by misalignment of the read/write head, no disk is present, or unformatted or improperly seated disk. Can also indicate a hardware failure.
22	Data block not present.	The disk controller has been requested to read or verify a data block that was not properly written. This error message occurs in conjunction with the BLOCK commands and indicates an illegal track and/or sector request.
23	Checksum error in data block.	This error message indicates that there is an error in one or more of the data types. The data has been read into the DOS memory, but the checksum over the data is in error. This message may also indicate grounding problems.
24	Byte decoding error.	The data or header has been read into the DOS memory, but a hardware error has been created due to an invalid bit pattern in the data byte. This message may also indicate grounding problems.
25	Write-verify error.	This message is generated if the controller detects a mismatch between the written data and the data in the DOS memory.
26	WRITE PROTECT ON	This message is generated when the controller has been requested to write a data block while the write protect switch is depressed. Typically, this is caused by using a disk with a write protect tab over the notch.
27	Checksum error in header.	The controller has detected an error in the header of the requested data block. The block has not been read into the DOS memory. This message may also indicate grounding problems.
28	Too long data block.	The controller attempts to detect the sync mark of the next header after writing a data block. If the sync mark does not appear within a pre-determined time, the error message is generated. The error is caused by a bad disk format (the data extends into the next block), or by hardware failure.

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29	DISK ID MISMATCH	This message is generated when the controller has been requested to access a disk which has not been initialized. The message can also occur if a disk has a bad header.
30	Error in general syntax.	The DOS cannot interpret the command sent to the command channel.
31	Invalid command.	The DOS does not recognize the command. The command must start in the first position.
32	Invalid command.	The command sent is longer than 58 characters.
33	Invalid file name.	Pattern matching is invalidly used in the OPEN or SAVE command.
34	SYNTAX ERROR	No file given. The file name was left out of a command or the DOS does not recognize it as such. Typically, a colon (:) has been left out of the command.
39	Invalid command.	This error may result if the command sent to command channel (secondary address 15) is unrecognized by the DOS.
50	RECORD NOT PRESENT	Result of disk reading past the last record through INPUT#, or GET# commands. This message will also occur after positioning to a record beyond end of file in a relative file. If the intent is to expand the file by adding the new record (with a PRINT# command), the error message may be ignored. INPUT or GET should not be attempted after this error is detected without first repositioning.
51	OVERFLOW IN RECORD	PRINT# statement exceeds record boundary. Information is truncated. Since the carriage return which is sent as a record terminator is counted in the record size, this message will occur if the total characters in the record (including the final carriage return) exceeds the defined size.
52	FILE TOO LARGE	Record position within a relative file indicates that disk overflow will result.
60	WRITE FILE OPEN	This message is generated when a write file that has not been closed is being opened for reading.
61	FILE NOT OPEN	This message is generated when a file is being accessed that has not been opened in the DOS. Sometimes, in this case, a message is not generated; the request simply ignored.
62	FILE NOT FOUND	The requested file does not exist on the indicated drive.
63	FILE EXISTS	The file name of the file being created already exists on the disk.
64	FILE TYPE MISMATCH	The file type does not match the file type in the directory entry for the requested file.

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65	NO BLOCK	This message occurs in conjunction with the B-A command. It indicates that the block to be allocated has been previously allocated. The parameters indicate the track and sector available with the next highest number. If the parameters are zero (0), then all blocks higher in number are in use.
66	ILLEGAL TRACK AND SECTOR	The DOS has attempted to access a track or block which does not exist in the format being used. This may indicate a problem reading the pointer to the next block.
67	ILLEGAL SYSTEM T OR S	This special error message indicates an illegal system track or sector.
70	NO CHANNEL	The requested channel is not available, or all channels are in use. A maximum of five sequential files may be opened at one time to the DOS. Direct access channels may have six opened files.
71	DIRECTORY ERROR	The BAM (Block Availability Map) does not match the internal count. There is a problem in the BAM allocation or the BAM has been overwritten in DOS memory. To correct this problem reinitialize the disk to restore the BAM in memory. Some active files may be terminated by the corrective action.
72	DISK FULL	Either the blocks on the disk are used or the directory is at its entry limit. DISK FULL is sent when two blocks are available on the 1541 to allow the current file to be closed.
73	DOS MISMATCH	DOS 1 and 2 are read compatible but not write compatible. Disks may be interchangeably read with either DOS, but a disk formatted on one version cannot be written upon with the other version because the format is different. This error is displayed whenever an attempt is made to write upon a disk which has been formatted in a non-compatible format. (A utility routine is available to assist in converting from one format to another.) This message may also appear after power up.

