## Software user guide

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## Introduction

## The software

This booklet provides running guides to the following programs:
Six short programs:

- Counter
- Play Train
- MiniMax
- Monty
- Take Part
- Toy Shop

These are conversions from programs originally developed by the Association of Teachers of Mathematics (ATM), the Microelectronics Education Programme (MEP), and SMILE Mathematics. These programs are written in JAVA and will operate on these Internet browsers: Microsoft Internet Explorer version 3.0 or later or Netscape Navigator version 3.0 or later. You can operate these programs on either Apple or PC platforms.

These programs have been used in the sample lessons provided in the training pack. The table on the next page shows the year group that the programs are suitable for, and teaching objectives that could be covered by using them.

| Program | Sample lesson | Year group | Teaching objectives |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Counter | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | Reception <br> Y3 <br> Y6 | - Counting on and back to 10 <br> - Counting in $2 s, 5 \mathrm{~s}$ and 10 s to 100 <br> - Showing triangular number sequences |
| Play <br> Train | 4 <br> 5 | Y1 <br> Y6 | - Partitioning numbers $1-5$ <br> - Solving mathematical problems <br> - Using multiples <br> - Solving mathematical problems |
| MiniMax | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Y2 } \\ & \text { Y4 } \end{aligned}$ | - Exploring place value to two digits <br> - Exploring place value to five digits |
| Monty | 8 <br> 9 | $\begin{aligned} & Y 2 \\ & Y 5 \end{aligned}$ | - Exploring simple number sequences on 100 square <br> - Exploring multiples and factors on 100 square |
| Take Part | $10$ <br> 11 | Y2 <br> Y6 | - Recognising halves and quarters <br> - Recognising thirds and sixths |
| Toy Shop | 12 13 | Y2 Y4 | - Solving addition, subtraction and simple multiplication problems with money <br> - Solving words problems with money using all four operations |

## The programs and the training material

This table shows where the programs on the CD-ROM fit in with the training materials.

| Program | Training chapter | Video sequence | Sample lessons | Platform |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Counter | Chapter 2 | 1,3 | 1, 2, 3 | PC, Apple |
| Play Train | Chapter 5 | 7 | 4,5 | PC, Apple |
| Minimax | Chapter 1 |  | 6,7 | PC, Apple |
| Monty |  |  | 8,9 | PC, Apple |
| Take Part |  |  | 10, 11 | PC, Apple |
| Toy Shop | Chapter 5 | 6 | 12, 13 | PC, Apple |
| Handy Graph |  | 4 |  | PC, Apple* |
| What's My Angle? |  |  |  | PC, Apple* |
| Function Machine |  |  |  | PC, Apple* |
| Carroll Diagram |  |  |  | PC, Apple* |
| Venn Diagram |  | 4 |  | PC, Apple* |
| Sorting 2D Shapes |  | 1, 4 |  | PC, Apple* |
| Unit the Robot | Chapter 4 |  |  | PC, Apple* |
| Bounce | Chapter 5 |  |  | PC only |
| Strawberry Garden | Chapter 4 |  |  | PC only |
| Multiplication Machine | Chapter 2 |  |  | PC only |
| VersaTile | Chapter 4 |  |  | PC only |

* These programs require the FLASH plug-in to run.


## Counter

## User description and instructions

|  | Illustration | Explanation |
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## Counter

## User description and instructions

| I\|lustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | This control bar allows you to: <br> - Start the counter <br> - Stop the counter <br> - Manually 'step through' the count <br> - Restart the counter with the original settings |
| HELP | Clicking the 'Help' button will show you an overview of what Counter does and provide details of how the controls operate. |
| VOLJME | This button allows you to select whether or not you want to use sound with the counter(s). It also allows you to choose whether you want sound to accompany changes to the units, tens, hundreds or thousands column(s). |
|  | This is the Counter display. Counter will display numbers from -9999 to 9999. It can also be set to display decimal numbers with two decimal places. |
|  | These buttons allow you to set the number from which the counter will start, the 'Step' by which the number will grow and the 'Increment' by which the step will increase as the count progresses. |

