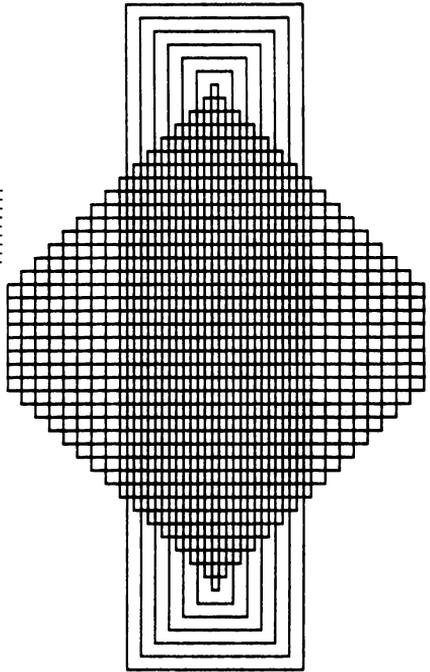
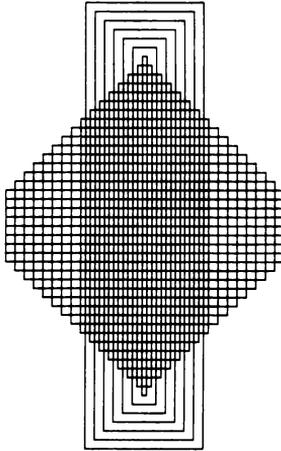
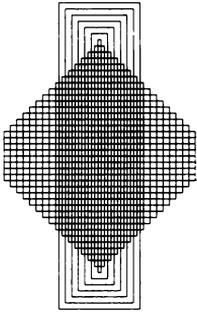


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Welcome to Enhanced ST BASIC™

This enhanced version of ST BASIC replaces the original ST BASIC provided with all ST™ Computers. Both versions are similar to standard BASIC dialects, but they use the windows, drop-down menus, and graphic elements of the GEM™ desktop. They also take advantage of the speed and graphic capabilities of the ST Computer system.

The new ST BASIC runs about three times faster than the original version, and performs more functions—with 33 new reserved words, an enlarged valid integer range, and more efficient syntax. The error message list has been expanded, and error messages now return clear explanations at each occurrence.

Enhanced ST BASIC is compatible with the original release of ST BASIC, so programs written in the earlier version can be used with the enhanced version of the language. Refer to the section, **Converting Programs to ST BASIC**, for information on how to use your old programs with the new version of the language.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed for advanced programmers who understand the BASIC language and are familiar with the standard procedures of the GEM desktop. The Quick Reference Guide is arranged so the programmer can understand the difference between this BASIC and the preceding version of ST BASIC. Also, the unique features of BASIC on the ST Computer are presented, along with demonstrations of how programs in other dialects of BASIC can be loaded and run with enhanced ST BASIC.

What's On the ST Language Disk

The ST Language disk that comes with your ST Computer contains the files necessary to run enhanced ST BASIC.

BASIC.PRG is the BASIC program.

BASIC.RSC is the resource file for the language.

Note: Disregard any other files that may be on the disk. Other files may hold the ST Desk Accessories or applications programs. However, only the two files listed above are necessary to program with enhanced ST BASIC.

The ST BASIC Sourcebook and Tutorial

The *ST BASIC Sourcebook and Tutorial* is the complete guide to enhanced ST BASIC. The new Sourcebook is 322 pages long, providing easy access to all levels of programming information. The beginning programmer is given an extensive tutorial, while the advanced programmer has access to complete technical documentation.

If you are interested in programming with enhanced ST BASIC, contact your Atari dealer and ask for purchase information on *The ST BASIC Sourcebook and Tutorial* (C026220 Rev B).

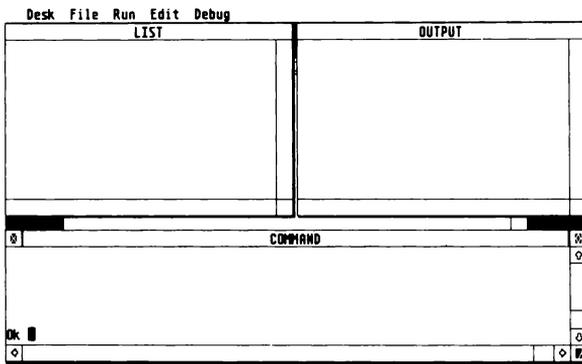
Getting Started

Before beginning with ST BASIC, make a backup copy of the ST Language disk. This will provide security against accidental damage to the original disk. (See the *ST Computer Owner's Manual* for instructions.)

After backing up your ST Language disk, you are ready to use ST BASIC. Begin by loading the language program into your ST Computer, following the instructions below.

Loading ST BASIC

1. With the ST Computer turned on and the GEM desktop displayed, double-click on the Floppy Disk A icon.
2. When the disk directory appears, double-click on BASIC.PRG. The ST BASIC desktop appears.



