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ACCOUNTING PACKAGES: ST ONEWRITE & DAC EASY

When it rains it pours. Last month if you had asked me about an accounting package for the ST I would of had little to tell you. Now there are three packages on the market for the ST. Each of these packages has its place and each is a spectacular program for the right person. In this review we will discuss two of the packages. The third is discussed in the Column on SBT software else ware in this newsletter.

ST Onewrite

Cash Disbursements
 Catalog # SERIDS
 List Price \$ 129.95
 Club Price \$ 97.45

This package has been converted from the MAC. It has been one of the best selling packages on the market for the MAC since the day it was introduced and with good reason. The program is based on the popular Manual accounting system used by millions of small to medium sized businesses throughout the U.S. Often called pegboard or Sarguard accounting, one-write is a paper accounting system that makes use of regular carbon paper and specially designed forms. When these forms are used properly, they work to limit omissions and posting errors in the accounting cycle. When a properly trained person uses a one-write system, the accounting methods are almost fool-proof. Paper one-write systems do have some drawbacks. They are time consuming, paper intensive, and only "almost fool proof". Calculating errors and posting errors still happen with a paper accounting system. With ST OneWrite, accounting calculations and posting are done by computer. Paper - with the exception of necessary paper like written checks and invoices - is almost totally eliminated. ST OneWrite reduces the amount of time that is needed for a business to keep up the bookkeeping and accounting. How does it work? Well if your familiar with the paper system, you



already know, it works exactly the same way. If your not familiar with this system nothing could be simpler. You enter your checks on the screen by typing the information onto a check displayed on the screen. The program will help you along by adding the name and address of the payee after you type their name and by typing the dollar amount in words after you enter the number in figures. The system then prints the check and posts the check to the proper account. In other words if you can write a check you can run this system. The Cash Disbursements system will be able to following information for you and your accountant: A Chart of accounts, a cash basis income statement, a balance sheet, a disbursements journal, a vendor address list, and a vendor year to date report. This is first of Three packages that are all interactive and based on the same format. The other two packages are more applicable to those who do not have a cash based accounting system. Accounts Receivable will be out in August and the General Ledger Package will be out in late August or early September. Both package are priced at \$129.00 with the club price set at \$97.45 We highly recommend this package to you for its ease of use and completeness.

character alphanumeric account number. As your create accounts, you specify a level code that allows up to four levels of totals and subtotals. The package offers password protection to guard your personal or confidential information from prying employees eyes. Once you've created customer and vendor accounts, you enter basic transaction information daily, along with the appropriate general ledger distribution. You can then post the transactions to the open invoice file and print a journal. You can create statements, an aging report, and labels. the accounts payable module, of course has an option that allows you to print checks and a corresponding check register. EASY uses no GEM interface and presents straight text screens. Each of the screens is clean and easy to use. The problems (if there are any) will come with your understanding of Accounting. The package has no online help function and some keyboard mistakes will dump you right out of the program. The 200+ page manual is written in accountant's English. The price includes no free help from DAC, although customer service is available for an hourly fee. This package has been rate the "Software Package of the Year" by Infoworld when it was introduced for the IBM. The value is great but, it does require that you either be comfortable with at least a second semester college accounting course or that you spend some money to have your company accountant help you set the package up. Once the package is set up however running it very routine. Which one? Well the choice is a function of your confidence in your accounting knowledge and the level of sophistication you need in a accounting package. We can promise you that both packages work well and that both will give you a more powerful business computer than you have today. DAC EASY will be shipping within 2 weeks ST OneWrite is in stock now.

DAC EASY



Catalog # DAC001
 List Price \$ 69.96
 Club Price \$ 52.45

EASY is a different proposition altogether. This package is a COMPLETE accounting package for less than the cost of a single Module of the OneWrite series. It does however have some serious drawbacks that you should consider. First let me say the package runs well and is very complete. It offers you a complete General Ledger, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Billing, Inventory, and Forecasting package for an unbelievable price. The general ledger employs a six

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STAR RAIDERS II

Catalog # AT1100
List Price \$ 24.95
Club Price \$ 18.75



Never trust a Zylon! After those terrible battles that bred heroic Star Raider Commanders out of normal peace loving Atarians, we were able to defeat the Zylon empire. Now after years in capture, some Zylon warriors who promised good behavior, have been released to resettle their home planetary system.

But now their upstart leader, Chut, has vowed revenge for the Zylon defeat. He has changed the loyalties of the Zylon warriors and now has complete control of the Zylon Star System.

