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Typesetting on Microcomputers Using TEX

The logical extension of word processing software is software to do typesetting, and a few simple programs have recently been marketed. In general, however, they are "toy" programs, meant strictly for simple typesetting projects such as correspondence.

Now, Tyx Corp. and Unidot, Inc. announce the release of TYXTEX, the 16-bit version of TEX, the revolutionary typesetting software developed at Stanford University by Don Knuth. TYXTEX is fully compatible with Stanford TEX and runs under the Xenix operating system.

According to C. Gordon Bell, VP of Engineering at DEC, "...TEX is potentially the most significant invention in typesetting in this century. It introduces a standard language for computer typography and in terms of importance could rank near the introduction of Gutenberg press."

TYXTEX is available for the IBM PC, Victor 9000, and DEC Rainbow.

In addition to the TEX program, the product includes macro sets to easily implement common typesetting formats, digitized type

font families, "TeX for Beginners" documentation, and perhaps the most interesting feature, a "soft proofer" program which allows the user to preview his typesetting on the screen. The version on the screen exactly duplicates output from a high quality output device.

TYXTEX has strong page formatting capability, so a user may automatically paginate his text, or choose double or triple column output, to his own specifications. Users may define their own macros, allowing infinite flexibility for various projects. It is a superior system for mathematical and technical typesetting.

Doing your own typesetting can project a professional image, give you control of your documents, eliminate expensive revises, and save you money on printing and mailing costs.

Software is available to print the typeset files on various output devices such as the Autologic Micro 5, Canon LBP-10 laser printer, and Epson MX80.

Tyx and Unidot will be providing output service of the device indepen-

First IBM PC Faire to be '83's Largest PC Event

The First IBM PC Faire, focusing on the IBM Personal Computer and PC-compatible products, is expected to be the largest such event of this year. Approximately 90% of its 550+exhibit booths have already been rented by over 300 companies, including IBM's 8-booth island exhibit displaying its latest products and enhancements.

A broad range of speakers have submitted papers for the Technical Conference, with more Conference sessions being organized, daily. Over 60 speakers are expected to make presentations at the IBM PC Faire.

IBM's PC MANAGER DISCUSSES FUTURE

Don Estridge, the Vice President of IBM's Systems Products Division, and – as General Manager of the group responsible for the IBM PC – the prime mover behind IBM's phenomenally successful entry into the personal computing market, will be one of the key speakers. He will discuss trends in the future of personal computing and of IBM's activities in this area.

dent files which TYXTEX produces for a minimal fee on the Autologic Micro 5, high resolution professional phototypesetting equipment, so professional output is now possible for the single user, small or large company, without the \$10-70K plus expense of typesetting equipment.

TYXTEX retails for \$2495.

For further information, contact: Tyx Corp., 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 16, Reston, VA 22090, (703)471-0233 or Unidot, Inc., 568 Weddell Drive, Suite 4, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, (408)745-0505.

INTEL'S MICRO MANAGER SHARES VIEWS

David House, Intel's Vice President and General Manager of the Microcomputer Group will be another key speaker at the IBM PC Faire.

COINVENTOR OF THE MICROPROCESSOR INVENTS AGAIN

Dr. Federico Faggin, the coinventor of the microprocessor while at Intel, later the founder of Zilog, and now President of Cygnet Technologies will introduce a major enhancement for personal office computing at the PC Faire – a highly integrated voice/data/graphics system that works with the IBM PC and other microcomputers. This product appears likely to be a major development in microcomputing.

IN-DEPTH SEMINARS & TUTORIALS

The First IBM PC Faire, an event organized exclusively by Computer Faire, will take place in San Francisco's 4-story Civic Auditorium plus the adjacent Brooks Hall and San Franciscan Hotel. Preregistration is available from a number of stores in and out of the Bay area. Onsite registration is \$18 and covers all three days of the exhibits and Technical Conference.

The PC Faire will include 10 indepth seminars covering a variety of topics including the very popular, "How to Select a Personal or Business Computer." PC World is offering full-day "Micro Ease" hands-on tutorials, familiarizing new users with the IBM PC and related products. (There is an additional charge for these half-day and full-day seminars and tutorials.)

Conference Session

IBM PC Design Group to Address Product Producers & Entrepreneurs

A key group of technical specialists from IBM's Personal Computer facility in Boca Raton will provide an in-depth discussion of major technical aspects of the IBM PC at the August 26-28 Faire. Still being finalized at press time, the speakers in this program will be key engineering and software professionals and managers affiliated with the PC product line.

They will discuss details of the

hardware, software, and interfaces for the PC. They will also detail the entrepreneurial opportunities and submissions program for the IBMrun PC Software Library.

This is a technical session for serious computer professionals and entrepreneurs who are knowledgable of the IBM PC and are interested in developing hardware and software for the PC market.

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Pepperdine University to Participate in \$8-Million IBM Computer Literacy Program

Pepperdine University is one of only 12 institutions nationwide to be selected as teacher training centers in an \$8-million computer literacy program sponsored by IBM.

Pepperdine has been designated by IBM to lead teacher training programs for educators at seven Los Angeles area high schools. ticipating schools will send three to five teachers to Pepperdine University Plaza in Los Angeles, where the University has a fully equipped computer laboratory and electronic class-

Each participating training center and secondary school will receive 15 IBM Personal Computers as part of the computer literacy project. The Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey will assist Pepperdine faculty and staff with training and coordination.

The purpose of the program, announced IBM earlier this month, is to help participating secondary schools receive the maximum benefit from the introduction of computers into their school curricula.

For further information, contact: Patti L. Yomantas, Pepperdine University, Office of Public Information, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265, (213) 456-

Conference Session

Davong Multilink Local Area Network

"Davong Multilink is a state of the art microcomputer local area net-It allows up to 255 IBM PC's, IBM XT's, Apple IIs, and other plug compatible computers to be connected, communicate and share resources over a network," explains Tim Lundeen, Vice President of Software Engineering for Davong Systems, of Sunnyvale, California. Lundeen will speak at the First IBM PC Faire in San Francisco in August, on the topic "Davong Multilink Local Area Network.'

Lundeen will describe the Davong Multilink network from the viewpoint of a network user and also in terms of applications program development. His talk will include a summary of network software implementation strategies and a discussion of network performance considerations.

Explains Lundeen, hardware uses token passing to control access to the network, transmits data at 2.5 megabits per second, and allows up to 20,000 feet between any two work stations. Network software provides a sophisticated, high performance, yet easy to use environment for network users and application program developers.'

The network user environment provides shared hard disk resources, printer spooling and electronic mail facilities. Any microcomputer (except AppleIIs) connected to the network can be used as a combination workstation, network fileserver, and print spooler, all at the same time."

Lundeen's remarks will be included as part of the printed Proceedings of the First IBM PC Faire, to be available at the show.

Billion Dollar Market for Educational Software

Future Computing Incorporated has announced $_{
m the}$ availability publicamost recent Personal Computer Education tional Software Market Report. The Educational Software Market Report offers insight into the market windows for the emerging educational software market. Future Computing forecasts that this market will reach \$1 billion by 1987 which represents a compound annual growth rate of 71 percent from the 1982 market of \$70 million. In units, the 1982 educational software market was 2.4 million; in 1987 this number will be approximately 34 million. At the present time, the school educational software market is the dominant market, but the rapid growth of computers at home will change this.

Future Computing forecasts that approximately 70 percent of this billion dollar educational software market will go to homes. This growth will be spearheaded by a new breed of games - games that will both entertain and instruct. In addition, these new games will appeal to wide bases of people. The school educational programs, on the other hand, will be vertical' with a narrower focus and audience. As a result, this market is more limited than the home educational software market.

Present market opportunities are abundant. Future Computing's publication provides the data and trend analysis necessary to take advantage of this market.

Within the market analysis, the report profiles present activities of educational software publishers, pacesetting school systems, and hardware manufacturers. Examples of schools profiled include, among others, Bellflower, California, Minnesota Educational Computer Consortium, and District 22, New York. Over 35 trendsetting software publishers are profiled including Control Data's Plato; textbook publishers such as Scott, Foresman and Company, Addison-Wesley, and

Diskette Conversion Utility Links IBM PC Mainframes

MicroTech Exports, Inc. has produced a version of its Reformatter onversion Software that allows the IBM Personal Computer configured with an 8" add-on drive to read and write diskettes in the various IBM mainframe formats.

Using Reformatter, data can be transferred between the PC and larger systems by simply exchanging diskettes.

Other versions of Reformatter Conversion Software are available to run under CP/M and MP/M-80, CP/M and MP/M-86, TRSDOS, CROMIX, and MS-DOS.

For further information, contact: MicroTech Exports, Inc., 467 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301, (415) 324-9114.

McGraw-Hill Inc: and software companies that publish educational software exclusively such as Conduit, Educational Software, and Micro-Ed. Major hardware manufacturers' activities specific to the educational software market are also reviewed and analyzed.

EducationalMoreover, the Software Market Report analyzes the dramatically growing market for educational software used with computers in the home. Dr. Juliussen, Chairman of Future Computing Incorporated states, "The acceptance of home computers by American consumers is spawning a large demand for educational software. Parents see the home computer as an excellent tool for their children. This trend will increase as more families purchase computers for home use."

Portia Isaacson, President of Future Computing Incorporated adds, "The demand for educational software is growing and will continue to grow for some time. For software authors and publishers, opportunities are excellent today because the market is relatively new. And there are opportunities in all segments of the market - from science to logic to basic arithmetic.'

SoftwarePersonal Computer Educational Market Report includes a VisiCalc model of Future Computing's forecasts for the educational software on a 5 1/4" diskette. The model requires 256K with an IBM PC or PC compatible VisiCalc and operates on the IBM PC, Compaq, and Columbia Data Products MPC.