This desktop is your ST BASIC programming environment.

Note: ST BASIC uses the standard operating procedures of the GEM desktop for accessing menu items, selecting options, manipulating windows, and loading applications. Those procedures are explained in detail in the *ST Computer Owner's Manual*.

Converting Programs to ST BASIC

This section describes the improvements to ST BASIC that are included in enhanced ST BASIC, and the major differences between ST BASIC and non-ST BASICs. Use the information given here to convert programs written in another dialect of BASIC to run in ST BASIC.

Reading a BASIC Program

ST BASIC will only read programs that have been saved in ASCII text form. Make sure that programs you wish to convert are in ASCII text form.

An ST BASIC statement line must start with a line number, end with a line feed, and be no more than 255 characters long. Valid line numbers range from 1 to 65529 (0 to 65529 in other BASICs). ST BASIC does not recognize line continuation characters (line feed in some BASICs); the second part of any line continued in this way will be lost.

With the above exceptions, ST BASIC will preserve the text of your program even if it reports syntax errors; you can then use the ST BASIC Editor to change your program. The easiest way to convert a BASIC program is to LOAD it into ST BASIC, see what errors are reported, and EDIT the lines in place.

Areas of Difference

The differences between the enhanced ST BASIC and other BASICs are discussed in the following information.

ST BASIC

Enhanced ST BASIC is compatible with the earlier release of ST BASIC. Programs written in the earlier version can be used with the new release, if the following differences are taken into consideration.

DEF SEG has been eliminated. Instead, there are special versions of PEEK and POKE for word, byte, and long. These are PEEK__W, PEEK__B, PEEK__L, and POKE__W, POKE__B, and POKE__L. Programs using DEF SEG in old ST BASIC must be rewritten.

Addresses for PEEK and POKE use integers so that accuracy is sufficient.

Integers are now 32-bit numbers. This enlarges the valid range for integers, previously -32768 to 32767. The range is now from -2147483648 to 2147483647.

A new syntax for GEMSYS and VDISYS that works more efficiently than the old syntax has been introduced. The old syntax will still work with one addition: the number in parentheses must be placed in GEM__CONTRL(0) or GEMSYS or CONTRL(0) for VDISYS. Programs using VDISYS and GEMSYS should be modified to use the new syntax.

New reserved words have been added. These are:

AREA	GEM__ADDROUT	PATTERN
ASK MOUSE	GEM__CONTRL	PEEK__B
ASK RGB	GEM__GLOBAL	PEEK__L
BIOS	GEM__INTIN	PEEK__W
BOX	GEM__INTOUT	POKE__B
CLEAR	GEMDOS	POKE__L
DRAW	GSHAPE	POKE__W
DRAWMODE	LINEPAT	RGB
ED	MAT AREA	SSHAPE
ERR\$	MAT DRAW	STATUS
GEM__ADDRIN	MAT SOUND	XBIOS

Programs written in the earlier ST BASIC that use any of those words in any way other than as reserved words must be rewritten.

Any syntax that calls for a list of x,y pairs is documented as requiring a semicolon (;) between the pairs. The semicolon enhances readability, although the old syntax will still work.

SYSTAB is now an array of 2-byte integers. Accesses to SYSTAB are as array elements whose index is half of the previous offset: for example, SYSTAB + 6 becomes SYSTAB(3).

INP used with -1 will not always return a negative number; however, it will return a non-zero number.

The period (.) is no longer allowed in variable names and keywords, and should be replaced with an underscore character.

Non-ST BASICs

Identifiers

Variable names and keywords in ST BASIC must start with a letter, and may contain letters (A to Z or a to z), digits (0 to 9), and the underscore character (_). Note that uppercase and lowercase letters are equivalent. Other BASICs allow the period character (.) but not the underscore, and in some instances the case of letters is significant.

String Constants

ST BASIC allows you to insert a double quote (") in a string constant by escaping it with another double quote. For example:

```
PRINT ""This is truly a lemon," he said."
```

prints

```
"This is truly a lemon," he said.
```

Other BASICs treat the double quote as ending one string constant and starting another. Since separators between items in PRINT lists are not mandatory, you may find that a statement such as

```
PRINT "A""B"
```

in an existing BASIC program won't do what you expect in ST BASIC. ST BASIC prints "A""B" as A"B; other BASICs print it as AB.

Arithmetic

ST BASIC recognizes three numeric types: integer, single-precision floating point, and double-precision floating point.

Integers occupy 4 bytes and can represent numbers in the range -2147483648 to 2147483647. In many other BASICs, integers occupy 2 bytes and can represent numbers in the range -32768 to 32767. This affects the MKI\$ and CVI functions and will affect the formats of records containing integers.

