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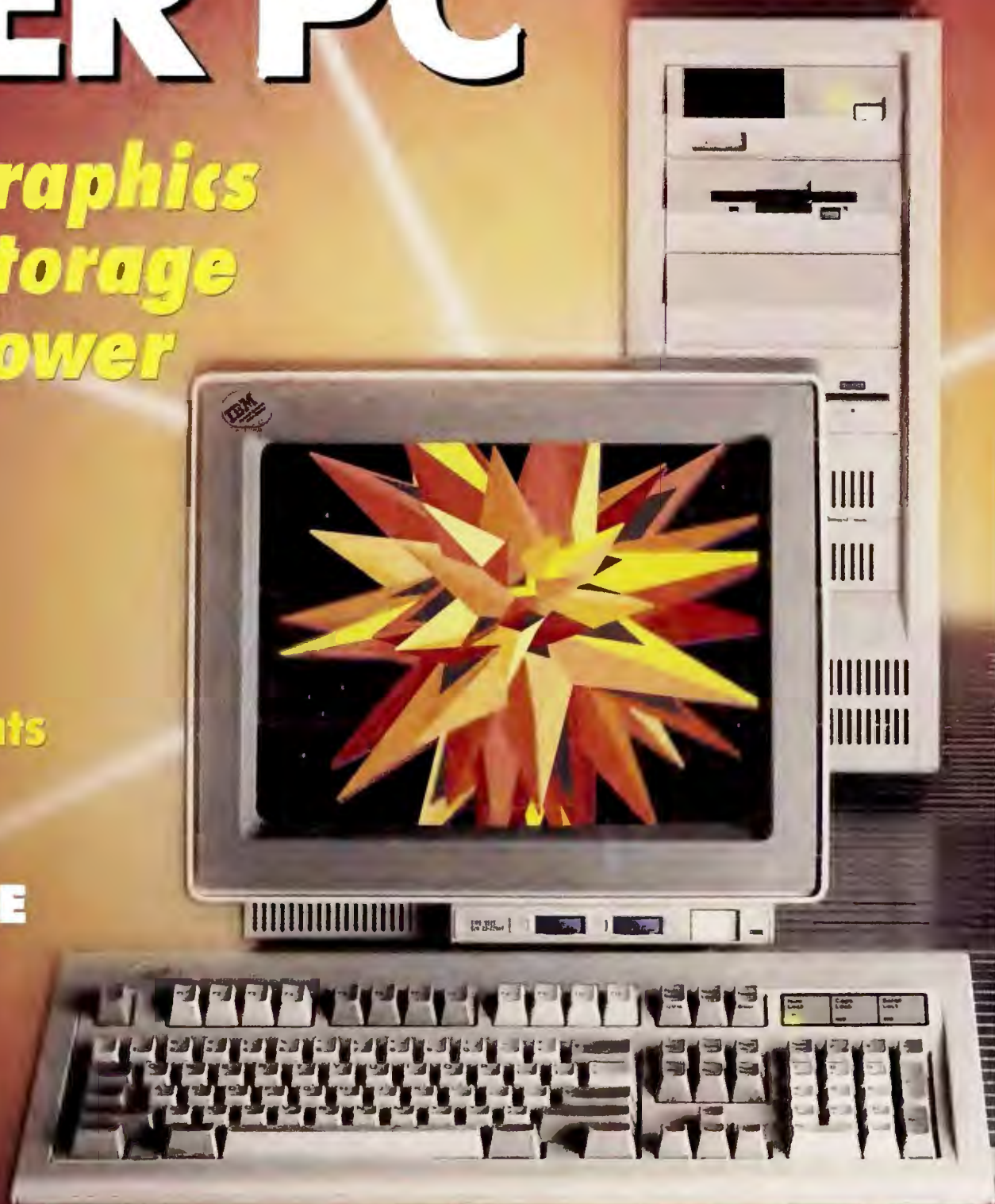
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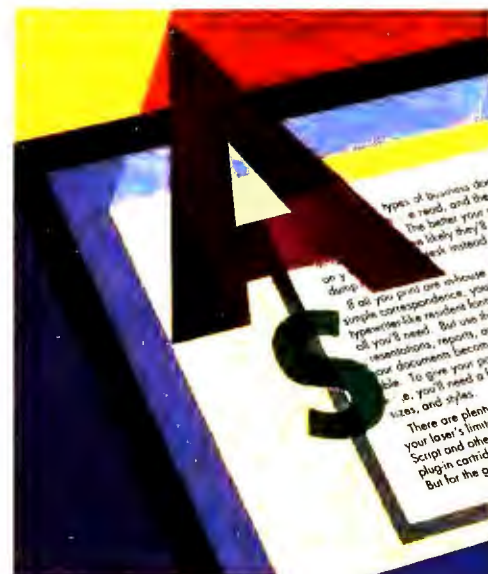
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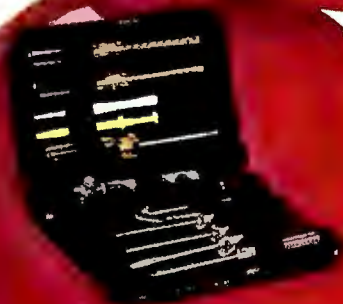
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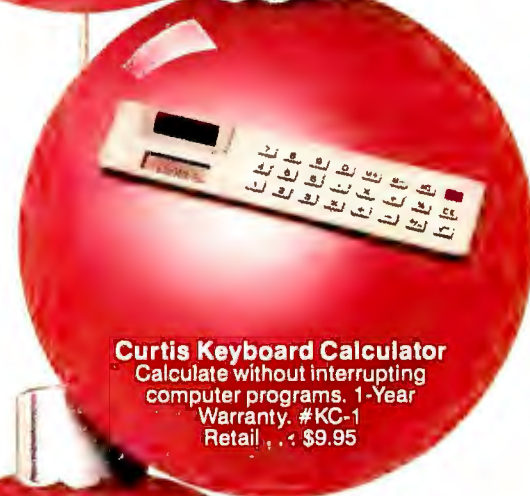
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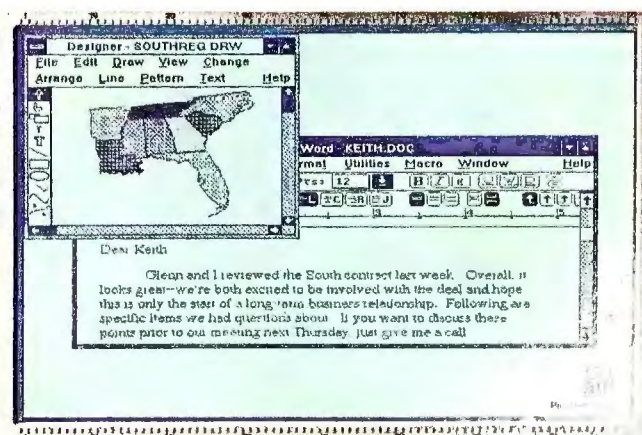
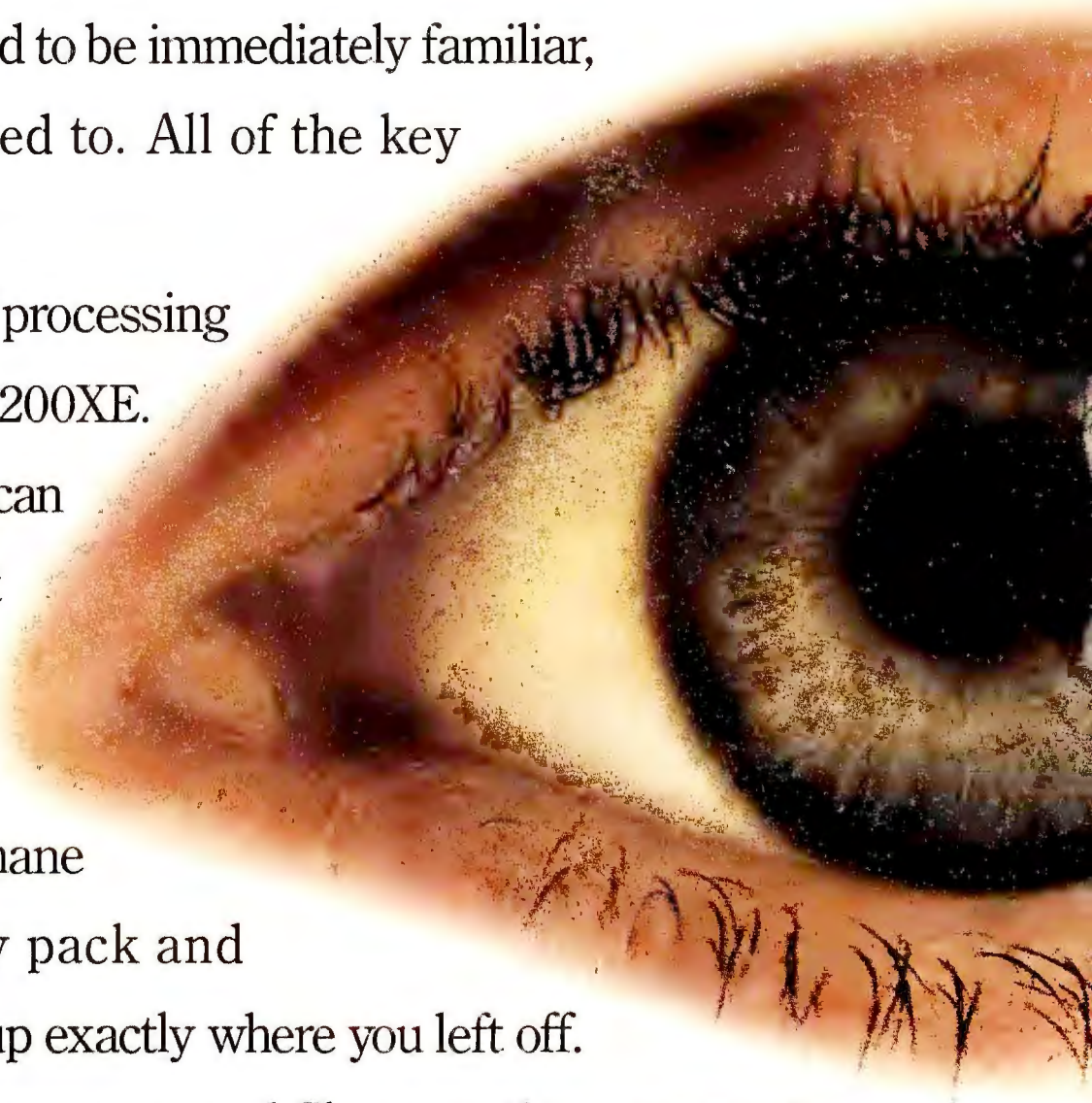
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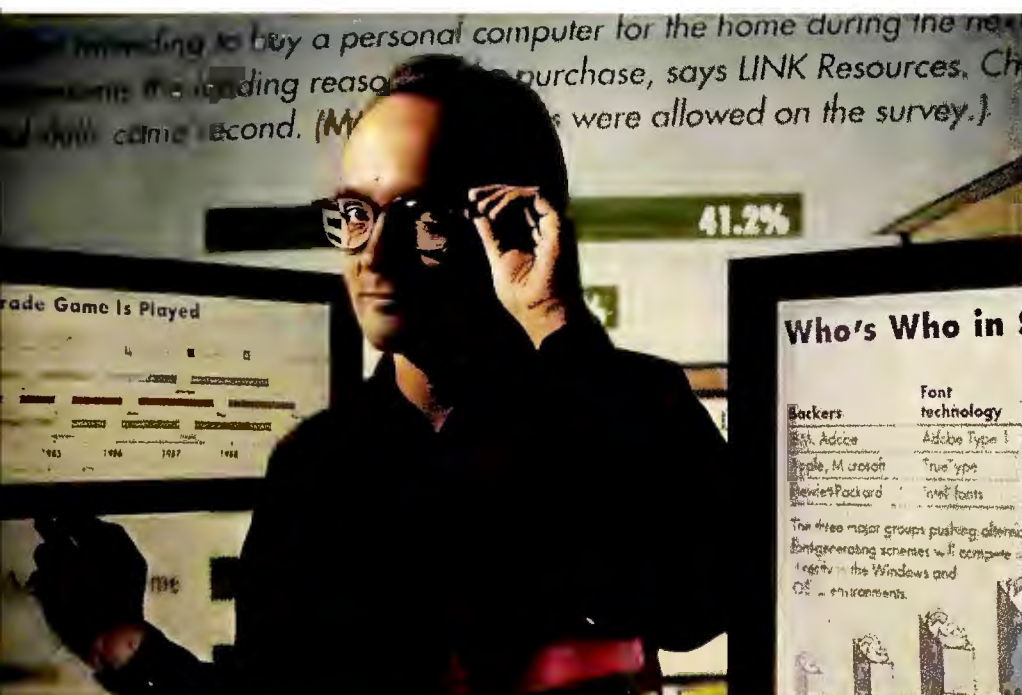
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Around here, the flamboyant Mr. Glines is affectionately known as Mr. Infographics. His mission: to design tables, flowcharts, and technical illustrations that convey key information in an instant.

Jeff's latest achievement was directing the design of *PC World*'s new "Know Your Options" page, a monthly decision tree that leads you to the best hardware or software solutions for specific needs. "I found it challenging to take a jumble of questions and answers and turn it into a path," says Jeff, "especially since the format must stay consistent, while the content will change from month to month." The result, found in "Tax Relief for the Rest of Us" in this issue, speaks for itself.

How does Mr. Infographics bridge the gulf between art and technology? Well, it helps to have a creative background and a long association with PCs. A self-described hack musician, Jeff bought an original 64K IBM PC in 1983. "I was disappointed," he says, "to discover I couldn't use it to create pictures or music. So I decided to start a word processing service."

With the idea of gaining more technical knowledge, Jeff began freelancing for *PC World* in 1983, and was quickly promoted to full-time special projects associate. He was a tireless Renaissance man, setting up industry events, producing videos, managing marketing projects,

Meet Mr. Infographics

even writing *dBASE* applications. In 1988, Jeff moved into the heart of *PC World*'s art department.

All this doesn't begin to describe the flair, generosity, and humor that Jeff brings to his job, from writing ingenious (and unprintable) fake captions, to sweating the details of electronic color separations, to helping the rest of the art department get more comfortable with PCs. According to Jeff, "people shouldn't ignore the possibilities for fun and exploration that computers hold. Set aside the time to play, and you'll become more relaxed, intuitive, and productive with your machine."

Jeff's attitude furthers *PC World*'s main goal: to sift through fields of technical data and present you with nuggets of information vital to buying and using PCs.

As this month's cover attests, we're not the only ones concerned about graphics. IBM's new PS/2 XP 486 offers top speed and multi-gigabytes of storage, but the real story lies in three little letters: XGA. This graphics technology comes with every XP system, heralding at last the birth of a successor to VGA—one with two-and-a-half times the resolution and as many as 65,536 colors.

Those of you with smaller equipment budgets, take heart. The most valuable part of this issue won't cost you anything at all. A special 24-page section serves up 101 secret tips for 25 top environments and applications, from *Windows* to *DOS* to *WordPerfect* to *1-2-3*.

Our review of software font generators examines the best alternative to a PostScript printer. For that day in April we all dread, Associate Editor Roberta Furger and Assistant Editor Susan Lusty take a close look at personal tax software and whether it's right for you.

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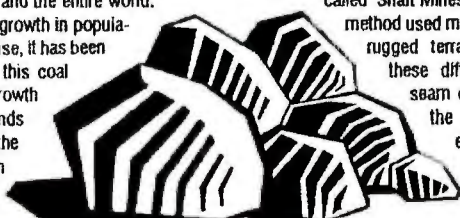
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CHARACTERISTICS

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Some famous diamonds



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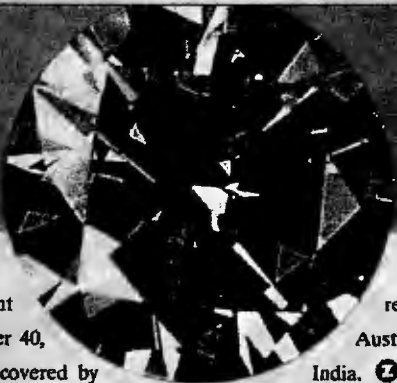
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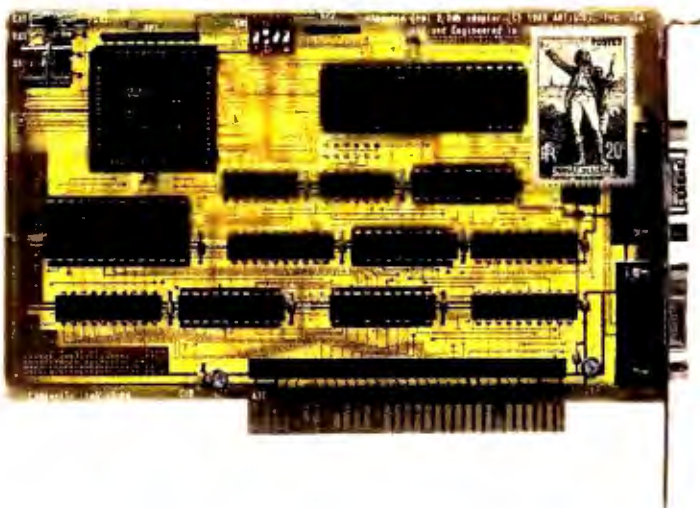
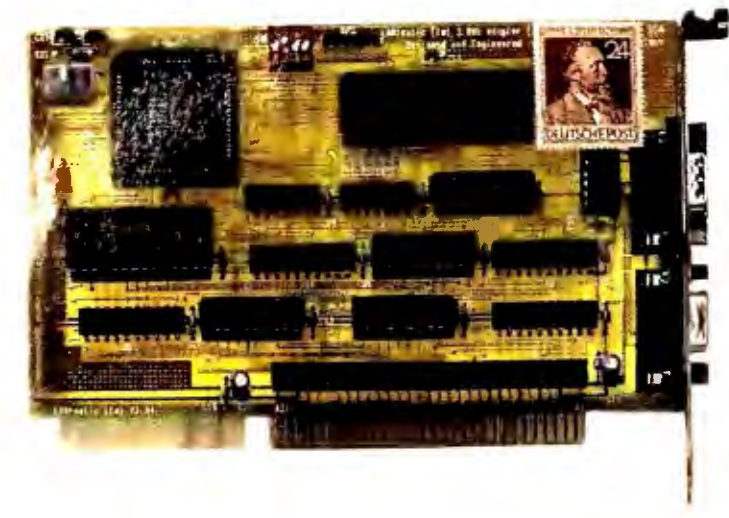
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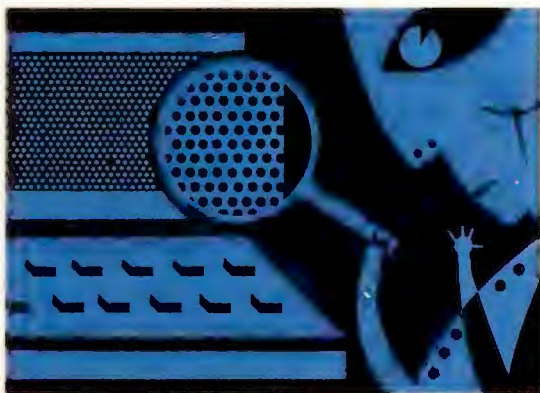
ACTIVE COLOR ARRIVES

Sharp, Toshiba Target Laptops for Q1

At COMDEX Fall, both Sharp Electronics and Toshiba America showed aggressively priced laptops with crisp active-matrix color screens that are planned for March shipment. Sharp's

Colorstar and Toshiba's T3200SXC include 10-inch, VGA-quality thin-film transistor displays. The former offers a choice of 256 colors from a palette of 262,144, while the latter displays 256 colors from 185,000. The Colorstar is powered by a 20-MHz 386, while the T3200SXC has a 386SX running at the same speed.

Although both companies have been demonstrating this



high-resolution LCD technology for more than a year, the problem of manufacturing enough quality screens per batch to reach an affordable price has delayed their introduction. Toshiba product marketing director Tom Sherrard says that active-matrix color requires a \$3000 to \$4000 price premium, while users are unlikely to pay more than \$10,000 for color laptops.

It will take until March for Toshiba to boost its screen yields sufficiently to offer the T3200SXC for \$8999. Sharp national sales manager Rich Acerra says the Colorstar will sell for somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000 despite Sharp's efforts to bring it in under \$10,000.

Both companies offer passive-matrix color laptops. The Sharp can display 8 colors, while the Toshiba offers 16 colors. Both are subject to color shift at some angles. With active-matrix technology, each pixel on a screen is driven independently by a transistor for greater color variation and contrast, and clear viewing from any angle. Sherrard claims that these flat panels offer better resolution than rounded CRTs, eliminating the last major advantage of desktops over portables. Current models are AC powered.

LOTUS BUYS SAMNA

Ami Pro, 1-2-3 Become Potent Windows Combo



Lotus should be able to match Microsoft's *Excel* and

Word graphical spreadsheet-word processor combo by mid-year, thanks to its purchase of Samna Corporation, maker of *Ami* and *Ami Professional*. Lotus's marketing muscle should dramatically boost sales of the well-reviewed line, which currently accounts for about one-sixth of *Windows* word processor sales.

Samna products will be teamed with *Windows* versions of 1-2-3 and other Lotus programs expected by summer. As corporate demand for *Windows* soars, "the biggest priority we have now is to get out our *Windows* products," asserts Lotus chairman Jim Manzi.

Manzi observes that word processor sales in the U.S. are second only to those of spreadsheets, with a \$700 million market growing 8 to 10 percent annually. "We're going to invest very aggressively in this business," he promises.

Under a definitive agreement scheduled at press time to be completed in December 1990, the Atlanta-based Samna becomes Lotus's word processing division.

"This gives Lotus really strong counterparts to Microsoft's *Excel* and *Word*," comments *Soft-letter* publisher Jeffrey Tarter. But the \$65 million purchase price struck many as high for a company with \$14 million in annual sales that has mostly been in the red during the two years since *Ami* debuted.

VGA IN THE FAST LANE

Products Boost Performance, Bolster Standard



Unintimidated by the recent debut of IBM's XGA high-end graphics offering, component makers have developed chip sets that dramatically increase the performance of VGA and breathe new life into the 640 by 480 or better standard.

Headland Technologies/Video Seven is showing its HT216 VGA chip set, which utilizes the high processor speed of the CPU bus to transfer video information rather than being limited by the 8-MHz Industry Standard Architecture I/O bus.

"VGA has always been the bottleneck in high-end PCs," says Jim Anderson, graphics

director for Headland Technologies. "This eliminates that bottleneck." Because the chip set was optimized for *Windows 3.0*, users of that environment will see the greatest speed improvement, particularly when opening and closing windows and moving between applications, says Anderson.

Similarly, Chips and Technologies has announced the PUMA coprocessor chip set, designed to at least treble the speed of graphics-intensive applications. Unlike the HT216, which is intended for motherboards, PUMA will be built into a separate coprocessor card that will offload the compute-intensive functions of both VGA and 8514/A graph-

ics from the central processor. Integrated Information Technologies takes a similar approach with its Integrated Graphics Array offering. With all these new chips, the result is improved performance, particularly when running *Windows* software.

Given the confusion likely to be caused by IBM's XGA announcement, the introductions come at a good time for VGA users, says Dataquest analyst Michel Castro. "When a new standard is introduced, users are afraid [that their] systems will be obsolete. This further solidifies VGA's position as a standard."

IIT says its products will appear in boards early in 1991. The other two suppliers will begin sampling their chip sets after the first of the year, with products expected around summer.

BORLAND DOES WINDOWS

Forms Processor, Turbo Pascal, SideKick II Unveiled



Borland International gave form and substance to its *Windows* and groupware strategies at COMDEX Fall by rolling out a forms/application generator and *Turbo Pascal*—both for *Windows*—as well as a network version of its *SideKick* utility. All are scheduled for first

quarter 1991 release.

Expresso marries *Windows* to the *Paradox* data base engine, enabling in-house developers to generate both intelligent forms and more sophisticated applications that employ those forms as front ends. *Expresso's* visual programming mechanism uses decision trees to aid in programming alternatives that

depend on data input. Forms can link and control other *Windows* applications through Dynamic Data Exchange. With *Expresso* and *Turbo Pascal for Windows*, Borland hopes to become the leading provider of tools for the *Windows* environment.

The DOS-only *SideKick II* also utilizes the *Paradox* engine to drive network-based personnel and resource scheduling and data sharing, as well as to connect to other Borland applications that share the engine. *SideKick II* has a character-based graphical interface and prints out phone lists in all popular address book, in-

dex card, and time planner formats, says Borland vice president Rob Dickerson.

In addition to the familiar utilities—calculator, notepad, calendar, and phone book—*SideKick II* gains a full thesaurus and spelling checker and will run as a TSR in 40K of memory, taking advantage of expanded memory or disk space as available.

Borland expects to be at the forefront of mainstream *Windows* applications. But “we have to sell DOS products—because that is where our bread is buttered—then *Windows*, then Presentation Manager,” remarks Dickerson.

MULTIMEDIA PCS ARRIVING

Windows, Cheap CD ROMs Set Stage



Reasonably priced multimedia PCs that marry high-quality images with audio will arrive by midyear, although business applications are more distant, say Microsoft and Tandy. One important piece of the picture is Microsoft's just-announced *Windows* multimedia architecture, which should become the first consistent, widely supported environment for PC multimedia applications.

“We’re working with Microsoft to create an industry-standard, affordable delivery platform for multimedia,” says one senior Tandy executive. IBM, Fujitsu, and other suppliers also will sign on to this standard, although none wants to show its cards yet. The minimal platform will be a *Windows*-capable 286 with 2MB of memory, a 30MB hard disk, VGA, audio and music interfaces, and CD ROM storage, says Rob Glaser, Microsoft's head of multimedia systems software.

In the long run, “the home market is really the Holy Grail,” says another Microsoft executive, who reports that nu-

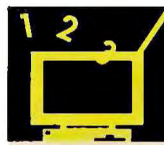
merous developers are creating home reference, entertainment, and education packages. The first multimedia systems will sell for under \$3000. More than 9 million U.S. PCs could be upgraded with kits costing less than \$1000. If sold separately, CD ROM players should cost as little as \$200 at retail by 1992. Additionally, IBM expects to market a low-cost rewritable optical drive in 1991.

Multimedia will dramatically recast business software, adding such things as voice-annotated spreadsheets and voice electronic mail, predicts Michael Braun, vice president for IBM's multimedia group. Braun emphasizes, however, that a suitable base of multimedia machines is needed first.

Meanwhile, Intel's second-generation Digital Video Interactive (DVI) chip set will add full-motion digital video to the desktop by year-end for \$1000 (excluding storage and other peripherals). Broad use of this technology is years away, says Lotus multimedia head Rob Lippincott. “But if you like GUI, you’ll love VUI [video user interface].”

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

Lotus Tests New Slant on Shareware



Lotus Development is running a pilot program with ComputerLand Canada that lets customers of the 70-location chain try three of Lotus's most popular applications before buying. Called Lotus Choice, the shareware-like program puts fully functional copies of *1-2-3*, *Freelance*, and *Magellan* on the hard disks of new computers.

Users who want to participate can try each program as many as seven times, use the on-disk tutorials, and receive free telephone support from an 800 number. If they decide to buy, users call that same number to get a password that gives them unlimited use of the software. A shrink-wrapped copy with full documentation is then mailed to them.

The program, which began in October 1990, will run through January 1991 or until a statistically significant sample of 1500 users is achieved. “We think it's a great success, and the feedback from our

customers is very positive,” enthuses Ron Mitchell, director of marketing operations at ComputerLand Canada. “It's my guess that [Lotus] will want to do this on a much broader scale.” Although it has invested heavily, Lotus is taking a wait-and-see approach, says manager of marketing programs Margo Boulanger.

But Lotus hopes the program will yield a greater acceptance of its products among small and medium-sized businesses, home businesses, and individual users, many of whom are taking advantage of the aggressive price promotions of other vendors—particularly in the case of *1-2-3*. Users don't get a price break through Lotus Choice, says Boulanger, but their software is professionally configured and installed by ComputerLand so that their computers are ready to go out of the box. Both companies make follow-up calls to sell the software and additional training and support programs. “This is the shareware of the nineties,” concludes Mitchell. ☛



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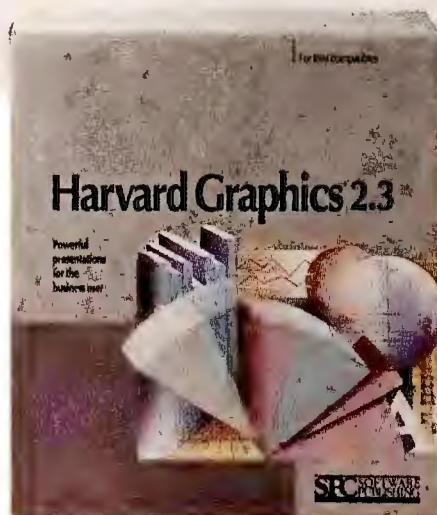
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The Display's the Thing

Wondering where you should spend your next upgrade dollars? Take a hint from IBM's new super systems.

Buzzwords come and go in the PC industry like rainstorms in the desert—first a deluge, then an eerie calm. That's why it pays not to get too worked up over the latest PC fashion trends. You never know if they're going to last.

One buzzword that looks increasingly like a survivor, however, is *multimedia*. And it's a buzzword worth getting excited about, too. Why? By adding sound, animation, and TV-quality video capabilities to the basic *Windows* computer, multimedia transforms a PC from a fan-cooled calculator into the ultimate information machine.

Imagine trying to justify a new equipment purchase to your boss. Instead of wooing him with spreadsheet tables, bar charts, and written text, you build a multimedia presentation that shows the new piece of equipment in action, relates testimonials from satisfied customers, and presents financial and technical details in response to a voice command. And that's only one multimedia scenario—in a few years, multimedia's destined to find its way into virtually every existing PC application and to spawn some new ones that we can't even envision yet.

There's only one problem with this rosy scenario—your PC probably isn't ready for it. Multimedia requires a fast

system with a big-screen, high-resolution monitor; the ability to capture and play back sound; and adapters to attach a variety of peripherals like CD ROM drives, video recorders, and musical keyboards. By this measure, only Apple, with its Mac II line, has been in the business of creating multimedia-ready systems. That is, until now.

Multimedia: PC Power Redefined

Enter Big Blue. After years of lagging Compaq in performance and Apple in inspiration, IBM is finally fighting back

The XP systems bring IBM up to snuff for the first time in quite a while.

with its new PS/2 XP product line (see "IBM's Visionary New XPs" in this issue). According to IBM's multimedia chief Bill Spaller, the XPs represent an early effort to design multimedia capabilities directly into the PS/2 line, rather than slap them into a plain-vanilla system via a plethora of add-in boards. Big Blue started with the single component that matters the most in a high-powered multimedia PC: the display.

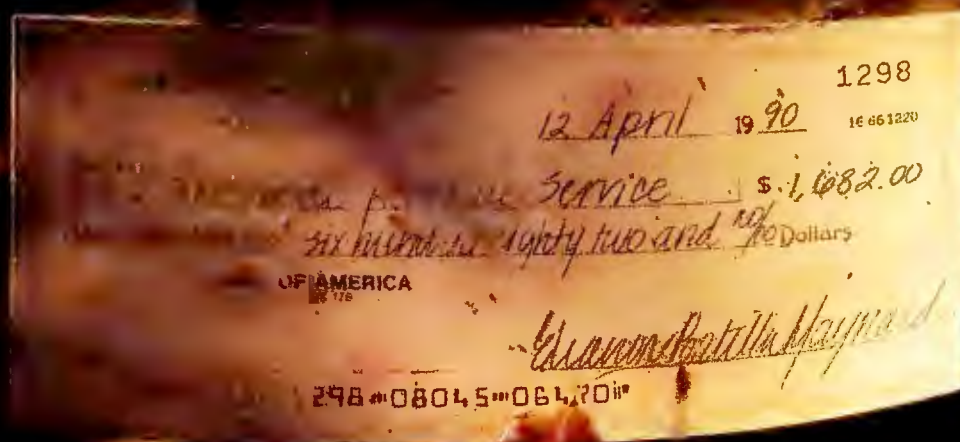
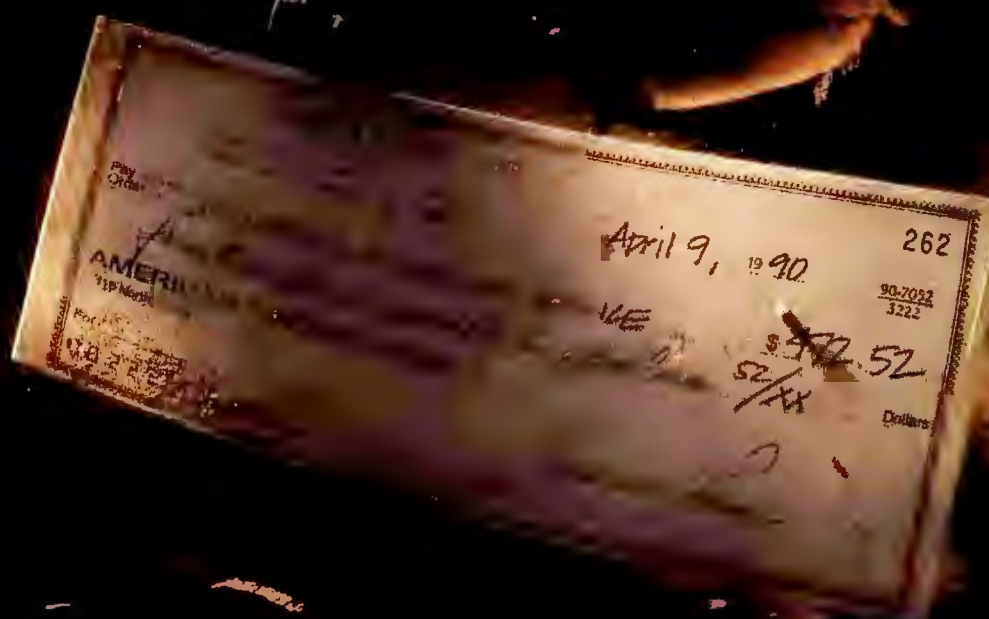
Normally, we think of computing power in terms of the components that make for fast data processing: a 386 or 486 chip, a math coprocessor, a blazing

hard disk. In this arena, the XP systems bring IBM up to snuff for the first time in quite a while. But in a multimedia system, what's outside the box is most important of all. The XP systems' new XGA graphics standard puts a premium on the rich colors and high resolution that a PC needs to convey lifelike, moving pictures. Without powerful graphics and a display that can let them shine, multimedia communications are likely to be as effective as talking under water.

Wanted: Big-Screen Computing

Ironically, IBM seems to have learned this lesson first with its PS/1 home computer, which comes with built-in VGA graphics and some basic audio talents. As a bare-bones multimedia system, it has all the features needed to take advantage of a graphical, interactive information service like Prodigy or to play any number of sound-capable games. But as a full-fledged multimedia PC, it simply lacks the graphics quality and scale that the new software ultimately requires.

Multimedia just doesn't mean sound, text, and pictures—it also means a style of computing that presents the user with many forms of communication simultaneously. That's of course a pretty natural condition for human beings—we're always processing several kinds of information at the same time. The problem with today's PC software is that it treats us like single-tasking ma-
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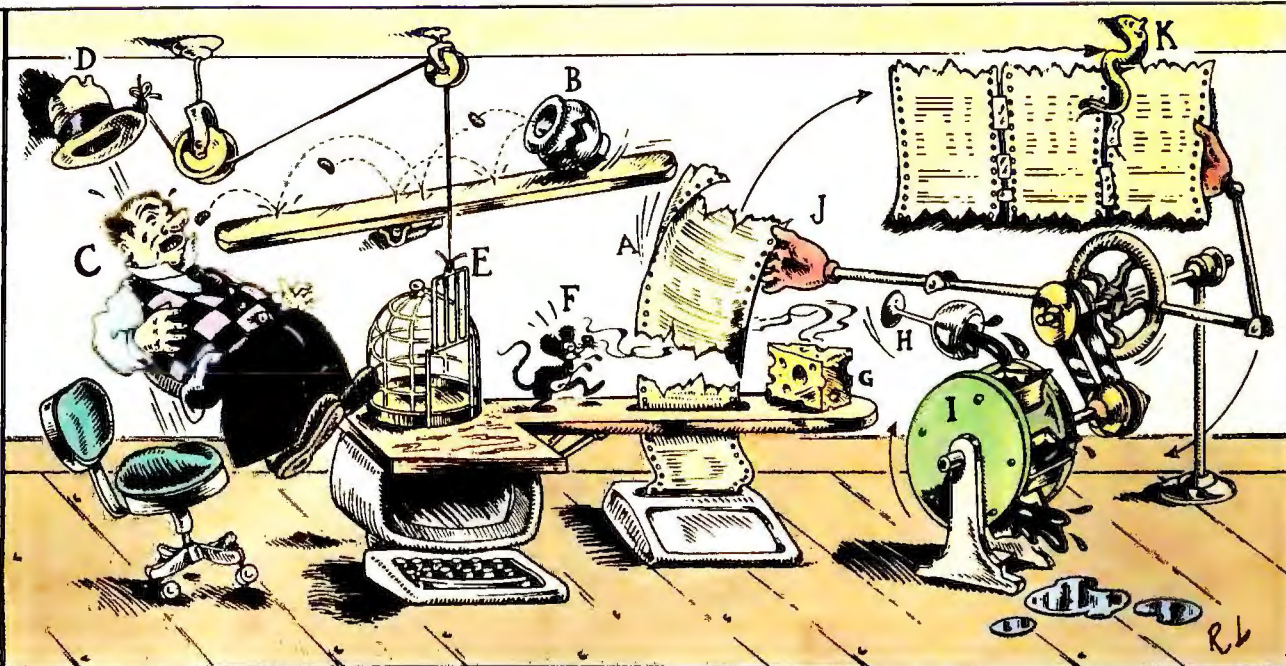
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Reactions and responses from the PC World community

the men and women who improve and innovate without a team of lawyers at their back will continue their efforts. As long as their activities remain obscure and unprofitable, they'll probably be left alone. But when their efforts become successful, don't be surprised to see the fat cats attempt to snatch away the fruits of their labors.

Bill Crane
Waseca, Minnesota

It's good to see that at least some of the market leaders can stay out of the courtrooms. I expect software companies to provide good service and a fair deal, not fancy legal maneuvers.

James Kostnan
Crescent City, California

World Class Reader

Every October, I look forward to your World Class Awards. I enjoy comparing my choices with the other readers'. The contest has grown up with the products—I can remember when 1-2-3 was the winner in the business graphics category! This year, I particularly liked the service and support supplement—especially the handy comparison of the policies of top mail-order firms.

Morris Yardley
New York, New York

Thanks for the Swap

Many thanks for October's *Step-by-Step Guide* in *The Help Screen*. I have an odd PC with one parallel port that works just fine with all my printers except my Epson LQ-800. So I bought an add-on LPT-2, but I couldn't switch ports until you showed me how to create the SWAPLPTS.COM utility. At first I had a problem creating it, but a quick response from one of your staff mem-

bers helped me find an error I'd introduced and get the utility to work.

Joe Feustle
Toledo, Ohio

Supporting Our Readers

Roberta Furger's October reports on technical support [*Consumer Watch* and "Who Pays for Tech Support?"] were first-rate. What other computer publication offers this kind of consumer assistance? With my business's investment in software and hardware growing yearly, this sort of information is invaluable. Most businesses are tied to upgrading software they already have, but purchase decisions need to take vendor support into account as well. Otherwise, we could wind up paying for each new package several times over.

Leland Clark
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Keeping a Good Outlook

You've done a lot to improve *Industry Outlook* over the last few years. Lately, the articles seem more relevant. October's effort was outstanding. Your articles on *Windows* graphics packages ["Graphics Packages See New Competition"] and the dot matrix market ["Dot Matrix Printers Regroup Under Fire From Lasers"] were particularly good.

Evelyn Nesbit
Walden, Massachusetts

Sharing the Wealth

I was happy to see "The Best of Shareware 1990" Buyers' Guide in October. *PC World* is the only leading magazine I've seen give shareware its due. In my consulting work, I will frequently advocate a shareware solution—it's often the best and most economical way to go. (continues)



The Last Frontier

Richard Landry hit the mark again with his October column. I was particularly taken with his frontier analogy. The most successful companies of today were pioneers yesterday. They developed winning products out of hard work and innovation. And along the way they built on the ideas and efforts of others. But now that they're on top, some of these companies are ramrodding the courts into fencing off the open range of software development.

Randall W. Higgins
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I wonder what it will be like from now on for the small developer. I suspect that



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Among my clients, the newer users are often the most receptive, but they are also the least informed. So a piece like this is really helpful.

*Charles Everest
Kansas City, Kansas*

Light Stuff Is the Right Stuff

I appreciated your notebooks review in October ["Laptops With the Light Stuff"]. Just a year ago, it was logical to buy a Compaq LTE/286, and I don't regret the decision—I was able to fill an immediate need with a product that is still serving me well. But if I were buying today, I'd take a look at the Best Buys from Sharp and Texas Instruments before I made my purchase.

*John B. Lee
Chattanooga, Tennessee*

One thing that my own LTE/286 has that your Best Buy notebooks lack is the Compaq name and reputation for consistent quality. I've been toting my laptop back and forth across the country for over a year, and I've yet to have a problem. As far as I'm concerned, the LTE/286 is a proven winner.

*Matthew Braun, Jr.
Washington, D.C.*

Although I bought my Toshiba T1200XE before I read your notebooks review, I felt confident that I was making a good choice. It was reassuring to have you validate my selection—even though you didn't rate the Toshiba a Best Buy. I wanted the comfortable 5MB RAM capacity, and I've had good luck with Toshiba products.

*B. T. Sullivan
Monroe, Wisconsin*

Waiting for the Sequel

Your October SQL data base review interested me, as I had years of experience with mainframes before I took a position where I deal almost entirely with PCs. The informational graphics in your article were an effective aid in explaining some of the main issues, and I

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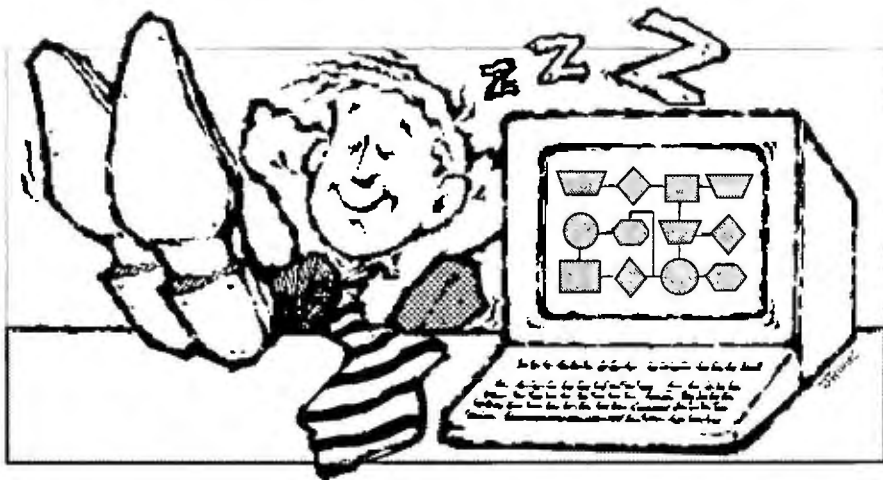


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think you did a good job overall. The ability to emulate mainframe capabilities and tap into the largest data bases is desirable, and I don't doubt we'll get to it. But like you, I think we have a while to wait. The situation seems not unlike the case of OS/2, which I fear has yet to deliver on its early promises.

B. B. Tunney

Stamford, Connecticut

A Changeless Look

Alan Schwartz's September *Data Basics* column on data base lookups discusses the use of the BROWSE command for creating a scrollable list of valid keys. He correctly points out that "it's far too easy to change data inadvertently while BROWSEing." It's also far too easy to add unedited keys to the lookup data base with BROWSE unless the NOAPPEND option is used. NOAPPEND suppresses the 'Add new records?' prompt that normally appears when the end of the file is reached.

Roger W. Sauer

Fairfield, California

Corrections and Clarifications

An October *Update* item states that WordPerfect Corporation's *WordPerfect Office Editor 3.0* is available as a separate program. The program is now available only with *WordPerfect Office 3.0*, which lists at \$149 for the stand-alone version.

Here are some further updates and additions to our annual nationwide guide to user groups, which appeared in the August *Consumer Watch*. As always, we invite user groups to keep us up-to-date.

ABBREVIATIONS KEY: NL—newsletter; SIG—special interest group; TS—technical support; TE—training and education; BBS—bulletin board service; SL—software library.

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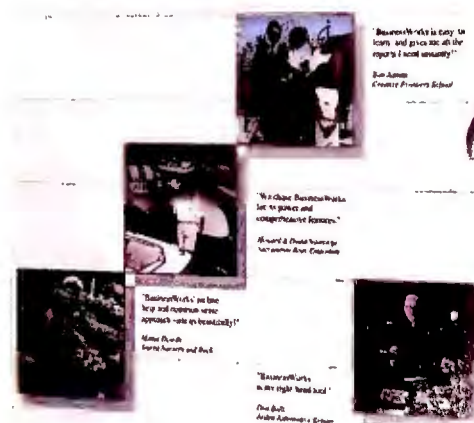
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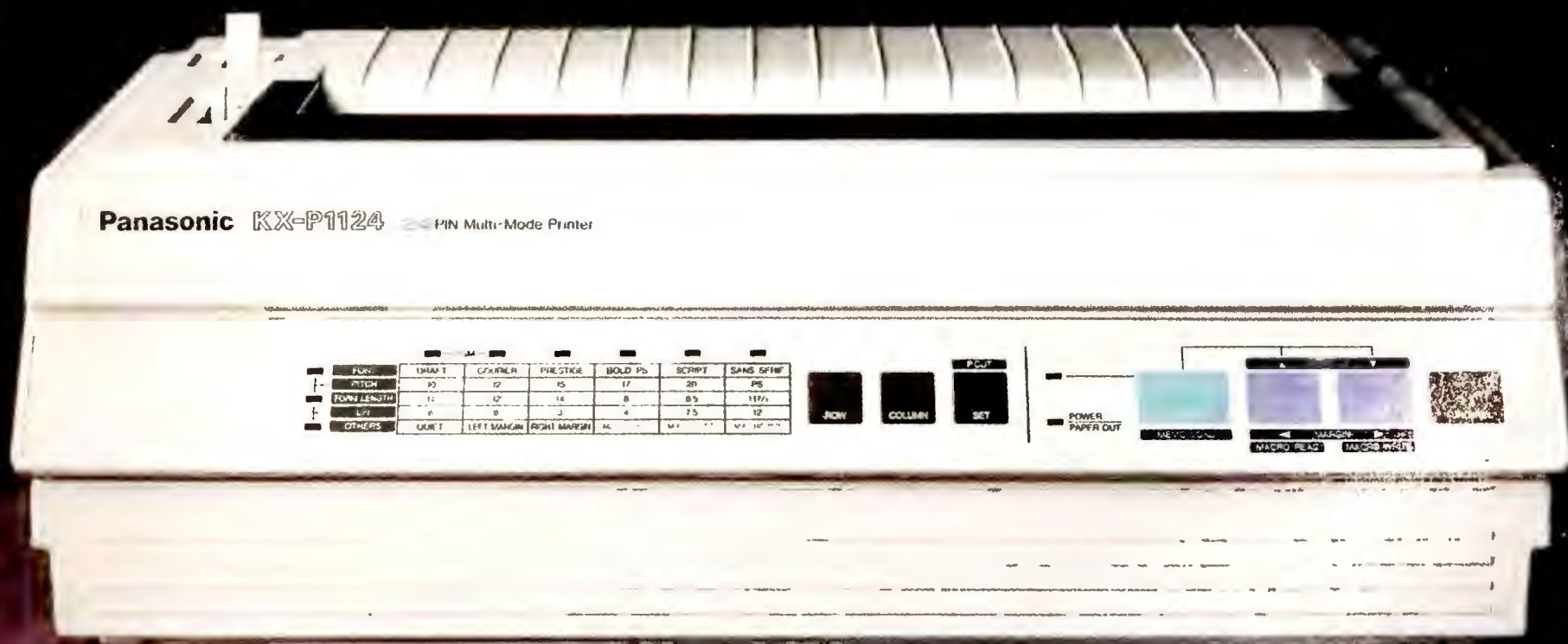
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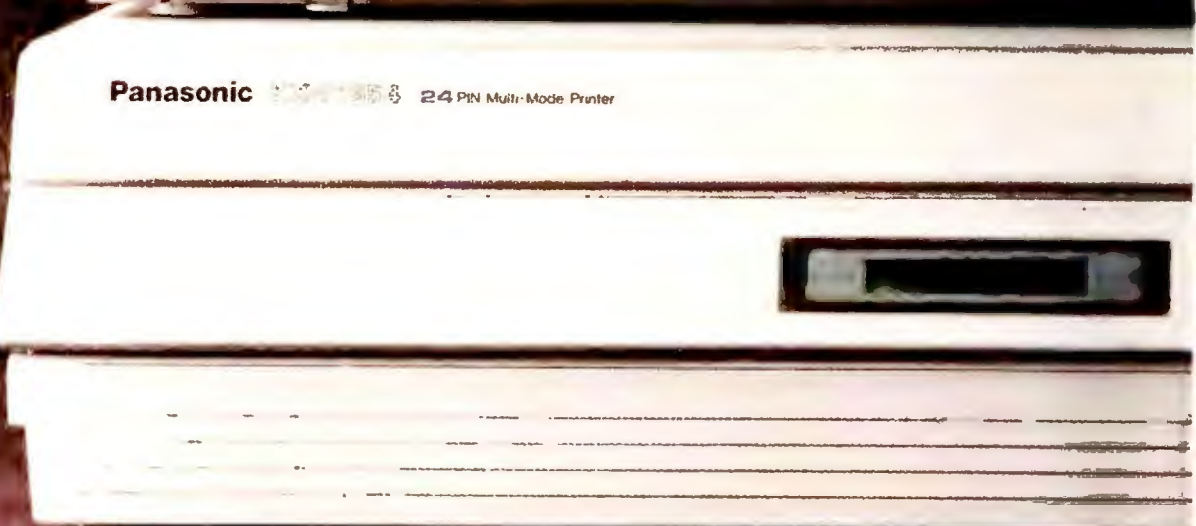
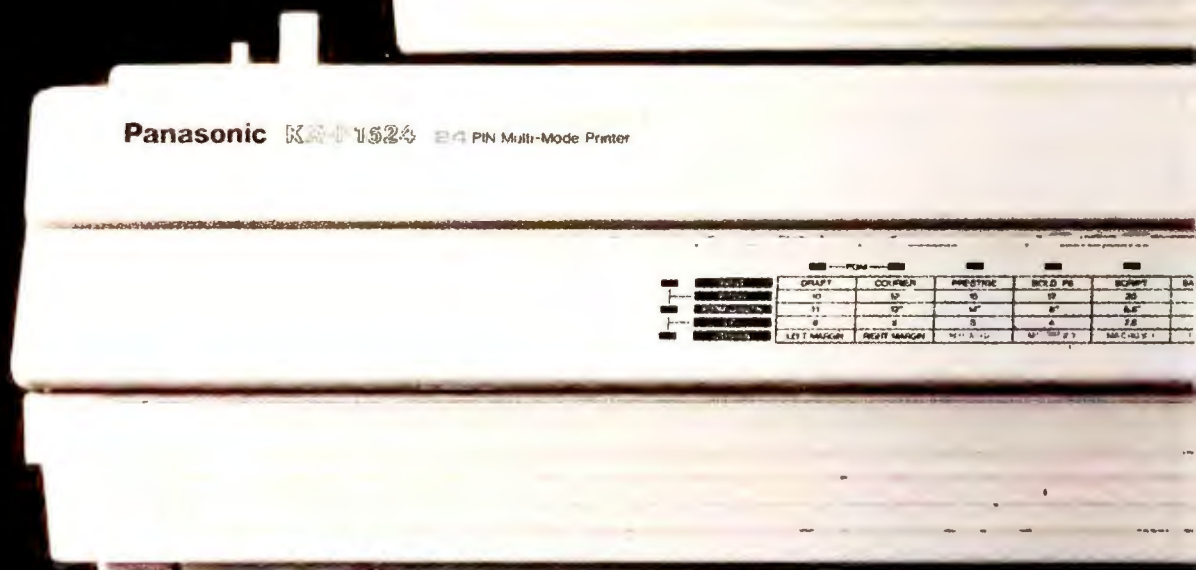
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Karl Koessel

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Q. *To identify my WordPerfect documents for future use, I often add the document's path and file name at the end. I'm currently typing this information by hand but would rather produce it using a macro. How do I write a macro to retrieve the file's path and name?*

Finn Nielsen

Washington, District of Columbia

A. WordPerfect 5.1's {SYSTEM} macro command will solve your problem. Like most of this word processor's macro commands, {SYSTEM} can't be inserted while a macro is being recorded; it must be inserted during a macro editing session. Moreover, you can't create a macro with the editor but can only alter an existing one.

To begin creating a macro that automatically adds the file name and path, press <Ctrl>-<F10> and enter a name and description for the macro. Press <Home> <Home> <Cursor Down> (which brings the cursor to the end of the file), and press <Ctrl>-<F10> to stop recording. To reach the macro editor, press <Ctrl>-<F10> again, type in the new macro's name, press <Enter>, and select *Edit* from the options presented.

Move the cursor to the bottom of the macro. Press <Ctrl>-<Page Up> to bring up the macro command menu. Type *sy* to highlight {SYSTEM} *sysvar~*, and press <Enter> to select the command. Type *path~*, press <Ctrl>-<Page Up> *sy* <Enter> again, and type *name~*. Press <F7> to exit the macro editor. When you run the macro, the path and name of the current file is added to the bottom of the file.

Running Shareware

Q. *Now and again I look at new shareware programs, paying for those I decide to use. However, there are some that I can't figure out how to start. When I issue a DIR command, none of the file names provides a clue. How do I start these programs?*

D. Thomsett

Pembroke, Ontario, Canada

A. If one of the files on the shareware disk is called README, README, README.TXT, README.1ST, or something similar, look at that file first. README files are usually straight text and typically contain instructions for installing and using the program(s) on the disk. (Even commercial programs use README files to convey late-breaking information that's not in their manuals.) You can display a small text file by enter-

ing *type*, a space, and the file's name at the DOS prompt. For a larger text file, use the DOS command *more <filename>* or load the file into any word processor, text editor, or DOS-shell file viewer. README files often are formatted so

With DOS 3.3 and later, you can partition a hard disk into multiple logical drives to keep programs and data separate.

you can print them by simply using the DOS command *copy filename prn*.

If there's no README file, try looking for an executable file—a file with an EXE, COM, or BAT extension that you run by entering the file name at the DOS prompt. If more than one file has such an extension, try to guess by the names which file to run first; for example, a file called INSTALL or SETUP is a pretty good choice to start with.

Many shareware programs are distributed in compressed form, using either the PKARC or PKZIP format. If your new shareware program is a single file with an ARC or ZIP extension, you must decompress that file to create the program's file or files. Both PKARC and PKZIP have decompression utilities and are widely available as shareware. Sometimes shareware comes in a single EXE file that decompresses the files it contains when you run it—it doesn't need PKARC or PKZIP. With luck, you'll find a README and an IN-
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STALL file among the decompressed files.

Partitioning Your Hard Disk

Q. In "Tame That Hard Disk" (The Help Screen, October 1990), you suggested a method of organizing a hard disk to keep programs and data separate. The technique called for creating two logical drives—one for programs, the other for data. Only the data drive needed to be backed up regularly.

But I can't figure out how to do it. Could you please explain how to turn one real drive into two logical ones?

George James

San Jose, California

A. With DOS 3.3 and later versions, you can partition your hard disk into multiple logical drives, each of which looks to DOS like a single hard disk. Before doing this, back up your hard disk thoroughly; partitioning it will destroy your data.

Once you're safely backed up, create a bootable floppy (format a:/s). To that disk, add FDISK.COM and FORMAT.COM—both of which come with DOS—and the program needed to restore your backup. Run FDISK from either the hard disk's DOS directory or the floppy, and then follow the prompts—first to remove the DOS partition, and then to install a new primary DOS partition and the extended DOS partition you desire.

Exit FDISK, reboot using the bootable floppy, and format the new logical drives using `format c: /s` and `format d:`. From your backup, you now can restore your programs to the new C: drive and your data to the new D: drive.

The FDISK command of DOS versions prior to 3.3 can't create multiple DOS partitions, but commercial partitioning programs (such as Storage Dimensions' *SpeedStor* and Ontrack Computer Systems' *Disk Manager*) can do the job.

Toggling the Lock Keys' Lights

Q. I've been using LOCKKEY2.COM

("Nixing Num Lock," The Help Screen, August 1990) on a number of XT compatibles in our office. While it sets Caps Lock, Num Lock, and Scroll Lock as desired, it doesn't affect the lights on the keyboard. From this I've concluded that the program is meant only for 286 and 386 machines. Can it be modified to properly control an XT clone?

Larry Keeping

Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

A. LOCKKEY2.COM is not meant only for 286 and 386 machines. The program works correctly, but your XT clones' keyboards don't. Their Lock key lights (which you won't find an IBM PC or XT) toggle on and off in response to keystrokes but don't reflect what's happening inside the computer. Keyboard companies added the lights to mimic the look of IBM's AT keyboard, which receives as well as sends information. Each of the lights on an AT keyboard is tied to the state of its Lock key, not to the key itself. No one has yet designed a PC or XT compatible that supports the AT-style bidirectional keyboard.

Weitek and Intel Math

Coprocessors

Q. I would like to know more about the Weitek math coprocessor. From what I've read about it, I gather that it's faster and more expensive than an Intel 80387 chip, but that's all I know. Can I use the Weitek instead of the Intel chip? My proposed application for it would be AutoCAD.

