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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Fri, 18 Mar 2016 20:28:35 GMT

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Posted by [frank](#) on Fri, 18 Mar 2016 21:05:43 GMT

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Regards
Frank IZ8DWF

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Posted by [Your Name](#) on Sat, 19 Mar 2016 00:04:26 GMT

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Posted by [Robert Roland](#) on Sat, 19 Mar 2016 21:54:58 GMT
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<march.10.ankman@spangourmet.net> wrote:

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Posted by [Clocky](#) on Sat, 19 Mar 2016 23:36:49 GMT
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Posted by [Your Name](#) on Sun, 20 Mar 2016 00:24:19 GMT
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There were some games especially written for the Specci, and not or much later ported to the Commodore 64. So I'd say yes, some C64 users might want to have a Specci emulator.

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That works. Nice find! :-)

Only saw the "home" screen of the spectrum. Have to figure out how to load it a program.

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it mainly emulates the Sinclair BASIC on the C64. But already PEEK and
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