ST BASIC evaluates expressions involving only integer terms in integer, which may mean that intermediate values can overflow. For example:

```
a% = b% * c% - 170000
```

is evaluated in integer.

Floating point values are held in IEEE format. This has a slightly different dynamic range and precision than some other formats. ST BASIC does not recognize denormalized numbers, NaNs, or infinities. For example:

```
PRINT 1E-38
```

will print 0, as 1E-38 is smaller than the smallest single-precision normalized number in IEEE format.

Mixed-mode arithmetic is carried out in double-precision because the precision of integers (31 bits plus sign) is greater than that of single-precision floating point (24 bits plus sign).

Translation and Interpretation

ST BASIC translates a program into a set of internal codes as you type it in or LOAD it. When a program is RUN, the internal code is executed. This differs from most microcomputer BASICs which translate and execute as they go, and causes differences in the effect of declarative statements.

DEF-type statements (which define default variable types) alter the action of the translator. They take effect as soon as they are typed in, no matter where in the program they happen to be. For that reason, the following example is not possible in ST BASIC:

```
100 input "what type ";a%  
110 if a% = 1 then gosub 2000: goto 500  
130 a = 5.0 : goto 600  
500 a = "yes"  
600 print a  
700 end  
2000 defstr a  
2010 return
```

DEF FN defines a user function wherever it is placed in the program. The DEF FN function does not have to be executed to define the function. You cannot have two DEF FN statements defining the same function. For that reason, the following example is not possible in ST BASIC:

```
100 input "which def "; a%  
110 if a% = 1 then gosub 2000 else gosub 2100  
120 print FNR(1,2)  
130 end  
2000 def fnr(x,y) = x/y  
2010 return  
2100 def fnr(x,y) = y/x  
2110 return
```

FOR/NEXT Restrictions

ST BASIC requires that each FOR statement be matched with exactly one NEXT statement, and each WHILE statement be matched with exactly one WEND statement. This matching is carried out before the program is run. Many BASICs carry out the matching as the program is running, allowing constructs such as:

```
100 FOR i% = 1 TO 1000  
.  
.  
.  
300 IF i% > 500 THEN NEXT  
.  
.  
.  
500 NEXT
```

ST BASIC will report an error at line 300, since it cannot tell before the program is run whether or not the NEXT at line 300 will be matched with the FOR at line 100.

ST BASIC does not permit a jump into a FOR/NEXT or WHILE/WEND loop from outside the loop. For example, given

```
10 GOTO 200  
100 FOR i% = 1 to 1000  
.  
.  
.  
200 PRINT "Value of i% is "; i%  
.  
.  
.  
300 NEXT
```

ST BASIC will report an error when asked to RUN the program. Other BASICs may run the program, and report an error such as "NEXT without FOR" at line 300.

Command Environment

ST BASIC makes a distinction between statements (for example, PRINT), which are part of a program but cannot alter the program itself, and commands, which are used to examine or alter a program, and which cannot be part of the program they operate on. ST BASIC will report an error if it comes across a command on a program (line-numbered) line. ST BASIC commands are listed on page 12.

Error Codes and Messages

The following error codes and error messages are used with ERL, ERR, ERR\$, and ERROR. (For explanations of these reserved words, refer to the section **Commands, Statements, Functions, and System Variables.**)

Code	Message		Message
0-1	Undefined error	68	Device unavailable
2	Syntax error	69-92	Undefined error
3	RETURN without GOSUB	93	Undefined segment
4	Out of data	94	Protected file
5	Illegal function call	95	Not a BASIC program
6	Overflow	96-98	Undefined error
7	Out of memory	99	—Break—
8	Undefined line number	100	Undefined error
9	Subscript out of range	101	Program too large
10	Duplicate definition	102	Undefined error
11	Division by zero	103	Invalid line number
12	Illegal in immediate mode	104	Missing line number
13	Type mismatch	105	Undefined error
14	Undefined error	106	Statement not found
15	String too long	107	Integer overflow
16	Expression too complex	108	Redo from start
17	CONT valid only in BREAK mode	109	Stop
18	Undefined user function	110	GOSUBs nested too deep
19	Undefined error	111	Invalid BLOAD file
20	RESUME without error	112-200	Undefined error
21	Undefined error	201	Invalid option
22	Missing operand	202	Command not allowed here
23	Program line too long	203	Line number required
24-49	Undefined error	204	FOR without NEXT
50	Field overflow	205	NEXT without FOR
51	Invalid record length	206	Comma missing
52	Invalid file number	207	Parenthesis missing
53	File not found	208	Option base must be 0 or 1
54	Invalid file mode	209	Undefined error
55	File already open	210	WHILE without WEND
56	Undefined error	211	WEND without WHILE
57	Device I/O error	212	Undefined error
58	File exists	213	Duplicate DEF FN
59	Unable to create a file	214	Invalid jump into loop
60	Undefined error	215	Duplicate line number
61	Disk full	216	Duplicate label
62	End of file	217-220	Undefined error
63	Invalid record number	221	System error #%u
64	Invalid filename	222	Program not run
65	Invalid character in program file	223	Too many FOR loops
66	Direct statement in file	224-230	Undefined error
67	KILL failed		