The report is available from Future Computing Incorporated for \$1195.

Future Computing Incorporated, founded in 1980 by Dr. Isaacson and Dr. Egil Juliussen, is a Dallas based market research firm dedicated exclusively to the personal computer industry.

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Computer Faire Becomes Prentice-Hall Company

Computer Faire of Woodside, California, has recently been acquired from Jim Warren by Prentice-Hall, Inc., one of the nations' leading publishers of computer books and software, educational text books, and business information services.

Computer Faire is the sponsor of the annual West Coast Computer Faire and currently the 1st IBM PC Faire taking place August 26 - 28, 1983, in San Francisco.

Founded in 1976, Computer Faire expositions have become the nation's

largest microcomputer trade shows for end users. The expositions, regularly held in California, will be expanded by Computer Faire, Inc., a subsidiary of Prentice-Hall, to other United States locations to offer seminars and exhibits to a greater number of microcomputer users.

Jim Warren will serve as Conference Chair for the 1st IBM PC Faire, and also continue with Computer Faire, Inc. as a key consultant.

David Sudkin has joined Computer Faire. Inc. and is the General

Manager of the 1st IBM PC Faire. Mr. Sudkin, with over 20 years experience in the computer industry, has been active in BOSCOM, AFIPS, and with the Interface Group, as well as holding key marketing positions with several companies within the industry.

Computer Faire, Inc. has announced that over 70% of the exhibit space for the 9th West Coast Computer Faire in March, 1984, has already been taken by about 250 companies.



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by Jim Warren

In the past two weeks, I have been interviewed by no less than three writers, doin' articles or books on the "history" of our micro madness and Sillycon Valley. Gasp! In this racket, apparently one can become an ol' timer in less'n nine years.

Since so many writers think there is an interest in such micro mush, I tho't I'd print some of the observations I offered to them. Who knows – it might even enhance the possibility of being quoted accurately – an unusual event in my experience. (To give earned praise: The few articles I recall that accurately reflected my comments were in the Wall Street Journal, Forbes – which even phoned for verification prior to going to press, and David Tebbutt's article in England's Personal Computerworld.)

There are a number of other industry elders – some even over 30 years of age – who are also changing ventures. Like a sudden swarm of starlings, a whole flock of us seem to be movin' on to new adventures at the same time. I suppose that shouldn't really be surprising – after all, we go through entire generations of hardware every coupla years, so why should mindware be any different?

To paraphrase animal writer Earnest Thompson Seaton, I'm going to discuss some wild entrepreneurs I have known, who are making major changes. (I shall, however, attempt to avoid waxing eloquent on the subject; anyway, I'm never sure whether to first polish the tusks, or the trunk.) FEDERICO'S FOLLIES

It is appropriate to start with Federico Faggin. Federico is one of the three individuals named on the patent for the first microprocessor – Intel's 4004. (The other two are Stan Mazor and Ted Hoff.) Eaggin did all of the logic and implementation for three of the 4004 "family" chips. (Ted and Stan did the architecture.)

Next, DataPoint came to Intel asking for a 16-bit stackchip. Mazor suggested that Intel do the full CPU for DataPoint (such utter folly – thinking one could put an entire CPU on a single silicon wafer). They settled on doing so calling it the 8008, using about 85% of the DataPoint-specified instruction set (now we know who to blame). For this, Faggin was the Project Manager (Hal Feeny did the design and implementation.)

Federico then became project head (continued on page 9)

Homebrew Computer Club Meets August 17th at Stanford

The Homebrew Computer Club is the first microcomputer group to be organized in the U.S. It is still meeting, monthly. Its next meeting will be in Stanford Medical Center's Fairchild Auditorium, August 17th, 7:30-10:30pm. For further information, write HCC, P.O. Box 626, Mountain View, CA 94042. Meetings are open to all interested

Meetings are open to all interested parties without cost or obligation.

Tactics for the Computer Widow(er)

"It is ten o'clock. Do you know where your computer junkie is? Of course. You can hear typing and mumbling coming from the 'computer room'. In fact, you can hear typing and mumbling most of the night. What is it he/she is working on? You were told in detail at one time but remember only fragments of the one-sided conversation."

That is the setting for Diana Randle's talk at the IBM PC Faire, titled "Tactics for the Computer Widow(er)." In her talk she will also review the symptoms of computer junkies.

"The outward symptoms in-

"The outward symptoms include general confusion ('What day is it?'; 'Where did I leave the checkbook/sandwich/car/baby?'; 'You mean to say that the recital/graduation/wedding/birth was last week?'), single-mindedness ('I don't have time to worry about your labor pains/arrest right now; I've just got this thing working!'), and over-rated successes (Eureka, an anthill!).

Her paper will be included in *The Proceedings of the First IBM PC Faire*, available at the show in August.

Conference Session

Microcomputers -

Teaching the Teachers

"The first step in computer literacy must be with the teacher," say Alan C Elliott and H.L. Gray, of Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, Texas. Elliott and Gray will speak at the First West Coast IBM PC Faire. Their talk will be titled "The Future of Learning by Computer in School and Industry."

They will be discussing the use of computers as learning tools, and will specifically examine the role of the CALL Language, a tutorial language and authoring system for instructors, as implemented on the IBM Personal Computer.

Conference Session

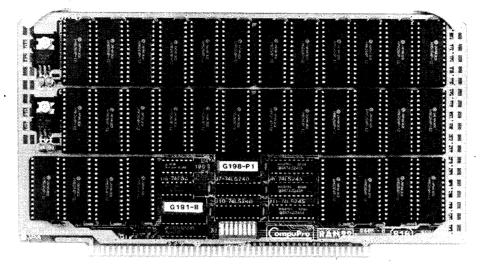
Using Computers to Help Teach Computer Science

"Using Computers to Help Teach Computer Science" will be the topic of Barry Kurtz at the First West Coast IBM PC Faire. Kurtz is a faculty member in the Computer Science Department of San Francisco State University. He received funding from the National Science Foundation to develop computer based simulations to help teach some of the more difficult subjects in lower division computer science.

All work was done on IBM Personal Computers using the UCSD Psystem. Kurtz will describe the actual design and implementation of the project, some problems encountered, and plans for future developments.

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High Speed RAM Board



A high-speed, low-power static RAM board compatible with both 8- and 16-bit computer systems has been introduced by CompuPro.

The RAM 22 provides up to 256 Kbytes of non-volatile storage addressable as either one 256K x 8 or one 128K x 16 block. Operating at 12-MHz with 8086- and 8088-type CPUs, the board requires approximately half the power of dynamic RAM equivalents – less than four watts is typical at nominal 8 bus voltage.

Meeting all IEEE 696/S-100 bus specifications for compatibility in both 8- and 16-bit computers, the RAM 22 performs both 8-bit byte and 16-bit word transfers. Also, the fully static design of the RAM 22 eliminates the timing problems in DMA transfers normally associated with dynamic memories.

The RAM 22 has a suggested list price of \$2,495 and is covered under CompuPro's 18-month end-user limited warranty. A 36-month warranty plan is available on the Certified System version that is priced at \$2,695.

For further information, contact: Jeff Swartz, vice president, corporate communications, CompuPro, 3506 Breakwater Court, Hayward, CA 94545, (415) 786-0909.

CP/M 86 to PC DOS and Back

Now users of 16-bit microcomputers can run software written for both the most popular operating systems on a single microcomputer with the new "OS Converter," introduced by Dynamic Microprocessor Associates (DMA).

The "OS Converter" permits PC-DOS (MS-DOS) object code to run on CP/M-86 microcomputers and enables CP/M-86 object code to run on MS-DOS systems. Use of the "OS Converter" involves no loss of speed.

"With the concurrent popularity of both MS-DOS and CP/M-86, many programs are available for only one operating system," noted Howard Radin, president of DMA. "The 'OS Converter' will enable users of either operating system to run most software designed to run on the rival system."

The "OS Converter" will permit users to run such programs as MicroSoft Basic and Fortran, Digital Research Pascal and other language

compilers, as well as utilities like MicroSoft Assembler and Linker.

The new program operates by loading a target program into memory and creating the environment that the program expects. There is no interpretation of instructions; the program itself remains in control of operations. The "OS Converter" is 4K bytes in size. When in use, it resides just above the operating system in RAM and enables the program being run to take full advantage of available memory. The 'OS Converter" for the IBM PC is supplied with a companion program that enables PC-DOS systems to read CP/M-86 files.

The "OS Converter" for use with either PC-DOS (MS-DOS) or CP/M-86 is available now for \$95.00.

For further information, contact: Dynamic Microprocessor Association, Inc., 545 5th Ave., New York, NY 10017, (212)687-7115.

Real-Time Spectrum Analyzer For IBM PC

Ariel has introduced the first in a list of advanced peripherals for the IBM Personal Computer. The Ariel RTA 331 is a 1/3 octave real-time audio frequency spectrum analyzer that plugs into a single expansion slot inside the PC. The Analyzer divides the audio spectrum into 31 thirdoctave bands from 20 Hertz to 20 kHertz, and interactively displays the relative amplitude of each frequency band. In addition to RTA functions, the unit can convert the incoming audio signal to 8 bit samples and store it in the PC's main memory. With 512 kilobytes of main memory,

more that 20 seconds of audio can be stored. Any block of memory can similarly be read out using its 8 bit DAC.

Assembly language subroutines handle all high speed operations. All subroutines are accessed from BASIC so the user can easily create new and specialized applications such as digital signal processing and speech synthesis or recognition.

The RTA 331 costs \$650.

For further information, contact: Ariel Corp., 600 West 11th St., Suite 84, New York City, NY 10027, (212) 662-7324.