John Lawrence

Kenai, Alaska

A. Last year Weitek reduced the prices of its 3167 coprocessors, which now are almost identical to Intel's 80387 prices. Weitek's coprocessors, like Intel's, come in various speeds so that you can, for example, install a 25-MHz coprocessor in a 25-MHz system. You can't install the Weitek coprocessor directly in an Intel 80387 coprocessor socket—such a socket requires an adapter. However, if you have one of the many 386 compati-

bles that include the extended math coprocessor (EMC) socket, you can plug in either coprocessor.

The Weitek can't process instructions for the 80387 (and vice versa); your software's math routines must be compiled for either one coprocessor or the other (although some software includes both compilations and automatically determines which to use). AutoCAD uses the 80387 but currently doesn't include Weitek compilations—however, 3D Studio and RenderMan do.

For a typical drawing, the 3167 is about 2½ times faster than the 80387; the more floating-point calculations, the faster the 3167 is (and the more integer calculations, the closer it comes to matching the speed of the 80387). The Weitek's superior speed is due in part to its greater number of registers (thirty-two 32-bit registers versus the 80387's eight 80-bit registers) and its seven-element instruction queue (the 80387 doesn't have one).

The Weitek can operate as though it has sixteen 64-bit registers to perform IEEE double-precision calculations. The 80387, with 80 bits per register, can use a wider range of larger and smaller numbers (extended double-precision) than the Weitek can. Some commercial software looks for an 80-bit coprocessor, and software developers such as Microsoft and Borland, among others, are supporting math coprocessors from Cyrix that are fully compatible with the 80387.

Weitek is also the only company that currently offers a 486-compatible coprocessor (the 486 has an 80387 clone built in). The 4167 is supported by 486-based systems from Compaq, ALR, AST, and others.

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Bob Borst, owner and operator of Cloud Peak Pest Control, and his Gateway 2000 386SX.

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In Socorro, New Mexico

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Gordon Kane, New Mexico Tech, with his Gateway 2000 286 lab computers.

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at Kennedy Space Center next summer," said Gordon, "as part of a large program of thunderstorm studies being conducted there by NASA and the Air Force."

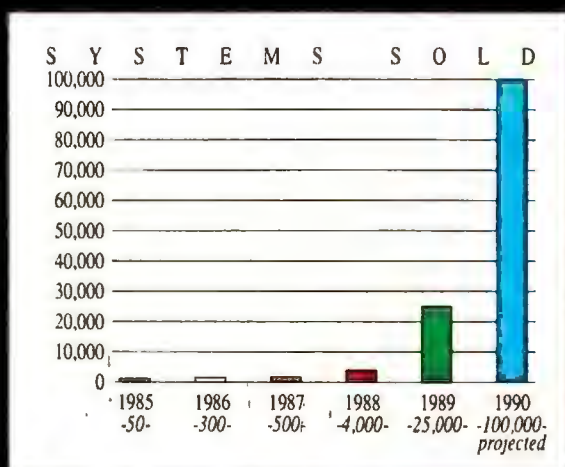
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PC Magazine
September 25, 1990

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"In the computer industry, longevity should be measured in dog years."

country.

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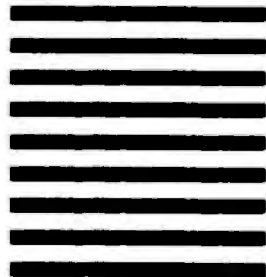
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NETWORK Q & A

Keep NetWare 286 Servers Sailing Smoothly Through Windows Waters

Keith Nickerson

Q. We are having problems running Windows 3.0 on our NetWare 286 network. Specifically, when Windows usage is particularly heavy, the network crashes. We have noticed in the File Server Statistics Summary screen of FCONSOLE that the amount of memory used from Dynamic Memory Pool 1 gradually approaches the maximum amount available (16,786 bytes). When this happens, we sit there helplessly, waiting for the impending crash. Do you know why the network is crashing and how we can prevent it?

Carolyn Smith

Oakland, California

A. What you are observing on your network is a conflict between Windows 3.0 and the new (version 3.01) NetWare enhanced-memory shells for Windows.

NetWare 286's Dynamic Memory Pool 1 stores in a 200-byte entry drive mappings and temporary file service request buffers for each user who logs on to the network. When the user logs off the network, NetWare clears the entry, freeing the 200 bytes. With a total of 16,786 available bytes, it obviously would take a lot of users logged on to exhaust the pool's available memory.

Enter Windows 3.0, with its ability to run multiple DOS windows—virtual machines—in extended and expanded memory. Whenever a user on your network runs a DOS application under Windows, NetWare creates an entry in Dynamic Memory Pool 1. In addition, initial versions of Novell's XMS and EMS NetWare workstation shells cause NetWare to create another entry every time a Windows user closes a DOS application or exits Windows. That memory is not freed until the user logs off the network, thereby adding significantly to the drain on Dynamic Memory Pool 1. If

several Windows power users on your system continually open and close DOS windows and run and exit Windows, but don't log off the network, the pool can easily become fully allocated, causing the server to crash.

(Note that NetWare 286 networks running the conventional-memory workstation shells, NET3.COM and NET4.COM, do not have the problem of overallocating Dynamic Memory Pool 1. Nor does the overallocation problem occur on NetWare 386 networks, because that operating system can dynamically allocate more memory to the pool.)

Novell's latest release of its XMS and EMS shells, version 3.01 revision D, solves the problem. To determine which revision you have installed, type **xmsnet3 i**, **xmsnet4 i**, **emsnet3 i**, or **emsnet4 i**, depending on which shell you use, at the DOS prompt. (The NetWare shell file must be in the current directory or in a directory referenced in your system's PATH command.) The revision D shells are available from the NDD forum on CompuServe (GO NDD) and may be available via your local Novell dealer.

If you can't get ahold of the new shells right away, you can solve the problem by placing the statement **NWShareHandles=true** in the [NetWare] section of each user's Windows 3.0 SYSTEM.INI file. This fix should allow you to run Windows 3.0 on NetWare 286 without overallocating Dynamic Memory Pool 1.

Here are some additional tips for running Windows 3.0 on NetWare:

- If, after loading the network shell, you load Windows in enhanced mode and it "hangs," there's probably a memory conflict between the Windows memory manager and the memory addresses used by your network interface card. Try adding either the line **EMMExclude=A000-C7FF** or **EMMExclude=A000-EFFF** to the [386enh] section of SYSTEM.INI.

- If you are having problems printing over the network with Windows, Microsoft recommends adding the line **NetHeapSize=58** to the [386enh] section of SYSTEM.INI.

- In enhanced mode, Windows' virtual memory capability enables it to open more programs and files than fit in your machine's installed memory by swapping chunks of code to disk. Swapping to a local disk bogs down Windows' performance, and swapping code to a network drive is even slower. You can disable the virtual memory capability by placing the line **Paging=No** in the [386enh] section of SYSTEM.INI. ☺

Keith Nickerson is the editor of NetWare Advisor and a member of the publishing team of Business Systems Group, a Houston-based network consulting firm.

POWER TIP NO. 155

Closing Windows Safely

When you quit the Windows 3.0 environment, don't start typing before the DOS prompt appears. Windows needs a little time to clean up and close down, and keystrokes can interfere with this process. You may freeze your system, and the DOS prompt may not appear at all. If this happens, even pressing <Ctrl>-<Alt>-<Delete> won't work—you'll have to press your reset button if you have one, or turn your computer off and on.

Robert Luhn
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Roberta Furger

You'd Better Shop Around

Looking for a PC for home use? You won't have far to look. Alternatives to the traditional computer retail store and mail-order firm are springing up all over. You can stop by Sears Brand Central and check out the computers after you pick up the kids' school clothes. Or how about that low-priced clone you saw on your last few trips to the grocery warehouse? Everything else there is cheap...

How can you find the best deal? It's certainly convenient to buy your home computer where you purchase your other major appliances, but will you get the system that best suits your needs? And will the price be competitive?

To put these issues in perspective, we did some comparison shopping. We visited department stores and computer

dealers and called leading mail-order companies to find the best combination of competitive pricing and helpful assistance. And the results surprised us.

Our comparison-shopping scenario went like this: We're setting up a home office and need a computer primarily for word processing. We also intend to run spreadsheets and personal finance applications. We haven't made the switch to *Windows* but are considering doing so. It's our own money, so price is *very* important, but we also want to make a solid investment. Although not computer novices, we've never purchased a system before.

Act One: Sears Brand Central

We went into Sears to look at the PS/1 but were quickly steered toward other options: 286 and 386 computers from Laser and Packard Bell.

"The PS/1 is good if you don't know anything about DOS," said the salesperson. "But it costs more, has a smaller hard drive, and runs slower [than the clones]."

So far, so good. But a few minutes later the salesperson (who also sold TVs, VCRs, and a small jungle of other electronics equipment) had exhausted his knowledge.

"What's the main advantage of going with a 386 versus a 286?" we asked. "Speed," he answered. "And the 386 has more megabytes."

Hmmm.

But what he lacked in technical knowledge, he made up for with helpful consumer advice. He suggested, for example, that we go with the Laser system, since "you can get through to their technical support." He also proudly described Sears' low-price guarantee—if we could find the same system for less

within 30 days, Sears would pay us the difference. And if we weren't completely satisfied, we could get a complete refund within 60 days.

Unfortunately, the price wasn't anything to write home about: \$1778 for a 286 system. You should be careful, then, about buying through this type of channel. Novices should be especially wary—they may end up paying too much for a system that won't necessarily meet their needs.

Act Two: Moving Upscale

Next, we tried Whole Earth Access, an upscale department store. Whole Earth differs from Sears in that it has a dedicated computer department and sells name-brand systems, including Compaq, Apple, and Toshiba. It also has a knowledgeable sales staff.

What type of system did Whole Earth's sales staff suggest?

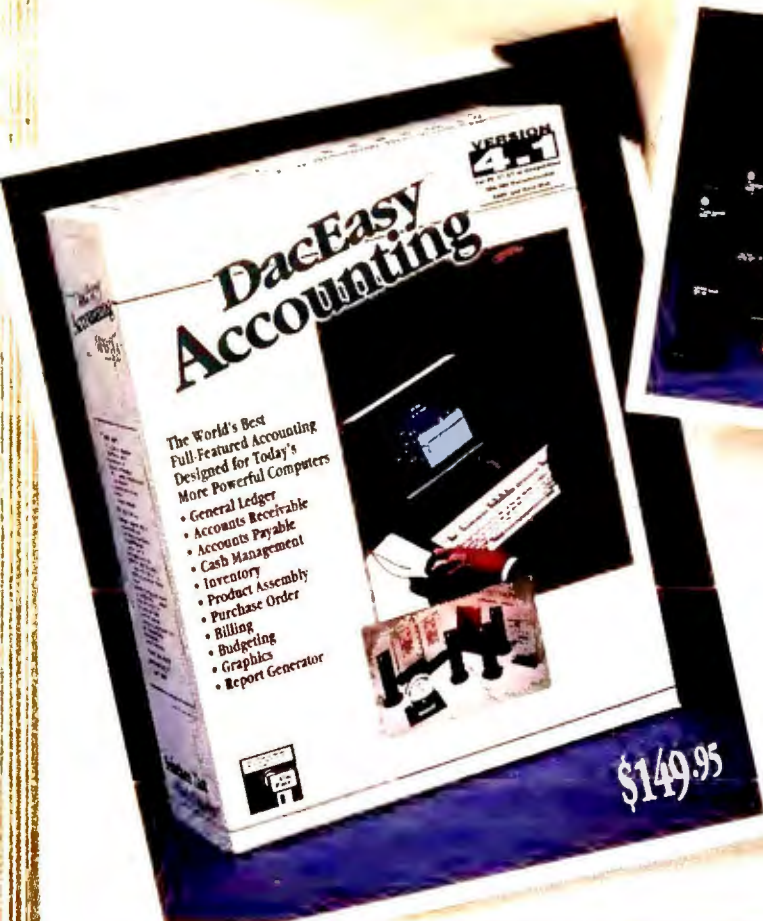
"Go with the 386SX; it'll only cost you \$100 more than the 286," the salesperson told us. "Besides, the 286 is becoming obsolete"—a point *PC World* has also made.

Our choice, he said, was between a Premier 1500 (a 16-MHz 386SX) and a Hyundai Super286e. When we asked about the Compaq Deskpro on display, he shook his head and told us matter-of-factly that they cost twice as much.

The Whole Earth employee knew a lot about PC hardware and software, rattling off the reasons why *Windows 3.0* would run better on a 386SX than on a 286 system and discussing options we might consider, such as a second 3½-inch floppy. He obviously had his own opinions but didn't try to force any one system on us.

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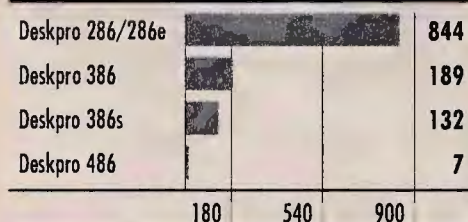
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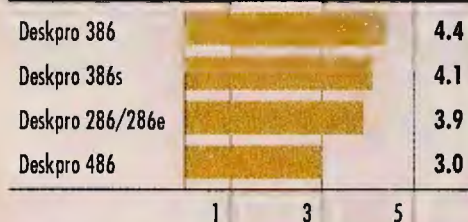
Compaq continues to get relatively high marks in user satisfaction, with only the newest system, the Deskpro 486, failing to get higher than the mean score in this area. PCs based on the 286 chip—both the original Deskpro 286 and the more recent 286e—make up the largest portion of the installed base of desktop models, according to this survey of 206 large organizations. But their more capable siblings, the 386SX-based Deskpro 386s and the Deskpro 386, rank higher in plan-to-buy statistics. Surprisingly few respondents had purchased the high-powered Deskpro 486 or planned to do so within six months.

Installed base at survey sites



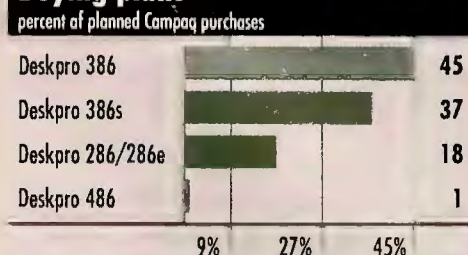
Users rate their satisfaction

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Buying plans

percent of planned Compaq purchases



Source: International Data Corporation. From a survey of 206 large organizations, each with at least 50 PCs. (Percent totals don't add up to 100 due to rounding.)

mended? A reasonable \$1794 for a 386SX with a color VGA monitor. The "extras" made the deal even sweeter: on-site service for one year; technical support through both Whole Earth and the manufacturer (provided we went with the Premier), and a 2-hour DOS instruction class.

Act Three: A Tandy Deal

Although you may pay a little more with traditional dealers, you benefit from a more knowledgeable sales force and from after-sale service that should meet your every need. That's the theory we tested in visits to a Radio Shack Computer Center and a ComputerLand dealer.

Not surprisingly, in both cases salespeople were well versed in PC technology and explained in detail the ramifications of going with a 286 versus a 386. However, their sales styles and the deals they offered varied considerably.

The Radio Shack salesperson listened to our list of applications and then promptly showed us the Tandy 2500XL, a 286 with 1MB of memory and a 52MB hard drive. "For what you're doing, you won't be able to tell the difference in speed," he told us.

But does a 286 make sense as a long-term investment? "You don't buy a car expecting never to buy another one, right? You shouldn't buy a computer that way either."

This was a refreshing change from the "more is always better" argument. But we didn't get the feeling that we could call with a problem or question—one of the chief benefits of turning to a local dealer. When we asked about technical assistance, the salesperson referred us to the technical support department at Tandy's headquarters.

Act Four: Lost in ComputerLand

As soon as we walked in the door, the ComputerLand salesperson loaded us down with literature on printers before we could tell him what we were in the market for. Once he asked us our needs, he showed us the two IBM PS/2 models on the floor: the Model 30 286 and the 386SX-based Model 55SX. Either would fit our needs, he said.

Although the store also sold Arche and Epson systems, the salesperson didn't offer any information on either brand. In fact, although he was very knowledgeable, we had to pump him for information. Eventually, he told us what

we wanted to know about pricing, service, and performance trade-offs for each brand, but it took nearly an hour and a half of coaxing. Someone without much background in computers could easily wind up buying the most expensive system in the store—without learning about the other options.

Act Five: 1-800-PCs

Historically, mail order has had one advantage—price—and one disadvantage—shaky service. At least, that's the myth. We tested the myth and found it to be only half true.

We called two leading mail-order companies: Dell Computer and Northgate Computer Systems. In both instances, the salespeople were friendly, knowledgeable, and willing to spend as much time as needed to answer our lengthy list of questions.

The Dell representative recommended a 386SX, noting its relatively low price (only \$200 more than a similarly configured 286). "It's worth the investment," she said, explaining the difference between a 16-bit and a 32-bit data path and noting that some software, such as *Windows 3.0*, runs only on a 386. (In fact, *Windows 3.0* will run on a 286, although slowly, but her argument was otherwise sound.)

The biggest plus, though, was service and support: toll-free technical support for the life of the product and free on-site service for one year. The price? A competitive \$2099 for a 16-MHz 386SX with 1MB of memory, a 40MB hard drive, and a VGA monitor. For slightly more than the Whole Earth system, you get a PC backed by a well-known supplier.

The Northgate representative was the only person to ask up front how much we wanted to spend. She tailored her suggestions accordingly.

"Because of what you want to do, I'd suggest a 386 system," she said. "If you were buying a system for your nephew so he could play games, I'd recommend a 286."

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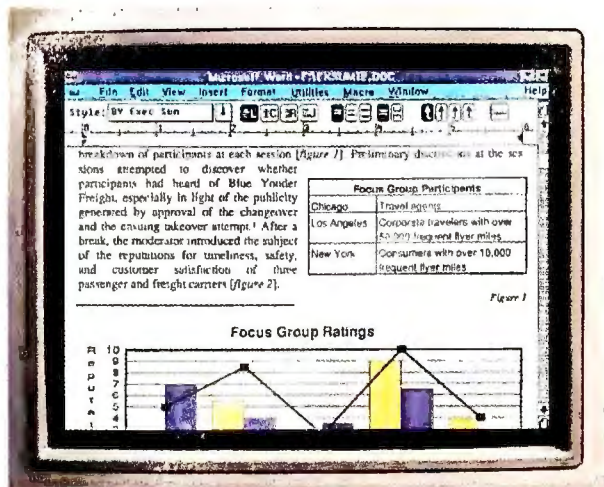
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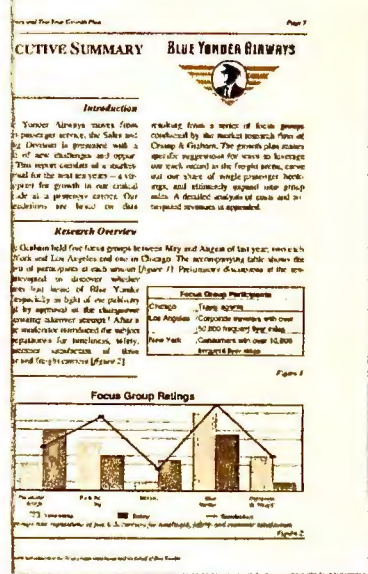
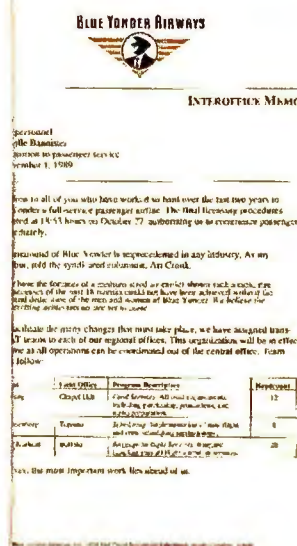
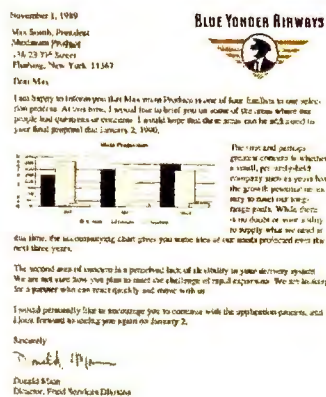


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No mail-order firm can give the immediate up-close-and-personal attention a local dealer can promise (that's *promise*), but these two came close.

A Good Deal of Research

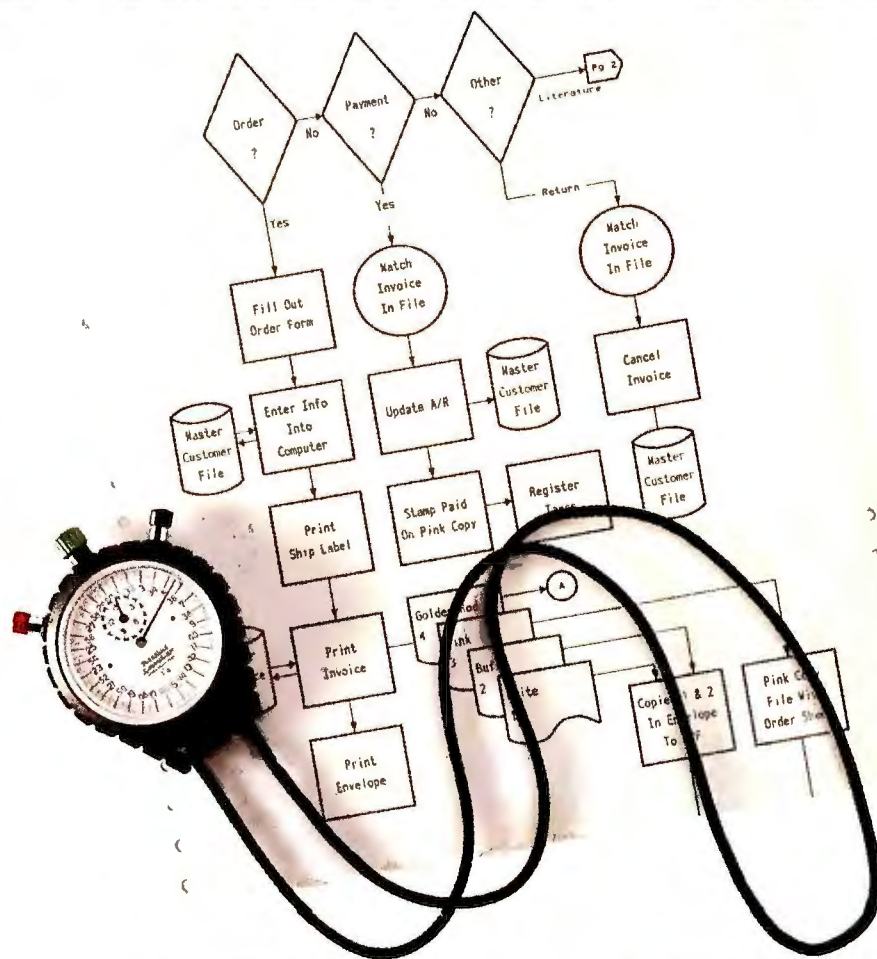
Top mail-order firms like Dell and

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md winbak
copy *.ini winbak
copy *.grp winbak
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If you accidentally mangle your desktop, you can now restore it by going to the DOS prompt in your Windows directory and entering the command `copy winbak`; then start Windows in the normal way.

Whenever you make changes in your desktop, make sure you remember to save them in your backup directory.

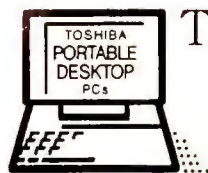
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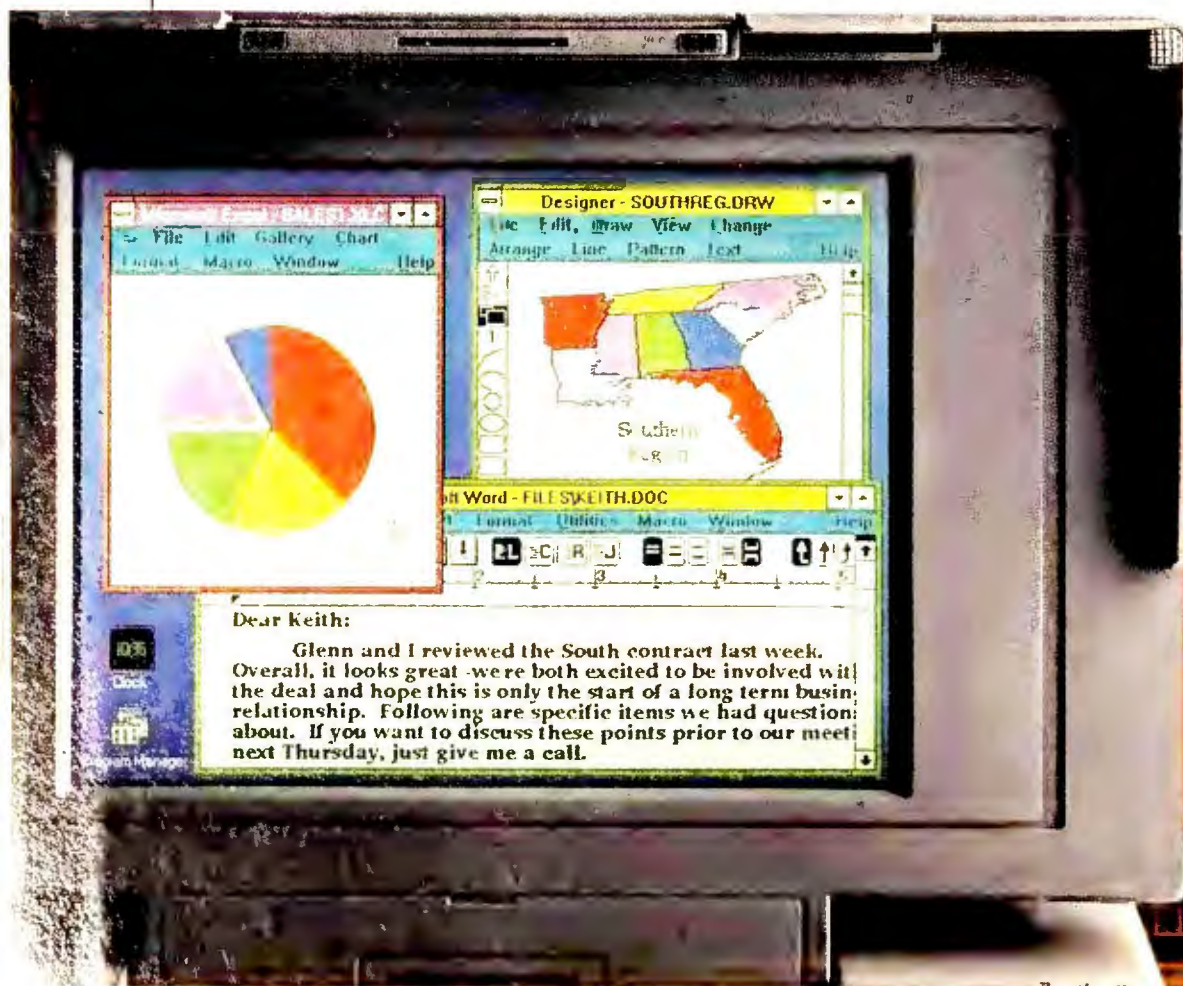
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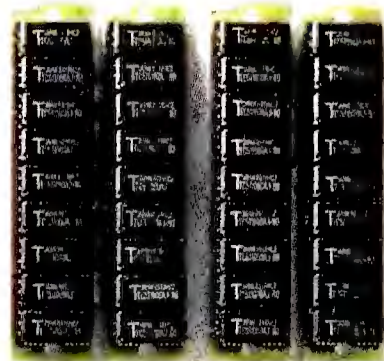
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RP Systems, a mail-order company based in Oak Brook, Illinois, has gone

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Consumer Watch has repeatedly attempted to contact company officials, but they have not responded to our inquiries. The company's phone lines have been disconnected. One of RP Systems'

chief creditors, ITT Commercial Finance of Matteson, Illinois, seized RP's assets on September 25 after it failed to make payment on a loan.

Customers who have paid for merchandise but not received it should contact the Regional Postal Inspector, 433 W. Van Buren, Chicago, IL 60607-5401; 312/765-4605. If you paid via credit card, ask the card company to have the amount charged back to RP Systems (see *Consumer Watch*, May 1990).

LANtastic Not So Fantastic

I bought a *LANtastic* LAN package from a local dealer and was told it would run our data base, *Filepro 16+*.

Problems developed immediately after installation. Users could not print to their own printers. The dealer tried to resolve the problem with Artisoft, which finally blamed *Filepro 16+*. I then had to try to prove to The Small Computer Company, maker of *Filepro 16+*, that its program was incapable of networking. The staff there spent hours trying to find out why I could not print while on the network, to no avail.

The local dealer at this point became frustrated trying to work with Artisoft and refused to rectify the matter. By this time nearly two months had passed, and Artisoft refused to honor any calls to provide assistance because the warranty period had expired.

I have \$2000 worth of networking software that they will not accept back.

Mike Gaudreau

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Artisoft responds: Our tests indicated that *Filepro 16+* is compatible with the *LANtastic* network operating system. Artisoft provides 30 days of free phone support, beginning with the first call to technical support. Any end user who reports a problem running *LANtastic* (as it is intended to be used) within the initial 30-day support period or during an extended support period is entitled to continued support until the (continues)

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Found: Henry Benzini's Personal Porsche!

The rarest car and one of the most mysterious men in the world are both in the news again—more than thirty years after both had disappeared.

It could have been a scene right out of a mystery movie: a deserted barn, at the east fringe of a large country farm in the northeastern-most corner of rural Italy. Abandoned, neglected for years, with no indication that this ramshackle hut could contain anything more than dust, dried out hay, a few rodents and a spattering of petrified cow

chips. Or a '57 Porsche Speedster. And yet, incredible as it may seem, there—smack on the property of one Flavio Saggitori—there it was, as plain as day: one of only three experimental models ever built of the car that Augustus Porsche called his personal favorite.

Car Number One, of course, belonged to Porsche himself. Number Two, a gift by Porsche to a boyhood friend from Munich, Heinrich Mueller.

And Number Three? To the everlasting dismay of the master himself, Speedster Number Three was stolen during the infamous Tetrizini Auto Show Scandal of 1957. While it never surfaced again the buyer was always believed to be the reclusive Henry Benzini, who is said to have purchased it with the fortune he amassed over the years in trading foreign hubcaps of vintage automobiles. He was last seen in

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Value Plus, Where Are You?

Consumer Watch receives a surprising number of letters from military personnel stationed overseas who have ordered PC hardware and software through the mail—only to have it show up late, broken, or not at all. Often it's simply a lack of communication between the customer and the supplier. But a recent letter from Air Force Sergeant Thomas Lamson, stationed in Italy, documented outrageous behavior by one supplier.

Lamson sent a money order for \$1609 to Value Plus Computers in Canoga Park, California, for the purchase of a computer and monitor. During the course of 40 phone calls, totaling an additional \$300 in phone bills, he was told six times that his computer and monitor had already been sent; several other times he was promised that it would be mailed shortly. It never was.

Despite repeated phone messages, no one from Value Plus ever returned our calls. Now the company's phone lines have been disconnected. The company's ads look impressive, promising a 30-day money-back guarantee, but customers should avoid Value Plus.

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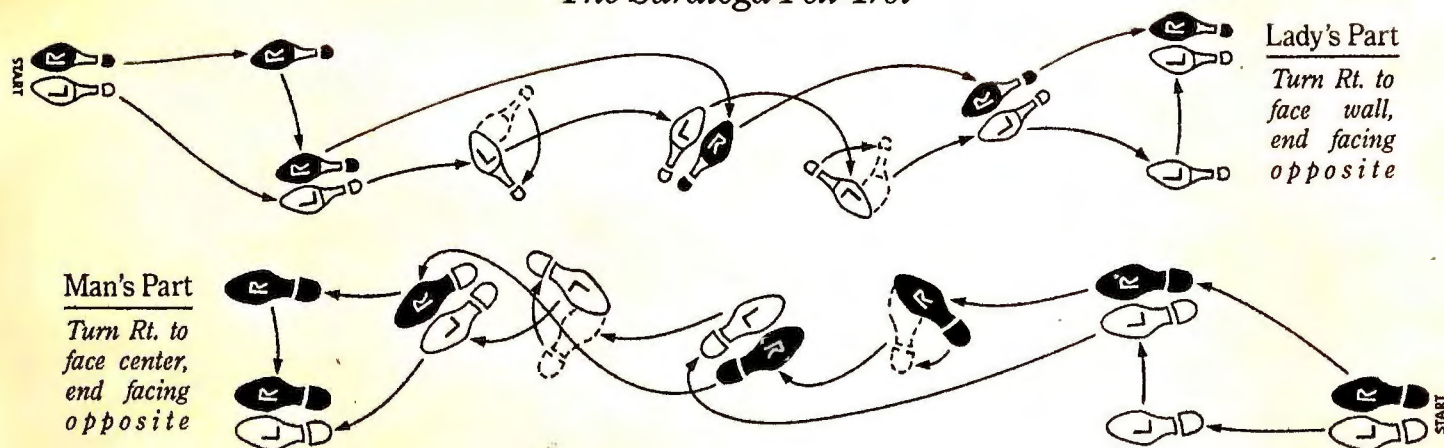
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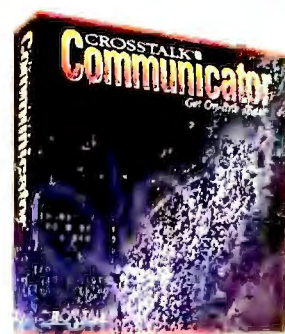
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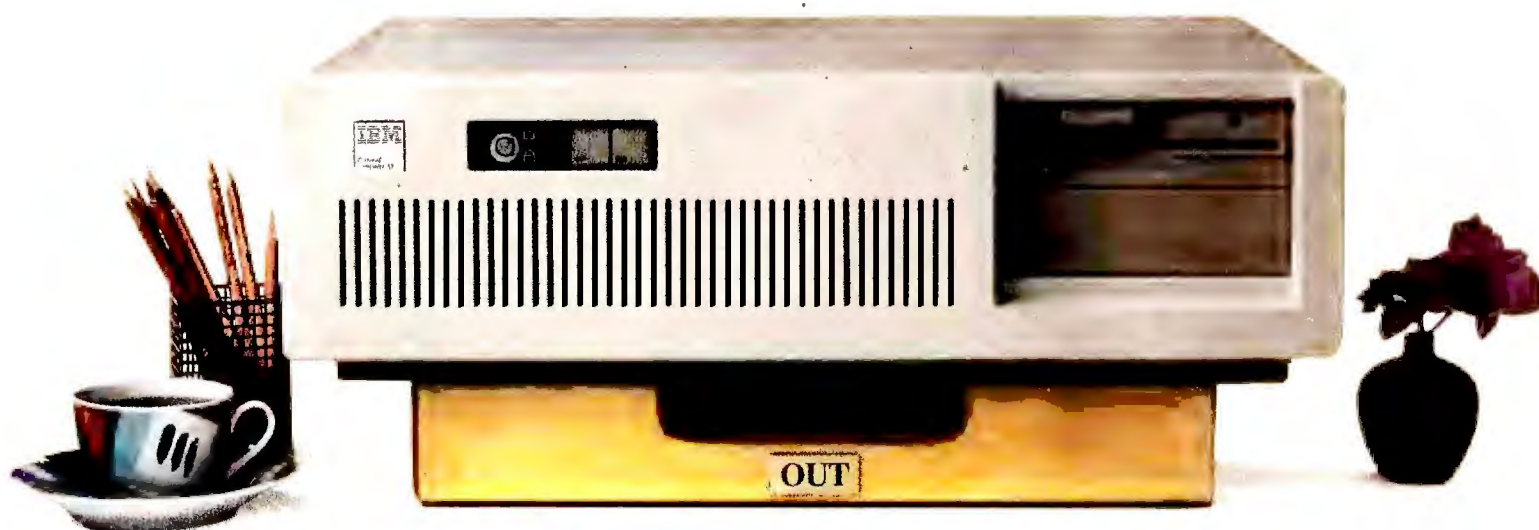


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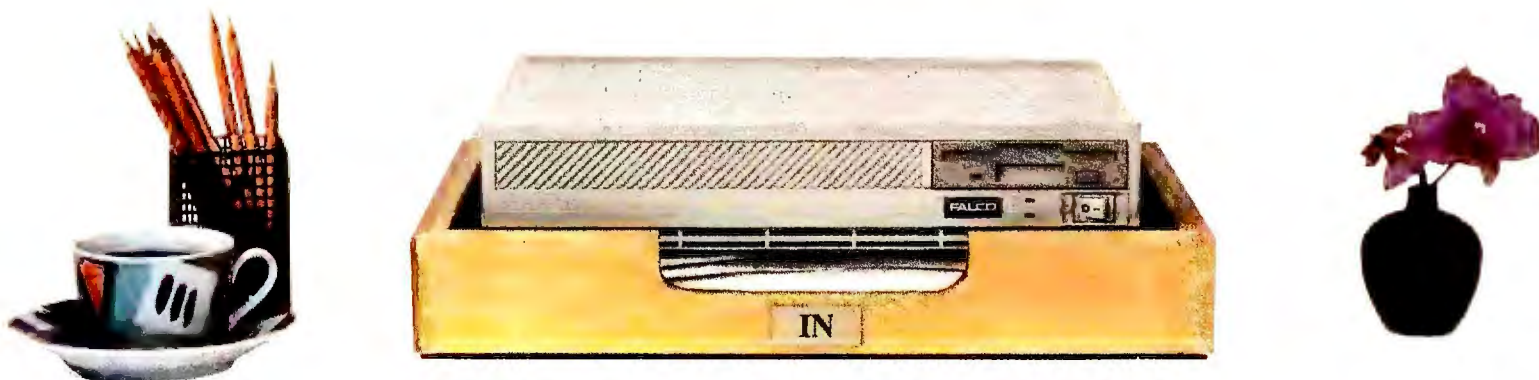
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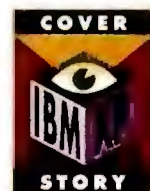
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Windows, Graphics, CAD Packages Benefit

IBM Launches Successor to Popular VGA

XGA to Be Open High-Resolution Graphics Standard



Widely cloned and hugely popular, IBM's VGA gives PCs satisfactory graphics either free with the system or for as little as \$100 on the street. But if you're running multiple *Windows* packages, *AutoCAD*, or any of the other applications that get more graphic by the year, you probably want greater resolution, more colors, and snappier screen performance.

IBM, Texas Instruments, and other suppliers have been tussling for three years over how to take PCs past VGA's 640-by-480-pixel resolution. Now IBM aims to set the standard straight with its Extended Graphics Array (XGA).

First appearing in IBM's new 486 PS/2s (see the preview in this issue), XGA is a VGA superset capable of quick performance at up to 1024 by 768 pixels and 256 colors. It's optimized for graphic environments such as *Windows*.

Even more important, IBM is committed to publishing hardware details so that other vendors will rally around XGA. And by building XGA into the motherboard of the Model 90 desktop, IBM has sent a clear signal that VGA's successor has arrived.

"It's a good next step, and I'm glad it's coming from IBM," says Paul Grayson, chairman of Micrografx in Richardson, Texas. "IBM has been able to set the PC graphics standard at each turn."

If IBM puts XGA even on midpriced PS/2s, "and if it's a



The XGA adapter in IBM's 486 machines runs VGA software faster and displays 1024 by 768 resolution with up to 256 colors.

good architecture that runs *Windows* fast, it will have a profound impact," suggests Andrew Fischer, vice president for product development at Hercules Computer Technology in Berkeley, California.

Avoiding Past Mistakes

Of course, this is IBM's second try at moving the industry beyond VGA. The 8514/A adapter introduced with VGA in 1987 offered XGA's resolution and color mix. But IBM didn't publish the specifications (other vendors are only now starting to offer compatible boards). Also, 8514/A was clumsier and slower than XGA and worked only with interlaced monitors, whose flickering bothers users.

The result: "8514/A is still a very expensive proposition," says Michel Castro, an analyst with Dataquest in San Jose, California, and very little soft-

ware has been developed for it.

Texas Instruments beat IBM to market in 1986 with its 34010 graphics chip. An architecture that can support resolutions and color combinations

far beyond the capabilities of 8514/A, the 34010 was adopted by dozens of board manufacturers and is now in its second generation. But TI has also had difficulty rounding up software developers to support its hardware.

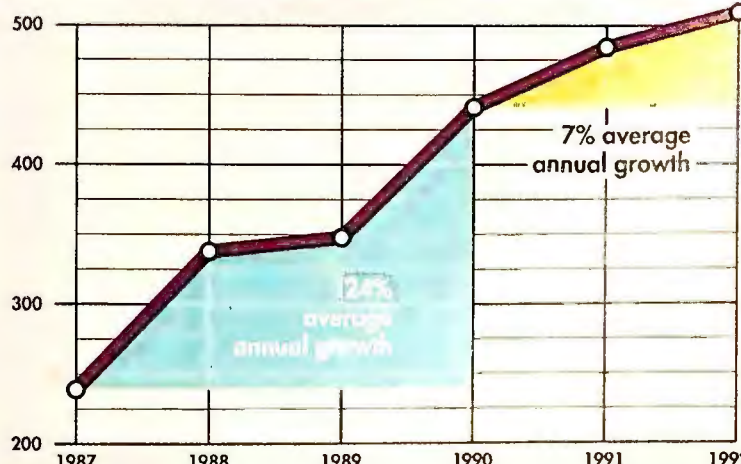
Meanwhile, board and monitor suppliers got together to push VGA to 800 by 600 resolution—"super VGA." Many also now offer 1024 by 768 modes, although speed, compatibility, and support problems have multiplied.

XGA will break this logjam of conflicting "standards." In time, rival vendors should drive the cost of an XGA board far below IBM's \$1095 introductory price.

Later, another XGA benefit—display of 65,536 colors at VGA resolution—will allow striking images that add to the appeal of multimedia software. "Humans are very sensitive to graphics quality," Grayson notes. "We need to get close as possible to the level of quality the human eye can see." —E. B.

Desktop Publishing Slows

U.S. retail units sold in thousands



Dataquest projects that the desktop publishing market will grow at a much slower rate, due to both market saturation and greater competition from word processing packages.

Service Issues Claiming Center Stage

Customers Want Direct Phone Support From Vendors

For years customers have demanded responsive, high-quality technical support and service for their PCs, but these cries fell on deaf ears. Increasingly, however, computer makers are getting the message and instituting new support programs—or touting existing programs—in the quest for customer loyalty.

"As sales slow down, we're seeing more and more emphasis on service and support," says Bruce Stephen, analyst with International Data Corporation in Framingham, Massachusetts. "At the low end, it gives companies a way of distinguishing themselves." At the high end, where products are dedicated to mission-critical-type applications, "post-sale support is a requirement, not a luxury," Stephen says.

Lorraine Junge, a micro-computer specialist with a Southern California corpora-

tion, has noticed big changes in support. "Vendors are beginning to realize that if they want to be here for round two, when corporations start replacing old architecture, they had better provide more [service] than they have in the past."

Heeding the call, AST Research has beefed up its direct support options, converting to a toll-free technical support line and extending its hours of operation.

The Irvine, California, PC maker sells only through dealers and resellers and has traditionally relied on these two groups to handle most technical support questions, while offering its own hot line as a backup service. But customers want the option of talking to the vendor directly—without paying for the call, says Jim Schraith, vice president of sales and service for AST. He describes the enhanced direct

support options as a "safety net" for customers unhappy with dealer-provided service.

Rather Switch Than Fight

Customers need that safety-net option, insists Joe Dulworth, a systems analyst with Williamson-Dickie, a clothing manufacturer in Fort Worth, Texas. Dulworth used to buy only IBM and Compaq systems because of their reliability, but now he's considering other vendors who promise direct access to technical support personnel.

Likewise, Chuck Davis, vice president of Computech Systems, an in-house purchasing and support organization for The Equity Group in Chicago, added Dell Computer, the large mail-order firm, to IBM and Compaq on his approved vendor list. "The price is what caught our attention, but the service and support is what made us stay," says Davis.

Dell, which built its reputation around comprehensive support policies, recently extended the hours for its technical support line, added a fax service for customers who need technical documentation, and began offering training and service for customer in-house support staffs.

Demanding Direct Access

Davis, Junge, and other users say that direct access is now a criterion for doing business with a PC manufacturer. Junge believes field service engineers (like those employed by major PC manufacturers at their regional sales offices) can provide the assistance she needs to solve even complex problems.

But others are not satisfied with this option. "We need to

be able to talk to someone [at the manufacturer]," says Davis. His firm switched to Dell because "Compaq wouldn't talk to its own grandmother."

"Those who wish to stay in business had better set up their own support lines. It's as simple as that," says Seymour Merrin, president of Merrin Information Services in Palo



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Dell Computer's "service and support is what made us stay," says Computech's Chuck Davis.

Alto, California. "And Compaq is no exception. Customer patience is wearing thin."

But Compaq continues its commitment to work through dealers and is skeptical of competitors' support claims. "Some manufacturers' hot lines are a joke," asserts Ross Cooley, vice president of service and support. "We believe the dealer channel will rise to the occasion so long as manufacturers don't block their opportunities."

If a user can't get a problem resolved through the dealer, the local Compaq sales office "is more than happy to take the problem and get the [resolution] process started." But the dealer will always be included in that process. "Otherwise," says Cooley, "the dealer never learns." —Roberta Furger

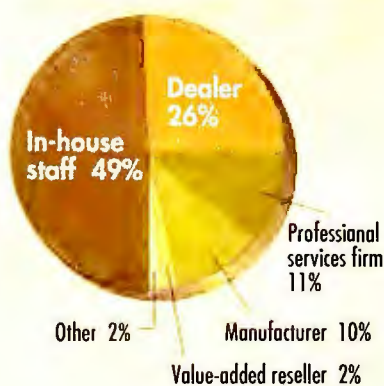
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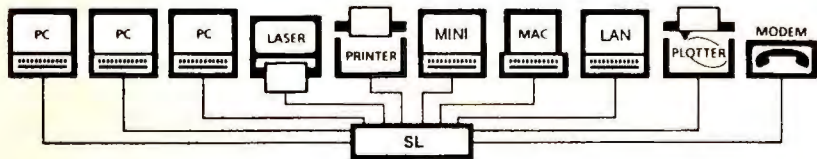
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IBM Spreads Software Bets

Windows Keeps Rolling Ahead

Whenever customers think they've nailed down a long-term strategy for software investment, another industry "partnership" pops up with yet another PC environment. IBM is introducing about one a year.

Called Patriot Partners and unveiled this past fall, the latest venture is a joint effort of IBM and Metaphor Computer Systems of Mountain View, California. Metaphor's object-oriented corporate-decision support system has won raves for its ease of use and analytical power.

The goal of Patriot Partners is to create a combination graphical user interface and object-oriented platform that will let developers port applications easily between OS/2, UNIX, and IBM's UNIX-based AIX. Not scheduled to ship until 1993, the new platform will accommodate emerging technologies that current environments are ill-equipped to handle, such as expert systems.

David Liddle, president of both Patriot Partners and Metaphor, hopes to bring the power of object-oriented techniques to the PC mainstream. "None of that yet exists in high-volume, widely available environments," he says. Additionally, he notes, future platforms must easily meld audio, full-motion video, animation, and other components.

But will hard-pressed PC developers put aside funds for yet another platform?

This is a "well-funded and serious attempt to do what has not been possible before," says Will Fastie, publisher of *The Fastie Report* in Baltimore. Like many others, however, Fastie doubts that most developers will rush to invest.

Windows on the World

The dominant environment of the nineties will be *Windows*, Fastie concludes. However brilliant the Patriot Partners software, "tens of millions of PCs will be running *Windows*

before the first Patriot system sees the light of day."

"For software developers, *Windows* is the only game in town," agrees InfoCorp analyst Bill Higgs. "New applications will be appearing on *Windows* first, then on OS/2 Presentation Manager as a sort of afterthought."

Applications written for OS/2 2.0 or later will be Patri-

ot compatible. Moreover, Microsoft has promised that *Windows* packages will run with a small performance hit under OS/2 2.0 and run well under OS/2 3.0. That means *Windows* investments should be protected as well (although Higgs questions how painless this upgrade path will be).

Liddle acknowledges that most developers have jumped on the *Windows* bandwagon. "For the spreadsheets and word processors that now dominate the market, there is no reason to move to another platform," he says. But he emphasizes that today's applications represent only a fraction of the ways software can be applied to business problems.

Users: Call If You Find Work

Most customers say they are indifferent to this debate about the future. "PC users are interested in applications, not operating environments," says Larry Heyl, a small-business consultant in Jonesboro, Arkansas. "Just because someone has a better idea doesn't mean you want to throw away what you already have," adds Brian Moura, assistant city manager of San Carlos, California.

However, *Windows* may be facing a backlash of sorts as users find that Microsoft was overly optimistic about its ease of use and speed. That opens up opportunities for ambitious new efforts like Patriot.

Still, IBM is by no means putting all its eggs in the Patriot basket. Big Blue has been on a buying spree of sorts, distributing resources to many often-conflicting efforts. These include various OS/2 flavors, the massive in-house *OfficeVision* effort, Steve Jobs's NextStep object-oriented system software, and Go Corporation's gesture-based environment—everything, in short, but *Windows*. —Alice LaPlante

The Developer's Choice

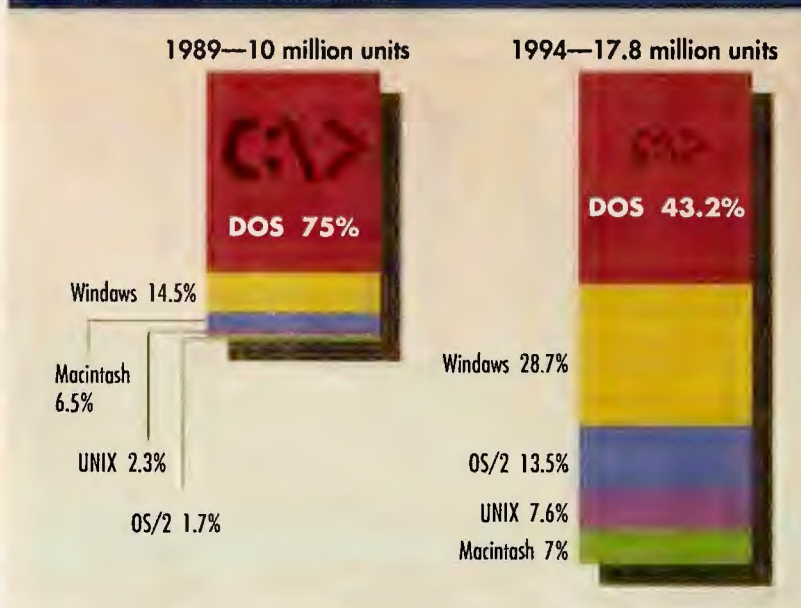
How developers see PC environments

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DOS	Immense installed base of machines that can run character-based applications immediately.	Users seeking graphic environments.
Windows	Huge potential market, users wanting to move to graphic environment.	Many machines must be upgraded first, some technical limitations.
OS/2	Still often seen as next corporate environment, technically advanced.	Very small current market, little hope in next few years for rapid growth.
UNIX	Scientific/workstation market is growing rapidly.	UNIX gurus still haven't convinced business market of benefits.
Macintosh	Established, loyal market.	Only 7 percent of current and projected users will buy.

As the PC market fragments, software firms face tough choices on where to place development bets—choices that will dictate what customers can buy in years ahead.

DOS Yielding Dominance

U.S. market shares for PC environments



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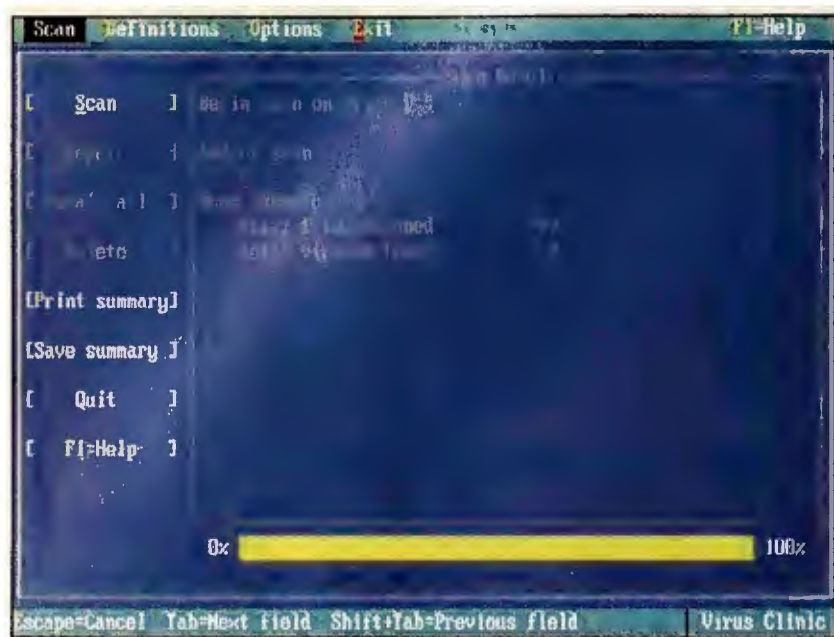
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Users Seek Defenses Against Viral Threat

Protective Packages Seek to Keep Up



Norton AntiVirus and some other vaccine packages post a memory-resident guard and scan disks for known viruses.

This is no longer just a bad dream: Computer viruses and other destructive software pose a real and present danger to an increasing number of users, who are girding their computers with a variety of protective programs.

Every corporate micro manager *PC World* interviewed had seen minor viral outbreaks, although none would admit suffering major data losses. PC managers don't like to talk about the problem, for fear of public embarrassment.

On the other hand, viral-security consultants are full of tales that border on the apocalyptic. "We've gotten calls of 'Oh, my gosh, we've lost 280 nodes of our 300 node network since eight this morning!'" says Peter Tippet, president of antiviral software vendor Certus International in Cleveland, Ohio. "I know of many major corporations that have been severely damaged by viruses," says Steve Gibson, president of Gibson Research

in Irvine, California. But Gibson and Tippet both say that the victims keep those incidents secret.

Viruses are usually introduced into companies through computer repair and system purchases, notes John McAfee, a security consultant in Santa Clara, California. When a virus hits, a computer technician usually runs a diagnostic program on the affected PCs. That infects the diagnostic program, which subsequently infects other PCs. Horror stories also abound of new PCs whose hard disks are unknowingly installed with software from virus-carrying floppy disks.

"Another threat is from demonstration software," says McAfee. "A salesman may give five or six software demonstrations a day. If his demo disk is infected, he'll infect every company he visits."

Customer Responses Vary

Many companies literally do nothing to protect themselves

from viruses. Others deploy antiviral software and train their employees in "PC hygiene." Some workers are prohibited from bringing in software from home PCs, or at least are required to scan the software for viruses before it's run on a company PC. Many companies deploy "virus SWAT teams" armed with antiviral tools. A frightened few, says McAfee, are overreacting wildly, spending millions to build bank vault-like "virus isolation rooms" for sequestering sick PCs.

An information engineer at an aerospace firm that has weathered numerous viral outbreaks says that his firm mandates PC hygiene courses for all employees. It also spends \$100,000 annually for memory-resident antiviral software for every PC, and has a lab with full-time technicians who screen every piece of software that comes in the door.

Investment Planning Services of Fairfax, Virginia, has tightened security on its Novell network, says network engineer Daryl Caudill, so that users "can execute software on the network but can't modify it." IPS also insists that employees put write-protect labels on floppy disks before taking them to the clients' offices.

A micro manager at a Big Six accounting firm that suffered one minor outbreak says that built-in hardware and software safeguards against viruses figure prominently in plans for the firm's new 2500-plus-node network.

Software Solutions?

Veteran antiviral packages like Certus's are being joined by products from larger firms, such as Symantec's *Norton AntiVirus*. Experts say that while there is no perfect defense, these packages can be quite effective. The two kinds of vaccine software—

scanning programs and memory-resident programs—are sometimes combined, as in *Norton AntiVirus*.

Scanning software such as McAfee's *Scan* checks a program or disk for occurrences of known viruses. The better programs will search for 200 or more viruses and are updated as often as every few weeks.

But "scan programs operate after the virus has already copied itself," points out William Hugh Murray, a Wilton, Connecticut, security consultant to Deloitte & Touche. "I want something that operates early." Murray advocates memory-resident programs, such as Certus's *Resident*, which check out each application before it loads and prevent the execution of unauthorized code. —Judy Heim

Has Your Firm Been Hit by Viruses?



Certus International, which sells antiviral software, polled more than a thousand U.S. corporations last year on viruses and other destructive software. A majority of firms had suffered at least one viral attack.



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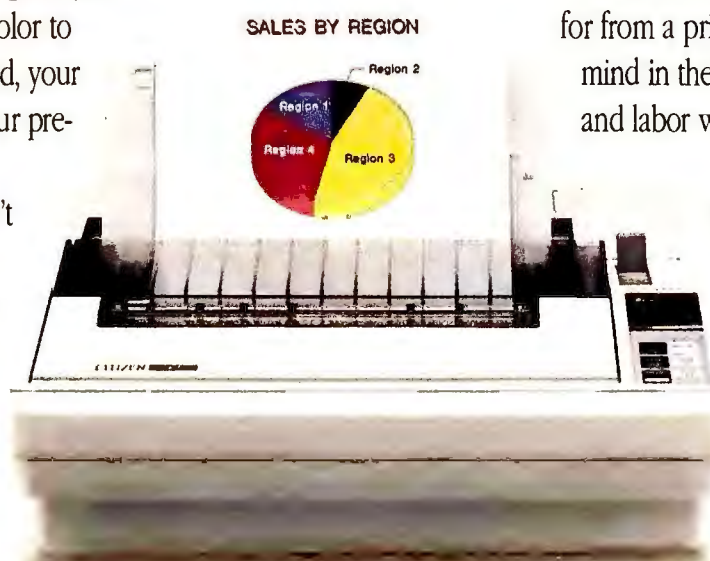
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Atenth of all PC software and hardware arrives by mail, estimates BIS CAP International of Norwell, Massachusetts. Customers say mail order is a great way to buy—if you know exactly what you want and how to use it.

