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### **Readers Data EXchange**

New COMPUTIST readers using Apple IIs are advised to read this page carefully to avoid frustration when attempting to follow a softkey or entering the programs printed in this issue.

## What is a softkey, anyway?

#### Software recommendations

The Starter Kit contains most of the programs that you need to "Get started". In addition, we recommend that you acquire the following:

• Applesoft program editor such as "Global Program Line Editor (GPLE)".

Assembler such as "Merlin/Big Mac".
Bit-copy program such as "Copy II Plus",

"Locksmith" or "Essential Data Duplicator".

•Word-processor (such as AppleWorks). •"COPYA", "FID" and "MUFFIN" from the DOS 3.3 System Master disk.

#### **Super IOB and Controllers**

This powerful deprotection utility (in the COMPUTIST Starter Kit) and its various Controllers are used in many softkeys. (It is also on each Super IOB Collection disk.)

#### **Reset into the Monitor**

Softkeys occasionally require the user to stop the execution of a copy-protected program and directly enter the Apple's system monitor. Check the following list to see what hardware you will need to obtain this ability.

Laser 128: Your ROM includes a forced jump to the monitor. Press ctrl return reset.

Apple II+, //e, compatibles: 1) Place an Integer BASIC ROM card in one of the Apple slots. 2) Use a non-maskable interrupt (NMI) card such as Replay or Wildcard.

Apple II+, compatibles: 1) Install an F8 ROM with a modified reset-vector on the computer's motherboard as detailed in the "Modified ROM's" article (COMPUTIST #6 or Book Of Softkeys III) or the "Dual ROM's" article (COM-PUTIST #19).

Apple //e, //c: Install a modified CD ROM on the computer's motherboard that changes the open-apple ctrl reset vector to point to the monitor. (This will void an Apple //c warranty since you must open the case to install it.)

Apple //gs: If you have the 2.x ROM, there is a hidden Classic Desk Accessory (CDA) that allows you to enter the monitor. In order to install the new CDA, you should enter the monitor (CALL -151) before running any protected programs and press # return. This will turn on two hidden CDAs, Memory Peeker and Visit Monitor. Thereafter press openapple ctrl esc to go to the Desk Accessories menu. Select Visit Monitor and there you are. Use ctrl Y to exit.

#### **Recommended literature**

•Apple II Reference Manual (or IIe, IIc, etc.) •DOS 3.3 & ProDOS manual

•Beneath Apple DOS & Beneath Apple Pro-DOS, by Don Worth and Pieter Lechner, from Quality Software

#### **Typing Applesoft programs**

BASIC programs are printed in a format that is designed to minimize errors for readers who key in these programs. If you type:

- 10HOME:REMCLEAR SCREEN
  - The LIST will look like:

#### 10 HOME : REM CLEAR SCREEN

Applesoft inserts spaces into a program listing before and after every command word or mathematical operator. These spaces don't pose a problem except when they are inside of quotes or after a DATA command. There are two types of spaces: those that have to be keyed and those that don't. Spaces that must be typed appear in COMPUTIST as special characters ( $\Diamond$ ). All other spaces are there for easier reading.

NOTE: If you want your checksums to match,

"Assembler". Most of the source code in older issues is in S-C Assembler format. If you use a different assembler, you will have to translate portions of the source code into something your assembler will understand.

#### **Computing checksums**

Checksums are 4-digit hexadecimal numbers which tell if you typed a program correctly and help you locate any errors. There are two types of checksums: one created by the CHECKBIN program (for machine language programs) and the other created by the CHECKSOFT program (for BASIC programs). Both are on the "Starter Kit".

If your checksums do not match the published checksums then the line where the first checksum differs is incorrect.

CHECKSOFT instructions: Install Checksoft (BRUN CHECKSOFT) then LOAD your program. Press & to get the checksums. Correct the program line where the checksums first differ.

CHECKBIN instructions: Enter the monitor (CALL-151), install Checkbin at some out of the way place (BRUN CHECKBIN, A\$6000), and then LOAD your program. Get the checksums by typing the Starting address, a period and the Ending address of the file followed by a ctrl Y. SSSS.EEEE ctrl Y

Correct the lines where the checksums differ.

#### Writing to the RDEX editor

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Because of the great number of letters we receive and the ephemeral and unpredictable appearance of our volunteer staff, any response to your queries will appear only in RDEX, so it would be more appropriate for you to present technical questions to the readers and ask for their responses which will then be placed in the Apple-RDEX.

#### How to get a free library disk

Whenever possible, send everything on Apple format (5.25" - DOS/ProDOS or 3.5" - Pro-DOS) or IBM format (3.5") disks. Other formats are acceptable but there may be some delay as we look for someone to translate it for us. (If you use a 5.25" disk, when we print your letter, we will return your disk with the current library disk copied onto it.) Use whatever text editor you like, but tell us which one. Put a label on the disk with your name (or pseudonym) and address (if you want to receive mail). Don't reformat any programs or include them in the text of your letter. Send Applesoft programs as normal Applesoft files and machine language programs as normal binary files. We have programs to convert them to the proper format for printing. If you are

sending source code files, and you are not using the S-C Assembler, send them as normal text files.

#### When to include a printed letter

- Don't include hardcopy (printout) unless: a. You are writing about a bug or other printing error.
- b. You are writing to ask for help.
- c. You are answering another readers help request.
- d. You are writing about your subscription or sending an order for back issues or software.

Bugs, requests for help and answers to requests for help are bumped to the head of the line and go in the very next issue. All other letters are printed in the order that we receive them.

#### Writing to get help

When writing to request help, be sure to include ALL relevent information. The more information you include, the easier it is to find a solution. There's an old saying that goes "A properly framed question includes 90% of the answer".

#### How to get mail

If you are interested in receiving mail from other readers, be sure that we have a current address. If you use a pen name and want to receive mail, we need to have your address. Our readers privacy is important, so we will not print your address unless you specifically say too.

#### How to write to RDEX authors

When writing to one of the RDEX authors. Write your letter and seal it in an envelope. Put your return address, the authors name (as it appears in RDEX) and *the correct postage* on the envelope. Put this envelope into another and send it to RDEX. We will put the correct address on your letter and mail it for you. Check to the right of the authors name to see if the author is writing from a foreign country and include the proper postage.

### Help Line

These readers have volunteered their time to help you. Please call only within the given time frames (corrected for your time zone). No collect calls. (You can write anytime!)

Jack Nissel (Disk Protection, 7-10PM EST) (215) 365-8160

Marc Batchelor, 6025 Coker St., Cocoa, FL 32927 Rich Etarip, 824 William Charles Ct. #2, Green Bay, WI 54304-4018

#### The BBS

#### (Bulletin Board System)

Dave Goforth is the sysop for the Computist BBS. The number is: (206) 581-9292. If you already have a User ID# and password, sign-on using the User ID#. If you are a new user, it may take a day or so to validate your new ID# and password.

## You have a LEGAL RIGHT to an unlocked backup copy

Softkey is a term which we coined to describe aprocedure that removes, or at least circumvents, any copy-protection on a particular disk. Once a softkey procedure has been performed, the resulting backup copy can usually be copied by the normal copy programs (for example: COPYA, on the DOS 3.3 System Master disk).

#### Commands and control keys

Commands which a reader is required to perform are set apart by being in boldface and on a separate line. The **return** key must be pressed at the end of every such command unless otherwise specified. Control characters are preceeded by "ctrl". An example of both is: **6 ctrl P** 

Type 6. Next, place one finger on the ctrl key and then press P. Don't forget to press the return key.

Other special combination keypresses include ctrl reset and open-apple ctrl reset. In the former, press and hold down the ctrl key then press the reset key. In the latter, press and hold down both ctrl and open-apple then press reset. only type spaces within quotes or after DATA statements if they are shown as  $(\diamond)$  charactors. SAVE the program at periodic intervals using the name given in the article. All characters after a REM are not checked by the checksum program so typing them is optional.

#### **Typing Hexdumps**

Machine language programs are printed in COMPUTIST as hexdumps, sometimes also as source code.

Hexdumps are the shortest and easiest format to type in. You must first enter the monitor: CALL -151

Key in the hexdump exactly as it appears in the magazine, ignoring the four-digit checksum (\$ and four digits) at the end of each line. When finished, return to BASIC with: **3D0G** 

BSAVE the program with the filename, address and length parameters given in the article.

#### **Typing Source Code**

The source code is printed to help explain a program's operation. To enter it, you need an

## of your commercial software.

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## **Editor's Notes**

**Fancy Hardware or Vaporware?** 

Check out the pre-product announcement on page 17 and make up your own mind.

#### **Hardware Believers?**

I'm looking for 20 hardware believers who still use their IIe and think they can spare about \$250. I have a hardware project that boosts the computing power of a IIe.

It's a 4"x13" board that sits under the keyboard in your IIe. It has a 65C816 processor using a 4Mhz clock and 1Mbyte of RAM minimum (expandable to 8Mbytes). The ROM is actually a 128K battery backed SRAM chip so that the system "ROM" can be easily changed at any time. It connects to the IIe at the 65C02 chip. You unplug the 65C02 on the motherboard and plug in a jumper to the board. I call it the "Option Card" but some others here call it the "2GTS". That's stands for "too good to stop".

I've sent for quotes on the board. Only one has come back so far. If I can find 20 people interested in constructing the card, it will cost us about \$60 each for the bare board. If you are interested, write to me at COMPUTIST.

#### **Instant On?**

I've been playing around with this one for quite a while. It's a card with 12-32K SRAM chips with battery backup. It looks like a disk drive. I store my system (DOS/ProDOS) software and favorite programs on it. I'm thinking of redoing the board to use 8-128K SRAM chips. That would mean that the board would have 1Mbyte of SRAM. A good size for a RAM disk. If you are interested in sharing the cost of having the new board made, let me know.

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#### Jeff Hurlburt

## The PRODUCT MONITOR

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### **RATINGS**

Superb	*****
Excellent	****
Very Good	***
Good	**
Fair	$\star$
Poor	8
Bad	88
Defective	0*

### II to Two

By now it should be clear that, for the active computer user, access to a PC/AT machine is a 'given'. Along with your radio, TV, and telephone, it has become 'standard equipment'. Interestingly, it has not attracted much experimenter interest nor anything like a fanatic user group following. Today's generic PC/ AT IS a good, solid machine and, by far, the best price/performance personal computing value- besides which, it continues to absorb an overwhelming portion of major software vendor attention. It has not, however, replaced the Apple II.

Why? Many reasons; but, to keep it short: you can't and/or won't do "Apple II" stuff on your PC. This especially applies to experimentation and one's willingness to try out enhancement products from a growing list of new 'garage shop' suppliers. Ironically, when a II user moves from II-only to "two"—i.e. adds a PC— there is more enthusiasm for enhancements and, after a brief dip, time spent using the older machine actually increases! For whatever reason, the "endless Apple II" does seem to be on the rebound. Two computers really are better than one.

## Freakin' Funky **Fuzzballs**

\$44.95, for CGA-VGA 640K PC

 $\star\star$ 

appears; you must find the gateway and, of course, the Enemy is usually in hot pursuit. HIS objective is to pound your Strength points to zero- whereupon you become a POOFball, just a memory in FFF's Hall of Fame top scores list. Fortunately, each Level is sprinkled with food items (to restore strength), wands that create tiles, plus other goodies, like shields, rings (to increase max Strength), and scrolls. Much of fun is in finding ways to isolate the Enemy (by eliminating tiles) so that you can loot a Level's treasures.

Lest you become complacent after a few early successes, the fifteen Levels span five "worlds" (Ancient Times, Funky Gardens, Modern Times, Future Space, and Darkness) offering a nice mix of patterns, grid size, and trickery (e.g. wrap-around tiles). For aces, there's an Expert Mode; and really competative types can go one-on-one with one player taking the Enemy role.

Supplied on both 3.5" and 5.25" media with manual and commands card, 'Fuzzball delivers lively, addictive action; and, via an Alternate Turns option, the lure of fierce high-scores competitions for up to ten players. Possibly, the game should offer joystick input; but its chief weakness is the absence of a Save Game option. After a few tries, it is not difficult to get 10-20 minutes of continuous play; it IS difficult to get much more without enduring many increasingly tedious replays of early Levels. Being a freakin' funky fuzzball is fun; but it could easily have been funner.

## World Class Soccer $\star \star \star$ \$44.95 for CGA-EGA 512K PC

#### U.S. Gold

#### Joystick recommended

If a sports simulation 'works', it's a good bet that someone who doesn't especially like the sport will not like the simulation. Fortunately, Toby, one of the Computer Room regulars is a sports fan who enjoys soccer. While I watched, he tested (and tested) U.S. Gold's new World Class Soccer until it became clear that the "testing" was over and he was simply 'hooked' on the game!

ing national flag, an interest-hyping 'color' commentary, overall SSAS ratings (Skill, Speed, Aggression, and Strength), and the 22-player roster. To assist in picking the eleven players for each match, each player is also SSAS rated. The latter is not merely more hype, since the program uses player ratings to determine in-play outcomes.

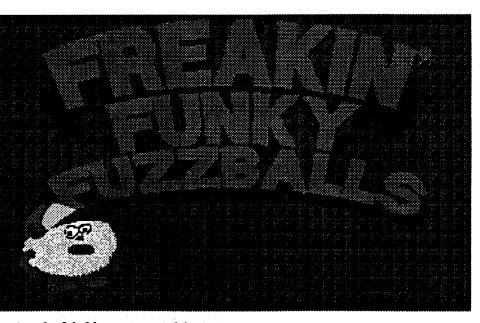
'Soccer's setup menus and displays get you into action with minimal hassle. Once you select a team and formation, screen field. Rounding out the package, a lighted scoreboard display comes up to present penalty and other game messages; and— still more hype— a TV sportscaster introduces each match by predictng the winner.

Boasting crisp, colorful EGA graphics, 'Soccer comes with fold-out poster/ controls guide and manual on both 5.25" and 3.5" media. Expect a quality, easyplaying simulation; but don't count on easy victories-especially against 'top

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the roster (with ratings) appears onscreen along with formation diagram. Guided by highlighted formation position, you pick each player until all slots are filled. Easy! The game supports person vs. computer and person vs. person Individual matches using KB or joystick controls. With two human players, two-joystick play is available using a game port adapter (such as the one listed in Sound Blaster's catalog for \$11.95). Multi-match Tournament play is singleperson only--- the program simulates outcomes for other matches in each round. and allows saving Tournament status to disk between matches.

In fact, everything looked so easy that, having observed Toby's rather extensive "testing" sessions, even I, a total soccer novice, found myself playing. U.S. Gold's new release is to soccer what Activision's 'Two-on-Two/IIgs is to basketball— which is to say Very Good and very playable. 'Two-on-Two's sound is better; 'Soccer offers AdLib/ SB or Roland music, but just PC effects. ('Soccer, however does offer true twoperson play.) Mainly, the new soccer delivers smooth, realistic action and



guns' like Italy, Germany, Argentina OR a skilled second player. Great fun, even if you don't consider yourself a fan of the sport; an absolute feast, if you do!

#### Continuum

## \*\*\*\* \$49.95 for CGA-VGA 512K PC

Data East

#### (joystick, AdLiB or Sound Blaster, and 10Mhz minimum speed recommended)

Flying dreams seem to be fairly common; so, perhaps, you've happened upon this particular variant: You're in an enormous room where, to your delight, you discover that can leap/glide from wall to wall. Great fun; and, now, thanks to Data East, a remarkably similar experience is available in Continuum. According to the manual, you "pilot" a minicraft called a "mobile"; in fact, though, you ARE the mobile. Move the stick back, and your view sweeps upward toward the ceiling. You see level upon level of platform squares. Move it forward, and you can see your base resting upon a platform, platforms below you, and the floor. Bouncing and turning positions you for a 'jump'. Pressing 'fire' sends you forward, sliding into space where turns can steer you to another platform ready for another leap. Connected by doorways placed at various altitudes, there are 256 of these enormous rooms organized into twelve "emotional regions" (Dream, Stimulate, Develop, ...). Mood is set via color scheme, AdLib/SB music/effects, platform arrangement, hazards (e.g. force prisms, mobiles which try to knock you down, etc.), and opportunities. The game can be played in Emotion or Action mode. In the former-you choose any region and are free to explore rooms without competative pressures. In 'the real thing', Action Mode, you start in the "Welcome" room and must collect the sixteen crystals and sixteen cubes scattered throughout the Continuum universe. All hazards are active and the time you can spend in each room is limited. To balance such risks, there is a

### Sir-Tech (AdLiB or Sound Blaster sound recommended)

Most fuzzballs don't do much about being kicked around; but YOU are different! You are "freakin", "funky", AND determined to polish-off the Enemy!! Your quest begins at Level 1 and will not be completed until you blow up the Enemy's HQ on Level 15.

Sir-Tech's 'Fuzzballs is a fast-paced arcade-adventure featuring colorful topdown-view grid displays, simple KB controls, and Adlib/SB/Roland effects and music. Mainly, on each Level you want to collect the keys needed to open a gateway to the next Level-NOT so easy, because each tile is good for just one or two transits before it simply dis-

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A colorful 66-page manual is your first tip-off that 'Soccer is for real. In it you'll find an outline of game rules, terms, pictures and bios for World Cup star players, trivia, and highlights of the 1990 matches. For individual matches or to enter the World Cup competition, you have a choice of the twenty-four 1990 Cup teams. Each has a page show-

natural-feeling control of movement, kicking, heading, and tackling. The 'trick' is that the program automatically puts you in control of whichever team member is closest to the ball. (A small arrow points to the person-controlled player.) Other players continue to follow the flow of play, which can range freely over the smooth-scrolling multi-

multi-position Game Save and a quicksave/restore "Memory" feature for trying out daring new maneuvers. Only Action Mode players can score points (for time in flight and objects retrieved); and only the best of these can win a place in the High Scores roster.

As might be anticipated, Continuum rates just 'okay' on the 'artwork beautifulness' scale; the design effort here has gone into super-realistic perspective and physics effects, smooth, responsive controls, effective musical composition, and imaginative room setups. The effort was not wasted. You DO feel like you are flying; AND there are all sorts of neat places to fly around in! A 'dream come true'? Pretty close. Continuum is a unique gaming experience.

## King's Quest V: Absence Makes the Heart Go Yonder

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#### \$69.95 for VGA PC

#### Sierra

#### (Cluebook required: \$9.95; Adlib, Sound Blaster, or Roland sound recommended)

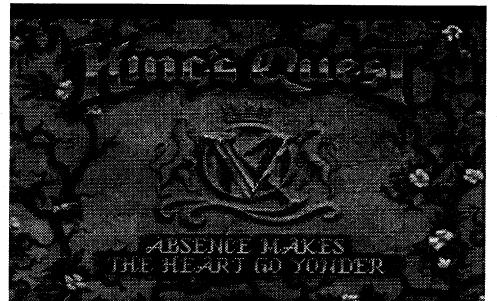
Castles are supposed to very safe places. They're so big and stony and heavy. Certainly, the last thing King Graham expected after a pleasant day in the woods was to return to his estate and find an empty plot! Yet, incredibly, everything-castle, family, retainers, horses, (PC, IIgs, Sierra games, collection of Computists!)— EVERYTHING is gone!! It's a good thing a friendly owl, Cedric, happened to be on the scene. He informs you that a wizard spelled your home into a dark whirlwind and then vanished. Now, your only hope is to let Cedric sprinkle you with flying dust and follow him to a friendly wizard who may be able to help. It's a long, long way from Daventry; but, you already miss your family and, as they say "absence makes the heart go yonder"!

To whatever extent superb, awardclass 256-color VGA animated graphics can be said to 'make a game', King's Quest V''s do it. Starting with the extended movie-like introductory sequence- you do get to see the evil wizard poof your castle- and ending with a no-holds-barred magic duel, the player is treated to one computer-arts masterpiece after another. Your travels take you to a bustling town, deserts dry enough to send you out for a Coke (complete with temples, tents, bandits, and dancing girls), enchanted forests, bone-chilling snowscapes, mountains, seas, islands, and, finally, the maze and chambers of the evil wizard's castle. One of the big reasons you are certain to pause and admire the artwork is the AdLib/Sound Blaster/Roland soundtrack. I must have spent five minutes just enjoying the music and 'atmosphere' of the desert camp dancing girl scene. Much the same happened with the weeping willow (who plays a magic harp), the enchanted forest, and the icy mountains frames (you hear the winds and falling snow). "Wow! I bet all that great stuff uses 4 or 5 megabytes on hard disk."Nope. It uses 9.7 megabytes! (You can cut this way down by accepting a 'compressed files' option; but, the resulting delays spoil the presentation.) In

short, Sierra's most lavish adventure begins as a beautifully crafted 'picture book'; there's no better showpiece for your computer's sound and graphics capabilities.

