

SHADOW PLAY

This Hi-Res utility clears to the current HCOLOR below any line you can draw with the H PLOT command.

Drawing three-dimensional graphics causes some problems for the programmer. It's important that lines that are supposed to be hidden stay that way. The standard approach is called the painter's algorithm: you start with the background, then draw successively closer objects. When you're making a 3-D contour drawing, the method is the same. You just start at the back of the scene and take vertical slices perpendicular to the line of view. With each slice, the contour is drawn and the entire screen beneath the line is erased. It's the erasing process that causes the problem, since the most obvious method is slow — even in machine language. Here's a fast algorithm that figures out when entire bytes, as opposed to individual bits, can be cleared.

USING SHADOW PLAY

After you install the machine language program (Listing 1), the utility is available with the same syntax as the H PLOT command, except that it's preceded with an ampersand (&). For instance:

& H PLOT 0,50 TO 100,65 TO 180,40
would change all the pixels below this *contour line* to the current HCOLOR. The practical way to use it is to start with the contour line, using a normal H PLOT command. Then change the HCOLOR to whatever you want to clear with (usually black), and follow up with an & H PLOT command using

using the same points as the original H PLOT command.

Listing 2 is a simple demonstration of SHADOW.PLAY. It creates a simple scene with two contours for the hills.

ENTERING THE PROGRAMS

If you have an assembler, enter the source code from Listing 1. Use the name SHADOW.PLAY for the object file. If you don't have an assembler, enter the Monitor with CALL -151 and key in the hex code. Save the resulting program with the command:

BSAVE SHADOW.PLAY, A\$7000, L\$195

Then enter the Applesoft program from Listing 2 and save it with the command:

SAVE SHADOW.DEMO

For help with entering *Nibble* listings, see the Typing Tips section.

HOW IT WORKS

Remember that in Applesoft Hi-Res graphics, the horizontal X-coordinate may range from 0 to 279, the vertical Y-coordinate may range from 0 to 191, and the point (0,0) is defined as the upper-leftmost point of the screen. This means that increasing the Y-coordinate corresponds to moving down the screen.

Let's first define a few terms and briefly review the arrangement of the Hi-Res screen. The points that lie on a particular *horizon line* are *horizon points*, and the points that lie below the horizon points are *shadow points*. Your Hi-Res display is determined by the values of the 8,192 (8K) bytes in a section of memory called *Hi-Res screen memory*, which begins at decimal 8192 (hex 2000) for page 1. Since the Hi-Res screen is a grid with 280 x 192 = 53,760 intersections, it's obvious that the points are not controlled on a byte-by-byte basis. Each horizontal line on the screen is

FIGURE 1: Order of Pixel Clearing

	Byte 1			Byte 2			Byte 3						
screen top ↑								J	K	L			
						G	H	I	16	21	26		
				D	E	F	10	12	14	17	22	27	
		A	B	C	7	8	9	11	13	15	18	23	28
		1	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	19	24	29
screen bottom ↓		2	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	20	25	30

instead controlled by the values of 40 contiguous bytes. In each byte, seven bits correspond to seven bits on the screen, and the remaining bit has a color-shifting effect. In any byte, the lowest plotting bit controls the rightmost of the points controlled by that byte.

As you may have noticed, the number 280 (the number of horizontal points on a line) is divisible by 7 (the number of plotting bits in a byte). We may therefore think of the screen as divided into 40 columns, and of each screen horizontal line as divided into 40 sections corresponding to the controlling bytes. When all the points controlled by a particular byte are shadow points, we'll call that byte a *shadow byte*.

