


Re: [ballyalley] 300 baud tools help - typing in program

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STARTREK.WAV;

Success! Tested the game again having cut out all the spaces that Ken pointed out and it booted right up. It's all text and uses the keypad, much as the instructions Scott had typed up that you have scanned indicated. Even destroyed a couple Klingons (though I haven't quite figured out how moving the ship works).

Definitely interested in typing in a few more 300-baud games!

On Thursday, June 10, 2021, 09:56:40 PM EDT, Adam Trionfo <ballyalley@hotmail.com> wrote:

That's great news that you got "Star Trek" working, Kevin. Well, hopefully it's working. At least it's archiving okay on your Windows 10 system now. Kevin, when you've got the kinks worked out of the BASIC listing, then I'd like to upload the 300-BAUD WAV to BallyAlley. I'll probably translate it to AstroBASIC too.

It's really wonderful to see Kevin putting effort into archiving an otherwise lost BASIC program. Does anyone else wanna have a go at archiving a BASIC program?

Adam

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I went through the program and cleaned up the txt listing that I made and just successfully ran it through the programs using Adam's directions. Thanks! I'll have to test it this weekend when I next get the Bally set up - hopefully this'll do the trick.

On Saturday, June 5, 2021, 07:29:08 PM EDT, Adam Trionfo <ballyalley@hotmail.com> wrote:

It's nice to see you jump into the conversation, Paul. You're the 300-baud archiving expert. Without you, there wouldn't be any 300-baud programs digitally archived for the Astrocade. You tracked down the needed tools to get the job done. When the tools didn't work, you contacted the people who created them to have them make some changes.

Using "Space Checkers" as a example of creating an editable file is a good example, as that's quite a program for Bally BASIC.

Adam

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Are you still having any issues, Kevin? I didn't need to make any changes to run the utilities on Windows 10, but compatibility mode is definitely a good thing to try.

Indeed, you should try to avoid any unnecessary spaces (though spaces are needed after some keywords).

Adam already went through the basic workflow, but I'll also point out that the 300 baud program downloads should include .prg files. Some of the older ones have .txt files displayed in all caps like they would appear on the system itself, but really the editable format is more useful. If you want examples of editable text files, they're easy to create from the .prg files.

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prg2txt.exe spacecheckers.prg spacechecker.txt -e -n
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-e is for editable format, and -n displays non-character bytes in curly braces instead of just question marks like they'd appear when loading a program into Bally BASIC.

I pulled that .prg file from here, but there are lots available, some more complicated than others.

[https://ballyalley.com/program_downloads/300_baud_programs/l&m_software/Space%20Checkers%20\(1981\)\(L&M%20Software\)\(300%20baud\).zip](https://ballyalley.com/program_downloads/300_baud_programs/l&m_software/Space%20Checkers%20(1981)(L&M%20Software)(300%20baud).zip)

It would indeed be cool to type in programs where all we have is a scan of the source code. It's been awhile since any new tapes have showed up.

Paul

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