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Topic 14 Fri Nov 03, 1989
S.MATHEWS1 [Pat] (Forwarded)
Sub: Wordwriter 128

Topic to discuss Wordwriter 128 from Timeworks, Inc.
1 message(s) total.

Category 1, Topic 14
Message 1 Fri Nov 03, 1989
S.MATHEWS1 [Pat] (Forwarded)

A friend has a comm 128 and has been having crashing problems with using Wordwriter g wordwriter 128. Evidently he occasionally gets a break while writing a letter. I guess it says "Break #####" and then all it will do is put question marks at the cursor.

Anyone use this program??? He has got a replacement version from the publisher, but it does the same thing. I suggested that he clean his drive and maybe buy a new transient surge protector. Any ideas???

Thanks,
~~~Pat~~~

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Topic 16                      Mon Nov 06, 1989  
J.WINTERS4                      at 19:38 EST  
Sub: Printer for Commodore Plus/4

Suggestions solicited for an inexpensive, but high quality <Ha, ha> printer for the Plus/4

2 message(s) total.

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Category 1,    Topic 16  
Message 1                      Mon Nov 06, 1989

J.WINTERS4

at 19:53 EST

I don't know if this is the right place to do it, but... If not, I hope someone will direct me to a more appropriate forum.

My mother purchased a Commodore Plus/4 several years ago and a disk drive last year. She's finally decided that she needs a printer, too, and can't find anything she's really willing to spend the money on.

I'm familiar with CP/M machines and IBM compatibles (Boo!! Hiss!! I'm with you there) but not the Commodore line. I'd be inclined to go with an Epson, Panasonic, or similar printer but don't know if they're compatible or not. Sears has an interface module that apparently goes with the Okimate line of printers but it runs \$80 -- not including the printer, of course. That seems a bit steep to me. Is anything else available? Can anyone suggest a vendor, mail order or otherwise? What is available and/or necessary to hook a Plus/4 to a printer? Is it worth bothering or should we bite the bullet and get a different machine?

Thanks in advance, Jim

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Category 1, Topic 16

Message 2 Mon Nov 06, 1989

HORO [ SysOp ] at 23:39 EST

I'm not all that familiar with the Plus/4, but if it's like the other Commodore computers, once you have an interface, you can use any printer that any other computer (CP/M, MS-DOS, etc.) can use. That's what the interface does ... converts the "oddball" Commodore output to standard ASCII, that the

printers expect. Most interfaces add some extra features, including the ability to emulate a Commodore printer, print graphics, change fonts, etc.

Panasonic and Epson are both good choices. You may also want to look at the Star line, which includes a couple of color printers. Star also makes some Commodore compatible printers, but I don't know if the Plus/4 uses the same interface scheme as the 64/128 do.

I got my printer from Lyco, a big mail order house that advertises in most of the mags, Commodore "real-world" ... definitely in Computer Shopper, if nowhere else. They have a pretty good tech support line, and a toll free number. If you can't find one of their ads, call 800 directory assistance.

Let us know what you find out ... others could probably use this information too.

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Topic 2 Thu Nov 02, 1989  
J.ZIELINSKY1 [Mr. Neutron] at 20:36 EST  
Sub: RTC times&dates

I have a question: Why aren't the rtc's active more often?  
4 message(s) total.

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Category 2, Topic 2  
Message 1 Thu Nov 02, 1989  
J.ZIELINSKY1 [Mr. Neutron] at 20:42 EST

I want to know why the RTC's aren't full more often. Yes, I know they get pretty full when a scheduled meeting comes up, but those are mostly at 10:00 est. My point is: Why don't we easterners sit in on bull sessions starting at

6:00 and lasting until scheduled RTC conferences? It gets  
kinda empty 'round  
here, and it ain't fun looking for someone to talk to.

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Category 2, Topic 2

Message 2 Fri Nov 03, 1989

HORO [ SysOp ] at 00:42 EST

We'd be glad to hold RTC's whenever there is a desire by the  
members, Mr.

Neutron.

In an attempt to find a time people would find more  
convenient, we started the  
Sunday Morning Brunch RTC at 11AM Eastern, but very few people  
ever show up.

This is a great time to get help with whatever problems you  
might be having  
with GENie or your Commodore, but you gotta show up to use  
it!!

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Category 2, Topic 2

Message 3 Fri Nov 03, 1989

C128-BILL [SYSOP] at 18:38 EST

About the same time you posted your question, there was an RTC  
taking place.