If you liked "Clash of the Titans", "The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad", and "The Wizard of Oz", you will appreciate King's Quest V'. (i.e. It's a good story, too.) Besides all the places to go, there are many interesting characters to deal with. You'll meet wizards, shopkeepers, gypsies, thugs, pricesses, gnomes, a witch, elves, an ice goddess, harpies, a were the play testers?!" There is NO WAY anyone is going to get through this game without outside help and/or exotic trickery (e.g. scanning program files for text hints).

Consider the problems a 'play it straight' (no outside help) adventurer faces in the desert. For starters, the only way to find the oases is to explore; and that means poor King Graham is certain to die of thirst several times. When you discover the pool just south of the temple, you hear approaching hoofbeats. Since Cedric has warned you of outlaw



yeti,... and many more. Practically every one of these has something you will need to complete your quest and/or can supply help at a critical moment-which gives you some idea of the number of 'use this to get that' puzzlettes. For instance: you'll need the skeleton's shoe to throw at the cat to save the rat who will gnaw your ropes when you are imprisoned in the cellar by thugs. (By the way, keep the rope.) Naturally, to break the lock you will have the hammer you got from the cobbler in return for the boots you got from the elf, who was grateful for the jewels you found in the pouch you took from desk in the witch's house!

Long-time Computist readers may recall that, some years ago, I experimented with omitting ratings. (This did not last long-readers like ratings; and, they want the reviewer to 'commit', in clear-cut terms, to some kind of overall evaluation.) The experiment was prompted by products like King's Quest V'. Yes, the game CAN be a very entertaining adventuring experience; but, ONLY if played in a certain way using materials not included in the game package. Your problems begin with the new point-and-click no-text-input interface. The one in KQ5 works well; and, given a four-quadrant 'walk-around-and-get/ do-things' format, eliminating text input may be a good idea. Game action and displays do seem more realistic. A designer must, however, supply substitutes for the hints normally obtained via text exchanges. Too often, this game is 'long' on puzzles and 'short' on critical clues. A second problem area is the implementation of real-time obstacles. These almost always fall flat in puzzle-oriented adventures. For good reason. It doesn't make sense to allow the player to stand around and think about/try solutions for a problem 'forever' in one frame; and, then, require speedy, precise movements in the next. Bad enough; but, when KQ5 incorporates numerous learn-by-dying experiences AND uncountable opportunities to continue play (for hours and hours) with no chance of winning-well, I have to ask: "WHERE

nomads, you can figure that meeting the riders isn't a good idea; also, this is a real-time threat; so, delay is fatal. The easiest escape try is to click for a northward move. You do it; and, not only do you escape; you discover the temple! Unfortunately, the correct response is to maneuver Graham behind some boulders near the pool- tricky, given time pressure, especially since there's no obvious indication that you can hide. (If you hide, you see the riders approach and open the temple using a magic staff----this also sets a flag which allows the staff to be present and stealable at the bandit camp far to the south.) Run north, and the riders (for no good reason) do not approach the temple! You should be caught and killed; but, you're safe, with no hint whatsoever that you cannot ever get into the temple.

Okay, you have the staff. You open the temple (the staff breaks) and come upon another real-time trap. Spend even a second admiring the treasures and Graham is entombed. After a Restore, you zip in, grab a large bottle near the entrance and scurry out just before the entrance seals. Success?! Uh, uh. You left the gold coin! (It does sparkle, but is

Happily, several factors rescue King's Quest V from the 'Init Me Please' bin. First, being killed-off is not nearly so bothersome as in most adventures. The game offers twenty user-named Game Save positions; and both Save and Restore are very speedy. This also makes it easier to minimize losses should you suspect (or discover) that you're on a losing path. Sierra offers hints via telephone (not a free call) and the latest catalog lists a Cluebook. It is reassuring to believe 'the official answers' are available in print; but I have not seen a Cluebook copy yet. Instead, I relied upon a walkthrough posted on a popular BBS by (according to the doc's heading) "Daniel, AKA XERXES- Master of Games from the present and future". While the walkthrough includes no maps, it does supply more than enough information to assure that players need not become permanently mired.

King's Quest is one of the classic computer game series; and, you must admit, it has been too long since your last visit to Daventry. (Absence makes the heart grow fonder, too.) Thanks, largely, to the ready availability of external help, you can enjoy the beauty, atmosphere, and (to a fair extent) the challenges offered in the latest installment. Get the Xerxes docs or the Cluebook, check out the maps presented in this issue, and then get King's Quest V'. You won't be disappointed.

## Talking Tools ★★★ \$60.00, for 1MB Apple IIgs

#### **ByteWorks**

## (1.25MB and second 3.5" drive recommended)

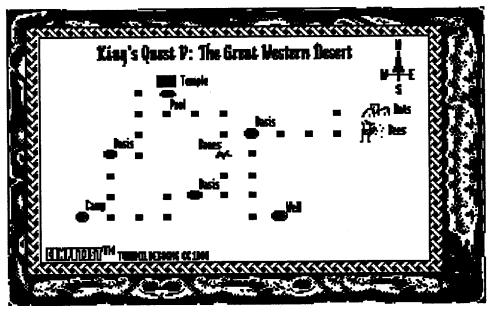
Thanks to the Ensoniq sound IC right there on your IIgs motherboard, it turns out your computer has all the hardware needed for easy, memory-efficient speech programming. All the software you need is an Orca language and Talking Tools. The new ByteWorks release comes with SPEAK.IT, a program you can start immediately to try out all of the package's features. Just type-in a message (like "Good morning Dave") or load a text file, click "Speak" and your IIgs talks!

Default voicing produces "Wargames"-style speech; but, you can quickly change this by adjusting global pa-



easy to miss under pressure.) Now, there is no way to pay the gypsy! Unless you guess that a treasure remains, you're doomed to pointless wandering. As for the skeleton, with luck you'll happen upon it and get the shoe. Without luck,...

rameters for Voice (male/female), Range (bass/treble), Pitch (0-9), speed (0-9), and volume. For most realistic, tailored output, SPEAK.IT's editor allows intext, local-effect changes in the parameters plus entry of delays and phonetic



codes. You can also encode and save words in one or more Exceptions Dictionaries— this way the program can say the words correctly without the need for in-text changes. Other handy editing features include cut-and-paste, an option to speak only selected (highlighted) text, and optional display of text as phonetic code.

Employing over 1200 grammar rules, Talking Tools recognizes such common abbreviations as Dr., Mr., and St .--- it says "doctor", "mister", "street"- as well as monetary and math symbols. For example: \$1 + \$1.02 = \$2.02 is "one dollar and one dollar and two cents equals two dollars and two cents". It adjusts sentence voicing for ending question marks; but, unfortunately, 'recognizes' parentheses and quotes by name. A "(", for instance, becomes "open paren". The documentation describes no easy way to turn this feature off; so. if you want existing word processorproduced stuff to sound right, it's up to you to remove offending punctuation and/or substitute delays where desired.

Along with the ready-to-go talking editor, ByteWorks has collected the Tools and produced a talker program in three Orca languages (Assembly, C, Pascal) including source and .exe code plus libraries; and 'everything'— SPEAK.IT use, phonetic coding, TOOL.050-TOOL.053 descriptions, and source code listings— is covered in a well-organized 103-page manual. Supplied on expanded GSOS System and Program diskettes, Talking Tools IS the easy, fun way to tool-up for computer speech!

Chip's Challenge ★★★★ \$39.95 for CGA-VGA 640K PC get past a chip Socket square. Success starts you at the next puzzle and produces a four-letter code. (There is no Game Save; instead, if you wish to take a break, coding permits restarting at any level for which the code is known.) There are also Level and cumulative scores; but, no record is maintained ondisk.

Play begins with eight introductory/ practice Levels designed to highlight and demonstrate the operation of gamescape features and items. This is where you learn how to avoid many of the nine (crawling, bouncing, sliding) Monster types, and that Magnets let you walk against the flow of Force Floors (moving walkways), Shields protect you from Fire and Water hazards, and Cleats keep you from sliding on Ice. You'll also discover that Blocks can be used to detonate Bombs or pushed into place to create walkways, that color-coded keys and buttons can remove or deactivate barriers, that "?" icons supply helpful hints, and that all Walls are not visible. Add Teleport squares, Bear Traps, Reflectors, Clone Machines, ... and you have more than forty game elements, each represented by its own easy-torecognize, often animated icon. With AdLib/SB/Roland support, you can look forward to a variety of 'colorful' sound effects as well.

Each Level boasts its own 'look' and mood, further enhanced by one of several musical pieces. Part of the payoff and fun in making it through one Level is getting to see what the next has in store. You may encounter anything from a somber, monster-infested plain, through a frantic pinball game style maze. Evidently, there is always some theme which, once discovered, may be a valuable hint. For example, in the Level titled "South Pole" you navigate an icefloored maze of reflector walls by consistently moving 'down' the screen (i.e. "south"). Often, the trick is to recognize the value of some general procedure which can be repeated. So, in the "Castle Moat" puzzle, you discover a quick way to move blocks out of a maze and another procedure for getting them to the moat to build a walkway. Emphasizing the puzzle nature of the challenge, even moderate arcade expertise is seldom required. Similarly, time pressure is minimal. (A few Levels are not timed at all.) If you run out (or get zapped, trapped, etc.), no problem- the game permits endless attempts. Once you catch on to the right approach, there is ample time to explore and enjoy each challenge. Even as you were pushing around crates in "Sokoban", rolling rocks in "Boulderdash", toggling barriers in "Saracen", fitting together blocks in "Tetris", ... you just knew that somewhere an ultimate, do-it-all puzzle quest remained. Basically, you've been looking for the 'Neverending Fun' of the 'Neverending Puzzle'. Well, through 22 super-addictive Levels, winning Bit Busters membership looks doable; yet, over 120 Levels remain! The Ultimate Puzzle Quest? So far, Chip's Challenge is IT!

(Supplied with manual on both 5.25" and 3.5" media.)

#### Fast Frames, Updates, etc.

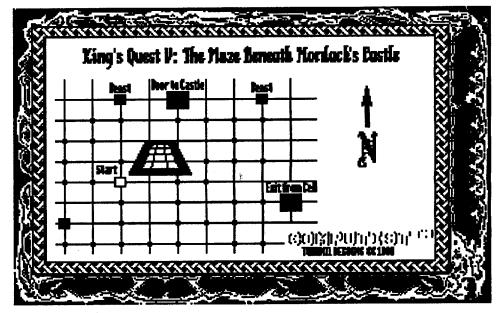
#### The Maps of Kings Quest V

Talk about luck! Just when it looked like you would have to tackle the dreaded Western Desert unaided, along comes an old gnome who suggests: "Hey, whynottrytheComputistmaplibrary?!" Sure enough, all you had to do was look. On the very top shelf in the southwest corner, between stacks of yellowing scrolls labeled "Ultima" and "Questron", you spy "KQ" and reach for the parchment rolls. The ancient ladder creaks, shifts slightly in its tracks and you start to imagine headlines like "Adventurer Perishes in Freak Mishap", "Quester Plummets to Doom", ... then you've got them!... ("Still clutching the prized documents, the broken remains of ... ") and scurry down to safety. Whew! But it was and entering the planet's name.) According to my notes, the chase leads to Reesdice and Arexe in Galaxy 1 and, then, moves to Errius in Galaxy 2. It's okay to dock at any nearby planet after the G-jump in order to do a planet Find for Errius. A chain of messages starting at Errius directs you to Inbibe, Ausar, and Usleri. Finally, the showdown is at Orarra.

#### Elite Plus $\star \star \star$

It took a while, but, FINALLY someone has released a full-sound, full-color EGA/VGA version of "Elite" for PC/ AT (\$44.95). Wisely, MicroPlay's designers have hewed closely to the original look and feel of the most popular space combat and trading adventure ever. Once again, you begin as a "Harmless" rated trader/combateer at the helm of a bare-bones Cobra space craft. Your mission: build your wealth, arm your ship 'to the teeth', gain Elite rank, and do something about an inter-galactic conspiracy involving trading combines, the Knights Templar, and (of course!) the ruthless insectoid Thargoids- all of which is explained in the new scenesetter novella included as part of the manual.

In Elite Plus you can look forward to more color, better-detailed, filled ship



worth the risk. One sheet IS the desert map, crisply drawn and beautifully illuminated. Even better, the other is not merely a copy of the first. It's a diagram of some kind of maze. ("Hmmm, looks like I get in through this grating. Wonder why 'beast' is marked... to avoid, or maybe one has something I'll need...") No doubt, both maps will come in very handy indeed!

#### **Elite Matters**

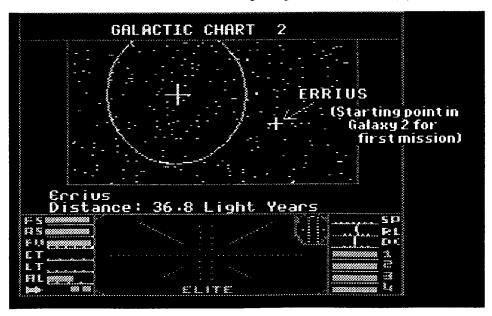
In issue #80, Zorro had a few questions about the first Elite mission. Your and station shapes, an attractive cockpit view including status icons, and much improved AdLib/SB/Roland sound. (By the way, AdLib/SB sound is better here. The game's Roland effects do not differentiate between laser bursts which hit the target and those which miss; the Adlib/SB effects do.) Except for substituting function keys for number keys, both KB and joystick controls behave very much like the Apple II original. One notable exception is that you cannot slow to a full stop; so, docking without a computer is much more difficult. Gaining rank is easier-I reached Elite after about 1000 kills. On the other hand, smaller system-to-system price differences for low cost items makes getting a start in building your fortune

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#### Joystick recommended

Melinda the Mental Marvel is smart, cute, and president of Bit Busters, your school's ultra exclusive computer club. When she offers you (Chip the Nerd) an opportunity to prove you have the right stuff for 'Busters membership, only one answer is possible: "Wow!" and then "Let me at them/it/..whatever."

"It" is a series of 144 multi-screen push, slide, toggle, unlock, navigate, dodge, detonate puzzles. In each smoothscrolling top-down view gamescape your objective is to guide the Chip action figure to an exit square before time expires. The "Chip" in "Chip's Challenge" has a double meaning, since, usually, you must collect a specified number of computer Chips in order to initial Space Navy message comes at Xeer, in the eastern central part of Galaxy 1. (Note: While docked, you can locate any planet in a galaxy by pressing "5", to call up the galaxy map, then "F"



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somewhat rougher. (Incidentally, no, I have not won the game yet. As in the original, when you take on the new Elite', you're in for a long, LONG adventure.)

"Elite" veterans will notice other differences, as well. Most, like increased close-in combat and beautiful planet/ inhabitant displays when you call-up System Info are for the better. (Incredibly, the designers had the good sense to retain the decidely odd, yet 'tradional' sys info text descriptions.) The quest is new; but the stars are the same, and Elite Plus is still Elite!

#### The Bard's Tale III: Thief of Fate/PC ●\*

"It can't be!!!" Alas, it can. After several hours of fine BT-style exploration and monster-mashing I was ready to consider a class change for a couple of Level 9 magic users. (Each had achieved spell level 5.) A magician had no trouble moving to conjurer; but when a conjurer chose "magician" his class designator changed from a letter to mush and he was no longer viewable/accessible as a standard character. Instead, the program seemed to believe he was some sort of non-player character. (NPC's can join your party but, aside from being less than reliable, they cannot develop like the ones you create.) I experimented a bit; and the same kind of thing happens if, given two choices (numbered 1 and 2), you enter "3". In the latter case, your NPC'd character mysteriously acquires the full set of geomancer spells! Quite a mess. 'Bard's Tale III'/PC is definitely defective. I have notified EA and will let you know when a fixed release is available.

#### Dark Designs 🝼\*

As you may recall, I had promised a review of Softdisk GS's Dark Designs trilogy. Regrettably, a game-killer bug in DD III has put the project on hold pending arrival of a fix.

## Mickey's 123's: The Big Surprise Party

Everyone knows that the best way to learn about something is to use it. That's just what young computists (ages 2-5) do in Disney's new learning about numbers activity. Once you decide which of Mickey's eight friends is having a birthday, the game launches Mickey into the business of preparation. At Goofey's Food Market he shops for drinks, food, balloons, etc.-- you press 0-9 at each location to indicate how many to get and a teacher voice says the number and counts off the items. At the Post Office, Mickey uses numbers to select those to receive invitations; and you see the postman's truck make each delivery. At the

Toy Factory, the number you punch determines which toy is to be stampedout and wrapped (on a Rube Goldberg assembly line) as a gift.

Numbers are everywhere! Of course, because one of the program's aims is to help the young player see that numbers have many uses besides just "counting 1, 2, 3's". Punch a "2" while Mickey is walking between locations and POOF! he's riding a bicycle; a "5", and he's zipping along in a convertible with spare; a "9" and ... - cute, especially since a number doesn't always produce the same vehicle. Finally, at the party, number entries decide how much of each food/ drink item to serve each guest. Throughout, you can expect quality Disney artwork and animation plus crisp Sound Source music, effects, and voices. Mickey's 123's' is a valuable arithmetic 'readiness' activity, good for uncountable hours of learning fun. (\$49.95, or \$69.95 with Sound Source, for CGA-VGA 512K PC on 3.5" and 5.25" media)

#### Death Knights of Krynn 🖈

It figures; just when you're ready to relax at the celebration of last year's victory over the Draconians, down swoops a mob of undead raiders led by your old pal, the recently slain Sir Karl! Obviously, once again, 'the game is afoot' on Krynn; only, this time, you opment. Magic users start with monsterwiper spells like Fireball; and fighters come with weapons and armor better than anything they can buy or discover until late in the game. Yet, despite your enhanced powers, DKK floods the gamescape with inept undead pissants. A succession of dreary settings and a tortured, wandering scenario complete the picture: with or without the \$12.95 Clue Book, this quest is more work than play.

#### **Two-World Transfers**

For the new two-computer user, two different machines can seem to mean learning to work and play in two separate 'worlds'. No wonder! The Apple II owner who adds a PC will find many differences, not the least of which is the difference in disk operating systems. Your PC can't make sense of DOS 3.3, ProDOS, or GSOS; your Apple doesn't understand MS-DOS. Too bad; because, once you've got the second machine up and running, you begin to notice all sorts of text documents, programs, graphics files, etc. you would very much like to move from one machine to the other.

#### Hardware

Fortunately, there is one thing your Apple II (Mac, C-64, Amiga, ...) and PC do agree upon: a modem is a modem. A few years ago, my dad wanted to move some plant design programs developed



face the unearthed legions of The Death Knight, Lord Soth!!

Death Knights of Krynn (\$49.95, for CGA-EGA 640K PC) is second in SSI's series based upon TSR's "Dragonlance" stories and characters. You can count on the same fine artwork, AdLib/SB sound, and excellent gaming system— including scrolled multi-screen tactical combats— as found in "Champions of Krynn" and other SSI favorites. You can not count on the same level of adventure. DKK is a sequel which shows its sequelness. Your six characters, whether transfers or newly created, come in around Level 6, far past the most challenging (most fun!) stages of develon the II+ to an IBM PC at his lab. The solution: convert the Applesoft files to TEXT, modem the files to the lab PC, and adjust for differences in the the BASICs. The same approach worked when I needed to move a RUN review from IIgs Appleworks to C-64 Qwik-Write.

A modem is a modem; AND RS-232 is RS-232. (RS-232c is the name of the interface standard commonly used for modem I/O.) If your PC is sitting a few feet from your II, you can transfer stuff viamodem (if you've got two modems); OR you can connect one '232 port to the other via a NULL-modem. A null-modem is 'no modem', just a pair of standard 25-pin female connectors connected back to back so that outputs coming from one computer go to the inputs of the other. To link the computers you plug the modem cable (i.e. RS-232 I/O cable) from each machine into the nullmodem. Note: The reason that a null-modem must swap I/O lines is that you are joining two RS-232 "terminal sets". The normal modern cable does no swapping because your modem is a "data set" with a plug wired so that modem outputs go to computer inputs and vice-versa. When you connect two computers via nullmodem, each computer, in effect, 'believes' it is the terminal and the other is a modem.

