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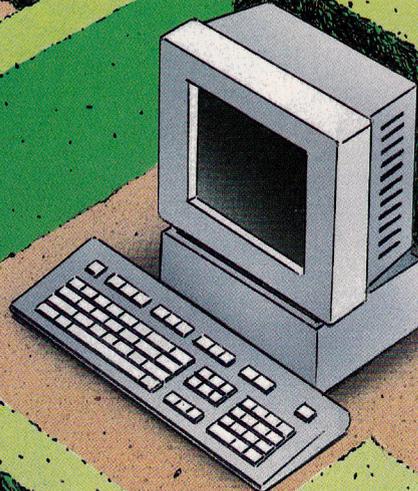
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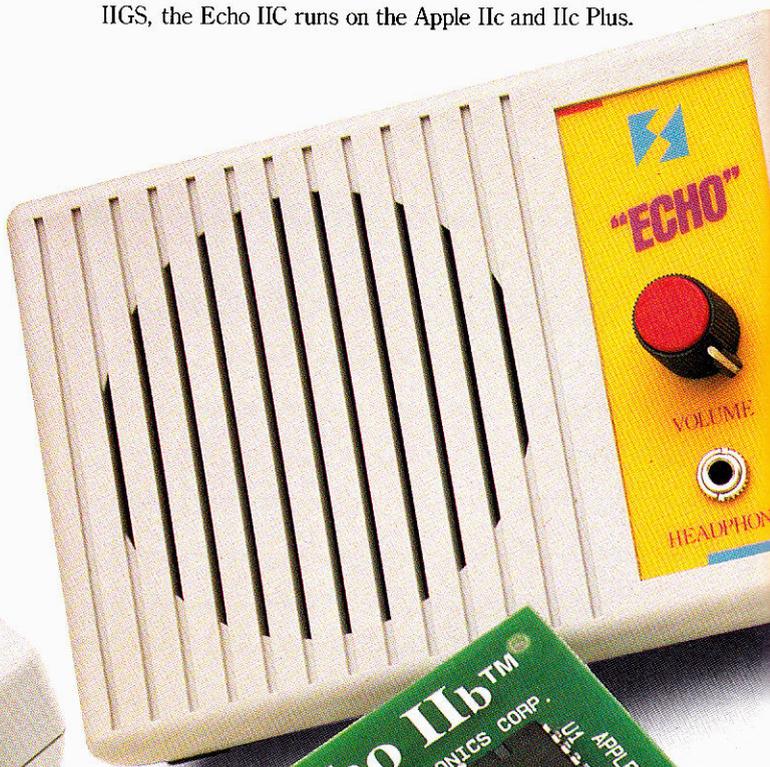
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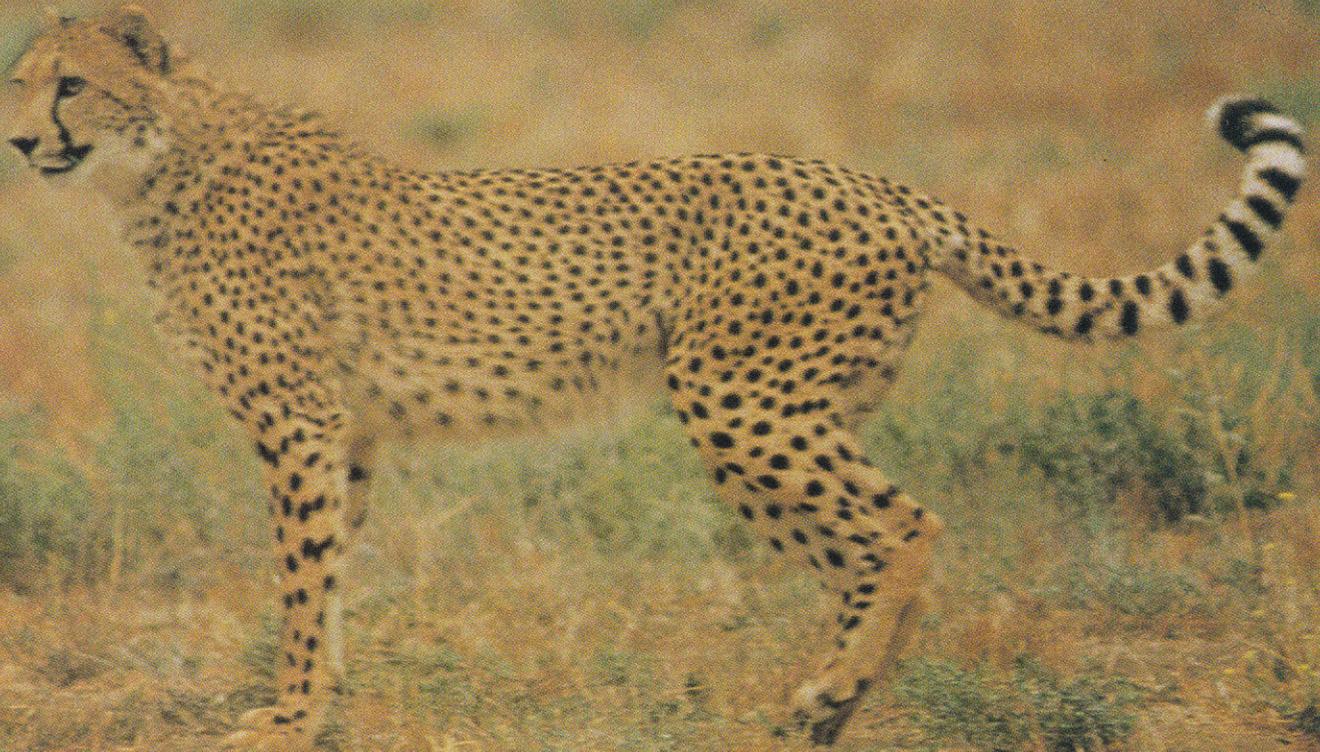
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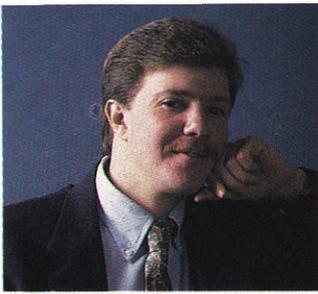
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INCIDER'S VIEW

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WHAT? ME PROGRAM?

By DAN MUSE * EDITOR IN CHIEF

AS WE SAT DOWN TO PLAN THIS APRIL issue, I listened to some of our more technical staff members argue the need for a programming issue. The question wasn't so much should we cover programming, but rather how deeply.

The more I listened, the more I realized that not only do I not program my Apple II, but I have a hard time understanding why anyone who doesn't make a living—or intend to make a living—programming would want to.

After all, I didn't build my own car engine, I didn't construct my own house, I don't direct my own movies. Why would I want to program my own software? I love my Blazer, I live in my home, and I like movies as much as the next guy. I can also recognize a good piece of software when I see it. I can't program the way Bill Kennedy, our technical editor, can, but I'll take him on when it comes to using Publish It! or Paintworks Plus.

To my mind, outside of a quick-and-dirty routine that patches AppleWorks, for example, there's no point to writing programs unless you enjoy it or want to do it professionally. Programming isn't a prerequisite for computer owners. If you buy an Apple II don't feel it's your duty to take a programming course.

Paul Statt, our often-pedantic senior editor, says if you want good software, write good software (Status Report, p. 20). I say buy good software, and you'll see more good software developed. Computer software is a mainstream consumer item, just like videos and compact discs. Your dollars drive the market. If people stopped buying X-rated videos and started buying Shakespearean plays on tape, you'd see more of *The Merchant of Venice* and less of *Debbie Does Dallas*. The same holds true for software. If you're selective about what you buy, you'll send a message to software companies.

Computer technology has evolved dramatically in the last decade. Ten years ago, if you wanted good software you wrote it, because there weren't a lot of options. If the early pioneers wanted to stay warm, they built a log cabin. Necessity, after all, is the mother of invention. But when someone else

can build that log cabin or write that program faster, better, and more cheaply than I can, I'm no fool. I write a check and do what I like to do and what I'm good at.

While I don't think you need to know how to program, I do believe that it's important for you to understand how software works (*how* it's programmed), just as it's good to know how to change your oil or fix your flat tire. It's important to understand how your operating system operates so that you can take advantage of hard-disk drives, CD-ROM drives, and so on; it's helpful to know how to install accessory programs.

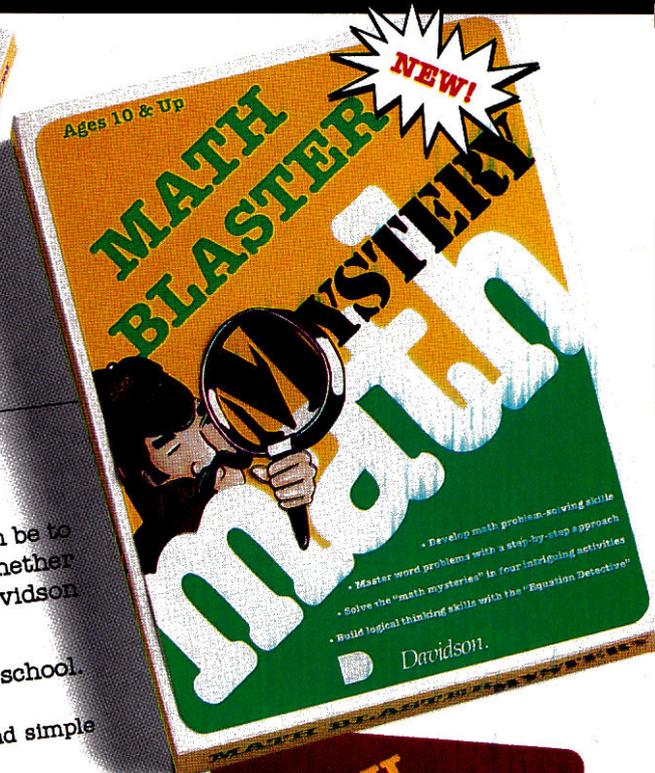
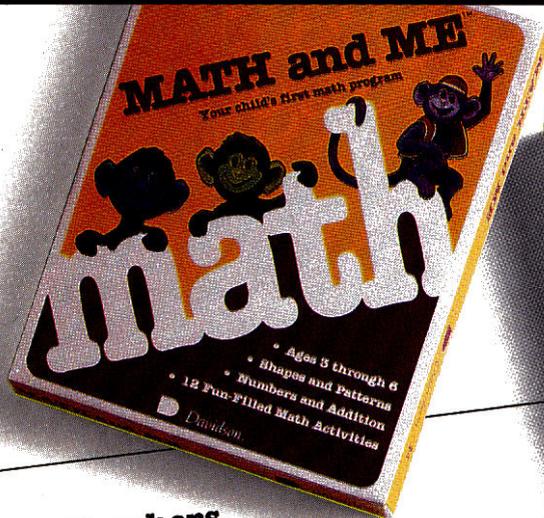
The result of the planning session I mentioned, then, is this month's cover story, "Back to BASICS," which focuses on the practical side of programming. If you're already a faithful reader of Applesoft Adviser or Apple IIGS BASICS (see Contributing Editor Joe Abernathy's premier column on p. 86), you'll probably find "Back to BASICS" too... basic. But there are some things everyone should know. Too many of us turn and run when we hear the *P* word, as if programming were all-or-nothing: Either you *never* type a line of code or you stay up all night typing in five-page program listings.

Unfortunately, the public still accepts the stereotype of the hex-crazed programmer. Only slowly are we realizing that programming is a skill, just as building a house or writing a novel involves particular skills. Programmers aren't nerds or nocturnal introverts. They're talented people. Children should be encouraged to cultivate their talents—programming, writing, painting, building, or whatever.

As a profession, programming is young. Many people who are successful programmers today started out in other professions. It's never too late to develop a love for programming. You might even discover you're good enough to make a living at it.

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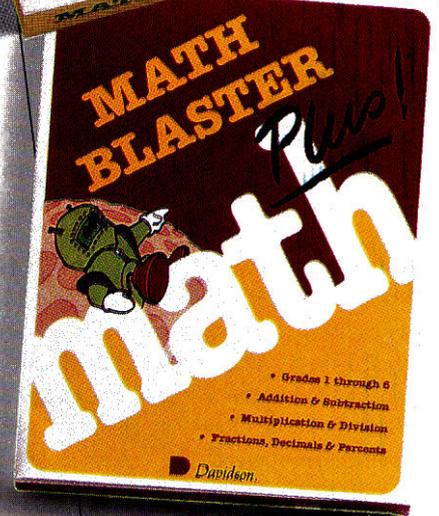
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PARENTHETICALLY SPEAKING

MY INCOME-TAX TEMPLATE ("Preparing Your Income Tax," January 1989, p. 54) stirred up quite a bit of dust. While many readers wrote to say thanks for the template, others were frustrated at being unable to enter long Formulas 7 and 17. The only publishing error I was aware of was the omission of @ before CHOOSE in Formula 10.

Eager to resolve the situation, I entered both formulas (including edit mode) exactly as printed in *inCider* and didn't have any problem. I even checked out the formulas with every previous version of AppleWorks, all the way back to version 1.1. Again, everything worked fine; frankly, I was stumped.

I then asked a total novice (my husband) to enter the formulas so that I could get a sense of what was happening. Sure enough, he left out one of the two closing parentheses at the end of Formula 7 and an open parenthesis before the second @LOOKUP in Formula 17. When he pressed Return, the computer beeped, the formula disappeared from the edit line, and the 1 reappeared on the edit line—exactly as my correspondents described. When he retyped properly, AppleWorks accepted the formula without further ado.

If you experienced this type of problem, I have good news. Though Formula 7 is correct as published, it's needlessly cumbersome. Instead, enter this one in C48 in the usual way:

@MAX(@SUM(C47.C35),@LOOKUP(G4,G9.G12))

As for Formula 17, enter it exactly as described in the column. When you've finished typing, take a few moments to make sure there are no typos. Before hitting Return, check all commas, periods, and (especially) parentheses. Make sure there are no spaces anywhere in the formula. If something's amiss, press the

left-arrow key to move the cursor along the edit line. Type in a missing character, or use Delete to erase an extra character, then press Return.

Ruth K. Witkin
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LIFE SPAN

YOU MENTIONED IN APPLE BITS (October 1988, p. 18) that this is the second anniversary of the IIGS, which means that its lithium battery has only three years remaining. When the battery dies, will my GS also become useless? How can I and other users get a new battery when the current one runs out of power?

Marcelo Banderas
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When the GS' battery, which should last for five years, runs out of power, and you've turned off your GS, the clock will stop ticking and the control panel's non-default settings will disappear. You'll still be able to access the control panel—even set the clock to the correct time and it'll tick along just fine when the GS' power is on.

Unfortunately, the battery isn't rechargeable, nor does the GS charge it when the computer's turned on. According to an Apple spokesperson, however, your Apple dealer will replace the GS' battery.

—eds.

KEEPING UP WITH UNCLE SAM

READERS SHOULDN'T USE THE table included in "Preparing Your Income Tax" (AppleWorks in Action, January 1989, p. 54) for estimated-tax

calculation. The table was for 1987 income; different numbers apply for 1988 and 1989.

Phineas R. Fiske, CFP
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Thanks for the notice. Ruth Witkin points out in the article that because Congress has changed the tax laws 19 times in 23 years, there's no guarantee those schedules, deductions, and percentages will be totally accurate when tax time approaches. Be sure to double-check all the facts.

—eds.

FUNCTIONAL KEYBOARD

AFTER READING YOUR NOVEMBER articles on the Apple IIc Plus and the Laser 128EX/2 ("A Little More For a Little Less," p. 50, and "An Underdog's New Tricks," p. 51, respectively), I'm wondering why you didn't mention the Laser 128 keyboard. I think it's vastly superior to the IIc's. In addition to the usual computer keys, the Laser keyboard has a numeric keypad and ten function keys. Writing letters with FredWriter, for instance, uses five of the functions: F3 (beginning a document), F4 (change case), F6 (end of document), F7 (find and replace words), and F9 (load file from disk).

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Eric Grevstad, inCider's contributing editor and former review editor, points out that our earlier reviews of the Laser 128 ("Laser 128: An Affordable Compatible," December 1986, p. 58) and 128EX ("The Laser 128EX," August 1987, p. 49) gave more space to the Laser keyboard. He agrees that the numeric keypad is a great boon, though he doubts many owners can make use of the function keys.

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On a literary note—we apologize for misspelling Baha'i.
—eds.

QUESTIONABLE IMAGE

I'M SURPRISED THAT YOUR STAFF chose the overpriced ImageWriter II as the "Best Printer" ("Top Ten Hardware," December 1988, p. 43). How many of them have had to buy their own?

The same basic question arises when you consider disk drives or color monitors, too. When I bought my GS, I wasn't prepared to spend \$500 for an Apple RGB color monitor. Instead, I settled for a \$120 black-and-white. As my software selection grew, however, I decided to find a "reasonably" priced alternative. Magnavox recommended its own 8CM515. The lowest mail-order price I found for Apple was \$395 (shipping extra) with a 90-day warranty. For the Magnavox, I found a \$263 (including shipping) mail-order price with a two-year parts-and-labor warranty.

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PRETTY PROSE

WHILE YOU'RE REVIEWING desktop publishing, please don't exclude graphics products. Contrary to popular belief, *graphics* also refers to letters, not just pie charts and grids. (*Calligraphic* means beautiful writing.) I've yet to see a review of font graphics and, after waiting a year, I still haven't decided which font-enhancing package for AppleWorks to purchase. What's the best product out there for ease of use, number of typefaces, and number of font sizes for each typeface?

Maureen Hurley
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For enhancing AppleWorks' word-processor output, you're limited to TimeOut SuperFonts from Beagle Bros (6215 Ferris Square, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92121) or Printrix or Fontrix from Data Transforms (616 Washington Street, Denver, CO 80203). Using the different fonts and type sizes offered by these three enhancements, and AppleWorks' page-formatting options (accessed by pressing Open apple-O), you should be able to achieve the desired effect.

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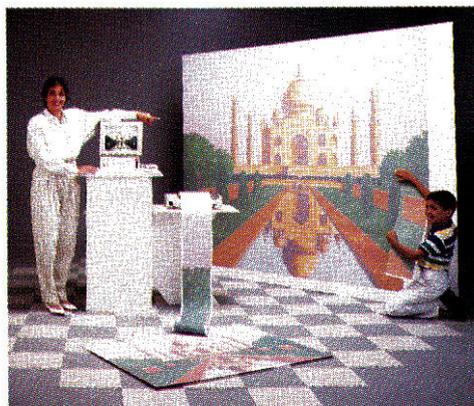
IT SEEMS THAT THE "WONDERFUL wizards of Pelican Software" who created SuperPrint wanted extra credit in their program. While using an Apple IIc with an external drive to create a sign, I removed one clip-art disk to replace it with another. When I pressed Escape accidentally without having a disk in the external drive, the central processing unit searched the master program disk and found some clip art that's not listed in the manual.

I believe the clip-art faces are of SuperPrint's creators. They're accompanied by a giant pelican and a tiny *Tyrannosaurus rex* holding a floppy disk. I enjoyed the extra surprise.

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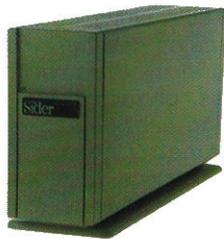
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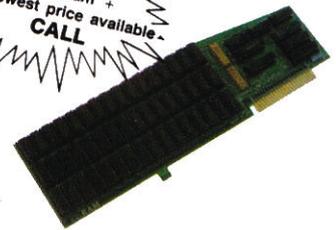
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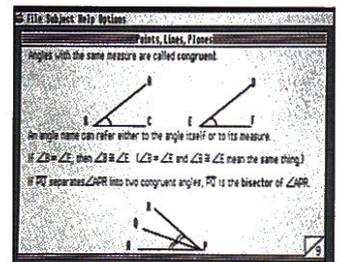
LINES AND FIGURES

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1988 INDEX

AppleWorks isn't exactly the best indexing software in the world—its database simply doesn't have space in a single category for much information.

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The Kula Index sells for \$6.95. That's also the price for each of a number of other indexes, such as Apple Classic Index, your old back issues of inCider, and the Entertainment Index of game reviews.

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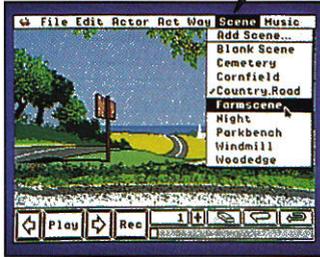
Deja Vu II works like the first game—just point and click to examine objects, go places, pick things up, or whatever. It sells for \$49.95, from Mindscape (3444 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, 312-480-7667).

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—L.L.

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Apple President John Sculley: "Even though the Apple II remains an important part of our business... to understand the pivotal role of the Macintosh II in 1988 is to have a clear vision of Apple's future."

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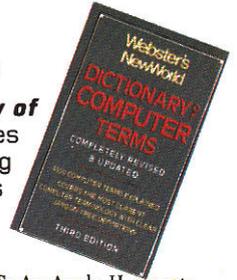
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LOOK IT UP

Webster's *New World Dictionary of Computer Terms* packs 4500 entries into 412 paperback pages—everything from AppleWorks to Z-80. Definitions strive to be timely and free of jargon:



Print Shop TM: A simple graphics package that performs several useful printing services easily and well. It prints standard and customized signs, greeting cards, posters, and letterheads, as well as multipage banners on fanfold paper with a wide selection of fonts, icons, borders, and graphics. Developed by Broderbund Software.

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protocol: Set of rules or conventions governing the exchange of information between computer systems. See HANDSHAKING.

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APPLE BITS

■ **Taito** (Vancouver, BC) hopes to step away from the world of arcade action and release an old favorite, **Qix**, for the Apple IIGs. Qix is a real "mind game" — its strategy inspired research at some prestigious universities.

■ **Beagle Bros** (San Diego, CA) would like to add **digitized photographs** to **AppleWorks** Classic database files.

■ **Claris** (Mountain View, CA) will give away two **free upgrades** to **AppleWorks GS** this year—must be StyleWare's influence. All the more reason to register your AppleWorks with Claris.

■ Sales of **entertainment software** on the **GS** were unexpectedly strong last Christmas—but one national retailer compared the machine to the Commodore 64: "It sells only at Christmas."

■ In the midst of releasing computer favorites like Tetris in **Nintendo** format and suing Nintendo for its alleged monopoly over Nintendo games, **Tengen** (Milpitas, CA) let us know it would like to release arcade hits like **PacMania** and **Rolling Thunder** for the **GS**.

■ **Avon Books** (New York, NY) will publish two more novels based on **Infocom** (Cambridge, MA) interactive-text adventures—**Enchanter**, by Robin W. Bailey, and **Stationfall**, by Arthur Byron Cover. These aren't "novelizations," but rather "original adventures set in richly detailed Infocom universes."

■ Apple's **next GS** may have the unlikely configuration of 1 1/2 megabytes of memory; some operating-system software may be built into the machine's read-only memory (ROM).

■ The **Apple IIC Plus** was "flop city," according to a "friendly to the press" software developer, despite Apple's strong-arm tactics to make his company support it.

■ But Apple might still find a use for the **IIC Plus**. If, as rumored, Sears sells the machine, it could mean big trouble for **Laser** computers.

■ What do **Mediagenic** (Menlo Park, CA), **Broderbund** (San Rafael, CA), and **Electronic Arts** (San Mateo, CA) have in common with the American League pennant? They won't be in Boston this spring.

■ Some say the **Western Designs 65816** microprocessor used in the **Apple IIGs** isn't designed to be accelerated by a caching system on a chip, as the 6502 was.

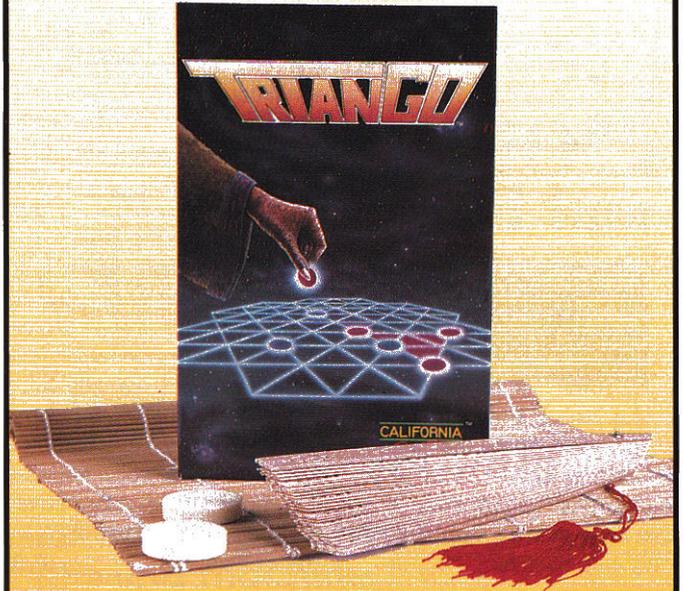
■ **MindCraft Software** (Torrance, CA), developer of **Magic Candle**, a nonviolent fantasy adventure, is an affiliated label of **Miles Computing** (Calabasas, CA), which in turn is an affiliated label of **Electronic Arts** (San Mateo, CA).

■ Look for **Claris** (Mountain View, CA) to make an initial public offering of **common stock** this summer, helping to complete its divorce from Apple.

■ Sean Barger, developer of **Dondra** at **Spectrum Holobyte** (Alameda, CA) went to **Microworlds** (Chatsworth, CA) and took **Dondra** with him—the computer game, not the model you saw at Apple-Fest, much to dismay of the guys at Microworlds.

■ **Innovative Systems** (Severn, MD) has developed a new board with accompanying software that patches **AppleWorks**. The **Floating Point Engine** (\$299) makes spreadsheet calculations fly. □ —P.S.

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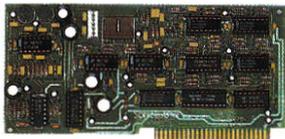
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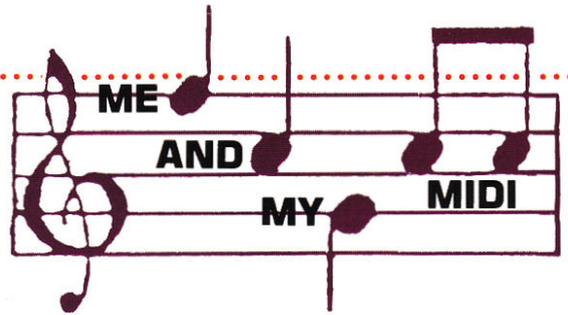
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You can record and play back sound from a microphone, compact disc, record, tape player, television, or video-cassette player; none of that hardware's included, but Applied does give away easy-to-use software that lets you cut, copy, paste, amplify, reverse, fade in, fade out, or echo sounds. For more information, circle number 351 on the Reader Service card. **—P.S.**



RESOURCES



If you use an Apple II to make music, the glossy computer-music mags often forget all about you. But *Music, MIDI, and Your Apple II: The Monthly Newsletter for the Musician in All of Us*, remembers.

It's written for users at all levels of musical and Apple experience, and contains helpful hints, product reviews, do-it-yourself projects, and educational notes. A recent issue reviewed the Casio DH-100 digital horn—"an extremely fun instrument for the money" with "a few MIDI implementation quirks"—and featured rumors about a new Apple IIGs/Mac machine in 1989.