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PETascii codes

Block 1			Block 2			Block 3			Block 4		
DEC	HEX	PETSCII	DEC	HEX	PETSCII	DEC	HEX	PETSCII	DEC	HEX	PETSCII
0	\$00		32	\$20	space	64	\$40	@	96	\$60	
1	\$01		33	\$21	!	65	\$41	a	97	\$61	
2	\$02		34	\$22	"	66	\$42	b	98	\$62	
3	\$03	stop	35	\$23	#	67	\$43	c	99	\$63	
4	\$04		36	\$24	\$	68	\$44	d	100	\$64	
5	\$05	white	37	\$25	%	69	\$45	e	101	\$65	
6	\$06		38	\$26	&	70	\$46	f	102	\$66	
7	\$07		39	\$27	'	71	\$47	g	103	\$67	
8	\$08	lock	40	\$28	(	72	\$48	h	104	\$68	
9	\$09	unlock	41	\$29	)	73	\$49	i	105	\$69	
10	\$0A		42	\$2A	*	74	\$4A	j	106	\$6A	
11	\$0B		43	\$2B	+	75	\$4B	k	107	\$6B	
12	\$0C		44	\$2C	,	76	\$4C	l	108	\$6C	
13	\$0D	car ret	45	\$2D	-	77	\$4D	m	109	\$6D	
14	\$0E	text	46	\$2E	.	78	\$4E	n	110	\$6E	
15	\$0F		47	\$2F	/	79	\$4F	o	111	\$6F	
16	\$10		48	\$30	0	80	\$50	p	112	\$70	
17	\$11	cur down	49	\$31	1	81	\$51	q	113	\$71	
18	\$12	reverse	50	\$32	2	82	\$52	r	114	\$72	
19	\$13	cur home	51	\$33	3	83	\$53	s	115	\$73	
20	\$14	delete	52	\$34	4	84	\$54	t	116	\$74	
21	\$15		53	\$35	5	85	\$55	u	117	\$75	
22	\$16		54	\$36	6	86	\$56	v	118	\$76	
23	\$17		55	\$37	7	87	\$57	w	119	\$77	
24	\$18		56	\$38	8	88	\$58	x	120	\$78	
25	\$19		57	\$39	9	89	\$59	y	121	\$79	
26	\$1A		58	\$3A	:	90	\$5A	z	122	\$7A	
27	\$1B		59	\$3B	;	91	\$5B	[	123	\$7B	
28	\$1C	red	60	\$3C	<	92	\$5C	£	124	\$7C	
29	\$1D	cur right	61	\$3D	=	93	\$5D	]	125	\$7D	
30	\$1E	green	62	\$3E	>	94	\$5E	↑	126	\$7E	
31	\$1F	blue	63	\$3F	?	95	\$5F	←	127	\$7F	

