

# Sideset

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### THE WINDOWED TASK-SWITCHING SYSTEM FOR THE BBC MICROCOMPUTER

#### What is windowed task-switching?

How often have you wished you could see the contents of a particular document while word-processing another, or use a calculator in the middle of some operation, or observe a running program while simultaneously viewing its listing? Windowed Task-Switching gives you these facilities. In essence it is the ability to suspend the current program, start or continue another and then when desired, resume the original program from where you left off.

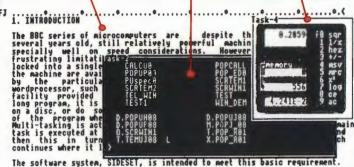
Sidesets enhances the BBC Micro by providing this facility (and more!) within a windowed environment. For example, go from running BASIC in one window to PASCAL in another to BCPL in yet another!

# • What is Sideset, compatible with?

Virtually everything! – from serious applications/languages eg. VIEW, BCPL, BBC Basic etc. to utilities eg. ADT, ADE etc. to games eg SNAPPER, ARCADIANS etc. In normal use **Sideset** is totally transparerii, commoning each task within its own window via simple key sequences. (Tasks can of course take over the whole screen, after which the windowing effect will temporarily be lost).

sidesets also includes a set of a quick response utilities to aid everyday use of your BBC micro eg: calculator, scratchpad & diary interactive help facility etc.

View Directory Supplied (frozen) Listing Calculator (frozen) (active)



2. User Requirements (URs) Specification

UR1: A general purpose task switching system capable of switching between any specified pair of 'legal' tasks, (including the same task at different stages of execution). Thus users can provide their own versions of 'side' tasks e.g. memo-pads, calculators etc that they are familiar with.

## The features of Sidesets include:

- No special hardware required just a plugin single chip memory module
- Real task-switching with Nested windows in all screen modes!
- Ability to save a task and its environment onto a disk \*indefinitely and re-activate days later!
- Bundled utilities
- Easy replacement of the supplied utilities with those of your own – written in any language!

Sidesets requires a disk filing system (DFS, ADFS etc.)

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