Music, MIDI, and Your Apple II is available by subscription only, for \$14.95 a year, from MMP Systems, 20681 Celeste Circle, Cupertino, CA 95014, (408) 996-9270, or circle number 360 on the Reader Service card for more information. **—P.S.**

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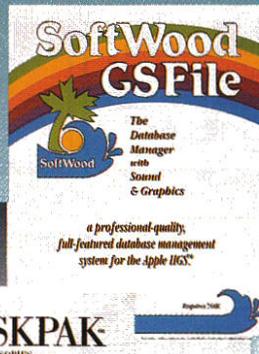
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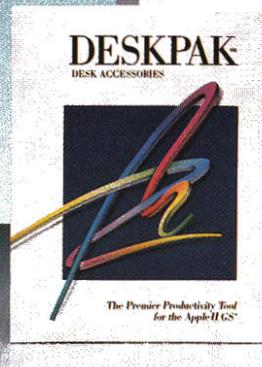
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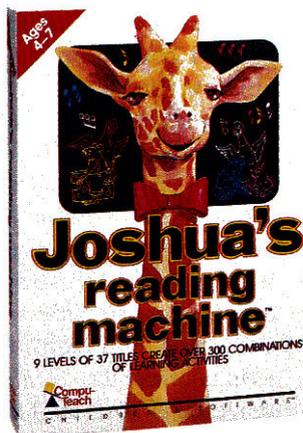
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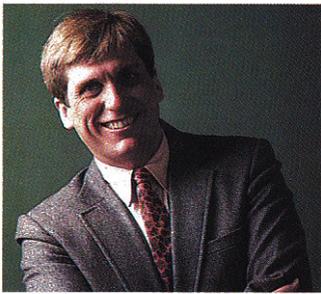
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STATUS REPORT

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By PAUL STATT * SENIOR EDITOR

More diversity means more fun. The best software won't be written until everyone knows how to write software.

PICTURE THE PROGRAMMER. HE DRINKS Jolt cola and reads science-fiction paperbacks in his spare time—usually days, because he's up all night hacking code or eating Chinese food. (I don't mean to be sexist, but programmers as a group are as male as the National Football League. Don't forget as you read this that I'm talking about programmers *as a group*; thank God for individual exceptions.) He plays Dungeons and Dragons (at worst), and chess (if he's at all sociable.) Math is a snap: A good programmer can calculate six-figure logarithms with one hemisphere of his brain tied behind his head.

Programmers are to the intellect what Superman is to the body. My stereotypical programmer is very different from you and me—so is it any wonder that you and I complain so much about software?

Imagine, for example, the fine educational software that someone who never really understood fractions could write. Programmers, as a group, were brilliant kids with bad grades. Learning wasn't their problem in school; it was boredom. Today's software was written by a programmer who figured out least common denominators before the teacher mentioned them.

Even productivity software might be more fun if it weren't written by a guy obsessed with finding a faster, better way to calculate everything. For instance, I certainly don't object to watching my printer work while I wonder what's for supper. But then some programmer who can't say no to speed strolls up with a printer driver to "make my life easier." Thanks.

Imagine *games* written by a different breed of programmer. Am I the only player in the world who's noticed how few computer games take place outside a nameless medieval kingdom, outer space, a battlefield, or a sports stadium? Programmers seem to believe that *The Hobbit* and *Dune* are the apotheosis of literature. I might even enjoy interacting with interactive fiction if some programmer had recognized that *Moby-Dick* was "interactive multimedia hypertext" when it was written—with a quill pen—140 years ago, and had enjoyed reading it.

But whom do I have to blame? I've never written

a program longer than an envelope addresser in my life (unless you count those two-line recursive jobs in Logo that draw circles and satisfy my need for daydreaming).

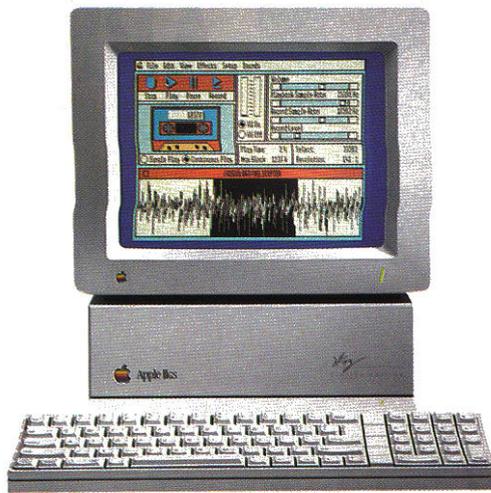
So who am I to complain if I can't do it better myself? But if millions of people like me became programmers—beer drinkers, habitués of old bookstores, Red Sox fans, and voters who support candidates who never win—the programs they'd write would make me happier. If you're willing to leave software to "professional programmers," be prepared to put up with the kind of software they like and shut up.

Writer's Digest, a monthly magazine for professional scribblers, has a circulation of 225,028. They're men, women, farmers, alcoholics, religious fanatics—a motley crew, I'm sure. They're not wondering how to write better letters. *Doctor Dobbs' Journal of Software Tools* and *Computer Language*, a couple of monthly magazines for professional hackers, reach 33,124 and 33,435 programmers, respectively. They're not wondering how to write better envelope addressers, and I'll bet they're almost all men.

Six times the circulation means six times as many writers as programmers. It's statistically more likely that some writer will tickle my fancy than that some computer programmer will—whether he or she writes a sports game, a word processor, or a painting program. Is it any surprise that I buy six times (at least) as many books as programs and get six times (at least) the pleasure from them?

More programmers mean more diversity. More diversity means more fun. We might not all become programmers; we might not expect our children to learn to program in school as early as they learn to read; but the best software won't be written until everybody knows how to write software.

Benjamin Disraeli (1804–1881), who in his spare time served as prime minister of Britain, once said, "When I want to read a novel, I write one." You should learn to program, if only to say, "When I want to play a computer game, I write one." You might be quoted in *Bartlett's* someday. Disraeli isn't. □

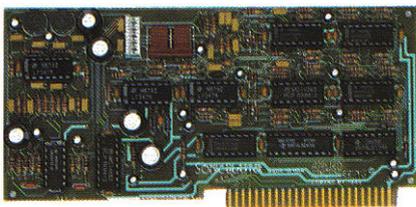


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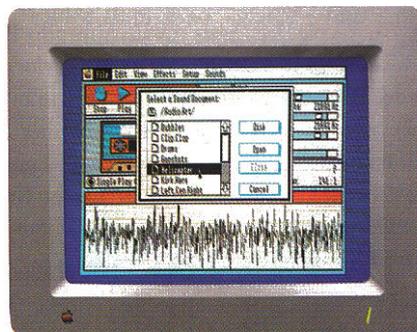
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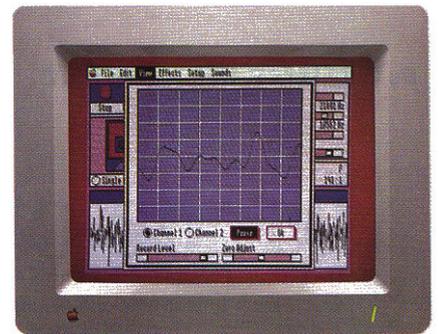
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PRODOS GAMES

APPLÉ'S PRODUCED SEVERAL versions of ProDOS in the last few years. Each time a new one comes out, I've saved it over the older version on my System and program disks. Now I'm beginning to fear that by doing so I'm heading for trouble. Will all the programs and files I've created and saved using the old ProDOS versions still work with these newer versions?

Terell Smith
Marburg, West Germany

Each version of Apple's disk-operating system, ProDOS, is "downward" compatible with older versions; you shouldn't have any problems with your data files or most programs. The newer ProDOSes are safer and more efficient to use because Apple has fixed the "bugs" in older versions and has added new features. For example, how many of you found AppleWorks, which was distributed with ProDOS 1.1.1, wouldn't accept dates beyond December 31, 1987? Later versions of ProDOS fixed that problem.

I've heard, however, of some programs failing to operate correctly with newer versions of ProDOS. That happens when programmers don't follow specific ProDOS "access" guidelines. It's best to keep a copy of earlier versions of ProDOS available, even though program failure owing to incompatibility with

a particular version of ProDOS is quite rare.

In addition, the data files, but not programs, you've stored using 8-bit ProDOS, now called ProDOS-8, are also compatible with GS/OS, the 16-bit disk-operating system used with Apple's IIGS. ProDOS-8 programs, however, still need the 8-bit disk-operating system to work on the GS. You can find ProDOS-8 on the GS System Master in the System subdirectory (folder) named P8.

TIME-OUT

UNDER "FEATURES" IN THE APPLE IIGS *Owner's Guide*, Appendix D, p. 156, you'll find "a built-in clock, so documents can be marked with the date and time you created or revised them." Neither I, nor nine Apple dealers I talked to, could figure how to make the time appear under the AppleWorks spreadsheet column "Time." What's the use of the clock?

C. Fink
Dallas, TX

No clock, including the GS' built-in timekeeper, inserts the current time into the "Time" function of AppleWorks' spreadsheet automatically. UltraMacros, part of the TimeOut series from Beagle Bros (6215 Ferris Square, San Diego, CA 92121, 619-452-5500), includes a time-insertion feature.

Also, ProDOS versions 1.1.1 and earlier (version 1.1.1 came with your AppleWorks version 2.0 or

earlier) don't read the GS clock correctly. Replace those earlier versions with the file P8 found in the Systems folder on your GS System Master. Don't forget to rename P8 to ProDOS.

Take a closer look, however, at one of the first screens appearing while AppleWorks starts up on your GS. Isn't the correct date displayed automatically when you're asked to "Type today's date"? And, when you select "Add files to the desktop" or "List all files on the current disk drive," aren't they "stamped" with the date and time you created or updated them?

In both cases, as well as whenever a program or application uses ProDOS, AppleWorks date- and time-stamps the resulting files when you save data. That's just one use of the built-in GS clock. Many other GS applications—AppleWorks GS, for example—even offer an on-screen clock, usually as a "desk accessory."

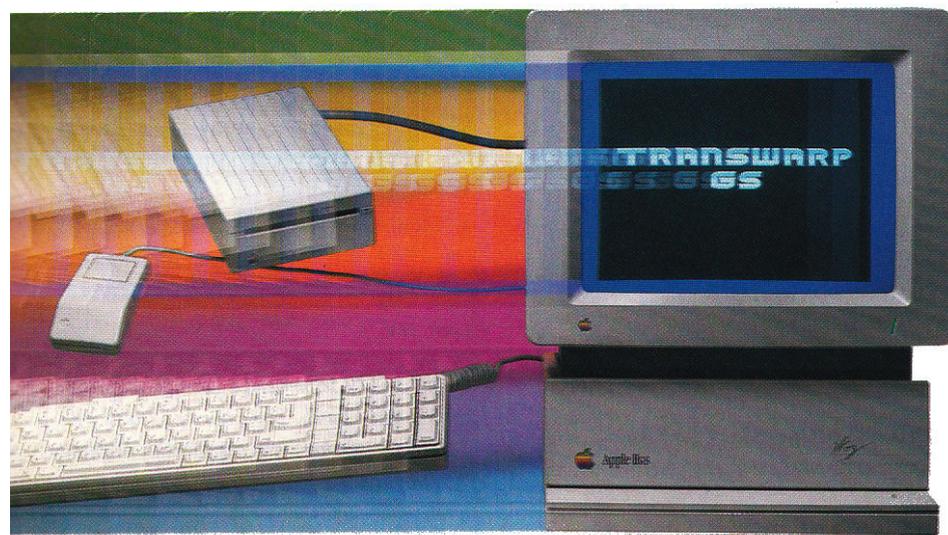
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ITYPED IN YOUR PROOFER PROGRAM listing from the January issue of *inCider* (p. 22) and everything works well. However, I never could get lines 40 and 90 to match proofer values with those you published. Is something wrong?

Edward Acker
Keene, NH

No, Edward, the problem isn't with your version of the Proofer. It's with mine. My apologies to all of you who have experienced problems with the newest version of the Proofer, published first in January and again in March (p. 24).

We had a small glitch in the program that generates our proofer numbers for publication. The fix, unfortunately, requires a new version on your end as well. You can find that new version (2.1) in "Back to BASICS," p. 42 in this issue. Use it to proof our published BASIC listings from now on. Fortunately, the Proofer's short—no hard feelings! ▶



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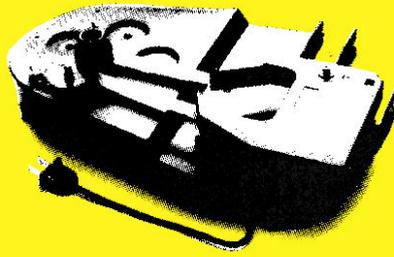
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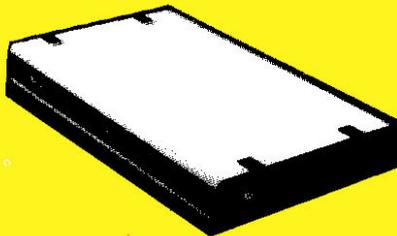
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Jack Bush
Fallon, NV

I'm not going to recommend a "foreign" disk drive, Jack. Not that I think Apple's are the greatest—it's just that I've seen too many compatibility problems with third-party disk drives. Besides, price does sometimes indicate quality.

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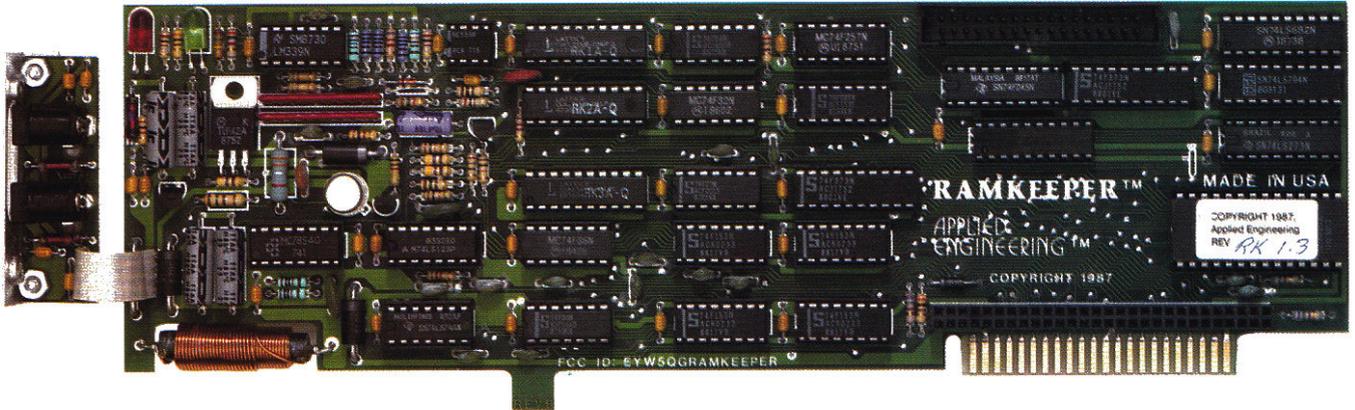
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To use your Apple mouse instead of a joystick, load your Applesoft program, then type the following sequence (use a return character instead of the comma): **PR#4, Control-A, PR#0, RUN.**

—Jim Edwards
Johnstown, PA

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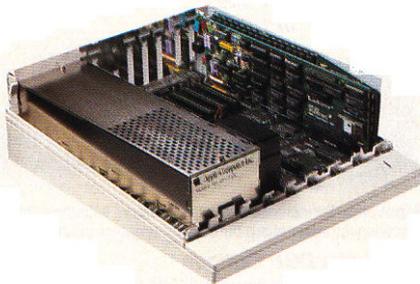
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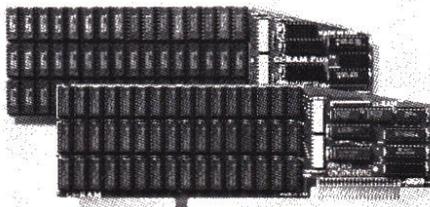
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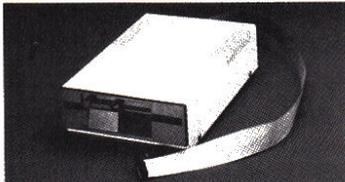
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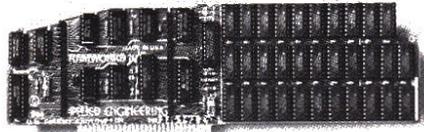
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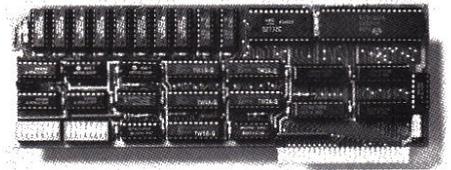
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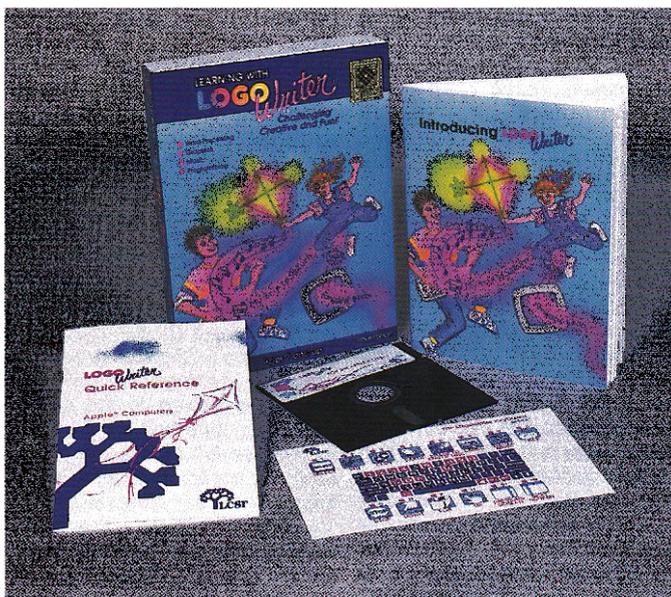
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Learning with LogoWriter brings the LogoWriter programming language out of the classroom and into your home. Like the classroom LogoWriter package, this new edition lets you generate geometric shapes, colorful graphics, and animation. The package also includes a word processor and a tone command with a repertoire of 12 notes for playing simple tunes.

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TC Logo (see "Building Bricks and Bytes," Reviews, June 1988, p. 32) for Lego Systems, Learning with LogoWriter is easy to learn and very flexible. The package comes with a tutorial, *Introducing LogoWriter* (a 14-chapter primer on programming basics); a *Quick Reference* guide for a more technical look at LogoWriter primitives (the language's built-in vocabulary); a laminated sheet identifying most of the software's special keys and key combinations; and the LogoWriter disk with

program, tutorial, and scrapbook pages (containing help, shapes, and sample files).

Each scrapbook page has two sides: the turtle side where you can write and draw, add labels to pictures, and control the turtle; and the procedure side, where you define programming instructions. LogoWriter starts you off on the procedure side of the page whenever you select New Page or load a scrapbook file.

The lower section of each page is the Command Center, where you type instructions. Command Center procedures are executed immediately when you press Return. They aren't stored permanently on a scrapbook page, though, so unless you copy them to the procedure page, they'll be lost later.

One of LogoWriter's nicest features is the ease with which you can edit programming commands and text. Whether you're on the turtle page, procedure page, or in the Command Center, simply use the arrow keys to direct the cursor to an error, delete it, and retype as necessary. Because editing's so simple, students can spend their time exploring procedures and trying out command variations.

LogoWriter lets you select text for cutting, copying, and pasting. You can cut or copy text from the turtle side of a scrapbook page and paste it to the procedure side or *vice versa*. You can also copy to a totally new scrapbook page.

If you're in the Command Center on the Procedure page, repeating a command is easy—and you don't have to retype the entire line. Simply direct the cursor to the first letter of the command, press the right-arrow key until the cursor rests at the end of the line, then press Return. The procedure will be executed again automatically.

The program disk includes a LogoWriter tutorial (called Learn), which briefly introduces some of the more popular Logo drawing procedures: moving the turtle forward and backward, changing direction, turning left or right, walking the turtle across the screen with▶

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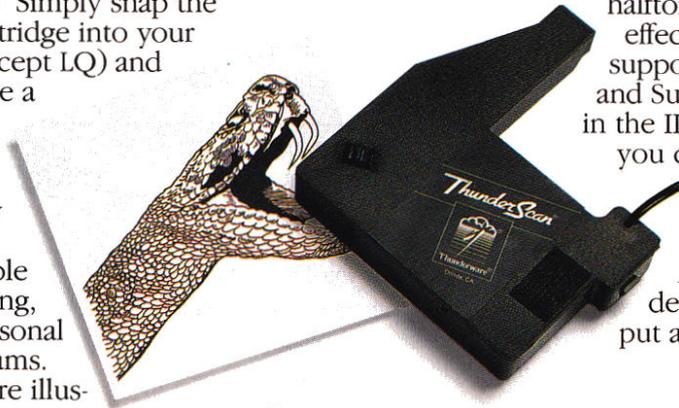
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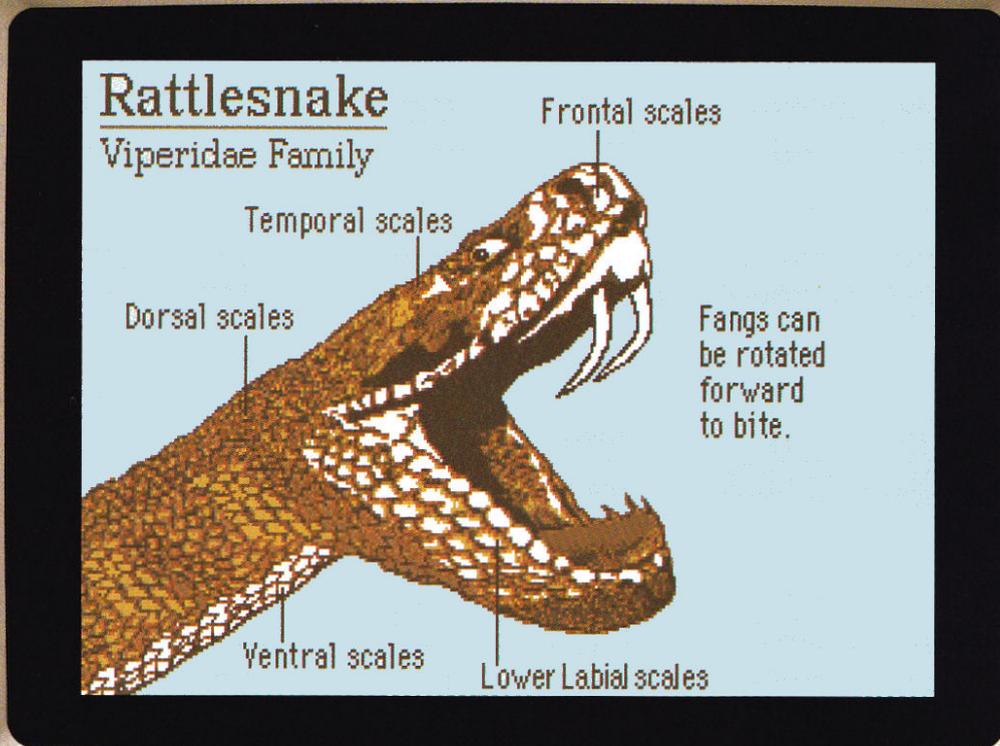
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out drawing, resuming drawing, changing the turtle's color, using the fill command to color any shape you've drawn, writing a procedure using the Repeat command (the turtle re-executes a command automatically), and clearing graphics from the work area. There are many more things you can do with LogoWriter, but the commands you'll learn in the tutorial are enough to get you started.

Logo is more than a programming language. You can use it as a total learning environment to teach geometry, general math principles, probability, creative writing, social studies, spelling, and whatever else you choose. LogoWriter adds its own bells and whistles by letting you combine text and graphics, transform the turtle from a cursor to a shape, work with up to four turtles simultaneously, and stamp shape designs on screen for artistic effect.

Another of LogoWriter's more flexible features is its ability to create macros—special control-key commands that reduce a series of keypresses to one combination. A macro comes into play when you press one of ten previously programmed letters (N, O, P, Q, R, V, W, X, Y, and Z) in conjunction with the control key. For a macro to work, you'll have to put the When instruction inside a procedure. For example, at the Command Center type:

```
when "q [repeat 3 [fd 50 rt 120]]
```

Press Return, then press Control-Q; the turtle will execute a triangle. You can save control-key commands if they're entered as a procedure on that page. Flip to the procedure page and type:

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to macro
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when "q [repeat 3 [fd 50 rt 120]]
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end
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Press Escape to save the procedure, then give the page a name, such as Shortcut. If you don't, it will be lost when you shut down the computer. Once you load control-key procedures into memory, they'll execute the programmed events whenever you press the appropriate key combination.

CREATIVITY BY DESIGN

LogoWriter's ability to mix text with graphics and generate hardcopy gives it potential as a simple desktop publisher. If you plan to print, though, remember to configure LogoWriter to work with your particular hardware. Apple IIGS owners should select Super Serial

Card from the interface list. ImageWriter LQ owners can select either ImageWriter option from the printer list. For a sample project (an illustrated invitation), follow the tutorial in the manual.

The LogoWriter program disk also contains a shapes page with 25 predesigned illustrations, with room for five more you can design yourself. Refer to the manual to see what these shapes look like; otherwise you'll have to stop what you're doing to figure out what shape to import. You can design new shapes for the turtle with the built-in shape editor.

Choose Shapes from the Contents page, flip to the procedure page, and press the open-apple and right-arrow keys until an empty shape screen appears. Each consists of a 10-by-16-pixel grid. Use the arrow keys to move the cursor around the screen and the spacebar to fill (or empty) the pixel where the cursor rests. When you're finished, flip to the turtle page to see what the shape looks like. You can copy LogoWriter shapes from one screen to another simply by pressing Open apple-3 (to copy) and Open apple-4 (to paste).

Refer to the manual to see what all the shapes look like, otherwise you'll have to stop what you're doing to figure out what shape to import into your work file. In the version reviewed here (2.0), the shapes on the scrapbook disk didn't match the shapes on the program disk. When queried about the discrepancy, the technical people at LCSi assured me that a revised version with matching program and scrapbook shapes would be out by the time this review appeared in print. If yours is the older version, return it to LCSi for an exchange.

You can get additional LogoWriter scrapbook disks and activity cards for primary and intermediate levels—as well as intermediate-level project booklets—from LCSi. You can also trade in your 3½- or 5¼-inch disk if you need the other format. LCSi offers a free swap if you send in the original program disk.