Contrary to what you might expect, bytes 41-80 do not control the second horizontal line on the screen, but rather the ninth. The complex mapping of the screen memory into the hex grid is shown in the *Applesoft BASIC Reference Manual*. Because your Applesoft interpreter is so complex, it uses two sets of coordinates. One set, which we'll call the external cursor, is stored in \$E0-\$E2. The X-coordinate, since it can exceed 255, must

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be represented by two bytes (\$E0,\$E1), and the Y-coordinate is represented by one byte (\$E2). The second set is the internal cursor. This consists primarily of a two-byte pointer (\$26,\$27) to the byte controlling the leftmost section of the proper row, and an offset value (\$E5) indicating which of the 40 bytes must be examined. Then there is a bit position indicator at \$30 to indicate which bit in that byte is to be considered.

The Simplest Way

One simple algorithm for clearing the screen beneath a horizon line is as follows:

1. Calculate the next horizon point.
2. Save the value of the left-edge pointer (\$26,\$27).
3. Use the INCR subroutine (\$F504) to get the memory location for each shadow point below the calculated horizon point, and turn off the indicated pixels. (When INCR is called, it resets the internal cursor to correspond to incrementing the vertical screen coordinate by one — a higher Y-coordinate means moving downscreen.)
4. When you reach the floor of the screen (Y = 191, or, equivalently, when the pointer \$26,\$27 is set to \$23D0), restore

the value of the left-edge pointer to the same row as the horizon point.

5. If you have just processed the last horizon point, stop. If not, go back to step 1.

Calculating the horizon points is easy, since the Applesoft HLINE routine already knows how to calculate the points on a line. We want to modify that routine so that after calculating each horizon point, it clears the shadow points below it, as described in steps 2-4 above.

When this algorithm is used to clear the points below the line 0,0 to 279,0 (virtually the entire screen), the process takes just under four seconds. This is much slower than the HGR routine, which turns the entire screen black in under a second. Let's examine why.

Here's a fast algorithm that figures out when entire bytes, as opposed to individual bits, can be cleared.

The answer is that the HGR routine turns off the pixels on the screen one byte (seven pixels) at a time, while this particular algorithm works strictly on a pixel-by-pixel basis. A better algorithm would determine in advance when all the pixels in a byte were to be shadowed and, if so, shadow them all at once, rather than separately.

A Faster Way

Now, here's a more sophisticated algorithm (Note: It assumes a horizon line similar to that shown in Figure 1):

1. Set FLOOR (a zero-page pointer used by the algorithm and not by Applesoft) to the bottom row of the screen (\$23D0).
2. Get the Y-offset (column 0-39) for the right end of the horizon line, and store it in another (otherwise unused) zero page location, which we'll label LASTE5.
3. Calculate the next horizon point, and save the left edge address stored in the \$26,\$27 pointer as part of the internal cursor.
4. If the horizon point is in the same column as the right endpoint (condition A), or if it is the leftmost bit controlled by a screen byte (condition B), then set FLOOR to \$23D0.
5. If condition B is met, then use the INCR subroutine to get the location for each shadow BYTE below the horizon point and not below the FLOOR, and change the value of that byte to that of the shadow color.

6. Get the address value saved in LASTE5 and put it back into the left-edge pointer (\$26,\$27).
7. If condition B is met, then set FLOOR to the address saved in LASTE5; that is, to the address of the left edge of the row of the current horizon point.
8. Stop if the end of the line has been reached. If not, go to step 3.

Figure 1 illustrates the workings of this improved algorithm in detail. Circled letters A - P are the horizon points. The numbered points below them are shadow points. The points are divided into three groups, labeled *first byte*, *second byte*, and *third byte*. These are the seven-pixel-wide columns described at the beginning of this section.

The algorithm begins with horizon point A. The FLOOR is set to \$23D0. Neither condition A nor B is met, so proceed bit by bit, clearing pixels 1 and 2. Then move on to horizon point B, and similarly clear pixels 3 and 4. When you reach horizon point C you'll find that it's the leftmost bit controlled by a screen byte, which is condition B. FLOOR is set to \$23D0. Then all the shadow points marked 5 are cleared at once, since they're in the same shadow byte. Similarly, the pixels marked 6 are cleared.

