

Making the most of your micro.



Welcome to Micronet 800.

You can now join the thousands of subscribers who are benefitting from this unique system.

Micronet 800 is brought to your computer and monitor via Prestel through your telephone line.

The Micronet system is an ever-changing one. improving and up-dating its features continually. The following pages give a flavour of some of the current items available to you.

They fall into three broad categories: Information, Communication and Software. We will take you around the system and show you examples in each sector.

There are 30,000 pages of facts, figures and fun to explore and it's growing all the time.

So, make the most of your micro with Micronet 800.

# GETTING TO KNOW MICRONET 800.

The Micronet 800 system is displayed on your monitor screen or television set. It's controlled by your micro which acts as an intelligent terminal when receiving Micronet.

We'd like to stress here and now that you don't have to own or possess the most sophisticated micro-technology to enjoy the system.

Anyone with a home computer and a suitable modem can sit back in the comfort of their armchair and travel through Micronet's vast menu of 30,000 pages of information, software and communications facilities.

The pages are stored on eight mainframe computers around the country and are made available to you via Prestel, your 'phone line and a modem unit (which we'll explain about later.)

If you're not already aware, *Prestel* is British Telecom's viewdata service which operates through the telephone network.

This puts you 'on-line' to Micronet 800 directly. In your own home. Simple as that.

From here on in you can wander through the system to you heart's content.

# EXPLORING THE SYSTEM AT YOUR LEISURE.

What's so nice about Micronet 800 is that you don't have to be a genius to operate anything. Very simply your micro acts as a keyboard. You tap yourself into the main menu (a list of services). Then, using the keyboard, select the service you require.

And when you're using the system we provide alternative key instructions at the bottom of each page so you can move around at your leisure.

Nothing could be easier.

# THE COST OF MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MICRO.

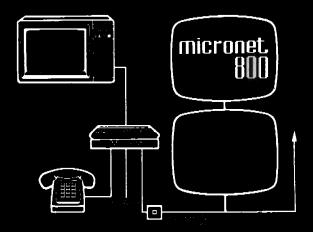
Subscription to Micronet costs just £13 a quarter for domestic users (which works out at just £1 a week) and this includes all that Prestel and Prestel Microcomputing has to offer you, too. A business subscription costs £24.50 a quarter.

You will also incur the usual telephone charges for time you are on line to the system.

Almost everyone can call Micronet and Prestel at a local rate (dial 100 and ask for Freefone Prestel Service to check your area) – during off-peak periods (that's after 6 pm and at the weekend) charges are only 20p per hour.

Connection to Micronet is free except 8am—6pm weekdays and 8am—1pm on Saturdays when you will be charged at 5p a minute. Most subscribers use the system during the evening or at weekends, English Bank holidays are also free.

You can get Sinclair, BBC micro and Commodore 64 software from the system and load it directly into your micro's memory (this is called downloading) for immediate use or



storage on cassette or disk. If you download paid-for software this will be included in your quarterly bill, just like a credit card.

As you see, for the vast majority of subscribers the running costs are very low.

So, in normal use, after setting up the modem (and a British Telecom PST socket where necessary), Micronet 800 will cost only £1 per week plus 20p 'phone charges for every ½ hour you are connected.

Naturally, downloaded software and Prestel connect time will be charged only where applicable.

# WHAT IS A MODEM

Basically it is the interface between your 'phone line and your micro.

The modem and its specialised software converts Prestel's electronic code into a language your computer understands, which is then displayed on your monitor.

Your 'phone links into the modem and is used to call up Micronet whenever you wish. You *cannot* connect to Micronet 800 without a modem. Costs will vary by micro and modem type.

# YOU CAN'T BEAT THE SYSTEM.

All in all, the unique Micronet 800 system is a major breakthrough in micro-technology. And is equally useful for the new micro-user as well as the enthusiast.

It will help you keep up-to-date on the latest computer developments; help you decide on which software is best for you and give you instant access to it via the downloading facility.

It will also give access to a huge library of other services and information on Prestel.

The beauty of Micronet is that you can send as well as receive information (unlike Teletext) so you'll have help with questions on Micronet or with computing in general And it lets you share the learning and problem solving process with the thousands of other subscribers on the system.

In fact, you can't beat the Micronet 800 system for making the most of your micro.



# MAKING THE MOST OF INFORMATION.

Micronet gives you access to the very latest computer news, reviews and analysisby our own team of critics and journalists.

It brings you a vast user magazine for Sinclair, Acorn, Apple and Commodore machines which is up-dated daily.

The system has a comprehensive reference source for product comparisons, software reviews, and appraises the best buys from your point of view.

Enter the revolutionary world of arm-chair shopping. Select products and services from leading retailers like Debenhams and Spectrum Computer Group - check prices and even in some cases, order what you want direct from your keyboard. All this in a matter of seconds.

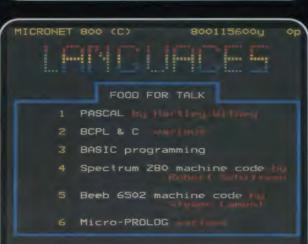
Key into all that Prestel has to offer: tens of thousands of pages giving instant world news, sports reports, holiday, hotel, rail and airline information, restaurant, theatre and film guides.