"We buy almost everything through the mail," says Larry Schunk, director of management information systems for Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. County rules require Schunk to buy locally at up to a 10 percent premium. But he still buys mail order for 60 percent discounts on items like high-density floppies. "Retail prices are outrageous," he says.

Historically, price has been mail order's appeal. But the established players also get kudos for better service.

Mark Zuckerman, president of Managing Information Retrieval Associates in Roosevelt, New Jersey, couldn't find the network version of some software at local stores. He called Computer Discount Warehouse (CDW) in Northbrook, Illinois. The salesperson asked how he was setting up the network, says Zuckerman. "Then he came up with a

better equipment list, better delivery time, and substantially better price."

Other buyers laud the speed at which even unusual goods are delivered. "The vast majority of items we can pur-

But Tread With Care

However, some very shadowy firms also sell by mail; they set up shop just by buying an ad, and they go out of business just as quickly. PC companies account for a disproportionate

returns, which may be 25 percent of the sale price, and about other return policies for hardware that doesn't work or just isn't right. Software return policies can be even more stringent. PC Connection takes back unopened software within 30 days, CDW within 15. If you've opened it, odds are you're stuck with it.

In general, "you have to



STEVE PAYNE

Union Carbide's Jane Husson finds that PC Connection can deliver almost all she needs.

chase through PC Connection," says Jane Husson, buyer for Union Carbide in South Charleston, West Virginia. "If I call Monday before 4 p.m., by Wednesday they're usually sitting here."

CDW president Mike Krazny says his seven-year-old firm enjoys 70 percent repeat business. Thanks to high sales volume and modest fixed expenses, Krazny says CDW's profit margins are several times the 2 percent to 6 percent mail-order average.

Profitability and sheer sales clout is bringing mail-order companies respect from large vendors. "I didn't think this would ever happen, but a little over a year ago we became an authorized Lotus reseller," says David Hall, executive vice president of eight-year-old PC Connection of Marlow, New Hampshire.

number of complaints to the Direct Marketing Association, says Lorna Christie, vice president for ethics and consumer affairs for the New York trade group.

Standard consumer warnings apply—starting with the need to check the company's reputation. Look for ads in old issues of PC publications, suggests PC Connection's Hall; the DMA advises calling the Better Business Bureau.

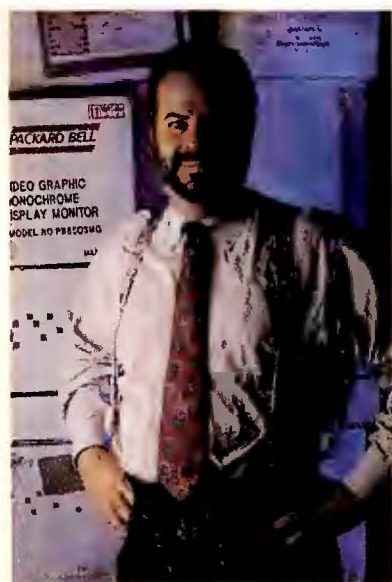
Shop for low quotes, but be wary of prices way below market, customers say. Established vendors are usually competitive; entrants who break in with extreme discounts need deep pockets and usually lack them. Pay with a credit card rather than cash.

Make sure you're getting "fresh" parts still under manufacturer's warranty. Ask if there are restocking fees on

know what you're talking about," says one user who buys parts for PC repair technicians at a large university. Installing the wrong parts sent by a mail-order house crashed university networks and caused enough havoc to make money-back guarantees meaningless, she cautions.

If trouble strikes, write *PC World's Consumer Watch* or the DMA's Mail Order Action Line, 6 E. 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017. The DMA will contact the seller and, in cases of flagrant misconduct, will send the case to regulators. "Ninety-five percent of the problems are resolved to the customer's satisfaction," Christie says. —Mark Henricks

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Managing Information's Mark Zuckerman found mail-order bargains for his network.

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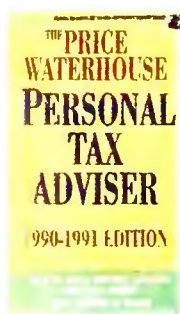
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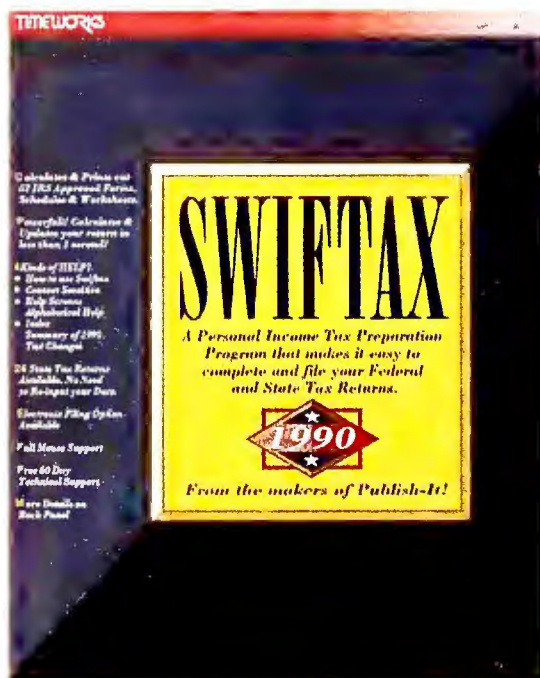
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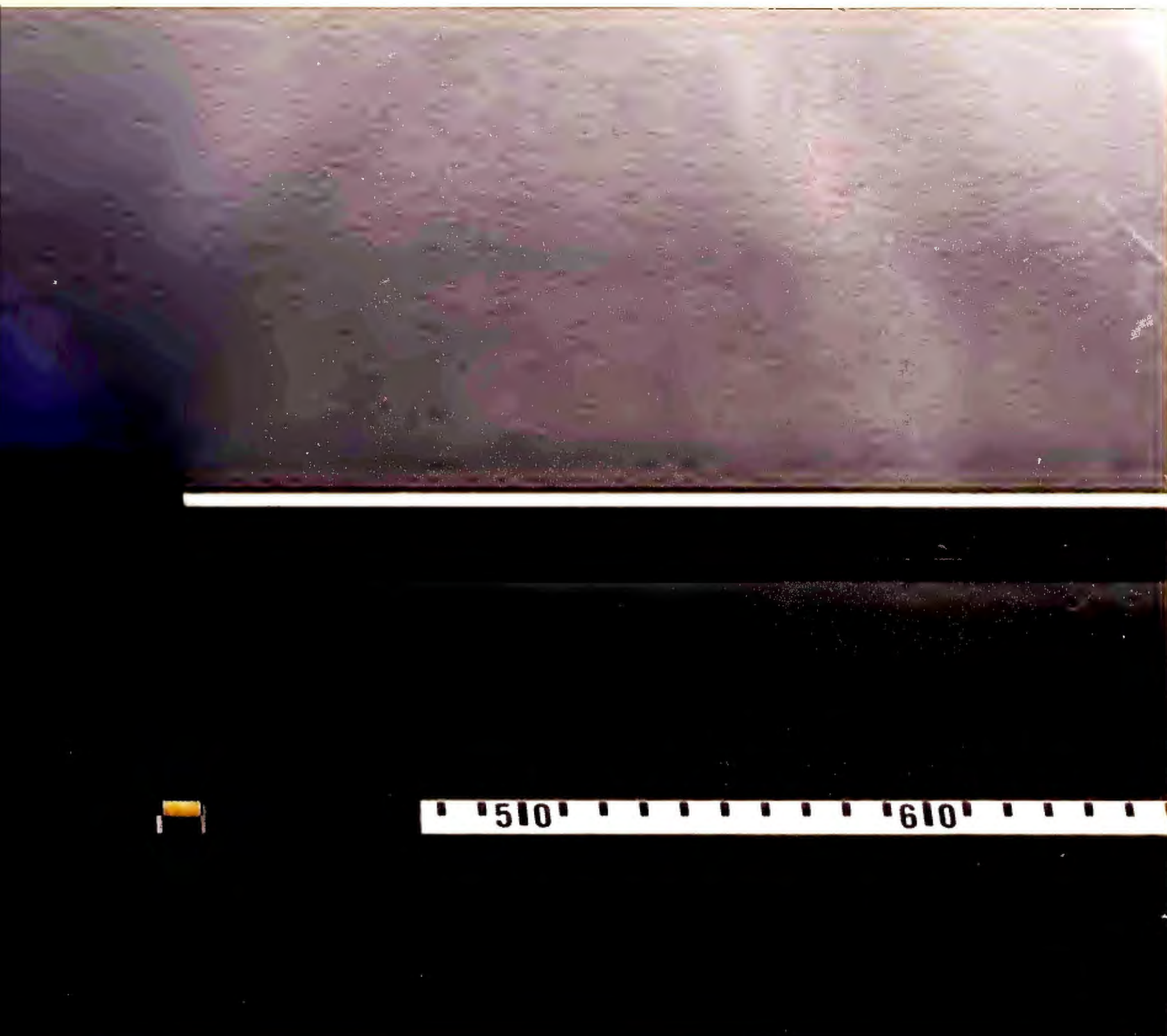


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IBM's Visionary New XPs

Sparkling graphics and plenty of room for memory and mass storage distinguish a new class of 486-based PS/2.



The PS/2 Model 90 XP offers snazzy XGA graphics and abundant internal storage.

Eric Bender



IBM's PS/2 XP 486 line finally pulls IBM abreast with its competition. This freshly christened, four-machine fleet—two Model 90 desktops and two Model 95 towers—offers 25- and 33-MHz 486 configurations and easily upgradable CPUs. Better yet, these flagship 486s boast a capacity for memory and drives that previous PS/2s can't touch.

The splashiest XP extra, however, is the next-generation graphics hardware that comes with every system. The Extended Graphics Array

(XGA) is built into all Model 90 motherboards and comes standard as an expansion board with all Model 95 towers. Like IBM's 8514/A board, XGA offers 1024 by 768 resolution with 256 colors, but IBM claims its performance is far superior. A special mode enables XGA to display up to 65,536 colors at standard VGA resolution, promising striking screen shows for multimedia and other upcoming applications (see the sidebar "XGA: Passing Tougher Screen Tests").

At the same time, IBM is fighting *Windows* mania with OS/2 1.3, a slimmer, faster version that offers more advanced multitasking than *Windows*

and may actually require about the same amount of memory. OS/2 1.3 is the first major PC environment to come with fonts that look almost the same on screen as they do on hard copy. Nonetheless, many customers will see this release as a placeholder for the full 32-bit OS/2 2.0 arriving early in 1991, which promises better performance and the ability to juggle multiple DOS applications.

The XP Performance Push

Like all 486s, XPs can handle tasks that eat ordinary PCs for lunch—manipulating big CAD drawings, multitasking under OS/2, running multi-user data base applications,

and other hairy jobs. The tower units offer a serverlike complement of drive bays and slots, but otherwise the tower and desktop configurations are internally nearly identical. Prices range from \$12,495 to \$17,745.

These machines leave relatively few questions unanswered about IBM's view of PC hardware for the nineties,

SNAPSHOT

IBM PS/2 Models 90 XP 486 and 95 XP 486

IBM's desktop and tower 486 machines offer expansion space galore plus snazzy XGA graphics.

KEY FEATURES

- Upgradable 25- and 33-MHz 486 CPUs
- Optional 256K secondary cache
- Up to 32MB of CPU-speed RAM
- Model 90 desktop holds five drives (up to 960MB storage) and has three available 32-bit Micro Channel slots
- Model 95 tower holds seven drives (up to 1.6GB storage) and has six available 32-bit Micro Channel slots

AVAILABILITY

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starting with the removable CPU board that sits in a Micro Channel slot. This board holds the 486, memory controller, and related circuitry, making it easier to swap up to more powerful CPUs—such as the forthcoming 50-MHz 486—and to tap Micro Channel enhancements. The upgrade from 25 to 33 MHz costs \$2500.

All XP models come with 4MB of CPU-speed memory, which can be expanded to 32MB. The standard memory includes 70ns chips, so the upgrade from 25 to 33 MHz doesn't require new chips or added wait states. You upgrade with pairs of 1MB, 2MB, or 4MB single in-line memory modules (SIMMs). Eventually, IBM plans to supply 8MB SIMMs, allowing a total of 64MB of CPU-speed memory.

The memory architecture, which gives the 486 interleaved access to two 32-bit memory banks, promises solid performance. As a \$1995 option, IBM also offers a 256K secondary memory cache designed to speed multiuser and multitasking applications. Most competing boxes either have a hardwired secondary cache or can't be upgraded. IBM's flexible scheme ensures that if you don't need the extra cache, you don't pay for it.

Among other design tweaks, XPs store part of the BIOS on disk and copy it into RAM, aiding both performance and future upgrades. Throughput on serial ports has been boosted from 19,200 bits per second to a potential 345,000 bits per second to help the machines work with high-speed modems. Parallel and mouse ports are standard.

Unlike many 486 systems,



XP's have mass storage options that complement CPU power. All the systems take advantage of IBM's 32-bit SCSI bus-master controller, which is built in and handles up to seven SCSI drives—enough for multiple gigabytes of storage. IBM also offers a high-performance 2.3GB tape backup unit to match, for \$6550.

Model 90: Determined Desktop

The Model 90 is a little bulkier than the 386-based Model 70, at 17¼ inches wide, 16⅞ inches deep, and 5½ inches high. With XGA on the system board, the Model 90 offers

three available 32-bit Micro Channel slots. One of the slots has a special pass-through extension that hooks into XGA, accommodating such futuristic graphics options as IBM's M-Motion multimedia board.

The desktop holds up to five storage devices. Two 5¼-inch bays can hold CD ROM drives, tape backup units, or even an optional half-height 5¼-inch floppy drive—a first for PS/2s. Three bays accommodate 17ms 80MB, 16ms 160MB, or 12.5ms 320MB SCSI drives, so that you can get up to 960MB of storage internally with IBM devices or more with devices from third-party suppliers.

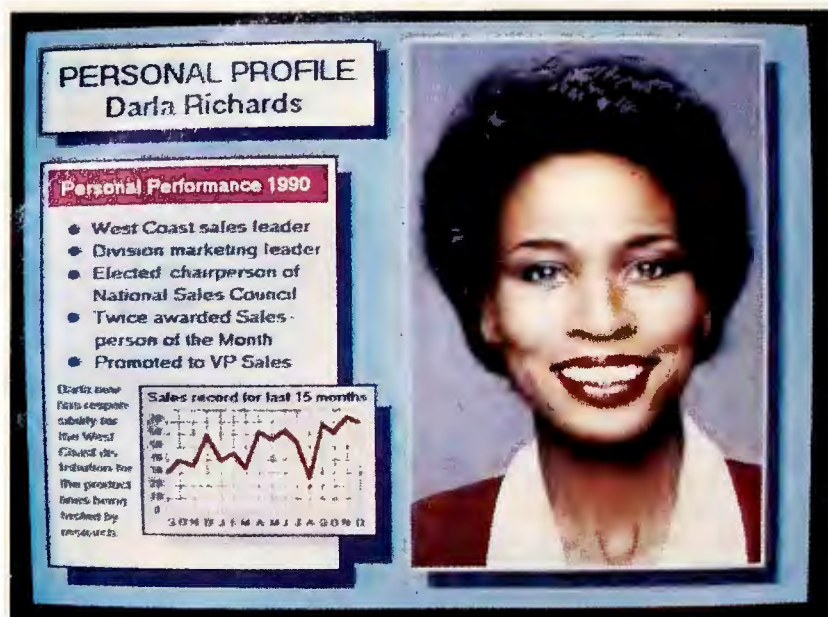
The most powerful PS/2, the Model 95 XP comes with six available 32-bit slots and space for five internal hard disks. Like the Model 90 it offers a bus-master SCSI controller, an upgradable CPU board, and an optional 256K cache. IBM intends to make the Model 95 the platform for the upcoming multiprocessor "super servers."

On the motherboard, two vertical racks of sockets hold up to four SIMMs each. The power supply is 194 watts, and two serial ports and one parallel port are standard.

The 33-MHz Model 90 with 320MB drive comes in at \$16,695; the comparable Compaq Deskpro costs \$16,499. At the entry point, the 25-MHz IBM machine with 80MB lists for \$12,495; the closest Compaq alternative costs \$12,499 with a 120MB drive.

Model 95: Son of Tower of Power

The most powerful PS/2 is the Model 95, a tower slightly



XGA displays two-and-a-half times as many pixels as VGA, giving image quality a dramatic boost.



The slimmed-down OS/2 1.3 offers an on-the-fly font generator from Adobe. Its PostScript fonts look almost the same on screen as they do on hard copy.

shorter and squatter than the familiar Model 80 at 8 inches wide, 20 inches deep, and 19¾ inches high. This machine holds eight 32-bit slots, with six of them available. Two of the slots have XGA pass-through extensions; the SIMMs plug right into the system board.

The 95 stocks a 329-watt power supply and seven storage bays—two for floppy disks, CD ROM drives, or tape backup and five for hard disks. That means you can get up to 1.6GB with IBM drives, more with products from other suppliers.

IBM also offers a \$6500 external storage enclosure for SCSI devices, which essentially is a 95 box gutted of everything but a 320MB drive, power supply, and cables. (This box seems a bit dear, seeing that the drive itself costs \$5500.) You can pile in seven SCSI devices.

If you add more SCSI controllers and storage enclosures, you can grow the system to 28 hard disks and 8.96GB. You can sprinkle DOS, OS/2, AIX, and SCO UNIX across these drives and choose any one as a boot drive. (Those thrilled by this pros-

pect should note that while OS/2 supports 24 hard drives, DOS handles only 7, and you'll hit serious data transfer bottlenecks long before you install 24 drives.)

In some roles, such as network service, the Model 95 may well end up in a closet sans monitor. For these installations, the tower sports an 8-character LED diagnostic display in front.

A 33-MHz Model 95 with 320MB costs \$17,745—substantially more than the closest comparable Compaq and substantially less than Compaq's Systempro, whose 486 models begin at \$20,999.

Where's the Super Server?

You can't fairly pit the Model 95 against the Systempro in a King Kong-versus-Godzilla network server thriller. Targeting networks of three dozen or fewer workstations rather than much larger installations, the 95 omits Compaq's dual-processor architecture and proprietary Intelligent Drive Array disks.

However, IBM freely acknowledges that the 95 is a main building block for the "super server" shown in prototypes for more than a year, which IBM will hurl against the Systempro in the fullness of time. Among the missing components are a bus-master coprocessor card and bus-master network adapters.

Software probably represents a larger development hurdle. Both OS/2 and the associated OS/2 LAN Server need major enhancements to fully support the hardware potential of such systems. Compaq's in the same boat; only UNIX-based network operating systems currently chug along effectively on more than one processor at a time.

Polishing OS/2

With droves of software houses and corporate custom-

ers finally turning to *Windows*, IBM is preaching the virtues of OS/2 to fewer converted. And the OS/2 diehards are waiting for OS/2 2.0, the full 32-bit version that Big Blue expects to ship to selected customers by year-end.

But many also want OS/2 1.3—a downsized, faster 16-bit version—to run on their 286 and SX machines. They groaned about the prairies-full of memory gobbled up by earlier versions. Now IBM claims that OS/2 1.3 can run one DOS and two OS/2 applications in as little as 2MB of

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OS/2 1.3

IBM's better-tuned 16-bit OS/2 can run two OS/2 applications and one DOS package in as little as 2MB of memory.

KEY FEATURES

- **Performance boost up to 25 percent for applications constrained by memory and 5 percent for others**
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XGA: PASSING TOUGHER SCREEN TESTS

PC software is feeling a strong gravitational pull toward more sophisticated, more pleasing graphics. Building on IBM's 8514/A graphics technology, XGA is a direct response to this attraction and will likely set a new graphics standard.

While suppliers have competed vigorously to bring graphics more powerful than VGA to the masses, none of the new hardware has gained widespread software support. IBM aims to end the squabble, positioning XGA not as an add-on but as a standard for high-end PCs. In addition to being built into all Model 90 motherboards, XGA in its board incarnation comes with all Model 95s. IBM also will offer the board as a \$1095 option for the Model 55 SX and up.

"We're making it a public standard, just like we did with VGA," says an IBM spokesperson. IBM will release XGA specifications, encouraging other vendors to offer the technology—which means that prices will drop dramatically.

Like the 8514/A, the basic 512K version of XGA provides 1024 by 768 resolution in 16 colors. Add another 512K of video RAM, and it displays up to 256 colors. Hardware support for 132-column text mode is built in. IBM will ship XGA with drivers for Windows 2 and 3.0, OS/2 1.2 and 1.3, AutoCAD, and perhaps other applications. Like IBM's earlier 8514/A adapter, which left many users feeling they were paying for high-resolution flicker, XGA will drive IBM's

8515 and other monitors in interlaced mode.

Along with higher resolution comes the need for on-board graphics processing power, which XGA packs. Optimized for windowing environments, it also runs DOS VGA software up to 90 percent faster than VGA. XGA is also supposed to be considerably faster than the 8514/A (whose role now ends).

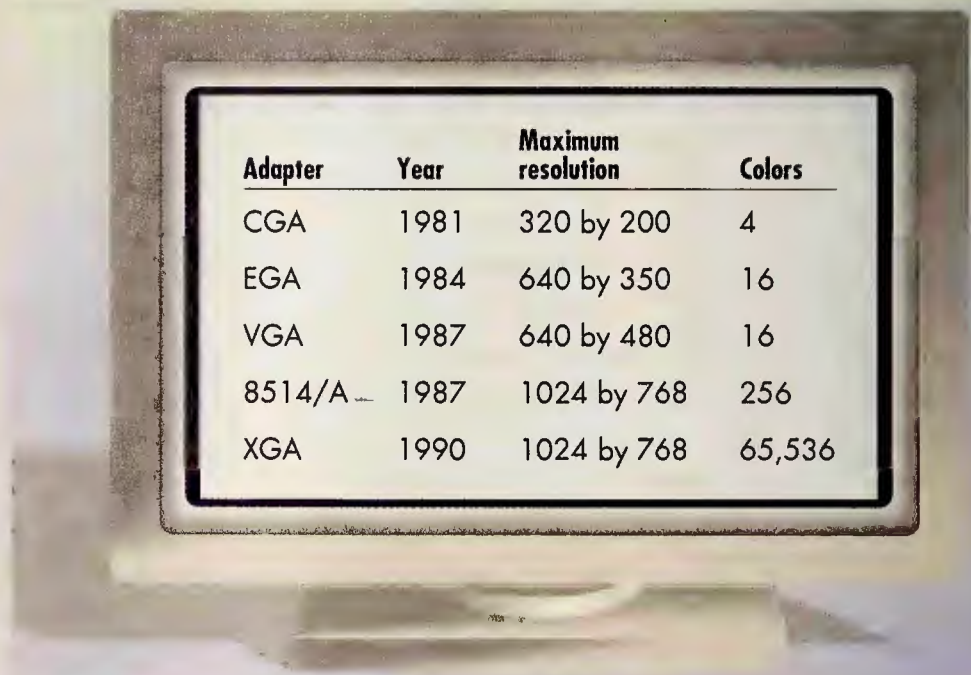
In a special 16-bit color mode with the added memory, XGA can handle up to 65,536 colors of standard VGA reso-

lution. This is substantially below the 24-bit photorealism of Truevision boards and similar products, but the images are still dazzling. This talent should be key for future graphics and multimedia applications.

IBM won't clarify its plans to slide XGA onto the motherboard of other PS/2s, except to say the 32-bit board-level product is tuned to work with 386s and 486s, so XGA won't appear on 286-based models. —E. B.

Color Graphics Standards

Adapters for PC business applications



Adapter	Year	Maximum resolution	Colors
CGA	1981	320 by 200	4
EGA	1984	640 by 350	16
VGA	1987	640 by 480	16
8514/A	1987	1024 by 768	256
XGA	1990	1024 by 768	65,536

XGA's resolution matches that of its immediate and unsuccessful predecessor, IBM's 8514/A. But this time, IBM has published the hardware specs, enabling competitors to create clone XGA boards that will probably cost half as much and sell like hotcakes.

memory. Performance has seen a significant boost as well, especially for packages that previously were memory-limited—these could see improvements of up to 25 percent, by early estimates. Hard disk requirements dip as low as 10MB.

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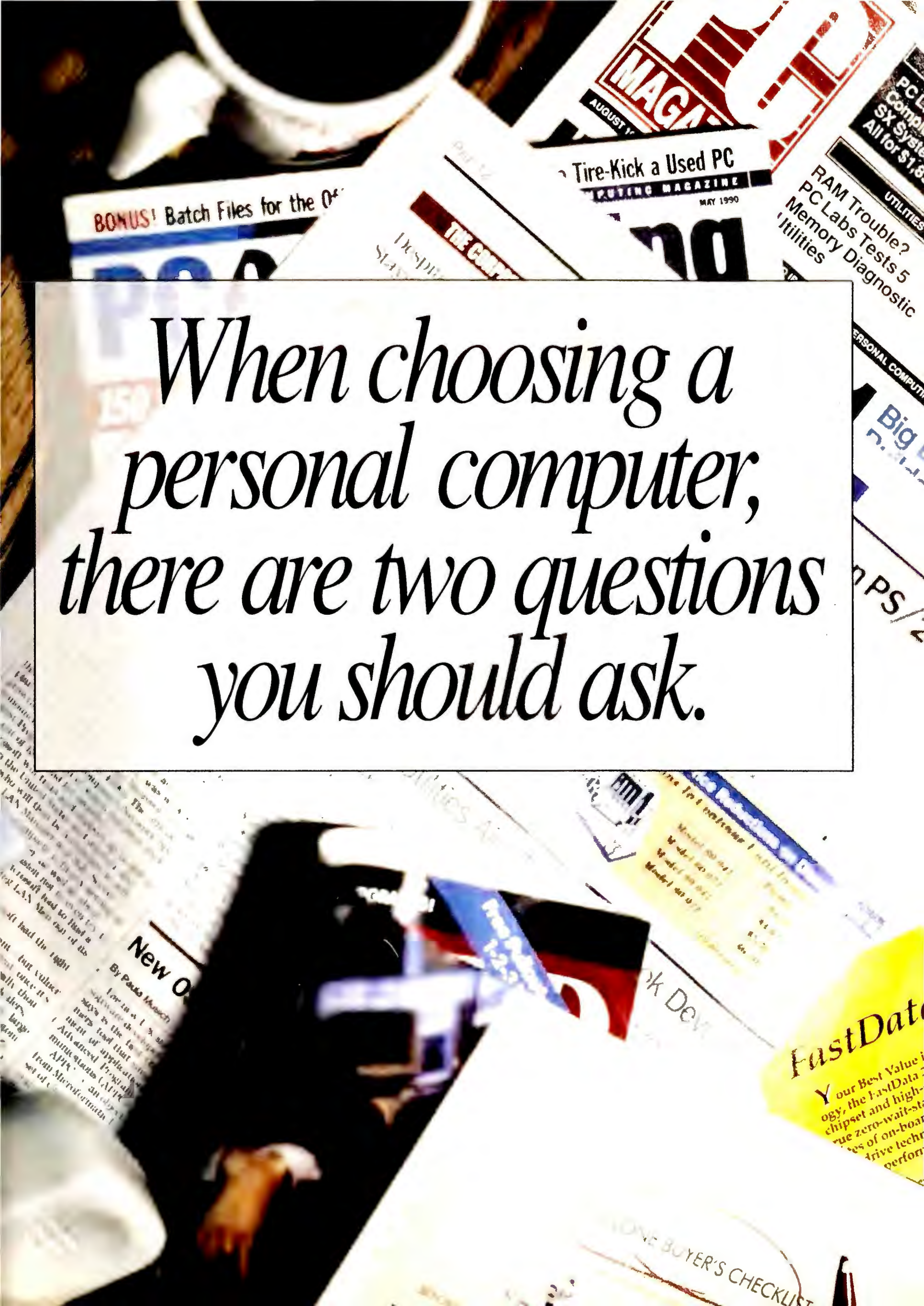
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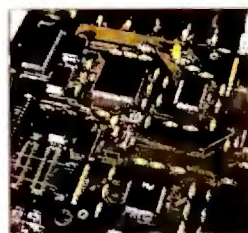
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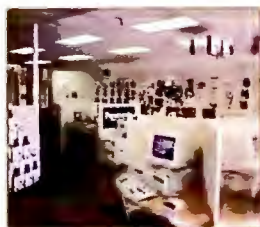
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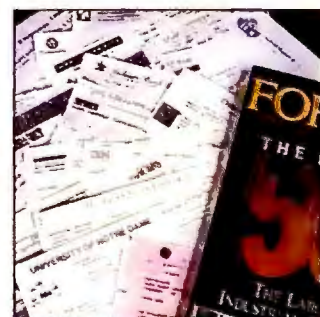
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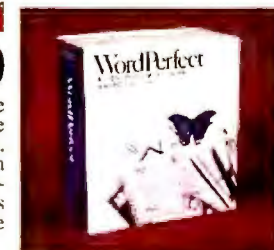


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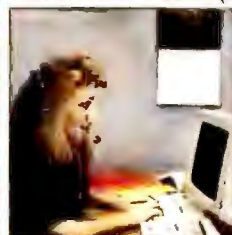
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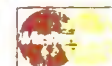
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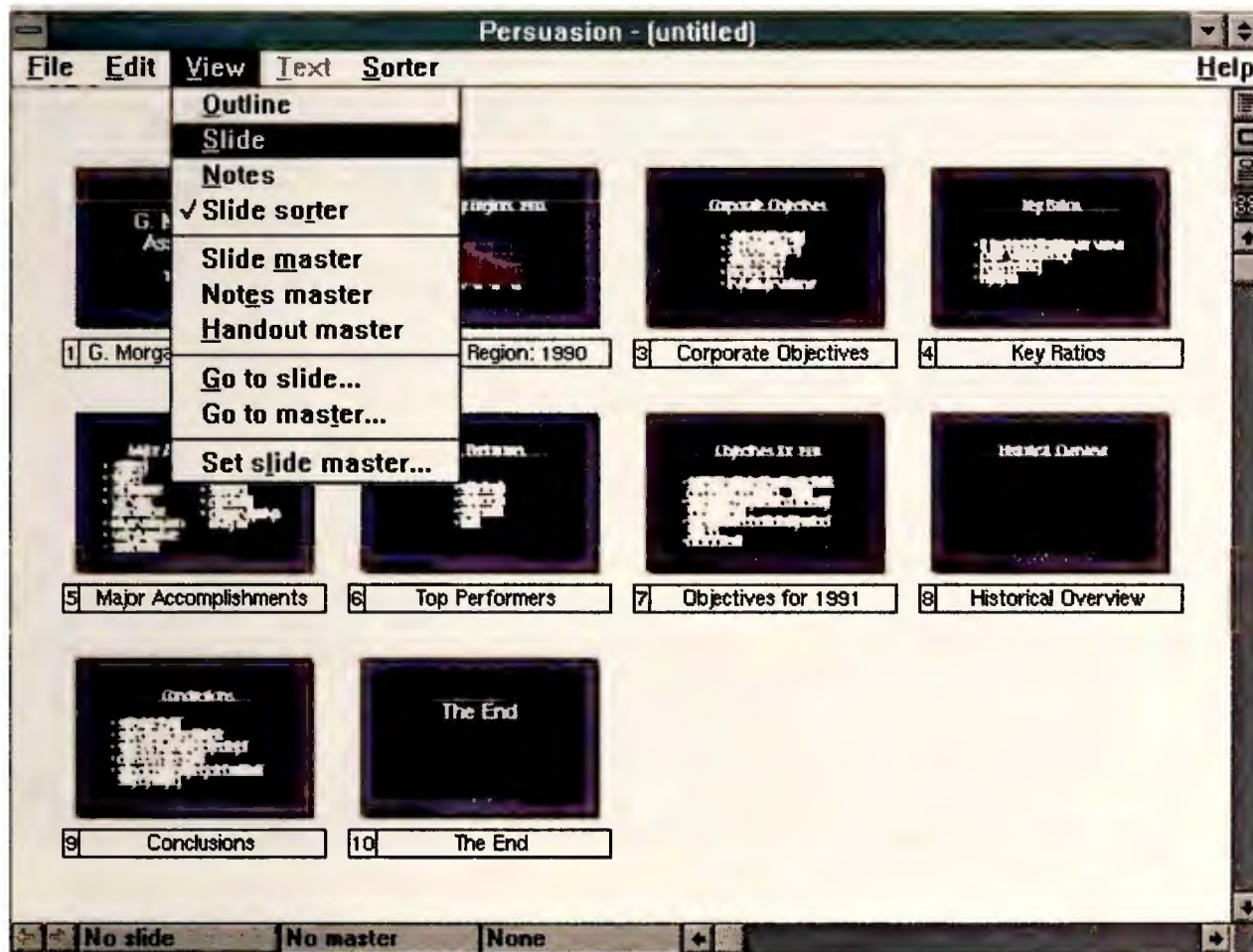


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Easy Persuasion

With Mac-like flair, Aldus's new package eliminates many redundant chores involved in creating presentations.



Persuasion gives you global control over your entire presentation. You can view all your slides at once, rearrange their order, or jump quickly to a specific image.

John Walkenbach

The premise is simple: You shouldn't have to be a graphics professional to produce professional graphics for your presentations. Aldus *Persuasion 2.0*, the Windows version of the powerful Macintosh presentations package, makes this argument convincingly—and might even sway users of PC World's 1990 Best Buy Microsoft's *PowerPoint for Windows* (see "Graphics Power for the Rest of Us," November 1990).

Like *PowerPoint*, *Persuasion* offers powerful global control features, but it adds the integrated outliner that its Windows-based rival lacks. And its wealth of preformatted master slides surpasses Microsoft's, letting you focus

on the content of your presentation instead of its design. Users of the character-based *Harvard Graphics* and *FreeLance Plus* will be amazed at the results they can achieve with relatively little effort.

On the downside, since *Persuasion 2.0* doesn't support Windows' Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE), you can't create "warm links" to spreadsheet data. Fortunately, the program does enable you to import named ranges in 1-2-3 and *Excel*, making it fairly easy to update your charts with new data.

Easing Into Presentations

Persuasion covers all the bases in presentation development, from building outlines and creating charts to producing audience handouts and

speaker's notes. Fully mastering all these features will take time; fortunately, *Persuasion*'s master slide and outline facilities offer some elegant shortcuts.

Like *PowerPoint*, *Persuasion* comes with master slides, which contain information about fonts, background colors, and where text and graphics will appear on each slide. But *Persuasion* also provides 36 *auto-templates*, each containing seven similarly designed master slides and a background master, that let you change the entire look of your presentation with a few clicks of a mouse. The result is easy, professional-looking presentations—even for those who wouldn't know a T square from a T-bone steak.

The advantage to *Persua-*

sion's auto-templates becomes obvious when you use the integrated Outline View. You enter the title of each slide on the first level of the outline and add subheads and bulleted text items on deeper levels. Then, to assign master slides to your outline, simply pop up a menu and select the appropriate slide type (such as Title, Two-column Text, or Chart and Text) for each level. *Persuasion* automatically pours the outline text into the master slide's *placeholders* (areas of the slide formatted for text and graphics) in the styles you've selected.

In Slide View you can view your neatly formatted presentation, create or edit charts, and zoom in to add finishing touches. You can modify slides

SNAPSHOT

Aldus Persuasion 2.0 for Windows

A longtime favorite in the Macintosh environment, *Persuasion* brings its graphics wizardry to Windows, offering control over all aspects of your presentations.

KEY FEATURES

- Extensive global presentation controls
- Tightly integrated outliner for organizing and creating slides
- Auto-templates simplify presentation design
- Good drawing and enhancement tools

AVAILABILITY

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selectively, or change the entire look of your presentation by choosing another auto-template. And, as with *PowerPoint*, *Persuasion*'s Sorter View gives you a bird's-eye view of your slides and lets you rearrange them easily.

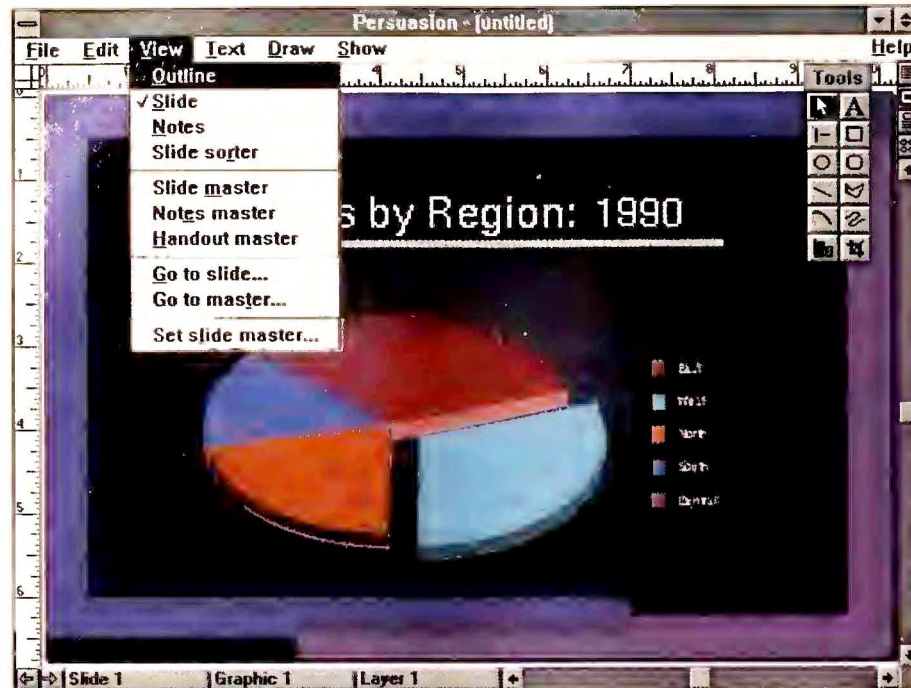
Feeling artistically constrained by the auto-templates? You can also place graphs and text blocks in areas of the slide not defined by placeholders, or modify master slides to create a custom auto-template. However, unlike *PowerPoint*, *Persuasion* works with only one presentation file at a time, which makes transferring slides between presentations difficult.

Charting: A Clear Course

Persuasion's charting capabilities are more powerful than *PowerPoint*'s, thanks to an easy-to-use overlay feature that lets you mix graph types such as lines and bars. And creating organizational charts is a breeze—just enter the hierarchical information into an outline and tag it as an org chart.

The easiest way to create a chart is to assign a master slide containing a graph placeholder to your current slide. Unlike most packages, *Persuasion* doesn't provide a visual gallery of graph types; rather, it displays tiny icons and graph types by name.

To select a chart, you click on the graph icon, position the cursor over the placeholder, and click again. Two new windows appear: a spreadsheetlike data entry form and a dialog box in which you specify your options. The data entry window lets you type in data manually or import it from a spreadsheet, but you can't perform math functions or define formats. The dialog box makes it easy to specify chart settings (such as scale values, tick marks, and numeric formats) and later apply



Using *Persuasion*'s auto-templates, you can choose from a variety of colorful graph types and modify them with text and data.

them to other graphs.

While the prerelease version could import only text files, the shipping version should handle data from *Excel* and 1-2-3.

Fine Art of Manipulation

Persuasion provides a good assortment of tools for enhancing your slides, but it's no match for Micrografx's *Charisma*. While you can draw boxes, lines, polygons, and freehand objects, you can't fill the objects with graduated shading, and you can rotate them only in 90-degree increments. Unfortunately, text can't be rotated at all.

On the other hand, you can break objects apart—for example, ungroup the elements in a bar chart and apply different colors to them, to emphasize, say, a specific month's data. Users will appreciate the *PageMaker*-like rulers and guides for aligning objects, as well as its pasteboard—an area on screen where you can store text and graphics before placing them in slides.

Need to enhance a text chart? *Persuasion* hands you complete control over fonts, type sizes, colors, bullets, and drop-shadow effects. And Aldus will bundle *Adobe Type Manager*, which provides 13 scalable font outlines, plus ac-

cess to thousands of other Type 1 typefaces (see "Easy Fonts for Great-Looking Documents" in this issue).

Less artistic types can import ready-made images in a variety of formats, including CGM, TIFF, PCX, PIC, and *Windows* metafiles, plus HPGL plotter graphics. Aldus also provides more than 100 clip-art images, but *Persuasion* lacks *Charisma*'s handy preview feature, so you'll have to thumb the manual to see what's available.

Getting the Message Out

With presentations, output media is a big part of the message, and *Persuasion* handles all forms—35mm slides, overhead transparencies, paper handouts, and screen-based slide shows. You can print audience handouts with multiple slides per page, as well as miniature versions of your slides annotated with notes.

An especially powerful feature is the ability to create *slide layers*. You can specify that objects appear on different layers, which can be displayed or output in sequence—ideal for "build" slides in which bulleted points or graph elements are added one at a time. You can output each layer separately or specify different transition effects for display-

ing layers on screen.

There's no run-time module, however, which means you'll need a copy of *Persuasion* in order to make a screen presentation. To ease 35mm slide production, *Persuasion* will include a direct communications link to MagiCorp, an overnight slide service bureau. Aldus also expects to include links to the Autographics slide service, plus support for Geni-graphics drivers.

The Final Pitch

Persuasion's well-integrated outliner and sophisticated use of master slides may well give it an edge over *PowerPoint*. Its charting and enhancement tools are also first-rate, but sophisticated graphics users may detect a certain lack of *Charisma*.

There's little doubt that *Windows* is an excellent environment for presentation graphics. Once you've picked up *Persuasion*, character-based products appear clunky and inefficient. If the migration towards *Windows* continues, users of *Harvard Graphics* and *Freelance Plus* might be persuaded to move up to a graphical solution. ☺

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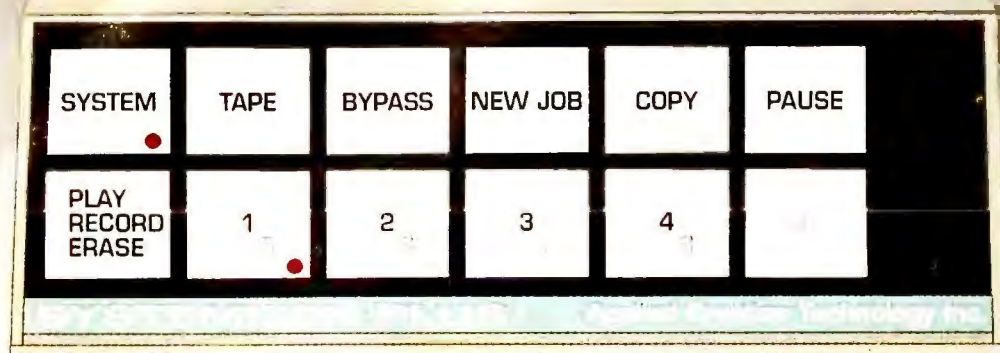
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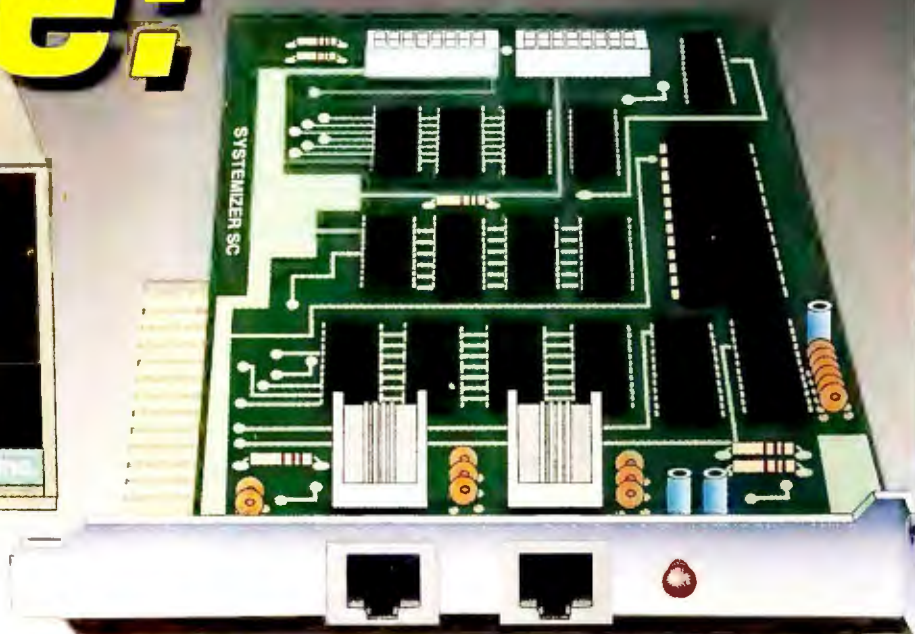
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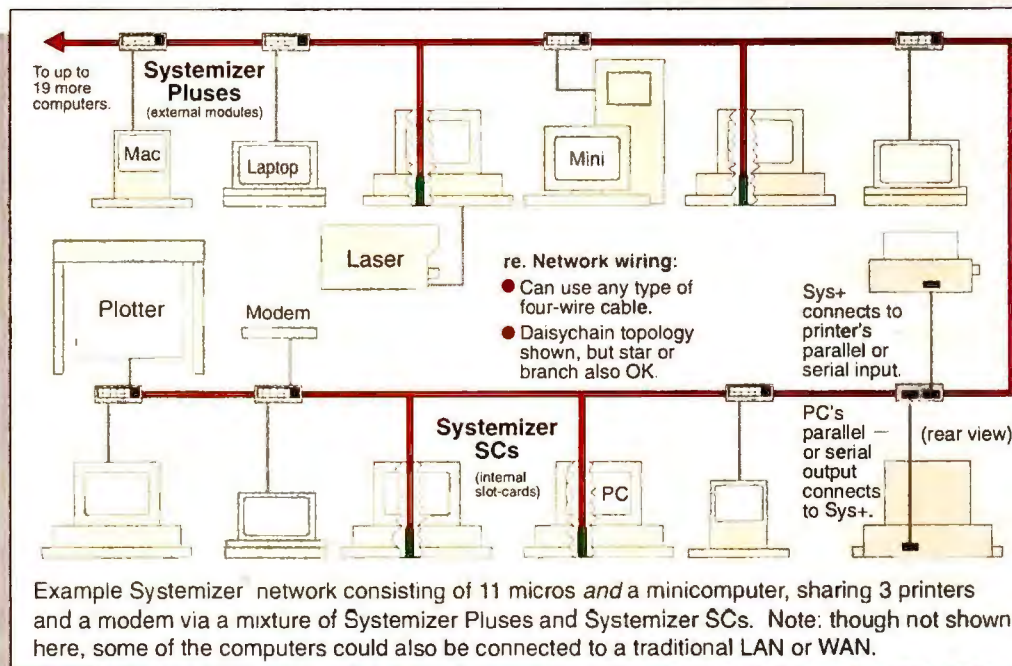


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When introduced in 1989, the Next computer was based on a radical design that reached into the future of computing and brought back read/write optical storage, a near match between screen and printer output, and a flexible new programming environment that made UNIX look almost human. Alas, the future came at

a price (\$10,000, to be exact) that kept Next systems on loading docks rather than desktops. And applications for the machine have been slow to arrive.

Next hopes to reverse its fortunes with a new trio of models offering better pricing, faster performance, and snazzy color-display options.

The entry-level Nextstation trades the signature black cube for a shape akin to a 15-by-17-by-2½-inch pizza box. At \$5000, it's half the price of the original Next Computer, but it still comes with the attractive MegaPixel (1120 by 820 resolution) Display. It's faster too, thanks to a new 25-MHz 68040 CPU. And instead of a slow, 550MB read/write optical drive, the standard Nextstation configuration includes a 2.8MB floppy and a

17ms 105MB hard drive.

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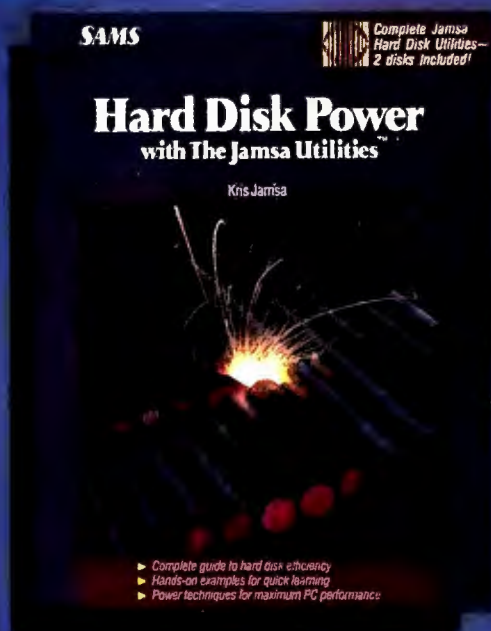
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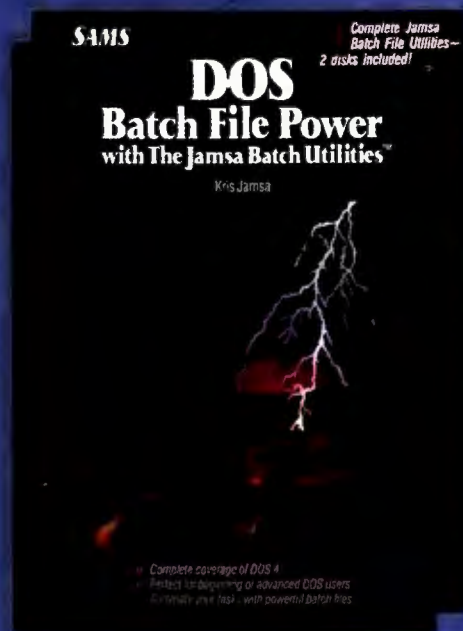
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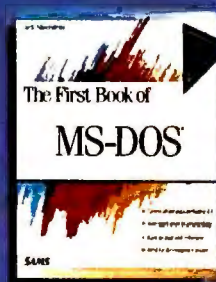
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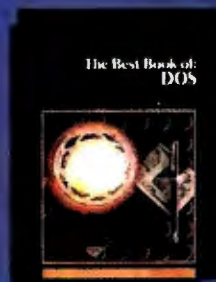


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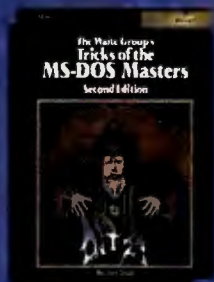
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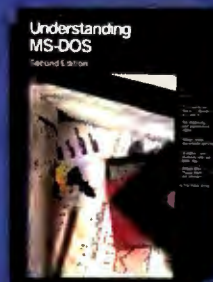
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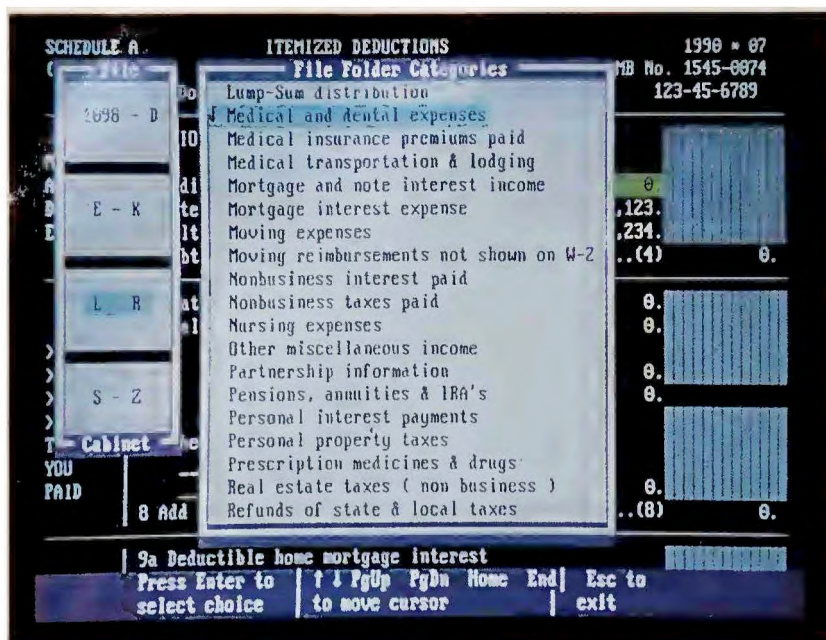
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Top Tax Packages Beefed Up for 1991



On-line expert tax assistance is the focus of this year's revisions to the leading PC-based tax preparation programs. TurboTax's new audit feature scans your return and flags entries likely to trigger an IRS audit.

Three leading suppliers of PC tax software have introduced their 1991 tax packages, adding multilevel tax help to speed users through the annual ordeal of preparing federal income tax returns. (For more information about tax software, see "Tax Relief For the Rest of Us" in this issue.)

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drives as large as 1.4GB or optical drives of up to 550MB.

You can turn the Nextcube into a 32-bit color system that displays more than 16 million shades for publishing or graphics design by adding the Nextdimension board and MegaPixel Color Display. This boosts the price to \$13,990 but gives you an Intel i860 graphics accelerator supported by 8MB of RAM (upgradable to 32MB) and JPEG real-time video playback from the optical drive, making Nextcube an ideal multimedia platform.

Nextstation Color is a

ChipSoft has responded to competition from MECA Software's *Andrew Tobias' TaxCut* by adding features to guide users of its market-leading *TurboTax Federal Personal 1040* through their tax return. Last year, *TaxCut* won praise from users for its plain-English tax preparation ad-

slightly less powerful (16-bit) color solution for the pizza box. It offers "only" 4096 simultaneous colors, but for \$7995 you get a graphics workstation that's every bit as innovative as the Sun Sparcstation, but cheaper. Next also saves money in printing. Thanks to the integration of Display PostScript, Next continues to give you PostScript printing while halving the price of its 400-dpi laser printer to a mere \$1795.

Finally, the easy-to-program Nextstep environment is beginning to pay dividends in the form of a number of novel Next applications, such as Lotus's *Improv* spreadsheet and Ashton-Tate's *PowerStep* spreadsheet. —Mike Hogan

vice from tax attorney and software developer Dan Caine.

TurboTax is fighting back this year with a "next-step" feature that guides you through the array of forms and schedules. As you complete a series of questions concerning your finances, *TurboTax* jumps you to relevant forms, holding your hand through the entire process. Also new with version 8.0 of *TurboTax* is an audit feature that scans the return and flags entries likely to trigger an IRS audit. Intuit's *Quicken*, a personal finance manager, automatically tracks tax-related income and expenses, and that data can be transferred to *TurboTax* electronically. *TurboTax* requires DOS 2.0 or a later version and 512K of RAM. It sells for \$75; upgrades cost \$37.50.

But MECA hasn't been sitting still. It too has included an audit feature in this year's *TaxCut*, one designed to highlight missing or incomplete information, such as an incomplete social security number. To attract sales among its huge installed base of *Managing Your Money* users, MECA has improved the connection between that personal finance package and *TaxCut* by allowing for the direct import of *MYM* files into *TaxCut*. Relevant information is automatically carried over into the appropriate line of your tax return. *TaxCut* requires DOS 2.0 or a later version and 512K of RAM. It retails for \$90; upgrades are \$50.

The lone Windows tax package on the market, SoftView's *MacInTax for Windows*, now supports Windows 3.0, and the company claims substantial speed improvement. Like its two DOS competitors, *MacInTax for Windows* now includes an on-line tax adviser to decipher complex IRS regulations. With the program's new interview format, users answer a series of

questions, and *MacInTax for Windows* identifies the required forms and schedules.

With SoftView's proprietary forms technology, *MacInTax for Windows* can print forms identical to the IRS's on plain white paper. *MacInTax for Windows* requires DOS 3.0 or later and 2MB of RAM. Its \$99 retail price is reduced to \$50 for users upgrading from the previous year.

All three packages support electronic filing. For a fee of approximately \$25, taxpayers who expect a refund can have an authorized transmitting service file their return electronically to the IRS. Refunds are guaranteed within three weeks—sooner if you have the check automatically deposited to your bank account. "Early bird" versions of all three packages are available now. Final versions, incorporating last-minute changes to the tax law, are scheduled to ship sometime after January 15.

—Roberta Furger

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More hand-holding and automatic audit alarms are the key features of this year's versions of the top tax packages: *TurboTax*, *TaxCut*, and *MacInTax for Windows*.

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Wyse Decision 486/33E

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The Decision 486/33E marries the fastest processor available to the fastest I/O bus, and it adds maximum storage and expansion options so that you can tackle the largest applications.

Some applications have a way of growing on you, and outgrowing even the most powerful computer systems. Maybe you're running a large data base application for a network or some other transaction-heavy job. Wyse's new Decision 486/33E tower system leaves you room to grow by giving you more of everything: processing power, I/O speed, expansion slots, and even a little something extra.

The bonus in this system is its unusual 64-bit asynchronous bus, which connects CPU, memory, and the EISA bus. This extra bus lets the processor feed two 32-bit data words to memory at a time, keeping the 128K cache from being overwhelmed even when you run multimegabyte applications. Wyse also augments the i486 CPU's bracing 33-MHz performance and on-board 8K cache with a 128K copy-back cache overseen by a proprietary Wyse controller.

Everything else is pedal to the metal as well. Not only is the Decision 486/33E EISA-based, but you get a bountiful nine 32-bit EISA slots, leaving eight free after a video card is installed. Two megabytes of memory are standard, but you can expand that to 192MB

thanks to four 32-bit memory slots connected to the 64-bit bus. Because the 64-bit bus is asynchronous, you'll be able to upgrade and take full advantage of the 50-MHz i486 when that CPU becomes available.

The Decision 486/33E's

tower case has six rear half-height drive bays. You can pack up to 3.4GB of disk, tape, or optical storage into the tower. It's driven by a stout 325-watt power supply and cooled by two separate fans. Its software bundle includes a version of DOS 4.01 that is enhanced by Wyse with on-line help, disk caching, and EMS 4.0 support.

