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EDITORIAL COMMENT

It goes without saying that we at Computer News hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. And as Rita Laws says "because the Holiday season is upon us" she has been "thinking - Food." And thus, we have a fattening, but delicious article from her about her surfing in a sea of Chocolate.

In speaking about surfing the bulletin boards and the Internet keep in mind that you do not need to have an expensive computer setup to access this vast world of information. A used Radio Shack TRS-80, or a Tandy Model 1000, or an IBM clone, an XT or AT, a 286 or 386, or even a Commodore or Amiga of the oldest vintage and a modem will allow you to communicate with some of the largest computer systems in the world over your phone line. We do suggest that you have at least a 2400 baud rate modem or faster to access any bulletin board if calling long distance.

What a perfect Christmas gift to one of your children a used computer would make. It would give them hours and hours of entertainment. While at the same time giving them an education that they didn't even know they were getting while they "thought" they were "just having fun." Just think about how many toy walkie-talkies were sold so the kids could play away talking to their friend in the next room or next door. With a computer in hand you are preparing them for the world that they are going to have to live in as adults. It is never too early to get them started - without investing a fortune.

Give a kid a used computer.

GET ORGANIZED FOR THE NEW YEAR- THEN INDULGE!

by Rita Laws

There are four award-winning shareware programs that will make your Holidays merrier. The first will help you organize your life, the second will create your annual Christmas or Hanukkah letter, the third will help you keep your New Year's resolution to safely free up hard drive space, and the fourth will allow you to reward yourself for getting through the busiest time of year in one piece! And, as always, the latest versions of each of these shareware programs is available right here through Computer News PC.

You've got your Oscar, your Grammy, and your Emmy, and now you have your shareware awards. The Shareware Industry Awards, a two-year old shareware industry group, has honored all four of these programs as being among the year's best in their prospective software categories.

The first winner, in the business and finance program category, is the latest version of a popular PIM, or Personal Information Manager. Called Above and Beyond (WINDOWS), it has features you'd expect to find in the commercial equivalent. Above and Beyond has pop-up calendars that display everything you need to do a week or month in advance. There are alarms and a place to record all your vital information, including an address book.

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features allow you to save modified files to a floppy so that you can quickly update the program on your laptop or work computer. And if you assign a value to each of the items on your To Do list, Above and Beyond will automatically juggle them to help you accomplish first things first.

If one of the items on your To Do list involves creating documents, newsletters or a Holiday letter for family and friends, you've got to try Neobook Pro. It looks and acts like a WINDOWS program, but is actually DOS-based. This gem makes your document look like a magazine page, but also includes multimedia effects capability and a way to turn your completed project into an .EXE file. In this way, anyone receiving your document can run it as a program instead of finding the right association in which to read it, and the reader will not need to own a copy of Neobook Pro to execute your document. The graphics tools are easy to use especially for anyone familiar with word processing programs. With Neobook Pro, you won't have to waste money on expensive store-bought Christmas cards this year.

You can add to the money saved on holiday cards by saving on the cost of a larger hard drive, too, thanks to the new WinZIP. WinZIP is a newly-improved WINDOWS shell for compression/decompression programs. WinZIP easily unzips files such as shareware programs, and zips others you may not use frequently, thus freeing up precious hard drive space. Unlike some disk compression programs, WinZIP's zipped directories won't create havoc with the general operation of your computer or the execution of any other program.

A nifty feature is the peek-a-boo capability that allows you to see what's in a zipped program before you even open it. You can even run it before deciding if you want to bother with unzipping it. A new plus is WinZIP's uninstall

feature. WinZIP will now uninstall those programs you no longer want on your hard drive. In short, the new WinZIP is the overall shareware manager.

By now, you've gotten organized, sent your Holiday letters, saved some money, and freed up hard drive space. It's time to indulge.

You deserve a reward. How about a good movie? The fourth award-winner will help you choose a good one. Called Movies To Go, this colorful, user-friendly data base contains reviews of a thousand movies from beloved classics right up to Ace Ventura, Pet Detective. Hollywood movie data base software is hot right now in the retail market and expensive. Using this more basic shareware equivalent for awhile will help you decide if these types of programs are truly helpful or not.

Movies To Go lists stars, year, director, cast, rating, and more. You can look up all the movies of one director or star, or you can read up on just one film. Either way, the concise plot summaries and reviews will help you save time at the video rental store. They will also save you money by lessening your chances of renting a bomb.

So, even in indulging yourself for saving time and money, you've saved time and money. How about another reward? It's not an industry award-winner, but it's fun, and it will make you VERY popular with your kids, grandkids- virtually every child in the United States. Best of all, it's free with any Wyoming Software shareware order [for a limited time to CNPC Subscribers, windows required]. Your reward is a sound clip of the popular Power Rangers as they morph into their superhero alter egos. Try placing this .wav file in your WINDOWS directory and then set it up at the SOUNDS icon within the MAIN group's CONTROL PANEL to sound as you start or exit WINDOWS. This will work whether you have a sound card or not. Then, step back and watch the expressions on little faces as they listen to those immortal words: "Mastodon!

Saber-toothed Tiger! Pteradactyl! Tyrannosaurus! Triceratops! Dragonzord!" If you're a kid, that's as good as a sound clip gets.

Happy Holidays!

-Rita Laws

(Editor's Note)

You will find the programs mentioned in the above article by Rita Laws on the following Wyoming Software Disks.

ABOVE AND BEYOND
Wyoming Software Disk #10180
3.50 720K or 5.25 H.D. disks only
and Windows 3.1.

NEOBOOK PRO
Wyoming Software Disk # 10308
3.5 720K or 5.25 H.D disks only
DOS 3.1 or higher, 640K Ram,
mouse, EGA, VGA, or SVGA
required.

WINZIP
Wyoming Software Disk # 10344
Windows required

MOVIES TO GO
Wyoming Software Disk # 10176
3.5 HD disk only. 640K Ram, Hard
Disk with 4 meg free. Dos 2.1 or
higher. DOS or Windows operation.

PRANGER.WAV
Wyoming Software Disk # 10356
File Size 55K
(PRanger.wav is free with each
order for a limited time to CNPC
subscribers. Because windows is
required for this file please indicate
if you would like a copy added to
your order when ordering.)



.BAT's all, folks!

By David P. Miller

The IF ERRORLEVEL command mentioned in previous columns is provided so that you can modify the processing path of your batch file depending upon the results of execution of a DOS program. Reference material that I have available to me states that the following programs provide exit codes that can be used by the IF ERRORLEVEL command:

```
BACKUP
DISKCOMP
DISKCOPY
FORMAT
GRAFTABL
KEYB
REPLACE
RESTORE
XCOPY
```

however, I have not been able to obtain any reference documentation regarding such exit codes. Through testing, I have found that FORMAT does indeed return such codes; ERRORLEVEL 3 seems to be the result of operator intervention (pressing [CTRL]-C) and ERRORLEVEL 4 appears to result from any drive or media problem.

The return codes provided by such utility programs impart enormous potential to the ability of a batch file to perform the desired operation. Consider, for example a 'grandfather' backup strategy: After making backup copies of all your programs (which never change), the practice of maintaining three sets of diskettes and using the oldest set for each new backup provides excellent protection against hardware failure, assuming that the backup is performed on a frequent and regular basis.

By automating the data backup procedure and limiting the files to data files only, this procedure can be quite quick and painless. Such a backup procedure created within a batch file could format each diskette in the current set, XCOPY the data files from a specific subdirectory to

it, and PAUSE for the next diskette, repeating these three operations for each data subdirectory or set of data files to be copied to diskette. Knowing the return codes, the batch file writer could respond to the exit codes to determine if there was a hardware or media problem, or if the operator wished to take a specific action or abort the process. Unfortunately, without appropriate documentation the task of determining the ERRORLEVEL meanings in each case is so difficult as to make the attempted use of them unreasonable.

Because of all this, the use of the IF ERRORLEVEL command is by necessity restricted almost completely to checking the response of the operator after use of the CHOICE command. Since versions of MS-DOS prior to 6.0 do not include this command, I have written a similar utility for Computer New-PC to distribute via The File Cabinet (or any other way the editors find appropriate), for users of earlier versions of DOS. The CHOICE.COM utility I have provided to CN-PC does not provide all of the features of the MS-DOS Version 6.0 CHOICE command (it always displays the acceptable keystroke characters; does not display text; only accepts '0' through '9' and 'A' through 'Z'; and is not case sensitive), but otherwise acts the same and provides the same measure of utility.

As mentioned in the initial summary of Batch file commands, the CHOICE command provides several parameters to modify its' operation:

```
/C:keys
/N
/S
/T:c,nn
text
```

(CHOICE.COM provided to CN-PC only supports /C:keys and /T:c,nn.) The 'text' parameter allows display of a single line of prompting text; the /S command causes CHOICE to become case

sensitive; and the /N command prevents display of the possible keystroke choices that are acceptable.

For both versions of CHOICE, /C:keys allows the batch file programmer to specify the characters that are acceptable; /T:c,nn specifies a default response ('c') that will be assumed and acted on after a set time period ('nn' seconds); and default responses of 'Y' and 'N' will be used if /C:keys is not specified.

CHOICE sets the exit code to the position of the character, counting from left to right in the /C:keys parameter. Thus if the parameter:

```
/C:ABCD
```

was specified, a user response of 'A' would return an exit code of 1, 'B' a code of 2, 'C' a code of 3, and 'D' a code of 4. Any other key would not be accepted. Additionally if the parameter:

```
/T:D,10
```

was used, the batch file would proceed (after waiting ten seconds with no user response) as if the user had keyed in the letter 'D'.

