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INFORMATION

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ASHTON-TATE RELEASES dBASE II UPDATE,
dBASE II MULTI-USER FOR TURBODOS

CULVER CITY, Calif. -- Leading microcomputer software publisher Ashton-Tate announced today (Nov. 14) the release of dBASE II version 2.43 and dBASE II Multi-User for the TurboDOS operating system.

dBASE II version 2.43 features file indexing from two to six times faster than previous versions and supports the new IBM PC/AT. With the release of the TurboDOS version of dBASE II Multi-User, Ashton-Tate now supports two multi-user environments, the other being 3COM's EtherSeries local area network (LAN).

"This new release of dBASE II again demonstrates our commitment to maintain dBASE II's position as a top-selling relational database management system for microcomputers," said Ed Esber, president and chief operating officer of Ashton-Tate.

"dBASE II version 2.43, with its substantial increase in speed of indexing files, enhances the product's competitive edge."

Ashton-Tate will begin shipping the new versions of dBASE II this month.

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All registered dBASE II users are eligible for the update, and will receive notification and ordering instructions by mail. Cost of the update will vary depending on the version of dBASE II a user is updating from. For U.S. and Canadian licensees, updating from version 2.4, the update cost ranges from \$25 to \$35 depending on the type of return shipping requested. Updates for registered users of dBASE II version 2.3 and earlier versions range in cost from \$75 to \$90. Unregistered users who wish to register and receive the update order forms should mail their registration card to Ashton-Tate's Channel Support Department or call at (213) 204-5570. The update program expires January 31, 1985.

First shipped in 1981, dBASE II quickly became the largest-selling relational DBMS in the world, with more than 300,000 units now shipped. dBASE II runs on most popular 8-bit microcomputer business systems and is available in nine languages including French, German, Spanish and Japanese. Today, dBASE II is still the top-selling DBMS in the world for 8-bit microcomputers.

dBASE II Multi-User for the TurboDOS operating system, versions 1.2 and 1.3, is similar to dBASE II Multi-User developed for the IBM PC and compatible computers running on the 3COM EtherSeries LAN. dBASE II Multi-User provides all the power of dBASE II while allowing several users to simultaneously access shared data files and application programs. It is completely compatible with single user dBASE II, allowing transfer of data files with no modification.

Features include record and index locking, file locking within an application program and password security within an application program.

More than 16 machines run TurboDOS, including NorthStar, IMS, and Televideo.

TurboDOS version of dBASE II Multi-User will be available at the end of the month. Suggested retail price for dBASE II Multi-User is \$995. After January 31, 1985, it will cost \$495 to exchange dBASE II for Multi-User. To get the number of the nearest authorized dealer in your area call 1-(800)437-4329.

In a related announcement the company said that it is extending the exchange program, which allows registered users of dBASE II to exchange dBASE II for dBASE III or dBASE II Multi-User, to January 31, 1985. Exchange kits may be purchased from authorized Ashton-Tate dealers. The suggested retail price is \$200.

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