THRESHOLD ZERO
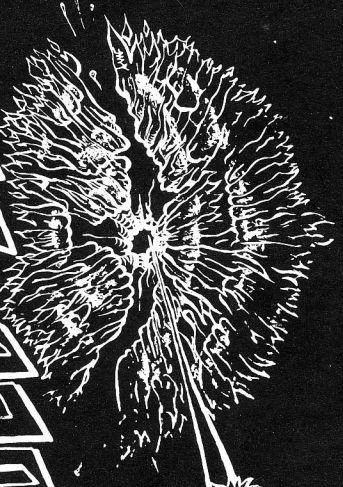
THRESHOLD ZERO INSTRUCTIONS

LOADING AND EXECUTING: TAPE SYSTEMS

Examine the TZ cassette that you purchased: one side of the tape is marked 500 baud and the other side 1500 baud. If you have a Model I TRS-80, place the 500 baud side facing upwards. If you have a Model III TRS-80, place the 1500 baud side upwards. Press the "rewind" button to make sure that the tape is positioned at the beginning. After being completely rewound, press the "stop" button. Now prepare the tape for loading by pressing the "play" button down until it clicks into position.

Now turn on your computer. You will see on the screen one of the following two responses:

Model III owners: you will see a CASS? prompt. Respond by pressing the (ENTER) key, which defaults tape input to a 1500 baud rate. The next prompt will be MEMORY SIZE? Respond by pressing the (ENTER) key again. You should now have a READY prompt.

Model I owners: those of you with Expansion Interfaces will see a MEMORY SIZE? prompt. Respond by pressing the (ENTER) key. You should now have a READY prompt. If you do not have an Expansion Interface, you should receive a READY prompt immediately upon power-up.

Threshold Zero can now be loaded with the normal SYSTEM command. From the READY prompt, type in SYSTEM and press the (ENTER) key. You will then see on the screen an *? prompt for the filename of the program to be loaded. Answer by typing in TZ and pressing the (ENTER) key.

The tape should now begin to load, and the familiar blinking asterisks will appear in the upper right hand corner of the screen. When the program is finished loading, another *? prompt will appear. This time, type in a slash (/) and press the (ENTER) key. If the program loaded okay, you should see the THRESHOLD ZERO logo appear on the screen. At this point, you can press the 1' key for further instructions on actually playing the game.

If the THRESHOLD ZERO logo does not appear on the screen, or if you get a C or D in the upper corner of the screen where the asterisks are blinking, you've experienced a "bad load". Check the volume on the tape player that you're using. We recommend starting at volume 8 on a Model I system and volume 10 on a Model III system. Try at least five or six different volume levels before you decide that the tape is defective. If you cannot get the tape to load at all, please return it to us and we'll send you a new one immediately. If you tell us whether you have a Model I or Model III, we will test the tape prior to shipping it.

LOADING AND EXECUTING: DISK SYSTEMS

Place the Threshold Zero disk that we sent you into drive ZERO of your Model I or Model III system. Press the reset button. On the screen, you should now see "File Transfer Utility by Kim Watt" and various information and instructions. If you read the screen display, you'll find that there is one file on the diskette; TZ/CMD. The "File Transfer Utility" is prompting you for a destination drive number. Grab a TRSDOS system diskette (2.3 for Model I owners, 1.3 for Model III owners). Follow one of the two procedures below to copy the TZ/CMD file to your system diskette:

If you have only one disk drive: answer the destination drive prompt by pressing the 0 key. You will be asked to mount the "Source" diskette. It is currently in drive zero, so press the (ENTER) key. You will then be asked to mount the "Destination" disk. Take the Threshold Zero disk out of the drive, and put in the TRSDOS disk. Press the (ENTER) key. Remember that the "Source" disk is the Threshold Zero disk that you received from us, and that the "Destination" disk is your own TRSDOS system disk. Keep swapping the two disks, per the instructions on the screen. The final message you receive should be 'Updating Destination Directory" and then 'Press (ENTER) to boot drive zero". At this point, the TZ/CMD file is on your TRSDOS disk and ready for use.

If you have two or more disk drives: place the TRSDOS system disk into drive one. Answer the destination drive prompt by pressing the 1 key. You will then be asked to mount the "Destination" disk; it is ready in drive one, so press the (ENTER) key. The File Transfer Utility will procede to copy the TZ/CMD file onto the disk in drive one. When done, you will see the messages "Updating Destination Directory" and 'Press (ENTER) to boot drive zero". At this point, the TZ/CMD file is on your TRSDOS disk and ready for use.

The only reason the File Transfer Utility might not work is if you receive a Disk Full Error". If this happens, you will have to find a TRSDOS system disk with enough free "grans" to hold the TZ/CMD file. To determine the number of free "grans", boot the TRSDOS disk and, from TRSDOS READY, type FREE and press the (ENTER) key. You will be told exactly how many granules are available on that diskette.

Threshold Zero will work on any Model I or Model III Disk Operating System. If you prefer to run under NEWDOS/80 or LDOS or another popular DOS either in single or double density, you may now transfer the TZ/CMD file to the DOS of your choice. Follow the instructions in your DOS manual for doing so.

To execute Threshold Zero, place the system diskette which contains the file TZ/CMD into drive zero and press the reset button. From the DOS READY prompt, type TZ and press the (ENTER) key. The screen will clear and you will see the THRESHOLD ZERO logo displayed. At this point, you can press the 1'key for further instructions on actually playing the Threshold Zero game.

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