Block 5			Block 6			Block 7			Block 8		
DEC	HEX	PETSCII	DEC	HEX	PETSCII	DEC	HEX	PETSCII	DEC	HEX	PETSCII
128	\$80		160	\$A0	☐	192	\$C0	☐	224	\$E0	
129	\$81	orange	161	\$A1	▣	193	\$C1	A	225	\$E1	
130	\$82		162	\$A2	▤	194	\$C2	B	226	\$E2	
131	\$83	load & run	163	\$A3	▥	195	\$C3	C	227	\$E3	
132	\$84		164	\$A4	▦	196	\$C4	D	228	\$E4	
133	\$85	F1	165	\$A5	▧	197	\$C5	E	229	\$E5	
134	\$86	F3	166	\$A6	▨	198	\$C6	F	230	\$E6	
135	\$87	F5	167	\$A7	▩	199	\$C7	G	231	\$E7	
136	\$88	F7	168	\$A8	▪	200	\$C8	H	232	\$E8	
137	\$89	F2	169	\$A9	▫	201	\$C9	I	233	\$E9	
138	\$8A	F4	170	\$AA	▬	202	\$CA	J	234	\$EA	
139	\$8B	F6	171	\$AB	▭	203	\$CB	K	235	\$EB	
140	\$8C	F8	172	\$AC	▮	204	\$CC	L	236	\$EC	
141	\$8D	car ret	173	\$AD	▯	205	\$CD	M	237	\$ED	
142	\$8E	graphics	174	\$AE	▰	206	\$CE	N	238	\$EE	
143	\$8F		175	\$AF	▱	207	\$CF	O	239	\$EF	
144	\$90	black	176	\$B0	▲	208	\$D0	P	240	\$F0	
145	\$91	cur up	177	\$B1	△	209	\$D1	Q	241	\$F1	
146	\$92	rvs off	178	\$B2	▴	210	\$D2	R	242	\$F2	
147	\$93	clear	179	\$B3	▵	211	\$D3	S	243	\$F3	
148	\$94	insert	180	\$B4	▶	212	\$D4	T	244	\$F4	
149	\$95	brown	181	\$B5	▷	213	\$D5	U	245	\$F5	
150	\$96	lt. red	182	\$B6	▸	214	\$D6	V	246	\$F6	
151	\$97	dk. grey	183	\$B7	▹	215	\$D7	W	247	\$F7	
152	\$98	md. grey	184	\$B8	►	216	\$D8	X	248	\$F8	
153	\$99	lt. green	185	\$B9	▻	217	\$D9	Y	249	\$F9	
154	\$9A	lt. blue	186	\$BA	▼	218	\$DA	Z	250	\$FA	
155	\$9B	lt. grey	187	\$BB	▽	219	\$DB	☒	251	\$FB	
156	\$9C	purple	188	\$BC	▾	220	\$DC	☓	252	\$FC	
157	\$9D	cur left	189	\$BD	▿	221	\$DD	☔	253	\$FD	
158	\$9E	yellow	190	\$BE	▹	222	\$DE	☕	254	\$FE	
159	\$9F	cyan	191	\$BF	▸	223	\$DF	☖	255	\$FF	

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Musical note table

A - sound register value 7 use the 7 as a second number after the SOUND command - SOUND 1,7,30.

NOTE	REGISTER (PAL)	REGISTER (NTSC)	FREQUENCY (Hz)	NOTE	REGISTER (PAL)	REGISTER (NTSC)	FREQUENCY (Hz)
A	7	7	110.0	#F	873	873	740.0
#A	64	64	116.6	G	881	881	784.0
H	118	118	123.5	#G	889	889	830.7
C	169	169	130.9	A	897	897	880.0
#C	217	217	138.6	#A	904	904	932.4
D	262	262	146.9	H	911	911	987.8
#D	305	305	155.6	C	917	917	1046.6
E	345	345	164.9	#C	923	923	1108.8
F	383	383	174.7	D	929	929	1174.7
#F	419	419	185.0	#D	934	934	1244.6
G	453	453	196.0	E	939	939	1318.6
#G	485	485	207.7	F	944	944	1397.0
A	516	516	220.0	#F	948	948	1480.0
#A	544	544	233.1	G	953	953	1568.0
H	571	571	247.0	#G	957	957	1661.3
C	596	597	261.7	A	960	960	1760.0
#C	620	621	277.2	#A	964	964	1864.7
D	643	643	293.7	H	967	967	1975.6
#D	664	665	311.2	C	971	971	2093.0
E	685	685	329.7	#C	974	974	2217.5
F	704	704	349.3	D	976	976	2349.4
#F	722	722	370.0	#D	979	979	2489.1
G	739	739	392.0	E	982	982	2637.1
#G	755	755	415.4	F	984	984	2793.9
A	770	770	440.0	#F	986	986	2960.0
#A	784	784	466.2	G	988	988	3136.0
H	798	798	493.9	F	864	864	698.5
C	810	810	523.3	E	854	854	659.3
#C	822	822	554.4	#D	844	844	622.3
D	834	834	587.4				

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Special particularities of BASIC 4.5

After BASIC 4.5 has started, it is checked whether a program with the name "BOOT" is on drive 0, unit 8. If so, it will be loaded and executed.