Software Lets MS/DOS and PC/DOS Users Run CP/M-86 Programs

A new software program for business microcomputers will allow the user of computer equipment, which presently runs on the MS/DOS or PC/DOS operating system, to insert a software disk written for CP/M-86 into the computer and run it.

The new software is called MatchPoint/86. It requires no hardware alteration or conversion equipment whatsoever, and it takes up only 8K bytes of memory space in the computer's random access memory.

MatchPoint/86 was created especially to enable users of MS/DOS and PC/DOS equipment to take advantage of the many business application software programs that are available in the popular CP/M-86 format.

One of the main features of MatchPoint/86 is "FileComingle". It allows the computer user to call for information stored in CP/M-86 format and use it while operating in PC/DOS or MS/DOS style, and vice versa. This data sharing capability makes it possible to run two different operating systems simutaneously.

The MatchPoint/86 software, which works equally well on floppy disks or hard disks, is easy to use. It is not necessary to learn a different operating system. One simply enters MP86 ahead of the program name, and proceeds to run the program in the PC/DOS or MS/DOS environment. When the program is finished the computer automatically returns to its original PC/DOS or MS/DOS operating system.

The publishers of MatchPoint/86 have stated that the new software is also available, under licensing agreements, to software publishers and computer manufacturers. A software publisher could insert it at the beginning of each CP/M-86 program, for example. A computer manufacturer could include it, either in the ROM circuit, or as software furnished with an MS/DOS computer.

For further information, contact: American CompuSoft, 23113 Plaza Pointe Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92-653, (714) 472-8186.

Conference Session

Microcomputers, McLuhan, and the Mainframe Mafia

Phillips B. Bailey will share some thoughts about "Microcomputers, McLuhan, and the Mainframe Mafia" during the IBM PC Faire in August.

About the microcomputer, Bailey says, "What makes it a threat is its accessibility. Virtually anyone in our society can get their hands on one and learn its secrets if they really want to, whereas very few could learn the secrets of the mainframe. And to get really good at using them will be easier by orders of magnitude. To paraphrase McLuhan, the microcomputer spells the end of the priestly monopolies of knowledge and power in the hands of the Mainframe Mafia."

Educators Found Group for Users of Corvus

The Corvus National Educational End-Users Group, Inc. (CNEEUG), has been formed as a non-profit organization "to collect and disseminate information relative to the efficient use of Corvus computer systems by its members and the educational community," according to Professor Morton S. Lord, president and cofounder of the group.

Aims of the group are: To find, generate, verify and test Corvus compatible software; to publish the quarterly CNEEUG Educational Journal; to provide a forum for the exchange of members' ideas and experiences; to provide information on new Corvus products and updates on existing products; to establish an electronic bulletin board.

The organization, which has been incorporated in New Mexico, and qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, is currently conducting an initial membership drive.

According to Lord, membership is open to all public and private educational institutions and organizations associated with education. Institutions with more than one Corvus network or disk system may choose to have single or multiple memberships. Membership fee is \$35.

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Potential members may get in touch with CNEEUG by writing to the group at 4601 College Blvd., Farmington, New Mexico 87401, (505) 326-3311.

Meeting Someone at the Faire?

Suggestion: Ask friends and associates to meet you in the balcony area of the Civic Auditorium. Specify the left, right, or center section. It has ample seating and overlooks the Civic Auditorium exhibition area.

Note: The public address system is NOT available for paging individuals, except for medical emergencies.

Lost Children & Lost Parents

The Faire is intended for mature individuals. If you take young children to the Faire (which we do not encourage), please instruct them to go to the IBM PC Faire office if they get lost.

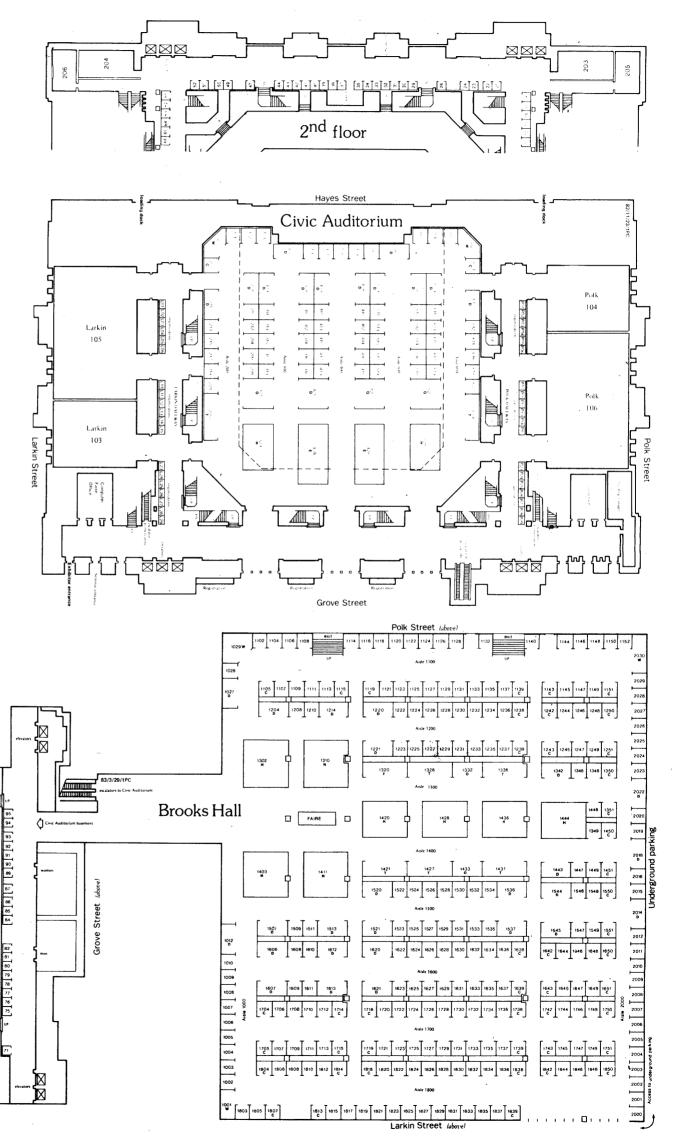
Older children, family, friends & business associates might be asked to meet you in the balcony (left, right or center; seating available overlooking the main arena.)

The Faire will not use the public address system to page for lost children or adults.

Regarding Food Concessions

Facilities Management, Inc., under contract to and with the city of San Francisco, exercises exclusive control over the food concessions at the Computer Faire. They control what is offered, when it is offered and what is charged for it. The Faire does not receive any part of the fees paid for concession food and has no say-so regarding food or pricing.

The 1st IBM PC Faire



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Optical Memory Could Make Today's Information Storage Obsolete

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Imagine a plastic card, about the size of a standard credit card, containing the equivalent of 8,000 pages of typewritten text: 40 million bits of information.

Imagine the *Encyclopedia Brittanica*, complete with illustrations, encoded on something the size of a phonograph record.

Or imagine the entire contents of the National Archives stored in a 10'x23' room.

These and other marvels of information compression only hint at the potential optical memory systems have for changing present methods of information storage and retrieval. Input, a Mountain View, California-based research firm, explores the changes inherent in this new technology in a report on the "Impact of Upcoming Optical Memory Systems," just released.

Information storage costs are beginning to be recognized as a significant factor in many businesses. Information systems managers have responded by showing interest in such products as the IBM 3850 Mass Storage System and various other magnetic and micrographic devices. Yet, when the costs and information densities are compared, none of the present systems can compete with the potential of optical memories.

The cost of paper is rising, and is projected to continue rising in the foreseeable future, with evident consequences for paper-based office systems.

Magnetic disk memories are declining in cost at a rate of approximately 50% every five years.

Optical memory systems, however, are projected to undergo a sharp drop in price as the technology matures. Input predicts they will be one-tenth as expensive as conventional disk memories by 1986.

The primary influence on the costs of these various systems is the recording density. At present, paper is able to record something less than 1x10⁴ bits per square inch (bpsi), magnetic media can reach 1x10⁷ bpsi, optical disk has 1x10⁸ bpsi, and micrographics recorded on silver halide film has a limit of 1x10⁹ bpsi.

Whereas it is doubtful micrographics will ever achieve this density in usable form, the Input report says, "Rapid development projected during the 1980's will probably see optical technology approach the optical diffraction limit of 2.6x109 bpsi in the early 1990's."

Optical memory systems, in other words, have the potential to be the clear winners in the race to increase recording densities and reduce costs. To quote from the report again, "It seems obvious that by 1986 it will be possible to use optical disks to record - and have available on-line - enormous quantities of data at a very low cost."

For the purposes of its study, Input divided the overall category of "optical memory systems" into seven subcategories.

The first is "Standalone Videodisk Systems," which include a commercially available player, a microprocessor-based keyboard, and a display. These would be used for computeraided education, point-of-sale credit checking, and storage of published directories.

The second is "Standalone Optical Disk Systems," which include an optical disk drive, display/keyboard, camera/scanner input, and laser printer output. Such systems could be used for archival document storage and electronic filing and retrieval.

The third is "Optical Memory Based Electronic Filing and Retrieval Systems," which would have the same configuration as Category II, except it would support multiple terminals on a local network, and could be connected to other systems. In addition to the uses of Category II, such a system could also control intra-office and inter-office routing of documents and messages.

The fourth is "Integrated Image Processing Systems," which would include hard magnetic disk, optical disk, multipurpose displays and demand printers. Such systems could coordinate data base and image storage management, and integrate word processing, data processing, and electronic filing, in addition to performing the functions of Category III.