Wyse sells the Decision 486/33E in a single-floppy version for \$8999; more cash buys you a choice between IDE and ESDI drives. Wyse recommends ESDI drive models for this system, such as Wyse's EISA Turbo ESDI controller, which provides up to 33MB-per-second transfer rates for up to two ESDI drives.

You can get a system with a 300MB ESDI drive and Turbo ESDI controller plus a 1024 by

768 color monitor and video card, all for \$13,138. If you're among the majority who will use this machine as a LAN server, you also may be interested in Wyse's companion network workstation, the Decision 386SX/16S. This 16-MHz small-footprint desktop comes configured with 1MB of memory and an 800 by 600 VGA adapter and sells for \$1599 in a diskless version. —Mark Henricks

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If you have a Hewlett-Packard DeskJet, LaserJet, or compatible printer, you can benefit from *PrinTools*—a terminate-and-stay-resident program that offers instant access to six of the most commonly used printer utilities.

Tired of drumming your fingers while your computer sends information to the printer? *PrinTools*' PT-Spool whisks your file to a dynamically sized buffer that can be located on your hard disk or in high memory and allows you to use your computer for other work while your file prints in the background.

Have questions, but not the time to call anyone? PT-Help provides on-line help taken directly from the tech support manuals at Hewlett-Packard.

Insight claims that answers to 90 percent of the questions HP handles about LaserJets and DeskJets are contained in this handy utility, which also includes extensive help for the *PrinTools* utilities.

Another useful feature is

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PrinTools packs the essential printer utilities for HP LaserJets and compatible printers into an inexpensive and easy-to-use program.

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the Save Settings function on the main menu. *PrinTools* comes with a default set of printer-output specifications, but with Save Settings you can create customized batch files for all kinds of print jobs, so you don't need to reset specifications every time you want to print.

PrinTools is not without its flaws. It takes a 55K bite out of conventional memory, and unlike Lasertools' *Printer Control Panel*, it doesn't perform automatic emulation switching between PCL and PostScript documents. Likewise, *PrinTools*' sixth utility, PT-Plot, turns your printer into an HPGL-2 plotter but works only with LaserJet Series III and IIID printers. Nonetheless, the HP-authorized help alone is worth *PrinTools*' low \$129 price. *PrinTools* requires DOS 3.0 or a later version. —Melissa R. Riofrio

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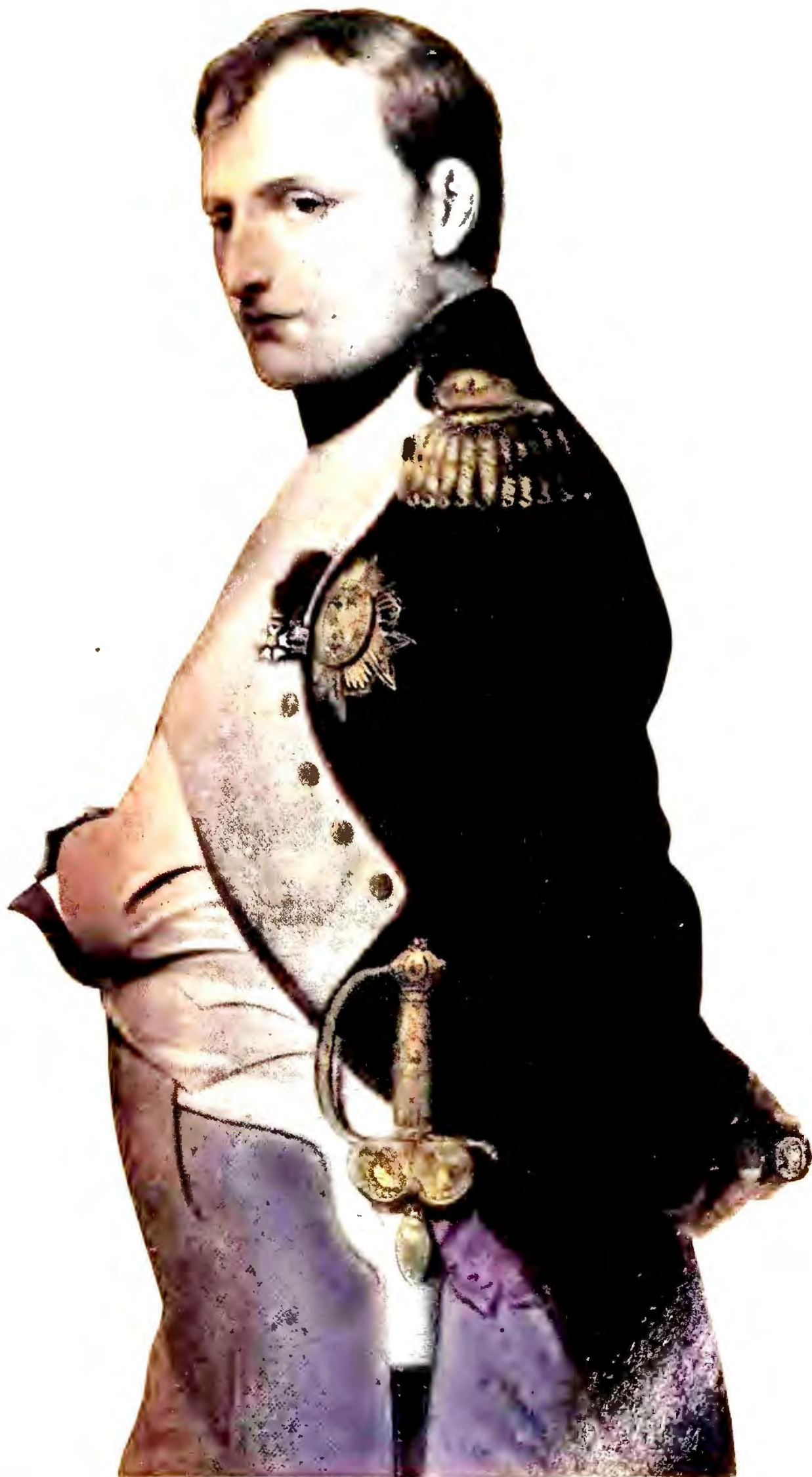
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Express Publisher 2.0 adds powerful text-handling features to a low-end package that has competed well against better-established players in the occasional-user desktop publishing market. Version 2.0 lets you produce attention-grabbing documents without having to live with a manual by

your side.

Express Publisher 1.0's wide range of scalable fonts helped win over customers. The big news with the new version is *TextEffects*. This powerful text-handling program lets you fill a polygon with words or wrap letters around a curve to produce dramatic documents. You can also rotate text, add shadows, and stretch, reverse, and fill text, extending your font options considerably.

Sounds complicated, but it isn't. For text that gradually increases in size, you merely choose the size at the small end and at the large end. *Express Publisher 2.0* scales the intervening letters to produce an eye-catching headline. Some of the other effects aren't so simple, but a new on-screen training tutorial should



Express Publisher 2.0 has a wider range of scalable fonts and lets you create a variety of text effects such as wrapping words around a curve.

help you get the hang of it.

Power Up also added support for *Harvard Graphics* CGM files. You can now edit an image that's zoomed in or out. Landscape printing is new, as is support for headers and footers in documents.

Express Publisher 2.0 costs \$159.95. Updates from previ-

ous versions are \$34.95. It requires DOS 3.0 or a later version, 640K of memory, a CGA or better monitor, a mouse, and a hard disk with 3MB of space. If you have extended memory or EMS 4.0 expanded memory, *Express Publisher* automatically takes advantage of it. —Mark Henricks

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IBM PS/1 Printer

Users Get Home-Based Hard Copy

Working at home has always meant making do with less capable equipment—sometimes *much* less capable. The PS/1 was IBM's latest shot at bridging the gap between home and office PCs. The PS/1 Printer, a quality 24-pin dot matrix

printer, aims in the same direction and comes closer to the mark.

This \$449 impact printer is designed for light business, educational, and personal computing. Its compact size (16 inches wide and 13.5 inches

deep) makes it a sure fit for home spaces, but it has enough features to handle business applications. It prints up to 64 characters per second in near letter quality mode and 192 cps in draft, making it comparable to several Epson and Panasonic low-end business printers.

Those printers have more memory, font options, and paper-handling features, but the PS/1 Printer has enough bells and whistles to get the job done. Although it doesn't support downloadable soft fonts or font cartridges, it comes with 180 by 360 graphics resolution and four resident fonts, each of which is available in seven pitches. Paper-handling options include continuous formfeed, single-sheet feed, three-part forms, envelopes, and labels. You can also pick up an automatic sheet-feed option

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IBM's 24-pin PS/1 Printer is a scaled-down dot matrix with enough standard features to produce snazzy output at home.

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IBM's PS/1 Printer brings 24-pin dot matrix printing home in a compact design for business, educational, and personal computing applications.

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The PS/1 Printer features plug-and-go installation and a one-year guarantee for free service and support. Like its computer namesake, the PS/1 Printer comes with the option to join the PS/1 Users' Club on Prodigy, where on-line support is available 18 hours a day, seven days a week. —Cathy Smith



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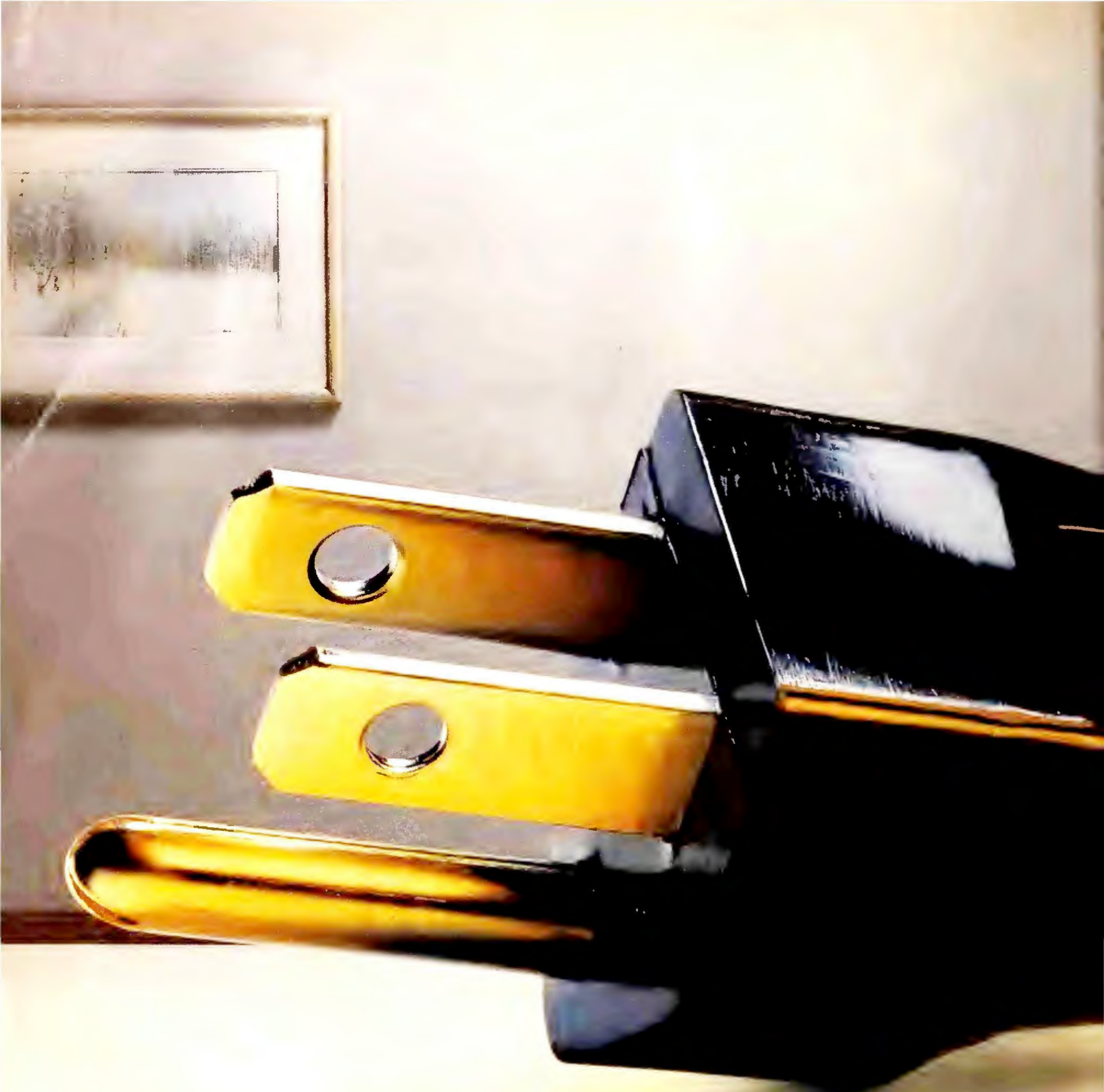
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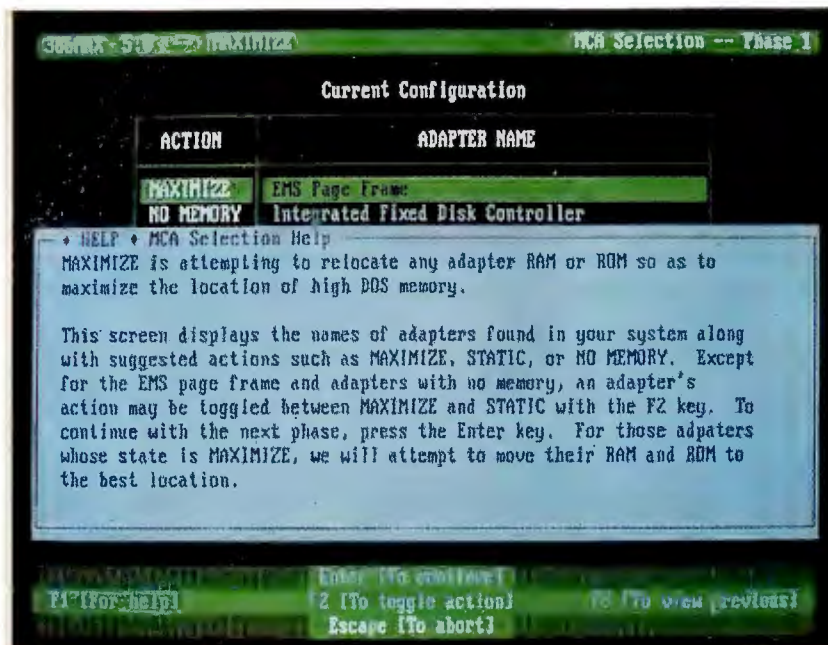
Memory Manager Learns Its PS/2s

When IBM designed the PS/2, it created a memory hog. You won't notice it until you need to run big applications and use a memory manager to load DOS utilities and TSRs into high memory—but when you do, you may find the applications that used to fit on your old PC no longer do. The reason: The PS/2's BIOS, designed to run with OS/2, takes up more high memory than the PC BIOS.

Qualitas' solution is *BlueMax*, a PS/2 version of its popular memory manager, *386Max 5.0*. Either program takes advantage of the 386 chip to make more room at the memory trough for all your hungry applications, but *BlueMax* adds a PS/2-specific wrinkle that can free up more than 65 percent of previously inaccessible memory above 640K.

BlueMax does its thing using a devious and, at first blush, unsettling technique: It compresses the parts of the IBM BIOS that aren't often used for DOS programs. As a result, what once took up 128K of high DOS memory now may occupy as little as 40K. If you want the squeezed features of the BIOS back in order to run OS/2, just reboot without *BlueMax*. If you're stuck with a memory-resident network driver and still have to run a big eater like *Ventura Publisher*, this could make a real difference in your workday.

In addition to its BIOS tricks, *BlueMax* incorporates some of the memory-saving techniques of *386Max 5.0*, beginning at installation. During this process, either program determines the best location for memory-resident programs, leaving you with the



386Max 5.0 and its PS/2 counterpart, BlueMax, take advantage of the 386 chip to make more room for all your memory-hungry applications.

largest possible high-memory segments for other programs. The \$155 *BlueMax* automatically makes available as much as 212K of contiguous high memory for the initialization of your TSRs, which often need more memory to start than to run. The \$130 *386Max*

5.0 provides 192K for initialization on a PC.

386Max 5.0 is compatible with *Windows 3.0* and even lets you load your printer utility, disk cache, or other TSR into high memory before *Windows 3.0* start-up. The new *386Max 5.0* runs on any 386 or

better PC with DOS 3.0 or a later version, 1MB of memory, and a hard disk. *BlueMax*, which is also *Windows 3.0* compatible, has the same system requirements, but for a PS/2. You can upgrade from *386Max 5.0* to *BlueMax* for \$25. Upgrades to the *Windows 3.0* version of *386Max 5.0* are free for registered *386Max* users. —Mark Henricks

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BlueMax frees up memory for PS/2 users by reducing the space hogged by IBM's BIOS; *386Max 5.0* helps manage memory for the rest of us.

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Co/Session 5.0

Now You Can Point and Click From Afar

Dialing into a PC to run software applications from a distance often means sacrificing certain creature comforts. Your software doesn't work as quickly as it does on the PC directly in front of you, and the mouse is as useful as a chunk

of plastic cheese.

Version 5.0 of *Co/Session*, Triton Technologies' remote communications software, reanimates mousy creatures so that you can happily point and click your way through mousable applications even at a distance. Additionally, *Co/Session 5.0* comes with expanded memory support—specifically, EMS 4.0. The \$125 host version of the program now can be loaded into expanded memory and requires only 5K of conventional memory instead of the regular 50K to 102K.

While the host module runs memory-resident, the \$135 support module can be run either in the foreground or as a TSR whose PC connects to the host PC over phone lines. Ei-

ther host or support PC can call the other.

Co/Session 5.0 comes with a 4K add-on security program, *Safeguard*, which can be used to limit callers' access to certain drives, directories, and applications. It also prevents callers from leaving an application and gaining access to the host's DOS prompt, but it would seem more sensible to build these features into the software, as *Co/Session* competitors have done.

Other enhancements in version 5.0 include support for 43-line and 50-line text modes in applications running on the remote end, password protection for the phone directory in both the host module and the support module, easier modem configuration, and command-line options in the support version that enable calls to be placed without the use of menus. —Judy Heim

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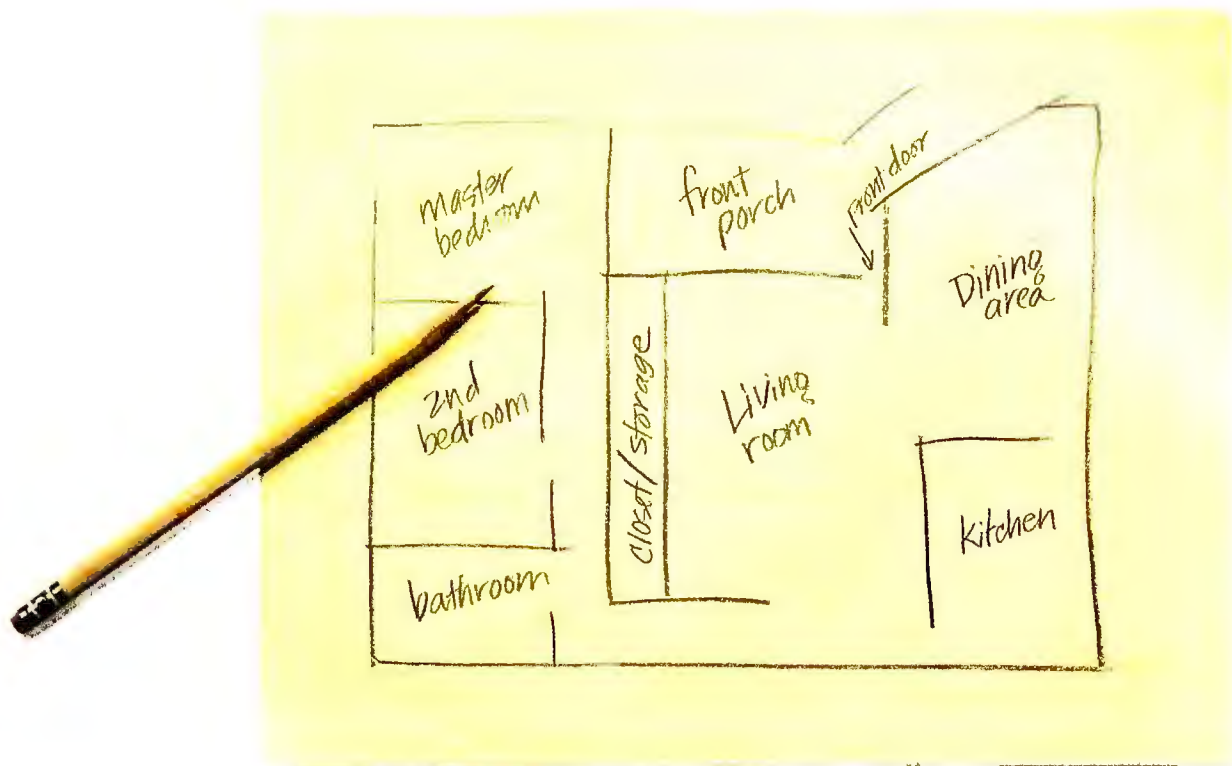
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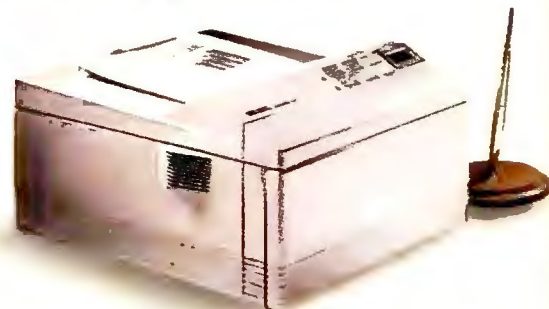


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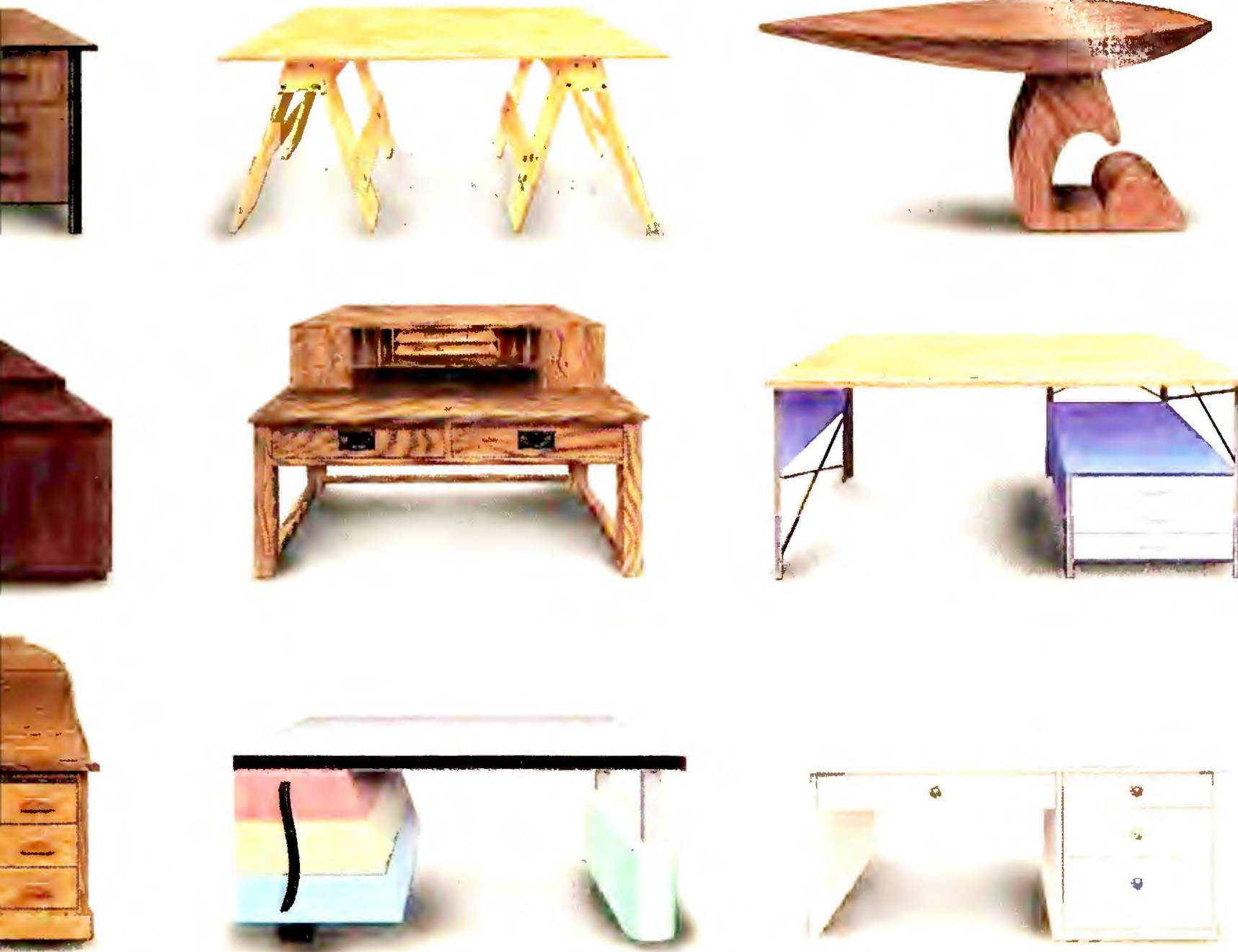
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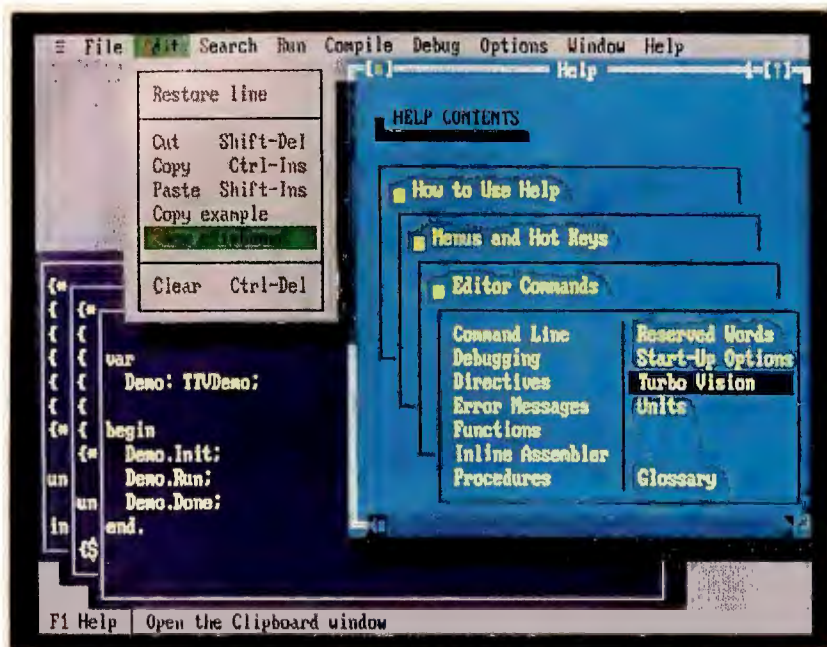
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Turbo Pascal 6.0

Easier Programming Is the Object



Version 6.0 of Borland's popular Turbo Pascal gains still greater facility and more power within its new object-oriented programming structure.

No matter how you slice it, programming is a challenge, and anything that can make it easier is appreciated. With version 6.0 of its original language program, *Turbo Pascal*, Borland International has mustered a two-flank attack on programming complexity: with an improved development

environment, and with a collection of objects to which the word *library* doesn't do justice.

The most spectacular new feature of *Turbo Pascal 6.0* is Turbo Vision, a library of integrated objects for creating text-based GUI-like interfaces. Turbo Vision offers ob-

jects for windows, menus, dialog boxes, and other features of modern, "mousable" programs. Because of its integration and object-oriented nature, Turbo Vision is much more than a conventional interface library; it provides a full structure onto which programs can be built.

Among the programs Turbo Vision has already helped create is the *Turbo Pascal 6.0* development environment. The editor/debugger is now a rodent-friendly, windowing workplace where you can view and edit multiple files at once. Other new features include macros, a better help system, conditional breakpoints, and EMS support.

The heart of *Turbo Pascal*, the compiler itself, hasn't undergone so drastic a change, but it has been improved. There's now a small, simple inline assembler that lets you easily put small pieces of assembly code into your Pascal program. This feature should not be confused with a real assembler, such as the Turbo Assembler that comes with *Tur-*

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Version 6.0 of Turbo Pascal combines easier programming with an object-oriented structure that is at once intuitive and powerful.

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The *Professional* version includes a second, command-line compiler that runs in 286 and 386 protected mode, using extended RAM to compile large programs (which will still run only in real mode). As with other *Turbo Professional* languages, *Pascal Professional 6.0* comes bundled with *Turbo Debugger and Tools*.

Turbo Pascal 6.0 requires DOS 2.0 or a later version and 256K of RAM—512K for the integrated development environment. The regular version lists for \$149.95, the *Professional* for \$299.95. —Lincoln Spector

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Thinking about trading in your old reliable LaserJet for a sportier PostScript model? Pacific Data Products has a few ways you can get more mileage out of your laser—by adding everything from PostScript and fonts to memory and printer-sharing options.

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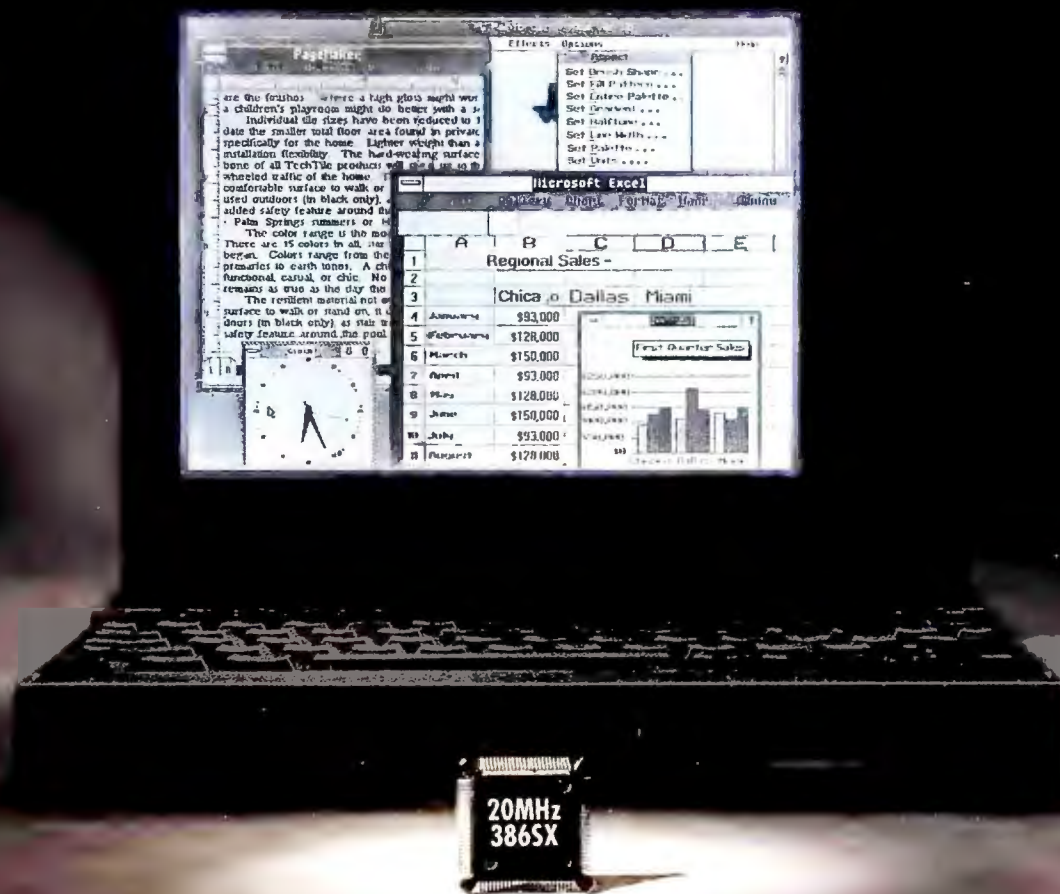
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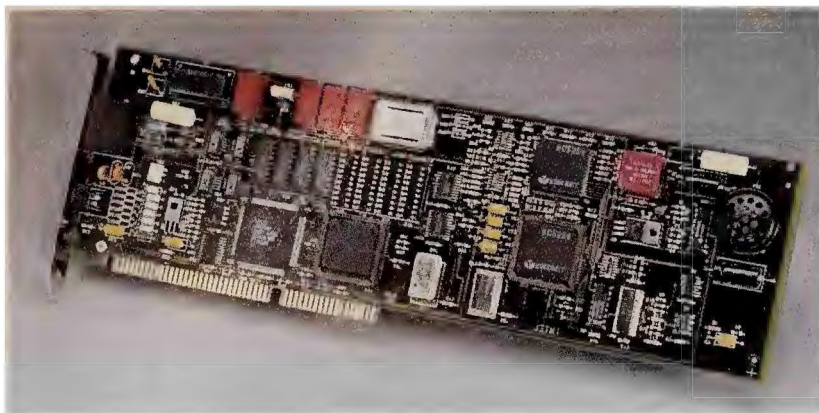
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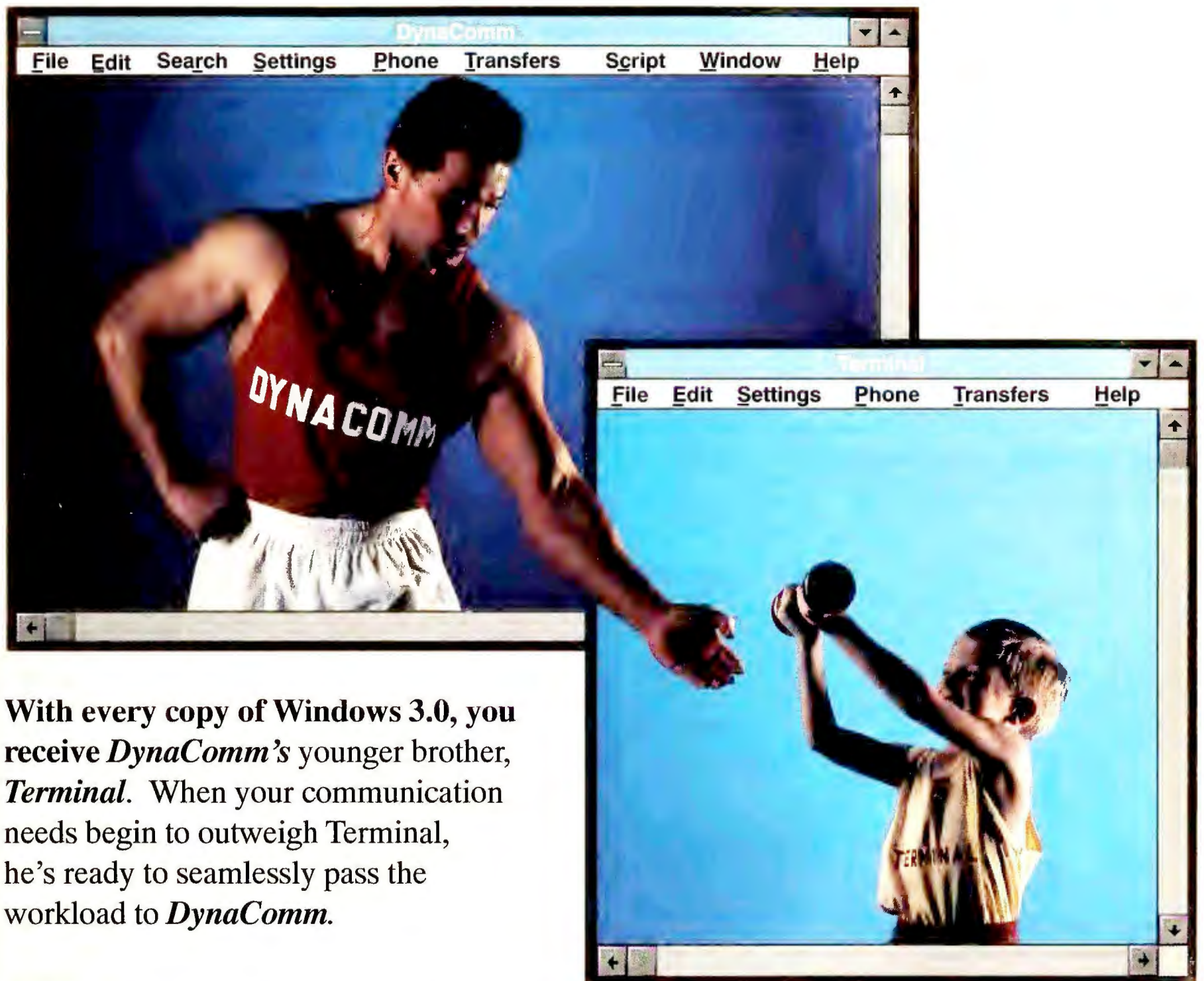
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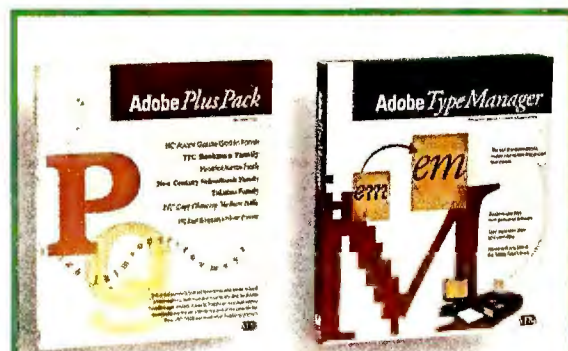
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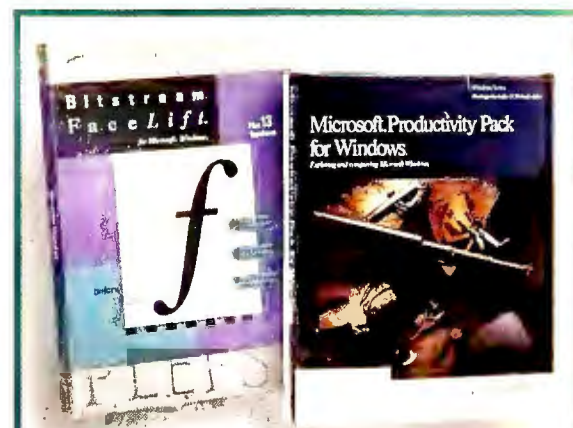
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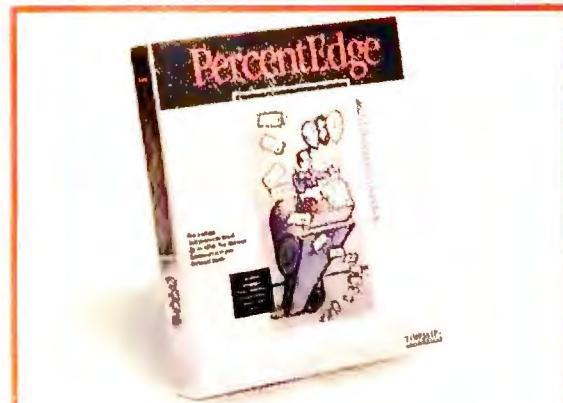
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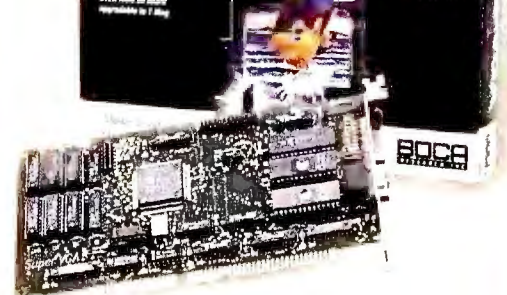
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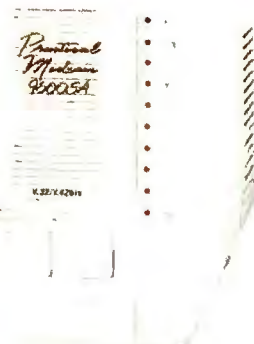
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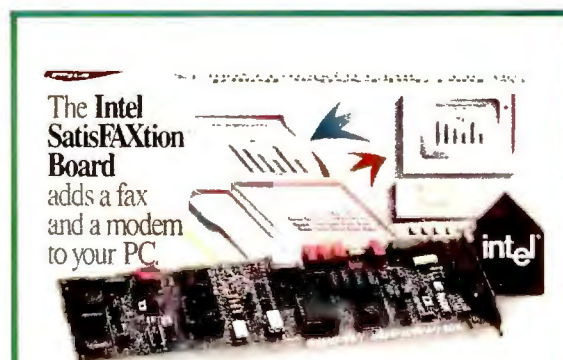
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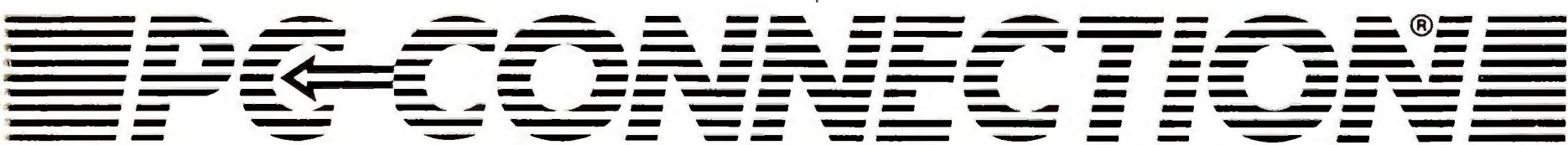
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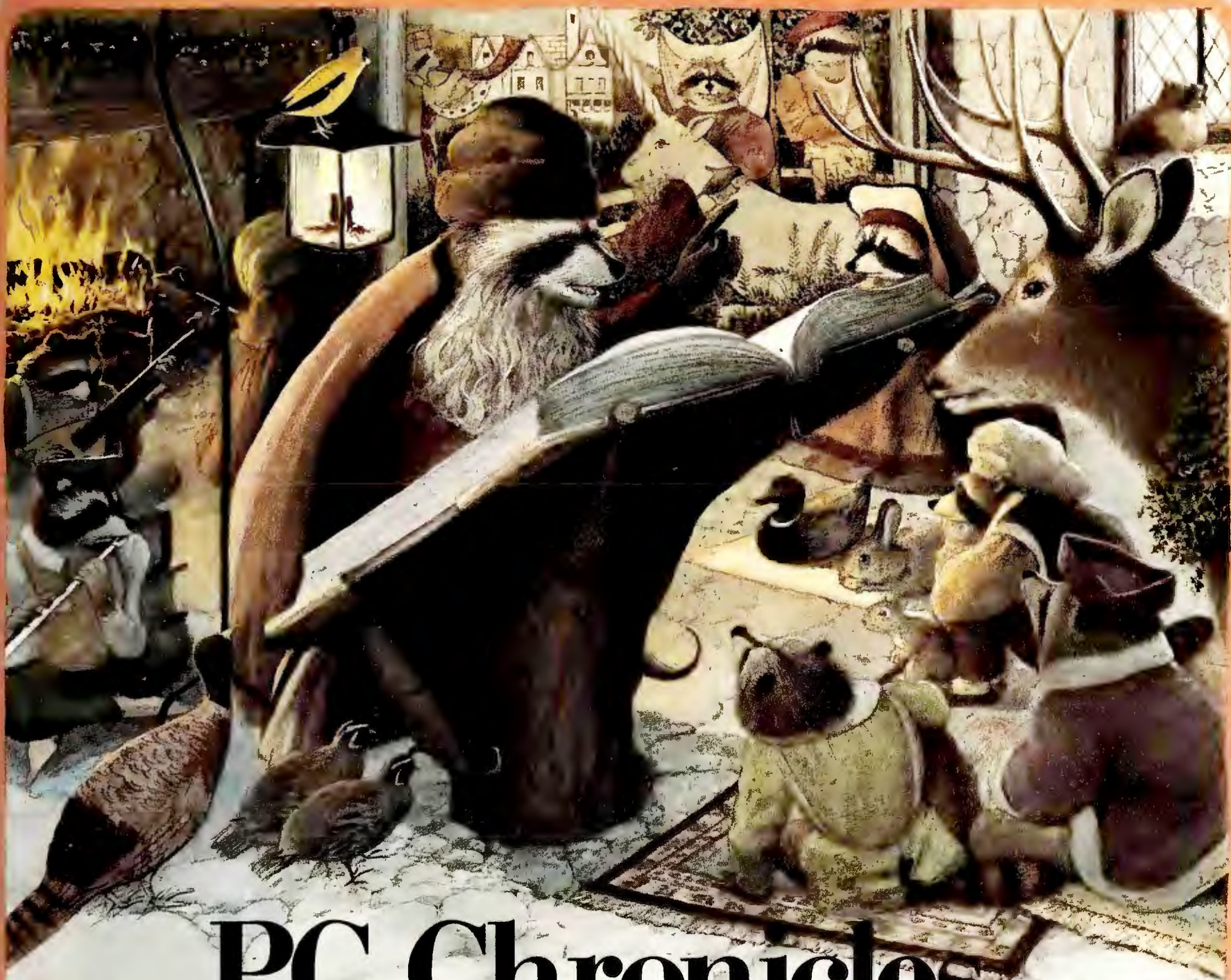
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The machines come with their 386 processors on CPU

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—Eric Bender

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—Mark Henricks

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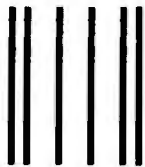
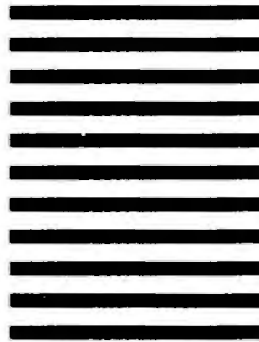
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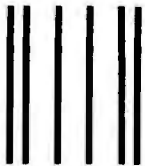
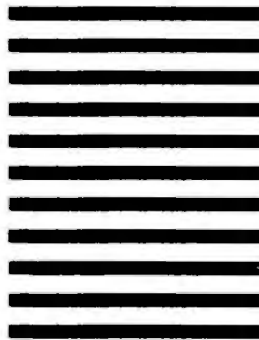
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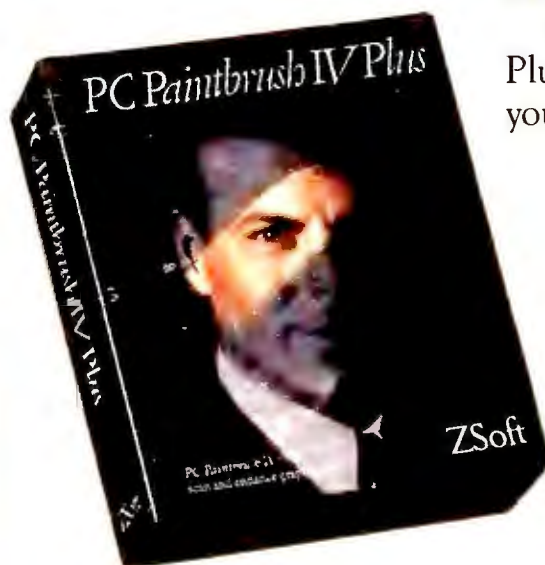
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New Versions of Your Favorite Products

QMS ColorScript 100
Model 10, Model 30i

QMS has lowered the price on its ColorScript 100 Model 10 \$1000 to \$8995 by reducing standard RAM to 5MB instead of 8MB.

QMMS is making it easier to get into color PostScript laser printing by reducing the price on its ColorScript 100 Model 10 \$1000 to \$8995. The thermal transfer printer sports the same engine and case but now ships with 5MB of RAM instead of 8MB and includes the Hewlett-Packard Graphics Language. Also new is the Col-

orScript 100 Model 30i, which lists for \$12,995 and has an internal SCSI controller for an add-on hard disk, compared to the regular \$15,995 Model 30, which comes with an external SCSI controller and 20MB hard disk. QMS, One Magnum Pass, Mobile, AL 36618; 800/523-2696.

Reader service no. 637

HP NewWave Mail

Hewlett-Packard adds another facet to its *NewWave* object-oriented environment with an electronic mail capability. Now you can combine *NewWave* text, graphic, and spreadsheet elements into a file that you can send over a network simply by dragging it to the electronic mail icon and dropping it off. The \$195 *NewWave Mail* searches the server data base until it finds your recipient and then alerts the user when the

mail arrives in his or her mailbox. Hewlett-Packard, Customer Information Center, 19310 Pruneridge Ave., Cupertino, CA 95014; 800/752-0900.

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DeScribe—Word Publisher 2.0

A new network-oriented version of the OS/2 word processor, *DeScribe—Word Publisher* provides Dynamic Data Exchange between *DeScribe* documents and any other OS/2

file, enabling you to incorporate, for example, a spreadsheet range in a *DeScribe* document that can be updated in both files from either file. System administrators can define system dictionaries, layouts, and macros to be shared by all users on a network. The server edition of *DeScribe—Word Publisher 2.0* retails for \$595, while the client version of the program sells for \$250. DeScribe, Inc., 4047 N. Freeway Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834; 916/646-1111, 916/923-3447 (fax).

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SixPak 286

AST Research is offering an unpopulated version of its SixPak 286 multifunction board for \$169 and has reduced the prices of its 512K and 2MB versions of the AT-compatible board to \$295 and \$595, respectively. The SixPak 286, which can be populated with up to 4MB of RAM using 256K or 1MB SIMMs, provides EMS 4.0 hardware support, also configurable as extended memory for protected-mode operating environments such as *Windows 3.0*. Utility software for print spooling and the creation of a RAM disk is included. AST Research Inc., 16215 Alton Pkwy., Irvine, CA 92713-9658; 714/727-4141, 714/727-9355 (fax).

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TMI Key Results Advanced

The just-released U.S. version of Europe's personal/group information manager, *TMI Key Results Advanced*, offers

130 improvements, including a new macro programming language for expediting repetitive operations and more reporting and import/export options. The \$395 network-capable PIM lets you append multiple notes or other elements to a single item or vice versa, and you can now run *TMI Key Results Advanced* memory-resident and shell out to DOS when necessary. TMI (North America) Inc., 185 Berry St. #6504, San Francisco, CA 94107; 800/541-3800, 415/957-1133, 415/882-4960 (fax).

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OfficeWriter 6.2

Version 6.2 of *OfficeWriter*, Software Publishing Corporation's dedicated document-processing program, includes enhanced macro capabilities that let you use programming logic when creating a macro for interapplication operations such as retrieving data from a data base, performing calculations in a spreadsheet, and exporting the results to a form letter. *OfficeWriter 6.2* now has a wider range of foreign-language dictionaries and import/export options, and there's support for more than 200 printers. Upgrades to the \$495 program are \$45 from previous version. Software Publishing Corp., 1901 Landings Dr., Mountain View, CA 94039-7210; 415/962-8910.

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Easy Fonts for Great-Looking Documents

Sure, you can buy a \$5000 PostScript printer to get superb scalable fonts. But a \$100 font-generator like Adobe Type Manager can do nearly as well using the printer you have right now.

George Campbell

There are two types of business document: the kind people read, and the kind they throw away. The better your documents look, the more likely they'll end up on your customer's desk instead of in the dumpster.

If all you print are in-house drafts or simple correspondence, your printer's typewriterlike resident fonts are probably all you'll need. But use these fonts in presentations, reports, or brochures, and your documents become instantly disposable. To give your pages that professional edge, you'll need a full range of typefaces, sizes, and styles.

There are plenty of ways to overcome your laser's limited font options—invest in a PostScript or other scalable-font printer; buy a plug-in cartridge, or use bit-mapped soft fonts (see the sidebar “Exercising Your Font Options”). But for the greatest flexibility at the lowest price, you can't beat a scalable-font generator.

Font generators let you select a typeface at your PC,

scale it to the proper size, and then send it to the printer. If you use *Windows* or *Ventura Publisher GEM/DOS Edition*, you can produce high-quality screen fonts that match the ones coming out of your printer, which makes designing and editing documents a lot easier. Best of all, these new “on-the-fly” packages are as easy to use as a PostScript printer, at a fraction of the price.

This review scrutinizes seven scalable-font generators, putting them to the test with a variety of applications and output devices. The result is two Best Buys: For *Windows 3.0* users, *Adobe Type Manager* wins the trophy, while Atech's *Publisher's Powerpak* is the Best Buy for users of DOS programs like *Ventura Publisher* and *WordPerfect*.

Fonts as You Like Them

The programs reviewed here fall into two camps: traditional “while-you-wait” font generators, and new on-the-



fly packages. The first group of programs, like Bitstream's *Fontware*, Z-Soft's *SoftType*, and Agfa's *Type Director*, require you to generate the fonts you need and store them on your hard disk before creating your document. These fonts are then downloaded at

print time—a tedious process that can quickly soak up printer RAM.

When you want to create a new font (say, 16-point Helvetica instead of 14-point), you have to exit your application and repeat the process. It's a hassle, and the printer font files are disk hogs: A

simple 12-point font can gobble up 22K of disk space, a 60-point font nearly half a megabyte. (Fortunately, you can conserve disk space by creating reduced character sets—say, only those letters you need to print at 60 points.) The while-you-wait programs also create separate screen font files, which must fit within *Windows*' and *Ventura*'s 64K file-size limit. If you try to create a large screen font that takes up more than 64K, the font program will refuse to generate it.

With an on-the-fly font scaler, you simply install the package for your application and select fonts as you go. The program automatically generates screen fonts up to 127 points in size or larger (depending on the application), then sends a graphic image of the entire page to the printer at print time. There are no huge font files to clutter your hard disk, and no fonts to download, which makes these packages ideal for networked printers. *Adobe Type Manager* (ATM), Bitstream's *FaceLift*, and Atech's *Publisher's Powerpak* create screen and printer fonts as you work. (Zenographics' *SuperPrint 1.0* requires you to generate screen fonts manually—a limitation corrected in upcoming version 1.1.)

Clearly, the on-the-fly programs are preferable, but they work with only a handful of applications. If your programs aren't supported, you'll have to use a traditional program like *Fontware*. But if you use *Windows*, *Ventura Publisher*, or other supported programs, our Best Buys, *ATM* and *Powerpak*, are the only way to fly.

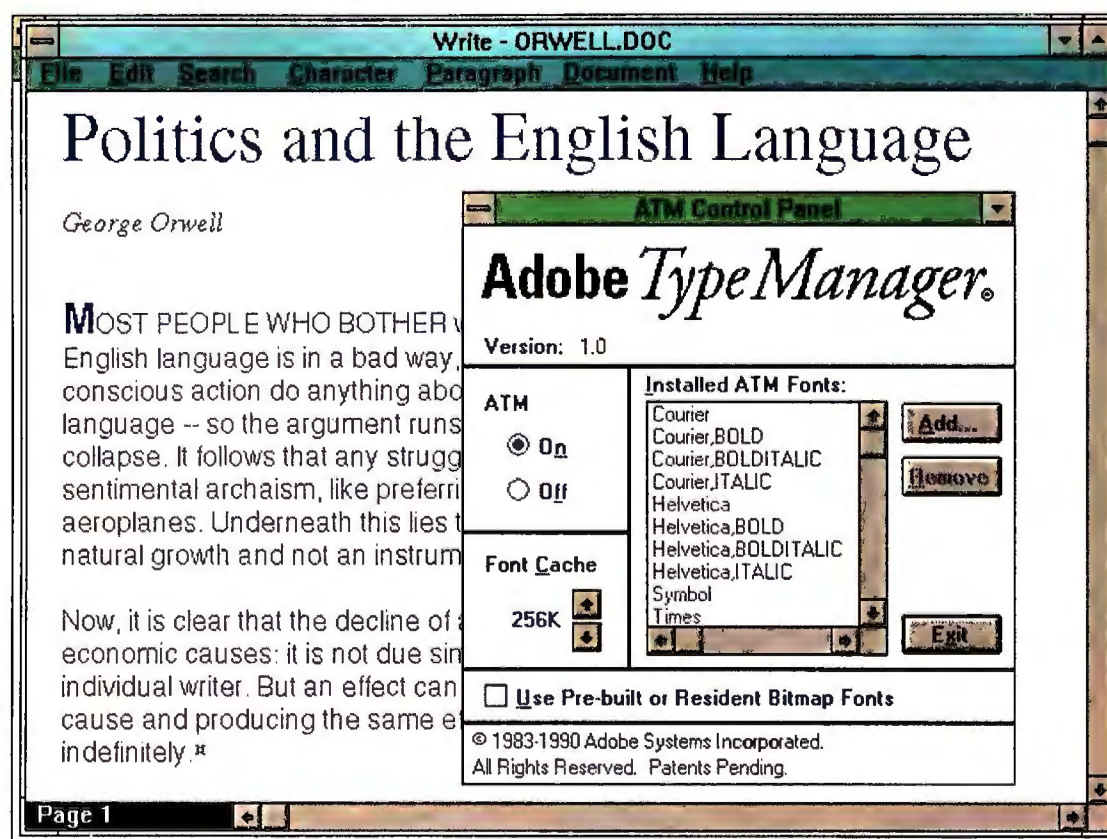
Adobe Type Manager 1.0



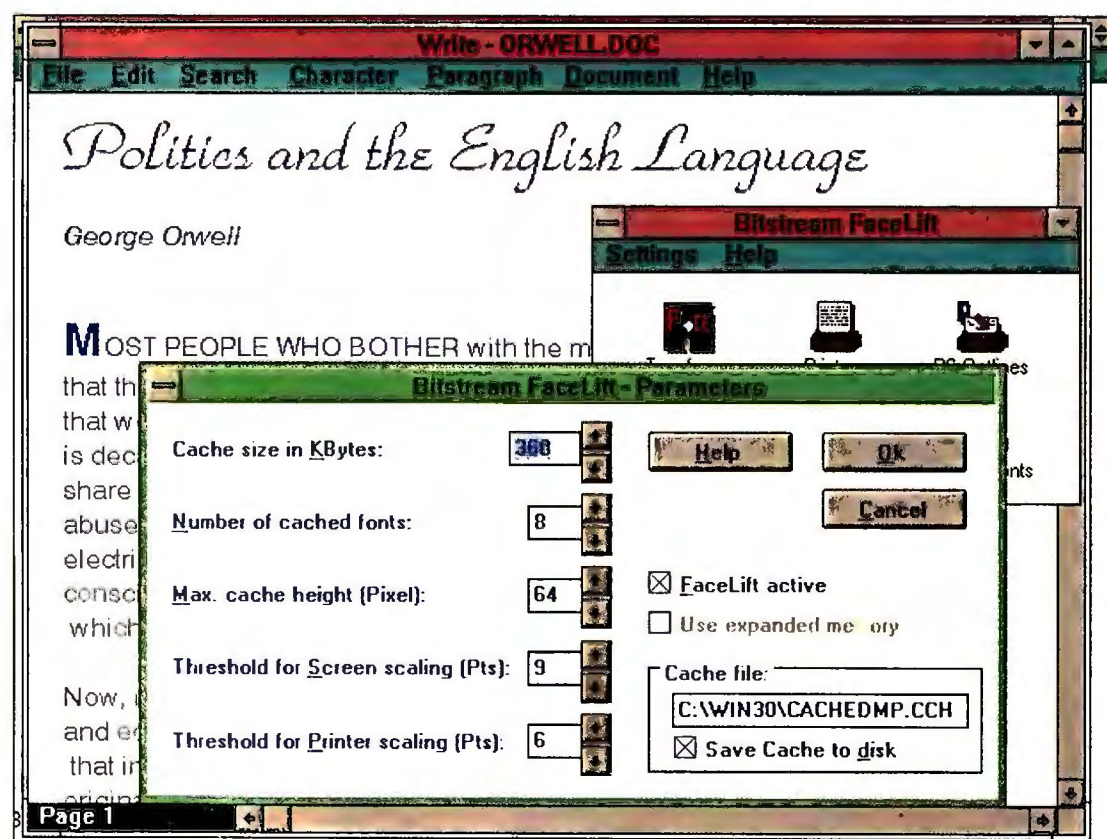
PROS: Great-looking output, huge font library, transparent operation inside applications

CONS: Limited to Windows 3.0 applications

PostScript finally has a baby brother, and it's a prodigy. Even though the \$99 *Adobe Type Manager* is limited to Win-



Adobe Type Manager's Control Panel makes it easy to add and delete fonts, increase the font cache size, and turn the program on or off. Otherwise, just install the program and forget about it—ATM works transparently in the background.



