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ASHTON-TATE'S MULTIMATE FOR PC-DOS
NOW AVAILABLE UNDER UNIX

Hunter Systems' XDOS Version of MultiMate for Unix
'Same as Shipping Nine Source Ports All in One Day'

TORRANCE, Calif., May 1, 1990 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) and Hunter Systems Inc. today announced that MultiMate Advantage II, one of the most popular word processors for the IBM PC, is now available for most major Unix-based microcomputer systems. Under an agreement announced today, Hunter Systems, of Mountain View, Calif., will manufacture and market MultiMate Advantage II as an XDOS Portable Application.

The companies also announced their intent to deliver an XDOS version of MultiMate 4.0 for Unix later this year.

"The availability of MultiMate products under the Unix operating system provides the cross-platform functionality our customers have told us they need," said Bill Lyons, vice president and general manager of Ashton-Tate's Applications Group. "This version maintains the look-and-feel, document structure, and functionality of the PC

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version, thereby eliminating retraining and reducing internal support. This is important to our corporate customers that have made MultiMate their standard," Lyons added.

"As an XDOS Portable Application, MultiMate Advantage II can take advantage of XDOS technology available on many of the leading Unix systems," said Roy E. Folk, president and chief executive officer of Hunter Systems. "XDOS Portable Applications let PC-DOS users extend their own standards to the Unix environment with consistent applications and user interfaces -- ones they already know -- across many computers and with transparent access to advanced Unix services."

MultiMate Functionalty

MultiMate Advantage II, a full-featured high-end word processor, includes such features as an easy-to-use menu system, function key options, support of over 400 printers and line & box drawing. Like all XDOS applications, the XDOS version of MultiMate Advantage II operates and appears the same as the DOS version.

The XDOS version of MultiMate Advantage II runs on Sun and Sony Unix workstations, as well as NCR, Unisys, ARIX and Motorola multi-user systems.

It can be installed on any Unix system that hosts the XDOS Transformer, a DOS-like operating environment for Unix that links the application's DOS calls, video and user interface to equivalent Unix services. The XDOS Transformer for a specific system installs an XDOS Portable Application as a high-performance Unix program.

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Price, Availability

The XDOS version of MultiMate Advantage II for Unix is available now directly from Hunter Systems or from Hunter authorized resellers. The list price for the software is \$680 for a single-user workstation system; the basic multi-user server edition is priced at \$1,555 for five users (or tokens). Additional users are added in groups of three or eight tokens for \$495 or \$1,195.

For both user and reseller information, call Hunter Systems at (415) 965-2400.

Unix Support

The XDOS version of MultiMate Advantage II for Unix is delivered with Ashton-Tate's standard user documentation, XDOS user documentation and the XDOS applications programs on standard Unix-formatted media: cartridge tape, 5-1/4 inch floppy disks, and 3-1/2 inch floppy diskettes.

Machine-specific XDOS Transformers are available for Unix systems through systems vendors and Hunter Systems. Current XDOS Transformers include versions for Sun 3 and Sony NEWS workstations as well as NCR Tower, Unisys 5000 Series, ARIX 800 Series and Motorola Delta Series multi-user systems. Transformers for select Hewlett-Packard and Apollo workstations, and Wyse multi-user systems, will be available before July 1990.

Hunter Systems will provide technical support for the product.

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Headquartered in Torrance, Ashton-Tate Corporation develops and markets microcomputer business applications and advanced connectivity software. The company's major product categories include database management systems, word processing, integrated decision-support, spreadsheets, graphics and software utilities. Ashton-Tate has international operations in most countries around the world, with products available in 20 languages in more than 50 countries.

Founded in 1986, Hunter Systems Inc. makes, markets and supports high-performance Unix versions of popular PC-DOS applications software that retain the PC-DOS environment. Using XDOS CAPS, its proprietary computer-aided porting system, Hunter Systems' versions of popular PC-DOS applications install and run as native Unix software across many hardware systems and versions of Unix.

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