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MULTIMATE SHIPS VERSION 3.60
OF MULTIMATE ADVANTAGE PROFESSIONAL WORD PROCESSOR

TORRANCE, Calif., February 13, 1986 -- Ashton-Tate, the second largest provider of microcomputer business applications software, today announced that MultiMate has begun shipping Version 3.60 of the MultiMate Advantage Professional Word Processor.

The new version of MultiMate Advantage adds columnar operations, a built-in, 40,000-word thesaurus, a typewriter mode, and several other features to the program. Shipments of Version 3.60, which replaces MultiMate Advantage Version 3.50, began on January 27.

MultiMate Advantage 3.60 is the flagship product in the MultiMate word processing family. It includes all of the text editing functions and document handling features found in the

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best-selling MultiMate 3.3 Series, plus such features as line and box drawing capability, automatic footnoting, forms generation and fill-in, and table of contents generation and section numbering.

Until April 30, MultiMate Advantage 3.60 will be bundled with two additional software packages: GraphLink, a graphics and text integrator and MultiMate On-File, a file management system. The two have a combined retail value of \$245.

MultiMate Advantage 3.60 is designed to work with the MultiMate Business Advantage Keyboard, a plug-in replacement for IBM PC keyboards that combines the features of PC and dedicated word processing keyboards. It includes 22 programmable function keys and a traditional keyboard layout. The keyboard, which began shipping on January 20, has a suggested retail price of \$295.

"Many of the features added in Version 3.60 of MultiMate Advantage are the result of feedback from users," said Roy E. Folk, executive vice president, marketing and strategic planning for Ashton-Tate. "The ability to automatically segment text into columns is the request we heard most often from MultiMate Advantage customers. We expect MultiMate Advantage 3.60 to be a significant entry in our expanded product line and are pleased to be able to offer it."

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The columnar feature allows users to set up to eight columns on a page and view them on screen. Users can also set column widths and tabs, as well as the number of spaces between each column. MultiMate Advantage 3.60 also supports winding text, which runs continuously, similar to newspaper columns and logically associated columns, which allows related text to run side-by-side.

The 40,000-word Merriam-Webster thesaurus provides definitions and alternative words and phrases, without requiring the user to exit a document.

The new "typewriter mode" enables MultiMate Advantage 3.60 users to employ a personal computer as an electronic typewriter, with direct keyboard-to-printer operation. This makes small tasks such as typing envelopes, easier.

Other enhancements included in Version 3.60 are:

- o A keyboard merge that allows insertion of variable information into a document without having to create a secondary document.
- o A custom dictionary editor for creating, editing and deleting a custom dictionary.
- o Search capability for footnote symbols, section numbers and double underscoring.
- o A one-page "hot print" which lets the user print a specified page of text from within the editor.
- o Additional proportional spacing support for printers, including the IBM Quietwriter.
- o An enhanced 110,000-word Merriam-Webster speller/dictionary that includes legal and medical terminology.

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MultiMate Advantage was introduced in July 1985 in response to requests for new features from users of the 3.3 Series. The program requires a minimum of 320K bytes of Random Access Memory (RAM), versus 256K for the still-popular 3.3 Series.

MultiMate Advantage 3.60 runs on the IBM PC, PC XT, PC AT and 100 percent compatible computers with a minimum of 320K bytes of Random Access Memory (RAM). The product has a suggested retail price of \$595.

Acquired by Ashton-Tate in December of 1985, MultiMate International Corporation is the leading provider of microcomputer word processing programs to the corporate marketplace.

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