Quick Reference

Declaration Characters

Character	Function
%	Integer-type declaration character
\$	String-type declaration character
!	Single-precision type declaration character
#	Double-precision type declaration character

Delimiters

Character	Purpose
'	Delimits remarks
"	Delimits strings
;	Delimits prompts
,	Delimits arguments
:	Delimits statements

Editing Commands

Function Key	Option
[F1]	Insert space
[F2]	Delete character
[F3]	Insert line
[F4]	Delete line
[F5]	Page up
[F6]	Page down
[F7]	Load text
[F8]	Save text
[F9]	New buffer
[F10]	Exit Edit window
EDIT [Return]	Start edit

Operators

Arithmetic Operators	Purpose
+	Adds; concatenates strings
-	Subtracts; negates
*	Multiplies
/	Divides
\	Converts to integers and divides
^ or **	Exponentiates

Relational Operators	Meaning
=	Equal to
<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal to
>=	Greater than or equal to
< >	Not equal to

Logical Operators	Purpose
AND	Performs logical "and"
EQV	Tests equivalence
IMP	Tests implication
NOT	Negates expression
OR	Performs logical "or"
XOR	Performs exclusive "or"

Draw Mode

Number	Mode
1	Replace
2	Transparent
3	Exclusive OR
4	Reverse transparent

Fill Pattern Style

Number	Style
0	Hollow
1	Solid
2	Pattern
3	Hatch

Line Pattern Style

Number	Style
1	Solid
2	Long dash
3	Dot
4	Dash dot
5	Dash
6	Dash dot dot
7	Defined by user

Ports

Number	Port
0	Printer
1	Modem
2	Console
3	MIDI

Windows

Number	Window
0	Edit
1	List
2	Output
3	Command

Sound

Parameters	Description	Range
Duration	Time is 1/50 second before next sound	
Note	Controls pitch: note position in scale	1 to 12
Octave	Controls pitch: octave number	1 to 8
Voice	Sound channel number	1 to 3
Volume	Controls degree of loudness	0 (off) to 15 (max.)

Command Listing

AUTO	EDIT	LOAD	RUN	TRON
BREAK	ERA	MERGE	SAVE	UNBREAK
CONT	FOLLOW	NEW	STEP	UNFOLLOW
DELETE	LIST	RENUM	TRACE	UNTRACE
DIR	LLIST	REPLACE	TROFF	

Statement Listing

AREA	FILL	OUT
ASK MOUSE	FOR	PATTERN
ASK RGB	FULLW	PCIRCLE
BLOAD	GEMDOS	PELLIPSE
BOX	GET	PRINT[#]
BSAVE	GOSUB	PRINT USING
CALL	GOTO	PUT
CHAIN (MERGE)	GOTOXY	QUIT
CIRCLE	GSHAPE	RANDOMIZE
CLEAR	IF	READ
CLEARW	INPUT[#]	REM
CLOSE	KILL	RESET
CLOSEW	LET	RESTORE
COLOR	LINE INPUT[#]	RESUME
COMMON	LINEF	RETURN
DATA	LINEPAT	RGB
DEF FN	LPRINT	RSET
DEFDBL	LSET	SOUND
DEFINT	MAT AREA	SSHAPE
DEFSNG	MAT DRAW	STOP
DEFSTR	MAT LINEF	SWAP
DIM	MAT SOUND	SYSTEM
DRAW	NAME	WAVE
DRAWMODE	NEXT	WEND
ELLIPSE	ON	WHILE
END	ON ERROR GOTO	WIDTH
ERASE	OPEN	WRITE[#]
ERROR	OPENW	XBIOS
FIELD	OPTION BASE	

Function Listing

ABS	HEX\$	PEEK__L
ASC	INP	POKE
ATN	INPUT\$	POKE__B
BIOS	INSTR	POKE__L
CDBL	INT	POS
CHR\$	LEFT\$	RIGHT\$
CINT	LEN	RND
COS	LOC	SGN
CSNG	LOF	SIN
CVD	LOG	SPACE\$
CVI	LOG10	SPC
CVS	LPOS	SQR
EOF	MID\$	STR\$
ERR\$	MKD\$	STRING\$
EPX	MKI\$	TAB
FIX	MKS\$	TAN
FLOAT	OCT\$	VAL
FRE	PEEK	VARPTR
GEMSYS	PEEK__B	VDISYS

System Variable Listing

CONTRL	GEM__ADDROUT	GEM__INTOUT	PTSIN
ERL	GEM__CONTRL	INTIN	PTSOUT
ERR	GEM__GLOBAL	INTOUT	STATUS
GEM__ADDRIN	GEM__INTIN	PI	SYSTAB

