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MultiMate Advantage II
FACT SHEET

MultiMate Advantage II is Ashton-Tate's new flagship word processing product designed to provide more power, ease of use, options, quick results and quality output for a new generation of users.

MultiMate Advantage II's key features include the option of document or page orientation; the option of a pull-down menu interface consistent with those found in Ashton-Tate's dBASE III PLUS, Framework II and RapidFile; a merge with dBASE that makes MultiMate Advantage II a logical word processing companion for dBASE users, an expansive undo/delete feature, faster processing, six-function math, sorting within a document, a preview option to see how a document will print, WordStar and FFT-DCA conversion features, and increased laser support.

MultiMate Advantage II is complemented by an integrated, enhanced MultiMate On-File mail list manager.

NEW FEATURES & ENHANCEMENTS

OPTIONS

o   **Document or page orientation option.**

o   **Document summary screen bypass option.** Users can choose to bypass the full power of MultiMate's document summary screens.

o   **Preview option.** Users can choose to see on-screen how part of or an entire document will print.

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EASE OF USE

o   **Optional, pull-down menu interface consistent with those found in dBASE III PLUS, Framework II and RapidFile.** MultiMate Advantage II also offers the traditional MultiMate interface.

o   **Undo/delete feature.** This enables users to recover deleted text continually as long as a document remains open (limited only by disk space).

o   **Full support for DOS 2.0 and above pathing.** Pathing is a function in DOS that creates roadways to place files into sub-directories for organizational purposes.

o   **Improved menu selection.** One keystroke makes a selection, rather than keystroke and "return."

o   **Standardization on F10 key.** For consistency and ease of use, over 300 functions are standardized on the F10 key. Users need only push the F10 key to execute such functions as copy, delete, search, etc.

o   **Directory of Key Procedures.** Users can select names of key procedures from a directory. Procedures are macros, stored sequences of key strokes set up by the user.

o   **Scroll through.** This allows users to display the PAT (printer action table), SAT (sheet feeder action table) and CWT (character width table) to select a table for use in printing.

POWER

o   **Merge with dBASE.** Users can utilize existing dBASE records to generate "personalized" form letters.

o   **New conversion power.** Users can exchange MultiMate files with other programs much more easily, including FFT-DCA and WordStar.

o   **ASCII import.** Users can bring ASCII files directly into an existing MultiMate document.

o   **Merge enhancement.** This works with ASCII, dBASE or MultiMate data files allowing users to select records by logical operator, i.e. to merge all addresses in which the last names begin with "S." (Logical operators include equal to, not equal to, greater than, less than, greater than or equal to, and less than or equal to.)

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QUICKER RESULTS

o   **Faster processing.** The product provides improved
speed; particularly in going from page to page, outputting to the
laser printer, in the search-and-replace function and in the
spell-checker.

o   **DOS access.** This allows for a quick, temporary exit to
DOS to run DOS programs.

o   **Hot Start.** Users can bypass usual menus in creating or
editing documents.

SOPHISTICATED RESULTS

o   **Sorting within a document.** This includes a sort
for first or last names, an ascending/descending feature, and the
option to rearrange an entire line or just the highlighted
portion.

o   **Six-function math.** This makes it unnecessary for users
to leave a document to do the most common kinds of computation.

o   **Comment feature.** Users can display annotative, text
comments with the option to print or suppress.

o   **Footnote function.** Users can create legal and academic
footnotes that also can be grouped as endnotes.

QUALITY OUTPUT

o   **Support for down-loadable fonts.** The product supports
26 fonts within a document and up to 18 "soft" (down-loadable)
fonts. Downloading of fonts is improved so users only have to
download the font once.

o   **Auto-hyphenation.**

o   **Printer option to allow double-spacing for drafts.**

o   **Supports over 400 printers, including increased laser
support.**

CONNECTIVITY

A single-box, local area network version of MultiMate Advantage
II will be available soon.

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INTEGRATED MULTIMATE ON-FILE MAIL LIST MANAGER

Key enhancements include:

o   a menu bypass system that allows quick access to other menus,

o   the ability to create a regular MultiMate document in addition to a "merge data" file so users can transfer data on both the front and back of MultiMate On-File cards,

o   an add and copy feature so users can automatically repeat text on cards being created,

o   a go-to feature in the "display selected cards" menu lets users quickly move forward or backward a certain number of cards,

o   automatic word wrap on the back of cards and automatic character wrap on the front,

o   increased speed and better performance,

o   consistent use of keys in MultiMate Advantage II and MultiMate On-File (the F10 and "Escape" keys),

o   a "hot start" feature so users can create new boxes, access existing boxes or move directly to the "create and add a card" function from the DOS prompt,

o   and the ability to merge directly with MultiMate.

Enhancements also support ASCII conversions, free format for information and creation of templates. MultiMate On-File also has a Document Cataloguing feature that allows users to manage their MultiMate Advantage II documents by copying document summary screens and creating "cards" of them to keep on file.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

o   IBM Personal Computer, IBM PC/XT, IBM PC/XT 2, IBM PC/AT, IBM PC/AT 2, PC Convertible and 100 percent plug-compatibles. Compaq Plus, Compaq Deskpro, Compaq Deskpro 286, Compaq Deskpro 386, Compaq Portable II, AT&T PC 6300. IBM Personal System/2.

o   Minimum of 384K bytes of free random access memory (RAM) for DOS 2.0 or higher. Two double-sided diskette drives, or a hard disk and one double-sided diskette drive (recommended).

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SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

o   MultiMate Advantage II has a suggested retail price of $565.

o   As of April 2, 1987, MultiMate became available in 3 1/2-inch disk format to run on IBM's newest computers, the IBM Personal System/2 line. In addition to shipping MultiMate Advantage II in packages containing a 5 1/4-inch formatted disk versions, Ashton-Tate began shipping both 3 1/2- and 5 1/4-inch formatted disk versions of MultiMate Advantage II in one package called the "Premium Pack." The suggested list price for the MultiMate Advantage II Premium Pack is $595.

o   Quantity-one, introductory upgrades from any version of MultiMate are $100. Volume discounts are available.

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