This command, in conjunction with the IF ERRORLEVEL command permits construction of user response processing (for AUTOEXEC.BAT, in this case) such as that in the following example:

```
@ECHO OFF
ECHO Press '1' for Windows
ECHO Press '2' for DOS
ECHO Press '3' for Accounting
CHOICE /C:123 /T:2,10
IF ERRORLEVEL 3 GOTO
TURNKEY
IF ERRORLEVEL 2 GOTO
DOS
REM Assume Windows
selected
C:\MOUSE\MOUSE.COM
WIN
EXIT
TURNKEY:
```

```
C:\ACCTG\BOOKS.EXE
DOS:
CLS
```

This example assumes that MOUSE.COM resides in the C:\MOUSE subdirectory and is required for Windows, and that a dedicated accounting program called BOOKS.EXE resides in a C:\ACCTG subdirectory. The default response of '?' would be used after ten seconds if no key was pressed, and would simply clear the screen and proceed to the C:\ prompt.

I would like to thank those of you that have written about this series on batch file programming. Your comments and questions are appreciated; they help me tailor the articles to the needs of CN-PC subscribers and let me know that the information presented is useful to some readers. As the CN-PC staff has frequently mentioned, Computer News-PC is YOUR magazine; input to the editors determines the direction that articles will take. Good or bad, don't hesitate to contact the CN-PC editors! (Just don't be indifferent!)
-David P. Miller

DIRECT ACCESS

A REVIEW
by CNPC

Ever since we acquired our first MS-DOS based machine we, like everyone else, had to battle to remember all the DOS commands to make the computers do what we wanted them to. Trying to remember which directory an application file was stored in and what the command was used to start the application program was probably the worst part of it. And trying to remember all the switch commands to perform such simple tasks as reading a directory on a disk. Reading a directory is easy

you just enter the current drive, - :A, or :B, or :C, or :D or e,f,i,g,h etc. Then let your eyeballs roll as fast as they can to catch all the file names (including) file extensions as they fly across the screen, top to bottom. You are really lucky when there is only one or two files on a disk, but woe to the person who tries to read a directory of a hard drive root directory! Then out comes the manual -- look for the section on the DOS command DIR. Then look for the switches that will stop the scrolling across the screen as the command reads the directory of the disk (or current directory, assuming that you figured out that you were in the current directory that had the file in it that you were looking for but just couldn't remember what the execute command was). Once you found what the stop-scroll switch ways (it happens to be /P which stands for "pause when screen is full - PLEASE"). While your at it you might notice that /o is the switch command which will read the directory in alphabetical order. (Which also stands for "Oh please let me find the name for that program file," so I can get on with my days work.)

Then reading one of the industries trade manuals one day we came across an article that suggest that anyone who had trouble with operating DOS commands should try DIRECT ACCESS. Thinking at the time that we had no trouble operating DOS commands, just that we had trouble remembering all of them that the \$100 plus price wouldn't be that much more than the cost of all the books we had on the shelf trying to tell us how to run DOS - we sent off for the program.

That program has been a God send and we have been using it ever since. We use it everyday even on our 486.whoop-te-do computers with Windows installed when you get them. Windows is still installed but the daily work horse is DIRECT ACCESS working under DOS.

WHAT IS DIRECT ACCESS

By this time you must be asking yourself "what are they talking about?"

Direct Access, published now by Symantec, of Cupertino, California, is a menu building program that provides a one-step solution to organizing your desktop computer.

The program will automatically build menus for you by recognizing over 800 applications DOS commands and organizes them into a logical menu structure. Or you can build your own menus manually if you wish. Either way Direct Access gives you a simple menu screen which allows you direct access to everything on your hard drive.

Once installed and you have listed the programs that you want to use Direct Access lets you instantly call up and run a program with only one key stroke - regardless of which directory the program resides in. It does the same with one click of the Mouse if you are attached to your mouse. With the programs that we use daily we really haven't formed an attachment to our mouse, cute as it may be.

Direct access can create up to six levels of menus, with as many as 26 items per menu. In other words suppose you create a menu using the key "A" called CLIPART, and then create a set of sub-menus called FUNNY, XMAS, OFFICE, SEASONS, etc. When you press the key "A" at the main menu, the sub-menus come up on the screen and by pressing one key for Office, you will be instantly taken to the directory and into the file with the collection of clipart that you have placed your office clipart files.

The program has a feature called "Usage Tracking" whereby if you need to keep track of the amount of time you use a certain program, it will print out a report of the time used. Very handy for billing a customer that you may be doing a project for. Or just keeping track of how much time

you spend doing certain tasks.

The program also has Password Protection to guard your hard drive data from prying eyes, or to keep the kids out of a program that you don't want them to play with, like a very important spreadsheet that you have been working on. Or a game that you like to play but do not want the kids to get into.

Direct Access provides three levels of virus detection. If a virus is detected Direct Access alerts you of its presence and cautions you to take the necessary actions to eliminate it.

One press of a key, or click of a mouse you can create a main menu selection that will executed custom applications consisting of up to 30 DOS and/or batch file commands.

The program also has screen blanking which will blank the screen after a user-specified period of time. Then one touch on any key and the screen comes back up just as it was before it was blanked out

You can quickly view your hardware and hard disk information with one press of the System Information button at the main menu.

As with most programs on today's market Direct Access has plenty of online help written by the program authors, or it allows you to add your own help references for the Main Menu and Sub-menu items.

HELP IN FINDING FILES ON YOUR HARD DRIVE

The Directory Tree will locate your application files and directories. You can even select programs to be incorporated in the menu selections without having to do any typing. Again with the press of a button.

OK HOW ABOUT WINDOWS

Yes, there is also a windows version, there is also a Network version, but since few of our readers would have a Network system we will just stick to the Windows version for now.

Direct Access Windows has all

the features mentioned above, plus a few that make using Windows -Simple- which is what windows was supposed to do in the first place. With the automatic installation the program quickly builds a menu that automatically arranges your applications into 17 logical and immediately accessible categories. From there you can instantly launch your favorite application program with a single push of a key. You will never have to climb through clunky windows or sort through overlapping panels, ever again.

You can either replace Windows Program Manager with Direct Access Windows or choose to run it under the Windows Program Manager.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

For DOS version:

IBM PC/XT, PC/AT, PS2 and compatibles, 256K RAM, MS-DOS 3.0 OR higher, Hard Disk, Supports CGA,EGA,VGA graphics; color or monochrome monitors. Includes 5.25" and 3.5" disks.

For Windows version:

IBM PC/AT, 286 systems, compatibles and higher. 2Mb ram required. Microsoft Windows 3.0 or higher and MS/PC-DOS 3.3 or higher. Hard Disk, includes 5.25" and 3.5" disks.

Either program version has a suggested retail price of \$99.00

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REMINDER

If your mailing label ends in 94/11 this is your last issue. Time to get your renewal in the mail.

MOVING ?

Remember to send us your change of address.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE - ONLINE

by Rita Laws

Since beans are vegetables, and cocoa is made from cacao beans, is chocolate a vegetable? If white chocolate is chocolate because it has cocoa butter, is suntan lotion with cocoa butter edible? Does the recipe for Death By Chocolate Cake really exist, or is it a myth? Is carob the long-predicted evil anti-chocolate? If you answered Who Cares, No, I Hope So, and Yes to the above four questions, you'll want to know what's melting online for chocoholics.

On the Internet, taste test the yummy alt.food.chocolate for the latest opinions and reassurances, for example, "Good chocolate, like pizza, is really good, but bad chocolate is still pretty good." A few other facts I've picked up there include the tidbits that chocolate covered potato chips are a coveted Eastern U.S. delicacy, and cocoa beans were once used by Indians as money. The international posters tell us that British chocolate is considered to be so bad on the European continent, that naughty Swiss children are warned to straighten up or they'll have to eat it for the rest of their lives.

Cruising the Homelife BB at Prodigy will whet any appetite- M & M's sprinkled on top of hot popcorn is to die for. There's more action on this service at the Food BB under Desserts.

Delphi's recipe replete custom forum, GO CUSTOM, is #155, Cook's Corner. The Rabbet (sic) Hutch at Custom #212 (and its sister board at the Internet's alt.religion.rabbet) is a comedy and conversation cocoa cult. From the Rabbets I learned that chocolate is actually fatal to canines. This explains why chocolate, also called FOG or Food Of the Gods, is never, ever labeled Food Of the Dogs. Rabbets inhale chocolate, well, religiously and without fear of sin. In fact, the Supreme Bean is referred to in sacramental (some

might say sacrilegious) terms. Chocolate historians know the precedent, however. Ancient Indians believed the cacao bean to have heavenly origins.

On (AOL) America On Line visit the Desserts area at The Cooking Club under the Cookbook topic, and sniff out a BB discussion called CHOCOLATE! that has been active for four years. Three deserving desserts on display include Chocolate Decadence, Church Windows, and Mississippi Mud Cake.

Go Cooks Online at Compuserve and use the search word chocolate for hundreds of uploaded recipes dating back five years. At the end of the list - what's this - two recipes for Death By Chocolate Cake, one claiming to be the Los Angeles original created by a chef!

-Rita Laws

HINTS, TIPS, and MORE FOR DOS

by Danny C. Mullen

After trying several of the following pieces of information over time and later not being able to find them, I did myself a favor and consolidated them in print. Now you get to share in that effort.

Some of the following tips may use DOS commands from earlier releases of MS-DOS or undocumented features (use at your own discretion). These were gathered from various sources so I don't claim ownership except I do seem to be the first to find the MEM /ALL undocumented feature, since I've never seen it before.

Perhaps someone reading this knows the answer to some of the unknown or other undocumented items. Also note that some may only work on certain versions of DOS.

HINTS & TIPS

- Use ATTRIB to create a hidden directory or subdirectory to keep prying eyes off private files.

