

CREATING MITS DISTRIBUTION TAPES

The CP/M disk image "MITS Tapes.dsk" contains copies of common MITS software that were distributed on cassette and paper tape. View the file CONTENTS.TXT to see an annotated directory of the available tape images.

Also on this disk is a utility WRTAPE.COM (Write Tape) to write these tape images to cassette or paper tape. To use WRTAPE type WRTAPE followed by the desired tape image file name, but DO NOT PRESS RETURN yet. For example, to write 8K BASIC version 4.0 to tape, type the following command at the A> prompt (do not press return yet):

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A>WRTAPE 8KBAS40.TAP
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Press record on the cassette player. After recording five to ten seconds of idle tone, press RETURN to execute the command you typed above. The transfer to tape is at 30 cps, so 4K BASIC takes a little over two minutes to record, 8K BASIC takes about 4-1/2 minutes to record, etc.

Cassette and paper tape images are identical, so the exact same process can be used to write paper tapes as well.

By default, WRTAPE writes through an 88-SIO port at 6/7 (i.e., the Altair Cassette port). Alternatively, you can write through the second port on an 88-2SIO by following the file name with a '2'. For example:

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A>WRTAPE 8KBAS40.TAP 2
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