Why not drop in next time, even if its just to say hi.

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Category 2, Topic 2

Message 4 Thu Nov 09, 1989

DIGITAL.DOC at 21:36 PST

I've been trying to find a good time on the opposite end...

Being on the West

coast, most of the conferences start a little early for me.

However, so far

my minor experiments in opening a room in the evening

California time have

met with the same success that the Sunday morning brunch has  
had... Ho Hum!

Make your suggestions know, we're trying! :)

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Topic 6                      Mon Nov 06, 1989  
E.PIECEWICZ [Ed]                      at 21:22 EST  
Sub: Changing disk filetypes.

For help in changing the disk file types on Commodore 64's.  
5 message(s) total.

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Category 4,    Topic 6  
Message 1                      Mon Nov 06, 1989  
E.PIECEWICZ [Ed]                      at 21:26 EST

When using the CCGMS! terminal program for the Commodore 64,  
there is a bug  
in the XMODEM section of the program that will save a download  
as a SEQ file  
instead of a PRG file.

I have been unable to change the filetype from SEQ to PRG,  
although what has  
surprised me was that if I downloaded the file as a normal  
program:

LOAD "FILENAME,S",8,1

it would load and run as a perfectly normal program, and I  
don't know why!

When the filetype is selected on the menu as SEQ or PRG, it  
will save as SEQ  
regardless of what is selected.

Thank you for any help that is provided.

Ed  
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Category 4,    Topic 6  
Message 2                      Tue Nov 07, 1989  
DO-RAE-MI [Ted]                      at 00:18 EST\_  
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Ed,

It's possible to avoid the Xmodem bug in that family of terminal programs. When the program asks you to type in the name you wish to give the file, type:

filename,p,w then hit return and select program at the menu. It will obediently download the file as a program file. I haven't had occasion to test the problem with as user file, but I expect the same sort of bug fix will work.

The program itself is ok. The only thing that needs to be changed is the little marker on the disk directory that says "seq" to the system. I do that with the monitor in my Fastload cartridge if I had my attack o absentmindedness when downloading to a 1541 disk. Any good monitor will do the job. Sequential files display as \$81 or 81 or 129 and appear as the third number representing information when the directory is displayed to screen. Program files display as \$82 or 82 or 129. Unless you are experienced and have just that file on a disk, a monitor is probably not the way to go. A mistake can make the data on the disk inaccessible or destroy it. Some of the fancier disk directory utilities allow similar type changes on the directory. If I have downloaded to 1581, I scratch the file, then load and run 1581Unscratch from the Commodore RT library. I unscratch the file and select "program" from the file type option menu. The file is reincarnated as a program file. This of course works only if you haven't saved something to disk after scratching the sequential file.

Ted

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Category 4, Topic 6

Message 3

Tue Nov 07, 1989

E.PIECEWICZ [Ed]

at 07:39 EST

Ted:

OK, I'll take a look at that 1581 unscratch file, and I will try that fix you mentioned as well. Anything is worth a shot.

Ed

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Category 4, Topic 6

Message 4 Tue Nov 07, 1989

E.PIECEWICZ [Ed]

at 21:11 EST

Ted:

I tried those commands you mentioned, but although it saved to a disk as a PRG as expected, I tried this in 2400 baud, and got nothing but bad blocks on a download.

I have also used Touchterm v7.7a with no difficulty whatsoever at all bauds and all transfers.

Thanks.

Ed

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Category 4, Topic 6

Message 5 Wed Nov 08, 1989

DO-RAE-MI [Ted]

at 21:25 EST

Ed,

I only go up to and can test terminal programs up to 1200 baud. I can not warrant that the CCGMS works at 2400 baud at all. The "fix" I mentioned is one that works for me at 1200 baud with my Hayes compatible modem. I'll have to mark down this little added problem with the CCGMS family of terminals for future reference. Thanks for the feedback!

Ted

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Topic 17                    Tue Jan 27, 1987  
R.STANEK                                    (Forwarded)  
Sub: GAMES DISCUSSION

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Category 4,    Topic 17  
Message 12                    Sat Nov 11, 1989  
M.STRANGE2 [Matt S.]                    at 02:30 EST

Altogether different question... Is there anyone who has  
Electronic Arts'  
Robot Rascals for the 64 that is collectin dust and would like  
to sell it? I  
haven't been able to find it anywhere (it didn't last on the  
market for even  
one year!) and have been bummed about it. If someone wants to  
part with their  
copy, leave me mail or post back here. Mail is preferred since  
I don't get to  
this BB very often. Thanks...                    Matt S.