Our Federation has called upon you to pilot the hottest new fighter in the galaxy, The Liberty Star, to defend our peaceful Star System from Zylon attacks, plus take the Liberty Star into the Zylon System and launch an offensive attack on their bases, which would otherwise produce more Zylon squadrons as fast as you could destroy them.

The Liberty Star itself is an awesome ship with incredible fire power, she has Pulse Lasers, perfect for destroying enemy fighters; Ion Cannons, especially suited for battle against enemy destroyers and command ships; and finally Surface Star Bursts, which you will use when you wish to bomb the Zylon Bases on their home ground.

As the game begins, you find yourself in orbit over your home planet with Zylon fighters ready to attack your ship. You must quickly dispose of these ships, and move the battle to outer space. Your galactic map shows your star system with its three inhabited planets, plus a colonized moon. In one corner of the map you find the entrance to the Procyon Star System, which contains the three planets where the Zylons build their attack squadrons. Also on your map, you can find your three space stations, where you refuel and have repairs done to your ship, and finally you can see where the Zylon squadrons are and plot a course to intercept them before they attack a planet.

In space combat, you will fight first a series of Zylon fighter, then move on to their base ships. These ships are large, but very agile, and their weaponry is very damaging to your shields, so you must move quickly to get as many shots in to destroy their shields, and the ship. Only in outer space will you come in contact with the command ships, usually one per squadron, and you will find them only after you have destroyed the rest of the squadron first. But beware, these command ships have very powerful spiral beams, which if they hit your ship, will rob it of nearly all of your shield protection. The command ship is also difficult to hit, with only one vulnerable point in its hull, you have to aim quickly and accurately, otherwise, the ship will simply leave the battle in retreat.

Although no game can ever compare with the original Star Raiders, Star Raiders II is a very good sequel to a landmark game. I find this game very enjoyable, and difficult enough to keep you coming back for more, hungry for Zylon blood. Good Luck, and Long live the Federation.

review by Joe Aiello

SILENT BUTLER

Catalog # AT108D
List Price \$ 29.95
Club Price \$ 22.45



Silent Butler...Your Trusted Financial Servant, awaits you. Silent Butler from Atari is a very good home financial management tool, but unfortunately,

You must have!
a minimum of 64k of memory
and a 1050 disk drive

Although this program may work with some 1050 compatible drives, we can not guarantee that it will, and even say that it did not work with any Indus GT disk drives we tried it on. That said, lets go on.

Silent Butler will keep track and balance up to three separate checking and savings accounts, maintain income and tax records, remind you of birthdays, anniversaries, dates, and meetings, summarize your year-end tax status, and provide instant updates of your financial status. When Silent Butler needs information from you, it asks for it in simple and friendly prompts. The program is organized in a top down fashion, so that it is easy for you to handle entry of data in a quick and logical flow, but as you become more familiar with the program, you may jump to any module you wish, in any order you wish. Silent Butler is intended to be run about once a day, although most people will use two to five times a week. It provides management of fixed bills, such as mortgage or rent payments, and monthly bills which vary in amount, but are paid every month, such as credit card bills. To enter bills to be paid, you type them in to Silent Butler when you receive them, and tell your Butler when the bill is due, he will organize your bills in order of due date and present the whole list of bills you have, and ask which you wish to pay, and whether or not you wish to pay the bill in full. If you have a printer, Silent Butler can print out your checks, on your own checks, with the aid of a special check holder available for just about any printer on the market. You do not need a printer however to pay your bills, your Butler will print the check on the screen for you to copy onto your own check.

Savings account management is simple in its own right, and Silent Butler lets you review your activity at any point in the program. And finally, your Butler will provide you with a tax summary for your review, especially helpful around April 14.

Silent Butler is a very useful and simple to use program, as well as an excellent value for the money.

review by Joe Aiello

CalcMagic

List Price \$ 24.95
Club Price \$ 18.75



If you're looking for an alternative to SynCalc or VisiCalc, take a look at Calc Magic from Antic. This is a full function programable spreadsheet. The menus are easy to understand, and resemble "STish" type text menus. Pop-up command screens and printer drivers make this a dynamite package for the XL/XE owner. Full documentation and examples are included on the disk.

Credits:

This newsletter was published with the following products:

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First Word
Print Master
Macro Manager
Easy Draw
Hippo Concepts
KXP-1592 Printer
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Olympia Letter Quality Printer
Supra MicroStuffer
Atari 520 ST
Supra 20 Meg Hard Disk

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DESK ACCESSORIES

Several New desk accessories have been released in the last few weeks and two of them are outstanding. The packages we like the best CornerMan and MacroManager are far and away the best and most complete packages we have seen. The only way we have found to rate one over the other is the amount of memory each requires (these are desk accessories after all). We have included screens from each to give you an idea how each is laid out on the screen.

