

# Lose yourself in this amazing game

Labyrinth is a fairly large program written in Tiny BASIC. Each time the program is run it will construct a different two dimensional maze and then allow the player to explore a three dimensional projection of this maze.

The program is divided roughly into two halves. The first half randomly builds a maze with a single route through it. A 2D plot of the maze is available at the end of this stage for those who suffer from claustrophobia. The second half of the program produces 3D projections as the player wanders along the corridors of the maze.

**Building The Maze**

The basic maze is a 'simple connected' maze (one which has no closed circuits). It is constructed using two, two dimensional arrays. The first array holds an indication of which cells of the maze have been used and the order in which they have been allocated. The second array holds the description of the topology of the maze.

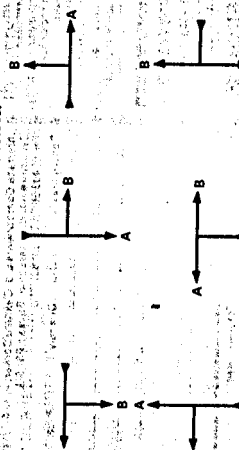
The maze construction starts by randomly selecting an entrance along the width of the maze. This location is saved in a spare element of the array.

From this start location the maze is constructed. At each cell, the program scans the adjacent cells to see which are available to use. Having decided which are available, the program then selects one cell randomly.

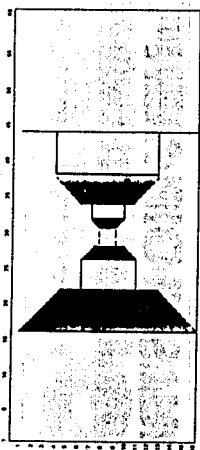
Consider the following examples. In each of these four there are three possible choices, A, B and C



hence the route can be chosen from the three possibilities. Next there are six combinations of two choices.



To arrive at these choices, the program must first scan the adjacent cells. As the program knows the direction it has just come from, it only needs to check the other three directions. The program continues its random route through the



maze until it hits a dead end. A branch is then made from the first route at this point and continued until the next dead end. This procedure is continued until the maze is complete.

At this point, the player can obtain a two dimensional display of the maze. Each element of the second array contains information about one cell of the maze. This information is incomplete as it is only for the top and right hand wall.

**The Third Dimension**

To produce a three dimensional picture, it is necessary to complete the cell information and organize it in such a manner that it can be rotated. The binary system fulfils both these requirements. A bit is used to indicate a wall. So we get



To turn left, the cell information is cyclically shifted right one bit. 2 becomes 4, 3 becomes 6, 8 becomes 7. To turn right, the cell information is cyclically shifted left one bit. 2 becomes 1, 1 becomes 8, 10 becomes 5.

The information for the 2d maze is therefore translated and the information completed by inspecting the neighbouring cells. The 3D pictures are produced using memory mapping and the graphics available on the TRITON. As most systems have both memory mapped displays and graphic symbols, it should be very easy to convert this part of the program to run on most machines.

The display is constructed simply with horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines. A reasonable display would be possible with 1 - and / \. To move in the maze, the player can turn left or right or move forward. The players current position can also be obtained.

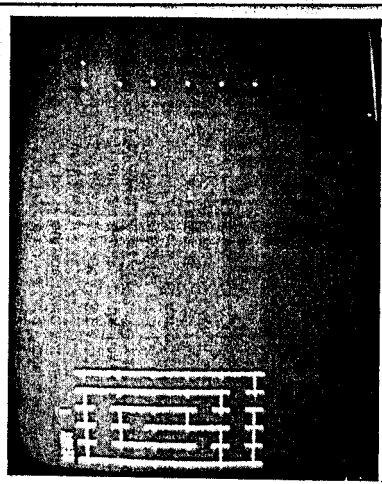
### Giving The Picture

To produce the 3D picture, the program starts with the cell corresponding to the players current position. This cell is then rotated, as described earlier, until facing the same way as the player. The program then decodes the cell information and checks for the walls left, right and in front of the player. At the first depth, either a blank wall or two columns are produced. If looking out of the maze, no further information is produced and if outside the maze and looking away from it, a blank screen is all you get.