Many electronic suppliers, including your local Radio Shack, offer standard 25-pin null-modem cables. (By convention, they are called "cables" even when the connectors are housed in a single compact case.) If you would rather 'roll your own', use the wiring scheme shown below:

Connector A		Connector B
pin 1	to	pin 1
pin 2	to	pin 3
pin 3	to	pin 2
pins 4 & 5	to	pin 8
pins 6 & 22	to	pin 20
pin 7	to	pin 7
pin 8	to	pins 4 & 5
pin 20	to	pins 6 & 22

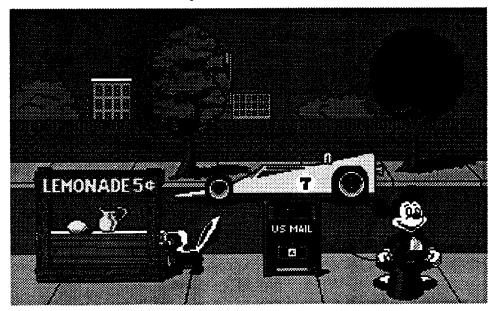
On a 25-pin female connector the pins (as viewed from the back, long row on top) are numbered 1-13 and 14-25 left-to-right. Often, pin numbers are stamped into the connector. (If you've counted the wires in your IIgs modem cable and are concerned about missing lines, no problem. Most modem interfaces do not use all of the RS-232 signals.)

Null-modem connects are easy to set up and take apart. I have found no difficulty with plugging in connectors whether one or both machines is on or off. (Actually, your RS-232 input is supposed to be fairly tolerant of this kind of treatment.) As for machines separated by more than a few feet, RS-232 has enough noise immunity to allow adding an extender cable for joining computers across the room from one another. Best of all, null-modem transfer speeds are not limited by modem response. Instead of the 2400 baud most users depend upon for phone line communications, null-modem moves can easily run at 9600 baud, 19.2K, and even faster.

#### Software

Computist can, Chuck assures me, handle submissions in a variety of formats. However, since the magazine is set up on a Mac II, a Mac-readable format makes for the quickest turnaround, especially when it comes to pictures. Since most of my screen captures, especially for entertainment product reviews, have been coming from PC releases, I need some quick, easy way to move large files from the PC to the IIgs on a regular basis. (The Mac CAN read GIF picture files written by the IIgs.) Null-modem transfers get the job done.

Once the ports are connected, the only requirement is that each machine



be running as a telecommunications terminal at the same baud rate using a compatible protocol. On the IIgs end I've been trying out MGR's

### Modem MGR $\star \star \star$

Priced at just \$49.50 (for 64K Apple II...IIgs), MM offers a utilitarian 40/80 column text-only display and employs KB ESC-key commands. For instance, ESC-? displays the current commands menu, ESC-G lets you load-in a phone list for single-key dialing, etc.. Naturally, for many IIgs users, the program's look and controls are a genuine turnoff- this is NOT a piece of software you would be likely to purchase after a brief showing at your local computer stuff emporium. Despite a compact loose leaf binder (with slide-over case) packed with comprehensive, easy-reading documentation, on-diskette tutorial, fast

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ProDOS /8 startup on the IIgs, and being able to move all files to a single 3.5" diskette— well, I, too, was put-off by MM's low-pizazz mouselessness.

On the other hand, I kept running into situations where the program did just what I wanted! MM supports just about every popular smart, dumb, and semismart modem, handles XMODEM (several variations), YMODEM, and ZMO-DEM, emulates popular terminals, offers a split-screen (commands and I/O) option, includes a text editor and capture buffer with scrollback and autosave, and supports user macros. My one real complaint is that the MGR product does not permit setting a default path for the Phone List, the way it does for macros and function keys. Still, I doubt that there's a faster way to go from 'off' to 'ready to receive'.

On the PC/AT ('286) side, my choice has been a piece of shareware called

#### Telemate \*\*\*\*

Tsung Hu, the author, sells Telemate for just \$40 (\$48 to Canada)— a bargain when you consider that it has become the preferred telecom package for many modem users. Incorporating an attractive windowed display with pull-down menus and mouse interface, Telemate does everything for the PC that MM does for the IIgs and adds 'frills' like a BBS mode, "last called" date stamping on the phone list and a 115.2K maximum baud rate. The program package, including full documentation, is available via modem on many BB's. Sending in the 'registration fee'--- shareware, remember, is not freeware— entitles you to any future updates.

After setting the source path at the sender (e.g. C:\Upload\\*.\*) and the destination path at the receiver (e.g./SAVE/ , the name of a diskette in drive two), you're ready to begin the transfer. For one-at-a-time transfers, this system can run at 19.2K baud with Modem MGR set for "XMODEM-Snd CKL" and Telemate set for "XMODEM". It's easier to send batches of several pictures with both programs set for "ZMODEM"; but, max baud rate drops to 9600. It doesn't seem to matter which program you 'start' first. If you start the sender first, it waits for the receiver and vice versa. The main consideration here is that both are started before one or the other times out (typically, about 30 seconds).

Depending upon the method selected, files may be saved more or less close to the file type desired. Usually, I am dealing with Apple Preferred format picture files (converted from .LBM files at the PC end via Electronic Arts' Deluxe Paint II Enhanced "Convert" utility). On a ZMODEM transfer, the pics do not come in as type \$C0, auxtype 2 files; but this is easily fixed using a nifty \$15 shareware utility from Jason Harper named the 'two worlds', Apple II and PC, are not nearly so distant as they may appear. A null-modem cable and good telecom software is all you need to create the bridge.

#### NRFPT Releases 😔

For CGA-VGA 640K PC, Accolade's Harmony (\$44.95) and U.S. Gold's Vaxine (\$39.95) offer attractive displays, optional joystick control, and AdLib/ SB sound. (Harmony also offers Roland sound; Vaxine claims to, but it did not work.) Both games have low-pressure Practice modes; and both maintain a High Scores roster on-disk. Harmony's fifty configurations challenge one or two players to achieve synergy by untangling same-colored spheres and pushing them together. Vaxine offers an inexhaustible supply of Levels where you speed along glass-smooth planes to find and destroy bounding, sliding spheroids.

Though one game is a kind of puzzle challenge and the other purports to send you into the President's bloodstream to shoot-the-evil-virus, their motifs are very similar-not a surprise, once you notice that both releases come from the same design team. In each case you encounter fairly simple, abstract displays featuring moving, pulsing blobs often connected by rubber band-like strands. Unfortunately, you also encounter the same fundamental design flaw: both games build the challenge into your controls, not into the 'targets', where it belongs. You've spent years learning to push the 'stick in the direction you want to move; but Harmony insists that you rotate a pointer to direct your "seeker" (pusher sphere). Vaxine doesn't make this error; instead, it encumbers movement and aim with exaggerated momentum effects. In case Assembly Line (the designer) plans future game releases, here's the rule: Sloppy controls are unfun controls. Pending a fix, Harmony and Vaxine are "not ready for prime time" play.

#### California Games II ★

Having re-tooled for PC/AT, Epyx is back; and, so is California Games. The new installment (\$39.95, for CGA-VGA PC) offers fine AdLib/Sound Blaster music and effects, joystick/KB controls, and on-disk saves of Most Excellent Dude record holders for each event. Regretably, of the five new events, only two can be said to evidence the quality animation and control-ability long-time multi-sport gamers have come to expect from Epyx.

The sailing, swooping, fun of Hang Gliding (with bonus points for hitting buoys with water balloons) and the aggro action of a long-play Skateboard run through the aqueducts DO come close to 'making' the package. Any fun in the other events will have to come from scores competition-like, who dweebsout the least. Bodyboarding combines wave stunt-riding and obstacle-avoidance. Along with helicopter drop Snowboarding, it suffers from unnatural feeling control-to-action choreography and weak movement fill-in. (The latter refers to how well the program smoothsout control inputs and makes your action figure's movements realistic.) Jet Surfing, a race through one of five courses (including one with ramps) is the easiest event; but animation is so gappy that any illusion of riding a jetboard vanishes with your first sharp turn.

So, like, what is a dude or dudette to do? Two out of five is not, for sure, exactly a radically far out value; but, for today's C-gamer, that's the choice.

#### Four More

If the continued activity in golf simulation releases is any indication, the sport must be attracting more computer players than ever. I don't doubt it. Computer golf is one of the very few entertainment products which can accommodate both a single player and groups AND which practically everyone—even rank beginners— can enjoy. With holiday get togethers just around the bend, you'll want to have the latest 'ice breaker' ammunition ready:

#### Jack Nicklaus Presents the Major Championship Courses of 1991 \*\*\*

For use with "Championship Golf" or (the newer) "'Unlimited Golf', this Course Disk (vol.5, \$21.95, for PC) delivers the three Grand Slam courses of 1991. I gave each a try and, believe it or not, the back-of-the-box blurbs are right on target. You'll get Hazeltine (Chaska, MN), a rambling "survival test", Royal Birkdale (Southport, England), windy, with dunes and willows to test your "target golf", and Crooked Stick (Carmel, IN), bunkers, water, and "7075 yards of undulating... challenge". If you're new to computer golf and wondered if courses really do have different 'personalities', a few hours with Accolade's latest should settle the matter.

## Jack Nicklaus Course Designers Clip Art

Since the introduction of "Unlimited Golf' (game plus designer), devotees of Accolade's Jack Nicklaus Golf series have had access to the most comprehensive course creation and editing utility available. The new "clip art" package (\$24.95, for PC) expands your creative horizons with three new land plots (Arizona Desert, Meadow Lakes, Caribbean Shore) plus 73 objects and 9 backgrounds you can import from six model courses. The result is more options for setting the overall 'look' and more choices (of trees, bushes, fountains, carts, etc.) when it comes to customizing each hole. You cannot play the "model courses"---- they are intended only as clip art holders- but you CAN play the new Desert Highlands course which is also included.

#### Links Championship Courses: Pinehurst ★★★

sphere. The TV-like pre-match hype actually, a pretty good commercial for Bay Hill— sets a mood more appropriate to championship competition. The course itself is among my favorites. I enjoy water hazards; and Bay Hill offers some of the most challenging 'water holes' to be found.

#### **Elite Plus PLUS!**

#### Don't Leave Lave without It

Okay, maybe you like the prospect of countless trips trading for peanuts among a few relatively safe worlds; and, it could be that you prefer the thrills of manual docking to combat. If so, then collect the standard 100 Cr, hop into your bare-bones Cobra and go for it. If not, the Lave branch of Turdnil Combateers Commercial Intergalactic (TCCI) is prepared to make you a handsome cash advance!

#### Activating your TCCI account is a snap:

Step 1: After startup, immediately Save the default (new) Jamison character under the name CMPUTIST. Exit to DOS.

Step 2: Using "Xtree" or similar utility, Edit the CMPUTIST.CDR file in the ELITE directory.

- \$00008C change E8 03 to 2A 4E (funds).
- \$0000E0: change 2B A8 to A3 9E (checksum).

Step 3: Save the edited CMPUTIST.CDR file.

That's all there is to it! After restarting play and loading in CMPUTIST, you will be shown as having only 100 Cr. Not to worry. Once you buy or sell something the display will agree with your actual holdings. From now on you can do Saves and play under any name you choose.

Granted, 2001 Cr isn't exactly a fortune. It IS a decent stake, enough to finance a docking computer and have plenty of credits to begin profitable trading.

Notes: When I mentioned the mod to the usual Computer Room crew, Gorbash observed that "Sure, 2001 Credits is fine, for now." Baywoof, of course, immediately wanted MORE. Well, I want more too; but, earning it is much of the challenge and fun. A moderate funds boost compensates for game design weaknesses which make getting started in Elite Plus far more laborious than in Elite: IF docking were not so unrealistically difficult, if trade in cheap items between low-threat systems paid better, if ... then, there would be no excuse for any mods. As things stand, getting a docking computer and a few hundred Credits is a fair adjustment. As to mod 'nuts and bolts', the first trick is to track down the funds number. At \$8C, \$3E8 equals 1000 decimal (aha! 100.0 Credits?); so, \$4E2A (20010 decimal) should turn out to be 2001.0 Credits (it does). The big problem is that, for each Save, Elite' calculates and writes a checksum in the saved file's last two bytes. It re-calculates the value when loading a file. If these values don't match, the file is "corrupted" and will not be accepted. This explains why your original CMPUTIST Save must be 'just so'- i.e. before your new character goes anywhere, buys or sells anything, etc.. The change at \$E0 adjusts the checksum specifically for a new character named CMPUTIST who has 2100.0

### SHR Convert/IIgs ★★★

Featuring a 640-mode windowed display and mouse interface, the program's chief function is to convert picture files to/from various formats, including GIF, RLE, and several from Apple II, IIgs, Mac, C-64/128, and Atari ST. It also lets you make file type and auxtype changes, whether or not you're dealing with pic files! If you are, of course, the results can be displayed immediately.

Since pictures are close to a 'worst case' transfer situation, you can see that

Speaking of "survival tests" and "target golf", this beautiful new addition to Access's "Links" series (\$24.95, for PC) is 'what it's all about'. One miscue, and I was very nearly lost in the piney jungle that wraps itself around every fairway. If you want a guaranteed leg up on computer golfing regulars, put in some practice on this one. Then, the next time you start up "Links" for your group, casually suggest: "Hey, why don't we try Pinehurst?"(!) Links Championship Courses: Bay Hill ★★★

With its latest "Links" course (\$24.95, for PC), Access ups the pizazz factor by including a course facilities tour featuring Arnold Palmer, Bay Hill's designer. Good idea! One of "Links"'s few weaknesses is its excessively peaceful atmoCredits. After restarting, your character's new funds are not shown at first because the display comes from text saved in the file. The text gets updated the moment you buy or sell an item.

#### **Trade and Combat 301**

Old Professor Freen is a retired Elite and he DOES give some colorful lectures; but he's awfully wordy (and, his class starts at 8:00 AM- nobody is awake at 8:00 AM!). Fortunately, an Academy upperclassman has a set of notes you obtain at the bargain price of 10 Credits...

"Equipment: Buy Docking Computer 1st. Costs too much (50 Cr!) for station docking service. On manual, it's easy to mess up docking and lose credit for lots of kills on way to station. After DC get cargo hold expansion— cheap, and quickest way to boost trading profits. Next buy should be ECM or Beam Laser. Need ECM for travel in heavypirate systems— missiles thick as flies on a woozey. Beam Laser is much better than pulser- best defense is good offense-get Beamer before ECM if you put off trading in bad systems (like multigovt/feudal/anarchy). Whatever, don't spend away your capital. The bigger your bankroll, the faster it grows. A poor trader is an idle trader!

"Entering a system/ what to do after hyperspace: Prime a missile-good for getting I.D.'s of unknown ships and spotting likely attackers on the way in. (Remember to re-prime after each lockon to get I.D.'s for other ships.) Plan ahead! For dangerous systems, it's smart to h-space in from close-by. If things get too hot, you will have the fuel to h-space out! Beam Laser in tail is handy-pirates like to attack from behind when you're heading in.

"Locating a station-Usually, you enter system with planet between you and sun. Stations are between planet and sun; so aim jumps above or below planet. Many new pilots don't know how to use the compass. When close enough to a station, it stops homing-in on planet and points to a station instead! (Watch for indicator dot not centered when view shows planet dead ahead--- or dot IS centered when view shows mainly empty space.) Keep dot at center of compass cross-hairs until "S" indicator lights.

"Strategy and tactics-1st, about missiles: Missiles are for emergencies (cost too much to waste). When you use one, fire at close range to defeat enemy ECM, if present. When you are target, evasion good only for delay—must be ready to absorb hit, h-space out of system, or destroy missile. Without ECM, best antimissile tactic is to head directly toward enemy- try to destroy ship and missiles. With ECM, be sure to re-pulse ECM as long as enemy missiles present. 2nd, ramming: The Mk III Cobra's shields can be used as a weapon! On way into a system you can take out many potential enemies with a glancing blow on your forward shield. The hit discharges the shield; so use ramming in light-action systems where there is time to recharge between encounters. 3rd, dogfights: keep enemy at distance for best chance of scoring hits (optimal is with image a bit smaller than laser cross-hair). Close-in, watch out for point-blank missile shots. In heavy-action anarchy systems, best bet is to meet multiple enemies head-on. Depending upon run-and-shoot tactic (using rearmounted laser) weakens anti-missile

protection from ECM (which is front mounted). Use speed shifts to gain positional advantage; but, fight mostly at max speed for fastest shield recharging. Finally, beware of attempts to distract you from chasing down a weakened enemy. It's the ones you don't finish that end up finishing you!"

#### Assorted Corrections

In issue #75 Beagle's Program Writer (a 4-Star performer!) is listed as supporting Apple II+. It does include Pro-DOS and DOS 3.3 versions and will run on all II's from the IIe through IIgs; BUT, it will NOT run on a II+. (Beagle, in fact, clearly lists compatible II's on page 2 of the manual.) For whatever comfort it may be to II+ readers who went to the trouble of checking out the product, I recently spent an hour or so reconfiguring the PW Editor's keys to run on our II+. After all, why limit ease of PW programming to our IIgs?! Well, after checking for usable CTRL keys to sub for the OPEN-APPLE commands and running the Config program, the editor bombed. (You enter && and get a screen full of garbage.) I re-checked the PW manual only to discover that the "+" in the compatible II's list is a IIc+.

In issue #80 the phone number shown for Glynne Tolar's Club Apple BB is incorrect. The Club Apple number is 713-476-9998.

#### Next

Ah, yes. Next time expect something on music products. For certain, too, is some IIgs stuff, SSI's Eye of the Beholder, New World's Tunnels and Trolls, Spectrum's Stunt Driver, Martian Memorandum from Access, ... PLUS, naturally, more!

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#### Stanley Miller

**OI** typed the listing of Enhanced COPYA from issue #67 and it crashes as it goes back to the main program. The menu appears on the screen, the selection of menu keys works and returns to line 90 of COPYA. Then the drop into the monitor and these lines appear: APPLE DUPLICATION PROGRAM 02CC- A=02 X=9D Y=9D P=36 S=F2

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CA

If I ctrl C to BASIC and RUN 90 the same thing happens. I also attempted the same idea from #66 using the SUPER COPYA 1.1 with the same results. What's happening, what am I doing wrong?

Sounds like your not BLOADing COPY.OBJ which is the machine language portion of COPYA. RDEXed

#### Michael S. Pollock

<sup>(2)</sup> I have some questions I hope you or your readers can answer. Recently I purchased a used IIe system with an early Duodisk drive with a serial number of 676-102. This drive has trashed the 0 sector of disks under certain conditions. The fix is to cut off two capacitors, I am told. The question is which two? It also seems to be unable to read disks after repeated disk access. It would seem to be a thermal problem but where?

<sup>(2)</sup>Recently I came across an Apple Rom Card without instructions. Am I correct in assuming it was used to switch between integer and Apple BASIC?

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#### Risk v1.4

#### Leasure Genius

#### **Requirements:**

Copy program that can be modified (such as CopyA or Super IOB)

Sector editor (I used Copy II Plus for ProDOS and sector editing)

Normal PRODOS file from any unprotected ProDOS disk

Version 1.3 was unprotected by Jim S. Hart (Computist 74 page 11). Apparently the protection has been changed since, but the detailed article by Mr. Hart gave sufficient information to enable me to unprotect my version.

#### **Procedure**

I will describe two ways of achieving this. The protection includes a format modification which consists of abnormal Data Epilogues and a modified Pro-DOS to accept this change. Also it includes a Nibble count that forces a reboot if the nibble count is not satisfied. The data prologue is changed from DE AAEB to AADEEB. I used COPYA to make the normalized copy.

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#### Scott Jelsma

First of all I would like to thank a couple of people for there help! David L. Goforth for his hard work on Micro-Typewriter 3.5" ProDOS version and for the 5.25" DOS 3.3 version by S.E. Warner Inc. Jack Moravetz for his work on the Teacher's Toolkit v3.1 by Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz on a two 3.5" Disks.

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ctrl C

⑦ Do you have any softkeys for the 5.25" version of the Teacher's Toolkit v3.1?

<sup>(2)</sup>Does anyone know if there is a way in ProDOS 16 & GS/OS to have it automatically run a program file. Music Studio and Instant Music are ProDOS 16 and you do not see the finder, they automatically run the program File.

### Method I

1. Copy the Risk diskette. **RUN COPYA** When it asks for Slot and Drive:

ctrl C	to stop program
70 to stop CO	OPY.OBJ from reloading
CALL -151	to enter monitor
B934:29 00	ignore 1st epilog byte
B93E:29 00	ignore 2nd epilog byte
3D0G	to return to BASIC
RUN	to restart COPYA

#### **COMPUTIST #82**

- 2. Copy a normal PRODOS from any unprotected ProDOS disk. I used Copy II Plus. The ProDOS on the Risk disk is modified to accept the abnormal epilogue.
- nibble count.

Ink Sct Byte From Ю EAEAEA 22 00 FD-FF 4C 00 C6

#### Method II

- 1. Repeat step 1 from Method I to produce a normalized copy.
- 2. Boot your ProDOS utility disk and enter BASIC.

