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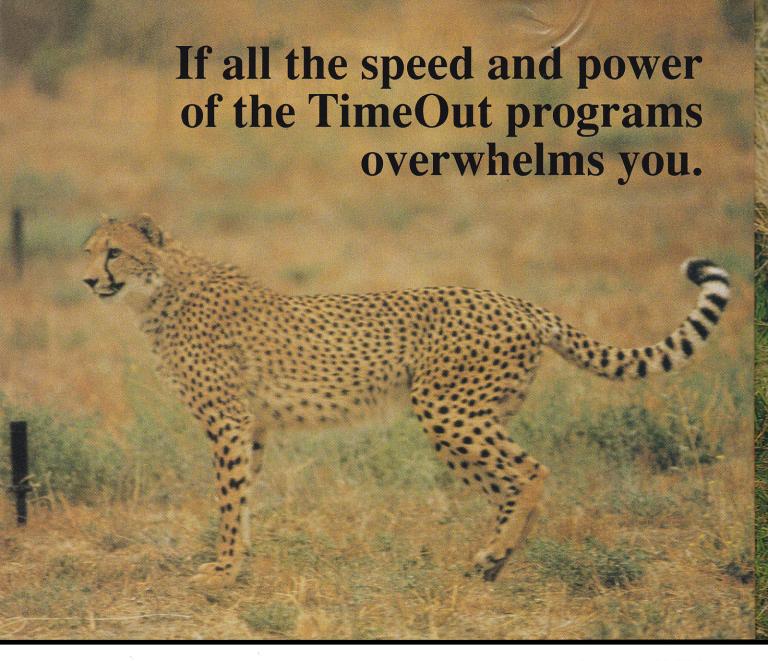
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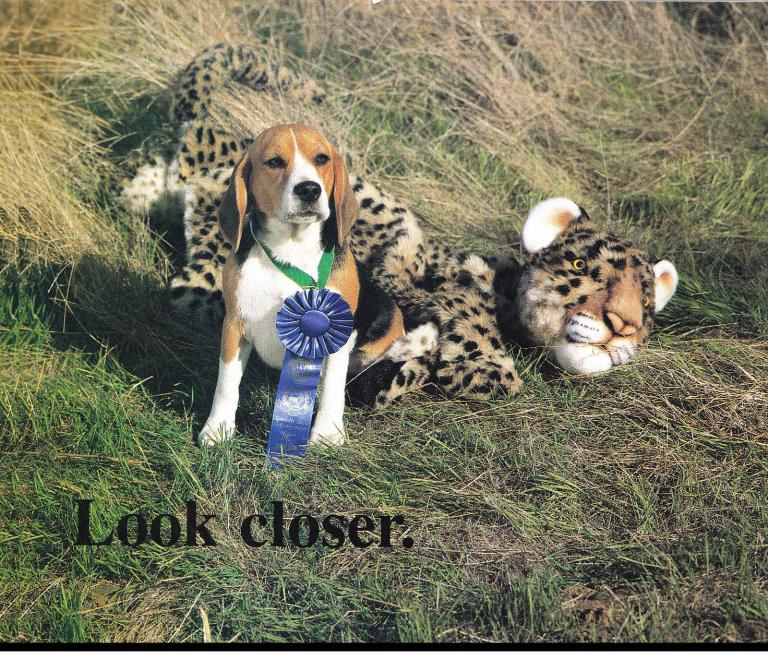
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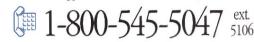
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When someone else can write that program faster and better than I can, I'm no fool. I write a check.

HAT? 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 (Stattus 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.

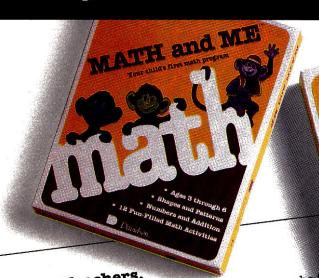
Unfortunately, the public still accepts the stereotype of the hex-crazed programmer. Only slowly are we realizing that programming is a skill, just as building a house or writing a novel involves particular skills. Programmers aren't nerds or nocturnal introverts. They're talented people. Children should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

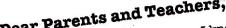
As a profession, programming is young. Many people who are successful programmers today started out in other professions. It's never too late to develop a love for programming. You might even discover you're good enough to make a living at it.

And if you don't end up wanting to make programming your life's work, you can take pride in saying, "I change my own oil; I build my own bookshelves; and I write my own AppleWorks patches."□

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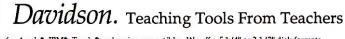
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Y INCOME-TAX TEMPLATE
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January 1989, p. 54) stirred up
quite a bit of dust. While many readers wrote
to say thanks for the template, others were
frustrated at being unable to enter long Formulas 7 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,

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 5 Patricia Street Plainview, NY 11803

LIFE SPAN

OU 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 8921 Powell Avenue St. Louis, MO 63144

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 ncn-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.

KEEPING UP WITH UNCLE SAM

EADERS 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.

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Thanks for the notice. Ruth Within 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

FTER 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).

Christopher G. Utter 2205 Quinn Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95051

-eds.

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

'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.

Terry Murphy 6360 Honey Bee Court Florissant, MO 63033

PRETTY PROSE

HILE 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 7491 Mirabel Road Forestville, CA 95436

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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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Is Fregger mad? No, but he thinks, "People would enjoy arcade games more if they just played one—but too many computer owners never see

Pharaoh's Revenge is fun, and you sure can't beat the price. Contact Publishing International, 333 West El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, (408) 738-4311, for details. —P.S. GAMES



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You wake up in the bathroom of a seedy Las Vegas hotel with no idea where you are or why you're there. Sound like Deja Vu? Deja Vu II: Lost in Las Vegas starts you off in that city and gives you seven days to come up with \$100,000 to pay off the notorious Chicago mobster Tony Malone—or else.

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).

Also coming from Mindscape this spring is the action game Hostage. In this adventure, you'll command a six-member special-forces team assigned to rescue a group of hostages being held at a U.S. embassy overseas. You'll view the action from overhead, from outside the embassy, and from inside. Hostage features several difficulty levels and time limits to provide extra challenge. Hostage for the Apple IIGS will retail for \$39.95. For more information circle number 356 on the Reader Service card.

-L.L.

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Cartooners runs only on the Apple IIGs and sells for \$59.95 from Electronic Arts (1820 Gateway Drive, San Mateo, CA 94404, 415-572-2787). For more information circle number 355 on the Reader Service card. —L.L.

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—L.L.

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- ■Broderbund Software (San Rafael, CA) still offers Carmen Sandiego Day kits to schools that want to dedicate a day to the kids' favorite detective, but each kit now costs \$10. Call Broderbund at (800) 527-6263 to order.
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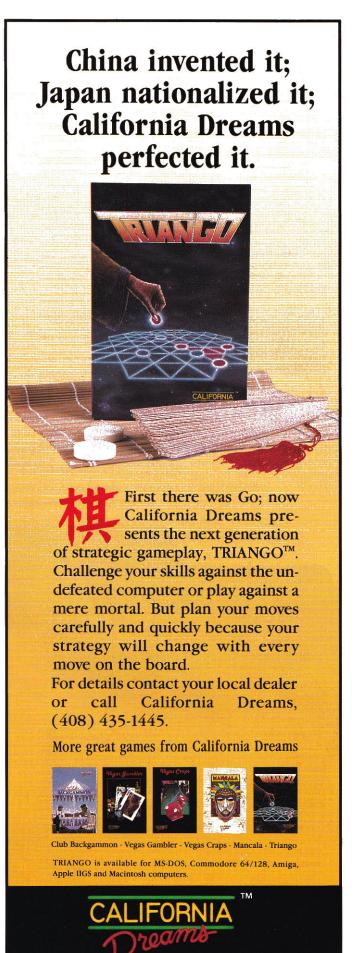
- Taito (Vancouver, BC) hopes to step away from the world of arcade action and release an old favorite, Qix, for the Ap-
- ple lls. Qix is a real "mind game" —its strategy inspired research at some prestigious unversities.
- Beagle Bros (San Diego, CA) would like to add digitized photographs to AppleWorks Classic database files.
- Claris (Mountain View, CA) will give away two free upgrades to AppleWorks GS this year—must be Style-Ware'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 ½ 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 **lic 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 Microlllusions (Chatsworth, CA) and took Dondra with him—the computer game, not the model you saw at Apple-Fest, much to dismay of the quys at Microlllusions.
- ■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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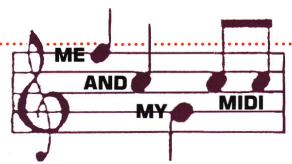




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You can record and play back sound from a microphone, compact disc, record, tape player, television, or video-cassette player; none of that hardware's included, but Applied does give away easy-to-use software that lets you cut, copy, paste, amplify,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



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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 ed-

ucational 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.