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Topic 15                    Sun Jul 23, 1989  
J.DIMATTEO                                    (Forwarded)  
Sub: GIF

L Help-    !    Looking for a GIF reer.  
7 message(s) total.  
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Category 7,    Topic 15  
Message 7                    Fri Nov 03, 1989  
LLOYD                                    at 00:29 EST

The GIF viewer is in the Photography Roundtable library.  
It's under the  
name C64GIF.sda, Or, you can do a search under my name. I Up'd  
it. The file



contains 3 files; The Basic program, the ML, and the text on the specs of a GIF file.

I'm looking forward to someone writing a C128/80 column GIF to Geos conversion program.

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Topic 5 Date: Thu Oct 31, 1985  
TGROOMS at 20:07 EST  
Sub: ANCHOR 6470-6480 Modem Info

NEW 300/1200 BAUD MODEM BY ANCHOR AUTOMATION FOR USE WITH THE 64.

41 message(s) total.

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Category 8, Topic 5  
Message 41 Wed Nov 08, 1989  
M.DAHMS at 01:04 CST

Any and all commands for the 6480 in basic would be appreciated.

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Topic 8 Sat Aug 12, 1989  
N.ROSSI at 22:37 PDT  
Sub: Novaterm for the C-64

Any questions, comments, bugs, or other ramblings about Novaterm, I'm here to help!

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Category 8, Topic 8  
Message 10 Thu Nov 02, 1989  
E.SHRIVER at 19:06 CST

I down loaded NOVATERM8.2 dated 8/18/89. I can not run programs I down load with it. The number of blocks on my 1541 disk seems to be 1 greater than if

I use XMOBUF which I used before. Do i need to use a pad  
stripper like before  
XMOBUF? NOVATERM is much faster and I love the options  
available.

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Category 8, Topic 8  
Message 11 Sat Nov 04, 1989  
N.ROSSI at 19:33 PST

First, I assume you are using Xmodem? What programs  
specifically are you  
working on downloading? Perhaps the Xmodem protocol was  
corrupted during  
downloading. Try one of the other protocols to see if you  
have the same  
trouble.

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Topic 9 Sun Oct 08, 1989  
DAZED at 12:23 EDT  
Sub: Does CCGMS v7.5 download?

I have been playing with this term program to get it to work  
in downloading.  
It doesn't.  
4 message(s) total.

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Category 8, Topic 9  
Message 4 Mon Nov 06, 1989  
E.PIECEWICZ [Ed] at 21:21 EST

If you're playing with version 7.5, you have an unofficial  
release.

The LAST official release of CCGMS was version 5.5 by C.  
Smith.

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Topic 59 Sat Jan 09, 1988  
CPX at 22:30 CST  
Sub: Help and informaton on ST/R BBS!

The author is ST/R BBS gives all the help he can with any problems

users(sysops my have.

31 message(s) total.

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Category 8, Topic 59

Message 31 Mon Oct 30, 1989

W.MOORE17 at 20:15 PST

I have downloaded all the new files for ST/R 3.6. How do I set up the empire game? The BBS loads it up ok. But when it goes to get a players stats, the message This game not set up (or something like that) is displayed and the BBS loads back up.

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Topic 3 Sun Jun 11, 1989

C128-BILL [Phoenix] at 09:54 EDT

Sub: \*\*\* FOR SALE, Hardware \*\*\*

New Home for the For Sale of Hardware items. All messages will be deleted

after 45 days, or if item is sold.\_

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10 message(s) total.

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Category 11, Topic 3

Message 10 Sun Oct 29, 1989

S.COX2 at 18:53 EST

Commodore C64 Commodore C128 Two Drives 1541 & 1571 Star SG10 Printer Great

NLQ printing! Amber High Resolution Monitor 80 column Modem 300 baud + several

soft telecommunication packages Flexidraw lighth pen + font package + graphics

package ##### Software ##### all commercial with manuals

Includes Paperclip64 Paperclip128

Swiftcalc128(spreadsheet)

Geos GeosFonts GeosWriter Much Much more.....