#### **PREFIX / RISK** BLOAD RISK.SYSTEM, A\$2000, TSYS **CALL -151**

List starting at 2000 and you will see the code is similar to the disassembly provided by Mr. Hart at the beginning but then it changes. The reboot code is branched to at 20FD. Disassembly starting at 20F9 looks like this

20F9-	A5 D6	LDA	\$D6
20FB-	D0 03	BNE	\$2100
20FD-	4C 00 C6	JMP	\$C600

If your copy shows a different listing, then try and find the location of the above code.

3. To disable the reboot we need to change the 4C 00 C6 to EA EA EA and this should bypass the call to reboot.

#### 20FD:EA EA EA

#### 4. Save the changed file back to disk. BSAVE RISK.SYSTEM, A\$2000, TSYS

Now you have an unprotected copy.

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**Rich Etarip** 

Softkey for...

### Gorgon

Sirius

#### **Requirements:**

Apple or compatible 64K A blank disk (no Hello program) Sector editor

I had retired from software deprotection several years ago when I got the urge to do it again. The problem was that I couldn't easily acquire any old original disks to unlock. I placed an unClassified ad in Computist #78 offering to (or at least try to) deprotect any disks sent to me. Although I received few replies, one reader from California had a good sized library of old originals and was generous enough to lend them to me in exchange for a softkey. Thanks Chuck. One of the disks he sent was Gorgon by Sirius. Although it's an oldie, it is on the Most Wanted List so let's crack it!

Boot 1 must be moved to another part of memory to be modified because boot 0 will load over \$800 again.

#### 9800<800.8FFM

Boot 1 loads the next stage into \$400 3. Sector edit the disk to bypass the (the text page buffer) and it will scroll off the screen before we can move it, so alter boot 1 to load into \$6400-67FF instead of \$0400-07FF.

#### 9810:64 N 984C:68

Boot 1 contains a memory clear routine which would erase all our hard work. \$985C specifies the # of pages to erase so change it to \$1 and it will do us no harm.

#### 985C:01

Boot 1 is not necessarily relocatable in \$9800 so sometimes changes have to be made to run in \$9800 9870:98

#### At \$987D is a \$JMP \$0400 which is the next boot stage. We caused it to load into \$6400 and we want it to jump to the monitor entry point instead of \$400. 987E:59 FF

Everything is ready to load in boot 2 and return to the monitor. 9600G

Now that we have the code we want in \$6400, change boot 1 so it does not load over it, but rather, load into \$0400 where it belongs. Well move our modified code into \$400 later.

#### 9810:04 N 984C:08

At \$645D is a tricky checksum routine. It EORs the 4 pages of boot 2 together and uses the result to determine some lower page values, stack values and the stack pointer which are all vital to the running of the game. Hence, if any one byte is changed within this boot code, the program will bomb. The way I eluded this little protection was by moving an image of the boot 2 code to \$8400 in its immaculate unaltered state and modifying boot 2 to look at \$8400 instead of \$400. This way, the result value will be correct.

Move an unaltered boot 2 to \$8400 and then change boot 2 to look at pages \$84-\$87.

#### 8400<6400.67FFM 6463:84 6466:85

#### 6469:86 646C:87

At \$65EF is an RTS which is the exit to the start of the game. Instead of jumping to the start of the game, we want to find out where the RTS is going to by pulling two values off the stack. We'll also save the vital stack pointer and the fragile lower pages of memory before jumping to the monitor. Hi-res page 1 is available for safe storage. Even though the exit is at \$65EF, before the exit is a small memory check routine (at \$65C6) and we don't need this routine so begin writing the routine at \$65C6. 65C6:BA 8E 02 23 68 8D 00 23 :68 8D 01 23 A2 00 BD 00 :00 9D 00 20 BD 00 01 9D :00 21 BD 00 02 9D 00 22 :E8 D0 EB 4C 59 FF

#### :F1 A6 2B 4C 46 04 9600G

The game is now loaded in memory and we're almost ready to save the first section, but first, check locations \$2300-2302 where we stored the start address and stack pointer. The values should be \$1F, \$A7 and \$1E respectively. Next, we want to save the title page but it hasn't been loaded in yet because the program goes back to the disk. The title normally loads in from \$4000 to \$4BFF and we can't overwrite the memory there right now, but it will fit nicely at \$2400-\$2FFF.

The routine to load and run the title page is at \$1E00 so we'll modify it to read it into \$2400 instead of \$4000. 1E2D:24 N 1E65:30 1E00:A2 60

Also, it must be altered so it does not run the program upon loading. Then, call \$1E00 to load it in. Afterwards, turn off the disk drive. 1E15:4C 59 FF 1**E00G** 

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Now, we still have available memory from \$3000-\$3FFF so we can save some of the memory occupying the DOS area. Also move page \$8 to safety while rebooting DOS. 3000<A800.B7FFM

### 8000<800.8FFM

Insert your blank disk (make sure there is no HELLO program) and call \$C600 to re-boot, then enter the monitor and restore page \$8. C600G CALL-151

#### 800<8000.80FFM

One more alteration must be made before this section is saved. The routine at \$A820 (moved to \$3020) calls a routine at \$A8AD which tampers with the RAM card. I found out that the program will not run correctly if this routine is called because we are using the RAM card for storage. If we change the JSR \$A8AD to JSR \$A8CB the RAM card routine will be bypassed. 3021:CB

For the first part, we'll save memory from \$800 to \$8000. **BSAVE GORGON, A\$800, L\$7800** 

Now for the part we all love ... it's time to go back to the Gorgon disk and boot code trace again to capture the second part of the program. Listed below is a quick cookbook method for the trace because not all of the previous steps are necessary this time.

Back to the monitor.

CALL -151

9600G

04

9600G

so we're going to save section 2 to disk and the file named Gorgon will call the RWTS to read it in using the track/ sector list from file #2. I'll explain more as we go along. First, look at locations \$2000-\$2003 and write the values down. They should be \$C9 \$04 \$F0 \$01 respectively. When DOS writes a Binary file to disk, the first 4 bytes on the first sector represent the start address and length of the file. So in this case, if we saved it now, the first sector would start like this:

00 20 00 28 C9 04 F0 01...

The start address would be \$2000 (00 20) and length \$2800 (00 28). Because of this, to use the RWTS we would have to read the sectors in memory and then offset them by 4 bytes. This is too much trouble to go through but fortunately, there is a simple solution. BSAVE the entire chunk of memory minus the first 4 bytes so everything will fall into place on the sector. Of course, the first 4 bytes will be lost but that's why we wrote them down. Then we can take a sector editor and write the original first 4 bytes over the address and length. The file will not be BLOADable but that shouldn't be a problem.

BSAVE the data skipping the first 4 bytes (0-3).

#### BSAVE GORGON.CODE, A\$2004, L\$27FB

Run your sector editor and read Track 11 Sector F. Then position the pointer at the first letter of the file name GORGON.CODE. Now go back 3 bytes and note the next two values. This is the track and sector where you'll find the Track/Sector list for GORGON.CODE. Read that track and sector and look at byte \$0C. This the track and sector of the first page of the program (usually it's just the next sector back on the same track). Read that sector and set the pointer for byte \$00. If you have the right sector, you'll see \$00 \$20 \$FB \$27. Change these 4 bytes to the 4 values you wrote down earlier and write the sector.

Now comes the really fun part. Load the first file called GORGON and enter the monitor with CALL-151. At \$2300, enter the hexdump in listing 1 and type carefully. This is the program to read in GORGON.CODE and do all the necessary memory moves.

#### Listing 1

2300:A9 60 8D 8B A3 A2 00 BD \$9724 2308:C1 23 F0 06 20 ED FD E8 \$01BC 2310:D0 F5 20 89 FE 20 93 FE \$87FC 2318:AD C9 B5 85 D0 AD CA B5 \$60B4 2320:85 D1 A0 00 B1 D0 99 00 \$8D5B 2328:03 C8 D0 F8 A9 80 8D F1 \$3DD2 2330:B7 A0 00 8C F0 B7 8C EB \$3A41 2338:B7 B9 OC 03 F0 1B 8D EC \$74AF 2340:B7 B9 OD O3 8D ED B7 84 \$8F58 2348:D2 A9 B7 A0 E8 20 B5 B7 \$1D23 2350:EE F1 B7 A4 D2 C8 C8 D0 \$2FEC 2358:E0 A9 30 85 D1 A9 A8 85 \$1361 2360:D3 A2 10 20 AC 23 AD 81 \$1C2B 2368:C0 AD 81 C0 A9 F8 85 D1 SFA7E 2370:85 D3 A2 08 20 AC 23 AD \$FAF9 2378:83 CO AD 83 CO A9 24 85 \$72DC 2380:D1 A9 D0 85 D3 A2 OC 20 \$318D 2388:AC 23 B9 00 20 99 00 00 \$0D2D 2390:B9 00 21 99 00 01 B9 00 \$1556 2398:22 99 00 02 C8 D0 EB AD \$CD58 23A0:50 CO AD 57 CO AD 52 CO \$5A40 23A8:A2 1E 9A 60 A0 00 84 D0 \$CC59 23B0:84 D2 B1 D0 91 D2 C8 D0 \$48F5 23B8:F9 E6 D1 E6 D3 CA D0 F2 \$FF68 23C0:60 8D 84 C2 CC CF C1 C4 \$2BB7 23C8:A0 C7 CF D2 C7 CF CE AE \$E22D

23D0:C3 CF C4 C5 8D 00

Gorgon only requires 48K to run but in order to eliminate the disk access and still keep the title page, I decided to use the RAM card to store the title program and it seems almost everyone has at least 64K. The program is too large to save in one pass so the disk must be boot code traced twice.

Start by entering the monitor: **CALL-151** 

Move the DOS boot program (boot 0) down to RAM to be modified. 9600<C600.C6FFM

Alter boot 0 to enter the monitor upon exit.

#### 96FA:98 N 9801:4C 59 FF

Now, boot the disk to load in boot stage 1 at \$800. 9600G

Finally, boot 1 has to move the modified memory to the correct address before jumping to it. Normally boot 1 jumps to \$400 but at \$400 is Sirius' typical memory check routine so it can be bypassed. Nothing important happens until \$446. Write the move routine and finally, call the boot program to load everything in. 987D:A2 00 BD 00 64 9D 00 04

:BD 00 65 9D 00 05 E8 D0

9600<C600.C6FFM 96FA:98 N 9801:4C 59 FF 9800<800.8FFM 985C:01 N 9870:98 987D:A9 59 8D E7 05 A9 FF 8D E8 05 4C 46 When the game is in memory, move

pages \$80-\$A7 down to a safe part of memory (\$2000 will work fine), re-boot the slave disk and enter the monitor again.

#### 2000<8000.A7FFM C600G

**CALL-151** 

This part is going to be saved to disk but not as a BLOADable file. Let me explain; the program is too large to load into memory by the use of normal DOS

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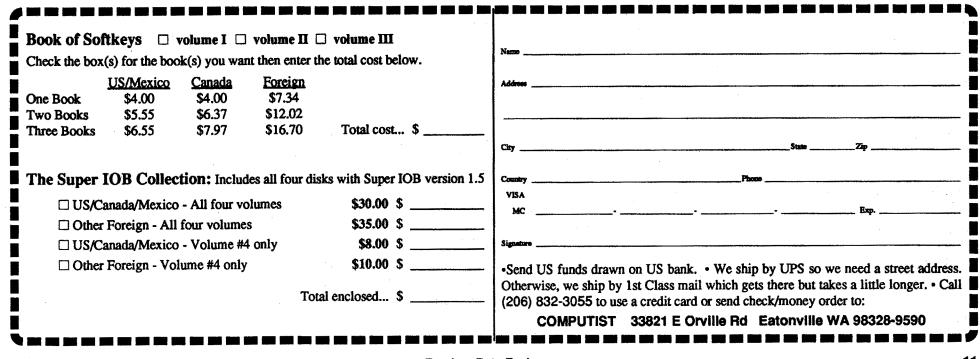
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COMPUTIST to complete the deprotection procedure.



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Code	Name	<b>Description</b>		
		Failure Codes		
0001	-			IGS
0001	divByZeroErr	Unclaimed Interrupt (ProDOS 16)		
0004 000A	pdosVCBErr	Division by 0 Volume control block unusable		
UUUA	Puos V CBEII	(ProDOS 16)		
000B	pdosFCBErr	Bad File control blk (ProDOS 16)		
000D	pdosBlk0Err	Block zero allocated illegally	<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>
	Puopuno	(ProDOS 16)	0302	noDevParamEr
000D	pdosIntShdwErr	Interrupt with I/O shadowing off	0302	taskInstlErr
	<b>r</b>	(ProDOS 16)	0000	
0011	wrongOSVersion	Wrong GS/OS Version	0304	noSigTaskErr
0015	segLoader1Err	Segment Loader error		
0017	sPackage0Err	Cannot load a package	0305	queueDmgdErr
0018	package1Err	Cannot load a package	0306	taskNtFdErr
0019	package2Err	Cannot load a package	0307	firmTaskErr
001A	package3Err	Cannot load a package	0308	hbQueueBadEr
001B	package4Err	Cannot load a package	0309	unCnctdDevEr
001C	package5Err	Cannot load a package		
001D	package6Err	Cannot load a package	030B	idTagNtAvlErr
001E	package7Err	Cannot load a package		U
0020	package8Err	Cannot load a package		Q
0021	package9Err	Cannot load a package	0401	alreadyInitializ
0022	package10Err	Cannot load a package	0402	cannotReset
0023	package11Err	Cannot load a package	0403	notInitialized
0024	package12Err	Cannot load a package	0410	screenReserved
0025	outOfMemErr	Out of memory	0411	badRect
0026	segLoader2Err	Segment Loader error	0420	notEqualChunk
0027	fMapTrshdErr	File map destroyed	0430	rgnAlreadyOpe
0028	stkOvrFlwErr	Stack Overflow	0431	rgnNotOpen
0030	psInstDiskErr	Please insert disk (File Manager	0432	rgnScanOverflo
		alert)	0433	rgnFull
0032-0	053	Memory Manager errors	0440	polyAlreadyOp
0100	stupVolMntErr	Cannot mount system startup	0441	polyNotOpen
		volume	0442	polyTooBig
	Teal L	a aatan Cadaa	0450	badTableNum
		ocator Codes	0451	badColorNum
0001	toolNotFoundErr	Specified tool set not found	0452	badScanLine
0002	funcNotFoundErr	Specified routine not found	04FF	Not Implemente
0110	toolVersionErr	Specified minimum version not		De
		found	0510	
0111	messNotFoundErr	Specified message not found	0510	daNotFound
	Memory	Manager Codes	0511	notSysWindow
0201	memErr	Unable to allocate block		
~ ~ ~ ~				Ewe

# **[GS Error** Codes

Code	<u>Name</u>	Description
302	noDevParamErr	No device for input parameter
303	taskInstlErr	Specified task already in Heartbeat queue
304	noSigTaskErr	No signature detected in task header
305	queueDmgdErr	Damaged Heartbeat queue detected
306	taskNtFdErr	Specified task not in queue
307	firmTaskErr	Unsuccessful firmware task
308	hbQueueBadErr	Damaged Heartbeat queue detected
309	unCnctdDevErr	Dispatch attempted to unconnect device
30B	idTagNtAvlErr	No ID tag available
	Quicka	lraw II Codes
401	alreadyInitialized	QuickDraw II already initialized
402	cannotReset	Never used
403	notInitialized	QuickDraw II not initialized
410	screenReserved	Screen reserved
411	badRect	Invalid rectangle specified
420	notEqualChunkiness	Chunkiness not equal
430	rgnAlreadyOpen	Region already open
431	rgnNotOpen	Region not open
432	rgnScanOverflow	Region Scan Overflow
433	rgnFull	Region full
4 4 6	1 11 1 0	

- yAlreadyOpen Polygon already open
- Polygon not open yNotOpen Polygon too big yTooBig
  - Invalid color table number
    - Invalid color number
    - Invalid scan line number

## **Desk Manager Codes**

Implemented

510	daNotFound	Specified DA not available
511	notSysWindow	Window pointer is not a pointer to
		a window owned by an NDA

0202	emptyErr	Illegal operation on an empty		Event f	vlanager Codes
		handle	0601	emDupStrtUpErr	EMStartUp already called
0203	notEmptyErr	Empty handle expected for this	0602	emResetErr	Cannot reset Event Manager
		operation	0603	emNotActErr	Event Manager not active
0204	lockErr	Illegal operation on a locked or	0604	emBadEvtCodeErr	Event code is greater than 15
		immovable block	0605	emBadBttnNoErr	Button # specified is not 0 or 1
0205	purgeErr	Attempt to purge an unpurgeable block	0606	emQSiz2LrgErr	Size of event queue is greater than 3639
0206	handleErr	Invalid handle	0607	emNoMemQueueEr	r Insufficient memory available for
0207	idErr	Invalid user ID			queue
0208	attrErr	Illegal operation with specified attributes	0681	emBadEvtQErr	Event queue damaged - fatal system error
	Miscella	neous Tool Set Codes	0682	emBadQHndlErr	Queue handle damaged - fatal system error
0301	badInputErr	Bad input parameter			

<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
	Sound 7	Fool Set Codes	0E02	allocateErr	Unable to allocate window record
0810 0811 0812	noDOCFndErr docAddrRgnErr noSAppInitErr	No DOC or RAM found DOC address range error No SoundStartUp call made	0E03	taskMaskErr	Reserved bits not clear in wmTaskMask field of WmTaskRec
0813	invalGenNumErr	Invalid generator number		<b>Control</b> ]	Manager Codes
0814 0815	synthModeErr genBusyErr	Synthesizer mode error Generator already in use	1001	wmNotStartedUp	Window Manager not initialized
0817	mstrIRQNotAssgnE	rr Master IRQ not assigned		Print M	lanager Codes
0818 08FF	sndAlreadyStrtErr unclaimedSndIntErr	Sound Tool Set already started Unclaimed sound interrupt error (reported through System	1301	missingDriver	Specified driver not in the DRIVERS subdirectory of the SYSTEM subdirectory
	Apple Deskter	Failure Manager)	1302	portNotOn	Specified port not selected in the control panel
	••	p Bus Tool Set Codes	1303	noPrintRecord	No print record specified
0910	cmndIncomplete	Command not completed	1304	badLaserPrep	Version of LaserPrep file in
0911	cantSync	Cannot synchronize with system		P	LaserWriter is not compatible
0982	adbBusy	ADB busy (command pending)			with this version of Print
0983	devNotAtAddr	Device not present at address			Manager
0984	srqListFull	SRQ list full	1305	badLPFile	Version of LaserPrep file in
	Integer Ma	th Tool Set Codes			DRIVERS subdirectory of
0B01	imBadInptParam	Bad input parameter			SYSTEM subdirectory is not
	imIllegalChar	Illegal character in string			compatible with this version of
0B03	imOverflow	Integer or Longint overflow			Print Manager
0B04	imStrOverflow	String overflow	1306	papConnNotOpen	Connection cannot be established with the Laser- Writer
	Text T	ool Set Codes	1307	papReadWriteErr	Read-write error on the
0C01	badDevType	Illegal device type			LaserWriter
0C02	badDevNum	Illegal device number	1321	startUpAlreadyMade	LLDStartUp call already made
0C03	badMode	Illegal operation	1322	invalidCtlVal	Invalid control value specified
0C04	unDefHW	Undefined hardware error		I incodit	Tool Set Codes
0C05	lostDev	Lost device: device no longer on-	1401		· · · · · ·
		line	1401	leDupStrtUpErr	LEStartUp already called
0C06	lostFile	File no longer in diskette directory	1402	leResetError	Cannot reset LineEdit
0C07	badTitle	Illegal filename	1403	leNotActiveErr	LineEdit not active
0C08	noRoom	Insufficient space on specified	1404	leScrapErr	Desk scrap too big to copy
0C09	noDevice	diskette Specified volume not on-line		Dialog N	Aanager Codes
	noFile	Specified file not in directory of	150A	badItemType	Inappropriate item type
UCUA		specified volume	150B	newItemFailed	Item creation failed
OCOR	dupFile	Duplicate file: attempt to rewrite a	150C	itemNotFound	No such item
	uupine	file when a file of that name already exists	150D	notModalDialog	Frontmost window not a modal dialog window
0C0C	notClosed	Attempt to open a file that is		Scrap N	lanager Codes
		already open	1610	badScrapType	No scrap of this type

0C0D notOpen 0C0E badFormat

0C0F ringBuffOFlo

0C10 writeProtected

0C40 devErr

Attempt to access a closed file Error in reading real or integer number

Ring buffer overflow: characters arriving faster than the input buffer can accept them Specified diskette is writeprotected

Device error: device failed to complete a read or write correctly

## Window Manager Codes

0E01 paramLenErr

First word of parameter list is the wrong size

1010 Dausciapiyp

No scrap of this type

## **Font Manager Codes**

1B01 fmDupStartUpErr FMStartUp call already made 1B02 fmResetErr Cannot reset the Font Manager 1B03 fmNotActiveErr Font Manager not active 1B04 fmFamNotFndErr Family not found Font not found 1B05 fmFontNtFndErr Font not in memory 1B06 fmFontMemErr 1B07 fmSysFontErr System font cannot be purgeable Illegal family number 1B08 fmBadFamNumErr Illegal font size 1B09 fmBadSizeErr 1B0A fmBadNameErr Illegal name length FixFontMenu never called 1B0B fmMenuErr Scaled size of font exceeds limits 1B0C fmScaleSizeErr

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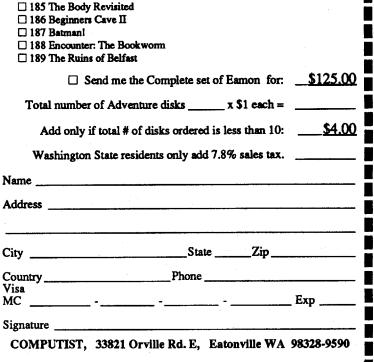
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Unfortunately, more typing has to be done. The routine at \$1E00 normally goes to the disk to load in the title page but since it is being stored in the RAM card, we'll simply change their disk access routine to a memory move routine and make a few other changes. The disk drive will still turn on during the title page but it's not accessing the disk in any way.