- Use a hidden character (ascii code 255) to protect a directory by inserting the character in its name. Press ALT and type 255 on the numeric keypad from the DOS prompt. (the name might appear as C:\JA MES.TXT)

- Use shorter names for directories or subdirectories so you can squeeze more of them into your PATH statement. (e.g. PATH=C:\JG;C:\HT;C:\Y)

- Use SUBST to utilize an unused drive letter (e.g. X, Y, Z) for a directory name - you can save more space in your PATH statement.

(e.g. SUBST X C:\GAMES)
(ex. PATH=C:\DOS;X;)

- Run DEFRAG while you sleep, since on large disks it can take several hours.

Set up a minimum configuration CONFIG.SYS and

AUTOEXEC.BAT (no TSRs or un-necessary drivers) to help DEFRAG work faster. Delete unused files first.

- Directories and subdirectories can have three-character extensions just as files do (e.g. C:\WORDPROC.001 or D:\DATA\DATABASE.JIM)

- Use double colons :: instead of REM for remarks in BATCH files for a slight speedup since it's ignored if the line isn't a target of a GOTO statement.

- Try to put any remarks at the end of the file in BATCH files so the lines don't get processed first. This saves execution time.

- Use the semicolon ; for remarks in the CONFIG.SYS file.

- If you must put remarks at the beginning of batch files, use a GOTO to pass around them. Saves some processing time.

- Delete unused or little used DOS files to save disk space such as POWER if you're using a desktop computer, DRIVER.SYS, etc., read about their use first, though, before deleting them (you can always add them back later).

- FORMAT is probably the most dangerous command if you don't pay attention or are distracted while using it. Many people will rename it to preclude the curious from destroying the data on your hard or floppy disks. Try making some short batch files that you can use for formatting data disks.

- Try using FCBS=1 (the minimum possible) in your CONFIG.SYS to save some memory. FCBS are used for older programs, newer ones usually don't.

- Try STACKS=0,0 in your CONFIG.SYS to save memory. Increase the number if you see error messages related to out of stack space.

- Use the lowest possible letter for your LASTDRIVE statement in your CONFIG.SYS file - each un-needed drive letter uses more memory (e.g. if your last drive is named D use a LASTDRIVE=D statement in CONFIG.SYS).

- When using the latest version of SMARTDRIVE, you can usually have your BUFFERS= setting use a lower number without sacrificing speed, thus saving memory (SMARTDRIVE is tuned to DOS 6.2 and DRIVESPACE, and it's free)

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- Use FASTOPEN when continually opening and closing the same data files since DOS can find the same files quicker. Disable FASTOPEN when defragging disks.

- In BATCH files, it's quicker to have a 'TYPE filename.txt' when listing many lines of information to the screen rather than using many ECHO commands.

- Use DOSKEY to stack several commands in one line (e.g. CLSDIRDEL *.BAK) by pressing CONTROL T between the commands to make the character. DOSKEY is a great help and time saver in re-issuing previously used commands.

DOSKEY must have already been loaded in autoexec.bat prior to using the above example.

- Use the new SCANDISK utility instead of CHKDSK - it can do more and do it better.

- Use SET to increase the length of your PATH's default 127 character length by using this example:

```
SET PATH=%PATH%;drive:  
\directory\filename;
```

(This example adds drive:\directory\filename; to the existing PATH)

- Use SET PATH= in CONFIG.SYS instead of AUTOEXEC.BAT to make the path as long as you care - you can only see 127 characters when listing it, but it's all there. Note that if you try to change it later from the DOS prompt PATH will be chopped back to 127 characters max.

- Put directories with your most-used programs at the beginning of your PATH statement so DOS can search them sooner than those near the end of the PATH.

- You can tell which version of DOS all the DOS commands were written for by listing the directory they are in. The time shown

corresponds to the DOS version (i.e. if the time shows 5:00 then it matches DOS 5.0, if it shows time 6:20 then it came with DOS 6.2 (this is undocumented).

- If you don't want extraneous info printed on your screen during bootup, try adding > NUL after the c o m m a n d s (i . e . DEVICE=C:\MOUSE > NUL) and any messages will not appear on screen. This can be used in CONFIG.SYS or AUTOEXEC.BAT.

- Use the MOVE command to easily rename directories and subdirectories.

(ex. move c:\word c:\wp)

- Try using INSTALL or INSTALLHIGH in CONFIG.SYS to save memory use when loading TSRs. Not all programs can be INSTALLED, but it's worth trying.

(e.g. INSTALLHIGH
C:\DOS\SHARE.EXE /L:500
/F:5100)

- Try using lower amounts of FILES= values in CONFIG.SYS to save memory; 8 is the minimum while an average is 20 - 30.

(ex. FILES=25)

- Use the SWITCHES=/N in CONFIG.SYS to preclude someone bypassing certain commands you want to run (thus ensuring someone can't stop your CONFIG.SYS or AUTOEXEC.BAT from running all the way through.)

- Don't name batch files the same as EXE or COM files in the same directory since DOS searches for files that have endings in the following order:

COM EXE BAT.

- Use COMMAND's /F (undocumented) switch to automatically answer FAIL to the Abort, Retry, Fail message (use in CONFIG.SYS) (ex.

shell=c:\dos\command.com
c:\dos\ /E:512 /F /P)

- A shortcut to using DEL *.* is to use DEL . (no asterisks, only the period).

- To test whether a directory or subdirectory exists in a batch file use the following: IF EXIST c:\dir\subdir\NUL GOTO .. (the NUL is the key to this since NUL exists in all valid directories or subdirectories)

- Use /ALL with the MEM command to see how much HIGH memory area remains and also get a shorter listing of each type of memory you have. (UNDOCUMENTED)
(e.g. MEM /ALL)

- Many DOS commands accept a first letter as a valid switch instead of spelling the whole word (e.g. MEM /A versus MEM /ALL)

- Set up a scratch directory and point the TEMP environment variable to it so certain functions (piping) and programs can use it as a scratch pad type directory (also set TMP to same directory); don't use the ROOT directory or the DOS directory for the scratch area.(ex: SET TEMP=C:\TEM and/or SET TMP=C:\TEM)

- Instead of typing FASTHELP command try using command /? to get a quicker response (e.g. XCOPY /? instead of FASTHELP XCOPY).

- To update a file's date and time to the current value use the following: COPY /b filename+,,
(Note: filename is the name of the file to update).

- Need to build a data transfer cable for parallel or serial methods? See the INTERLNK notes in the online help file.

- Type DIR, (no space between comma and DIR) to show hidden files as well as the regular files.

- On large hard disks, considering using FDISK to divide it into several partitions (drives). One large partition can have cluster sizes of 8k and even a 3 byte file will take 8k of space. A cluster is the smallest amount of disk space that DOS can allocate on a disk. Use FDISK on EMPTY drives else you'll lose your mind when all the files, etc disappear from your hard disk.

UNDOCUMENTED COMMANDS

INSTALLHIGH } Same as
INSTALL except loads into upper
memory.

TRUENAME } Shows real
drive and path for JOINed, SUBST,
drives/network utilities.

COMMENT } COMMENT=xx
tells DOS to ignore any lines
following it in CONFIG.SYS that
have the xx characters as their first
2 letters.

UNDOCUMENTED SWITCHES

FDISK
/MBR } Repairs a damaged
Master Boot Record (MBR) by
overwriting it with a fresh copy.

FORMAT
/AUTOTEST } Formats without
asking all the questions.

/BACKUP } Similar to
AUTOTEST but prompts for the
volume label.

MEM
/ALL } Shows only totals of each
type of memory, but adds a short
statement telling how much HIGH
MEMORY space remains.

MSBACKUP
/BATCH } Helps you avoid all the
menuing by only prompting you to
change disks if/when needed.

VER
/R } Gives the revision (if any)
letter of DOS version.

Example: MS-DOS 6.20a (the 'a'
is the revision). Also tells whether
DOS is loaded into the High
Memory Area.

-Danny C. Mullen

The Secret Guide to Computers

by Fred Blechman

Russ Walter has done it again!
His latest 19th Edition of "The
Secret Guide to Computers" is
another treasure-trove of information
about microcomputers - old and new
alike. This amazing 8.5- by 11.5-inch
639-page illustrated tome goes back
in time to discuss micros like the
original Radio Shack TRS-80, the
Commodore Pet, and the Apple -
yet covers the latest versions of
DOS and Macintosh operating
systems.

I've been aware of The Secret
Guide since the early 1980s, but
have not seen it since then until
recently. Beginning with the free
17-page Edition 0 in 1972, The
Secret Guide's 12 Edition in 1986
blossomed to a three-volume set.
The new 19th Edition is a single
2.5-pound volume with economies of
production that result in a
single-copy price of only \$15 price -
with generous discounts down to
\$4.95 per copy - and that's postage
paid to all countries! (How can he
do that?)

Walter's Guides and services
have been praised on the front page
of The Wall Street Journal. They've
also been praised and used by CBS
News, USA Today, The New York
Times, PC Magazine, PC World,
Infoworld, Byte, Mac User, The
Australian, and dozens of other
publications around the world.

The 19th edition is a MAJOR
upgrade. It contains more than
10,000 improvements over the 18th
edition. It is up-to-date, detailed,
comprehensive, frank, and easy to

read. Kids love its easy English;
adults love its ruthless truths.

Even more incredible is that
Russ Walter personally offers
FREE computer help on his
Computer Samaritan 24-hour
hotline, stating that he only sleeps
lightly. He even invites "drop ins"
at his home, with instructions by
car or subway. (How can he do
that?)

To make the 19th edition
better than ever, Russ totally
reorganized the Guide's contents so
you can find any computer topic
pronto using a front cover topic
guide, a detailed Table of
Contents, and a 6-page small-print
Master Index. The guide is divided
into 8 sections, 53 chapters in total,
as shown in Table I.