If, on the other hand, a passage exists to the next cell, the program obtains the information about the next cell by making the appropriate index and rotates and decodes this cell. At the second depth, it is possible to have walls or passages to the left, right and straight ahead.

Each depth has its own display routine which checks

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see if wall or gap required. To use Triton graphics change + to w and - to s.

1430-1500 Print the sides of a line of cells, checking to see if wall or gap required. To use Triton graphics change 1 to L.

1510-1570 End of height loop.

1520-1570 Print bottom of last row of cells, leaving an entrance.

1595-1620 Reset cursor to top of screen and loop on the keyboard until a key is pressed. Again, INPUT can be substituted.

1625-1630 Call the instruction print routine.

1635-1870 Translate the maze into binary cell information and then give each cell the information about all its walls.

1635-1670 Translate maze to convenient notation and move into other buffers.

1710-1870 Take each cell in turn and check, with adjacent cells to obtain information about all the walls.

1875-1890 Set up start parameters and go display entrance to maze in 3D.

1895-1950 Print instruction for wandering in maze.

1995-2100 Note the A) and A) which perform a carriage return without clearing the screen and a line feed.

2195-2270 Another keyboard scan routine. Routine loops scanning the keyboard until L, R, F or H are pressed. When pressed it jumps to the appropriate routine. No real problem to substitute INPUT.

2295-2320 Turn Left, then go display new view.

2345-2370 Turn Right, then go display new view.

2395-2440 Clear screen and wait while it is cleared. VDU 0, 12 is the clear screen command for a Triton.

2445-2460 Reset cursor to top of screen and wait. VDU 0, 28 is the reset cursor command.

2495-2540 Routine to space cursor and erase messages. Rotate routine.

2595-2630 Check current position (A,B) and extract cell information if inside maze.

2635-2660 Rotate the cell information if not facing north until facing right direction.

2670-2700 Decode the cell information into C, D and E.

for and plots the three walls or passages. Each depth produces a display continuing from the previous and maintains the perspective. The display stops either with a blank wall or when depth 5 has been reached.

The program listing following contains the full Tiny BASIC commands and is commented to make it easier to follow and to translate. If using a floating point BASIC, take great care in the rotate and decode routines as they rely on integer rounding effects. A large number of INT commands will be required.

The program will fit on a TRITON with mother board and an extra 8K of static RAM but the Tiny BASIC commands should be abbreviated for size and speed reasons. A tape of the program in abbreviated Tiny BASIC is available from TRANSAM of Chapel Street, London.

### Program Notes

**LINE NUMBERS**

5-40 Clear Screen and print heading.

45-70 Ask for size of maze.

95-120 Initialize variables. Obtain random entry point.

125-150 Save entry point and start the maze.

155-1295 Maze build routine.

155-200 Finds the next starting point when a route comes to a dead end.

210-270 Does an initial check on the number of allowable routes from the current position in the maze.

275-310 Randomly select Left, Down or Right as the next route.

320-350 More route checking. Z=1 when an exit exists.

355-390 Randomly select Left, Down or Up.

395-410 Use when exit already exists or no way up.

420-470 Randomly select Left or Down.

475-510 Move route checking.

515-530 Randomly select Left, Right or Up.

540-570 No way up. Randomly select Left or Right.

575-600 Move route checking.

610-680 Randomly select Left or Up.

685-720 Randomly select Down, Right or Up.

725-740 No way up, select Down or Right.

750-780 Yet more route checking.

820-870 Not much more route to check.

875-900 Right or Up.

910-950 Last bit of route checking.

995-1030 Maze finished, if not see where it goes next.

1035-1100 Route goes Down.

1105-1160 Route goes Up. Checks if exit made.

1165-1200 Make exit at top, loop back if maze not complete.

1205-1210 Make sure maze has an exit.

1300-1320 Keyboard scan to see if 2D print required.

READ 0, 1 scans a byte from the keyboard on the Triton. Substitute INPUT if necessary.

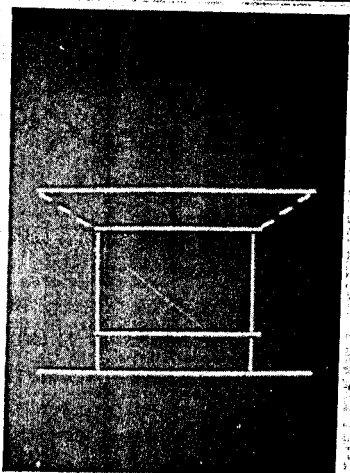
1330-1570 2D print routine.