CornerMan

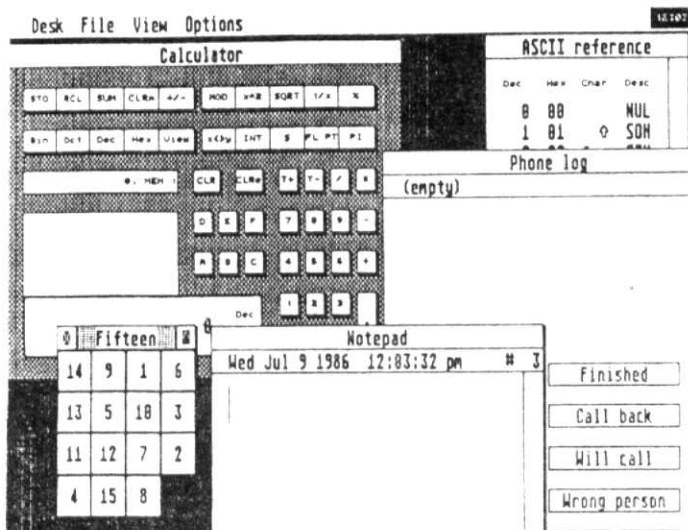
By



MichTron

Catalog # MICH59 List Price \$ 49.95 Club Price \$ 37.45

This utility is almost everything you would need to have a paper-less office (well at least a paper-less desk). When you first boot up CornerMan you can set the program to display the various accessories where you would like them on the screen. In fact you can have several accessories on the screen at the same time (see fig.1 for an example of the multiable windows open). First you will want to take a look at the each feature to see what it can do. then you can set up your windows to appear where you like them on your screen. The first window is a complete desk calculator. This calculator can print a "tape" on the screen if you want a "paper trail" of your work. the calculator offers you all of the standard features: a "paper trail", multiple memories, and the ability to switch between standard input and RPN input. A note file for storing short notes (about 40 char x 8 Lines) per note is next. A small game called fifteen to keep you busy when your not doing other things. An auto dialer which allows you to store names and phone numbers on a database and dial them by simply calling them up to your screen (a modem which is capable of auto dialing is needed of course) for those of you who have the program DOS SHELL, by MichTron you will even be able to call it up from this accessory. Sounds super right, well it is! There is a price to pay however and that is the amount of RAM this package uses. Near as we can figure this one Accessory uses 150k or more of your free RAM when you boot it up. If you have upgraded your 520 to one Meg or you own a 1040 it should be no problem but for those of you who have a standard 520 you might find that you don't have enough RAM left to run your other software without disabling the CornerMan package. It works, It does everything its supposed to, and it does it all smoothly and with a lot of style. If you can afford the Memory usage then you will Love this package



