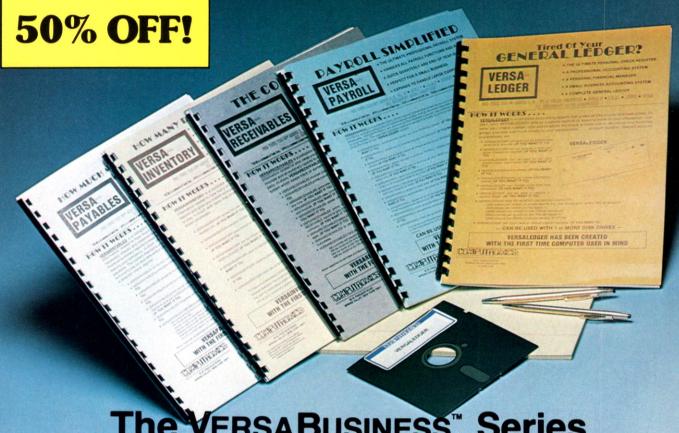


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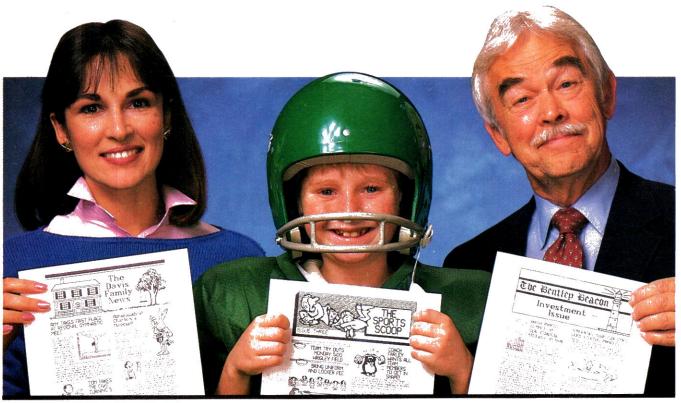
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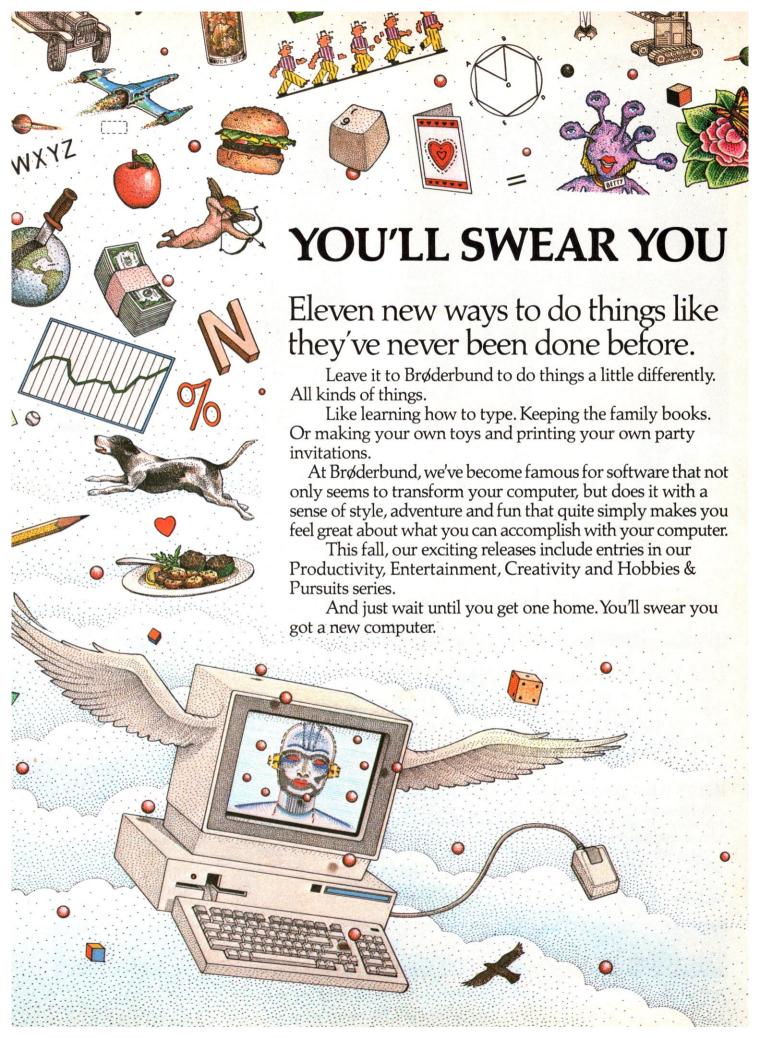
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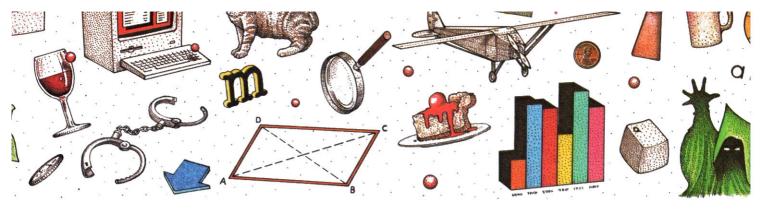
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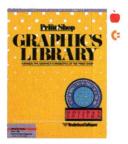


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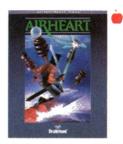
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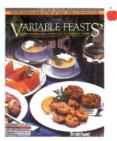
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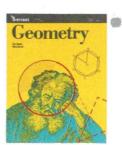
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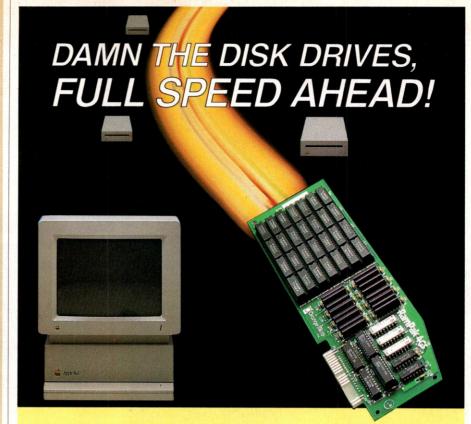
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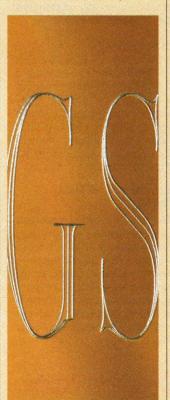


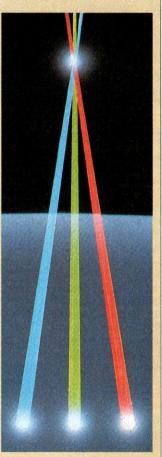
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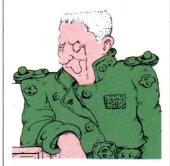
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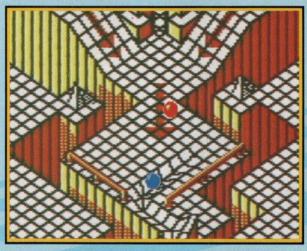
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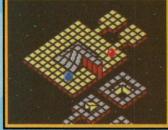


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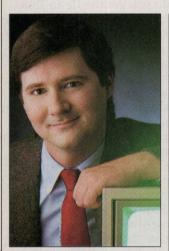
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THE UPGRADE DEBATE

Apple is still catching up on the huge backlog of IIGS orders that have piled up as a result of the production delays that have plagued the IIGS since its introduction last fall. As soon as production of IIGS system units is running smoothly, Apple will begin shipping the long-awaited IIe-to-IIGS upgrade kits.

The Apple IIe-to-IIGS upgrade kit allows IIe owners to take their system unit to their dealers and have their old computer turned into a functional equivalent of the Macintosh-like IIGS for about \$500. Although the computer you wind up with looks like the IIe, it is actually a true IIGS.

Smart Move for Apple

There is little doubt that the Apple IIe-to-IIGS upgrade is another marketing coup for Apple. The upgrade not only gives IIe purchasers a reward for buying an Apple product, but it also gives prospective customers a sense of security about making the decision to buy an Apple computer. Apple offered Macintosh owners upgrades from 128K to 512K to Mac Plus, and now it is offering IIe owners an upgrade to the more powerful IIGS.

any people are reluctant to buy a personal computer because they are afraid it will rapidly become outdated or eclipsed by another model. Apple's upgrades help address this fear and probably will steer a significant number of fence sitters toward their local Apple dealers and away from competitors.

Other Paths

The IIe-to-IIGS upgrade kit is not the only way to upgrade. Even though buying the upgrade kit may be the path of least resistance, it may be better for you to sell your Apple IIe system (or some part of it) and get a genuine IIGS in the spiffy new gray case with the designer-styled keyboard and mouse.

Also, if you happen to own a II, II Plus, or IIc, the IIe-to-IIGS upgrade kit isn't an option for you—selling the old to buy the new is the only way to go. Most people have more money invested in their software and peripherals than they do in their system unit; your investment in these items is retained when you swap system units because most software and peripherals for the older 8-bit Apple II's work just fine with the new 16-bit IIGS.

Not everyone thinks upgrading to the IIGS is a good idea. Many people tell me they are content with their current systems. Others feel that the IIe is more reliable than the IIGS. And some people simply can't afford to upgrade. Another factor to consider is whether adding a hard disk, more memory, and an accelerator board to your existing system would give you the best performance increase for the price.

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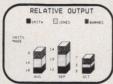
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We know of two prominent Apple hardware developers that are currently working on MS-DOS options for the Apple II series, Orange Micro of Grappler fame and Applied Engineering of RamWorks fame. Orange Micro's product is an external box for the IIGS code-named "DOS Boot." The box houses a shrunkendown PC clone that includes an 8088 processor and an MS-DOS-compatible disk drive. Applied Engineering's product, code-named "Little Blue," is a plug-in board that works with the Apple II Plus, IIe, and IIGS. Little Blue has many niceties, such as the ability to read and write Apple and MS-DOS diskettes with the same disk drive, the ability to use existing Apple II resources such as clocks and hard disk drives, and a speedy 8 MHz 8088 processor that runs faster than a standard IBM PC.

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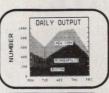


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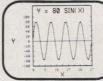


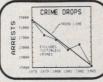




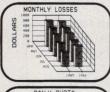




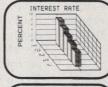


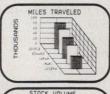


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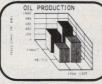


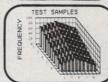


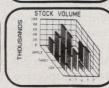












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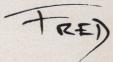
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CP/M users. MS-DOS started out as a 16-bit knockoff of CP/M, and the two operating systems use many of the same commands. Also, CP/M on the Apple II is used primarily for dBASE II and WordStar; users of these two programs may find it appealing to upgrade to programs such as dBASE III Plus and WordStar 2000, which require MS-DOS. Many Choices

Should you get the IIe-to-IIGS upgrade kit? Should you try selling your current Apple II to buy the IIGS? Should you just soup up your current system? Or should you just stay with what you've got? These tough questions are now facing all Apple II users, and we at A + want to help you make the decision that's right for you. To find out more about the ins and outs of upgrading, see our cover story, "Upgrading to the IIGS," by Gary Little; this month's "Thoughtware" column, "The Human Side of Upgrading," by Steve Rosenthal; and an educator's perspective "Is the IIGS Upgrade a School's Best Buy?" in David Thornburg's Learning Curve column. In addition to providing this month's coverage, we'll continue to track the progress of the IIGS in upcoming issues, and we'll be sure to keep you posted on MS-DOS upgrade options as soon as the hard facts are in.

've been struggling with the upgrade debate myself for quite a while, and I think I've finally made up my mind about what I'm going to do. I'm going to get the IIe-to-IIGS upgrade kit because selling my system is too much of a hassle; besides, I've grown fond of my familiar Apple IIe, and the idea of having a high-powered IIGS system inside my old IIe case has a certain charm. When the MS-DOS options are available, I'll plug one of those into the system and have the best of three worlds: The vast world of MS-DOS software; the vast world of Apple II software; and the growing world of Macintosh-like IIGS software. Whichever decision you make, there's no denying that the Apple II is the world's most versatile computer.



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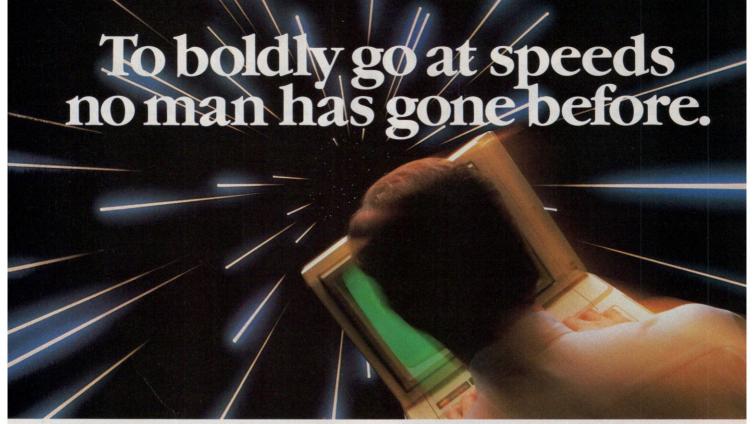
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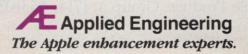
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THE IIC ISN'T 'CUTE'

Dear A +: I want to use your column to express my exasperation with people's attitudes (especially salespeople's) toward the Apple IIc.

A few weeks ago, while in a computer store to check out the new IIGS, I overheard a customer (bringing in his Macintosh for service) look at the IIc and remark to the salesman: "What a cute little computer. I have a good mind to buy one for my kids." Today, while attending an Apple products promotion at a local shopping mall, I overheard the salesperson describing the Apple product line by saying: "This is our IIc, the perfect beginner's computer."

I have owned a IIc for 18 months, and I am currently using it to run two businesses with combined sales in excess of \$2 million. It handles my most advanced BPI accounting packages. The IIc handles my payroll, a 3000-person customer database, 1000 mailing labels per month (it is the key to my direct-mail program), several 85K spreadsheets, menu and brochure layouts, and a check-writing program for my smaller business. When I have finished using it, my IIc teaches my kids algebra, multiplication, and spelling, and it entertains them with The Print Shop and a few dozen other software programs.

I have added a 3.5-inch drive, an external 5¼-inch drive, an Image-Writer II, a mouse, 528K of additional memory, a modem, MacroWorks to enhance the speed of my AppleWorks program, and Catalyst to handle all my business programs on one disk, and I have ordered an external numeric pad to process numbers faster. And all this takes up

less than 1½ square feet of my desk (so I have room for other things such as a telephone and a calculator).

It has given me the ability to crunch massive amounts of sales data otherwise impossible to analyze by hand-accounting methods. I can chart and print graphs, and my accountant receives flawless data to construct my financial statements (those statements that the computer doesn't already do for me). The computer prints checks that make my smaller business look like a multinational conglomerate to the people I do business with! I am starting to transmit data files 2000 miles away to a business associate in California. I haven't even begun to discuss the hours of time I save each week over old-fashioned hand-bookkeeping methods or the money I save in accounting fees.

Does it sound as though I like this thing? I wouldn't trade it for a IIGS, a Mac, or an IBM PC/AT. It paid for itself in the first month of operation, and it has never once been back for service (nor has any component, except to enhance the motherboard for the new 3.5 UniDisk).

So I don't want to hear my IIc described in terms of *cuteness* or *beginner's* anymore. The IIc's only limitations are those of its owners.

Mark Strothman Milwaukee, WI

GRANNY SMITH?

Dear A+: After seeing the new Apple IIGS firsthand, I would suggest that it was really named after the most delicious apple of them all, the Granny Smith.

Kenneth D. James Jessup, MD

II PLUS MINUS UPGRADE

Dear A+: Your November 1986 editorial struck a responsive chord in me and probably a considerable number of other Apple II Plus owners as well. You stated, "The IIe-to-IIGS upgrade is great, except that II Plus and IIc owners are left behind." Amen to that! I also agree with your statement that "II Plus owners should at least have been able to upgrade to a IIe."

I've been waiting quite a while for Apple to give those II Plus owners who covet a IIe or IIc some sort of upgrade path, but to no avail. With the introduction of the IIGS, I thought the price of the IIe and IIc would drop a little, but I certainly can't see any difference.

I know there are others like me among your readers. Every time we read a review of a really neat program, we get to the system requirements and read "Apple IIc or IIe with 128K RAM." That gets discouraging after a while.

Come on, Apple...loosen up a bit! Offer II Plus owners a way to upgrade our machines, and we'll love you for it.

H.G. Payne, Jr. Bedford, TX

ORPHANED APPLES

Dear A+: My November issue of A + just arrived and is completely covered with articles about the new Apple IIGS. As I read each article, I was impressed. The new Apple II has everything that had been promised and more-great graphics and sound capabilities plus memory expansion that would make any other computer's monitor turn green with envy. I read about the upcoming software for the new II, the great possibilities it could have in the classroom, and the new peripherals that would be introduced. It sounded like an Apple lover's delight!

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ing for a replacement for my abandoned TI-99/4A. Then the new computer on the block was the "new" Apple IIc and was billed as the "everything you'll ever need is in there" computer. My wife is a third-grade teacher with Apples in her school, so what better computer to buy, right? Wrong!

Now I read no upgrade is planned for the II Plus or the IIc. I find that "all I'll ever need" just won't be enough. The new hard disk is a great device if you're a IIe or IIGS owner, but it's no good for my "closed" IIc. (It is an Apple, isn't it?) If that isn't bad enough, even my color stands out in the new all-gray crowd!

Well, I guess I'll stick with my trusty IIc, Apple monitor, and Apple printer (even though they are just white) and wait for Applied Engineering or some of the other fine companies to keep coming up with innovative "goodies" to keep my IIc up to date. Believe me, that's cheaper than getting a new computer every two years.

> Glen Seigler Walterboro, SC

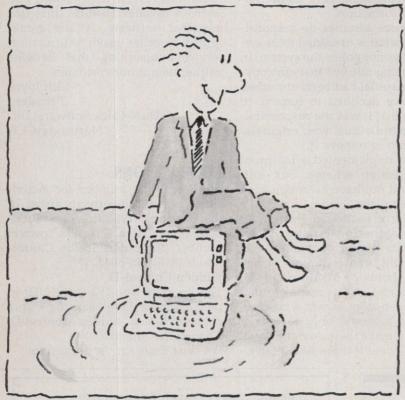
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Dear A+: I am writing to let you know of a slight hardware/software problem I had. Not too long ago, I purchased an Apple IIc system from my local dealer. Things seemed to be going along great until I kept running into software that would not work with the mouse, just the joystick. The software was The Newsroom and Graphics Expander from Springboard and the software that goes along with the X10 Powerhouse computer interface. I took the software over to a friend who has an Apple IIe, and it seemed to work fine, so I discounted it as a compatibility problem between the IIe and the IIc. The whole deal was really bothering me, so I took the suspect software down to the dealer that I purchased the IIc from and tried it out-everything worked!

This is what I found out:

In October 1986 Apple released a new version of the IIc. This version has platinum-colored keys and a new motherboard, equipped for the new plug-in memory-expansion card that Apple also introduced. My dealer discovered in an Apple II

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compatibility guide that the abovementioned software does not work with the IIc. Well, it does work, just not with a mouse. An Apple representative in the store at the time said there was no difference between the two machines.

I am proud to say that within a few minutes the Apple dealer (The Computer Terminal, Santa Maria, CA) had an "older" style motherboard in my computer, humming along just fine. Having moved to Apple from Atari, I was amazed with the service I got from the dealer—something I never would have achieved with Atari Corporation.

Richard W. Hawley II Santa Maria, CA

A SOURCE OF TROUBLE

Dear A+: Your November 1986 "NewsPlus" column discussed recent events regarding pirate BBSs. Although we most definitely applaud the action taken by the SPA against the Star Chamber, we wish to disagree with the general comment that commercial services usually police their own systems. Our own recent experience with The

Source indicates otherwise. Recently, we discovered that a portion of one of our commercial software packages had been uploaded to The Source and made available to all subscribers without our knowledge or permission. The Source's customerservice department gave us the following information:

- The Source assumes no responsibility for what is uploaded to its system. It does not police the system; in fact, on being notified that our copyrighted material had been uploaded, The Source declined to remove it, claiming that it was the responsibility of the individual who originally uploaded it to remove it.
- Had we implemented a foolproof copy-protection scheme, our software could not have been uploaded in the first place.
- The Source suggested this would make an interesting test case (implying that we should pursue legal action? Would it have thought so had we been Lotus or Microsoft?) It likened its role in this matter to that of the video-store owner whose clients rent a movie only to take it home and make their own copy of it. I tend to view it more like a televi-

sion station that rents a copy of *Top Gun* from the video store and then exhibits it for free over the airwaves.

Our company does not favor or use copy-protection schemes. We fear, however, that the growing trend away from copy protection could well reverse itself should The Source's cavalier attitude (that unprotected software is fair game) spread to other major information services—something that benefits neither us nor our customers.

Cliff Joyce President Dubl-Click Software, Inc. Northridge, CA

CORRECTIONS

The telephone number for Activision, Inc., was incorrectly listed in the December 1986 IIGS New Products chart (page 78). The correct number (for callers inside California) is (415) 940-6044.

Hidden Control-D

The program line 192 (page 102) in the December 1986 Learning Curve column has a hidden control-D. Change the line to:

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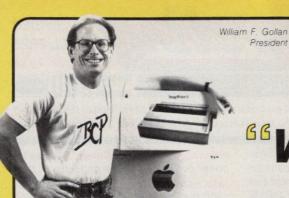
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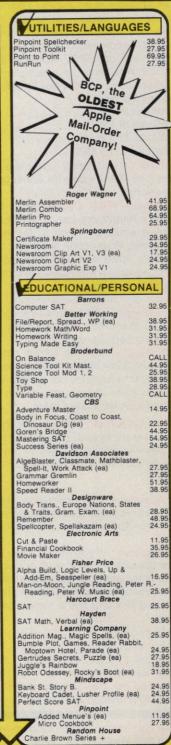
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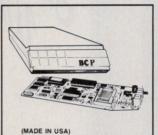
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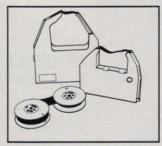
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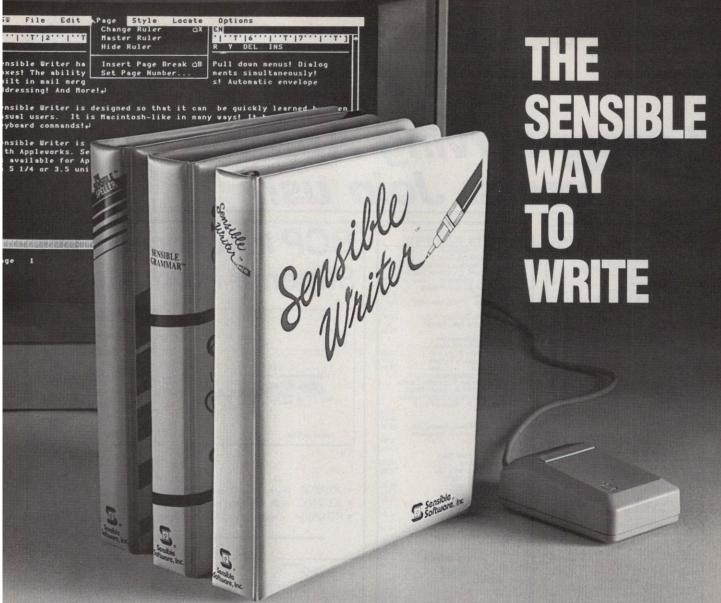
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BOUNTY HUNTER

The Software Publishers Association reports significant success with its program that awards a \$100 bounty to individuals who report "prosecutable" pirate bulletin boards. As of early November, the SPA had paid out \$1300 in rewards, \$600 of which went to a single, enterprising individual in California. The SPA considers the program so successful that it first extended the program until the end of 1986 and then on into 1987. At this writing, the deadline will be February 1, 1987, but it could creep further into the year. Interested bounty hunters should call Ken Wasch, executive director of the SPA, at (202) 452-1600.