1330-1335 Clear screen and print 'CHEAT'.

1340 Loop for height of maze.

1350-1420 Print the top of a line of cells checking to

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2705-2750 C is Left wall, D is Right wall and E is front wall. If zero no wall and if one, a wall. Set up if outside maze but facing retaining wall.

2755-2790 Set up if in NO MANS LAND.

2795-2850 Index the display to the next cell according to direction faced.

2855-2920 Position cursor for messages, AJ and AI perform line feed and cursor right commands on the Triton.

2930-2980 Print error messages when you hit a dead end or no mans land.

2995-3040 Routine to move the player forward to the next cell.

3045-4980 3D display routines.

3045-3060 Set up start position, rotate and look from list cell.

3065-3080 Set up loop for up to 5 depths and call display routine.

3085-3140 Check if possible to see into next cell. If so, index to and rotate next cell. Loop to a depth of 5 unless wall in way. Return to keyboard routine.

3195-3200 Jump to appropriate depth routine.

3205-3300 Clear screen and check if facing no mans land, if yes, nothing to display. Otherwise display first depth.

3240-3270 Map vertical lines of walls. Triton screen is 64 wide by 16 high. The screen is numbered left to right, top to bottom from 1 to 1024. VDU 1,116 maps graphic 116 at the location in I.

3280-3330 Check for a wall ahead and if so map top and bottom. Graphic 107 is and 108 is.

3600-3940 Display second depth.

3600-3720 Check for left wall or passage and map section. Graphic 114 is 113 is /.

3730-3840 Check for right wall or passage and map. Map end walls.

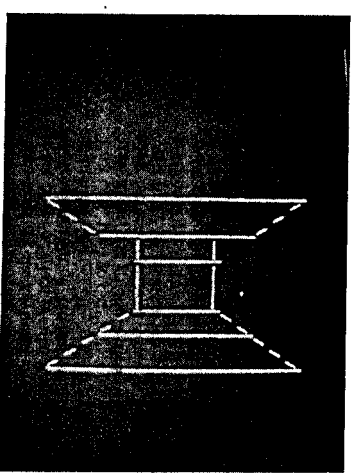
3850-3880 Check for end wall, return if no wall otherwise map top and bottom.

3890-3940 Display third depth.

4000-4300 Display fourth depth.

4400-4620 Display fifth depth. Graphic 106 is and 105 is /.

4995-5030 Clear screen and display WAY OUT. End of game.



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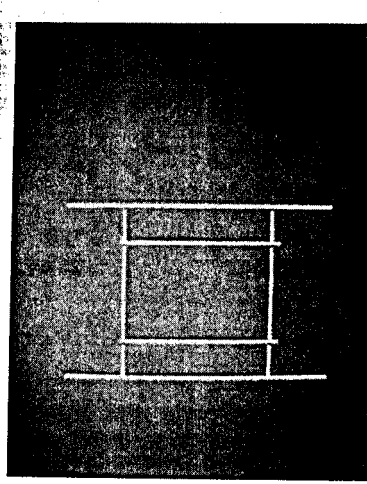
5 REM-CLEAR SCREEN AND PRINT HEADING
10 GOSUB 2400
20 PRINT *****
30 PRINT *LABYRINTH*
40 PRINT *****
45 REM-SET MAZE DIMENSIONS
50 PRINT ENTER SIZE OF MAZE
60 INPUT WIDTH, HEIGHT, V
70 PRINT THINKING
85 REM-CLEAR MAZE ARRAY
100 REM-INITIAL
110 FOR I=1 TO 64:GOTO 110:NEXT I
120 G=0:Z=0:X=ND(1)
135 REM-SOME MAZE ENTRY POINT
140 G(X)=1:G(Z)=
150 REM-START OF MAZE BUILD ROUTINE
160 IF 5=1 GOTO 280
170 IF 5=1 GOTO 190
180 R=1:5=1:GOTO 210
200 REM-1
210 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 190:GOTO 190
220 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 610
240 IF 5=1=0 GOTO 420
260 IF 0(R+(S-2)+H)=0 GOTO 420
270 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 320
280 REM-LEFT/DOWN/RIGHT
285 REM-LEFT
290 IF X=1 GOTO 900
300 IF X=2 GOTO 1000
310 GOTO 1040
320 IF 5=1 GOTO 400
330 IF 5=1 GOTO 400
340 G=1:GOTO 360
350 IF 0(R+(S+H)=0 GOTO 400
355 REM-LEFT/DOWN/P
360 REM-LEFT
370 IF X=1 GOTO 900
380 IF X=2 GOTO 1000
390 GOTO 1110
395 REM-LEFT/DOWN
400 REM-LEFT
410 GOTO 370
420 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 540
430 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 540
440 IF 5=1 GOTO 470
450 IF 5=1 GOTO 320
460 G=1:GOTO 480
470 IF 0(R+(S+H)=0 GOTO 520
475 REM-LEFT/RIGHT/UP
480 REM-LEFT
490 IF X=1 GOTO 900
500 IF X=2 GOTO 1040
510 GOTO 1110
515 REM-LEFT/RIGHT
520 REM-LEFT
530 GOTO 490
540 IF 5=1 GOTO 570
550 IF 5=1 GOTO 560
560 G=1:GOTO 580
570 IF 0(R+(S+H)=0 GOTO 900
580 REM-LEFT/UP
590 REM-LEFT
600 GOTO 1110
610 IF 5=1=0 GOTO 320
640 IF 0(R+(S-2)+H)=0 GOTO 320
640 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 750
650 IF 5=1 GOTO 520
660 G=1:GOTO 690
680 IF 0(R+(S+H)=0 GOTO 730

