

Byline Review Kit

10 Product Highlights

To assist editors in evaluating and reviewing Byline, we have listed ten product highlights. For further information, call the Ashton-Tate Publishing Group at (213) 538-7596/7598/7599 or Janet Bailey, Technical Support, at (203) 247-3445.

1. **dBASE Merge.** The unique dBASE Merge feature allows users to import dBASE III PLUS databases into pre-styled forms such as mail merge letters, directories, forms and invoices.
2. **File Import and Export Capability.** Byline imports from and exports to MultiMate Advantage 3.6, MultiMate Advantage II, WordPerfect 4.1 and 4.2, WordStar 3.3 and 4.0, XyWrite II and XyWrite III and ASCII. Byline automatically exports changes made in Byline to the original source file.

Byline directly imports files from dBASE III PLUS (.DBF), Lotus 1-2-3 and Symphony (both worksheets and graphs), MacPaint, PC Paintbrush, PC Paintbrush Plus and Windows Paint.

3. **Spec Sheets.** Page element characteristics, such as type size and style, are stored in text-based "spec sheets". Through a split-screen display, users view both the spec sheets and their corresponding page simultaneously.
4. **Text Editor.** Byline offers a full-featured text editor that enables users to conveniently edit or create text without having to leave Byline and return to the word processing program. The editor provides a superior table handling capability and supports standard features such as type styling, cut, copy, block moves and search and replace.
5. **Printer Support.** Byline supports a variety of printers including the H-P LaserJet, H-P LaserJet Plus, H-P LaserJet Series II, Okidata Laser Printer, Apple LaserWriter and others using a PostScript printer driver. The product also supports many 9- and 24-pin dot matrix printers from Epson, Okidata and IBM.

6. Graphics Support. Byline directly imports images produced by scanners that support the ZSoft (PC Paintbrush) format, including the Datacopy, Microtek, DEST and Hewlett-Packard ScanJet. Other software screens may be imported through a special "camera" utility that takes a screen snapshot that can then be brought into the program directly.
7. Design Flexibility. Design features include rules and borders (lines and boxes); auto-leaders and repeating characters; automatic kerning; multiple left and right master pages; automatic headers and footers; and automated text flow.
8. Fonts. Byline offers a variety of fonts including Times, Swiss, Courier (monospaced typewriter font), Bookman, and dBASE Elite, a special typestyle for database and spreadsheet users. Type sizes range from 8 to 144 points.
9. Ease of Use/Performance. Byline uses the standard PC navigational keys and function keys. The product features a number of shortcuts for frequent operations and menu command sequences. Byline offers speed of operations to performance-oriented PC users.
10. Work Group Publishing Features. Byline's document portability feature means that, whatever printer is used, the same text or graphics appears in the same location in the document. Up to four printers can be installed at once, allowing the user to print directly to the device, or to a file which can then be printed on another printer. In addition, pages or documents can be annotated with non-printing, non-displaying page files for version control and archival purposes.

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