The Guide analyzes the newest
bargain computers and peripherals,
and discloses a Secret Formula that
determines the value of any
modern IBM PC clone. The
"Repairs" chapter includes about
twice as many tricks for fixing
computer problems yourself. A
nasty glossary reveals the real
meaning of the fine print and
disclaimers at the bottom of
computer ads.

Early editions of the Guide
covered MS-DOS up through
Version 5. In the 19th edition,
advanced commands are included
from DOS 6, 6.2, and 6.22. The
19th edition also contains new
tricks for editing your
C O N F I G . S Y S and
AUTOEXEC.BAT files. These
tricks are claimed to give you
about 620K of conventional RAM
free (plus many megabytes of upper
and extended RAM) without buying
a memory manager and without the
hassles suffered by hoards of
frustrated computer users! Your
Windows, business software, games,
and CD-ROM software will run
smooth as silk. (How can he do
that?)

Other topics include: how to
use the Mac's System 7 and System
7P; tricks of big word processors
such as Word Perfect, Ami Pro,
MS Word; tricks for using the

newest DOS versions of 1-2-3 and Quattro Pro; clever techniques used by modern Excel (for Windows & Mac); how to get in business as a computer consultant; and how to fix computer problems by chatting on the phone.

Here are some reasons to buy the 19th edition: it's funny; it's easy to read; it contains tricks you can't find anywhere else; it saves you money when you buy hardware and software; it brings you up-to-date and fills in the holes in your background; it saves you the time, expense and frustration of calling tech-support staffs.

Though the 19th edition is gigantic, a single copy sells for just \$15. To pay even less, join your friends and place a group order: for 2 copies, you pay \$12 per copy; for 4 copies, you pay \$9 per copy; for 60 copies, you pay \$6 per copy; for 666 copies, you pay \$4.95 per copy - shipping included! (How can he do that?)

Here's more incredible news. You may reprint all or part of this book free, without paying royalties! Just phone Russ Walter first, send him one copy of your reprint, and begin your reprint with an acknowledgment paragraph copied from page 9 of the Guide. To assist you in doing this, you can request the entire Guide on disks (same price as a book), so long as you specify disk capacity (360K, 1.2M, 720K, or 1.44M) and which format (Word Perfect 5.1 or ASCII). The disks include 62 files totaling over 3 megabytes. If you get the book on disks, get at least one book on paper since the disks do not contain headlines, graphics, special symbols, and printer drivers.

Who is this guy Russ Walter, anyhow? In this self-question "interview," condensed from pages 8 and 9 of the Guide, and reprinted here with permission, you'll get some insight...

* Why did you write the Secret Guide? I saw my students spending too much effort taking notes, so I made up my own notes to hand them. Over the years, my notes got

longer, so that the 19th edition totals 639 pages. Each time I develop a new edition, I try to make it the kind of book I wish I had when I was a student.

* What does the Guide cover? Everything. Every computer topic is touched on, and the most important topics are covered in depth.

* Who reads the Guide? All sorts. Kids read it because it's easy; computer professionals read it because it contains lots of secret tidbits you can't find anywhere else.

* Why do you charge so little? I'm not trying to make a profit. I'm just trying to make people happy - by charging as little as possible, while still covering my expenses. Instead of "charging as much as the market will bear," I try to "charge so little that the public will cheer."

* Do you really answer the phone 24 hours a day? When do you sleep? When folks call in the middle of the night, I wake up, answer their questions, then go back to bed. I'm near the phone 85% of the time. If you get no answer, I'm out on a brief errand, so please call again. If you get an answering machine, I'm out on a longer project: just leave your number and I'll call you back at my expense, even if it's long distance.

* Why do you give phone help free? Are you a masochist, a saint, or a nut? I give the free help for three reasons: I like to be a nice guy; it keeps me in touch with my readers, who suggest how to improve the Guide further; and the happy callers tell their friends about me, so I don't have to spend money on advertising.

* At computer shows, do you really appear as a witch? I wear a witch's black hat and red kimono over a monk's habit and roller skates, while my white gloves caress an African spear. Why? Because it's fun!

* Did you write the whole Guide yourself? Yes, but I received many suggestions from my readers, friends, and staff, who also contributed some examples and phrases.

* What's your background? I got degrees in math and education from Dartmouth and Harvard, taught at several colleges (Wellesley, Wesleyan, and Northeastern), and was a founding editor of Personal Computing magazine. But most of my expertise comes from spending long hours every day reading computer books and magazines, discussing computer questions on the phone, and analyzing the philosophy underlying the computer industry.

And here are excerpts of Russ Walter's "bio," in his own inimitable words:

"The author, Russy-poo, was conceived in 1946. So was the modern ("stored-program") computer. Nine months later, Russy-poo was hatched. The modern computer took a few years longer, so Russ got a head start. But the computer quickly caught up. Ever since, they've been racing against each other, to see who's smartest. The race is close, because Russ and the computer have so much in common. Folks say the computer "acts human" and say Russ's personality is "as dead as a computer".

"To try beating the computer, Russ got his bachelor's degree in math from Dartmouth in 1969 and sadly remained a bachelor ever since (unless you count the computer he got married to). After Dartmouth, he got an M.A.T. in math education from Harvard. Since he went to Harvard, you know he's a genius. Like most geni, he achieved the high honor of being a junior-high teacher. After his classes showered him with the Paper Airplane Award, he moved on to teach at an exclusive private school for girls who were very exclusive. ("Exclusive" means everyone can come except you.)

"After teaching every grade from 2 through 12 (he taught the 2nd-grade girls how to run the computer, and the 12th graders less intellectual things), he fled reality by joining Wesleyan University's math Ph.D. program in

Connecticut's Middletown (the middle of Nowhere), where after 18 months of highbrow hoopla he was seduced by a computer to whom he's now happily married.

"Russ moved with his electrifying wife to Northeastern University in Boston (home of the bean and the cod), where he did a hilarious job of teaching in the naughty Department of "Graphic Science". After quitting Northeastern and also editorship of Personal Computing, he spends his time now happily losing money by publishing this book.

"Since his wife was lonely, he bought her 40 computers to keep her company, with names such as "Anita Atari," "Aphrodite the Apple," "Baby Blue Burping Bonnie," "Coco the Incredible Clown," "Jack the Shack," "Kooky Casio," "Slick Vic," and "Terrible Tina with her Texas Instruments." He hid them in a van and drove them around the country, where they performed orgies and did a strip tease, to show students a thing or two about computer anatomy."

To order books, disks, or to request more information, call Russ Walter at (616)-666-2666. For a single copy, send \$15 check, money order, or cash (US dollars) to: The Secret Guide to Computers, 22 Ashland St., Floor 2, Somerville, MA 02144-3202.

-Fred Blechman

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If you have access to the Internet service check in on the newsgroup

comp.sys.tandy

a discussion group for Tandy Computers new and old. Or ask your local BBS to carry it for you. If not available to you. You will find it on Chicago Syslinks
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MODEL 1000 PRINTER CABLES

by CNPC

If you have ever purchased a new printer for your Model 1000 computer and it came with a cable, you soon found out that the cable did not fit your Model 1000 if it had a card edge style connector.

IBM and IBM/clone computers have a DB25 printer port connector on them and the IBM style printer cables which are usually round come with a DB25 connector on the computer end of the cable and a 36 pin centronics connector on the end that plugs into the printer.

We have always carried the flat ribbon style cable with the 34 pin edge card connector on the computer end and the 36 pin centronics connector on the printer end.

These cables fit the Radio Shack Model I, III or 4 or Model 1000 computers and any printer which has the standard centronics parallel connectors for the printer cable.

All third party printer manufacturers today, provide the centronics parallel printer connector as an industry standard.

If you need a printer cable for your Model 1000 that has the correct connectors for both the computer and the printer they are available:

6 ft. Printer Cable \$ 12.95 (Z)
12 ft. Printer Cable 15.00 (Z)
(See our Product Guide for S&H.)



DB 25 Connector - for IBM



Card Edge Connector - for 1000s

CHKBOOK.BAS STATEMNT.BAS

by Robert Knowles

(Program Listing Number One and Two.)

CHKBOOK.BAS is a program that I wrote for the Tandy modal 4, this program will save a lot of time in doing your check book, so I converted it to Qbasic. I don't think you will have any trouble converting my Qbasic to GWbasic or basicA, it's such a handy program to have I would give it a try. There is another program for doing your statement that goes with this.

I chose 9 for screen resolution. You should tell the computer which resolution to use, why? All you have to do is leave it out to see why, it is better for you to see it than if I were to tell you why. I used 4 and 7 for colors. To my eye red on grey really stands out, and anything that makes it easier is the thing to do.

You input the last time you balanced your check book, then we use num as the variable, if you input a number you must have a place to store that number.

Then there is chkbook: as a label, why? You will see, and the colon is very important for labels.

Input "check to subtract", with the variable T. If you don't like T you can always change it, then there are two if lines, if (T = -1) then goto fini 'to end. As the program goes along it reads the if line and if it is false it reads the next line, I chose -1 because nobody enters a negative number in their checkbook. The bank frowns on negative balances, it makes them very unhappy, but if you enter -1 in the program it doesn't subtract -1 but sends you to the label fini: this is how we keep control of our program. There are no line numbers to goto so we must use labels to keep control.

The next line is, if (T = - 2) then goto how 'to add, the program has read the input line to subtract and the two if lines and is waiting for you to make a decision. If you

don't want to finish or add, then enter the number to subtract and the program will go on to num = num - T. Where it takes your check book balance and then subtracts your check which you put in T and puts it back in num so that num is always up to date.

Once that is done it drops down to goto chkbook, this is where the label chkbook: comes in. It is the top of the loop (there is more than one way to make a loop). Goto chkbook is the bottom and loops until you enter -1 or -2., then the next line is the label. How? Doesn't make sense does it? You can use any label you want as long as you understand it and it works.

