



<pre> : ?##6 ; "K" ; U\$ </pre>	<p>The screen is cleared and V\$ is printed. Since V\$ is 880 bytes long, it covers the entire playfield, resulting in the locations of all the Orbs and Blockers showing up on the screen for the new wave.</p>
<pre> 4 SE , T+12 , 8 : T . 9 : C . 35 : PL . 0 , B : DR . P-1 , B : M=M-G*D : N=N-24*E </pre>	<p>Line 4 does three things: 1) it changes the setcolor each wave, 2) it updates the energy status bar on the screen, and 3) it recalculates the player's X and Y coordinates (using temporary variables M and N, which are used later to update variables X and Y in Line 7) so the player will "wrap around" to the other side of the screen. The Trap 9 is used here as a way to test if the game is over. The reason this works is because the Plot/Drawto that follows displays the energy bar at the bottom of the screen. If energy gets dropped to &lt;0 then it attempts to Plot a value that is off the left boundary of the screen which would normally cause an error, but the Trap catches the error and redirects the program flow to Line 9(the game over sequence). In this way, the Trap is effectively used as a controlled branch statement and only takes up 3 characters of code.</p>
<pre> : POKE77,1:T,4:G,7:D,23,[] </pre>	<p>Note there is also a Poke 77,1 here to prevent attract mode from ever kicking in (it is here mainly because it fit here code-wise! and also because this line is not executed every main loop so it isn't as impactful to performance). TRAP 4 then changes the line destination to branch to if an error happens later in the program flow(this is necessary for the logic on Lines 7 &amp; 8 to work and it is explained more below on those lines). Finally, a Goto 7 directs the program flow to Line 7. The remaining space at the end of Line 4 holds a Data statement with values assigned to variable B and H\$ during the Read on Line 1.</p>
<pre> 5 POKE756,133+J:V=X:W=Y:SO,0,P,Z&lt;41,9:O=STICK(0) </pre>	<p>This is the start of the main program loop. The first thing that happens is the Poke 756,133+J points to an alternating area of memory to redefine the character set. J will be a value between 1 and 4 (as determined in Line 8 later in the main loop). So it means 133+J will be a value between 134 and 137. Poking 756 with 134, or 135 results in pointing to the character data in page \$8400. While Poking 756 with 136, or 137 results in pointing to the character data in page \$8800. It means that every 3rd iteration of the main loop alternates the location for the character data. This creates the animated "pulsating Orb" effect by quickly changing character set data.</p> <p>Next V and W variables are updated with current X and Y values to store them temporarily.</p> <p>A Sound operation here sets a distorted tone if the last coordinate the player moved to was occupied by an Orb, otherwise it just generates silence, the frequency of the tone is also determined by P(energy level) which makes the pitch go up as energy gets lower and lower serving as an additional warning to the player.</p> <p>O is then assigned the value of joy Stick(0) as a temporary holder of the latest joystick movement.</p>
<pre> : IF (O=13ORO=7ORO=14ORO=11) THENS=O </pre>	<p>The IF statement checks to see if a valid joystick move has been made (up, down, left or right) and if so then it assigns the value of O to variable S. S will be used to take action on the joystick movement during the rest of the main loop.</p>
<pre> 6 D= (S=7) - (S=11) : E= (S=13) - (S=14) : C=38- (S=14) *2+D:M=X+D:N=Y+E </pre>	<p>On Line 6, first D and E are calculated using boolean math based on the joystick direction. D is set to either -1 or +1 or 0 depending on if joystick is pressed left or right or neither, and E is set to -1 or +1 or 0 depending on if it is up or down or neither. Variable C is used to set the Color when Plotting the player's "ship" on the screen(this happens on Line 7). By changing the value of C before the Plot of the player's ship this will determine which character to use (either the ship pointing up, down, left, or right) on the screen, since Graphics 12 is character-based. This code on Line 6 calculates and changes C to the appropriate value based on the joystick direction that is being pressed (which is held in variable S), resulting in C=36,37,38 or 39. Then D is combined with X value and stored in temp variable M. The same is done combining E with the Y value and stored in temp variable N. This way M and N now hold what will be the next location of the player's ship.</p>
<pre> : IFZ=169THENP=P+3*P/I </pre>	<p>Here we check Z to see if the player has eliminated the Pink Leader Orb (which is defined as Character 169, which is an inverse_right_parenthesis). If Z=169, then this calculation increases the energy level P depending on how much energy has already been depleted during the wave. The sooner the player eliminates the Pink Orb, the more energy will be increased.</p>