FaceLift gives you broad control over parameters such as the minimum and maximum size of screen fonts, but the multiple icons make its interface a little confusing.

FEATURES EVALUATION

On-the-Fly Fonts Fare Well

Font packages like Best Buy winners Adobe Type Manager and Publisher's Powerpak speed printing and conserve disk space by generating fonts as you type.

- Yes
- No
- ◐ Deficient

	Adobe Type Manager 1.0	Facelift 1.0	Fontware	Publisher's Powerpak	SoftType 1.01	SuperPrint 1.0	Type Director 2.0
Standard features							
Price	\$99	\$99	varies ¹	\$79.95	\$199	\$195	\$99
Minimum hard disk space required	750K	1.5MB	1.2MB ²	500K	1MB ²	2MB	1.75MB ²
Minimum RAM required	1MB ³	640K ³	512K	640K ³	640K ³	640K ³	640K
Font options							
Number of font outlines included	13	13	varies ¹	30	63	22	8
Font sizes available (in points)	4-127 ¹	4-127 ¹	2-144 ¹	4-1000 ¹	1-72	4-127 ¹	4-200 ⁴
Number of additional typefaces available from manufacturer	700+	52 ⁵	52 ⁵	86	none	unlimited ⁶	176
Average cost per font outline ⁷	\$8.49	\$5.79	n/a	\$2.22	\$3.16 ⁸	\$7.45	\$22.86
Accepts Type 1 fonts	●	○	○	●	○	●	○
Accepts third-party font outlines	●	○	○	●	○	●	●
On-the-fly screen and printer fonts	●	●	○	●	○	◐ ⁹	○
Creates reduced character set	●	○	●	●	●	●	●
Creates special font effects	●	○	○	● ¹⁰	●	○	○
Software support							
Windows 3.0	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Font manager runs under Windows	●	●	○	●	●	●	○
WordPerfect	●	○	●	●	○	○	●
Microsoft Word	●	○	●	●	○	○	●
WordStar	●	○	●	●	○	○	●
Ventura Publisher (GEM/DOS)	●	○	●	●	●	○	●
Printer support							
HP LaserJet II, IID, IIP	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
HP LaserJet III, IIID	●	●	●	●	○	●	●
HP DeskJet (all models)	●	●	◐ ¹¹	●	○	●	◐ ¹¹
HP PaintJet	●	●	◐ ¹¹	●	○	●	●
Epson-compatible 9-pin	●	●	◐ ¹¹	●	●	○	●
Epson-compatible 24-pin	●	●	◐ ¹¹	●	●	○	●
PostScript devices	●	●	●	● ¹²	●	○	○
	BEST BUY			BEST BUY			

¹ Varies according to application.

² Space needed by program files; font files will require more.

³ 2MB recommended for Windows versions.

⁴ Up to 999.75 on HP LaserJet III.

⁵ Each set includes four font outlines.

⁶ SuperPrint can read multiple formats for outlines.

⁷ Average based on cost of package plus upgrade to standard 35 PostScript font outlines.

⁸ Not all PostScript outlines are available.

⁹ Version 1.0 creates printer fonts only.

¹⁰ Special effects included as outlines.

¹¹ DeskJet Plus and later.

¹² Requires separate utility.

dows 3.0 applications, its transparent operation, huge library of available fonts, and excellent laser print quality easily earn it our Best Buy.

ATM installs in a single step, which takes about 10 minutes; the program needs just 750K of disk space. Using the package is child's play: Just select the

desired font and size. Type Manager works in the background, creating screen and printer fonts as you work. Adding new font outlines couldn't be

simpler. You slip the font disk into the drive, click the Add button in *ATM*'s Control Panel, and select the outlines you want.

ATM's 13 base typefaces include several styles of Times Roman, Helvetica, and Courier, plus symbol outlines. A \$198 *Plus Pack* supplies the rest of PostScript's 35 standard fonts. But why stop there? You can choose from thousands of outlines available from Adobe and other vendors.

Laser and ink jet output are exemplary, but *ATM*'s dot matrix performance can't match *Powerpak*'s. Screen fonts match the printer's exactly and appear instantly—unlike with *FaceLift*, you won't notice any delay as you type. Since *ATM* supports PostScript output devices, creating a file to send to a typesetter is a snap.

For *Windows 3.0* applications, *ATM*

is an unbeatable package. This talented youngster may be the best reason yet for users of the GEM-based *Ventura Publisher* to switch to the *Windows* version.

FaceLift 1.0

PROS: High-quality laser output, transparent on-the-fly operation

CONS: Sluggish screen fonts, limited font library

Bitstream's \$99 *FaceLift 1.0* bears more than a cosmetic resemblance to *Adobe Type Manager*. Both are limited to *Windows* applications and give you the same gorgeous output and easy on-the-fly operation. *FaceLift* is a good deal, but slower screen fonts, a more complicated interface, and fewer available outlines make it a runner-up in the *Win-*

dows beauty contest.

FaceLift's installation is a little knot-tier than *ATM*'s, requiring you to copy the font outlines after installing the basic program. Unlike *ATM*, with its single icon, the *FaceLift* font manager employs several icons, making it just a touch confusing. And the program requires about 1.5MB of disk space—twice as much as *ATM*.

FaceLift comes with 13 font outlines, including Dutch and Swiss in 4 styles, 3 script fonts, Cooper Black, and a fixed-space Helvetica. You can purchase a 35-font PostScript companion package for \$179 or any of 52 other font sets for \$129 each. But *FaceLift* accepts only Bitstream fonts, and fonts shipped with older versions of Bitstream's *Fontware* aren't compatible. Fortunately, you can upgrade your older fonts for a minimal charge.

BUYING SMART: FONT SHOPPING TIPS

When you buy font software, the first thing to think about is whether it works with your applications and your printer. Beyond that, it becomes a question of how well it works. Is output crisp and readable? Do the screen fonts match your printed output? How easy is the package to use? Consider the following factors.

Printer and Software Support

Obviously, a font package must be compatible with your applications and printer. *Adobe Type Manager*, *SuperPrint*, and *FaceLift* are *Windows*-only applications. If you need fonts for DOS programs like *Word*, *WordPerfect*, or *Ventura Publisher GEM/DOS Edition*, your best bet is *Publisher's Powerpak*. As for output devices, *ATM* and *FaceLift* support the widest range of printers, from Epson 9-pins to PostScript machines. PostScript support is important if you plan to print final

output on a PostScript device, such as a high-resolution imagesetter.

Font Quality

Text should print out crisply, free of jagged edges, with properly spaced letters regardless of font size. Screen fonts must match the printed output—a requirement the old-style font generators can't always meet. All these programs produced excellent output on laser printers—the most crucial output device—and most handled ink jets with aplomb, but only *Publisher's Powerpak* churned out high-quality fonts on laser, ink jet, and dot matrix printers.

Ease of Use

You should be able to install your font package in a single step, using a minimum of disk space, then forget about it. The program should operate transparently—letting you select fonts and add new outlines from inside your applica-

tion—and have a negligible impact on both print and display speed. Of the on-the-fly packages, *ATM* is the most transparent in installation and use. The traditional font generators, which require lots of hard disk room and separate steps for creating and downloading fonts, just can't cut it.

Font Options

Demand a minimum starter set of 13 font outlines, plus a wide assortment of inexpensive font add-ons. *SoftType* comes with 63 standard typefaces—the most offered by any package—but there's no way to add more. Most of the others limit you to their manufacturer's proprietary fonts, but with *ATM* that means access to thousands of Type 1 PostScript fonts. Tops here is *SuperPrint*, which accepts fonts from Adobe, Bitstream, Agfa, and other major type vendors. —G. C.

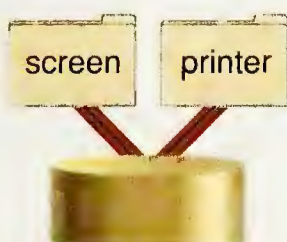
How Font Generators Work

On-the-fly font generators are faster and easier to use than the while-you-wait kind. Here's why.

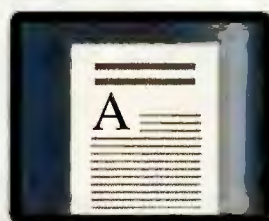
While you wait...



- Using the font package, you create fonts, specifying typeface and point size (for example, Helvetica 14 point).



- The program stores printer and screen versions of the fonts in separate files on the hard disk.



- Only after the fonts have been specified and stored on a disk do they appear in your application.

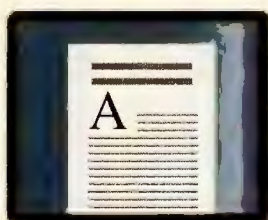


- Before printing the page, the system downloads printer fonts to printer memory.

...or on the fly



- After installing the font package, you load an application.



- You select fonts from inside the application; they are generated instantly in the point size selected and stored in memory, not on the hard disk.



- At print time, the font software sends an image of the entire page to the printer without requiring the time to download fonts.

Printer font quality is first-rate on LaserJets and ink jets, but when it comes to dot matrix output, *FaceLift* sags. Its print speed is as fast as *ATM*'s, but you'll notice a lag as the program produces screen fonts. *FaceLift* supports a broad range of printers, from 9-pins to PostScript devices, and a separate version announced at press time supports *WordPerfect*.

In operation and print quality, *FaceLift* comes within a nose of *ATM*. But its more elaborate interface, lethargic screen fonts, and limited font library keep it a solid second choice for *Windows* users.

Fontware

PROS: Inexpensive, broad application support

CONS: Slow, lacks on-the-fly operation, hard disk hog, ragged dot matrix output

Fontware has been around for years—and it's showing its age. Available mainly via coupons included with applications such as *Microsoft Word*, *Fontware* is widely supported and generally doesn't cost more than \$30. But it takes a heavy toll on disk space, prints painfully slowly, and provides poor-quality output on low-end printers. If *Fontware* is the only package that works with your application, your decision has already been made. Otherwise, you'll do better to look elsewhere.

Fontware supports programs ranging from *WordStar 5.5* to Lotus's *1-2-3*, but each application requires a separate installation kit. Fortunately, the kits can reside in the same directory, sharing common files. However, you'll still need 1.2MB of disk space before you can even begin to create fonts.

Font generation speed is glacial. Creating *Fontware*'s suggested set of 8- to

24-point Dutch and Swiss fonts for *Ventura Publisher* took over an hour and gobbled up over 5MB of disk space. And because you have to download fonts at print time, you'll have to wait longer for your output.

The typefaces included with *Fontware* kits vary, but you'll always get Dutch and Swiss, and usually at least one other outline. You can purchase any of Bitstream's 52 other font packages, but *Fontware* can't use outlines from other sources.

Fontware's print quality on lasers and ink jets is solid, but its dot matrix output is ragged and unusable in large sizes. Screen fonts were good but limited in size to about 36 points.

Given *Publisher's Powerpak's* on-the-fly support for major DOS applications and *ATM's* superb *Windows* support, there's little reason to opt for the antiquated *Fontware*.

EXERCISING YOUR FONT OPTIONS

Daniel Tynan

Freedom of choice can be an awful thing. Take font options, for example. There are literally dozens of ways to add high-quality typefaces to your documents; the solution you choose depends on the kind and volume of documents you produce and how much money you want to spend. Here's a rundown of your font options, from low-cost soft fonts to posh printers.

Resident Fonts

These are fonts that come with your printer. Their main advantage is that you don't have to think about them—just select one from inside your application and print. But unless you own a scalable-font device like a PostScript printer, font selection is usually limited to a handful of standard typefaces at 8 to 12 points.

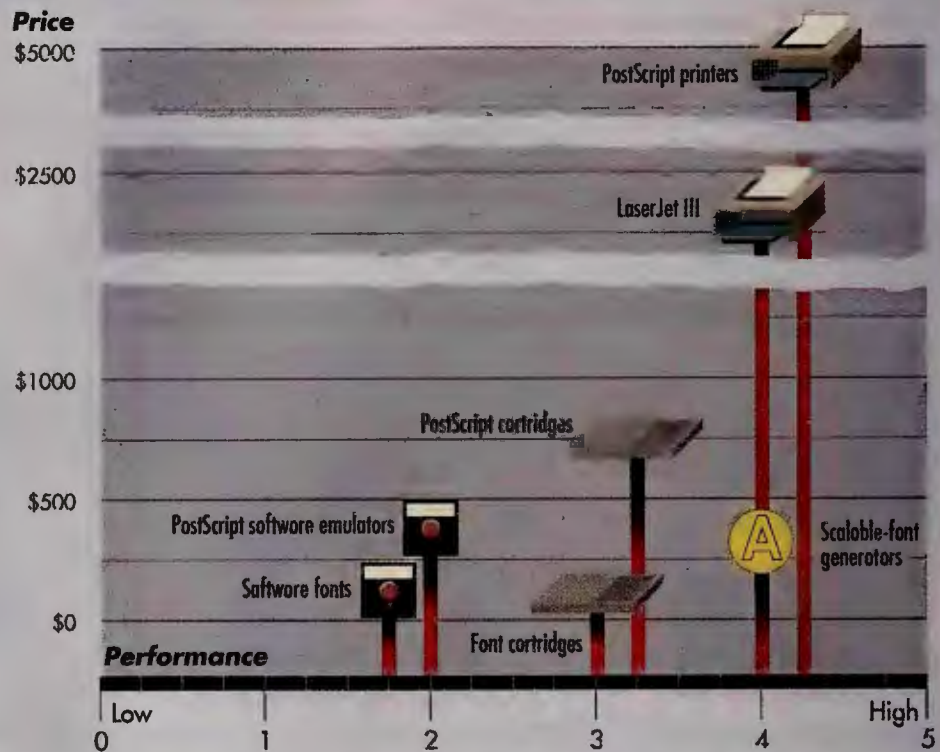
Font Cartridges

For enhancing simple text documents or adding small fonts so you can print big spreadsheets, cartridges are an easy option. Cartridge fonts come as either fixed-size bit maps or scalable font outlines and range in price from \$100 to \$300. They're easy to install and use—

just plug the cartridge into your printer. They're also supported by almost all applications. The trouble is, the bit-mapped cartridges are limited to a

handful of fonts, and the others work only with scalable-font printers. Another drawback: Font for font, they're fairly expensive.

Fonts: Price Versus Performance



Scalable-font generators give you a lot of bang for only a few bucks. Note: Performance encompasses ease of access to fonts, typical number of standard typefaces, and relative speed of font generation. Prices indicated represent the median available price for each product.

Publisher's Powerpak



PROS: Support for major DOS applications, special font effects, sharp dot matrix output

CONS: Limited font options, requires separate versions for DOS and Windows applications

Atech's *Publisher's Powerpak* isn't very well known, but it should be. Like *ATM*, it features high-quality fonts and on-the-fly font scaling, plus the finest dot matrix output you can get. Best of

all, it offers versions supporting a number of major DOS applications for about \$80 apiece. *Windows* users will likely prefer *ATM*'s smoother laser output and wider choice of typefaces options, but for *Ventura* and *WordPerfect* users, *Powerpak* is the Best Buy.

Powerpak comes in three flavors: one for *Windows 3.0*, one for *Ventura Publisher*, and one that supports *Microsoft Word*, *Microsoft Works*, *WordPerfect*, and *PlanPerfect*. Since *Ventura* doesn't support on-the-fly screen fonts, you'll have to generate screen fonts manually.

For the other DOS applications, *Powerpak* supports printer fonts only.

Powerpak installs quickly and easily in just 500K of disk space, but multiple versions can't share common files or outlines. Another drawback: *WordPerfect* users must give up background printing. *Powerpak* generates fonts as quickly as *ATM* does, but its *LaserJet* and ink jet fonts aren't as smooth. On the other hand, its high-resolution dot matrix output is the class act of the roundup.

Atech's font names are unusual.

Software Fonts

At one time, soft fonts were a godsend for users trapped by their printer's limited font horizons; now they're mostly useful when you need a special font that you can't find elsewhere. These fixed-size bit-mapped fonts are stored on your hard disk and downloaded before printing. (Many applications, such as *Ventura Publisher*, come bundled with a smattering of soft fonts.) While generally your cheapest solution—prices range from \$15 to \$300 per typeface—soft fonts require extra hard disk space and printer RAM, and you may run into compatibility problems with some applications.

Scalable-Font Generators

Scalable-font generators turn your PC into a type foundry—just select a typeface from a list, and scale it to whatever size you like. It's a fast and moderately cheap way to add fonts to your documents: The packages reviewed here cost between \$200 and \$400 for 35 or more font outlines. You can also view the scaled fonts on screen in both *Windows* and *Ventura*. But application support is limited, and many font programs re-

quire extra hard disk space and printer RAM. If you need additional typefaces and lack a PostScript printer, these are good buys.

PostScript Printers

PostScript printers give you easy access to 35 or more scalable font outlines and enable you to print virtually any complex graphic you can create (see *PC World's* review of PostScript printers in the December 1990 issue). They also allow you to print the same page on a 300-dpi office laser or a 1270-dpi Linotronic printer. But they're expensive—from \$2500 to \$8000 for a 300-dpi device. If you're a full-time desktop publisher, a PostScript printer is a must-have. But if all you need is fonts, it's overkill.

PostScript Cartridges

Plug-in cartridges like Pacific Data's PacificPage or HP's PostScript Cartridge can turn your LaserJet into a PostScript printer for \$300 to \$700. But using a cartridge is generally slower than using a true PostScript printer, and you'll need extra printer memory. These cartridges are a good, economical choice for occa-

sional desktop publishers who already own LaserJets.

PostScript Software Emulators

Another breed of PostScript "clones," emulators are software packages that process text and graphics in the PC, then send the pages directly to the printer. Although relatively cheap (\$300 to \$500 for 35-font versions), most are slower and less reliable than either cartridges or PostScript printers, and many require extra CPU memory and a math coprocessor for decent performance. If printing complex text and graphics is part of your daily regimen, you'd do better buying a cartridge—or the real McCoy.

LaserJet III

As with PostScript devices, HP's \$2395 LaserJet III lets you create fonts of virtually any size inside the printer. But it's limited to eight resident font outlines, it lacks PostScript's full graphics power, and HP's PCL 5 printer language isn't supported by most high-resolution imagesetters. Still, if you're shopping for a new laser and don't need professionally typeset output, the HP is a good deal.

Times Roman becomes Marin, while Helvetica is called Dixon. Fortunately, you can easily rename the fonts. Each package includes three typeface families in a variety of unusual styles—solid and hollow versions of thin, condensed, wide, and expanded font outlines—for a grand total of 30 typefaces. You can buy more than 80 other multitypeface collections for \$29.95 each, but you can only add fonts made by Atech or Monotype.

If you need on-the-fly printer fonts in non-*Windows* programs or require the

highest-quality output from dot matrix printers, *Publisher's Powerpak* is your Best Buy.

SoftType 1.01

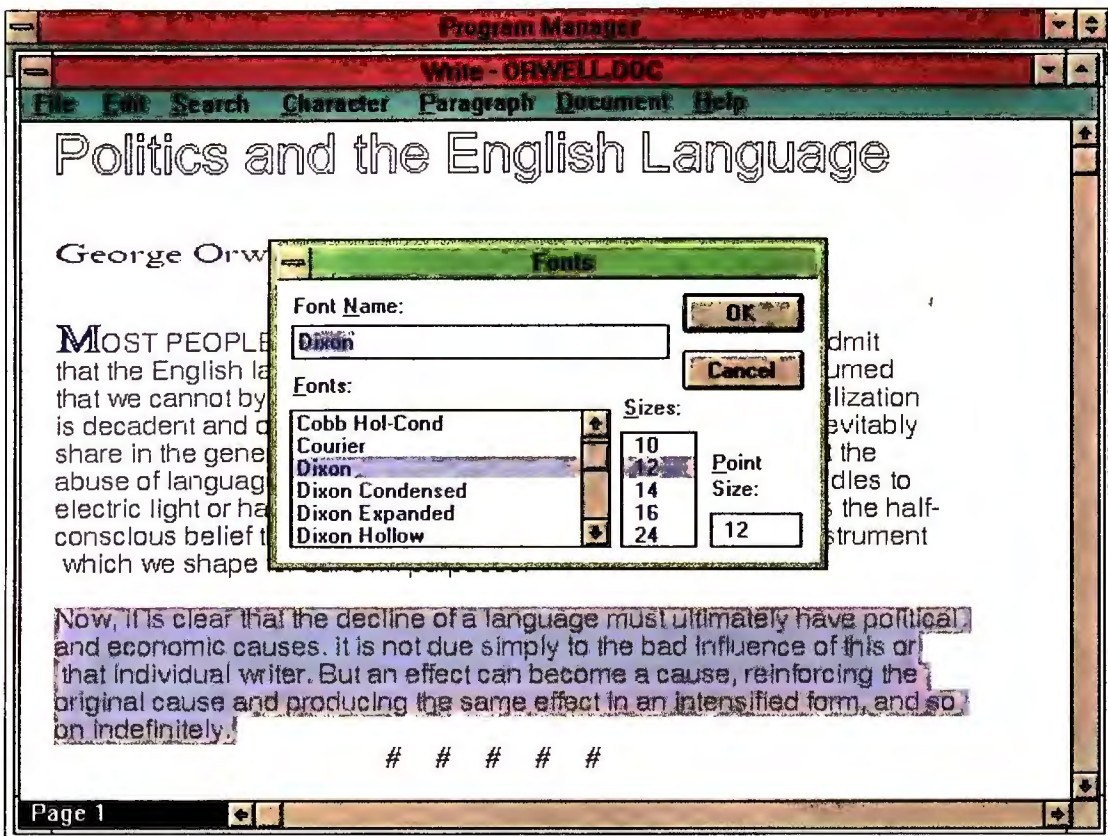
PROS: 63 standard typefaces, unique type-styling utility

CONS: Slow, lacks on-the-fly fonts, limited screen fonts, no way to add typefaces

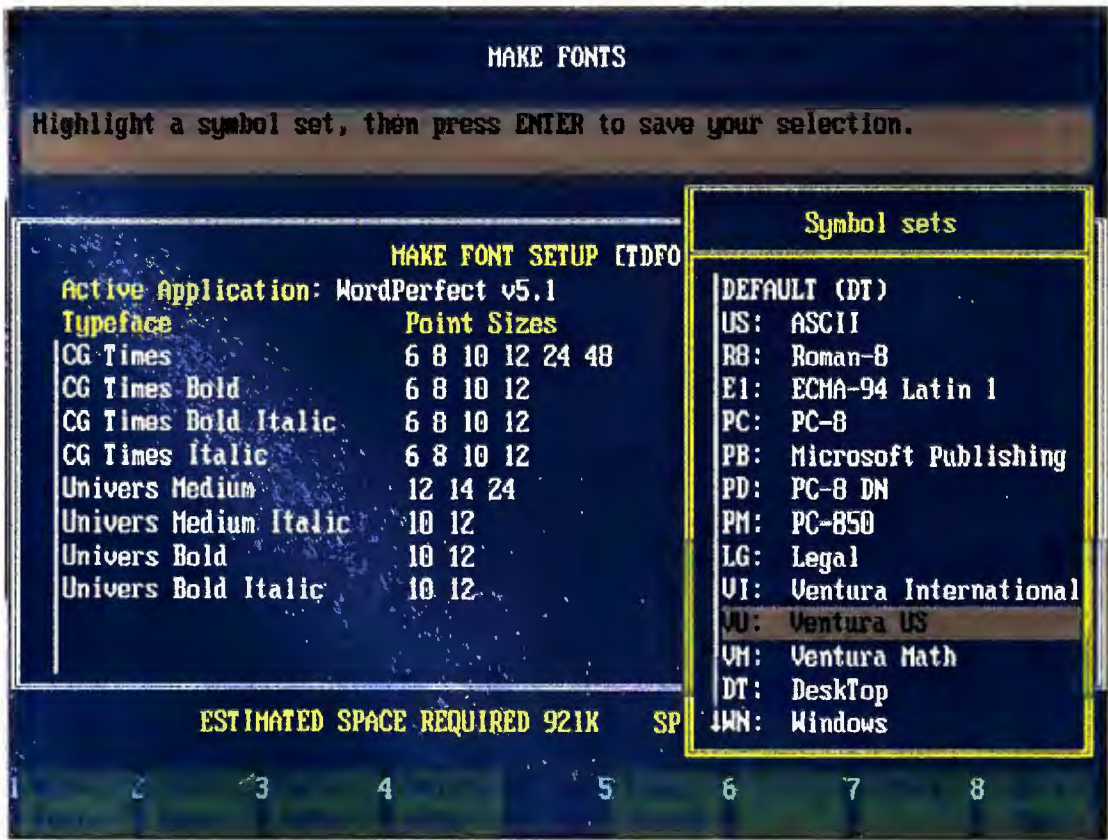
Z-Soft's \$199 *SoftType* has two things going for it: a generous 63 standard typefaces, and a unique type-styling

feature that lets you create your own fonts. So much for the good news. The bad news is that *SoftType* is hampered by the same limitations as *Type Director* and *Fontware*, its support for non-laser printers is poor, and expandability options are nil. The *Windows*-based *SoftType* offers neither the speed nor the simplicity of *ATM* and *Powerpak*.

SoftType lets you create fonts for *Ventura Publisher* as well as *Windows*. Installing *SoftType* takes a long time and requires 1MB for program files, plus acres of space for fonts. As with



Atech's typefaces aren't really unique—Cobb is actually Courier, while Dixon is Helvetica—but only Publisher's Powerpak offers hollow, expanded, and condensed versions of each face.



With Agfa Compugraphic's Type Director, you must specify a font's name, size, and character set before using it in your document.

Type Director and *Fontware*, *SoftType* makes you define your fonts before starting an application, then stores screen and printer fonts in separate files. Screen fonts top out at 36 points, and *Ventura* users must run a separate utility to create font width tables.

Since you must download fonts at

print time, printing is slow, though you can print in the background under *Windows*. While laser print quality is good, version 1.01 doesn't support ink jets at all, and its dot matrix output is poor and limited to available screen font sizes.

On the other hand, *SoftType* comes with a type-styling facility that lets you

modify fonts with special effects like shadowing and shading. But that's the only way you'll be able to add fonts to the original 63. Version 1.02 of the program, due out at press time, will add the ability to scale Type 1 PostScript outlines, plus ink jet support.

If you need to create unique typefaces for letterheads and logos, *SoftType*'s font modifier is a useful tool. But as a font generator for everyday business documents, it's too slow and limited.

SuperPrint 1.0

PROS: Vast font library, on-the-fly printer fonts

CONS: Screen fonts must be created manually, complex interface, no dot matrix support

Priced at a fairly steep \$195, Zenographics' *SuperPrint 1.0* offers on-the-fly printer fonts for *Windows* applications, but you'll have to create the screen fonts manually. (Version 1.1, released too late for inclusion in this review, features on-the-fly screen fonts and other improvements.) Also, version 1.0 doesn't support dot matrix printers or non-*Windows* applications. If you're looking for variety, it's a good deal—*SuperPrint* is compatible with virtually every font library in existence—but otherwise, the other on-the-fly packages are better.

SuperPrint is easy to install, but it demands 2MB of disk space, plus room for screen fonts. The program generates printer fonts automatically, but to get display fonts in version 1.0 you must launch the SuperText utility, specify fonts and sizes, and wait while the program creates the files. As with the traditional font generators, screen font sizes are limited.

SuperPrint isn't as easy to use as *ATM* or *FaceLift*. You have to set up the SuperQueue driver and specify it in the *Windows* control panel, then define several parameters before using your fonts. Again, version 1.1 should fix many

Face to Face: Font Software Compared

PRINTERS

SOFTWARE	PRINTERS		
	Epson LX-86	Hewlett-Packard DeskJet 500	Hewlett-Packard LaserJet Series II
Adobe Type Manager 1.0	Roman 24	Roman 24	Roman 24
Agfa Type Director 2.0	Roman 24	Roman 24	Roman 24
Atech Publisher's Powerpak	Roman 24	Roman 24	Roman 24
Bitstream FaceLift 2.0	Roman 24	Roman 24	Roman 24
Bitstream Fontware	Roman 24	¹	Roman 24
Zenographics SuperPrint 1.0	Roman 24	Roman 24	Roman 24
Z-Soft SoftType 1.01	Roman 24	²	Roman 24

¹ Support for ink jet varies with installation kit.

² Not supported.

In our typeface face-off, all the programs produced crisp laser and ink jet fonts, but only Atech Publisher's Powerpak yielded decent dot matrix output.

of these problems.

Because *SuperPrint* uses its own printer drivers, it produces output slightly faster than the other packages and displays printer progress graphically—a nice touch. Output quality is excellent on both laser and ink jet machines, but if you need dot matrix support, you'll have to wait for version 1.1.

SuperPrint can use outlines from

just about any source. In addition to its standard 22 font outlines, it accepts Adobe Type 1, Bitstream, Agfa Intellifont, and URW typefaces, giving it the largest potential library in the roundup. Zenographics' \$129 *SuperFonts* package offers 22 additional outlines.

Version 1.1, with its automatic screen font generation and superior dot matrix support, should make *SuperPrint* more

competitive with the other on-the-fly packages. But 1.0 just misses the mark.

Type Director 2.0

PROS: High-quality laser output, excellent application support, matching screen fonts for LaserJet III users

CONS: Poltry selection of standard typefaces, poor dot matrix output, locks on-the-fly font scaling

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adobe and Atech: Easy Fonts, No Waiting

Scalable-font software offers an inexpensive alternative to PostScript printers.

You don't have to buy new hardware to get high-impact, professional-looking fonts. The best of these font packages offer instant access to a wide range of typefaces that look as good on screen as they do on the page.



Adobe Type Manager 1.0 is the Best Buy for Windows 3.0 users, thanks to its smoothly transparent operation and its compatibility with thousands of Adobe Type 1 PostScript font outlines. Just install **ATM** and forget about it: The program works inside your application, automatically producing fonts as you work. Atech's **Publisher's Powerpak** is the Best Buy for those who need on-the-fly printer fonts for old DOS standbys like Ventura Publisher, WordPerfect, and Microsoft Word.

	Adobe Type Manager 1.0	Facelift 1.0	Fontware	Publisher's Powerpak	SoftType 1.01	SuperPrint 1.0	Type Director 2.0
Printer support	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Good	Fair	Good
Software support	Fair	Fair	Excellent	Excellent	Fair	Fair	Excellent
Printer font quality	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Fair	Excellent	Good
Screen font quality	Excellent	Excellent	Fair	Excellent	Fair	Good	Fair
Font options	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Fair
Ease of use	Excellent	Good	Poor	Good	Poor	Good	Poor
Overall value	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Fair	Good	Fair
	BEST BUY			BEST BUY			
Reader service no.	605	606	607	608	609	610	611

How we rate font generators

We rate font generators based on information in the Features Evaluation, combined with our opinions of quality, reliability, ease of use, and user benefit.

Printer support is critical. To earn an Excellent rating, the program must support Hewlett-Packard LaserJet and ink jet printers, plus Epson-compatible dot matrix printers.

Software support rates how well the package works with key applications. To earn an Excellent rating, the program must work with Windows 3.0 applications, plus popular DOS programs such as Ventura Publisher, WordPerfect, and Microsoft Word.

Printer font quality assesses the quality and sharpness of final output. While the primary emphasis is on laser output, an Excellent rating means that the package produces exemplary printouts on all its supported printers.

Screen font quality measures both the appearance of screen fonts and how well they match final output. To earn an Excellent rating, display fonts must be smooth and readable from at least 4 points to 127 points in size and must correspond to all printer fonts in size and appearance.

Font options measures both how many typeface outlines the package provides and how many additional outlines are available. To earn an Excellent rating, a package must include versions of Times Roman and Helvetica in four styles, plus at least

five more font outlines. At least 500 additional typefaces must also be available.

Ease of use rates the program on ease of installation and smooth integration with supported software. An Excellent rating here means that you can install program and font files in a single automated process and that you can select, size, and print transparently from inside your applications. Hard disk storage requirements must be minimal, and the program should not slow down your application's print speed or screen display.

Overall value weighs all of the above criteria, with special emphasis on software compatibility, print quality, and ease of use; it also factors in the price of each package.

When it comes to laser output, Agfa Compugraphic's \$99 package is a star; otherwise, this *Director* is no Hitchcock. It forces you to generate fonts manually, then download them to the printer. Worse, it combines the fewest standard fonts with the most expensive add-ons. Even though it works with a broad range of applications and provides excellent support for the LaserJet III, most users will find it only a fair value.

Installing *Type Director* is a pain. The program swallows up 1.75MB—and that's *before* you create any fonts. But a pulldown menu interface makes it fairly easy to build fonts. First, identify the application where the fonts should go, and select your desired outlines. Then enter the point sizes, and specify parameters such as orientation (portrait or landscape) and character set. Need to create a new font or install fonts for another application? As with *Font-*

ware and *SoftType*, you'll have to start the process all over again.

Also worthy of suspicion is Agfa's skimpy selection of typefaces. You get only 8 font outlines: CG Times and Univers in normal, bold, medium, and italic versions. And the price of additional fonts may give you vertigo—you can pay a steep \$99 per family, or buy a package of 12 outlines for \$199.

Type Director supports Windows, Word, WordPerfect, Ventura Publisher,


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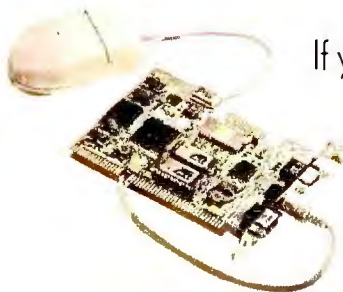
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WordStar 5.5, and *MultiMate 4.0*, among others. Laser printer output is excellent, but screen fonts are limited in size, and dot matrix output is for the birds. On the positive side, *Type Director* uses the same font-scaling technology found inside HP's LaserJet III, which gives LaserJet III owners matching screen fonts and the ability to download font outlines to the printer—an easy way to add typefaces to the HP's meager collection of eight outlines.

In other respects, *Type Director* suffers the same limitations as the other while-you-wait font generators. (Agfa's *Intellifont for Windows 3.0*, which provides on-the-fly font scaling for the III

and IIID printers, should be available by the time you read this.) If you own a LaserJet III and use a program not supported by *ATM* or *Powerpak*, you might consider buying *Type Director*. Otherwise, it won't win any Oscars.

Facing the Font Choice

Once you use an on-the-fly font generator, you'll never go back. The question is, which one do you choose?

For *Windows 3.0* users, the answer is *Adobe Type Manager: FaceLift* is a good deal, but it can't match *ATM*'s fluid operation, overall speed, and huge library of available typefaces. If you need fonts for *Ventura Publisher*, *Word-*

Perfect, or other popular DOS applications, plus high-quality dot matrix output, your best bet is Atech's *Publisher's Powerpak*. Sure, you can still get by using your printer's tired old typefaces. But when font packages are this cheap and easy to use, why hesitate? ☺

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Adobe Type Manager for Windows 1.0

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Mountain View, CA
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FaceLift 1.0

Bitstream, Inc.
215 First St.
Cambridge, MA
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800/522-3668,
617/497-6222,
617/868-4732 (fax)
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REQUIREMENTS: 640K, DOS 3.1 or later version, hard disk, Windows
TECHNICAL SUPPORT: unlimited, toll number, M-F 9-7
OTHER SUPPORT: none
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Fontware

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Atech Software
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800/748-5657,
619/438-6898 (fax)
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OTHER SUPPORT: none
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SoftType 1.01

Z-Soft Corp.
450 Franklin Rd. #100
Marietta, GA 30067
404/428-0008,
404/427-1150 (fax)
LIST PRICE: \$199
REQUIREMENTS: 640K, DOS 3.0 or later version, hard disk, Windows
TECHNICAL SUPPORT: unlimited, toll number, M-F 10-6

OTHER SUPPORT: BBS, CompuServe forum
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SuperPrint 1.0

Zenographics, Inc.
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Irvine, CA 92714
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714/851-1314 (fax)
LIST PRICE: \$195;
Superfonts (22 additional outlines) \$129
REQUIREMENTS: AT, 640K, DOS 3.0 or later version, hard disk, Windows
TECHNICAL SUPPORT: free for first 180 days, toll number, M-F 8-5
OTHER SUPPORT: BBS
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Type Director 2.0

Agfa Compugraphic Division
90 Industrial Way
Wilmington, MA
01887
800/873-3668
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REQUIREMENTS: 640K, DOS 3.1 or later version (excluding DOS 4.0), hard disk
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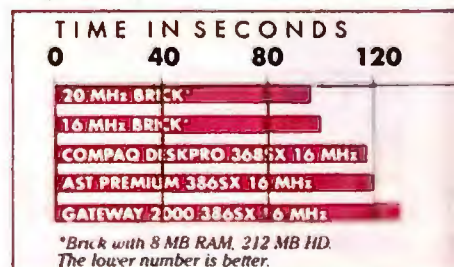
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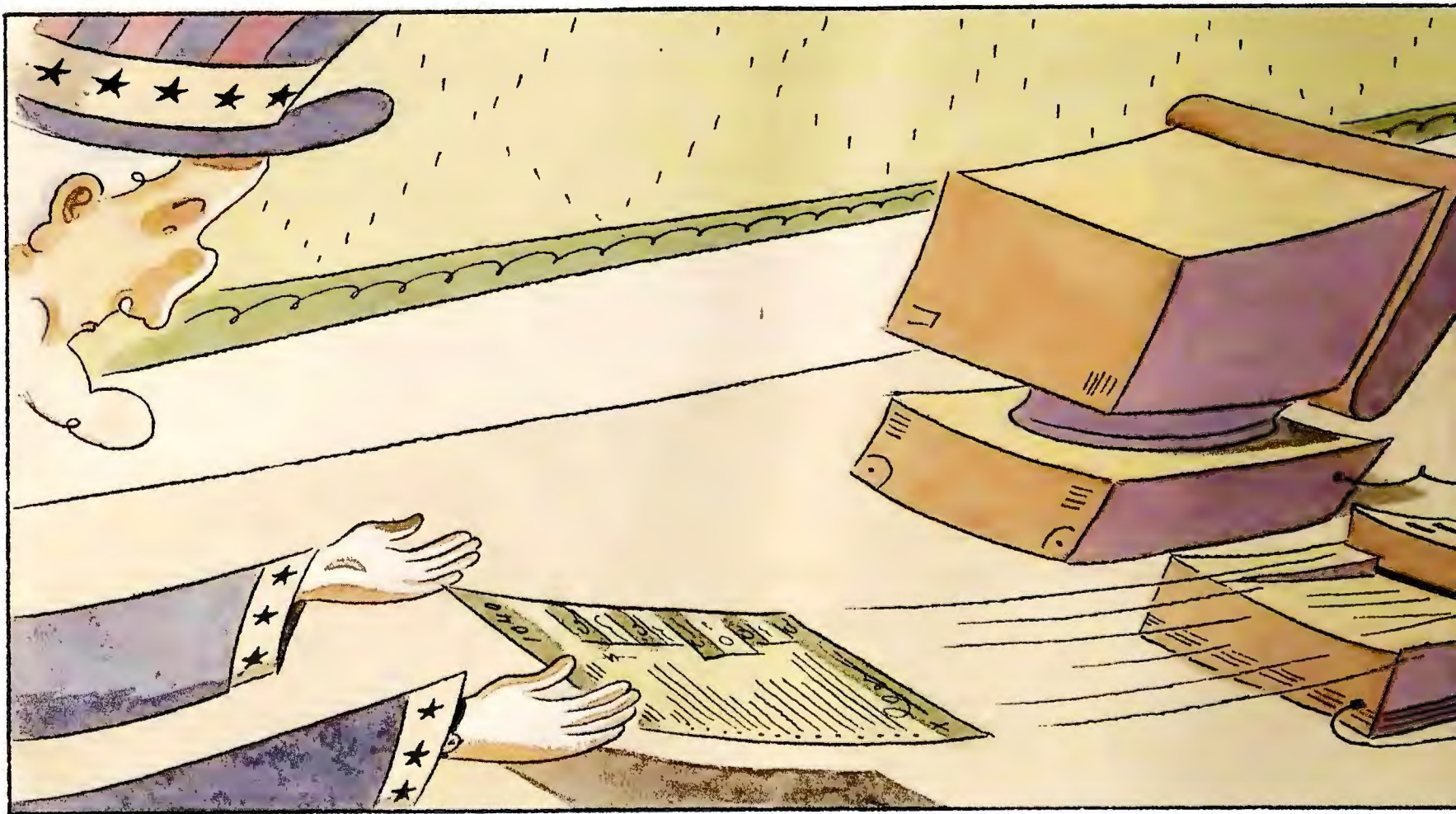
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It's that time of year again—time to start pulling together receipts from business expenses, totaling up charitable contributions and child care payments, and preparing for the agonizing task of doing your taxes.

Most of us have two basic goals when tax time rolls around: to get the return done quickly and painlessly, and to pay as little as is legally possible. For some people, that means handing everything over to an accountant. But more and more PC-savvy taxpayers are opting for another route: tax preparation software.

Every year tax packages get more capable, adding more forms and schedules and incorporating additional hand-

holding devices. The current generation of tax software doesn't just automate the process—it actually offers tax *advice* along the way.

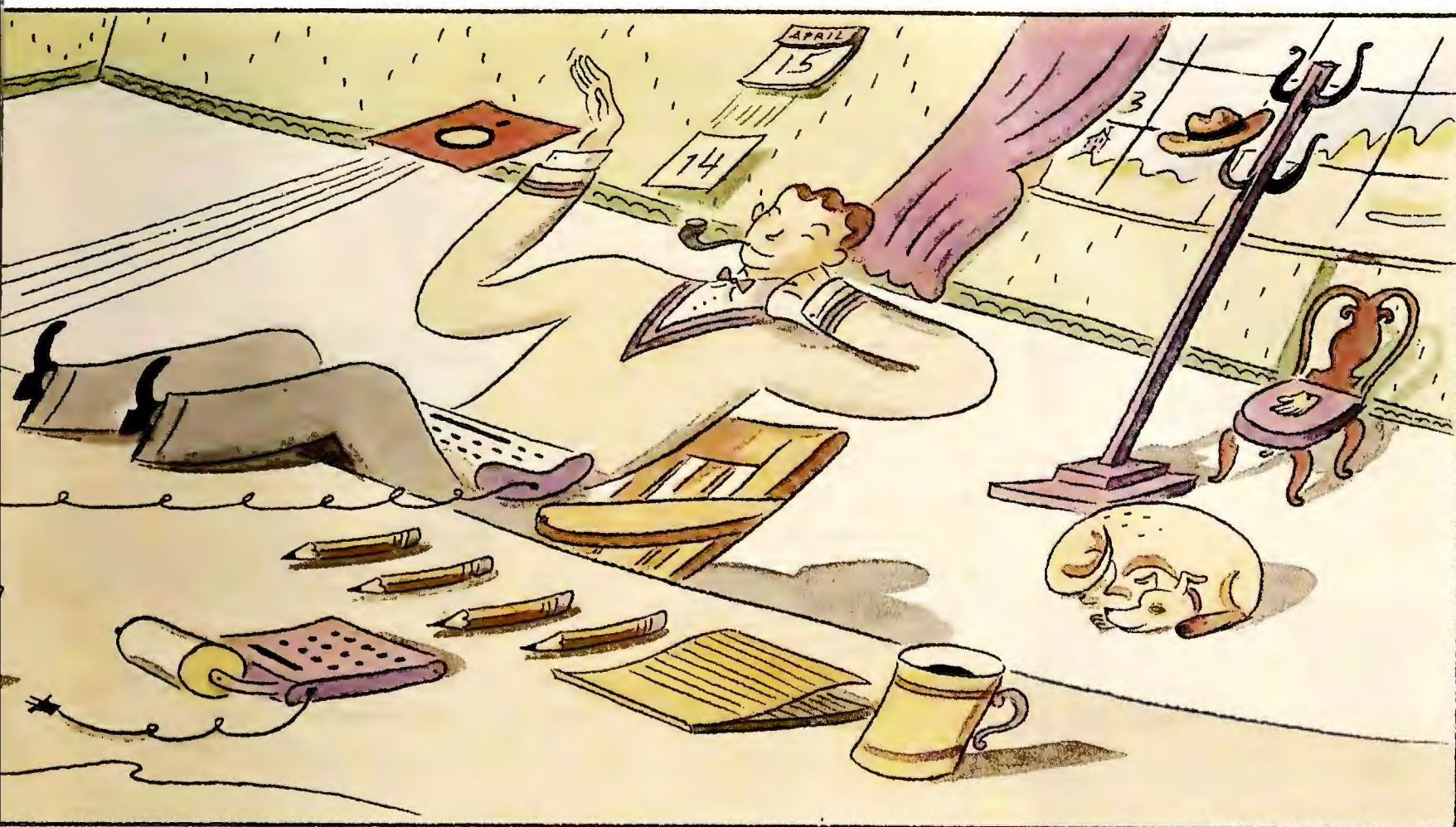
Will you be one of the converts who throws away the scratch pad and parts company with the accountant in favor of tax software? That depends, say both

tax professionals and software developers, on the complexity of your return, your knowledge of tax law, and the amount of time you're willing to invest.

BEYOND THE 1040EZ

Whether or not tax software can meet your needs depends more on what return you file than on your income level. If you file a 1040EZ return, for example, you probably don't need a tax package. In the time it takes to install and learn the program, you could fill out the one-page form, drop it in the mail, and still have time to work on your backhand.

Similarly, tax packages are of limited



use for anyone at the other end of the spectrum, whose return is so complex that it takes a tax whiz to calculate the liability. A case in point: Many small-business owners must comply with complicated rules for depreciation of capital equipment. And while several packages support IRS Form 4562 for depreciation and amortization, they will not select a depreciation method for you—for that you still need to see an accountant.

“Tax law isn’t an ABC-type thing. It’s subject to interpretation,” acknowledges Mike Chipman, president of *TurboTax* developer ChipSoft. In complicated areas, he notes, “you can ask 50 tax preparers the same question and get 50 different answers.” Obviously, that’s not the kind of uncertainty you want resolved by a computer program.

If, on the other hand, your return is relatively uncomplicated, tax packages “will do an adequate job,” says Paul Cashiola, a Houston CPA and member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ (AICPA) Tax Computer Applications Committee. An “uncomplicated” return, according to Cashiola, is one limited to W-2 income and itemized deductions such as chari-

table contributions, as well as state and local income tax, local property tax, home mortgage interest, and personal investment interest.

For users who fit into this category—which covers the vast majority of the working population—tax software can be a godsend. It simplifies the preparation process, gives you a better understanding of the implications of your financial transactions, and will very likely save you money. Not only will you be able to forgo the price of an accountant, you may even wind up paying less in taxes, since many packages now include tax-savings tips.

That’s what happened last year when Judith Goebig, who is a word processor and computer bookkeeper in a law office in Philadelphia, decided to do her own taxes using *TurboTax* rather than take them to an accountant. The result? “I saved over \$100, including the price of the program,” says Goebig, who plans to use tax software again this year.

Max Calvert of Fayetteville, Arkansas, is another convert. He used a tax package for the first time last year because he was tired of doing his return manually. “I’m a skeptic, so I [calcu-

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Even with tax software, you have to understand IRS rules, cautions Novato, California, accountant Shari Morgan.



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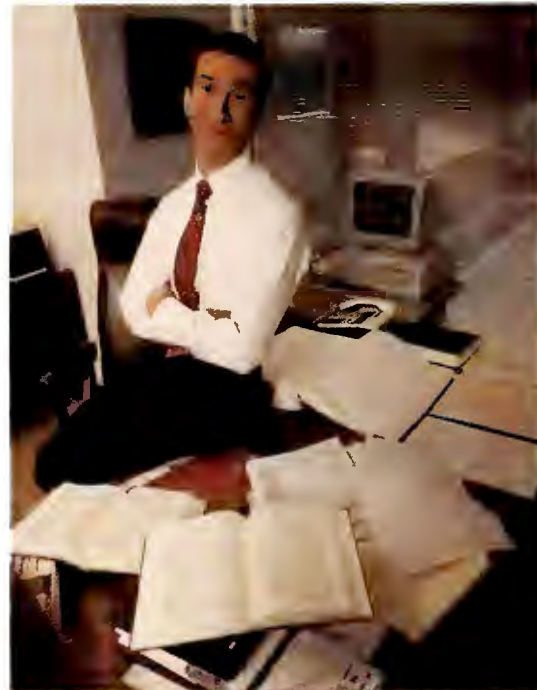
"I got tired of doing my return manually," says tax software convert Max Calvert of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

lated] some areas by hand before having the package do it," says Calvert, who adds that the software's results were identical to his every time.

PROCEED WITH CARE

Calvert isn't your ordinary taxpayer. He's an accountant who's been preparing tax returns for 50 years. And as Calvert and others are quick to point out, the more complicated your finances, the more you'll need to know about tax code. Many tax packages now include multitiered advice designed to help the tax neophyte cut through IRS jargon and figure out his or her return. These additions should provide sufficient information for straightforward returns, but users with more complex tax scenarios may run into problems.

"What makes me nervous is when the user doesn't really know if his or her situation fits into the form," says Shari Morgan, an accountant in Novato, California, and a user of tax software for both personal and professional purposes. "You could prepare your tax return and then get hit a year or two later by an audit because you misinterpreted



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Houston, Texas, CPA Paul Cashiola finds that tax preparation packages are well suited for users with uncomplicated returns.

the rules, she cautions."

Tax software will never replace a professional's advice and recommendations. If you've always relied on an accountant or a tax attorney to decipher the ins and outs of tax law, your best bet is to continue to do so. "No software can cover the gray areas in tax law," admits Kathy Lane, president of Softview,

Own a Home Business? The IRS Is Watching

A word of advice to home-business owners considering using a tax package for this year's return: Don't say goodbye to your accountant.

Few categories of taxpayers are scrutinized more closely than the owner of a home business. Because of the potential for abuse, the IRS looks upon many home-business deductions with a skeptical eye and will often ask for detailed justification of expenses. So in addition to filling out all the necessary forms, you'll need to maintain detailed records of all expenses.

Several tax packages in the accompanying Buyers' Guide support the basic forms and schedules you'll need to com-

plete your return. Some also feature sophisticated help features to guide you through complex tax regulations and determine your liability.

Even with the extra level of advice, however, no tax package can ensure that your assumptions and interpretations are correct, particularly in an area as tricky as home-business deductions. Far that you'll need an accountant.

The two areas where you're likely to run into trouble are determining allowable business expense deductions, such as a portion of your rent or house payment that goes toward your home office, and determining depreciation schedules for equipment used for both personal

and business purposes. Common deductions include cars and personal computers, but both items are classified as property by the IRS and are closely scrutinized. Because these items obviously can be used for more than business purposes, you'll need to document usage carefully—and then have your calculations reviewed by a tax professional.

Once your accountant reviews your expenses and recommends a proper tax strategy, the tax package can do the rest of the work. You'll still save time and money, and you'll have some peace of mind knowing you're covered in the event of an audit. —Raberta Furger and Suzanne M. Calvin

In a Hurry for That Refund Check?

Last year for the first time the IRS allowed nationwide electronic filing of tax returns for anyone due a refund. More than 4 million taxpayers seized this opportunity to speed up the delivery of their refund checks.

If you weren't one of the trailblazers who tried out this option last year, here's how it works.

Individual taxpayers can't file electronic returns directly with the IRS. Instead, for a fee (generally around \$25), you send your return to an authorized transmitting service, which then files it with the IRS. Most transmitting services will accept returns either electronically or through the mail, but if you send it via modem you'll have to follow up with a signed copy of the electronic filing form, since the service bureau must have your signature on file before it can submit your return to the IRS.

Electronic filing can speed up your

refund check by as much as several weeks, according to IRS spokesman Frank Keith. He estimates that electronic filers will get their refund checks in three weeks or less—sooner if they opt to have it automatically deposited in their bank account.

But the IRS didn't institute the program just so you could get your refund faster. Electronic filing saves the IRS time and money. Keith estimates that a return filed electronically requires one-tenth the staff to process. It also cuts down on errors associated with manual data entry—both yours and the IRS's. The error rate, according to Keith, drops from approximately 16 percent to 4 percent when you file electronically.

Most of this year's tax packages support electronic filing. But you can file electronically even if you haven't prepared your return with tax software. Several financial institutions, such as

banks and credit unions, will be offering the service to their customers, as will many of the large nationwide tax preparers. Be prepared to pay more than the overage \$25 fee, however, if your return is not on disk.

Currently, only taxpayers due a refund can file electronically, but the IRS is testing a program this year that would allow the electronic filing of balance-due returns, with checks sent separately through the mail.

"When we started this program, we assumed there was no market for balance-due electronic filing," says Keith, "but many tax professionals have said they want to be able to send in all their returns at one time."

It's doubtful, though, that many individual taxpayers will choose this option should it become available nationwide. After all, who wants to rush their payment to the IRS? —R. F.

maker of *MacInTax for Windows*. "Sometimes you need to go to a CPA and ask, Is this legal or not, and do I have a legitimate deduction here? Even an expert system can't cover that."

Tax scenarios that fall into the so-called gray area, say many tax experts, include returns involving payment of an alternative minimum tax, oil and gas partnerships, passive activity, complicated rules for depreciation of capital equipment, and investments in publicly traded limited partnerships.

YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN

A bottom-line consideration if you're thinking about tax software is whether you're willing to go it alone. You're the only one who will sign the return, and as one accountant notes dryly, "if the IRS questions something, it won't fly to say the software told you to do it."

Chipman and others say that users

who have very complex returns or are leery of taking full responsibility for their taxes can use tax software as a planning tool. "Collect all the information, and then take it to an accountant for review," advises Chipman.

There's another group of users whom tax software will never fully satisfy: those who expect a refund and want to file early. Although developers issue fall releases of tax packages, these early versions don't include many eleventh-hour changes to tax law. That means if you're one of the estimated 80 million Americans getting a refund and want to send your return in early, you'll have to prepare some or all of it manually.

James Quinlen, a semiretired accountant in San Diego, fell victim to this problem last year. He bought *Andrew Tobias' TaxCut* in November 1989 and was told he'd receive the final version by February 1. It didn't arrive until March.

And MECA Software wasn't the only developer to issue a final release late in the tax season. Several companies had similar problems getting the complete package out the door.

Developers say they're working to get the final versions to users as quickly as possible this year, but be prepared to wait until around February 1.

BUDDY, CAN YOU SPARE THE TIME?

Just how much you stand to gain from using tax software, then, will vary depending on the nature of your return. But if you're willing to invest some time—both in learning a new program and familiarizing yourself with tax law—you may find that tax software can take some of the bite out of April 15. ☺

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KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

Is Tax Software Right for You?

When and how you use tax software depends on which of the four basic taxpayer categories you fall into—and on how much you're willing to learn about tax liability.

**How complex
is your return?**

SIMPLE RETURN

W-2 income only,
1040EZ return



Prepare your return manually.

HOMEOWNER, routine investments, dual income, dependents

Who usually
prepares
your
return?

You



Select package with required
forms and schedules.

Your
accountant



Prepare your return
using software, then
take it to your accountant for review.

INDIVIDUAL WITH COMPLEX INVESTMENTS, e.g., oil and gas or publicly traded limited partnership

Do you have
time to learn
more about your
tax liability?

Yes



Use software as a planning
tool, then see your accountant.

No



Let accountant prepare your return.

SMALL-BUSINESS OWNER

Who usually pre-
pares your return?

You



Select package with required
forms and schedules.

Your ac-
countant

Do you have
time to learn
more about
your tax
liability?

Yes



Consult
accountant
about deductions.



Select package
with required
forms and schedules.

No



Let accountant prepare your return.



DO-IT-YOURSELF TAXES

HOW TO FIND THE TAX PACKAGE WITH THE RIGHT COMBINATION OF FORMS AND FEATURES.

If you've decided to roll up your sleeves, fire your accountant, and prepare your return using tax preparation software, here's the place to find out which tax packages will best meet your needs. Not even a good software package can make tax season fun, but at the very least it should speed up the process and give you a better understanding of your finances.