#### 1E15:20 6Å 1E A2 60 1E22:AD E8 N 1E28:60 1E78:A0 00 84 D0 84 D2 A9 D0 :85 D1 A9 40 85 D3 A2 0C :B1 D0 48 B1 D2 91 D0 68 :91 D2 C8 D0 F3 E6 D1 E6 :D3 CA D0 EC 60

When the typing is finished, put a JMP \$2300 at \$7FD and save it. 7FD:4C 00 23 BSAVE GORGON, A\$7FD, L\$7803

That should do it. Gorgon can now be played by simply BRUN GORGON. Remember, the file 'GORGON.CODE' cannot be BLOADed so for copying purposes, I would suggest FID. That's all until next time!

Softkey for ...

## Captain Goodnight

Broderbund

#### **Requirements:**

#### Apple 64K

A blank 2 sided disk or 2 blank disks An initialized disk with no Hello pro-

gram COPYA or Locksmith Fast Disk Backup

A sector editor

You are Captain Goodnight. You only have 24 hours to safely fly your jet across enemy territory, battle your way past the robots, cross Doom Island and at the end, disable the Doomsday machine. There is much more to the game than that, though, including some quite impressive graphics and challenging play. It's fortunate for us that the protection on this game is not quite as challenging and it was not as difficult to deprotect as most of Broderbund's games are.

The first thing I usually do when I receive a protected disk is run a copier over it so see what is protected and what is not. To my surprise (being a Broderbund product) only tracks 00 to 0F and track 20 are protected on the disk. The rest is all normal including all of side 2. It appeared that the only thing that was protected was the section of the disk containing the game program. Tracks 00 to 0F are well protected and almost appear to be quarter-tracked by the sound of the disk drive during the load but I didn't pay much attention to the format or how the program loads because with a simple boot code trace, we can get our hands on the game program that is protected. Once we have that, the rest is easy. The first step of the Softkey is copying what is normal from the game disk. The Locksmith Fast Disk Backup works good for this because it bypasses read errors. However, if you don't have this copier, I have included modifications to COPYA for this purpose. Those of you who have the Locksmith FBD can go ahead and copy both sides of the disk. You can use a 2 sided disk or two blank 1 sided disks but be sure to label them side 1 and side 2. If you are using the locksmith copier, there is one important thing I must point out. Track 0 of the

backup side 1 MUST contain the RWTS (that any normal DOS 3.3 disk would contain). This can be taken care of a number of ways:

1. Initialize the backup of side 1 before you make the copy and then open the disk drive door when the Locksmith copier attempts to write to Track 0. It will just ignore the write errors and go to the next track. You don't have to be exact with this though. It is okay if you also miss writing Track 1 or 2 along the way because nothing through Track F will be needed. The copier will not be able to read tracks 00 through 0F of the game disk so there is no data being lost.

2. The other way of doing this is copying the disk with the Locksmith copier and then taking a copier that allows you to select tracks and copying Track 0 from any normal DOS 3.3 disk.

If you are using COPYA, you won't have to worry about Track 0 because it will be intact when the copy is finished.

For users of COPYA, first, copy side 2 of the game disk and then exit into BASIC and make the following changes:

70 delete line 70 CALL -151 2DD:10 3A1:18 BDD4:4C 04 BE ctrl C

Once you have made these modifications, type RUN to run COPYA and copy side one. The modifications will cause it to start copying on track 10 and ignore the errors on track 20. Once you have finished copying the disk, then you are ready for the boot code trace.

#### **Boot Code Tracing the disk**

The major part of this Softkey is getting the game program into memory and saved to a normal disk. This will, of course, require boot code tracing the disk. This involves tracing through and controlling the boot stages one at a time until the program is finally loaded in. Resetting into the monitor might work (I haven't tried it) but a lot of us don't have the proper hardware to do that so I have included the boot code trace steps.

First, begin by entering the monitor. CALL-151

Next, move the boot program from \$C600 down to \$9600 so we can modify it to return to the monitor after it reads in the first boot stage. This is where the Apple first goes when it reboots (\$C600) if your disk controller card is in slot 6. To keep things simple, it will be assumed that your disk drive is in slot 6. **9600<C600.C6FFM**  The boot program at \$9600 is already jumping to \$9801 so we don't have to worry about that. If you list through this boot stage you will see that it is loading from \$850, Exclusive-ORing it with #\$A5 and storing it in the zero page starting at \$0060. If you list through boot 1 at starting at \$850, you will just see what appears to be 'garbage' memory even though it really isn't. It is actually encoded data. What boot 1 is doing is decoding the memory at \$850. We want to have this code stored somewhere else in memory so we can modify it before it gets stored in \$0060.

Modify boot stage 1 to store the decoded memory at \$1060 and then jump to the monitor.

#### 9837:10 N 9847:4C 59 FF

Since this boot stage does no disk access, we can execute it direct without going through \$9600 first. 9801G

Now the encoded memory is in its decoded form at \$1060 and can

be examined.

First things first though. Before we forget, we have to change boot stage 1 so it loads from \$1060 and stores it in \$0060. Also, this boot stage is exited via an RTS (typical of Broderbund boot stages) so we'll change that back also and take care of the RTS address elsewhere. More on that later. **982D:60 10** 

90ED.00 IV
9831:EA EA
9837:00
9847:60

If you examine the code at \$1060 (assuming you understand assembly language) you will see that it is loading the next boot stage into the text page (also typical of Broderbund). Our first concern is getting this code somewhere else in memory such as \$6400 so we can look at it.

Alter this boot stage to load the text page boot into \$6400 instead of \$400. 106A:A9 64

The boot stage at \$1060 ends in an RTS (at \$10AD) as well as boot stage 1. For those of you who don't understand how an RTS works as a branch, it takes the two top values off the stack, adds one, and jumps to that address. The values that get stored on the stack can be found at \$1100 (which will be moved down to \$100). The values you will find here are:

B3 00 5F 00 FF 03

Looking at these, the RTS at the end of boot stage 1 will branch 00B4(00B3+1=000B4) and the routine at 00B4 also ends in an RTS so the next two values show that it will be going to 0060 and finally when that boot stage exits it will be going to 0060(03FF+1=00400). Simple enough? over the one we are working with at \$6400.

#### 106B:04

Now we can list through the code at \$6400. Way down at \$662D is a JMP \$6300 which is the start of the game program. That is all we need to know now.

Change this JMP \$6300 to jump to \$9400.

#### 662E:00 94

At the time of the JMP \$6300, the entire RAM card is filled with program code and data (both \$D000 banks and \$E000 to \$FFFF). If we were to jump to the monitor (\$FF59) from where the JMP \$6300 is, Broderbund's error check routine would sense an error and reboot. The reason for this is that ROM (\$F800 to **\$FFFF**) is disabled and there is no monitor routine for \$FF59. What we have to do is disable the RAM card and enable ROM (access to address \$C082) before jumping to \$FF59. However, we should first move the RAM card memory to a safe place before doing this in addition to saving pages \$00 to \$07. It is not always necessary to save these lower memory pages but sometimes the game uses the data in them and it's better to be safe and save them now than to find out later that they are needed and have to go through the whole deprotection process again.

Memory from \$2800 to \$5FFF is empty after the game program is in memory and that is just enough space to fit the RAM card memory and pages \$00 to \$07.

Since we are jumping to \$9400 when the game program is loaded in, a memory move routine must be written there to save the RAM card memory and pages \$00 to \$07.

#### 9400:A2 00 BD 00 D0 9D 00 28 :E8 D0 F7 EE 07 94 EE 04 :94 D0 EF AD 82 C0 BD 00 :00 9D 00 58 E8 D0 F7 EE :18 94 EE 1B 94 AD 1B 94 :C9 60 D0 EA 4C 59 FF

Now type '9400L' and compare it to Listing 1 to verify that everything was entered correctly.

Boot stage 2 (at \$1060) is still exiting to \$9500 where it is jumping to the monitor. We no longer want to jump to the monitor at this point, but rather, move the altered text page memory where it belongs and jump to it. We will have to change \$9500 to move our modified page \$6 (it's at \$6600 right now) down to page \$6 and then jump to \$400. We need not move the entire text page boot down to \$400 because \$600 is the

Boot stage 1 will load into \$800 and we will be moving it to \$9800 to be modified. Since we will have to eventually jump to \$9801 from the boot program at \$9600, we'll just have it jump there now and then write a short routine at \$9801 turn off the disk drive motor and jump to the monitor.

#### 96FA:98 N 9801:AD E8 C0 4C 59 FF

Now we're all set to execute the boot at \$9600.

#### 9600G

The disk drive will make the usual sound that it does when booting a disk but once the first boot stage is in memory, it will beep and throw you into the monitor.

Boot stage 1 is now in memory at \$800 so move it to \$9800. 9800<800.8FFM Since we already modified boot stage 2 to load the text page boot into \$6400, all we have change now is the FF and 03 so it does not jump to \$400. We'll make it jump to \$9500 and at \$9500 jump to the monitor.

## 1105:94

#### 9500:4C 59 FF

Now we're all ready to execute \$9600. Afterwards, turn off the disk drive with an access to \$C0E8 9600G C0E8

Also, before we forget, modify the boot code at \$1060 to load the text page boot where it belongs so it doesn't load

#### only page we had to modify. 9500:A2 00 BD 00 66 9D 00 06 :E8 D0 F7 A2 60 4C 00 04

Everything should be ready and we can execute \$9600 to load in the game program.

### 9600G

Right now, the memory we have to save runs from \$800 to \$6FFF plus we still have to save bank 2 of the RAM card. We can move this down to \$7000.

First we have to enable the RAM card without disabling ROM. This can be done by moving \$F800 through \$FFFF into \$F800. It doesn't make a lot of sense to move something to where it already is but there is no \$F800 ROM present when the RAM card is enabled so we have to move it there. **C081 C081 N F800<F800.FFFFM** 

Now open bank 2 of the RAM card.

#### **C08B**

Then move memory from \$D000-DFFF down to \$7000.

#### 7000<D000.DFFFM

Everything is where we want it and we are almost ready to save this program, but first we have to reboot DOS.

Page \$8 must be moved to a safe place in memory so it is not overwritten by rebooting DOS.

#### 8000<800.8FFM

Insert a diskette with NO HELLO PROGRAM (don't use the disk you copied the game disk to before) and reboot DOS.

#### 6 ctrl P

Now enter the monitor.

#### CALL -151

Move page \$8 back where it belongs. 800<8000.80FFM

Now we will have to write a memory move routine at \$7000 to restore all memory to its original location before running the game program. When I first got the game program deprotected, I wrote the memory moves and executed the program... and it just locked up. Why? I was sure I saved all memory that needed to be saved so I boot code traced the disk again and looked things over closely. Then I noticed something that looked fishy. In the text page boot routine it was storing the disk slot number times \$10 (slot 6 would be \$60) in location \$BFFF. I had failed to store that value there prior to running the game and I was hoping that that was the problem. I loaded the game back in and stored the \$60 in \$BFFF before running it... and sure enough, it worked. After the memory moves are complete, we will have to store a \$60 in \$BFFF.

Enter the memory move routine. 8000:20 89 FE 20 93 FE AD 81 :C0 AD 81 C0 AD 83 C0 AD :83 C0 A2 00 BD 00 28 9D :00 D0 E8 D0 F7 EE 16 80 :EE 19 80 D0 EF AD 8B C0 :AD 8B C0 BD 00 70 9D 00 :D0 E8 D0 F7 EE 2D 80 EE :30 80 AD 30 80 C9 E0 D0 :EA BD 00 58 9D 00 00 E8 :D0 F7 EE 43 80 EE 46 80 :AD 46 80 C9 08 D0 EA A9 :60 BD FF BF AD 50 C0 AD :57 C0 AD 52 C0 AD 55 C0 :AD 83 C0 AD 83 C0 4C 00 63

Once this is entered list through \$8000 and verify it by comparing it to Listing 2.

If all is correct, save the game to your disk for safe keeping. The disk you save it to must have at least 122 sectors free. The game does not have to be saved to disk but it is good practice to save the program incase you make an mistake in the writing process. That way you can just load the program in memory instead of starting over from step 1. BSAVE GOODNIGHT, A\$800, L\$7871

Also, enter the IOB (Input/Output Block) for the routine. The IOB contains all the information the RWTS needs as far as the slot and drive, Track and Sector, whether to read or write, where in memory to read it, etc. This goes at \$B7E8.

B7E8:01 60 01 00 01 0F FB B7 :00 08 00 00 02 00 00 00 :00 00 00 00 01 EF D8 79

Now insert side one of the copied game disk and execute the routine at \$9000.

#### 9000G

<u>Irk</u>

00

The program should now be written to the disk. All that is left now is altering the boot code to load the game in at boot. Get out your sector editor and read Track 0 Sector 1 of game disk side one and change the following bytes:

	-	-
<u>Byte</u>	From	Το
\$15	?	01
\$1A	?	OF
\$3B	?	4C
\$3C	?	00
\$3D	?	80
\$A6	?	EE
\$AC	?	EE
\$E0	?	79
\$E7	?	09
\$EB	?	00
	\$1A \$3B \$3C \$3D \$A6 \$AC \$E0 \$E7	\$15       ?         \$1A       ?         \$3B       ?         \$3C       ?         \$3D       ?         \$A6       ?         \$AC       ?         \$E0       ?         \$E7       ?

Normally the code on this sector reads in DOS at boot but by making these modifications, it will read in the game program. Don't forget to rewrite this sector to the disk.

There is just one bug left in this backup copy. After you finish a game, if you choose to view the high scores, it will go to side one and look for the protected Track 20. If it doesn't find it, it will create a protected Track 20 causing a problem in making normal backup copies. I found this routine on Track 22, Sector 2. If you simply put the code for an RTS (\$60) right at the beginning you should have no problems.

IK	Sct	Byte	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
22	02	00	?	60

...And there it is. Your deprotected Captain Goodnight diskette. The Captain Goodnight file you saved to the other disk can be scratched now. It is no longer needed.

#### Advanced Playing Technique for...

## **Captain Goodnight**

Broderbund

You start with 24 hours on the clock and your final score is the amount of time left on the clock when you complete the mission (if you complete it before the clock runs out). The following modification will allow you to have 99 hours on the clock instead of 24. Edit side one of the copy.

9833:98 N 98EB:98 make changes to boot 1 so it will exit

9870:59 FF	into monitor
9600G	boot disk

The next boot stage is loaded in from \$B200-BFFF and a large part of it is in a decoded form. The routine that decoded this memory is at \$B47A. Initially, I had to call the decoder in order to trace the code to find out where it was going but later found out the the part we have to modify is not in the decoded section. This boot stage is exited at \$B466 via RTS following a PLP and a CLC at \$B464... so at \$B464 we will JMP \$B000 (which is a safe part of memory to write a short routine). The disk loading routines are loaded into \$300 and the JMP to the title program (JMP \$800) is at \$347. The routine we write at \$B000 will patch a 59 and FF over the 00 and 08 so it jumps to the monitor instead of the program.

#### B464:4C 00 B0 B000:28 18 A9 59 8D 48 03 A9 :FF 8D 49 03 60

COE9 turn on the disk drive **B800G** execute boot 2

At \$34A is the routine that loads in the actual game program and at \$363 is the JMP \$800 to start the game. 364:59 FF jump to monitor after load 34AG load in the game 2000<8800.A7FFM move upper pages of memory to hi-res screen

8800<800.8FFM move page \$8 so it doesn't get overwritten

C600G boot a blank disk with NO HEL-LO program

CALL-151 enter monitor 800<8800.88FFM move page \$8 back

At \$3F80 write a routine to move \$2000-\$3FFF back to \$8800 3F80:20 89 FE 20 93 FE A2 00 :BD 00 20 9D 00 88 E8 D0 :F7 EE 8A 3F EE 8D 3F AD :8A 3F C9 40 D0 EA 4C 00 08

7FD:4C 80 3F jump to memory move before start of game

- 1129:4C 00 08 a few changes must be made so program does
- **12A2:EA EA EA** not attempt to access disk for high scores

1FC9:60 or the cartoon after level 4 A964:FF patch DOS for long file BSAVE JAWBREAKER, A\$7FD, L\$8003

There you have it! A single BRUNable file of JAWBREAKER. In order to do it this way, the cartoon and title program had to be sacrificed. Originally, I worked the title program and cartoon into my copy of JAWBREAKER. but it was a timely process. However, look for my Softkey for LUNAR LEEP-ER (also by Sierra On-Line) which is

9600G 9300<300.3FFM move boot 2 to modify 9842:01 93 make appropriate changes 9327:20 5D 02 9343:4C 59 FF 9600G boot disk

This section was tricky. Boot 3 at \$B700 loads over itself twice before loading in the game so we have to cause it to load elsewhere like \$8700 so it won't load over \$B700 where we are working

BD1A:87	load into \$8700
B748:59 FF	jump to monitor
B700:A2 60 EA bod	ot 3 looks for drive
number X10 in X	reg
B700G	execute boot 3
B703<8703.87FFM	new boot 3 is at
\$8700, move to \$L	3700
B741:59 FF exit i	nto monitor again
B700G exc	ecute boot 3 again
B703<8703.87FFM m	ove next boot 3 to
\$B700	

Make it load \$AF pages of memory into \$800 instead of \$B0 or it will again load over our boot 3 (\$0800 + \$B000 =\$B800).

#### B7E0:AF N B741:59 FF

Execute boot 3 to finally load game. The necessary program code runs from \$800 to \$8800.

**B700G** 

8800<A800.AFFFM pages \$A8-\$AF are also needed

**9000<800.8FFM** move page \$8 to safe place during reboot

**C600G** boot blank disk with NO HEL-LO program

**CALL-151** enter monitor

800<9000.90FFM move page \$8 back in place

Write memory move to move pages \$88-\$8F (which were at \$A8-\$AF) to \$00-\$07 where they would have been later moved, then JuMP to \$800 to start game

9000:20 89 FE 20 93 FE A2 00 :BD 00 88 9D 00 00 E8 D0

#### :F7 EE 0A 90 EE 0D 90 AD

:0D 90 C9 08 D0 EA 4C 00 08

7FD:4C 00 90 make beginning of game JuMP to \$9000

**A964:FF** patch DOS to save long file BSAVE COUNTY FAIR, A\$7FD, L\$8824

That's all!

#### Softkey for ...

#### **High Rise** 2

High rise can be captured as a single file via boot code trace. Here is how to do it...

Enter monitor and move boot 0 to RAM

#### boot disk

The next step is writing the program to side one of the game disk you copied earlier. We will use the RWTS to do this. It will be written to Tracks 1 through 7.

You should still be in the monitor so enter the following routine at \$9000 to write the game program to the backup game disk. This will be using the RWTS from DOS. 9000:A9 B7 A0 E8 20 B5 B7 EE

#### :F1 B7 CE FF B7 F0 10 CE :ED B7 10 EC A9 0F 8D ED :B7 EE EC B7 4C 00 90 60

Īκ	Sct	<u>Byte</u>	From	I
06	05	DA	04	09
		DF	02	09

That's all! Goodnight!

Softkey for...

Jawbreaker

#### Sierra OnLine

The disk is well protected with the 'spiradisc' system but the game basically is a single load program and can be downloaded into a single file using a boot code trace.