WHICH **PROGRAMS WORK?**

When Apple introduced the IIGS last fall, it provided dealers with a compatibility guide listing the results of Apple's tests on 300 Apple II programs. As might be expected, a few glitches arose, and Apple has published an addendum, explaining which programs do work with the IIGS that it previously said did not. Among the seven titles listed are Computer SAT Preparation by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Pinpoint by Pinpoint Publishing, and Quicken by Intuit.

Other corrections concerned the ability of certain packages to work with special IIGS features, such as the control panel. In all, the addendum contained a mere 14 corrections. But the bottom line is this: If you're wondering if your old software works with the IIGS, the best bet is to call the publisher—or take the program in question into the store with you.

After all, a dealer with even the most current version of the compatibility guide has information about only 300 of the thousands of Apple II titles.

TESLER TAPPED

Apple Computer, Inc., wants to maintain its leadership position when it comes to technical innovation and has confirmed that commitment with an executive appointment. Apple recently named Larry Tesler, 41, to the newly created position of vice president of advanced technology. Tesler will also be a member of Apple's executive staff, meaning that the advanced-development group will be intimately involved in the company's long- and shortrange planning.



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And what sort of background does Tesler bring to this powerful position? Tesler has been at Apple for six years and is probably best known in the industry for his management role in the development of the now-defunct but then-revolutionary Lisa system. He is also a veteran of Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center (from which Apple has borrowed many user-interface developments) and Stanford University's Artificial Intelligence Laboratories. One Apple

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The National AppleWorks Users Group is offering seminars across the country.

insider suggests that Tesler might pursue the old Xerox PARC/Alan Kay notion of the Dynabook, a notebook-size computer.

APPLEWORKS ALERT

Here are a couple of items that came to our attention after the deadline for this month's "AppleWorks Report":

The National Apple-Works Users Group is offering half-day seminars across the country. The topic is "Beyond the Basics," and the fee is \$40 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. (Membership in this group costs \$24, which also entitles you to a newsletter, public-domain software, discounts on products and seminars, and access to an electronic bulletin board.) Several seminars have already taken place in the Midwest, but the group plans more on the East and West coasts. For more information, call NAUG in Canton, Michigan; (313) 397-1594.

Our other item concerns Bob (aka Rupert) Lissner, the programmer who wrote AppleWorks. Lissner has started an online bulletin board that supplies technical information to programmers who want to modify AppleWorks or write programs that work with it. The number to call is (702) 831-1722.

UNIQUE COPY PROTECTION

The Software Publishers Association program pays \$100 to individuals who offer information leading to the shutdown of bulletin-board systems that offer pirated software, and the ADAPSO Software **Protection Committee** has set aside \$45,000 for an antipiracy campaign to combat illegal copying of software at universities.



But Rabbi Alan Rosenbaum believes his company, Davka Corporation, may have a unique solution that is equally effective. The Chicago company specializing in religious-education software has the following words emblazoned on its diskettes: "UNAUTHOR-IZED REPRODUCTION OF THIS DISK IS IN VIO-LATION OF THE BIBLI-CAL COMMANDMENT AND MAY BE AGAINST FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS." In other words, God will getcha if you don't watch it.

FILE-TRANSFER STANDARD PROPOSED

In November, writer and software author Gary B. Little proposed an Apple II Binary File Format standard that would make file transfers to commercial information services such as CompuServe, Delphi, GEnie, and The Source simple and convenient. Currently, transferring Apple II files in binary

form to commercial information services is frustrating. Although these services are able to receive a file's data in binary form, they don't receive the file's attribute bytes—the filename. file-type code, the file size, and so on. (ProDOS stores the attributes inside the disk directory. not inside the file itself.) Thus, binary files uploaded to these services are useless to those who download them.

Right now, the only acceptable way to transfer Apple II files to a service is to convert the file into lines of text and send the text file. Someone downloading the text file then converts it to a binary form, using the Applesoft EXEC command. The disadvantage of this technique is that the text version of the file is more than three times the size of the original binary file, making it expensive to upload and download. Sending a 32K IIGS superhigh-resolution picture

using the text-file method would require nearly a 100K text file!

The solution to this problem is to upload a standard encoded binary file that contains not just the file's data but the file's attributes as well. After downloading the file, you must use a con-

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version program to create the file with the required attributes. This encoding scheme is similar to Mac-Binary, the widely adopted file-transfer protocol for Macintosh files, except that a single Binary II file can hold multiple disk files, making it easy to keep a group of related files "glued" together when you send them to the on-line service.

If you are interested in this standard, you can obtain the documentation and conversion programs on the major on-line services. (On CompuServe in the MAUG section, download BINARY.DOC, BI2UP.EXE, and BI2DWN.EXE from data library 8.)

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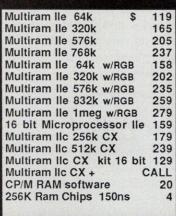
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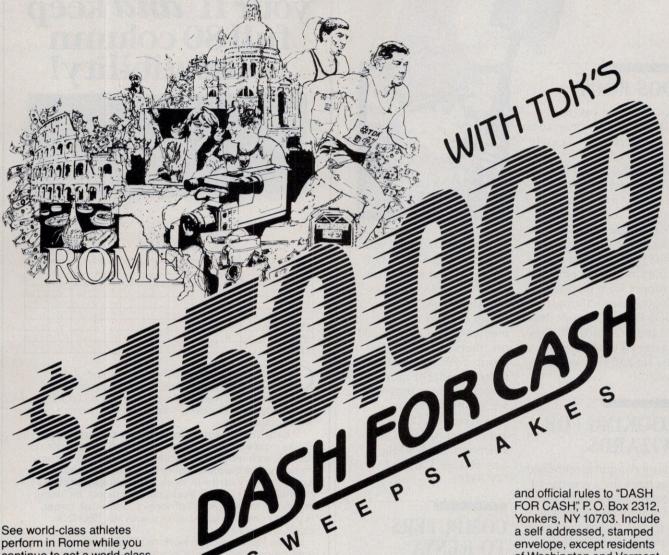
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DOS BOOT

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No, it's not a subtitled film about a German submarine crew. It's a newly announced product from Orange Micro. DOS Boot, which is scheduled for release in April, is designed to allow you to run MS-DOS applications from a disk drive. Unlike Little Blue (the working name for a similar, upcoming product from Applied Engineering), though, DOS Boot will work only on the IIGS. Little Blue is designed to work with the IIe and II Plus as well.

LOOKING FOR WIZARDS

Many computer stores do not have the expertise to properly service all the hardware and software they sell. But expect to see more specialty bulletin-board systems (BBSs) and users' groups to fill the gap. For example, AST Research offers a BBS to disseminate technical information and software updates.

First Class Peripherals, the manufacturer of Sider (the \$499 ten-megabyte hard-disk drive for the II Plus, IIe, or IIGS), is searching users' groups for "Wizards" that it will train. A wizard will be able to make quick, limited on-site repairs of inwarranty products and answer technical questions. The company is asking that Apple users'

group presidents submit, in writing, the names of four qualified applicants, and three possible meeting dates. Your users' group must have 300 members, and at least 100 members present at the group meeting the Sider folks attend. For more information or to request a wizard presentation, please contact The Wizard Program, First Class Peripherals, 3579 Highway 50 East, Carson City, NV 89701.

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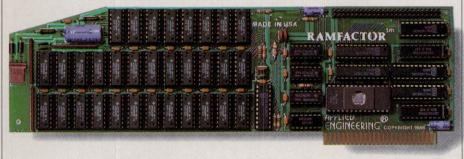
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MOVING MICE

Many moons after Apple introduced its Apple-Mouse, the company is formally urging its dealers to include mice in their standard demonstration setups. Not only that, but Apple is also encouraging dealers to show off Apple systems using two 3.5-inch-disk drives (more than a year after Apple brought out this size of drive). These suggestions to dealers may quell some complaints Apple receives for introducing technical advancements and then seeming to pay lip service to them rather than actively market them. This



ambivalence has been a problem for software developers who have jumped on the mouse or 3.5-inch-drive bandwagon at Apple's urging—only to find that not enough consumers were buying these peripherals. Now if Apple would only

bundle a mouse with the Apple IIe and IIc as it does with the Macintosh and the IIGS

EXTENDED LIFE FOR MOUSEWORD

If Apple had thrown its full weight behind the mouse for the Apple II a while ago, perhaps International Solutions, Inc., could have done better. This California company, which went out of business last year, sold only mouse-based software (MouseWord, MouseCalc, and so on) and griped that Apple didn't promote the mouse as it

should have. Of course, that's all water under the bridge now—although ISI's departure from the scene does leave its former customers high and dry when it comes to ongoing product support and updates.

Enter Roger Wagner Publishing, Inc., another purveyor of mouse-driven software, namely the word processor, Mouse-Write. The Southern California company recently announced an upgrade path for users of ISI's MouseWord. For \$75, owners of this word processing program can turn in their packages and receive a current version of Roger Wagner's Mouse-Write.

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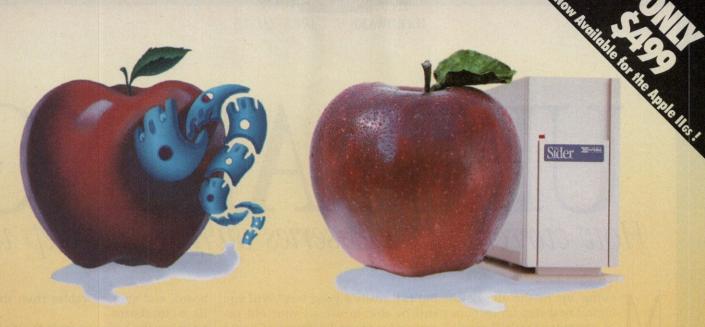
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UPGRADING

How current Apple II-series owners can step up

oving up to the IIGS is a logical next step for owners of current Apple-II-series computers: You get a souped-up, Macintosh-like computer that still works with most of your current software and peripherals. If you own an Apple IIe, it's pretty obvious how you can upgrade to a IIGS—by purchasing an upgrade kit from Apple that gives your old IIe new innards. But that's only one approach to upgrading. Even if you have a IIc or a II Plus, there is still an upgrade path for you. You can sell (or set aside) your old CPU, buy a IIGS system unit, and use it with your old software and peripherals.

Here we examine the whys and wherefores of purchasing the official Apple upgrade kit and describe what you can and can't take along with you no matter which upgrade path you take and no matter which Apple II you're starting with.

The Apple IIGS upgrade kit, scheduled for release later this year, will give the almost two million IIe users the opportunity to transform their computers into IIGS equivalents for only \$499. The upgrade is not available to II, II Plus, or IIc owners, however, despite frequent rumors to the contrary. It simply won't work with these computers because of lack of space inside the computer (IIc) or incompatible keyboards (II and II Plus).

The upgrade is only half the price of a real IIGS (the IIGS system unit, keyboard, and mouse cost \$999). And, if you purchased a IIe from an authorized Apple dealer between July 15 and September 14, 1986, you can get a \$100 rebate for an upgrade.

But is it really a good buy? Will you still be able to use all your old peripheral cards and software? Should you keep your IIe and ignore the IIGS? Or is this the time to sell your IIe, II Plus, or IIc system unit and graduate to a genuine IIGS? These are some of the questions I hope you'll be able to answer after reading this article.

Details of the Upgrade

The IIGS upgrade kit consists of three items: a IIGS motherboard, a metal base pan, and a manual that describes the differences between a IIGS and a IIe. The upgrade does not include a IIGS keyboard, power supply, or case—you must salvage these items from your IIe. The upgrade also does not include the IIGS mouse or a disk drive.

he kit's motherboard is identical to the IIGS motherboard except that it has two additional connectors: one for the IIe keyboard and one for the optional IIe keypad. A new base pan (which includes the back panel) is needed because the IIe base pan does not have openings for the IIGS's built-in port connectors.

According to Apple, the upgrade kit must be installed by an authorized Apple dealer, but the \$499 price does not include installation charges. Installation doesn't take long, however, so these charges should be low—some dealers may even do it free. Unfortunately, you are not allowed to keep your IIe motherboard; dealers must ship these back to Apple.

Installation is relatively simple and involves the following steps:

· disconnect the power supply, key-

board, and speaker cables from the IIe motherboard

remove the base pan from the plastic casing of the IIe and save the speaker

• insert the IIGS motherboard and the new base pan

• reconnect the power supply, keyboard, and speaker cables.

The computer you end up with is functionally no different from a real IIGS—it just has a different keyboard and a different case. Thus, you will be able to take advantage of all the IIGS-specific software that will begin to appear in 1987, notably graphics and sound applications. One caveat: Most of this new software will probably require a mouse and 3.5-inch disk drives, but these are not part of the upgrade kit. You might need to budget a few hundred dollars more for these items.

Hardware Compatibility

A major factor in deciding whether to buy the IIGS upgrade is whether you can protect your existing investment in peripheral hardware. In other words, will all those nifty interface cards you've grown to know and love still work on the Apple IIGS?

Keep in mind that the IIGS has several built-in I/O ports, so you won't even need some of your old cards in the first place. That's nice because you can conceivably recoup part of the upgrade price by selling your redundant peripherals to II Plus users or to IIe users who aren't upgrading.

Built into the IIGS are two serial interfaces, a mouse interface, analog RGB and composite video ports, and a SmartPort controller for 3.5-inch

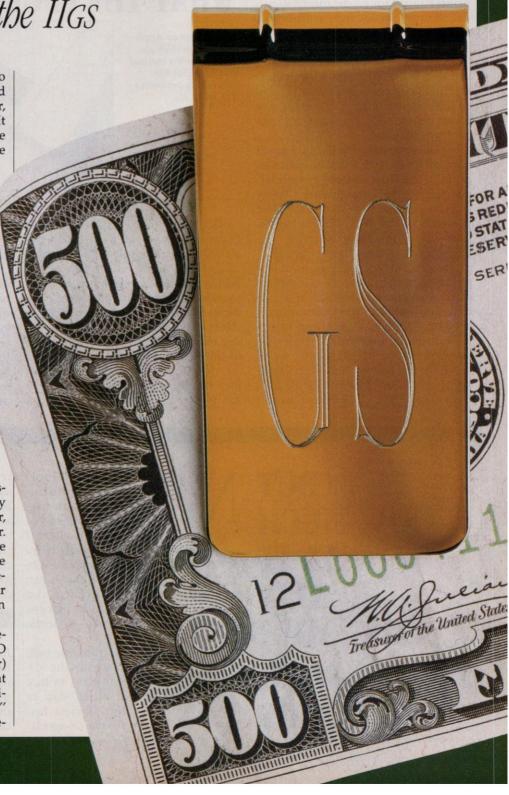
TOTHE IGS to the power of the IIGS

and 5¼-inch disk drives. The GS also has an internal battery-operated clock, a music/speech synthesizer, and 80-column-display circuitry. It seems pointless, therefore, to use cards that simply duplicate these functions.

Tou may want to continue using an interface card instead of the corresponding port, however, if the firmware on the card lets you issue useful commands that the IIGS does not. For example, some printer-interface such as the Serial Grappler and Alphabits, contain advanced screen-printing utilities. And most clock cards give you the time and date in a variety of formats if you use a few simple Applesoft commands, unlike the IIGS clock.

You may also want to use a card instead of a port to avoid the expense of (or the hassle of making) a new cable for a printer or modem you already use. It's quite astounding, but it seems that every time Apple releases a new computer, it dreams up'a new I/O connector. The serial connectors on the IIGs are 8-pin circular connectors, not the ones used on the IIc or on any peripheral card I've seen for the IIe or II Plus. These connectors are used on the Macintosh Plus, however.

Most (but not all) Apple II peripheral cards that plug into an I/O slot (not the IIe auxiliary connector) can work on the IIGS. The cards that definitely cannot work are multifunction cards that use "phantom" slot techniques (where an I/O de-



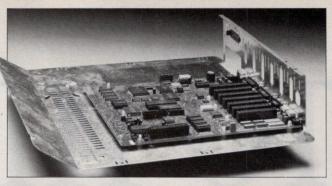
vice appears to be in a slot different from the slot in which the card is inserted), such as the Street Business-Card, AST Multi-I/O, and the Prometheus Versacard. These types of cards simply can't cope with the 16-megabyte address range of the 65816 microprocessor of the IIGS. Multifunction cards that don't use phantom slots, notably the RC Systems Slotbuster, can work.

Generally speaking, single-function cards work fine on the IIGS—the list includes serial and parallel printer-interface cards, internal-modem cards, disk-drive controllers, and memory cards compatible with the Apple II Memory Expansion Card (such as the Applied Engineering RamFactor and the AST Sprint-Disk). There are exceptions, so you should ask the manufacturer of any given card whether it will work, before you upgrade.

Apple recommends using a fan if you install more than two expansion cards in the IIGS, to avoid heat-related damage to components. Apple sells an internal IIGS System Fan, but it won't fit inside an upgraded IIe case—use something such as the Kensington System Saver instead.

Two important exceptions relate to drive controllers. The interface card for the Apple ProFile hard-disk drive doesn't work properly on the IIGS—in fact, if you tried to use it, you could lose data. Apple has published a simple hardware fix to solve this problem, however. Older versions of Central Point Software's Universal Disk Controller won't

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The \$499 Apple IIe-toIIGS upgrade kit
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WHAT THE UPGRADE GIVES YOU

OUTSIDE: You will get an Apple IIGS logo to stick on your IIe, and a manual that describes the differences between a IIGS and a IIe.



work either, but, again, Central Point will make you a simple fix for a small charge. Eight-bit accelerator cards don't work on the IIGS at all, which causes no problems, because the IIGS already operates up to 2.8 times faster than does a standard IIe. (Note: Applied Engineering is working on a 16-bit accelerator designed to increase the speed of the IIGS.)

Any card designed for the auxiliary connector on the IIe definitely cannot work on the IIGS, because the

IIGS has no auxiliary connector. So you can say good-bye to 80-column/memory cards such as MultiRAM and RamWorks. Many people also buy RGB video adapters for these cards that drive digital RGB color monitors. Unfortunately, the IIGS generates analog RGB signals, so you can't connect a digital monitor to the RGB port of the IIGS. (See "The IIGS Shows Its Colors," in this issue.) So say goodbye to your digital RGB monitor, too.

BUT HOW MUCH WILL IT REALLY COST YOU? FOUR SCENARIOS

o matter which old Apple you own, there's a way to carry over some of your previous investment (in terms of peripherals and software) to a IIGS. If you own a IIe, you can upgrade by swapping out the motherboard. Or, with the II Plus, IIe, or IIc, you can set aside or sell your old system and plug in a new IIGS box in its place—amid your old disk drives, modems, printers, and such.

But, (and this is a formidable but), if you want to step up to the GS, chances are you'll also want to buy the peripherals that allow you to take advantage of the fanciest features of this system. To use GS-specif-

ic software, you'll need 3.5-inch disk drives, and to appreciate all those beautiful graphics, you'll probably want an analog RGB monitor. Here's a snapshot look at four sample situations—and their approximate costs—in which an Apple owner upgrades or sells an old system in order to move up to the GS.

SCENARIO #1

Approximate cost: \$500

John is an Apple IIe owner who takes the simplest route: He buys the upgrade kit from Apple and continues to use the printer, modem, 5¼-inch disk drives, software, and composite monitor he already has.

Software Compatibility

Apple has made a concerted effort to make the IIGS compatible with existing IIe software. As a result, almost all Apple IIe software works with it without modification, including such standards as AppleWorks, Apple Writer, Mouse-Write, The Print Shop, and Pinpoint.

A few programs cannot work on the IIGS at all, however. The biggest culprits are communications programs that bypass the serial-port firmware and communicate directly with the port's hardware registers. Many such programs understand only the 6551 chip of the Super Serial Card, but the IIGS uses the Intel 8530 chip. (This is the same chip the Macintosh uses; Apple used it to permit the IIGS to connect easily to AppleTalk networks.) Point-to-Point was designed to work with the IIGS. Others, such as ASCII Express and CommWorks, were upgraded after the announcement of the IIGS last September. Contact the publisher of your software for upgrading information if you have an old version.

Some software may work on the IIGS but only at normal speed (1 MHz). This category includes any software that relies on precise timing loops, primarily music software and some games. You can use the IIGS Control Panel desk accessory to switch from the fast speed (the IIGS default) to normal speed.

Programs that use the cassette port on the IIe won't work on the IIGS because the IIGS has no cassette port. Few users will lose sleep over this restriction because programs that require such a port are rare.

Apple has distributed a software compatibility chart to dealers, but I wouldn't rely on it too much. It's just too difficult to keep accurate track of so many versions of so many programs. If you really want to be sure your program works, sit down in a dealer's showroom and try your software on a IIGS. You should also con-

All major publishers are taking prompt steps to make their programs work on the IIGs if they don't already.

tact the software publisher to verify compatibility and inquire about special IIGS versions. All major publishers are taking prompt steps to make their programs work on the IIGS if they don't already.

For some users, an attractive alternative to buying the IIGS upgrade kit is to buy a real IIGS and keep the old Apple II or sell it. The extra cost for IIe owners is only \$500, but it's even less if you consider that you have to pay for the upgrade kit, installation, a mouse, and a numeric keypad to get the equivalent of a \$999 IIGS. And just think how happy the kids will be when you give them your spare computer or how happy you

will be if you can sell the old Apple for more than the cost of an upgrade kit! But remember, the longer you wait, the harder it will be to sell your old system, so move quickly. Just ask people still using the II Plus whether they wish they had moved up to the IIe four years ago.