All the tax packages in this guide are designed for personal rather than professional tax preparation (although some companies also offer more robust versions for professional tax preparers). The least expensive package sells for \$20, with most running about \$75 for first-time users. Upgrades are significantly discounted.

GAUGE YOUR TAX KNOWLEDGE

Before buying a tax package, ask yourself how much help you'll need to complete your return. For many users, explanations of tax regulations and assistance in filling out the requisite forms will be the most important factors.

If you've always relied on a tax professional to prepare your return, look for a package that will point you to the forms and schedules you'll need. Several tax preparation packages now include an interview feature in which you're asked a series of questions to determine which forms you'll have to file. Once

you've completed the interview, packages will either display the first form or bring up a checklist of forms you'll need to complete and then let you fill them out in any order.

Knowing which forms you need is only the first step, though. An equally difficult problem is figuring out *how* to fill them out. Again, the less you know about taxes, the more important the level of assistance. Most of the tax preparation packages include the official IRS instructions—either on line or in a separate manual. Many of the software developers also include best-selling tax guides such as the *Price Waterhouse Personal Tax Adviser* with their packages. Better still, however, is on-line, context-sensitive interpretation and explanation of the tax code.

CHECK PROGRAM FOR CONVENIENCE FEATURES

Other features that will help speed you through your tax return include a built-in calculator (with the ability to override calculations in unique circumstances) and linking between forms so that relevant data is carried over, meaning you don't have to enter the same figures twice. This saves time and reduces the potential for error.

To save you time *after* you've finished entering all your financial data, look for

a package that includes an audit function to check your return for incomplete or conflicting entries, such as a skipped digit in your Social Security number or conflicting data on related forms. The audit detector in some packages will alert you to deductions that might trigger an IRS audit, such as an amount for charitable contributions that exceeds the IRS's generally accepted percentage of income.

LOOK FOR NEEDED FORMS AND SCHEDULES

Even the most advice-oriented tax package is of limited use if it doesn't support all the forms you'll need to prepare your return. To get at least a preliminary list of forms you'll need, check last year's return. Then match your list to the list of forms supported by the various packages. Just because your form isn't supported doesn't mean you can't use the package, but you'll have to complete any unsupported forms manually—and without the tax advice that goes along with supported forms.

Once you've completed your federal return using the software, you may be able to get a state package from the same developer that will automatically read in the relevant data for quick completion of your state income tax return. No package supports all 50 states—although *TurboTax* comes close with 45. You'll also pay around \$50 extra.

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TAX PREPARATION SOFTWARE

Y = yes
N = no

DM = dot matrix
LP = laser printer
CF = CheckFree

CWP = Andrew Tobias' Checkwrite Plus
DS = Dollars and Sense
MC = MoneyCounts

	AM Tax	Andrew Tobias' TaxCut	J.K. Lasser's Your Income Tax 1991	MacIntax for Windows	Personal Tax Filer	Personal Tax Preparer for 1990	Swiftax	Sylvia Parter's Rapid Tax
Manufacturer	AM Software	MECA Software	J.K. Lasser Institute	Softview	Disk-Count Software	Parsons Technology	Timeworks	DacEasy
STANDARD FEATURES								
Price	\$65	\$90	\$75	\$99	\$20	\$49	\$80	\$80
Upgrade price	\$45	\$50	\$55	\$50	\$20	\$24.50	\$35 ¹	\$35
Memory required	320K	512K	512K	2MB	384K	512K	512K	512K
DOS supported ²	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.0	2.0	2.11	2.1	3.0
Windows 3.0 version	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
TAX HELP								
Interview format	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Identifies required forms	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Tax advisor on line	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
On-line IRS instructions	N	Y	N ³	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Supplemental tax guide included	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N
Tax planner	Y	Y	Y	Y ⁴	N	Y	N	Y
What-if analysis	Y	Y	Y	Y ⁴	N	Y	Y	Y
Audit detector	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Audit trail printout	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
PREPARATION TOOLS								
Built-in calculator	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Calculation override	limited	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Automatically recalculates entries after changes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Links information between forms	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
EASE OF USE								
Pulldown menus	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
On-screen forms	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
On-line software help	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
On-line tutorial	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
Imports from personal finance packages	N	MYM, Q, CWP, TT, CF	Q	N	N	MC, DS, Q, MYM	Q, DS, MYM	N
OUTPUT								
Prints accepted IRS forms	DM, LP	DM, LP	DM, LP	DM, LP	DM	DM, LP ⁵	DM, LP	DM
Requires special font cartridges	Y ⁷	N	N	N	Y ⁶	N	N	N
Requires special forms	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Electronic filing	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SUPPORT								
Toll-free tech support	N	N	N ⁸	N	N	N	Y	N ⁹
Hours available	12	8	8 ¹⁰	11	9	12.5	8	10
Weekend support	N	Y	Y ⁷	Y	N	Y	N	N
Fax	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BBS	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Reader service number	647	624	648	625	649	650	651	652

¹ Registered users only.² Earliest version supported.³ Uses own tax help on line.⁴ Costs \$79 extra.⁵ If printer does not have graphic capability, Tax Preparer needs preprinted 1040⁶ All except 1040 farm.⁷ LP only.⁸ 900 number, first minute free, \$1 for each additional minute.⁹ \$25 for unlimited support.

MYM = Andrew Tobias' Managing Your Money
Q = Quicken
TT = TurboTax

Tax Command	Tax Magic Personal	Tax Magic Personal Plus	TurboTax Federal Personal 1040
Practical Programs	TaxByte	TaxByte	ChipSoft
\$80	\$69	\$129	\$75
\$35	\$49	\$99	\$37.50
512K	512K	512K	512K
2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
N	N	N	N
N	N	N	Y
N	N	N	Y
N	Y	Y	Y
N	Y	Y	Y
N	N	N	N
N	Y	Y	Y
N	Y	Y	Y
N	N	N	Y
N	Y	Y	N
Y	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y	Y	Y
N	Y	Y	Y
N	Y	Y	Y
N	Y	Y	Y
N	Y	Y	Y
N	N	N	Q, MYM, DS
DM, LP ⁶	DM	LP	DM, LP
Y	n/a	Y	N
Y ⁶	Y ⁶	Y	N
Y	N	N	Y
Y	N	N	N
12	10	10	15
Y	Y	Y	Y
N	Y	Y	Y
N	N	N	Y
653	654	654	623

¹⁰ 8 hours of staffed support M-F, automated phone support 24 hours, 7 days a week.

PLAN AHEAD

As part of the trend to go beyond just automating the preparation process, many programs now include some tax planning advice or support for what-if analysis to help you determine the implications of various tax strategies. And if you've been monitoring your finances all year using a personal finance package, look for a program that can import directly from the leading packages. At a minimum, you should be able to import data in ASCII format, but at its best, the link should not only transfer the data seamlessly but also apply it to the appropriate forms.

THINK ABOUT SUPPORT

Despite all the built-in help many packages include, there inevitably comes a time when you'll need to pick up the phone and call the company's technical support staff. Some developers are beginning to offer weekend service or extended weekday hours for technical support—an important option if you won't be doing your taxes during regular

business hours. Keep in mind, however, that tax software developers are generally bombarded with calls from mid-January through March. So look for a company with a toll-free line, or be prepared to rack up a sizable phone bill while you wait on hold for a technician.

EVALUATE OUTPUT OPTIONS

Last year for the first time taxpayers could file their returns electronically, and all but two packages in this guide now support the option. Most developers have established a relationship with an authorized transmitting service and include software to enable you to send your return electronically. You'll have to follow up with a signed copy of Form 8453 (for electronic filing); once that's received, the service bureau will transmit your return directly to the IRS and send you confirmation of its receipt. According to the IRS, you'll receive your refund check within three weeks.

If you plan to file the old-fashioned (continues)

WHERE TO BUY

AM Software

P.O. Box 25010
Kansas City, MO 64119

816/426-8361,
816/452-3183 (fax)

ChipSoft, Inc.

P.O. Box 85709
San Diego, CA 92186-5709
619/453-8722,
800/755-1040 (fax)

DacEasy, Inc.

17950 Preston Rd.
#800
Dallas, TX 75252
800/877-8088,
214/248-1239 (fax)

Disk-Count

Software, Inc.
1751 W. County Rd. B
#107

St. Paul, MN 55113
612/633-0730,
612/633-8678 (fax)

J.K. Lasser Institute

Simon & Schuster
Software
15 Columbus Circle
New York, NY 10023
800/624-0023

MECA Software, Inc.

327 Riverside Ave.
Westport, CT 06880
203/222-9150,
203/226-2437 (fax)

Parsons Technology

375 Collins Rd. NE
P.O. Box 3120
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-3120
800/223-6925,
319/393-1002 (fax)

Practical Programs, Inc.

P.O. Box 93104
Milwaukee, WI 53203
800/776-7047

Softview

1721 Pacific Ave.
#100
Oxnard, CA 93033
800/622-6829,
805/385-5001 (fax)

TaxByte Inc.

1801 6th Ave.
Moline, IL 61265
800/873-2829,
309/764-0976 (fax)

Timeworks, Inc.

444 Lake Cook Rd.
Deerfield, IL 60015
708/948-9200,
708/948-7626 (fax)

PICK A FORM, ANY FORM

	Forms	Schedules	States
AM TAX	1040, 1040A, 1040A SCH1, 1040A SCH2, 1040A SCH3, 1040ES, 2106, 2119, 2210, 2441, 3800, 3903, 4136, 4137, 4255, 4562(23), 4684, 4797, 4835, 5329, 6251, 6252, 8283, 8582, 8606, 8814	A, B, C, D, D1, E, F, R, SE	CA, IL, MD, MO, NJ, NY, OH, VA
ANDREW TOBIAS' TAXCUT	1040, 1040A, 1040A SCH1, 1040A SCH2, 1040A SCH3, 1040ES, 1040EZ, 1040X, 1099-R, 1116, 2106, 2119, 2210, 2441, 3468, 3800, 3903, 4136, 4137, 4255, 4562, 4684, 4797, 4835, 4868, 4952, 4972, 5329, 6198, 6251, 6252, 8271, 8283, 8453, 8582, 8606, 8615, 8801, 8803, 8814, 8815, 8822, 8824	A, B, C, D, D1, E, F, K1, R, SE	CA, IL, MA, MD, MI, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA
J.K. LASSER'S YOUR INCOME TAX 1991	1040, 1040A, 1040A SCH1, 1040A SCH2, 1040A SCH3, 1040ES, 1040EZ, 1040X, 1099R, 1116, 2106, 2119, 2210, 2441, 3468, 3800, 3903, 4136, 4137, 4255, 4562, 4684, 4797, 4835, 4868, 4952, 4972, 5329, 6198, 6251, 6252, 8283, 8453, 8582, 8606, 8615, 8814, 8815, 8824, K-1	A, B, C, D, D1, E, F, R, SE	AL, AZ, CA, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, NC, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, VA, WI
MACINTAX FOR WINDOWS	1040, 1040A, 1040A SCH 1, 1040A SCH 2, 1040A SCH 3, 1040EZ, 1040X, 1040ES, 1116, 2106, 2106-S, 2119, 2210, 2441, 2555, 2688, 3468, 3800, 3903, 4255, 4562, 4684, 4797, 4868, 4952, 6198, 6251, 8283, 8453, 8582, 8606, 8615, 8801, 8806S, 8814, 8822	A, B, C, D, D1, E, F, R, SE short, SE long	CA, CT, DC, IL, MA, MD, MI, MN, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, VA
PERSONAL TAX FILER	1040, 2106, 2119, 2210, 2441, 3903, 4137, 4562, 6251, 8606, 8615	A, B, C, D, E, F, R, SE	none
PERSONAL TAX PREPARER FOR 1990	1040, 1040ES, 1040NR, 1040X, 1045, 1116, 1128, 2106, 2119, 2210, 2441, 2555, 2688, 3115, 3468, 3621, 3800, 3903, 3903F, 4136, 4137, 4255, 4469, 4506, 4562, 4684, 4797, 4835, 4868, 4952, 4970, 4972, 5329, 5884, 6198, 6251, 6252, 6478, 6765, 8283, 8396, 8453, 8582, 8582CR, 8586, 8606, 8609, 8611, 8615, 8801, 8803, 8814, 8815, 8822, 8824	A, B, C, D, D1, E, F, R, SE, A (8605)	none
SWIFTAX	1040, 1040A, 1040A SCH1, 1040A SCH2, 1040A SCH3, 1040ES, 1040EZ, 2106, 2119, 2210, 2441, 2688, 3800, 3903, 4137, 4255, 4562, 4684, 4797, 4868, 4952, 4972, 5329, 6251, 6252, 8283, 8453, 8582, 8606, 8615, 8814, 8815, 8822	A, B, C, D, D1, E, E1, F, R, SE	AL, AZ, CA, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, NC, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, SC, VA, WI
SYLVIA PORTER'S RAPID TAX	1040, 1040A, 1040ES, 2106, 2199, 2210, 2441, 3800, 3903, 4137, 4255, 4562, 4684, 4797, 4868, 4952, 4972, 5329, 6251, 6252, 8283, 8453, 8582, 8606, 8615, 8814	A, B, C, D, E, F, R, SE	1st: CT, DE, MA, ME, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT ¹ 2nd: AL, DC, GA, FL, MD, NC, SC, TN, VA 3rd: IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, WI 4th: AR, CO, LA, MO, MS, NM, OK 5th: AZ, CA, HI, ID, OR, UT
TAX COMMAND	1040, 1040A, 1040A SCH1, 1040A SCH2, 1040A SCH3, 1040ES, 1040EZ, 2106, 2119, 2441, 3903, 4562, 6251, 8453, 8815	A, B, C, D, D1, E, F, R, SE	IL, WI
TAX MAGIC PERSONAL	1040, 1040A, 1040A SCH1, 1040A SCH2, 1040ES, 1040EZ, 2106, 2119, 2210, 2210F, 2441, 3468, 3800, 3903, 4136, 4137, 4255, 4562, 4797, 4835, 4952, 4972, 5329, 6251, 6252, 8332, 8606, IRA	A, B, C, D, D1, E, F, R, SE	CA, IL, LA, MA, MD, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA
TAX MAGIC PERSONAL PLUS	1040, 1040A, 1040A SCH1, 1040A SCH2, 1040ES, 1040EZ, 1310, 2106, 2119, 2210, 2210F, 2441, 3468, 3800, 3903, 4136, 4137, 4255, 4562, 4797, 4835, 4868, 4952, 4972, 5329, 6198, 6251, 6252, 8165, 8283, 8332, 8582, 8606, IRA, W2, W2P	A, B, C, D, D1, E1, E2, F, R, SE, PA1, PA2	CA, IL, LA, MA, MD, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA
TURBOTAX FEDERAL PERSONAL 1040	1040, 1040A, 1040A SCH1, 1040A SCH2, 1040A SCH3, 1040ES, 2106, 2119, 2210, 2441, 3800, 3903, 4137, 4255, 4562, 4684, 4797, 4868, 4952, 4972, 6251, 6252, 8283, 8453, 8582, 8606, 8615, 8814, 8822	A, B, C, D, D1, E, E1, E2, F, R, SE	AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, IO, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, VT, WI, WV

¹States bundled by region

way, most packages now produce IRS-accepted output, but not all packages support both dot matrix and laser printers. *MacInTax for Windows* prints exact replicas of IRS-approved forms on blank paper. Other packages may require special forms software or font cartridges, however, so check this section

on the table carefully if you want to avoid having to copy the data by hand.

MAKE A LIST OF CRITICAL FEATURES

Every year tax software gets better and better. No one package can satisfy everyone's needs, however. So put together

your list of crucial features and match that against the feature set for each of the packages in this guide.

The payoff can be substantial when tax time rolls around. ☺

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RATING THE RETURNS

A TAX ACCOUNTANT MATCHES WITS WITH THE TOP TWO TAX PACKAGES.

For years, *TurboTax* has been the undisputed leader among PC tax packages. But last year it got some real competition in the form of a revamped *Andrew Tobias' TaxCut* from MECA Software (see the *Product Outlook* item in this issue).

To see how market leader and repeated World Class winner *TurboTax* stacked up against its biggest challenger, we put the two packages through the paces, running them through three tax scenarios of increasing complexity to see how accurately and easily they prepared our returns.

Our conclusions?

You won't go wrong with either. Both support a wide variety of forms and schedules, offer hypertext help and an electronic filing option, and include many extras such as tax planning capabilities. Remarkably, the two packages came up with the same bottom line in each of our three scenarios.

Despite these similarities and the strength of the feature sets in both packages, *TurboTax* and *TaxCut* are likely to appeal to two types of users, because of their different approaches to entering data and checking your work.

TurboTax 8.0

We began our testing using the 1990 version of *TurboTax*, since final releases of 1991 versions (for the 1990 tax year) are unavailable until after January 1.

Last year's package was competent, to be sure, but unexciting in its approach. Our opinion changed considerably, however, after we booted up the preliminary version of this year's *TurboTax*. An already strong package has been markedly improved.

New in *TurboTax* this year is a Next Step feature that guides you through the entire tax preparation process. Using an interview format, this handholding device moves you from one form to the next. As a result, you can complete your return in an organized manner, without ever feeling "lost" in the software.

After you complete the interview, you can enter any other tax data in *TurboTax*'s new Filing Cabinet, which includes an alphabetical listing of all the data required to complete the tax forms in the program. When you select an item from the cabinet, the program jumps to the particular tax form, invokes relevant help text, and then allows you to enter your data.

Once you complete your return, *TurboTax*'s audit feature scans it and flags items or amounts that the IRS routinely audits or inquires about. This feature will alert you to potential audit exposures so you can gather adequate supporting documentation before you file your tax return, rather than search for

the information years later should you receive an IRS notice.

Andrew Tobias' TaxCut

TaxCut really shines when it comes to providing simplified "expert advice." Once you select a specific form to complete, you couldn't ask for better guidance: *TaxCut* will prompt you with easy-to-understand questions and then fill out the form for you. The program does not, however, guide you through the overall tax preparation process (moving from form to form) as clearly as long-time leader *TurboTax*.

When you open up *TaxCut*, you're prompted to review an introductory screen that describes all the steps needed to complete your return. *TaxCut* instructions recommend that you perform four steps: 1) Enter tax documents into the Shoebox (a listing of items needed to complete your return—W-2 forms, bank statements, and so on); 2) complete the Checklist to identify forms you'll need to file; 3) invoke the Expert to get a detailed explanation of most every item on every form; and 4) audit the return. While this road map may be fine for some users, others may find it confusing, since there is no organized format in which to enter financial information. You may end up jumping from one form to the next and end up discovering later that you have skipped a necessary form.

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TurboTax Personal and Miscellaneous Data Worksheet 1989

HyperText System F1 - How to use

Interest

Since you have personal interest, and since no personal interest is deductible in 1991, consider taking out a home equity loan. Interest on home equity loans, up to \$100,000, is fully deductible. Be sure to consider the risks of home equity loans.

However, if you borrow against your investments, you can only deduct investment loan interest to the extent of investment income. The interest on money you borrowed against your investments is considered consumer interest if you used it for personal purposes.

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3- Married Filing Separate Return..... ☐ Check if lived apart for entire year

4- Head of Household

5- Qualifying widower)

Enter Federal Filing Status..... >> 2

Press F1 for help. Press F2 for next screen. Press F3 for previous screen. Press F4 for home screen. Press F5 for expert screen. Press F6 for tax advisor screen. Press F7 for print screen.

The 1991 version of TurboTax from ChipSoft suggests a variety of ways you can save on future taxes by offering different strategies based on your financial situation.

Depreciation - Depreciation For This Asset

ELIGIBLE PROPERTY: Is this property **eligible** for depreciation?

YES **NO**

1. What ELIGIBLE

In order to be eligible for depreciation, a property must meet the following tests:

1. It must be used in a trade or business, or for the production of income.
2. It must be subject to wear and tear, to decay or decline from natural causes, or to exhaustion. Land (as opposed to buildings) and goodwill may not be depreciated.
3. You must have a "capital interest." That is, in general, you must be an owner of the property.
4. It must have a life of over 1 year. Otherwise, the entire cost might be expensed in the year it is used.

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<Tab>-HELP on question | Alt-B BACK one question | <Esc>-EXIT

Available at the touch of a key, the Expert function in Andrew Tobias' TaxCut makes filing returns easier with its straightforward explanations of even complex tax issues.

When you evoke *TaxCut's* Expert, you're asked a series of detailed questions designed to elicit all the information needed to fill out the form. As you answer the questions, *TaxCut* fills out the form for you, eliminating the need for you to understand IRS terminology.

This differs from *TurboTax*, where you can invoke tax assistance for any form, but the program never fills in the form for you. Two forms that were much easier to complete in *TaxCut* for this reason were the depreciation worksheet and Form 2119 for the sale of a home. Each of

these forms includes numerous questions that can seem complicated to a novice tax preparer without the benefit of such advice.

Another impressive feature is thorough data integrity checking: *TaxCut* caught more mistakes in our tax forms than *TurboTax's* Data Examiner did. *TaxCut*, in fact, performed data integrity checks on almost every field of the return. When we entered an incorrect year on Schedule D (for capital gains and losses), the program caught the error. It also flagged an incorrect state code and a Social Security number in the wrong format.

Overall, *TaxCut* provides more in-depth assistance for tax novices. It also has a more thorough error-checking feature than *TurboTax*. It does not, however, offer as streamlined a method of completing your returns, so you may get lost in the sea of tax forms, unsure of which to complete next.

YOU MAKE THE CALL

Although both packages are capable of reliably preparing personal tax returns, their divergent approaches make them best suited to different types of users.

Users with little tax background will prefer *TaxCut*. Its Expert function enables you to complete complex forms by answering questions rather than trying to decipher tax code. And its thorough data integrity check ensures that all the forms are filled out completely and correctly. But be prepared to spend some time reviewing the tutorial and supporting documentation.

Choose *TurboTax* if you have a basic familiarity with tax forms. The user interface is more streamlined, and the IRS audit advice is extremely helpful. You'll still have to read over your return carefully before submitting it, since *TurboTax* may not catch small errors such as missing names or incomplete Social Security numbers. ☹

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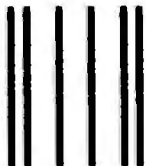
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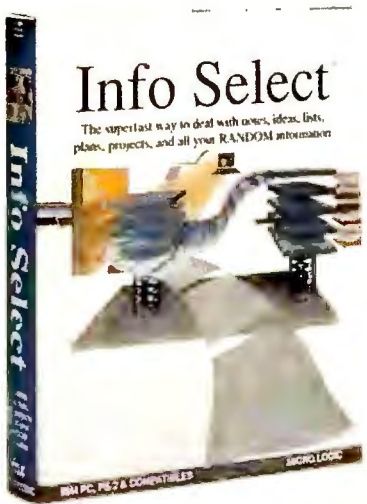
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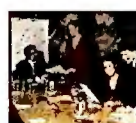
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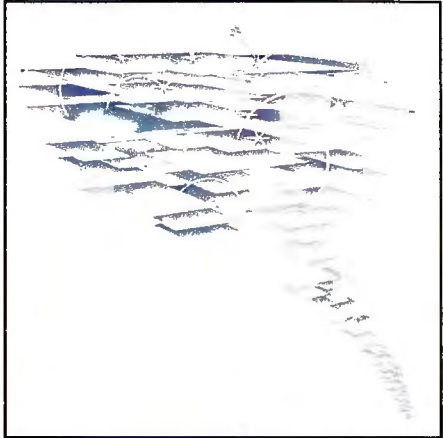
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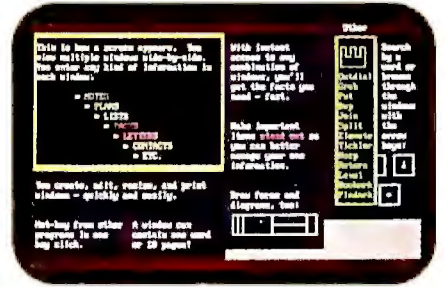
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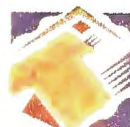
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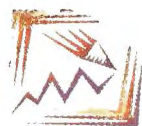
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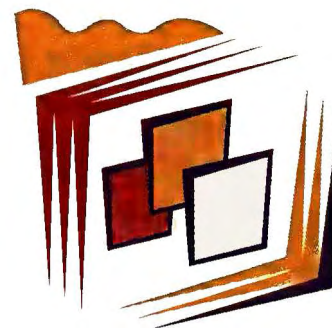
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OPERATING SYSTEM AND ENVIRONMENTS



WINDOWS 3.0

1

Load Applications Automatically

You can save time by having *Windows* launch frequently used applications automatically at start-up, displaying them as icons, in windows, or full screen. Here's how: With a text editor such as Notepad, open the WIN.INI file in your *Windows* directory. At the top you'll see two lines, 'load=' and 'run='. Add to the 'load=' line the name of each application you want *Windows* to place automatically on the desktop as an icon. Use its full executable file name, including its BAT, COM, EXE, or PIF extension, and include the file's drive and path if the file isn't in a directory listed in the system's PATH. For example, `load=notepad.exe c:\windows\pif\word.pif` tells *Windows* to load *Word for DOS* and Notepad as desktop icons. Notepad hails from the default directory, while *Word* is run from the directory in the (previously created) WORD.PIF. The 'run=' line

works similarly, except that it causes *Windows* to run each listed application in a window or full screen according to the Display Usage setting of the PIF file that controls the application.

You can also list associated data files on the 'load=' and 'run=' lines. When *Windows* starts, it will load or run each data file's associated program and then load the data file (provided the program is in the same directory specified for the data file, the directory specified in the program's PIF file, or a directory listed in the system's PATH). Save WIN.INI, and exit and reload *Windows* for the changes to take effect. —Scott Dunn

2

Quick Program Switching

Although pressing <Alt>-<Tab> toggles you between the two most recently used programs, you can also use it to cycle through every active program. Just hold down <Alt> and press <Tab> repeatedly. If you start from a full-screen DOS program, you'll see a menu bar with an

application title (such as 'Word') at the top of a blank screen. If you start from a windowed application, you'll see the highlight move from window border to icon name. When the desired menu bar, window, or icon appears, release the <Alt> key, and the program pops into view. —Karl Koessel

3

Copying Files Can Be a Drag

When you drag files between directory windows in the File Manager, *Windows* will either copy or move the files, depending on whether or not you hold down <Alt> or <Ctrl>, and whether the destination is on the same or a different drive. If you find this confusing, you're not alone—but watching the screen carefully can help you remember which keys perform which actions.

When you select a file and drag it to its destination, don't release the left mouse button. Instead, while holding down the button, press and release first <Ctrl> and then <Alt>. Watch the file's icon in its source window. If you release the button while the icon is missing, you will move the file to its new directory. However, if you release the button while the file's icon is visible, you will copy the file and preserve the original.

The file transfer won't take place until you release the mouse button, so you can press and release <Alt> and <Ctrl> in turn until you're sure which command you want *Windows* to carry out. If you decide not to copy or move a file, just drag the mouse pointer to a spot that isn't inside a directory window, and then release the button. —Tom Swan

4

Quickly Switch Tasks

Ever minimize *everything* on the desktop and find yourself staring at *Windows*' wallpaper, wondering what to do next? Ever lose a program in a stack of windows? Don't call Microsoft tech support—just place the mouse pointer anywhere on the desktop's background (visible around the edges of the screen when no application is running full screen or maximized), and double-click. Up pops the Task List, which neatly lists all active applications. Double-click the desired program's name, and its window will move to the top of the stack. Pressing <Ctrl>-<Esc> at any time will also summon the Task List.

—Richard Mann

5

Replace File Manager With Norton Commander

Just because you use *Windows 3.0* doesn't mean you have to settle for the slow and cumbersome File Manager. If you follow these quick steps, you can get instant access to *Norton Commander*, a superior DOS shell, by pressing a key combination.

Run the PIF Editor, and create a PIF for *Norton Commander*. Optimal settings are KB Required, 0; KB Desired, -1; Display Usage, Full Screen; and Execution, Background. Select *Advanced*, and under Other Options, specify <Ctrl>-N as the Application Shortcut Key, then press <Enter>. Save the file as **nc.pif**.

Next, open WIN.INI with an editor like Notepad or SysEdit, and add **nc.pif** to the 'load=' line. Separate it from

other programs on this line with a space. Save WIN.INI, and exit and restart *Windows*. Press <Ctrl>-N, and *Norton Commander* will jump into view. You can use all its features, including the capability to run other DOS applications. This procedure will also work for other file managers and shell programs, such as *Xtree*. —John Walkenbach

6

Attach Icons to Data Files

If you have a document, worksheet, or other data file that you use regularly, you can assign it to an icon that runs the appropriate application and loads that data file. To create a data icon, select the file's name in the File Manager, then select *File Associate*. In the resulting dialog box, type the drive, path, and file name (including extension) of the program that produces the data file, and select *OK*. Then, switch to the Program Manager, select a group for the new icon, and select *File New Program item OK*. For Description, supply a name for the icon; for Command

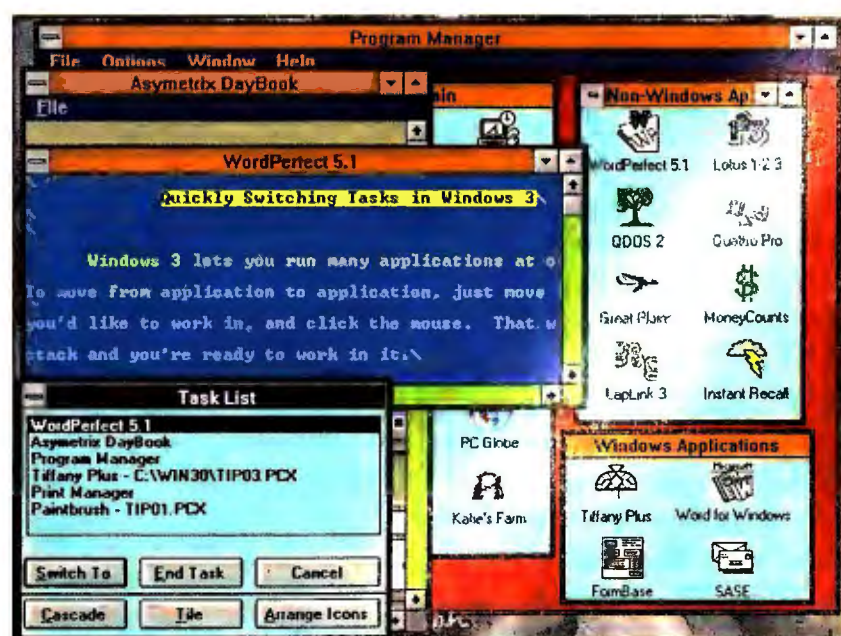
Line, type the drive, path, and file name (including extension) of the data file. Select *Change icon* until an appropriate icon appears, then select *OK*. The data file will materialize on your desktop, ready for work. —R. M.

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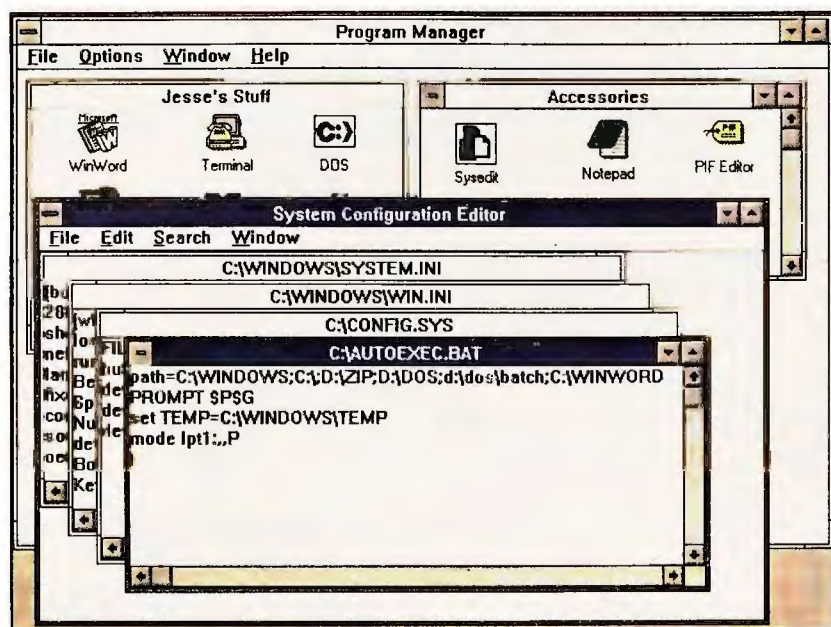
Quick Editing of System Files

For *Windows* users who frequently edit system files, there's a terrific time-saver called SysEdit. In the File Manager, just double-click SYSEDIT.EXE in *Windows*' SYSTEM subdirectory, and up pops a mini-text processor and four overlapping windows holding SYSTEM.INI, WIN.INI, CONFIG.SYS, and AUTOEXEC.BAT. You can jump quickly from window to window, inspect the files, and make changes. Double-click the Control menu box, select *OK*, and your changes are saved.

For some reason, *Windows* doesn't automatically install SysEdit for you. To add it to the Program Manager's Accessories group, take these (continues)



Can't find the tree for the forest? Double-click anywhere on the wallpaper to summon the *Windows* Task List. Double-click the program's name in the list, and its window will come to the foreground.



Run *SYSEDIT.EXE* in Windows' *SYSTEM* subdirectory to view and edit important system files. To move an underlying window to the top, just click on it. To save changes, simply quit.

steps: Select the Accessories window, and select *File New Program item*. Type **SysEdit** for Description; for Command Line, type *SYSEDIT.EXE's* drive, path, and file name, including extension. Click *OK*, and the SysEdit icon appears in the window. Now you're just a double-click away from instant editing. —Jesse Berst

8

Run DOS Programs in Windows—Automatically

If you run DOS programs in sizable windows instead of full screen, you can quickly flip from one program to the next by simply clicking its window. This also eliminates the annoying "screen shudder" that occurs on some systems when you switch from Windows' graphics mode to a DOS application's full-screen text mode.

To automatically run all DOS programs in windows, run the PIF Editor from the Accessories group and open *_default.pif*. This file dictates the default settings for all DOS programs that don't have custom PIF files.

Change Display Usage from Full Screen to Windowed; if you want DOS programs to run in the background, check the Background box. Save the modified *_default.pif* file and repeat these steps for each custom PIF file. The next

time you start a DOS program, it will appear in a sizable window. —T. S.

9

Free Up System Resources

Contrary to popular belief, simply upgrading your computer's memory won't necessarily let you run more applications simultaneously. In addition to the CPU, memory, and disk space, another key factor is "System Resources," an internal limitation that determines how many windows you can have open at once. You can check resources by selecting *About program manager* from the Program Manager's Help menu, or *About file manager* from the File Manager's Help menu. Low resources can limit your multitasking abilities.

To maximize resources, try setting the Wallpaper option to [None], limiting the number of windows you have open within a single application, and reducing the number of groups you use in the Program Manager. —S. D.

10

Free Up Disk Space

If disk space is tight, delete or archive unnecessary or seldom-used files. Print out all TXT files (such as 3270.TXT and WININI.TXT) for future reference, and then delete them. Erase any BMP files you don't want—these are used solely for adding a "wallpaper" image over your desktop. (CHESS.BMP, for example, soaks up over 150K.) Finally, if space is really tight, delete applications (and their help files) that you never



Among Windows' hidden icons you can find the right image for programs you add to Program Manager.

use, such as *Windows Write* (WRITE.EXE and WRITE.HLP), *Calendar* (CALENDAR.EXE and CALENDAR.HLP), and *Solitaire* (SOL.EXE and SOL.HLP). You can reclaim up to a megabyte of disk space.
—Robert Luhn

11

Communications Without Crashing

Does your DOS communications program make *Windows* crash or slow it to a crawl? Turn off the Detect Idle Time option in the Advanced Options page of the program's PIF file. Otherwise, *Windows* assumes that a program waiting for keyboard input doesn't need much processor time, and so it allocates more processing to other tasks. This poses a problem when a foreground application—like a communications program—runs with little or no keyboard activity. With the Detect Idle Time option on, programs that run for long periods of time without any keyboard input may actually operate faster in the background.

Shutting off the Detect Idle Time option can also cure programs that fall asleep and won't accept keyboard input for several seconds. —T. S.

12

Finding Windows' Hidden Icons

When you add non-*Windows* applications to a Program Manager group, you're offered a choice of eight generic

icons. But other icons are also available if you know where to find them.

Select the application icon you want to change, select *File Properties*, and select *Change Icon*. In the resulting Select Icon window, replace the default PROGMAN.EXE on the File Name line with *control.exe*, *setup.exe*, *winfile.exe*, *swapfile.exe*, or *sysedit.exe*.

Then click *View Next* to flip through the icons hidden in the file. You can also find an icon built into the EXE file of each *Windows* accessory (Calendar, Calculator, Cardfile, Notepad, Paintbrush, and so on). When you find the icon you want, click *OK*.

You can add third-party icons in the same fashion. Check the public file area of CompuServe's *Windows* forum for homemade icons (mostly drawn with *Icon-Draw*, a shareware program also found there) or commercial collections, such as *Icon-Pak I*, available from Software Workshop in Orem, Utah. —R. M.

DOS

13

Turn Off Num Lock

Nothing is more annoying than having to turn off Num Lock mode every time your AT or 386 boots up. However, it's easy enough to create a DOS utility that does the job for you. First, load BASIC, and type in the program in LISTING 1 exactly as it appears. When finished, double-check the DATA lines, and save the file by typing *save"numlock"* and pressing <Enter> on a blank line. Then press <F2> (RUN) to create a program called NUM-

```
10 OPEN "NUMLOCK.COM" AS #1 LEN=1
20 FIELD #1, 1 AS CODE$
30 FOR I=1 TO 11
40 READ BYTE%
50 LSET CODE$=CHR$(BYTE%)
60 PUT #1
70 NEXT I
80 CLOSE
90 SYSTEM
100 DATA 184, 64, 0, 142, 216
110 DATA 128, 38, 23, 0, 223, 195
```

LISTING 1: This BASIC program creates NUMLOCK.COM, which turns off Num Lock automatically when you start your PC.

LOCK.COM. Move NUMLOCK.COM to a directory listed in your system's PATH command, and add the line *numlock* to your AUTOEXEC.BAT file after its PATH command. Now when you boot, Num Lock is automatically turned off. —TJ Byers

14

Easy Directory Deletes

Need to nuke a directory quickly—and safely? DOS's repeat command key, <F3>, can help by eliminating typing errors. First, ensure that you're not logged on to the directory you want to remove. Then view the files by typing *dir directory*. (After all, you don't want to delete the wrong directory.) To delete all the files in that directory, type *del*, and press <F3> <Enter> y <Enter>. Finally, to remove the directory, type *rd* and a space, and press <F3> <Enter>. If you receive an error because the directory still contains a child directory, repeat this procedure for the child directory—type *dir*, press <F3>, type \ (a backslash) and the child directory's name, and press <Enter>. —Ken Smith

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Easy Word Processor-to-E-Mail Transfers

Here's a trick that will let you easily pour a long document into your E-mail program (or anything else) using a hot key and a couple of keystrokes. First, with your word processor's macro facility, write a macro that, when you press, say, <Alt>-E, saves the document as a specific ASCII file in a specific subdirectory, such as C:\MESSAGES\IMPORT.TXT. Then, start your E-mail program. Since most E-mail programs lack a macro processor, pull up *Desqview*'s macro recorder by pressing <Shift>-<Alt>. Select *Start script*, then press the key combination you want to assign to the macro (in this case, <Alt>-E again). When you're prompted for a script name, type *Import Message* and press <Enter>. Use the E-mail program's commands to import C:\MESSAGES\IMPORT.TXT. To end macro recording, press <Shift>-<Alt>, select *Finish script*, press <Shift>-<Alt> again, select *Save scripts*, and press <Enter> to save the script under the default name *Desqview* recommends. —William Goodrich

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Deleting Consecutive Words

To delete consecutive words in *WordPerfect 5.0* or *5.1*, you would normally use **<Alt>-<F4>** to block the text before deleting it. But there's a quicker way: Place the cursor on the first word to delete, press **<Esc>**, type in the number of words to delete, and press **<Ctrl>-<Backspace>**. You can use this same technique to delete several characters. Just substitute **<Delete>** for **<Ctrl>-<Backspace>**. —George Campbell

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Doing OR Searches

WordPerfect's search function handles only one search term at a time, a frustrating limitation if you need to sift through long files for several terms. You can do AND searches for multiple words (the found text must include all listed words in a specified order), but you can't perform OR searches (the text can in-

clude any of the words in the search string).

Fortunately, there's a partial work-around: Press **<F5>** to display the current directory in the List Files screen. Mark each file to be searched by pressing *****. Press **f** (Find) and then **e** to search the entire contents of each file. At the prompt, type the search terms separated by commas—for example, **IBM,Compaq,Dell**.

WordPerfect will search the files quickly and display any files that contain one or more of the search terms. This method won't show you each occurrence, however. To find the words in the text, you must press **l** to look into each file and then **<F2>** to perform a standard search operation. —George Beinhorn

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Reversing Directions

You're typing away in *WordPerfect 5.0* or *5.1* when you accidentally press **<Page Down>** or issue a command that moves the cursor far from your original position. How do you get back? *WordPerfect's* Go To command is the answer: To return to the previous cursor position, press **<Ctrl>-<Home>** twice. —G. C.

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Hiding and Searching for Comments

Most users call on *WordPerfect's* Redline/Strikeout feature for marking work-group revisions, but using nonprinting comments is often more convenient. To create a nonprinting comment, press **<Ctrl>-<F5>c** and type the text.

You don't have to delete comments from a document as you do with redline characters. You can hide them instead: Press **<Shift>-<F1>** to move to the Setup screen, then type **dec** to get to the Comments Display field. Press **n** to hide the comments or **y** to display them again. To remove comments selectively, you can search for and delete them: Press **<F2><Ctrl>-<F5>c<F2>** to search for a comment; press **<Backspace>y** to delete it. —G. B.

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Mousing Around WordPerfect 5.1

One significant enhancement in version 5.1 of *WordPerfect* is mouse support. Here are some tips to get you started:

- You'll use the mouse more often if the menu bar is visible. To permanently display the menu bar, press **<Shift>-<F1>dmvy<F7>**.
- If you drop down into a menu and then decide not to make a selection, click the right mouse button to return to the editing screen.
- You can use the right mouse button to scroll through a document. Hold down the button while you

drag the cursor to the top or bottom of the screen. The document will scroll until you release the button.

- On a three-button mouse, the middle button acts as the cancel key (**<F1>**).

—G. C.

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Unbreakable Blocks

Sometimes there's a block of text that you don't want split between two pages. To protect the block from a random page break, first press **<Alt>-<F4>** and mark out the block. Then press **<Shift>-<F8>y**. —James Hopkins

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Quick and Easy Block Print

You want to print a few paragraphs of a *WordPerfect* file, but not the whole file. What do you do? Here are two options. You could block out the paragraphs with **<Alt>-<F4>** and save the block as another file by pressing **<Shift>-<F10>**. You'd then type a new file name, press **<Enter>**, load that file, and print it. An easier way is simply to mark the block and press **<Shift>-<F7>y** to print it. —Lisa Hopkins

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Reveal More Reveal Codes

If you're desktop publishing with *WordPerfect*, you'll probably spend a lot of time looking at the Reveal Codes window, which can be toggled on



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24 Both WordPerfect 5.1 and Word 5.0 will work under Windows 3.0, running either full screen or in scalable windows. However, there are a few potential glitches. Here's some advice to help you avoid problems:

- Never use Windows' Control menu to close a word processing session. By default, Windows will prevent this, but if you've checked the Allow Close When Active box in the PIF Editor's Advanced Options window for that program's PIF file, you could be inviting trouble. Exit with Windows, and not only will you lose data, but Word won't update its configuration or delete its temporary files, and WordPerfect will probably freeze up the next time you start it. Always quit a DOS program by using the program's exit routine.
- To use a mouse with either WordPerfect or Word, load the mouse driver in your CONFIG.SYS or AUTOEX-

EC.BAT as you do under DOS. If this causes a conflict, as it does with some non-Microsoft mice, set up your PIF file to run the word processor from a batch file, and load MOUSE.COM from the batch file before starting WordPerfect or Word. Note: Both programs can use a mouse only in full-screen mode. Put either in a window, and Windows takes control of the mouse.

- If you run WordPerfect simultaneously with other DOS programs under Windows, always launch WordPerfect first, or it may freeze.
 - If WordPerfect freezes even when it's launched first, you're probably experiencing memory conflicts. Load WordPerfect's PIF file into the PIF Editor, and type '/ne' in the Optional Parameters field. This parameter tells WordPerfect not to use expanded memory, which often solves the problem.
 - If you plan to run Word in a scalable window, avoid display conflicts with Windows by always starting Word in character mode. Load WORD.PIF into the PIF Editor, and enter '/c' in the Optional Parameters field. If you run Word full screen, however, you can use either character mode or graphics mode.
 - Word users normally press <Alt>-<Space> to remove all character formatting. But Windows 3.0 will trap this key combination and instead bring up the Control menu, putting Word in a window. The solution? Type <Alt>-X<Space> to return highlighted characters' formatting to normal.
- George Campbell

and off with <Alt>-<F3>. Moving and copying these codes in the Reveal Codes window is often much faster than using WordPerfect's formatting menus.

If you do a lot of formatting, you can enlarge the Reveal Codes window temporarily. Choose Setup by pressing <Shift>-<F1>, and type **der** to modify the Reveal Codes Window Size field. Enter a setting (in number of

lines), and press <F7> twice. If you assign 18 lines, for example, 3 lines of the uncoded text remain at the top of the screen when Reveal Codes is displayed. —G. B.

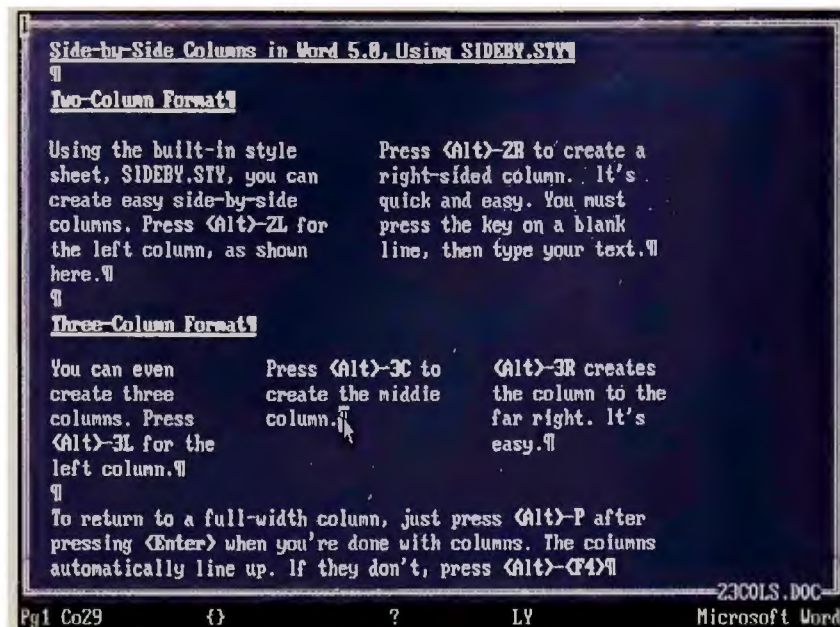
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WordPerfect's Special Characters Versus IBM's WordPerfect can produce an extraordinary range of characters, far outnumbering the

extended IBM ASCII character set. Accented letters, foreign characters, and typographical symbols are among those available. If a character isn't supported by your printer's character set, you won't be able to print it at all using WordPerfect 5.0, but version 5.1 will print it as a graphic.

These special characters are grouped into sets, such as mathematical symbols or the Japanese alphabet. To call up a special character, press

<Ctrl>-V, enter the set number; a comma, then the character number. For example, to get a lowercase *n* with a tilde (~) over it, you'd press <Ctrl>-V, type 1,57, and press <Enter>. However, many characters can be composed at the keyboard, obviating the need to remember obscure set and character numbers. To enter ñ simply press <Ctrl>-Vñ, and the character (*continues*)



Multiple columns are a snap in Word with the right style sheet. Load *SIDEBY.STY* and follow the steps shown here. You can create two- or three-column layouts and even "balance" the length.

ter appears.

WordPerfect cannot display every special character. It displays only ASCII, IBM extended ASCII, and, with the proper video setup, special characters from its FRS screen font files; others are represented by square bullets.

The characters and their associated codes can be found in a file called *CHARACTER.DOC* that is probably in your *WordPerfect* directory. If you print this document—all 12 sections and 33 pages of it—you will have a ready checklist of which characters your printer supports and which codes call them up. —Bob Levine

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Putting On the Squeeze

Need to squeeze a little more text onto a page or expand text to fit a larger space? A little-known feature in *WordPerfect 5.0* and *5.1* lets you do just that. Called *tracking* in desktop publishing circles, this handy capability is buried three menus deep. Here's

how to use it.

Position the cursor at the beginning of the text you want to track, and press **<Shift>-<F8>opw**. Press **p**, and type the percentage of change for spacing between words. Use percentages less than 100 to shrink, or more than 100 to expand. Press **<Enter>**. Press **p**, and type the percentage of change for spacing between letters. Press **<Enter>-<F7>**. Move the cursor to the end of the section you want to change, and then press **<Shift>-<F8>opwo** to return to normal text spacing. When you're done, press **<Enter>**. (Note: On most dot matrix printers, you can expand but not shrink character and word spacing.) —G. C.

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Parallel Columns With Style

Unlike *WordPerfect*, *Word* has no built-in tools for creating side-by-side parallel col-

umns, which are used in such documents as price lists and parts description lists. However, *Word*'s *SIDEBY.STY* style sheet can help you do the job.

To use *SIDEBY.STY*, open a new document in *Word*, and press **<Esc>fsa**. Type *sideby*, and press **<Enter>**. If *SIDEBY.STY* is not in the current directory, include path information. If you're using version 5.0, press **<Alt>-<F4>** to display the columns. *Word 4.0* can't display side-by-side columns, but they will print correctly.

To create text in a left-hand column, type in the first paragraph and press **<Alt>-2l**. Then type text for the right-hand column and press **<Alt>-2r**. As long as you alternate the commands in this fashion, *Word* will generate balanced columns of equal depth. If you need three columns, use the commands **<Alt>-3l**, **<Alt>-3c**, and **<Alt>-3r** for the left, center, and right columns. If you need two or more paragraphs in a single column, repeat the appropriate command for each paragraph. —G. C.

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Saving It All

Most *Word 5.0* users automatically save their documents using the **<Esc>ts** command. But for users who work with several documents on the screen or who often use style sheets and glossaries, there's a better way. If you press **<Esc>ta** instead, *Word* automatically saves all open documents, style sheets, and glossary files in one step. —G. C.

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Machine-Gun Formatting

If you prefer typing a document and formatting it afterward to formatting on the fly, you can save keystrokes by using *Word*'s **<F4>** (Repeat) key. Select the first item to be formatted. Press **<Esc>f**, then press **c** for character formatting or **p** for paragraph formatting. Make the desired formatting changes, and press **<Enter>**. Select the next item to be formatted in

TABLE 1: SEARCHING FOR INVISIBLE WORD CHARACTERS

To search for and/or replace nonprinting "white space" in Microsoft Word, use these special aliases, consisting of a caret and a lowercase character.

To specify	Type
Paragraph marker	^p
New line character	^n
Tab	^t
Soft hyphen	^-
Division or manual page break	^d
Column break	^c
White space	^w
Nonbreaking space	^s

the same way, press <F4>, and repeat this step for each appropriate item.

You can use <F4> to repeat any single editing command, but you can't repeat multiple commands—implementing both character and paragraph formatting, for example. —G. C.

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Searching for the Invisible

With *Word*, you can search for and replace characters that don't appear on screen, such as carriage returns, paragraph markers, tabs, and page breaks. Because these characters cannot be entered in a search or a replace field, use the appropriate code instead. Each code consists of a caret (^) plus a lowercase letter or symbol (see TABLE 1). —G. C.

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Coping With Extrawide Documents

Word displays text monospaced at ten characters per inch. If you have a line composed of smaller, proportional type, *Word* wraps the text on screen at an earlier point than the printer will, making it difficult to edit. Fortunately, you can make *Word* 4.0 and 5.0 display the real line endings by pressing <Alt>-<F7> (Show line breaks). Lines longer than your screen's width will extend past the right side of the screen, and you can scroll the screen to view more text

using the <Cursor Right> or <End> key. To switch back to the normal display mode, press <Alt>-<F7> again. —G. C.

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Quick Printing

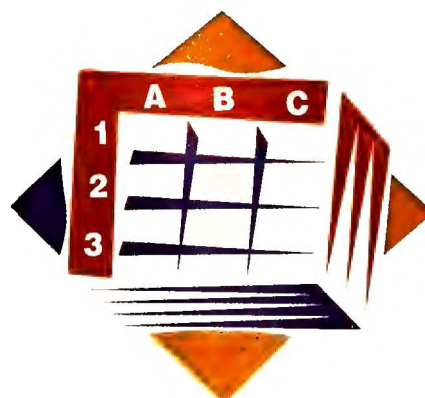
Most *WordStar* users know that they can load a document from the DOS prompt by entering *ws filename d*. (For nondocument files, you'd type *n* instead of 'd'.) But with *WordStar Professional 5.0* and 6.0, you can print a document in the same fashion. Simply type *ws filename p x*, and press <Enter>. If the file is in another directory, provide the necessary path information before the file name. The file will print using the default printing parameters. —Ken Smith

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Stop That Dot

All versions of *WordStar* read any line starting with a period as a *WordStar* dot command or a comment and won't print such lines. To prevent words that begin with a dot (such as *.EXE* or *.BAT*) from causing *WordStar* to skip printing a line when paragraph reformatting places such a word at the left margin, prefix the dot with a text attribute, and then turn the attribute off. For example, pressing <Ctrl>-PB twice directly before such a word will ensure trouble-free printing. —Karl Koessel

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Creative Comment

You can create comments in 1-2-3 that don't appear when you print your spreadsheet. To make room for a comment, use */Worksheet Insert Row* to insert a blank row, then enter the comment as a label in the leftmost column of your intended print range. Begin the label with the vertical bar character (|) (for example, |This line is a comment).

Next, define your print range in the usual way with */Print Printer Range*, making sure that the comment begins in the leftmost column of the print range. When you print the report, 1-2-3 will skip the comment row.

—Richard Scoville

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Quickly Unhide Columns

Normally, you have to use */Worksheet Column Display* to view hidden columns in 1-2-3. A quicker way to view them from anywhere in the worksheet is to hit <Plus> while in Ready mode. All hidden columns and their con-

tents will be temporarily revealed, and you can use the cursor to move around the spreadsheet. Hitting <Esc> twice hides the columns again, removes the plus sign from the Control Panel's entry/edit line at the top of the worksheet, and takes you back to where you began.

—TJ Byers

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If the Range Fits, Print It!

When you print 1-2-3 worksheets using the standard monospaced ten characters per inch on 8½-by-11-inch paper, it's helpful to know that the screen, with its eight columns of nine spaces each, exactly matches the width of a page, with standard margins at 4 and 76.

But what if you're using compressed print mode, a wide-carriage printer, or both? Let's say you're using compressed print at 16.67 characters per inch, and you've reset the margins to 1 and 132. How do you gauge the number of columns that will fit on a page whose lines are 132 characters long? Just make yourself a ruler: In a blank worksheet, enter the (continues)

following labels into cells A1 and A2 (for reasons of space, only the beginning of each label is shown here; repeat the pattern until the labels are about 200 characters wide):

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'12345678901234567890...
'      1      2...
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Now save the worksheet in a file called **ruler.wk1**. Back in your original worksheet, go to the top of the print range, and insert two rows using */Worksheet Insert Row*. Then bring in the ruler worksheet using */File Combine Copy Entire-file*, and enter (or select) **ruler.wk1**. Now move to the right edge of the print range, and read off its character width on your ruler line. Adjust column widths until the print range fits within 132 characters. When you're finished with the ruler, just delete it with */Worksheet Delete Row*. —R. S.

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More 1-2-3 Files on Your Screen

If you have a lot of 1-2-3 worksheet files in a single directory, the File Retrieve file listing, which displays only

five files at a time, is hardly adequate. Luckily, this display can be expanded easily.

Press **<F3>** at the 'Name of file to retrieve:' prompt, and you'll bring up a full-screen, alphabetized listing that displays 105 files at a time, with the date, time, and size of the highlighted file at the top of the screen. You can navigate this listing with the standard cursor keys. —Ross Parlette

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Speed Data Entry

Spreadsheet users know that using the numeric keypad is the fastest way to plug numbers into a worksheet. However, having to constantly toggle **<Num Lock>** or move your hand to another part of the keyboard for cursor control wastes a lot of time.

The problem can be solved by creating macros that automatically advance the cursor after you enter a value. In a blank worksheet, enter **'a** in A1, **{?}{down}/xg/a~** in B1, **'b** in A2, and **{?}{right}/xg/b~** in B2. Then name the ranges using **<Home>/nrlr**

<Cursor Down> <Enter>.

To run the first macro, go to the top cell of a column in which you want to enter values, and press **<Ctrl>-A**; then, with Num Lock on, enter your data on the numeric keypad using the keypad's **<Enter>** key. The data will appear in the cell and the cursor will skip to the cell below (or to the right with the **\B** macro), ready for the next number. —TJB

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Dynamic Titles Change With Data

You can create dynamic titles and legends for your 1-2-3 or Quattro graphs. Let's say you're displaying the weights of product samples in a line graph, and you've entered 50 sample weights into cells B2..B51. You'd like the average of the sample weights to appear on the second line of the graph title. In cell C2, enter the formula **+ "Average Sample Weight: "&@string(@avg(b2.b51),1)**.

This string formula converts the group average to text with **@STRING()**; the string operator **'&'** then joins it to the phrase 'Average Sample Weight'.