Print for a blank line, beep so you will look up to see what all the noise is about, then the total so far.

Then input "deposit" with the variable D, then if (D = - 2) goto dun, which will get you out of deposits. If you have more deposits then keep entering them until you are finished with deposits, then enter -2. Then num = num + D, so that all deposits will be added to num. It's very important that num remain num through the whole program. You can't think "I'm tired of using num, lets try a different variable." Your program won't work.

You might say that everybody knows that, but I'm sorry, not everybody knows that. Some of the younger users will try that and run into trouble and not know what the trouble is, it's up to us to tell them the right way of doing it.

There is goto add, which is the bottom of the add loop, then the label dun:, and beep to make us look up to see why it is beeping, then print for a blank line, and the total, which is always nice to know, then the label fini, and end.

STATEMNT.BAS is a statement program that goes with the chkbook program. It has been tested and works well. One thing about a program like this, each goto puts one on the stack, and if you get enough on the stack you run out of memory, but I tested the stack and

it is a bit large, but I don't think you will ever have that problem.

This program is a little on the long side so I won't try to explain all that I did. But I will tell you how the program is made to work.

First, type everything in as listed in the magazine, leave nothing out. When you click on run and you get an error message don't let it bother you, everybody has that problem, Qbasic will show you where the typing error is, then all you do is compare the program with the listing in the magazine and fix it. Click on run again and go to the next error. You may have no typing errors or typing many errors, this is normal, all you do is fix them and don't give up. If you give up you will never learn. But if you don't give up, what you learn will become more than what you don't know. Soon it will become easier.

When I sat down to do this program one thing led to another and I don't think I left much room for improvement, maybe you can find something I missed and make it a better program. You don't know until you try.

The program is in Qbasic but you should have no trouble converting it to GWbasic or basicA.

When you have typed the listing in and there are no more errors don't forget to save it, I call it STATEMNT.BAS, but you can name it whatever makes sense to you, then click on run, you should get the menu on a grey screen with dark blue letters, you can look at it and see what to do, but just in case this is your first time at copying from a magazine (you can find some very good programs in this magazine).

The first thing after you click on run, the menu will come up, if your going to do your check book then type 1 <enter> then the menu will disappear and a line will appear at the top of your screen asking you to "enter the last time you balanced your check book" just

type in the last time you balanced your check book and press <enter>, then another question will ask "check to subtract" just type your first check and press <enter>. The program will subtract it from the last time you balanced your check book and ask you again for the next "check to subtract" until there is no more.

Then type -2, the program won't subtract -2, -2 is code for the computer and says I'm finished with subtracting you can total now and put me in deposit mode. You can make the code whatever you want, it depends on how you write the program.

Now, you are in deposit mode and all you do is type in your deposits and press <enter>. The program will add your deposit to num, then type -2 so that the program will print the total and take you back to subtract.

You can subtract some more, but if you don't have any more to subtract type -1 to get back to the menu. Then type 3 and your out, the same with subtracting, if you are finished with subtracting you must type -2 to get the total but it will put you in deposit mode, all you do is type -1 to get back to the menu and out.

When you want to do your statement, from the menu you type 2 <enter> and the computer will ask for your first outstanding check, the program will not do your check book for you, you are still going to have to do all that work.

After you sit down with your bank statement and check book and put everything in order. You write all your outstanding checks on the back of the bank statement. This is where the problem comes in, people make mistakes. They add up their trial statement and check with the bank statement and the numbers don't match. So they do it again and they get some other number that doesn't match.

You can sit down with this program and it will make balancing your check book a lot easier

-Robert Knowles

ASCII, INTER-COMPUTER COMPATIBILITY

by Dale Hill

"Dad, now all I have to do is go up and put this into Wordperfect, and it will be ready for the newspaper," said our son who had just finished two articles on one of our "orphaned" computers.

"Don't do that," I said. "Just move the file over to MS-DOS and put it on a 3 1/2 diskette, then go into Wordperfect and import it as an ASCII file." That evening, Nathan came home saying, "My teacher said, 'I can't believe you can do that with a TRS-80!', [or Tandy 1000] when I pulled the files into Wordperfect."

I am sure we have all heard of ASCII files, but it certainly won't hurt to go over what they are and how we can take advantage of them for the longevity of our expensive computers. Data is data, no matter what computer we are using. Certainly word processor files should share some compatibility, since the end product is always about the same thing. Modern word processors produce files that are "WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET" (WYSIWYG). Thus, on-screen formatting will allow you to see the article as you write it, just like it would print out. This is great for most of us, except when we want to reuse that same data on another computer. Fortunately, most word processors have utilities or filters that allow other formatted documents to be imported into their program. But, all word processors can import one type of file, the ASCII file.

ASCII files are documents that have no on-screen formatting. Wordstar CPM has a Non-document file that it can make and import ASCII files. For the TRS-80, ALLWRITE is considered ASCII. An Allwrite file can instantly be imported into any word processor, though the on-screen formatting commands will need to be deleted.

This summer, we had a 386 at our house, and we had a girl staying

with us who liked to write poems. She put her poetry on the WINDOWS word processor and then wanted them printed out. Unfortunately, I did not bring home a printer cable for that machine. What I did was simply move those files over to TRS-DOS, Model 4, format and then opened them as an Allwrite file. What I had was a bunch of garbage with her poetry embedded in the middle of it. I simply deleted all the extraneous garbage, saved it as an Allwrite ASCII file, and reformatted it as a DOTWRITER file and printed it as a fancy-fonted frameable document. It worked beautifully.

For years, I have been editing stories for an elderly writer who simply cannot type anymore. It has been fun, since we have had lots of her stuff published in various publications. Last year she wanted me to put all of her stories together as a book. I wanted to do it on a Macintosh, but retyping the two 5 1/4 diskettes full of stories was a formidable task, in fact, a job that I wasn't going to do. Using David Miller's MS-DOS utilities, I transferred all of the Model 4 Allwrite files to a 800K, 3.5 diskette and then imported each ASCII file into Microsoft Works for the Mac. The process only took me an hour or so, and the booklet turned out beautifully. So what do we need to be versatile as we work with different computer formats.

First of all, recognize that MS-DOS has now become the standard format for computers world-wide. Every Macintosh now produced comes loaded with PC-EXCHANGE, unless one is bought heavily discounted through the company. Even then, PC-EXCHANGE can be picked up individually for about \$40. With PC-EXCHANGE, Apple File Exchange, David Miller's MS-DOS Utilities and even HYPERCROSS, data can be shared from many different computers. Even Commodore has utilities to exchange data from the

Commodore mode to the Commodore 128 CPM mode, which is simply EPSON CPM, which then can be moved over to the TRS-80 or any of the above combining the various utilities.

With the Mac, know this from the very beginning. PC-EXCHANGE or APPLE FILE EXCHANGE WILL NOT WORK for MS-DOS unless you have the SUPER-DRIVE and System 7. The Super-Drive first came out with the Mac Classic II and is shared by all later Macs. If you want to crash your Mac system, try using PC-Exchange on a computer that does not share the above attributes. The APPLE lady from whom I ordered PC-Exchange happily informed me that, "Yes, the PC-EXCHANGE will work on a Mac Plus with system 6.07 or above." Don't do it, please.

When using MS-DOS utilities by David Goben, the Model 4 folks need an 800K disk and a drive as the second, internal drive. The confusing thing about David Miller's product is that its default a: drive is actually the second or :1 drive for the TRS-80. Once by that oddity, it works perfectly. Do not format a 2 meg or 1.4 meg diskette when transferring files from Model 4 to the Mac. The Mac will only read the 800K disk with PC-EXCHANGE, and will try to automatically format the other two disk storage versions and the precious information on them. Hypercross for the TRS-80 is useless as a transferring agent from TRS-80 to the Mac.

So what does all of this information mean. It simply means that when you move to another, larger or more powerful computer, save your old computer and put it in the bedroom with the kids. Trust me, they will have reports and research papers to generate. Let them generate those on the other computers, out of your hair, leaving the newest computer as your computer, only to be used at your discretion, and if you believe that, I have a picture of an alien ship that landed in my back yard. But, it is a

help to have our kids generate their reports elsewhere, when I have a bunch of work that I must get done on our main computer.

Now all of this may seem like mumbo jumbo to the new computerist, but it is simply not. In order to get good at your computer or your word processor, and I mean really good, you need to understand how to function computer literate. Certainly ASCII is something that a computer user needs to know about. The more you know, the less dependent you are on one specific computer. Yes, your hard drive will go down, and so will your power supply, sometime. Having a couple of older computers around and understanding the function of the ASCII file, the horrors of crashed programs, systems and machines seem a bit less worrisome.

Even with an understanding of ASCII, the computer user still needs to know and understand his word processor of choice, and the only way to do that is by studying the manual and using it. I give thanks every day for computers. Truly, truly, I have a fine-motor skill disability and also a inherent disability to typing skills - I cannot type an error free page, and my written communication using cursive or printing is atrocious. Because of programs that I use at work, I had to buy a Mac LC II this summer, since a physically permanent handicapping disability, will no longer allow me to lug computers home from school. Thus, I pray a prayer of thanksgiving every time I turn on one of my computers and start moving ASCII files around on various computer setups.

-Dale W. Hill



OPEN FORUM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LTR: Dear Editor:

I've owned 26 microcomputers, I've written over 500 magazine articles and five books specifically about microcomputer hardware and software since 1978 - and I've come to the following conclusions, which I call "Blechman's Ten Laws of Computing":

(1) "When it's manufactured, it's already 'obsolete' - but still far more powerful than you need."

(2) "When you try to use it, it's incompatible with everything you have that used to work."

(3) "When you try to return it, they're out of business - or suddenly don't understand English."