The fifth is "Mainframe Optical Disk Storage," which would be used in conjunction with magnetic storage under conventional mainframe operating systems. These systems would provide inexpensive backup for magnetic storage, integrated data and information storage, and storage of documents, images, and very large data bases.

The sixth is "Distributed Information Managers," which would be able to integrate data and information processing independent of the mainframe, provide for information interchange among images, encoded data, and various data bases, and provide an interface with optical systems able to store entire libraries online.

The seventh is "Network Storeand-Forward Reservoirs," which would be embedded in a communications network to facilitate the storage of encoded data, images, and digitized voice and video images.

What these various systems mean for the future can only be guessed at now. Some analysts have compared the advent of optical memory systems to Gutenberg's invention of movable type, or even to the inspiration of that long-lost Egyptian ancestor who first pasted strips of papyrus together. While that remains to be seen, certainly present information storage systems will be greatly affected.

One result of the switch to optical memories will be a more rapid decline in the resale value of nonoptical memory systems.

Others will include the gradual demise of computer-assisted micrographics systems, followed by paper-based filing systems and, ultimately, magnetic disk memories. As storage costs take up a larger share of systems costs, it will become increasingly difficult to justify less cost-effective storage systems. Input predicts that paper-based systems will, eventually, be used only for small personal files.

And the effects of this new technology will probably not stop at the office door. The demand for photocopies should be greatly reduced. The printing industry will feel the pinch of inexpensive non-paper-based information transfer. With the advent of network store-and-forward optical systems, and the possibility of sending large amounts of data over broadband communications networks at low cost, the overnight delivery services will also begin to feel the crunch.

If the potential of the technology can be realized, and some of the problems hampering its implementation solved, optical memory storage could mark a fundamental change in man's 5,000-year history of record keeping.

In the surveys Input conducted for the report on optical memories' impacts, the most frequently mentioned problem with the new technolgy was that optical disks cannot be erased. Of course, in the case of archival storage of documents, it can be argued that nonerasability is actually an advantage. Nonetheless, erasability remains a technological hurdle that must be cleared if optical memories are to be accepted in the marketplace.

Error rates in the recording of information remain, at present, unacceptably high for some applications. For some encoded data, an error rate of 10-12 (one error per trillion bits written) is necessary. The best error rates achieved so far are between 10-5 and 10-7, acceptable for some kinds of image storage. For this problem, the information storage market must compete with the entertainment market. Much of the research and development effort to date has been directed toward entertainment videodisk, where high error rates are acceptable.

Another concern of information systems managers interviewed is the archival life of the disks. An archival life of 10 to 100 years has been claimed for optical media, although many are taking a wait-and-see attitude toward even the lower figure. Ten years compares favorably to the two-year life of magnetic tape, but poorly to the life of microfiche and paper. How optical disks will hold up over time remains an open question.

Input's new study on the "Impact of Upcoming Optical Memory Systems" is designed to help IS professionals get the information they need to grasp the full scope of the problem and begin to come up with answers for their own companies. Other Input reports dealing with related questions are "Residual Value Forecasts for IBM Disk, Tape, and Printer Systems", and "Business Graphics: Boon or Boondoggle?"

For further information, contact: David B. McDougal, Input, 1943 Landings Dr., Mountain View, CA 94043, (415) 960-3990. Conference Session

Personal Computers Used for Production Testing

For many electronics manufacturers, a personal computer with personal instrumentation can be a cost-effective approach to production testing. Plug-in instrument peripherals, the use of operator-directed test probes, and the programmability of the personal computer provide a flexible, semi-automated test system, capable of being reconfigured quickly and easily. Low equipment cost allows field testing as efficient as that performed at the factory.

At the First West Coast IBM PC Faire, Dave Biggs and Kurt Christner, of Nevada Personal Instrumentation, will discuss "Personal Computers and Personal Instrumentation for Semi-Automated Test Equipment."

Conference Session

PALASM: Doorway to the Silicon Revolution

The PAL family of integrated circuits are chips which can be programmed for special functions quickly and economically, and a new language is being developed to use in the design of PAL systems.

At the First West Coast IBM PC Faire, Vincent Coli and Earle Jennings will discuss the PALASM computer language. Coli and Jennings are applications engineers at Monolithic Memories in Santa Clara, California, where PALASM was developed. Their talk will be titled, "PALASM: Doorway to the Silicon Revolution."

Conference Session

Writing Tutorial for Assembly Language Programs

A tutorial to be given at the First IBM PC Faire will focus on "Writing Maintainable Assembly Language Programs." It will be conducted by Steve Newberry of Protools, Los Altos, California.

Newberry assessed his orientation this way, "My fundamental supposition is that the most promising approach to the reduction of maintenance costs lies in the improvement of both program design and documentation, and that this is best achieved by integrating the design and documentation process."

Hazards of CRT's

"Health Hazards of CRT's," a comprehensive bibliography on the issue of workplace health and safety, has just published an enlarged second edition. Data on the effects of computer terminals includes research reports, union demands, medical facts, legislative action, and ergonomic requirements.

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Dwan will stress the importance of choosing a typesetting vendor carefully. He says,"Documentation itself may be the most important element in making a software sale. In a very real way, your documentation is your product.

Dwan's paper will be included in The Proceedings of the First West Coast IBM PC Faire which will be available at the show.

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Getting Personal With TEX

Now that most users know a word processing program, the next link in the chain is for a user to produce typeset files from text files via typesetting software. At the IBM PC Faire, Robert McClure, president of Unidot Inc., in Sunnyvale, California, will discuss TEX, the typeset-ting system created by Don Knuth of Stanford University, and Tyxtex, its implementation on the IBM PC

'Getting Personal With TEX" is the title of McClure's presentation. It will also be included in the *Proceed*ings of the First IBM PC Faire, available at the show.

CompuServe Offers Wine Newsletter

Bacchus Data Services' The Informed Enophile, a wine advisory newsletter, is now available on the CompuServe Information Service, a nationwide computer time-sharing network. The Informed Enophile's editor, J.D. Kronman, believes his publication to be the first wine periodical to be made available to computer terminals, personal computers and communicating word processors 'on line.'

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The CompuServe Information Service charges its subscribers for "connect time" which is only pennies a minute during the evenings and weekends. There is no additional charge to CompuServe customers when they access the Informed Enophile or other wine related information provided by Bacchus Data Services. CompuServe is available through the use of a personal computer or computer terminal, a telephone and modem.

For further information, contact: Bacchus Data Services, 6085 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034. self-addressed stamped envelope will assure a sample issue by return mail.

Using the PC for 35mm Slide **Production**

A method to produce professional quality 35mm slides on the IBM PC will be explained at the IBM PC Faire by Chet Sandberg, President of Professional Computer Graphics, Inc., of Palo Alto, California.

Sandberg will discuss some of the basic objectives and considerations for making 35mm slides, the software available, and the hardware necessary for the copying of the slides from the computer to the 35mm media.

"One of the real advantages of using the PC to do the graphic generation is the rapid turnaround and revision capability that is possible," says Sandberg. "In the past, literally weeks could pass while the revisions of artwork took place.'

His paper will be included in the Proceedings of the IBM PC Faire, to be available at the show.

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for the creation of the 8080. "Masa" Shima - whom Faggin hired away from a Japanese calculator manufacturer - did the silicon implementation. (Even as late as this, Intel still thought it was selling semiconductors [chortle]. It was a bit later, that they came to realize that they were really selling Essence of Computer.)

Following the Silicon Gulch tradition, Federico and Masa spun off from Intel and created Zilog. With Faggin as potentate, Masa did the design for the Z-80 and Z8000 (though Masa left prior to the debugging of the Z8000; he's now with Intel-Japan) and created one of Intel's strongest rivals.

Now, Federico's at it, again. As Prexy of his new Cygnet Technologies (Sunnyvale, California), he has created an office workstation that tightly integrates computing and communications - for voice, as well as data, text and graphics! Sadly, a nondisclosure agreement prohibits telling any of the important stuff (but, Famous Faggin will tell all at the IBM PC Faire in August). Suffice it to say - Faggin Flies Again!

[The historical notes, preceeding, are compliments of Stan Mazor.]

GREEN INK

Quiet, retiring Wayne Green is movin' on, also. Wayne, who was a submariner in WWII (that's not a chip designation), worked as an editor for the Amateur Radio Relay League in the Dark Ages - before [micro]computers), then moved to beautiful downtown Peterborough, New Hampshire, and created 73, a competing hamagazine.

When computer hobbery came along, he (or ex-wife Virginia, and Carl Helmers - it depends on whose acrimonious mythology you believe) created microcomputing's first magazine - Byte - with its

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Venture Capital and the IBM PC

Venture Capital and the IBM PC," will be the title of Frank Kline's talk at the First IBM PC Faire, in Civic Auditorium and Brooks Hall, San Francisco, August 26-28, 1983. Kline is the president of Pacific Technology Venture Fund, Inc., of San Francisco.

Kline will outline the role of young high technology companies in stimulating the national economy, and describe what kind of a return on investment potential venture capitalists look for when deciding to invest.

"Young companies developing application software, local networking and hard disk storage for the PC have got a lot of recognition," says Kline. Significant venture capital resources will be placed in these and related fields dedicated to PC products.'

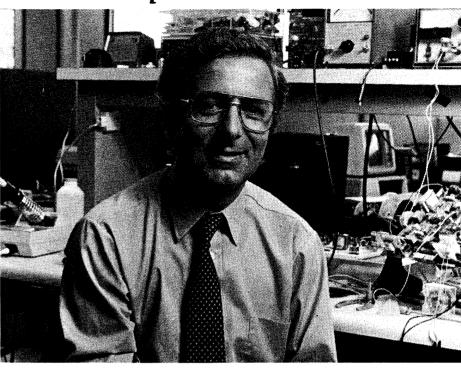
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Proposal for Microcomputer Managers' Association

"If you are a manager whose responsibilities include the planning, application, development and support of personal computers, you are invited to join the Microcomputer Managers' Association - the first professional association in this rapidly expanding field," says James Haner, of Dynamic Computer Services from Palmdale, California. Haner will use the First IBM PC Faire as a forum for soliciting charter members into the group.