Use */Range Name Create* (in Quattro, */Edit Names Create*) to give the cell a range name—for example, **title2**. Select */Graph Options Titles Second* (in Quattro, */Graph Text 2nd line*), and enter **\title2**. When you view or print the graph, it will display the second title (in

SCREEN 1, 'Average Sample Weight: 147.2'), and if the values in the data range change, the title will recalculate to display the new average. You can use the same trick in graph legends and, with 1-2-3 2.2, in report headers and footers using */Print Printer Options Header* and */Print Printer Options Footer*. —R. S.

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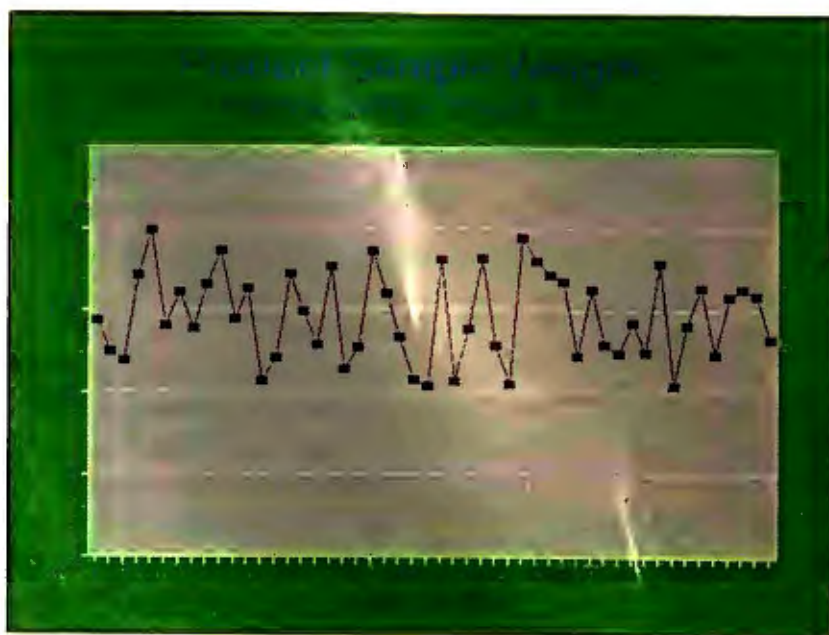
Fast Recals for 1-2-3 Ranges

Using 1-2-3's Calc function (**<F9>**) to recalculate a range in a large spreadsheet can be time-consuming. For quick range recalcs when automatic recalculation is off, use the Copy command. Just select */Copy*, and enter the relevant formula cells in both the 'Copy FROM' and 'Copy TO' ranges. When you press **<Enter>**, the program copies the range onto itself, recalculating all the included formulas in the process. —Frank Miyazaki

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If It's Thursday, It Must Be 1-2-3 or Quattro

Neither 1-2-3 nor Quattro has a function that plugs the day of the week into a worksheet. Here's a quick formula that trains your spreadsheet to supply this information. Type the following formula into a cell: **@choose(@mod(@now, 7), "Sat", "Sun", "Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thu", "Fri")**; the program will now yield the correct day of the week. —R. S.



SCREEN 1: What if the Average Sample Weight changes from 147.2 to 2001? No sweat—this dynamic graph title will change automatically.

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Paint Ranges Faster

Suppose you have 150 data values in column B of a 1-2-3 or *Quattro* worksheet, and you want to place copies of a formula beside each one. Here's how to do it with the fewest possible keystrokes: Enter the formula into the first cell in column C, select /Copy, and press <Enter>. For the TO range, press <Period> <Cursor Left> <End> <Cursor Down> <Cursor Right> <Enter>. These keystrokes extend the TO range left over the range of data values in column B, then extend it down to the last data value, and finally unpaint the data values. —R. S.

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Find Work Areas Quickly

In a well-organized application, it should be easy to trace the relationships between all the functional areas. But when you're working with many interlinked worksheets, it's easy to lose track of which file contains which table. An easy remedy is a table of contents linked to the various worksheets that lists the major areas of each worksheet and notes their location and contents.

Let's say your application consists of three data sheets—SOUTHEAS.WQ1, NORTHEAS.WQ1, and SOUTHWES.WQ1—that contain details of regional sales, and a summary sheet—SUMMARY.WQ1—that consolidates the regional results. To create a table of contents entry for the southeast region, open the southeast re-

gion worksheet and the summary worksheet, and select SUMMARY.WQ1. Select /Edit Names Create, enter the name **sesales**, and at the Enter Block prompt, click on the title cell in the southeast region sheet. Choose an area in SUMMARY.WQ1 for the table of contents, and enter the formula @cell("address", **sesales**) there. This formula displays the file name and address of its target cell: [SOUTHEAS]\$A\$1. Enter a description in an adjacent cell, and repeat the process for other important work areas.

Because the table of contents is linked to the data sheets, it will maintain the correct reference even if you rearrange or rename the regional worksheets. —R. S.

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Plot Multiple X-Axis Values

Quattro Pro's graphing function allows you to define only one *x*-axis series of values per graph. Here's a trick that lets you plot multiple *x*-axes against varying *y* values, as long as the data points are within a common range.

Begin by typing in the figures shown in **SCREEN 2**. All the *x*-axis values appear in column A. The first series of *y* values appears in column B, the second series in column C, and the third series in column D. Simply read across the row to find the *x,y* pairs. In row 12, for example, the *x,y* values are 7,6.

Next, select /Graph Series, and enter **b1.b15** as the range for the first series. For the second series, enter **c1.c15**; for the third series, **d1.d15**. Finally, for the *x*-axis, enter **a1.a15** and select *Quit*.



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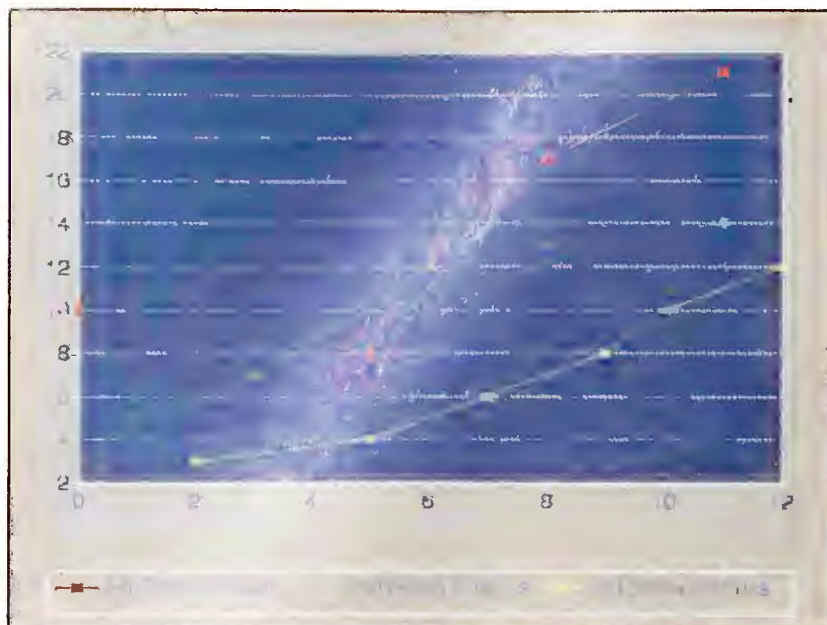
RAPID RUNNING TOTALS IN ALMOST ANY SPREADSHEET

45 Here's a quick way to calculate a cumulative sum in 1-2-3, *Quattro*, or *Excel*. Let's say you need to calculate the year-to-date profit in row 18 of a pro forma balance sheet. Row 17 displays the monthly profit values, beginning in column B. In cell B18, enter the formula '@sum(\$b\$17.b17)' (in *Excel*, it's '=sum(\$b\$17:b17)'). Copy this formula horizontally, and each copy sums a larger range—cell C18 contains @SUM(\$B\$17..C17), cell D18 contains @SUM(\$B\$17..D17), and so on. This method is much faster than creating a unique formula for each cell.

—Richard Scoville



SCREEN 2: You can create multiple *x*-axis graphs in *Quattro Pro* by staggering the sets of *y* values in separate columns and placing their *x* values in a single *x* range. **SCREEN 3** shows the result for this data.



SCREEN 3: Although Quattro Pro allows you to define only one x-axis, you can still create a multiple-x-axis graph (as long as the values are within a common range).

Now view the graph by selecting *View*. You can add a legend like the one shown in **SCREEN 3** by selecting */Text Legends* and typing in the text. —Miles Musser

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Print Multiple Areas

You can print several noncontiguous areas of an *Excel* worksheet with a single command. Suppose you want to print three ranges named Sales, Expenses, and Cash-Flow. Just select *Formula Define name*, and type **Print _Area** in the Name edit box (or select it from the Names in Sheet list box). Then type **=Sales,Expenses,CashFlow** in the Refers To edit box. Finally, choose *File Print*. *Excel* prints the areas in turn, beginning each on a new page. —Charles W. Kyd

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Create Charts With Less Clutter

Most people use legends and markers to label lines in *Excel* charts. But doing so can often result in a cluttered, unreadable display, as in the chart on the left in **SCREEN 4**. Instead, you can label the lines with text, as the chart on the right shows.

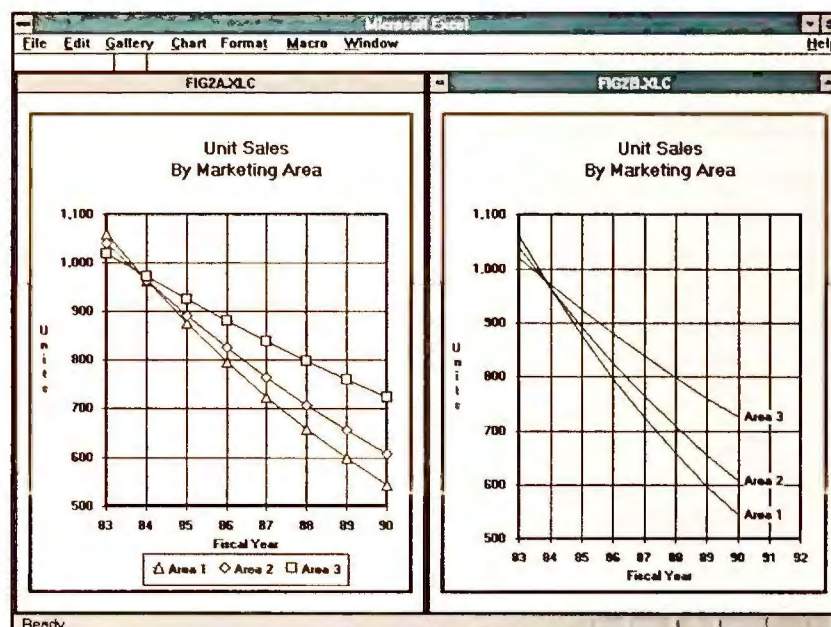
You'll probably need to increase the length of the horizontal axis to provide room for the attached text. Select the axis, choose *Format Scale*, and increase the Maximum value as needed. To attach the text, simply click on the right end of a line, choose *Chart Attach Text*, press **<Enter>**, and then replace the resulting value in the formula bar with the appropriate text. To hide grid lines behind the attached text, select the text area, then choose *Format Font* and select *White out* in the Background box. Repeat these steps for the other lines. Your chart will be cleaner and easier to read. —C. W. K.

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Make SUM Ranges Safer

Most people use the formula **=SUM(B3:B6)** in cell B7 to add up the numbers in cells B3 through B6 (see **SCREEN 5**). If you insert a new row of data immediately above row 3 or below row 6, however, the SUM formula ignores the new data.

Here's how to create a safe SUM formula. First, enter the numbers in cells B3..B6 as shown in **SCREEN 5**. Put a date value in cell B2. To define the relative range name **NextUp** in cell B7, temporarily switch to *R1C1* style by choosing *Options Workspace* and clicking on the *R1C1* check box. Then, choose *Formula Define name*, and enter (continues)



SCREEN 4: The chart on the right cleans up the clutter found in the chart on the left. Text labels are a quick way to achieve this effect.

Microsoft Excel	
Format	Data Options Macro Window
=SUM(NextUp:B2,-B2)	
FIG1.XLS	
Sales	
	Jan-90
Hats	\$ 54
Coats	5,864
Shoes	4,385
Socks	14
Total Sales	\$ 10,317

SCREEN 5: Create the relative range name **NextUp** to protect your sum ranges from accidental errors. Note too that you can left-adjust dollar signs to approximate typeset output, as shown here.

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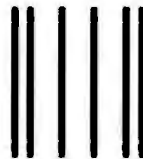
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NextUp in the Name edit box and **=r[-1]c** in the Refers To edit box. After selecting **OK**, switch back to the A1 style: Choose *Options Workspace*, and clear the R1C1 check box by clicking on it.

Then, in cell B7, enter the formula **=sum(NextUp:b2,-b2)**. Because NextUp is a relative cell reference, it always refers to the cell immediately above the cell containing this SUM formula, no matter how many rows you insert above cell B7. And because the sum range is anchored at the top of the column in cell B2, which contains a date value, the SUM formula subtracts this value to calculate the correct column total. —C. W. K.

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Custom \$ Displays

When financial data is typeset, it's common to display dollar signs flush left with the first and last values in each column (see **SCREEN 5**). But by default, *Excel* sets the \$ right next to the number. Fortunately, you can easily modify *Excel*'s number formats to display the \$ at the left margin.

To format cell B3 as shown, first select the cell, then choose *Format Number*, and select the number format: **\$#,##0;(\$#,##0)**. Modify the format in the edit box by inserting an asterisk (the "repeat" character) and a space (the character you want repeated) after both dollar signs, producing this custom number format: **\$* #,##0;(\$* #,##0)**. Press **<Enter>**, and the dollar sign in cell B3 will appear flush left as shown in **SCREEN 5**. —C. W. K.

DATA MANAGEMENT



dBASE

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Date Stamp in a Flash

For a quick way to place the date in a field, a memo, or anything else, use the command **SET FUNCTION 8 TO DTOC(****DATE()****)** from the dot prompt or in a command file. Then press **<F8>** anytime you want to enter the current date.

To have this function on hand whenever you load *dBASE*, place the slightly different command **F8 = DTOC(****DATE()****)** in your **CONFIG.DB** file. —Alan Schwartz

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Spell It Out

To save time and space, many *dBASE* users put abbreviations in programs, reports, and screens. But if you're presenting a report to your boss or creating a data entry screen for other users, the meaning of such abbreviations are about as obvious as Latin. Luckily, you can easily convert your abbreviations into full words with the help

of *dBASE* string functions.

Say you have a single-character field called **Colr** that can hold 'R', 'W', 'B', or 'G', abbreviations for red, white, blue, and green. First, create a variable called *ColrWord* containing the text string **Red WhiteBlue Green** (the odd spacing—two spaces after 'Red' and none after 'White'—turns each color name into a five-character "word"). When displaying the contents of **Colr** on screen or in a report, use **SUBSTR(ColrWord,AT(Colr,ColrWord),5)**. This selects a substring that starts at the **Colr** letter and ends five characters later, revealing the entire color name. —A. S.

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Pop-Up Memo Windows With Clipper

Clipper Summer 87 is versatile when it comes to memo fields, but if you want to create a pop-up memo window, you'll have to jot a bit of code. Thanks to user-defined functions, however, you don't have to write it more than once. By placing the code for **MEMO_POP()** (see **LISTING 2**) in a *Clipper* program, you can easily put a memo window on screen. Just call **MEMO_POP()** using this syntax: **variable = MEMO_POP(T,L,B,R,variable)**, where **T**, **L**, **B**, and **R** refer to the top, left, bottom, and right screen coordinates for the window, and **variable** is a memo field or text variable. (Note: In programs it's always safer to edit a variable and **REPLACE** the field on disk rather than edit the field directly.) —Lincoln Spector

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Speed Up dBASE IV Queries

If you're sorting a query on a given field (putting 'asc' or 'dsc' under the field's name in the Modify Query screen),
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```
FUNCTION MEMO_POP
PARAMETERS t,l,b,r,memo_text
PRIVATE winbuf
winbuf = SAVESCREEN(t,l,b,r)
@ t,l CLEAR TO b,r
@ t,l TO b,r DOUBLE
memo_text = MEMOEDIT( ;
memo_text,t+1,l+1,b-1,r-1)
RESTSCREEN(t,l,b,r,winbuf)
RETURN memo_text
```

LISTING 2: This *Clipper* function, **MEMO_POP()**, pops up in an on-screen box so you can easily edit memos.



MY FAVORITE TIP

dBASE INDEXES WITH CHARACTER

54 Creating a dBASE index that's keyed directly to a numeric or date field is a common but restricting practice. If you want the flexibility to be able to index on more than one field (for example, to generate an alphabetized list of customer names for a specific day), you must index on character string values. So instead of indexing directly on numeric or date values, index on a function that converts such fields to text.

Writing code that creates such an index file is painless compared to modifying your code later. Numeric fields are easy to convert to text; the command 'INDEX ON STR(numeric_field) TO index_filename' will do the trick. Date fields are more complicated, at least in dBASE III Plus, since you have to extract the year before the month. The command 'INDEX ON STR(YEAR(date_field),4) + STR(MONTH(date_field),2) + STR(DAY(date_field),2) TO index_filename' will generate the desired results. In dBASE IV, FoxPro, and Clipper, date indexes are much simpler: 'INDEX ON DTOS(date_field) TO index_filename' is sufficient. —Alan Schwartz

having an index on that field will get you into and around in that query much faster, but you can't edit data in a sorted query unless the sort was done with an index.

When you're designing a query, select and turn on *Field Select indexes*. This

puts a pound sign (#) in front of every indexed field. If you have index expressions that are more than simple fields, such as 'Lname + Fname' or 'UPPER(Company) + DTOS(DueDate)', these will appear at the end of your query table as virtual fields, prefaced by pound signs. If

you avoid sorting a query on a field—real or virtual—that lacks a pound sign, your queries will be processed faster and will be more flexible.

—Ashton-Tate Technical Support

PARADOX

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Extracting a Month's Records

You can list all records for a given month by using the wild-card operator '..' for the day portion of a query. From the main menu, select *Ask*, type the name of your table, and press <Enter>. Cursor from field to field, pressing <F6> at each one you want displayed in the answer. Move the cursor to the date field you wish to query on, and type in a date, using the wild card for the day. For instance, to find all the July 1990 records, type 7/./90. Press <F2> to display the query's answer.

—Borland Technical Support

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Table Quick Sum

It's easy to quickly sum a number field across an entire *Paradox* table. From the main menu, select *Ask*, type the name of the table in question, and press <Enter>. A Query-By-Example table will appear. Press <Tab> or the cursor keys to move to the field you want to sum, type **calc sum all**, and press <F2>. The total will appear in a separate window. —Borland Technical Support

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Mass-Produced Validity Checks

It's not unusual to add the same picture validity check to more than one field, and an Instant Script can speed up this otherwise tedious task. With *Paradox* in Modify Edit mode, press <Alt>-<F3> to begin recording your keystrokes. Then press <F10> to call up the edit menu, and select *Valcheck Define*. Go to one of the fields where you want to add the ValCheck, press <Enter>, and select *Picture*. Type in the desired picture format, press <Enter>, then press <Alt>-<F3> to stop recording. To add this ValCheck to another field, simply position the cursor in the desired field and press <Alt>-<F4>. —Celeste Robinson

Q&A

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Print Fields in One Column

Q&A's report generator isn't designed to print fields one below another in the same column, as in a list of names and addresses, but it can be tricked into doing it. For example, load Q&A, select *Report Design/redesign a report*, and load Q&A's sample data base, EMPLOYEE.DTF, which includes typical name and address fields. For the report file name, enter **address list**, then press <F10> to bring up the Column/Sort Spec screen. Enter these field specifications: for Last name, **2,i,as**; for First name, **1,i**; and for Address, City, State, and ZIP, **3,i** through **6,i**. Press (continues)

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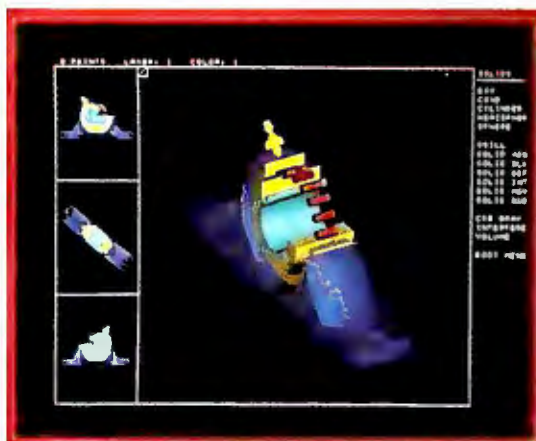
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Formula: #1+" "+#2+#7+#3+#7+#4+" "+#5+" "+#6

Column Spec: 8,as

FIGURE 1: These two Q&A-derived report columns will let you print a name and an address together in one column.

<F8> to display the Derived Columns screen, and enter the specifications shown in FIGURE 1. When you print the report, the name, address, and so on will appear on separate lines. —Symantec Technical Support

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Controlling the Q&A Cursor

When designing a Q&A data entry form, you can control how the cursor moves from one field to the next using a GOTO statement. With a payroll form, for example, you could enter a number in the Salary field, have calculated results appear automatically in the Paycheck and Tax fields, and have the cursor skip to the Dependents field.

The steps are pretty simple. Select *File Design file Customize a file*, enter the payroll form file name, and select *Program form*. In the Salary field, type `>#3:#4=#3/26; #5=#4*.3; goto #6`—this identifies field 3, puts the value of field 3 divided by 26 into field 4, puts the value of field 4 times .3 into field 5, and jumps the cursor to field 6. Label the Paycheck field #4, the Tax field #5, and the Dependents field #6. —Jeff Walden

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Avoid Blank Fields

When designing a Q&A form, how can you make sure an important field isn't left blank during data entry? Select *File Design file Customize a file*, enter a file name, select *Restrict values*, and type `/=` in the desired field, with no value following the equal sign. This effectively tells Q&A that the contents of the field cannot be equal to a blank. During data entry, anyone trying to leave that field empty receives an error message. —J. W.

R:BASE

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Escaping the Wrap of R:base

When using the SELECT command to query data, you may not want to show the full width of a column. Say you're working with the Company field. If the field is 40 characters long, and you want to display only the first 20, 'SELECT Company=20, Address=30 FROM ComTbl' won't do the job. Long company names will simply wrap onto other lines. To truncate a field, use the SGET() function, as in `SELECT (SGET(Com-`

pany,20,1))=20, Address=30 FROM ComTbl. —Thomas J. Wessel, Jr.

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Sorting Pop-Up Menu Selections

In R:base 3.0, you can not only add a custom pop-up menu to any field of a data entry form, you can also sort the menu's entries any way you want.

To create the pop-up menu, select *Layout Field settings* from the Forms Create/Modify screen, and pick a field. In the Field Settings window, press <PageDown>-<Enter>y to indicate that you want a pop-up menu. Press <Enter> to move from one prompt to the next, and type the names of the table and column where R:base will find the menu options. You also can give the menu a title and specify its screen location now.

To sort the menu's entries, move to the WHERE Clause prompt. Since the WHERE function is designed to filter items, not list them, you have to use a little work-around. Enter the clause *colname is*

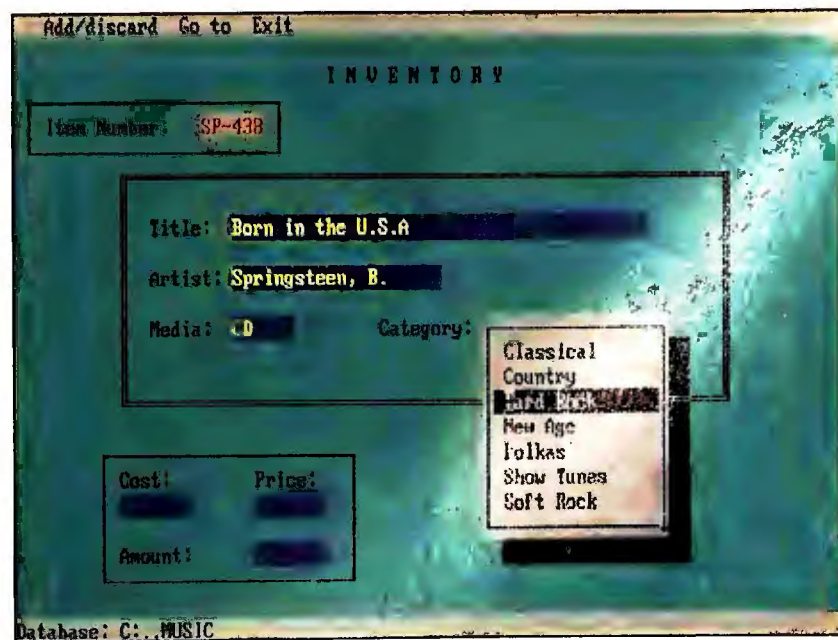
not null or *colname is null order by colname*. The null statements tell WHERE to sort the menu entries. —Micro-rim Technical Support

DATAEASE

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Rounding It Out in DataEase

DataEase has functions for rounding up (CEIL) and rounding down (FLOOR), but it has no function for rounding to the nearest integer, either up or down. To force a fixed- or floating-point number to round to the nearest integer in field derivation formulas or queries, use `floor(num + .5)`, where *num* is the number field you're operating on. You can use a similar technique to round by larger units. For instance, to round a number to the nearest ten, type `floor((num + 5)/10) * 10`; to the nearest hundred, type `floor((num + 50)/100) * 100`. —DataEase Technical Support (continues)



With R:base, you can add a pop-up menu to any field in a form and even set the order of the menu entries. The process involves a few R:base menu commands and a little bit of code.

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Odd Sorts in DataEase

Sometimes you need to sort a field in an order other than numeric, alphabetical, or chronological. For example, inventory records for a clothing store might be sorted by size. This can be done by selecting *Dql Advanced pro-*

cessing Define Modify Format. To sort by size and to display style, size, and amount fields, create a query like the one that is shown in **LISTING 3**.

Once the query is designed, you'll want to hide the IF field in the displayed query. To do this, select *Define Format* and use the Cut command (<F3>) to remove the

```
for forma ; list records
  if (Size = "Small", 01,
    if(Size = "Medium", 02,
      03)) in order ;
  Style ; Size ; Amount .
```

LISTING 3: This DataEase query will list data from a clothing store's inventory, sorted by size from small to large.

unwanted column from the report. The data will still be

sorted by size. —DataEase Technical Support

COMMUNICATIONS

**COMPUSERVE**

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Economical EasyPlex Letters

Many savvy CompuServe users know that the fastest—and therefore cheapest—way to send CompuServe EasyPlex mail is to create letters off line. However, you may not know that you can also address your E-mail off line and save even more time and money. Simply embed addressing information at the top of the letter, and transmit it to CompuServe using EasyPlex's Compose option (instead of Upload). Here are the steps:

1. Load your word processing software, and on a blank

screen type **to:** followed by a space and your recipient's user ID or on-line name.

2. On the second line, type **subj:** or **subject:**, type a space, and fill in the subject of the letter.

3. Type the letter, and below the last line type **/send**.

4. Save the file in ASCII format.

5. Log on to CompuServe, and type **go mail**. At the EasyPlex menu, press **2** to compose a new message.

6. With your communications software, upload your letter as an ASCII transmission.

CompuServe will send the letter immediately. The only prompt you will see reads 'Are your message and address correct? (Y or N)'. You won't have to spend time responding to address and subject prompts. —Alfred Glossbrenner

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Oops! Undeleting EasyPlex Mail

Have you ever deleted an incoming message accidentally without first saving it to disk? Instead of asking the sender to resend the file, you can call on EasyPlex's handy undelete command. To bring back one or more messages, just type **undelete** followed by a message number or a range. For example, if you accidentally delete all four of your waiting messages, type **undelete 1-4**. The messages reappear, and you can redisplay them or save them to disk. You can undelete as many messages as you want, as long as they were deleted during the current session. —A. G.

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Download EasyPlex Mail Fast

If you have EasyPlex mail and you follow the menus, CompuServe will show you one letter at a time, prompting you for the disposition of each one. A faster, cheaper way to pick up your mail is to open your communications program's capture buffer or ASCII download function and type **receive all** at the EasyPlex main menu prompt. EasyPlex will display each letter followed by a single confirmation prompt. Just press <Enter> after each prompt. This way you'll respond to one prompt between letters instead of several.

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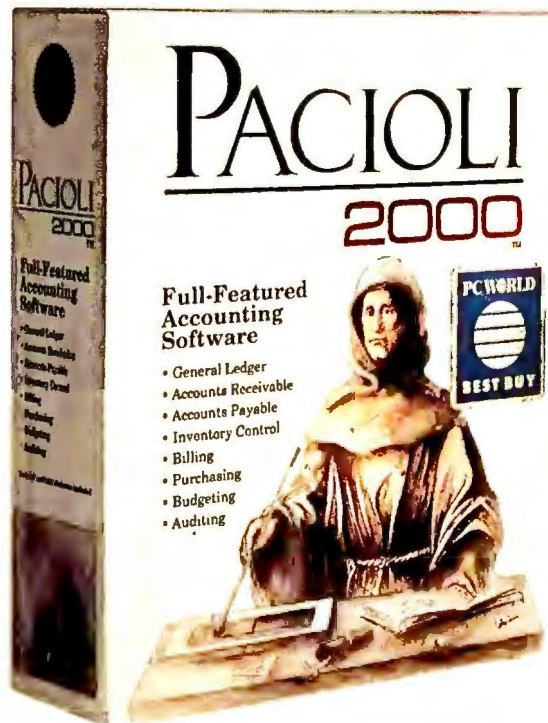
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PROCOMM PLUS

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Making Procomm Windows-Friendly

Can't get your copy of *Procomm Plus* to run under Windows? *Procomm Plus* 1.0, 1.1, 1.1a, 1.1b, and later versions all come with PCPLUS.PIF, a PIF file set up with Windows 3.0 in mind. If you don't have this PIF file, create one with Windows' PIF Editor. Make sure you set both KB Required and KB Desired to **256**. Select *Advanced*, and set Background Priority to **100** so when you're running file transfers in the background, *Procomm* won't lose blocks of data. —Judy Heim

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Modifying Predefined Scripts

Procomm Plus ships with log-on scripts for popular services, but they need to be modified slightly. Fortunately, you don't need to learn the script language to customize them—you can modify a script using *Procomm*'s built-in script editor (press **<Alt>-A**) or any other word processor that can save ASCII files. Editing a sample log-on

script is easy. For example, in order to modify the built-in CSERVE.ASP script used to log on to CompuServe, open the file in the script editor. Then replace the XXXXs following the three ASSIGN codes that start the script with your CompuServe phone number, user ID, and password. Also, if the second-to-last line of the script reads 'SET ENQ CIS', add a **B** so it reads **SET ENQ CISB**. This will let you bypass *Procomm*'s download menu. You simply answer CompuServe's download prompts, and *Procomm* will do the rest.

Save the modified script, and go to the dialing directory. To attach the script to the CompuServe entry, highlight the entry, press **r**, move to the Script option, type **cserv**, and press **<Enter>** six times. When you call CompuServe, the script should automatically log you on. —Eric Brown

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One-Step Communications

Here's a tip that lets you run a script whenever you load *Procomm Plus*—one that automatically logs on to MCI Mail, for example. First, if you don't already have a log-on script for a service, create one. Make sure that the line 'DIAL "x"', where *x* is the entry's dialing directory number, appears toward the beginning of the script.

Then write a batch file like the one that follows, which you might give the name MCI.BAT. As you can see, executing the batch file loads *Procomm* (PCPLUS), bypasses the opening screen (/F), and automatically runs an MCI script (MCI.ASP):

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cd\pcplus
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pcplus /f mci.asp
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Save the batch file as an ASCII file, and make sure it's saved in a directory refer-

enced in AUTOEXEC.BAT's PATH command. If you have a script that you want run automatically when you load (continues)



MY FAVORITE TIP

ANALYZING PROCOMM PHONE LOGS WITH SUMMLOG

71 Would you like to know how much time you've spent on line with *Procomm Plus*?

There's a handy public domain utility called SUMMLOG that can dip into *Procomm*'s historical logs and break down on-line usage by year or month for each dialing directory entry you call.

You can find SUMMLOG on any major on-line service or BBS—scan for SUMMLOG.ZIP or SUMMLOG.ARC (SMMLOG.ARC on CompuServe's Datastorm forum). Download the file, and unarchive it with the appropriate archive utility.

Before you use SUMMLOG, make sure that *Procomm Plus*'s call-logging feature is enabled: Load *Procomm*, and press **<Alt>-SGH**—if it reads off, toggle it to on by pressing the **<Space>** bar. Next, exit to the DOS prompt, and enter 'summlog pcplus.fon c filename'. This command pours a complete summary of calls (name, phone number, number of calls, total time) made since you installed *Procomm* into the file you specified for filename. If you want only the current year, replace 'c' with 'y'; for a month-by-month breakdown, use 'm'. You can then view or print the resulting report that is contained in the output file.

—Judy Heim

Procomm, save the script as **profile.asp** in *Procomm*'s sub-directory, and start *Procomm* using **pcplus /f** instead of a batch file. —J. H.

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Punch Up Procomm Plus's Cursor

Having a hard time seeing the *Procomm Plus* cursor on your laptop screen? Use the command **pcplus /b** to load *Procomm Plus* in black-and-white video mode. Then go to the setup screen by pressing **<Alt>-S**, and save the new setting as the default by choosing *Save setup options*. The next time you load *Procomm Plus*, simply type **pcplus**. The cursor should be more readily visible. —J. H.

CROSSTALK XVI

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Escape From Crosstalk XVI

Occasionally, when you're logged on to a mainframe or a minicomputer, you'll need to send an Escape sequence to grab its attention—if you want, say, to log off or to interrupt a function. To streamline this process, assign the appropriate Escape character sequence to a *Crosstalk XVI* function key. For example, suppose a host system requires you to issue Escape Q in order to exit a function and return to a system-level prompt. To assign Escape Q to **<F10>**, go to *Crosstalk*'s command line, type **FK 10 ^[Q**, and press

<Enter>. Then type **save** and press **<Enter>**. When prompted, enter the name of the XTK file or parameter file for the host.

Since **<Esc>** is normally used as *Crosstalk*'s "attention" key—the key that you press to get a 'Command?' prompt at the command line—pick a different one so that *Crosstalk* won't go into command mode every time you signal the remote computer. At the 'Command?' prompt, type **at**, press **<Enter>**, and then press the key that you'll use for this task. —J. H.

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Keep Script Commands Where They Belong

While some users have discovered that they can insert **WAit** and **REply** instructions at the end of a *Crosstalk XVI* XTK configuration file instead of in an XTS script file, it's not recommended. When the **SAve** command is later used to store any changes made to an XTK file, the script instructions are deleted. Script statements are more efficiently stored in an XTS file with the same name as the XTK file. The script will then run automatically after the XTK file has loaded and connected you to a remote system. —J. H.

CROSSTALK MK.4

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Print a Block of Text

Crosstalk Mk.4's editor lacks an option to print a marked block of text. There is an easy way to do this task, however.

First, mark the block by pressing **<Ctrl>-T** to mark the beginning and **<Ctrl>-B** to designate the end. (Before marking the end, move the cursor to the first character of the next line to include a carriage return/line feed.)

Press **<Alt>-A** to open the editor menu and **bw** to write the block to a file. When *Mk.4* prompts you for a file name, type **prn** and press **<Enter>**. (In versions 1.0 and 1.1, bypass the 'File Already Exists' prompt by pressing **<Enter>** again.) *Mk.4* will "write" the block to the printer, since **PRN** is the DOS device name for the default printer. (Note: If you're running multiple sessions, this trick may interrupt communications.) —J. H.

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A Procomm-Style Dialing Directory for Mk. 4

The most welcome new feature in version 2.0 of *Crosstalk Mk.4* is its *Procomm*-like dialing directory. However, some users may find that the default display is somewhat limited, since each entry shows only the name, description, number of calls, and last time the number was called.

Fortunately, you can modify the display to your liking. Press **<Alt>-Y**, and cursor to the **BookMode** setting in the third column. Press **/**, and you can select from eight pre-fab formats to display the dialing entries' phone numbers, speeds, modules (terminal emulations), attached scripts, and modes (call or answer). Use the **BookSort** setting to specify which field to use to sort directory entries. —E. B.

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A Pop-Up Notepad

Sometimes it's convenient to maintain a running log file to keep notes on each BBS or on-line service you call. By storing a few *CASL* commands to a *Crosstalk Mk.4* 2.0 function key, you can create a note file for each service and easily access it while you're on line.

In the dialing directory, highlight the entry for which you want to create a note file. Press **<Alt>-S** for the setup screen, then **<Alt>-K** for the key-mapping screen. Move the cursor to an unused function key entry, and type **@window #14, zone 6 : edit #14, @name+'NTS' : shut #14**. Then tab to the next field and enter a description.

Press **<Ctrl>-<Enter>** to save the setting. If *Mk.4* prompts you to enter a name for the function key settings file, enter the name of the dialing directory entry—the XTK extension is added automatically. Enter that name under the **Keys** setting in the setup menu; save with **<Ctrl>-<Enter><Enter>**.

Press the function key while on line, and a note file window opens on the upper right side of the screen. The file's name is the same as the dialing directory entry, but with an **NTS** extension. To open the edit menu, press **<Alt>-A**. To close the window, choose *Save*.

You can move the window to different areas of the screen by experimenting with the **zone** command. For example, changing to zone 2 will put the window at the bottom of the screen. You can also add color to the window by adding color commands after the **zone** command—for example, **@window #14, zone 7, color white on blue**. —J. H.
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Easy Overlays

Although *Ventura* is best known as a document processor, it's also a handy tool for producing overhead transparencies. In fact, *Ventura*'s spot color printing feature makes it a snap to produce a series of overlays (transparencies placed one atop another) for, say, displaying successive items on a bulleted list. Here's how.

First, assign a different color to the elements on each separate overlay. For example, on a word chart containing three bulleted items, use the Paragraph Font option to make the chart's title and first item black, the second item red, and the third one blue. (Note: Each bulleted item must have its own style tag.) Then select *File To print*, set 'Spot Color Overlays' to *On*, and select *OK*. *Ventura* will print a separate transparency (in solid black) containing the text assigned to each color. Finally, mount the first transparency on its frame, and hinge each addi-

tional layer to it with masking tape—your *Ventura*-produced overlay is ready to go. —Richard Jantz

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One-Step Call-Outs

If you produce documents using a lot of technical diagrams or illustrations, odds are you spend a lot of time drawing rules between each call-out (label) and the part of the diagram it identifies. But there's an easier way to "draw" horizontal rules and automatically link them to call-outs: *Ventura*'s Strike-through feature.

Here's how to place call-outs to the left of your diagram. First, make sure 'Options Show tabs & returns' is activated. Then, in Frame mode, draw a box for the call-out text and rule using the Box Text tool. Switch to Text mode, and specify *Paragraph Alignment Left*. Enter the call-out text, and hit <Space> until the end-of-file symbol is next to the item described by the text. Next, select the empty spaces and click on the *Strike-thru* text option in *Ventura*'s Argument List box. Voilà! A solid black rule appears automatically.

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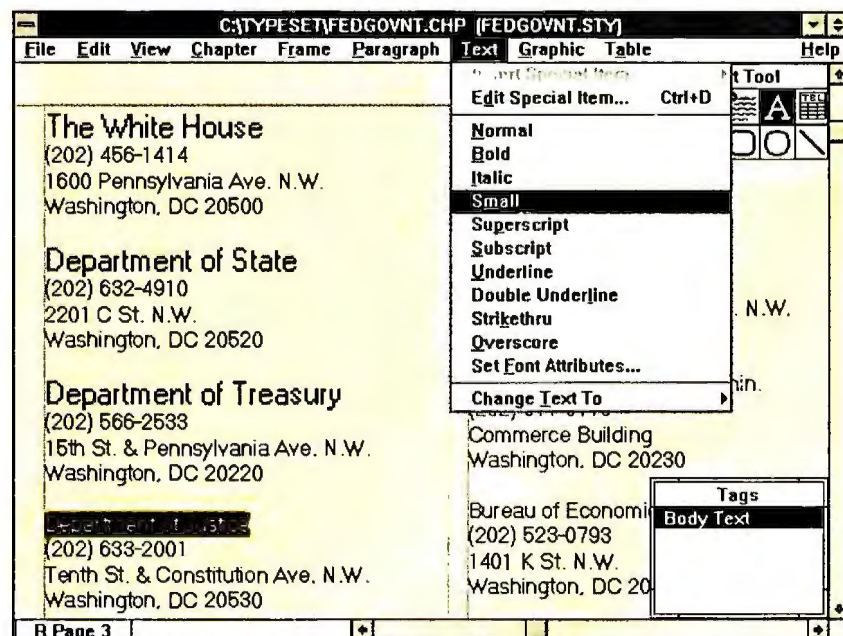
right of a diagram, simply reverse the above procedure, adding spaces in front of the call-outs. Need to change the thickness of the rule? Just select *Paragraph Attribute overrides*, and enter a new value for *Strike-thru height*. —R. J.

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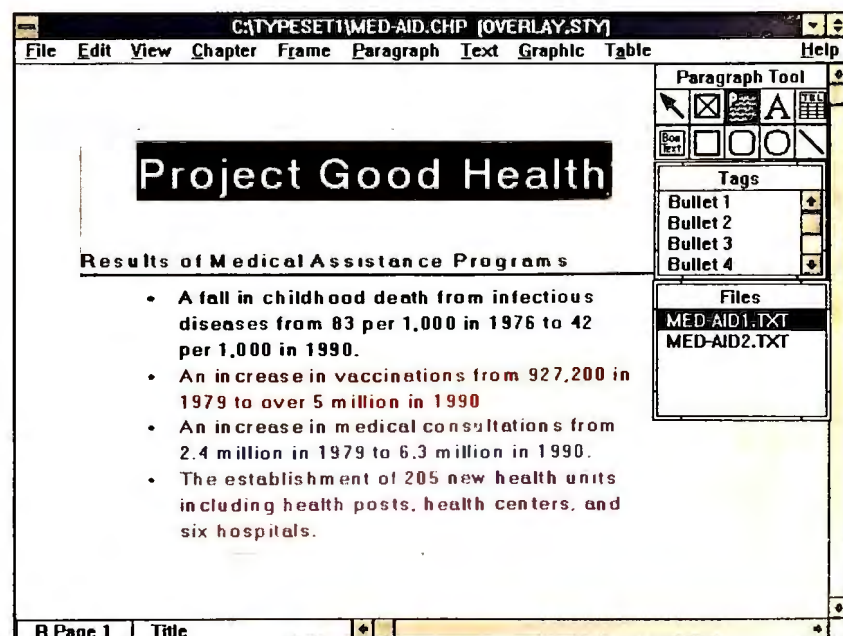
When Small Means Big

Looking for a quick way to enlarge a single character or word, such as an initial capital or a product name? *Ven-*

tura's *Small* text option actually lets you make text bigger without requiring that you use additional style tags or the Set Font button. To use this option, switch to Paragraph mode, and select the paragraph containing the text you want to enlarge. Next, select *Paragraph Attribute overrides*. At 'Small Cap Size:', enter the desired point size (say, 16 points), and click *OK*. Finally, to enlarge text to 16 points, use the Text tool to highlight the text, and assign it the *Small* tag from the Argument List box. —R. J. (continues)



Need to quickly enlarge a small swatch of text? Instead of fussing with fonts, select the text and use *Ventura*'s *Small Cap* command.



Ventura as presentation package? You bet—using *Ventura*'s spot color printing feature, you can assign different colors to elements on the same page and print them out on separate transparencies.



MY FAVORITE TIP

HIDDEN TEXT IN VENTURA

81 Producing complex documents in *Ventura* is rarely a one-person show—and that means keeping track of multiple revisions and editorial changes for all of a document's text files. Fortunately, *Ventura*'s hidden-text feature makes it easy to insert notes or instructions that help track your document's history.

Using your word processor, you can insert hidden text anywhere in a text file. Simply precede the text with *Ventura*'s hidden-text prefix, \$!, then enclose the prefix and text inside angle brackets—for example, '<\$!This section edited 1/15/91 by RJ; still needs description of Figure 10>'. Although you can view the hidden text inside your word processor, it won't display or print in your *Ventura* chapter.

Hidden text is also handy for keeping alternate wording intact within a file, as well as for identifying important or sensitive information. —Richard Jantz

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Quick Typographic Characters

Can't remember which keyboard shortcuts produce common typographic characters, such as an em dash? Don't reach for the manual. Instead, select *Desk Publisher* info, point at the question mark in the dialog box, hold

down the left mouse button, and drag the pointer to highlight *Ctrl typographic chars*. Let go of the mouse button, and up pops the answer. Information on other keyboard commands for kerning, frame manipulation, and other operations is listed in the dialog box as well. —Karl Anthony

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Widows Begone

Want a fast way to get rid of a three-character widow (like *ly.*) on the last line of a paragraph? Use *Ventura*'s interactive tracking feature. Just highlight the dangling characters and the previous line in Text mode, hold down <Shift>, and press <Cursor Left>. This reduces the spacing between characters (tracking) in tiny increments, which is often enough to move a few characters back to the previous line while leaving the text readable. —R. J.

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Hyphenation Made to Order

If *Ventura* insists on hyphenating a word you don't want hyphenated, such as a company or product name (for instance, Foolproof Safes), you can suppress hyphenation by adding the word to the program's exception dictionary *without any hyphens*. First, load *Ventura*'s exception dictionary, HYPHUSER.DIC, into your word processor or

text editor. Several words are already included in this file as examples. Insert alphabetically, on separate lines, and *in lowercase only*, any words you want to add. For example, insert **foolproof** on a line between the words 'fig-ure' and 'gen-er-ator'. After you've finished editing the file, remember to save it in ASCII format; *Ventura* won't be able to use it otherwise. —R. J.

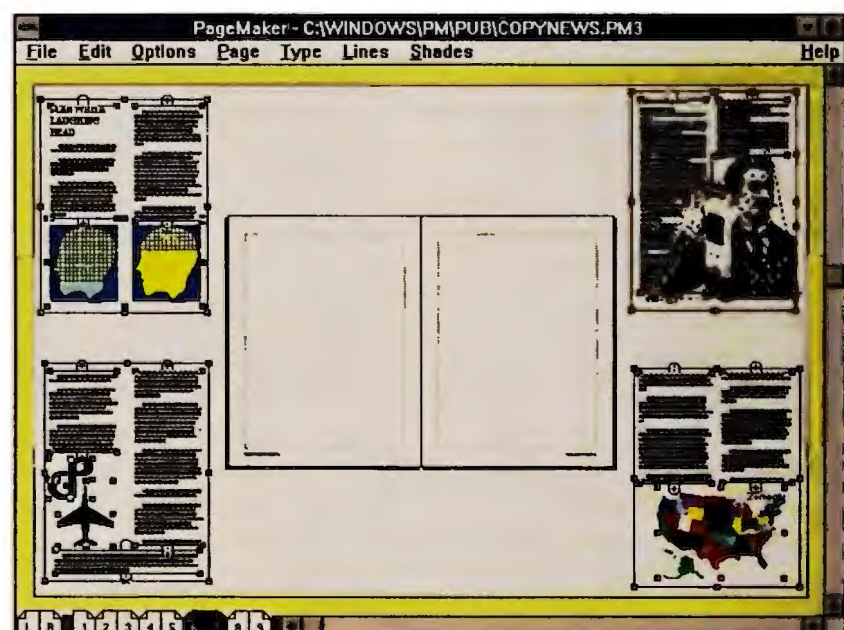
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Pasteboard Copy

Want to copy a few pages from one *PageMaker* publication into another? Since there's no way to do it automatically, here's a workaround for moving three or four pages at a time that takes advantage of *PageMaker*'s fit-in-pasteboard feature.

Open the publication you want to copy from, and press <Ctrl>-<Shift>-W to display the entire pasteboard. Use the pointer tool to select an (*continues*)



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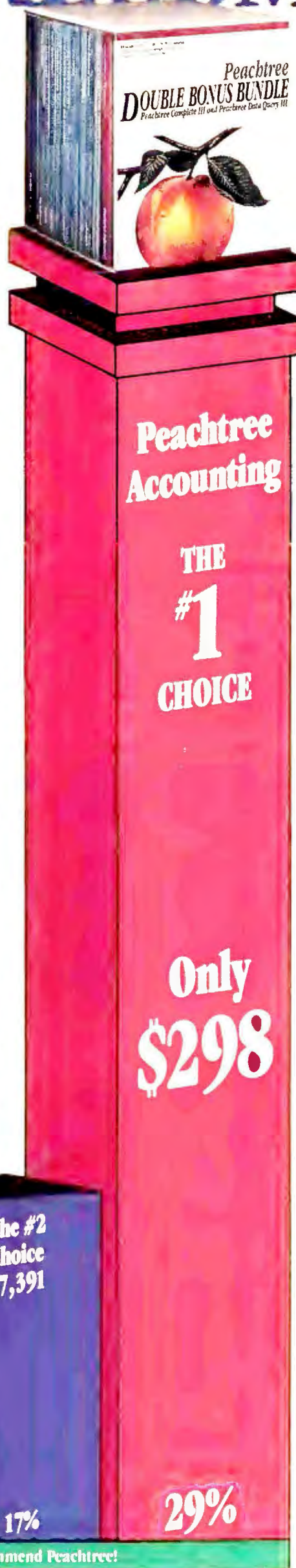
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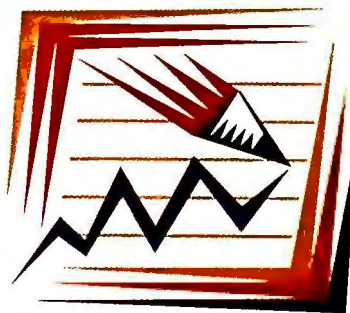
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Cutting Documents Down to Size

While it's a good habit to use *PageMaker's* Save command frequently when working on a publication, it's often better to use the Save As command instead, and select Yes when the program asks if you want to replace the existing file. The reason? The Save command appends changes to the end of the file, which means your document may continue to grow in size even after you've deleted text or graphics. Save As, on the other hand, eliminates all deleted elements from the previously saved version—reducing file size two to three times or more. (Note: Using this technique means you cannot use *PageMaker's* Revert command, which is handy if you make an unrecoverable error and need an earlier version to work on.) —R. J.

PRESENTATIONS



HARVARD GRAPHICS

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Create Impressive Bar-Chart Buildups

A buildup is a series of charts displayed in a *Harvard Graphics* ScreenShow. Each subsequent chart adds a series.

The trick to buildups is to use the same *y*-axis on all charts. To create a bar-chart buildup, first construct the full bar chart with all series displayed. Note the highest value on the *y*-axis, and enter this number as the maximum value for the *y1*-axis on page 3 of the Titles & Options form. Enter 0 for the minimum value. Now save the chart. To create the remaining charts for the buildup, change the data in one series to zero and save the chart using a different name. Change the next series data to zero, save it, and so on.

To display the buildup, place the charts in your ScreenShow in reverse order. (The chart with all series set to zero should be placed first; the chart with all series displayed should be placed last.) Use a Wipe Up draw transition to display each chart—don't use an Erase transition. When the charts are displayed in the ScreenShow, the bars will grow successively

from the bottom of the chart frame. —Cary Jensen and Loy Andersen

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Exporting PostScript Pictures

A great way to add top-quality charts and graphs to documents is to create them in *Harvard Graphics*, then export them to your desktop publishing package as Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) files so you can print them on a PostScript printer.

After you select *Harvard's* Export picture option from the Import/Export menu, type in a file name. At the 'Picture quality' option, select Standard (rather than High). A "high-quality" EPS file

uses *Harvard Graphics* fonts, while a "standard-quality" EPS file uses the printer's resident fonts—and PostScript fonts are usually more elegant and legible than *Harvard* fonts, especially in smaller sizes. Another big advantage to using PostScript fonts: The picture file is much smaller (for instance, 10K instead of 148K) and prints much faster. —Richard Jantz

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Special Slide-Show Buttons

In addition to buttons 1 through 10, you can add seven predefined special buttons (see TABLE 2) to make your slide shows easier to use. To create a special button, use the Draw/Annotate command or the *Draw Partner* drawing program to add a button to a chart, and then assign the button one of the special-button numbers (211 through 217). Because the special buttons' effects are predefined, you'll find them even easier to use than buttons 1 through 10, which you must define from the HyperShow menu. —C. J. and L. A.

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TABLE 2: HARVARD GRAPHICS' SPECIAL HYPERSHOW BUTTONS

In addition to ten custom buttons, you can add up to seven special buttons with these predefined effects to your chart slide shows.

Button Number	Effect
211	Displays preceding HyperShow slide
212	Displays following HyperShow slide
213	Displays first HyperShow slide
214	Displays last HyperShow slide
215	Pauses HyperShow
216	Displays data form for current chart
217	Terminates HyperShow



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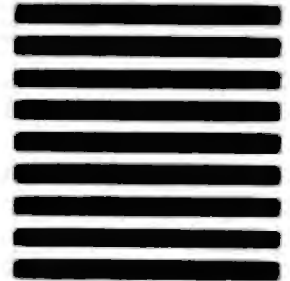
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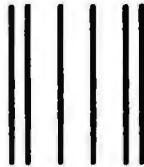
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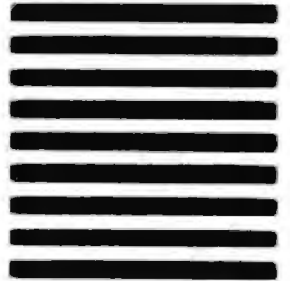
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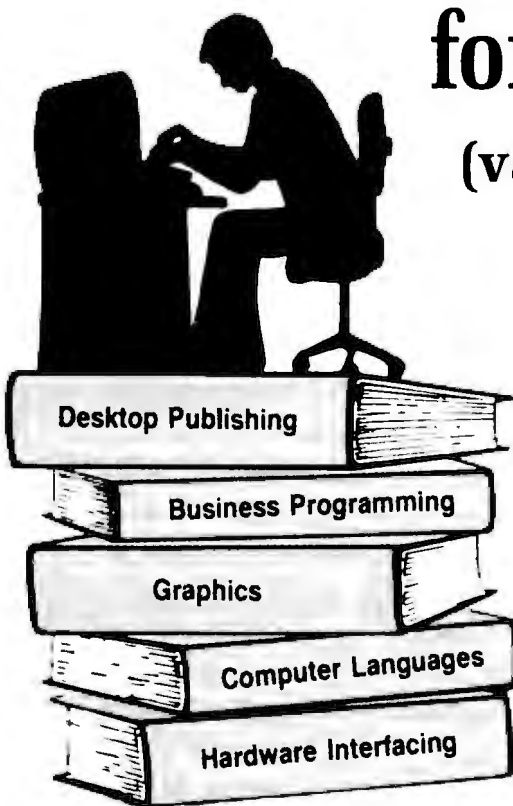
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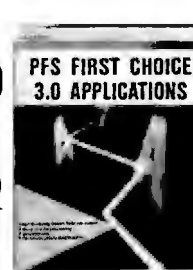
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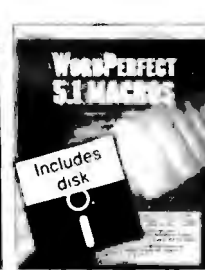
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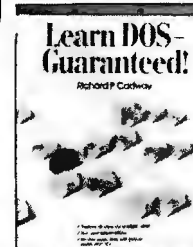
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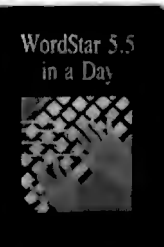
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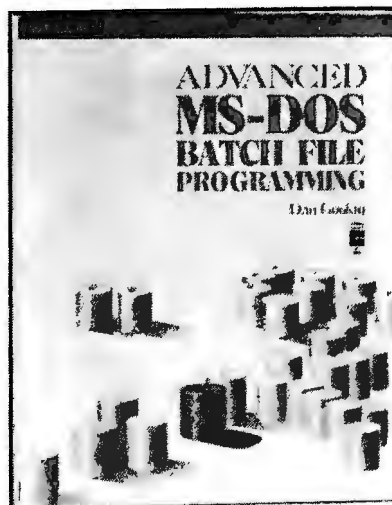
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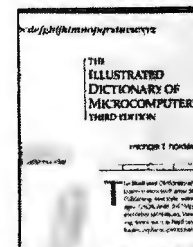
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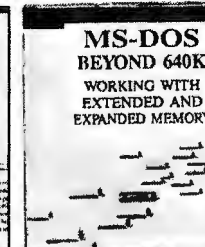
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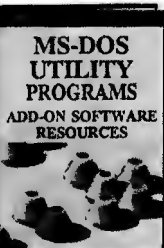
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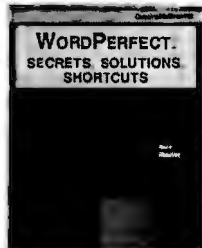
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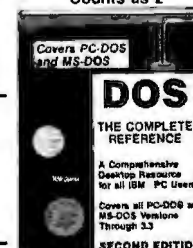
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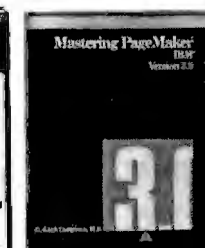
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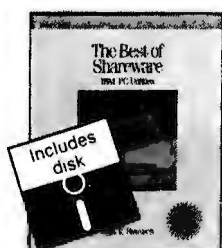
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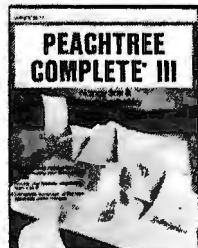
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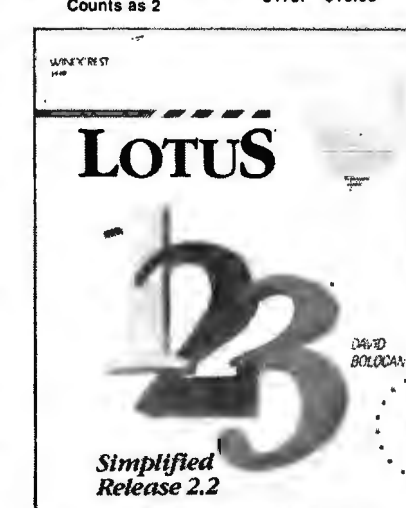
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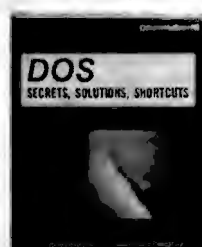
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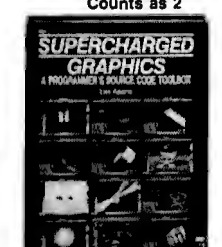
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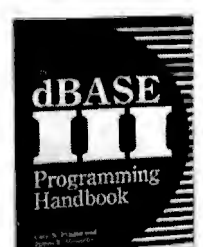
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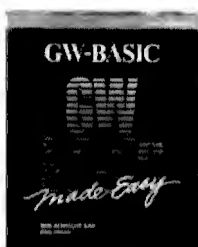
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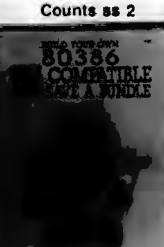
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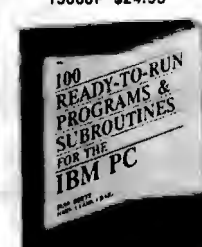
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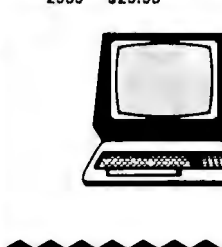
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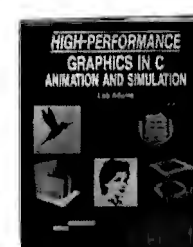
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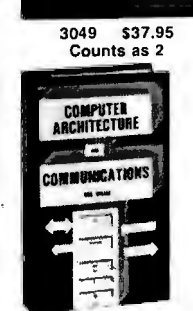
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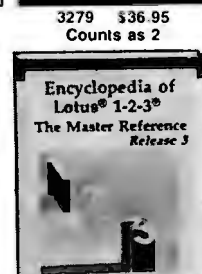
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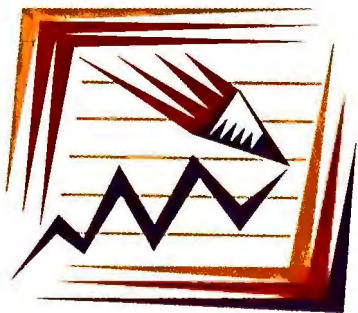
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To use this utility, double-click on the WFNBOSS.EXE file in the *Corel Draw* sub-directory. In the WfnBoss Font Conversion window, indicate which type of font (Adobe or Bitstream, for example) you want to convert, and where the original font files are stored. WfnBoss will then find all fonts available for conversion and prompt you with defaults the rest of the way. To get access to the converted font files, simply exit *Windows* and restart *Corel*.
—Richard Jantz

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Guidelines to Better Drawing

Create your own guides in *Corel Draw* using lines with a weight of 'None'. Lines with no weight show up in drawing mode, allowing you to use them as points of reference, but they don't print (or display in Preview).

To create guidelines, click the Outline tool and choose a default line weight of *None*. Open the Display menu, and select *Snap to grid* if desired. Then draw straight lines using the Pencil tool, holding down <Ctrl> if you want the lines constrained to vertical, horizontal, or 15-degree increments. Watch the status line to set guidelines at other angles.

If you do technical drawings, you can use this technique to set up major grid lines that give you more immediate visual feedback than *Corel*'s status line or rulers do. If your work tends more toward illustration, you can quickly establish guidelines to the vanishing point of a drawing with perspective.

—James D. Larkin

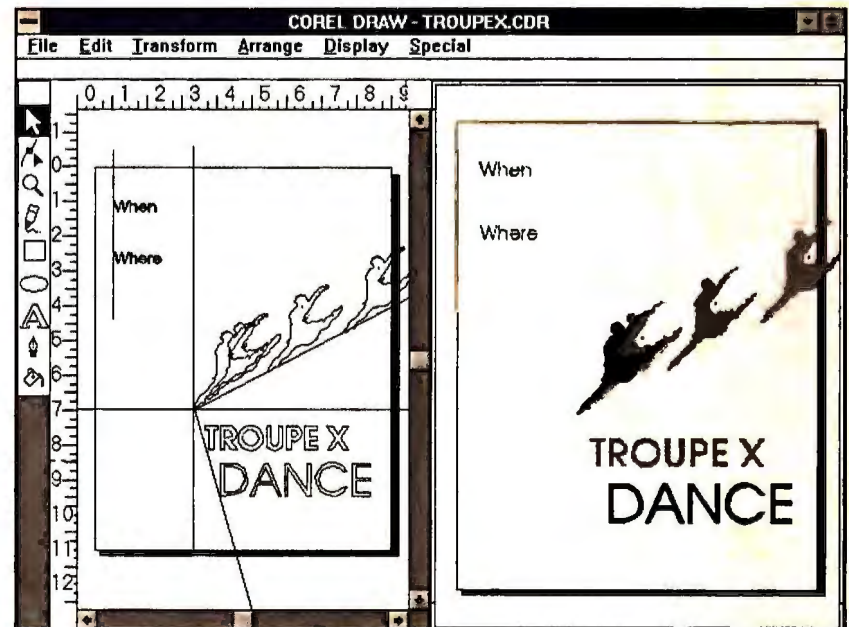
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Name That Font

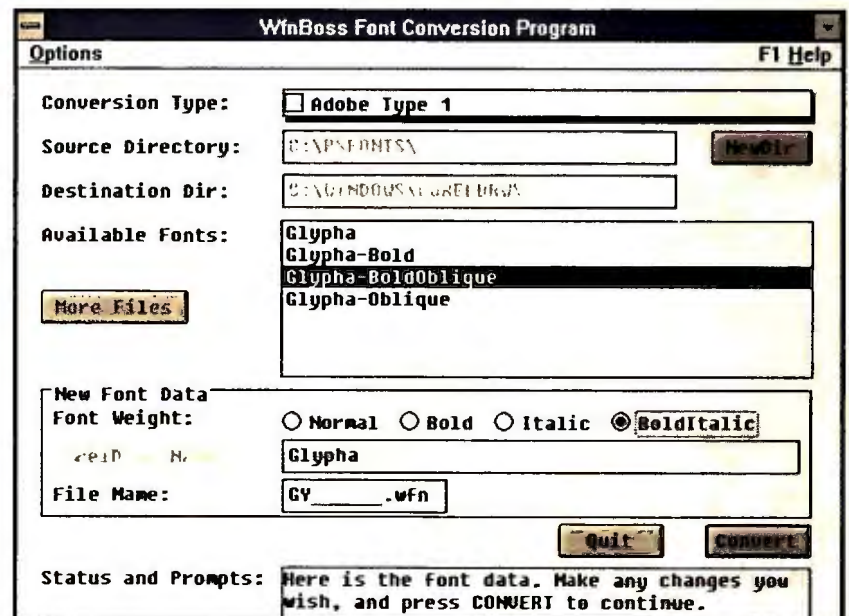
Corel Draw's standard fonts resemble many popular typefaces in everything but name. Since the original fonts are copyrighted, Corel must use different names to identify its knockoffs, and sometimes it's hard to remember that Corel's Ottawa and Toronto are actually versions of Optima and Times. But just because Corel had to use equivalent names doesn't mean you have to. By editing your WIN.INI file, you can give those ob-

scure font names their more common monikers. Here's how to do it.

Using the *Windows* Notepad, open WIN.INI and go to the section titled [COREL-DrwFonts]. Using the *Corel Draw* Typeface Reference Chart as a guide, change each Corel equivalent font name to the common font name (for example, 'New_Brunswick' to **New_Century_Schoolbook**), using the underscore key to indicate spaces between words, if necessary. Do not alter the remainder of each line, however, as it contains *(continues)*



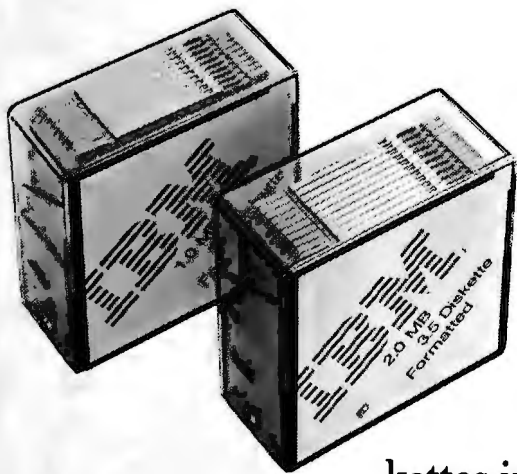
Corel lacks vertical and horizontal drawing guides, but you can make your own by creating lines with a weight of 'None'—this prevents them from printing, but you can use them in drawing mode.



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information the program needs to find the actual font files.

When you're finished, save the edited WIN.INI file and restart *Windows*. From then on, you'll see the common font names listed in *Corel Draw*'s text dialog box rather than all those Canadian place-names. —R. J.

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Can't Print? Reduce the Nodes!

Getting rid of unneeded nodes in *Corel Draw* speeds up printing and allows you to create more complex drawings than you otherwise could.

For example, say you create a composite path containing a pattern of circles and other ellipses. Each ellipse contains 4 nodes. If the composite path contains 25 ellipses, it holds 100 nodes. When you near 50 ellipses (200 nodes), you run into PostScript-imposed limits on the number of nodes in a single path, and your printer may refuse to print the drawing. Even if you're not printing to a PostScript printer, you may encounter long print times or other problems.

To reduce the number of nodes in an ellipse, create one ellipse of each size and shape you'll need. Convert each ellipse to a path by selecting *Arrange Convert to curves*. Choose the Shape tool, then select two nodes that are opposite one another on an ellipse (hold down <Shift> to select more than one node at a time). Double-click the second node you select, and when the Node Edit dialog box appears, choose *Delete*. Repeat for each ellipse you create. When you delete the nodes,

the shape of the ellipse changes slightly—you may need to adjust the remaining nodes, particularly if you want a perfect circle. —J. D. L.

MICROGRAFX DESIGNER 3.0

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Fonts and Plotters Don't Mix

If the text in a *Designer* drawing won't print on your plotter, check your fonts by selecting *Text Font*. Chances are you're using outline fonts, which plotters don't recognize. The solution is to convert the fonts to curves by clicking the pointer tool, selecting the text, and selecting *Text Convert to curves OK*. Now your plotter can do its stuff. (Note: Once you convert text to curves, you can manipulate it like any drawing—but the text can no longer be edited.) —Micrografx Technical Support

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Fix Faulty File Imports

Although *Designer* is pretty adroit at importing both vector (draw) and bit map (paint) files correctly, some files take a little work. If you import an AutoCAD DXF file and the image is reversed, check the Reverse Black/White box in the DXF input dialog box. If an imported TIFF image is reversed, you probably brought in a *compressed* TIFF file. Bring in the non-compressed version, and the image should be fine. —Micrografx Technical Support

PC PAINTBRUSH IV PLUS

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Optimal Output for Scanned Images

Don't leave output of black-and-white TIFF images to defaults. For sharper print-

outs, do the following: Install *Paintbrush* for 16 or 256 colors. Load the scanned picture, select the image (or a portion), select *Edit Filter*, pick a filter (such as Blend) to enhance the image, and press <Enter>. When you're ready to print, select *File Print Set halftones Bayer OK*. —Z-Soft Technical Support

UTILITIES



NORTON UTILITIES

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Copying What Norton Finds

The Norton Utilities 5.0 File Find program can list all the files that match a certain criteria—but that's about it. What if you want to copy the files you find to, say, a floppy disk in drive A:?

The trick is turning the file list into a batch file. After you've set your search criteria, selected *Start*, and watched the list roll up in the list box, select *Create batch* from the List menu. Use the default 'filelist.bat' or type in a different file name, and keep the 'Save full path' and 'Directory title line' options on. Under 'Text to put before file names', enter *copy*, and

under 'Text to put after file names', type *a:*. Press <Enter>, and you've created a batch file that will copy all the files that File Find found. To actually copy the files to drive A:, exit to DOS and type *filelist.bat*. —Peter Norton Technical Support

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Quick Disk Navigation

The Explore disk menu's Edit/display item option in Norton Utilities 4.5's NU program lets you examine almost any spot on a hard disk, whether there's a file there or not. But how do you get where you're going? In the Edit/display item module, pressing <F8> pops up a menu asking if you want to examine a drive, directory, file, cluster, sector, or absolute (continues)

sector. Once you've made your choice, the desired item will be fetched posthaste. —*Peter Norton Technical Support*

PC TOOLS DELUXE 6.0

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Getting It All on Tape

The *PC Tools Deluxe 6.0* PCBackup program is one of the few hard-disk-to-floppy backup programs that also backs up to QIC-40 and QIC-80 tape drives. If you have a tape drive, you can have secure backups without much effort. Here's one method that works great.

In PCBackup, select *Options Backup method Full / append to tape OK*. Next, select *Save setup*, type **weekly**, press <Enter>, and select *OK*. Repeat the process, selecting the Incremental backup method and naming the setup **daily**. Exit from PCBackup and create two batch files, **WEEKLY.BAT** and **DAILY.BAT**, which log on to your PCTOOLS subdirectory; then issue the commands **pcbackup weekly** and **pcbackup daily**.

When you're finished working for the day, put a fresh cartridge in your tape drive and run **WEEKLY.BAT**. Keep that tape in the drive and, at the end of every other workday, run **DAILY.BAT**. Once a week, after you have run **DAILY.BAT**, put in a fresh tape and run **WEEKLY** again. If you use four tapes in rotation, you'll have a reliable archive of your last four weeks' work. —*Sarah Lillian Schenkler*

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Make PC Tools Windows Horizontal

When you view files in *PC Tools*' shell program, it typically shows them in a half-screen vertical window. You can zoom the window to full screen, but then you don't have access to the file or directory windows.

If you'd rather view files in a horizontal window, select *Options Setup configuration Viewer cfg*. This option toggles between 'vertical' and 'horizontal' defaults for View Window's window. In horizontal mode, the file view window stretches almost from one

side of the screen to the other. It's not as tall, but you'll be able to read a full line of text. To make this your permanent configuration, select *Options Save configuration file*. —*Sally Yee*

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The Magellan Garbage Disposal

When your hard disk starts getting crowded, the first thing to do is sift through all of your subdirectories for files

that can be deleted. Likely candidates might be BAK files (BK! in *WordPerfect*), TMP files, and the like.

If you're a *Magellan* user, deleting these files automatically on a regular basis is a snap. Press <F9> to create a new Explore group. Give the group any name that seems reasonable ("Garbage" comes to mind) and an Explore Path like ***:*\.bk! *:*\.bak *:*\.tmp *:*\.temp.***. When your disk gets a little too crowded, simply press <F9>, and select *Garbage*. Once the list of unwanted files is displayed, press <Alt>-<F3> <Enter> to erase them all. —*Lincoln Spector* ☺

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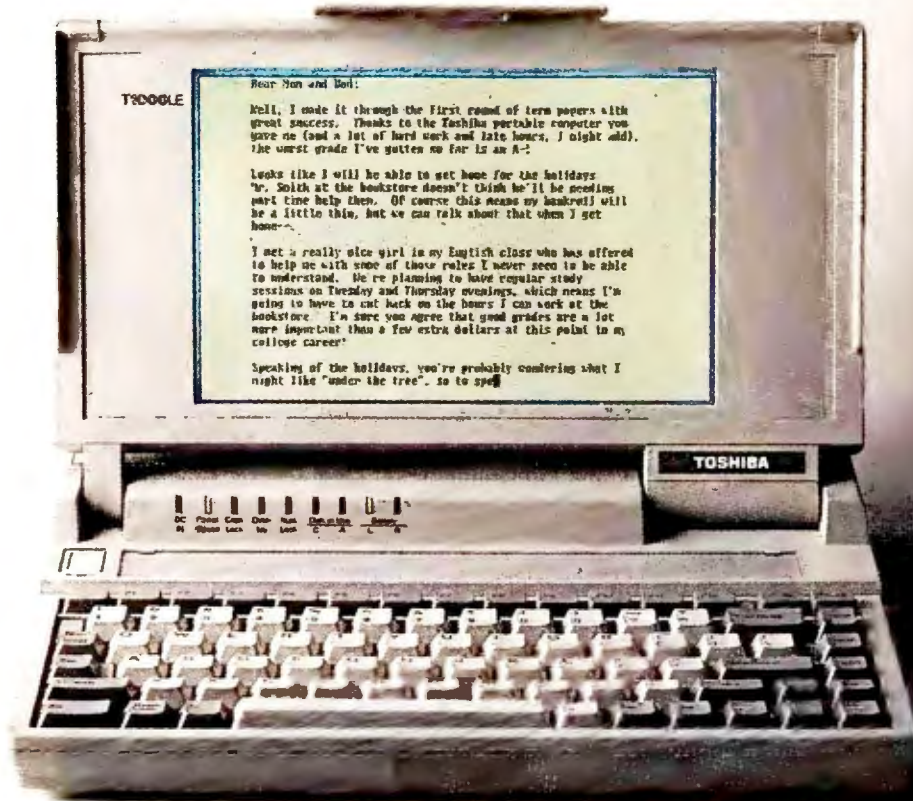
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Taking a Shorter Path

You can shorten your PATH statement and speed up some applications by beginning your PATH command's directory listing with the double-dot directory (PATH ..;), which represents the current directory's parent. (You'll also need to establish your data directories below their program directories and launch all your programs from their data directories.) When DOS looks at the PATH's list of directories, it will immediately find the current parent subdirectory, so you will no longer need to include those directories in your PATH.

Paul Curtis

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Adding Sparkle to Laser Printouts

You can add some sparkle and a flash of color to your printed logos or text: Besides your laser printer, all you need is foil transfer paper and removable tape, both of which are available at your local craft shop. Cut the transfer paper a little larger than the area you want to enhance, and anchor it securely (shiny side up) with the tape—you don't want it to come off inside the printer. Make sure you place it only over the area you want to decorate. Then select the desired page, and place the prepared sheet in your feeder. Issue the print command, and when your page emerges, carefully remove the transfer paper. Voilà! Your printout will sparkle with a flash of your chosen color.

Elena Beck

UCLA PC Users Group

Easy Date-Entry Macro for 1-2-3

Anyone who has used 1-2-3 knows that entering a series of dates can be a pain. This macro eases the task of entering 1991 dates (you can substitute another date in the macro if you wish). In an out-of-the-way cell—G1, for instance—enter '@date(91,{},{})~'. Cursor down one cell to G2, and enter '/rfd4~'. Move the cursor to cell H1, and type **Enter date**; press <Cursor Down>, and enter **Format as date 4** in cell H2. The entries in H1 and H2 describe the macro. Now move the cursor to G1, and type /rncd. If your worksheet already has a macro assigned to <Alt>-D, substitute another key for 'd.' Press <Enter>. Highlight range G1..G2 by pressing <Cursor Down>, and press <Enter>. To use the macro, move your cursor to the desired cell, and press <Alt>-D. Type the number of the month and press <Enter>, then type the number of the day and press <Enter>. The cell will display the specified date—May 1, 1991, for example, will appear as 05/01/91. But if you look at the status line, you'll see an @DATE formula, which enables you to use any of your entered dates for calculations.

Roy Rosfeld

Capital PC User Group

Using Delete as a Marker for dBASE Records

Often I have to browse through a dBASE file, select a group of specific records, and assemble them into a new data base. Because these records don't always fall under a single criterion, I can't use the COPY FOR command. So I mark each record as deleted (don't worry, dBASE won't actually delete them until you issue a PACK command), copy all the deleted files to a new file, and then recall the deletes in the original data base (or PACK, but only if I want to remove the records from the original

data base). Of course, for this method to work as intended, there must be no other deleted records in the original data base.

Steve Bass

Pasadena IBM Users Group

CoEdit Advantages for Paradox Data Entry

Paradox's Modify DataEntry mode is, as the name implies, useful only for adding new data. But with Modify Edit and Modify CoEdit modes, you have the option of entering, changing, or deleting data. CoEdit mode was designed for multiuser editing on networks, and as a result, many users don't realize that it may be used by a single user on a non-networked system. Using CoEdit has some real advantages. For one, unlike Edit mode, CoEdit posts changes immediately, without making you press <F2>. Also, there's a security advantage when you work with keyed tables. In Edit mode, if you enter a new record with duplicated key fields, Paradox will replace the old record without warning. In CoEdit mode, however, Paradox alerts you that a record with duplicate keys exists. You then have the choice of keeping either the old record or the new one; or you can change the keys of the new record and try posting it again. If you wish to retain Undo or to use Paradox's ValCheck feature, however, you must work in Edit mode.

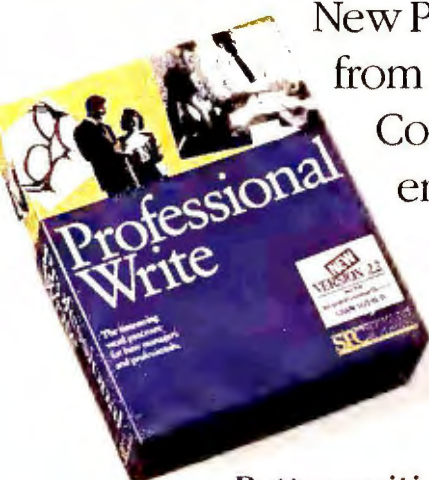
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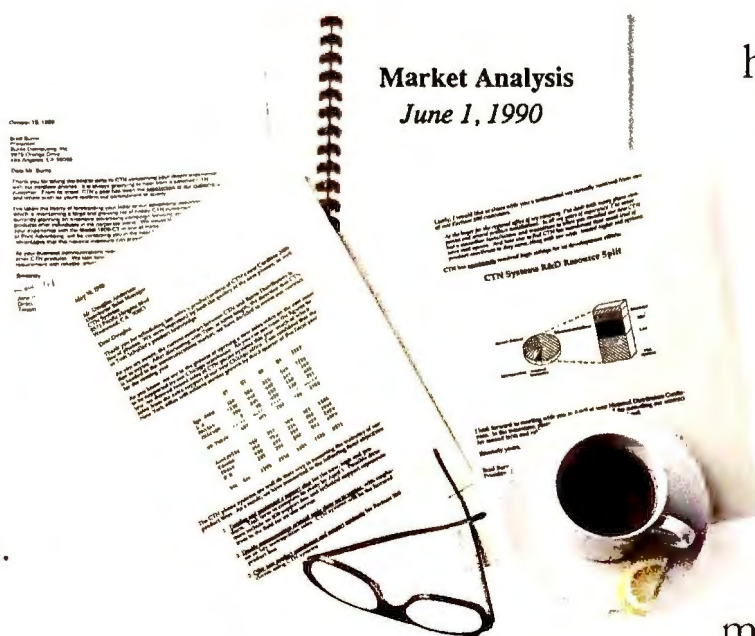
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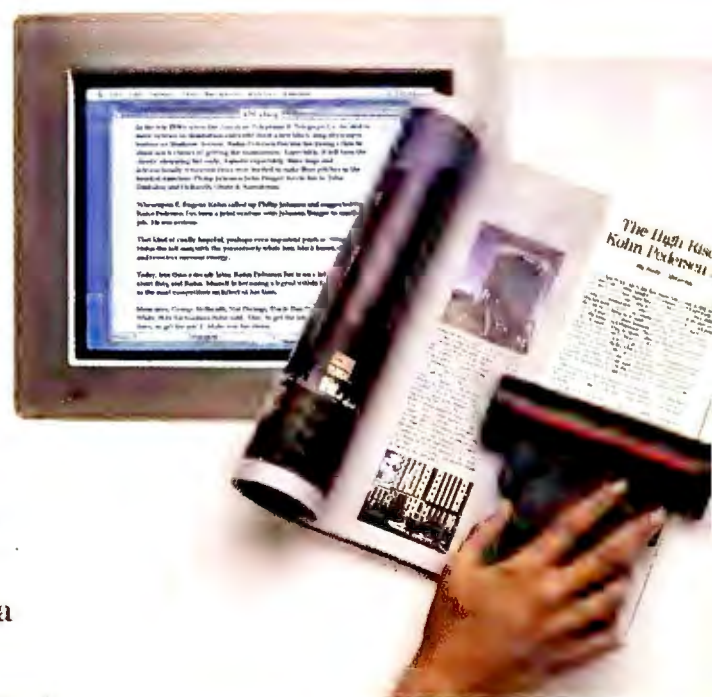
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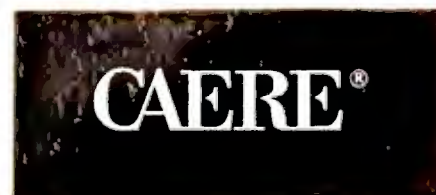
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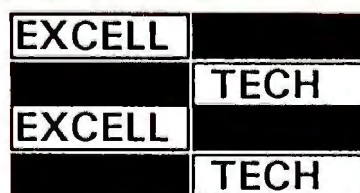
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Edited by Tom Swan

2001: A Worksheet Oddity

Lotus's 1-2-3 recognizes dates in the next century, but only if you type three-digit year values like 101 for the year 2001 or 110 for 2010, or use the full four-digit years. When you're entering a lot of dates, one- or two-digit years like 2 or 12 are much easier to type, but these translate to 1902 and 1912—not years for which you're likely to do much financial planning.

For worksheets that forecast into the next century, I wrote a macro [see **FIGURE 1**] that lets me enter twenty-first-century dates as two-digit years. The macro works by adding @date(99,12,31) to @date(year,month,day)—where 'year' is the label of a cell that holds a value from 0 to 89—effectively adding a century to the year typed. Because such dates display in Long Int'l format (MM/DD/YYYY), I increase the column width to at least 11 for the macro's target cells.

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*Editor's note: The macro works equally well in 1-2-3 and Quattro Pro. To create it, type the **FIGURE 1** macro in six out-of-the-way cells, pressing ' before the last line. Use /Range Name Create to name the first cell \d and to name three other out-of-the-way cells Month, Day, and Year.*

To run the macro, press <Alt>-D, then answer the prompts for the month, day, and year values. The current column must be at least 11 characters wide. To see how the macro converts years, run it several times with

such year values as 2, 45, and 91.

I modified Mr. Noble's original macro to recognize values from 90 to 99 as the years 1990 to 1999. Values from 0 to 89 correspond to the years 2000 to 2089. To change this, adjust the expressions at rows 4 and 5. For example, if you want 50 to 99 to represent the years 1950 to 1999 and 0 to 49 to mean the years 2000 to 2049, change '90' to 50 and '89' to 49.

Insensitive Batch File Arguments

It's frustrating to deal with uppercase and lowercase arguments passed to batch files—'PROG file', 'PROG FILE', or even 'ProG FiLe', for example. Testing for all combinations of case (making the batch program case insensitive) usually requires a series of messy IF statements or complex FOR loops.

But I've hit upon an approach that lets batch files convert arguments to uppercase before using them. The technique relies on a side effect of the DOS PATH command, which, unlike other environment variables, automatically converts its contents to uppercase. By preserving the current PATH, assign-
(continues)

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	\d	{getnumber "Enter Month: ",month}				
2		{getnumber "Enter Day: ",day}				
3		{getnumber "Enter Year: ",year}				
4		{if year<90}@date(year,month,day)+@date(99,12,31)~				
5		{if year>89}@date(year,month,day)~				
6		/rfd4~/rv~~				
7						
8	Year	1		11/25/2001		
9	Month	11				
10	Day	25				

FIGURE 1: This 1-2-3 macro lets you enter two-digit values for years in the current and twenty-first centuries.

ing argument strings, and then restoring the PATH, this trick makes a handy case converter in any batch file.

A sample batch file, RUN.BAT [see LISTING 1], converts arguments to uppercase, then runs a program. First, it checks that you've entered at least two items: a program to run, and any arguments for that program. After this, it saves PATH in OLDPATH and sets RUN to the target program's name. A loop then uses SHIFT to build a string in PATH out of each argument. This converts the arguments to uppercase. After the loop, PATH is set to OLDPATH, which is erased to conserve environment space. The %RUN% command then runs the program with the converted arguments.

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```
echo off
if "%2"=="" goto HELP
set OLDPATH=%PATH%
set RUN=%1
:NEXT
shift
PATH=%1
set RUN=%RUN% %PATH%
if not "%2"=="" goto NEXT
set PATH=%OLDPATH%
set OLDPATH=
%RUN%
:HELP
echo Enter run x arg1 arg2...
echo where x is a program and
echo args are option arguments
```