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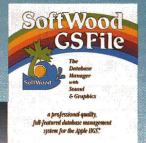
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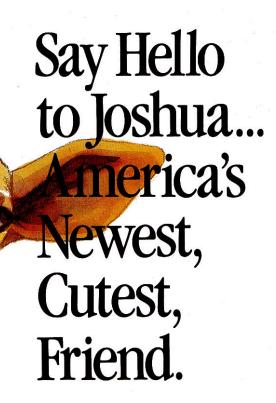
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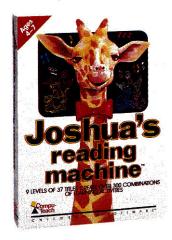
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By PAUL STATT * SENIOR EDITOR

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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By WILLIAM P. KENNEDY, Ph. D.

PRODOS GAMES

PPLE'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

NDER "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. Ultra-Macros, 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."

PROOFER PROBLEMS

TYPED 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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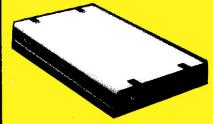
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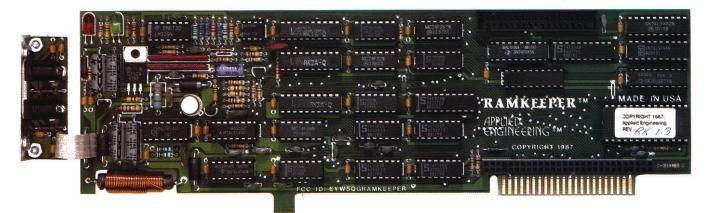
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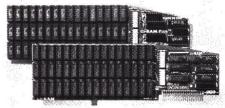
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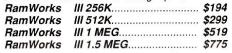
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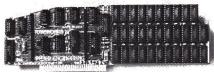
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One of LogoWriter's nicest features is the ease with which you can edit programming commands and text. Whether you're on the turtle page, procedure page, or in the Command Center, simply use the arrow keys to direct the cursor to an error, delete it, 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.

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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 Logo-Writer, 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 controlkey commands if they're entered as a procedure on that page. Flip to the procedure page and type:

to macro when "q [repeat 3 [fd 50 rt 120]] end

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 Logo-Writer 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 openapple 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 intermediatelevel project booklets—from LCSI. You can also trade in your 3½- or 5½-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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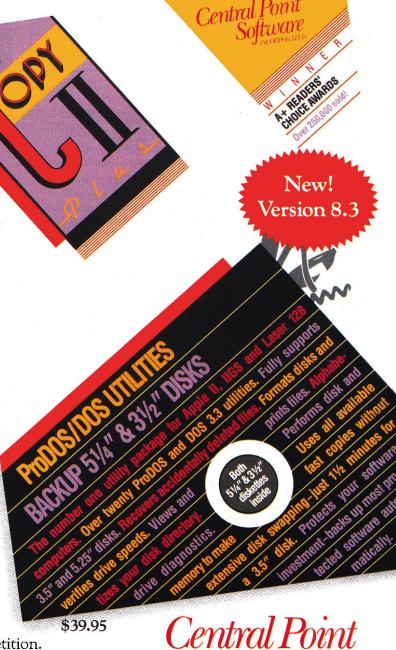
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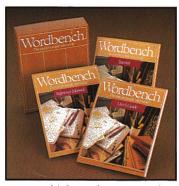
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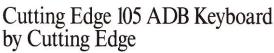
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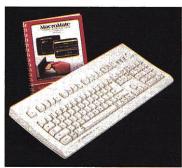
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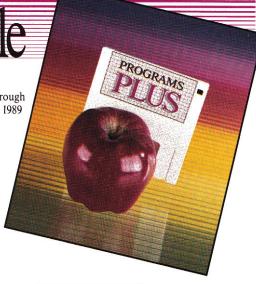


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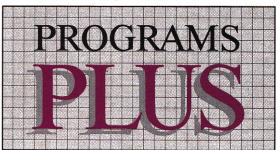
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uses. Data are transmitted via cable as a oneway radio signal at 9600 baud. When you purchase the XPress XChange kit for a onetime fee of \$125, you receive a signal decoder box, software, splitter device, serial cable to connect the decoder to your computer, and all the necessary documentation. There are no hidden costs and no monthly bills.

Regardless of which service you buy, installation is a snap. Basically, your television cable runs into the splitter device, and separate cables carry the signal to your television and the decoder box. The serial cable then connects the decoder box to your computer and you're ready to go.

Once you've connected everything, all that remains is to boot the XPress software. Onscreen instructions at the main menu explain how to navigate throughout the XChange and Executive services. You can get to a variety of features from the main menu, but clearly the most significant choices are Category Selection and Information Display.

Choosing Category Selection brings up a second menu listing the major sections from which you can receive information. Once again, ease of use is enhanced by complete onscreen instructions. The nine categories available cover a wide spectrum of topics—News, Sports, Weather, Lifestyles, Entertainment, Tech Talk, Shopping, Information XChange, and Inside XPress. When you select a category—and you can select as many or as few as you like—you're telling the software to capture from the XPress data stream all incoming information that corresponds to the "tagged" subject areas.

Additionally, each of the nine major categories has its own submenu to further define the types of stories or information in which you might be interested. For example, you can further define the Weather category as international, national, or state. Because XPress is a 24-hour service, all information is continuously updated.

Tech Talk features new-product reviews, stories on industry innovations, and computer troubleshooting techniques. Subcategories let you focus on IBM, Apple, Commodore, or other machines, with technical information from *Byte* magazine and other sources.

Shopping centers around information distributed by the Cable Value Network, Sharper Image catalog service, World Group Travel, and other services. Good buys and special values on software, travel packages, and hightech specialty items abound. The Flea Market category lets you advertise your own goods and services free of charge.

Entertainment news is sure to be popular among XPress users. Topics here range from daily horoscopes to soap-opera updates, from top-ten movie and book reviews to gossip about who's who among the jet set.

The Sports category bombards living-room jocks with stories, scores, schedules, standings, statistics, game summaries, and transactions for every major professional sport, as well as college and Canadian sports. A general category named Other Sports takes care of bowling, horse racing, boxing, and so on. There's even a daily Sports Quiz for trivia buffs.

Of all the categories, none is as impressive or comprehensive as News, though. Headlines and stories are on your screen almost as soon as they cross the AP and UPI wires. Business and financial headlines as well as articles on personal investment and banking are provided by USA Today and the Cable News Network. International reports come straight from worldwide wire services to you, bringing news supplied by TASS (from the Soviet Union), Agence France Presse, Xinhua (from China), and other foreign news agencies. They're translated into English, with the exception of Notimex out of Mexico City (which is in Spanish). The educational value of the News category alone justifies the purchase of XPress' service.

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Other information provided by Executive service includes interest and exchange rates, mutual-fund updates, and market statistics on metals, money, and commodities. Optional software lets stock traders and investors who use XPress Executive set limit alarms, use a mouse for selections, export information to Lotus 1-2-3, and display charts and graphs asstock quotes are received.

