

ELECTRIC FENCING

This program started out as a version of 'Feng'. However, it got changed half way through its development and now only a whiff of the original idea remains. Electric fencing is a game for two players using either a pair of JY1 joysticks or the keyboard. The object of the game is to score 'hits' on the other player while dodging his attacks. Even though it's written in Basic, the game is quite fast and furious and should provide a few minutes entertaining play. The game contains some useful re-usable routines and interesting sound effects.

The listing is divided into sections to make it easier to understand and illustrate its structure. You are recommended to type in each section and then check it with the listing. Some sections can be left out initially as they are not essential to the main programme.

These are:

The title screen. Lines 1490-1610. Replace this whole section with

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1490 RETURN
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The joystick/keyboard selection screen. Lines 280-360. Replace this section with

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280 j=0:RETURN 'if you only
wish to use the keyboard
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If you don't intend to use joysticks then you can dispense with the joystick reading routine. Lines 400-470.

Finally, the 'GAME OVER' routine. Lines 340-380. Replace this with

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340 STOP
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When debugging your program remember that an error (especially improper argument) may not be in the line it shows up in. This is something that often confuses people. The computer can 'see' that you're not carrying your umbrella but it can't tell where you left it. If something gets printed in the wrong place, you may have left a semicolon out of the print statement. Don't confuse I for 1.

VARIABLES

p1 and p2 stand for player one and player two. Used to prefix these variables requiring a separate record for each player;

dir for direction n s e for sword activated x z for score w for window position.

These other variables are used as switches to alter the flow of control through the program.

J for joystick or keyboard control. -1 (or true) for joysticks, 0 for keys. pwp1 pwp2 for players window positions are equal.

The string variable a\$(n) contains the big characters 0-9. Where n is the required character.

p1 for temporary pointer

THE ROUTINES

50-110 Gets the various routines that set up the program.

140-240 Main loop that calls the routines to test the keys and update the screen.

280-360 Choose joystick or keyboard control.

400-470 Test the joysticks.

500-560 Test the keyboard.

600-620 and 660-680 Update the players positions on the screen.

720-740 and 760-800 Draw players 'wards'.

840-900 Test for either player being hit and update score board.

940-1080 Game over.

1070-1210 Set up string array. Change 1's and 0's into blocks and spaces.

1240-1340 Setup other constants.

1380-1420 Reset variables and screen at start of action.

1480-1610 Title screen.

When you run the program, you should get the title screen appearing and then after a pause you should see the joystick/keyboard option come up. If you want to use joysticks, press J and the asterisk should move to the joystick position. Press [ENTER] to make your choice. The title screen should come up once more and then the game starts. If you are using the keyboard the controls are:

PLAYER1	PLAYER2
up #	up 6
down z	down 5
fire x	fire 7

When either player gets a hit on the other player, his score goes up by one and this is displayed in large characters on the screen. To add to the excitement, the sound of a generator can be heard in the background and various other noises should be heard. When a player's score reaches nine, he wins and a key must be pressed to start again.

There are many ways in which you could alter the game. You could perhaps allow the players to move in any direction. Put obstacles on the screen to hide behind. Limit the amount of energy available for moving and shooting or include a high score table.

LISTING

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50 REM *****
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20 REM *** Programs Free Amstrad CPC464
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30 REM *****          PENCING          *
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40 REM *****
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50 PRINT a-j
60 MODE 0
70 GOSUB 1070
80 GOSUB 1490
90 GOSUB 200
100 GOSUB 1490
110 GOSUB 1300
120 '
130 '
140 REM start
150 IF finished THEN GOTO 100
160 GOSUB 240
170 CALL 0007F:IF pdir THEN GOSUB 600
ELSE CALL 0007F:CALL 0007F
180 CALL 0007F:IF p2dir THEN GOSUB 600
ELSE CALL 0007F:CALL 0007F
190 IF p1aa=-1 THEN GOSUB 720
200 IF p2aa=-1 THEN GOSUB 700
210 GOTO 140
220 '
230 '
240 IF j THEN 400 ELSE 300
250 '
260 '
270 '
280 CLS:PEM 0
290 PRINT:PRINT" CHOOSE CONTROL"
300 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT" press J K O
r ENTER"
310 LOCATE 4,00:PRINT"JOYSTICK";(INKEY);"
OR KEYS"
320 LOCATE 12,10:IF j THEN PRINT"=":ELSE
PRINT" "
330 LOCATE 12,11:IF j THEN PRINT" =:ELSE
PRINT"="
340 IF NOT(INKEY(45)) THEN j=-1
350 IF NOT(INKEY(57)) THEN j=0
360 IF NOT(INKEY(18)) THEN RETURN ELSE 3
20
370 '
380 '
390 '
400 p1=JOY(0):p2=JOY(1)
410 pdir=(p1 AND 1)=-1:p2 AND 2=-0.5
420 p2dir=(p2 AND 1)=-1:p2 AND 2=-0.5
430 IF p1 AND 16 THEN p1aa=p1a-1:IF p1a
a=-1 THEN AFTER 15 GOSUB 040
440 IF p2 AND 16 THEN p2aa=p2a-1:IF p2a
a=-1 THEN AFTER 15 GOSUB 040
450 IF p1a THEN pdir=0
460 IF p2a THEN p2dir=0

