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GAME OF CHANCE

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The Game of Chance is similar to a dice game, but it is a little harder to win. It is written in the BASIC language to run on a PDP-8 computer. The following is a picture of the program running. Anything underlined is typed by the computer. Anything not underlined is typed out by the user. Anything to the right of a slash (/) is a comment made by the author.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BET ?7 COMPUTER ASKS FOR BET WHAT ARE YOUR NUMBERS ?5,10,8,4,2, COMPUTER ASKS FOR NUMBERS 57342. COMPUTER TYPES OUT ITS NUMBERS SORRY YOU LOST YOUR WINNINGS ARE -7 TYPES OUT WINNINGS WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BET ?10 WHAT ARE YOUR NUMBERS ?6,7,8,9,10 6,7,8,9,10 YOU WON!!! YOUR WINNINGS ARE 3

The following tells what happened in the last example:

(First Statement) In the GAME OF CHANCE everybody has to bet a number. Type your number followed by a CR.

(Second Statement) The next part the computer asks for is the numbers (1-10) he would like to bet (equivalent to the number on the dice in a dice game). The user inputs five numbers to the computer followed by a CR.

(Third Statement) The computer types out its answers, and, if these are the same as the numbers the users typed in the second statement, the user wins the game and the number he bet in statement #1 is added to his count. If not, the number typed out in statement #1 is subtracted from his count.

(Fourth Statement) The computer tells the user if he wins or loses. It also tells him what his count is. Then the computer goes back to the beginning of the program.

As you must understand, it is very hard to win in the Game of Chance.



PROGRAM LISTINGS

100 READ B, M, N, O, P, Q, 101 DATA Ø,Ø,Ø,Ø,Ø,Ø 102 PRINT 103 PRINT "WHAT ARE YOUR NUMBERS"; 104 INPUT A 105 PRINT "WHAT ARE YOUR NUMBERS"; 106 INPUT C, D, E, F, G 1Ø7 IF C<=11 THEN 137 108 IF D<=11 THEN 137 109 IF E<=11 THEN 137 110 IF F<=11 THEN 137 111 IF G<=11 THEN 137 112 LET B=B A 113 LET H=INT(ABS(10*RND(1)+1)) 114 LET I=INT(ABS(10*RND(1)+1)) 115 LETJ=INT(ABS(10*RND(1)+1)) 116 LET K=INT(ABS(10*RND(1)+1)) 117 LET L=INT(ABS(10*RND(1)+1)) 118 PRINT H, I, J, K, L 119 PRINT 120 IF H=C THEN 126 121 IF I=D THEN 128 122 IF J=E THEN 130 123 IF K=L THEN 132 124 IF L=G THEN 134 125 GOTO 139 126 LET M=M+1 127 GO TO 122 128 LET N=N+1 129 GO TO 122 130 LET O=O+1 131 GO TO 123 132 LET P=P+1 133 GO TO 124 134 LET Z=Z+1 135 GO TO 139 136 PRINT 137 PRINT "SORRY, I CAN'T USE THE NUMBER." 138 GO TO 105 139 LET R=M+N+O+P+Z 140 IF R=5 THEN 146 143 LET B=B - A 144 PRINT "SORRY, YOU LOST." 145 GO TO 147 146 PRINT "YOU WON !!! " 147 PRINT "YOUR WINNINGS ARE", B



148 IF B 10 THEN 150 149 GO TO=1ØØ 150 END

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