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Guide to Software for the BBC Micro

GAMES

Title	Description	Model A	Model B	Joystick	Keyboard	Price		Supplier
						Disc	Cassette	
3D Maze	The computer sets up logical mazes, then shows maze in 3D at each step taken to escape.		●		●		£4.50	IJK Software
Abductor	Save your humanoids from kidnap from the sky, using your plasma cannon to destroy the abductor.	●	●		●		£7.95	Salamander
Adventure	Game requiring skill and imagination. Explore forests, caverns, dungeons and rescue Princess.	●	●		●		£7.99	Micro Power
Adventure Quest	Sequel to Colossal Adventure. Epic journey with over 200 individual locations and many puzzles.		●		●		£9.90	Level 9
Air Strike	A fast and furious arcade game. Plus Pelmanism, Anagrams and many other programs.		●		●		£3.75	BBC Micro User
Alien	Stop the aliens reaching ground as they drop in one, two and thousands at a time.	●	●		●		£6	FBC
Alien Dropout	Machine code arcade game. Killer moths have to be destroyed before they attack in force.		●	●	●	£11.95	£7.95	Superior
Android Attack.	Not to be underestimated. A high standard game.		●		●		£7.80	Computer Concepts
Anglezap	Zap the aliens as you master angles and bearings. Arcade action with animated graphics.		●		●	£10	£7.50	Gem
Apollo	Lunar Lander with a difference. Comprises orbit, long range, mid range, detailing landings, etc.		●	●	●		£6.95	Software Invasion

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Atlantis	Fast action arcade game in machine code. Guide Nautilus through caverns, avoiding mines, etc.		●		●		£7.50	IJK Software
Asteroid Belt	Simple asteroid game which includes a pair of games paddles in the price.		●		●		£11.50	Electronics Applied
Astro Navigator	Fly through caverns. Climb, dive, reverse and thruster controls. Five skill levels.		●		●		£5.69	Micro Power
Backgammon	You play the computer in this accurate translation of the board game.		●		●		£6.95	Microplus
Barrage	Two players control last few guns of opposing armies. Decide fire angle and velocity from wind.		●		●		£6.84	Micro Power
Battle	Simulates a minefield crossing with arcade style scoring and sounds.		●		●	£4.45	£2.95	Micro Aid
Battleships	Sink the computers fleet before it finds yours.	●	●		●		£4.50	Microplus
Beeb Chase	A chase type game similar to Pacman.		●	●	●	£9.95	£7.50	Database
Beebmunch	Version of Pacman arcade game with hi-res colour graphics, multi ghosts, fruits, superpoints, etc.		●		●		£6.50	IJK Software
Billiards	Game of skill and cunning. Key in direction, pace and backspin on your cue ball and watch result.		●		●	£10	£8.50	H and H
Black Hole	Fly the spaceship through meteor swarm, shoot asteroids, proceed througb black hole into chaos.		●				£6.95	CMS
Blitz	Fly your own bomber mission.	●	●		●		£3.95	Microplus
Blue Dragon	Try to recover hidden treasure guarded by a fierce dragon. Mode 7 display. Text only		●		●		£6.50	MP Software
Bomber Run	Fly your bomber over rough terrain. Targets to bomb, missiles to dodge, enemy planes to shoot down.		●				£6.95	CMS
Bounce	A frustrating bat and ball game with varying levels of skill.	●	●		●		£4.95	Computercat
Bunfun	Buns come along the belt in semi-random fashion. You choose the speed. Squirt on the icing.	●		●			£6.50	Squirrel
Carchase	Fast moving real time game where you drive round a track chased by a computer controlled car.		●		●			Ross
Cards	Game similar to popular TV card game.	●	●		●	£4.45	£2.95	Micro Aid
Caveman Adventure	An adventure program which takes you through caves, wasteland and jungle. Watch for wild animals.		●		●		£6.84	Micro Power
Caves of Anoron	Retreive the Golden Grail hidden in the labyrinths of Anoron, avoiding monsters of all sorts.		●		●		£7	FBC
Centipede	Arcade style action with centipedes, spiders, snails and flies in field of mushrooms.		●		●	£11.95	£7.95	Superior
Channel	Prevent the enemy from sailing down the channel and attacking the fleet.	●	●	●	●		£3.95	Microplus