## Counter

## User description and instructions

| Illustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
| (MS) MR | These two buttons act like the 'Memory' buttons on a calculator. 'MS' allows you to store your settings to memory and 'MR' allows you to recall these original settings when required. This is very useful if you make a number of changes as you explore the way the counters operate. |
| +00) -.00 | These buttons allow you to choose whether or not one or two decimal places are displayed on the counter(s). |
|  | These buttons allow you to increase or decrease the speed at which each counter counts. |

## Play Train

## User description and instructions

| \||ustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | This is a number puzzle program. A train is standing in a station waiting for passengers to board. The task is displayed on the screen, telling you how many passengers are needed and the number of carriages you have to fill. The displays also show which numbers can be used to complete the operation. <br> The user clicks the mouse on the appropriate number. This number appears on the carriage door and passengers appear in the carriage windows. A running total of the number of passengers used is displayed on the screen. When the carriages have been successfully filled, a message is displayed, the train whistle is heard and the train pulls out of the station. If the number of passengers selected is too large a warning message is displayed on the screen. <br> There are three levels of difficulty with this program which are characterised by a greater number of carriages, the size of the target number of passengers and the range of numbers you can use to fill the carriages. 'Easy' uses two numbers from 1-5 with a maximum total of 35 and 4-7 carriages. 'Moderate' uses two numbers from 1-9 and a maximum total of 99 and 7-11 carriages. 'Hard' uses three numbers and a maximum total of 99 and 7-11 carriages. |
| He/p <br> Nowlewe <br> Moderste <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> Unda | This is the control bar for the program. The buttons are operated by clicking the mouse on the appropriate button. |

## Play Train <br> User description and instructions

| Illustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
| Help | Clicking on this button will give you an overview of how the program works and the function of each of the buttons. |
| New game | Clicking this button will start a new, randomly chosen game at the level displayed. This button should be clicked after each game is successfully completed and a new game is required or when a new level of game is chosen. |
|  | This button shows the level of the game you are playing. There are three levels of difficulty: Easy; Moderate; Hard. Clicking the up arrow will move you up a level, clicking the down arrow will move you down a level. |
| 3 | These buttons show you which numbers you can use to fill the carriages. <br> The program provides the possible numbers you can use and sometimes <br> only two numbers are displayed. |
| Undo | This button allows you to undo previous choices of number. Each click undoes one number. The button can be used repeatedly until all carriages are empty. |

## Minimax

## User description and instructions



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## Minimax

## User descriptions and instructions

| Illustration | Explanation |
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|  | When you click on 'Set player name' this box will open on the screen. You have to click your mouse in the box and type in the name of a player or team. When you click on 'OK' the box will close and the name will appear on the gantry. |
| New game | Clicking this button will cause a new game to appear on the screen. If you click this button while a game is in progress any moves already made will be lost. |
| Help | Clicking this button will open up a separate 'Help' window on which the instructions for operating the program will appear. |
|  | This is where you decide on the best place to play the digit that the computer has chosen in order to reach your target number. To place a digit you click on the position in the sum where you want it to appear. |
| TM 0 0) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Once you have placed all the digits, done your calculation and entered your answer, a 'Well done' message will appear if your calculation is correct. |
| Press spacc to try again | This message will appear on the gantry if your calculation is incorrect. |

## Monty

User description and instructions


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## Monty

## User descriptions and instructions

| Ilustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
| Help | Clicking the 'Help' button will show you an overview of what 'Monty' does and provide details of how the controls operate. |
|  | This is 'Monty'. He will move over the number grid you have selected and stop automatically when you click the mouse button or after the allotted time has expired. He will give you a number clue to help you guess which number he is concealing on his back. |
| Grid 1 <br> Grid 2 <br> Grid 3 <br> Grid 4 <br> Grid 5 <br> Grid 6 <br> Grid 7 <br> Grid 8 <br> Grid 9 | Displays the numbers from 1-100 <br> Displays a $10 \times 10$ multiplication square <br> Displays sequential numbers not starting from 1 <br> Displays a multiplication square not starting from 1 <br> Displays a diagonal number sequence, 1-100 <br> Displays a diagonal number sequence, not starting at 1 <br> Displays a number spiral, counting in 15 or 35 <br> Displays horizontal numbers in $2 s$, vertical in 35 , from 5 to 50 <br> Displays numbers from 11-100 showing increase by 10 |