Commands, Statements, Functions, and System Variables

Name	Format/Description
=	<i><variable> = <numeric expression> "string"</i> Assigns value to variable (see LET).
ABS	ABS (<i><numeric expression></i>) Returns absolute value of argument.
AREA	AREA <i><point list></i> Draws a filled polygon.
ASC	ASC (<i><string expression></i>) Returns ASCII code of specified character.
ASK MOUSE	ASK MOUSE <i><x></i> , <i><y></i> , <i></i> Returns the current mouse coordinates and button status into the specified variables.
ASK RGB	ASK RGB <i><reg></i> , <i><r></i> , <i><g></i> , <i></i> Places the actual red, green, and blue values of the specified palette into the listed variables.
ATN	ATN (<i><numeric expression></i>) Returns arctangent of argument.
AUTO	AUTO [<i><starting line number></i>] [, <i><increment></i>] Automatically numbers lines on entry.
BIOS	BIOS <i><numeric expression></i> , <i><arglist></i> Provides an operating system call to BIOS.
BLOAD	BLOAD <i><filespec></i> , <i><address></i> Loads specified binary file.
BOX	BOX [FILL] <i><x1,y1></i> ; <i><x2,y2></i> Draws a box.
BREAK	BREAK [<i><line number list></i>] Inserts breaks between lines of executing program.
BSAVE	BSAVE <i><filespec></i> , <i><address></i> , <i><length></i> Saves a section of memory in a binary file.

CALL	CALL <numeric variable> [(<parameter list>)] Calls machine language subroutine.
CDBL	CDBL (<numeric expression>) Converts argument to double-precision number.
CHAIN	CHAIN <filespec> [, <line descriptor>] [, ALL] Replaces current program with specified program and executes it.
CHAIN MERGE	CHAIN MERGE <filespec> [, <line descriptor>] [, DELETE <line descriptor list>] Merges current program with specified program and executes result.
CHR\$	CHR\$ (<numeric expression>) Converts integers to one-character strings according to ASCII code.
CINT	CINT (<numeric expression>) Converts argument to integer.
CIRCLE	CIRCLE <x>, <y>, <radius> [, <start angle,end angle>] Draws circles and arcs.
CLEAR	CLEAR Sets all numeric variables to 0 and string variables to null. undefines all arrays.
CLEARW	CLEARW <numeric expression> Clears ST BASIC windows.
CLOSE	CLOSE [#]<file number> Ends input and output and closes data file.
CLOSEW	CLOSEW <window number> Closes BASIC windows.
COLOR	COLOR [<text color, fill color, line color, index, style>] Sets text, fill, and plot colors and fill patterns.
COMMON	COMMON <variable> [, <variable> ...] Passes specified variables to a chained program.
CONT	CONT Resumes execution after a break.

CONTRL	CONTRL (<offset>)= <expression> A VDI-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.
COS	COS (<numeric expression>) Returns cosine of argument.
CSNG	CSNG (<numeric expression>) Converts argument to single-precision number.
CVD	CVD (<8-byte string>) Converts 8-byte string to double-precision number.
CVI	CVI (<4-byte string>) Converts 4-byte string to integer.
CVS	CVS (<4-byte string>) Converts 4-byte string to single-precision number.
DATA	DATA <constant> [, <constant> ...] Provides data for a READ statement to use.
DEF FN	DEF FN <function name> [(<variable list>)] = <definition> Defines user function.
DEFDBL	DEFDBL <letter> [- <letter>] Defines range of initials as double-precision numbers.
DEFINT	DEFINT <letter> [- <letter>] Defines range of initials as integers.
DEFSNG	DEFSNG <letter> [- <letter>] Defines range of initials as single-precision numbers.
DEFSTR	DEFSTR <letter> [- <letter>] Defines range of initials as strings.
DELETE	DELETE <line number> [- <line number>] Erases program lines from memory.

DIM	DIM <array name> (<subscript> [, <subscript>] ...) [, <array name> (<subscript>, <subscript> ...)] Associates variable name with array of specified dimensions.
DIR	DIR [<disk drive> :] [[<filename>].<extension>]] Lists a directory.
DRAW	DRAW <point list> Draws a line through the vertices given in the argument list.
DRAWMODE	DRAWMODE <integer variable> Sets the current drawing mode.
EDIT	EDIT [<line number>] Edits current program.
ELLIPSE	ELLIPSE <x>, <y>, <horizontal radius>, <vertical radius> [, <start angle>, <end angle>] Draws an ellipse.
END	END Ends program, closes files, and returns to immediate mode.
EOF	EOF (<file number>) Detects end of file.
ERA	ERA [<disk drive: >] [<filename>] Deletes a file from the disk.
ERASE	ERASE <array name> [, <array name>] ... Erases arrays.
ERL	ERL = <error line> Contains the line number where an error occurred.
ERR	ERR = <error code> Contains an error code.
ERR\$	ERR\$(<n>) Returns an error message for the specified code.