LET YOUR TURTLE DO THE WALKING

Learning with LogoWriter is an enjoyable introduction to Logo programming procedures. Without bogging you down in complexity, it takes an informal look at a number of primitives and provides an intriguing taste of what you can do with the language. □

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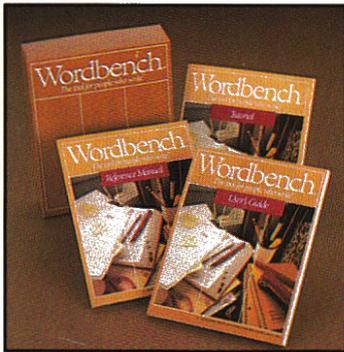
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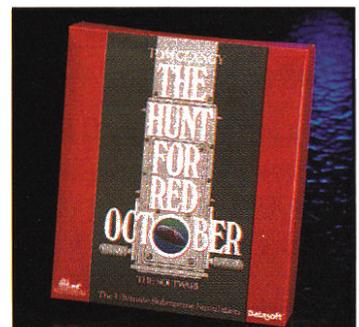
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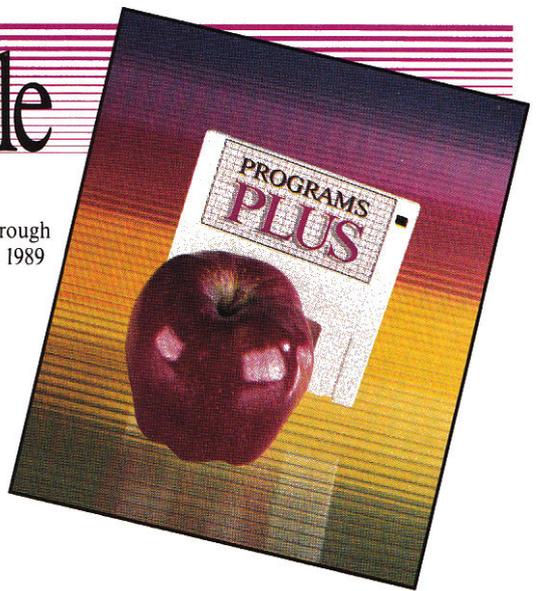


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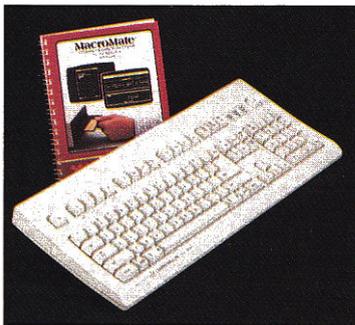
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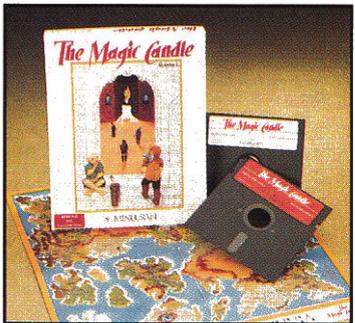
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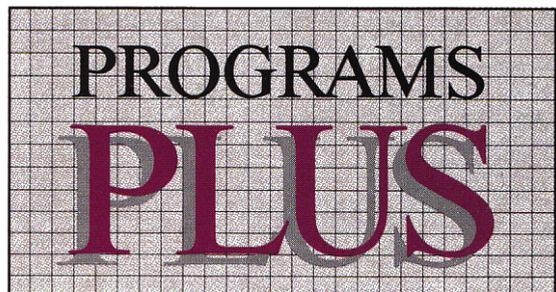
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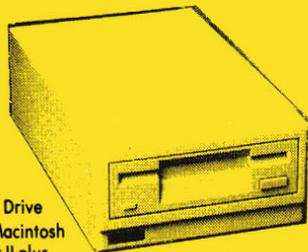
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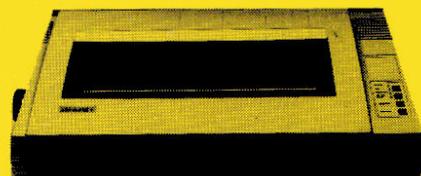
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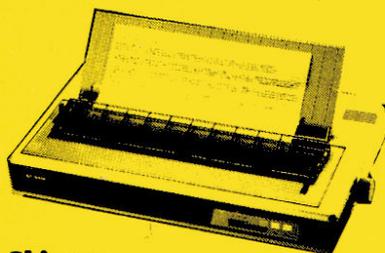


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P PROGRAMMING'S

just for kids and hackers!" Okay—so you're perfectly happy using your Apple II to write letters to mom and balance your checkbook. Maybe you're just not interested in how your computer works or how you can make it work better.

No, we don't think that's the problem. You've probably avoided learning to program because you think you haven't got time. Or you may have tried typing in a program listing from your favorite magazine, only to spend frustrating hours retyping it when it didn't work, only to find it prints your name across the screen 5000 times.

It doesn't have to be that way. You can learn something about programming *and* understand what you're doing after only an hour's lesson. In fact, after studying this article carefully, you'll have written three useful programs. After that you'll be able to take advantage of the many programs *inCider* and other publications offer to make your Apple more accessible, useful, and responsive. Typing in listings and modifying them are good ways to learn more about programming—to learn by doing. You'll come to understand what the programmer's talking about, enough to apply the same techniques to programs you write yourself.

Check the sidebars accompanying this article. These three programs were selected for true beginners, to get you started on a hassle-free programming career. Don't start programming until you've read through the text, though, or you'll miss a number of tips and techniques that will help you get going.

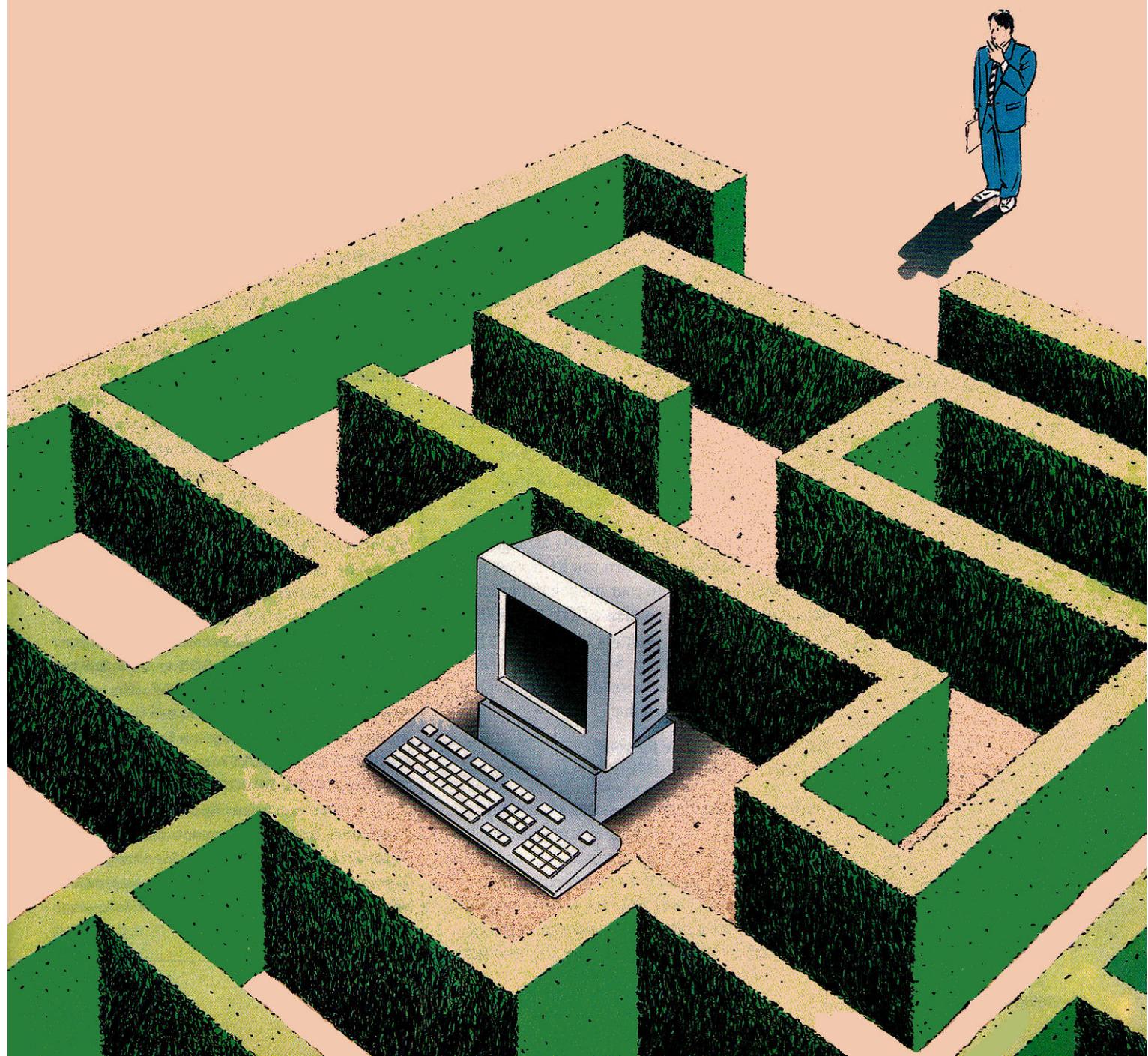
BASIC BASICS

Let's talk about computer languages first. You can write programs for your Apple using bizarre-looking hexadecimal codes, which your computer will understand. But why bother? Rather, a computer language lets you compose English-language commands that make sense to you, then converts them.

There's a beginner's programming language built into every Apple IIe, IIc, IIc Plus, II Plus, even IIGS—Applesoft BASIC. If you turn on your Apple with no disks in the drives and hit the control and reset keys quickly, Applesoft BASIC will automatically appear, displaying a square bracket (]) known as the BASIC prompt. You type your BASIC commands next to the prompt, in either *direct* or *deferred mode*.

In direct mode your Apple will execute the BASIC command immediately after you press the return key. Return tells your computer you've completed typing the command. Try it now. For example, type: ►

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“TYPING IN LISTINGS AND MODIFYING THEM ARE GOOD WAYS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PROGRAMMING— TO LEARN BY DOING.”



PRINT “Hi there” and press Return. Just beneath your typed *command line* should appear the words *Hi there*, which you just told the computer to PRINT. (By the way, you can use the question mark—?—instead of PRINT. Go ahead, try it.)

Direct mode is handy for trying out commands before you use them in a program—to examine variable values when debugging, for example—and for LOADING and SAVEing your programs to disk. Direct commands aren’t stored in your Apple’s memory. Once executed, they’re “forgotten.”

Now type this:

```
10 PRINT “Hi there”
```

and press Return. Nothing there, except what you typed? Good. Including a line number *before* the command indicates you’re typing in deferred mode—programming.

Now type RUN and press Return. The direct command RUN tells your Apple to execute your program, so the message *Hi there* should appear.

Got it? You can type RUN and your Apple will PRINT “Hi there” forever if you like. That’s because a BASIC program (deferred mode) is stored in your Apple’s memory until you turn off the computer or erase the program from memory with the direct command NEW. In fact, before typing a second listing, you need to NEW the system. Otherwise, you may end up with merged listings.

A BASIC program consists of a series of numbered lines, each containing a BASIC command also known as a *statement*. You can put more than one statement on a single line; just separate them with a colon (:). For instance, when you RUN the program

```
10 PRINT “Hi there”: PRINT “How are you?”
```

your Apple will PRINT two lines of messages.

As you compose programs, BASIC arranges the commands automatically; when you RUN your program BASIC will execute your program in order of ascending line numbers (unless a GOTO or GOSUB statement changes the program’s “flow”—directs it elsewhere in the program). So if you type in these lines exactly as presented here (don’t forget to press Return at the end of each line):

```
100 PRINT “How’s life for you?”  
10 PRINT “I’m fine.”
```

you’ll see this sequence of messages when you RUN the program:

```
I’m fine.  
How’s life for you?
```

One other direct command is important when typing in BASIC programs: LIST. Alone, the command

does just what the word suggests—displays your program in ascending line-number order on your screen so that you can see the progress of your work.

You can temporarily suspend and then restart LISTING for long programs by pressing the control and S keys simultaneously (written as *Control-S*). Or, you can stop LISTING a program before it reaches the last line number by pressing Control-C. Control-C will also stop execution of a RUNning BASIC program prematurely.

In addition, when you want to examine and edit a particular segment of your program just specify a line number after LIST, such as LIST 10 to display

Applesoft Proofer

Carefully type in the Applesoft BASIC program shown in *Listing 1* (ignore the bracketed numbers!) and SAVE it on disk as MAKE.PROOFER; it POKEs the PROOFER program into memory (line 50). If you’re using DOS 3.3, type in lines 1000–1020 shown in *Listing 2* instead of those in *Listing 1*.

Now type RUN. If you entered the program correctly, you should see the message “Proofer installed!” and a flashing cursor adjacent to the BASIC prompt (>). If not, press Control-Reset, LOAD MAKE.PROOFER, fix the problem, SAVE, and try RUNNING it again. Most often, you can find the error in one of the DATA statements.

If all’s well, type LIST. An inverse number should appear following each program line; they should match those appearing in brackets in *Listing 1*. If not, make sure you typed the program correctly, then recheck DATA.

Use the Proofer to compare the numbers generated by your LISTed programs with those we publish. If they’re the same, you typed the line(s) correctly and the program should work.

You can activate the Proofer each time you start up BASIC from ProDOS or DOS 3.3 by typing RUN MAKE.PROOFER. Or, once MAKE.PROOFER is RUN, you can BSAVE the machine-language program it creates as PROOFER,AS300,LSC7 on your disk. You then can BLOAD PROOFER and CALL 768.

Also, if you reset your Apple or use the PR# command, you’ll disconnect the Proofer. Type CALL 768 to restart it. For example, to get a listing of your program with the proofer numbers on your printer, use the following sequence:

a single line, or LIST 10-100 if you want to check a series of line numbers in your program.

BASIC EDITING AND DEBUGGING

We have yet to hear of anyone who can consistently type in programs correctly the first time. When RUN, faulty versions "crash": BASIC displays a line number where the error occurred along with an error message that may or may not mean anything to you. Use our Applesoft Program Proofer (see the accompanying sidebar and listing) to locate and correct errors before they crash your program.

The Proofer is available only for *inCider* program

listings, though; what about programs you might type in from other sources or those you create yourself?

Most beginners "debug" their programs by simply retyping the errant line, continuing tediously through each mistake until the program works correctly.

That's okay for the standard *syntax* error (a typo or incorrect statement), although we'll discuss an easier method of editing in a moment. Two other common errors, however, *out of data* and *illegal quantity*, can crash a BASIC program on a line *other* than where the errant value actually occurs! Some beginners just retype the entire program until they get it right—no wonder few people ever continue programming.

There's a more precise way to correct the problem. An out-of-data error and sometimes an illegal quantity occur because of a mistyped or missing DATA state-

- 1) LOAD or type in your program.
- 2) PR#1 to activate the printer.
- 3) CALL 768 to restore the Proofer.
- 4) LIST should print your program.
- 5) PR#0 to restore printing on screen.
- 6) CALL 768 to activate the Proofer.

Proofer doesn't count spaces between REM and its message or DATA and the data values. So, there shouldn't be a difference in the proofer number between

10 REM Only one space after REM

and

10 REM Five spaces after REM

Trailing spaces after a REM message or DATA list *do* count. You might first try editing a DATA line with an incorrect proofer number (see accompanying feature); make sure to press Return at the end of the line to see whether the proofer number changes.

In addition, the proofer number includes the order in which you enter a line, particularly the order of values in a DATA statement. So, 10 DATA 1,2,3 will generate a different proofer number from 10 DATA 1,3,2. □

—W.K.

Listing 1. ProDOS version of MAKE.PROOFER.

```
10 REM MAKE.PROOFER -- NEW ProDOS version 2.1 [7738]
20 REM by Bill Kennedy [3084]
30 REM Copyright 1989, inCider [4733]
40 REM [194]
50 FOR I = 768 TO 966: READ N: POKE I,N: NEXT I [2872]
60 CALL 768 [685]
70 TEXT : HOME : PRINT : PRINT "Proofer installed!" [2530]
80 PRINT "BSAVE it as PROOFER,AS300,LSC7" [6170]
90 END [308]
1000 DATA 162,29,160,3,173,48,190,141,182,3 [3496]
1010 DATA 173,49,190,141,183,3,142,48,190,140 [3674]
1020 DATA 49,190,169,0,133,60,133,61,96,201 [3514]
1030 DATA 141,240,3,76,178,3,134,70,132,71 [5275]
1040 DATA 186,138,105,7,170,189,0,1,201,214 [5436]
1050 DATA 208,7,189,255,0,201,229,240,28,189 [5614]
1060 DATA 253,0,201,40,208,6,169,0,201,141 [5325]
1070 DATA 208,15,189,255,0,201,13,240,93,169 [5612]
1080 DATA 0,133,60,133,61,240,85,165,60,5 [5145]
1090 DATA 61,240,23,32,87,219,32,87,219,165 [7673]
1100 DATA 50,72,41,63,133,50,166,60,165,61 [7460]
1110 DATA 32,36,237,104,133,50,160,0,132,60 [7749]
1120 DATA 132,61,177,155,200,17,155,240,43,200 [8374]
1130 DATA 177,155,200,24,113,155,133,66,32,191 [8413]
1140 DATA 3,177,155,240,27,32,184,3,177,155 [7725]
1150 DATA 240,20,201,32,208,3,200,208,245,72 [1211]
1160 DATA 32,184,3,104,201,58,240,229,177,155 [1280]
1170 DATA 208,243,166,70,164,71,169,141,141,67 [1318]
1180 DATA 3,76,0,0,69,66,133,66,24,101 [1099]
1190 DATA 60,133,60,144,2,230,61,200,96 [1092]
```

Listing 2. Substitutions for DOS 3.3 version.

```
1000 DATA 162,29,160,3,173,83,170,141,182,3 [3481]
1010 DATA 173,84,170,141,183,3,142,83,170,140 [3669]
1020 DATA 84,170,169,0,133,60,133,61,96,201 [3502]
```

ment. Programmers usually place DATA statements and their accompanying values at the end to be READ throughout the program. Figuring out which DATA line contains the incorrect value may not be easy—you may have to review your DATA values item by item.

To speed that process, keep in mind this tip: ►

“A COMPUTER LANGUAGE LETS YOU COMPOSE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE COMMANDS THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU.”

“Out of data” means you’re missing one or more values. Count up the number of values (separated by commas) in each line and compare that with the number of values in the original program. “Illegal quantity” often means you’ve typed an extra comma in one of your DATA statements. Or the program line where the error occurred may have tried to POKE a DATA value (insert a value into a particular memory location) greater than 255 or less than zero. Scrutinize values that exceed those limits carefully. Beyond that, you’ll just have to LIST and compare your DATA directly with the published text.

Several BASIC text editors are available, but because they depend somewhat on your knowledge of Applesoft itself, they’re not very useful for the beginner. Rather, Applesoft BASIC provides a crude but effective “line editor” that can take a lot of the tedium out of retyping BASIC programs. Press the escape key (ESC) once and notice what happens to the flashing cursor: You have just entered the “free cursor” zone. Press the I, J, K, and M keys individually and watch the direction in which your cursor moves. Now press any other key. (The spacebar is the easiest to remember.) That should return your cursor to normal.

Now LIST or retype line 10 from one of the programs above. Use the example 10 PRINT “I’m fine.”

the right- and left-arrow keys until the cursor is positioned over the first character you want to change. (If you make a mistake, press Control-X to start over, or simply re-enable the free cursor by pressing Escape again.) For example, position the cursor over the *f* in the word *fine* in our example. Now type anything, *four* for example, but *before* pressing Return use the right-arrow key to *parse* (trace) over the remaining characters in the line. LIST 10 again or just RUN the program to see your changes.

Line editing can be as simple as that! The right-arrow key treats whatever character you parse with the cursor just as though you had typed it. Similarly, the left-arrow key deletes the character under the cursor from the typed line even though it may still remain on screen.

The free cursor, on the other hand, ignores anything over which the cursor passes. You must position the cursor originally at the beginning of the line and parse over all characters you want to retain as part of the line, because you’re indeed “retyping” the entire line. Using the right-arrow key to capture characters instead of retyping them ensures you don’t introduce additional mistakes.

You also can use the free cursor to insert characters and statements into a previously typed line or remove them. Just follow the instructions above and parse to the point of insertion or deletion.

If the portion you want to delete is at the end of the line, just press Return. Otherwise, re-enable the free cursor. Move over that part of the line you want to delete; restore the standard cursor; parse over the remainder of the line with the right-arrow key; and press Return.

To insert, position the free cursor in an unused space on screen after parsing to the point of insertion in the original line. Type in the material you want to insert; re-enable the free cursor; move it to the spot where the original line should continue; set the cursor to normal; parse the remaining characters with the right-arrow key; and press Return. Voilà!

One final note on free-cursor editing: Extra spaces are introduced into a program line when

Startup

You can use the Applesoft BASIC Program listing presented here as the “boot” program for your programming disk, as described in the accompanying article. Type in the listing

and SAVE it as STARTUP. That name is unique; whenever you turn on your Apple with a ProDOS BASIC disk in the boot drive, the machine LOADs and RUNs STARTUP automatically.

Be sure a copy of PRODOS (an 8-bit version) and BASIC.SYSTEM are also stored on disk.

Startup’s pretty simple. Following some introductory REMarke (lines 10–30), line 40 activates your Apple’s 80-column text mode. Line 50 then PRINTs a simple message. Line 70 tells ProDOS to list a CATALOG of your disk contents on screen. Finally, line 80 removes the program from memory (NEW) automatically so that you can start typing in another listing. □

Program listing. Startup.

```
10 REM Startup program for BASIC
   boot [5867]
20 REM by Dr. Bill [2155]
30 REM Copyright 1989,
   inCider [4733]
40 PRINT CHR$ (4);"PR#3" [1177]
50 PRINT "Programming disk
   files:" [5350]
60 PRINT CHR$ (4);"CATALOG" [1172]
70 NEW [568]
```

—W.K.

Press Escape, then the I key until the free cursor is positioned over the leftmost character in the line number (I in the number 10 in our example) and press the spacebar to restore the normal cursor. Press

its LISTing uses more than one screen line. Those extra spaces may cause errors if they’re edited into your program line when you use the right arrow.

You can reformat your LISTing to remove those

extra spaces by typing `POKE 33,33` for a 40-column display, or `POKE 33,70` for an 80-column display, then `LISTING` the program. The width of the `LISTING` will be reduced to 33 or 70 characters, respectively, but intervening spaces in continued lines will disappear. Press Control-Reset to restore normal 40- or 80-column format.

You may be wondering why we asked you to turn on your Apple with no disks in the drives. Well, Applesoft BASIC knows less about disk drives than it does about compact discs. It needs help in the form of a disk-operating system (DOS) and a DOS-command interpreter.

The most modern disk-operating system that works with every Apple II is Apple's Professional Disk Operating System (ProDOS), a set of machine-language programs that handle saving and retrieving data from disk. Applesoft uses the 8-bit version of ProDOS, also known as ProDOS-8 to differentiate it from ProDOS-16, or GS/OS. GS/OS is a faster, more enhanced operating system, but you can use it only with a GS and not with Applesoft BASIC. (See "GS/OS," November 1989, p. 56, for more information.)

Applesoft BASIC also needs the help of a DOS-command interpreter, `BASIC.SYSTEM`, to manage disk functions. ProDOS handles only the most rudimentary disk processes; you can access it only via machine language. `BASIC.SYSTEM` converts Applesoft-like statements into commands ProDOS understands.

You can find ProDOS and `BASIC.SYSTEM` just about anywhere—in many commercial productivity packages and all Beagle Bros and Applied Engineering software products, for instance—but it's best to locate them on a copy of the ProDOS System Master or System Utilities. GS owners can find ProDOS and `BASIC.SYSTEM` on the GS System Master. There's just one thing to be aware of: The 8-bit version of ProDOS that Applesoft requires is a file named `P8` in the System subdirectory or folder.

Before you start any programming project, it's a good idea to take a couple of blank or discarded disks, and use the Apple Utilities disk that came with your computer to format them and copy ProDOS (GS users must rename `P8` to ProDOS) and `BASIC.SYSTEM` to them.

You now should have at least one working, "bootable" ProDOS disk. Put it into drive 1 and turn on your Apple (called a *cold boot*) or press Control-Open apple-Reset (a *warm boot*). After a short spell of disk spinning, you should see a screen like this:

```
PRODOS BASIC 1.1
```

```
COPYRIGHT APPLE COMPUTER, 1983-84
```

```
] (a space-sized cursor should be flashing here)
```

To make doubly sure you're using ProDOS BASIC, try typing `CAT` and press Return; this command,

which stands for *catalog*, lists the names of the files on your disk. If something went wrong, you'll see `SYNTAX ERROR` and hear a beep. Try `CAT` again after pressing the caps-lock key down. If you still don't get a response, try formatting a fresh disk.

There are three other commands you need to know before you start typing in and using programs: `SAVE`, `LOAD`, and `RUN`. They're Applesoft-like commands that work with ProDOS to store and retrieve your BASIC programs from disk.

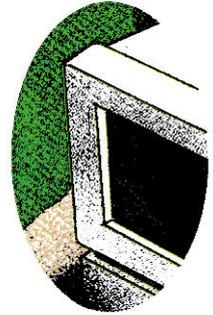
Type the direct command `SAVE` and the name of your program, then hit Return, to copy the BASIC program you typed into your Apple's memory onto your program disk. ProDOS creates a new file the first time you use the program's name. Thereafter, if you use that name, the copy in memory will replace the one on disk *without asking you* if that's okay. Be careful you don't replace a good copy with a badly edited one. Give each edited version of your program a unique name, perhaps by appending a number suffix. `SAVE` the program you're typing in *before* you attempt to `RUN` it, and `SAVE` as often as you edit.

When `SAVEd`, a program exists both in your Apple's memory and on disk. When you turn off your computer, or when the program crashes because it still contains bugs and you have to "reboot" the system, the copy of your program in memory disappears. (That's why it's important to `SAVE` your program before trying to `RUN` it.) `LOAD` followed by the program's name copies it from disk into memory.

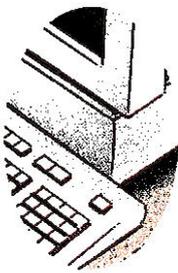
`RUN`, as you saw earlier, executes your BASIC program. You can't `RUN` a program on disk; you have to `LOAD` it first into your Apple's memory. `BASIC.SYSTEM` will automatically `LOAD`, then `RUN`, a BASIC program for you; just type `RUN` followed by the program's name. Be careful, though: `LOAD` and `RUN` (each followed by a filename) replace any BASIC program that might be currently in your Apple's memory with the one on disk.

Now let's get the show on the road. You're all ready to type in and begin using the three programs accompanying this article. The first Applesoft BASIC program helps you "start up" your computing day on the right foot. When you turn on your Apple's power with your program disk in the "boot" drive, the BASIC program named Startup will automatically `LOAD` and `RUN`. Startup simply produces a catalog of your disk contents, similar to the one you earlier produced manually, listing the names of any programs and files that are stored on your program disk.

The second program is our Applesoft Program Proofer. It automatically computes a "check sum" value for each line of BASIC code you type in. You can then compare that value with *inCider's* published number (the bracketed number at the end of each program line). If they match, the program is guar- ▶



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AppleWorks Patcher

You can use the *Program listing* presented here to modify AppleWorks. Type it in and **SAVE** it as **AW.PATCHER**.

Program listing. AppleWorks Patcher.

```

10 REM AW.Patcher modifies Appleworks [6017]
20 REM by Dr. Bill [2155]
30 REM Copyright 1989, inCider [4733]
40 D$ = CHR$(4): REM Gets ProDOS' attention [5206]
50 PRINT D$;"PR#3": HOME : REM 80-Column mode [5571]
60 M = 0: ONERR GOTO 1000: REM If can't find AW [2581]
70 PRINT D$;"BLOAD /APPLEWORKS/APLWORKS.SYSTEM,A$200
  0,TSYS" [9570]
80 POKE 216,0: REM Remove error trap [2782]
90 HOME : PRINT : VTAB 10 [1391]
100 INPUT "AW address you want to change (0 to quit)
  -->";A [10172]
110 IF A = 0 THEN 200: REM Quit modifications [2530]
120 IF A < 8192 OR A > 24575 THEN PRINT CHR$(7);"
  Address incorrect! Please reenter.": GOTO 100 [10032]
130 PRINT : PRINT "Address ";A;" currently contains
  the value "; PEEK (A) [9609]
140 PRINT "Change address ";A;: INPUT " to what valu
  e (0-255) -->";N [7717]
150 IF N < 0 OR N > 255 THEN PRINT CHR$(7);"Value
  incorrect! Please reenter.": GOTO 140 [5190]
160 PRINT : PRINT "Okay to POKE ";A;";N;:" (y or n)
  ?"; [7187]
170 GET A$: IF A$ = "n" OR A$ = "N" THEN PRINT : PRINT
  "No changes made...": FOR I = 1 TO 2000: NEXT I: GOTO
  90 [8244]
180 IF A$ = "y" OR A$ = "Y" THEN PRINT : POKE A,N:M
  = 1: GOTO 90 [3491]
190 PRINT CHR$(7);: GOTO 160 [1936]
200 IF NOT M THEN 250: REM Any changes made? [4213]
210 ONERR GOTO 1000: REM If AW removed from drive [3378]
220 PRINT D$;"BSAVE /APPLEWORKS/APLWORKS.SYSTEM,A$20
  00,TSYS" [3194]
230 POKE 216,0 [820]
250 HOME : PRINT "All done...": END [3086]
1000 PRINT CHR$(7): PRINT "Can't find Appleworks s
  ystem file!" [3209]
1010 PRINT "Insert a backup copy of /APPLEWORKS prog
  ram disk" [3803]
1020 PRINT "into a drive and press Return...": [2921]
1030 GET A$: IF A$ < > CHR$(13) THEN PRINT CHR$(
  7);: GOTO 1030 [4317]
1040 PRINT : IF M THEN 220 [1125]
1050 GOTO 70 [519]

```

	AppleWorks 2.0		2.1	
	Address	Value	Address	Value
Remove spacebar	14468	44	14118	44
Remove date entry	14148	208	14436	208
	14149	19	14437	19

Table. Patching AppleWorks' spacebar and date prompts.

