

CREATING MITS DISTRIBUTION TAPES

The CP/M disk image "MITS Tapes.dsk" contains copies of common MITS software that was distributed on cassette and paper tape. Also on this disk is a utility WRTAPE.COM to write these tape images to cassette or paper tape.

To use WRTAPE (Write Tape), 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.

WRTAPE writes through an 88-SIO port at 6/7 (i.e., the Altair Cassette port). You can write paper tapes as well by connecting your punch to an 88-SIO strapped at 6/7. Alternatively, you can modify WRTAPE.ASM for the serial port you want to use.