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Chess	Very strong game with good hi-res graphics. Full machine code.		●		●		£10	Computer Concepts
Chess	Six skill levels. Options include Blitz chess when moves must be made in 10 seconds.	●			●		£5.69	Micro Power
Chess B	Six skill levels. Machine code program in Mode 1 colour graphics. Blitz chess option. Game replay.		●		●		£7.99	Micro Power
City Defend	Defend the cities from attack.		●	●			£4.95	MGB
Codebreaker	Screen version of classic peg game but with up to 26 colours and holes.		●		●		5.50	Squirrel
Codecracka/Hilo	Mastermind and play your cards right.	●	●		●		£3.95	Microplus
Colossal Adventure	Full size version of classic mainframe game Adventure. Plus complete new end game and puzzles.		●		●		£9.90	Level 9
Compendium	Three board games to test your powers of logic. For 1 or 2 players.		●		●		£5.95	Computercat
Connect 4	Highly sophisticated version of this popular game. You can play the machine.		●		●	£9.95	£5.99	Database
Copter	Sound operated game for the physically handicapped.		●	●	●		£4.99	Micromode
Cowboy Shootout	Two player cowboy game. Shoot or be shot. Take cover behind cactus plants and wagons.		●		●		£6.84	Micro Power
Croaker	Excellent version of popular arcade game. Frogs must be guided across busy road and dangerous river		●		●		£7.99	Micro Power
Crossword Puzzler	Programs to create and and play puzzles, plus four sample crosswords.		●		●		£5	NEC
Deathwatch	Superb arcade game that challenges you to use your skill fighting off enemy tanks and helicopters.		●		●		£3.75	BBC Micro User
Demolish	Knock down fun	●	●		●		£3.95	Microplus
Descender	All action arcade style game. A hazardous mission to the centre of the earth. Nine skill levels.		●		●		£7.50	FBC
Devil Run	This game is similar to Nightmare Park, but considerably more difficult.		●		●	£9.95	£7.50	Database
Dive Bombers	Shoot down the kamikaze dive bombers while dodging their bombs. Many waves of different planes.		●				£6.95	CMS
Dots and Boxes	Join the dots to score against the computer.	●	●		●		£4.25	Microplus
Dragon Rider	Family arcade game. Ride your fiery steed round the sky using laser lance to destroy alien menace.		●		●		£7.95	Salamander
Draughts	A draughts program with two levels of skill.		●		●		£5.95	Logic Systems
Dungeon Adventure	Massive adventure with more than 100 puzzles to solve. Rich vein of humour throughout.		●		●		£9.90	Level 9
ESP	Test your ability to predict the future.		●		●			Ross

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Eliza	Have a conversation with your computer psychiatrist via your keyboard and this program.		●		●			Ross
Eldorado Gold	Adventure game set in the Old West. Avoid Indians and Big Jake to find the treasure of gold.		●		●		£6.84	Micro Power
Escape from Orion	Fast action arcade game takes Donkey Kong into the 21st century. Four screens. Many other features.		●	●	●		£6.75	Hopesoft
Family Games	Contains Hangman, Kryptogram, Dice, Beetle, Grand National and Music.	●	●		●		£4.50	IJK Software
Firienwood	Journey through an enchanted forest to find the Golden Bird of Paradise. Mode 7 display. Text only.		●		●		£6.50	MP Software
Fives and threes	Dominoes game. Knock spots off your computer.		●		●		£5.95	Microplus
Footer	Two player game of football skills. Running, dribbling, shooting. Hi-res graphics.		●		●		£7.99	Micro Power
Frogger	Arcade quality machine code version with beautiful graphics. Crocodiles and diving turtles.		●	●	●	£11.95	£7.95	Superior
Fruit	Addictive fruit machine simulation game with hold, gamble and nudge features.	●	●		●		£5	Cottage
Galactic Commander	Land a space vehicle against increasing gravitational pull, avoiding homing missiles.		●		●		£7.99	Micro Power
Galaxian	Arcade quality game using machine code. Vivid Mode 1 colour, moving stars, hi-score, bonus ship.		●	●	●		£6.95	Software Invasion