Now we restore the left edge pointer to horizon point D and, in accordance with step 8 of the algorithm, store the value of that pointer in FLOOR. FLOOR now corresponds to the row Y = 188.

As we proceed from horizon point E to horizon point I, in accordance with step 6, we clear pixels 8-15. Coming to horizon point J, you'll find that it's in the same seven-pixel-wide column as endpoint L. Thus, condition A is met. The value \$23D0 (Y=191) is placed in FLOOR and you'll clear, bit by bit, pixels 16-20 under J, 21-25 under K, and 26-30 under L.

If the line were sloped the other way (running from top left to bottom right), you would change the algorithm somewhat:

1. Start first from the bottom right and move toward the top left.
2. Condition B would be that the horizon point was the rightmost bit of a screen byte.
3. The Y-offset (column number) of the left end of the line would be placed in LASTE5. In order to traverse the horizon line in the correct direction, it may be necessary to temporarily switch the endpoints from the order in which they were given.

The first part of SHADOW parses the command, which is in the form:

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&HPL0T A,B TO C,D
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and sets the graphics cursors and Apple registers so that the line will run in the proper direction. The second part calculates the horizon points and shadows them point-by-point or byte-by-byte, as appropriate.

LISTING 1: SHADOW.PLAY

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1 *
2 * SHADOW.PLAY
3 * BY IVER COOPER
4 * COPYRIGHT (C) 1987
5 * BY MICROSPARC, INC.
6 * CONCORD, MA 01742
7 *
8 * MERLIN ASSEMBLER
9 *
10 INTX EQU $F465
11 INTY EQU $F4D3
12 RTS1 EQU $F600
13 HOLD EQU $FF
14 COUNT EQU $FE
15 HOLD26 EQU $FC
16 HOLD27 EQU $FD
17 INCRY EQU $F504
18 HFNS EQU $F6B9
19 SAVE EQU $FF4A
20 ACC EQU $45
21 XREG EQU $46
22 YREG EQU $47
23 CHRGET EQU $B1
24 FLOOR EQU $FA
25 DIR EQU $F9
26 LASTE5 EQU $1F
27 HPOSN EQU $F411
28 FLAG EQU $1E
29 HPLLOT EQU $F457
30 CHRGT EQU $B7
31 *
32 * SET UP AMPERSAND ENTRY WITH
33 * JMP $7000 AT $3F5
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36 * GET DESTINATION
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706E: 29 80 93 AND #180
7070: D0 04 94 BNE GET4
7072: A9 C0 95 LDA #5C0
7074: 85 F9 96 STA DIR
7076: A5 1E 97 LDA FLAG
7078: 29 01 98 AND #1
707A: F0 17 99 BEQ HLINE
707C: D0 02 100 BNE HLINE
707E: 90 13 101 BCC HLINE
7080: 68 102 HLINA PLA
7081: 85 E2 103 STA #E2