After preliminary REMARKS and initializations (lines 10-60), Patcher LOADs APLWORKS.SYSTEM from the "program" side of your /APPLEWORKS backup disk (line 70). ONERR "traps" (lines 60 and 210) and support error-handling code (lines 1000-1050) make sure APLWORKS.SYSTEM can be found on disk.

Patcher then asks for an address (line 100), lets you know its current contents (line 130), then asks for a new value (line 140) and whether it's okay to change the original AppleWorks value (line 160). The intervening program lines (110-130 and 150) make sure the entered address actually points to the AppleWorks program in memory (8191 < address < 24576) and that the new value is POKEable (0=<value<256).

If you respond *y* for *yes*, make the change, Patcher then and only then modifies AppleWorks by POKEing the new value in line 180. Note that any modifications you make to the AppleWorks program in memory, not on disk. If you make a mistake, press Control-Reset and RUN the program again. Only after you make all your changes and enter 0 (zero) for an address will Patcher SAVE the modified AppleWorks on disk (lines 200-250).

What are some patches you might make? *inCider* and other magazines publish AppleWorks patches regularly, but the most popular ones remove the spacebar and date prompts when you boot up AppleWorks. The accompanying *Table* summarizes the addresses and values you should enter when using Patcher to modify AppleWorks versions 2.0 and 2.1. □ —W.K.

anted to operate correctly. Otherwise, you need to re-enter or edit the line. Use it to help you type in the third listing presented here as well as the BASIC programs in this and future issues of *inCider*.

Finally, our third program listing lets you "patch" AppleWorks—add some slick features to the Apple

II world's most popular software package. Whether you're putting a listing together from scratch or tinkering with someone else's, that's what programming's all about—writing software that works for you, whose features make sense for your needs and enhance your enjoyment of the machine. □

Which One to Buy?

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ALL hard disks are not created equal. Here's *inCider's* rundown of the leading contenders—what to look for, what to watch out for.

by *inCider* staff

FOR SPEED, STORAGE, AND ORGANIZATION, nothing beats a hard-disk drive—especially for GS owners. If you need to stash big packages and files or large numbers of programs and data, then find them *fast*, a hard disk is a must. Part 1 of our three-part series discussed the pros and cons of mass storage; now in part 2 we'll examine the strengths and weaknesses of ten of the leading hard-disk models.

The drives highlighted here represent just a sampling of products available for the Apple II family; they offer a variety of storage capacities, interfaces, and price levels. Get acquainted with the various configurations you'll encounter as you begin your search for the hard-disk drive that's perfect for *your* home or business system.

BACK TO SCSI

Before you make a decision, it's a good idea to review some of the factors that go into your selection of a hard-disk drive. For one thing, as you shop you're certain to hear the word *interface* tossed around. It refers to the method by which your hard-disk drive connects to your computer. Hard drives come with

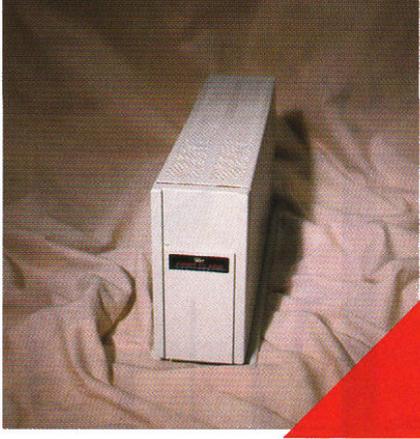
either a proprietary interface or a SCSI (pronounced *scuzzy*, small-computer-systems interface).

A proprietary interface card usually comes with the drive and works only with that particular drive on the Apple II. If you buy an MS-DOS computer, you'll need a new interface card. (And depending on whether the manufacturer supports that system, you may need a new hard drive.)

SCSI, although designed originally as a standard for all types of computers, is now several standards. When a company says its drive is a SCSI drive, ask what type. Apple, for example, has its own version of SCSI; many other companies, though, produce their own proprietary versions, so you'll have to buy that company's SCSI card when you buy its hard disk. A drive that adheres to Apple SCSI will work with any IIe or IIGS (as long as you have an Apple SCSI card in one of your slots) and the Macintosh, which has a built-in SCSI port.

COMMON-SENSE CRITERIA

Note that "benchmark" tests such as maximum seek rates and other data, which hard-disk-drive ►



SIDER D4/T

FIRST CLASS PERIPHERALS

3579 Highway 50 East
Carson City, NV 89701
(702) 883-4000

Models: Sider D2, D4T, D4A, D9, C96
Storage: 20, 40, 40, 90, 90 megabytes
Price: \$595, \$995, \$795, \$1695, \$2495
Price/megabyte: \$29.75, \$24.88, \$19.88, \$18.83, \$27.72
Compatibility: IIe/GS
Interface: Apple SCSI
Accompanying support software: proprietary, ProSel

First Class Peripherals offers the widest variety of drives: 20-, two 40-, 60- and two 90-megabyte models.

The Sider D4/T "turbo" 40-megabyte hard-disk drive is one of the best midrange models around, and it works with any Apple IIe or GS. The drive comes with a proprietary controller card, manuals, and ProSel software. The D4/T is, as dealers say, a "plug and play" solution. It's easy to set up; the cable connecting the interface card to the drive seems a bit fragile, though. The drive comes formatted with ProDOS.

The D4/T's "turbo" tag might lead you to expect it to perform faster. It does perform better than the nonturbo Sider D4/A or D2; it offers no noticeable difference in loading speed compared to other manufacturers' drives tested here, however.

At \$895, the D4/T is affordable. Unfortunately, with the smaller price tag comes a larger, heavier unit. The D4/T, as well as the other Sider products, is more than twice as big as other drives tested. To many users, that's only a trivial concern. If your desk space is limited, or you plan to move your hard-disk drive around a lot, though, the D4/T isn't the most compact model.

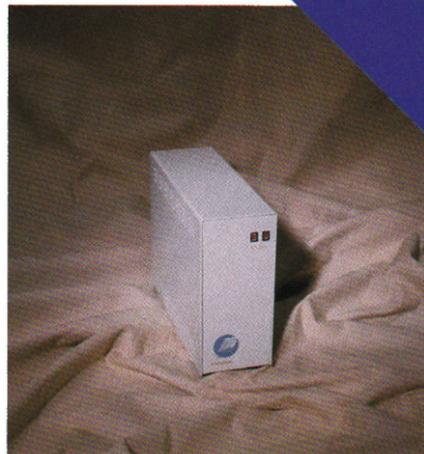
If you want to run non-ProDOS applications from a hard-disk drive, the Sider D2, a 20-megabyte product, is the only drive that lets you install multiple operating systems—ProDOS, DOS 3.3, CP/M, and Pascal—in different partitions. Drives that adhere to the SCSI standard, such as the higher-capacity Sider models, are limited to ProDOS applications and files.

CT-20C

CHINOOK

601 Main Street
Longmont, CO 80501
(303) 678-5007

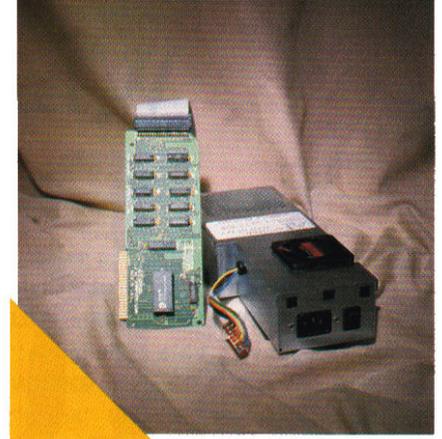
Models: CT-20c, CT-20, CT-30, CT-40
Storage: 20.5, 20.5, 31.5, 43 megabytes
Price: \$650, \$875, \$975, \$1075
Price/megabyte: \$32.50, \$42.68, \$30.95, \$25
Compatibility: IIe/IIc/IIc Plus/GS
Interface: disk-drive port, Apple SCSI
Accompanying support software: EasyDrive



The Chinook drive works on all Apple II's—IIe, IIc, IIc Plus, and IIgs—but it's particularly attractive for IIc owners. In fact, it's their only choice.

Among the hard drives tested, the Chinook CT-20c is the only one that doesn't need a SCSI card or a special hard-disk controller card. In the IIc, the CT-20c plugs into the disk-drive port; in the IIc Plus and GS, it works via the Smartport. (The GS requires a UniDisk 3.5 device driver, too. IIcs are "closed" systems—you can't add a SCSI or any other controller card.) In the IIe, it plugs into a disk-drive port just like a 3½-inch drive; you'll need a UniDisk controller card here.

At press time, the Chinook drive presented certain compatibility problems with GS/OS. The company is aware of the difficulty and assures us it will be corrected. The drive is probably better suited for IIc and IIc Plus owners anyway. Chinook offers other drives that are more appropriate for the GS. The CT-20c isn't the cheapest or fastest model, but it's a viable solution for IIc owners who need mass storage.



INNER DRIVE

APPLIED INGENUITY

14922 Ramona Boulevard
Baldwin Park, CA 91706
(818) 960-1485

Model: Inner Drive
Storage: 20, 40 megabytes
Price: \$499, \$650
Price/megabyte: \$24.95, \$16.25
Compatibility: GS
Interface: modified GS/OS
Accompanying support software: proprietary

If you have an Apple IIgs, you should take a look at this product. Even though it's an internal drive, it's a snap to install. Just open your GS, remove the power supply, and replace it with the Applied Ingenuity Inner Drive. Removing your power supply doesn't sound easy? It is—just like unplugging a cord from a wall socket.

The Inner Drive is fast and cheap—admirable qualities in a hard disk. The drive comes preformatted with a modified version of GS/OS. Applied Ingenuity has added its own routines to both the operating system and the hardware. Therefore, simply copying Apple's GS/OS won't do the job. The modification can create conflicts with some of Apple's utilities, such as the Advanced Disk Utilities.

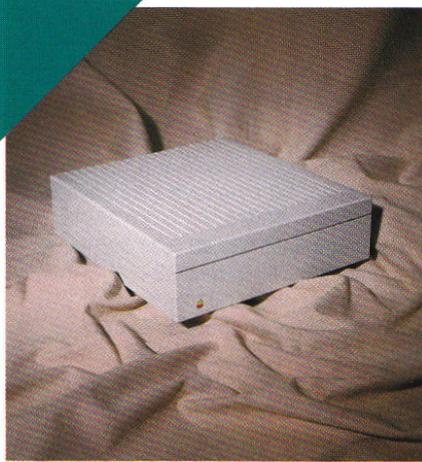
In its instructions, Applied Ingenuity does warn you to copy its A.I. UTILITIES folder to a floppy disk in case you need to reinstall the hard-disk driver. It's helpful that the Inner Drive comes preformatted and that the manual strongly reminds you to copy the A.I. UTILITIES folder. However, it would be more helpful if Applied supplied the modified operating system on disk.

Overall, though, the combination of low price, ease of setup, and internal installation makes the Inner Drive a winner for GS owners.

HARD DISK 20SC

APPLE COMPUTER
20525 Mariani Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014
(408) 996-1010

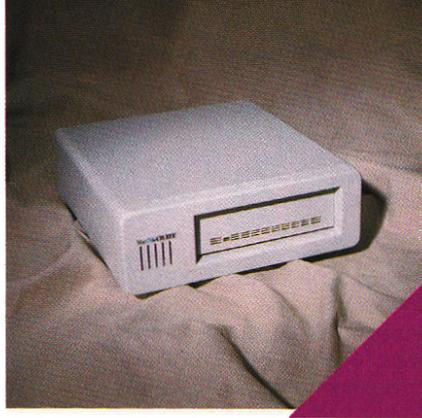
Models: HD20SC, HD40SC
Storage: 20, 40 megabytes
Price: \$1099, \$1699
Price/megabyte: \$54.95, \$42.48
Compatibility: IIe/GS
Interface: Apple SCSI
Accompanying support software: none



The HD20SC comes in peripheral platinum and sports the colorful Apple logo. "Big deal," you say? To many Apple users, the peace of mind that comes with buying Apple-brand products is worth a little extra—well, more than a little extra. In our price-per-megabyte formula, the Apple hard-disk drive comes in at a whopping \$54.95. That's more than \$32 per megabyte more than the most affordable hard disk (the Sider D4 Turbo), and still \$10 more than the second most expensive drive in our tests.

While there's not much in the drive itself to make it more attractive than other products mentioned, there's something to be said for buying Apple products—especially if you're a beginner. As with most Apple products, the owner's guide is well written and easy to follow. If you're not familiar with hard-disk drives, you'll appreciate that. And, because it's an Apple product, you know that support is available, although it won't be cheap.

The 20SC retails for \$1099, but, as with the GCC HyperDrive, you can expect to pay considerably less at your dealer's. Still, unless you're hopelessly stuck on buying only Apple products, you can find a better price/performance ratio among the many other hard-disk drives on the market.



MACCRATE

CRATE TECHNOLOGIES
6850 Vineland Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91605
(818) 762-1196

Model: MacCrate
Storage: 20, 40, 60 megabytes
Price: \$575, \$755, \$839
Price/megabyte: \$25.75, \$18.87, \$13.98
Compatibility: IIe/GS
Interface: Apple SCSI
Accompanying support software: none

Crate Technologies' MacCrate uses the same physical disk found inside the Apple Hard Disk 20SC and the GCC HyperDrive. They look different on the outside, but on the inside you'll find that each uses Seagate Technologies' hard-drive mechanism. Crate's product, however, offers the lowest retail price.

These drives are "true" SCSI drives: They'll work with Apple's SCSI card and don't require a propriety interface card supplied by the drive's manufacturer (although Crate produces its own Apple-standard SCSI card called SmartCrate, priced at \$129). The Apple, GCC, and Crate drives all work with the Apple IIe, the GS (with Apple's SCSI card), and the Macintosh line.

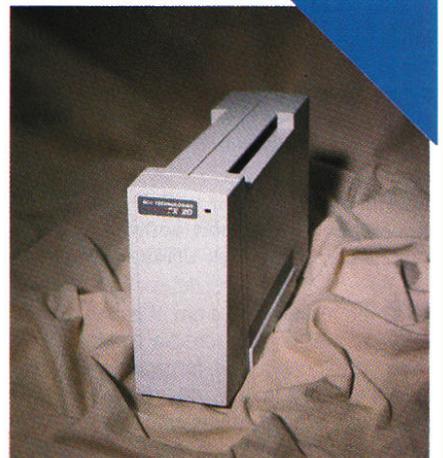
The Crate hard disk comes in a horizontal case about the same size as the Apple drive. It includes no utility software and is preformatted for the Macintosh, so you'll have to use GS/OS or the ProDOS System Utilities disk to format the drive. Crate offers a relatively low retail price, however—\$575. Of course, you'll need to add the price of an Apple SCSI card, but it comes with software for initializing and verifying the hard disk.

Sensitive Apple II users may suffer a bit of an identity crisis, as the drive sports the name MacCrate and the documentation makes no reference to the Apple II, but the low price tag will help you get over it.

HYPERDRIVE

GCC TECHNOLOGIES
580 Winter Street
Waltham, MA 02154
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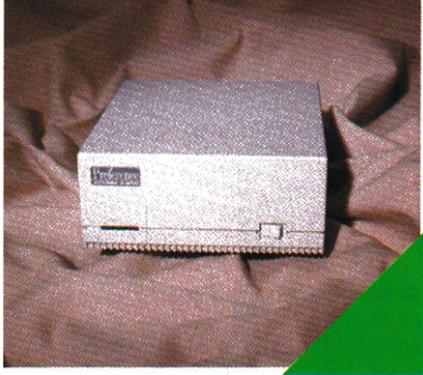
Models: HyperDrive FX-20, FX-40, FX-60, FX-80
Storage: 20, 40, 60, 80 megabytes
Price: \$999, \$1399, \$1499, \$1999
Price/megabyte: \$49.95, \$34.98, \$24.98, \$24.99
Compatibility: IIe/GS
Interface: Apple SCSI
Accompanying support software: proprietary



GCC Technologies (formerly General Computer Corporation) is a good name in hard-disk drives. In fact, it has been making hard drives longer than Apple has. So if you're looking for a proven company and don't necessarily want to buy Apple, the HyperDrive could be your answer.

On the inside, the HyperDrive uses the same Seagate mechanism as the Apple and Crate drives. It's sturdier, though; it's also larger owing to rubber shock-mounting brackets surrounding the disk. This system protects your data in case you accidentally bump or drop the drive. (We don't recommend that you test that yourself.)

As with the Apple and Crate drives, the HyperDrive comes from the factory with only Macintosh software. GCC does sell Apple II software for this model, though. At \$1399 for the FX-40 (40 megabytes) and \$999 for the FX-20 (20 megabytes), the prices may seem steep. Most outlets will offer you a much better deal, however: Expect to pay about \$900 for the 40-megabyte drive and \$600 for the 20-megabyte version. A note for the fashion-conscious: Yes, the HyperDrive is platinum. ▶



PREFERENCE

WESTERN DIGITAL

2445 McCabe Way
Irvine, CA 92714
(714) 863-0102

Model: Preference Hard Disk AP
Storage: 20, 40, 80, 120 megabytes
Price: \$895, \$1195, \$1695, \$2395
Price/megabyte: \$44.75, \$29.88, \$21.19, \$19.96
Compatibility: IIe/GS
Interface: Apple SCSI
Accompanying support software: proprietary, Apple Disk Utilities

The Preference from Western Digital is the new kid on the block—and a fashionable and formidable new kid it is. Available in 20-, 40-, 80-, and 120-megabyte capacities, it's housed in a platinum case that's about the size of a 5¼-inch floppy-disk drive.

The Preference is comparable in speed to Apple, Crate, and GCC models. You may be able to find cheaper hard-disk drives, but the Preference is the most compact of the bunch. And—if you're into such things—it has the most attractive package.

As we were going to press with this issue (mid-January), Western Digital announced 80- and 120-megabyte drives for the Apple II and Macintosh. It's important to remember that if you're using ProDOS 8, you can access only 32 megabytes. You can partition a 60-megabyte drive into two 30-megabyte partitions, but any drive that exceeds the 64-megabyte limit isn't practical for IIe owners. These high-capacity drives are priced at \$1695 and \$2395, respectively, and fit into a small 3-by-6½-by-8-inch package. Like the 20- and 40-megabyte drives, the new products include shock-mounted protection.

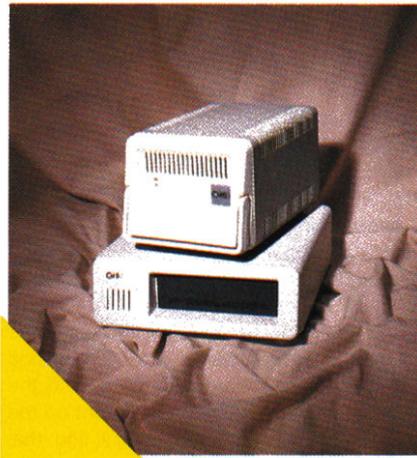
Overall, Western Digital's hard-disk drive is a quiet, efficient performer. There's not much to dislike about the Preference.

SD LINE

CMS

1372 Valencia Avenue
Tustin, CA 92680
(714) 259-9555

Models: SD20U/A2S, SD30U/A2S, SD60U/A2S
Storage: 20, 30, 60 megabytes
Price: \$895, \$1295, \$1295
Price/megabyte: \$44.75, \$43.17, \$21.58
Compatibility: IIe/GS
Interface: proprietary SCSI
Accompanying support software: proprietary, Filer



Each hard disk from CMS is actually two drives in one. Using jumper pins, you can "hardware-partition" the drive for use by two or more computers. (Each must have the CMS interface, though.) You can, for instance, divide the SD60U/A2S 60-megabyte drive into two 30-megabyte partitions (although you can select many other combinations). You then connect, format, and use the first partition while a colleague uses the second partition as though it were an entirely separate drive. You each have access to the other's partition, but access can be restricted, using jumper pins on the interface, to "read only."

CMS drives are true multi-user systems: The interfaces automatically eliminate "request collisions" so that the drive won't be confused and lock up if two computers attempt to access their respective partitions simultaneously. Don't think of this arrangement as a local-area network, though. It isn't. Everything works fine as long as you and your colleague stay in your own partition. The drive is multi-user, but the partitions are single-user. You can use your colleague's partition as long as he or she isn't. If you try to access a partition in use, the system can lock up, resulting in loss of data.

The only drawback to the CMS hard drives is in understanding and installing the jumper pins on the interface card.



SLIMLINE

Advanced Information Concepts

2150 Paragon Drive
San Jose, CA 95131
(408) 433-9776

Models: SlimLine, SlimLine II
Storage: 45, 90 megabytes (removable)
Price: \$1795, \$3095
Price/megabyte: \$39.89, \$34.39
Compatibility: II Plus/IIe/GS
Interface: Apple SCSI
Accompanying support software: proprietary

DATAPAK

Mass Micro Systems

550 Del Rey Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
(408) 522-1200

Models: DataPak, DataPak Duet
Storage: 42.5, 85 megabytes (removable)
Price: \$1799, \$2999
Price/megabyte: \$42.09, \$35.28
Compatibility: II Plus/IIe/GS
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*Applied Ingenuity uses a proprietary operating system other than GS/OS.

Table. Test shown here measures the time it takes to "warm boot" GS/OS (hitting the control, open-apple, and reset keys simultaneously to load it into RAM from a hard disk). If the times seem slow, it's because we loaded the operating system with ten desk accessories and 20 fonts. We also measured the time it takes to boot AppleWorks GS from the Finder.

manufacturers often use as selling points, are absent from the accompanying product descriptions. While such technical information is important, the drives tested here offer comparable performance in most categories. (See the **Table**, left.)

Similarities among drives are often the result of several models using identical drive mechanisms (from Seagate Technologies, for example). The most important differences among these products

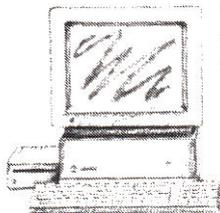
are quality of testing by their respective manufacturers, the support software they offer, and the interface with which each drive is equipped. Rather than rely on nebulous technical details to make your decision, consider these three criteria: compatibility with your current Apple and the computers you'll buy in the future; range of features, including setup and support software; and price.

Rumors of equipment problems with specific hard-disk drives have made the rounds on various bulletin-board systems over the last several weeks. *inCider* has been unable to verify any of these rumors; we use several different hard-disk drives continuously and haven't experienced persistent problems with any particular drive. In any event, though, it's best to purchase your hard drive from a reputable dealer, rather than through mail order, even if it means not buying the exact drive you had in mind. That way, you can demand technical assistance and expect readily available service if anything goes wrong.

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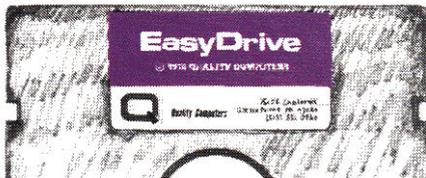
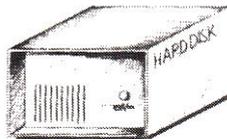
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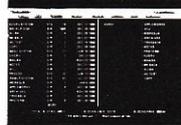
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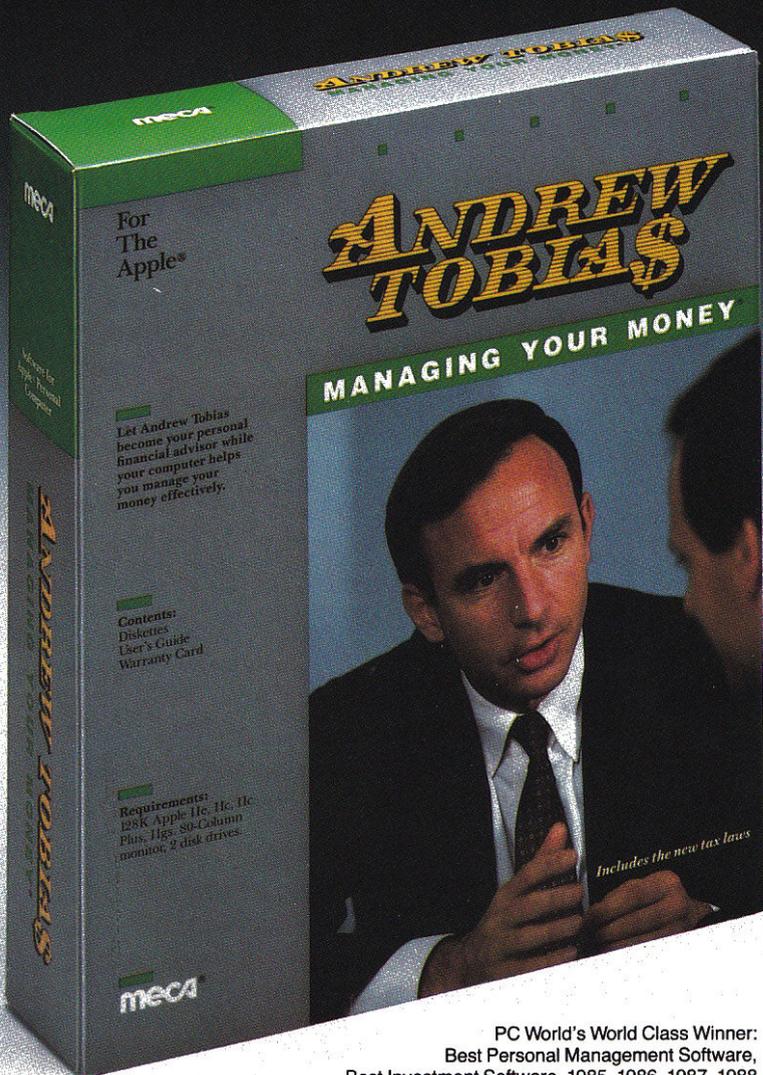


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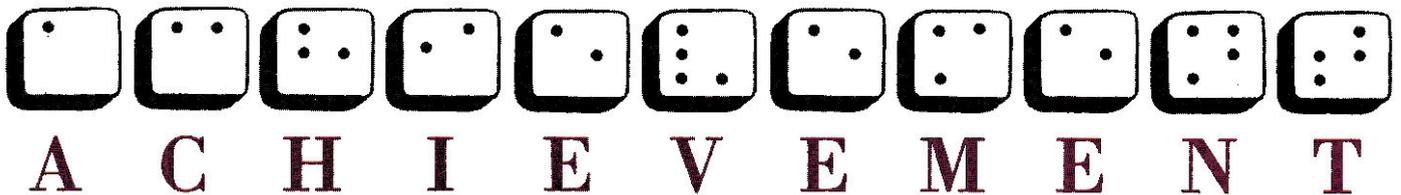
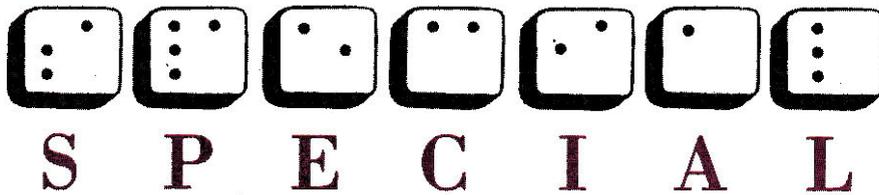
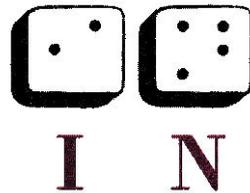
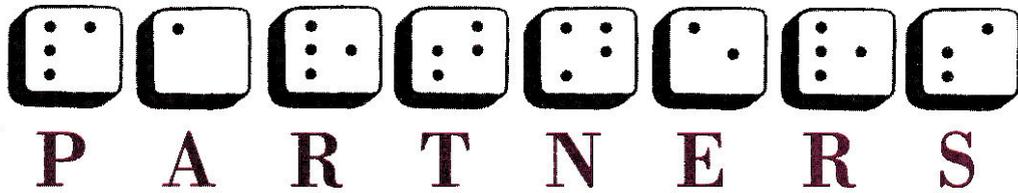
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At home, in school, and on the job, Apple IIs are meeting the challenge of special-needs education and assistance in innovative ways. Discover the latest hardware and software developments that are helping disabled users reach their potential.