The XPress Executive Kit costs \$100 more than the XChange and costs \$19.95 a month to maintain. For those of you who are familiar with the expense of accessing similar financial databases, however, Executive service is a real bargain—especially when you consider you're receiving sports, entertainment, news, and everything else as a bonus.

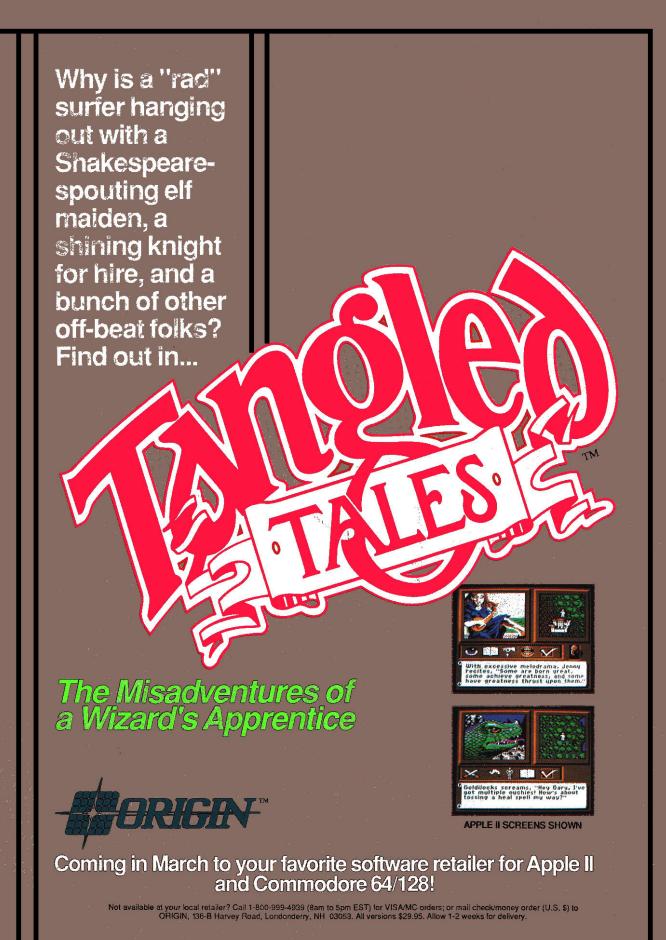
ONE-WAY STREET

The biggest drawback to using either XPress service is that it allows only one-way data. The wide selection of convenient features overcomes some of that, however. Keyword searches and user-selectable category choices provide excellent control over the information coming into your machine and you can send all available data to either your printer or disk, allowing for instant hardcopy or later transfer to a word-processing program.

How many stories can your machine hold at one time? It depends entirely on your computer's memory. Because XPress stories vary from 50 to 6000 characters in length, it's hard to say how many you can store at any given time. As a rule of thumb, 128K lets you capture about 40 stories. Messages at the bottom of your screen alert you when memory is full—you can then read, print, or save your material in RAM, clear old data, and begin accumulating new stories.

As an educational tool, source of entertainment, or financial adviser, XPress XChange and Executive offer a lifetime of service for a one-time fee. In an age when information is essential, XPress is a must for computer owners—whether you own a modem or not.

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BACK to ASICS

Talk to your Apple in a language it understands—spend an hour with our programming tutorial and learn how a few BASIC techniques can make your Apple a more effective tool for home and business productivity.

By WILLIAM P. KENNEDY, Ph.D.

ROGRAMMING'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.

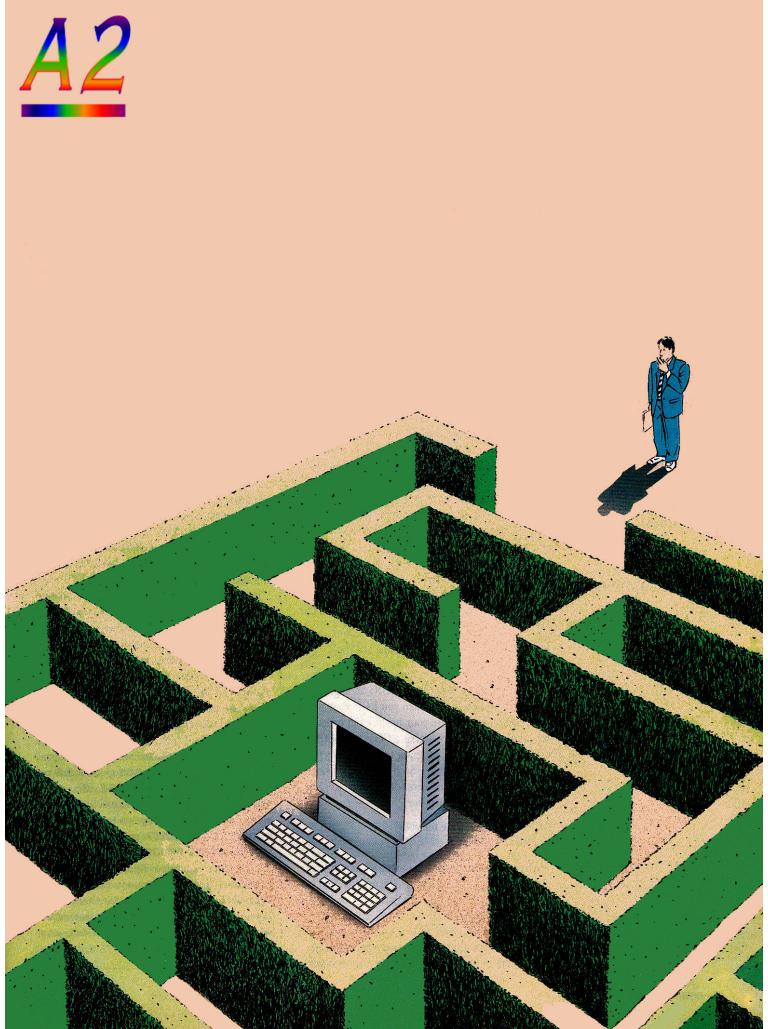
Check the sidebars accompanying this article. These three programs were selected for true beginners, to get you started on a hassle-free programming career. Don't start programming until you've read through the text, though, or you'll miss a number of tips and techniques that will help you get going.

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:





"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,A\$300,L\$C7 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.
- 31 CALL 768 to restore the Proofer.
- 4) LIST should print your program.
- 5) PR#O 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

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.

1160

1170

1180

1190

DATA

DATA

DATA

DATA

```
MAKE.PROOFER -- NEW ProDOS version 2.1
10
    REM
         by Bill Kennedy [3084]
Copyright 1989, inCider
20
    REM
30
    REM
    REM
          [194]
40
    FOR I = 768 TO 966: READ N: POKE I,N: NEXT I [2872]
50
    CALL 768 [685]
    TEXT : HOME : PRINT : PRINT "Proofer installed!"
    PRINT "BSAVE it as PROOFER, A$300, L$C7"
          [308]
90
   END
      DATA
1000
            162,29,160,3,173,48,190,141,182,3
            173,49,190,141,183,3,142,48,190,140
1010
      DATA
1020
      DATA
            49,190,169,0,133,60,133,61,96,201
1030
            141,240,3,76,178,3,134,70,132,71 [5275]
      DATA
      DATA
                                                  [5436]
1040
            186,138,105,7,170,189,0,1,201,214
1050
            208,7,189,255,0,201,229,240,28,189
      DATA
                                                   [5614]
            253,0,201,40,208,6,169,0,201,141
                                                 [5325]
1060
      DATA
1070
      DATA
            208, 15, 189, 255, 0, 201, 13, 240, 93, 169
1080
      DATA
            0,133,60,133,61,240,85,165,60,5
                                                [5145]
1090
            61,240,23,32,87,219,32,87,219,165
      DATA
1100
            50,72,41,63,133,50,166,60,165,61
                                                [7460]
      DATA
            32,36,237,104,133,50,160,0,132,60
1110
      DATA
            132,61,177,155,200,17,155,240,43,200
1120
      DATA
                                                     [8374]
1130
            177,155,200,24,113,155,133,66,32,191
                                                     [8413]
      DATA
            3,177,155,240,27,32,184,3,177,155
1149
      DATA
1150
      DATA
            240,20,201,32,208,3,200,208,245,72
                                                   [1211]
                                                    [1280]
```

32,184,3,104,201,58,240,229,177,155

3,76,0,0,69,66,133,66,24,101

60,133,60,144,2,230,61,200,96

208, 243, 166, 70, 164, 71, 169, 141, 141, 67

[1318]

Listing 2. Substitutions for DOS 3.3 version.