7083: 68 104 PLA
7084: 85 E1 105 STA #E1
7086: A8 106 TAY
7087: 68 107 PLA
7088: 85 E0 108 STA #E0
708A: AA 109 TAX
708B: A5 E2 110 LDA #E2
708D: 20 11 F4 111 JSR HPOSN
7090: 4C 9F 70 112 JMP HLINE
7093: 68 113 HLINB PLA
7094: A8 114 TAY
7095: 68 115 PLA
7096: AA 116 TAX
7097: A5 FF 117 LDA HOLD
7099: 85 1F 118 STA LASTE5
709B: 68 119 PLA
709C: 4C A5 70 120 JMP HLINB
709F: A4 45 121 HLINC LDY ACC
70A1: A6 47 122 LDX YREG
70A3: A5 46 123 LDA XREG
124 *
125 * THIS IS COPY OF HLINE ROUTINE
126 * IN ROM AT $F53A-F58C
127 *
70A5: 48 128 HLINB PHA
70A6: 38 129 SEC
70A7: E5 E0 130 SBC #E0
70A9: 48 131 PHA
70AA: 8A 132 TXA
70AB: E5 E1 133 SBC #E1
70AD: 85 D3 134 STA $D3
70AF: B0 0A 135 BCS HLINE2
70B1: 68 136 PLA
70B2: 49 FF 137 EOR #5FF
70B4: 69 01 138 ADC #501
70B6: 48 139 PHA
70B7: A9 00 140 LDA #500
70B9: E5 D3 141 SBC $D3
70BB: 85 D1 142 HLIN2 STA $D1
70BD: 85 D5 143 STA $D5
70BF: 68 144 PLA
70C0: 85 D0 145 STA $D0
70C2: 85 D4 146 STA $D4
70C4: 68 147 PLA
70C5: 85 E0 148 STA #E0
70C7: 86 E1 149 STX #E1
70C9: 98 150 TYA
70CA: 18 151 CLC
70CB: E5 E2 152 SBC #E2
70CD: 90 04 153 BCC HLINE3
70CF: 49 FF 154 EOR #5FF
70D1: 69 FE 155 ADC #5FE
70D3: 85 D2 156 HLIN3 STA $D2
70D5: 84 E2 157 STY #E2
70D7: 66 D3 158 ROR $D3
70D9: 38 159 SEC
70DA: E5 D0 160 SBC $D0
70DC: AA 161 TAX
70DD: A9 FF 162 LDA #5FF
70DF: E5 D1 163 SBC $D1
70E1: 85 1D 164 STA $1D
70E3: A4 E5 165 LDY #E5
70E5: B0 05 166 BCS HLINE5
70E7: 0A 167 HLIN4 ASL
70E8: 20 65 F4 168 JSR INTX
70EB: 38 169 SEC
70EC: A5 D4 170 HLIN5 LDA $D4
70EE: 65 D2 171 ADC $D2
70F0: 85 D4 172 STA $D4
70F2: A5 05 173 LDA $D5
70F4: E9 00 174 SBC #500
70F6: 85 D5 175 HLIN6 STA $D5
176 *
177 * HERE IS SUBSTITUTED, IN PLACE OF ROM $F580-$F596
178 * THE ROUTINE DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLE
179 * IN THE ARTICLE "NEW HORIZONS"
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181 *
70F8: 08 182 SHADE1 PHP
70F9: 86 FF 183 STX HOLD
70FB: A5 26 184 LDA $26
70FD: 85 FC 185 STA HOLD26
70FF: A5 27 186 LDA $27
7101: 85 FD 187 STA HOLD27
7103: A5 30 188 LDA $30
7105: C5 F9 189 CMP DIR
7107: F0 06 190 BEQ SHADEX
7109: A5 E5 191 LDA #E5
710B: C5 1F 192 CMP LASTE5
710D: D0 08 193 BNE SHADE2
710F: A9 D0 194 SHADEX LDA #5D0
7111: 85 FA 195 STA FLOOR
7113: A9 23 196 LDA #523
7115: 85 FB 197 STA FLOOR+1
7117: A5 26 198 SHADE2 LDA $26
7119: C5 FA 199 CMP FLOOR
711B: D0 09 200 RNE SHADEY
711D: A5 27 201 LDA $27
711F: C9 F0 202 CMP FLOOR+1
7121: D0 03 203 BNE SHADEY
7123: 4C 4D 71 204 JMP SHADE3
7126: 20 04 F5 205 SHADEY JSR INCRY