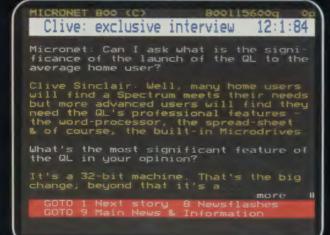
Join Homelink-the world's first home banking service-and Citiservice-the stockmarket and financial database. Remember many of these services can be booked at the touch of a key.

For information, Micronet 800's advantages are second to none. Every time you connect you're on-line to a vast spectrum of reference material. Anytime day or night.

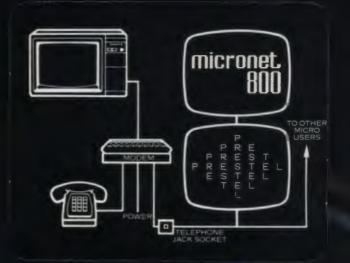
Over the page are just a few examples of Micronet's information features which include programming courses, the latest news – weeks before you'll read it in computer magazines – and our top fifty.













Cheap S/W Shock Friday

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The announcement of £2 software from a small London company is causing consternation amongst our more established software houses.

Latest to express shock/horror is one Derek Meakin, oop-North publisher of The \*\*\* Micro User, organiser of many a computer show, and owner of Optima S/w.

Our Derek reckons that cut-price progswill bring about a slide into mediocrity of the software industry, and points to the example of Liverpoolbased Imagine Software — whose recent bizarre carryings on included the More...

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EFT: Who needs money? Saturday

Electronic Funds Transfer - the British banks' Holy Grail - moved several steps nearer this week with the following announcements:

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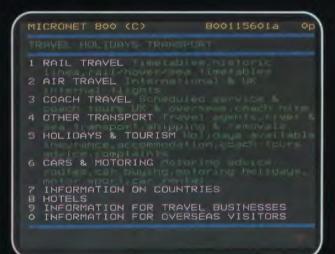
IRAQ CLAIMS TWO MORE GULF SHIPS HIT

IRAQ says its Air force has attacked two more ships in the Gulf south of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal.

An Iraqi military spokesman said the jets hit "two large enemy targets"—
Iraq's usual term for vessels under attack.

He described the attacks as "effective" and said all aircraft returned safely to base.

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CAN anyone tell me how to make a Beeb sound as if it is playing the bagpipes?



# MAKING THE MOST OF COMMUNICATION.

Micronet networks you to thousands of other subscribers nationwide.

Use 'Contact' our Bulletin Board section to share your opinions or ask for advice. Talk to other subscribers with the same interests.

You can send electronic messages or graphics to other subscribers in a few seconds, while incoming mail is stored for you in your personal Micronet Mailbox. You can even send ready designed greetings cards for all occasions.

Let us know what you think of Micronet by sending a Mailbox to our editor, or talkback to Acorn, Sinclair, or Apple.

Every evening Micronet's revolutionary "chatline" comes alive—you can hold a live public discussion from your keyboard.

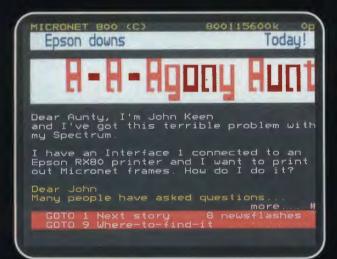
'Swapshop' offers you inexpensive secondhand hardware and software that's displayed by other subscribers.

If you ever have a question on Micronet or with computing generally, you can telephone or Mailbox our Helpdesk for instant help and advice.

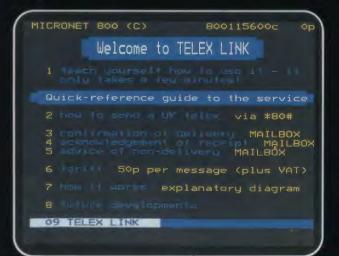
You can access Micronet to share knowledge, make friends, start interest groups, plan travel and holidays, or just chat. It's amazing who you meet with your micro!

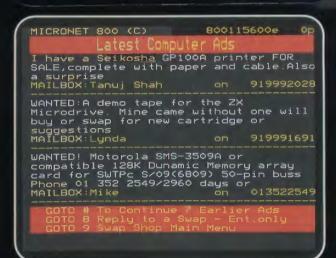
There's even our own Agony Aunt who deals with personal problems relating to your micro. Turn the pages to see more of how you can make the most of Micronet's communication facilities.