470 RETURN
480 '
490 '
500 p2dir=(INKEY(45)=0)+1+(CONKEY(5)=0)
*-1)
510 pdir=(INKEY(49)=0)+1+(CONKEY(7)=0)
*-1)
520 IF INKEY(45)=0 THEN p1aa=p1a-1:IF p
1aa=-1 THEN AFTER 15 GOSUB 040
530 IF INKEY(49)=0 THEN p2aa=p2a-1:IF p
2aa=-1 THEN AFTER 15 GOSUB 040
540 IF p1a THEN pdir=0
550 IF p2a THEN p2dir=0
560 RETURN
570 '
580 '
590 '
600 pcomp=pdir:IF p1=25 OR p1=0 THEN
RETURN ELSE pcomp=0
610 pdir=0
620 PEM 1:LOCATE 3,pcomp:CLS 05:PRINT ON
OFF(20);:RETURN
630 '
640 '
650 '
660 pcomp=p2dir:IF p1=25 OR p1=0 THEN
RETURN ELSE pcomp=0
670 p2dir=0
680 PEM 2:LOCATE 18,p2comp:CLS 05:PRINT ON
OFF(21);:RETURN
690 '
700 '
710 '
720 PAPER 04,4:WINDOW 04,4,17,p1comp:p1pe:
CLS0:CALL 0007F:CALL 0007F
730 PAPER 04,0:CLS04
740 GOTO 600
750 '
760 '
770 '
780 PAPER 06,5:WINDOW 06,4,17,p2comp:p2pe:
CLS0:CALL 0007F:CALL 0007F
790 PAPER 06,0:CLS06
800 GOTO 640
810 '
820 '
830 '
840 pcomp=(p1comp+p2comp):IF p1aa AND NOT(p2a
a) AND p2aa THEN pcomp=p1a+1:GOSUB 1
32,100,00,0,0,0:PRINT#1,p1comp:;:IF
p1comp THEN 940
850 IF p2aa AND NOT(p1aa) AND p1aa THEN
p2comp=p2a+1:GOSUB 132,100,00,0,0,0:P
RINT#2,p2comp:;:IF p2comp THEN 940
860 IF p1aa THEN SOUND 132,40,70,0,1,1
870 IF p2aa THEN SOUND 132,56,70,0,1,1
880 p1aa=0
890 p2aa=0
900 RETURN

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910 '
920 '
930 '
940 PER 4
950 LOCATE 4,10:PRINT"GAME OVER"
960 IF p1a=9 THEN INC 1,2,20:INC 2,0 CL
    SO INC 2,6,17:INC 1,0
970 SOUND 129,1000,0,12,3:SOUND 130,900,
    0,12,3
980 WHILE INKEY$="" :GOTO
990 t1=TIME:WHILE t1+2000>TIME:GOTO
1000 WHILE INKEY$="" :GOTO
1010 CLS
1020 finished=1
1030 RETURN
1040 '
1050 '
1060 '
1070 a$10=""111001101101111"
1080 a$11=""011001001001001"
1090 a$12=""111001111001111"
1100 a$13=""111001111001111"
1110 a$14=""100100101111001"
1120 a$15=""111100111001111"
1130 a$16=""111100111101111"
1140 a$17=""1110010010010"
1150 a$18=""111101111011111"
1160 a$19=""111101111001001"
1170 FOR n=0 TO 8
1180   howlong=LEN(a$(n))
1190   FOR n2=1 TO howlong
1200     IF MID$(a$(n),n2,1)="" THEN HOW
        (a$(n),n2,1)=CHR$(163)ELSE MID$(a$(
        n),n2,1)=CHR$(32)
1210   NEXT n2,n
1220 '
1230 '
1240 $S="ELECTRIC FENCING"
1250 $C=CHR$(32)+CHR$(163)+" Alexander M
    artie"
1260 EN1 1,=9,2000:EN1 -1,0,3,1
1270 EN2 2,127,0,0,127,0,0,127,0,0,127,0
    ,0,127,0,0
1280 EN3 3,=9,9000
1290 '
1300 '
1310 '
1320 BORDER 0
1330 PER #4,1:PER #4,2:PER #3,1:PER #2,0
    :PAPER #7,3:PAPER #2,5:PER #0,5
1340 RETURN "FROM SETTING UP CONSTANTS"
1350 '
1360 '
1370 '
1380 INC 0,12:INC 1,2:INC 2,6:INC 3,13:1
    NC 4,20:INC 5,17:INC 6,20
1390 WINDOW #3,3,3,6,13:WINDOW #3,10,10,
    6,25
1400 WINDOW #1,3,3,1,5:WINDOW #2,10,10,1
    ,5:WINDOW #7,1,20,1,5:PAPER #7,3
1410 CLS:CLAMP:PRINT#1,a$(0);PRINT#2,a$(
    10);p1a=0:p2a=0:p3a=0:p4a=24:p
    1a1=1:p2a1=1
1420 GOSUB 400:GOSUB 440
1430 SOUND 1,1000,0,10,2:GOSUB 2,900,0,1
    2,2
1440 p1a=0:p2a=0:finished=0
1450 RETURN "FROM GAME SHEET RESTORE"
1460 '
1470 '
1480 '
1490 CLS
1500 PER T
1510 FOR n=1 TO LEN(c$)
1520   LOCATE 2+n,10
1530   FOR n2=LEN(c$) TO n STEP-1
1540     PRINT MID$(c$,n2,1)
1550     LOCATE 3+n,10
1560     SOUND 135,20=n2,5,12,2,1
1570   NEXT n2,n
1580 SOUND 130,100,0,13,1,1,20
1590 PER 6:PRINT#1:PRINT#2:PRINT#3:PRINT #0
1600 t1=TIME:WHILE t1+2500>TIME:GOTO
1610 RETURN

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