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Up!**

Banner Builder

Before You Begin

This booklet sets forth Software Publishing Corporation's (SPC) warranties and disclaimers, and explains how to use your new Banner Builder program. Please read the entire booklet before you begin using your Banner Builder program for the first time. If you are not familiar with the general operation of your computer system, read the manual that came with it before beginning to use this program.

Banner Builder is a program that prints any message you want up to eighty characters long in letters approximately seven inches tall and three inches wide. Your message is printed lengthwise on continuous-form printer paper. Use Banner Builder to make your own banners, party decorations, or any time you want to make sure your message is not missed!

Letters are printed with either solid characters (available only if you have a graphics printer), repeated X's, or any other character you specify from your keyboard.

System Requirements

- Apple II, II+, IIe, or IIc with at least 48K.
- One disk drive.
- Printer with the interface card in slot 1.

Getting Started

Put the Banner Builder program diskette in Drive 1 and turn on your computer. After a few moments, the Banner Builder screen will appear.

Getting Around

If you have an Apple II or II+, use the RETURN key to move from item to item, and the Arrow keys to move the cursor one character to the left or right.

If you have an Apple IIe or IIc, use either the TAB or the RETURN keys to move from item to item, and the Arrow keys to move one character to the left or right.

The Banner Builder Screen

MESSAGE: Type the message you want printed on your banner here. Your message can be up to eighty characters long, and it can include any upper-case letters, numbers, or any other characters on the Apple keyboard.

PRINTER SELECTION: From the list of printers shown on the screen, type the number corresponding to your printer, e.g. type 1 for an Apple Dot Matrix, or 2 for an Epson. If your printer is not listed, type 6 for OTHER.

If you happen to have a “smart” printer interface card, such as a Grappler[™], it may not print all characters correctly. If this happens, choose 6, OTHER printer. This should work correctly; however, you will not be able to print solid characters.

Selecting the wrong printer may cause unpredictable results which could persist even after you have corrected your printer selection. If this occurs, please turn your printer off and on again, restart your Apple, and begin Banner Builder again.

PRINT CHARACTER (OPTIONAL): Print Character lets you specify what character will be used to fill in your letters. For example, if you choose #, the characters in your message will be printed using #'s.

If you leave the Print Character item blank, Banner Builder will print your message using one of two default characters. If you chose one of the first five printers, the message will be printed using solid characters. If you chose 6, OTHER printer, your message will be printed using characters filled in with capital X's.

INDENT (0-80 SPACES): Use Indent to center the characters in your message on different width printer paper. For instance, if the paper you are printing on is fifteen inches wide, you should set the Indent at about 35 spaces. Your message would then be printed centered on the page with 35 spaces above and below it. You may find it just as simple to center the message on your paper by moving the paper tractor-feeds instead. The default setting, 5 spaces, will center your message on eight and a half inch wide paper. Banner Builder allows you to Indent up to 80 spaces.

Printing Your Banner

When you are ready to begin printing, hold down the CTRL key and then press P. Check that your printer is ready, and press the Space Bar to begin printing. You must leave the Banner Builder diskette in Drive 1 while the banner is printing.

You can press the Space Bar at any time during the printing if you need to stop. Pressing the Space Bar again will resume printing, or pressing ESC will return you to the Banner Builder screen.

Using Different Printers

In order for Banner Builder to operate correctly, your printer interface card must be in slot 1.

If your printer is an Apple Dot Matrix, Epson MX-70, RX or FX, NEC 8023, or a C.I.TOH Prowriter, you will be able to print solid characters without any special options for your printer. However, the printers listed below must have the following printer options in order to print solid characters:

Epson MX-80 and MX-100 - Epson Grafrax Option.

Okidata 82A and 83A Printers - Okigraph I Graphics Option.

IDS Prism Printer - Dot Plot Graphics Option.

If your printer is one of those listed above, but is not configured to print graphics, or you are using a "smart" printer interface card, then choose OTHER printer, or 6, when making your printer selection. Instead of solid characters, your message will be printed using X's (default setting), or any other keyboard character that you choose (see PRINT CHARACTER selection above).

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