**CALL-151** enter monitor 9600<C600.C6FFM move boot 0 to RAM 96FA:98 N 9801:4C 59 FF modify boot 0 9600G boot disk 9800<800.8FFM move boot 1 to modify

#### protected the same exact way as JAWBREAKER...and in this Softkey, I will show you how to save the title program and all parts of the game!

Softkey for ....

#### **County Fair**

#### Datamost

County Fair was released by Datamost back in 1981. I didn't have a lot of time to explain the steps in detail but this method will allow you to capture the game program in a BRUNable file. **CALL-151** enter monitor 9600<C600.C6FFM move boot 0 to RAM 96FA:98 N 9801:4C 59 FF modify boot 0 9600G boot disk 9800<800.8FFM move boot 1 to modify 9805:98 N 9842:59 FF cause boot 1 to exit to monitor

#### CALL -151 9600<C600.C6FFM

Change the JMP at the end to go to \$9801 and set \$9801 to JMP \$FF59. 96FA:98 9801:4C 59 FF 9600G Boot it 9800<800.8FFM Move boot 1 to page \$98

Listing through \$9800 you'll find this to be a normal DOS boot 1. Change it to run in page \$98 and exit into monitor 980E:90

#### 984A:4C 59 FF

#### 9600G

COE8

#### Turn off disk drive

The next boot stage is also a normal DOS RWTS loader at \$B700. This can be executed directly from memory without going through \$9600 and \$9800. All you have to do is load X with \$60 before calling it. Do this right before it at \$B6FE. **B6FE:A2 60** 

At \$B747 is a JMP \$9D84 which is the next section. Change this JMP to a JMP \$FF59 and execute \$B6FE to load. B748:59 FF B6FEG

#### At \$9DE5 is a JMP \$449A which is the start of the game program. This should be changed to jump to the monitor again.

#### 9DE6:59 FF

Also, \$9D84 loads the accumulator with the disk slot value (\$60) from location \$2B. Since \$2B is one of those touchy zero page addresses, its value gets changed upon entering the monitor. We want to LDA with a \$60 at \$9D84 and we're ready to load in the game. **9D84:A9 60 9D84G** 

#### The game runs from \$4000 to \$8FFF but the game will not run without a few changes. At \$9DCC (part of the loader) is a routine that stores certain values in zero page and text page addresses and these are vital to the running of the program. Move this short little routine to \$3F80 right before the game code. **3F80<9DCC.9DE4M**

At this point, I thought the game was ready to be saved so I re-booted DOS and saved it only to find that it wouldn't run (I hate secondary protection!). So, it was time to flip through the game code hoping to find the problem. I found something peculiar at \$48F7. It was a JSR to \$AD2B and I did not save any code beyond \$9000. I boot code traced the disk again and looked at \$AD2B to find a little routine hidden away in the middle of DOS-land. The routine runs from \$AD2B to \$AD3F so move this small chunk of memory into \$3FEB and we'll move it back before the game is run.

#### 3FEB<AD2B.AD3FM

Finally, after the routine at \$3F80 move the memory back and jump to \$449A to start the game. 3F99:A2 20 BD E0 3F 9D 20 AD CA

#### :10 F7 4C 9A 44

Now re-boot DOS and save the file to disk. It's that simple! **C600G** 

#### BSAVE HIGH RISE,A\$3F80,L\$5080

#### Softkey for ....

O'Riley's Mine Datasoft

Datasoft's protection is a quite different from most of the protection I have seen. The disk appears to be encoded in Boot 1 has now been loaded into \$800. Move an image of this to \$9800 where we can modify it. **9800<800.8FFM** 

#### Now list \$9801. 9801L

By first glance, it just appears to be 'garbage' memory, but it you read Computist #46, in an article called 'Amazing Computer Facts' I had spoken on how to scramble assembly listings to make them appear as 'garbage'. It is done by inserting invalid opcodes in a listing. I believe that not all invalid opcodes will work for this and this scrambling technique will not work on any Apple with the 65C02 microprocessor so the disk may not boot either. When the 6502 encounters an invalid opcode, it ignores it as well as the next opcode. Now, at \$9801 is an invalid opcode so it will skip \$9802 as well and go to \$9803. By listing \$9803, you will see a BCS \$985D. The carry is always set upon entering a boot 1 program so now it is going to \$985D so list it.

#### 985DL

After a load and a store, there is another BCS, this time to \$9895. At \$9895, you will see it decoding page \$8 by means of EOR and storing it in \$700. Finally down at \$98B3 there is a JMP \$705.

First, a couple of changes have to be made so this boot code runs in the \$9000 area.

#### 9861:98 98AD:90

Modify it so it moves the decoded memory to \$6700 instead of \$700. 98A0:67

#### Finally, change the JMP \$705 to JMP \$FF59 and call \$9600. 98B4:59 FF 9600G

The next section has now been decoded into \$6700 so it can be listed and modified. This routine loads the next boot stage into pages \$4 and \$5 and at \$676C you'll find a JMP \$484. Since this is text page memory it must be loaded elsewhere. At \$677F is a \$05 which specifies where to load. Change it to a \$65 and change the exit jump to go to the monitor.

#### 677F:65 676D:59 FF

Now we have to alter boot 1 to move \$6700 down to \$700 and jump to it. **98A0:07** 

#### 989B:67 985E:00

#### 98B3:A9 D7 8D A0 98 4C 35 07

The last entry line above shows the JMP going to \$735. Normally it goes to \$705 but the first part of the routine is just playing around with the RAM card and reset vector and can sometimes cause problems with boot code tracing, so we're skipping over it. Everything is ready to go... **9600G** 

and \$58 it will go to \$FF59 after the game is loaded and we will have control. 6485:FF N 64C8:58

This boot routine can be called directly from memory without going through the first three stages but first it must be moved to its proper place and location \$2B must contain \$60 to specify the slot. write a routine at \$9500 to do this. Type carefully... **9500:A2 00 BD 00 64 9D 00 04** 

### :BD 00 65 9D 00 05 E8 D0 :F1 A2 60 86 2B 4C 84 04

Now we're ready to load in the game. 9500G

When you hear the 'beep' the game will be in memory. It runs from \$900 to \$95FF and pages \$24-\$2F are available for storage. The entry point of the game is \$8FD but all there is at \$8FD is a JMP \$2000 so the actual start of the game is \$2000. Continuing on, move the upper \$0C pages of the game to the available space in the hi-res page. Then reboot DOS with a slave disk. The disk CAN-NOT contain a HELLO program or it will overwrite part of the game. **2400<8A00.94FFM** 

#### C600G

The final step is writing a memory move for pages \$24-\$2F. I found a blank page of memory at \$3F00 where this routine can be entered. Enter the monitor first...

#### CALL-151 3F00:A2 00 BD 00 24 9D 00 8Å :E8 D0 F7 EE 04 3F EE 07 :3F AD 04 3F C9 30 D0 EA :4C 00 20

Before saving the game, put a JMP \$3F00 right before the start address and patch DOS to save a long file...and finally, save it. 8FD:4C 00 3F A964:FF BSAVE O'RILEY'S MINE, A\$8FD, L\$8103

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#### Glynne Tolar

The following is from a posted release by Pete Snowberg as posted by Glynne Tolar on Club Apple BBS (Houston, Texas 713-476-9998) and forwarded to us by Jeff Hurlburt. I have not received any product announcements from Siskiyou Systems Engineering so I cannot attest to the accuracy of any of the following information. However, Jeff Hurlburt is a "reliable source" and I'm willing to print this on his recommendation. As always, beware of vaporware and unsubstantiated hardware claims.

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hardware (and software) in the works an not to give up all hope for the Apple //gs. Another reason for generating early awareness of this product is that the support of outside programmers and engineers will be essential to unlocking it's FULL potential.

Because this is not a completed product, the specifications may change. The only difference here is that people will be aware of these changes where as normally secrecy would prevail. I just want to stress that even though the information in this file is the result of roughly a zillion hours of R&D, things may change before the card is ready for release (only for the better though).

I hope that this degree of openness isn't misread by the Apple II community. While the GS/DSP isn't finished, I want to stress that it is a REAL product, and WILL NOT end up as vaporware. I'm a veteran of the old days of the Apple II (pre +) when people shared information and knowledge freely (well... in most cases). It would be nice if some of that openness would return.

#### What is a DSP anyway?

The DSP, or Digital Signal Processor is a fairly new class of processors that are optimized for performing extremely complex high-speed numeric processing. The development of the DSP grew out of the need for enough processing power to perform complex actions such as adaptive filtering on analog signals which are extremely difficult and very expensive to implement in analog circuitry. Digital signal processors offer the advantages of low cost and extreme versatility. Characteristics of the desired filter can be changed simply by passing different parameters to the software, whereas an analog filter might have to be replaced completely, requiring a new circuit board.

While DSPs are intended mainly for processing signals such as RADAR reflections, audio, and image data, they're really just very powerful processors with special complex math instructions. Because of this they can also be used as high power/low cost coprocessors for general computing.

The Motorola DSP56001 which is titled a "general purpose DSP", was chosen for the GS/DSP for several reasons. The 56001 is powerful, fast, and has a VERY nice assembly language which is something uncommon to the majority of DSPs. It's also the DSP with the greatest base of free code and development tools available for it.

The GS/DSP is the first in a unique new class of very high performance peripherals for the Apple II line. Be cause it achieves it's speed by offloading tasks from the main CPU, software must be modified, or it must use system tools which have been modified to take advantage of the available power. Any tool based application (any application using the Desktop) will benefit from the increased speed without modification because of it's use of accelerated tools. The GS/DSP is also capable of emulating other cards, which can boost system performance transparently, requiring NO modification to existing software. Our goal is to get developers to support the DSP in just about every new piece of software being written that can take advantage of this new tool.

4X4 but each track contains just 5 data marks followed by an entire track of data. There is no sector format on this disk. However, once the program is in memory, it does not access the disk so the best way to get this program is by boot code tracing. Begin by entering the monitor. CALL-151

Move the boot program from \$C600 (slot 6) down to \$9600 so it can be modified to return control to the monitor. Then change the jump at the end to point to \$9801 and at \$9801 turn off the disk drive and jump to the monitor. Finally, call up \$9600 to boot the disk. **9600<C600.C6FFM** 

96FA:98

9801:AD E8 C0 4C 59 FF 9600G

#### The final loading stage is now in \$6400 and \$6500. The game is jumped to via an RTS at \$64DD. Normally we would have to write a routine to pull the values off the stack to see where it is going but they left the answer right out in the open. At \$6484 you'll find an LDA #\$08 followed by a PHA and at \$64C7 an LDA #\$FC and a PHA. By looking at this you can tell that the entry point of the game is \$8FD (\$8FC+\$01=\$8FD). By changing the two values pushed on the stack to \$FF

## GS/DSP: Update on IIgs Enhancement Board

The GS/DSP is a development of Siskiyou Systems Engineering. This preliminary information release (10/20/ 91) is a quick overview and set of specifications. More complete and final information will become available as the project nears completion.

#### Why the info?

Normally all information on a project such as this would be kept very secret. But under the current circumstances, with the GS loosing popularity on what seems like a daily basis, this kind of secrecy might have ultimately served to hurt the product rather than help it. I would rather have people be aware that there ARE new pieces of innovative

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#### Features of the Motorola DSP56001 (from the DSP56001 spec. sheet)

Speed: 13.5 MIPS (Million Instructions Per Second) peak at a clock speed of 27 Mhz. (By contrast, a Macintosh IIfx is generally rated at 6 MIPS, while a stock GS is generally rated at .35 MIPS)

Note: This does not in any way mean that your GS will operate faster than a Macintosh IIfx, however code segments running inside of the DSP subsystem will be capable of such speeds. Most DSP code will actually operate between 8 and 12 MIPS. It is important to note that access to the host (the IIgs side of things) slows things down considerably because of the Apple II series' 1 Mhz bus bandwidth, but have no fear, it still screams along.

Buses: The 56001 architecture is divided into three independent 16 bit address spaces, one for program storage and two separate data spaces. Data buses are all 24 bits wide.

**Parallelism:** The data arithmetic logic units (ALU's), address ALU's, and program controller operate in parallel so that an instruction prefetch, a 24 x 24 bit multiplication, a 56 bit addition, two data moves, and two address pointer updates using one of three types of arithmetic (linear, modulo, or reverse carry) can be executed in a single instruction cycle. This parallelism allows a four coefficient Infinite Impulse Response (IIR) filter section to be executed in only four cycles — the theoretical minimum for a single multiplier architecture.

**Precision:** The 24 bit data paths allow for signal processing with 144dB of dynamic range; intermediate results held in the 56 bit accumulators can range over 336dB.

Integration: In addition to the three independent execution units, the DSP56001 has six on-board memories (512 bytes by 24 bits of program RAM, 256 bytes each of 24 bit X and Y data RAM, 24 bit sine/cosine table, positive Mu-law and A-law expansion tables, and bootstrap ROM), three on-chip MCU style peripherals (serial communication interface, synchronous serial interface, and the host interface), a clock generator, and seven buses (four data and three address).

Instruction set: The 62 instruction mnemonics are MCU-like, making programming the 56001 VERY easy. The orthogonal syntax supports control of the parallel execution units. The nooverhead DO instruction and the REP (repeat) instruction make writing straightline code a thing of the past.

°8k of 0 wait state static RAM mapped as 4k for program and 2k for each of the two data spaces as well as contiguously, the same static RAM configuration found in the NeXT line of workstations.

°32K of battery backed static RAM (NVRAM) mapped to slot firmware address space for storage of drivers. This allows the GS/DSP to become a bootable device. Because this, the GS/ DSP is able to patch tools, install CDA's, and allow more flexibility in booting (i.e.: allow additional warm up time for a slow hard drive, or be able to select the boot device simply by holding down a particular key at startup).

<sup>o</sup>DMA generator for very high speed data movement. DMA between DSP and GS memory happens at a rate of 1.023 meg/second. DMA from GS memory to GS memory happens at a rate of 511.5 KB/second. DMA may be performed at 2.6 Mhz, but only between fast RAM or ROM and the DSP.

<sup>o</sup>Built-in 8 bit A/D and D/A converters (with line level input and output) for digitizing, playback, live manipulation of sound.

°NeXT compatible DSP port for connection of just about ANY serial device such as digital microphones, CD players, DAT players, scanners, the GS/DSP Audio Interface Box, or the General Purpose Interface Box. The last two items are described below in the peripherals section.

°Two High-speed Zbus connectors allows you to connect other cards directly to the GS/DSP for ultra high-speed data transfer. Daughterboards may be piggybacked on the GS/DSP, or cables may run from these ports to other cards. As an example, you could connect a graphics card to the Zbus and use the DSP for acceleration of QuickDraw. The DSP would intercept the tool calls, perform the calculations at blinding speed, and blit the data directly to a graphics card without bothering the GS. When combined with the NVRAM, the GS/DSP can also be used as a very low cost hard disk controller ;). Thanks to the Zbus support logic, peripherals such as 8 bit IDE DMA controllers (used for the InnerDrive) or DMA SCSI controllers can be implemented in just TWO chips. Low cost 16 bit IDE controllers (used for the Vulcan) aren't much more complex. The Zbus is capable of addressing up to seven peripherals.

°Complete developers package for both hardware and software that holds back no secrets (well, almost none). This will allow developers to utilize the DSP in their code and with additional Zbus peripherals with greatest possible ease. 9600 bps V.32, and even higher speed modems, FAX modems (transmit and receive), and voice mail machines in SOFTWARE on the DSP. This box will plug into the NeXT compatible DSP port and will also be usable on the NeXT.

Low cost General Purpose Interface Box designed around using the GS/DSP for control applications. The specifications for this box will most likely change, but they will include something very similar to this: 32 channels of digital I/ O, an 8 channel A/D (8 bit) with antialiasing filters and selectable voltage ranges, an 8 bit D/A with selectable voltages, all I/O buffered with socketed chips for easy replacement, LED monitors, programmable PWM capability, and possibly more. This interface can be used for the control and monitoring of almost anything you can think of. It's a perfect way to get an introduction to computer control, or to put the DSP to real use in the outside world. This box interfaces via the DSP port and may also be used on the NeXT. With the addition of a minimal amount of additional circuitry, the GS/DSP could be used as the controller for a full sized laser lightshow.

Very low cost DMA 8 bit IDE hard disk controller for use with InnerDrives, OverDrives, or any disk with an IDE interface. Because this interface uses the Zbus, it requires only TWO off-theshelf chips (one of which is a buffer) and a very small amount of circuit board, yet is a complete DMA controller. A small amount of additional firmware (stored in the NVRAM) is all that is required to make this a caching DMA controller.

Very low cost DMA SCSI hard disk controller for use with any SCSI drive. Again, thanks to the Zbus, this controller uses only TWO off-the-shelf chips, yet it is also a DMA controller. A small amount of additional firmware (stored in the NVRAM) is all that is required to make this a caching DMA controller.

#### DSP Software Applications...

On the software end of things, there will be a large amount of code included with the board (sample source and object code, utilities - such as a sound editor and real time sound effects processor, tools - such as InSANE, and applications - Fractals anyone?). One of the included tool patches, InSANE, will accelerate anything that uses the Integer Math Toolset, or the Standard Apple Numeric Environment (SANE), to levels far beyond anything that you could get with a conventional math co-processor such as a 68881 (the DSP is capable of accelerating much more than just the floating point computations that an FPU would). Here are just a couple of other POS-SIBILITIES for adventurous programmers. Thanks to the speed of the DSP, this list only SCRATCHES the surface. Quite a bit of the code to accomplish the below tasks is already written and has been placed in the public domain. With a very small amount of adaptation, that code can be ported to and used on the GS/DSP. I'm only planning to tackle a couple of these projects myself (In-SANE, some sound effects things, and a little fractal code) so I encourage anyone interested in writing DSP applications to write to New Concepts for additional information and a developers package (when it becomes available).

- DMA RAM disks

- Tool acceleration
- Modems (300-2400, V.32, FAX, ultra high-speed modems; >9600 bps before data compression)

- Real time audio special effects (flanging, phasing, chorus, delay, echo, reverb, harmonizing, EQ, distortion, ring modulation, etc.)

- Audio manipulation and editing

- Voice synthesis
- Voice recognition
- Voice-mail systems

- DTMF encoding / decoding (touch tone)

- Test equipment (spectrum analyzers, tone/signal generators, etc.)

- 16 bit oversampling Ensoniq ™ emulation

- Fractals

- High volume MIDI sequencer/patch management

- MIDI effects processor

- High-speed data compression / decompression

- High-speed data transfers for graphics acceleration, animation, etc.

- 8088, 80286, 80386 emulation (note: 386 emulation would not be that fast)

- Image processing and enhancement
- Control of other equipment

- Monitoring of both analog and digital signals (data acquisition)

- Surround sound decoding

- SAP (second audio program) stereo TV sound decoding

- Digital filter research: Fast Fourier Transforms, Discrete-Time Fourier Transforms, Radix-2 Decimation-in-Time/Decimation-in-frequency FFT's, Cascadeable Adaptive Finite Impulse Response Filters, etc.

- Sound and Music Synthesis

- Proportional-integral-derivative controllers (for laser lightshows)

- and the list goes on and on.

#### Product availability/information

If you have any questions or comments, you can reach me at:

BBS: The Motherboard (415) 991-4832 (I'm user #5) 1200,2400,HST 8N1 (I check this one daily)

Or mail (SASE please) letters to:

Pete Snowberg 1427 Park Ave.

San Bruno, CA 94066

The GS/DSP card is expected to be completed by the end of fall '91 and available for shipping by the end of the year. Every attempt is being made to make it available for a STREET PRICE of under \$300. If you would like more info on the board, please WRITE to:

New Concepts

Chip fabrication: HCMOS for low power consumption.

#### Features of the GS/DSP card

Although the GS/DSP was originally designed as a GS specific board, the GS/ DSP has now been changed so that it can reside in any slot of an Apple II, IIe, or IIgs. You can even run more than one in a system for parallel processing applications. The card contains...

<sup>o</sup>DSP56001 at 27 Mhz delivering 13.5 Million Instruction Per Second (MIPS) (peak) and 81 Million Operations Per Second (MOPS) (absolute peak). Actual mileage may very, although most code will operate at 8-12 MIPS.

°256k of 1 wait state, 24 bit wide DRAM.

#### **GS/DSP Peripherals**

These additional peripherals will add capabilities to the GS/DSP by attaching to either the Zbus or the NeXT compatible DSP port. These peripherals will not be released at the same time as the GS/DSP, but will follow sometime in late winter or early spring.