Listing 1. ProDOS version of MAKE.PROOFER

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162,29,160,3,173,83,170,141,182,3 [3481]
           173,84,170,141,183,3,142,83,170,140
1010
           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
ENGLISHLANGUAGE
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 rightarrow 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

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

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.

Program listing. Startup.

10 REM Startup program for BASIC [5867] boot REM by Dr. Bill [2155] 30 REM Copyright 1989, [4733] inCider 40 PRINT CHR\$ (4); "PR#3" [1177] "Programming disk 5Ø PRINT files:" [5350] 60 PRINT (4); "CATALOG" [1172] CHR\$ NEW [568]

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 REMarks (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. \Box —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 I0 in our example) and press the spacebar to restore the normal cursor. Press

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.

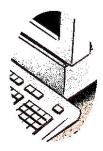
RUN, as you saw earlier, executes your BASIC program. You can't RUN a program on disk; you have to LOAD it first into your Apple's memory. BASIC.SYSTEM will automatically LOAD, then RUN, a BASIC program for you; just type RUN followed by the program's name. Be careful, though: LOAD and RUN (each followed 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-



"USING THE
RIGHT-ARROW
KEY TO CAPTURE
CHARACTERS
INSTEAD OF
RETYPING THEM
ENSURES YOU
DON'T
INTRODUCE
ADDITIONAL
MISTAKES."



AppleWorks Patcher

You can use the *Program listing* presented here to modify AppleWorks. Type It in and SAVE it as AW.PATCHER. After preliminary REMarks and initializations (lines 10-60), Patcher LOADs APLWORKS.SYSTEM from the "program" side of your /APPLE-WORKS backup disk (line 70). ONERR "traps" (lines 60 and 210) and support error-handling code (lines 1000-1050) make sure APL-WORKS.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 Apple-Works 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 O (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.

Program listing. AppleWorks Patcher.
10 REM AW.Patcher modifies AppleWorks [6017]
20 REM by Dr. Bill [2155]
30 REM Copyright 1989, inCider [4733] 40 DS = CHRS (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
Ø,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 Ouit 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 AS: IF AS = "n" OR AS = "N" THEN PRINT: PRINT
"No changes made": FOR I = 1 TO 2000: NEXT I: GOTO
90 [8244]
180 IF AS = "y" OR AS = "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 DS: "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 AS: IF AS < > CHR\$ (13) THEN PRINT CHR\$
(7);; GOTO 1030 [4317] 1040 PRINT: IF M THEN 220 [1125]
1050 GOTO 70 [519]
2000 0010 10 20103

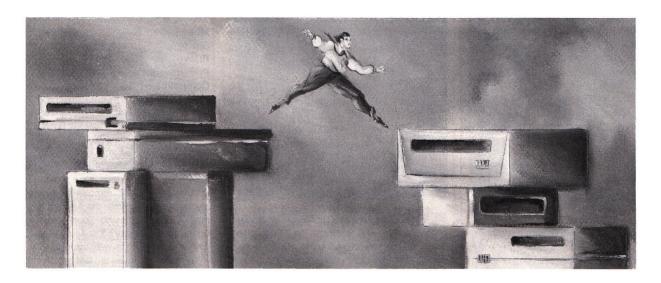
	AppleWorks 2.0		2.1	
	Address	Value	Address	Value
Remove spacebar	14468	44	14118	44
Remove date entry	14148 14149	208 19	14436 14437	208 19

Table. Patching AppleWorks' spacebar and date prompts.

anteed 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.





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).

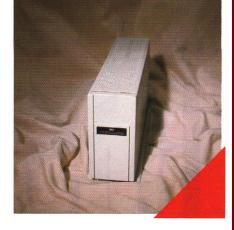
A proprietary interface card usually comes with the drive and works only with that particular drive on the Apple II. If you buy an MS-DOS computer, you'll need a new interface card. (And depending on whether the manufacturer supports that system, you may need a new hard drive.)

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.

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

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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

irst 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 Ile 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

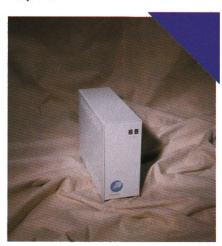
Models: CT-20c, CT-20, CT-30, CT-40 Storage: 20.5, 20.5, 31.5, 43 megabytes

Price: \$650, \$875, \$975, \$1075 Price/megabyte: \$32.50, \$42.68, \$30.95,

\$25

Compatibility: Ile/Ilc/Ilc Plus/GS Interface: disk-drive port, Apple SCS! Accompanying support software:

EasyDrive



he Chinook drive works on all Apple IIs—IIe, IIc, IIc Plus, and IIcs—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 $3\frac{1}{2}$ -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 Ilc and Ilc 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 Ilc 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

f 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

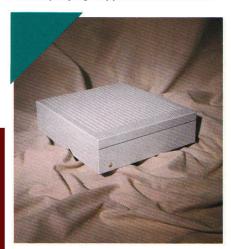
APPLE COMPUTER 20525 Mariani Avenue Cupertino, CA 95014 (408) 996-1010

Models: HD20SC, HD40SC Storage: 20, 40 megabytes Price: \$1099, \$1699

Price/megabyte: \$54.95, \$42.48

Compatibility: Ile/GS Interface: Apple SCSI

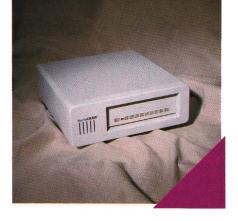
Accompanying support software: none



he 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: Ile/GS Interface: Apple SCSI

Accompanying support software: none

rate 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 (617) 890-0880

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: Ile/GS Interface: Apple SCSI

Accompanying support software:

proprietary



CC 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 Hyper-Drive 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: Ile/GS Interface: Apple SCSI

Accompanying support software: proprietary, Apple Disk Utilities

he 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 51/4-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.

SDLINE

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

Models: SD20U/A2S, SD30U/A2S,

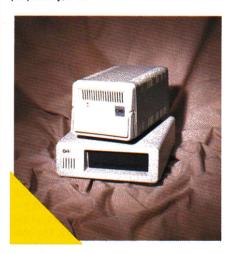
SD60U/A2S

Storage: 20, 30, 60 megabytes **Price:** \$895, \$1295, \$1295

Price/megabyte: \$44.75, \$43.17, \$21.58

Compatibility: Ile/GS
Interface: proprietary SCSI
Accompanying support software:

proprietary, Filer



ach 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 Interface: Apple SCSI

Accompanying support software: none

ere comes a curve ball: the removable hard disk—with ejectable cartridges about the same diameter as a 51/4-inch disk, but about a quarter inch thicker. Speed is comparable to that of the other drives tested.

Why would you want a removable hard disk? You could put all your information on one cartridge and a complete backup on the second; cartridges are as portable as floppies, as well. The potential is high for removable-cartridge hard-disk drives; unfortunately, the price is also high. Storage is limited only by the number of cartridges, though. Cartridges cost about \$150 each.

Using these drives with the GS poses one small problem: GS/OS sees them as tape-backup units, not hard drives. That means you can't partition them with Advanced Disk Utilities; however, you can partition them with the utilities that come with Apple's SCSI card.

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Adv. Information	45	48.3	3.16
HyperDrive FX-40	40	50,8	3.22
Preference	20	52.9	3.23
Apple HD20/SC	20	52.9	3.23

*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 kevs 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 harddisk drives have made the rounds on various bulletinboard 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.