(4) "No matter how big your hard drive, it will be filled within 30 days or less - mostly with things you'll never use."

(5) "Nothing works the first time, and never works when you try to show it off."

(6) "Everything you use is attacking your body with electromagnetic radiation of various sorts."

(7) "Any software upgrade costing less than \$20 is an admission of guilt."

(8) "Version 1 of any software is full of 'bugs.' Version 2 fixes all the bugs and is great. Version 3 adds all the things users ask for, but hides all the great stuff in Version 2."

(9) "Any software costing over \$100, or with documentation of over 100 pages, is too complicated."

(10) "You probably were better off with 3x5 cards and a typewriter in the first place!"

There are ways to "beat" these "laws" - but that could be the subject of a 1-o-n-g article (and a 1-hour talk I've given to computer local clubs). I only offer these "laws" here to counter the enormous computer hype that is avalanching unsuspecting buyers who might well be satisfied with plain-vanilla used PCs, XTs or 286 machines with monochrome mon-

itors. In a recent check of local computer stores, I found none that sold less than 486 or Pentium machines with Super-VGA color monitors. This is gigantic overkill for many prospective users. Do you agree, or are you one who must have the latest and greatest - whether you need it or not, and regardless of how much it will complicate your life?
 -Fred Blechman, West Hills, CA

Q: Please send a list of current sources for Professional Write.
 -J. P. S. Chico, CA

A: Professional Write is published by the Software Publishing Corporation who also publishes Professional File. Both packages are available thru CNPC, or from many computer stores. However if you are a Computer News Purchasing Club Member you can save even more on the on the price of the package. Professional Write is a word processing package by the same software people who sell Professional File. See our review in Volume 1 No. 2 July/August of CNPC. and the editorial in Vol. 2 No. 2.

Both Professional File and Professional Write, are the latest versions of the programs that started

as pfsFile and pfsWrite. pfsWrite was reviewed by David P. Miller in Vol. 1 No. 3 Sept/Oct. 1993.

Q: I have just acquired a Tandy 1000SL and I am not sure just how much memory it has in it. I have also been told there are several versions of MS-DOS available. Which is the best one to use with this computer.
 -S. L. South Bend, IN

A: When you first turn your computer on the amount of memory available should come up on the screen. Because the SL boots from the MS-DOS version 3.3 that is stored in ROM (Read Only Memory) it will tell you how much memory is available while checking out its system. The number will not stay on the screen for long. The original amount of Memory installed should be 384K of RAM. (Random Access Memory). See Chart Below.

According to Tandy, you will have the best luck using the version of DOS that came packed with the computer. Each computer has its own set of ROM chips that were designed for the MS-DOS version that was available at the time the board was designed. Refer to CNPC Vol. 2 No. 4 for the listing of which MS-DOS version was packaged with your 1000.

Q: I have a Tandy 1000 EX which I purchased at a sale. It works fine, except that I did not get a copy of the DeskMate program that originally came with it. What is the Catalog Number of the DeskMate program for the EX.
 -B. G. Kansas City, KS

A: Below is a table with the catalog number, the number and size of the disks in a set, and the version name of the DeskMate for Tandy 1000 computers. 1000SL, SL/2, TL, TL/2, RL, RL-HD all have DeskMate stored in ROM.

Computer	Catalog#	Disks
DeskMate II		
1000SX	25-1164	3-5.25"
1000	25-1164	3-5.25"
PERSONAL DeskMate		
1000EX	25-1165	2-5.25"
1000	25-1165	2-5.25"
PERSONAL DeskMate 2		
1000HX	25-1177	1-3.5"
1000TX	25-1177	1-3.5"
1000	25-1177	1-3.5"
DeskMate 3*		
1000RLX	25-1351	5-3.5" or
1000RLX-HD	25-1351	10-5.25"

*DeskMate 3 was produced as a stand-alone for any PC Compatible or Tandy (286 or 386) system. DeskMate 3 was last offered in Tandy's 1993 Catalog.

Original Memory Installed in Tandy 1000 Computers

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1000 HD		SL/2	RLX	TX	RSX-HD

CHKBOOK.BAS PROGRAM LISTING NUMBER ONE by Robert Knowles

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SCREEN 9
COLOR 4, 7
INPUT "ENTER THE LAST TIME YOU BALANCED YOUR CHECK BOOK."; num
CHKBOOK:
INPUT "check to subtract."; T
IF (T = -1) THEN GOTO FINI 'to end
IF (T = -2) THEN GOTO HOW: 'to add
num = num - T
GOTO CHKBOOK
HOW:
PRINT
BEEP
PRINT "THE TOTAL IS "; num
ADD:
INPUT "DEPOSIT"; D
IF (D = -2) THEN GOTO DUN 'enter -2 to end add
num = num + D
GOTO ADD
DUN:
BEEP
PRINT
PRINT "THE TOTAL IS "; num
GOTO CHKBOOK 'return to subtract
FINI:
END
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STATEMNT.BAS PROGRAM LISTING NUMBER TWO by Robert Knowles

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'THIS IS A PROGRAM TO BALANCE YOUR CHECK BOOK
'AND A PROGRAM TO DO YOUR STATEMENT
'THEY WON'T DO THEM FOR YOU, YOU MUST PUT THEM
'IN BUT THEY WILL MAKE LIFE EASIER
'WRITTEN BY ROBERT KNOWLES SEPTEMBER 1994
SCREEN 9
COLOR 1, 7
MENU:
CLS
LOCATE 10, 30
PRINT STRING$(20, 42)
LOCATE 11, 30
PRINT "**CHECKBOOK (1)*"
LOCATE 12, 30
PRINT "**STATEMENT (2)*"
LOCATE 13, 30
PRINT "**THE END (3)*"
LOCATE 14, 30
PRINT STRING$(20, 42)
INPUT "WHICH PROGRAM DO YOU WANT "; X
IF X = 1 GOTO CHKBOOK
IF X = 2 GOTO STATEMENT
IF X = 3 GOTO DUN
CHKBOOK:
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CLS
INPUT "ENTER THE LAST TIME YOU BALANCED YOUR CHECK BOOK."; NUM
CHECKBOOK:
INPUT "check to subtract."; T
IF (T = -1) THEN GOTO MENU 'to end
IF (T = -2) THEN GOTO HOW: 'to add
NUM = NUM - T
GOTO CHECKBOOK
HOW:
CLS
PRINT
BEEP
PRINT "THE TOTAL IS "; NUM
ADD:
INPUT "DEPOSIT"; D
IF (D = -1) GOTO MENU'enter -1 to return to menu to quit
IF (D = -2) THEN GOTO OK'enter -2 to end add
NUM = NUM + D
GOTO ADD
OK:
BEEP
PRINT "THE TOTAL IS "; NUM
GOTO CHECKBOOK 'return to subtract
STATEMENT:
CLS
INPUT "ENTER FIRST OUTSTANDING CHECK "; f
STATEMNT:
INPUT "ENTER NEXT OUTSTANDING CHECK "; N
IF (N = -2) THEN GOTO CHBKBAL
f = f + N
GOTO STATEMNT
CHBKBAL:
INPUT "ENTER CHECK BOOK BALANCE "; BAL
f = f + BAL
CLS
LOCATE 9, 35
PRINT STRING$(15, 42)
LOCATE 10, 35
PRINT "**"; TAB(37); f; TAB(49); "**"
LOCATE 10, 37
PRINT USING "$$##,##.##"; f
LOCATE 11, 35
PRINT STRING$(15, 42)
PRINT
PRINT "THIS BALANCE SHOULD AGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT"
DUN:
BEEP
END