LISTING 1: RUN.BAT shows how to use PATH as an argument case converter in batch files.

Editor's note: For a sample of how you can use this clever idea, run TESTPROG.BAT (see LISTING 2). The batch file simulates a program that recognizes two fictitious commands, OPEN and CLOSE.

When you enter **testprog OPEN** or **testprog CLOSE**, TESTPROG confirms that it received those commands. If you enter those same commands in lowercase, the program displays an error message. But when you use Mr. McGowan's batch file to run TESTPROG, you can

```
echo off
if "%1"=="" goto ERROR
if %1==OPEN goto OPEN
if %1==CLOSE goto CLOSE
goto ERROR
:OPEN
echo You selected OPEN
goto END
:CLOSE
echo You selected CLOSE
goto END
:ERROR
echo Bad or missing command
:END
```

LISTING 2: Running TESTPROG.BAT from RUN.BAT (LISTING 1) lets batch programs use arguments in uppercase and lowercase.

type arguments using any combination of lowercase and uppercase letters.

If you get an 'Out of environment space' message, add the line **shell command.com /e:384 /p** to the end of your CONFIG.SYS file. When you reboot, DOS will set aside 384 bytes (instead of the default 256) for environment variables. If this is still not enough, try 512 or more. The '/p' makes the change to COMMAND.COM permanent.

Accidental Accents

The standard HP LaserJet character set doesn't include extended ASCII characters. When printing screen dumps or anything from a program without a good LaserJet driver, you end up with a bunch of foreign-accented characters where your lines and boxes should be.

To prevent these accidental accents from appearing when you print, I created two data files, HPLJFONT.STD and HPLJFONT.EXT, that contain the codes for selecting standard and extended character sets. At the DOS prompt, type **copy hpljfont.ext prn** to get the extended characters; copy HPLJFONT.STD to the printer for the LaserJet's defaults.

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*Editor's note: To create HPLJFONT.STD and HPLJFONT.EXT, run MAKEHPLJ.BAS (see LISTING 3) using BASICA or GW BASIC. Then copy the two files to any directory, for example, c:\util. Using these files will be simpler if you create two one-line batch files, HPEXT.BAT and HPSTD.BAT, and put them in a directory listed in your PATH command. The contents of these batches should be **copy c:\util\hpljfont.ext prn:** and **copy c:\util\hpljfont.std prn:**, respectively.*

```
10 GOSUB 20:END
20 F$="hpljfont.ext":GOSUB 40
30 F$="hpljfont.std"
40 OPEN F$ AS #1 LEN=1
50 FIELD #1,1 AS D$
60 READ C:IF C<0 THEN 90
70 LSET D$=CHR$(C):PUT #1
80 GOTO 50
90 CLOSE:RETURN
100 DATA 27,40,49,48,85,-1
110 DATA 27,40,56,85,-1
```

LISTING 3: Load MAKEHPLJ.BAS into BASIC and run it to create HP LaserJet font switchers HPLJFONT.STD and HPLJFONT.EXT.

For a more complete solution, see HPPR.BAT (LISTING 4), which turns on the extended characters, prints up to nine ASCII files, then returns to the printer's defaults. When creating HPPR.BAT, replace the path 'c:\util' on lines 3 and 5 with the actual path to the directory holding HPLJFONT.STD (continues)

```
echo off
if "%1"=="" goto HELP
copy c:\util\hpljfont.ext prn:
print %1,%2,%3,%4,%5,%6,%7,%8,%9
copy c:\util\hpljfont.std prn:
goto END
:HELP
echo Enter prhp file1 file2...
echo to print files using
echo extended ASCII characters
:END
```

LISTING 4: HPPR.BAT prints extended ASCII characters on the HP LaserJet using files created by MAKEHPLJ.BAS (LISTING 3).

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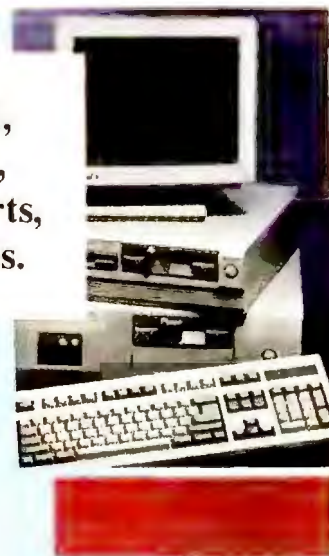
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and HPLJFONT.TEXT. Also, make sure the DOS PRINT.COM utility is stored in a directory listed in the currently active PATH command. Then type `hprp file1 file2...filen` to print your file or files.

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For years I located files on my hard disk by piping the output from `CHKDSK /V` through the `FIND` filter. Recently I stumbled across an alternate method that uses the `ATTRIB` command from DOS 3.3 or later versions. To find all files ending with `DOC`, for example, I just enter `attrib c:*.doc /s`.

Gregory W. Dillon

San Francisco, California

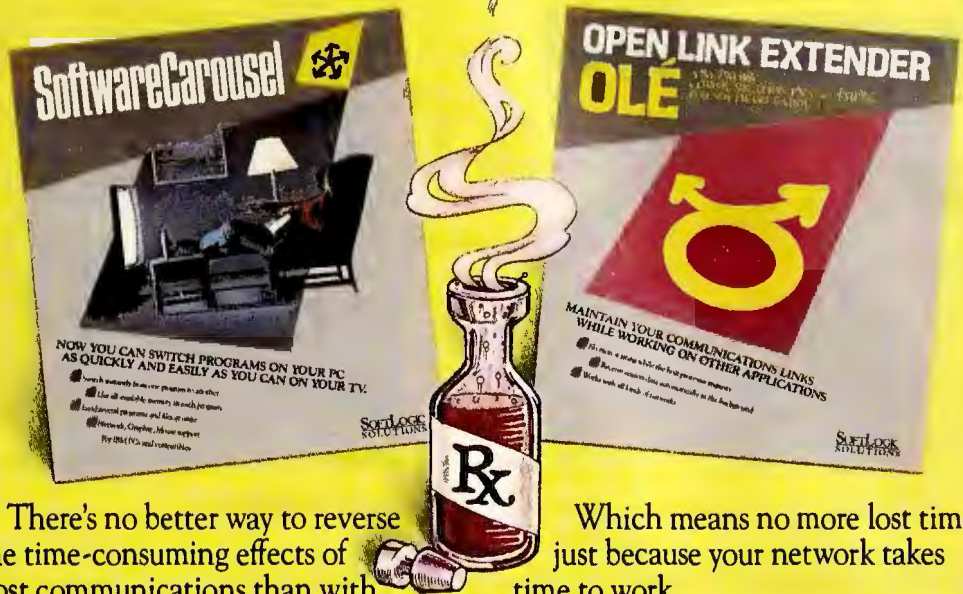
Editor's note: This neat trick is definitely a keeper; it's much more versatile than using `CHKDSK /V` with the `FIND` filter. `ATTRIB`'s `/S` option searches all nested paths for files that match the search argument. For example, enter `attrib c:\wp.txt /s` to locate files ending with `TXT` in `C:\WP` plus all subdirectories nested inside.*

Contents to Table 1, Hold the Underlines

Whenever I attempted to create a table of contents from a *WordPerfect 5.1* document, the `Generate` command would always recreate my chapter titles' underlining, even when I didn't want it to. By examining hidden codes using the `Reveal Codes` command (`<Alt>-<F3>`), I discovered a simple trick that lets me use special formatting without having it appear in the table of contents entries.

The method takes advantage of the order in which *WordPerfect* inserts codes for titles and table of contents entries. Depending on the order in which you mark entries and underline titles, *WordPerfect* may reverse these symbols, causing unwanted underlines to print in the table of contents. By always having the table of contents (ToC) codes *inside* the underline codes, you (continues)

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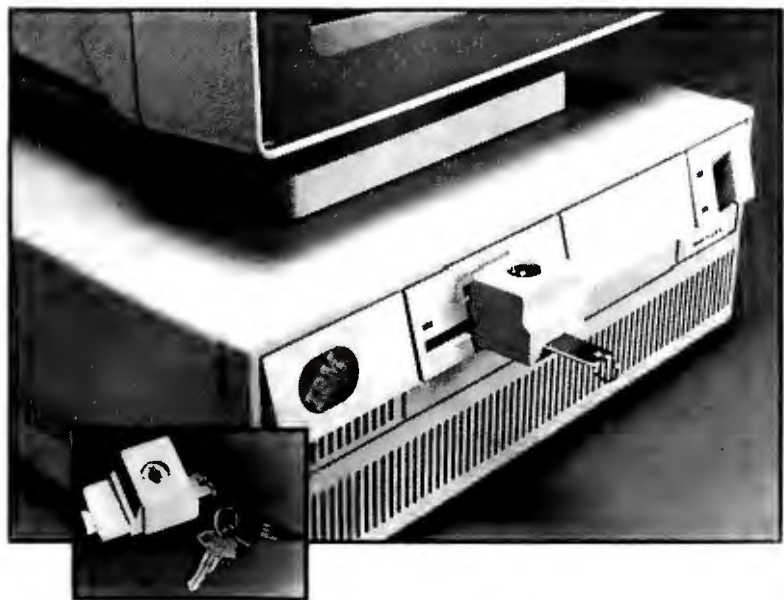
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<Ctrl>-<F10>	Start macro recorder
<Alt>-T	Select macro key
Header1<Enter>	Give macro a name
<Alt>-<F4>	Turn on block mode
<End>	Mark to end of paragraph
<Alt>-<F5>	Select Mark Text command
11<Enter>	Specify TOC, Level One
<Alt>-<F4>	Turn on block mode again
<Ctrl>-<Home>	Enter two "gotos" to mark
<Ctrl>-<Home>	previous field
<F8>	Underline marked block
<Ctrl>-<F10>	Turn off macro recorder

FIGURE 2: Use this WordPerfect macro to prepare underlined headers that are not underlined in a table of contents.

ensure that *WordPerfect* prints underlined titles in the document but not in the table. The macro [in FIGURE 2] automatically marks my titles to produce clean table of contents entries.

Raymond J. Dale
Elkhart, Indiana

Editor's note: Start WordPerfect 5.1 and enter a sample chapter title. Move the cursor to the beginning of the title and enter the macro keystrokes, pressing <Enter> only where shown. When finished, load a document and position the cursor on each Level One title. Press <Alt>-T to underline the title and mark it for the table of contents.

To generate the table, move the cursor to the beginning of the document. Make certain the cursor is on a blank line, not on a header. Then press <Ctrl>-<Enter> <Cursor Up> <Alt>-

<F5>dc<Enter> to prepare a page for the table of contents, then <Alt>-<F5>ggy to make the table. In a few seconds, you'll see all your marked titles in the table, sans underlines.

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POWER TIP NO. 157

Determining Your ROM BIOS Date

If you are experiencing problems with a hardware upgrade, you can use the DEBUG utility (which came on one of your DOS disks) to check the date of your computer's ROM BIOS. Run DEBUG, and at the hyphen prompt type dffff:5 lb and press <Enter>. Your system's ROM BIOS date will appear on the right side of your screen. Press q<Enter> to get back to the DOS prompt.

Troy Wagstaff
Provo, Utah

BASICS: VENTURA PUBLISHER 2.0 AND 3.0

What to do: This card covers the GEM version of *Ventura Publisher*, versions 2.0 and 3.0. (The Professional Extension module is not covered.) The sections below describe keyboard shortcuts as well as basic operations in Ventura's four major modes. To enter a new mode, click the appropriate mode icon in the upper-left corner of the screen. **Note:** To select a feature, move the cursor to a menu, menu option, or on-screen element and click the left mouse button.

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

What to do: Although Ventura is normally used with a mouse, these keyboard shortcuts can be faster.

Frame mode	<Ctrl>-U
Paragraph mode	<Ctrl>-I
Text mode	<Ctrl>-O
Graphics mode	<Ctrl>-P
Normal view	<Ctrl>-N
Reduced view	<Ctrl>-R
Enlarged view	<Ctrl>-E
Save file	<Ctrl>-S

PARAGRAPH MODE (continued)

Tag multiple paragraphs	Select first paragraph, hold <Shift> and select additional paragraphs, select tag
Add new tag	Select paragraph, <i>Add new tag</i> , type tag name on 'Tag Name to Add' line (to copy values from another tag, type tag name on 'Tag Name to Copy' line)
Modify a tag	Select tag, <i>Paragraph</i> , make changes in <i>Font</i> , <i>Alignment</i> , and other menus
Remove or rename tags	<i>Paragraph Update tag list</i> , select tag, <i>Remove selected tag</i> or <i>Rename tag</i> , OK (if renaming, type new tag name)

Note: Any modification made to a tag is instantly applied globally to text set with this tag.

Tip: To make an exception to tag formatting in a document, you can create a new tag. However, if you're changing only typeface, size, style, or color, you don't need to change tags. Instead, switch to Text mode, select the text, click *Set font*, and make the changes.

FRAME MODE

What to do: Frames contain the text and graphics that make up a document. They lie on top of the master page frame, which dictates page size, margins, columns, and so on for an entire document. Before you take any of the following actions, be sure to select the Frame icon or press <Ctrl>-U.

Action	Steps
Select frame	Place pointer in frame, click
Add new frame	<i>Add new frame</i> , place mouse pointer on page, hold left button, draw frame
Move frame	Place pointer in frame, hold left button and drag
Size frame	Select frame, place pointer on handle, hold left button and drag to size
Delete frame	Select frame,
Load text/pictures into frame	Select frame, <i>File Load/text picture</i> , pick file type and format, OK, type file's drive and directory, select file, OK

Tip: You can set frame size exactly by selecting *Frame Sizing & scaling* and entering numbers at the *Frame Width* and *Frame Height* items. Click *Vert. padding*: to change measurement units.

PARAGRAPH MODE

What to do: Use this mode when typesetting text. Click the Paragraph icon, and style tags appear in the sidebar's Assignment list. Tags specify typeface, point size, style, spacing, and other attributes you can apply to a paragraph. A style sheet is a collection of these tags along with layout settings for the master page. To create a custom style sheet, modify one of the style sheets supplied with Ventura and save it under a different name.

Action	Steps
Select text	Place pointer in paragraph, click
Apply tag to text	Select paragraph, select tag in Assignment list

TEXT MODE

What to do: Ventura's text mode is for last-minute changes rather than full-scale editing. Before taking any of the following actions, make sure you are in Text Editing mode.

Action	Steps
Place cursor	Place pointer in text, click
Select text	Place cursor at beginning of text, hold left button and drag (or place cursor at beginning of text, hold down <Shift>, point at destination, click)
Cut text	Select text,
Copy text	Select text, <Shift>-
Paste text	Place cursor, <Ins>
Enhance text	Select text, select enhancement from Assignment list

GRAPHICS MODE

What to do: With Ventura's basic polygon, ellipse, and line drawing tools, you can create simple graphics. Select the Graphics Drawing icon, and the tools are displayed directly below.

Action	Steps
Draw graphic	Select frame to attach graphics Select drawing tool, place pointer on page, hold left button, draw graphic
Move graphic	Place pointer inside graphic, hold left button and drag
Size graphic	Select graphic, place pointer on handle, hold left button and drag
Change line attributes	Select graphic, <i>Graphic Line attributes</i> , choose line thickness, color, end style, and so on
Change fill attributes	Select graphic, <i>Graphic Fill attributes</i> , pick fill color, pattern, and transparency

ADVANCED: VENTURA PUBLISHER 2.0 AND 3.0

What to do: The three sections on this card outline the steps for defining the layout of a chapter's master page, paginating a document, and assembling multiple chapters into a publication.

ADVANCED FORMATTING

Note: To define the layout of your master page, you'll need to set up a style sheet. If you plan to make custom modifications or create a new document style, always create a new style sheet from scratch or save the existing style sheet under a new name and make changes to the copy. Ventura automatically records changes to a style sheet whenever you save a document.

Action	Steps
Create new style sheet from scratch	File Load text/picture, select text format, OK, select text file, OK, File Load diff. style, scroll down the list and select DEFAULT.STY OK File Save as new style OK, type name for new style sheet, OK File Save
Define master page	Chapter Page size & layout, modify settings, OK
Define margins and columns	Select Frame mode, select master page, Frame Margins & columns, type desired number of columns, column width, margins, and so on, OK

PAGINATION

Note: To place page numbers in the document, use the Headers and Footers option described below.

Action	Steps
Create headers and footers	Chapter Headers & footers, turn on Usage, select header or footer type under Define, type header or footer text in appropriate Left, Right, or Center line, OK
Add page numbers to headers and/or footers	In the Headers and Footers dialog box, place cursor in appropriate Left, Right, or Center line, move to Inserts and click on Page #, surround with appropriate punctuation and text, OK

PUBLICATION FILES

Note: A chapter keeps track of all the related elements of a document, such as text, graphics, and the style sheet. In long documents with multiple tables, figures, and so on, you may want to join multiple chapter files to form a publication file for easier control over pagination. Here's how to set up and paginate a publication file:

ADVANCED FORMATTING (continued)

Set custom page size	Select Frame mode, select master page, Frame Sizing & scaling, type custom page width at Frame Width option, type custom page height at Frame Height option, OK
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Tip: Custom pages let you publish odd-sized documents, such as business cards, that print on a standard sheet of paper. By default, Ventura places a custom page in the upper-left corner of the sheet of paper. To move the custom page away from the left edge and top of the paper, change the values following the Upper Left X and Upper Left Y options.

Note: Use the following steps to define attributes of individual paragraph tags when designing a new style sheet from scratch or modifying an existing one.

Action	Steps
Change font attribute	Select Paragraph mode, select paragraph to be formatted, Paragraph Font, select font, size, style, and so on, OK
Change alignment	Select Paragraph mode, select paragraph, Paragraph Alignment, change vertical and/or horizontal alignment, OK
Change spacing between paragraphs	Select Paragraph mode, select paragraph, Paragraph Spacing, enter new numbers at Above and Below, OK
Change spacing between lines (leading)	Select Paragraph mode, select paragraph, Paragraph Spacing, enter new number at Inter-Line, OK
Change paragraph margins	Select Paragraph mode, select paragraph, Paragraph Spacing, enter new numbers at In From Left or In From Right, OK

PUBLICATION FILES (continued)

Action	Steps
Assemble chapters into a publication file	Options Multi-chapter, save or abandon changes when prompted, Add Chapter, pick desired chapter, OK, repeat last two steps for each additional chapter, Save/as, type name of publication file, Done

Tip: To order chapters in a publication list, select the chapter name, hold down the left mouse button, and drag the chapter into the desired position.

Note: By default, Ventura numbers pages separately within each chapter (for example, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3). However, you can continuously paginate across chapters so that page numbers continue automatically from the end of one chapter to the beginning of the next. To choose this option, you must first make continuous pagination settings for each chapter in the Chapter/Update Counters dialog box. Then renumber the complete publication in the Multi-Chapter operations dialog box.

Action	Steps
Paginate across a publication	Load first chapter in publication; Chapter Update counters Initial page, select Restart Number at Update Method, type 1 at Restart Number, OK; load each additional chapter in turn, following the same steps, but set Update Method to Previous Number + 1; Options Multi-chapter, select publication file, Renumber OK Done

DEVELOPER'S TOOLBOX

Bootling Without DOS

Tom Swan

If you've ever sold or given away a program on disk, you've probably run into somebody who tried to boot your distribution floppy. Beginners are especially likely to make this mistake, and one of the most common questions that software support departments have to handle is, "Why can't I boot your company's disks?"

Of course, most developers know the answer. They can't distribute bootable floppies without paying for an expensive MS-DOS run-time license—assuming they can convince Microsoft to sell them one in the first place. Understandably, Bill Gates is not eager to have millions of copies of DOS floating around on floppies, losing control and revenue as Apple once did with Apple II DOS.

So if you need to create a bootable floppy, the first step is to forget about using MS-DOS. The second is to send off for a copy of General Software's *Booter Toolkit*. This brilliantly conceived *Microsoft C 5.1* and *MASM 5.0* function library gives you all the tools you need to create floppies that boot *without* either DOS system files or COMMAND.COM.

Understanding how this is possible requires a working knowledge of a PC's boot process. When you switch on your system or when you reboot, the BIOS attempts to load the "boot record," a small program stored at sector 0, track 0, and head 0. It tries to do this first from the A: floppy drive and then, if that fails, from a hard drive. If the BIOS can successfully load the boot record, it begins a sequence of events that transfers an operating system into RAM, initializes various system variables, and brings the computer to life.

By replacing the boot record with custom programming, you can take over these actions and convert a PC from a

DOS-based system to a black box that does whatever you want. It's not difficult to write a boot program—anyone with a little *MASM* experience and a good PC reference can do it. But it's the after-booting tasks that make programming minus DOS so difficult. Without DOS, you lose all the usual keyboard, display, and file-handling routines that most DOS applications require. Also, any of your carefully crafted programming libraries that call DOS functions—and that's probably most of them—are useless.

This is where the *Booter Toolkit* comes in. Included with the software are functions for reading and writing files stored on floppies (but not on hard drives or in subdirectories). There's a full set of text window functions that let you design good-looking screens. The tool kit also supports concurrent BIOS calls and OS/2-style multitasking threads. These and other features make *Booter Toolkit* just the ticket for creating self-starting, bootable demo disks, educational "read-only" information software, and even games that don't need DOS.

To get you started, the product comes with a well-organized manual that includes detailed information about the boot process. You also receive sample listings that can serve as templates for your own programs.

I'm planning to use the *Booter Toolkit* to create advertising disks that I'll give away for free and to add short programs to my current nonbooting disks. These will display a brief message telling beginners what to do if they accidentally try to boot from the floppy.

The *Booter Toolkit* is not a replacement for DOS. But if you need to create self-starting, bootable floppies, this tool kit will get you off and booting in a hurry.

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Browsing Windows 3.0 Directories With File Search

Windows 3.0's File Manager has a handy Search command that accepts DOS wild-card file specs. For example, to hunt for all *Excel* files whose names begin with *B*, open File Manager, select *File Search*, and type *B*.XL?*. Make sure *Search Entire Disk* has an *X* in its check box; if this option is turned off, File Manager will look only in the current directory. Select *OK* to begin searching. After scanning the drive, File Manager displays any matching files and their paths in a *Search Results* window. You can then copy, delete, or perform other operations on selected files.

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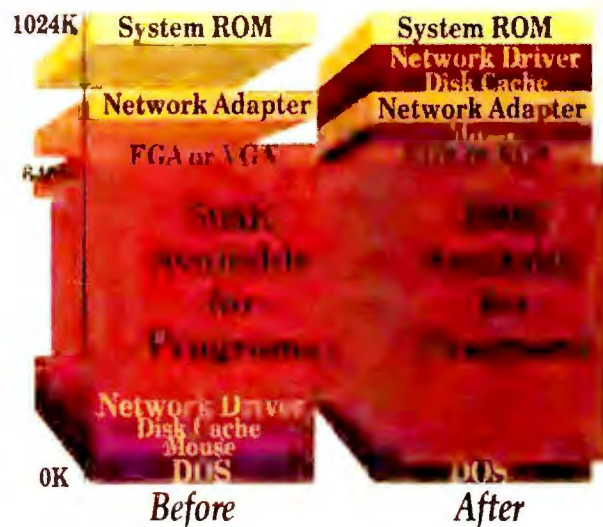
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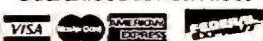
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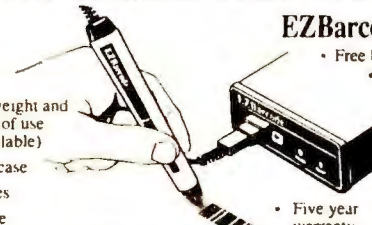
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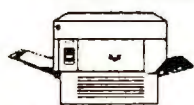
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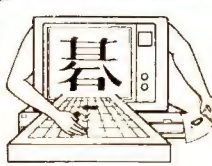
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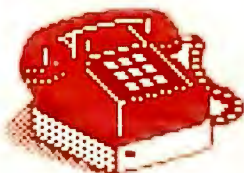
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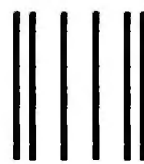
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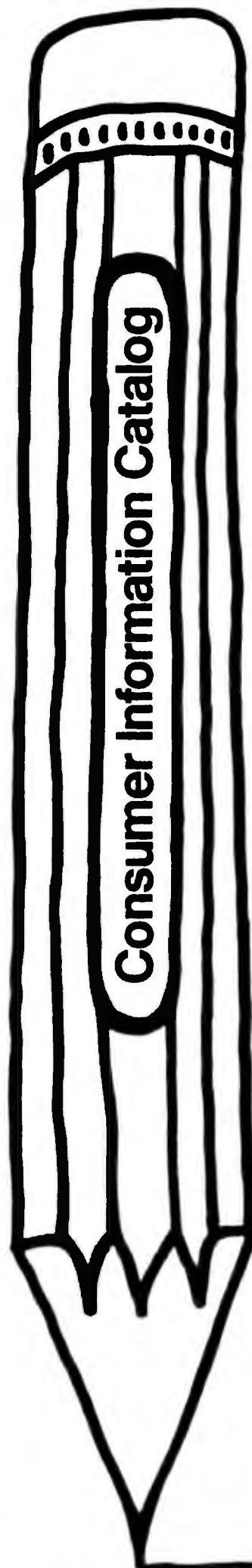
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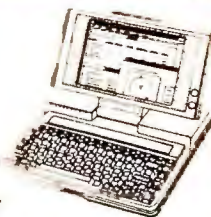
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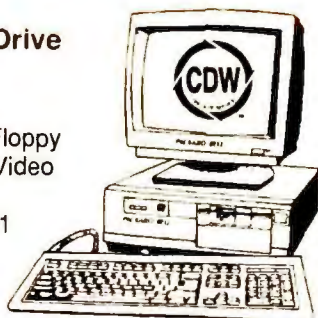


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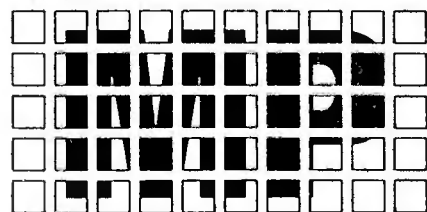
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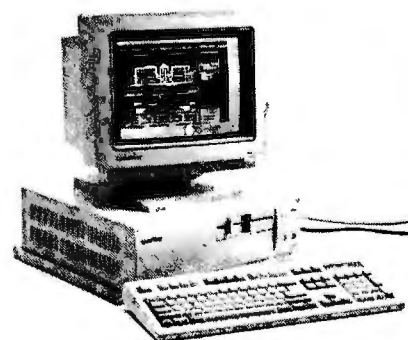
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TAKING IT HOME

The practical guide to home/office computing

Hardware security: Make sure your computer stays at home.

Steve Bass

My wife and I got home late that afternoon, and as soon as we opened the door, we knew something was wrong. I looked around. I *knew* we hadn't left the dresser drawer open. A quick inspection of the house confirmed my worst fears: We'd been burglarized. Again.

If it's happened to you, you know the feeling of outrage at the thought of some jerk rummaging through your home, leaving you to wade through the mess and figure out what isn't there. Some things you don't miss for months.

Once again, the burglar got all the usual stuff—cameras, silver, jewelry—but not the computer. The first burglary was all the warning I needed to make that small corner of my life burglarproof. I can replace my camera at any discount electronics warehouse. But redo my custom computer configuration? Make a new Intel 386 accelerator card, Intel AboveBoard, CAD video card, Plus Hardcard, and Bernoulli Box all work together again? No thanks.

The first burglar jimmied the back door to get in and lugged everything out the same way, so we installed key-only deadbolts on the doors and extra locks on the windows. This time, the burglars came in through the only window I had

thought was too high to reach and hadn't secured. They took only what they could toss out the window, and that didn't include my computer (although they made a valiant attempt). But they hadn't brought along cable cutters, and those are what's needed to walk off with my system these days, thanks to my Kablit locks and cables.

A burglar isn't likely to spend the time. The police say most home burglaries take less than 10 minutes. The thief



wants to get in, grab the easy items, and get out. My strategy was to make my \$10,000 system a whole lot less attractive than the \$300 TV set. Burglars don't understand password protection, so I needed a hardware solution.

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I secured only the expensive items with Kablit: my beefed-up 286 clone, the Sony multiscan monitor, the Hewlett-Packard laser printer, the U.S. Robotics modem. I didn't want to encumber the Northgate keyboard with a cable.

Living in a big city is challenging. The evening of the second burglary, a sheriff's deputy knocked on the door. He was the same detective who had come the time before and belittled my slow XT. Now I have a 286, but he still wasn't impressed.

"Glad you got rid of the XT," he drawled. "You oughta look at a 386, though. I got one, and it sure is fast."

If only he could convince my wife. ●

Family therapist Steve Bass is president of Pasadena IBM Users Group.

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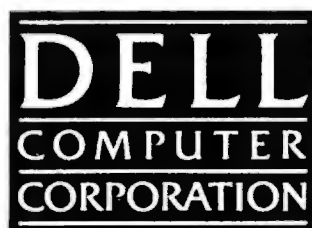
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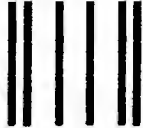
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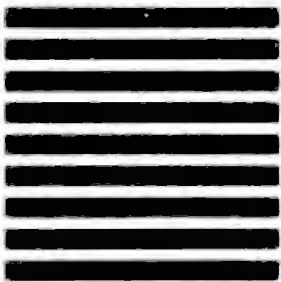
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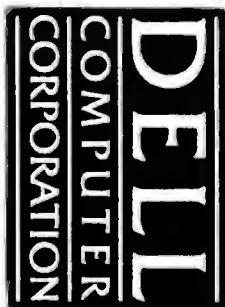


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