If a RTC module DS12C887 with base address \$DE00 is present, then BASIC 4.5 will set TI and TI\$ automatically after each start process.

The "IF THEN" problem

Please use a colon (:) after each THEN to prevent a SYNTAX ERROR. That means:

NO: -> IF A=1 THEN CLS This occurs a SYNTAX ERROR

YES: -> IF A=1 THEN: CLS That's working perfect.

Usually a colon can always be placed after a THEN

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TEDMON

After the start is shown this message:

```
   pc  sr ac xr yr sp  nv-bdizc
; 0000 31 20 28 06 f5  00110001
```

The first line names the CPU registers and the second shows their current content. The abbreviations in the register line mean:

- PC: **P**rogram **C**ounter; memory address of the next assembler command
- SR: Content of **S**tatus **R**egister
- AC: Content of **A**Ccumulator
- XR: Content of **X**-index **R**egister
- YR: Content of **Y**-index **R**egister
- SP: Content of **S**tack **P**ointer
- IRQ: **I**nterrupt **v**ector

The following commands can be used:

- **A** - Assemble a mnemonics line into machine code.
 - **A** <address> <command> [<operand>]
- **B** - Bank toggle ROM and RAM view for memory dump and disassembler.
 - **B**[:VIEW TO RAM | ROM]
- **C** - Compare two memory areas and displays the difference.
 - **C** <start address> <end address> <start address for comparing>
- **D** - Disassemble a machine code line into mnemonics.
 - **D** [<start address > [<end address>]]
- **F** - Fill up a memory area with the given byte.
 - **F** <start address> <end address> <Byte>

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- **G** - **Go** to the memory address, also start a machine code program at the inputed memory address.
 - **G** <address>
- **H** - **Hunt** a memory area - Durchsucht Speicherbereich nach einen bestimmten Wert und zeigte alle gefundenen Speicherstellen an
 - **H** <start address> <end address> <datas> (datas are hexadecimal numbers separated with empty spaces and strings separated with the prefix apostrophe (').)
- **L** - **Load** a file from disk or datasette into the memory.
 - **L** "<filename>",<device number (\$1-\$F)>,<load memory address at C128>
- **M** - **Memory** is showing in hexadecimal numbers and values.
 - **M** [<start address> [<end address>]] (by using this command without addresses the first 12 lines are shown.)
- **R** - **Registers** is shown again.
- **S** - **Save** the inputed memory area into a file on disk or datasette.
 - **S** "<file name>",<device number>,<start address>,<end address+1>
- **T** - **Transfer** or copy a memory area into another.
 - **T** <start address> <end address> <destination address>
- **V** - **Verify** a saved file on disk or datasette with the memory area.
 - **V** "<file name>",<device number (\$1-\$F)>,<start address>
- **X** - **eXit** TEDMON into BASIC direct mode.
- **>** - **Modify** one until eight bytes in a memory address (after M command).
 - **>** <address> <byte1> <byte2> ... <byte8>
- **.** - Works same like the A command
- **;** - **Change** the register content (after R command)

TEDMON hasn't a input prompt! Only a blinking cursor is shown that the machine code monitor is ready.
If a wrong input is done (unknown command) a question remark **?** appears.

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The improved BASIC programming Editor

The BASIC Editor has some improved functions to edit your program code.

Editor shortcuts:	The scrolling functions for BASIC code lines:
Cancel quote and insert mode Cancel started Esc code	This useful function will be scrolling your code over your screen.
Erase to end of current line Erase to start of current line	The cursor down or cursor up shows the BASIC lines. If the listing is more than 24 lines, it will automatically scroll up or down the code lines.
Move to start of current line Move to end of current line	
Enable auto-insert mode Disable auto insert mode	
Delete current line Insert line	
Enable scrolling Disable scrolling	
Scroll up Scroll down (It is useful with the WINDOW command. See page 9)	
Set bottom of screen window	
Set top of screen window	
Set window to full screen minus 1 and clear	
Set window to full screen and clear screen	

