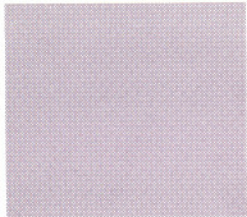


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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES SUPPORT
FOR NEW INTEL MEMORY BOARD

CULVER CITY, CALIF., April 24, 1985 -- Leading software developer and marketer Ashton-Tate today announced that a version of its Framework software package will soon be released to support a new circuit board from Intel. The new board will substantially increase the amount of random access memory (RAM) that can be used on IBM personal computers.

Ashton-Tate said the new version of Framework, available in the third quarter, will support up to 8M-bytes of memory using the new board, called the Above Boardtm. Two versions of Above Board will be offered by Intel, one for the PC and PC XT and one for the PC AT.

Framework is a multi-purpose program that combines spreadsheet and word processing functions with a database, graphics, communications and outlining. It also includes a full programming language for use in creating customized applications.

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"The new memory capabilities will allow users to actively work with vast amounts of data, making it possible to create much larger integrated documents and spreadsheets," said Edward M. Esber Jr., president and chief executive officer of Ashton-Tate. "The inability of the hardware and operating system to address more than 640K bytes of RAM has been a constraint for software developers and users, especially in the spreadsheet area. All-in-one integrated products are in the best position to capitalize on memory boards like Intel's," Esber said.

Ashton-Tate is also evaluating memory boards from several other companies. Current owners of Framework will be able to obtain an upgrade that will support the new memory standard.

Ashton-Tate is one of the leading microcomputer software companies worldwide, and is one of only a few major software firms to offer best-selling products in two categories: Framework in the multi-function areas and dBASE III in database management. The company also includes a publishing unit which produces books and a quarterly magazine. For the fiscal year ended January 31, 1985, Ashton-Tate had revenues of \$82.3 million.

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