"We need to provide a clearinghouse for the exchange of ideas on what works and doesn't work in successfully integrating microcomputers into the corporate environment," says

Inventor of the Microprocessor to Speak at PC Faire



Dr. Federico Faggin, one of the three people whose names appear on the patent for the first microprocessor, and later the cofounder of Zilog, will speak at the First IBM PC Faire in San Francisco, August

Now President of Cygnet Technologies, he will discuss an innova-

tive solution to the problem of optimizing the hardware and software architecture of an integrated work station. The "CoSystem" that he will describe may be used with an IBM PC to significantly enhance productivity by combining computing with communication capabilities for voice, as well as data, text and graphics.

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6 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the San Franciscan Hotel, 1231 Market Street, in conjunction with the IBM PC Faire, August 25, 26, and 27, 1983. Since attendance in each seminar is limited, the seminar has been extended and will be offered August 29, 30, and 31 at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero.

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first issue in September, 1975. Some months later, he benevolently donated Byte to Virginia Londner Green - Peschke - Londner - Londoner (who has been its Publisher for eight years, even though she sold it to McGraw-Hill in the late '70's: she has reportedly finally escaped and is on a year-long world tour/recuperation).

Being a prolific pen pal and noting that Peterborough needed more computer rags, Wayne created a second micro magazine, initially announced as Kilobyte but renamed to Kilobaud before its first issue (a change rumored to have been ever-so-politely requested by the state's Superior Court). Kilobaud became Kilobaud Microcomputing, which became simply Microcomput-Wayne also created a passle of other computer mags, notably including 80 Microcomputing focusing on the Tress-80. Also, when software became a potential profit center, Wayne instantly created Instant Software

Now, Wayne has sold his publishing empirate to magazine magnate Pat McGovern, the delightful dude who created ComputerWorld, and is the owner of InfoWorld, PC World, and a world of other computer rags (a real rags to riches story). The story's not yet clear at this end, however apparently Wayne is staying on to shepherd the new venture, but will also be involved in a local college always the academician.

OS-BORNE AGAIN

Then there's Adam Osborne - one of the more delightful and flamboyant entrepreneurs, leaders, and Sayers of Sooth in this industry.

Yes sir, sonny, I mus' be a real ol' timer. Why, I can even 'member when Adam was a mere human, with three-piece sleeves rolled up, selling his micro manuals out of a box at the Homebrew Computer Club meetings.

He got a Ph.D. in chemical engineering, and stumbled into writing a semi-promo micro booklet for a computer company. It went over well; he wrote a real micro book and was on his way to glorious/notorious leadership in this chaotic microworld. He founded a publishing company; made it the leading source of micro manuals; then sold it to McGraw-Hill, and stayed on for a while as its Glorious Leader.

Not content to retire and somnambulate on his McGraw-Hill donation, he created a whole new branch of the industry - portable computers (well, they were portable if you were a pro linebacker and had magnifying eyeballs, but nobody should expect origination and perfection to occur at

the same time).

When he was first starting up Osborne Computer Corp., he called up to secretly reserve exhibit space for a premier introduction at the 6th West Coast Computer Faire (1981). He originally planned on calling his company Brandywine, Inc., but some sensible soul pointed out that his Name was Fame, and he should use it - thus booze begat OCC. He also originally planned on pricing the Os-

borne I at under \$1K, but his fellow entrepreneurs persuaded him to take a more traditional approach to pricing - i.e., whatever the market will bear while undercutting the [un-] competition.

Now, even Adam's movin' on, again. He has given over the guidance and control of OCC to Bob Jaunich who used to be Prexy of Consolidated Foods - a little \$7 billion (not a typo) company. A foods magnate in micros? What with food processing what it is today, perhaps Adam is simply harking back to his chem.e.

Oh, Adam's still around OCC, but

he's busy turning his pet-kitten-turned-tiger over to Jaunich. He's also writing a socio / sci fi novel called Neworld in his spare time. It should be ready for off-the-shelf deliveries about 2Q'84.

REQUIEM

On a serious and sad note, I must mention the demise of two of the good guys of microcomputing.

Dennis "Barney" Barnhart, who was honchoing Eagle Computers to success and glory recently moved from Silicon Valley to Silicon Sky in an auto accident. Barney had been a major figure in micro marketing

for some time. Long ago, he created a company and made his millions. Then, he joined Commodore to be one of their most competent Marketing V.P.s. He left there; wandered a bit - including taking over the reins of the Microcomputer Industry Trade Association (MITA) from me around 1981; and ended up as the President of Eagle. Even more melancholy he was on the eve of his next success; Eagle was only days into its first public offering and stock sales were going great.

Bill Honeyman preceded Barney

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New Basic Arrives

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Now it is possible to have a language for the IBM PC^{TM} that will access all the memory that you can put in it. You can put a 100K program in memory that uses a 300x300 matrix. Then perform calculations with the ultra-fast 8087 math coprocessor. This is a powerful combination of size and speed that is new for the PC!

PROFESSIONAL BASICTM is a new

implementation of the popular BASIC language. It is compatible with the PC's BASIC so you can run your current programs. But there are many, many new and exciting features to look at.

Structured Programming Support

One nice thing programmers will like is being able to label lines, using alpha names, and call subroutines (or perform GOTO's) using a label instead of a line number (although you could use a line number if you wanted to) BASIC, by nature, does not support modular structured programming. But with this labeling feature, however, better programming practices can be encouraged with BASIC. PROFESSIONAL BASIC also allows a visual restructuring of programs, by automatically breaking up lines with multiple statements and showing the program in a structured, indented format.

Dynamic Analysis

Dynamically view the execution of a program! After coding in a program and beginning execution, you can then press a key and switch to a screen (one of about a dozen) that displays a listing of the run ning program on the left, with lines high lighted as they are executed, and on the right, a listing of the variables. You can see the values of each variable at every point during the execution of the program — as it is running at slow speed! Suppose you want to single step your way through some portion of the program. Just press the space bar. Every press of the space bar executes the next instruction and you can see what changes are made to the variables and the flow of execution.

List or print out each line of code that is executed, with the value of each variable automatically listed for you. Also, get a listing of the program and see each statement that has been executed during a succession of runs through the code. In a very visual way, see which parts of the program have been executed at least once and which have not.

Syntax Checking

Have you ever written a program with an obscure typo (a colon can look an awful lot like a semicolon sometimes) and awful lot like a semicolon sometimes) and spend an hour or more trying to figure out what went wrong? PROFESSIONAL BASIC^{IM} has a system of checking syntax as you enter each character. You just can't make a syntax error! The system tells you instantly that an error has been made. After two attempts to type an acceptable character, you are presented with a list of what keystrokes are permissible. permissible

Error Analysis

After you enter a program there can still be errors in things like mismatched FOR NEXT loops and bad GOTO's. With this language your entire program is analyzed from top to bottom in a fraction of a second, to find a number of mistakes that might have been made. The lines associated with the errors are presented to you with the portion of the line relating to the error highlighted.

Have you ever had an error like "divide by zero" and wonder exactly what went wrong? You can get an "instant replay", with the evaluation of an expression displayed after each substitution or arithmetic operation performed, and see how the error occurred. Moreover, if you want you can see any expression in the program analyzed as it is executed. You have control and insight into the operations of your program that has not been previously possible. If only it would go ahead and fix the problems too, you say. Well there are limits.

Cross References and Breakpoints

One of the things a programmer wants to know about is what variables are being used in a program and where. PROFESSIONAL BASICTM provides a variety of ways to cross reference variables. Also, you are able to pick a set of variables you particularly want to watch and then run the program, seeing how the value of each changes as the program executes (at the speed you pick). You can even set conditional breakpoints, like: "Execute until the value of 'X' is equal to 200 and then stop." Or: "Stop as soon as line 130 is encountered." This is the kind of environment that is going to help in the speedy production of error free programs!

Semi-Compilation

Semi what? This language executes like an interpreter in many ways, but is really very different. Just consider how much faster a program would run if it didn't have to check everything in a line of code, each time it is executed. Why not check the program once and be done with it? It only takes a fraction of a second to do that in PROFESSIONAL BASIC^M. Imagine how much faster this makes execution of a program — two, three times faster. (Also, this is why all the problems mentioned above about FOR/NEXT loops, etc. can be resolved for the entire program before it is actually run.)

Compatibility

PROFESSIONAL BASIC^{IM} is compatible with the BASIC that comes with the IBM PC. While there are enhancements, you don't have to unlearn any-thing you know now about BASIC on the PC. Use the programs you have already created and run them with this new system. But see how fast and friendly programming can now be.

Where to See This **New System**

At the PC Faire, see PROFESSION-AL BASIC $^{\text{IM}}$ at booth 205 in the Civic Auditorium, MORGAN COMPUTING COMPANY, INC. Also see many other fine products available exclusively from MORGAN, such as an 8088 disassem-bler that traces like the BASIC. See how Linear Programming can be done with Lotus 1-2-3TM or VisiCalcTM.

