SCREEN CRUNCHER

HI-RES GRAPHICS

bytes as possible so that it can be unscrunched. REQUIREMENTS

scrunch /skur-runch/ (the sound of a hi-res bug

unserunch /un-skur-runch/ (the sound of that being squished) To reduce a hi-res picture to as few same bug being unsquished) To return a scrunched picture to its original pattern. See Scrunch.

48K Apple II (or Franklin Ace)

One Disk Drive

Saving a hi-res picture usually requires 34 sectors of disk space. That allows only about 14 pictures to be saved to the disk. Senuncher 1.0 a machine-language utility, can usually more than double the number of pictures (28 to 40, in fact!) per disk. It will also quickly "un-scrupch" the picture so that it can be displayed normally.

How To Scrunch

There are two distinctly different techniques used to reduce the amount of space required to store a picture.

One method saves only the commands used to draw the nicture. An example would be: draw a circle at 90,90 with a radius of 20 and color it in with green. The picture (a green circle on the hi-res screen) is not saved as a finished product, but as a series of commands telling another program how to draw a picture. This method, used in many hi-res adventure games such as Wizard and the Princess, can reduce a picture by up to 90%.

Unfortunately, it requires:

- 1. a special editing program
- 2. drawing the picture in the fewest

number of commands Another way is to condense the completed picture. It involves scanning the entire picture to look for "repeaters". This allows you to shrink any drawing you have made previously, and to use any one of the excellent drawing programs now available to draw the picture. It is possible to achieve savings of 30% to 90%, with an average of 46%.

I find this method more suitable as it allows me to use free-form when drawing a picture, whereas the first method restricts me from freely editing and changing my finished picture without an excessive amount of effort

To actually reduce the amount of storage space (on disk or in memory) required by a hi-res picture, the picture must be encoded. Since the hi-res screen is nothing more than an array of 40 bytes

across and 192 bytes down, the best way is to encode all the values that are repeated ... For example, in illustration 1 the values \$60 and \$3F are both consecutively

repeating bytes: Sett) occurs twice in a row.

\$3F occurs 4 times in a row. Only \$3F is a true repeater.

To encode a picture, 3 decisions must be made: 1. Which way to examine the picture

2. How to code in the least number of

3. What value to use as a marker byte.

1. Scanning the Picture

The number of repeaters that can be found is affected by how the picture is examined. There are at least three ways to look for repetitious values:

A. Sequentially through memory. B. Horizontally through the picture (as it appears on the screen).

C. Vertically through the picture.

There is a difference between how the screen appears and how it's formatted in

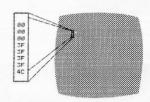


Illustration 1

Take a small part of the hi-res screen and look for values that repeat themselves consecutively. "Repeaters" are values (bytes) that are consecutively repeated 4 or more times. Other repeating bytes are not called repeaters.

memory.

To scan consecutively through memany would be inefficient because the hires screen is not oriented as consecutive bytes in memory. And since a hi-res picture is usually not a set of random values, no pattern on the screen would be easily coded unless it was examined in the order it appeared on the screen, not as it appears in memory.

The hi-res screen is only 40 bytes wide, so any value can be repeated horizontally only 40 times.

However, it's 192 bytes tall. Therefore, a value can be repeated up to 192 times. The vertical scanning method obviously provides a greater chance of finding a larger number of repeaters.

2. Coding the Repeaters Now that a search method has been

selected, it's time to create a coding method that uses the least number of bytes. Scruncher uses three bytes to encode

repeaters: a Code Marker, a Counter, and the Repeater.

The Code Marker informs the Unsembeher that encoded information is coming, much like the address marks used by DOS let it know data is coming. The second byte is a Counter that tells how many times to repeat the third byte. which is the actual repeat value that is encoded.

Illustration 2

FE 34 22

FE - the Marker Byte.

34 - Number of times to repeat.

22 - Byte to repeat.

In illustration 2, the three bytes are shown in their relationship to other unencoded bytes.

Because encoding takes three bytes, a repeater must be repeated at least 4 times consecutively. No space is saved when the repetition is less than four, and for every repetition greater than three, another byte of space is saved. If a value is repeated down the height of the picture, 189 bytes are saved (192 - 3 = 189).