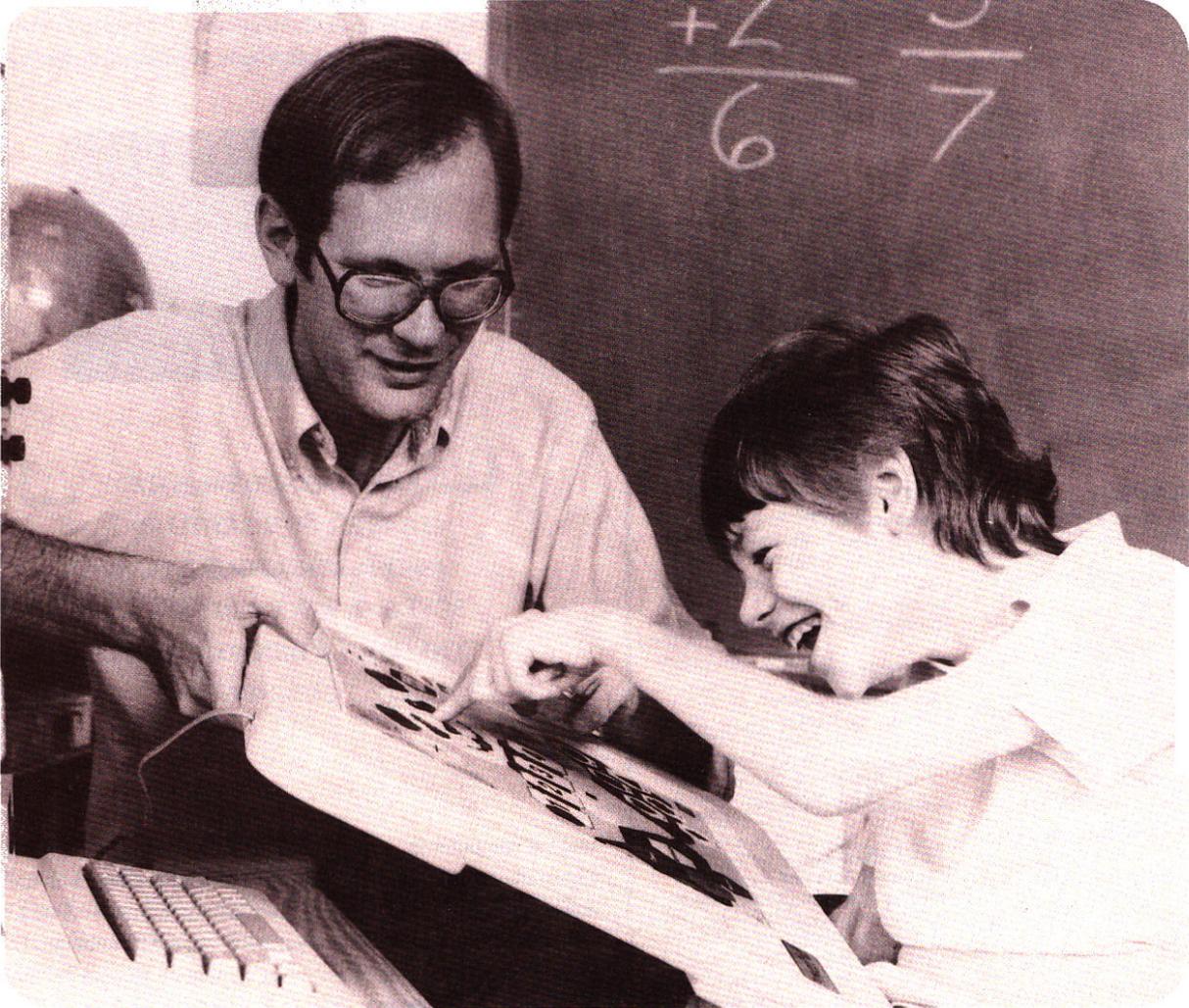
Pop a disk in the drive, flip a switch, read the screen, start typing—your Apple II's pretty easy to use, right? Just like turning on a light or setting an alarm clock—simple, right?

Not always, not for everyone. For Lake Kissick, Jr., Rose Angelocci, and millions of other disabled people, maneuvering a disk into a drive, flipping a switch, reading a screen, and hitting the right keys—simple tasks most of us don't even think

about—present an almost insurmountable physical obstacle.

But not totally insurmountable. While familiar alternative computer peripherals such as the joystick, mouse, KoalaPad, and Muppet Learning Keys are merely convenient for most Apple II users, similar “adaptive” hardware devices and compatible programs are making the crucial difference between isolation and responsibility, between dependence and autonomy, for countless

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others challenged by physical or developmental handicaps.

Lake Kissick is confronting that challenge every day at home and at work. Whether he's writing a newsletter on his Apple IIe or participating in recreational activities like water skiing, Kissick refuses to let the effects of severe cerebral palsy stop him from accomplishing "the things we [the disabled] were meant to do."

In his full-time job as a product evaluator for the

Prentke Romich Company (a developer of adaptive devices in Wooster, Ohio) Kissick marshals his interest in computer technology to help the physically challenged—even those who, like himself, are wheelchair-bound and unable to speak—to live independently. Day to day, Kissick relies on Prentke Romich's **LightTalker**, an alternative Apple II keyboard. Because it incorporates both an optical head pointer and speech synthesis, Kissick uses it for word processing, for communication—and▶

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At the Assistive Device Resource Center, a program sponsored by Meeting Street School/Easter Seals of Rhode Island, Judith Hammerlind Carlson, senior speech and language therapist, points out that while many of the children and adults she serves are "multiply physically handicapped" they're all—like Kissick—"keyboard disabled," as well. The same holds true for the more than 100 children in the organization's school program, for which Hammerlind Carlson is the computer coordinator.

"The aim," she says, "is to provide *choices*. We have some children who ac-



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cess the computer in several ways." Among them are Prentke Romich's LightTalker and TouchTalker, an alternative input device with speech synthesizer for those who can use their hands; Edmark's TouchWindow screen overlay, which circumvents the keyboard entirely; Dunamis' PowerPad, a large, square input tablet; Sunburst's Muppet Learning Keys; the Tash Mini Keyboard; Unicorn Engineering Company's Unicorn II Expanded Keyboard; and a wide variety of switches that respond to pressure, slight movement of a head or facial muscle, or eye movement (such as the EyeTyper 300) to select and display individual letters or words. While some of these devices hook up to the Apple's game or input/output port, others require a computer interface, such as Don Johnston Developmental Equipment's Adaptive Firmware Card.

According to Hammerlind Carlson, "One child may use a head stick in the morning when his spasticity is under control. Later in the day when he's tired, he might use a scanning array on the Adaptive Firmware Card." Adaptive input devices, including pneumatic (sip-and-puff) switches, head sticks, mouth sticks, optical pointers, and a number of other types of switches such as those mentioned above, are available from a variety of companies—Prentke Romich, Don Johnston Developmental Equipment, Sentient Systems Technology, R/M Systems, Words+, and Zygo Industries among others.

"Through the firmware," she continues, "we can hook up a multi-switch, for example, and program any keyboard characters we want. To use a program like Spinnaker's Facemaker Gold, I tell one switch to be the *W* key (to make the animated character on screen wink) and another to be the Return key. You can save these programs [the switch configurations] to disk. Teachers [in our school] sometimes get together in the afternoon and make up these arrays and save them."

Thanks to the efforts of Hammerlind Carlson's team and the adaptive hardware they've chosen, handicapped children at the school can access popular off-the-shelf software or programs designed especially for al-



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ternative input, such as UCLA/LAUSD Microcomputer Team's **Wheels on the Bus**, Edmark's **Edmark Reading Program**, Laureate Learning Systems' **The Talking Picture Series**, Marblesoft's **Mix 'n Match**, PEAL Software's **Exploratory Play**, and Exceptional Children's Software's **The Rabbit Scanner**.

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To enhance a child's learning and enjoyment even further, a number of special-needs programs, such as Access Unlimited/SPEECH Enterprises' **AppleWorks Companion** (for "talking" AppleWorks), Scholastic Software's **Talking Text Writer**, Teacher Support Software's **Read-a-Logo**, Hartley's **Dr. Peet's Talk/Writer**, MindPlay's **Easy Street**, and Dataflo's **Lelps** (Spanish version also available), translate keyboard, modem, or alternative input into synthesized speech. (A number of special-needs programs are also available as freeware in the public domain; at least two organizations we're



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aware of—Technology for Language and Learning and The Communicator Apple Users Group—have adapted some public-domain programs for speech output.)

Many "talking" programs let you toggle speech on and off; your program may verbalize each keystroke and cursor movement as you type, or you may be able to tell it to read your screen, document, or file back to you letter by letter or word by word for proofreading after you've finished typing. Dozens of talking word processors, spreadsheets, database-management programs, and communications programs give disabled Apple II users, particularly those with impaired vision or speech, all the advantages the computer offers in handling business, school, social-contact, and entertainment needs.

Unlike programs such as Weekly Reader/Optimum Resources' **Talking Stickybear Alphabet**, Davidson & Associates' **Talking Math and Me**, or The Learning Company's **Talking Reader Rabbit**, which use the Ensoniq sound chip in the GS to generate clear, crisp, digitized speech, most currently available "talking" software produces robotic-sounding, though comprehensible, speech through voice cards or external units interfaced to your II.

Compatible boards include RC Systems' **SlotBuster II**, Applied Engineering's **Phasor**, and Educational Technology's **Ufonic Voice System**.

By far the most popular models among speech synthesizers supported by "talking" software, however, are those made by Street Electronics: the **Echo IIc** (formerly Cricket) for the Apple IIc and the **Echo IIb** for the Apple II Plus, IIe, or IIGS.

A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT THINGS

For some visually impaired computer users, word processors with large-display options, such as Claris' **MultiScribe GS**, Random House's **II Write**, Broderbund's **Bank Street Writer III**, and Sunburst's **Magic Slate**, may do the trick. For others, screen magnifiers such as Inter-



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national Marketing Services' **CompuLenz** may help.

Still other users, especially those like Rose Angelocci who are totally blind, depend largely on speech synthesizers, as described above, to read keyboard input, messages, and other information downloaded via modem, or material received via optical scanner (text reader), such as Enabling Technologies' **Ready Reader** or Kurzweil Computer Products' **Personal Reader**. Prodigy Products' braille keycap labels, called **Locator Dots**, can help with touch typing, too.

WRITING IN BRAILLE

Without a moment's hesitation, Angelocci, a college student and an employee at Louisiana State University's Training and Resource Center for the Blind, enthusiastically endorses Raised Dot Computing's **BEX** word-processing program. She uses BEX to load, edit, and store lecture notes she's typed on a Computer Aids Corporation **Small Talk** portable computer.

After class, Angelocci hooks up the Small Talk by cable to her Apple IIe and loads the lecture notes into BEX. BEX and the Echo IIb speech synthesizer "read" the notes back to her for editing. She quips that even her sighted friends depend on BEX at exam time: "I type my lecture notes in class, and I get *every* word!"

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January 1986

A Beginner's Guide to Personal Computers for the Blind & Visually Impaired.

\$6
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November 1983

The Second Beginner's Guide to Personal Computers for the Blind & Visually Impaired

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second edition, June 1987
National Braille Press
88 St. Stephen Street
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(617) 266-6160

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products database

Apple Computer Resources in Special Education and Rehabilitation

DLM Teaching Resources
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1989 edition

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Communication Outlook

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(517) 353-0870

With either of her two Enabling Technologies braille printers Angellocci can print lecture notes in braille or reports in standard print for sighted teachers. (Other braille-printer manufacturers include Ohtsuki, Telesensory Systems, VTEK, MCS/Triformation, and Southland Manufacturing.) Some programs can even produce braille on an ordinary dot-matrix printer. The software translates keyboard or modem input into mirror images of braille patterns; the indentations printed on specially designed paper become raised dots when you turn the paper over. BEX also supports large-character printing on the ImageWriter II, a valuable option for partially sighted Apple II users.



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ALTERNATIVE INPUT TABLETS
SUCH AS DUNAMIS’ PRODUCTS
HELP SPECIAL-NEEDS USERS
OVERCOME THAT OBSTACLE.”

In addition to the dozens of products and companies mentioned in this article, hundreds more are devoted to helping computer users with special needs. Not all such programs talk or require adaptive hardware; many hearing-impaired Apple II users, for instance, use ordinary modems and communications software to exchange messages on line. Many programs, such as MCE's **Improving Your Self-Concept** for special-education students and Mindscape's **Developing Reading Power** for ESL (English as a second language) and “at risk” students, focus on social and emotional growth or enhancement of basic skills.

How can you determine which products or services are right for your needs or for your children, students, or clients?

1. Start with DLM Teaching Resource's comprehensive guide, **Apple Computer Resources in Special Education and Rehabilitation**. This hefty volume contains some 400 pages of information about Apple II products for those with behavioral, cognitive, hearing, physical, speech, and vision impairments.

2. Check our state-by-state directory of Apple-sponsored National Special Education Alliance centers. (See the accompanying sidebar.) Children and parents, as well as educators and rehabilitation professionals, ▶

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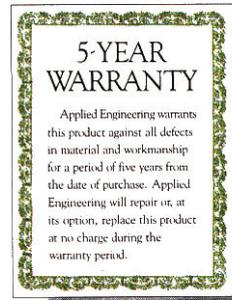
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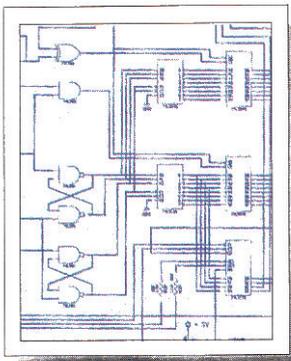
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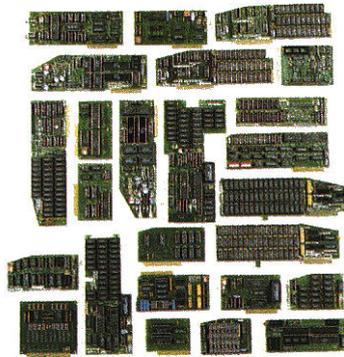
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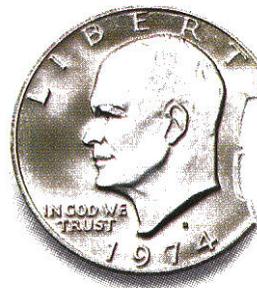
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4. Read some of the suggested publications mentioned here or log onto



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one of the on-line information services listed in our directory of resources. Note that some newsletters are available in large-print, braille, disk, or audio-tape versions.

5. Browse through the accompanying hardware and software product listings with this month's *inCider* Reader Service card and pen in hand. Circle targeted numbers to request literature about specific products or companies in which you're interested.

Don't let physical or developmental challenges hold you back. Whether your special need is temporary or permanent, mild or severe, an Apple II with adaptive devices and software can be an untiring personal assistant at school, at home, or on the job. As Lake Kissick, the hardware evaluator at Prentke Romich, notes, "I do things some people think are risky. But if I never try, I'll never know if I can do them. Don't *ever* limit your thinking." □

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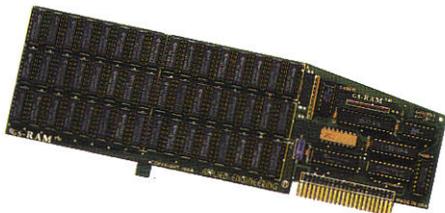
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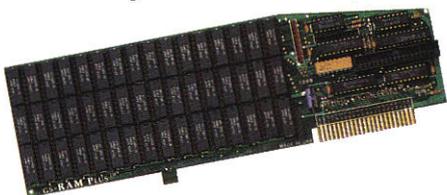
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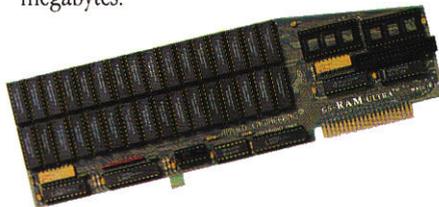
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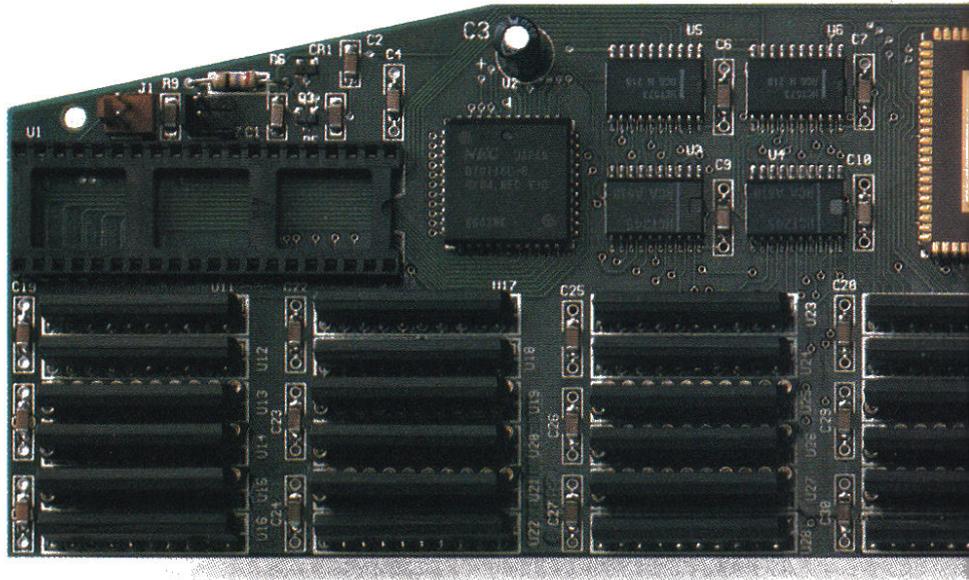
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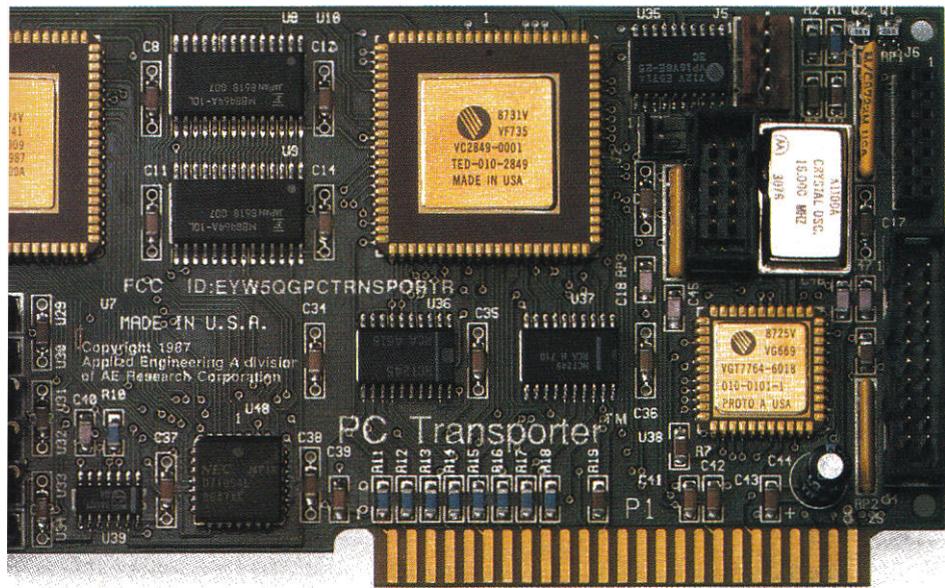
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CASHING IN

Put your money to work with an AppleWorks spreadsheet that calculates interest rates for investments you can bank on.

By RUTH K. WITKIN

TO PARAPHRASE CHARLES LAMB'S Pithy aphorism, "The human species, according to the best theory I can form of it, is composed of two distinct races, those who borrow and those who lend." In this session, you'll create a spreadsheet that shows how the money you lend can grow over time. Next month you'll examine the other side of the coin—a spreadsheet that calculates the cost of borrowing.

One way to add to your finances is to lend to a borrower, such as a bank or the federal government, with the understanding that your money will earn interest. The *interest rate*—the fee the borrower pays to use your money—is generally related to how much you lend, for how long, and at what risk.

While interest rate is the most visible yardstick in measuring one situation in comparison with another, the borrower's compounding practices determine how much your money actually earns. When money is compounded, the interest rate is applied to the principal plus interest. In effect, you're earning interest on interest. The number of times during the year your money is compounded converts interest rate into *effective annual yield*. The more frequent the compounding, the higher the yield.

The spreadsheet in **Figure 1** calculates the growth of any amount of money compounded any number of times annually at any interest rate for any length of time (in this example,

as long as 25 years). But that's not all. It also lets you see how long the money will last if you withdraw a steady amount each year—a great help in retirement planning.

When you enter the amount invested, annual interest rate, number of compound periods, and annual withdrawal amount, the formulas produce the effective annual yield, a year-by-year accounting of principal and interest, an annual withdrawal, and the balance remaining after each annual withdrawal.

A SPREADSHEET FROM SCRATCH

Use the AppleWorks Startup and Program disks to make a new file for the spreadsheet. Name the file **INTEREST**. You should now see the spreadsheet Review/Add/Change screen with the cursor in A1. Use the following summary to get the spreadsheet started:

Long lines. Enter a double line across row 2 in columns A through F: Place the cursor on A2 and type quotation marks. Hold down the equal-sign key until the sign reaches the right edge of F2, and hit Return. Leave the cursor on A2 and copy the row to the clipboard: Press OA-C to start the Copy command; type T to select *To clipboard*; and press Return.

You need the same line in row 9, so copy from the clipboard: Place the cursor on A9; press OA-C and type F to select *From clipboard*.

Next, enter a single line across row 12 in columns A through F: Place the cursor on A12;

type quotation marks; hold down the minus-sign key until the sign reaches the right edge of F12; and hit Return.

Column width. Each column is now nine characters wide. Use the Layout command (OA-L), *Columns* option, and *Column width* option to reduce column A to five characters and increase columns C through F to 14 characters each.

Labels and numbers. Enter all labels and numbers shown in **Figure 2**. Before you type the spreadsheet title, *INTEREST EARNED CALCULATOR*, in C1, type quotation marks and press the spacebar seven times to indent. In E11, type quotation marks before the label (*inc Inflatn*), short for *including inflation*. The numbers are in column D, rows 3 through 8, and in A13. Don't bother to press Return after typing each entry. Simply move the cursor to the next cell that needs an entry. Press Return when you're finished.

Formats. Most of the numbers are dollar amounts, but dollar signs will only crowd the columns. Instead, use the Value command (OA-V) to set a standard *Value format* of *Commas* with two decimal places.

Next, use the Layout command (OA-L) to reformat the following cells: D3 (initial investment) and D7 (regular annual withdrawal) to show Dollars with no decimal places; D5 (times compounded annually) for *Commas* with zero decimal places; D6 (effective annual yield) for *Percent* with two decimal places; A13 and A14 (year numbers) for *Commas* with zero decimal places. The year-number formula you'll soon enter in A14 and duplicate down the column will copy the *Commas* format into the other cells. And finally, use OA-L to right-justify all headings in rows 10 and 11.

Now press OA-S to store your work on disk.

ENTERING THE FORMULAS

Next, enter the formulas that perform your calculations. First, read how the formula ►

Erasmus at sea:
Bridge of the Erasmus

Score: 0
Moves: 1

The gale tears at you, biting deep within, and you know that if you don't make landfall soon you'll all be dead. You are John Blackthorne, Pilot-Major of a dead fleet: one ship left out of five, eight and twenty men out of one hundred and seven, and only ten of those can walk. No food, almost no water, and that brackish and foul.

Bridge of the Erasmus

This is the bridge of the Erasmus, a Dutch merchant and privateer. The unlashd wheel is directly forward of you, a sea chair is lashed to the deck aft of the wheel, and the ship's bell is hanging here. Spray blows past in an angry torrent.

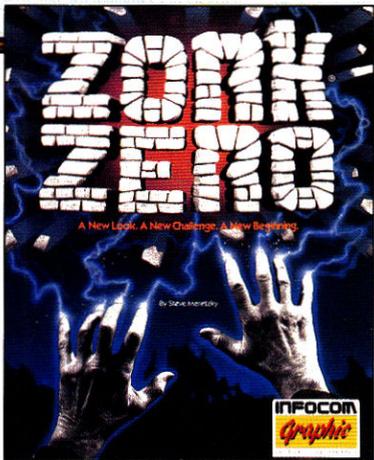
The wheel dominates the quarterdeck. It is turned straight and free to turn now.

The ship heels in a sudden squall, throwing you from your post at the wheel, which, uncontrolled, begins to turn to port.

>STRAIGHTEN THE WHEEL



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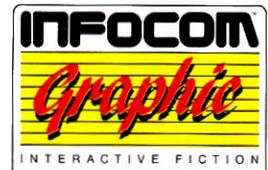
(Top) The Great Underground Empire comes alive with spellbinding graphics.
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 (Bottom) New visual puzzles will challenge you like never before.

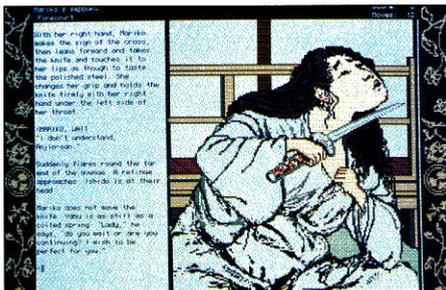
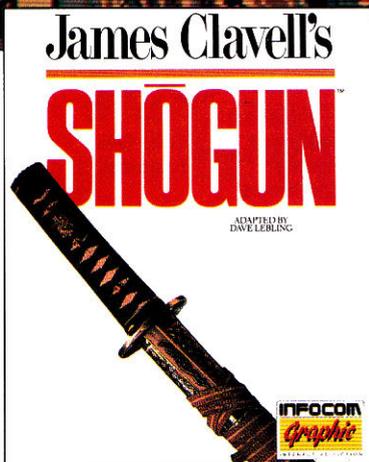


ZORK ZERO

The game that started it all has a new beginning! *Zork Zero* is the interactive fiction prequel to the *Zork Trilogy*, the most popular entertainment software product of all time. In *Zork Zero*, an unpredictable jester challenges you with puzzles, paradoxes and plenty of fun as you seek out objects ranging from the curious to the sublime.

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(Top) Experience the drama and pageantry of 16th Century Japan in *Shogun*.

(Center) Infocom's *Shogun* captures all the power of the novel.

(Bottom) Rich text and vivid graphics weave a gripping story of honor, intrigue, and survival.