If you take this route, the only extras you really need to have before firing up the IIGS are a video monitor and a disk drive (preferably a 3.5inch drive). You can purchase composite black-and-white monitors for less than \$100 (or you can splurge and spend \$499 on Apple's RGB monitor); Apple's 3.5-inch disk drive will cost you \$399, but you can probably find other drives for less. External peripherals you might already have-such as modems and serial printers (for example, the ImageWriter)-work with both old Apple II-series computers and the IIGS. All you have to do is invest in another set of cables. If you have a parallel printer, you'll have to buy a parallel-interface card for the IIGS.

Decision Time

I'm convinced that if you own an 8-bit Apple II and you're not using a lot of oddball software or hardware that won't work on the IIGS, you should move up to a IIGS, either by purchasing the IIe upgrade or buying the IIGS itself. It's just too good a deal to turn down.

Gary Little is the author of Point-to-Point, a communications program for the Ile, IIc, and IIGS published by Pinpoint Publishing.

However, if he later wants to use the more powerful GS software, he'll need to spend another \$500 or so to buy a 3.5-inch drive and a mouse.

SCENARIO #2

Approximate cost: \$650

David has an Apple IIe with 128K of memory, two 5¼-inch disk drives, a composite monitor, hard-disk drive, printer, multifunction card, and modem. For \$750, he sells the system with its additional memory, one of the drives with the controller card (he keeps one to run his old software on the GS), and the multifunction card (since it won't work on the new system). The rest of the peripherals

he keeps to use with the GS, and he also buys a 3.5-inch drive so that he can take advantage of the new software. The suggested price for the IIGS (which includes a mouse) plus disk drive is \$1398, so with the amount David receives for his old system, his net out-of-pocket expense is \$648.

SCENARIO #3

Approximate cost: \$900

Elizabeth owns an Apple IIc with a composite monitor, second disk drive, printer, and modem. She sells the system unit with its built-in drive for \$500 and keeps all her other peripherals to use with the GS. Be-

sides buying the IIGS system, she also buys a 3.5-inch drive, for \$1398. Subtracting the \$500 she gets from selling her IIc, her total outlay is \$898.

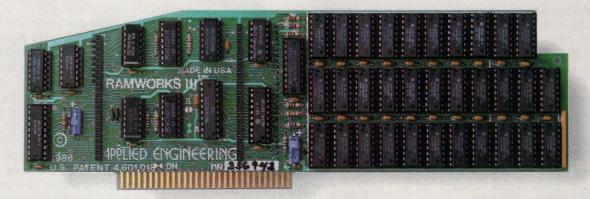
SCENARIO #4

Approximate cost: \$1150

Ron has an Apple II Plus with two 5¼-inch drives, printer, modem, monochrome monitor, hard-disk drive, accelerator board, and multifunction card. He sells the system unit, one drive, the monitor, and enhancement cards for \$750 and then buys a GS with 3.5-inch drive and RGB monitor for the suggested price of \$1897—his net cost is \$1147.

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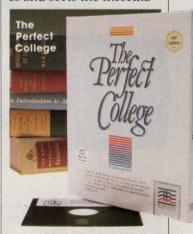
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For the Apple II Plus and IIe, Covox has also released the Sound Master

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Keyboard Sampler Roland's 5-10

Requires: Apple II Plus or IIe, 64K RAM, Voice Master Covox, Inc. 675-D Conger Street Eugene, OR 97402 (503) 342-1271

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The Voice Master speech and music program from Covox



TYPE!

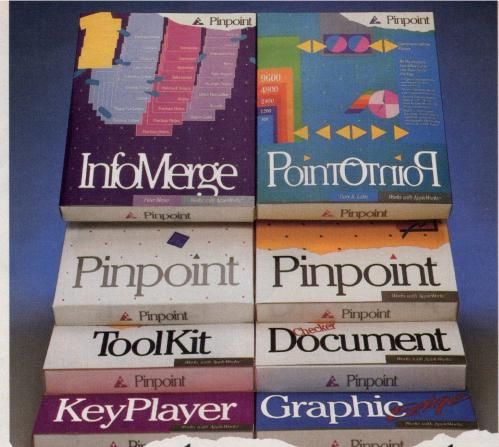
Type! provides instruction in touch-typing for both novices and skilled typists, providing exercises containing realworld sentences and text. The program uses diagnostic drills to analyze users' performance and recommends the best exercises for improving specific weaknesses. It also displays detailed graphs of users' performance, recommends customized exercises to increase speed and accuracy, saves daily results, and prints progress reports. In addition, the program contains Type-Athlon!, an arcade-style game that features different levels of exercises and diagnostics. (List Price: \$44.95) Requires: Apple II Plus, IIe, or IIc: 64K RAM

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Roland has introduced two new digital sampling keyboards, the S-50 and S-10, that work with Apple II-series computers equipped with a MIDI interface. Both of these keyboards work with digitized sound samples that sound like real instruments. Both also let you record and edit your own sounds for playback. The S-50 has 512K RAM, a built-in, 3.5-inch disk drive, an on-board 32character display, and a variety of output jacks.





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Requires: Apple IIe or IIGS; MIDI interface RolandCorp US 7200 Dominion Circle Los Angeles, CA 90040 (213) 685-5141

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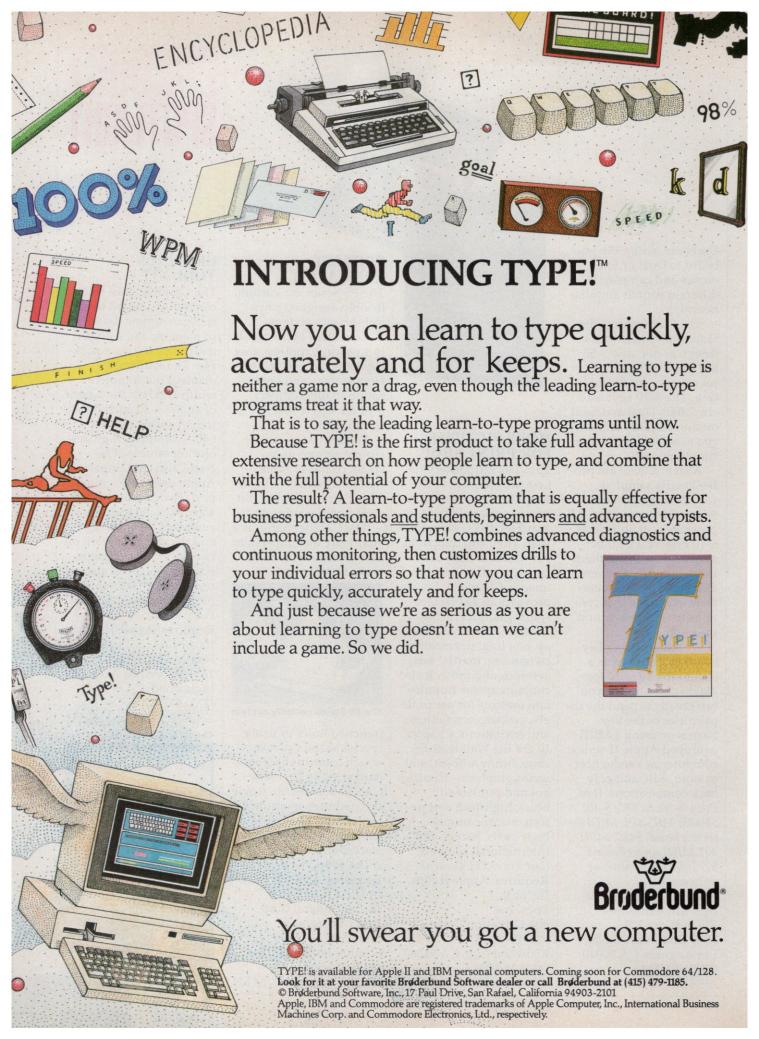
GRAPHICS TOOL KIT

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The Graphics Tool Kit





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THE FIRST TEN YEARS

n January, Apple Computer, Inc., celebrated its tenth birthday and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak reflected on the ten years in the pages of A+. In that issue, we also traced the history of Apple's computers and code names. In this month's second of two parts honoring Apple's first decade, we look at the people who made Apple so successful and present a ten-year timeline, and an Apple executive gives us a glimpse at the next ten years.

Technology has been one driving force in Apple's history; people have been another. The chaos generated by the dozens of revisions to basic Apple products probably would have put most firms out of business. The reason Apple hasn't succumbed to what personal-computer pioneer Adam Osborne likes to call hypergrowth, however, has to do with people. The two Steves, of course, have been appropriately labeled by the press as being the renegades, the creators of the Apple chaos. Both of them were always pushing at the very things that made the company successful. Steve Jobs, for instance, disrupted the company with his pirate's flag over the Macintosh building, basically pooh-poohing the Lisa at the same time that he, as CEO, was touting its technical elegance to the world. Woz, meanwhile, kept saying that the Apple II could be better, even as the company tried to shift resources first to the III, then to the Lisa, then to the Macintosh. Both Steves had their followers, and both made a lot of noise in support of their causes.

So how did the company survive? After all, with product infighting going on at the level it was at Apple, many companies would have performed about as well as a sailboat with no one at the tiller.

In the beginning it was people such as Mike Scott and Mike Markkula who stabilized Apple. Scott, who was Apple's president in the early days, was the only man who could yell loud enough to be heard over the noise the two Steves generated; Markkula, who has been chairman and president and is now Apple's vice chairman, was the quiet organizer. Both were good at attending to details, but others were instrumental as well.

The attitude inside Apple was typical of that of most Silicon Valley start-ups: If you think you can do it, give it a try. People were encouraged to do their best work. Chris Espinosa, at an age at which many people struggle to write book reports, helped turn out manuals that were understandable and fun. Randy Wigginton took software routines that Woz wrote, spruced them up, and added nifty details. Fred Hoar did a good job of explaining to the press what Apple was up to and defusing the controversial things that either of the two Steves might say in too-candid situations. And in the middle of it all, a few new geniuses were sprouting, simply because they got the opportunity to try.

ef Raskin, for instance, wrote the original specifications of the machine that eventually became the Macintosh. If you talk to Raskin today, he'll tell you about "information appliances," and perhaps that's what the original Mac was supposed to be. No one can agree where he lost control of his concept, but even a short talk with Raskin will convince you that many of the underlying ideas behind the Macintosh were Raskin's and were amplified by Job's eventual opinionated

leadership of the group.

The Lisa software, in which the Macintosh's has its roots, clearly shows the leadership of John Couch, a teddy bear of a man who, when excited by something, could get even the most blasé person enthused. With Couch coaching the Lisa software team, it kept improving its early ideas until they became Apple's and ceased being mere imitations of the Xerox Star software, from which many of the underlying concepts

(mice, windows, bit-mapped graphics) originated. Couch was so enthused about LisaProject, for example, that he insisted on the use of the early versions of this program to perform the project-management tasks for LisaProject! Yes, recursion works inside of computer companies as well as inside computer programs.

ome of the Lisa personnel made it into the Macintosh camp. Andy Hertzfeld, for example, who had been a Pascal programmer involved with both Apple Pascal and LisaPascal, became one of the key software programmers for the Macintosh.

In the Macintosh group, Jobs was the final authority, and, according to almost everyone who was there, he pushed his charges to their limits. He tested people by asking why they did things the way they did, just to make sure they had thought everything through. He told people they had created "junk" (actually, he used a stronger four-letter word) and that he knew that they could do better. Yet he still pretty much let people try to solve things the way they wanted to solve them. Jobs was interested only in the end result, not so much in how you got to it.

Most of these people are now out of Apple's day-to-day picture. Scott is gone. Markkula has moved into a background role. Hertzfeld is gone. Woz has left several times only to return again. After a power struggle with Sculley, Jobs left in September 1985 to start Next, Inc. Couch has moved to Southern California. In fact, it seems like everywhere you look within Apple, the key players who inspired, innovated, or tamed the original corporate animal just don't work there anymore.

In their place are new people, people such as John Sculley, Jean-Louis Gassée, Guy Kawasaki, and others. Sculley, after quietly organizing Apple for two years, has proven to be a direct replacement for both Markkula and Scott. Many subtle changes in the Apple hierarchy are the result of Sculley's methodical recruiting and rewarding, but Sculley can handle dramatic shifts as well. He brought the II and Macintosh groups together last year to create "one Apple," and after Apple's first quarterly financial loss, Sculley laid off 1200 workers. No one could doubt who was in charge, especially after Jobs left in a huff Apple's basic philosophy

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Gassée and Kawasaki are the new renegades in the Apple structure, pushing hardware and software, respectively. Gassée, like Jobs, seems to be driving his people hard, yet he still gives them the freedom to try it "their way" first. Kawasaki is more in the tradition of Woz, motivating by simply being eager and excited about every possibility—"no" is not an answer Kawasaki wants to hear.

Thus Apple's basic philosophy has remained intact, despite the apparent migration of key people from the company. Apple still balances excitement ("let's give it a try") in the ranks with a quiet determination to avoid chaos.

Yet, in some ways the original cast of characters is not gone. Woz is back as a cheerleader for the IIGS and even says that he's "staying up nights programming on the machine." Jobs invested in a company that produced a state-of-the-art Macintosh word-processing program and seems only to want to out-Apple

Apple with his Next computer. Hertzfeld is still writing software and allowing Apple first crack at it, with the option to publish it himself if he thinks Apple doesn't do a good enough job.

To be sure, Apple is not quite the same company it once was, but one look at the firm shows you that it is continuing to do the same thing it has done over and over in its history: make its existing products better. The Macintosh, already released in five different versions, seems destined to come out in at least two others in the near future (the so-called open-Mac and flat-Mac versions). Indeed, if history repeats itself, Apple will freeze the basic Macintosh hardware and core software into a single chip or set of chips for the next round, with additional chips adding new functions to the basic product.

he ImageWriter and Laser-Writer printers have already gone through two revisions apiece, and it appears that both of them will go through at least one more. The 20-megabyte hard-disk drive has seen two iterations in a year. The mouse has had at least three distinct versions.

So, in examining Apple's first ten years, we see the seeds for a successful second decade. No doubt there will be an Apple IV some day, and when it proves to be not quite what the marketplace needs, it will become the Apple IV Plus, or IV Enhanced, or 4.5, or some other name—the same basic machine with a new set of features. And when the base Apple IV machine is figured out, its design will be frozen in stone (actually silicon), and the basic features will remain the same, as Apple adds new and clever enhancements to keep the product up to date. Because that's the way the Apple bounces: up a little higher each time.

Thom Hogan has owned five Apples in the last ten years and will probably own future Apples as well. Best known for his book The CP/M User Guide (which accompanies the Microsoft SoftCard), he has also served as editor of InfoWorld and Business Software and as director of software at Osborne Computer. These days you can find him sitting beside the pool, busily writing with his laptop computer, which he wishes were an Apple. He lives in Cupertino, California.

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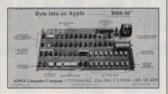
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Apple's ten-year

1976



JULY 1976

Jobs and Woz deliver first Apple I computers to computer stores

1977

JANUARY 1977

Apple incorporates



APRIL 1977

Apple II introduced at the first West Coast Computer Faire

MAY 1977

First Apple II boards ship



JÜNE 1977 First Apple II systems ship

1978



JUNE 1978
Introduction of Disk II

SEPTEMBER 1978

Apple sells 7600 computers in fiscal 1978

1979

JUNE 1979

Introduction of Apple II Plus



SEPTEMBER 1979

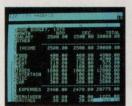
Apple sells 35,100 computers in fiscal 1979

Macintosh project formally begins



OCTOBER 1979

Woz-receives Grace Murray Hopper Award for his work in personal computing



OCTOBER 1979 VisiCalc released

1980



MAY 1980 Introduction of the Apple III

MAY 1980

Apple rents Disneyland for a night during the National Computer Conference

SEPTEMBER 1980

Apple sells 78,100 computers in fiscal 1980

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DECEMBER 1980

Apple's initial public stock offering

1981

FEBRUARY 1981

"Black Wednesday": 40 employees are laid off

Woz, injured in plane crash, begins a leave of absence



MARCH 1981

Apple reorganizes. Markkula becomes president and chief executive, replacing Mike Scott, who becomes vice chairman. Jobs becomes chairman of the board.

First million-dollar shipping day

JULY1981

Mike Scott leaves Apple

AUGUST 1981

IBM introduces its Personal Computer

SEPTEMBER 1981

Apple sells nearly 180,000 computers in fiscal 1981

NOVEMBER 1981

Introduction of ProFile, a fivemegabyte hard-disk drive for the Apple III

DECEMBER 1981

Apple III reintroduced after solution of technical problems

1982



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FEBRUARY 1982

Jobs appears on the cover of Time magazine

MARCH 1982

Apple announces it will take legal action against Asian clone makers

MAY 1982

Apple sues Franklin Computer Corporation for patent and copyright infringement

SEPTEMBER 1982

Woz holds first US Festival

"For competitive reasons," Apple stops announcing to the public how many systems it sells per year

1983



JANUARY 1983

Lisa and Apple IIe announced



MAY 1983

"Kids Can't Wait" (a program in which Apple donates 9000 computers to California public schools) begins

history has been an eventful one. Here are some highlights:

MAY 1983

John Sculley joins Apple as president and chief executive; Markkula becomes vice chairman



Apple makes its debut on the Fortune 500 list

Woz sponsors second (and final) US Festival



JUNE 1983

Millionth Apple II produced Introduction of ProDOS

JULY 1983

Woz returns to Apple

SEPTEMBER 1983

Osborne Computer Corporation files for bankruptcy

DECEMBER 1983

Introduction of ImageWriter and Apple III Plus

1984



JANUARY 1984

Introduction of the Macintosh; the Lisa becomes the Lisa 2

Apple and Franklin settle out of court



APRIL 1984

Introduction of the Apple IIc



Introduction of AppleWorks

Apple III discontinued

MAY 1984

Alan Kay, key researcher on Xerox Star (the Mac's predecessor), becomes an Apple Fellow



SEPTEMBER 1984

Apple passes the \$1 billion mark in its fiscal year Fat Mac (512K) introduced



NOVEMBER 1984

Apple buys all ad pages in election issue of Newsweek

Two millionth Apple II sold

1985



JANUARY 1985

Introduction of LaserWriter and AppleTalk, components of the soon-to-be-abandoned Macintosh Office concept

> The Lisa becomes the Macintosh XL

FEBRUARY 1985

Woz leaves to start a new company, CL9

Woz and Jobs receive National Technology Medal from President Reagan

MARCH 1985

Introduction of enhanced Apple IIe



Sculley asks employees to take a week of vacation and announces that manufacturing plants will close for one week

APRIL 1985

Macintosh XL (née Lisa) dropped from product line



MAY 1985

Apple reorganizes and brings Apple II and Macintosh product groups together—Jobs ousted from day-to-day management

JUNE 1985

Apple lays off 1200 employees and records a loss of \$40 million, its first and only quarterly loss as a public company

SEPTEMBER 1985

Jobs resigns as chairman to start a new company, Next Inc.—Several Apple employees resign from Apple to join him

Apple sues Jobs, alleging that he breached his duties as chairman and misappropriated proprietary information



Introduction of several add-on products for the Apple II line, such as the UniDisk 3.5, Memory Expansion Card, and Catalyst, as well as a 20-megabyte hard disk for the Macintosh

OCTOBER 1985

Apple terminates its business in South Africa

1986

JANUARY 1986

Introduction of the Mac Plus

Sculley becomes chairman

Apple and Jobs reach out-ofcourt settlement

FEBRUARY 1986

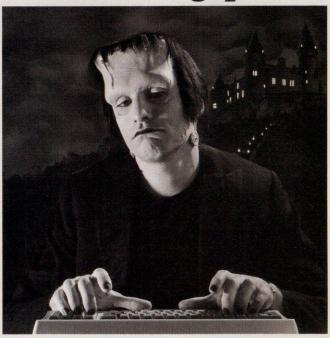
Jobs sells all but one share of his Apple stock, making Markkula the largest shareholder

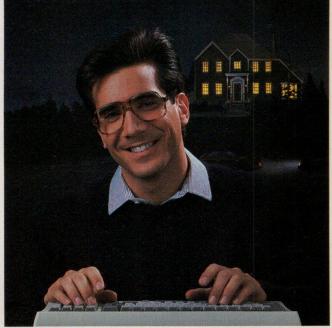


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NEXT DECADE:

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AN INSIDER'S VIEW

In May 1985, Jean-Louis Gassée arrived at Apple Computer's Cupertino, California, headquarters from Apple France, where he had been general manager. His arrival was just before the tumultuous reorganization that stripped Steve Jobs of his managerial duties and led to plant closures and massive layoffs. Following these upheavals, Gassée found himself in charge of the newly combined Macintosh and Apple II groups. As Apple's vice president of product development, he's responsible for peering into the future and guiding the direction of Apple technology. Here Gassée offers his thoughts on the next ten years. Although he discusses personal computers in general, we can bet that some of these visions will show up in Apple own products.

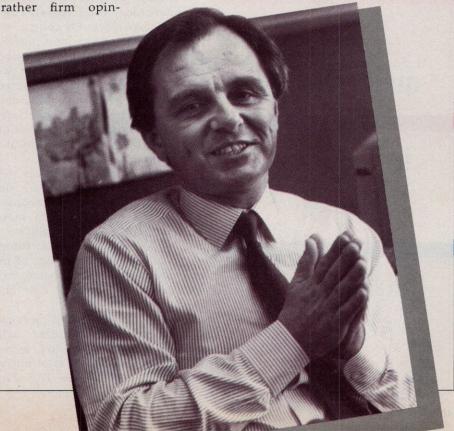
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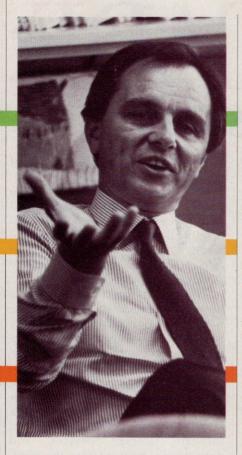
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ions I held in the past, many of which have changed over time.

At the risk of presenting an excessively Applecentric perspective and with the memories of my less-than-insightful pronouncements, let me share with you my thoughts and hopes for the next ten years of the personal-computer industry.

The foremost consideration is how fast the industry will continue to progress. Contrary to a commonly held belief, I see the industry changing faster in the next ten years than it did in the past decade. More technology is ready, or being readied, for adaptation to personal-computer systems than ever in the past. Look at silicon, output devices, system software, storage devices, and networking, and consider the experience we have—scars and all—and you will share





The major change

in the 'how' will be

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my conviction that we are at the knee, not the shoulder, of the Scurve.