3. Selecting the Marker

If any byte's value can be a part of the hisres nicture, what value can be used to indicate a coded segnence?

There is only one criterion used to select the best possible marker value:

the number of times it is found in the hires nicture

The fewer times the byte value is found, the better that value will work The reason for this is that every time a value is found which is the same as the repeat marker, it must be encoded, even

DEMO

IS NORMAL : TEXT : HOME 18 Ne - Pupe (4)

38 RFM

DEL OCATES

48 IF PEEK (183) = 1 AND PEEK (184) = 96 THEN 68

58 POKE 183.1: POKE 164.96: POKE

74574. #: PRINT DS"RIN DEMO" 68 NORMAL : TEXT : HOME : POKE 2 38.32: POKE - 18384.8: POKE

- 16300.0: POKE - 16297.0: POKE - 16381.8

78 IF PEFE IS # 256 + 31 = 169 AND PEEK (8 + 256 + 4) = 255 THEN

114 S# VIAB 22: PRINT "PLEASE WALT W

HILE I LOAD THE FILES" 98 PRINT DS"BLOAD PACK, A\$883": PRINT

DS*BLOAD UN-PACK, A\$388" 186 REN

WHERE END DE COMPRESSED PICTURE IS

116 LO = 8 + 256 + 15 + 16 + 12 128 HOME : POKE - 15384.4: UTAR 22: PRINT "COMPRESS/DECOMPRE

SS (C/D)?*;: GET AS: PRINT 130 IF AS () "C" AND AS () "

D" THEN PRINT "ILLEGAL ENTR

Y*: 8070 128 149 IF AS = 'D' THEN 368

154 PEK

COMPRESS OPTION

168 VTAB 24: PRINT "ENTER NAME B F HI-RES PICTURE TO COMPRESS

178 HTAR 5: INPUT "> "; NAS IRA IF I SETS (NOS. 1) = No THEN

TEST : HOME : PRINT NAS: GET AS: HOME : POKE - 16384,8: 6070 168

198 IF MAS = "* THEN 228 288 PRINT DS"BLOAD"NAS", A\$2889" 218 REN COMPRESS PICTURE

228 FALL 8 + 256 + 3

23# LE = PEEK (LO) + PEEK (LG + 1) + 254 - 16384

248 PRINT "LENSTH OF COMPRESSED PICTURE: "LE

258 PRINT "NUMBER OF BYTES SAVED **8199 - IF

248 PRINT "PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE *188 - INT GF / 8192 + 188

278 PRINT *REAUE THIS COMPRESSIO N (V/N)? *C: GET AS: PRINT

288 IF As () "Y" THEN HOME : SOTO 126

298 PRINT "INDER WHAT NAME (* . 62 IS APPENDED!"

366 HTAB 5: INPUT "> ": NAS

318 IF LEFTS (NAS. 1) = DS THEN TEXT : HOME : PRINT NAS: GET AS: POKE - 16384.8: HOME : VIAB

22: 8016 298 328 IF NAS = "" THEN HOME : SOTO

128

338 PRINT D5"BSAYE"NAS". C.A\$4888 .L'LE

344 BOTO 126

356 REN

DECOMPRESS OPTION 368 PRINT "COMPRESSED PICTURE ("

.C' IS APPENDED) *

379 HTAB 5: INPUT "> ": NAS 388 IF LEFTS (NAS. 1) = DS THEN

TEXT : HOME : PRINT NAS: GET AS: POKE - 16364.8: HOME : YTAB

22: SOTO 366 304 IF NAS = " THEN A18

488 PRINT DS"BLOAD"NAS". C. AS4888

418 CALL 3 & 256: REW UNPACK PI CTURE

428 BOTO 128

if it is found only once (increasing the covia instead of decreasing it?