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7129: A5 30 205 LDA $30
712B: C5 F9 207 CMP DIR
712D: D0 0F 208 BNE SHADEP
712F: A5 E5 209 LDA $E5
7131: C5 1F 210 CMP LASTE5
7133: F0 09 211 BEQ SHADEP
7135: A5 1C 212 LFTBIT LDA $1C
7137: A4 E5 213 LDY $E5
7139: 91 26 214 STA ($26),Y
713B: 4C 17 71 215 JMP SHADE2
713E: A5 1C 216 SHADEP LDA $1C
7140: A4 E5 217 LDY $E5
7142: 51 26 218 EOR ($26),Y
7144: 25 30 219 AND $30
7146: 51 26 220 EOR ($26),Y
7148: 91 26 221 STA ($26),Y
714A: 4C 17 71 222 JMP SHADE2
714D: A5 FC 223 SHADE3 LDA HOLD26
714F: 85 26 224 STA $26
7151: A5 FD 225 LDA HOLD27
7153: 85 27 226 STA $27
7155: A5 30 227 LDA $30
7157: C5 F9 228 CMP DIR
7159: D0 08 229 BNE SHADE4
715B: A5 FC 230 LDA HOLD26
715D: 85 FA 231 STA FLOOR
715F: A5 FD 232 LDA HOLD27
7161: 85 FB 233 STA FLOOR+1
7163: A6 FF 234 SHADE4 LDX HOLD
7165: 28 235 PLP
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238 * HERE IS A COPY OF ROM $F597-F5B1
239 * THE REMAINDER OF THE HLIN ROUTINE
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7166: E8 240 HLIN7 INX
7167: D0 14 241 BNE HLIN8
7169: E6 1D 242 INC $1D
716B: D0 10 243 BNE HLIN8
716D: A5 1E 244 LDA FLAG
716F: 29 01 245 AND #1
7171: D0 09 246 BNE EXIT
7173: A5 45 247 LDA ACC
7175: A4 47 248 LDY YREG
7177: A6 46 249 LDX XREG
7179: 20 11 F4 250 JSR HPOSN
717D: 60 251 RTS
717E: A5 D3 252 HLIN8 LDA $D3
717F: 90 83 253 BCC HLIN9
7181: 4C E7 70 254 JMP HLIN4
7184: 20 D3 F4 255 HLIN9 JSR INTY
7187: 18 256 CLC
7188: A5 D4 257 LDA $D4
718A: 65 D0 258 ADC $D0
718C: 85 D4 259 STA $D4
718E: A5 D5 260 LDA $D5
7190: 65 D1 261 ADC $D1
7192: 4C F6 70 262 JMP HLIN6

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--End assembly. 405 bytes. Errors: 0
END OF LISTING 1

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KEY PERFECT 5.0
RUN ON
SHADOW.PLAY

CODE-5.0	ADDR# - ADDR#	CODE-4.0
F939A915	7000 - 704F	29D7
148B7206	7050 - 709F	2358
A344E93F	70A0 - 70EF	2A30
B1B99948	70F0 - 713F	2E48
A2F6F02D	7140 - 718F	2744
806D849D	7190 - 7194	027C
B56F06C1 = PROGRAM TOTAL =		0195