THERE'S MORE

Finally, although many of the hard-disk drives presented in this article come preformatted with ProDOS (Apple's Professional Disk Operating System) and include support programs in the box, there are a number of issues you need to consider before committing to a particular operating system or type of management software. Foremost among them is maintenance of your hard drive. Next month, inCider addresses that question, as well as other topics that will help you get the most from your hard disk.□





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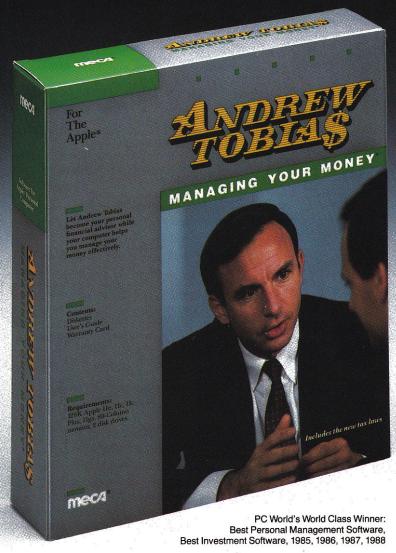
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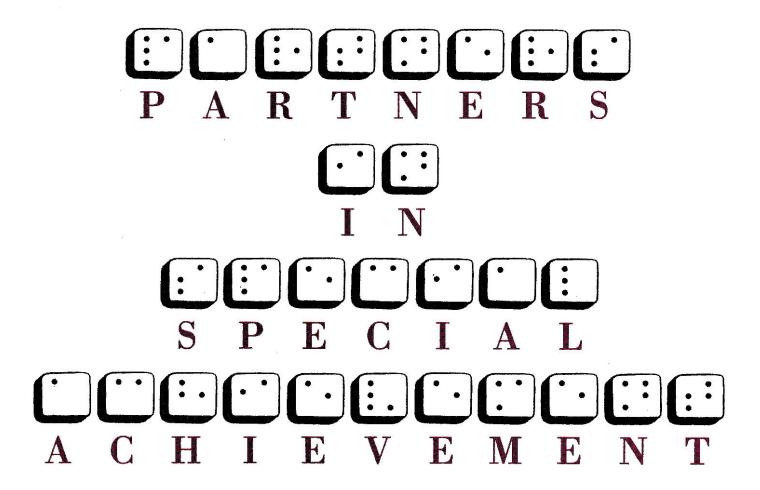
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At home, in school, and on the job, Apple IIs are meeting the challenge of special-needs education and assistance in innovative ways. Discover the latest hardware and software developments that are helping disabled users reach their potential.

op 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 challege 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 marshalls 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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OVERLAY.

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 multiswitch, 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.

APPLES LISTEN AND RESPOND

Voice recognition is still another input option, one that's used in home-control and telephone ordering systems as well as in special-needs settings, particularly with users who have limited arm and hand mobility.

Recognition systems (a plug-in card or external unit, plus software on disk) work by comparing incoming sounds to patterns of speech, called templates, stored in memory. In most systems, you create templates by recording various spoken letters, commands, and other appropriate words as you "train" the unit to recognize your voice. Thereafter the system responds only to your voice. (Even someone with somewhat impaired speech can use such a system, as long as he or she pronounces words consistently.) If an incoming sound matches a stored sound closely enough, the system "recognizes" it and carries out your command.

Some systems, such as the Lis'ner 1000, let you create templates for use with off-the-shelf commercial programs of any type; others, like the ▶

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Massachusetts Special **Technology Access Center** (MASTAC)

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Contact: Russ Holland

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Partners Resource Network

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Edmark Reading Program, \$450

TouchWindow, \$199.95 II Plus Adaptor, \$14.95 Edmark Corp. P.O. Box 3903 Bellevue, WA 98009 (206) 746-3900 Reader Service No. 312

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EyeTyper 300

Sentient Systems 5001 Baum Boulevard Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (412) 682-0144 \$3495 Reader Service No. 314

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Koala Technologies Corp. 269 Mt. Hermon Road Scotts Valley, CA 95066 (408) 438-0946 \$139.50 Reader Service No. 317

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PowerPad, \$99.95 Apple cable, \$29.95 Dunamis, Inc. 3620 Highway 317 Suwanee, GA 30174 (404) 932-0485 Reader Service No. 329

The Rabbit Scanner

Exceptional Children's Software P.O. Box 487 Hays, KS 67601 (913) 625-9281 \$29.95 Reader Service No. 331

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Ufonic Voice System

Educational Technology 6150 North 16th St. Phoenix, AZ 85016 (602) 230-7030 \$245 Reader Service No. 342

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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



ADAPTIVE INPUT DEVICES
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MECHANISMS, HEAD AND MOUTH
STICKS, AND UNITS SUCH AS THE
LIGHTTALKER THAT RESPOND
TO EYE MOVEMENT.

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-



AN APPLE II WITH AN ADAPTIVE
DEVICE SUCH AS THE
TOUCHTALKER CAN BE AN
UNTIRING PERSONAL ASSISTANT
AT SCHOOL, AT HOME, OR
ON THE JOB. 2 9

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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Sentence Starters, \$99.95 Stories from the Planet Zee, \$99.95

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Representational Play PEAL Software 5000 North Parkway Calabasas, CA 91302

(818) 883-7849 \$150

Reader Service No. 313

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Talking Text Libraries I-IV, \$59.95 each Talking Text Speller, \$99.95 Scholastic Software P.O. Box 7502 Jefferson City, MO 65102 (212) 505-3000 (800) 541-5513 (800) 325-6149 Reader Service No. 304



References, Product Databases, and On-Line Services

Add-Ons: The Ultimate Guide to Peripherals for the Blind Computer User

\$16.95 braille or audio \$19.95 print (includes UPS charge) January 1986

A Beginner's Guide to Personal Computers for the Blind & Visually Impaired, \$6

audiotape, regular print November 1983

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

\$12.95 braille or audiotape (free matter) \$14.95 print (includes UPS charge) second edition, June 1987 National Braille Press 88 St. Stephen Street Boston, MA 02115 (617) 266-6160

ABLEDATA

Adaptive Equipment Newington Children's Hospital 181 East Cedar Street Newington, CT 06111 (800) 344-5405 products database

Apple Computer Resources in Special Education and Rehabilitation

DLM Teaching Resources R.O. Box 4000 Allen, TX 75002 (214) 248-6300 \$19.95 1989 edition

Assistive Device Resource Center Brochure

Meeting Street School 667 Waterman Avenue East Providence, RI 02914 (401) 438-9500 x45 free

Augmentative Communication News

One Surf Way Monterey, CA 93940 (408) 649-3050 \$37 for individuals \$57 for organizations bimonthly

CAC Report

Computer Aids Corporation 124 West Washington Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46802 (219) 422-2424 \$20/year audiotape or large print bimonthly

The Catalyst

Western Čenter for Microcomputers in Special Education 1259 El Camino Real Menlo Park, CA 94025 (415) 326-6997 \$10/year for individuals \$15/year for organizations

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Dolores Hagen \$19.95 Closing the Gap, Inc. P.O. Box 68 Henderson, MN 56044 (612) 248-3294

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Artificial Language Lab. 405 Computer Center Michigan State University East Lansing, MI 48824 (517) 353-0870

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With either of her two Enabling Technologies braille printers Angelocci 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.