ales access

FE 01 FE

EE _ the Marker Bute

illustration as a section of the encoded If this value was not encoded them nicture and SFF as the selected marker would be no way to tell the difference bute. The deceding amount usuald find between a marker and a bate with the the SEE and assuming it to be a marker. value of the marker since they both are would repeat the value \$22, 54 (\$34) times. The program has no way of knowing that this bute was not a marker Illustration 3 for a repeater. So to encode the information properly it becomes necessary to encode all values found that are the came as the marker hate 01 — Number of times to repeat the marker UU _ the Marker Bute

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To value the problem of selecting the hact marker value Commoher courches the entire hi me nietum looking for the unless that is found the least number of times. This value is then used or the marker bute and is stored as the first value in the code buffer Unconneher then looks at this first value and uses it as the code marker allowing each nicmm to have the hest nossible value as its anda marker

How Scruncher Works

Senuncher examines the hi-res picture vertically just as it appears on the screen. It checks each byte to see if it is the value of the marker or if it has been anaguntared fourtimes in a may If either condition is true then coding takes place and the code is moved to the code buffer If both conditions are false then it stores that unaltand value in the code buffer This process continues until all 40 columns are transferred

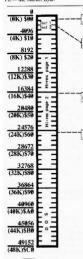
If no value is repeated more than three times there are still 512 bytes (two sectors or one-half of a kilobyte) saved because the program ignores the preseace of "hidden" bytes on the hi-res

sensen But nearly all pictures have values that occur more than three times. Generally, a saving of 20% or better occurs.









Code Buffer

Entering the Scruncher

There are three sections in the Scruncher program. Two are machine language programs (PACK UN-PACK), and the last one is in BASIC. The demo allows you to load a nicture into memory and scrunch (using PACK) or un-scrinch it (using UN-PACK)

Directions for Entering PACK

1) Enter the monitor.

CALL-151

2) Type in the hex-dump for PACK. 3) Save PACK to the disk. Do not PACIC DEAVE are he does

Directions for Entering UN-PACK

1) Type in the hex-dumn for UN-

2) Save UN-PACK to the disk. (You can do this from the monitor or from

BSAVE UN-PACK, A\$300, L\$

done so already.)

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3) Return to BASIC. (If you haven't

Directions for Entering DEMO

1) Reset Applesoft pointers. EP

-- al- DEMO Amplesoft listing

To use the program, simply RUN DEMO. It will first relocate itself (more on that later), and then load the programs PACK and UN-PACK. You will notice that the hi-res screen is now displayed.

At this time you will be asked either to "Compress" or "Decompress" a picture. The "Compress" option will PACK (encode) the picture so that it takes up less room, "Decompress" will UN-PACK (decode) a compressed pic-

Type either C or D. If you decide to compress a picture. you will be prompted to enter the picture's name

If you simply press RETURN, the current picture (as shown on the hi-res page) will be compressed.

rom the monitor. Just 3SAVE PACK, A\$803, L\$106	2) Type the DEMO Applesoft listing. 3) Save the program. VE DEMO
PACK	1486 LDA 8486 1418 STA CURRENT.COUNT 1428 STA .1+1 1438 LDA 4528 1448 STA .1+2
### NI-RES PICTURE PACKER PROGRAM ### BY ### ROBB CAMPIELD ### NOV. 15 1982	1456 1446 -1 LDA 4FEFF BET A BYTE FROM HIRES SCRE 1476 DPF CURRENT SAME AS REPEAT BYTE? 1448 BHZ 20 NO SO CONTINUE 1476 BIC CURRENT COURT 1576 -2 ES 1576 -1 INCREMENT ADDRESS 1552 INC. 142
698 4- 116 117 118 119 119 119 119 119 119 119 119 119	BUND 1598 LBA CURRENT SEE BYTE 1689 18 AB2, CABR 1618 182, CABR 1621 .5 EP 1481, COUNT 1624 .5 COUNT 1625 LBA CURRENT SAVE REPEAT BYTE (HEM ONE)
216 .OR 9803 226 .TF PACK 236 1256 1256	1658 STA REP.CHAR 1679 BEC. 9 1699 LD REP.CHAR SAVE REPEAT BYTE TO CHECK 1699 BEC. 9 1788 LDA REP.CHAR SAVE REPEAT BYTE IN BUFFER
1276 FIND BEST REPEAT BYTE, BY 1296 FIND BEST REPEAT BYTE, BY 1396 FIND BEST REPEAT BYTE, BY	1719 .4 STA \$4888 1728 1738 1748
1318 1328 1338 SEARCH 1348 1348 1358 1358 1358 1358 1368 1378 1378 1378 1378 1378 1378 1378 137	
1396 STA REP.CHAR 1398 .6	1818 LDT 4988 RESET HORIZONTAL OFFSET 1828 STX COUNTER RESET REP COUNT

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Ctrl-D allows you to enter a DOS command such as CATALOG (just type: ctrl-D CATALOG).

