|  | "PURGE" <br> By Eric Henneke <br> 2021 BASIC 10-Liner <br> PUR-80 <br> Atari BASIC |  |
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| L\# | Code | Documentation / Explanation |
| 0 |  | Calling Graphics 8 clears a huge swath of memory from $\$ 8100$ to $\$ 9 F 87$ which is a fast efficient way to initialize a lot of memory. Then Graphics 28 sets the actual mode used for the game (Graphics 12 with no text window). By setting DIM H\$(1) as the very first string variable we can then do math from there to assure other strings are located at specific memory locations. Next V\$ is Dimensioned as V\$(33824-ADR(H\$)) which assures that no matter where H\$ is located, we know V\$ will end at $33824(\$ 8420)$, and the next variable, A\$, will always start at $33825(\$ 8421)$. And since A $\$$ is 1024 bytes it means F\$ always starts at 34849(\$8821). |
|  | :A=ADR (A\$) : $\mathrm{F} \cdot \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{A}-7 \mathrm{THOA}-4$ | A is assigned the address of A\$. For/next loop is started (described on next line) |
| 1 | POKEI, 90 : POKEI+U, 90 :N. I : REAADB, HS , AS :FS=AS : $\mathrm{C}=40: \mathrm{U}=880$ | The logic inside this for/next populates 4 bytes starting at 33818(\$841A) with that value 90 . Later we will redefine the character set by pointing to $\$ 8400$, so by changing bytes at $\$ 841$ A we are redefining the 3rd character of the characterset(ATASCII 39). The loop also populates 4 bytes starting one page higher at 34832(\$881A) because we will be flipping between two character sets for animation during the main loop execution, but we want the 3rd character to be the same all of the time (because this character is used to draw the energy status bar). <br> After the for/next loop completes, a Read is used to populate B and H\$ with constant values from the Data on line 4, then A\$ is loaded with a very long string of 46 ATASCII characters from the Data on Line 8 which will be used to redefine a portion of the character set. $\mathrm{F} \$$ is then assigned the value of $A \$$ as well. Then G and U are assigned constant values. |
|  |  | F $\$(32$ ) assigns a string of 16 characters starting at the 32 nd bytes inside of $\mathbf{F}$, by doing this we leave the first 31 bytes as-is. The result is $F \$$ now contains 47 bytes, with the first 31 being the same as $A \$$ and the last 16 bytes being different than $A \$$. This creates the differences in the two character sets that will be flipped between during the mainloop for the animation. |
| 2 | V\$=" ":V\$ (U)="":V\$(2)=V\$:T=T+6: $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{L}=0 \mathrm{TO1}: \mathrm{F} \cdot \mathrm{I}=1 \mathrm{TOT}$ | Line 2 initializes a new wave. First clear out all 880 bytes of V\$. Tis incremented by 6 (this controls how many Orbs will populate the wave. Then there are two nested For/next loops. The outer loop runs twice (once to place the Blockers and a second time to place the Orbs). The logic inside the For/Next loop described on next row... |
|  | : R=RND (0) *878+2 : $\left.\left.\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{V} \$(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R})={ }^{\prime \prime}\right): \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{V} \$(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R})={ }^{\prime \prime}\right)$ | The logic inside this for/next loop generates a random value (between 2 and 880 ) for each Orb that will be populated for the new wave. (See more on this logic in next line) |
| 3 | V\$ (R,R)=CHRS (G+L) : N. I : N. L : V | Then V\$ is populated at each of those random locations characters representing Orbs or Blockers. The first time the loop runs $\mathrm{L}=0$ and G is a constant value of 40 , so CHR $\$(40)$ is populated in each V $\$$ location (Char 40 is the Orbs) and the 2 nd time the loop runs L=1 so CHR\$(41) is populated in each V\$ location (Char 41 is the Blockers). If that location of V \$ is already populated with right_parenthesis (CHR\$ 41) it means a Blocker was already placed there so the loop counter I is decremented by -1 which forces the loop to generate an additional random number by repeating that iteration of the for/next loop. This way the proper number of Orbs will be populated for the wave even if the random numbers occasionally land on a position already populated by a Blocker. When the nested for/next loops are completed, the last location populated at $\mathrm{V} \$(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R})$ is changed to H\$ which has a constant string value of inverse_rigtht_parenthesis (CHR\$ 169) which represents the special Pink Leader Orb. |