MacroManager

by

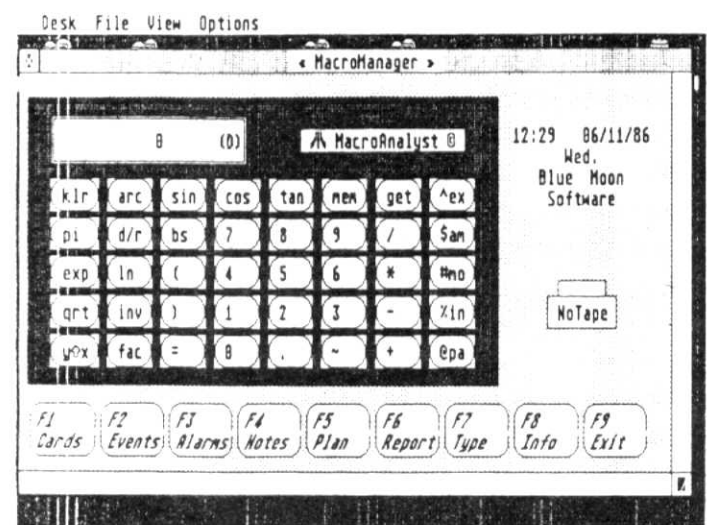


Blue Moon Software

Catalog # BLU44D List Price \$69.96 Club Price \$ 52.95

This is another package we have fallen in love with! The MacroManager and CornerMan will most likely spend the next year fighting it out as the two best desktop packages for the ST. Lets start off with the fact that the features of MacroManager are quite similar to those of CornerMan and it runs in 71k of memory. This certainly has to be a big plus to most people who (if you are like us) are loading up your ST with all kinds of accessories. The options available to you in MacroManager shape up as follows: A note pad. This notepad is 4000 bytes long, (about 2 pages typed) and each file is stored seperatly on disk rather than storing a cluster of files as CornerMan does. A desk top planner to track your appointments or other information. The Planner actually does quite a bit more than simple track your appointments. For instance you can preface an entry with the code "**ta" and the program will automatically allocate the time you enter on this line to any one of 200 accounts you setup in the system and then print out a summary weekly or monthly of all the time you have charged to each account (hope my lawyer never hears about this one). The calculator is high powered with several financial calculations built in along with 10 memories and a host of scientific functions. Another super feature that get used more than I ever though it would is typewriter. Typewriter allows you to type a single line on the screen and have it sent to your printer when you hit the return key. Ever try to type an address for an envelope on a word processor? This function has a few simple formatting commands built in to allow you to justify and set margins easily and is really a Godsend in a busy office. If you don't like to type a letter and then hand address the envelope this function was written for you.

There is a lot more to each of these packages but, I think you can see from the little I have told you that each is worth the money charged and either one could easily become the most used software you own. If you are using the ST for anything other than straight game playing you really ought to consider one of these packages.



Telecommunications Software Comparison

INTELLICOM - Computer Toolbox, Inc.

and

FLASH - Antic

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I must start this comparison with a story - basically giving an excuse for it! I received INTELLICOM and as I began to pick it apart for the review I was writing I also began to get very attached to it. My previous Telco package was the high priced model mainly because I wanted certain features and I knew where to find them from IBM/PC experience. There I was, really 'getting into' a new piece of software; really enjoying it! About 2/3 of the way through my evaluation I got 'the call' - "Hey Paul, while you are in the process of reviewing INTELLICOM for us, you should probably take a look at this new one that we just got - FLASH." No problem, what could be better than what I have. HA!!! Intellicom IS nice. It has a lot of great features. FLASH has most of the same features but has two major differences, it's easier to use and is less expensive! For example, for FLASH, the Script (or DO) files can be created or edited on line as can the function keys. The dial directory can be fully manipulated on line also. Additionally, with FLASH you can edit/create your own translation tables for either incoming or outgoing data.

The most outstanding feature of FLASH, though, is the capture buffer. It has a Full Featured WORD PROCESSOR! Yes, you can edit any text with it. For example, you are logged on to a system and a section of text goes by that is a document explaining a procedure that you have been

wondering about. You can click to the capture buffer Word Processor, mark the beginning and end of the text, and save it with a unique file name anywhere - IN SECONDS! I have never used a Telco package with this type of capability before, but I have become very dependent on it. I have saved LOTS of time with it. There are two features that Intellicom has and FLASH doesn't. First, you cannot do remote access with FLASH. No big deal for most people. Second, there is no support for KERMIT protocol. When you need KERMIT, there is no substitute! I have occasion to use it and when I do, Intellicom gets used. I have seen several complaints about this omission on CompuServe, etc. so I suspect it will be added later.

What's the bottom line? I use both packages! Most of my communication is done with FLASH these days. I really like the features and especially the capture buffer word processor. When I need Kermit, I use Intellicom. There is a big contrast in price. If you do not need remote access or KERMIT, then FLASH will keep you very happy.

If you need remote and KERMIT, then Intellicom won't disappoint you at all. The best part of all is that because of the great CompuClub prices, you can buy them both and still have a little money left for lunch.....

Panasonic KXP-1592 Printer

Catalog # PAN92H
List Price \$ 599.00
Club Price \$ 489.95

If you're looking for a wide carriage printer, look no further! The Panasonic KXP-1592 Impact Dot-Matrix will knock your socks off!

Its features include not one, but four (yes, 4) NLQ (near-letter-quality) modes, as well as draft, compressed, italics and boldface. It has nine programable form lengths including 3.5" (good for labels), and a 39K internal print buffer. If that's not enough, how about total graphics capabilities; like The Print Shop & Print Master ?? Also, the 1592 is a "intelligent" printer. "What does that mean?", you ask. It means that if the cover is up, or the ribbon isn't placed correctly, it won't print. Which translates to "less chance of doing serious harm to your printer".

Now you're saying, "why do I need a wide-carriage printer?" You don't, not really, unless you have a business, or you type wide letters. But, it would be nice to have wider spreadsheets, wider database reports, and anything else you can think of. Even if you don't have any use for the wide carriage, the type fonts alone are worth it for serious word-processors.

Now, to all the people I've sold 1091's to: Don't feel cheated! The 1091 is still an excellent printer. It has all the basic features any home-user would need. However, if you liked the 1091, you'll love this! So, if you ever need a wide-carriage printer, stay with Panasonic; they just keep getting better and better!

DEMO DISKS!