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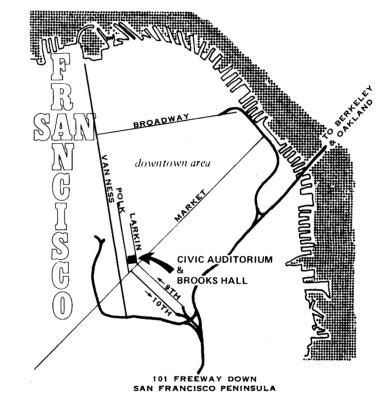
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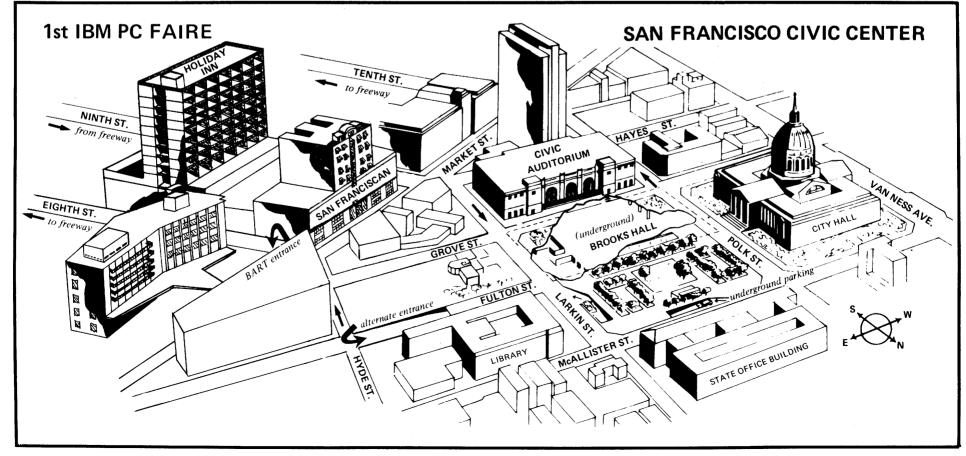
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Conference Session

Laboratory Data Acquisition, Display & Reduction with the IBM PC

Use of the IBM PC in a chemical laboratory to acquire, analyze and report experimental data will be a conference topic at the First IBM PC Faire. Glenn I. Ouchi, Ph.D., of Nelson Analytical, Cupertino, California, will speak on "Laboratory Data Acquisition, Display & Reduction with the IBM PC: Chromatography Data Handling."

Chromatography chemical analysis uses instruments called chromatographs to separate a mixture into pure compounds which can then be quantified and identified. Ouchi will describe a lab data handling system which was created by combining software and instrument interfaces developed by Nelson Analytical with an IBM PC. The system requires an IBM PC with 128K RAM memory, two 320K disk drives or hard disk, IEEE488 or RS232 interface, graphics display (color preferred) and printer/plotter.

The system can acquire data from up to 10 chromatographs simultaneously while allowing the user to interactively review and process stored data or run other applications programs. Quantitative reports include area per cent, normalized area per cent, and reports using internal and external standards. data from two or more runs can also be replotted side-by-side, superimposed, subtracted or ratioed. Experimental results can be used by other application programs for facile report generation or data management. Other laboratory instruments can be added to the system with the addition of more application software and interfaces.

Explains Ouchi, "Real-time experiment data acquisition and control is performed by our intelligent interface, which allows the IBM PC to perform other tasks. The same interface can easily be used for data acquisition from any analog signal source. By taking advantage of application software from other software houses, a powerful integrated system can be produced to handle analytical data."

Conference Session

Microcomputers and Videodiscs

"Training is a bottleneck to increased sales of microcomputers," says Allen Lee Adkins, Founder/Director of Interactive Research Corporation of San Mateo, California. The solution which Adkins has developed is a series of interactive videodiscs. The first in the series will teach novice users how to use the IBM PC and popular software programs.

"The use of microcomputers and videodiscs is a powerful combination of technology which increases efficiency in learning and presenting information," says Adkins. "The process of making a videodisc is intricate and involved, but can provide interaction which is unparallelled in other forms of media. The IBM PC has a bright future as a component in computer aided instruction systems."

Adkins will be speaking in the Conference Program of the First West Coast IBM PC Faire. His talk will be titled, "Using Technology to Learn Technology."

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Computer Bookstore Opens in Silicon Valley

Now Computer Literacy is more than just a slogan - it's a bookstore, too. In March, the Computer Literacy Bookshop opened in Sunnyvale, California, in the heart of Silicon Valley.

The Computer Literacy Bookshop is owner Dan Doernberg's response to the growing need for easy access to information about computers.

"There have been two places to shop for information about computers - - computer stores and general bookstores," said Doernberg. "The commissioned salespeople in a computer store are far more interested in selling computers than recommending books. The atmosphere of a bookstore is more conducive to comfortable browsing, but few of the clerks are at all familiar with computers or the books written about them. Computer Literacy bridges the gap by combining the comfortable, low-pressure bookstore atmosphere with the technical knowledge and expertise of a computer store staff."

With a stock of over 1500 different computer book titles and 40 com-

puter magazines, Computer Literacy may be the most complete computer information resource in the Valley.

Doernberg believes that, "Bookstores exist to stimulate the exchange of ideas, not merely to warehouse books," and so his bookshop has an ongoing speaker series, with local computer experts providing informal talks on a variety of topics.

Speakers scheduled for July and August include: Glen Krasner on "Smalltalk-80," John Newkirk on "VLSI Design," William Mohr on "Quality Circles," Jean Yates on "Business Applications of Unix," Frederick Hayes-Roth on "Building Expert Systems," David Morein with "An Intoduction to Programming in C," and John Burkner, from Monolithic Memories, on "Designing with Programmable Array Logic (PAL)." All talks are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact: Computer Literacy Bookshop, 520 North Lawrence Expressway, Suite 310, Sunnyvale CA 94086, (408)-730-9955 or (408)-749-8807.

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by only a month or two. Bill was a Colorado computer consultant who was doing great things in applying microcomputers to movie special effects. He was also one of the founding members of MITA and had actively served on its first Board of Directors.

THE WIZARD OF WOZ

On a much happier note, there's Steve Wozniak's wonderful wanderings. Having done all of the design and implementation of the hardware and software for a hobby computer for his personal entertainment, Woz teamed up with high school buddy Steve Jobs and created a computer company to manufacture his toy – a company with the patently unmarketable name of Apple.

Several years later, Woz, who – in spite of having much loot – has managed to retain a strong inclination to share freely and joyfully with his friends, had a huge wedding party that included a great rock band. This gave him the idea. Having missed Woodstock, he decided to create his own. Thus, US.

Sadly, punks, bucks, and 15 years made the US Festivals somewhat less than the utopian sharing that Woodstock wuz. However, thanks to Woz's efforts and generosity, the '82 US Festival was still probably the flashyist pop music event of More importantly, this decade. Woz seems to have retained much of his humane character and joyful hedonism, even after dealing with big bux music managers. (Anyone remember the days when Quicksilver, the Dead, Janice, and the Airplane played for free in San Francisco's 60's Be Ins - just for the joy of sharing good vibrations with the community? Hmmm, today seems to be a day for nostalgia noshing.)

Partner Steve Jobs, however, has become a true eccentric among the microworld's early leaders. Believe it or not, he is still working on the same company he was six years ago! It must be his arch-conservative character.

Oh – I gotta tell ya an Apple story: Woz and Jobs had just incorporated Apple, shortly before the First West Coast Computer Faire (1977). They wanted to do a very flashy intro of their product at the Faire, so they really splurged and rented 20' (wow!) of booth space centering on the front entrance.

They then they took their ponytailed, bearded selves and Levied up

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Prentice-Hall's Aisle of Paradise at the PC Faire

BRADY Publishing Company

Games (just try <u>Laser Cycle!</u>) and business software plus dozens of PC books for users at all levels, including the new bestseller for advanced users, INSIDE THE IBM-PC by Peter Norton, plus the revised classic, IBM PERSONAL COMPUTER: An Introduction to Programming and Applications by Larry and Martin Goldstein. Booth #1728.

Business and Professional Books

The name of this Prentice-Hall division just became an anachronym with the debut of EXECUVISION, which is not a book at all but a software program that turns the IBM-PC into a one-stop source for the preparation of presentation materials (slides, printed matter, or CRT) for meetings, conventions, and the like. A breakthrough tool for corporate culture and a must in the electronic office place. Booth #1729.

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Video Initiative Offers Self-Teaching Tutorials



Most people wishing to become microcomputer users must overcome an entry-level learning barrier. The barrier is sometimes emotional, and often due to documentation that is simply not adequate for a true computer novice.

Recognizing that one or two entire generations are more accustomed to getting information from the television screen than from the written word, Jim Warren has created a video production company - Video Initiative - specializing in high-quality, professionally produced videotape tutorials.

Many videotape products available for micro instruction are little more than a camera aimed at a lecturer giving a chalk-talk. In contrast, the tutorials from VI make extensive use of video technology and graphics and tightly scripted presentations by professional talent. They are comparable in quality to the best educational offerings on commercial and educational television.

The scripts are prepared by training professionals with extensive experience in computer and technical instruction and training. These include a writing team with teaching experience, who spent over half a decade in training and documentation with Hewlett-Packard, plus Warren's input as a 15-year computer professional who has taught at Stanford, San Jose State, San Francisco State, as well as over commercial, educational, and closed-circuit television.

Workbooks accompany videotapes, keyed to the video presentations. They make extensive use of color for optimal communication of concepts.

Initial packages include introductory tutorials on VisiCalc, the IBM PC, 1-2-3, dBase II, and other major topics in microcomputing. Marketing and distribution arrangements are now being completed with a major book publisher. The packages are expected to be available by September, for sale or rent, in many computer and software stores, as well as by direct mail.

The first package to be completed is "VisiCalc for the IBM PC". This is available under an introductory offer, prior to completing distribution arrangements. In VHS or Beta formats. it is \$110 prepaid; \$115 COD, including handling and UPS shipping in the U.S. U-matic, industrial-format versions are \$135 prepaid; \$145 COD. Video Initiative, 345 Swett Road, Woodside CA 94062 (415) 851-8437.