|  | : P=P+6+T/G: $\mathrm{I}=\mathrm{P}-3: \mathrm{V}=0: \mathrm{W}=0: \mathrm{D}=0: \mathrm{D}=0$ | P is incremented by 6 (this controls how much energy you start each wave with) as well as a calculation to give a little extra starting energy progressively with each higher wave. I is updated to P-3 which is used later during the main loop. Some other variables are set to zero to initialize. |



| 7 |  | This is where the Trap 4 statement near the end of Line 4 becomes important to the logic flow...that Trap 4 remains active during the main loop execution and serves as a controlled branch operation when an (intentional) Error will be forced if the player's coordinates move off the edge of the screen. The Locate is used to see what, if anything, is in the $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ location the player is about to occupy and the value is assigned to $Z$. The IF is used to check $Z$ to see if it is equal 40 which would mean the player has run into a Blocker (Blocker is represented by character 40 which is a left parenthesis). If $Z$ is NOT 40 , then Color is set to value $C$ (which was determined on Line 6). Then the $X$ and $Y$ values are updated with from temp variables $M$ and $N$ (these are the coordinates of the player's ship) before Plotting the $X, Y$ on the screen to display the Player ship in its new location. If X or Y is a value outside of the screen boundaries this would normally cause an error, but the Trap will instead redirect the program flow to Line 4, otherwise program flow continues. Color is set to 32 (which is a blank character on Graphics 12 screen) before Plotting V,W which will erase the old Player ship location. |
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|  | : $\mathrm{IFZ} \times 40 \mathrm{THIENL}=\mathrm{L}+1$ : $\mathrm{IFL}=\mathrm{T}+2 \mathrm{THIEN2}$ | If $Z$ is $>40$ it means that an Orb has been eliminated (regular Orbs are character 41 and Pink Orb is 169 ) so $L$ is increased by +1 (L tracks how many Orbs have already been eliminated within the current wave). Finally, if $\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{T}+2$ it means all the Orbs have been eliminated and the next wave is initialized by branching to Line 2 . |
| 8 | $J=1+(J<4) * J: P=P-.03: P L . P, B: G .5$ | The value of $J$ is updated based on it's current value. If $J$ is $<4$ then it will be incremented by +1 , but if $J$ is already $=4$ then $J$ will be set to 1 . Therefore, each loop execution will increment $J$ from $1,2,3,4$ and then back to 1 (this is used in the Poke on Line 5 to point to the proper characterset data to animate the Orbs). P is the energy tracker and here it is decremented by 0.03 , this makes the energy slowly deplete with each main loop iteration. Then the Plot P,B (where B is set to 23) will erase the end of the energy status bar at bottom of the screen (this is because Color is still set to 32 at this point from when it was set in Line 7). By decrementing P by 0.03 each loop, it means one "block" of the energy status bar goes away every 33 main loop iterations. |
|  |  | The remaining space at the end of Line 8 holds a Data statement with string data that is used to initialize A\$, which is used in the characterset redefinition process. |
| 9 | GR. $18: \mathrm{I}=\mathrm{T} / 6: ? \# 6 ; \mathrm{I} * 3 *(\mathrm{I}+1)-\mathrm{T}+\mathrm{L}-2$ : POS. 18,0 : ?\#6; $\mathrm{I}: \mathrm{F} . \mathrm{I}=0 \mathrm{TO1}$ | Line 9 is the END OF GAME sequence. Screen is cleared with a change to Graphics mode 18 (Graphics 2 with no text window) to display big/clear text on the screen. I is calculated as $\mathrm{T} / 6$ which represents the wave that the Player made it to before game over. Then the score (how many total Orbs were eliminated) is displayed in Graphics 2 font using a ? \#6, along with the wave that the Player made it. To display the score, a convoluted calculation has to be done since the program only tracks the total Orbs eliminated during the current wave. So $I^{*} 3^{*}(1+1)-T+L-2$ is a way of calculating the total number of Orbs eliminated duirng the entire game. <br> And lastly, a For/Next loop is started, from 0 to 1, to wait for the Player to press the joystick trigger to start a new game. |
|  | : I=I-STRIG (0) :N. I : RUN | If the Trigger is NOT pressed, then I is decreased by -1. This way the For/Next loop will never end until the Player presses the trigger, which will allow I to be increased to 1 when that happens. When this happens, the for/next loop exits, and RUN starts the program over with a new game initialization. |
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