MANY CHILDREN AND ADULTS
ARE 'KEYBOARD-DISABLED.'
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,

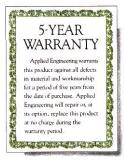
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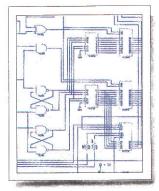
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- 3. Contact Access Unlimited/SPEECH Enterprises (AUSE), a nonprofit resource, referral, and distribution service. AUSE provides free assistance in determining appropriate hardware and software for special needs. President Sherry Lowry is a communicator par excellence and is generous in sharing her opinions.
- 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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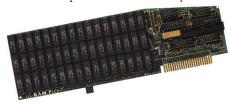
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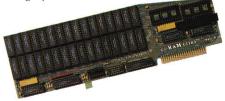


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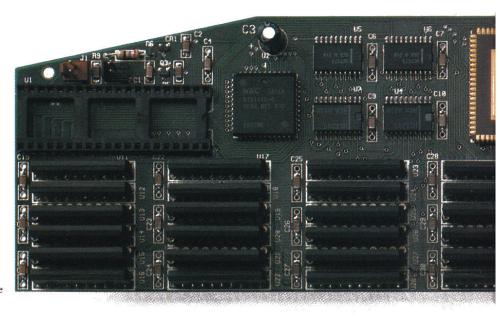
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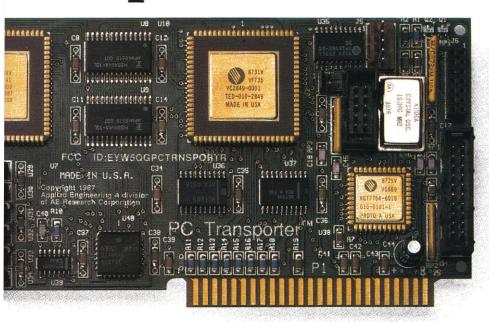
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Put your money to work with an AppleWorks spreadsheet that calculates interest rates for investments you can bank on.

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 minussign 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.

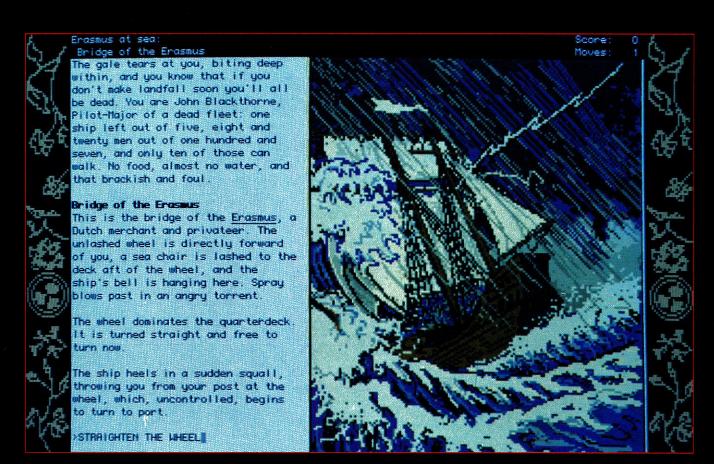
Formats. Most of the numbers are dollar amounts, but dollar signs will only crowd the columns. Instead, use the Value command (OA-V) to set a standard *Value format* of *Commas* with two decimal places.

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 ▶



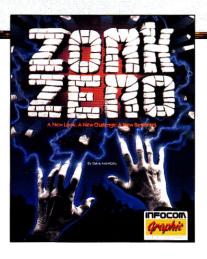
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Megaboz





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ZORK ZERO



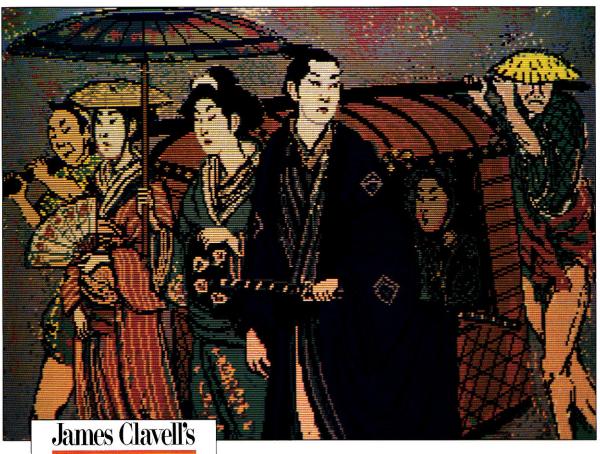
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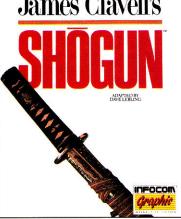
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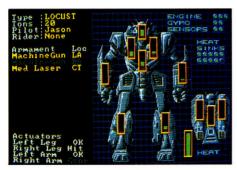
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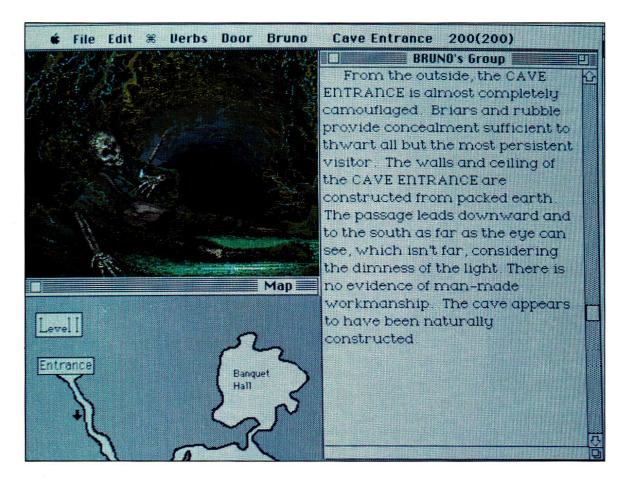
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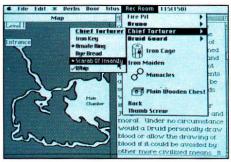
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works. Then place the cursor on the cell receiving the formula. Move the cursor to the cell locations shown in the formula description, and type everything else.

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 31Amount Invested 41Annual Interest Rate (%) 365 Silimes Compounded Annually 1 10.24% 61Effective Annual Yield \$7.580 71Regular Annual Withdrawal BlAssumed Annual Inflation Rate (%) 4.00 Ending Starting Interest Withdrawal Balance Amount (inc Inflate) Remaining Amount 85,000.00 3 8,703.75 5 93,703.75 6 86,203.75 9 131 2 **2** 86,203.75 **4** 87,230.77 8,827.01 87,230.77 95.030.77 7,880.00 8,112.00 141 88,050.94 151 8,932.18 96,162.94 8,436.48 88,630.62 161 88,050.94 9,016.16 97,067.10 97,706.14 171 88,630.62 9,075.52 8,773.94 88,932.20 9,124.90 88,913,70 181 88,932.20 9,106.40 98,038.60 9,104.50 88,528,31 88,913.70 98,018.21 9,489.89 191 88,528.31 9,869.49 87,723.87 201 9,065.04 97,593.36 86,442.27 87,723.87 8,982.67 96,706.54 10,264.27 10 86,442.27 8,851.44 95,293.70 10,674.84 84,618.87 11,101.83 82,181.76 84,618.87 8,664.73 93.283.59 231 11 79,051.03 8,415.17 90,596.93 11,545.91 241 12 82,181.76 87,145.62 8,094.59 12,007.74 75,137.88 79,051.03 25! 13 7,693.90 75,137.88 82,831.78 12,488.05 70,343.73 261 12,987.57 64,559.15 70,343.73 7,202.99 77,546.72 13,507.08 57,662.74 281 64,559,15 6,610.67 71,169.82 57,662.74 5,904.50 63,567.24 14,047.36 49,519.88 301 18 49,519.88 5,070.69 54,590.57 14,609.25 39,981.32 15,193.62 44,075.29 28,881.66 311 39,981,32 4,093.97 15,801.37 2,957.40 31,839.06 28,881.66 16,037.69 20 321

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Figure 2. Labels and practice numbers INTEREST EARNED CALCULATOR BlAmount Invested 41Annual Interest Rate (%) 9.75 5!Times Compounded Annually 365 6!Effective Annual Yield 71Regular Annual Withdrawal 7500 Blassumed Annual Inflation Rate (%) 101 Starting Endina 111Year Amount Earned Amount (inc inflath) Remaining 131 14: 15!

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

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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

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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 WITHDRAWAŁ 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 amound (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 OAV to bring up the Standard Values screen; type **R** to select *Recalculate*; hit Return to confirm *Order*; and hit it again to confirm *Rows*.