JAMES CLAVELL'S SHOGUN™

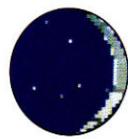
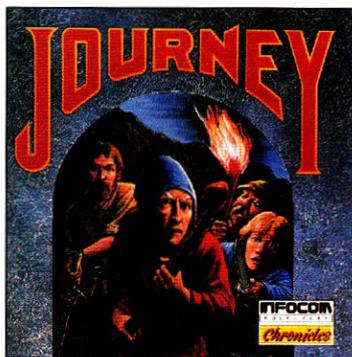
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Journey			
			
<p>For six long hours, we climbed steeply up the side of the Sunrise Mountain, and thus we came to the high tower of Astrix, the Wizard. No sooner had we arrived, then the tower's massive oak door opened.</p> <p>"I have been following your progress with great interest," the Wizard said, stroking his stringy gray beard. "You are a very resourceful group, that is certain!"</p> <p>His voice became dark and we seemed to wince from some unseen injury. "The question is: Have you mettle enough to make siege on the Evil One himself?" And then, smiling, the darkness fell from his voice, and he answered his own question, "We shall see, I suppose; we shall see."</p> <p>Leading us to his hearth, he sat us in a semi-circle around the blazing fire and spoke. "There is a story I must tell, a story of the Seven Stones. Created in a time lost to living memory, these Stones contained the very strength and essence of our world. Of the Seven, Four were entrusted to the races of men who could use them best: Elves, Dwarves, Nymphs, and Wizards."</p> <p>"These are the Four: the Elf Stone, green as the forests of old, and the Dwarf Stone, brown as the caverns of Forn a-klamen; the Nymph Stone, blue as the deep waters of M'nera, [MORE]</p>			
The Party		Individual Commands	
Back	Bergon -->	Cast	Tell Legend
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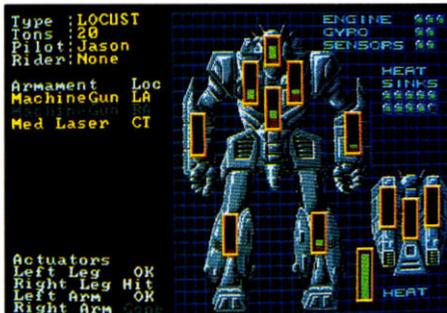


Journey			
			
<p>Hurth was asked by Praxix about the true story of the Dwarf Gates. Hurth replied eagerly, pleased to give us a taste of Dwarvish history.</p> <p>"Our fathers built four gates, each leading to one of the outposts of the world. The Barn i-Lan, where you entered, was our link to the plains of Lavos. The Barn i-Fee, at the opposite end of the Long Road, leads to the forests of the Elves. And the Barn i-Lar leads upwards to the high mountains of Thul."</p> <p>"And what of the fourth gate?" Bergon asked.</p> <p>"Of the fourth gate, the Barn i-Lan," Hurth replied gravely, "it is not spoken. Perhaps it is no longer used; this is what we Dwarves hear most."</p>			
The Party		Individual Commands	
Present	Bergon -->	Cast	Tell Legend
Back	Praxix -->	Tell Story	
Enter	Hurth -->	Drop	Inventory
Quit	Tag -->		

(Top) Magical creatures and wondrous wizards inhabit the world of *Journey*.

(Center) Ask for *Journey* at your favorite software retailer.

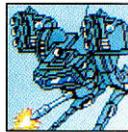
(Bottom) You must interpret what you find for your journey to be successful.



(Top) Animated outtakes let you zoom in on the action.

(Center) The package tells you that *BattleTech* means business.

(Bottom) Detailed scan helps keep track of damage sustained in combat.



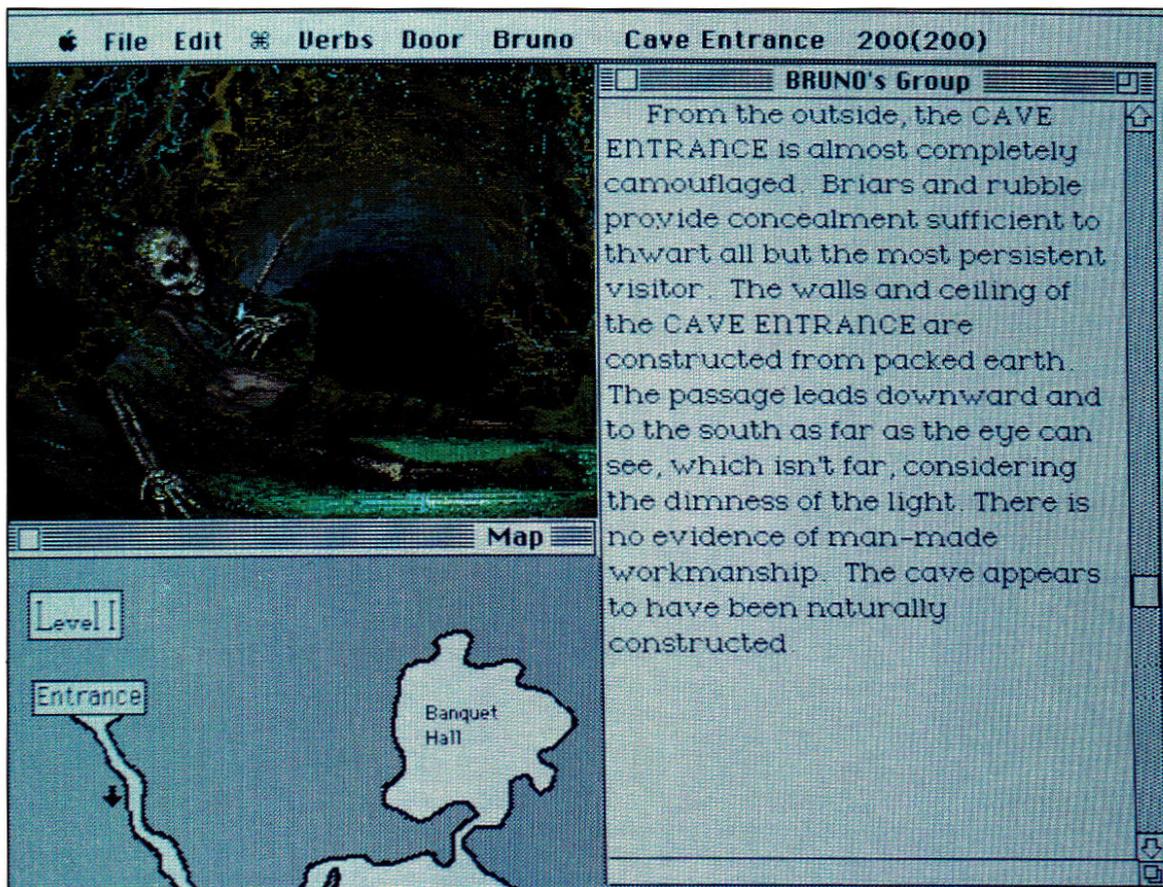
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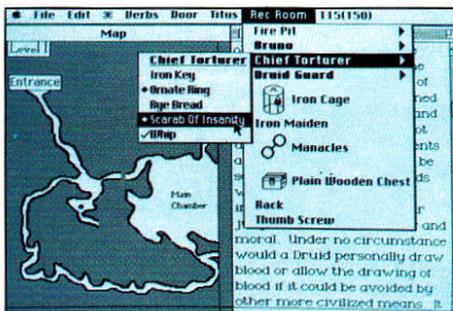




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works. Then place the cursor on the cell receiving the formula. Move the cursor to the cell locations shown in the formula description, and type everything else.

When the formula is complete, compare each character on your screen with the description here. If everything agrees, press Return. If something's amiss, press Escape and start again.

FORMULA 1: EFFECTIVE ANNUAL YIELD

Formula 1 divides interest earned in the first year (C13) by the amount invested (D3) and enters the effective annual yield in D6, assuming you've invested the money for one full year.

Cell location: D6

Description: $+C13/D3$

There's no interest earned in C13, so D6 shows 0.00%.

FORMULA 2: YEAR NUMBERS

Formula 2 adds 1 to the number in the cell above (A13) to start the sequence of year numbers in A14.

Cell location: A14

Description: $1+A13$

You'll copy Formula 2 down its column, along with other formulas, after you enter all formulas.

FORMULA 3: BEGINNING AMOUNT (YEAR 1)

Formula 3 doesn't calculate anything. It simply copies the investment amount in D3 to the beginning-amount cell in Year 1 (B13).

Cell location: B13

Description: $+D3$

FORMULA 4: BEGINNING AMOUNT (YEAR 2)

Formula 4 copies the balance remaining after withdrawal at the end of Year 1 (F13) to the starting amount in Year 2 (B14).

Cell location: B14

Description: $+F13$

There's no balance remaining in F13, so B14 shows zeros.

FORMULA 5: INTEREST EARNED

Formula 5 converts interest rate (D4) to a percentage and divides it by number of compound periods (D5). This result is raised to the power of the number of compound periods (D5) multiplied by the starting amount (B13).

Figure 1. AppleWorks interest-earned spreadsheet.

INTEREST EARNED CALCULATOR						
3	Amount Invested		\$85,000			
4	Annual Interest Rate (%)		9.75			
5	Times Compounded Annually		365			
6	Effective Annual Yield		10.24%	1		
7	Regular Annual Withdrawal		\$7,500			
8	Assumed Annual Inflation Rate (%)		4.00			
10	Year	Starting Amount	Interest Earned	Ending Amount (inc Inflatn)	Withdrawal	Balance Remaining
13	1	85,000.00	8,703.75	93,703.75	7,500.00	86,203.75
14	2	86,203.75	8,827.01	95,030.77	7,800.00	87,230.77
15	3	87,230.77	8,932.18	96,162.94	8,112.00	88,050.94
16	4	88,050.94	9,016.16	97,067.10	8,436.48	88,630.62
17	5	88,630.62	9,075.52	97,706.14	8,773.94	88,932.20
18	6	88,932.20	9,106.40	98,038.60	9,124.90	88,913.70
19	7	88,913.70	9,104.50	98,018.21	9,489.89	88,528.31
20	8	88,528.31	9,065.04	97,593.36	9,869.49	87,723.87
21	9	87,723.87	8,982.67	96,706.54	10,264.27	86,442.27
22	10	86,442.27	8,851.44	95,293.70	10,674.84	84,618.87
23	11	84,618.87	8,664.73	93,283.59	11,101.83	82,181.76
24	12	82,181.76	8,415.17	90,596.93	11,545.91	79,051.03
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26	14	75,137.88	7,693.90	82,831.78	12,488.05	70,343.73
27	15	70,343.73	7,202.99	77,546.72	12,987.57	64,559.15
28	16	64,559.15	6,610.67	71,169.82	13,507.08	57,662.74
29	17	57,662.74	5,904.50	63,567.24	14,047.36	49,519.88
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32	20	28,881.66	2,957.40	31,839.06	15,801.37	16,037.69
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35	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
37	25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38						
39						

Figure 2. Labels and practice numbers.

INTEREST EARNED CALCULATOR						
3	Amount Invested		85000			
4	Annual Interest Rate (%)		9.75			
5	Times Compounded Annually		365			
6	Effective Annual Yield					
7	Regular Annual Withdrawal		7500			
8	Assumed Annual Inflation Rate (%)		4			
9						
10	Year	Starting Amount	Interest Earned	Ending Amount	Withdrawal (inc Inflatn)	Balance Remaining
13	1					
14						
15						

The formula then reduces this result by the starting amount (B13) to provide the interest earned in C13.

Cell location: C13

Description: $(1+(D4/100/D5))^{D5*B13}-B13$

FORMULA 6: ENDING AMOUNT (YEAR 1)

Formula 6 adds the beginning amount (B13)

and interest earned (C13) to produce the ending amount for the first year in D13.

Cell location: D13

Description: $+B13+C13$

Now copy Formulas 5 and 6 into one cell below: Place the cursor on C13, press OA-C, and press Return; move the cursor to D13, and hit Return again; press the down-arrow key to highlight C14; and hit Return once

more. To tell AppleWorks which cell references are *No change* (press Return) and which are *Relative* (type R), press Return three times and type R four times. C14 and D14 now contain zeros.

FORMULA 7: INITIAL WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT

Formula 7 copies the initial withdrawal amount from D7 to E13.
Cell location: E13
Description: +D7

FORMULA 8: WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT (YEAR 2)

Formula 8 calculates an annual withdrawal that keeps pace with inflation. Clearly, you can't withdraw more than you have in the account, so the IF function prevents any number exceeding the ending amount from appearing on the spreadsheet. The Test statement compares the prior withdrawal (E13) plus the assumed inflation rate (D8) with

the ending amount (D14). If prior withdrawal plus inflation is less than or equal to the ending amount, the Then statement calculates the new withdrawal and enters the result in E14. If the prior withdrawal plus inflation is greater than the ending amount, the Else statement copies the ending amount from D14 to E14.

Cell location: E14
Description: @IF(E13*(1+(D8/100))<=D14,E13*(1+(D8/100)),D14)

FORMULA 9: BALANCE REMAINING

Formula 9 subtracts the withdrawal amount (E13) from the ending amount (D13) and produces the balance remaining in F13.

Cell location: F13
Description: +D13-E13

Copy Formula 9 into the cell below: Leave the cursor on F13 and press OA-C; hit Return twice; press the down-arrow key to highlight F14; and hit Return again. Both cell references are relative, so type R twice. AppleWorks now calculates the amounts in Year 2.

PROTECTING THE FORMULAS

You'll soon be copying formulas down their columns. It's a good idea to protect them first, because AppleWorks can copy the formula and protection at the same time. Start with the formula that generates the effective annual yield: Place the cursor on D6 and press OA-L to bring up the Layout screen. Hit Return to confirm *Entry*, and type PN.

Now protect the formulas in rows 13 and 14: Place the cursor on A13 (which includes the number 1—not a formula, but it doesn't matter). Press OA-L and type B to select *Block*. Press OA-Right Arrow, then Down Arrow to highlight both rows, and press Return. Type PN.

ORDER OF RECALCULATION

AppleWorks routinely recalculates by columns, meaning that it calculates the formulas from top to bottom in the first column, then from top to bottom in the second column, and so on. On this spreadsheet, the formulas must calculate across rows, so change the standard order: Leave the cursor on A13 and press OA-V to bring up the Standard Values screen; type R to select *Recalculate*; hit Return to confirm *Order*; and hit it again to confirm *Rows*.

COPYING THE FORMULAS

Now place the cursor on A14 so that you can copy the formulas: Press OA-C and hit Return; press OA-Right Arrow to identify the source; and hit Return again. Press the down-arrow key to show the start of the new location. Type a period, press OA-Down Arrow twice, then Down Arrow once to move the cursor to row 37, and hit Return.

To tell AppleWorks which cell is *No change* and which is *Relative*, type R twice, hit Return three times, type R five times, hit Return once, type R twice, hit Return once again, and type R three times. When calculations stop rippling down the screen, your spreadsheet should look like the one in **Figure 1**.

SETTING THE PRINTER OPTIONS

This spreadsheet is 75 characters wide and prints at ten characters to the inch. Change the margin settings to position it well on the printed page: Leave the cursor where it is and press OA-O to bring up the Printer Options screen. Type LM to select *Left Margin* and press Return. Type .3 and hit Return again. Now type TM to select *Top Margin* and press Return.

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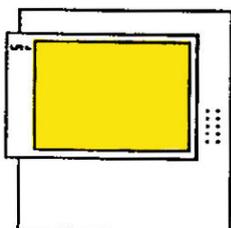
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Type **1** and hit Return again.

All other print settings remain at AppleWorks standards. Press OA-S to store this final version on disk, which also returns the spreadsheet to the screen.

PRINTING YOUR SPREADSHEET

Turn on your printer and run out your spreadsheet. Leave the cursor where it is; press OA-P to bring up the Print screen; press Return to confirm *All*. Press Return to confirm the printer (or type a printer number, then Return). Type today's date and hit Return twice, the second time to confirm one copy. The printer whirs and here's your spreadsheet.

WATCHING MONEY GROW

This spreadsheet lets you view money growth from two angles: with no withdrawal and with a steady withdrawal each year.

As an example of the first instance, let's say you've inherited \$100,000. After considering several investment options carefully, you've decided on one that pays 10.5 percent with daily compounding. You expect annual inflation to remain at 4 percent, and you don't plan any withdrawals in the immediate future.

Before entering these numbers, turn off automatic recalculation so that AppleWorks doesn't recalculate all formulas each time you type in a new number: Leave the cursor where it is and press OA-V; type **RFM** (for *Recalculate Frequency Manual*).

Now enter these numbers: In D3, type **100000**; in D4, type **10.5**; and in D7, type **0**. Press OA-K to recalculate the spreadsheet.

Take a good look at D6, which shows an effective annual yield of 8.7 percent. With an annual interest rate of 10.5, this clearly doesn't make any sense. What's going on?

The formula in D6 is a *forward reference*—a condition that occurs when a formula needs the result of a formula in a cell below it to do its own calculations. Once recalculation passes by, it doesn't return.

In this spreadsheet, the formula in D6 needs the result of the formula in C13. This means you must recalculate the spreadsheet a second time after you change a number in D3, D4, or D5. So, press OA-K to recalculate again. Cell D6 should now contain 11.07 percent. That's better.

RETIREMENT AND ESTATE PLANNING

Now suppose you're of retirement age. Your

contributions over the years to retirement plans, including interest, have grown to a tidy sum of \$325,700. You plan to take this money in a lump sum, pay whatever taxes are due, and put most of the remainder into the safest income-producing investments you can find.

You can estimate your life expectancy to be about 15 more years and you want to leave a cash estate of at least \$150,000 to your spouse. After trying a few "what ifs" with the annual withdrawal amount, you've come up with the right mix. You can withdraw \$33,000 initially plus 4 percent more each year to stay even with inflation, and you'll still have \$159,212.18 remaining at the end of 15 years. If you're around longer than that, you'll still have money to live on.

To see how this works, enter these numbers: In D3 type **325700**; and in D7 type **33000**. Press OA-K once, wait for recalculation to stop, and press OA-K again. Now press OA-Down Arrow twice to see the results in the later years.

Here's a way to make "what-if" sessions eas-

ier: Enter a formula in F8 that copies the amount in the target cell. That way you won't have to move the cursor up and down the spreadsheet each time you change a number.

Try it now. Say you want to keep the balance in the 15th year visible. Place the cursor on F8, type a plus sign, move the cursor to F27, and press Return. To identify the amount in F8, move the cursor to E8 and enter **After 15 Years**. If you want to keep the contents of another cell visible instead, simply change the formula.

Next month you'll create a spreadsheet that calculates the cost of borrowing. ■

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IF *INCIDER'S* DESKTOP-PUBLISHING contest last summer was any indication, everyone, it seems, is on a newsletter kick. And what could be better than a missive you just fold, stamp, and mail? Let's design a two-page newsletter that communicates your special message—and helps keep the U.S. Postal Service in operation.

ON YOUR MARK

The newsletter I designed for this column has a particular theme: It's an advertisement for a Cape Cod motel. You can adapt a layout like this one to just about any topic, however.

I used "seaside" graphics to support my theme. If you're advertising a toy store, you might insert an illustration of a clown where I placed my "beachgoers." If you belong to a book club, try a picture of a bookshelf or a digitized image of some widely known writer. Run an investment service? You might opt for bulls and bears, or maybe a bar graph.

GET SET: TEXT AREAS

To arrive at my layout, I worked with Timeworks' **Publish It!**, a powerful yet undemanding page-design program that runs on any 128K Apple II. (A IIe must be enhanced.) Timeworks sells three volumes of attractive, professionally drawn clip art; I used graphics from all three. My motel-newsletter layout

looks simple—and despite its 23 different "objects," it is.

Before you begin, be sure to have a near-empty, formatted data disk so that you can save your newsletter-in-progress frequently. It's especially important to save the basic layout, even before you type the first word into the body of the newsletter. You can then use this basic layout, or template, over and over for successive issues of your publication.

With **Publish It!** loaded, start a New file. Pull down the Special menu and click on Size to Fit. Working on Page 1 (**Figure 1**), select the T-shaped text tool from the tool palette. "Rubber-band" the title area into place (hold down the mouse button and drag) by starting about 1½ inches down from the top edge of the page and about ¼ inch in from the left edge. (Use the on-screen rulers as guides.) Make the title area a little more than an inch high and about seven inches wide.

The next step for this object, and for all others, is to make sure the object is "activated," so that you can edit it or check its specifications. An activated object has little corner "handles"; if your first text area doesn't have handles, select the pointer tool, the first one in the tool palette, and click on the object.

Pull down the Objects menu and click on Show Specifications. Try to make your object's specifications closely match those listed in the accompanying **Table**, the precise specifications of the objects in my motel newsletter.

Referring to the **Table**, use the text tool to create the two columns on Page 1. Next, click on the right-arrow graphic located at the bottom left of the screen under the tool palette. The program will add a second page to the newsletter. On this page, you'll create three more text areas: two columns and the return-address section of the mailing panel.

With the text areas completed, go back to Page 1 by clicking on the left arrow located at the bottom left of the screen under the tool palette. It's a lot like flipping back a page in a book.

GET SET: GRAPHICS AREAS

Next add the graphics areas where we'll later import ready-made clip art. Page 1 requires three graphics areas: for the pail and shovel, for the beachgoers, and for the bottom border (which reminds me of the "lowers" in a set of dentures).

Click on the graphics tool (it looks like an X-in-a-box) in the tool palette. Following the guidelines in the **Table**, rubber-band the sand-pail graphics area into place.

Next, rubber-band the area where the beachgoers will end up "sunning themselves." Finally, create the area for the "lowers."

At this point, the screen should show three blank rectangles representing the three text areas (for the title and two columns). You should also see three shaded rectangles for the three graphics areas.

Take some time to familiarize yourself with **Publish It!**'s Special menu and with switching from one page view to another. I find Size to Fit the best mode for laying out a page. Show Half Size seems best for working with headlines. Show Full Size is best for typing in text, for activating small or thin objects, and for viewing graphics exactly as they'll appear on the printed page.

Flip to Page 2 (**Figure 2**). Rubber-band four graphics areas on this page: one for the "up-▶

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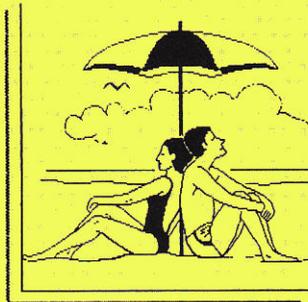
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Figure 1. Page 1 of motel newsletter.

pers" (top border), one for the "lowers" (bottom border), one for the sailboat, and another for the stamp graphic. Once again, follow the specifications in the **Table**.

GO GRAPHICS!

Back on Page 1, click on a graphics area to activate it. Insert the disk containing the clip art you want into the data drive. Pull down the File menu and click on Import Picture.

Select the appropriate picture file, crop the picture, press Return, and voilà—the graphic's imported. If you're not working in Show Full Size mode, change to it now so that you can see the picture.

Follow the same procedure for all other imported artwork. If you want to use artwork

identical to mine, use the On.The.Beach file from the **People, Places & Things** clip-art disk for the pail and shovel and for the beachgoers graphic.

You'll find the sailboat and stamp graphics in the Music and Locks files, respectively, on the **Education Graphics** disk. The upper and lower borders are in the Bullets file on the **Symbols and Slogans** disk.

GO TEXT!

Most of the layout work is behind you. You're ready to type the newsletter's title. Choose the I-beam from the tool palette and place it inside the title-text area. From the Font menu, select the DesPlaines 36 font and outline style. Type in the title: William & Mary

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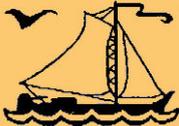
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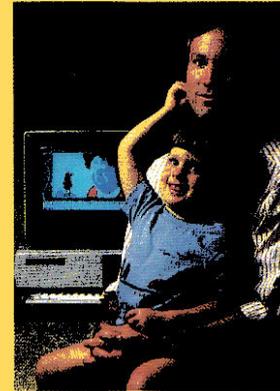
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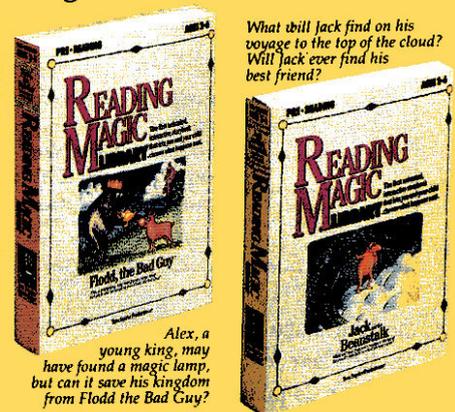
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Figure 2. Page 2 of motel newsletter.

Condominium Motel (or whatever).

Highlight this text by holding down the mouse button and dragging the mouse across each letter until you've selected the whole title. Pull down the Format menu and choose Justification. From the dialog that opens, select Center and turn off the Use Page Standard feature. Your title should center itself on screen.

For the body of this newsletter, I used the 12-point Deerfield font, Publish It!'s default font for text areas. Remember to place the I-beam tool in any text area before you try typing or editing text.

I typed all text in Show Full Size mode. Because each column is less than half a page wide and fits completely on the computer

screen, I didn't run into one common problem: In some modes, the screen constantly shifts and redraws itself.

Don't worry about typing the same text I did. Experiment and type anything you want, even nonsense paragraphs. After all, we're practicing, not taking an exam.

DRESSING UP

For headlines, such as "Welcome to Cape Cod," highlight the text by dragging the mouse as we did for the title. Click on Next Size (Font menu), then Justification (Format menu) to center each headline as we did for the title above.

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Page 1: Column 1	Text	0.468	3.293	3.325	6.977
Page 1: Column 2	Text	4.651	3.362	3.325	7
Beach Scene	Graphic	0.904	4.716	2.605	2.552
Half-frame	Line	0.702, 0.823, 0.823, 0.719	4.79, 4.743, 7.261, 7.4	n/a, n/a, 2.593, 2.588	2.593, 2.563, n/a, n/a
Column Divider	Line	4.206	3.366	n/a	6
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Retn. Address	Text	1.644	7.554	4	2
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the Font menu and click on Next Size. The result? These letters, like those in headlines, appear in 24-point Deerfield.

On Page 2, type subheadings in solid capital letters to make them stand out. Select each and make it boldface (Font menu) for greater emphasis.

In paragraph 2 on Page 2, I underlined and italicized the warning that motel clients are responsible for the entire period they reserve. You can use a similar method to highlight important text.

Now prepare the return address using the 12-point DesPlaines font. Place the I-beam tool in the return-address text area, pull down the

Font menu and click on Select Font. Then type in your return address.

SHAPING UP

Let's add some finishing touches. Click on the round-rectangle tool (eighth from the top of the palette). Following the specifications in the **Table**, rubber-band a round rectangle into place on top of the title area.

Whoa! The round rectangle *covers up* the title! Let's fix that. Making sure the round rectangle is activated (with those little handles), pull down the Objects menu and click on Move to Back. See? The round rectangle actually becomes a *border* around the title.

You can experiment with borders by using different line weights, pen patterns, or fill patterns (Objects menu). Remember—with object-oriented graphics you play with *layers* of things and can move layers behind or in front of other layers.

THE LINEUP

Let's finish off Page 1 of our newsletter by adding half a window frame around the graphics area in Column 1 and a vertical divider between Columns 1 and 2. Click on the straight-line tool—the sixth one down in the tool palette.

Rubber-band the lines into place according to the **Table's** guidelines. Don't fret if things don't look perfect so far: Another benefit of object-oriented graphics, and a program like Publish It!, is that you can activate any object at any time and move it or resize it.

Flip to Page 2 and continue with the straight-line tool. You want to add a vertical divider between Columns 3 and 4, two horizontal dividers under *ACCOMMODATIONS*, and one line under the motel's rate schedule.