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685 REM-DOWN/RIGHT/UP
690 REM-LEFT
710 IF X=2 GOTO 1040
720 GOTO 1110
725 REM-DOWN/RIGHT
730 REM-LEFT
740 GOTO 700
750 IF 5=1 GOTO 780
760 IF Z=1 GOTO 1000
770 G=1:GOTO 790
780 IF 0(R+(S+H)=0 GOTO 1000
785 REM-DOWN/UP
790 REM-LEFT
800 IF X=1 GOTO 1000
810 GOTO 1110
820 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 910
830 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 910
840 IF 5=1 GOTO 870
850 G=1:GOTO 1040
860 G=1:GOTO 880
870 IF 0(R+(S+H)=0 GOTO 1040
875 REM-RIGHT/UP
880 REM-LEFT
890 IF X=1 GOTO 1040
900 GOTO 1110
910 IF 5=1 GOTO 940
920 IF Z=1 GOTO 100
930 G=1:GOTO 950
940 IF 0(R+(S+H)=0 GOTO 100
950 GOTO 1110
955 REM-LEFT
960 REM-LEFT
970 REM-LEFT
975 REM-LEFT
980 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 1040
985 REM-LEFT
990 IF 0(R+(S-1)+H)=0 GOTO 1040
1000 REM-LEFT
1010 REM-LEFT
1020 REM-LEFT
1030 REM-LEFT
1040 REM-LEFT
1050 REM-LEFT
1060 REM-LEFT
1070 REM-LEFT
1080 REM-LEFT
1090 REM-LEFT
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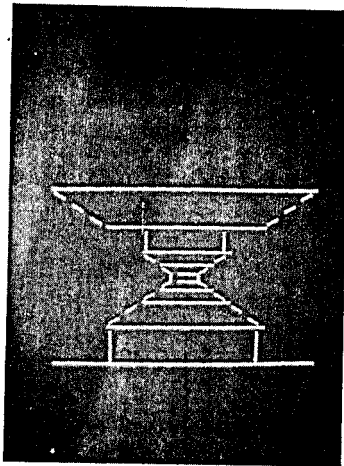