The automobile industry provides a parallel: Our cars have seen more technical improvements in the past ten years than they did in the previous decade—in braking systems, suspensions, engines, electronics, and overall reliability.

In the coming years, we will continue to see improvements in the speed of processors, capacity of RAMs and magnetic storage, and quality of display devices. It is, therefore, tempting to stick a "more of the same" label on our future. In a misleading way, that is correct. Personal computers are and will remain simulation engines. Personal computers are and will continue to be intellectual power tools, tools to help us think, organize, communicate, learn, and play. What will change is the "how" more than the "what."

Aided by all of the improvements in silicon, magnetic, optical, and system-software technology, the major change in the "how" will be networking, and it will probably usher in the second age of personal computing.

The way we network personal computers today is offensively complex and expensive. Of course, we can, in theory, connect most personal computers to most sources of electronic information. Each time we want to tap into another source, however, the wires, protocols, data structures, and user interfaces change—a forbidding proposition for anyone but the most technically inclined and affluent users.

The next two or three years will bring hardware and software devices designed to bury the inconsistencies in networks and to make access as convenient as possible.

However well executed future networks are, the camouflage of inconsistencies will place some burden on us, in terms of cost and performance.

The ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) standard will probably make networking, as we know it now, "sound" as primitive as LPs compared to CDs. This stan-

dard will make possible a combined voice and data line in your office or home with about 20 times the throughput we enjoy with today's 2400-bps modems. Imagine that this data link is as standard as the RJ-11 (telephone jack) plug is today.

Imagine how the user interfaces will be influenced by the ability to quickly redraw a screen rather than wait for each character's placement on the screen. A two-minute program download will take less than five seconds.

Don't hold your breath for faster and newer applications enabled by the ISDN standard, though. We will need many years for the installation of this data-freeway system, but it will be worth the wait.

Besides better roads to sources of information, we will have another access to large volumes of stored knowledge: standard media, whether read-only, in the case of CD-ROMs, or read/write or write once read many (WORM), in the case of magnetic optical devices.

What will change personal computing is the way we will navigate these seas of data, either local or remote. The next ten years will see an evolution in the way we interact with large quantities of data.

Real people don't use SQL, a language for querying mainframe databases. What we want is personal-

computing tools that help answer questions we did not know how to ask or that we should ask. What want-and what we'll get-is a set of navigational tools that follow more closely our natural free-association thought processes. The way we use hand movements and graphics to supplement keyboard and text is a good start. Bill Atkinson, the author of MacPaint, soon offer us a



brilliant example.

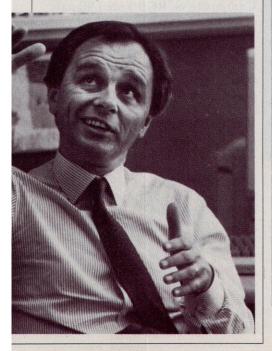
The next ten years will see advances in user interfaces giving us the power to naturally utilize huge libraries rather than fighting with the "front ends" of remote on-line database providers such as Nexis or Dialog. Some of these advances will come from the work on expert systems. Ten years from now, our personal computers will have enough speed, memory, and system software to host "agents" silently collecting and preparing data for us as we work or sleep.

As I think of the shape of things to come, I can't help but mention that, in 1997, and probably much before, we will notice the absence of these machines in the same way we now notice the absence of a telephone.

Some of our computers will be much more compact than they are today. We will carry them around, we will write on them—not type—and they will keep in touch with the rest of the world through a cellular modem or an infrared link with the nearest telephone plug. I can't wait.

I remember the first computer store in Paris, I remember my first copies of *Creative Computing*, and the Altair kit ads, and the Haiku generators.

The journey will continue to be rewarding. *Jean-Louis Gassée*



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A look at color displays for the IIGS

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New technology often brings new questions and new choices. This maxim is certainly true of choosing a display device to use with the Apple IIGS, but the Apple IIGS also limits certain choices about RGB video display. You can use the IIGS with a variety of display devices: a television set, a monochrome or color composite monitor, or an analog RGB monitor, but you can't use it with a digital RGB monitor (sometimes referred to as TTL RGB).

Let's look at how these different devices work and examine why Apple chose analog rather than digital RGB for the IIGS.

Monitors vs. Televisions

There are two broad categories of display devices for the IIGS—monitors and televisions. Each has a video display (or picture) tube. A monitor, which is especially designed for use with a computer, connects directly with a cable to one of the two video ports on the IIGS. A television receiver requires an additional device called an RF (radio frequency) modulator to convert the video signal from the IIGS into a radio wave that can be received by the television's antenna.

Using a television to display video output is generally cheaper than using a comparable monitor. Most of us have at least one television set—usually a color set—in our homes. But the display on a television using an RF modulator is always poorer than the display on a good computer

monitor. With the IIGS, another drawback is that you must use a special cable to connect the modulator to the computer. I had to get a cable custom-made for about \$20 to try out this configuration.

Some television sets today come with a direct monitor connection. You can connect your IIGS directly to this type of set without using an RF modulator and without the deterioration in picture quality that results from using one.

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How the Video Display Is Created

The front of any display screen is coated with phosphors, materials that emit light when struck with a beam of electrons. If all phosphors emit the same color of light—typically white, green, or amber—the display screen is a monochrome screen. A color screen has three types of phosphors—one that emits

a red color, one that emits a green color, and one that emits a blue color (see figure 1). The combination of these three colors produces other colors—for example, red, green, and blue together produce white; red and blue produce purple; and red and green produce yellow (see figure 2). These combinations provide the various screen colors.

A color picture tube has three electron guns, one designed to hit each of the three sets of phosphors. The guns emit electrons at slightly different angles so that each one hits only the phosphors it is meant to hit (see figure 3).

Composite vs. RGB Video Signals

There are two basic types of video signals—composite and RGB. A composite signal contains information about the red, green, and blue colors combined with information about the relative brightness of each color. This signal can be used by either a monochrome or color composite monitor and, if modulated, by either a color or black-and-white television. The composite signal is also called an NTSC signal after its developer, the National Television System Committee.

An RGB monitor receives the red, green, and blue signals separately. Because it does not need to decode the signal, it can receive more information per second.

Bandwidth, a measure of the amount of information that can be passed to the monitor each second, is

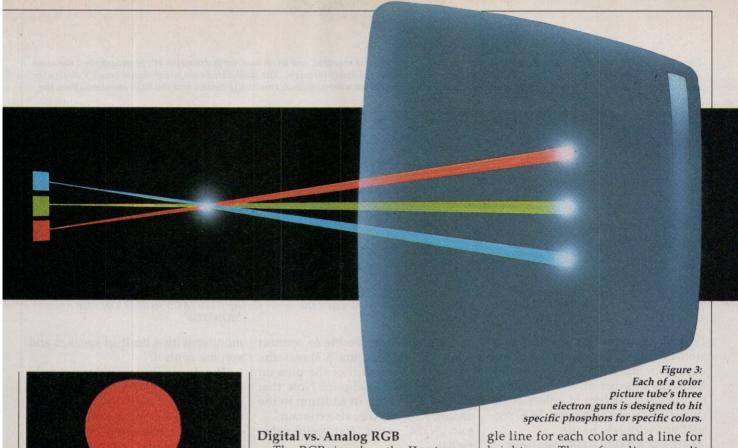


Figure 1: A color screen has three types of phosphors, one that emits red, one that emits green, and one that emits blue.

an important factor in picture quality. The higher the bandwidth, the more information the screen can contain.

Most color composite monitors have a bandwidth between 4 and 5 MHz, which is wide enough to display only 40-column text sharply. These monitors also have a somewhat fuzzy display when showing images from software using the IIGS's super-high-resolution graphics modes (see figure 4).

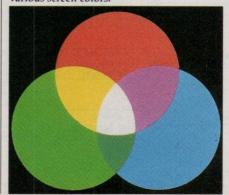
In most cases monochrome monitors have a sufficiently large bandwidth, more than 9 MHz, to display sharply 80-column text and superhigh-resolution graphics. RGB bandwidth is always larger than 15 MHz. But comparing RGB with composite on this basis alone isn't that useful because they're really two different types of signals.

The RGB signal on the IIGS is analog, but the typical signal on an RGB card on the Apple IIe or Apple IIc and on the IBM Color Graphics Adapter and Extended Graphics Adapter is digital.

Because digital sound, such as that produced by compact discs, is of higher quality than is analog sound, such as that produced by records, you may think that digital RGB video surpasses analog RGB. In fact, just the opposite is true.

A digital RGB monitor can display only a limited number of colors, based on its number of input lines. Many digital monitors, including the Apple Color Monitor 100 made for the Apple IIe and IIc, have a sin-

Figure 2: Different combinations of the three colors illustrated in figure 1 provide all the various screen colors.



gle line for each color and a line for brightness. These four lines are digital—that is, they are either on or off. Four digital lines can send 16 different values to the monitor, corresponding to 16 different colors. A digital RGB monitor with 6 lines (2 for each color) can display 64 (26) different colors.

The color output of the Apple IIGS has 16 different shades each of red, green, and blue, resulting in 4096 (16³) different colors. A digital RGB monitor would need 12 lines (4 for each of the 3 colors) to receive this color information. By contrast, the AppleColor RGB Monitor (analog) needs only 3 lines for the color information—one each for red, green, and blue. The signal on each color line is not on or off as on a digital monitor but is a varying voltage corresponding to the intensity of the color displayed.

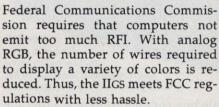
Apple is not the only manufacturer to use analog RGB in its top-of-the-line color products. IBM uses analog RGB in the Professional Graphics Controller (which lists for nearly \$3000), as does Commodore in the Amiga and Atari in the ST.

There is another reason for using analog instead of digital RGB. Every wire carrying a voltage that comes out of a computer emits some radiofrequency interference (RFI). The

Figure 4: The difference between the display quality on a TV, composite monitor, and RGB monitor is dramatic. We photographed the same Apple IIGS Super Hi-Res (320 H by 200 V dots) graphic image on each display terminal. The modulated composite signal on a TV shows the most deterioration and poorest display quality, the composite signal on a monitor is dramatically better, and the RGB monitor offers the best display quality graphics.

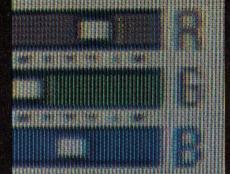


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Available Analog RGB Monitors

Besides Apple, several companies, including Commodore (Amiga), Conrac, Hitachi, Mitsubishi, NEC, Panasonic, Sanyo, and Toshiba, offer analog RGB monitors. (Apple's monitor is made by Mitsubishi.) Some monitors accept both analog and digital RGB signals, either through different cable connectors or by having a toggle switch. You should be sure that the monitor you select for your IIGS accepts analog RGB. If you select a non-Apple RGB monitor,



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you must also get a cable to connect it to your IIGS. Figure 5 shows the connections for each of the pins on the Apple IIGS RGB port. Note that the IIGS RGB port, in addition to the analog RGB signals, also contains

- an NTSC color composite-video signal
- a power supply of +12 and -5 volts
- a sound signal

The NTSC signal and the power supply provide the signals used by the RF modulator, should you choose to use one. (If you attempt to construct your own cables, make certain you make the proper wire connections, because improperly connected power-supply lines can damage your monitor.) The sound signal is not used on the AppleColor RGB monitor but can feed sound to a



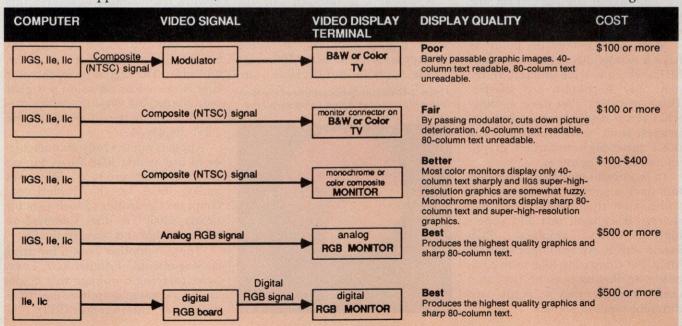
ANALOG RGB SIGNAL ON RGB MONITOR

monitor with a built-in speaker and volume control.

The Apple IIGS provides not only an enhanced graphics display but also enhanced methods of showing these graphics. For many of us, the display of a television or a monochrome or color composite monitor will simply not be good enough.

In the past, Apple II owners had to plan for a double cost when considering RGB—the monitor and an RGB adapter card—but the Apple IIGS provides built-in RGB output. By doing so it has reduced the decision of choosing to use RGB to one of choosing from monitor types.

The choice for display, then, comes down to the familiar one of price versus features and quality. An RF modulator on an existing televi-



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- 9- Blue: Blue analog video signal
- 10- No connection
- 11- Sound: Analog sound output
- 12- NTSC/PAL: Composite video (NTSC in United States)
- 13- Ground: Ground reference and supply
- 14- No connection
- 15- No connection

Figure 5: The pin connections on the Apple IIGS RGB port.

sion produces a barely passable but low-cost image, but you also need a monochrome monitor for usable 80column text.

A color composite monitor produces a somewhat better display. An Apple composite monitor can sense when it is receiving monochrome text and switches circuits to a larger bandwidth monochrome receiver. It displays usable 80-column text. Other color composite monitors lack this feature and oblige you to use a monochrome monitor for usable 80column text. (The Apple composite monitor also has a button that allows you to convert it temporarily into a monochrome monitor.)

An analog RGB monitor offers the convenience of a single unit for both color and 80-column text-with highest quality graphics and text. But the price is usually more than the combined cost of a monochrome and a color composite monitor. The diagram on the previous page gives general prices for different types of monitors available for Apple computers and compares their display quality.

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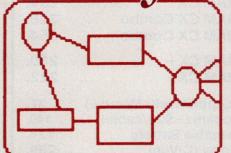
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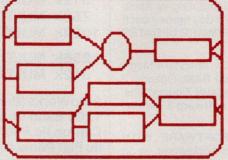
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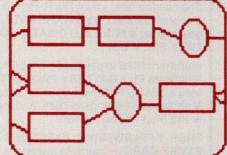
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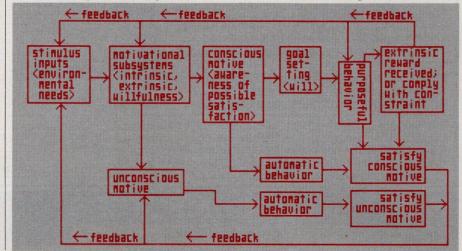
Optional, but helpful, in using Everybody's Planner are a mouse, digitizing pad, joystick, or paddles. Using keyboard control alone is adequate, however. A monochrome screen is the best choice for keeping eyestrain down; Abracadata half-

heartedly endorses using a color monitor with Everybody's Planner, but it results in difficult-to-read screens.

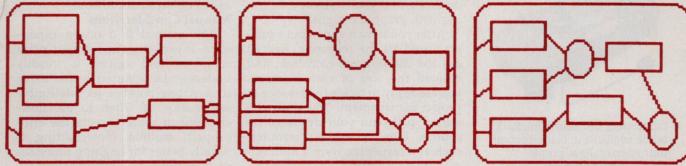
Getting Organized

Projects consist of tasks; milestones (events such as start, end, and important stages along the way); and the resources necessary to fulfill each task. Project-planning software usually includes critical-path management (CPM), Gantt charts, and a capability known as resource allocation. CPM is a method of shortening a project to its minimum duration by figuring out which tasks are on the "critical path," which ones cannot be stretched out without delaying the entire project. Gantt charts are

Figure 1: Abracadata's "Organismic Theory of Motivation" flowchart shows "feedback" concept as a response that loops back and influences the source first responded to.



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simply bar charts that show all the tasks and make it easier to see the relationship between the critical-path tasks and elapsed dates.

By assigning more resources (money, people, vehicles, tools, and the like) to the critical path, you can reduce the duration and/or overall cost of a project. That's where resource allocation comes in, to keep track of your available resources and help you use them to best advantage. Everybody's Planner handles CPM, Gantt charts, and resource allocation. In addition, it lets you design flowcharts on the screen, print them out, and "activate" them-i.e., present them in a semianimated fashion, with each successive event painted on-screen as you issue the command.

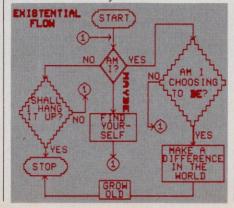
The program also features a well-rounded selection of report types. Besides the graphic reports (showing critical-path and Gantt charts), it has several expense-oriented reports that can be highly specific. For instance, you can request an analysis of the daily work schedules and cost of Worker #3 and Carpenter #5 on a particular project.

A project calendar can cover any time span up to five years long between the years 1985 and 2014. It allows for nonworking days and lets you set up a template for the work week.

The program lets you track up to 216 separate resources and as many

as 24 milestones. The maximum duration of a single task is 999 days, which should accommodate projects of almost any size. The maximum daily cost of a single resource is \$32,767, but even for massive offshore oil-drilling projects, you can consider each dollar as representing a thousand. Up to four resources can be involved in any single task. The hitches are that a project can include only 54 tasks and that all project calendars are figured in days. Many small-business projects, such as relocating a firm from one office to another, have far more than 54 tasks, so this limitation is not inconsequential. The only way around it is to break projects down into subprojects or parallel projects, which is not always feasible. The day-only framework of the calendar is suitable for

Figure 2: Abracadata's "Existential Flow" chart shows two of the three typestyles available for text in your charts.



most projects, but if you require a breakdown of tasks and milestones by hour, minute, week, or month, Everybody's Planner may not work for you.

You can choose from three typestyles for text: normal, bold, and "little." Up to 70 little characters fit on a screen line, so they are handy for labeling inside chart shapes.

Getting Your Feet Wet

The best way to get started with Everybody's Planner is to carefully follow the manual, reading through it once first, since the instructions are a bit choppy and the keystroke requirements are not always clear.

With Everybody's Planner, you start a project plan by defining a "calendar." You assign a start date and define the work week; the most common scheme is to "turn off" Saturday and Sunday. Then you paint a shape on the screen to represent the milestone START. Next you place all the project tasks on the screen, give them unique names, and assign the resources necessary for accomplishing each task. Before assigning dates, you must also define an END milestone. You can toggle the dates on to check durations or off to study the task/milestone flow.

You can edit tasks and milestones until you have the flow just right. The project "map" moves from left to right, with tasks connected by straight lines. Each task cannot begin until after completion of the

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I found that Everybody's Planner let me overlap two task or milestone shapes (but no more than two), although I'm not sure why you would do this unless you were experimenting with graphic designs.

After you have mapped out a project, listed all the resources, figured out the duration of each task, and entered the cost of each resource, you are ready to tackle the essence of project management. You study the critical path and your available resources. Can you move a resource, such as a carpenter, from a noncritical task to a critical one? After all, letting a noncritical task slip for a couple of days may not delay the overall project, while speeding up a critical task can mean you'll meet the project deadline.

If you have an idea of the cost of finishing the project one day, week, or month late, you can decide how much to spend for extra resources—more workers, carpenters, trucks, etc.—to complete the work on time or even early.

You can also study the "slack time" of any resource. If you find that certain workers will be idle for a couple of weeks, you might consider hiring temporaries rather than full-time workers or trying to change the sequence of tasks to keep a steady activity level. At this point, your project management becomes an intriguing "what if?" game, much like using a spreadsheet to tinker with numbers in search of the best results.

Everybody's Planner does its work about as rapidly as you can expect on the Apple IIe. The longer and more complex the project, the greater the delays in loading and drawing screens. Overall, the program's speed is acceptable, but it would definitely benefit from the use of an accelerator board.

Manual Considerations

The manual is a mixed experience. It explains what project planning is and gives a readily understandable rationale for using it. A strong point is its intelligible explanation of when to use flowcharting in preference to the critical-path method (flowcharting is usually better for ongoing processes such as those of a factory assembly line, and CPM is good for projects that must begin and end on specific dates.) The index is adequate. The documentation includes a Quick Command reference card with a list of common data-processing flowchart symbols.

Although the manual is easy to understand, it suffers from a lack of step-by-step examples to help you through the learning stages. Several of the flowchart examples deal with situations for which you would never use a flowchart—deciding whether your life has purpose or not, for instance (see figures 1 and 2).

Everybody's Planner is not hard to learn to use, but the documentation could do more to teach efficient

TIPS AND HINTS

For the best possible hard-copy output, I recommend rotating your charts to get multiscreen projects in a sequence and then reducing the printed results on a photocopier to improve the resolution. The program asks you for a magnification factor; in most cases, what works out best is an x factor of 3 and a y factor of 4, with your indentation set at 15 pixels.

Of the numerous printers the program works with, an ImageWriter II probably produces the most satisfactory presentation-quality results. Unfortunately, it cannot print the

flowcharts in color, although future enhancements may let it do so.

In case you're wondering what Everybody's Planner calls Gantt charts, it refers to them as Task Charts (see figure 3).

When you make your backup copies for everyday use, don't use the "flippy" (both sides of double-sided diskettes) method. To save yourself from a burdensome amount of disk swapping, fill up four single-sided diskettes and always keep a formatted blank data diskette handy for when your data overflows the current diskette.

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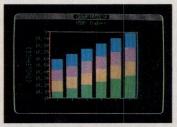
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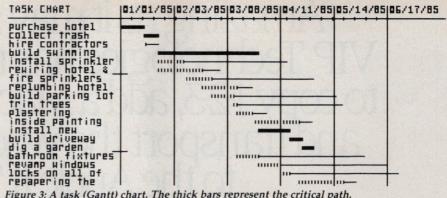


Figure 3: A task (Gantt) chart. The thick bars represent the critical path.

usage by describing shortcuts and common missteps. The diskettebased tutorials are superficial and noninteractive, and the screen menus are not always adequately informative. I had to spend an embarrassing amount of time to deduce that the way to leave the menu bar and get back to drawing a chart was to choose the Add Shape option. Another confusing menu is the one for entering task costs; it turns out to be where you input your costs per resource.

The program is adept at preventing you from entering invalid data and at catching nonsensical input. Everybody's Planner will not let you attach any dates to tasks and milestones until you've painted an END milestone on-screen.

The only glaring problem I encountered was when I configured Everybody's Planner for the right printer but the wrong interface card. When I issued the Print command, the program crashed and gave me a screenful of hexadecimal characters.

Although Abracadata's telephone support is not toll-free, the receptionist answers the phone promptly and quickly finds the person you need to talk to. The support personnel are competent and courteous.