Several publishers have made demo disks of some of their more involved programs available for our customers evaluation. In each case the demo disk(s) offers a full picture of how the program works and in many cases it is actually a working copy of the program with one or two limitations placed in the program i.e. a Drawing package which will not save to disk or print what you draw. We are happy to make these disks available to you at a very nominal cost. The titles and Prices a listed below.....

EASY DRAW - 2 Disks \$10.00

DBMAN - 2 Disks \$10.00

ST ONEWRITE - 1 Disk \$5.00

GRAPHIC ARTIST - 2 Disks \$10.00

These costs include all shipping charges and will be refunded upon purchase of the above programs. Please allow two weeks for delivery on these products.

Now In Stock.

LEADER BOARD (st)

MEAN 18 (st)

Little Computer People

Activision

Catalog # ACT70C

List Price \$ 49.95

Club Price \$ 37.45



As one of our greatest literary pundits once said "nobody doesn't like ... LCP's." The line going into our offices this week certainly proves that to be true. Everybody but everybody wanted to see our LCP. What, may you ask, is an LCP? According to the research team at Activision, the existence of little (one and one half inch high) dwellers inside the computer has been proven. After months of work, a two and one half story House-on-a-Disk was constructed and loaded into the teams computer. At first, nothing happened. Finally the door bell rang twice. A humanoid "person", the first LCP, appeared, checked out the environment and left. The disappointed scientist felt that they would have to disassemble the house. Suddenly, the LCP reappeared with suitcase in hand and moved in - this time to stay. His pet dog followed shortly. A flood of information about LCP has been forthcoming - They can communicate in writing, they have individual names and personalities. Each computer has one usually with a pet. They are basically independent, except for their food and water needs. They will turn green if not feed. Once they move into your House-on-a-Disk, they go through the daily routine unassisted... playing games, lighting fires in the fireplace, doing aerobics, watching TV., playing the piano and cooking (just to name a few). And don't to ignore them, they will bang on the monitor screen to get your attention.

What more can we say about this program - forget about buying those spreadsheets, word processors, etc for your ST.

If you can only afford one piece of software for it, treat your self to Little Computer People. Its a must. Not only for you but for your family as well. It not only entertains

but will teach responsibility in the same way having a pet does. It just might turn out to be the sleeper Educational program of the year. (Even though it is designed for pure fun). Now, we have got to get back to our LCP Scott - he's getting ready for a party tonight. He's also debating about whether to get a roommate or a cat. And he's been grumbling about obedience lessons for his dog Sheila. I think he's settled in (or maybe just taken over). N.B. If anyone knows what they do in the upstairs closet please let Thom know its driving him crazy! Review by: Linda Chester

HINTS...

SHORT NOTES ON PROBLEMS REPORTED TO US BY OUR MEMBERS

PRINT SHOP

Early copies of the program Print Shop does not completely support the 850. By inserting Printshop Graphics Disk 2 and pressing the letter "U" you will be able to update your Print Shop disk with a program contained on the Graphics Disk.

PERCOM OWNERS

We have learned (courtesy of Antic) that there really is someone who services Percom Drives. Their address is:

STS Computers
1073 W. Broad ST.
Falls Church, VA 22046
(703) 237-0558

Please make sure to contact STS before sending in your drive

Print Shop Companion

Catalog # BR056D

List Price \$ 29.95

Club Price \$ 22.45



ATTENTION ALL PRINT SHOP OWNERS!!

Here is the program you've been waiting for! This is "the icing on the cake", so to speak.

The Print Shop Companion is everything a Print Shop owner could ever want to complete this dynamic graphics series.

The Companion features include 12 new type fonts, as well as a "font editor", a calendar program, a "monster creator", and some special new graphics on the backside of the disk.

This is truly a must for serious Print Shop owners!

Reviewed by
Judy Reardon

Hardball

Catalog # ACO20D

List Price \$ 29.95

Club Price \$ 22.45



Play ball! Brand new from a company that never produced Atari software before, is Hardball! An excellent baseball game from Accolade Software. Simply put, there is no better baseball game available. The graphics are outstanding. Large, lifelike players represent the pitcher and the batter in the first of three field screens. In the pitching screen, you see the back of the pitcher on the mound, the batter at home plate (right handed or left), the catcher, and the umpire, all in a view from behind the pitchers mound and before second base. In this screen, the pitcher, through joystick movements, selects the type of pitch he wants, and different pitchers have a different selection of pitches, including, Fastball, Curveball, Changeup, Screwball, Slider, and very Fastball. After the pitch selection, choose whether to pitch high, low, inside, outside, or straight down the middle. The batter has the opportunity to bunt, or to swing high, low, inside, or outside to control where in the field the ball will be hit (if he can hit it). Also in the pitchers screen, there is a small subscreen, which provides an overhead view of the bases, to let you see where the runners are, and to see if someone is trying to steal a base. At the bottom of this screen as well are player options, score, and batter statistics. The other two screen fields provide view of left and right fields from a view right behind home base. The computer automatically switches to the appropriate screen after the ball has been hit. Now the defense team can move his fielder, (also computer selected) to retrieve the ball and throw it to any baseman you choose, if necessary. The offense team chooses whether a runner will attempt a base steal, and how far any of the runners will run.