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to the white-haired show decorator who set up the booths, asking for some of his nicer prefab booth decorations and exhibit stands. Since they were short of loot, they naively asked if he would maybe, please, trade some stock in their new company - Apple Computer - for the rental fees. Being a sensible, experienced businessman who had seen decades of flakey promoters, he of course, demanded cash-only, refusing such a clearly foolish trade.

WARREN WANDERS, TOO

In fairness, I should malign myself as I have my compatriots (change

Jim Warren went from math professor, to employed hippie (a contradiction of terms), to Free University Secretary, to medical programmer, to computer consultant, to Stanford Ab.D. ("All but Dissertation," the unawarded booby prize for not completing one's Ph.D.). After leaving Stanford several weeks ahead of his thesis advisor (who escaped the fantasy Farm via Hewlett-Packard). he became editor of the Weird-Herald known as Dr. Dobb's Journal of Computer Calisthenics & Orthodontia, created by Dennis Allison and Bob Albrecht for People's Computer Company. (Dennis and Bob had the good sense to avoid editing it, themselves.) DDJ became the first software-oriented publication for the micro world.

After editorially salivating over the exciting information exchanges occurring at several hobbyist conventions in New Jersey "on the wrong coast" (in his provincial view), Jim suckered Bob Reiling (one of the founders of the Homebrew Computer Club and still its President) and Eric Bakalinsky (the word-bender who invented the name of Dr. Dobb's Journal, and has noted that you can lead a horse to therapy but you can't make him stable [huh?]) into joining him in creating the West Coast Computer Faires. Given his (obvious) long-winded nature, Jim created the Silicon Gulch Gazette to endlessly flail Faire fantasies, then became the rare-time publisher of the Intelligent Machines Journal - later sold to Pat McGovern and renamed InfoWorld.

He also announced and hasn't yet done electronic DataCast, a paperless electronic newspaper distributed to its nonreaders by FM subcarrier broadcast, and founded paper DataCast, a short-lived magazine devoted to in-depth tutorials on significant software. It died from being long on tutorials and (too) short on advertising.

Warren also hosted the first weakly (sic) teevee talkshow on microcomputing, the "Computer Chronicles" carried for two seasons on about 40 PBS affiliates, nationally. He has created Video Initiative, a video production company specializing in videotape tutorials about microcomputing, contract video work for computer companies, and is planning a weekly half-hour show for national television sindication (sic sic).

After being the Faire Chaire for eight Computer Faires, Warren passed Faire ownership/management on to others who maintain Conference Session

Modula-2: A Worthy Successor to Pascal?

A tutorial on the Modula-2 language, titled "Modula-2: A Worthy Successor to Pascal," will be presented during the August IBM PC Faire, by Joel McCormack, of Volition Systems, of Del Mar, California.

All features of Modula-2 will be covered, including the Module and how it differs from a procedure, separate compilation with object code version control, and low-level machine access of facilities lacking in Pascal. Discussion topics will include physical address manipulation, type subversion, multi-processing, and interrupts.

McCormack says of the tutorial, "It will be especially valuable to those who have some acquaintance with Pascal, but should be of interest to anyone with high level language experience."

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Using the IBM PC to Teach Speed Reading

"As a reading teacher, I have found the IBM PC to be a highly effective training tool," says Janice Davison, Ph.D. "I wanted a situation where the student competed with himself and not with others. It became apparent that the computer could help provide the kind of individual training the students needed, and so I directed my energies to developing a speed reading course using computers.

Davison will discuss details of her work at the First IBM PC Faire in August. Her talk will be titled "Using the IBM PC to Teach Speed Reading."

Her paper will be included in the Proceedings of the IBM PC Faires, available at the show.

the delusion that the micro world is sane. As another story in this issue reports (more politely), Prentice-Hall has become the proud owner of the Computer Faire.

(Back to first person, singular) To put it mildly, I am gleeful at the prospect of giving up management and administration of the Faire I was trained as an business! educator, a technologist, and an academician – but never as a business person. The Faires were exciting, but the management effort that they have come to require as this industry has matured, and as they have grown from 100 exhibits to more than a 1000, has far exceeded my training or inclinations.

WATT NOW?

It is a JOY to be able to return to my several professions - and leave the driving to them. And to think, I didn't even have to pay Prentice-Hall to take on this gargantuan management load.

I remember, b.c.f. (Before Computer Faires) having time to design, and program, and write, and organize meetings, and consult, and do all those things that are fun for technonuts. I vaguely recall having

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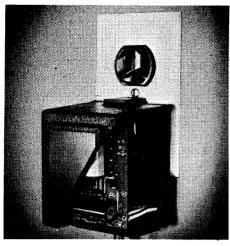
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"Up to now, microcomputer software has been horizontal, cutting across all industry groups," says Gene Finkler, of Silicon Valley Micro, in San Jose, California. "Three well-known packages of the horizontal type are VisiCalc, WordStar, and Lotus 1-2-3. All of these run on the popular IBM PC, and vertical-market software can also be designed to run on the IBM PC."

Finkler will be speaking at the First IBM PC Faire in San Francisco this August. His talk will be titled "Vertical Market Software," and in it he will stress the necessity of developing expertise in a particular industry before attempting to write or to market specific software tailored to the needs of that industry.

Asked to outline a plan of action for the software entrepreneur, Finkler began, "Write a brief description of your idea for vertical-market software; outline its major features and functions. Identify who you see as the probable end-user; give some examples of how they would use it. It would be wise to create sample data files, a user manual, and brochures to help conceptualize the product. Describe the installation and user-interface features that you are planning; make it easy for the average computer user to get up and running quickly."

He continued, "Point out what makes your vertical-market software different from other products of a similar type; explain why potential customers would buy it. Make a list of competitive products that are currently available; itemize the features that are comparable with your vertical-market software."

Finkler's paper will also be included in *The Proceedings of the First IBM PC Faire*, which will be available at the show.

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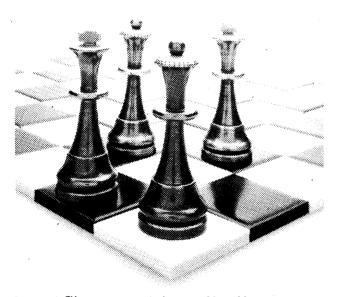
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Radio-Electronics Should Have Received the Credit

O Blush! O Cringe! In my column in an earlier edition, I incorrectly stated that *Popular Electronics* "can be said to be the rag that created personal computing. Back in 1974, it ran articles on the design of the old "Micro-8" — a build-ityouself nonkit based on the Intel 8008."

Several readers, including Ken Mc-Ginnis and Jonathan Titus pointed out that this was incorrectthose first articles on the Micro-8 were carried in Radio-Electronics.

(It was all a test to see if anyone remembered?) Herewith, we place the credit where it is due. —JCW

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friends and a social life, and time to get groceries, and everythin'. I more vaguely remember even havin' dates! (Wonder if there are still girl/women in the world who are not grinding after management megabucks?) Seven years of tuna sandwiches between phone calls is enough!

I did, however, keep the fun stuff the things I am trained to do (if I only had the time). I am still Chairing the Technical Conferences. And, I have kept the Silicon Gulch Gazette this news(?)paper that's worth at least what you paid for it. Since the new Faire folks are planning more Computer Faires, nationally, and are inclined to underwrite its publication for your and their benefit, it seems likely to continue. Since I now have time to work on it, it might even become useful (chortle).

Other semi-fantasies for the foreseeable future include finally doing electronic Datacast, working on the video tutorials and the television series, some digital videodisk ventures, and some fancy computerized typesetting and publication layout all things that the consumptive time demands of Faire management

prohibited my pursuing.

Unrelated to computing, there are a coupla projects in alcohol fuels, and a notion for a smoke-free restaurant named "We Also Serve Dinner" with family-style service, offering evenings of congenial non-inebriated socializing - an alternative to bars, for folks out of school who wish to reach beyond their workplace and their neighborhood. Wanna share a pleasant evening?

Also, many of us living in the redwooded mountains of the San Francisco Peninsula are working together to persuade county building and planning policy makers to adopt policies appropriate for this rural area, rather than applying requirements designed for tract home devel-

WORTHWHILE VENTURES

This column has been discussing innovators moving to new ventures. It is appropriate to close with some notions about the character of worthwhile ventures - activities that are worthy of your spending the time of your life.

Surely, adventures we choose to pursue should include those that allow us to support ourselves - rather than being on the dole to Big Daddy or Big Brother. But, simply making loot just doesn't cut it as being the goal of Living.

If we are to spend half of our conscious, adult lives on something, it should be fun and enjoyable -

fulfilling.

And, if we're really lucky, what we choose to do - or stumble into doing (as has been the case for more than a few of us in microcomputing) - can make a positive contribution to the community or the society of which we are a part and to which we have a responsibility.

