

Fill of Machine Code

This program contains a general purpose routine which will fill any enclosed area of the screen in any chosen colour except the current paper colour. It will work in all screen modes and its operation can be aborted at any time before the area is completely filled.

The routine operates by scanning left and right from the starting point, filling in any unprinted pixels, until it meets a vertical boundary. It then stores its current values on a stack and moves up a line from where it calls itself, recursively, and repeats the process until it meets a horizontal boundary. When this happens the program retraces its steps - by retrieving previous values from the stack and continuing from where they left off - moving downwards if necessary, until all stored values have been removed from the stack and all pixels within the boundary have been filled.

This process, however, has the disadvantage of altering some of the values on the stack as it proceeds so that a complete record of all operations is no longer available.

The effect of this is that it is not easy to reverse the process if anything goes wrong; for instance, if the shape to be filled has a small gap in it then the ink will 'escape' and proceed to fill in the

whole screen. For this reason a second stack has been used to store such information as is necessary to enable the process to be aborted at any time and the partly filled area to be returned to normal. This use of two stacks, requires a large amount of memory for storage and in theory this could amount to more than the entire screen itself takes up. In practice though, two stacks of 3K each should be sufficient for all but the most intricate and elaborate shapes.

To see the routine in action type in the BASIC program and run it. If you have made a mistake in entering the data then the program will stop and inform you of the offending line which can then be corrected and the program re-run. Note that you must enter the checksum at the end of each DATA statement.

If all is well the screen will clear to mode 1 and an irregular shape will appear on the screen inside a large square. The program will then proceed to fill the area around the shape and when this is completed it will fill the shape itself, but in a different colour. After a short delay the whole process will be repeated using modes 1 and 2 and will then start all over again with mode 3. Note that in the highest resolution mode both colours will be the same since in this mode only two

colours can be present on the screen. Pressing any key will abort the current fill stage and 'unfill' the printed area before proceeding to the next stage.

When any section is completely filled there is ample time, especially in the higher resolution modes, to decide whether or not to abort. To stop the program completely press [ESC] twice.

The machine code routine can be stored anywhere in memory by changing the value of start in line 70. If you relocate the program in this way and find that it does not function correctly and if it worked before you relocated it then you have almost certainly missed out a 'P' somewhere in the DATA statements. Note that when relocating the code you must leave at least 4K for the stacks and about 450 bytes for the routine itself so it should not be loaded above about 45900 or 28158 decimal.

The demonstration program can be removed by deleting lines 200 to 440 and 480 to 520 and the remaining lines can be used as part of a larger program. Note that your program must set X and Y to a point inside the shape being filled before calling the routine. Also the required graphics ink must be previously selected by PLOT a,b,c where a,b is an imaginary point of screen - such as 800,800 - and c is the required ink number.

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10 REM *****
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20 REM ** AMSTRAD CPC464 User Magazine :
   program from issue number 4 *****
30 REM *Basic loader and demonstration p
   program for machine code FILL routine*
40 REM *****
   *****
50 BORDER 13:INK 0,13:INK 1,0:INK 3,24
60 DEF FN hex(h$)=VAL("0"+LEFT$(h$,2))
70 start=30000:REM change this value to
   relocate routine at a different addre
   ss
80 addr=start:in=510
90 REMOBY start-1
100 REM Main loop to poke in values from
   data statements
110 total=0

120 READ H:HE=UPPER$(H$)
130 IF H="END" THEN 200
140 IF ASC(H$)<ASC("0") THEN 210
150 REMRIGHT$(H$,LEN(H$)-1)
160 L=FN hex(H$):total=total+L:H=HECH
   T$(H$,LEN(H$)-2):IF H="*" THEN 250
170 M=FN hex(H$):total=total+M:H=HECH
   T$(M$,LEN(H$)-2)
180 w=256*H+L-30000*start
190 POKE addr,w-256*INT(w/256):addr=addr
   +1
200 POKE addr,INT(w/256):GOTO 230
210 b=FN hex(H$):total=total+b:H=RIGHT$
   (H$,LEN(H$)-2)
220 POKE addr,b
230 addr=addr+1:IF H="*" THEN 140
240 READ checksum:IF checksum=total THEN
   IN=IN+10:GOTO 110

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250 PRINT"***** IN LINE";ln
260 END
270 REM Demonstration program to draw an
d fill shape in different modes
280 x=47500-30000:stant:y=47500-30000+
start
290 FOR i=0 TO 2
300 MODE i
310 PLOT 200,50,3
320 DRAW 200,0:DRAW 0,200
330 DRAW -200,0:DRAW 0,-200
340 PLOT 250,00,3
350 DRAW 20,100:DRAW 40,10
360 DRAW 20,-40:DRAW 10,20
370 DRAW 40,-60:DRAW -60,-20
380 DRAW -20,40:DRAW -20,-40
390 DRAW 60,-40:DRAW -110,10
400 PLOT 800,800,1
410 x=240:y=150
420 FOR j=1 TO 2
430 POKE xa,x-254:INT(x/256):POKE xa+1,
INT(x/256)
440 POKE ya,y-256:INT(y/256):POKE ya+1,
INT(y/256)
450 ENLL start
460 FOR b=1 TO FOR:NEXT
470 x=200:y=150:PLOT 800,800,3
480 NEXT j
490 NEXT i
500 GOTO 290
510 REM Hex values for machine code FILL
routine
520 REM Note that a 'h' indicates a valu
e to be changed during relocation.
530 REM The value at the end of each lin
e is the sum of all entries on that
line
540 DATA C0E1005200C7647C0E700320007600C
8C00076C0007500C76C0110C470A,4316
550 DATA 3000C03F10FC3200C76D10F37C220F0
76210F00C220F470E10000C3200270,3013
560 DATA 22004762200076C00000000000760050
00762100776050000000,3143
570 DATA 00330F076C00076200F62000007500C
2762200C7624000762200076,3300
580 DATA 300076202202002250075100530007
0000075200076220007620007620076,5013
590 DATA 222222022056100005300076C000007
5200076004000C76007C200076,2000
600 DATA 0040004700760042300C200071000760
0076023010000000000200076C0,3450
610 DATA 2000C762200076C000004762000076004
000760700422200476C0200F470,3600
620 DATA 7000730210000000000C7007004222
0076C00047620007604000C76,3457
630 DATA 00200270000100720073000500007
072007300200476C0000000076,3463
640 DATA 00500076200076000000076C000000
30007600400047600300076450,3904

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650 DATA 010002470042000200076C010000473A
00070000000500000760100000A1,3635
660 DATA 0042005A20000760100000420001000A
00076005000076C0F0000473A00076,3441
670 DATA 00C0F007C2000761010000070000200
37C00C03400076C00000040F47023,3901
680 DATA 30235000500076C340254005000000F
0000012350235052000076,3400
690 DATA C0F00007110F0007000020077C0A2005
3400C76C00000000076F0F00000,4250
700 DATA END

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