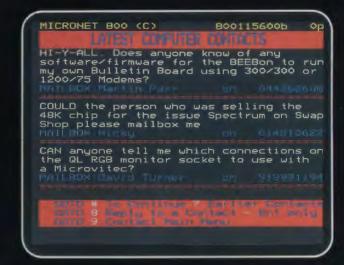


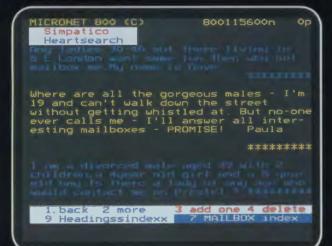








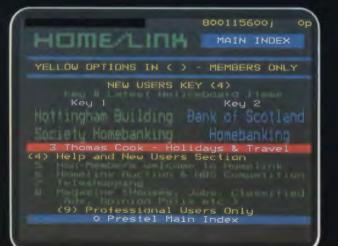












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Dear Ed.,

Hands up all those who have used page 1
1111:111 (nine ones)! Where do the mess
ages go? The secret police? Hyperspace?

Chris Smith? Terry Wogan? I know I prom
ised not to swear, but only if you update soon.

Signed N Quirer

Dear Ms Dream,
Mext?

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### MAKING THE MOST OF SOFTWARE.

Here's where the fun and games really begin on the system.

You can build your software collection by downloading a wide selection of games and serious software *absolutely free* from our Aladdin's Cave.

You can download other programs from leading publishers such as: Bug Byte, Ocean, DK Tronics, Micro Aid and MRM at up to 20% off High Street prices—we simply debit your account accordingly and you can check the review before you buy.

Try taking over the galaxy on 'Starnet' the first interactive strategy game where you play against over 500 other subscribers and our mainframe.

Then there's "The Hobbit" or "The Quill." Just a few of the scores of programs on offer. What's more, because Micronet is constantly up-dating so is the software. Giving you an infinite choice over the years.

Naturally, there's the pick of educational and household programs, such as 'O' Level science and text processing software.

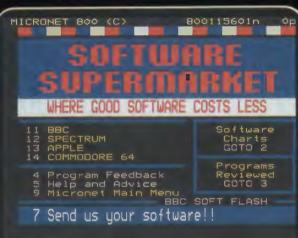
The Head Start section brings you a home educational service for children and, soon, "School Link" will provide specialised educational software and editorial.

Everything's available directly and instantly from the Micronet 800 system.

Shown overleaf are just a few of the programs available to you.







The most popular programs on Micronet are featured in our software chart which is reguarly updated. It will show Micronet's best-sellers which could be from well-known software houses or from our own authors!

We announce the latest charts on so you can keep right up to date with the fast climbers

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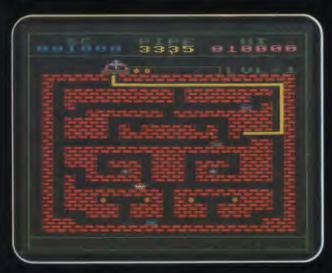
GOTO 8 Send us your software menu

How to use Telesoftware

Using your suitably adapted computer you've logged on to MICRONET. Now you choose a program from those available & go to its title page This should give details of the title, author, supplier and date, plus cost and supplementary documentation of the program when necessary. Following that is a program description with information on how many frames the program consists of, what machine it will run on, the minimum memory size required, and copyright information. You will now have reached the stage of deciding whether or not to accept the program.

Goto # for more.

# Please enter choice \*INFO MICNET FFFFFF FFFFF 000095 2FF Press any key



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DESIGN

FREEBIE OF THE MONTH WINNER!!

Program is a utility software product enabling the user to set
up and manipulate the user-definable
graphic characters of the Spectrum. A
very novel moving graphics title page
leads on to a brief introduction, which
outlines the major options available
within the program.

With this program there is no need to
go through the agonies of setting up
the UDG characters in the more conventional way.

Algebraic Manipulation Package POLYNOM Copyright (C) Acornsoft 1982 and The Soft Warehouse

Type the expression in X, Y and Z.

A=3X2 + 4Y3 - Z23

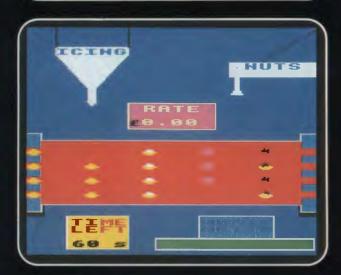
E/D/I/N/Q ?E A = 3

E/D/I/H/Q ?D dA/dX = 0

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E/D/I/H/Q ?

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MICRONET 800 (C) 800115601g Op The Hobbit Bu: Melbourne House Price: f12 70 Never before,in the field of Spectrum software, has a program received so much acclaim by so many. First released over a year ago this mega-game was an instant success with purchasers and reviewers alike. There was initially some doubt as to whether Spectrum owners would be willing to pay nearly £15 for a game, but there was no need to worry; it was a hit. And now that it's available... DOWNLOAD IT! GOTO 1 Rating:

MICRONET 800 (C) SOFTWARE SOFTWARE SOFTWARE Micronet is always looking for software to help improve the variety and quality of its service. Attractive royalties or fixed payments are made for programs accepted into our library after validation. If you are already a Micronet member you will know that more and more top commercial houses are distributing software via Micronet. But don't be shy Your program could be a winner – so let us see for ourselves! GOTO # To submit your software NOW GOTO 9 To telesoftware menu

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