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	10031	MINDREADER (SW)	BOILERPLATE WORD PROCESSOR
	10043	ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (SW)	SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNTING SYSTEM
	10044	MR. BILL (SW)	BILLING PROGRAM
	10045	MR. BILL (SW)	BILLING PROGRAM
	10046	STOCK CHARTING (SW)	STOCK PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT
	10047	EXPRESS GRAPH (SW)	GRAPHS AND PIE CHARTS
	10048	CHARTS UNLIMITED (SW)	GRAPHICS AND TEXT CHARTS
	10050	MAIL LIST (PD)	MAIL LIST PROGRAM
	10125	THE SIMPLE BOOKKEEPER (SW)	VERY EASY TO USE SINGLE ENRTY BOOKKEEPING PROGRAM. REQ: DOS 2.1+, 384K RAM, CGA-EGA-VGA-SVGA, 286+ UNCOMPLICATED UTILITY FOR TYPING ENVELOPES
	10139	ENVELOPE (PD)	UNCOMPLICATED UTILITY FOR TYPING ENVELOPES
	10148	PC-MAIL (SW)	MAIL LABEL PROGRAM DISK #1 OF 2
	10149	PC-MAIL (SW)	MAIL LABEL PROGRAM DISK #2 OF 2
	10167	MAILLAB (PD)	A BASIC MAIL LABEL PROGRAM
	10178	THE BOTTOM LINE (SW)	USER-FRIENDLY, MENU-DRIVEN, PACKAGE FOR STOCK & BOND INVESTORS 5 1/4" HD OR 3 1/2 DD DISK ONLY REQUIRES CGA OR BETTER
	10179	ENLIST (SW)	GENERIC CUSTOMER WAITING LIST PROGRAM. REQ: WINDOWS 3.1 5 1/4" HD OR 3 1/2 DD ONLY
	10187	AS EASY AS (SW)	VERSATILE SPREADSHEET PROGRAM
	10203	LEGAL GUIDE & FORMS (SW)	HANDY LEGAL GUIDE & FORMS GENERATOR DISK #1 OF 2 HOME OR BUSINESS
	10204	LEGAL GUIDE & FORMS (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
	10231	THE BOTTOM LINE (SW)	5 FINANCIAL CALCULATORS, AVERAGING. WINDOWS. HD ONLY DISK #1 OF 2
	10232	THE BOTTOM LINE (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
	10263	WINVELOPE (SW)	ENVELOPE ADDRESSING PROGRAM FOR WINDOWS. DISK #1 OF 3
	10264	WINVELOPE (SW)	DISK #2 OF 3
	10265	WINVELOPE (SW)	DISK #3 OF 3
	10270	DOCUMENTSNEXUS (SW)	PROJECTS/DOCUMENTS DEVELOPMENT RECORDS. REQ: 512K, DOS 3.1+, HD
	10298	ZPAY PAYROLL SYSTEM (SW)	A LOADED POWERFUL PAYROLL SYSTEM. DISK #1 OF 5
	10299	ZPAY PAYROLL SYSTEM (SW)	DISK #2 OF 5
	10300	ZPAY PAYROLL SYSTEM (SW)	DISK #3 OF 5
	10301	ZPAY PAYROLL SYSTEM (SW)	DISK #4 OF 5
	10302	ZPAY PAYROLL SYSTEM (SW)	DISK #5 OF 5
	10322	PC-BOOKS (SW)	SMALL BUSINESS GENERAL LEDGER, BOOKKEEPING PROGRAM
	10323	100 BUSINESS LETTERS (SW)	100 BUSINESS FORM LETTERS ALREADY CREATED
	10324	FORM MASTER (SW)	CREATE YOUR OWN BUSINESS FORMS
	10325	DOCTOR DATA LABEL (SW)	EASY TO USE MAILING LIST PROGRAM & LABEL MAKER. DISK #1 OF 2
	10326	DOCTOR DATA LABEL (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
	10352	EXPRESS CHECK (SW)	CHECKBOOK RECORD & WRITING UTILITY. DISK #1 OF 2
	10353	EXPRESS CHECK (SW)	CHECKBOOK RECORD & WRITING UTILITY. DISK #2 OF 2
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	10220	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 5 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 5
	10221	SOULE'S CLIPART VOL 3 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 3
	10222	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 7 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 7
	10223	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 6 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 6
	10224	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 8 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 8
	10225	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 9 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 9
	10226	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 11 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 11
	10227	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 12 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 12
	10228	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 13 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 13
	10229	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 14 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 14
	10230	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 15 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 15
	10234	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 16 (SW)	CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 16
	10235	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 17 (SW)	SOULE'S CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 17
	10236	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 18 (SW)	SOULE'S CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 18
	10237	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 19 (SW)	SOULE'S CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 19
	10238	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 20 (SW)	SOULE'S CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 20
	10239	SOULE'S CLIP ART VOL 21 (SW)	SOULE'S CLIP ART .PCX VOLUME 21
	10240	GRIN GRAPHICS DISK #1 (SW)	GRIN GRAPHICS CLIP ART .PCX DISK #1
	10241	GRIN GRAPHICS DISK #2 (SW)	GRIN GRAPHICS CLIP ART .PCX DISK #2
	10242	GRIN GRAPHICS DISK #3 (SW)	GRIN GRAPHICS CLIP ART .PCX DISK #3
	10243	GRIN GRAPHICS DISK #4 (SW)	GRIN GRAPHICS CLIP ART .PCX DISK #4
	10244	CLIP ART DISK #1 (PD)	CLIP ART .PCX PUBLIC DOMAIN DISK #1
	10245	CLIP ART DISK #2 (PD)	CLIP ART .PCX PUBLIC DOMAIN DISK #2
	10248	FRAMES & BORDERS DISK #1 (SW)	FRAMES & BORDERS .PCX DISK #1
	10249	FRAMES & BORDERS DISK #2 (SW)	FRAMES & BORDERS .PCX DISK #2
	10250	FRAMES & BORDERS DISK #3 (SW)	FRAMES & BORDERS .PCX DISK #3
	10251	FRAMES & BORDERS DISK #4 (SW)	FRAMES & BORDERS .PCX DISK #4
	10252	SOULE'S CLIP ART (SW)	SOULE'S CLIP ART .PCX
	10253	SOULE'S CLIP ART (SW)	SOULE'S CLIP ART .PCX
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10255	BEST SELLING CLIP ART (SW)	BEST SELLING CLIP ART .PCX	
10257	HORNBACK ARTWORK (SW)	HORNBACK ARTWORK CLIP ART .PCX	
10258	HORNBACK ARTWORK (SW)	HORNBACK ARTWORK CLIP ART .PCX	
COMMUNICATION	10075	MTE (PD)	MENU DRIVEN TERMINAL PROGRAM
	10172	DOSMODEM (PD)	SIMPLE DOS MODEM COMMUNICATION UTILITY
	10341	TELEX (SW)	FULL-FEATURED COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM FOR PC/MS-DOS. DISK #1 OF 2
	10342	TELEX (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
COOKING	10109	GROCERY MANANAGER (SW)	MANAGE SHOPPING LISTS, CREATES MENUS, FOOD INVENTORY. REQ: WINDOWS 3.X; DISK #1 OF 3 ORDER DISKS #10109,10110,10124
	10110	GROCERY MANAGER	DISK #2 OF 3
	10124	GROCERY MANAGER (SW)	DISK #3 OF 3
	10206	PERSONAL NUTRITIONIST (SW)	TRACK BAD HABITS, CREATE MENUS, RECIPIES, ANALIZE MEALS, CALCULATE EXERCISE.
	10211	KOMPUTER KITCHEN (SW)	SELECT, RESIZE, ADD & EDIT RECIPES, METRIC CONVERSION, SPANISH & GERMAN TRANSLATIONS. WINDOWS . DISK #1 OF 2
	10212	KOMPUTER KITCHEN (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2

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	10328	EDNA'S COOK BOOK (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
DATA BASE	10004	PROFILE (SW)	DATA BASE MANAGER
	10005	PROFILE (SW)	DATA BASE MANAGER
	10038	DAYFLO TRACKER LITE (SW)	PERSONAL INFORMATION MANAGER. DISK #1 OF 2
	10039	DAYFLO TRACKER LITE (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
	10061	CD-PROFILE (SW)	DATABASE MANAGER FOR CD's, RECORDS & TAPES; 5 1/4 HD
	10099	BASE BALL CARDS (PD)	DATA BASE OF BASE BALL CARDS
	10290	MOVIE (SW)	CATALOG, SORT, SEARCH & CREATE LABELS FOR 32,000+ MOVIES
	10380	PC-FILE (SW)	DATA BASE FILE MANAGER; HIGH DENSITY DISK ONLY
DESKTOP PUB.	10192	RUBICON (SW)	DESKTOP PUBLISHING PROGRAM DISK 1 OF 3
	10193	RUBICON (SW)	DISK 2 OF 3
	10194	RUBICON (SW)	DISK 3 OF 3
EDUCATIONAL	10001	TYPING TUTOR (SW)	SEVERAL LEVELS OF TYPING EXCERCISES
	10012	KID GAMES (PD)	5 GAMES TO TEACH
	10019	CHALKBOARD MATH 1.5 (SW)	MATH TUTOR FOR AGES 5 TO 12. WINDOWS
	10025	GOOGOL (SW)	MATH TEACHING GAME
	10037	ALBEBRAX (SW)	LEARN ALGEBRA
	10066	POLYGLOT (SW)	VOCABULARY BUILDING WORD GAME
	10123	LANGUAGE LEARNER (SW)	LEARN 4 LANGUAGES, GERMAN, FRENCH, ITALIAN OR SPANISH AT YOUR OWN PACE. DOS OR WINDOWS
	10284	PC-FASTTYPE (SW)	EXCELLENT TYPING TUTOR & TESTER. DISK #1 OF 2
	10285	PC-FASTTYPE (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
	10296	DOS LEARNING SYSTEM (SW)	TUTORIAL ABOUT YOUR COMPUTER & THE OPERATING SYSTEM
	10307	THE I.Q. CHALLENGE (SW)	WORD PUZZLES TO TEST YOUR I.Q.
	10313	COMPUTER TUTOR (SW)	READ CODED TEXT FILES & LEARN HOW YOUR COMPUTER SYSTEM OPERATES
	10314	MATH CASTLE (SW)	SOLVE THE MATH PROBLEMS & SAVE THE CASTLE
	10354	PRECALCX (SW)	LEARN CALCULUS
10355	PROFSTAT (SW)	LEARN STATISTICS	
FONTS	10350	HP LASER JET II FONTS (SW)	FONTS FOR HP LASER JET II. WINDOWS OR DOS. DISK #1 OF 2
	10351	HP LASER JET II FONTS (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
GAMES	10006	BACKGAMMOND PC-GAMMON (SW)	PLAY BACKGAMMOND ON A PC
	10007	DRACULA OF LONDON (SW)	VAMPIRES GAME
	10008	DIGITAL LEAGUE BASEBALL (SW)	LEAGUE BASEBALL
	10009	DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (SW)	ROLE PLAYING GAME
	10010	CAVERNS OF ZOARRE (SW)	FANTASY GAME
	10011	GAME DISK (PD)	WORLD AND WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE
	10013	GAME DISK (PD)	CHECKERS, GLOBAL THERMONUCLEAR WAR, IBM ADVENTURE
	10014	VIDEO POKER PLUS (SW)	DRAW AND STUD POKER
	10015	ULTIMA 21 DELUXE (SW)	BLACKJACK GAME
	10016	CORNCOB 3D (SW)	AIR COMBAT GAME
	10017	CORNCOB 3D (SW)	AIR COMBAT GAME
	10018	CORNCOB 3D (SW)	AIR COMBAT GAME
	10020	GAME BUILDER LITE (SW)	GAME CREATION SOFTWARE
	10021	GAME BUILDER LITE (SW)	GAME CREATION SOFTWARE
10022	GAME BUILDER LITE (SW)	GAME CREATION SOFTWARE	
10024	PANGO (SW)	ARCADE GAME	
10028	GAME DISK (PD)	22 GWBASIC GAMES: AARDVARK; ATLANTIS; BACKGAM; BIO; BLACK;	