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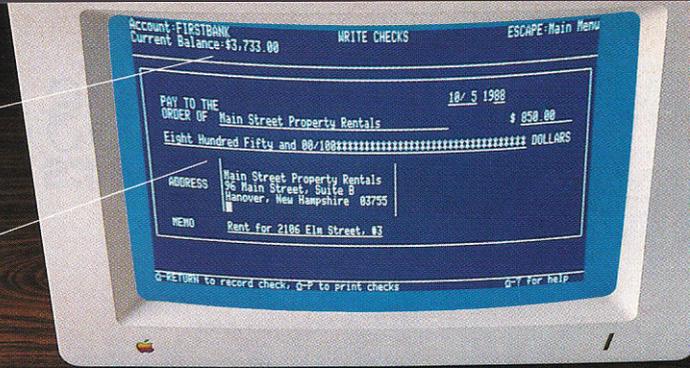
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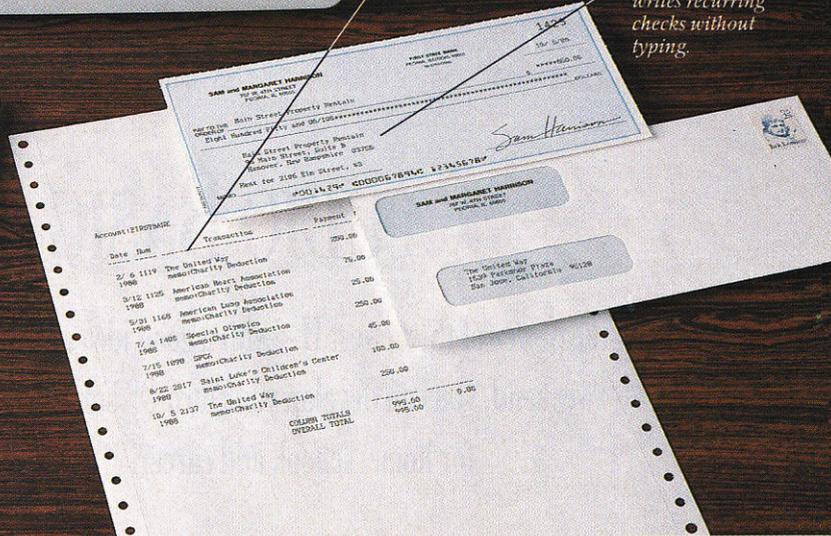
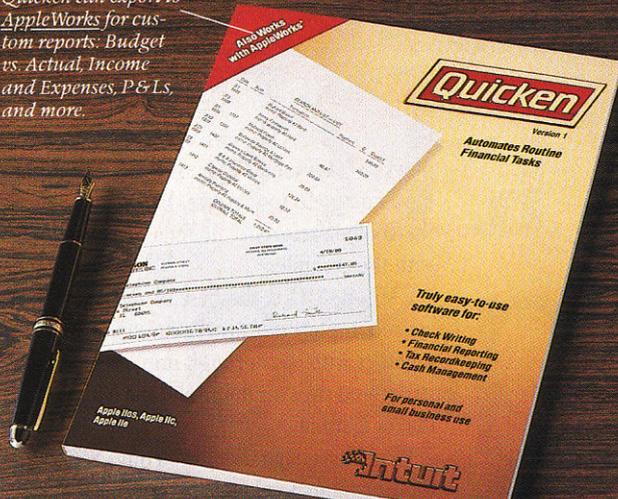


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Tap the power of the newest II—with a good idea and an idle weekend, you can develop your own GS solutions for home, school, and career.

By **JOE ABERNATHY**

UNTIL RECENTLY THE MOST POWERFUL Apple II has also been the most difficult II to program. But don't let the IIGS intimidate you; let it challenge you. Thanks to several third-party language developers, the full creative scope of the IIGS is now available to you as a BASIC programmer.

DEVELOPMENT PLATFORMS

Before you even write your first line of code, you'll need to determine which compiler to use. Unlike built-in Applesoft, the 8-bit *interpreter* that translates BASIC into machine language line by line, *compilers* translate an entire BASIC program into machine language. Currently, you can choose among four commercial BASICs. (A fifth is scheduled for release this summer.) As you read the following rundown, keep your ultimate programming goals in mind. That should be the determining factor in selecting the compiler that's best for you.

AC/BASIC. This is the fastest way to program your IIGS. Intuitive one-word commands replace traditional Toolbox access, making desktop programming readily accessible even to beginners. AC/BASIC is good for any casual custom programming, but lacks the speed or flexibility to produce high-level applications.

Any Microsoft-compatible BASIC compiler can share AC/BASIC source code, so you can adapt a well-designed AC program written on

your IIGS for another brand of computer in just a few hours.

GS BASIC. No longer produced or supported, this compiler is still available through the Apple Programmers and Developers Association (APDA) at Apple Computer.

Micol Advanced BASIC. The new kid on the block is being touted as a latter-day Applesoft, with Toolbox support and structure added. This compiler, which doesn't require in-depth instruction, lets you merge special GS capabilities with programs written on older IIs.

Micol is the only BASIC that can produce classic desk accessories (CDAs, like the GS control panel), a feature that should be available in every language. It also supports structured programming considerably more advanced than that of other compilers.

Micol BASIC isn't targeted at those who want to produce "genuine" IIGS desktop applications. This capability exists in theory, but not in practice. Although Micol Systems plans significant enhancements, for now you'll have to weigh its comparatively limited abilities against its price, the highest of any IIGS BASIC.

ORCA/BASIC. ByteWorks plans to release ORCA/BASIC this summer. You'll be able to use this product with other ORCA languages in a single program. Reportedly, ORCA/BASIC will incorporate a number of other powerful features not yet available in IIGS BASIC. **TML BASIC.** This language produces the fastest programs and has the best manual. It em-

ploys a traditional Toolbox interface: You'll have complete tool access, but you must use the Toolbox reference manuals in conjunction with the compiler.

TML BASIC is the best of the lot for advanced application programming. Its power, together with its thorough implementation of structured programming and the GS Toolbox, makes it shine.

Which language should you buy? Your goals for the coming weekend are only half the story. Consider also what you hope to be doing six months from now, and choose a product that will grow with you.

If you prefer traditional Applesoft and a text-based interface, or want to write CDAs, Micol Advanced BASIC will add the most to your efforts. Choose TML if you want to design a large desktop application. AC is the best for spare-time programmers who want to present their work under the desktop metaphor.

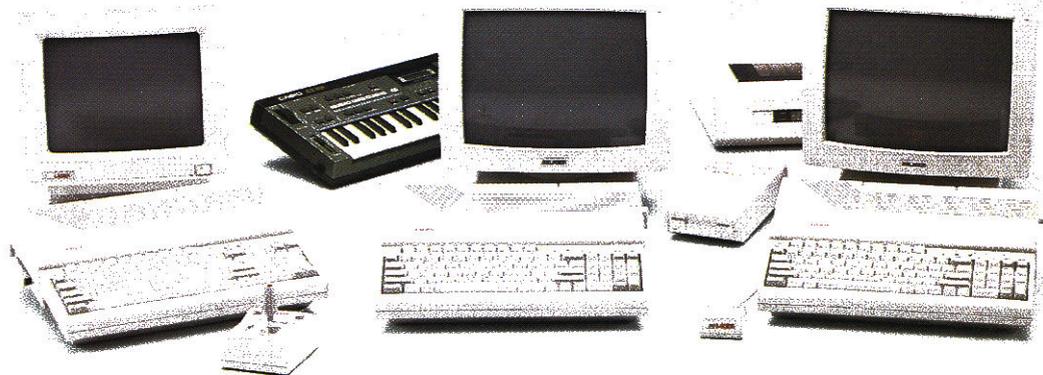
STRUCTURED PROGRAM DESIGN

A structured program is one you write in terms of "building block" subroutines. Structured programming requires more learning and planning than does simple hacking at the keyboard, but you must embrace it to realize the GS' abilities. Soon, you'll wonder how you got by without it.

The theory behind modular programming is that you can define even a large program as a series of low-level tasks. When you first write a procedure, its simple scope makes it easy to program and debug. You can then use the procedure, if designed properly, in every program that needs its services. You'll eventually develop a personal library of procedures that might handle anything from graphics to database manipulation.

Looking at the big picture, structured design adds elegance to program flow. Procedures replace the GOTO statement, for instance. (Think of them as a latter-day version ►

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of GOSUB.) Eliminating GOTO forces you to use solid program logic, and has the side benefit of making programs self-documenting.

Modular design is based on control structures—language features that let you plan block design and program flow. Control structures are a series of statements in the form of IF/THEN/ELSE, DO/UNTIL, DO/WHILE, and so on. This differs from Applesoft BASIC, in which a program can move only forward in a straight line (line 10, line 20, and so on).

The best way to grasp these structures is to see them in action:

```
IF Online% = Nil% THEN
  PROC DoDialOut (Phone%)
ELSE
  PROC DoLogon (Macro%)
END IF
WHILE NOT EOF (FileIndex%)
  PROC ReadLine
  PROC ShowLine
WEND
DO
  PROC ReadClient
UNTIL ClientNum% = NumClients%
DO
  PROC ReadDataStream
  CharCount% = FN CountEm
WHILE NOT EOL (1)
CASE TestScore% OF
  100 : PROC SetCurve
  90 : PROC DoA
  80 : PROC DoB
  70 : PROC DoC
  60 : PROC DoD
ELSE
  PROC DoFlunk (Student$)
ENDCASE
```

Although each compiler offers a different set of control structures, there will always be a way to make the program do what you want it to. For instance, only Micol BASIC offers the CASE statement, but you can mimic it with the IF/THEN/ELSE of AC and TML.

In the examples above, you can see that procedures, identified by PROC, and functions (procedures that calculate and return a value) are an integral part of structured program flow. Here are examples of what some of the definitions of the fictitious procedures used above might look like:

```
PROC DoDialOut (Phone%)
```

Listing 1. inCider.Shell.

```
-----
* File: inCider.Shell
* By Joe Abernathy
* (C)1989, Joe Abernathy. All Rights Reserved.
* Compiler: AC/BASIC for the Apple IIcs.
* Compile this shell with the "no standard menus" option selected.
-----
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-----
* Customize the ABOUT box:
* $About "inCider Shell, By Joe Abernathy"

GOSUB DoSetup
DoMenu
ON MENU GOSUB menuproc
MENU ON

main:
  GOTO main

-----
* Get global variables
* Construct menu bar
* Init menu event trapping
* Enable menu event trapping

* Event-driven program
* QUIT forces exit

-----
menuproc:
  menunum = MENU(0)
  itemnum = MENU(1)
  IF menunum = 1 THEN
    IF itemnum = 1 THEN
      GOSUB 10
    ELSEIF itemnum = 2 THEN
      GOSUB 20
    ELSEIF itemnum = 3 THEN
      GOSUB 30
    ELSEIF itemnum = 4 THEN
      GOSUB 40
    ELSEIF itemnum = 5 THEN
      GOSUB 50
    ELSEIF itemnum = 6 THEN
      GOSUB 60
    END IF
  END IF
RETURN

-----
* This routine generates the standard new file dialog. It does not
* do anything with the selected file. In a program, you would use the
* which$ value as a parameter to the editing routines in your library.

10:
  f$ = FILES$(0,"DEFAULT.NAM")
  IF f$="" THEN RETURN
  which$ = f$
  MENU ' Should be called after working with the file.

RETURN

-----
* This routine generates the standard get file dialog. It does not
* do anything with the selected file. In a program, you would use the
* which$ value as a parameter to the editing routines in your library.

20:
  f$ = FILES$(1,"DIRTXT")
  IF f$="" THEN RETURN
  which$ = f$
  MENU ' This should actually be called after working with the file.
RETURN

-----
30:
  KillFiles
  MENU
RETURN

-----
* DELETE a file
* sub from inCider.Tools
* Unhighlight menu bar
```

```
PROC InitModem
PROC OffHook
PROC DialIt (Phone%)
END PROC
PROC ReadLine
```

```
LOCAL x$
tmpline$ = ""
WHILE NOT EOL (FileIndex%)
  x$ = GetChar
  tmpline$ = tmpline$ + x$
```

```

-----
40:                                     ' PRINT a file
    f$ = "null"                         ' Force first While loop ..
    WHILE f$ <> ""
        f$ = FILE$(1,"TXTSRC")          ' Generate file dialog box
        IF f$ <> "" THEN                 ' If not Cancel was clicked ..
            PrintFile(f$)              ' SUB from inCider.Tools lib
        END IF
    WEND
    MENU                                 ' Unhighlight menu bar
RETURN
-----

```

```

50:                                     ' Type a file to screen
    f$ = "null"                         ' Force first While loop ..
    WHILE f$ <> ""
        f$ = FILE$(1,"TXTSRC")          ' Generate file dialog box
        IF f$ <> "" THEN                 ' If not Cancel clicked ...
            TypeFile(f$)                ' SUB from inCider.Tools ..
        END IF
    WEND
    MENU                                 ' Unhighlight menu bar
RETURN
-----

```

```

60:                                     ' QUIT
    MENU                                 ' Un-inverse menu bar
    END
-----

```

```

DoSetup:                               ' Set up program globals
    top = 26                             ' Screen dimensions:
    left = 4
    bottom = 197
    right = 618
    WindEx = 2
    flag = 0
    filenum = 1
RETURN
-----

```

```

SUB DoMenu                               ' Create menu bar
    MENU 1,0,1," File"                  ' The FILE menu
    MENU 1,1,1,"New"                    ' is it for now.
    MENU 1,2,1,"Edit"
    MENU 1,3,1,"Delete"
    MENU 1,4,1,"Print"
    MENU 1,5,1,"Type"
    MENU 1,6,1,"Quit"
END SUB
-----

```

```

' With structured programming, you will develop libraries of routines to
' handle various standard tasks. These must be attached to the program at
' compile time. This is done in AC/BASIC by putting appropriate INCLUDE
' directives at the end of the source code. You should create a data volume
' to hold these libraries. Below, specify for INCIDER.TOOLS the disk volume
' in which you have it installed.

```

```

'$INCLUDE "**/ASRC/BASIC/AC/DUMP/INCIDER.TOOLS"
-----

```

```

' The End. (inCider.Shell)
-----

```

to manage various aspects of the desktop, such as pull-down menus. You can reuse this shell in subsequent programs. In addition, I'll present a library of low-level software tools (**Listing 2**) you'll want to use in most of the programs you write later.

In coming issues, I'll use the shell as a platform on which you'll implement dialogs, user input/output, data management, graphics, sound, and more.

What if you're using a different compiler? If it's TML BASIC, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to *inCider* and you'll receive free of charge the shell implemented in TML BASIC. (It's too lengthy to print here.) You can download the shells from *inCider's* BBS (603-924-9801), and you can also refer to the product information listed at the end of the column. Because Microl Advanced BASIC isn't oriented toward desktop programming, no shell is available for it.

I'll discuss each tool in the library individually in a moment, but you also can learn from examining the program as a whole:

- Each procedure handles a narrowly defined task you'll probably be able to use in a later program. Logical branching replaces the GOTO statement for directing program flow. This makes debugging easier, and lends a self-documenting quality to the program.

- Mnemonic variable names, as opposed to abstract numbers and letters, make your intent much clearer. Consistent indentation of inner loops and control structures makes the program easy to read.

- Procedures included in the *inCider.Tools* library are the low-level routines most applications need. On a more advanced level, you'll want to build libraries in a topical fashion—for instance, sound, graphics, or input/output.

- In the shell, notice that subroutines 40 and 50, which correspond to the menu choices Print and Type, must provide the parameters (the filename) the program will print or display. *PrintFile* and *TypeFile* are essentially dumb, but this quality makes them suitable for a wide variety of applications. Study their implementation in *inCider.Tools* with this in mind. Compare to *KillFiles*.

- In the Subroutine *DoSetup*, I maintain a list of global variables. Because BASIC has no formal variable-declaration feature as Pascal does, it's a good idea to adopt this convention to keep your global variables straight, even ►

```

WEND
END PROC

```

In the first instance, the procedure "dial out" is made up of smaller procedures that

instruct the program to "initialize the modem," "take the phone off the hook," and "dial."

To introduce structured programming on the IIGS, the first program you'll write is a shell for AC/BASIC (**Listing 1**) that shows how

though you don't need to.

●To add a capability to the shell, add a line to the DoMenu subroutine, a corresponding line in the MENUPROC routine, and a label to do the actual work. The ON MENU directive makes this program design possible; it activates event polling in which the system will automatically handle any selections made from the pull-down menus. Your manual explains this at length, but all you really need to know is how to make it work. No other compiler uses this methodology.

●The last line of inCider.Shell uses the \$INCLUDE directive to tie the inCider.Tools library to the main program. Note that this directive is written just as shown, including the REMark character.

●The inCider.Tools library is a set of utilities that'll be some of the first building blocks you'll need. When designing your own procedures, remember to keep things simple, and document each procedure thoroughly so that you don't have to wonder how to call it or modify it later.

Listing 2. inCider.Tools.

```

'-----
' File : inCider.Tools
' (C)1989, Joe Abernathy. All Rights Reserved.
' Compiler : AC/BASIC for the Apple IIgs.
'-----
' This library requires global variables declared in inCider.Shell.
'-----

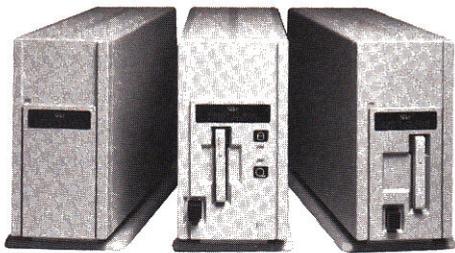
' Procedure PrintFile -- Print a file.
' You must pass name of file to print in thefile$.

SUB PrintFile(thefile$)
  SHARED FileNum          ' Global var
  FileNum = FileNum + 1
  OPEN thefile$ FOR INPUT AS FileNum          ' Open file passed in thefile$
  OPEN "LPT1:PROMPT" FOR OUTPUT AS FileNum + 1 ' Open printer
  WHILE NOT EOF(FileNum)
    LINE INPUT #FileNum, a$
    PRINT #FileNum + 1, a$                    ' Print line from thefile$
  WEND
  CLOSE #FileNum + 1
  CLOSE #FileNum
  FileNum = FileNum - 1
END SUB

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'-----
' Procedure TypeFile -- Show a file on the screen.
' You must pass name of file to type in myfile$.

SUB TypeFile(myfile$)
  SHARED FileNum
  FileNum = FileNum + 1
  DoWind(1)
  OPEN myfile$ FOR INPUT AS FileNum
  WHILE NOT EOF(FileNum)
    LINE INPUT #FileNum, a$
    PRINT a$
  WEND
  CLOSE #FileNum
  FileNum = FileNum - 1
  DitchWind
END SUB

'-----
' Procedure KillFiles -- Kill one or more files, using std dialog.

SUB KillFiles
  f$ = "null"
  WHILE f$ <> ""
    f$ = FILE$(1)
    IF f$ <> "" THEN
      KILL f$
    END IF
  WEND
END SUB

```

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INDIVIDUAL TOOLS

PrintFile (thefile\$). This procedure prints a file to the installed printer. It requires that you pass the name of a file as its parameter. In my example, I get the filename from the standard select-file dialog, then repeatedly call PrintFile until you select the Cancel button. No error checking is performed to ensure that a printer is on line.

This procedure uses the "device name" LPT1 to send output to a printer in slot 1. You can change the device name to SCRN, KYBD, COM1, or CLIP to send a file to the screen, keyboard, any serial device, or the clipboard. COM1 and LPT1 use the modem and printer ports on the back of the GS.

TypeFile (myfile\$). This procedure prints a file to the screen display. It works like PrintFile, requiring that you pass it the filename to type.

KillFiles. KillFiles generates its own standard file dialog, and kills any number of files until you select Cancel. I wrote it this way to provide

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'-----
' Procedure MsgDialog(msg$,style%) -- Generate dialog with a text string,
' and one or two buttons depending on
' the value of style%. When this proc
' detects OK, it ends. If Cancel was
' clicked, the val cancel% is set to 1.
'-----
SUB MsgDialog(msg$,style%) SHARED
cancel% = 0
DoWind
LOCATE 2,2
PRINT msg$
BUTTON 50,1,"OK", (left+20,bottom-160)-(left+120,bottom-145),1
IF style% = 2 THEN
    BUTTON 51,1,"Cancel", (left+135,bottom-160)-(left+235,bottom-145),1
END IF
WHILE DIALOG (0)=0 ' Clear dialog queue ...
WEND
WHILE DIALOG(0)<>1 ' Wait for real event ...
WEND
x = DIALOG(1) ' Read the event
IF x = 51 THEN cancel% = 1
END SUB
'-----
' Procedure DoWind(kind%) -- Open a window.
' kind% specifies the style number.
'-----
SUB DoWind(kind%) SHARED
WindEx = WindEx + 1
WINDOW WindEx,"", (left,top)-(right,bottom),kind%
END SUB
'-----
' Procedure DoWind -- Generate a window for use with dialogs.
'-----
SUB DoWind SHARED
WindEx = WindEx + 1
WINDOW WindEx,"", (left-5,top+10)-(right+5,bottom-100),2
END SUB
'-----
' Procedure DitchWind -- Close a previously opened window, decrement the
' window counter variable.
'-----
SUB DitchWind SHARED
WINDOW CLOSE WindEx
WindEx = WindEx - 1
END SUB
'-----

```

something against which to weigh the design of PrintFile and TypeFile.

MsgDialog (msg\$,style%). Generates a standard dialog for your communication. Required parameters are a text string—the message you want to display—and the style of dialog. The procedure generates an “OK” button automatically. If style% has a value of 2, MsgDialog will also generate a “Cancel” button.

If you specify and click on the Cancel button, MsgDialog will set the value of the global variable cancel% to 1, as a way of communicating with the calling routine. You could use this value for a test, as in the following:

