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MULTIMATE LAN-VERSION SOFTWARE IMPROVES WORKSTATION RESOURCING
Software Combines MultiMate Versatility With Network Capabilities

EAST HARTFORD (Jan. 7) -- MultiMate LAN-version software is helping multi-workstation offices improve their operations by combining the shared resources and information exchange of LAN software with advanced MultiMate features.

The LAN versions are customized and take full advantage of the features local area networks provide. They provide users with both LAN features -- like file locking -- and high-level MultiMate features -- like integrating graphics from other software products into MultiMate documents.

Before Multimate offered LAN versions, MultiMate software could run on networks, but it did not take advantage of the network's features. Users ran certain inherent risks, such as several people accessing the same file simultaneously. Also, Multimate International offered only single-user licensing agreements and running MultiMate on a network violated that agreement.

MultiMate LAN-version software offers access to the word processing power and ease of MultiMate for all users in a local area network environment. It permits standardization of office document handling, file sharing, electronic data transfer between LAN workstations, and the sharing of printers and other peripherals.

Increasingly, offices were acquiring work stations that couldn't communicate and disk swapping emerged as the way to share documents. Users needed a better way to manage and share information, and, consequently, local area networks were developed. Multimate developed its LAN-version software to take advantage of LAN capabilities.

Introduced in August, 1985, MultiMate Advantage™ Word Processor and the MultiMate® Professional Word Processor, 3.3 Series run on 3Com®, IBM® PC Network, and Novell Netware/86® LANs. For users of other LAN networks, Multimate has a universal MultiMate LAN that works on most other networks.

With LAN-version software, users can store all files in a central location, transfer data electronically, lock files, create public and private document files, secure shared and nonshared system files, establish individual custom dictionaries, and standardize document formats.

Because the software resides in the network, only one copy of the MultiMate software is needed to provide word processing to all licensed users in the network. Likewise, only a single hard disk is needed to work as the network server. Users can also share system files, such as printer action tables, sheet feeder action tables, and character width/translation tables.

Only one copy of the Webster dictionary is required and a custom dictionary can be created to assure consistent spelling of technical words, acronyms and terms. Copies of the custom dictionary can be distributed to the users, which they can expand to include their own individual word lists. Also, users can build a library of frequently used phrases, paragraphs, or pages for boilerplates.

System defaults, such as destructive backspace or spaces as dots, can be controlled by the supervisor or optionally changed by the user. This feature gives corporations the option to set up standard system defaults or to allow users to create their own.

Other MultiMate functions which are similiar to dedicated word processing systems include:

*   Multiple drive support.

*   Document Summary screen searching and printing.

*   Library and Key Procedures.

In addition to the memory requirements of the LAN software, MultiMate Advantage Professional Word Processor requires 320K internal memory. MultiMate Professional Word Processor, 3.3 Series requires 256K internal memory. Both MultiMate Advantage and MultiMate 3.3 Series are designed for the IBM® PC, XT, AT and 100 percent IBM-compatible computers, and require DOS 2.0 or higher and two double-sided disk drives. Both are hard-disk compatible. The network server must have a hard disk.

Multimate International is a leading developer of software for the IBM® Personal Computer and 100 percent-compatible microcomputers. Its MultiMate Professional Word Processor has consistently been one of the best selling business software products for the IBM PC. Multimate International is an Ashton-Tate company.

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