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ASHTON-TATE SHIPS Step IVward

Software utility to convert Clipper, FoxBASE
and Quicksilver applications to dBASE IV
ships on schedule

TORRANCE, Calif., December 7, 1988 -- Ashton-Tate

Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today began shipping Step IVward (pronounced Step Forward), a conversion program that allows developers with Clipper, FoxBASE and Quicksilver applications to convert those applications to dBASE IV without rewriting large amounts of code.

Step IVward is a menu-driven, stand-alone dBASE IV utility designed for developers to translate Clipper, FoxBASE, or Quicksilver source code into executable dBASE IV code. It translates most of the functionality in these products, and includes files tree processing, in-code commenting, and full printing capabilities.

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"Step IVward provides an easy migration path to dBASE IV, enabling developers to make existing applications immediately available to the dBASE IV community," said Eric Kim, Ashton-Tate's vice president and general manager of the database products division. "The product also furthers our commitment to our development community by making their conversions effortless. Many of the developers have written three to four hundred thousand lines of source code in other products. With Step IVward, the time needed to recode this into dBASE IV is drastically reduced."

Price, Availability

Step IVward will be sent at no charge to those developers who attended the Ashton-Tate Developer Conference in mid-September. Step IVward's suggested retail price is \$89.95; however, for a limited time, Clipper, FoxBASE and Quicksilver developers purchasing dBASE IV Developer's Edition may buy Step IVward for \$9.95. In order to qualify for this price, they must send the first page of their Clipper, FoxBASE and Quicksilver documentation along with a completed order form (included in the dBASE IV Developer's Edition package) to Ashton-Tate. dBASE IV, dBASE IV Developers Edition and dBASE IV LAN began shipping on October 24, 1988.

Step IVward can be ordered via the form included in the dBASE IV Developer's Edition package, by mail through Ashton-Tate's direct mail catalogue, or by calling (800) 227-6900.

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