```

IF NOT cancel% THEN
    SortList
    ShowList
    CloseFiles
ELSE
    CloseFiles
END IF

```

DoWind. This procedure opens a full-screen document window with the screen dimensions established in DoSetUp (in the inCider.Shell). It also increments the global-window counter variable WindEx.

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The EasyDrive hard-disk management system stands alone as a gateway for novices into the complex world of mass-storage devices and the ProDOS operating system. Quality Computers has succeeded in creating a product that combines the features of the program selector ProSel with the ease of use of the GS Finder—and wrapping the whole thing in a package uniquely accessible to beginners.

Quality's philosophy of easy operation begins with the documentation—a booklet introducing ProDOS, written from the viewpoint of teaching the basics of running a hard drive. Combined with an installation program on disk, the manual lets even a complete beginner get up and running on a hard drive within minutes. EasyDrive works.

TEST DRIVE

To provide some benchmarks for comparison, I chose Glen Bredon's popular ProSel for the IIe/IIc and Apple's GS Finder, the most

widely used methods of hard-drive management. ProSel is fastest by a narrow margin and includes the widest variety of features; the Finder running under the new GS/OS (Graphics and Sound Operating System) looks best; but EasyDrive is tops in accessibility.

Desk managers are usually judged by how efficiently and easily they get the job done. I compared EasyDrive, ProSel, and the Finder on an Apple IIGS with 1.75 megabytes of RAM (random-access memory) and a 64.9-megabyte SCSI (small-computer-systems interface) hard drive from CMS. The drive was partitioned into two 32-megabyte volumes, with a total of 26 megabytes occupied. One 3½- and one 5¼-inch disk drive were attached to the IIGS desktop bus (the polling of which affects the Finder's speed).

I measured the amount of time required with each of the three desk managers to launch and return to the desktop from two ProDOS 8 applications (the game LifeLike and AppleWorks) and two ProDOS 16 applications (MultiScribe GS and the ORCA/M assembler); the results appear in the accompanying Table.

Times for launching AppleWorks may appear slow, but my copy had the full TimeOut series of enhancements from Beagle Bros installed. Also, times for returning to the Finder vary depending on how you use the GS/OS disk cache. GS/OS seems to be the most efficient if you use more GS software than IIe/IIc software; timing differences between ProSel and EasyDrive are too small to really matter.

Something more difficult to measure than launching speed, but just as important, however, is how intuitively each program handles desk management itself. With EasyDrive and ProSel you can build an applications menu by hand or page through a directory tree as you look for executable files. The Finder gives you the Mac-style idiom in which you click open nested folders to get to what you want. Is it simpler to build those applications menus the first time or to flip through folders every time? That depends on your preference, your level of experience, and whether or not you run GS software. Comparing the two third-party products, however, EasyDrive's applications menu is superior to ProSel's. It's more convenient to use and easier to maintain.

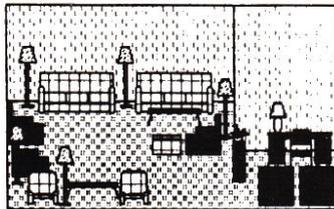
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That leaves accessibility. Many GS owners may consider the Finder the most fun of the

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three, but its initial setup is touchy and complex—even with the Mac-style installation routines introduced with the advent of GS/OS. ProSel is downright combative. EasyDrive is the only package to fully consider ease of setup, so it wins in that category. It's the fastest, easiest way to bring up a hard drive.

THE COMPETITION

But there's more to managing a hard drive than simply launching software. The GS Finder pampers you with visuals and ProSel empowers you with features, so EasyDrive is picking on two strong competitors. Both ProSel and the Finder are entrenched. Both have been on the market for years, and both have improved considerably since their initial releases. EasyDrive is the new kid on the block. After you've gained some experience, you may wish for more sophisticated capabilities (as promised in EasyDrive updates), but in the meantime it relies on being a great place to start.

GROWING PAINS

Certain functions are notable for their absence in the first version of EasyDrive. In comparison, ProSel lets you exhume deleted files, compare files, fix files, sort a directory, move files, edit file attributes, and format a device; it also includes a nibble editor, disk-usage mapping, and startup scripting. The Finder offers advanced features such as caching and a universally accessible clipboard, but the Finder also lacks some of ProSel's functions—most notably a file fixer and a disk optimizer.

Both EasyDrive and ProSel include facilities for backing up your hard drive, and both work well. You can back up and restore RAM to your hard drive, back up to floppies, or back up to a file on your hard drive. Apple also produces an efficient backup utility, but you have to purchase it separately.

IMPROVEMENTS

To summarize, ProSel has the most of what a hard-drive owner needs. EasyDrive includes the basic features you'll need and will offer more in future releases. The Finder under GS/OS is vastly improved and is unique in its interface. Good software gets to be great software by going through a maturation process based on user feedback and the addition and enhancement of abilities. That's where EasyDrive is.

The first version of EasyDrive I looked at

had two apparent bugs: The Rename option was troubled, and EasyDrive sometimes stumbled when returning from ProDOS 16 applications, forcing a hard reboot. The user inter-

function has been enhanced and is now called EasyAdd, with access to multiple volumes and menus; a disk optimizer has been added to cut file fragmentation and increase search

		EasyDrive	ProSel	Finder
		L/R	L/R	L/R
ProDOS 8	LifeLike	5/5	3/1	9/29
	AppleWorks	14/5	13/1	18/29
ProDOS 16	MultiScribe GS	29/10	27/8	24/14
	ORCAM	14/15	12/12	8/12

Table. Benchmark comparisons for three hard-drive management programs; all times in seconds. L = launch time; R = return to desktop.

face also contained two flaws: Mouse support was incomplete, making directory-tree walking time-consuming, and EasyDrive had to be installed physically on each device it was going to manage, including individual floppy disks.

The latest version (1.5) sports a number of additions and improvements: You can now store EasyDrive files in any subdirectory; the menu system has been revised; the P-Add

speed; and the P-Shooter function has been updated and is now called Tree Surgeon, with an 80-column directory listing that lets you see all fields in a catalog listing.

LOOKING AHEAD

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menus. A new menu item, Launch, lets you execute a program via its pathname if you don't want to add it to the menu. The menu can now execute selections from multiple volumes, and you can make selections with a single keypress. EasyDrive's faster, too.

Quality is rewriting the EasyDrive documentation, but there's nothing wrong with the current manual. I asked a beginner who had no experience with hard drives or ProDOS to read it, and she acquired a full working knowl-

edge of both within a half hour.

Apple users win when the state of the art advances, and that's what's happening with hard-drive management. Quality Computers, which also sells hard disks, identified a legitimate need for friendly, full-featured desk-management software when it noticed that two or three drives were returned each month by owners who were frustrated by their difficulty. Those users' needs inspired EasyDrive and are shaping its future direction.

Walker Archer, one of EasyDrive's programmers at Quality, says he plans to develop a 16-bit version for the GS that will use the graphics desktop tools, but remain text based (resembling EasyDrive 1.5 more than the Finder). Archer is also studying the practicality of a disk-caching scheme similar to GS/OS'. With GS/OS you can set aside part of your RAM card as a *cache*, which then remembers what the computer read most recently from the hard drive and gets it from fast cache memory the next time the machine needs it. This speeds up the Finder's windowing by two to three times over uncached ProDOS 16. That approach could likely be made to work just as well for a ProDOS 8 desk manager.

Other features in the works include most of the ProSel options lacking in earlier versions of EasyDrive, with the exception of some of the more technical items such as nibble editing and disk-usage mapping. EasyDrive disk updates should be priced at approximately \$5; updates requiring a new manual will be slightly higher.

MANAGEMENT STYLE

The EasyDrive hard-disk management system makes a strong contribution. It's the software of choice if you're new to hard drives. Experienced users may also find EasyDrive the most convenient desk manager available for the Apple IIe and IIc. Quality Computers plans to do battle with the Finder and the mouse interface championed by Apple for the GS and the Mac. But EasyDrive's real strength right now is serving as a way to get started and as a hard-drive manager that will run on a bare-bones IIe. There's a trick you'll never see the Finder do.

THE VERDICT

Is EasyDrive worth the money? The answer is a qualified yes. It's the most expensive of the three, but it's the only one braving the mainstream market. The Finder is free from Apple dealers, who provide mixed support. ProSel costs \$39.95; you print the documentation from the back of the disk and receive support if you have a GENie account. EasyDrive is \$69.95, but somebody answers the phone, and somebody cares about its future. EasyDrive fills a unique niche. For a beginner, it's the best choice. □

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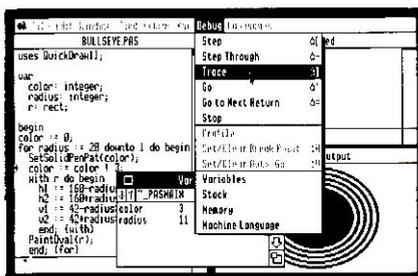
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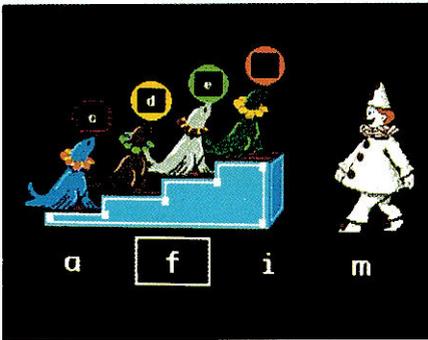
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SPEAK UP

Speech, graphics, and price differences aside, the GS version of Reading and Me is virtually identical to the older, 8-bit edition. It offers the same sequence of 12 activities to give youngsters practice in four areas—Readiness, Alphabet, Phonics, and Words. As kids work their way through these exercises, Reading and Me encourages them to classify objects, recognize letters, associate sounds, learn words, and read simple sentences.

The look and feel of the Davidson "early-learner interface" makes program operation almost intuitive. The main menu in Reading and Me shows four colorful icons representing different subject areas. Children choose a subject by selecting an icon—they can either point and click with a mouse or use the arrow keys and the spacebar.

Once a child picks a subject area, the program presents a colorful submenu offering three sequenced activities. It isn't necessary to do them in order, although each one builds on previously learned skills. The computer asks a preset number of questions; after the

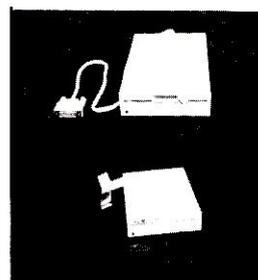
child answers them, the program will automatically return to the submenu. Children may also quit an activity at any time by pressing Escape.

Talking Reading and Me features colorful animated graphics similar to the older version's, rewarding correct answers with musical reinforcement and encouraging messages. When children complete an activity, you can print a personalized certificate with a picture for them to color. (Printing is the only oper-

ation for which you'll need the manual. It's identical to the 8-bit edition, except for a two-page GS addendum.)

CLOWN ANTICS

Even the youngest preschoolers will enjoy the activities in the Readiness and Alphabet modules. Readiness has kids matching pairs of objects, picking out a clown who doesn't match three others, and classifying four objects to select the one that doesn't belong. Alphabet



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lets children recognize target letters, match upper- and lowercase letters, and practice sequences.

Correct answers are rewarded with positive sounds, musical reinforcement, and animated clown antics. Colorful bow ties jiggle, ears wiggle, and eyes blink. If a child answers incorrectly, he or she will see a "try again" message. After two incorrect attempts, the program gives the child the correct answer. It might have been better to give hints rather than answers; that way a child would have to figure out the solution instead of letting the program do the work.

Older children will enjoy the challenges presented in the Phonics and Words modules. Phonics encourages beginning readers to associate words with their sounds. Children view a picture in Phonics and supply the missing initial consonant for its word form, supply the missing ending consonant, and match rhyming words.

Words emphasizes words and sentences. To complete Words—the most difficult subject area—children must be able to read. The first activity presents a sentence with one word in picture format. Children must choose its word form from the four options at the bottom of the screen. Game 2 requires youngsters to select the correct picture for an underlined word in a sentence. Game 3 really polishes a

child's reading skills, because it consists of straight text with no pictures at all. To succeed, children must choose the correct word from four options to complete the target sentence.

The program rewards correct answers with personalized congratulatory messages—off-beat animated clowns engaged in humorous activities—on screen and spoken.

SOUND ADVICE

Does talking software help your child read better or learn to read faster? In the long run, perhaps not. But for now, you'll find that talking software adds a new dimension to a young child's computer experience. The human voice personalizes learning.

Talking Reading and Me can speak in one of two voices. Children click on a picture of an adult woman or a young child. For speech above a whisper, though, you'll have to go to the GS control panel and turn up the volume almost to the maximum.

Unfortunately, with the sound set that high, the musical reinforcements are somewhat tinny and the speaker tends to warble. Speech synthesis at this level still has some kinks, too—the voice is rather crackly and some letters aren't pronounced accurately.

Despite these slight deficiencies, Talking Reading and Me has some advantages that are lacking in its nontalking cousin. Hearing a

human-like voice speak numbers, letters, and words is more than just high-tech entertainment: Digitized speech attracts children to the computer because it makes the presentation friendlier. When directions are spoken, youngsters can learn on their own.

Moreover, using speech as a teaching tool involves another of the child's senses in the learning process. As a result, kids may begin to associate spoken sounds with their written counterparts more quickly. And because the talking version minimizes the need for adult participation, it may also encourage children to be more independent at the computer.

SOUNDS EASY

Talking software for the GS is growing more popular as developers start to take advantage of the Ensoniq chip—there's no need to purchase additional hardware. Talking Reading and Me uses this sophisticated technology while simultaneously encouraging a positive attitude toward reading.

Speech software is nice to have, but it isn't crucial. Children enjoy playing games, and they can build fundamental reading skills with either version of Reading and Me. It's a challenging, fun-filled introduction to the most important basic skill they'll ever learn. □

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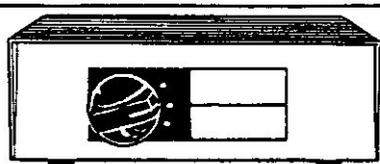
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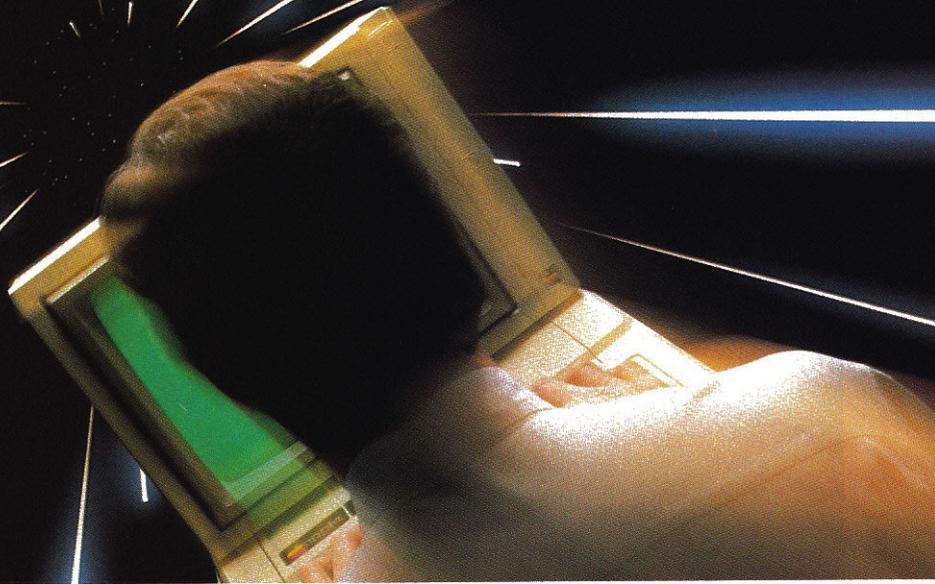
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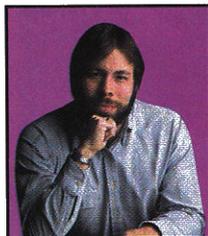
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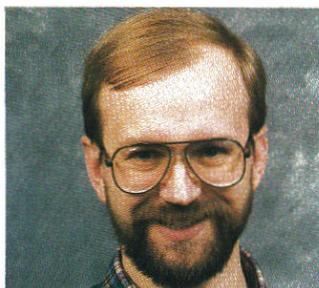
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FILMS NOIRS

To get things rolling in *Uninvited*, you have to push open the door of your crashed car before it explodes. The digitized sound of your car blowing sky-high follows soon after, then a crash of thunder as lightning flashes across the sky.

for objects you can use to dispel these demons and continue your journey. Anything you can click on probably contains clues. Of course, you'll come across a number of dead ends and sudden demises, as well.

Hard-boiled detective work is the hallmark of *Déjà Vu*, which begins in the restroom of a seedy bar. Murderous muggers roam the city streets and alligators infest the sewers below. Hidden in the pockets of your trenchcoat are several objects you'll need along the way—including a gun.

Déjà Vu also includes some nice cinematic features, such as a gunshot shattering a lock or a window. The plot's a bit weak, but in games like this (as in many 1940s movies) atmosphere is everything. Each detail is carefully considered, right down to the police sirens and the suspicious looks of the newsstand vendor.

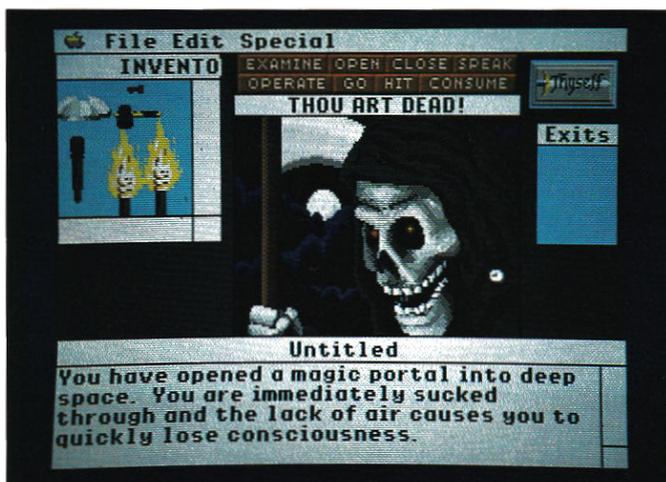
Shadowgate is bound to be the most popular of the three games: It incorporates the ICOM interface into the crowd-pleasing fantasy role-playing genre. Here's a tip: While exploring the vast fortress of *Shadowgate*, you'll have to hoard your supply of torches carefully. Once you run out, the entire scene fades to black and you're lost. Watch out for those bottomless pits, too.

FRIENDLY PERSUASION

If you thought *Dungeon Master* (see "Deeper and Darker Dungeons Galore," February 1989, p. 94) was the only way to do a totally interactive mouse-based game, take a look at these ICOM adventures; you'll marvel at how friendly the ICOM trilogy is. Just point and click to select objects and activate commands.

This simplicity is partly the result of basing the programming on GS/OS—which was crucial to making the games run well on the IIGS. Note that you'll need the latest ROM—version 01—or you'll get an error message saying the programs were unable to load. GS/OS comes on the game disks, so don't worry if your dealer doesn't have GS/OS when you go in to upgrade your IIGS ROM.

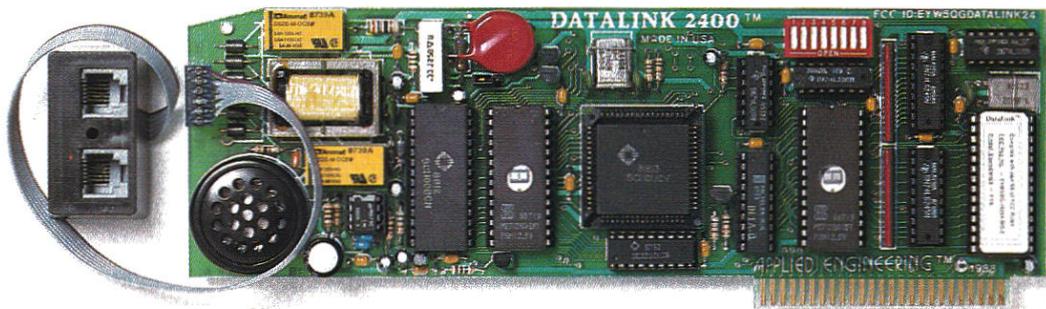
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BEYOND WORDS

None of the games is completely nonverbal. The characters in each adventure communicate with you via a scrolling text window at the bottom of the screen. You can speak with them by typing short messages into a pop-up window invoked by the speak command.

You can also activate word "buttons" in each game with a point and click. After you select an object, you can Examine, Open,

Close, Hit, or Consume that object when appropriate. You can also Operate an object, such as a key in a lock. You can choose to leave a room through a visible exit or via the exits window, showing the direction of each choice. Click on an exit in the window, then click on Go to leave; double-click on the exit to go through it immediately.

SOUND EFFECTS

ICOM has taken extra care to use the IIGS' sound capabilities in these games. In Déjà Vu, Rudy Vallee chirps *Winchester Cathedral* from an old Victrola. In Shadowgate, the sound of breaking glass is a realistic digital recording. While the sounds aren't key to game play, they add authenticity and set new expectations for IIGS entertainment experiences—careful attention to detail.



Déjà Vu brings the hard-boiled detective novel to the colorful GS screen. From seedy bars to back alleys to the local casino, atmosphere is all.

Even more noteworthy than the graphics or sound is the way these games make you approach puzzle solving. Rather than type queries or move rapidly from room to room, you linger. You'll have to touch every object and every surface, never knowing when you might find a loose stone or some other slight indication of a clue. Games of this type are much subtler than those of earlier generations.

Uninvited, Déjà Vu, and Shadowgate anticipate the day we'll interact with video images to select objects such as cars, buildings, people, or some famous bit of footage to affect the outcome. These games certainly won't replace traditional text or map-based games, but they

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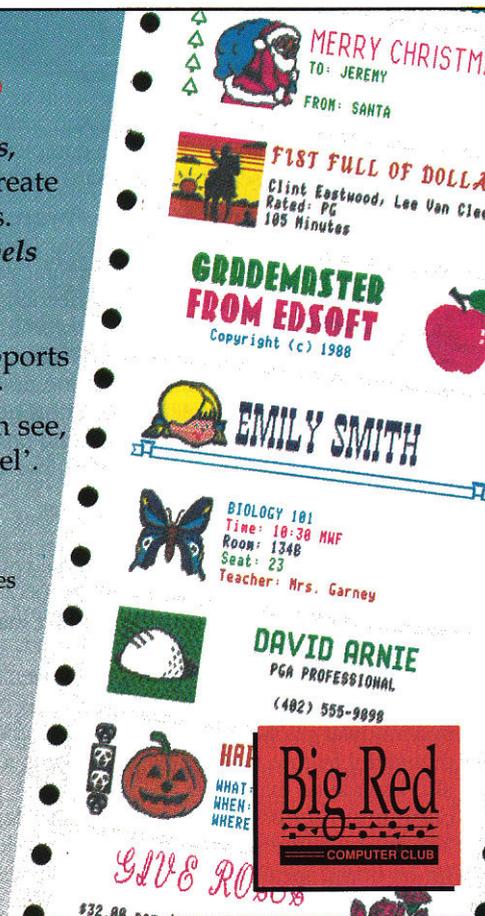
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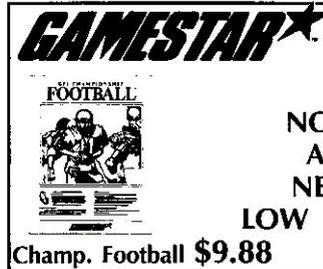
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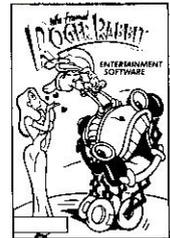
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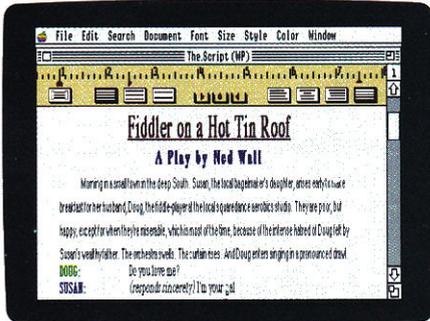
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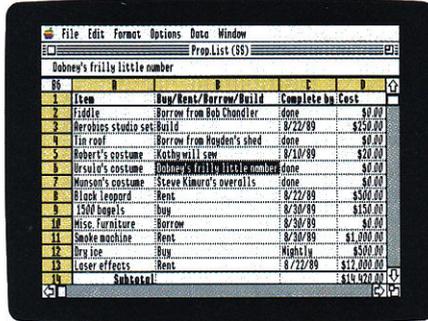
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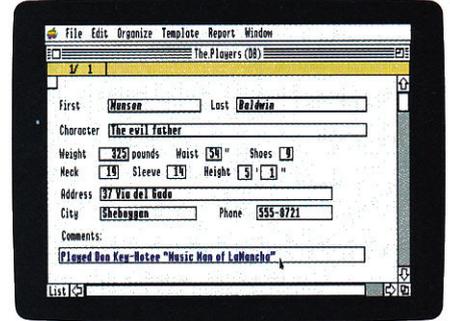
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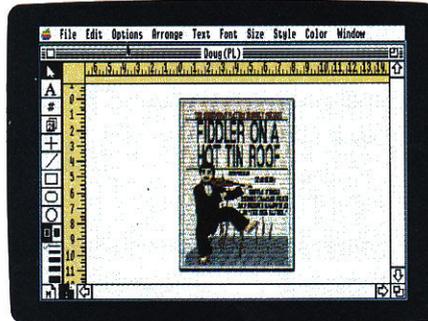
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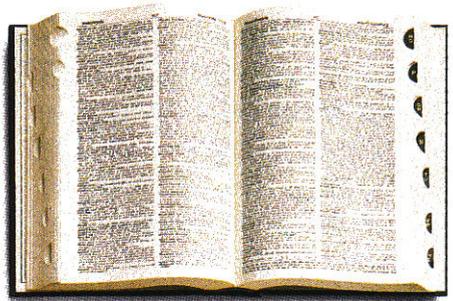
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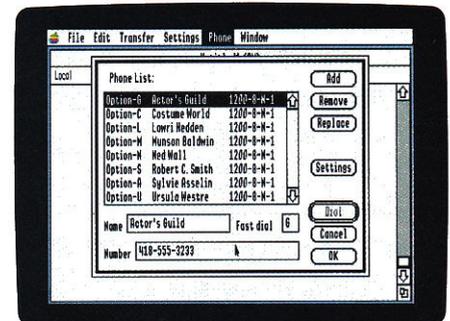
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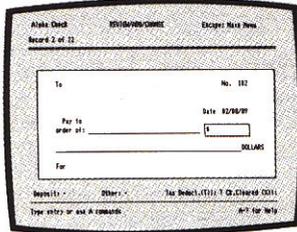
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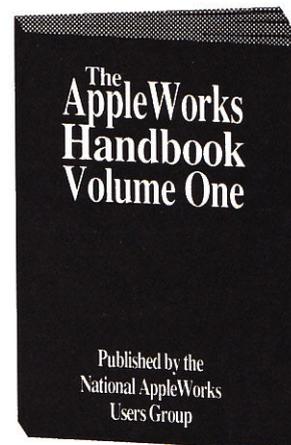
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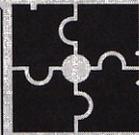
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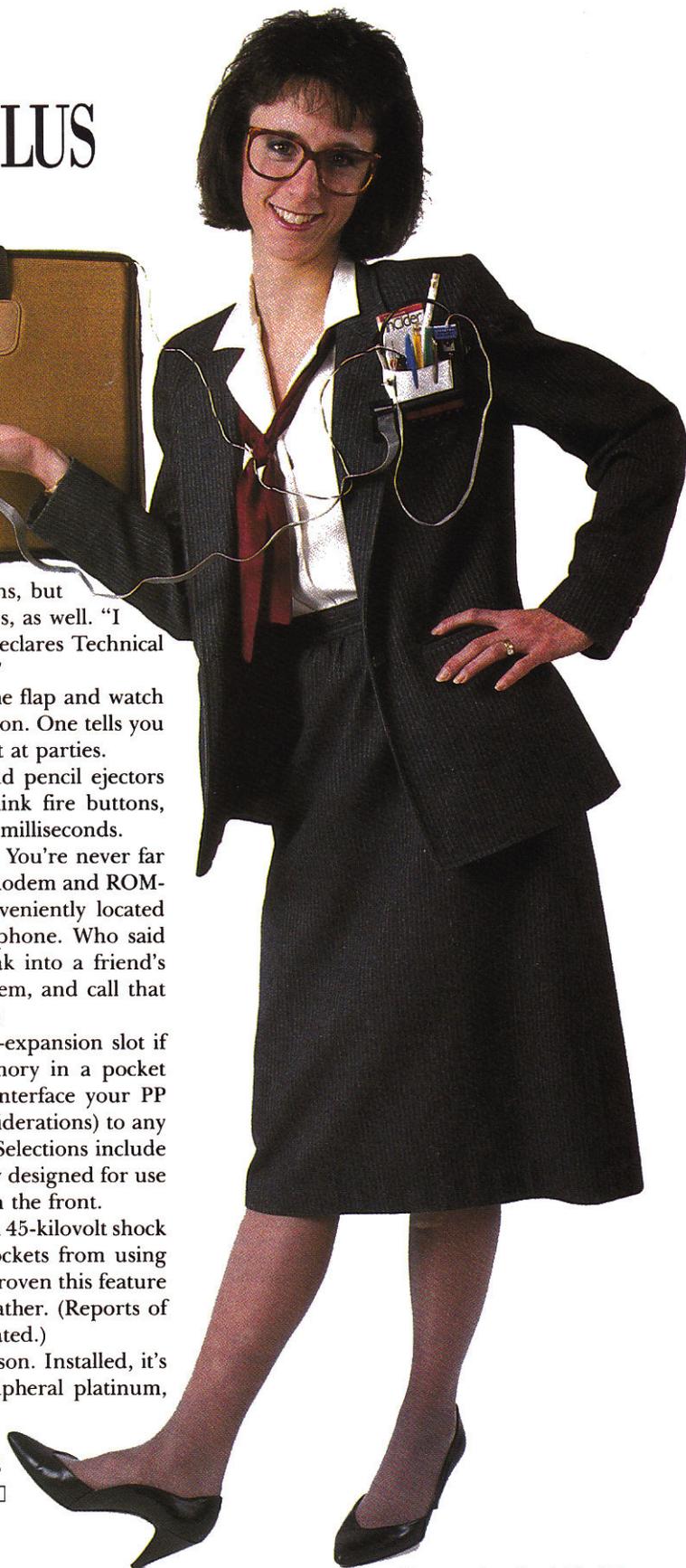
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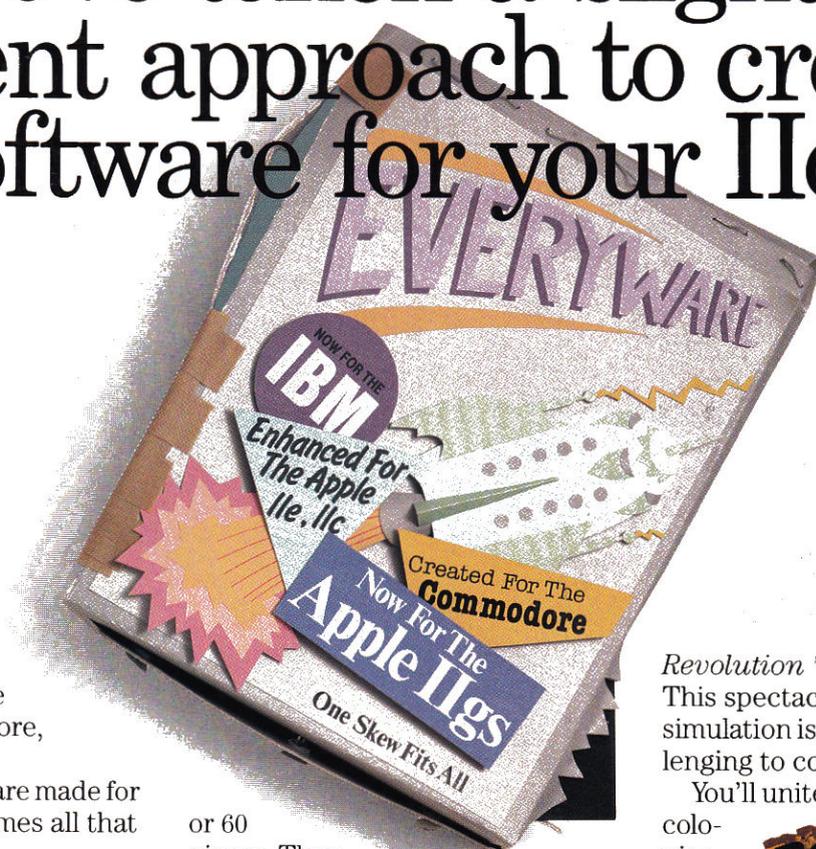
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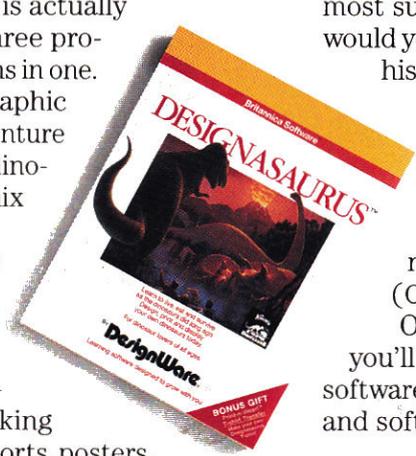


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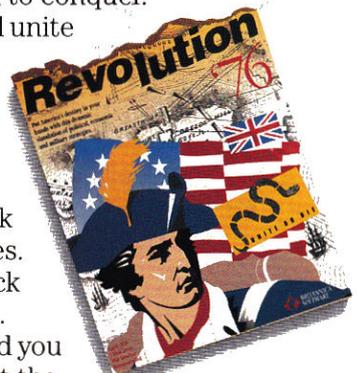
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