Balance Sheet

The strengths of Everybody's Planner are its price, its ease of use, the wide selection of report types, the ease with which it lets you edit projects, the variety of peripherals and interfaces with which it works, and the courteous telephone support from the manufacturer. Its weaknesses are the number of tasks it allows in a project, the restriction of the calendar to days only, its need for frequent diskette changes, and its tendency to crash when you configure it for the wrong printer or interface.

Although the program's price is

quite reasonable, not many household projects, short of renovating a home or preparing it for sale, would justify the purchase of this product. In general, businesses require project scheduling, and home situations do not.

For businesses with an appropriate computer system, Everybody's Planner is an affordable projectmanagement tool. Even if you just want an easy way to draw flowcharts and print them out, this program is probably worth expenditure. If you can work within its task and calendar limitations, Everybody's Planner is an excellent choice for your project-planning and flowcharting tasks.

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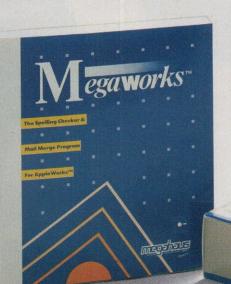
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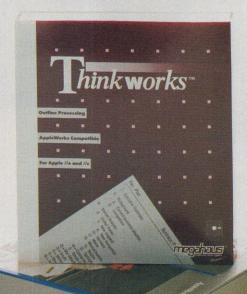
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The Flip Side

The flip side is that the limitations of disk space are apparent in

UPTIME. The reviews and editorials are short, and there are few news items. Few, if any, of the programs would sell on their own; they tend to be simple and one-dimensional. On the other hand, the programs cost only a little more than 50¢ each (at

\$5.50 per issue), so if you like them, they are a bargain.

What is good news for some people might be bad news for others. For instance, some of the issues I've seen contain a cute method of moving through the magazine. You se-

lect the number of the item you want to view, and a small picture of a gun tumbles down the screen, accompanied by sound effects. The gun comes to a stop before your choice and shoots a bullet at it, highlighting the selection before the program runs.

As cute as this razzle-dazzle is—and it is funny—it takes time. It takes more time than it does to simply turn a few pages. If you don't mind the wait, then it won't bother you. After the fifth or sixth time you've watched the gun come tumbling down, however, it begins to lose its novelty, and you're just waiting for the next screen.

s critical as I am of the gun catalog, it is just that kind of feature that makes *UP-TIME* fun. The imaginations of the people who contribute to the magazine make it live, the extra little touches make it special.

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Some of UPTIME's programs are pretty amusing. For instance, one of the issues offered Woman's Work. The program has you enter how many hours per week a housewife spends filling various roles (maid, psychologist, cook, nurse, tutor, and the like). You then assign hourly pay rates for each task to conform with the pay scale in your area, after which the program treats you to the total cost of "woman's work." It is pretty sobering. For instance, my wife performs tasks worth more than \$600 a week (more than \$30,000 a year) without pay! Good thing she doesn't have time to read computer magazines (just kidding, honey).

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I think there is a place for both kinds of products, however. The qualities that make each unique are, in themselves, worthwhile. I expect that the day may come when we will have almost no paper. Some people are predicting such a paperless society, but that day is a long way off and will come only with the advent of more-sophisticated computer technologies. For now, we have paper, but perhaps *UPTIME* is a forerunner of things to come.

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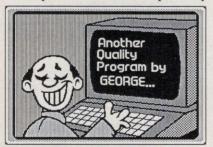
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FEATURE REPORT BY CHRISTOPHER VAN BUREN

LOOK IT UP!

The number of AppleWorks books is growing steadily; AppleWorks is proving to be one of the most popular software-book topics ever. With the help of Janet Vratny-Watts at the Apple Computer Library, I've compiled a complete listing of books and reference materials for AppleWorks. Many of the entries include a brief description of the books' contents.

When comparing books of this nature, first decide what kind of information you need. These books fall into five main categories: general users' guides, advanced users' guides, reference guides, tip books, and special-application books. Compare books in the same basic category—there are several books in each. Chances are, if a book doesn't look as though it answers your questions, you're looking in the wrong category.

General users' guides are for learning the basics of AppleWorks and can supplement or replace the AppleWorks User Manual. They usually describe the basics of all three AppleWorks modules: word processing, database, and spreadsheet.

When you've mastered the basics, you might run into some problems in AppleWorks. Books in the advanced users' guide category help solve these problems by describing more advanced applications and features of the program. Many of these

books describe how to transfer information between modules, how to set up spreadsheets, and more.

Reference guides are nontutorial guides to commands and functions in AppleWorks—usually organized in some reference style, such as alphabetically or by AppleWorks module

Tip books contain collections of helpful hints you can apply while using AppleWorks. Many of these books approach tips as solutions to specific problems. A nice collection of tips is handy when you don't know where to turn for answers to perplexing AppleWorks questions.

Books in the special-applications category contain specific applications for the spreadsheet, word-processing, and database modules. Many of them are collections of applications in a specific category, such as business applications. These books tend to be more advanced because they assume you already know how to get around in AppleWorks. Be careful when purchasing application books: some present applications merely to help you learn more about the program; others provide applications intended for use in real situations.

I've placed books in categories for which they are best suited, but as you read over the titles and brief descriptions, you'll see that some

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books could belong in more than one category. Many of the books have special applications to help describe features of the program, for example.

GENERAL USERS' GUIDES AppleWorks & III E-Z Pieces: The Tutorial

Kenneth Green and Rika Van Dam Dilithium Press, Beaverton, OR 1985

256 pages, \$14.95

This book specifically covers III E-Z Pieces, an Apple III program that was the prototype for AppleWorks, and so is best suited for Apple II users. Data from III E-Z Pieces is compatible with AppleWorks.

AppleWorks Made Easy

Carole B. Matthews

Osborne/McGraw-Hill, Berkeley, CA 1985

224 pages, \$17.95

This tutorial is meant to supplement the AppleWorks Tutorial Manual and AppleWorks Reference Manual, which come with the AppleWorks program. It's best for users with little or no experience with AppleWorks. It has beginning and intermediate chapters for each AppleWorks module.

AppleWorks: The Program for the Rest of Us

Michael L. Sloan

Scott, Foresman & Company, Glenview, IL 1986

320 pages, \$18.95

This is a beginner-level text, and I think it is about average in comparison to some of the others. It includes the expected chapters on the program modules, plus chapters about cutting and pasting (the Apple-Works Copy command) and connecting files to other programs.

AppleWorks User's Handbook

Richard Rose

Weber Systems, Inc., Cleveland, OH 1985

200 pages, \$12.95

This guide teaches AppleWorks by taking you through the steps of sample applications. The book is small and concise and offers no significant thrills.

AppleWorks with Advanced Applications: Calc, File, Write & Graph

Kenneth Close

William C. Brown Group, Dubuque, IA 1985

208 pages \$13.95, paper; \$24.95, deluxe edition with diskette

This text is useful for novice users but is especially interesting for advanced users who want to learn graphics techniques. A graphics simulator disk (the code is also in appendix B) provides examples of new applications. Most chapters have tutorials.

If a book doesn't look as though it answers your questions, you're probably looking in the wrong category.

Applying AppleWorks

R. W. Tamm

Bristen Press, P.O. Box 336, New Hartford, NY 13413. 1986

179 pages, \$9.95

This appears to be a self-published book made directly from AppleWorks printouts. As such, it doesn't contain the smooth writing style of, say, Rubin's book (see Advanced Users' Guides below), nor the attractive packaging and production of the McGraw-Hill books. Tamm has done his homework and a noteworthy job of self-publishing, though. The book contains scores of diagrams and figures.

The Manual: AppleWorks

Robert E. Williams

Management Information Source, Inc., Portland, OR 1985

178 pages, \$14.95

This is a bad attempt at rewriting the AppleWorks manual in a pseudotutorial style. It contains no illustrations and offers unimpressive writing and packaging.

Minute Manual for AppleWorks
Jim Pirisino

Minuteware, Columbia, MD 1986 150 pages, \$12.95 Not reviewed.

The Power of AppleWorks

Robert E. Williams

Management Information Source, Inc., Portland, OR 1984 240 pages; \$19.95, \$34.95 with dis-

This book is for p minimal experience with Apple-Works. Williams introduction to AppleV orks but falls short as a serious learn. It is adequate as a basic introduction to AppleV orks but falls short as a serious learning tool.

Using AppleWorks

Arthur Aron and Eleine Aron Que Corp., Indianar blis, IN 1985

400 pages, \$16.95

This is a gener of AppleWorks guide designed for and advanced user. The first six chapters are introductory and cover the three main modules of AppleWorks, where a sthe rest of the book gets more adving applications.

Working with Apple Works

John Campbell and Jam R. Redden Hayden Books (Divi ion of Howard W. Sams), Indianapo is, IN 1985

320 pages, \$16.95

Campbell and Rec den's book covers AppleWorks very well, as its sevcontents en-page table of demonstrates. It cor tains eight appendices and five large chapters: Introduction, Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Databale, and Putting It All Together. I fou id the writing a little cumbersome a times, but this small defect is offse by the book's attention to detail. This book contains more information than most of the others.

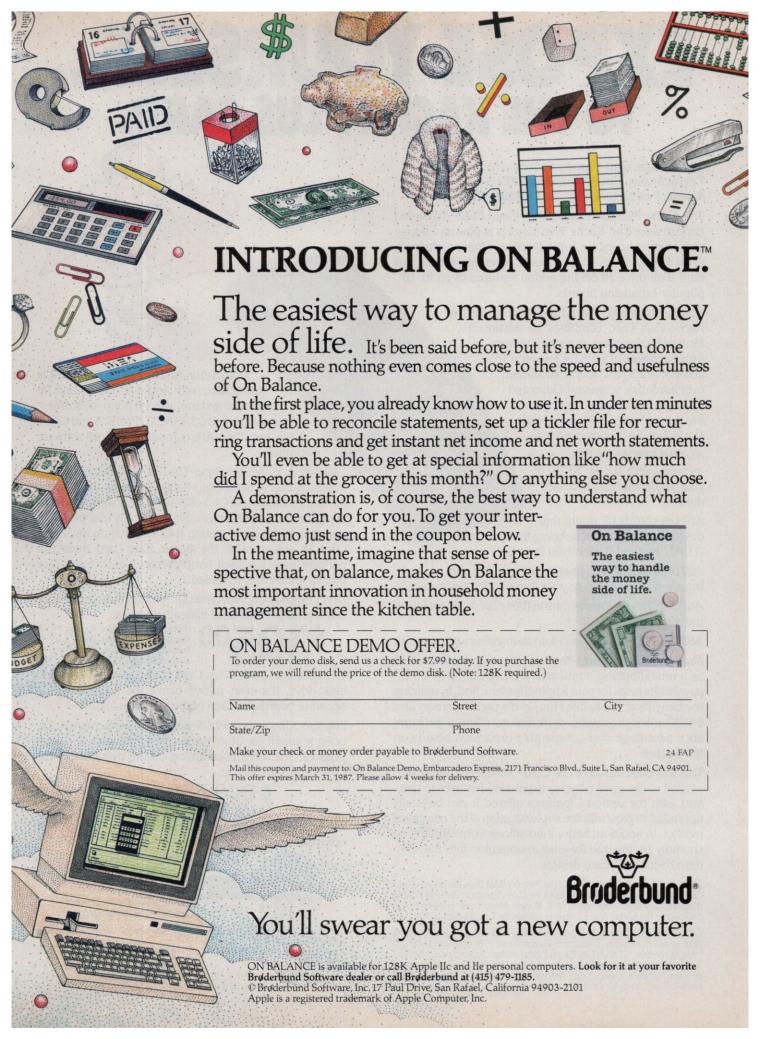
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AppleWorks: Boosting Your Business with Integrated Software

Charles Rubin

Microsoft Press, Bellevue, WA 1985

320 pages, \$16.95

Rubin is an excellent writer, and his book proves it: It's easy to read and logically organized. This is a semi-advanced text, designed to show experienced users more about printers, printer setup, various functions, and moving information between the AppleWorks modules. It contains a foreward by Rupert Lissner, author of AppleWorks (the program). This is the first book I

Rubin's is the first book I turn to when I'm short of information about AppleWorks.

turn to when I'm short of information about AppleWorks.

AppleWorks Mastery

Christopher Van Buren

Scott Foresman & Company, Glen-

view, IL 1987

420 pages

This is my favorite AppleWorks book—just because I like the author (me). My primary goal in this book is to show how you can get AppleWorks to accomplish tasks for which it was never really designed. In doing this, I've tried to compile information that has not appeared elsewhere to supplement the standard tutorials and explanations. Because I'm a firm believer in AppleWorks enhancement grams, much of the book gives details about programs such as MacroWorks, ReportWorks, Auto-Works, and Pinpoint.

Extending AppleWorks

Mary Campbell and David R. Campbell

Osborne/McGraw-Hill, Berkeley, CA 1986

435 pages, \$14.95

This book contains a great deal of information about special uses of AppleWorks. Its chapters are broken into advanced spreadsheet, database, and word-processor applications. It has a complete chapter AppleWorks add-on products; those add-ons considered most useful by the authors are given several pages. Much of the information is helpful for specific needs, but some of it is impractical. I think the book could have been much shorter. This book is an excellent companion to the AppleWorks Reference Manual.

Mastering AppleWorks

Elna Tymes

Sybex Books, Berkeley, CA 1984

201 pages, \$15.95

This book was one of the first on AppleWorks. It has been improved on by those that followed, but it is still quite good. It contains primarily business applications.

REFERENCE GUIDES AppleWorks Pocket Reference

Christopher Van Buren The Q-mar group, San Diego, CA 1987

35 pages, \$3.95

Here, again, I must confess my slightly biased opinion, as I wrote the book. I decided that the AppleWorks quick-reference card might not be enough for some users but that a complete book can be too much. This is a pocket-size book that contains brief explanations of all AppleWorks commands and options.

Command Performance: AppleWorks

Charles Rubin

Microsoft Press, Bellevue, WA 1986

414 pages, \$18.95

Like other books in Microsoft's Command Performance series, this one presents information in reference style. It has no table of contents but uses an extensive index and list of entries for cross-reference. It's not a reference to commands and options like the *AppleWorks Reference*

Manual is, though; it's a reference to needs and explanations, including overviews of the modules, information about printing, and explanations of special features.

TIP BOOKS

AppleWorks: Tips & Techniques

Robert Ericson

Sybex Books, Berkeley, CA 1986

373 pages, \$18.95

Ericson's book is well written. He covers important AppleWorks tips in six long chapters: The Desktop, The Word Processor, The Database, The Spreadsheet, Transferring Information, and Printer Information. The text is full of "Tips & Cautions" that explain many potential problems encountered in AppleWorks. Ericson obviously knows spread-

Ericson's book is full of tips that explain many potential problems encountered in AppleWorks.

sheets quite well; many of his best tips relate to spreadsheet functions.

AppleWorks Tips & Traps

Dick Andersen, Janet McBeen, and Janice Gessin

Osborne/McGraw-Hill, Berkeley, CA 1986

291 pages, \$16.95

This is a well-written book with scores of useful tips. The authors often present tips as solutions to "traps" found in AppleWorks, which makes the book useful as a reference when you get stuck in an AppleWorks problem. I enjoyed reading the book and often found myself saying, "I didn't know that!" Although many of the tips in this book are also found in Ericson's Tips & Techniques book, you'll find enough new ones to justify having both books.

SPECIAL-APPLICATION BOOKS AppleWorks Applications

Lauren Flast and Robert Flast

Osborne/McGraw-Hill, Berkeley, CA 1986

125 pages, \$9.95

This book contains specific applications designed to show solutions to business-related problems—from payroll to property management. Each application includes the formulas or a good explanation, so you can duplicate each example. I consider *AppleWorks Applications* best suited for an advanced education in AppleWorks, though, rather than for obtaining specific applications for your business.

AppleWorks for Educators: A Beginner's Workbook

Linda Rathje

International Council for Computers in Education, Eugene, OR 1986 153 pages, \$15

This is a workbook that the author developed while teaching classes to new AppleWorks users. It teaches

AppleWorks by giving lessons (or activities) and comes with a diskette of working examples. It also contains several case studies involving database applications.

AppleWorks for School LibrariansMay Lien Ho

Hi Willow Research & Publishing, Favetteville, AR 1985

129 pages; \$10, \$20 with diskette

This is a beginners' guide written especially for school librarians. You can purchase it with or without a lesson/template diskette.

Managing with AppleWorks

Ruth K. Witkin

Howard W. Sams, Indianapolis, IN 1985

305 pages, \$17.95

This book is written specifically for business. It is well written, but you have to overlook some of the less-appropriate (but well-presented) examples.

Personal Money Management with AppleWorks

Ruth K. Witkin

Hayden Books (Division of Howard W. Sams), Indianapolis, IN Price not available

Witkin's second book (forthcoming) will show you how to manage your personal finances with AppleWorks. It has many small chapters dealing with each of the three AppleWorks modules.

Practical AppleWorks Uses

David K. Simerly

Sybex Books, Berkeley, CA 1985

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Power Print is a font-downloading program from Beagle Bros. of San Diego, California. A font downloader handles all the work involved in programming fonts for graphic dot-matrix printers. Without a font downloader, you would need to know BASIC or some other programming language to program fonts into the printer.

The term *downloader* is used because the program takes all the data needed to generate a font and loads

it into the printer's memory. The advantage of downloading is that once the font is in memory, everything that passes through the printer comes out in the downloaded font. The problem with downloading is that turning the printer off erases the download buffer and the font is gone until downloaded another time. Although Power Print is not made specifically for Apple-Works, it does add significant power to AppleWorks printing. The Power Print manual contains a lengthy chapter on using the program with AppleWorks.

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Figure 1: Power Print's Apple menu

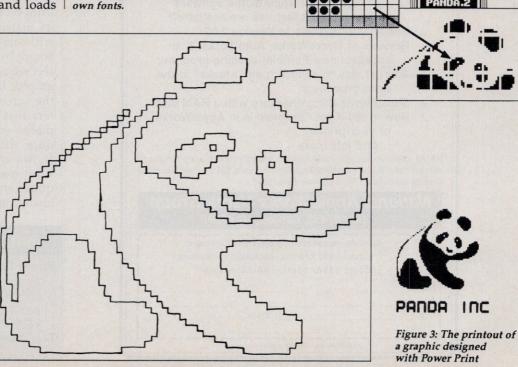
The beauty of this program is its simplicity and straightforward design. It does everything you expect from a font downloader. It works with most dot-matrix printers and most interface cards and comes with several ready-made fonts for each printer. Power Print uses a high-resolution graphics display throughout the program. Menus are pull-down style and easy to use (see figure 1).

To begin, simply boot Power Print and select your printer and interface card from an extensive list on the menu. You can then choose one of the predesigned fonts for your printer and load it, using the Download as Font 1 command. You can use the Print Sample command to get a sample of the font on the printer, and

Figure 2: Using Power Print's font editor, you can arrange dots in a pattern to create your own fonts.

then simply leave the printer on and start AppleWorks. Use AppleWorks normally, and everything you print will appear in the downloaded font. You can also switch between the downloaded font and the printer's built-in font by issuing simple printer commands from the AppleWorks word processor. All regular printer functions, such as boldface and underlining, work just as well with the downloaded font as they do with the built-in font. Between the printer functions, the downloaded font, and the built-in font, you can get a lot of variety in your printouts.

But it's not all so easy. You have to mess with the AppleWorks custom printer setup—even if your printer is one of the AppleWorks built-in printers. This requirement is because AppleWorks doesn't let you change any printer codes for built-in printers, which is necessary when



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- A Newest versions of AppleWorks software add-ons: What features are available?
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- A Reviews of MacroWorks, AutoWorks, & an excellent new PinPoint spelling program.
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you're using Power Print. The Power Print manual does an excellent job of explaining custom printer setup in AppleWorks and the use of special printer codes, though. (Look for details about printing with Apple-Works in coming issues.)

Power Print has a font editor for

Power Print's beauty is its simplicity and straightforward design.

customizing fonts. The editor can display a pattern for each character on the keyboard (an ASCII value) by arranging dots in columns and rows (a matrix). By entering dots into or erasing dots from the patterns, you can create your own fonts (figure 2).

Designing graphics and extralarge fonts is one of Power Print's strengths. To design a logo or graphic image, just plot it out on graph paper using the appropriate matrix size (printers have varying matrix sizes) and then convert it to Power Print by plotting the same points on its matrices. Pieces of the graphic will correspond to keys on the keyboard; by typing the keys in the correct sequence, you can reproduce the graphic in your printouts. Of course, the screen will display the characters that correspond to the graphic pieces-only the printout will produce the actual graphic. Figure 3 shows an example from the Power Print manual. Printing graphics requires an extra printer command for changing line spacing.

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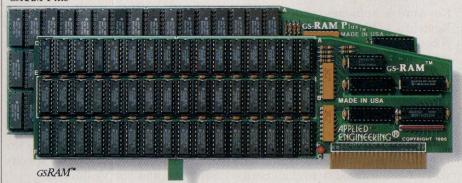
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Keyword 1: Computers Keyword 2: Apple Keyword 3: Software Keyword 4: AppleWorks

A book about some other Apple software might have these keywords:

Keyword 1: Spreadsheets

Keyword 2: Software Keyword 3: Apple

Keyword 4: VisiCalc

Using the open-apple/F command, you can find all books with software as one of the keywords. But what if you wanted to find all books about Apple software? You would have to use the record-selection rules to select all the records containing one of the desired keywords and then use the open-apple/F command to find the categories containing the other desired keyword. You need to set up the record-selection rules like this:

Keyword 1 equals Apple or Keyword 2 equals Apple or Keyword 3 equals Apple or Keyword 4 equals Apple

To do so, enter the open-apple/R command and select the category Keyword 1. Now select the Equals option and press Return. Finally, enter the word *Apple*. Do this for all four keywords with or between them. Return to your database by pressing Escape, and you'll see only the records that have *Apple* as one of the keywords. Now you can use the open-apple/F command to specify Software, and you've done it!