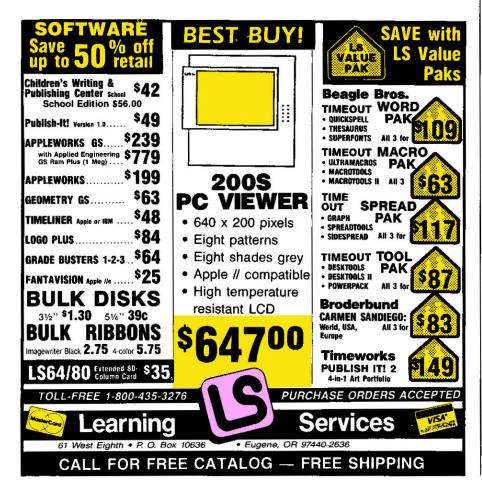
COPYING THE FORMULAS

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 downarrow 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.



Type 1 and hit Return again.

All other print settings remain at Apple-Works 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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By CYNTHIA E. FIELD, Ph.D.

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 nearempty, 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 ¾ 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 returnaddress 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 sandpail 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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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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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 Ibeam 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.

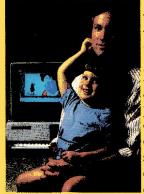
Don't worry about typing the same text I did. Experiment and type anything you want, even nonsense paragraphs. After all, we're practicing, not taking an exam.

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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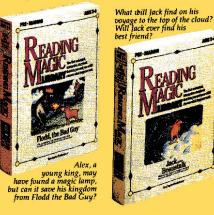
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Page 1: Column 1	Text	0.468	3.293	3.325	6.977
Page 1: Column 2	Text	4.651	3.362	3.325	7
Beach Scene	Graphic	0.804	4.716	2.605	2.552
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Column Divider	Line	4.206	3.366	n/a	6
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Page 2: Column 3	Text	0.775	1	3.325	6.1
Page 2: Column 4	Text	4.594	1.055	3.325	6.1
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Retn. Address	Text	1.644	7.554	4	2
Sailboat	Graphic	0.702	7.856	1.933	1.333
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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 straightline 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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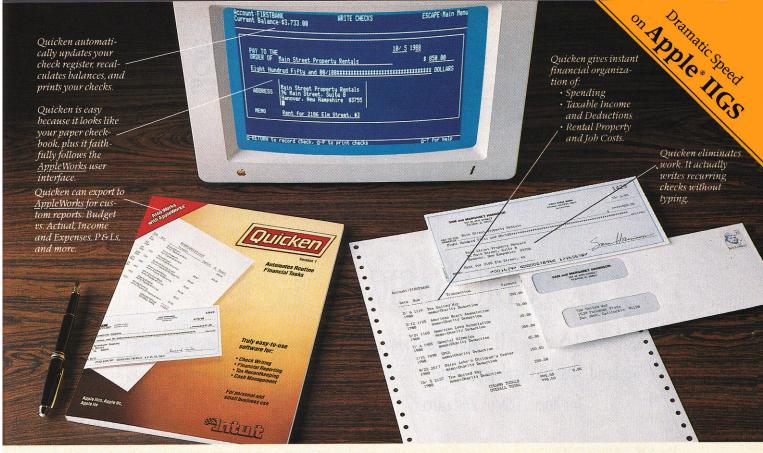
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If you've followed the specifications shown in the **Table**, you'll find the newsletter easy to fold in thirds. Look at the half frame around the beachgoers. See the uppermost of the two horizontal lines that comprise the bottom of the frame? Use this line as a folding guide for the top third of the newsletter. Then fold up the bottom third to reveal the upside-down mailing panel.

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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 Progammers 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% = Ni1% 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%)

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Listing 1. inCider. Shell.
   File: inCider.Shell
By Joe Abernathy
   (C)19B9, Joe Abernathy. All Rights Reserved.
Compiler: AC/BASIC for the Apple IIGS.
Compile this shell with the "no standard menus" option selected.
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   Customize the ABOUT box:
   $About "inCider Shell, By Joe Abernathy"
                                                         ' Get global variables ' Construct menu bar
GOSUB DOSECUP
DOMENU
ON MENU GOSUB menuproc
                                                              ' Init menu event trapping
                                                              Enable menu event trapping
                                                               ' Event-driven program
                                                               ' QUIT forces exit
  GOTO main
                                                                 Interpret menu events
   menunum = MENU(Ø)
                                                              Read which menu
Read which item
   itemnum = MENU(1)
     Fitemnum = 1 THEN

GOSUB 10
   IF menunum = 1 THEN
                                                                  .. FILE menu
                                                            New
      GOSUB 10
ELSEIF itemnum = 2 THEN
                                                               ' Edit
         GOSUB 20
      ELSEIF itemnum = 3 THEN
         GOSUB 30
      ELSEIF itemnum = 4 THEN
                                                               · Print
         GOSTIR 48
      ELSEIF itemnum = 5 THEN
                                                             ' Type File
         GOSUB 50
                                                                ' Quit
      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.
                                                               Standard new file dialog .
   f$ = FILES$(0,"DEFAULT.NAM")
   IF f$="" THEN RETURN which$ = f$
                                                               ' CANCEL was clicked
                                                               ' Store value
           ' Should be called after working with the file.
  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.
   fs = FILESs(1, "DIRTXT")

fs = FILESs(1, "DIRTXT")

ip fs="" then RETURN

CANCEL was clicked

whichs = fs

Store the file name

MENU

This should actually be called after working with the file.
                                                              Dialog, file types DIR, TXT CANCEL was clicked
                                                                ' DELETE a file
                                                                  sub from inCider.Tools
   KillFiles
                                                               ' Unhilight menu bar
   MENII
RETURN
```

PROC InitModem
PROC OffHook
PROC Diallt (Phone%)
END PROC

PROC ReadLine

LOCAL x\$

tmpline\$ = ""

WHILE NOT EOL (FileIndex%)

x\$ = GetChar

tmpline\$ = tmpline\$ + x\$

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40:
    f$ = "null"
                                                                        Force first While loop ..
    WHILE f$ <> ""
       f$ = FILES$(1,"TXTSRC")
IF f$ <> "" THEN
PrintFile(f$)
                                                                     ' Generate file dialog box ' If not Cancel was clicked
                                                                        SUB from inCider. Tools lib
          END IF
                                                                      ' Unhilight menu bar
    MENU
 RETURN
                                                                      ' Type a file to screen
    fS = "null"
                                                                        Force first While loop ..
    WHILE f$ <> ""
f$ = FILES$(1,"TXTSRC")
IF f$ <> "" THEN
                                                                     ' Generate file dialog box
                                                                     ' If not Cancel clicked ...
                                                                     ' SUB from inCider.Tools ..
          TypeFile(f$)
          END IF
       WEND
                                                                      ' Unhilight menu bar
    MENU
 RETURN
                                                                     ' QUIT
    MENU
    END
                                                                    ' Set up program globals
'Screen dimensions:
DoSetup:
   top = 26
left = 4
   bottom = 197
   right = 618
                                                                    ' Seed the window number ' "CHANGED" flag
   WindEx = 2
   flaq = 0
                                                                       Seed the file counter
   filenum = 1
                                                                      Create menu bar
SUB DoMenu
  MENU 1,0,1," File"
                                                                      The FILE menu
  MENU 1,1,1,"New"
MENU 1,2,1,"Edit"
                                                                          is it for now.
  MENU 1,3,1, "Delet
MENU 1,3,1, "Print
  MENU 1,4,1, "Print
MENU 1,5,1, "Type"
MENU 1,6,1, "Quit"
  With structured programming, you will develop libraries of routines to
  handle various standard tasks. These must be attached to the program at compile time. This is done in AC/BASIC by putting appropriate INCLUDE directives at the end of the source code. You should create a data volume to hold these libraries. Below, specify for INCIDER.TOOLS the disk volume in which you have it installed.
'$INCLUDE "*/ASRC/BASIC/AC/DUMP/INCIDER.TOOLS"
  The End. (inCider.Shell)
```

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 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 Micol 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:

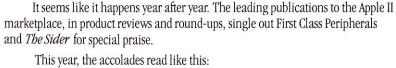
- •Each procedure handles a narrowly defined task you'll probably be able to use in a later program. Logical branching replaces the GOTO statement for directing program flow. This makes debugging easier, and lends a self-documenting quality to the program.
- •Mnemonic variable names, as opposed to abstract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

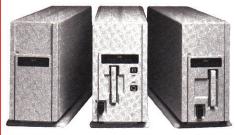
though you don't need to.