## Take Part

## User description and instructions

| \||ustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Take Part consists of three on-screen films which show shapes being divided into halves, thirds or quarters. <br> The transitions of the shapes are made mainly through rotation, reflection or shears. <br> Each shape movie has a number of segments within it and these can be selected easily and quickly using the control buttons and the track display numbers. <br> The movies can be stopped or slowed down at any time or they can be replayed again and again. Individual screens can be 'captured' and printed using the PRINT button. <br> The value of this program is best seen as a teacher demonstration tool used with the whole class or with a small group of children, with the teacher asking questions about what is being displayed on the screen. |
|  | This is the viewing screen area for each movie. These screenshots are taken from the Thirds and Quarters movies. |

## Take Part <br> User description and instructions

| \|l|ustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | This control bar is where you: <br> - Select the movie to be played <br> - Start/Stop the movie, play in slow motion or replay the movie from the beginning of the track <br> - Manually choose the movie track to be viewed <br> - Get Help or Print a screen from the movie |
|  | These are the buttons for selecting which movie you want to view. <br> HALF has 7 tracks and shows a square being halved in different ways. <br> THIRD has 2 tracks and shows a triangle being divided into thirds in different ways. <br> QUARTER has 5 tracks and shows a square being divided into quarters in different ways. |
|  | This button allows you to return quickly to the beginning of the first track of each movie. |
|  | This is the PLAY button. You will need to press PLAY to start each movie for the first time or after you have paused a movie. |

## Take Part <br> User description and instructions

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|  | This button allows you to replay the particular track you have previously <br> selected. |
|  | This button allows you to pause a movie at any time when it is in motion. |
|  | This button allows you jump back to the beginning of the current track. |
| Track $3: 2$ | This button allows you to advance through the current track in slow motion. |

# Toy Shop <br> User description and instructions 

| \\||ustration | Description |
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|  | This is a game of strategy for two players (or groups of players). Players take turns to select a coin to pay towards the cost of the displayed toy. The winner is the player who lays down the coin to make up the exact cost of the toy. <br> There are three levels of game available. The first level uses values up to $19 p$, the second level uses values up to $99 p$ and the third level uses values up to $£ 2.49$. <br> There are fifteen different toys which can be bought in the Toy Shop. Coins are selected by clicking on them. The top message board displays: the name and cost of the toy to be bought; the names of the two players; whose turn it is to select a coin and how much has been paid. An error message appears if too much money has been offered. The lower message board keeps a running total of how much money has been paid. <br> When the correct coin has been paid to make up the exact cost of the toy a message is displayed on the lower message bar saying which player has won the game and the toy whizzes off towards that player's name. Under each player's name is displayed the amount they have each contributed towards the cost of the toy. |
|  | The top message board displays the name of the toy to be bought and how much it costs. This board also displays: the names of the two players; whose turn it is to select a coin; how much has been paid by the last player and an error message if too much money has been paid. |

## Toy Shop <br> User description and instructions

| IIUustration | Explanation |
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|  | This is one of fifteen different toys that can be bought in the Toy Shop. The toys and their cost are selected at random when a 'New Game' is chosen, up to the maximum amount allowed for each of the three levels of difficulty. <br> The toy moves towards the player who lays the last coin to make up the exact amount of the cost of the toy. This movement is accompanied by a 'whizzing' sound. |
| Help | This button displays help on how to play the game. Directions are given in a separate 'pop up' window. The user closes the window by clicking the standard 'close window' button. |
| New game | This button is used to select a new game to play. It can be used to select a new game at the same level, or after a new level has been selected (see below). |
| up to $£ 2.49$ | This box displays the maximum value of the toys that can be bought at the level of the game which has been selected. Clicking the up arrow increases the level of difficulty, while clicking the down arrow decreases it. |

# Toy Shop <br> User description and instructions 

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## Handy Graph <br> User description and instructions

This is a simple program that draws block graphs.
The examples shown are set in the context of a handling-data activity
'How we travel to school'.