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1730 FOR I=1 TO V
1740 KS(1-I)=H
1750 FOR I=1 TO H
1760 L=I+K
1770 IF I=1 GOTO 1730
1780 H=H-L+1
1790 H=L+H/2
1800 H=L+H/2
1810 A(L)=H(L)+K
1820 H=L+H/2
1830 H=L+H/2
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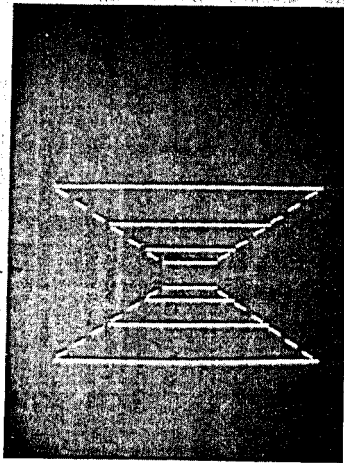
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2010 PRINT "YOU ARE AT:"; J; J
2020 PRINT "X=X EAST"; J; J
2030 PRINT "Y=Y NORTH"; J; J
2040 PRINT "YOU ARE FACING"; J; J
2050 IF Z=1 PRINT "NORTH"
2060 IF Z=2 PRINT "EAST"
2070 IF Z=3 PRINT "SOUTH"
2080 IF Z=4 PRINT "WEST"
2090 PRINT "J"; J
2100 GOTO 2200
2110 GOTO 2200
2120 GOTO 2200
2130 GOTO 2200
2140 GOTO 2200
2150 GOTO 2200
2160 GOTO 2200
2170 GOTO 2200
2180 GOTO 2200
2190 GOTO 2200
2200 GOTO 2200
2210 READ O,A
2220 IF A=128 GOTO 2210
2230 IF A=236 GOTO 2230
2240 IF A=242 GOTO 2230
2250 IF A=230 GOTO 2300
2260 IF A=232 GOTO 2300
2270 GOTO 2210
2280 REM-LEFT TURN
2290 Z=Z-1
2300 IF Z=1 GOTO 2310
2310 IF Z=1 GOTO 2310
2320 GOTO 2300
2330 GOTO 2300
2340 REM-RIGHT TURN
2350 Z=Z+1
2360 IF Z=4 GOTO 2370
2370 GOTO 2300
2380 REM-CLEAR SCREEN AND WAIT
2390 I=12
2400 V=0
2410 FOR I=1 TO 600
2420 NEXT I
2430 NEXT I
2440 RETURN
2450 REM-RESET CURSOR AND WAIT
2460 GOTO 2410
2470 REM-ERASE MESSAGE ROUTINE
2480 GOSUB 2600
2490 PRINT
2500 GOSUB 2450
2510 PRINT
2520 GOSUB 2450
2530 S=0
2540 RETURN
2550 REM-ROTATE AND LOCK ROUTINE
2560 IF B=0 GOTO 2510
2570 IF B=1 E=2;RETURN
2580 E=9(4-(E-1)M)
2590 IF Z=1 GOTO 2670
2600 REM-ROTATE
2610 FOR I=2 TO 7
2620 F=F/2+(F/2)*2;S
2630 GOTO 2200

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3130 NEXT I
3140 GOTO 2200
3150 REM-UP TO DISPLAY DEPTH
3160 GOTO 1400+2310
3170 REM-DOWN TO DISPLAY DEPTH
3180 GOTO 1400+2310
3190 NEXT I
3200 REM-LEFT TURN
3210 Z=Z-1
3220 IF Z=1 GOTO 2780
3230 IF Z=2 GOTO 2780
3240 IF Z=3 GOTO 2780
3250 IF Z=4 GOTO 2780
3260 NEXT I
3270 REM-NO HANDS LAND
3280 IF Z=2 E=2
3290 IF Z=3 E=2
3300 IF Z=4 E=2
3310 REM-KEYBOARD ROUTINE
3320 IF Y=0 GOTO 3000
3330 READ O,A
3340 IF A=128 GOTO 2210
3350 IF A=236 GOTO 2230
3360 IF A=242 GOTO 2230
3370 IF A=230 GOTO 2300
3380 IF A=232 GOTO 2300
3390 GOTO 2210
3400 REM-LEFT TURN
3410 Z=Z-1
3420 IF Z=1 GOTO 3430
3430 GOTO 3000
3440 REM-RIGHT TURN
3450 Z=Z+1
3460 IF Z=4 GOTO 3470
3470 GOTO 3000
3480 REM-CLEAR SCREEN AND WAIT
3490 I=12
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3680 E=9(4-(E-1)M)
3690 IF Z=1 GOTO 3670
3700 REM-ROTATE
3710 FOR I=2 TO 7
3720 F=F/2+(F/2)*2;S
3730 GOTO 3200

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