ERROR	ERROR <i><numeric expression></i> Simulates an error.
EXP	EXP (<i><numeric expression></i>) Returns e to specified power.
FIELD	FIELD # <i><file number></i> , <i><field width></i> AS <i><string variable></i> [, <i><field width></i> AS <i><string variable></i>] ... Allocates space for variable values in file buffer.
FILL	FILL <i><x></i> , <i><y></i> Fills shapes with colors or patterns.
FIX	FIX (<i><numeric expression></i>) Truncates argument to integer.
FLOAT	FLOAT (<i><integer expression></i>) Converts an integer to a single-precision number.
FOLLOW	FOLLOW <i><variable></i> [, <i><variable></i> ...] Tracks values of specified variables during program execution.
FOR ... TO	FOR <i><counter variable></i> = <i><start></i> TO <i><limit></i> [STEP <i><increment></i>] Initiates program loop.
FRE	FRE [(<i><numeric expression></i>)] Returns number of bytes in memory unused by ST BASIC.
FULLW	FULLW <i><window number></i> Sets ST BASIC windows to full screen size.
GEM__ADDRIN	GEM__ADDRIN (<i><offset></i>) = <i><expression></i> A GEM-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.
GEM__ADDRROUT	GEM__ADDRROUT (<i><offset></i>) = <i><expression></i> A GEM-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.
GEM__CONTRL	GEM__CONTRL (<i><offset></i>) = <i><expression></i> A GEM-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.

GEM_GLOBAL	GEM_GLOBAL (<offset>) = <expression> A GEM-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.
GEM_INTIN	GEM_INTIN (<offset>) = <expression> A GEM-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.
GEM_INTOUT	GEM_INTOUT (<offset>) = <expression> A GEM-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.
GEMDOS	GEMDOS <numeric expression>, <arglist> Provides an operating system call to GEMDOS.
GEMSYS	GEMSYS <AES Op Code> Accesses the operating system's AES interface.
GET	GET[#] <file number> [, <record number>] Reads record from random file into buffer.
GOSUB	GOSUB <line descriptor> Sends program control to subroutine.
GOTO	GOTO <line descriptor> Jumps program execution to specified line.
GOTOXY	GOTOXY <column position>, <row position> Places output cursor at specified column and row position.
GSHAPE	GSHAPE <x1>, <y1>, <array> Writes the raster stored in the specified array to the screen.
HEX\$	HEX\$ (<numeric expression>) Returns hexadecimal equivalent of argument in string form.

IF	<p>IF <i><relationship></i> THEN <i><line number></i> <i><label></i></p> <p>IF <i><relationship></i> GOTO <i><line number></i> <i><label></i></p> <p>IF <i><relationship></i> THEN <i><line number></i> [ELSE <i><line number></i> <i><label></i>]</p> <p>IF <i><relationship></i> THEN <i><clause></i> [ELSE <i><clause></i>]</p> <p>Performs condition and decides on the direction of program flow according to the result.</p>
INP	<p>INP (<i><port number></i>)</p> <p>Returns a byte value from a selected port.</p>
INPUT	<p>INPUT [;] [<i><prompt string></i> <; ,>] <i><variable></i> [, <i><variable></i>] ...</p> <p>Enters keyboard input during program execution.</p>
INPUT#	<p>INPUT# <i><file number></i>, <i><variable></i> [, <i><variable></i>] ...</p> <p>Assigns sequential file data to specified variable(s).</p>
INPUT\$	<p>INPUT\$ (<i><number of characters></i> [, [#] <i><file number></i>])</p> <p>Returns string of specified length from keyboard or data file.</p>
INSTR	<p>INSTR ([<i><starting point></i> ,] <i><target string></i> , <i><pattern string></i>)</p> <p>Searches for string within string and returns position.</p>
INT	<p>INT (<i><numerical expression></i>)</p> <p>Rounds argument to next lower integer.</p>
INTIN	<p>INTIN (<i><offset></i>) = <i><expression></i></p> <p>A VDI-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.</p>
INTOUT	<p>INTOUT (<i><offset></i>) = <i><expression></i></p> <p>A VDI-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.</p>
KILL	<p>KILL <i><string expression></i></p> <p>Deletes a file.</p>

LEFT\$	LEFT\$ (<target string>, <number of characters>) Returns substring from beginning of target string.
LEN	LEN (<string expression>) Returns length of specified string.
LET	LET <variable> = <numeric expression> "string" Assigns value to variable.
LINE INPUT	LINE INPUT [[:]"prompt string"; [[:]"prompt string",] <string variable> Assigns sequential file record to specified variable.
LINE INPUT#	LINE INPUT# <file number>, <string variable> Reads line from data file and assigns it to string variable.
LINEF	LINEF <point list> Draws a line through the vertices given in the argument list.
LINEPAT	LINEPAT <style> [, <pattern>] Sets the line pattern.
LIST	LIST [<line descriptor list>] Displays specific program line(s) in the List window.
LLIST	LLIST [<line descriptor list>] Prints specific program line(s) on the printer.
LOAD	LOAD <filename> Loads specified program.
LOC	LOC (<file number> or <record number>) Returns record number or number of characters read or written.
LOF	LOF (<file number>) Returns length of file.
LOG	LOG (<numeric expression>) Calculates and returns natural logarithm of argument.