# Handy Graph <br> User description and instructions 

| \\||ustration | Explanation |
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| X axis label <br> The ways we travel to school | To change the $x$-axis label <br> Click on the 'x axis label' bar. <br> Highlight the text by positioning the cursor at the start of the text. Click and hold the left mouse button while dragging the highlighter along the text. Press the 'Delete' key. <br> OR <br> Position the cursor at the end of the text and press the 'backspace' $(\leftarrow)$ key until you have deleted the text. <br> Type in your own text. |
|  | To change the scale on the $y$-axis <br> Click on the number you want to change. <br> If you click at the end of the number it will be highlighted. <br> Press the 'Delete' key <br> OR <br> Click in front of the number. The cursor will flash. <br> Press the 'Delete' key to delete one digit at a time. <br> Type in your own value. |

## Handy Graph

## User description and instructions

| \|lustration | Explanation |
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| bus car bike walk [ train] $]$ | To label the columns <br> Click in the box where you want to enter text. Type in your own text. |
|  | To alter the height of the columns <br> To increase the height of the column, click on the green up arrow. <br> Each time you click the arrow the column will rise by half the distance between the grid lines. <br> To delete the column, press the green down arrow once. |
|  | This shows the finished graph. |

## Handy Graph

User description and instructions

| Illustration | Explanation |
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| EXIT | Press this button to exit the program. |
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## What's My Angle?

## User description and instructions

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| MHAT'S MY ANGLE? | What's My Angle is a program that allows the user to practise skills of estimating and measuring angles. <br> The introduction demonstrates the correct way to use a protractor to measure angles. <br> Acute, obtuse and reflex angles are explained. <br> The introduction plays continuously until the SKIP INTRO button is pressed. |
| SKIP INTRO | Clicking on this button takes you from the INTRODUCTION to the TEACHER CONTROL screen. |
| PLAY INTRO | On the TEACHER CONTROL screen, clicking on this button will take you to the INTRODUCTION. |
|  | On the TEACHER CONTROL screen, clicking on this button will close the program. |

## What's My Angle?

## User description and instructions

| \\|Mustration | Explanation |
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| ()) Up to 90 degrees in tens | Click on the button next to the activity you want to practise. <br> These examples show the 'Measure up to 90 degrees in tens' activity. |
| Measuring to the nearest 10 degrees. | The screen shows an angle up to $90^{\circ}$. <br> Move the mouse until it is over the protractor - the cursor changes to a hand. <br> When the cursor has changed to a hand, you can drag the protractor and position it over the angle by clicking and holding the left mouse button. <br> Releasing the left mouse button will drop the protractor. |

## What's My Angle?

## User description and instructions

| Il\|ustration | Explanation |
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|  | You can rotate the protractor until it is correctly aligned by clicking one of the buttons at the bottom of the screen. |
| TURN THE PROTRACTOR | You can rotate the protractor clockwise or anticlockwise by clicking on the angle buttons. <br> Now you can measure the size of the angle. |
|  | Click in the box. <br> The cursor appears. <br> Enter the angle in digits. <br> Click on the CHECK button. |

## What's My Angle?

## User description and instructions

|  | This screen appears when the correct angle measurement has been |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| entered. |  |

## Function Machine

## User description and instructions

| \|lustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | This program simulates a function machine. <br> This is the MENU screen. <br> There are 8 single-step operations and 5 two-step operations to choose from, or you can click on RANDOM to allow the computer to select from the choices. |
| Function Machine Ideas: IDEAS | Clicking on the 'Function Machine Ideas' button gives you some ideas for using Function Machine in mental/oral starters and in group activities. |
| Double | Click on the orange button next to the function you want the user to practise. <br> These examples show the 'Double' function. |

## Function Machine

## User description and instructions

| Illustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Once the function has been selected the FUNCTION MACHINE screen appears. |
|  | Click in the INPUT box. <br> The cursor appears. <br> Type in any number. |
| ACTIVATE | Click on the ACTIVATE button. |

## Function Machine

## User description and instructions

|  |  | The output is displayed in the OUTPUT box. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | The user repeats the process, using different numbers, as many times as <br> necessary until the function has been identified. |  |

## Function Machine

## User description and instructions

|  | Clustration | Clicking on the CHOOSE button on the FUNCTION MACHINE screen takes |
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| you to the MENU screen, whilst the RANDOM button directly activates |  |  |
| the random function. |  |  |