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BASIC 4.5 storage locations

The most important storage locations

0000-00d8	as in Basic v2	02c8-02c9	COS(angle)
00d9-00da	Pointer: Color RAM for the current line	02ca-02cb	angular distance
00db-00dc	Pointer: FlashRAM for the current line	02cd	Beginning of the number string (USING)
00dd-00de	auxiliary pointers for screen scrolling etc.	02ce	End of the number string
00df	color parameters for graphic commands	02cf	dollar flag
00e0-00e1	Pointer to bitmap for graphics commands	02d0	comma flag
00e2-00e5	temporarily for Basic commands	02d1	counter
00e6	Value of the PCR with I/O-RAM	02d2	exponent, sign
00e7	Value of the PCR with RAM (for editor)	02d3	pointer to exponent
00e8	current graphics mode	02d4	places of the decimal point in the number string
00e9	Flag: program is running (> 127 = yes)	02d5	adjustment flag
00ea	Flag: Flashing allowed (0 = yes)	02d6	digits before the decimal point in the format string
00eb-00ef	not used	02d7	decimal places in the format string
00f0	Flag: CTRL-S printed (0 = no)	02d8	Sign flag in the format string
00f1-00f2	Pointer: Monitor address	02d9	exponent flag
00f3-00f4	Pointer: Monitor address	02db	character counter
00f5-00f6	Pointer: Keyboard table	02dc	Sign flag in the number string
00f7-00f8	Pointer: RS232 input buffer (\$0600)	02dd	Flag for >> * << and full characters
00f9-00fa	Pointer: RS232 output buffer (\$0500)	02de	pointer: start of field
00fb-00fe	not used	02df	Length of the format string
00ff	FLPT string conversion	02e0	Pointer: end of field
0100-02a1	as in Basic v2	02e4	Pointer to character set (high) for CHAR
02ad-02ae	last graphic position x	02e5	temporarily for GSHAPE
02af-02b0	last graphic position y	02e6	Flag: SCALE (0 = off)
02b1-02b2	target coordinate x	02e7	Flag: WIDTH (double pixel size; 0 = no)
02b3-02b4	target coordinate y	02e8	Flag: fill BOX
02b5-02b6	ABS(x)	02e9	temporarily for bit mask
02b7-02b8	ABS(y)	02ea	string length
02b9-02ba	SGN(x)	02eb	Flag: TRACE (0 = off)
02bb-02bc	SGN(y)	02ef	temporarily for graphics
02bd-02c4	different pointers for graphics routines	02f1	Flag: parameter relative or absolute (= 0)
02c5	angle, sign	02f2	current background color (including luminance)
02c6-02c7	SIN(angle)	02f3	dot color for graphics

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02f4	multicolor 1	04f4	temporarily for error handling
02f5	multicolor 2	04f5-04f6	temporarily for TRAP
02f6	frame color	04f7	Stack pointer before fault
02f7	temporarily for X-reg. (B.editor)	04f8-04f9	DO address
02f8	temporarily for flash code (B.editor)	04fa-04fb	DO line number
02f9	last graphic column (39)	04fc-04fd	pitch / length low
02fa	last graphic line (24)	04fe-04ff	pitch / length high
02fb	temporarily for X-Reg. (Monitor)	0500	buffer for RS232 (output)
0300-03ff	as in Basic V2, but vectors changed	0508	Flag: RAM initialized (\$a5 = yes)
0400-043f	buffer for monitor	0509-0521	Table: Screen line addresses (low)
0400-040f	Filename 1 for DOS	0522-053a	Table: Screen line addresses (high)
0410-0413	Pointer: Filename 1/2	053c	Flag: Output flashing characters (0 = no)
0414-0415	length of filename 1/2	054b-055c	Monitor work area
0416-0417	number of drive 1/2	055d	Counter for function keys
0418-0419	ID byte 2, 1	055e	Pointers for function keys
041a	Flag: ID specified	055f-0556	Length of the function key strings
041b	buffer for command string	0567-05f0	Memory for function key strings
0450	Length of DS \$ (0: DS \$ not in memory)	0600-0700	buffer for RS232 (input)
0451-0478	DS \$	07e5-07e8	lower, upper, left, right edge of windows
0479-047a	Step size for AUTO (0 = Off)	07e9	Flag: Scrolling (bit 7) and line linking (6)
047b	Flag: Graphics area reserved (0 = no)	each:	0 = allowed
047c	Flag: HELP	07ea	Flag: Auto insert (0 = off)
0480-0498	Row link table	07eb	last character output
04e7-04ea	characters for USING (PUDEF)	07ec-07ed	temporarily for screen editor
04eb-04ee	temporarily for INSTR	07f7	Flag: CTRL-S (0 = allowed)
04ef	last error number	07f8	memory view for monitor (0 = ROM, 128 = RAM)
04f0-04f1	error line number	07fd	auxiliary counter for system clock TI\$
04f2-04f3	TRAP line number		