LOG10	LOG10 (<numeric expression>) Calculates and returns base-10 logarithm of argument.
LPOS	LPOS [(<dummy argument>)] Returns the position of the print-head.
LPRINT	LPRINT [<list of expressions>] Prints data on the printer. LPRINT USING <format string expression>; [<list of expressions>] Prints data on printer using specified format.
LSET	LSET <string variable> = <string expression> Moves data into string and left-justifies it.
MAT AREA	MAT AREA <count>, <array> Draws a filled polygon, taking the vertices of the polygon from the specified array.
MAT DRAW	MAT DRAW <count>, <array> Draws a line, taking the vertices of the line from the specified array.
MAT LINEF	MAT LINEF <count>, <array> Draws a line, taking the vertices of the line from the specified array.
MAT SOUND	MAT SOUND <array> Submits the specified array to the sound daemon.
MERGE	MERGE <filename> Merges specified program with resident program.
MID\$	MID\$ ("target string", <start> [, <length>]) Returns specified substring from target string.
MID\$	MID\$ (<string variable>, <start> [, <length>]) = "string" Substitutes one substring for another in existing string value.
MKD\$	MKD\$ (<numeric expression>) Converts double-precision number to string.

MKI\$	MKI\$ (<integer>) Converts integer to string.
MKS\$	MKS\$ (<numeric expression>) Converts single-precision number to string.
NAME	NAME <old filename> AS <new filename> Changes name of file.
NEW	NEW [<filename>] Clears memory for new program and optionally names the new program.
NEXT	NEXT [<counter> [, <counter>]] ... Defines end of loop.
OCT\$	OCT\$ (<numeric expression>) Returns octal equivalent to argument in string form.
ON	ON <expression> GOSUB <line descriptor> [,<line descriptor>] ... Defines multiple branch to subroutines. ON <expression> GOTO <line descriptor> [,<line descriptor>] ... Defines multiple branch.
ON ERROR GOTO	ON ERROR GOTO 0 <line descriptor> Defines starting line of error trap.
OPEN	OPEN "mode", # <file number>, "filename" [,<record length>] Opens specified data file.
OPENW	OPENW <window number> Opens ST BASIC windows.
OPTION BASE	OPTION BASE <0 1> Sets base for array dimensions.
OUT	OUT <port number>, <byte> Sends a byte value to a selected output port.
PATTERN	PATTERN <plane>, <array> Sets the fill style.

PCIRCLE PCIRCLE <x>, <y>, <radius>
 [, <start angle>, <end angle>]
 Draws solid circles and pie shapes.

PEEK PEEK__B (<address>)
 Returns an 8-bit value at memory address.
 PEEK (<address>)
 Returns a 16-bit value at memory address.
 PEEK__L (<address>)
 Returns a 32-bit value at memory address.

PELLIPSE PELLIPSE <x>, <y>, <horizontal radius>, <vertical radius>, <start angle>, <end angle>
 Draws a solid ellipse or elliptical pie shape.

PI PI = <variable>
 Holds the value of pi.

POKE POKE__B (<address>, <data>)
 Inserts an 8-bit value at memory address.
 POKE (<address>, <data>)
 Inserts a 16-bit value at memory address.
 POKE__L (<address>, <data>)
 Inserts a 32-bit value at memory address.

POS POS (<file number>)
 Returns number of characters printed since last new line, or the current position of the cursor on the screen or printer.

PRINT PRINT [<print item>] <;|,>
 [<print item> [<;|,> ...]]
 ?[<print item>] <;|,> [<print item>
 [<;|,> ...]]
 Displays data on the screen.

PRINT USING PRINT USING <"format string">;
 <variable list>
 Prints data on screen using specified format.
 PRINT# <file number>, USING
 <"format string">; <expression>
 [, <expression> ...]
 Prints data to file using specified format.