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BUSINESS

Beebcalc	The only ROM based spreadsheet program currently available. ROM only at £34.		●		●			Computer Concepts
Broadplan	Spreadsheet program. 80 columns. Easy to set up for cash flow projection, financial analysis, etc.		●		●	£24		RMK
Cashbook	Double entry two column system with accounts, ledgers and nominal ledger.		●		●	£7.45	£5.95	Micro Aid
Database	Comprehensive database facilities include fast search, sort, search and replace, etc.		●		●	£12.95	£9.95	Primasoft
Database	Menu driven database with add, change, search, sort, delete and display routines.		●		●		£12.95	Computercat
Easycalc	Spreadsheet processor, disc or tape files. Up to 2,000 cells.		●		●		£12.95	Zero Software
Easyplan	Disc based financial modeller.		●		●	£60		Zero Software
Filer	File handling program which allows user to build up, manipulate, store and retrieve data.	●	●		●		£10.29	Micro Power
Ledger	Complements Micro Aid Cashbook and allows checks to be kept on accounts.		●		●	£7.45	£5.95	Micro Aid

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Mailing	Address file for listing and sorting by name or postcode. Labels of any size handled.		●		●	£7.45	£5.95	Micro Aid
Micro Budget	Personal finance program enabling the recording, review and analysis of budget and income, etc.	●	●		●		£7.99	Micro Power
Nominal Ledger	Maintains records of expenses, income, assets and liabilities to produce balance sheet, etc		●		●	£195		RMK
Payroll	Full PAYE system including three NI codes, for contracted in, all PAYE codes. Overtime facilities.		●		●	£15.45	£13.95	Micro Aid
Sales Ledger	Maintains records of debtors to produce full audit trail, statements, aged debt analysis, etc.		●		●	£195		RMK
Scred	Screen editor and word processor. Over 50 functions for creating, checking and modifying programs.		●		●	£23	£18	Stable
Spreadsheet	Over 1,000 cells up to 26 by 99. Build, modify, read, write, print, functions, variables. text, etc	●	●		●		£8	Contex

WORD PROCESSING

Alphabeta	WP package for use with most printers. Insert, delete, centre, print emphasis, underline, tabs, etc		●		●	£16	£14.50	H and H
Pro Word	Full feature word processor. On screen editing and justification. Written in machine code.		●		●	£19.95		Pro Software
Worded	Simple word processor written entirely in Basic for those who want to know how they work.		●		●		£5.95	Processor Applications
Wordpro	For either Epson or Seikosha printers. Justification, alter, delete, pages to tape.		●		●		£10.50	IJK Software
Wordscan	Easy word processing for Epson MX80FT III and other printers. Can produce 400 lines of text.		●		●		£12	Dial
Wordwise	Rom based word processor for the BBC Micro. Very easy to use and a best seller. ROM only at £39.		●		●			Computer Concepts

GRAPHICS

Easy Graphics	Highly versatile, easy to use graphics program generator. Simplifies production of maps, graphs.		●		●		£13.50	Hexagon
Grafdisk	Same as Grafkey, but also provides screen save		●	●	●	£12.95		Clares
Grafik	Same as Grafkey, but can be used with joystick or keyboard.		●	●	●		£8.95	Clares
Grafkey	Advanced CAD type program.Allows complex drawings to be created and saved to tape.		●		●		£7.95	Clares
Grafstik	Same as Grafkey, but for use with joystick.		●	●			£7.95	Clares

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Graphics Planner	Program to aid drawing of teletext pictures with laminated chart and water soluble pens. A3 size.	●	●		●	£12	£9.50	Microwave NW
Tess	A program for graphic designers or just for fun. Draw a shape and computer makes it tesselate.		●		●	£10	£8.50	H and H

