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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES MULTI-USER dBASE II VERSION

New York, N.Y., February 15, 1984 -- A program that allows microcomputer users to share information without "crashing" was unveiled at a New York media conference today by Ashton-Tate.

The product is a multi-user version of the company's highly successful dBASE II program, which is currently the largest selling microcomputer database management system in the world.

Highlighting its new abilities is a feature which allows many people to share information, but only allows one user at a time to make changes.

In many multi-user systems, a "crash" or "freeze" could occur if two people attempted to use the same record at the same time. Additionally, if two people did get access, two different sets of changes could be made at the same time without either person knowing that the other was making the changes.

"Multi-user dBASE II is ideal for the office that needs centralized data storage with the flexibility of individual work stations," said Harvey Jeane, vice president of product development at Ashton-Tate. "When programmed by the user, this special feature acts as a 'traffic cop' to keep things flowing smoothly, eliminating confusion. When one person is done, another gets access."

Jeane said the multi-user version of dBASE II will be available this spring.