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	10030	GAME DISK (PD)	16 GWBASIC GAMES: MARS-ESC; DART; MAP; SOUNDEFF; AGE-TEST; BOWLING; STORY; TELLTIME; WHEEL; BELL; SHUTTLE3D; SKETCH; CHESS; SPACEVAD; VOYAGE.
	10033	GAME DISK (PD)	8 DOS GAMES: ARCHERY; AV; BEAST; COREWAR; EM; FORTUNE; KAMAKAZE; PENTE; SKIING.
	10034	MIRAMAR (SW)	JET FLIGHT SIMULATOR
	10040	ZZT (SW)	ACTION ADVENTURE GAME; COMPLETE THE TOWN OF ZZT.
	10041	SUPER ZZT (SW)	ADVENTURE GAME SEQUAL TO ZZT
	10042	MASTER THE MARKET (PD)	STOCK MARKET GAME
	10053	CASTLE OF THE WINDS (SW)	HIGH DENSITY DISK ONLY. WINDOWS
	10055	ASSAULT OF THE ORCS (SW)	ACTION/ADVENTURE GAME HOOSIER CITY; ASSULT OF THE ORCS
	10057	RAPID RESPONSE (SW)	GRAPHICS WAR SIMULATION
	10058	ROBOMAZE II:THE LOBBY (SW)	GRAPHICS ACTION GAME
	10059	ROBOMAZE III:THE DOME (SW)	GRAPHICS ACTION ADVENTURE
	10060	SAND STORM (SW)	VGA ARCADE GAME
	10077	NYET (PD)	VERSION OF TETRIS
	10098	GAME DISK (PD)	2 GAMES: ENCOUNTER & UNO
	10112	DOOMKILL	SAVED GAME MODIFIER FOR DOOM W/AMMO, ARMOR, INVISO, LIGHT, ALL KEYS (NO SKULLS), ALL WEAPONS EXCEPT #6 & 7, & COMPUTER.
	10113	DMCHEAT (PD)	DOOM: THE CHEAT! EDIT YOUR SAVEGAMES.
	10114	DMCH2 (PD)	DOOM: THE CHEAT 2! EDIT YOUR SAVEGAMES FOR EASY WIN.
	10115	DOOMEDIT	DOOM EDITOR V.2, WILL GIVE YOU A VARIETY OF NEAT STUFF.
	10116	DOOMED (SW)	MODIFY SAVEGAMES FOR THOSE ADDED GOODIES WHEN PLAYING DOOM.
	10117	DOOM MAPS (PD)	DOOM MAPS IN .GIF OR .PCX FORMAT
	10121	DOOM (SW)	THIS IS "THE" ACTION GAME. REQ: 386 OR LATER, 4mb RAM, 5mb FREE SPACE ON HD. 3.5" HD DISKS ONLY. DISK #1 OF 2
	10122	DOOM (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2; 3.5" HD ONLY
	10141	KONG (PD)	GAME OF KONG
	10142	CRIBBAGE (PD)	GAME OF CRIBBAGE IN BASIC
	10145	GAME OF FOUR (PD)	BEAT THE COMPUTER WITH FOUR IN A ROW
	10150	FOUR ACTION GAMES (SW)	FOUR GAMES - BLOCKS RAIDERS, RESCUE, RUNNER
	10151	ADVENTURE GAME TOOL KIT (SW)	CREATE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE GAME. REQ: 348K DISK #1 OF 2
	10152	ADVENTURE GAME TOOL KIT (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
	10159	THREE ACTION GAMES (SW)	THREE GAMES, ARCADE, TRIVIA, WORDWHIZ
	10175	POWERCHES (SW)	GOOD CHESS GAME FOR YOUR PC
	10177	QUATRIS PRO (SW)	TETRIS WITH A TWIST. REQ: EGA/VGA
	10207	COMMANDER KEEN (SW)	ARCADE ADVENTURE GAME, GOOD GRAPHICS, SOUND.
	10216	WOLFENSTEIN 3D (SW)	BATTLE THE NAZI'S TO ESCAPE FROM THE CASTLE. DISK #1 OF 2
	10217	WOLFENSTEIN 3D (SW)	DISK #2 OF 2
	10218	WMAP WOLFGOD.DOC (PD)	GENERATE MAPS FOR WOLFENSTEIN 3D v 1.0 OR 1.1 & WOLFGOD.DOC GET GOD MODE PLUS OTHER GOODIES
	10233	JILL OF THE JUNGLE (SW)	256-COLOR VGA ARCAD-ADVENTURE GAME. HD ONLY
	10256	DOOM MOVIES DEMO (PD)	RUN MOVIES FOR LEVELS 1-9 IN "KNEE-DEEP IN THE DEAD".

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GAMES	10256		REQ: DOOM v 1.2 SHAREWARE OR COMMERCIAL. 5 1/4 HD;3 1/2 DD
	10277	DOUBLE BLOCKS (SW)	DOUBLE BLOCKS GAME
	10279	SAVE THE PLANET (SW)	SAVE THE PLANET FROM OZONE DEPLETION & GREENHOUSE WARMING
	10280	LOTTO NUMBER GENERATOR (SW)	GENERATE LOTTO NUMBERS FOR A BETTER CHANCE TO WIN
	10281	BATTLESHIP GAME (SW)	SINK YOUR OPPONET'S BATTLESHIP
	10282	GO-MOKU (SW)	GET FIVE STONES IN A ROW AND WIN
	10286	SUPER TRIVIA PAK (SW)	5 TRIVIA GAMES, INCLUDES STAR TREK & NEXT GENERATION
	10287	PC-JIGSAW (SW)	SOLVE A JIGSAW PUZZLE ON YOUR PC
	10288	AQUARIUM (SW)	TURN YOUR COMPUTER SCREEN INTO AN AQUARIUM
	10291	VEGAS DRAW POKER (SW)	DRAW POKER UP TO 8 PLAYERS. REQUIRES DOS 2.0+ PC/XT/AT
	10306	MORAFF'S BLAST (SW)	INTENSE ACTION GAME
	10310	ASTROLOGICAL FORTUNE (SW)	GET YOUR ASTROLOGICAL, NUMEROLOGICAL & CHINESE FORTUNES BY PROCON
	10311	FACTS/BAS & STATES/BAS (PD)	FACTS & PICTURES OF THE 50 STATES. REQ: GWBASIC
	10312	GEOGRAPHY/BAS (PD)	PLAY A GAME & LEARN GEOGRAPHY. REQ: GWBASIC
	10316	ELIZA (PD)	DISCUSS & SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS BY TALKING TO ELIZA
	10318	6 - ARCADE GAMES (PD)	SIX ARCADE ACTION GAMES
	10319	PLAY N LEARN (PD)	GAMES FOR THE VERY YOUNG, PLAY & LEARN
	10338	MUZHEC (SW)	PLAY SONGS ON YOUR PC SPEAKER
	10339	PCBEAT (PD)	CHEAP DRUM MACHINE SIMULATOR FOR 6-12 MHz
	10340	LOTTO (SW)	PLAY LOTTO AND TRY TO WIN
10345	BIBLE QUIZ (SW)	LEARN THE BIBLE WHILE PLAYING A GAME	
GRAPHICS	10070	DREAM HOUSE (PD)	FLOOR PLAN DRAWING PROGRAM
	10072	GRBIRD (PD)	BIRDS TO USE W/PRINTSHOP
	10076	SIMGRAF8 (SW)	GRAPHIC ROUTINES FOR BASIC, C, & FORTRAN LANGUAGES
	10103	IMAGE::RUNNER (tm) (SW)	DEVELOPERS' PCX DISPLAY UTILITY FOR DOS APPLICATIONS. REQ: 512K, VGA, HD, DOS 3.1, OR WINDOWS 3.X
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	10330	OPTIKS (SW)	READ, WRITE OR CONVERT MANY GRAPHIC FILES
	10333	ATHENA VIDEO BIOS (SW)	GRAPHIC SUPPORT FOR HERCULES GRAPHICS STANDARD
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	10346	PRINT MASTER GRAPHICS (SW)	GRAPHIC PICTURES TO USE WITH PRINT MASTER. DISK #1 OF 2
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	10349	PRINT SHOP GRAPHICS (SW)	GRAPHIC PICTURES TO USE WITH PRINT SHOP. DISK #2 OF 2
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	10261	DC CIRCUIT ANALYSIS (SW)	DISK #3 OF 3
10262	CIRCUIT DESIGN (SW)	ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT DESIGNER REQUIRES 320K RAM	
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	10095	FF (PD)	SEND TOF FROM PC TO PRINTER
	10096	CDIR (PD)	FULL COLOR HD OR FLOPPY DISK DIRECTORY
	10101	COVER (PD)	DIR PRINT UTILITY TO PLACE ON DISK OR JACKET
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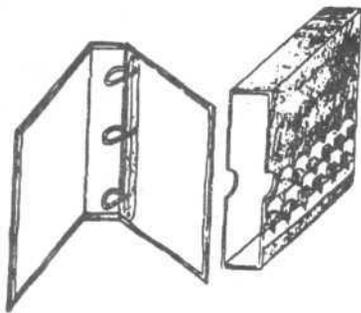
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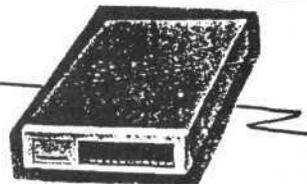
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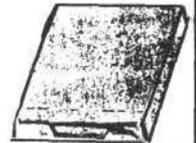
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