Before a new batter comes up, the scoreboard is displayed along with the managers choice screen. Here, or at any time in the game, you can make any player substitution you wish, change the lineup, walk a batter, shift the outfield left or right, and shift the infield for a double play, should the chance come up.

This game is lifelike in both graphics and gameplay, and is a sure grand slam for any software collection. You'll love it!

review by Joe Aiello

1027 Printer Ribbons in Stock!!

Club Price \$ 2.50 ea.

DATABASES, MULTIABLE CHOICES

Helping people choose the best databases for their needs is one of the tougher things we do here at CompuClub. The differences between our two best sellers are significant yet, each is a good program when used for an application for which it is well suited. In this column we will review each of the three best sellers and try to explain how they are similar and how they are different. This is one area where it is important to match your needs to the ability of the program since a mismatch can cause more work than you would like to think about in retyping of data if you are forced to change databases often. The two database we sell the most of are DBMAN, and ZoomRacks.

DBMAN



Catalog # VER01D
List Price \$ 149.95
Club Price \$ 112.95

DBMAN is by far the most powerful of the Databases on the market for the ST. This package allows the user to read and write to ten different files at the same time. The program also allows you to have a maximum of 2 Billion records on each file (harddisk required, of course). How would you use power like this? Well, here at CompuClub we use DBMAN to all of our order functions. When you call an order in to us the person taking that call types your member number and the program finds your name and address from among approximately 14,000 names (this takes about 1.5 secs.). It adds your name and address to a database called orders. We then type in the number of the product you are ordering and the program will find that product from an inventory file and add the product name and its price to the order file with your name on it. Next it deducts one of that product from stock (or adds one to the backorder list if its out of stock). The last step in the order process is to enter the new stock as it arrives each day. The system will then apply the new inventory to the outstanding orders in order of the oldest order first. We also have customers who are doing commercial mail management services with the package as well as many other functions. The program is a polished finished product having been on the market for the IBMs for about a year now before it was marketed for the STs. If all of this sounds wonderful to you then let me add a few words of caution. Because this program is so

powerful and can do so many things it does not work by a simple menu system. The program is actually a language, in this case a database language. You can type in simple one word commands to do simple things and type in long strings of commands to instruct the program to do complex things. The commands are all quite simple and easy to learn. In fact, most of them make complete sense if you read them as english sentences, and example of a simple command would be something as easy as "append" to add or append a record to a file. A more complex command would read more like "copy all from inventory while status = 'backorder'". If you had to type in these commands each time you wanted to do something with DBMAN the program would be more problems than its worth. There is however, a way around this problem. You can write "command files" to make the program run automatically. These command files can be created in 1st Word or almost any other word processor and are simple strings of commands to tell the program what to do. They are usually set up as menus so you (the user) can simply select a menu item and the computer goes to work either asking for you to enter information or performing the functions you have 'programmed it to do'. The SBT programs discussed else ware in this newsletter are programs written in exactly this way. Fortunately DBMAN is programmed with many of the same commands, in with almost exactly the same syntax as DBase III (an extremely popular IBM database) and many DBase III command files exist in the public domain that can be easily converted to be DBAMN. For those that need the kind of power that this package offers there is none to match it.

ZoomRacks

Catalog # QKVOID
List Price \$ 79.95 Club Price \$ 59.95



ZoomRacks is one of the most unusual databases we sell. ZoomRacks is designed to work around the concept of time cards. Most of us have seen the racks of time cards that can be found in many companies. These cards general allow you to see the top row of the card file. Well, ZoomRacks works the same way, the databases are displayed as vertical card racks and you "open" one by selecting it with the mouse pointer. These records can only be dealt with one at a time. ZoomRacks is not a GEM program but it does use the mouse to enter some commands. Once you have opened the program you may add, edit or delete from any record in the database. The advantages of this system quickly become evident when you look at a rack of cards and realize that you can see ten or twelve records (or at least the top line of each record) at one time. In addition to this, ZoomRacks offers some strong advantages to those of you who are entering records that do not easily fit into a rigid pattern. A name and address file can easily be laid out to fit into 4 lines of 25 character each but and would work with any database. ZoomRacks allows you to set up a record where the first few lines are defined as to length and the rest of the record can be any length you would like. This offers you the chance to use your databases as a mini word processor that files and sorts your letters as easily as it does a name and address list. In fact the uses of ZoomRacks are only limited by your creativity. This free form database offers unlimited potential to those who need something a little unusual or more powerful in the area of text handling.