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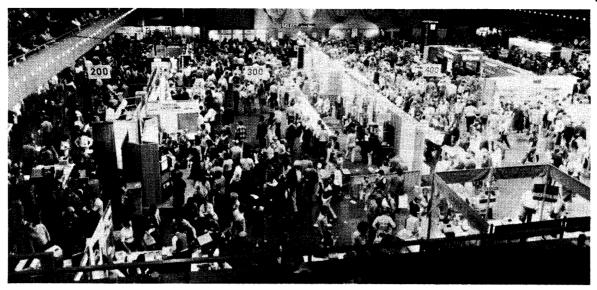
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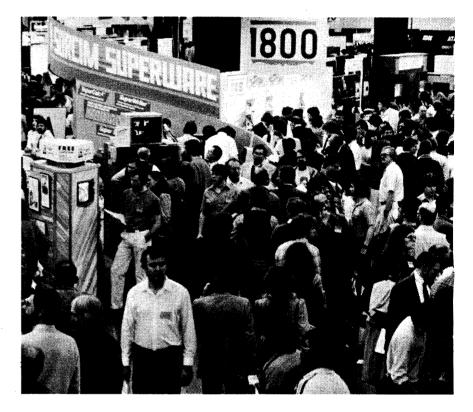
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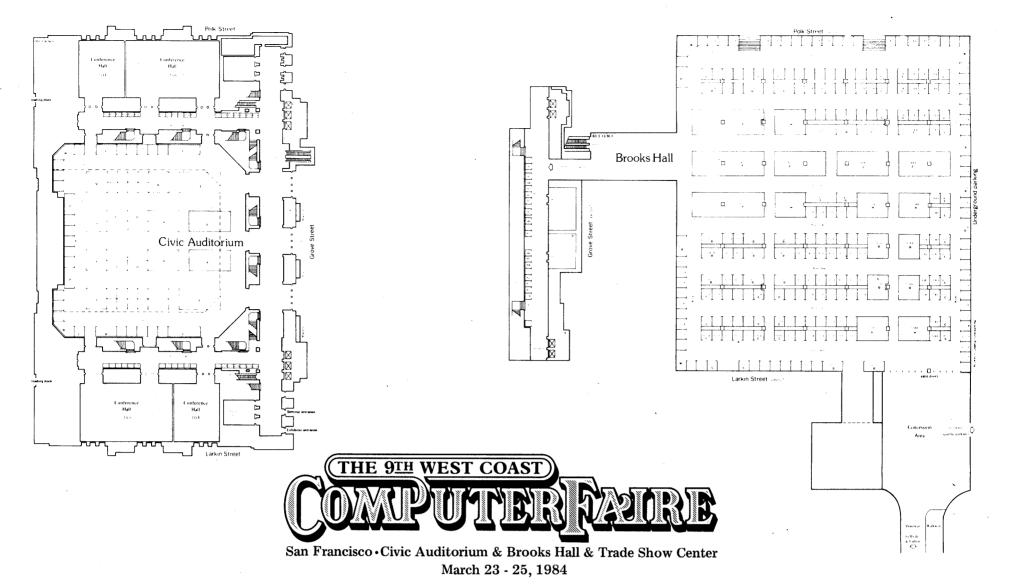
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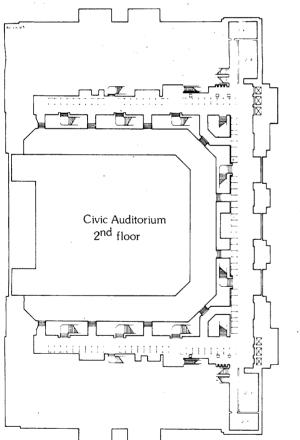
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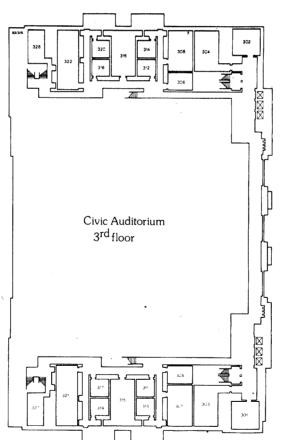
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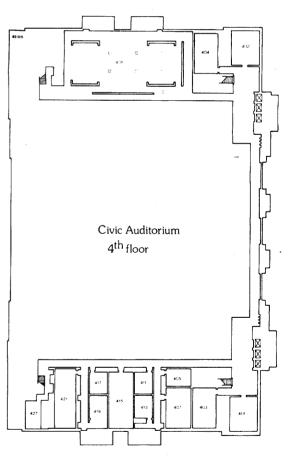
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Problem Solving with MultiPlan"

Session: F4 (Fri-8/26/83, 1:30 to 5:00, \$55)

This seminar will cover the fundamental and advanced features of the most powerful spreadsheet available. Topics covered include: editing, sorting, iteration techniques, linking multiple spreadsheets and other features.

How To Select A Personal or Business Computer

Session: S2 (Sat-8/27/83, 10:00 to 5:00, \$95)

At this seminar you will learn how to select the features you need... What to look for --and look out for-- in your hardware and software...How to determine what to spend...Determine what size computer you really need...How to select the right software package...How to simply define your computer system requirements...How to select the best system and suppliers... and much much more. This seminar is recommended for any individual responsible for the selection of a Personal or Business Computer.

Lotus 1-2-3 Advanced Techniques

Session: N1 (Sun-8/28/83, 10:00 to 5:00, \$95)

1-2-3 is the new software sensation that integrates spreadsheet, data base and graphics features. This seminar goes beyond the typical introductory class, showing you many different advanced techniques that put 1-2-3's remarkable features to work. Topics covered include: optimum spreadsheet design, data base query, graphics, macro programming & testing, menu generation, input data validation and sharing data with other programs and computers.

Project Management Survival Course

Session: N3 (Sun-8/28/83, 10:00 to 5:00, \$95)

This seminar offers a "no-nonsense" approach to the successful application of Project Management Skills, which is rapidly becoming one of the most critical tools of today's computer professional. All participants will learn a practical approach on how to develop a Project Plan; Estimate, Schedule, Control and Manage their Project. This Course is Intended For, Any: - DP Manager; Project Manager/Leader/Participant; Lead Programmer/Analyst; Software Engineer; Corporate Project Manager (DP and non-DP).

How To Become A Computer Consultant

Session: N4 (Sun-8/28/83, 10:00 to 5:00, \$95)

This seminar is designed to show you that while consulting is not for everyone, for those it appeals to, success can be virtually unlimited...as long as you know the ropes. The need for experienced programmers and computer professionals has never been greater. This day long session will show you How to: begin...tools of the trade...sell yourself...find markets...evaluate your skills and the client's...set fees...expand your business...handle money and legal matters...close the sale...and much much more.

INSTRUCTORS

Instructor For Sessions: F1, F2, S1

Jeff Cassel is with Slavin Associates, a management consulting firm specializing in helping business to manage and control the computer through Project Management and Executive Education. Mr Cassel specializes in the use of small computers in the business environment. His 16 year career in data processing includes technical support and systems management.

Instructor For Session: F1

Bill Slavin is the President of Slavin Associates a Management Consulting firm specializing in assisting client companies, to develop strategic systems planning. He is a Certified Management Consultant (CMC) who has been consulting for the past 15 years. A past president of ASM and a frequent speaker before professional groups. He is a member of the National Speakers Association and is the west coast seminar leader for the American Management Association's course on, "The Fundamentals of Data Processing for the non-EDP Executive".

Instructor For Session: F4

Chris Doner a member of Alex Systems has 5 years experience in the computer industry. He received his BS from Syracuse University and his MS from Michigan State University. The focus of his graduate work was applied Mathematics and Computer Simulation. He is familiar with a wide variety of hardware and software. He is active as a consultant for MicroPro International and Voice Recognition Systems.

How To Register

All seminars will meet in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium, in the Civic Center. The seminar registration fees noted above do not include the IBM PC Faire registration/admission, which is \$18 additional. If you register for more than one seminar you only pay the Faire admission once.

These seminars are expected to be heavily subscribed. Since enrollment is limited, pre-registration is highly recommended. You can register for the Faire and these seminars by phone or mail, to the address below.

At any time during the IBM PC Faire you may register for these seminars on a first-come, first-served basis at the Seminar Registration Desk located at the east (Larkin Street) end of the Civic Auditorium Front Lobby.

For Registration & Information on These Seminars:

ADC/Seminar Registration Bureau 960 San Antonio Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (415) 493-5500

Make checks payable to ADC Associates.

Instructor For Session: N2

Alex Gerson, President & CEO, Alex Systems. Has 8 years experience in Data Processing. He received his BS in Mathematics from the University of Mexico and his Masters degree in Operation Research from Stanford University. He has proven his capabilities with a wide range of computer software. Mr Gerson has developed software for several firms in the San Francisco Bay Area, including Arthur Andersen & Co, Stanford University and Lehman Bros.

Instructor For Session: N4

Dick Kent has spent 23 years in the data processing profession; the last fifteen as a consultant. He is the president of DLM Consultants, Inc. He is a member of ACM and the ICCA, he has taught DP courses at New York University and DeAnza College. With Alan Canton, he co-authored the book "ComputerMoney, How to Make it in Data Processing Consulting".

Instructor For Session: N4

Alan Canton has been a consultant in Data Processing for over ten years. He is the President of Computer Programming Associates, a programming and educational consulting firm in the Sacramento Area. He has taught data processing at the College of Marin. He is the co-author of "ComputerMoney", he is a founding member of the Independent Computer Consultants Association.

Instructor For Session: N1

Dick Anderson is the Director of Advanced Micro/Mainframe Solutions, a consulting firm specializing in developing software for the IBM PC. He has been in the data processing field for 17 years, has taught at John F. Kennedy University, and has given seminars and workshops for the last 8 years. He is in the process of writing a book on advanced spreadsheet programs.

Instructor For Sessions: F3, S2, N3

Arnold Roberts has spoken before groups of the Data Processing Management Association (DPMA), Association for Systems Management (ASM), and the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). He was selected to speak at the 1983 Rocky Mountain Data Processing Expo & Conference and at the 1983 National Computer Conference (NCC'83). He has over twelve years experience in the field of Business Data Processing, with a strong background in systems analysis and design, technical support, in-house training and project management. He formed ADC Associates in 1980 which provides in-house training as well as assisting corporations in the selection and integration of Personal Computers.