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Teletype gaming - off BCAB list update...

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To: Mike Townsend <miketownsend@talk21.com>

18 February 2019 at 07:06

Thanks again, Mike, for sharing all these fascinating memories of early days computer use. I didn't want to clog up the Optacon thread, but wondered, if you'd mind sharing how it worked. I assume you'd use a Teletype computer keyboard for input, and then use the Optacon to scan the printed output, I assume on a continuous stack of printer paper directly above the keyboard?

Cheers,

Barrie

Mike Townsend <miketownsend@talk21.com>
To: Barrie Ellis <barrie.ellis@oneswitch.org.uk>

18 February 2019 at 11:20

Hi Barrie

The teletype ran a rol of paper. I placed the optacon camera above the printer head to read. Sometimes for longer items I tore it all off.

I used this process for writing programs as well.

Hth.

Thanks.

Mike

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Barrie Ellis <barrie.ellis@oneswitch.org.uk>
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18 February 2019 at 11:50

Do you remember what year this would have been (or years)?

I've read that the Lunar Lander game came out in 1969, Star Trek in 1971 and the MUD games from 1980 onwards.

And when you played MUD, was this at Essex, or somewhere else in the country? Just trying to pin it down a little more for a passage I'm writing in my book.

Cheers again,

Barrie

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Mike Townsend <miketownsend@talk21.com>
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18 February 2019 at 13:05

From 1975 for startrek, lunar landing, and a version of dungeons and dragons.

University of Birmingham.

Thanks.

Mike

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