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110 VTAB 21: PRINT "PRESS RETURN TO CONTINUE
";: GET AS: PRINT : HOME
120 REM DEMO
130 HGR
140 HCOLOR= 6: REM COLOR BLUE
150 REM PLOT POINT AND CALL BKGD COLOR ROUT
INE
160 HPL0T 0,0: CALL 62454
170 REM SET COLOR TO WHITE2 AND DRAW FIRST
HORIZON. WHITE2 MUST BE USED WHEN DRAWIN
G OVER A BLUE (HI BIT SET) BKGD
180 HCOLOR= 7: HPL0T 0,120 TO 50,80 TO 100,1
00 TO 150,40 TO 200,70 TO 279,100
190 REM SET COLOR TO ORANGE AND RETRACEFIRS
T HORIZON WITH &HPL0T, THUS CREATING AN
ORANGE MOUNTAIN.
200 HCOLOR= 5: & HPL0T 0,120 TO 50,80 TO 10
0,100 TO 150,40 TO 200,70 TO 279,100
210 REM SET COLOR TO WHITE2 AND DRAW SECOND
(NEARER) MOUNTAIN'S PROFILE
220 HCOLOR= 7: HPL0T 0,80 TO 35,100 TO 70,11
0 TO 105,60 TO 140,30 TO 175,20 TO 210,2
0 TO 245,80 TO 279,100
230 REM SET COLOR TO ORANGE AND RETRACE WIT
H &HPL0T
240 HCOLOR= 5: & HPL0T 0,80 TO 35,100 TO 70
,110 TO 105,60 TO 140,30 TO 175,20 TO 21
0,20 TO 245,80 TO 279,100
250 REM SET COLOR TO GREEN AND &HPL0T AHORI
ZONTAL LINE. SCREEN. THIS TIME WE DON'T
BOTHER TO DRAW A WHITE BORDER.
260 HCOLOR= 1: & HPL0T 0,140 TO 279,140
REM SET COLOR TO BLACK2 AND &HPL0T ROOF
. THEN HPL0T ROOF WITH OVERHANG. SET COL
OR TO BLACK1 AND &HPL0T PART OF HOUSE BL
OCKING GREEN (HI BIT CLR)
280 HCOLOR= 4: & HPL0T 140,120 TO 160,110 TO
180,120: HPL0T 136,122 TO 160,110 TO 184
,122: HCOLOR= 0: & HPL0T 140,140 TO 180
,140
290 REM NOW DRAW A FLAG FOR FUN
300 HCOLOR= 4: HPL0T 200,20 TO 200,2 TO 196,
2 TO 196,3 TO 200,3 TO 200,4 TO 196,4 TO
196,5 TO 200,5
310 REM AND A DOOR IN WHITE1, USING &HPL0T
320 HCOLOR= 3: & HPL0T 155,142 TO 165,142
330 HOME : VTAB 21: PRINT "RETURN TO REPEAT,
ESCAPE TO QUIT";: GET Z$: PRINT : ON Z$
< > CHR$( 27) GOTO 130: TEXT : HOME :
GOTO 410
340 E = PEEK (222):EL = PEEK (218) + 256 +
PEEK (219): CALL - 3288: POKE 216,0
350 TEXT : HOME : VTAB 12
360 IF E = 8 THEN PRINT "I/O ERROR--CHECK D
RIVE DOOR": GOTO 390
370 IF E = 6 THEN PRINT "SHADOW.PLAY NOT ON
THIS DISK"
380 IF E < > 6 AND E < > 8 GOTO 400
390 PRINT "RETURN TO TRY AGAIN, ESCAPE TO QU
IT";: GET Z$: PRINT : ON Z$ = CHR$( 27)
GOTO 410: GOTO 80
400 PRINT "ERROR "E" IN LINE "EL
410 END

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END OF LISTING 2

LISTING 2: SHADOW.DEMO

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10 REM *****
20 REM * SHADOW.DEMO *
30 REM * BY IVER COOPER *
40 REM * COPYRIGHT (C) 1987 *
50 REM * BY MICROSPARC, INC *
60 REM * CONCORD, MA 01742 *
70 REM *****
80 TEXT : HOME : VTAB 10: PRINT "SHADOW.DEMO
BY IVER COOPER": PRINT "COPYRIGHT 1987
BY MICROSPARC, INC.": ONERR GOTO 340
90 PRINT CHR$( 4):"BLOOD SHADOW.PLAY"
100 POKE 1013,76: POKE 1014,0: POKE 1015,112

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KEY PERFECT 5.0
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CODE-5.0	LINE# - LINE#	CODE-4.0
223C8748	10 - 100	8A79
A1EB3277	110 - 200	C72C
F98FBE1D	210 - 300	013773
C0EF7DEB	310 - 400	B1AC
AAA99904	410 - 410	D7
216FA15A = PROGRAM TOTAL =		06A5