PRINT#	PRINT# <file number> , <print item> [<print item> ...] Outputs data to file.
PTSIN	PTSIN (<offset>)=(expression) A VDI-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.
PTSOUT	PTSOUT (<offset>)=(expression) A VDI-related system variable that can act as a built-in array.
PUT	PUT [#] <file number> [, <record number>] Writes record to random access file.
QUIT	QUIT Leaves ST BASIC and returns to the GEM desktop.
RANDOMIZE	RANDOMIZE [<numeric expression>] Seeds random number generator.
READ	READ <variable> , <variable> ... Assigns item(s) from DATA statement to specified variable(s).
REM	REM <remark> ' <remark> Inserts remark in program.
RENUM	RENUM [<new first line>] [, <increment>] Renumbers current program lines.
REPLACE	REPLACE [<filename>] [, <line number list>] Replaces existing program with new version.
RESET	RESET Places the contents of the Output window into the graphics buffer.
RESTORE	RESTORE [<line descriptor>] Resets pointer to specified DATA statement.
RESUME	RESUME [NEXT 0 <line descriptor>] Defines point of return from error trap.

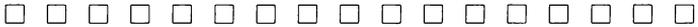
RETURN	RETURN Marks end of a subroutine.
RGB	RGB <reg>, <r>, <g>, Sets color palette to the specified red, green, and blue proportions.
RIGHT\$	RIGHT\$ (<target string>, <integer>) Returns substring from end of target string.
RND	RND [(<numeric expression >)] Returns random number.
RSET	RSET <string variable> = <string expression > Moves data into string and right-justifies it.
RUN	RUN [<filename>] [, <line descriptor >] Executes program.
SAVE	SAVE [<filename>] [, <line descriptor list >] Saves the current program in source form.
SGN	SGN [(<numeric expression >)] Returns the sign of a number.
SIN	SIN (<numeric expression >) Returns the sine of the argument.
SOUND	SOUND <voice>, <volume>, <note>, <octave>, <duration > Makes musical notes.
SPACE\$	SPACE\$ (<numeric expression >) Returns string of specified length filled with spaces.
SPC	PRINT SPC (<numeric expression >) Inserts specified number of blank spaces in print string.
SQR	SQR (<numeric expression >) Returns square root of argument.
SSHAPE	SSHAPE <x1, y1>; <x2, y2>, <array > Saves a raster in a specified array.

STATUS	STATUS = <i><variable></i> Holds the value returned from each call to TOST™, GEM, VDI, or AES.
STEP	STEP [<i><filename></i>] [, <i><line descriptor number></i>] Executes program line by line.
STOP	STOP Halts program execution.
STR\$	STR\$ (<i><numeric expression></i>) Converts numeric argument to a string.
STRING\$	STRING\$ (<i><numeric expression></i> , <i><numeric expression></i> <i><string expression></i>) Returns string of given length filled with specified character.
SWAP	SWAP <i><first variable></i> , <i><second variable></i> Exchanges values of specified variables.
SYSTAB	SYSTAB (<i><offset></i>) = <i><expression></i> Provides a system pointer table.
SYSTEM	SYSTEM Exits ST BASIC and returns to the GEM desktop.
TAB	PRINT TAB (<i><tab position></i>) Inserts tabs in PRINT statement.
TAN	TAN (<i><angle in radians></i>) Returns tangent of argument.
TRACE	TRACE [<i><line number></i> – <i><line number></i>] Steps through execution printing specified lines.
TROFF	TROFF [<i><line number></i> – <i><line number></i>] Turns off TRON.
TRON	TRON [<i><line number></i> – <i><line number></i>] Steps through execution printing specified lines and variable values.
UNBREAK	UNBREAK [<i><line number></i> – <i><line number></i>] Turns off BREAK.

UNFOLLOW	UNFOLLOW [<i><variable></i> [, <i><variable></i>] ...] Turns off FOLLOW.
UNTRACE	UNTRACE [<i><line number></i> – <i><line number></i>] Turns off TRACE.
VAL	VAL (<i><string expression></i>) Returns numeric value of specified string.
VARPTR	VARPTR (<i><variable></i> # <i><file number></i>) Returns offset of parameter from heap segment.
VDISYS	VDISYS [(dummy argument)] Allows the user access to the operating system's VDI interface.
WAVE	WAVE <i><enable></i> , <i><envelope></i> , <i><shape></i> , <i><period></i> , <i><delay></i> Controls the waveforms used in SOUND statements.
WEND	WEND Defines end of WHILE.
WHILE	WHILE <i><logical expression></i> Defines start and condition of indefinite loop.
WIDTH	WIDTH [# <i><file number></i> ,] <i><width></i> Sets width for screen output. WIDTH LPRINT <i><width></i> Sets width for printer output.
WRITE	WRITE [<i><expression></i>] [, <i><expression></i>] Displays output on the screen.
WRITE#	WRITE# <i><file number></i> , <i><expression></i> [, <i><expression></i>] ... Sends output to sequential file.
XBIOS	XBIOS <i><function></i> [, <i><arglist></i>] Provides an operating system call to XBIOS.

Note: *<relationship>* is a numeric expression which evaluates to an integer value. If the value is zero, it is taken to be false; if it is non-zero, it is taken to be true.

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