Another way to handle a keyword search is to combine all keywords into one category:

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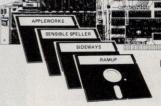
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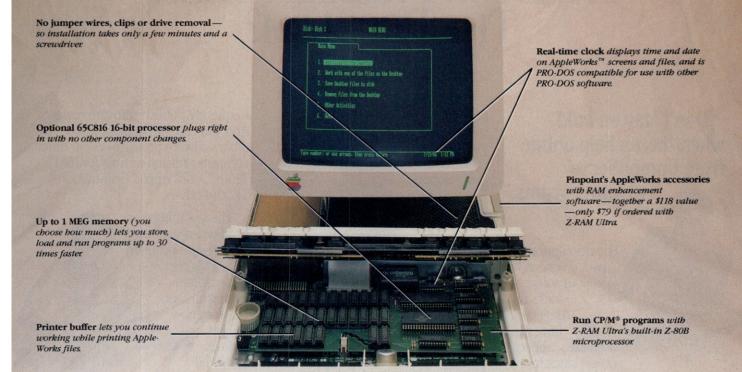
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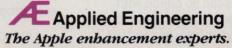
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Wayne L. St. John Carbondale, IL

Nothing about multiple-copy printing imposes this limit expression of the programmer. Apparently nobody thought that users would need more than nine copies of any document. A similar decision was made about page numbering: early versions of Apple-Works number only to about 200 pages and then begin at 0 again. This limitation was eliminated in Version 1.3, but the limit of nine copies still exists in Version 2.0. To get around

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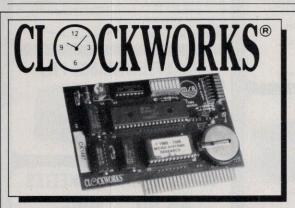
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Robbie Jackson Mount Vernon, NY It sounds as though the RAM is overloading your Apple's power supply. The Apple II power supply has a built-in safety mechanism that shuts down the computer when the power supply is overloaded. Be grateful—if it weren't for this mechanism, your computer could be melting down the side of your desk right now. I suggest you purchase one of Applied Engineering's power supplies for the Apple II; they are made for larger-capacity systems.

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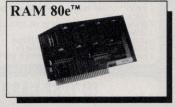
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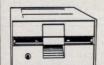
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2. Should schools rush to upgrade their Apple IIe computers?

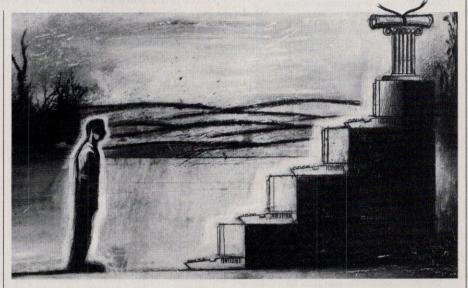
Easy One First

As someone who has long been critical of the original Apple II sound and graphics, I find the IIGS to be a refreshing sign that Apple is willing to provide people with the improvements they deserve.

The lowly Atari 400 (remember it?) ran circles around the old Apple II in the areas of sound and graphics, and the Commodore Amiga provides even richer capabilities in these areas. Quite frankly, some of us were beginning to wonder when Apple was going to wake up to the computers of the 80s.

By providing enhancements in graphics and sound while retaining compatibility with the massive installed base of Apple II programs, Apple seems to have achieved the best of both worlds, and the future of the Apple II line looks secure.

Of course, my personal interests influence my views. My office is littered with music synthesizers and graphics tools, and I spend much of my spare time tinkering with them. As a result, my enthusiasm for the Apple IIGS comes from the freedom this computer gives me to play in the domains that are of greatest interest to me.



What About Education?

As I look at the role of the Apple IIGS in education, I have a hard time separating my personal enthusiasm for this new machine from my perspectives on how computers are functioning in classrooms today and

The challenges facing creators of educational software are challenges of the spirit, not of technology.

how they may serve in the future.

I agree with those who argue that educational software needs to take advantage of better graphics and sound tools. If you look at the history of educational software, you may conclude that software developers have not (with few exceptions) fully used the tools at their disposal. Few

pieces of educational software exploit those capabilities that distinguish computers from books.

Yes, many new programs do show a willingness to accept the computer as a medium in its own right, but these programs have arrived nearly ten years after the introduction of personal computers.

The challenges facing creators of educational software are challenges of the spirit, not of technology. I doubt that the simple introduction of a new computer into the marketplace can make the quality of educa-

tional software take a giant leap forward.

Opening the Toolbox

In addition to new graphics and sound capabilities, the Apple IIGS includes a set of toolbox routines with which software developers can create software with some of the look and feel of Macintosh programs. This toolbox may be the most significant distinguishing feature of the Apple IIGS.

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Although some computer users feel that command-line interpreters are preferable to visual displays of "desktops" and that typing RUN PROGRAMNAME is better than double-clicking a mouse on an icon, the visual user interface is steadily gaining converts and is convincing people that you don't have to know anything about computing to use a computer.

The education market is one where this feature is probably more important than anywhere else. Teachers do not have the time to wade through massive manuals just to learn how to load a program. Have you ever seen a second-grade teacher tell a student who is using a Commodore 64 to type LOAD "*",8,1? It is not a pretty sight.

By creating a uniform and highly visual user interface—and by providing toolbox routines to encourage developers to write software that uses this interface—the Apple IIGS promises to allow the creation of educational programs that are easy to learn and easy to use. Most important, as with most Macintosh programs, users will find that commands that behave in a certain way for one program will behave the same way for another. The benefit of a well-designed user interface is that it gets out of the users' way, and this unobtrusiveness is part of the promise of the Apple IIGS. I believe the Apple IIGS (in the hands of the right programmers) will be a showcase for some excellent educational software.

And Now for Question 2

All of which brings me to the second question: Should schools rush to upgrade their old Apple IIe computers to the Apple IIGS?

My guess is that, over the long term, Apple will phase the Apple IIe out of production as soon as demand falls and that the Apple IIGS will become its logical successor. The IIGS's ability to use existing peripheral cards and equipment is essential to this transition.

To show just how compatible the IIGS really is, I connected a 1979 Apple II disk drive (with a new connector) to the disk-drive port of the Apple IIGS, and it worked perfectly. Such attention to compatibility is unprecedented in the personal-computer industry.

Still, it might be wise to wait a bit before rushing to purchase the upgrade. For one thing, there isn't much software that requires the IIGS yet, although this situation is sure to change soon.

Cloning Around

Second, you can spend the money elsewhere. Even with special institutional discounts, upgrading the He to the HGS is going to cost several hundred dollars.

A few months ago, a friend dropped by to show me a Laser 128 with a built-in disk drive and all the printer and communication ports you could ask for. He'd paid about \$370 or so for this Apple II-compati-

> The point here is that no one should upgrade a computer for its own sake.

ble computer. Spend another \$70 for a monochrome monitor, and you'd have a complete computer system for close to the price of the IIGS motherboard alone. Never mind new disk drives, mice, and other devices you need to take full advantage of the GS.

Most schools are trying to reduce the student/computer ratio. For people in this situation, the purchase of another computer may make much more sense than spending money on an upgrade at this time.

What Are We About?

The point here is that no one should upgrade a computer for its own sake. The whole reason we have computers in the classroom is to help our students. As we make purchase decisions regarding software and hardware, our overriding concern should be to ensure that the students' needs are served. For some of us, working toward this goal requires that we get more computers, and for others it means that we should make our existing computers more powerful.

Should you upgrade your Apple He computers to the Apple HGS? Think about your real needs-the answer will be obvious.

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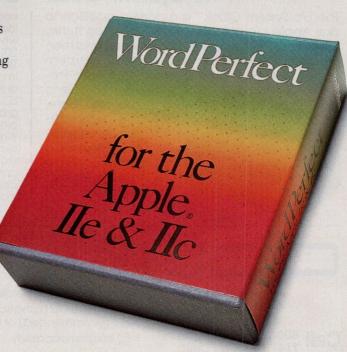
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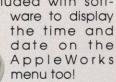
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PALETTES, COLOR MIXING, AND DITHERING

Graphics take a quantum leap forward with the Apple IIGS

The Apple IIGS has arrived, with graphics that are a quantum leap better than standard Apple II graphics. While new GS software slowly trickles in, let's look at what the new platinum machines can do.

A Little Background

All Apple graphics modes are memory-mapped—that is, a pixel on the screen represents a bit or combination of bits in active RAM. The video display is generated by circuitry tied to this area of memory.

Prior to the Apple IIGS, memory for graphics was a problem. Because the entire graphics screen must be kept in memory and because the 6502 processor cannot use more than 64K of memory easily, Apple engineers used a bag of tricks—both in memory arrangement and in how colors were generated—to enable the Apple II to have such a colorful display. (For more information see "Seeing Double," A+, January 1985.)

The 65816 CPU in the Apple IIGS is capable of addressing 16 megabytes of memory, although the current IIGS allows only 8 megabytes of user RAM. Still, Apple engineers no longer need tricks. The super-hi-res IIGS modes (320×200 pixels and 640×200 pixels) use 32K of memory and are linearly mapped. Although you don't really need to know what linear mapping is, suffice it to say that it allows programmers to create much simpler graphics routines than they could with the earlier graphics modes.

Color was also a problem on earlier Apple IIs. Normal hi res on the

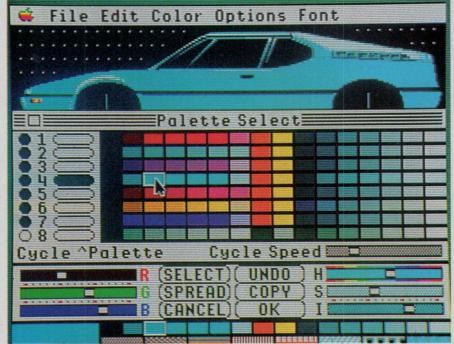


Figure 1: Baudville's 8/16 Paint color-selection dialog. Note the two methods of color selection. Either method can be used to create any of the Apple IIGS's 4096 colors.

Apple II relies on idiosyncrasies of the standard video signal to generate color. Color is tied to pixel position on the screen. Each pixel on the screen must be either violet or green (or orange or blue). Pixels adjacent

Palettes are new to the Apple II family of computers; they use special areas of RAM.

to each other merge to white. Software that lets you plot or draw in green, for example, filters out the pixels of the violet. Thus when you draw a green line, every other pixel is lit. The result is that the resolution

of the hi-res screen is halved. Double-hi-res is similar but a bit more complicated.

The IIGS has no such color complications—at least not in the 320×200 mode. Each of the 320 pixels can take on any of 16 colors. This ability is accomplished by a new circuit in the IIGS called the Video Graphics Controller (VGC), which oversees all video output. The VGC doesn't have built-in color; instead it determines the colors to use by looking into "palette RAM."

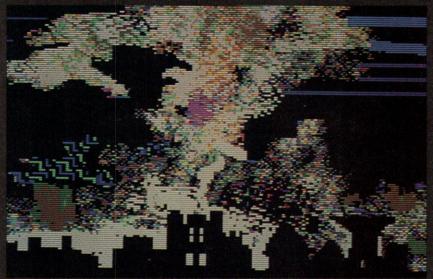
Palettes

Palettes are new to the Apple II family of computers; they use special areas of RAM that contain entries for the red, blue, and green components of the video signal for each possible bit combination in display memory. When the IIGS plots a point, it finds

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Hi-res and double-hi-res graphics provide lots of color on all Apple IIs. Poobah and Night Sky are double hi-res and were drawn on an Apple Graphics Tablet with Dazzle Draw by Broderbund. Klimpt, Japan, and Composition #1 are hi-res images and were drawn on the Apple Graphics Tablet with Blazing Paddles by Baudville and an assist by the Digisector Video Digitizer.



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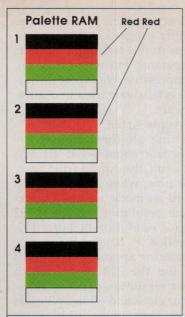


Figure 2: Each mini palette contains the same color values. The IIGS determines which mini palette to use from the pixel's position on the screen.

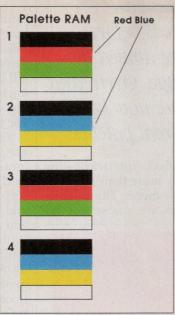


Figure 3: Mini palettes 2 and 4 are different from 1 and 3, resulting in automatic dithering. Pixels merge to produce a new color – in this example, violet.

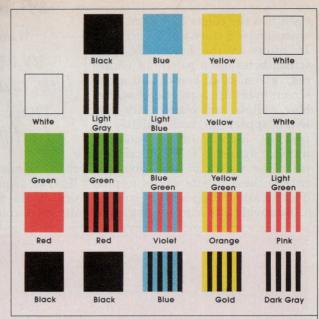


Figure 4: This chart illustrates the 16-color 640 mode using the palette shown in figures 2 and 3. By substituting different colors, you can generate an astounding array of different hues, and by double dithering, you can make the IIGS display more than 100 "colors" in the 640 mode.

the correct color by looking into the table for the pixel's bit combination. In the 320 mode, a pixel is generated for every adjacent 4 bits in the video memory map. In the 640 mode, a pixel is generated for every adjacent 2 bits in the video memory map. (Sixteen possible combinations of 4 bits provide 16 colors in the 320 mode; four possible combinations of 2 bits provide four colors in the 640 mode.)

By changing the numbers stored in palette RAM, you can change the colors produced. The total number of possible colors is 4096. This large number is because of the choice of analog RGB rather than digital (TTL) RGB. (See "The IIGS Shows Its Colors" in this issue.)

The palette area can contain 16 different palettes, and a different palette can be used for different scan lines, which means that in the 320 mode you can actually have 256 colors on-screen at once. You can use one palette at the top of the screen, another palette midway down the screen, and so on. Palettes can be changed on the fly, allowing for color cycle animation, which we'll discuss in a future column.

Color Mixing

Application programmers have several ways of determining what colors appear on the palette. (Foley and VanDam, in *Fundamentals of Interactive Computer Graphics*, [Published by Addison-Wesley, 1982] list

five different methods.)

As an example of these alternatives, let's look at Baudville's 8/16 Paint program, which uses two different methods for mixing colors. Its Color option contains two sets of controls (see figure 1). One is labeled H, S, and I (hue, saturation, and intensity), and the other is labeled R, G, and B (red, green, and

Palettes can be changed on the fly, allowing for color cycle animation.

blue). Each set can generate all 4096 colors. To create a bright yellow, for example, you can slide the red and green controls to the same level and slide blue all the way off. Similarly, you can slide the saturation, the hue, and the intensity controls until the color is correct. Both methods accomplish the same thing. The red control selects both the amount and intensity of red in the mix. To brighten the yellow but maintain the same hue, you must slide both the red and the green controls equally. Or you can adjust only the intensity control, which has the effect of sliding both color controls. Baudville's Mike Darooge says that he likes to set up the initial palette with the HSI controls and then do fine-tuning with the RGB controls. Not all paint programs offer alternative methods for color mixing, but we like having a choice.

If you're surprised that red and green make yellow, remember that you're working with light. The subtractive color mixing you may have learned with paints does not apply here. In additive color mixing, mixing equal intensities of the primary colors (red, green, and blue) results in white rather than black.

Dithering Magic

Because the 320 mode is the most colorful, most of the artists' tools we've seen work in this mode. The 640 mode offers some surprises, however. In hi-res or double-hi-res graphics, many programs offer dithered colors. Dithering is the placement of two or more pixels of different colors in close proximity. These pixels blend to a new color. You can, for example, generate a reddish tone in standard hi-res by mixing orange and violet. With dithering, the effective resolution drops, resulting in a coarse image because a unit of color consists of a group of pixels rather than a single pixel.

Apple IIGS engineers, when creating a demo program to show off the new computer, made an interesting discovery. With dithering, the IIGS can be coaxed into producing 16 colors in the 640 mode. The dither is so

tight that the colors look pure even when viewed close up. To produce 16 colors in the 640 mode, odd screen bytes use a palette of white, red, green, and black, and even screen bytes use a palette of white, blue, yellow, and black. Black and white appear on both palettes to provide high-quality, 80-column text (see figures 2–4). If you can sacrifice the clarity of text, you can change these palette values to produce an astounding array of colors.

By double dithering—using more

Whereas before we were limited to blue, orange, green, and violet, we now have 16 different palettes.

than a one-pixel interleave—the IIGS can display more than 100 "colors" in the 640 mode. The double-dithered colors are coarse but far

from objectionable. It'll be some time before programmers give you full access to this technique in their paint programs, but when they do, it'll be impressive. We expect dithering to be extensively used in digitizing software.

For the Apple Artist

Forgetting all the technical jargon, lets talk about what all this means to you, the Apple artist.

Up to now, when we worked in Apple's hi-res mode, we had a black-and-white resolution of 280×192 and a color resolution of 140×192 . With the IIGS we have more!

For painting applications most of us will use the 320 mode, which gives us a resolution of 320 × 200—in color or black and white. Whereas before we were limited to blue, orange, green, and violet, we now have 16 different palettes. And the colors in these palettes are real colors. A red pixel, for example, can be plotted anywhere on the screen and can be put next to any other color without creating problems.

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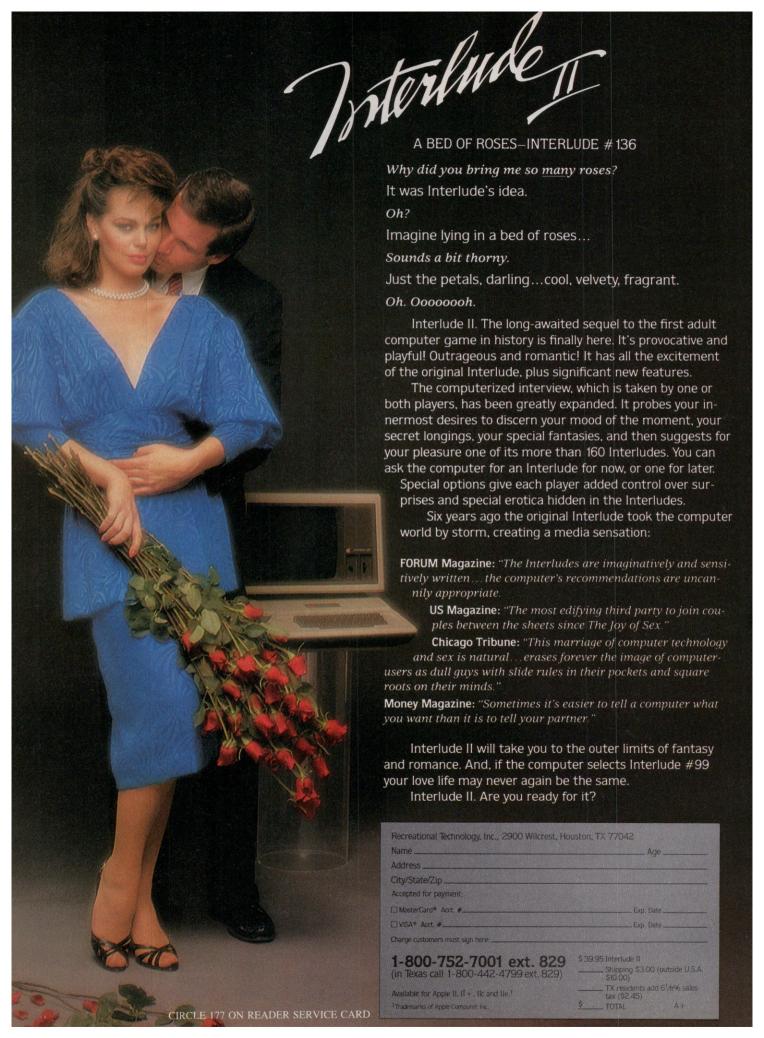
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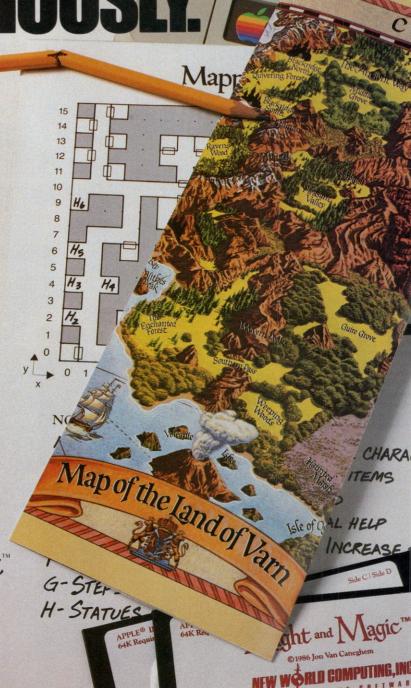
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Ace programmer
Chris Crawford
tells all about the
latest version of
his masterpiece of
international
geopolitics,
Balance of Power

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For players who want more out of a computer game than pumping a fire button, the best news of 1987 is the scheduled Apple II-series conversion of Balance of Power, a complex yet highly playable simulation of international geopolitics. In addition to being much more fun than a week in Reykjavik, Balance of Power is the masterpiece (so far) of acclaimed programmer Chris Crawford. Since the early 80s, Crawford has been recognized as the thinking person's game maker, beginning with his innovative war game Eastern Front. Before Eastern Front, computer war games weren't innovative, evocative simulations of military combat. They were electronic recreations of board games. In these hexagonal-hexadecimal worlds, pixilated blips replaced metal markers, and sketchy graphics imitated tabletop battlefields.

There were some advantages, though. Board war games required notebooks filled with statistics, ordnance strengths, morale points, and supply-line ratings. The computer versions allowed war-game fanatics to rely on their computer to do all the bookkeeping. Suddenly, even nonmathematicians could compete strategically with numerically minded livingroom warriors.

And then came Crawford.

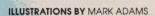
Eastern Front for the Atari 400/800 computer system revolutionized computer war gaming. The mechanics of a war game had never before been so transparent to the user. And when you were playing against the computer, your electronic opponent didn't wield its forces like a skinhead kid just out of ROTC. Here was a real general, a worthy combatant with genuine strategic smarts.

When Crawford, an educator turned game designer and programmer, turned to the Macintosh,

the result was the remarkable Balance of Power, the first cold-war game. Its combative tools weren't tanks, infantries, and other weapons of military might. Balance of Power trained players in the suggestions, subversions, blusters, and covert threats of diplomatic combat. Instead of staring at a simulated battleground and calculating fields of view, Balance of Power players gazed at a world map, contemplating GNPs and terrorist activity.



"I'd wanted to do a game about the problem of war and peace for many, many years," Crawford explains. "If you look at the games I've designed, there is a rather clear, logical progression from focusing on the mechanics of war; to asking larger questions about how you win wars; to Balance of Power, which asks questions about how you use military power without getting into a war. In fact, Balance of Power asks, 'How do you use power in general—not just military power but economic and diplomatic



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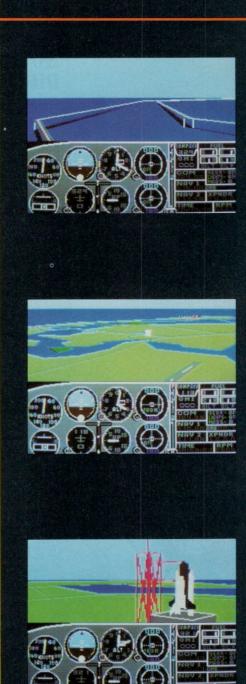
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power—to accomplish policy goals without having everything blow up in your face?"

In Balance of Power, an individual assumes leadership of either the United States or the Soviet Union with the intention of spreading his philosophies and influence around the world. Players have the ability to distribute financial and military aid, create treaties, fund insurrections, and generally threaten to make the other guys bite the big mushroom.