Thunder

Batteries Included

Catalog # THNO1A

List Price \$ 39.95

Club Price \$ 29.95



If you have ever had a problem with spelling, and lord knows I have, then you will be as happy about the new spelling checker, THUNDER, as I am.

This DESK ACCESSORY can be loaded when you boot up your ST and will sit on your shoulder and watch out for those annoying little spelling errors or typos that seem to creep into all our work at one time or another. The package does quite a bit more than just correct spelling however. Thunder is actually three useful programs in one, or really in two. You see, when you buy Thunder you actually get two versions. Version One is a desk accessory and version two, for those of you who are concerned about memory usage, is a stand alone program.

Both versions work as spelling checkers but each works in slightly different fashion. The desk accessory is active whenever you are using a properly written program that supports GEM. It will beep at you when you enter a word it does not understand or cannot find in its RAM resident dictionary. You can then call the desk accessory from the accessory menu and check the spelling of the word in question. The program will give you what it feels are the seven words closest in spelling to the word you typed. If you select one of these words THUNDER will automatically replace the incorrectly spelled word with the one of your choice.

In its second mode of operation it is able to learn your common spelling mistakes or typos and correct them automatically. When this mode is engaged the program will spot the typos you "taught" it to watch for and make the correction automatically.

The third option you have with thunder is to have the program compile statistics on the piece of text you are writing. The package will tell you how many characters, words, percentage of words with more than three syllables, number of sentences, average words per sentence, and number of paragraphs your document contains. In addition to that that the program will compute the FOG and Flesch indexes. Quite a package at a very reasonable \$29.95!

The stand alone program will spell check files you have already saved to disk and of course as a stand alone program it will save you the 140k of RAM that the desk accessory version of THUNDER uses.

SBT

Database Accounting Software

SBT is one of the largest producers of Accounting packages currently operating in the Mini Computer World. Their quality line of Database Accounting software is now available for the Atari ST. The entire library consists of the following 10 packages. Each package can be used independently of the others or can be used interactively with all others.

dMenu/Backup

Provides a central menu for all STB programs, your own DBMAN applications, and a comprehensive backup utility for your DBMAN data files. A unique selection of programs options may be specified for each password assigned by the system manager. Backup from a hard disk retains files in DB format for ease of use.

List Price \$ 45.00 Club \$ 33.70

dInvoice/dStatement

Billing, inventory, and accounts receivable. Prints customer and inventory labels. High speed look up for customer and inventory code numbers. Reports aged receivables, cash receipts, deposits, and back orders. Reports sales and gross margin by item, customer, and salesperson. Allows multiple ship-to addresses, extensive free form comments, and point of sale billing. Prints inventory re order report, aged inventory, and dead stock report. Prints or displays customer ledger card on demand. Reprints invoices on request.

List price \$ 145.00 Club \$ 112.00

dLedger

General ledger and financial reporting for up to 99 separate companies with 999 departments for each company. User-defined ledger accounts. Maintains period to date and year to date balances for two full years. Consolidated and departmental income statements, comparative balance sheets, and automatic distribution entries based on user defined percentages. Automatic budget generation and maintenance. User specified printing sequence for income statements and balance sheets.

List price \$ 295.00 Club \$ 221.25

dOrders

Creates schedules, and maintains sales orders and backlog. Prints sales orders individually or in batches. High speed look up for customer and inventory code numbers. Allows discounts, multiple ship-to-addresses, ship dates, and free form comments. Prints picking lists and extensive backlog reports.

List price \$ 145.00 Club \$ 112.00

dAssets

Maintains record for each asset and calculates depreciation for up to 99 companies with up to 999 departments for each company using ACRS, straight line, declining balance, sum of years digits, bonus/section 179, and manual depreciation methods.

Maintains independent federal, state, and

book year depreciation so you can use different methods and year ending periods. Generates loan amortization schedules for any principle/interest rate/payment combinations.

List price \$ 195.00 Club \$ 146.25

dPurchase

Purchase order writing and receiving. Prints inventory and vendor labels. Extensive comments for purchase and change orders. Automatically updates vendor and inventory account balances. Allows customer drop shipments and provides schedules for material receipts. Allows new vendors and inventory items to be added during the ordering process.