Audio Interface Box that contains a pair of 16 bit, 44.1 khz, Sigma/Delta A/ D converters and their D/A counterparts for CD quality stereo sound manipulation, sampling, and playback. Level controls, line level RCA jacks, and phono jacks will be included for both input and output. An additional low cost option for the Audio Interface, the Phone Line Interface, will be available that will allow people to WRITE 300, 1200, 2400,

- 3-D Rendering
- Disk caching

Attn: GS/DSP project 665 West Jackson Street Woodstock, IL 60098

Because this is PRE-RELEASE information, the request is made that people write in because the volume of phone calls concerning this product has been tremendous. New Concepts would have to hire a full time employee just for DSP calls to keep up. -Thank you

## Ross A. Holmes CA

<sup>(2)</sup> I was using an Apple IIe before I bought a Mac LC. On using the PFS Write program by Scholastic I wanted to rearrange the date, so that it will read MM/DD/YY instead of the YY/MM/ DD. I've tried something but it didn't work. I changed only the entry when it asks for the date, asking to save the file and typing the new date. How can I change the date that comes on every time "86/1/1" to something like 91/1/1?

This is the first time I have used this program with my new Mac LC and to my surprise it did the date automatically. Maybe for the rest of you out there still interested in changing the above, those of you without a clock in your computer. I still would like to read a date as MM/DD/YY.

<sup>(2)</sup> I purchased a Mac LC with a builtin 3.5" disk and I'm using the Apple IIe adapter card with an Apple 5.25" disk drive. I copied all the files from the 5.25" disk to a 3.5" disk of The New Print Shop. After rebooting the 3.5" disk with The New Print Shop files on it the program asks for side B. How can I change this so that The New Print Shop will read only the 3.5" disk and look for the files on the 3.5" disk drive? I also want to put all my graphics, fonts, and borders on a 3.5" disk for it to read.

<sup>(2)</sup> Can anyone of you out there want to make me a program that would decipher a code using the alphabet. I am in need of a small program that will do the following:

INPUT DATA: \_\_\_\_\_ CFD (I enter)

And from the key as you enter these letters will output BED.

This is a program found in Might and Magic II Clue Book: 10 DIM F\$(4,9)

15 FOR Y=1 TO 4:FOR X=0 TO 9 20 READ D\$ 25 F\$(Y,X)=D\$ 30 NEXT:NEXT 35 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"ENTER DATA: "; 40 GET A\$ 45 A=ASC(A\$) 50 IF A=13 THEN 35 55 IF A<49 OR A>52 THEN 40 60 A=A-48 65 GET A\$ 70 B=ASC(B\$):IF B<48 OR B>57 THEN 65 75 B=B-48 80 IF A\*10+B>48 THEN 65 85 PRINT F\$(A,B);:GOTO 40 90 DATA "",A,B,C,D,E,F,G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T,U,V,W,X,Y,Z 95 DATA 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 ,0,",",-,END I would like to have something similar to it as stated above. If anyone can help me I would appreciate it very. The new program will be used in another clue book for the codes as

A=B,B=C,C=D,D=E,E=F etc. Write to me at:

5712 Judith St

WARDEN and found a lower case name "system" hiding on the disk. Copy II Plus differentiates between upper & lower case in a disk search.

My 3.5" disk has the /SYSTEM files in the main directory (/S) AND in a subdirectory (/STEM). I'm not sure if both are necessary since I didn't get into a complete test.

The 3.5" disk boots well and I seem to be able to access the /OPER (my /ER) disk files in the subdirectory. Problems arise when I try to access the /SAMPLE & /RESOURCE (my /MPLE & / SOURCE) subdirectories. OMEGA searches the main directory of the disk but seems unable to enter into any subdirectories. As a result, I must use my 5.25" floppies when I create a new ID disk & when I borrow intelligence routines from the /RESOURCE disk.

Any comments/help would be appreciated!

<sup>(2)</sup> Has anyone ever figured out a way to put Certificate Maker & even the Library Disks onto a 3.5" disk?

I also want to thank Computist! I recently ordered Pipe Dream. The day my order arrived so did issue #80 ---with the edit needed to skip the Code Wheel! I'm impressed!

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Special Thanks to MOMMA (Computist #77, pg. 13). These are the same codes outlined in Issue #77 and I found that these would work for the following (3.5" disk) MECC Programs:

Softkey for...

- **Miner's Cave Outliner: (1990) Space Station Freedom (1990) Invisible Bugs (1989)** Mystery Objects (1988) Mystery Matter (1988) Wood Car Rally (1988) **Chemistry - Periodic Table** (1988) **Chemistry - Balancing Equations** (1990) To Preserve, Protect, and Defend (1987) MECC
- 1. Use Copy II Plus 9.0 and copy the programs.
- 2. Sector edit the copied disk.

**Miner's Cave** 

<u>Byte</u> From Τo Blk 16D B0 98 38 60 B0 98 18 60 0010

	Wood	Car Rally	03 0A 2 EAEAEAE	-	90 03 4C 52 03	60	
B1k 0007	Byte 1A4	<u>From</u> B0 98 38 60	<u>To</u> B0 98 18 60			isible Bug	5
С	hemist	ry - Period (1988)	Ink Sot E 06 OD 3 EAEAEAE	34	<u>From</u> 90 03 4C 9B 86	<u>10</u> 560	
<u>Bik</u> 0036	<u>Byte</u> 1A3	<u>From</u> B0 98 38 60	<u>To</u> B0 98 18 60	08 0A 5 EAEAEA6	F	90 03 4C 52 03	60
Cher	nistry ·	- Balancing (1990)	Sp Ink Sct 8		ation Free	edo To	
<u>B#k</u> 0028	Byte 1CC	<u>From</u> B0 98 38 60	<u>To</u> B0 98 18 60		46	90 03 4C A1 87	_
To P	reserv	e, Protect, a		Con	nmuniKey	S	
		1987				From	To
<u>Bik</u> 0007	<u>Byte</u> 19F	<u>From</u> B0 98 38 60	<u>To</u> B0 98 18 60	05 09 6 EAEAEA6		90 03 4C 1E 82	260

Some of the above programs are available on 5.25 disks so the following cracks are for the MECC programs that are on 5.25 disks.

Softkey for...

Outliner 1990 Mystery Matter 1988 Mystery Objects 1988 Wood Car Rally 1988 **Invisible Bugs Space Station Freedom** CommuniKeys **Chemistry - Periodic Table** (1988) To Preserve, Protect, and Defend (1987)

1. Boot your DOS 3.3 system disk.

2. Tell DOS to ignore certain items and use COPYA to copy the disk. **RUN COPYA** 

MECC

ctrl C	at the menu
POKE 47426,24	Ignore Epilogs
POKE 48584,71	Ignore Track Checker
RUN 80 skip	reloading COPY.OBJ

- 3. Search the disk for 90 03 4C xx xx 60 and change all occurrences to 18 EA EA EA EA 60.
- 4. After sector editing your copy; format a ProDOS disk and copy a fresh PRO-DOS file onto it.
- 5. Copy all of the files except PRODOS from your sector edited disk onto this ProDOS formatted disk.
- 6. Change the volume name of the Pro-DOS disk to the same name as the original.

This will work for all of the following MECC programs on 5.25 disks.

#### Outliner 1990

ю From Trik Sct Byte 40 64

0A 26 AEA60	90 03 4C 52 03 60	18 EA			
In	visible Bugs				
<u>Sct Byte</u> OD 34 AEA60	<u>From To</u> 90 03 4C 9B 86 60	18 EA			
	90 03 4C 52 03 60	18 EA			
Space	Station Freedo	n			
<u>Sct Byte</u> 09 A6 AEA60	<u>From To</u> 90 03 4C A1 87 60	18 EA			
Co	ommuniKeys				
<u>Sct Byte</u> 09 66 AEA60	<u>From To</u> 90 03 4C 1E 82 60	18 EA			
Chemistry - Periodic Table (1988)					

	<u>Sct</u> 09	<u>Byte</u> 62	<u>From To</u> 90 03 4C 6F 85 60	18 EA
EA	EA E/	A 60		

#### To Preserve, Protect, and Defend (1987)

NOTE: You must copy an older (30 sector version) PRODOS file onto your ProDOS formatted disk for this program because you will not have enough room for the newest (32 sector version) PRODOS file and all of the program files.

<u>Trik Sct Byte</u> 01 OE D3	<u>From Io</u> 90 03 4C 13 85 60	18 EA
EA EA EA 60 03 0A 4B	90 03 4C 52 03 60	18 EA
EAEAEA60		

Softkey for ...

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Apple Assembly Language (1984) Hi Res Tool Kit (1984) **Advanced Applesoft Basic (1981)** 

MECC

- 1. Boot your DOS 3.3 system disk.
- 2. Tell DOS to ignore some checks and use COPYA to copy the original pro-

#### grams. **RUN COPYA**

ctrl C	at the menu
CALL-151	to enter the monitor
B8F3:00	ignore 2nd data prolog byte
B8FE:00	ignore 3rd data prolog byte
B925:18 60	ignore data epilog
3D0G	returns to BASIC
RUN 80	skip reloading COPY.OBJ

3. The Apple Assembly Language program and The Advanced Applesoft BASIC programs will operate OK, however, The Hi Res Tool Kit program will need the following sector

San Jose CA 95123-2035

Gary Wills	Canada

**To Zorro:** Thank you for your response regarding OMEGA and its installation on a 3.5" disk. I've basically tried what you suggested. I renamed the disk /S and created subdirectories for each of the disk sides (/STEM, /ER, / SOURCE/MPLE). I chose these names because I could edit the disk without changing the actual lengths of the pathnames.

ie. /SYSTEM becomes /S/STEM in the subdirec-

tory.

I searched each floppy, before transferring it to the 3.5", and changed the names of the subdirectories to match mine. I got hung up until I used BLOCK

Outliner: (1990)					
<u>Bik</u> 0036	<u>Byte</u> 19F	<u>From</u> B0 98 38 60	<u>To</u> B0 98 18 60	06 E/ 13	
Spa	ace Sta	ation Freed	lom (1990)	E	
<u>B#k</u> 0029	<u>Byte</u> 1F3	<u>From</u> B0 98 38 60	<u>To</u> B0 98 18 60	I	
Invisible Bugs (1989)					
<u>Bik</u> 002e	<u>Byte</u> 1DB	<u>From</u> B0 98 38 60	<u>To</u> B0 98 18 60	E	
	Myste	ery Objects	; (1988)	Ţ	
<u>Bik</u> 0007	<u>Byte</u> 1C6	<u>From</u> B0 98 38 60	<u>To</u> B0 98 18 60	01 E/ 06	
Mystery Matter (1988)					
<b>Bik</b> 002F	<u>Byte</u> 1CB	<u>From</u> B0 98 38 60	<u>To</u> B0 98 18 60		

06 0C D4	90 03 4C 72 0E 60	18 EA
EA EA EA 60 06 0D 25 EA EA EA 60	90 03 4C 15 0E 60	18 EA
	90 03 4C B2 DD 60	18 EA
	ery Matter 1988	\$
<u>Ink Sct Byne</u> 05 09 A6 EAEAEA60	<u>From Io</u> 90 03 4C 59 9E 60	18 EA
Myste	ry Objects 198	8
<u>Trk Sct Byte</u> 01 09 26 EAEAEA60	<u>From To</u> 90 03 4C 71 83 60	18 EA
06 0F 16 EAEAEA60	90 03 4C 52 03 60	18 EA
Wood	Car Rally 198	8
<u>Irk Sct Byte</u> 01 09 04 EAEAEA60	<u>From Io</u> 90 03 4C 2F 85 60	18 EA

edit. If the bytes have moved, scan the disk for 90034CA06660 and change to 18 EA EA EA EA 60.

Trk Sct Byte From ΤQ 90 03 4C A0 66 60 18 EA 15 09 66 EAEAEA60

Softkey for...

#### **Note Card Maker**

#### Grolier

The protection is the same series of bytes as the older version but they are relocated.

- 1. Use Locksmith Fastcopy and ignore the error on track 3.
- 2. Sector edit the copy. If the bytes have moved, scan for the "From" bytes shown and replace with the "To" bytes.

#### Side One

 <u>Sct</u> OF	<u>Byte</u> OE	Erom Id A0 10 BD 10 A	-
 09 C C0		65 01 BD 8C C0	65 01

#### Side Two

 <u>Sct</u>	<u>Byte</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
0E	30	A0 10 BD 10	A0 10 60 10
 00 IC CO	••	65 01 BD 8C C	

Softkey for...

#### **Mission Control**

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1. Boot your DOS 3.3 system disk.

2. Tell DOS to ignore certain error checks and use COPYA to copy the disk. **RUN COPYA** POKE 47426,24 Ignore Epilogs

**POKE 48584,71** Ignore Track Checker **Run 80** 

3. Turn your computer off, wait 10 seconds, and reboot the DOS 3.3 System Master disk. Initialize a blank disk with the following HELLO program. 10 TEXT: HOME: VTAB (5): PRINT : "LOADING...."

20 PRINT CHR\$(4); "RUN LOGO" **INIT HELLO** 

4. Copy all of the files, except HELLO from your copy onto your newly initialized disk.

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Charles Duncan

Softkey for ...

### Electric Crayon (This Land is your Land)

#### Polarware

**Requirements:** Electric Crayon (TLIYL-5.25 disk) 2 Blank Disk COPYA Copy II Plus (or other disk editor)

This deprotection will allow you to catalog and probably switch the pictures from one Electric Crayon (EC) series to another. I don't know if the Sesame Street Series are similar or not, but if they are this will most likely work on those too. Most of all it will allow the user to use the disk on any Apple compatible computer like the Laser 128, which happens to be the reason for this deprotection.

I am a Laser 128 version 4.3 owner, and have had trouble with many programs not running on it. Most currently the EC Series disk by Polarware. I spent many weeks figuring out why this disk would not work on my Laser 128 and it turned out that the file SHAPES and EC

these disks. Thanks to Computist I can back up my software, which I have invested a great deal of money. I don't know who enjoyed the disk more, my children coloring and printing out the pictures, or me when the disk finally cataloged and worked on my Laser.

#### Step-by-step

- 1. Boot your DOS 3.3 system disk.
- 2. Tell DOS to ignore checksum and epilog errors and use COPYA to copy EC to a blank disk. POKE 47426.24

**RUN COPYA** 

3. Make the following sector edits to the copy.

TUR	Sa	<u>Byte</u>	<u>From</u>		
12	0D	00	A9	18	
<b>4</b> .I	Read	track	01, sector	00 and write	it to
t	rack	00. se	ctor 07.		

5. Edit the sector.						
Τ¢	Sct	<u>Byte</u>	From	<u>To</u>		
00	07	00	07	00		
		02	05	03		
00	0B	02	03	07		

- 6. Format another ProDOS disk with the volume name "A".
- 7. Copy the newest version of PRODOS you have to the formatted disk.
- 8. Copy all the files from the edited copy of EC, except the file PRODOS, to the newly formatted disk.
- 9. Change the volume name of the second copy from "A" to "TLIYL". This is important because the disk checks for the correct volume name.

You should now have a completely normal ProDOS disk of Electric Crayon's "This Land is your Land". Enjoy.

#### The Blade CA

To Jere T. Murray: (Issue 69, having trouble with his GS needing to be warmed up) It sounds like your problem is caused by metal expansion and contraction. When your GS is cold one of the pins on one of the chips might not be making proper contact. When it warms up, the metal expands and thus makes proper contact. To remedy this situation first make sure all of the chips are properly seated in their sockets. If that doesn't work it could be that one of the traces on the motherboard has a hairline crack. (Usually caused when pulling or inserting the ROM chips) This is very, very hard to find. You'll need to pull the motherboard and examine the traces with a magnifying glass to find it. When and if you find it, scrape some of the protective insulation off the board around the crack and put some solder on the exposed metal trace. Since you said warming the VGC chip with your finger solves the problem, you should start there. Also check for a cold solder joint at one of the IC socket pins.

Might and Magic (track \$1E, sector \$03, bytes \$D0-DA on the M&MII disk A).

#### Step-by-step

1. Copy	the both	sides	of the	original
disk to	a blank (	disk.		

2. Sector edit the copy.

Ţικ	Sct	<u>Byte</u>	From	Το
00	08	FF	80	40
22	02	BD	D3 41 BD	57 54 55

The 57 54 55, when decoded becomes 3 NOP's that replace a ROR \$0FFF (6E 0F FF). Byte \$FF of track \$00, sector \$08 is loaded into address \$0FFF in memory. The 40 allows the protection routines to pass.

Softkey for ....

Softkey for...

**Bad Dudes** Platoon Data East

#### **Requirements:**

Fast disk copier sector editor

Data East used the exact same copy protection routine(s) for both of these games.

#### Step-by-step

1. Copy the disk, both sides.

2. Sector edit the copy.

Irk	Sct	Byte	From	To
00	0E	4Å	4C 00 C6	EA EA EA

<sup>(2)</sup> Does anyone know of a way to get rid of the manual check from the IIe version of King's Quest IV? It takes long enough to boot and play the game without having to find a word from the manual.

<sup>(2)</sup> Please place Prince of Persia by Broderbund, and the IIe version of The Last Ninja by Activision on the most wanted list. I have been looking over the disk with a nibble editor and have found that track \$00 is in normal 16 sector E format while tracks \$01-\$22 use the same 18 sector formatting as Wing's of Fury. I'm sure that if someone could just come up with a way to convert at least one of these disks to standard 16 sectors all the others would soon follow. The PRIME MINISTER stated in issue #76 that he softkeyed The Last Ninja but didn't have the time to write about how he did it. If he's willing to get hold of me, (ie. send me copies of all the source code listings and notes of what he did while doing the softkey) I'll try to write a article on how he did it.

<sup>(2)</sup> Please put RISK back on the list. The softkey from issue 74 is incomplete. The game does not function propprobable have one or more of these pirated programs. One way to figure out how to softkey a program would be to compare a original program with the softkeyed version. Write down any differences, then apply the changes to a copy of the original. Maybe this way we could shrink the size of the MOST WANTED LIST.

<u>Trk</u>	Sct	<u>Byte</u>	From	ĪO
07	0E	36	1C	18
0A	03	<b>8</b> E	F7	D7

Softkey for...

Might and Magic II Activision

**Requirements:** Copy II Plus 3 blank disk

I have been a subscriber since issue #69 and I have to say my money wasn't wasted. Might and Magic is a excellent game with only one problem, the copy protection. Might and Magic will fast copy, and it will even boot. But try to save a character and you will find that you get nowhere. Protection like this is hard to remove, well at least for me, because you don't know where to look.

Anyway, after about a couple of days looking through each and every sector on disk A, I noticed this little piece of code on track \$1E sector \$03:

CA:8D 5F C0	STA \$C05F
CD:8D 5E C0	STA \$C05E
D0:A0 00	LDY #\$00
D2:98	TYA
D3:59 00 9E	EOR \$9E00,Y
D6:99 00 9E	STA \$9E00,Y
D9:C8	INY
DA:D0 F6	BNE \$9CD2
DC:20 00 9E	JSR \$9E00
DF:6E FF OF	ROR \$0FFF
E2:A0 00	LDY #\$00
E4:98	TYA
E5:99 00 9E	STA \$9E00,Y
E8:C8	TYA
E9:D0 F9	BNE \$9CE4
EB:60	RTS

I found it strange that this routine decodes everything starting at \$9E00, jumps to it, then erases it. I stuck a BRK "00" command at byte \$DC, wrote the sector back to the copy of disk A, then booted the disk. After the program dropped me in the monitor I looked at what was at address \$9E00. It was the copy protection routine. Examination of the routine showed that placing a \$40 at address \$0FFF would allow the program to work correctly.

Scan disk A for the byte sequence 6E FF 0F A0 00 98 and replace it with A9 40 8D FF 0F 60. I've played a copy of the

COLORS was the culprit.

Jack Moravetz's softkey for Electric Crayon ABC's (Issue #50, pg. 25) did not work on this disk. The disk did not have a complete catalog. The computer could only find PRODOS and E.C.SYSTEM in the catalog and a nasty Range Error. Tom Kepka also mentions this in his article (Issue #53, pg. 18) about the Sesame Street Series. However, the method both authors used is essentially the same. It correctly disables the nibble count, for an Apple computer but not the Laser, and you still cannot catalog the disks. I also had trouble trying to erase and copy a new PRODOS to a backup copy of EC TLIYL. I kept getting ERROR #51.

So, I owe the knowledge gained by this softkey, as most of us do, to the companies that put copy-protection on Softkey for...

**King's Bounty** New World Computing

#### **Requirements:**

1 blank disk

Fast disk copier (Copy II Plus) Sector Editor (Copy II Plus)

This new game by the makers of Might and Magic uses almost the same protection except they have encoded the entire routine. Look at the end of track \$22, sector \$05 and the start of track \$22, sector \$04 for the decoding routine. It's almost identical to the one used in erly when rolling dice. (The graphics get messed up)

Softkey for ...