- •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 \$IN-CLUDE 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.

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Listing 2. inCider. Tools.
  File : inCider.Tools
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  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 'O
OPEN "LPT1:PROMPT" FOR OUTPUT AS FileNum + 1
                                                     ' Open file passed in thefile$
                                                            Open printer
     WHILE NOT EOF(FileNum)
LINE INPUT #FileNum, a$
                                                     ' Print line from thefileS
       PRINT #FileNum + 1, a$
  WEND
CLOSE #FileNum + 1
CLOSE #FileNum
  FileNum = FileNum - 1
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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
                                               ' Global var
  FileNum = FileNum + 1
  DoWind(1)
                                               ' Open file passed in thefile$
  OPEN myfile$ FOR INPUT AS FileNum
    WHILE NOT EOF(FileNum)
      LINE INPUT #FileNum, a$
                                               ' Print line
      PRINT a$
    WEND
  CLOSE #FileNum
  FileNum = FileNum - 1
  DitchWind
END SUB
  Procedure KillFiles -- Kill one or more files, using std dialog.
SUB KillFiles
                                       ' Force first loop ...
  f$ = "null'
  WHILE f$ <> ""
                                       ' Value will be set to "" when
    f$ = FILES$(1)
IF f$ <> "" TH
                                            Cancel is clicked, forcing
                 THEN
      KILL f$
                                            the Delete loop to repeat ...
      END IF
      WEND
  END SUB
                                                                           Continued
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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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Continued
  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% = \emptyset
  DoDWind
  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
  ' Read the event
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 DoDWind -- Generate a window for use with dialogs.
SUB DODWING 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
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TML Systems 8837-B Goodbys Executive Drive Jacksonville, FL 32217 (904) 636-8592 \$125 Reader Service No. 390 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.

The reason for using global screen dimensions is portability. Screen size is one of the key differences between computers that support AC/BASIC-compatible compilers. By limiting hard-wired dimensions to one occurrence in the program, it becomes easier to adapt the program.

DoDWind. This procedure works like DoWind, but generates a window suitable for a dialog box.

DitchWind. This tool closes the most recently opened window, then decrements the window counter.

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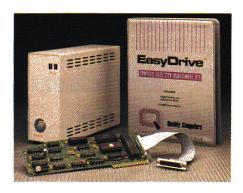
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he EasyDrive hard-disk management system stands alone as a gateway for novices into the complex world of mass-storage devices and the ProDOS operating system. Quality Computers has succeeded in creating a product that combines the features of the program 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 $3\frac{1}{2}$ - and one $5\frac{1}{4}$ -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.

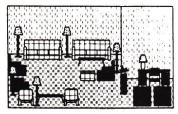
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That leaves accessibility. Many GS owners may consider the Finder the most fun of the



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P.O. Box 2440, Dept. D Eugene, OR 97402 (503) 342-3030 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 Easy-Drive 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 Easy-Drive 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 interfunction 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	ProSei	Finder
		L/R	L/R	L/R
ProDOS 8	LifeLike	5/5	3/1	9/29
-10000	AppleWorks	14/5	13/1	18/29
ProDOS 16	MultiScribe GS	29/10	27/8	24/14
F10000 10	ORCA/M	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

The new menu system lets you use multiple menu panels to organize your programs. Standard menu items are now stored in pull-down





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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 knowledge 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 deskmanagement 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 16bit 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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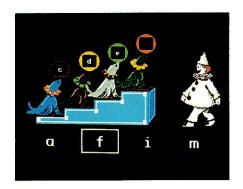
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SPEAK UP

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 "earlylearner 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 operation for which you'll need the manual. It's identical to the 8-bit edition, except for a twopage 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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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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Even more noteworthy than the graphics or sound is the way these games make you approach puzzle solving. TREAT YOURSELF TO ADVENTURE, MYStery, and fantasy, all at the click of a mouse. Three popular Macintosh titles are now ready for the Apple IIGS—and your enjoyment. ICOM Simulations' Uninvited (\$44.95), Deja Vu (\$49.95), and Shadowgate (\$49.95, distributed by Mindscape, 3444 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062, 312-480-7667, 800-221-9884) use quite untraditional sights and sounds to explore traditional adventure-game subjects.

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.

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You have opened a mogic portal into deep space. You are immediately sucked through and the lack of air causes you to quickly lose consciousness.

New depths in fantasy role playing: Shadowgate's eerie setting combines with the GS' realistic sound and graphics in an outstanding mystery adventure, guaranteed to give you the creeps.

That's just the beginning. Next you come upon a seemingly empty mansion—Uninvited has a "haunted house" feel to it as you creep through room after room. Sinister beings, ghosts, and gremlins lurk around every corner. You'll soon find yourself casting about in closets and dresser drawers

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.

You can scroll through the windows in Uninvited,

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Déjà Vu, and Shadowgate to store up plenty of objects in your inventory. You can resize the windows or zoom them to full-screen size. You can also "clean up" your objects (arrange them in order from smallest to largest) or "mess them up" (a humorous command that scatters the items in a window randomly).

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

herald the arrival of a new genre—games that are friendly beyond words. □

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TransWarp GS[™] is now shipping. The Transwarp GS accelerator for the Apple IIGS began shipping in February. The accelerator increases processing speed from 2.6 MHz in the fast mode to 7 MHz in TransWarp mode. TransWarp GS occupies slot 3 without sacrificing the slot's dedicated function. TransWarp GS is priced at \$399, and is available now.

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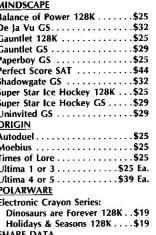
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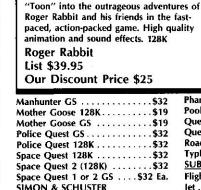
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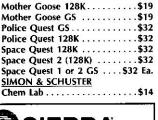
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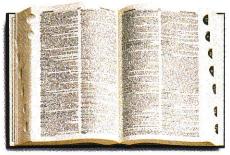
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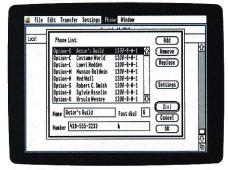
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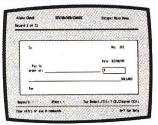
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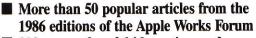
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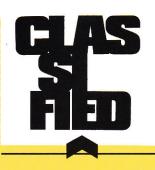


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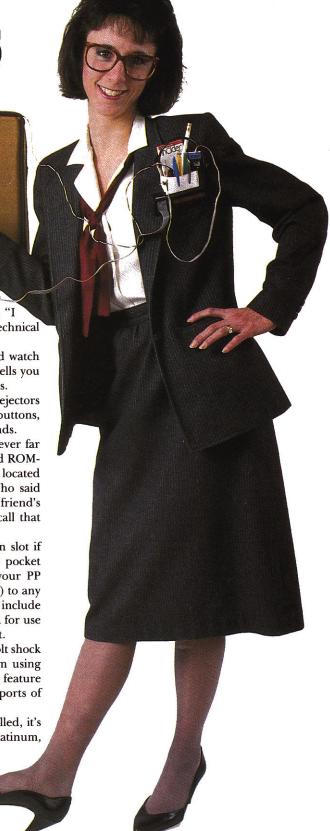
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