More programs featuring graphics will be found in the education section

EDUCATION

30 Hour Basic	A set of two cassettes of all the main programs in the 30 Hour Basic course	●	●	●	●		£11.96	NEC
Action of the Heart	Visual aid and self-tuition program on anatomy and function of the heart.		●		●		£11	Garland
Angle	Four programs. Two demonstrate angular concepts, two test them. Hi-res graphics. Age 7 upwards.		●		●		£8.95	Chalksoft
Angles	Five programs using graphics and simple games to show how angles are formed and named.		●				£7	Garland
Animal, Vegetable, Mineral	Computer tries to guess object thought of. Full monitoring facility. Ages 7 to 13.	●	●			£9.95	£4.95	Bourne
Approximation	Practice in rounding numbers, estimating answers, converting between decimal and scientific.		●		●	£12.50	£12.50	Heinemann
Arithmetic	Four arithmetic programs for infants. Help facility, colour, moving graphics, work sheet.		●		●		£12	Schoolsoft
Bact	Biology. Growth of bacteria.			●	●			Central
Balance Your Diet	Shows students how to analyse their own diet and compare it with others, i.e. third world peasants.		●			£18	£18	CUP
Beeb Beep	Excellent version of Simon, much enjoyed by children. Includes choice of colours and sounds.		●		●		£4.50	IJK Software
Blood Circulation Maze	Revision program for use by class of up to 24 pupils. Maze game helps learning about blood vessels.		●		●		£9	Garland
British Cities and Ports	Two programs to teach location of British cities and ports. 12 locations in each program.		●		●		£8	Schoolsoft
Call Your Bluff	A dictionary definition game for 1 to 5 players.		●		●	£10	£7	Square
Capitals	Multiple choice quiz testing knowledge of countries of the world and their capitals.		●		●	£10	£7	Square
Capitals	Five programs to complement Chalksoft Letters by drawing upper case letters and numerals.		●		●		£9.95	Chalksoft
Carousel	Simon-like game. Sequences of up to 10.		●		●		£5	Schoolsoft
Cassette 1	Two programs teach and give practice in addition and times tables. Choice of easy or hard.	●	●		●		£7.50	Cottage

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Cassette 2	Two programs teach addition and subtraction. Success rewarded with amusing graphics. Ages 8 to 11.	●	●		●		£7.50	Cottage
Cassette 3	Two programs teach long multiplication and division. Rewards include mathematic Hangman game.	●	●		●		£7.50	Cottage
Cassette 4	Two programs for the very young teach elementary addition							
Cassette 5	Two programs teach addition, subtraction, and multiplication and division of fractions.		●		●		£7.50	Cottage
Chemistry	Adds fun to learning atomic symbols, weights, etc. Four levels of knowledge from beginners upwards.		●		●		£6.84	Micro Power
Childrens Tape	A collection of games for children, each helping to develop a particular skill.	●	●		●		£5	Softefex
Circuits and Diodes	Simulation of experiments with simple and complex electrical circuits with diodes.		●				£11	Garland
Circuits and Switches	Simulation of experiments with simple and complex electrical circuits with switches.		●				£11	Garland
Climate	Analysis of temperature and rainfall data from graphs or tables to identify type of climate.		●		●	£12.50	£12.50	Heinemann
Contf	Continuous flow calorimetry.		●		●			Central
Constellation	Accurate plotting of stars and constellations. Hi-res graphics display. More than 450 stars.		●		●		£6.84	Micro Power
Coordinates and Lines	Four programs to help children with fractions.		●	●	●		£7	Garland
DNA	Shows structure of DNA and replication of double helix, including discontinuous synthesis.		●		●		£15	Garland
Decimals	Menu driven interactive practice in decimal calculations of all kinds. Ages 10 to 17 plus.		●		●		£7.95	Chalksoft
Dieting	For use by class of up to 24 pupils. Shows how to select diet for various types of person.		●		●		£9	Garland
Directed Numbers	Three programs use moving graphics to show how positive and negative numbers are added, subtracted.		●		●		£7	Garland
Disc Based Stats Pac	All features of Focusplan Pro Stat Parts 1 and 2, with improved editing and review facilities.	●	●		●	£19.95		Focusplan
Distances	Gives distance between any two places on earth. Three maps and over 60 named places as well.		●		●	£5.45	£3.95	Micro Aid
Dval	X-ray diffraction D values.		●		●			Central
Dynamic NMR	Chemistry. Calculates NMR line shape for two site exchange, with and without coupling.		●		●	£12	£9.50	Microwave NW
Early Series	Series of 5 fun tapes to help children read. Pictures match sounds, words and sentences.	●	●		●	£8	£6.50	H and H

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Ecological Simulations	Simulate effect of various factors on distribution of organisms on the sea shore.		●		●		£16.50	Garland
Education, 1	Mathsrace and clock. For primary pupils.	●	●		●		£4.25	Microplus
Education, II	Spellbound and Life. For junior pupils.	●	●		●		£5.25	Microplus
Education, III	Three geography programs. Britain, USA and Europe.		●		●		£5.25	Microplus
Educational 1	For children aged 5 to 9. Includes Math 1, Math 2, Cubecount, Shapes, Memory, Spell, Clock.	●	●		●	£11.50	£8.05	Golem
Educational 2	For children aged 7 to 12. Includes Math 1, Math 2. Teaches the theory of electricity.		●		●		£5.50	Database

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