Otherwise, the text you enter will be used as the name of a file you wish to load. Once the file is loaded, it will be displayed and compressed. You will see the results of the compression at the bottom of the screen:

- 1) How many bytes long the
- compressed picture is.
 - 2) How many bytes were saved.
- 3) The percentage of savings. Then you will be asked if you wish to save the compressed version. If you do,

press Y for yes and enter its name (again, you may use ctrl-D to enter a DOS command). The suffix .C will be appended automatically to the name of the compressed version of the picture to distinguish it from the original file

If return is pressed, you will exit this

routine without saving the file. Any other key means "no" When the option DECOMPRESS (D)

is used, you will be asked to enter the name of the compressed file (.C is automatically appended, so do not enter it as

part of the file name). Again, ctrl-D allows you to enter a DOS command.

Pressing RETURN will decompress the currently compressed picture in memory (if there is none, garbage will appear on the screen).

When a picture is decompressed it will appear on the hi-res screen as it is decoded, producing a rather nice scroll-

ing effect from left to right. To use the UN-PACKer in your own programs, first BLOAD UN-PACK. Then BLOAD the compressed picture, which is normally located on page two of hi-res (\$4000). To decompress the picture, enter a CALL 768. By examining the source code you can determine how to load the coded information anywhere, and can control where the decoded picture will be drawn (normally on page one of hi-res, \$2000).

DEMO consists of three major sections:

PACK





Relocate itself and load the files.

Compress a picture.
 Decompress a picture.

The first part (I) checks to see if the Applesoft pointers are pointed at \$4000 (normally they point at \$801). If not, they are modified and the program is re-RUN. Next, the program checks to see if the required files (PACK and UN-PACK) are loaded. If not, they are loaded for you automatically.

The second part (II) will compress a picture by getting the picture's name and calling the Compress Routine (\$803,

CALL 2651).

The third section (III) will decompress a picture (\$300, CALL 768).

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NEW . ONE
                                        SAVE CURRENT. BYTE
SAVE Y-REB
                          YSAVE
                                        HISE REPEAT CHARACTER
                          NO.REPEAT
REP.CHAR
STORAGE
2788 REPEAT
2798
                    JSR
TYA
                                        GET REPEAT CHARACTER
AND SAVE IT
2798
2888
2818
2828
2838
2848 EXIT
                                        NO. OF TIMES TO REPEATE IN ACCU.
                    JSR
                          STORAGE
                                        SAVE IT
                          TABLE
                                         BET CHARACTER TO REPEAT
                                        SAVE IT
RESET COUNTER
                    LDA 4588
STA COUNTE
PLA
2858
2858
2858
2878
2888
                          COUNTER
                                        RETRIEVE ACCUM.
                    LDY YSAVE
                                        AND Y-REG
SAVE CURRENT BYTE IN THE TABLE
                    STA TABLE
289# END
2988
2918
2928 NO.REPEAT LDA TABLE
2938 CMP REP.CH
                                       GET BYTE TO REPEAT
IS IT THE REPEAT CHARACTER
YES, HANDLE REPEATING CHAR.
AND REPEAT IT Y TIMES
                    CHP REP. CHAR
2948
2958
                    BEG REPEAT
                    JSR STORAGE
      -1
2968
                                        DONE?
                    DEY
                    BNE .1
2988
                    BEQ EXIT
                                        YES SO EXIT
3666
3616
3020 #-----
3030 * STORAGE: SAVES THE ACCUM. AT
3040 * STORAGE AREA AND INCREMENTS
3050 * THIS VALUE
3868 4-----
3878
3888 STORAGE
3898
3188
3118
3128
                    STA SFFFF ADDRESS TO STORE INFORMATION INC STORAGE+1 INCREMENT THIS ADDRESS
                         .1 CARRY?
STORAGE+2 YES, SO INCREMENT HIGH BYTE
RETURN TO CALLER
                  . COUNT . BS 1
      LAST. COUNT . BS 1
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UN-PACK