If a game ends tragically in worldwide nuclear war, Crawford reprimands the player with a text screen that notes, "We do not reward failure." To succeed in Balance of Power, players must learn to pound a fist without pushing the button. And although military force lingers dangerously in the background, it is not the focus of the game.

"The whole thrust of Balance of Power is to start you off with the emphasis on military power that most Americans accept and then waltz you down a primrose path away from that emphasis," Crawford says. One of the triumphs of Balance of Power is how skillfully Crawford leads that dance.

"This is highly charged political stuff, and Balance of Power in one way or another runs a very real risk of antagonizing people who have strong political beliefs. I chose to emphasize a power-politics view of the world. Yes, the game does have a very strong Chris Crawford stamp on it; but I tried to make that stand palatable to most players.

"The game is pretty evenly attacked by extremists on both sides of the political spectrum. Very staunch conservatives feel the game is a little too equivocal in its comparison of the United States and the Soviet Union. Basically, it doesn't take into consideration that 'We're the good guys, and they're the bad guys.' And they resent that. They feel that the game should reflect some fundamental superiority.

"And then, liberals object because it is straight, pure power politics, and they would rather anthropomorphize international relations and emphasize the goodness of spirit that is intrinsic in all human beings."

Crawford did not program the Apple II conversion of Balance of Power but closely supervised a revision of the Macintosh version of the game to accommodate the graphics and computing power of Apple II computers.

"We didn't take what we had and start chopping," Crawford notes. "I redesigned the map completely. I actually added a few countries, but I also took away quite a few. So it's been an extensive redesign."

After simulating the world of international geopolitics, what new project could be big enough to stimulate Crawford's imagination? Next time the context will be human communication and interpersonal relations.

"I'm now deep in the midst of a really weird game," Crawford reveals. "It's called Siboot (pronounced See-boot). It's very difficult to describe this game because I've

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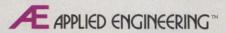
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really gone out on a limb here. I wanted to blow open a lot of problems of game design. And so far I'm on track for achieving that.

"It has its own language that you have to learn to speak, and it's an iconic language. I've got the language operational now. And it's nice. You can sit around chatting away in this strange little language. It's got all sorts of strange things in it. It's a very strongly mentalist game. You engage in mind combat with other characters."

So, start developing those muscles between your ears, Crawford fans, and get those little gray cells in aerobic shape. Chris hopes to have Siboot ready in time for Christmas 1987.

In the meantime, check out the hothouse diplomacy of Balance of Power and try to keep the peace.



TO SIR-TECH WITH LOVE

One question lingers on the lips of Wizardy addicts the world over. Where is Wizardry IV: The Return of Werdna? Shortly after Legacy of Llylgamyn (Wizardry III) appeared, the talk began about yet another installment in this classic roleplaying game series. Was it just talk?

"The talk isn't very loud right now," joked a Sir-Tech spokesperson. "But it is something the programmers are working on. We just don't have any schedule on it."

So don't stop feeding your pet dragon in protest over the delay, or you might find yourself left with a skinny salamander. Don't look for The Return of Werdna soon at your software dealer.

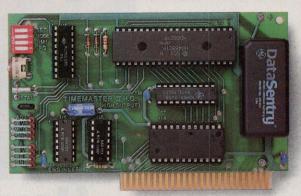
CHEATING THE MAD OVERLORD

I wasn't kidding when I sent out the cry for cheat techniques, uh, I mean game-playing tips, in the November GamePort. Tips on new games have been few in the intervening weeks. Either play testers are getting a lot sharper than they used to be (an Alarming Fact: today's cheater could become tomorrow's play tester), or the modern gamer plays strictly by the rules.

It looks like times have changed. "Sonny," exclaimed the sage old gamer, "In my day the first thing we'd do with a game was boot it and then start pressing every key combination possible. It's amazing how those control keys can uncover things the programmer never thought of." I guess unauthorized key punching is a fading technique, a sad comment on the Reagan era.

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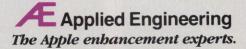
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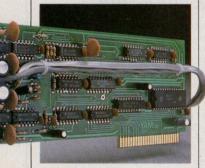
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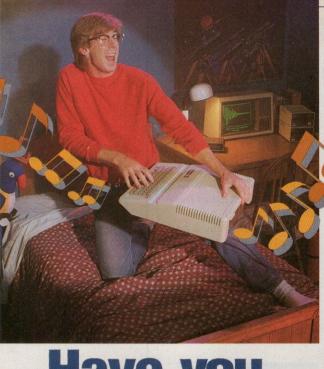
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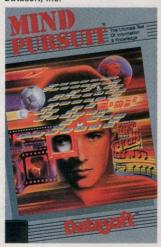
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This month's game reviews bring you brain teasers, a magical missing crystal shard, a broken enchanted mirror, and space adventure through eight galaxies.

MIND MATTERS

Mind Pursuit, Datasoft's new quiz game for the whole family, meets the growing national craving for knowledge and nostalgia. It offers three types of question with increasing point ratings (true/ false, 25 points; multiple choice, 50 points; fill in the blank, 100 points) in six different categories: Science and Nature, History and Geography, TV and Film, Sports and Games, Culture, and Grab Bag. Typical questions are "Who is known as The Father of Medicine?", "What do you examine with an otoscope?", "In Law, a spoken lie under oath is called what?", and "The maximum weight of

MIND PURSUIT



a ball in tenpin bowling is how many pounds?".

The game is designed for 1-4 players or teams. At the beginning of your turn, a flashing "die" on the computer screen determines your question category. If you answer a question incorrectly, you lose that question's point value from your score. There are thousands of questions, and you can purchase an additional question disk separately. On repeat play, some of the same questions pop up—but this happens in most trivia games.

You can also play in board-game style. In this mode, the screen shows numbered squares on which you move in response to correct answers. Higher-point-value questions earn you greater progress on the "board." Shortcut options and bonus flashing squares add variety to play.

When you start the game, you can preset the time allowed for answering questions (30, 45, or 60 seconds), or you can play without using the timer. Having a time limit is nice if you get bored waiting for others to give their answers.

It may be unfair to compare this software to a mere board game such as

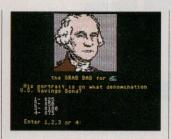
Trivial Pursuit, but I can't resist. One of Mind Pursuit's advantages is that musical and/or graphical clues accompany some questions—something Trivial Pursuit can't do. Mind Pursuit also keeps score automatically. I found the question categories in Mind Pursuit



less rigid than those in Trivial Pursuit. In Trivial Pursuit, for instance, a sports buff may have an edge over other players because sport is a specialized topic not everyone shares. Mind Pursuit, however, has sports and games wedded in a single category, so there's a bit more leeway. Also, you're not required to answer questions from all categories as you are in Trivial

SHARD OF SPRING Strategic Simulations, Inc.





Pursuit—you can play the game out without answering in some areas.

If you've got the impression that I like Mind Pursuit, you're right. It's a great cranial teaser for all ages.

John DiPrete

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My most exciting hours in graduate school were spent exploring an ancient pyramid on the planet of Tekumel. Recently, Shard of Spring took me on a similar journey to the island of Ymros. In this fantasy/roleplaying adventure game, you are searching foryou guessed it—a magical crystal shard. It's been stolen by an evil sorceress, and your mission is to join other adventurers to recover it.

You and your fellows march through the wilderness, fighting monsters, searching through dungeons, and piecing together clues you find or overhear in the taverns. Along the way you ac-

quire gold and other items (if you're lucky). Shard of Spring has all the elements role-playing gamers know and love, plus graphics and some nice refinements.

You begin Shard of Spring by forming a party of 1-5 adventurers. These adventurers are either warriors or wizards, chosen from five races: human, elf, dwarf, gnome, and troll (why are humans always the tallest good guys in these games?). All characters have individual traits and skills that determine what they can do and how well they can do it. Traits include speed, attack skill, endurance, intellect, and strength.

Your quest begins outdoors. The screen shows a colorful map of your position on a 9×9 grid, and windows show the status of your characters and let you enter commands. As you wander through forests, swamps, plains, and mountains, you may encounter towns, dungeons, and monsters.

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monster, the screen changes to an enlargement of the square you are in. Now each character and monster is shown individually. You can move, strike, or cast a spell by issuing simple commands. Dungeons also have this enlarged combat feature, and the graphics are very good.



Be sure to map the corridors and contents of the dungeons as you go.

Towns are good places to be. You can buy weapons and armor, get healed (or maybe even resurrected), sleep to regain your strength, or chat with other adventurers. Who knows which bits of gossip will ultimately lead you to the shard?

Periodically you can set up camp to equip your players with weapons, identify things you have picked up (maybe), sleep, or print out the current status of each character. As with other activities in Shard of Spring, you select these options from a menu with single keystrokes. The computer responds rapidly to keep the tempo of the game lively.

Shard of Spring contains many features that will keep you from mastering it too quickly. Mag-

ic spells are one example. There are some 24 different spells, grouped into fire, metal, wind, ice, and spirit runes. Only very experienced wizards can use many of these, so you'll have to play for quite a while to encounter everything the game has to offer. The areas to be explored are very large, also, but they are populated enough to stay interesting. One of my few complaints is that encountering too many monsters at once can get boring.

Both beginning and experienced fantasy/role-playing enthusiasts will enjoy Shard of Spring. If you rate your entertainment software by dollars per hour played, this is a bargain.

Karl E. Wiegers

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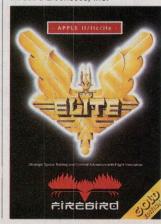
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REFLECTIVE RESTORATION

For many years, Munjistan's mirror was an instrument of justice and peace. But one day the power-hungry Voar crept in and stole it, hoping to use it for his own evil purposes. As he fled, he broke the mirror into five pieces, escaping with only four of them. Munjistan took the fifth piece and cast a spell on it to hide it. To defeat Voar, someone must reassemble the five shards.

So begins The Coveted Mirror, a new adventure game from Polarware/ Penguin Software. Actually, the game is more of a puzzle than an adventure—there's no violence, and nothing really bad happens if you lose. To win, "all" you have to do is master a complicated series of trades and shortcuts.

The authors, Eagle Berns and Holly Thomason, have filled out their puzzle with a host of entertaining characters and locations. In one direction there's the inevitable prison tower and its adjoining maze of corridors. In the other direction there's a thriving medieval town filled with merchants, peasants, priests, and animals. Beyond the town, things take a mystical turn. There's a magic horse, a secret ring, and a mysterious door; beyond the door lies still another world, this one hidden by the Impenetrable Mist. All the characters like to give clues, and most of them respond to a quick wit and a good barter. (Some of them respond to bribes, too.)



The game has many considerate touches. You can save three versions, which helps if you like to cheat. At any point you can bypass the graphics by shifting into the text mode. You can speed the entry of commands by stringing them together with commas. If you suffer from occasional amnesia, the Inventory command lists your booty, and a Help command lists the other commands. An ever-present hourglass helps you keep track of the time.

The graphics are colorful and detailed. They aren't really animated, but the program does use an "overlay" technique that places a variety of figures against a static background. When you come into the town square, for example, the buildings are always the same, but you often meet a different person—a knight on horseback, or Toby Troublesome, or Granny Garbled-Marbles. Doors and windows open or close as you instruct, and objects that you take leave the picture.

Thanks to Polarware's Comprehend system, you can use full English sentences to manipulate characters. You do have to exercise special care in spelling things out—for instance, the thief can't help you much if you forget to open the stocks after you pick the lock.



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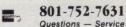
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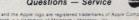
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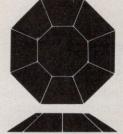
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As I sit here in the cockpit of my Cobra MK III spacecraft, I see the planet Lave coming up on my scanners. I haven't been back here in a while, and the big white ball on the view screen brings back memories of when it all began.

I was a green space jockey. My rating was Harmless, my police record Clean. My ship? The same Cobra MK III, but without the special equipment I have since added. I had one front pulse laser, shields, four missiles, and a 20-ton cargo bay. The cockpit looked the same then as now. Besides the main view screen, there was the familiar flight-grid scanner that showed ships and other objects in three-dimensional space. Then there were the gauges-forward and aft shields, four energy banks, hyperspace fuel, laser temperature, cabin temperature, altitude, gyros, and the all-important compass that always led me true to the planet or space station nearest



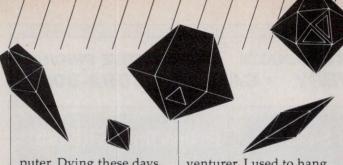
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me. I had 100 credits to my name, and I intended to make my fortune as a space trader.

A hundred credits won't buy you diddley in that part of space, so I had to start small. I bought food and textiles on agricultural planets such as Lave and sold them at industrial planets. What a feeling! Eight whole galaxies, each with hundreds of planets to visit, alien life-forms to trade with, profits to make.

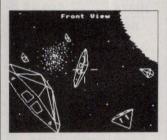
Not to mention the glory. There's a bounty on space pirates and Thargoid invasion ships. Of course, you have to kill them before they kill you. I remember studying the space manual, thick with detailed descriptions of expensive equipment I couldn't yet afford, pictures and data on the many common space-going vehicles, and hints for the novice trader on how to get along with aliens and different governments. I learned to stay away from planets whose governments were in Anarchy. Anarchy planets always had too many pirates hanging around to handle with pulse lasers and just a few missiles.

As soon as I could, I bought a docking computer. I had crashed many times trying to master the tricky rotating entrance to the Coriolis space stations where all trading took place. Lucky my resurrection file was kept up to date in the master com-



puter. Dying these days needn't be permanent, just inconvenient.

After the docking computer and the extra cargo bay (it holds another 15 tons), I bought some beam lasers, front and rear. They were better than the pulse lasers, but I still had my eye on the costly military lasers. I made do with beams for a



while and bought some other items—a fuel scoop to pick up stray cargo and fuel from the sun, and an EEU (Extra Energy Unit) to make my shields charge up faster. An ECM (antimissile system) was essential for avoiding enemy missiles. I also got a one-time energy bomb that could wipe out a whole armada in dire emergencies and an escape pod for those even more dire situations. The escape pod let me keep my money, and insurance supplied me with a fresh ship. I lost the cargo, but I also lost my police record. That came in handy when, to make a buck, I tried trade in guns, slaves, and narcotics. I became a Fugitive, and life became much more difficult. I decided to stay clean after that.

When I finally was able to equip my MK III with military lasers, I became a most daring ad-

venturer. I used to hang out in space near the Anarchy planets just waiting for Thargoids and other low-life scum to try to attack. I liked letting them come close, studying their three-dimensional wire-frame images as they appeared on one of my four view screens. I made short work of them all. By now my rating had climbed from Harmless to Mostly Harmless, then to Competent.

Just as I was beginning to wonder if this was all there was to it, I got a message from the Space Navy. They wanted me to perform a dangerous mission! Well, that's a long story, and it's classified anyway. And then there are the other missions, classified all. So what am I telling you for? I'm the Elite. You'll have to find out for yourself. Just remember, when you think you have it all figured out, beware. Something unexpected and unseen might cut you down to

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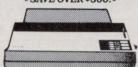


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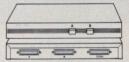
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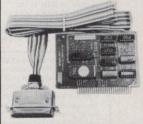
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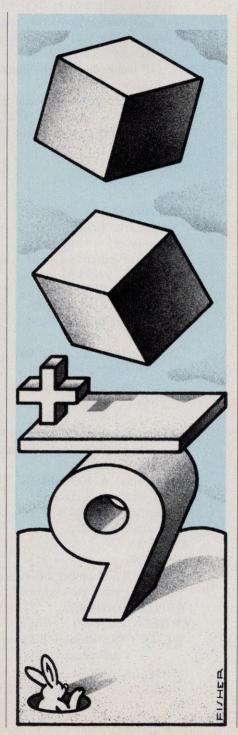
SEARCHING FOR RATIONAL SOLUTIONS

Find the two other numbers whose cubes add up to 9

The numbers 1 and 2, when cubed and added together, produce the number 9. Can you find two other positive rational numbers whose cubes also add up to 9? Hints: Both numbers are obviously fractions; 3/4 and \$\sqrt{5}\$ are not solutions because they are not rational numbers. You cannot solve this problem using real numbers—at least those that are part of the common programming languages found on microcomputersto compute these fractions because they do not hold enough precision for some of the steps in the computation. This puzzle has a precise answer. If you use integers to find numerators and denominators, your computer will not be able to handle numbers large enough to solve the problem.

Send me a complete program that solves the puzzle. Please include output and running time. If you send a disk, please also enclose hard copy. Your program must be short (you can see approximately *how* short by the listing of this month's winner), elegant, and self-documenting. The best solution wins a one-year subscription (or extension) to A + and a Certificate of Excellence in Programming and will be published here.

Send all entries, which must be received by February 10, 1987, to Computer Calisthenics, Box 2329, Stanford, CA 94305. All entries become the property of this column's author, who will select the winner and whose decision is final. The winning program will be announced in the May 1987 issue of A +magazine.



Answer to November's Puzzle

November's puzzle requested a program that found all palindromic occurrences in one complete cycle through a car's odometer (those that can be expressed algebraically as *xyzzy.x* (with *x*, *y*, and *z* possibly but not necessarily being all different integers). It also asked you to find the shortest trip (from where to where on the odometer, in miles) to contain 12 such numbers.

A program that checks for odometer palindromes must include 00000.0 in its reckoning. This is the only number that occurs twice in one complete cycle because, of course, a trip could either start at 00000.0 or end there. Also, I specified "one complete cycle through the odometer." By that I meant once through from the all 0s when you first enter the car as it leaves the assembly line to that same palindrome once again, just as the odometer finally rolls over a tenth of a mile after reading 99999.9-not any other 999,999 cycles (as, say, from 11111.1 back to 11111.0).

In such a trip, then, you don't need a computer to figure how many total palindromes there are. Because every instance of the first digit determines the sixth, every instance of the second determines the fifth, and every instance of the third determines the fourth, and because you can have any of ten digits in each position (0 through 9), the answer is simply $10 \times 10 \times 10$ plus 1.

For which is the shortest trip to produce 12 palindromes, a lot of people said there were 18 such, each of 1002.1 miles. Three examples of these are 08998.0 to 10000.1, 09999.0 to 11001.1, and 8999.8 to 91001.9. I asked, however, for the *shortest* trip, which certainly implies one only, not 18. That trip is the 1001.1 miles

from 98998.9 to 00000.0.

Peter Rokitski of Detroit gets an honorable mention for his Applesoft BASIC program. Peter also correctly states that if "rollovers" are permitted, a second occurrence of a 1001.1 mile trip containing 12 palindromes is from 9999.9 to 01001.0 and comments, "but that is not completed during one cycle."

Marvin Barnes of Clemmons, North Carolina, gets the prize for a Pascal program that produces an answer (depending on your machine) in seconds. When run, the program prints:

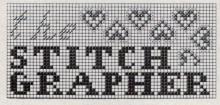
The number of odometer palindromes in one complete cycle is: 1001
The shortest distance containing twelve palindromes is: 1001.1

from: 98998.9 to 0.0

Notice the clever way Barnes constructs a palindrome, as shown in this statement:

palindrome := (10000.1 * digit1) + (1001
*digit2) + 110 *digit3;

The routine find_shortest_distance always assigns the shortest distance found so far to the variable distance, with the start of that trip stored in first and its end in twelfth. +



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An odometer palindrome is represented as:
    digit1 digit2 digit3 digit3 digit2 . digit1
  One odometer cycle is from 00000.0 to 00000.0 }
  digit1, digit2, digit3, index, counter: INTEGER;
  first, twelfth, distance, palindrome
                                      : REAL;
                                : ARRAY [1..12] OF REAL;
 consecutive
  PROCEDURE find_shortest_distance;
      [ Count the odometer palindromes ]
     counter :=counter + 1:
    FOR index := 1 to 11 DO
       consecutive [index] := consecutive [index + 1];
      consecutive [12] := palindrome;
    IF counter > 11 THEN
       IF consecutive [12] - consecutive [1] < distance THEN
           distance := consecutive [12] - consecutive [1];
          first := consecutive [1];
          twelfth := consecutive [12];
      END;
  END;
BEGIN
 FOR index := 1 to 12 DO
    consecutive [index] := 0;
  counter := 0;
  { Initialize distance to max value }
  distance := 99999.9;
 FOR digit1 := 0 TO 9 DO
   FOR digit2 := 0 TO 9 DO
    FOR digit3 := 0 TO 9 DO
          palindrome := (10000.1 * digit1) + (1001 *digit2)
         + 110 *digit3;
          find_shortest_distance;
     END;
  The mileage is actually 100000.0 when the odometer
     resets to 00000.0. If we get that value, reset to actual
     odometer reading. }
  palindrome := 100000.0;
   find_shortest_distance;
  IF twelfth = 100000.0 THEN
    twelfth := 00000.0;
 WRITELN:
 WRITELN;
  WRITE ('The number of odometer palindromes in one
             complete cycle is: ');
  WRITELN (counter);
 WRITELN;
  WRITE ('The shortest distance containing twelve
             palindromes is: ');
  WRITELN (distance:3:1);
  WRITELN ('
                   from: ',first:7:1,'
                                    to: ',twelfth:7:1);
END.
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Telecommunications predictions for '87, BBS news, and teletips

In ancient times, the art of prognostication consisted of examining animal entrails, casting runes, and watching the flight path of birds. As you can imagine, the results were rather erratic.

The funny thing is that, even in this time of high-tech telecommunications, the accuracy of predicting the course of the personal-computer industry can be just as erratic. For example, in the April 1986 issue, I predicted we could all expect junk Email. Well, I haven't received any yet—and don't look forward to it either.

On the other hand, I said you would be filing your federal tax returns electronically and was right on the money. The IRS processed more than 25,000 such returns in 1986.

As for the rest of the predictions, they fell somewhere in between. But I'll take another stab at it and log onto my crystal ball to offer some predictions on telecommunications for 1987.

Vision '87

• Electronic Tax Returns. Wait a second, didn't I just say that was a pick for '86? Yes, I did, but this time around, the IRS has taken the pilot program and made it more attractive. The agency recently announced that businesses anywhere in the country can file their tax returns electronically. Also, individuals in seven areas of the country—Albany, New York; Cinncinnati, Ohio; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Norfolk, Virginia; Phoenix, Arizona; Ra-



leigh, North Carolina; and Sacramento, California—will also be able to file electronically. Finally, electronic filers can receive an electronic refund by identifying their bank. Check with your local IRS office for more details.

