



From the Authors of KIM-1 BASIC

Before a computer can perform any useful function, it must be "told" what to do. Unfortunately, at this time, computers are not capable of understanding English or any other "human" language. This is primarily because our languages are rich with ambiguities and implied meanings. The computer must be told precise instructions and the exact sequence of operations to be performed in order to accomplish any specific task. Therefore, in order to facilitate human communication with a computer, programming languages have been developed.

KIM-1 BASIC* is a programming language both easily understood and simple to use. It serves as an excellent "tool" for applications in areas such as business, science and education. With only a few hours of using BASIC, you will find that you can already write programs with an ease that few other computer languages can duplicate.

Originally developed at Dartmouth University, BASIC language has found wide acceptance in the computer field. Although it is one of the simplest computer languages to use, it is very powerful. BASIC uses a small set of common English words as its "commands". Designed specifically as an "interactive" language, you can give a command such as "PRINT 2+2", and KIM-1 BASIC will immediately reply with "4". It isn't necessary to submit a card deck with your program on it and then wait hours for the results. Instead the full power of the KIM-1 is "at your fingertips".

Generally, if the computer does not solve a particular problem the way you expected it to, there is a "Bug" or error in your program, or else there is an error in the data which the program used to calculate its answer. If you encounter any errors in BASIC itself, please let us know and we'll see that it's corrected. Write a letter to us containing the following information:

- 1) System Configuration
- 2) Version of BASIC
- 3) A detailed description of the error. Include all pertinent information such as a listing of the program in which the error occurred, the data placed into the program and BASIC printout.

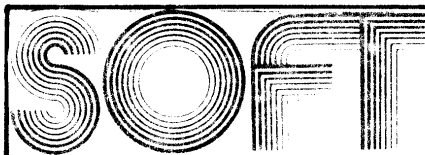
All of the information listed above will be necessary in order to properly evaluate the problem and correct it as quickly as possible. We wish to maintain as high a level of quality as possible with all of our KIM-1 software.

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If any immediate problems with Microsoft software are encountered, feel free to give us a call at 216/725-4560. The joint authors of the KIM-1 BASIC Interpreter, Bill Gates, Paul Allen and Monte Davidoff, will be glad to assist you.

We hope that you enjoy KIM-1 BASIC, and are successful in using it to solve all of your programming needs.

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