1456

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1818 . HIRES PICTURE UN-PACKER PROBRAM
1878 +
1838 +
1946 +
1858 4
                     ROBB CANFIELD
1848 6
1878 +
                   COPYRIGHTED 1983
1889 +
                 BY SOFTKEY PUBLISHING
1898 +
1186
1118
1126
1138
1140 YSAVE .EQ $1
1150 COUNTER .EQ $80
                                         Y-REG SAVE AREA
                                         COUNTER FOR REPEATING
       REP. CHAR .EQ SFE
                                         MARKER BYTE
                     .OR $388
.TF UN-PACK
                     LDX #566
                                         RESET COLUMN COUNT TO 8
RESET GET TO $4000
                     LDY 8948
STY GET+2
LDY 8988
STY GET+1
JSR GET
STA REP.CHAR
                                         BET REPEAT BYTE
       UN. SCRUNCHER
                     JSR GET GET A BYTE TO DECODE
CMP REP.CHAR IS IT THE REPEAT CHARACTER
BEQ DO.REPEAT YES SO RUN THRU REPEAT CYCLE
                     JSR STORE NOT REPEAT SO JUST SAVE IT
BEC UN. SCRUNCHER ... ALWAYS
       DO. REPEAT
                    JSR BET STA COUNTER SET NUMBER OF TIMES TO STA COUNTER SET CHARACTER TO REPEI JSR STORE SAVE IT SET COUNTER KEEP TRACK OF COUNTER
1446
                                        SET NUMBER OF TIMES TO REPEAT
1458
1466
                                        SET CHARACTER TO REPEAT
1478
1486
                                         DONE?
                          UN. SCRUNCHER YES, SO CONTINUE DECODING
      * THE SET ROUTINE: SETS A BYTE * AND INCREMENTS POINTER
1598
1688 GET
                     LDA SFFFF
INC BET+1
                                        GET A BYTE
1618
                                         INCREMENT LOW BYTE
1629
1438
                                        INCREMENT HISH BYTE
RETURN TO CALLING PROGRAM
1649
       .1
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+ STORE: STORES ACCUM AT HI-RES 1888 + STURE: STURES ACCUM AT HI-1898 + PAGE AND UPDATES VERT/HORZ 1788 + ADDRESS, ROUTINE FORCES AN 1718 + EXIT TO CALLING ROUTINE IF 1728 + YOU ARE DONE

1768 STORE 1778 pua

TYA

PHA

SAVE BYTE TO PLACE ON SCREEN GET VERTICAL LINE NUMBER CONVERT TO AN ACTUAL ADDRESS

* USE THE FOLLOWING FORMULA TO * GET THE ADDRESS OF THE LINE WE * WISH TO DRAW ON.

AND #\$C# STA STORE2+1 LSR ORA STORE2+1 STA STORE2+1 PLA STA STORE2+2 STORE2+2 STORE2+2 ASI STORE2+1 LDA STORE2+2 AND #1F ORA 4528 STA STORE2+2

* STORE THE BYTE ON THE HI-RES * SCREEN.

STORE2

SAVE THE BYTE SET NEXT VERT CPY #192 WITH COLUMN BLT. LDY #188 BET NEXT COLUMN NUMBER DONE WITH COLUMNS YES SO RETURN TO CALLER RTS REMAIN WITHIN THIS PROGRAM PULL OFF LAST CALLER PLA AND RETURN TO CALLER

Get.Obi

MEST. LINE STA YP LBA XP SBC #28 XP BET. MEXT. BYTE . SET UP FOR SHAPES SET.POSM JSR SETHCOL LBA YP LDY 466 STI ISAVE STY YSAVE RTS SAVEALE 2186

