

Statement from the Chairman

The half-yearly results met our expectations, a pleasing result in difficult trading conditions.

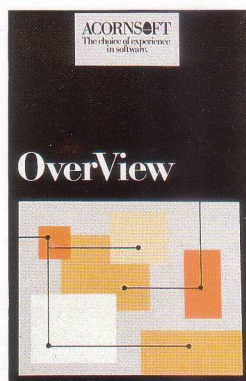
The stature of the authors continues to be a company asset, especially in Romance, where Sales have risen by more than 50% over the corresponding period in 1986. The recent takeover of Pygmy books has also provided a significant portion of the profit in this competitive market sector. Overall sales have risen by 23%, helped by currency fluctuations.

Sales	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Total
Romance	17030	17030	13624	13624	13624	6812	81744
Historical	12057	8038	4019	4019	6431	2411	36975
Biography	1048	1572	2096	2096	524	524	7860
Sci-fi	4087	8174	10899	21798	27248	27248	99454
Horror	681	681	1362	1362	1362	2724	8172
Thriller	3626	3626	6799	13598	13598	4533	45780
	529	39121	38799	56497	62787	44252	279985

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THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION
MASTER 128 AND MASTER COMPACT MICROCOMPUTERS



FOR THE MASTER 128 AND
THE MASTER COMPACT

The View family of software productivity tools will be familiar to many BBC Micro users for their simplicity, flexibility and professional quality. Designed with both the beginner and the experienced user in mind, each product is comprehensively documented and can be used independently. However, as the products are combined, they can be used together for even greater time saving. In this way, you can retrieve and present information in many different ways with the advantage of entering information only once.

The introduction of OverView enables Master 128 owners who already benefit from the qualities of VIEW and ViewSheet and Master Compact owners who already have VIEW to add the rest of the View family with the purchase of only one extra package. The Master 128 OverView pack is a sophisticated combination of ViewStore and ViewSpell on ROM Cartridge and ViewPlot, ViewIndex and Printer Driver Generator on disc. The Master Compact OverView consists of VIEW, ViewStore, ViewSpell and ViewSheet on ROM, ViewPlot, ViewIndex and Printer Driver Generator and utilities on one disc. Master Compact users can use a single disc drive.

FEATURES OF OVERVIEW

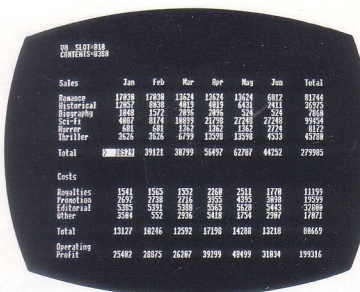
THE KEEPER — The keeper allows you to develop information simultaneously using each of the five View family programs: VIEW, ViewSheet, ViewIndex, ViewStore, and ViewSpell; and you can switch between them without having to save and load your work.

THE WIDE SCREEN — Most View family users like to work in an 80-column mode to display as much information on the screen as possible. overView provides an even wider screen displaying 106 characters per line for planning large-format documents and spreadsheets.

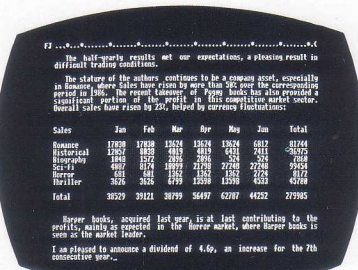
***READ COMMAND** — The READ command is a facility



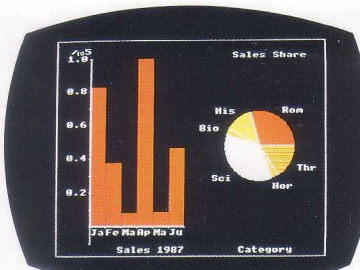
Information entered in the ViewStore database.



Information passed from ViewStore to the ViewSheet spreadsheet for calculations to be performed.



Figures from ViewSheet passed to the View word processor for inclusion in a report. Spelling checked by ViewSpell. Printing handled via the Printer Driver Generator.



Figures from ViewSheet converted into graph form by ViewPlot.

that allows you to transfer the contents of one spreadsheet into another, or to read a table of labels and figures into ViewSheet from another application.

* **RC (READ CONTENTS)** — Read Contents in OverView together with the PC (Print Contents) command in ViewSheet enables you to combine sections from two different spreadsheets. For example, when building one spreadsheet you might want to copy in a section taken from another previously created sheet. This could be a row of labels giving the months of the year, or perhaps a column of product names from a table of sales figures.

Help Information

The OverView cartridge includes a summary of the commands available in each of the View family programs. This information can be displayed at any time by simply typing, for example, ***HELP SPELL** to give you all the ViewSpell commands.

THE PRODUCTS

VIEWSTORE

**A POWERFUL DATABASE
MANAGER**
ViewStore is a powerful,
general-purpose database

manager with a range of possible applications from mailing lists and stock control, to library catalogues and hobby collections. Database information is divided into records, and records are divided into fields. You might, for example, have one record per employee in your personnel database; fields within that record might be for name, address, date of birth, position, etc. ViewStore is specifically designed for applications where large amounts of information need to be stored and accessed rapidly. Utilities supplied on an accompanying disc include a flexible report generator and a program to convert databases from the formats used by other programs (including Acornsoft Database).

VIEWSPELL

AUTOMATIC SPELLING
CHECKER

ViewSpell is an automatic spelling checker, enabling you to produce error-free documents every time. The program will check each word in your document against its master dictionary of 70,000 words. Alternatively, create your own dictionary of technical

terms or names and addresses. ViewSpell also enables you to search your dictionary for words beginning or ending with certain letters. ViewSpell has been designed to fully exploit the features of the VIEW word processor but will check documents created on most other systems.

VIEWPLOT

—AUTOMATIC GRAPHS FROM VIEW SHEET AND VIEWSTORE Use ViewPlot to draw pie charts, bar charts and line graphs using up to four graphs on the screen at any time. The new extended graphics routines enable you to produce coloured displays not previously possible with the BBC Microcomputer. ViewPlot works with ViewSheet and ViewStore to draw graphs from your spreadsheet and database data. You can also send data from VIEW or enter it directly at the keyboard into ViewPlot.

VIEWINDEX

**AUTOMATIC INDEX
GENERATOR**
Acornsoft's unique
ViewIndex automatically
creates your index for you,
sorting it into alphabetical
order.

While you are using VIEW to create your document, you simply mark the words or phrases within the text that you wish to index. ViewIndex does the rest. Once the document is finished, you can choose different options to format the index in the layout you prefer, and carry out the final editing. Once you have selected the words and phrases you wish to index, you can reformat or edit the document, and then generate a new updated index.

PRINTER DRIVER GENERATOR

TO MEET ALL YOUR PRINTING REQUIREMENTS the Printer Driver Generator allows you to generate a standard interface between VIEW and the special facilities of any printer. Once you have generated a printer driver, the facilities are accessed through fixed codes within the text. This ensures that one document can be printed out identically on different printers. Typical facilities include superscripts, subscripts, italics, bold, underline and foreign character sets. A screen driver is also included in the program, enabling you to check that you have included all the correct highlights. The Printer Driver Generator includes drivers for the Epson FX80, Juki 6100, Facit 8105, Olivetti JP101 and Ricoh Flowerline.

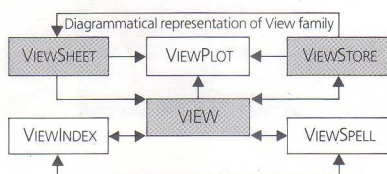
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Services Ltd. Telephone: 0933 79300.

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