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BASIC 4.5 vector map

List of changed vectors

Vector	V2.0 (*)	V3.5 (**)	V4.5 (***)	Description
\$28F - \$290	\$EB48	\$CA18	SE_GETKEY	Vector: Key table
\$300 - \$301	\$E38B	\$C2F2	\$C2F2	Vector: error messages
\$302 - \$303	\$A483	\$C43C	\$C43C	Vector: Execution address of BASIC idle loop
\$304 - \$305	\$A57C	\$C494	MYTOKENIZER	Vector: text to token (tokenizer)
\$306 - \$307	\$A71A	\$C533	MYDETOKENIZER	Vector: token to text (de-tokenizer)
\$308 - \$309	\$A7E4	\$C3A1	MYDISPATCH	Vector: exec next statement (token dispatcher)
\$30A - \$30B	\$AE86	\$C5D7	\$C5D7	Vector: evaluate next term
\$314 - \$315	\$EA31	\$C160	\$C160	Vector: hardware interrupt (<u>IRQ</u>)
\$316 - \$317	\$FE66	\$C070	BRKHANDLER	Vector: <u>BRK</u> -interrupt
\$318 - \$319	\$FE47	\$C160	RESTOREHANDLER	Vector: non maskable interrupt (<u>NMI</u>)
\$31A - \$31B	\$F34A	\$CCB7	\$CCB7	Vector: KERNAL OPEN (F40A)(F34A)
\$31C - \$31D	\$F291	\$CC8D	\$CC8D	Vector: KERNAL CLOSE
\$324 - \$325	\$F157	\$CB58	\$CB58	Vector: KERNAL CHRIN routine; INPUT
\$326 - \$327	\$F1CA	\$CBE7	\$CBE7	Vector: KERNAL CHROUT routine
\$32A - \$32B	\$F13E	\$CA85	\$CA85	Vector: KERNAL GETIN routine; GET
\$32E - \$32F	\$FE66	\$C070	\$C070	Vector: Vector to User-Defined Command. Currently: wart start
\$330 - \$331	\$F49E	\$CC10	\$CC10	Vector: KERNAL LOAD-Routine / RAM LOAD (F4A5)
\$332 - \$333	\$F5DD	\$CD80	\$CD80	Vector: KERNAL SAVE-Routine / RAM SAVE (F5ED)

*: V2.0 Kernal Version / **: Version by M. Schimek / ***: Version by DG5KR

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BASIC 4.5 Tokenlist

All BASIC 4.5 Token are 2 Byte tokens. The "Mastertoken" is 7F.

Keyword	Token	Keyword	Token
AT	7F 01	RESTORE	7F 0F
CLS	7F 02	RTRIM	7F 10
NOTE	7F 03	LTRIM	7F 11
VERSION	7F 04	XOR	7F 12
FRAME	7F 05	'	7F 13
CATALOG	7F 06	DELAY	7F 14
MEMORY	7F 07	BEEP	7F 15
STOP	7F 08	CALL	7F 16
WINDOW	7F 09	JUMP	7F 17
DLRUN	7F 0A	ASK	7F 18
FIND	7F 0B	TEST (for debugging only)	7F 19
FILES	7F 0C	n/a (for future use)	7F 1A
BEGINBLOCK	7F 0D	n/a (for future use)	7F 1B
ENDBLOCK	7F 0E	n/a (for future use)	7F 1C

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Keyword	Description