List price \$ 145.00 Club \$ 112.00

dPayables

Accounts payable and check writing. Select and pay invoices by discount, due date, or invoice number. Provides detail distribution report by expense and cash account. Automatic entry for recurring expenses. Prints checks by pay priority in user defined formats. Allows manual and voided checks, and unlimited partial payments. Constantly displays total balance and total approved to pay. Maintains records of hand written and cancelled checks.

List price \$ 195.00 Club \$ 146.25

dProject

fast and flexible budgeting and cost accounting tool for project and job cost management. Maintains individual and sub project cost centers. Instantly displays cost budget, variance, percent variance, and over/under budget projections for the total project and each sub-project. Allows use of "model" jobs for defining new jobs or creating estimates.

List price \$ 295.00 Club \$ 221.25

dProfessional

Complete time and billing accounting with balance forward accounts receivable. Enter and query data interactively. Allows billable/non billable entries, and extensive comments. Provides recurring billing for retainers, time sheet tracking, and analysis by client, service code, employee, job and case number. Prints labels for clients, services, employees, and case/jobs.

List price \$ 295.00 Club \$ 221.25

dPayroll

Enters, calculates, and maintains payroll and labor distribution for up to 99 separate companies with 999 departments for each company. Automatically determines employee federal, state, and local taxes and payroll deductions. Gross earnings calculated for regular and overtime hours, salary, commission and piece work. Prints vacation, supplemental, and termination checks in user-defined formats. Supports pre-tax deductions for pension plans, IRAs, Keoghs, and 401ks. automatically accrues and charges vacation and sick pay.

List Price \$ 295.00 Club \$ 221.25

HIPPOWORD!!

Word processor and Page Designer

Catalog # HIP513

List Price \$ 89.95

Club Price \$ 67.95



There are many of us who have been waiting what has seemed like forever to see a full featured word processor with multiable fonts and the ability to include graphics in with text.

WELL THE WAIT IS OVER!

Hippo has released HIPPOWORD. This word processor has lots of features, perhaps more than we can cover in this review. (We got the package the day before we took this material to the printer) However I think this little summary can give you an idea of the things you most want to know

Hippo Word is a full featured word processor. The package offers all the usual commands for moving text and formatting it plus four exciting new ones to the ST world.

Mail Merge

Macros

Multiable Fonts

Graphics

The package also allows you to use ASCII files created by any other word processing packages. You simple load the text with Hippo Word and format it with their simple and complete formatting commands. In fact the formatting commands are simple to use but quite powerful, far more powerful than anything we have used to date on the ST.

This package allows you to do things you could never do on an ST before.

Things like includingGRAPHICSin your text

The graphics command is quite flexible. It allows you to use a desk accessory (provided) to capture any part of an ST screen or use any part of a DEGAS screen. Perhaps best of all, for those of us who have problems visualizing our work, the package will display the final output on the screen exactly as it appears on paper.

Is it perfect, Hardly. The package includes 10 fonts and I would like many more. You can by HippoPixel and make your own or buy HippoFonts and use complete sets created by the folks at Hippo. I would love a laser printer interface, but, that will be another month or two according to information we just received from Hippo. I would also like it to work with more printers than the Epson, Epson Compatibles and Toshibas HippoWord supports. But, you can't have everything. What we do have is a system which can produce formatted text and graphics in a variety of fonts and styles quickly and with almost no special effort.

SOFTOY

Catalog # MON002

List Price \$ 29.95

Club Price \$ 14.95



After first looking at this program, I said, "is this all it does?"; but, looking at it from a child's point of view, it's really kind of nifty.

Sof-Toy is computerized "busy box" designed to dazzle the very young. It consists of three levels. The first level has 12 pictures on it, and by hitting any key, your child can make the picture do something. The graphics are simplistic, and so is the sound, but the little ones really like it.

The second level is letters. All the same pictures are there, but, your child must type a specific letter to do the same thing. The letters change from time to time making the child pay attention.

The third level is numbers. This level works the same way as letters, and is geared more for the pre-school level.

All in all, this is a fascinating program for small pre-school children. Recommended age level is 1 1/2 to 3 years of age.

P. S. Interface

Catalog # XLE05D

List Price \$ 34.95

Club Price \$ 26.20



This is is definitely the month for Print Shop owners! Much to our suprise, Xlent software has released another program in the Iypesetter series called, PS Interface. However, while this program is compatible with others in the series, it also links Xlent programs with Print Shop. Now you can transfer icons, fonts, and graphics from Iypesetter, Rubber Stamp, Megafont II, and Page Designer to Print Shop files; and vice versa.



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