#### Comics

#### Accolade

**Requirements:** Fastdisk copier Sector editor

I saw this on the most wanted list and thought I should pass along this softkey for it. I didn't actually come up with this softkey. I got hold of a softkeyed copy and used it to compare with my original. Which brings me to another topic. I noticed a lot of the programs on the most wanted list have already been softkeyed and pirated by people who probable don't subscribe to COMPUTIST. I know most of us won't admit it (I don't) but we

game for a couple of days now without any difficulty.

Trk Sct Byte From Σ 1E 03 DF A9 40 8D 6EFF0F A0 00 98 FF 0F 60

Softkey for ...

#### **Bubble Bobble**

Taito

**Requirements:** Fast disk copier Sector editor

#### Step-by-step

1. Copy both sides of the disk. 2. Sector edit the copy. Trk Sct Byte From Σ 14 00 C5 AD 60 3. Write back all changes.

#### **Readers Data Exchange**

#### COMPUTIST #82

#### Mad Vandal

#### IBM Softkey for ....

Nuclear War

#### ?

Like most, it's another doc check. Nothing special. For Norton users search the file NUKEWAR.EXE for the byte pattern C4 08 0B C0 75 34 and change the 75 34 to 90 90.

DEBUG method. DEBUG is assumed to be in the current path or dir. REN NUKEWAR.EXE NUKEWAR.ZAP DEBUG NUKEWAR.ZAP E DF71 90 90 W to save it Q to quit

#### REN NUKEWAR.ZAP NUKEWAR.EXE

Okay, that's it. For those interested in the program changes they are shown below:

#### Before

DF69 E88A8C	CALL	6BF6	Routine to check your entry
DF6C 83C408	ADD	SP,+0	
DF6F 0BC0	OR	AX,AX	(
DF71 7534	JNZ	DFA7	Jump if you are wrong
DF73 8E060E53	MOV	ES,[53	•
DF77 26	ES:	•	•
DF78 C7061E1C	0000	MOV	WORD PTR [1C1E],0000
DF7E 8E061053	MOV	ES,[53	10]
DF82 26	ES:	•	-
DF83 C7064200	0000	MOV	WORD PTR
			[0042],0000
			Setup your cities
DF89 8E060853	MOV	ES,[53	08]
DF8D 26	ES:		
DF8E C706D20A	0100	MOV	WORD PTR
		to at in	[0AD2],0001
DF94 8E061053		ES,[53	10]
DF98 26	ES:		
DFA0 C746E200	00	MOV	WORD PTR [BP- 1E],0000
DFA5 EB27	JMP	DFCE	jump to start game
DFA7 8E060853	MOV	ES,[53	08]
DFAB 26	ES:	· .	
DFAC C706D20A	0100	MOV	WORD PTR [0AD2],0001
DFB2 8E061053	MOV	ES,[53	10]
DFB6 B80100	MOV	AX,000	01
DFB9 26	ÊŜ:		Make your cities
DFBA A34200	MOV	[0042],	AX < dead so
			you can't
DFBD 8E060E53	MOV	ES,[53	0E] < play
DFC1 26	ES:		
DFC2 A31E1C	MOV	[1C1E]	,AX

#### After

DF69 E88A8C CALL 6BF6 Check your entry DF6C 83C408 ADD SP,+08

DFA0 C746E200	00	MOV	WORD PTR [BP- 1E],0000
DFA5 EB27	JMP	DFCE	Jump to start game
DFA7 8E060853	MOV	ES,[53	•
DFAB 26	ES:		-
DFAC C706D20A	0100	MOV	WORD PTR
			[0AD2],0001
DFB2 8E061053	MOV	ES,[53	10]
DFB6 B80100	MOV	AX,000	01
DFB9 26	ES:		All this skipped
DFBA A34200	MOV	[0042],	AX
DFBD 8E060E53	MOV	ES,[53	0E]
DFC1 26	ES:		
DFC2 A31E1C	MOV	[1C1E]	,AX
	-	-	idn't waste too still, waste is

much time on this, but still, waste is waste.

#### Blackmax

IBM Softkey for ...

1 Sourcey 101...

## Pipe Dream

Lucasfilm

Use Norton utility to search for FA 02 74 06 B8 01 00 and change the 01 to 00. This will pass the code-wheel test no matter what is entered.

#### or

Using a disk editor such as HADES (available from the Heath Users' Group), search the file GAME.OVR for 1E 57 9A 24 07 BB 05 75 02 EB 25 and change the 75 02 to 90 90. When the game asks for a translation from the code wheel, just type a return!

#### **Bentley Bear**

IBM Softkey for...

## Red Storm Rising!

Use Norton to search REDSTART.RSR for 75 05 B8 01 00 EB 02 2B C0 8B and change the 75 05 to 90 90.

This allows you to hit <ENTER> on the screen where you're supposed to identify the ship and it will accept any answer. You still have to insert the key disk (or a COPYWRITed backup) in drive A:.

#### J. Murray

IBM Softkey for... Wing Commander Origin

This game is great. Flashy graphics, awesome sound and gameplay that just will not quit!

#### ren populous.exe populous.xxx DEBUG POPULOUS.XXX

Rwrite down the CS register value after the register dump

S CS:0000 FFFF 3B 46 0C 75 09 8B 46 0C A3 82 2A

DEBUG should respond with cs:xxxx (xxxx is an address)

U CS:xxxx I hope you realize by now to substitute the cs register value for the "cs"

CS:XXXX CMP AX, [BP+0C] (Debug should respond with this)

cs:yyyy DE66

E CS:YYYY put the value of cs and yyyy from above in here 75.EB 09.03 W debug says "writing zzzz bytes"

W debug says "writing zzzz bytes"

REN POPULOUS.XXX POPULOUS.EXE

You have finished!

#### **B-MAN**

IBM Softkey for ...

Life & Death II: The Brain

?

#### **Requirements:**

INSTALL.EXE, Size: 63778, Date/ Time: 12-02-90, 12:00am

LD2.EXE, Size: 194936, Date/Time: 11-29-90, 4:22pm

Contrary to the documentation, which indicates that Life & Death II is NOT copy protected at all, it is actually copy protected twice! How's that for honesty from a software publisher?

The primary copy protection is contained in the file INSTALL.EXE, which requires the original KEY DISK in order to execute. You can't install the program without INSTALL.EXE because it writes an important configuration file. This configuration file contains the video, sound and disk specifications. It also contains some CRC data based on measurements of the particular machine on which it has been run (more on this below). Once you have patched INSTALL.EXE, you will be able to install the program from a floppy other than the original key disk. You must preserve the structure of the paths, etc., in order for any install diskette to work properly.

The second part of the copy protection is less obvious. As mentioned above, the install program writes some CRC data to the configuration file which is unique (in theory) to the particular installation machine. Therefore, if you change individual items or replace your entire system, the installed copy will not run. For example, changing your disk controller, system BIOS or even TSR programs can cause this CRC check to fail and prevent the execution of the program. If you patch LD2.EXE as outlined below, these CRC checks will not be performed. Therefore, you can back up your installed copy and restore it to any machine — as long as the video and sound options are the same. If your video (VGA/EGA/TANDY) and sound options (SPEAKER/ADLIB/BLAST-ER) do change, you will have to run install again. This patch requires that you have and know how to use the hex search and edit of a search-and-replace hex editor such as those employed in PC-Tools, Norton Utilities or the shareware hex editor Hexcaliber.

Install the patch by performing the following hex search-and-replace operations:

Search INSTALL.EXE for 74 07 B8 E0 1F and replace with EB 07 B8 E0 1F. This string will occur twice, patch each one. Search for E8 51 08 and replace with 90 90 90. Search for 00 75 E2 and replace with 00 90 90.

Search LD2.EXE for 55 8B EC 39 26 CE 79 77 05 9A 10 0A 00 00 0E E8 BA FF A1 53 0D 0B and replace with 83 C4 14 8B F8 0B FF EB 05 9A 10 0A 00 00 SF 5E 8B E5 5D E9 E8 FE.

#### Unknown

JNZ

IBM Softkey for...

#### Battlehawks 1942 Lucasfilms

In the game Battlehawks 1942 you have to pass a "Recognition Test" by identifying the silhouette of one of several planes from the manual. The following patch will disable the test in such a way that you can just press enter to continue without identifying the plane. This patch should work with the BH.EXE file dated 10-06-88.

Use the following keystrokes to perform the patch on a BACKUP COPY of your original disk. **REN BH.EXE BH DEBUG BH E 2D55** xxxx:2D55 EB.E9 02.A2 90.00 W Q **REN BH BH.EXE** 

IBM Softkey for ...

#### Centurion

Electronic Arts Use DEBUG to crack this one. DEBUG OVLO.OVL S 0000 FFFF C0 75 06 FF 46 XXXX: 615 E 616 XXXX:616: 74.75

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That's it. Simple huh? Just changing a Jump Not Zero to Jump Zero. So answer the silly question any old way you like.

IBM Softkey for...

#### Champions of Krynn SSI

Using a disk editor such as HADES (available from the Heath Users' Group), search the file GAME.OVR for the following byte strings, and change the indicated bytes.

DF6F 0BC0	OR	AX,A)	(
DF71 90	NOP		Do not jump
DF72 90	NOP		
DF73 8E060E53	MOV	ES,[53	30E]
DF77 26	ES:		
DF78 C7061E1C	0000	MOV	WORD PTR
			[1C1E],0000
DF7E 8E061053	MOV	ES,[53	310]
DF82 26	ES:		
DF83 C7064200	0000	MOV	WORD PTR
			[0042],0000
DF89 8E060853	MOV	ES,[53	308]
DF8D 26	ES:	-	Setup your cities
DF8E C706D20A	0100	MOV	WORD PTR
			[0AD2],0001
DF94 8E061053	MOV	ES,[53	310]
DF98 26	ES:		-
DF99 833E42000	00	CMP	WORD PTR
		e .	[0042],+00
DF9E 7475	JZ	E015	• * • • • •

Using PC Tools search WC.EXE for 75 14 B8 and change to EB 14 B8. Save your changes and exit. When you are asked to give a response to a question just type a number and hit enter.

If that doesn't work, try this patch. It bypasses the protection screen and prevents you from having to enter anything. Search for E8 81 FE 59 0B C0 75 and change to 90 90 90 90 90 90 EB.

Mike Basford	CN
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Electronic Arts	
Using Debug, here's the seque from DOS:	ence

Search for 16 57 9A 2F 07 B7 0B 74 03 and change the 74 to EB.

Search for 16 57 9A 2F 07 B7 0B 75 06 C6 46 and change the 75 06 to 90 90.

When the game asks for a specific word from the journal, just type a return!

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## Command HQ

Use Norton utility to search for 76 03 E9 BB 01 and change the 76 03 to 90 90.

IBM Softkey for...

**Indianapolis 500** 

Electronic Arts

INDY.EXE is in a EXEPACK format. I don't have the Exepack utility from Mickeysoft, and so I can't say to you how the original Indy.Exe file is affected by this crack.

In order to crack Indianapolis you need the LZEXE91.ZIP package that you can find in many BBSs (Exec-PC is one of these, really recommended), and use the program UPACKEXE.EXE that you find in this program.

This neat program gets an Exepacked file and unpacks it. So first of all type: **UPACKEXE Indy.exe** 

At this point you have an unpacked file. Get out your favorite sector editor (NU, PCtools or ZipZap65 works well). Search for 47 3A C4 75 1A 07 and change the 75 14 to 90 90.

You can now use LZEXE to compact E the file again, better than with Exepack.

IBM Softkey for...

### Jack Nicklaus' Greatest 18 Holes of Major Championship Golf

#### Accolade

To softkey the game "Jack Nicklaus' Greatest 18 Holes of Major Championship Golf", simply copy the files GOLFC.EXE, GOLFE.EXE, and GOLFT.EXE to a separate disk or subdirectory. DO NOT use your originals!

Next, making use of your favorite Hex-Editor, search each of the three files listed above for the Hex string of 3D 03 00 75 03 E9 84 01 E8. This string only occurs once in each of the files. If you can't locate this string, STOP NOW!... you have a different version and this patch won't work!

Once the above mentioned string is found, change it to read EXACTLY as the following: 3D 03 00 75 03 90 90 90 E8. You now have an unprotected version of this game that you do not have to identify any course holes with!

GOLFM.EXE does not need this patch because it loads the file GOLFC.EXE into your system for monochrome displays.

IBM Softkey for...

#### **Lowblow Boxing**

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Another doc check, not as hidden as I'd expect. It can be rendered useless by changing one byte.

Norton users should search the file BOX.EXE for the byte pattern 74 14 16 and change the 74 to EB.

DEBUG method. DEBUG is assumed to be in the current path of dir. **REN BOX.EXE BOX.ZAP** DEBUG BOX.ZAP E E4B0 EB

E4BD 59	POP CX	<b>disables game and</b>
		sets up
E4BE 59	POP CX	for DOS exit
E4BF 50	PUSH	AX
E4C0 9A26042	AOB CALL	082A:0426
E4C5 59	POP CX	
E4C6 8BE5	MOV SP,BF	
E4C8 5D	POP BP	Exit and continue
E4C9 CB	RETF	
	Afte	
	1110	×1
E4A5 8B46F8	MOV AX,[B	P-06]
E4A8 D1E0	SHL AX,1	
	ADD BX,A)	(
E4AC 58	POP AX	Copy protection
		routine
E4AD 26	ES:	
E4AE 3B07	CMP AX,[B	X]Check you answer to
		doc check
E4B0 EB14	JMP E4C6	Always jumps, always
		right
E4B2 16	PUSH	SS
E4B3 8D8656F	F LEA	AX,[BP+FF56]
E4B7 50	PUSH	AX
E4B8 9A02008	C15 CALL	158C:0002
E4BD 59	POP CX	All this skipped
E4BE 59	POP CX	
E4BF 50	PUSH	AX
E4C0 9A26042	AOB CALL	082A:0426
E4C5 59	POP CX	
E4C6 8BE5	MOV SP, BI	P
E4C8 5D	POP BP	Exit and continue

IBM Softkey for...

RETF

**E4C9 CB** 

**Might and Magic** 

#### Activision

#### **Requirements:**

Norton Utilities (or similar program) A copy of the file MM.EXE from your original disk.

Load the file MM.EXE into Norton. Then search for the string CD 1372 EE and change the bytes to 90 90 90 90. Write the changes.

Next search for the string CD 13 72 05 and change the bytes to 90 90 90 90. Write the changes.

Next search for the string CD 13 72 05 and change the bytes to 90 90 EB 05.

A few bytes after this is a 75 F6, change these bytes to 90 90. You will have to do this 4 more times. Here are the jumps to look for: 75 20, 75 18, 75 10,7508. These will all be 7 bytes apart, change them all to 90's.

Another 7 bytes after the last change is 74 03, change it to EB 03. Write the changes.

The program will now skip the check for copy protection all together. If you have any problems with any of these patches, check the date of the file MM.EXE on your original disk 1 for the to save it date 11/18/87. If your file has a different to quit date then they probably changed the copy protection method and your outof-luck with this patch.

F2 3D 0D 00 75 and replace with 90 90 90 89 46 F2 3D 0D 00 90. Search for 2A 8B 46 F6 39 46 FC 74 and change to 90 8B 46 F6 89 46 FC EB.

Now save the file and exit. That's all there is to it!

IBM Softkey for...

Silpheed v2.2

2

I don't know if this will work with all versions but I don't see why not!

First make a copy of your Master Disk and put the master away. Debug must be on the disk you want to softkey or it must be in your path. I figured out and fixed the copy protection because I hated needing the book just to type in the enemy. I am also color blind so I had a tough time reading the names. **REN SIERRA.COM SIERRA.KRK** DEBUG SIERRA.KRK S 0000 05B0 74 0C xxxx:03B7 E 03B7 74.75

E 05AF 74.75

W

Q

#### **REN SIERRA.KRK SIERRA.EXE**

That's all there is to it. Now when it asks you for the ship just hit <ENTER> and the game will continue.

If you have a different version you may come up with a different address when you search for 74 OC. If you do then just edit the first occurrence of the 74 OC. Then search for 74 10. Change the 74 to a 75 and that should be it. Hope this helps.

IBM Softkey for...

#### Street Rod

#### California Dreams

Be sure to backup your disk before starting and use the back up for the softkey. Modify only the backup copy !!! **REN SR.EXE SR** 

**DEBUG SR** Loads program into debug S 0000 FFFF 74 04 2B C0 EB 03 B8 01 00

8B E5 Search for protection XXXX: YYYY The search will return one address. If more or less than one are returned this softkey may not work.

**E YYYY EB**Edit the contents of the computed address

WWrite the new sr game back to the disk Quit DEBUG Q **REN SR SR.EXE** change the name back

Now try to run the new (Hopefully) unprotected version of Street Rod just click or push SPACE on any answer.

This change makes a JMP (Jump Short) out of a JE (Jump Equal). The quiz will still appear with this patch applied, but your answer WILL AL-WAYS BE CORRECT. In other words, just hit Enter when the quiz appears. You will still have to use the "key" disk; I have not figured out how to bypass this yet.

IBM Softkey for...

#### **Test Drive II** Accolade

**EGA Version REN TD2EGA.EXE TD2EGA DEBUG TD2.EGA** E DS+1000:34C3 BB.E9 5E.25 02.01 E DS+1000:35CF 76.75 E DS+1000:35D4 76.75 E DS+1000:35D9 77.75 E DS+1000:35DE F8.CB E DS+1000:35E8 63.00 W 0 **REN TD2EGA. TD2EGA.EXE** CGA Version **REN TD2CGA.EXE TD2CGA DEBUG TD2.CGA** E DS+1000:0D78 BB.E9 5E.25 02.01 E DS+1000:0E84 76.75

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W Q

**REN TD2CGA. TD2CGA.EXE** 

IBM Softkey for...

#### Vette

2

To get rid of the "paper work" in Vette use Norton Utilities and search Vette.exe for the hex bytes: 3A 04 74 0E 83 3E. Replace the 74 with EB. Write the data and your done.

IBM Softkey for...

**ABC Monday Night Football** 

?

Use PCtools or other program and edit MONDAY.EXE. Go to sector 1, offset 50 and change E8 4A A0 to 90 90 90. That's it!

IBM Softkey for ...

### **Abrams Battle Tank**

2

Here's how to eliminate that silly "look up" screen. Using Norton utilities, search START.EXE for F3 E8 62 1C 0B C0 75 0E and change the E8 62 1C to 90 90 90 and the 75 OE to EB 0E. Write the data and exit. You will never be bothered again!

#### Q **REN BOX.ZAP BOX.EXE**

W

For those interested the changes look like this:

#### Before

E4A5 8B46F8	MO	V AX,[BF	<b>2-08]</b>
E4A8 D1E0	SHL	AX,1	
E4AA 03D8	ADD	) BX,AX	
E4AC 58	POF	P AX	Copy protection
			routine
E4AD 26	ES:		
E4AE 3B07	CMI	PAX, <b>(</b> B)	(] Check you answer to
			doc check
E4B0 7414	JZ	E4C6	Jump if correct
E4B2 16	PUS	H	SS
E4B3 8D8656F	F	LEA	AX,[BP+FF56]
E4B7 50	PUS	H	AX
E4B8 9A02008	C15	CALL	158C:0002

#### IBM Softkey for ... Might And Magic II ?

Search the file 1MENU1.OVL for B5 27 8A 16 6D 1E B6 00 07 06 33 DB CD 13 and replace the CD 13 with 9090. Search for B5 27 8A 166D 1E B600 CD 1380FC 107407 and replace the CD 13 80 FC with 90 90 EB 32.

#### IBM Softkey for ...

#### **Railroad Tycoon**

#### Microprose

Using Norton Utilities or PC Tools search GAME.EXE for E8 DF D9 89 46

IBM Softkey for...

#### M1 Tank Platoon

#### Microprose

The patch described here bypasses the identification quiz that so effectively disrupts the continuity of the first game after booting TANK. To apply the patch, you will need a hex editor such as Norton's "NU" (part of the well-known and readily available set of DOS utilities called Norton Utilities) or DOS's DE-BUG.

The file that needs to be patched is TANKST.TNK; my copy is dated 9/20/ 89 3:26PM. Using your editor, change the byte at offset x158F from x74 to xEB. The byte to be changed may be found by searching for 74 09 B8 01 00 5E 8B E5 5D C3.

IBM Softkey for...

**Bop'n Wrestle** 

Mindscape

#### Using DEBUG: **REN BOP.EXE BOP.TRY** E CS:96D 31 C0 EB 2F

Sav	e the changes
	Exit debug

#### **REN BOP.TRY BOP.EXE**

W

Q

The program will now skip the check for copy protection all together. The first change (31 CO) is an xor ax,ax. The Second (EB 2F) jumps to a return. (Just in case you wanted to know.)

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