## Carroll Diagram

## User description and instructions

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\hline  \& \begin{tabular}{l}
This is a complex sorting program. \\
The screen shows a Carroll diagram. The matrix is labelled red, not red, rectangles, not rectangles. \\
There are 12 shapes to sort using two criteria.
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
sort the shapes \\
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Move the mouse until it is over a shape - the cursor changes to a hand. <br>
When the cursor has changed to a hand, you can drag the shape and place it in the Carroll diagram by clicking and holding the left mouse button. <br>
Releasing the left mouse button will drop the shape. <br>
In this screen the red rectangles have been correctly placed.
\end{tabular} <br>

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\end{tabular}

## Carroll Diagram

## User description and instructions

| Illustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | In this screen the shapes that are red but not rectangles have been correctly placed. |
|  | In this screen shapes that are rectangles but not red have been correctly placed. |

## Carroll Diagram

## User description and instructions

| Illustration | Explanation |
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## Carroll Diagram

## User description and instructions

| \|lustration | Explanation |
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|  <br> \|noex| |Venn diagram] [Soting 2D shapes] [Camoll dizeram] | To return to the INDEX <br> EITHER <br> Click on the 'Back' button on the tool bar at the top of the screen OR <br> Click on the 'Index' at the bottom of the screen. |
|  | To exit the program <br> EITHER <br> Click on 'File' at the top left of the toolbar then click on 'Close' OR <br> Click on the ' $X$ ' at the top right of the screen. |

# Venn Diagram <br> User description and instructions 

| \|lustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | This is a simple sorting program. <br> The screen shows a non-intersecting Venn diagram labelled triangles and other shapes, and ten 2-D shapes, five of them triangles. <br> The object is to place each shape in the correct section of the Venn diagram. |
| sort triangles <br> stact bgain <br> triangles <br> other shanes | Move the mouse until it is over a shape - the cursor changes to a hand. <br> When the cursor has changed to a hand, you can drag the shape and place it in part of the Venn diagram by clicking and holding the left mouse button. <br> Releasing the left mouse button will drop the shape. <br> All the triangles have been correctly placed. |

# Venn Diagram <br> User description and instructions 

| \|lustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | All other shapes have been correctly placed. <br> If the shape is placed in the wrong part of the Venn diagram it will pop back out. |
| sort triangles <br> that's right <br> r-virigles <br> ather sropes | This screen appears when you have placed all the shapes correctly. |

# Venn Diagram <br> User description and instructions 

| I\|Ustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
| start again | Clicking on this button repeats the activity. <br> This button should be clicked after each user has successfully completed the game. |
| $\qquad$ <br> ( m ) <br> [ndex] \|Venn diagram] [Soting 20 shapes] [Caroll diamem] | To return to the INDEX <br> EITHER <br> Click on the 'Back' button on the tool bar at the top of the screen OR <br> Click on the 'Index' at the bottom of the screen. |

## Venn Diagram <br> User description and instructions

| Illustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | To exit the program <br> EITHER <br> Click on 'File' at the top left of the toolbar then click on 'Close' OR <br> Click on the ' $X$ ' at the top right of the screen. |

# Sorting 2D Shapes <br> User description and instructions 

|  | This is a sorting program. | The screen shows three boxes labelled all right angles, some right angles, |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| no right angles, and eight different shapes. |  |  |

# Sorting 2D Shapes <br> User description and instructions 

| \|lustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
| ationting <br> Some litht angles <br> fónight anglas $\square$ | In this screen shapes containing some right angles have been correctly placed. |
| $\square$ | In this screen shapes containing no right angles have been correctly placed. <br> If the shape is placed in the wrong box it will pop back out. |

## Sorting 2D Shapes

## User description and instructions

| I\|Ustration | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: |
| well done! | This screen appears when you have placed all the shapes correctly. |
| start again | Clicking on this button repeats the activity. <br> This button should be clicked after each user has successfully completed the game. |
|  <br> Index\| [Venn diagram) [Sorting 2D shages] [Carroll diacram] | To return to the INDEX <br> EITHER <br> Click on the 'Back' button on the tool bar at the top of the screen OR <br> Click on the 'Index' at the bottom of the screen. |