• Faster Modems for Less. Faster modems, such as 2400-bps modems, are in a catch-22 situation: people won't buy them because of the high cost and lack of services, yet prices won't fall and services won't change until people buy more of them. Right now, according to Dataquest of San Jose, California, the modem market breaks down like this:

1200 bps 78% 2400 bps 9% 9600 bps 1% Other 12%

Look for this cycle to break in 1987. Businesses will lead the way, as they look for ways to transmit documents quickly. The 2400-bps market, after it gets rid of the misconception that

these modems cause more transmission errors than 1200-bps modems, will expand dramatically. The 4800-bps modem will be bypassed in favor of the 9600-bps modem, but do not expect either of these high-

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speed modems to gain general consumer acceptance—you can buy an entire Apple IIGS system with peripherals for the price of one such high-speed modem.

• Electronic Distribution. Often, software upgrades are more trouble than they are worth. Mailing an extra disk and manual costs time and effort for both the vendor and the consumer. How much easier it

would be to download code and documentation directly onto a program disk. In the IBM world, Lotus is just starting to offer electronic distribution to corporate "site licensees." So far, Exxon and others have accepted. If Lotus finds such an arrangement cost-effective, you can bet that this idea will spread to other software vendors.

• ISDN. The Integrated System Digital Network may be a solution in search of a problem. It replaces the analog telephone system with a digital system, theoretically eliminating the need for a modem (although you would still need a hardware device of some sort to access the network). Its capabilities are impresbut modem technology tarnishes some of the glitter. Nevertheless, Pacific Bell recently declared its pilot program-Macs hooked into an on-line network-a success and plans to start commercial service later this year. IBM evidently agreed, for it has filed a complaint with the FCC claiming Pacific Bell is in violation of the AT&T divestiture agreement because the network includes a certain type of equipment that Pacific Bell

should not be permitted to operate. Stay tuned for round 2.

• Junk E-Mail. Oh, I know I picked this for '86, but I figure if I keep choosing it, sooner or later, for better or worse, it will become a reality. For Whom the Carrier Tone Polls

No electronic augury is complete without a look at bulletin board systems (BBSs). System operators are

> Systems operators are living the telecommunications revolution instead of reading about it.

generally ahead of their time, for they are living the telecommunications revolution instead of reading about it. A BBS vendor in Sunnyvale, California, called e-Soft has released the results of its poll of almost 200 BBS operators. The company found that

- 93% of those surveyed have upload/download capability
- 67% do not charge for access

- 33% use 2400-bps modems
- the average system receives 45 calls

It seems that 2400-bps modems are starting to become popular with the BBS set. I only wonder if the 33% who own 2400-bps modems are the same 33% who charge for their BBS. W/PUG BBS

The Word Processing Users' Group, established in 1985, has started a BBS called SCROLL for users of word-processing software. Reviews, tutorials, public-domain programs, and more are available. Annual membership is \$25.

TELETIPS

Here's a look at news, views, and breakthroughs in the telecommunications world.

New Products

PBI Software has released Version 1.3 of its terrific telecommunications program CommWorks. Among the upgraded features are XMODEM transmission of ProDOS system files, more powerful macros, the ability to exclude or include control characters when downloading a file, increased ability to work with interface cards, and more protection against accidental deletion of data in

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Cellular Interface

For all you upscale readers out there, Morrison & Dempsey Communications has introduced a \$399 AB1X interface for cellular telephones. It provides all the features of a standard telephone line that you don't usually find in an average car. If you own a cellular telephone and a IIc (or other laptop computer for that matter), this device may prove to be valuable.

Dark Side of the Modem

The Associated Press has reported that a hacker who goes by the name of Pink Floyd has broken into dozens of computers at universities and businesses around the country. None of his targets has reported any damage, although Pink Floyd has made subtle alterations to some systems to make detecting his intrusions more difficult. Among the

targets: Stanford University, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Illinois, Mitre Corporation, and at least three Silicon Valley companies.

Outhacking the Hacker

The Electronic Mail Association (EMA) has released a brochure de-

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tailing methods of protecting your E-mail from prying eyes. Among the tips: Create levels of access on the Email system, use a common encryption program, and use esoteric passwords. Write to the EMA for a free brochure.

When Visions Collide

The Information Industry Association (IIA) is scheduled to publish a study in February detailing how new information systems will affect mankind between now and the year 2000. The study, undertaken by the Institute for Alternative Futures and funded by Dun & Bradstreet Corporation and Pacific Telesis Group, is entitled "The Information Business of the Future: A Strategic Planning Process."

According to IIA president Paul Zurkowski, the study attempts to "provide an independent and objective analysis of the issues facing government and industry; provide strategic information that companies can use in developing new products and new markets; and serve to initiate a continuous dialogue among individuals, industry, and government on critical issues.'

International Connections

Reader Ed Gilchrist notes that the French government has installed more than two million videotex terminals within the country. That's a lot of people on one system. Compu-Serve and MCI Mail boast approximately 500,000 subscribers combined. Nice numbers, but, yawn, so

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SQUEAKY DRIVE?

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taking things apart (aren't we all?) and getting them back together properly, take the four Phillips screws out of the bottom of your drive and slide off the metal case. Remove the two Phillips screws that hold down the horizontal green board inside. Carefully unmount the green board (watch what you're doing; you have to put it back!). It will remain connected to the drive by wires. Now, insert a disk in the drive and close the drive door. You will see the pressure pad (a little cottony thing about ¼ inch in diameter mounted on the end of a black arm) on top of the oval slot of the disk. Turn the pressure pad's black screw about a quarter turn. This should rotate it just enough to stop the squeaking. Or you can fluff the pad up with a screwdriver or something.

Warning: All of this will undoubtedly void your warranty if anyone finds out what you've done ... but it's your equipment, right? If you mess up your drive, forget where you read this.

While you've got the cover off, watch your drive work; it's fun! INIT a disk, DELETE some file, CATALOG, and so on, and watch the pressure pad move. The read/write head is directly under the pressure pad contacting the bottom of your disk. Disk drives are indeed amazing.

IIC POWER OFF?

Did it ever occur to you that turning a IIc off using the built-in switch doesn't turn off the power supply, which is halfway down the cord ... or does it?

SCREEN SHIFTER

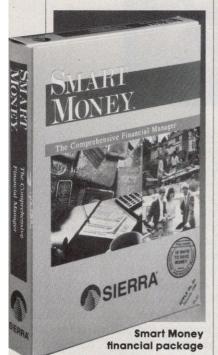
This program performs a fast, simple memory move from Applesoft, similar to the one on the PEEKs and POKEs chart. Run it and press the left arrow a few times until any character other than a space is in the upper-left corner of the screen. Then press the right arrow.

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POKE 768,216: POKE 769,160: POKE 770,0:
    POKE 771,76: POKE 772,44: POKE 773,254:
         : LIST
    LIST
    HTAB 1: PRINT " <- ->:";: GET A$:ST =
20
    1024:EN = 2046
    DEST = 1024 + (A$ = CHR$ (21)) - (A$ =
    CHR$ (8)): GOSUB 100: GOTO 20
100 I = INT (ST / 256): POKE 60, ST - 256 *
    I: POKE 61, I
110 I = INT (EN / 256): POKE 62, EN - 256 *
    I: POKE 63, I
    I = INT (DEST / 256): POKE 66, DEST -
120
    256 * I: POKE 67, I: CALL 768: RETURN
```

The left arrow moves the text screen memory down one byte; the right arrow moves it up. Because of the nature of this memory move, the upward move *copies* the value of the first byte (VTAB 1, HTAB 1) all the way through the screen.

Try pressing the right arrow when a character is in the upper-left corner of the screen.

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An easy-to-use financialmanagement package for personal and small-business use, Smart Money provides a full range of accounting features to record cash, check, and credit-card transactions. Users can create budgets and adjust and track them easily. The program can balance monthly checking and credit-card statements and can print checks customized with the user's name, address, and company logo. It can track assets, liabilities, income, and expenses for up to 200 accounts and can print a variety of detailed reports. It also contains special financialcomputation templates that let users perform investment analysis on stock, commodities, and real-property purchases, and "what if" calculations on annuities and loan-interest charges. (*List Price:* \$79.95) **Requires:** Apple IIe or IIc, 128K RAM Sierra On-Line, Inc. P.O. Box 485 Coarsegold, CA 93614

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A flexible, easy-to-use graphics system, Tekdraw lets users design circuit schematics and boards, robotic systems, architectural layouts, certificates, charts, graphs, and more. Users can draw, plot, write text, erase, and create drawings to their own specifications and can rotate and position symbols

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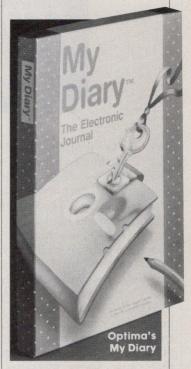
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ALPS America has introduced six dot-matrix printers suitable for producing graphs, CAD/ CAM printouts, forms, and project-management charts. The fast, highresolution printers also feature letter-quality and seven-color printing, quiet operation, easy-touse front-panel buttons, cartridge slots that accept multiple fonts, and interchangeable 18- and 24pin printheads.

Designed for multiuser setups, the P2400C Series printer features a 4K buffer, expandable to 256K; a push-and-pull tractor feeder; and a wide carriage. The 24-pin P2424C prints draft at 360 cps, correspondence at 180 cps, and letter quality at 120 cps; the 18-pin P2418C prints draft at 250 cps and letter quality at 125 cps.

For high-volume, single-user applications, the ALQ300 Series offers a standard 7K buffer, expandable to 64K and a wide carriage. The 24-pin ALQ324 prints draft at 240 cps, correspondence at 120 cps, and letter qual-



ity at 80 cps. The 18-pin ALQ318 prints at 200 cps in draft mode and at 100 cps in letter-quality mode.

Finally, the ALQ200 Series of narrow-carriage printers for single users offers a standard 7K buffer, expandable to 64K. The 24-pin ALQ224 prints draft at 240 cps, correspondence at 120 cps, and letter quality at 80 cps, and the 18-pin ALQ218 offers draft printing at 200 cps and letter-quality printing at 100 cps. (List Price: P2424C, \$1395; P2418C, \$1295; ALQ324, \$995; ALQ318, \$895; ALQ224, \$695; ALQ218, \$595) **ALPS** America 3553 North First Street San Jose, CA 95134 (408) 946-6000

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SOUND-WRITE ACOUSTICAL COVER PEDESTAL

Ring King Visibles has introduced the Soundwrite Acoustical Cover Pedestal for use with its line of Sound-write Acoustical Covers. Available in oak or walnut wood grains, the pedestal is designed to provide mobility and storage capacity for printers housed in Acoustical Covers. The unit features adjustable storage for continuous forms, comes with double front doors, and rides on four double-wheel casters. (List Price: \$329.95) Ring King Visibles, Inc. 2210 Second Avenue P.O. Box 599 Muscatine, IA 52761 (319) 263-8144 CIRCLE READER SERVICE NO. 520



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Designed for multiuser business use, the Pro-Writer C-185 Supra is a quiet, 24-pin dot-matrix printer that prints at up to 400 cps in draft mode and up to 162 cps in letterquality mode. It features a special diamond-shaped printhead and incorporates a 16-bit 8086 chip with one megabyte of ROM and 64K of RAM. A 42K buffer is standard. Users can select all printer functions, including a Clear Buffer function, from the front panel.

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Gunslinger, an adventure game from IntelliCreations

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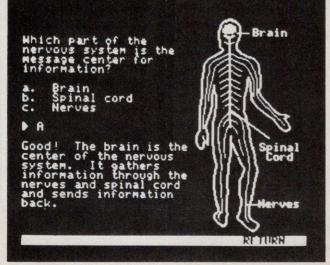
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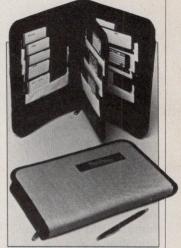
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THE HUMAN SIDE OF UPGRADING

Changing the technology alone is not enough

Although all it takes to upgrade an Apple IIe to a IIGS is a moderate amount of money, upgrading your own skills to make full use of this new technology may take a larger

investment. And if we're all going to get the most out of the IIGS, it may take some upgrading of popular attitudes as well. Of course, if you use your IIGS only with packaged software, don't absolutely have to learn anything new-and there are even some benefits that the new internal IIGS architecture provides that hapinvisibly pen the background, whether or not you do anything different. As long as your software is within the 90+ percent that's fully compatible, you shouldn't have any problems. Merely by learning a few keystrokes that turn on the IIGS's fast clock speed, in most cases you can run your

existing programs as much as two and a half times faster. The learning investment is minimal, the results noticeable.

For a little more work (and slightly more money), you can upgrade AppleWorks or many of the other popular programs you might already have to versions that make use of the IIGS's special features. The retraining time is still small and for the most part is usually quickly paid back in greater effectiveness and throughput. The new version of AppleWorks, for example, lets you

create larger spreadsheets, lists, and documents, and the larger amount of accessible memory also makes it easier for you to build large compound documents.

Research Time

The greatest time investment, in fact, for this level of change is the research and decision time—it's fre-



quently more difficult to check into the benefits of a software upgrade, make the decision, and then actually complete the purchase than it is to learn some new extensions to an already familiar pattern. Although A + and other regular sources of information about Apple software cover some of the major upgrades, for other programs you'll have to do most of your research at your dealer or by reading ads.

When you get as far as considering the addition of new software written specifically to make use of the IIGS, the pattern changes slightly. Although the investigation and decision cost goes up only slightly from what it takes to decide for or against an upgrade to a familiar package, the required training time involved tends to jump sharply, especially for many of the more powerful software programs.

Although well-written software and documentation can minimize that barrier, the truth is that it does take time and effort to learn any type of complex task, on or off a computer. New programs can handle new functions or new approaches to existing tasks, but they do need an up-front investment in learning how to use them.

Luckily, Apple, building on the success of the Macintosh, has provided a recommended common user interface for IIGS software. That should cut significantly the cumulative time it takes to learn more than one new IIGS application. As on the Mac, once you learn

how to work any piece of software that follows the guidelines, you'll know the basics of entering and correcting text, getting files, and saving your work.

Furthermore, the particular Macintosh-style icons and mouse interface that Apple has chosen for the IIGS should, if the Mac is any indication, prove easier for most of us to learn than the command-line style of ProDOS, DOS 3.3, and CP/M. Still, if you haven't used a Mac, plan on a little training time here as well.

All these skills that you might



have to pick up as a user, however, are a small bit of what you'll have to learn to make best use of the IIGS as a programmer. In addition to what you already know about working with the previous members of the Apple II family, you'll have to get up to speed about a new processor, new memory architecture, and some new input and output devices. Still further, the IIGS includes much more built-in code in permanent ROM memory and in the operating environment, so you ought to change your programming style to make use of these toolbox routines instead of fiddling directly with the hardware. The new processor, the 65816, has a lot more instructions and data types than the venerable 6502 of prior Apple IIs, which gives you a lot more possibilities. If you are the hacker type, you can get more done faster, with less code.

But more power in the processor also means a lot more to keep track of at the hardware level, so if you've been doing your programming in assembler, you may want to move up a level to BASIC, C, or Pascal to keep the complexity from getting out of hand. Some speed-critical routines may still need to be written in assembler, but for the most part, the IIGS has graduated to a point at which programs are most effectively written in higher-level form.

That's particularly important with the IIGs because the greater amounts of available memory make compactness of code less of a problem, while the availability of a toolbox and a standard user interface raise our expectations for even the simplest program. It's also easier to let a higher-level language keep track of segment size and the location of code and data-in order to keep compatibility with prior Apple IIs, the IIGS uses a segmented memory architecture, but now you have the possibility of more than a hundred segments instead of the two 64K-long banks offered by the Apple IIc and IIe.

The new video circuitry also has significant extensions. You don't have to forget all you may have learned about shape tables and the peculiarities of the original Apple II video coloring scheme, because the IIGs can still work in the old modes, but you now have a video mode with a full 80 by 25 display and full color possibilities at each point.

Writing for this type of display may be easier, but it still takes some learning if all you've done is write for the prior models.

If you're going to write music or make use of the new sound chip for synthesized speech, you've got an even larger jump to make. Although sound on the older Apple IIs was based on toggling individual output bits, on the IIGS you're dealing with oscillators and waveshaping circuits. You can do more—but it takes a lot more programming to set it up.

Again, none of these techniques are obligatory if you just want to continue to run your existing Applesoft and machine-language programs. Aside from some changes in the serial port to make the IIGS AppleTalk-compatible, the IIGS is really remarkably compatible with previous models in most important respects. But what the Mac software development showed is that it's a lot harder to write applications that look easy to the user than had been thought, even if you do start with a full toolbox of routines.

Finally, getting the full benefits of upgrading may call for a change in attitude as well. Although Apple may be promoting the Macintosh for business and the II series for home and education, a GS-powered Apple II has roughly the same potential for applications such as spreadsheets and databases as the widely used business machines in the IBM PC class. Unless developers see it that way, and unless enough of us choose the IIGS and make a potential market for those developers, though, we won't see the full range of software and hardware offerings that the IIGS can potentially support.

Changing the technology alone, then, is not enough. For the IIGS to be successful, it needs the requisite human resources and advances as well. To get the most out of the IIGS, you might have to learn a few new skills, and to program it well, you'll have to learn still more. Training and changing people is a lot more difficult than reprogramming silicon, and fortunately, that kind of human engineering still can't be done through mass production or in a lab. In the end, though, regardless of the hardware or software, an investment in upgrading ourselves is probably the best upgrade investment of all that any of us can make.



BY GARY B. LTTLE



CRUISING IIC

Q. I spend a lot of time on a yacht sailing around the Caribbean, so I would like to be able to run my IIc from a battery. Is this possible? If so, where can I buy the necessary equipment?

Colin L. Beadon Barbados, West Indies

A. San Diego distributor/manufacturer Roger Coats ([619] 274-1253) has a wealth of useful products that can transform the IIc into a truly portable computer, including a DC power supply. The Prairie Power System (\$150) can keep your IIc powered for about 8½ hours, and you can recharge the system by plugging it into an AC wall socket. Coats also sells a special cigarettelighter adapter (\$24.95) so you can use your IIc in the car, by the way.

Keep in mind, however, that you can't run a standard monitor directly from a battery such as the PPS. What you need is Coats' C-VUE flat-panel, liquid-crystal display (\$349) or Apple's LCD (Apple no longer makes it, but you might be able to buy a used one). These screens get all their power from the IIc itself. If you need a printer, try the Epson HS-80 battery-operated printer (\$489).

ROM FOR Z-RAM?

Q. I own an Apple Ilc I purchased in 1984. If I bought Applied Engineering's Z-RAM, would I need the new ROM upgrade from Apple?

Jaime Bueno Cali, Colombia

A. As the name of Z-RAM suggests, you get RAM, not ROM, from Applied Engineering when you buy this peripheral. Apple's new ROM, which allows the IIc to use the UniDisk 3.5, is sold only by Apple or its dealers, and has nothing to do with Z-RAM. If you buy a UniDisk 3.5 from Apple, you will get the new ROM installed for no extra charge.

DEAD DRIVE DILEMMA

Q. My Ile's second Disk II drive just stopped working, and my Apple dealer wants \$55 to repair it. Do you think I should just scrap the drive and use the money I save toward buying a couple of the new 800K 3.5-inch drives instead?

George Del Monte Slidell, LA

A. The advantage of having a second 5¼-inch drive is that you can make backup copies of disks without having to swap disks. But with good utility programs such as Copy II Plus (\$39.95 from Central Point Software; [503] 244-5782) and Diversi-COPY (\$30 from Diversified Software Research; [313] 553-9460), which copy disks in two passes, making backups with one drive is not as much of an inconvenience as it used to be.

You may also need a second 5¼-inch drive if you use programs that insist on having a data disk in drive 2. If you decide to use 3.5-inch disk drives and have programs that require that the data disk be in drive 2, you can transfer the program and the data to the 3.5-inch disk and put the disk into the second 3.5-inch

drive. (I'm assuming your programs aren't copy-protected; if they are, you're out of luck.)

This technique works nicely for ProDOS programs, because ProDOS automatically recognizes and works with 3.5-inch disks. For DOS 3.3 programs, you must first buy a program such as AmDOS 3.5 (\$15 from RMS Software, Inc.; [604] 681-3371) that patches DOS 3.3 to make it work with 3.5-inch disks. Such patch programs don't work with all DOS 3.3 programs, however, so be careful.

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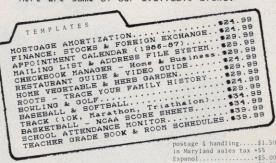
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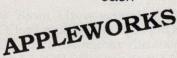
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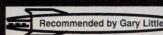
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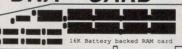
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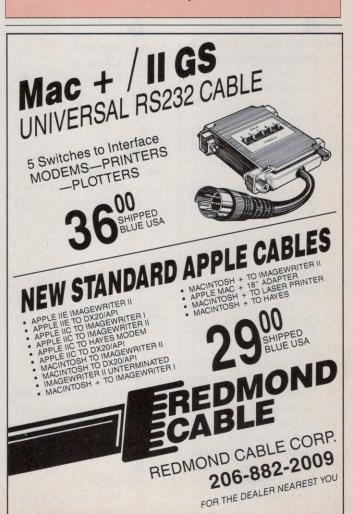
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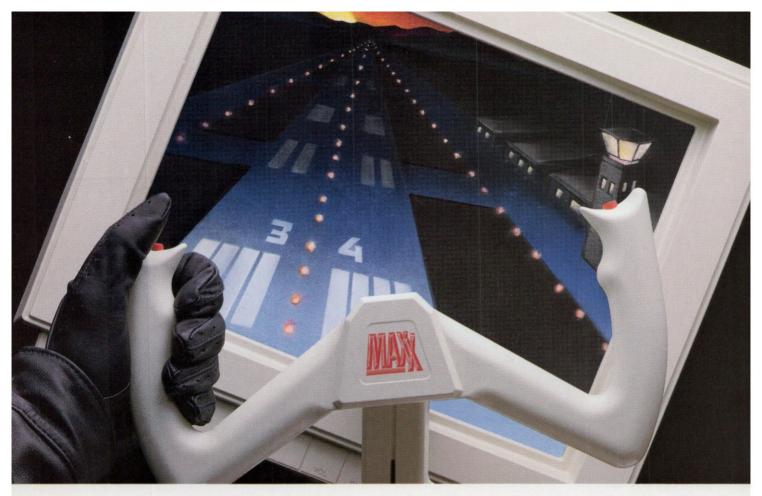
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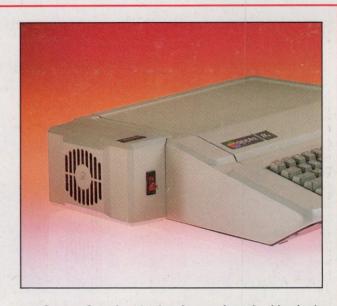
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