

PRINT

A background printing utility for the BBC microcomputer

Disc contents

1. Program file

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2. Example files:

- a) V.SUMMARY - containing this file in VIEW format
- b) T.LISTING - some SPOOLED text

How to use PRINT - summary

1. Load PRINT

CAUTION - when PRINT is loaded, any program or text in memory will be lost; so save your work, then insert the PRINT disc and type

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When it is loaded, remove the PRINT program disc.

2. Create the file to be printed

The following methods create a file suitable for printing:

- a) From VIEW or Wordwise

For VIEW, load your printer driver as usual. Then type

*FILE (file name)

where (file name) is the name of a file to receive the processed document.

Print the document in the usual way. Your printer will not print anything; instead, the processed file is being recorded on disc. When the "printing to disc" is finished, type

*FILE

The processed document can now be printed while you do other work as described in section 3.

b) From a BASIC program

LOAD the BASIC program, then type

*\$FOUL (file name)

where (file name) is the name of the file to receive the output or listing of the BASIC program.

RUN (or LIST) the program. A copy of the output (or listing) will be saved in the (file name) given above.

When the program or listing has finished, type

*\$FOUL

The output (or listing) can be printed while you do other work as described in section 3.

c) Other programs

Some programs (eg spreadsheets, databases, word processors) have an option to "print to disc" - this will produce a suitable file for PRINTing.

When there is no special option for producing output on disc, use *FILE as described in section 2.

3. Start background printing

To print a file, type

*\$PRIN (file name)

where (file name) is the name of the file to be printed, for example TLISTING or :L.T.CHAPL.