Including KoalaPad with 2 software packages All  
hardware &  
software in perfect working order. I will send you list by  
mail. I am selling  
because I went to a Macintosh at work. Everything: \$900 (less  
than the  
software alone is worth) Will consider best offer GEMAIL:  
SCOX2 OFFICE  
(404) 986-3229 HOME (404) 368-9178 Steven Cox Mercer  
University Atlanta  
(Director: Desktop Lab)

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Topic 8 Sat Apr 18, 1987  
H.ROUSE (Forwarded)  
Sub: Monitor display problem--HELP!!

C-128 with Amiga 1080 monitor has momentary display problem  
23 message(s) total.

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Category 11, Topic 8  
Message 21 Sun Nov 05, 1989  
A.CLAYSONII at 08:10 EST

I've got a problem with one of the 64's I use at work. After  
it's been on for  
awhile, the monitor display (use an old Commodore Color  
Monitor I bought with  
the computer) changes to a solid graphic pattern. Placement of  
type can be  
made out (different pattern), but is also displayed by some  
graphic symbol and  
is illegible. Colors change, but are fairly uniform between  
background and  
type. I can usually clear up the display by typing <run/stop>  
<restore> and  
running the program again (may have to do it several times).  
The display  
usually holds for a few minutes after being restored. Changing  
power supplies  
doesn't seem to help. Both the computer and monitor are about  
8 years old. I  
use P Technology's 64k cartridge with the computer, but  
changing this doesn't

solve the problem. I'd sure appreciate any help on this if anyone has some suggestions. Thanks,

Alan

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Category 11, Topic 8

Message 23 Fri Nov 10, 1989

DIGITAL.DOC at 01:38 PST

Alan,

Sounds like the most well defined case of a faulty Programmable Logic Array I've ever heard!

A MAJOR heat producer, the PLA controls which banks of memory are in place at any given time. That includes the character ROM and the color memory.

You didn't state your level of expertise/equipment in your note, but the PLA is easy to change as it is usually a socketed IC.

Do you want help changing it yourself, or are you going to send the unit for repair?

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Topic 12 Sun Oct 26, 1986

RICE (Forwarded)

Sub: Monitors

Ideas on Monitors

32 message(s) total.

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Category 11, Topic 12

Message 30 Sun Oct 29, 1989

HORO [ SysOp ] at 07:53 EST

Ed, I had a similar problem with my 1902A, except the screen would blank. I opened it up and found that the lead from a component was touching the metal shield plate that runs under the circuit board.

I took it to a reg'lar TV repair shop, and they fixed it. It was a little pricey, mainly because that metal plate has to be de-soldered to get it out, then replaced.

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Category 11, Topic 12

Message 31 Sun Oct 29, 1989

DIGITAL.DOC at 08:45 PST

Ed,

The fact that you can give it an attitude adjustment does make a loose connector or component a very likely candidate. I'd say it probably can be saved. I don't think its the picture tube. Go ahead and try to have it repaired.

<Doc>

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Category 11, Topic 12

Message 32 Sat Nov 11, 1989

E.GORELIK at 02:03 EST

What I get from reading this message base is that it's possible to hook up a 128 to a composite monochrome monitor at the RGB port and thereby get 80 col.

My friend Laszlo just bought a Magnavox monochrome, model #7622, which has an 80 col capability, and needs a cable which will let him hook it up to the 128 that way. He tells me that the Magnavox has only an RCA port with holes for 2 jacks--one for video and one for audio. What we conclude is that he needs an RGBI cable, with a DB9 connector at the 128 side and an RCA connector, or



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Category 11, Topic 41  
Message 3 Fri Nov 10, 1989  
DIGITAL.DOC at 01:43 PST

Jeff,

I need a little better description to help you out. Tell me more about the programs you are using that give you trouble and the ones that work. At this point, your problem sounds more like a software one than a hardware problem. Is this just one program or does the problem show up on more than one?

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Category 11, Topic 41  
Message 4 Fri Nov 10, 1989  
J.BRADLEY11 at 22:12 EST

Well, it shows up on most all programs that print a saved screen at ONE time.

(I am not talking about reading a graphic file and printing it to the screen). I have a BBS program that when it boots it loads a file then WHAM! the TITLE screen pops on all at once.

It was made with keyboard characters like I said before. I have another program that does it be also relays on cursor control keys for selection and it wont even work on this computer and the sprites are a bit odd. But most of the system works fine. At least I know its not the software because they ALL run perfect on the 64c I have. I have the old 64 as a backup system should my c ever go down!

They also work on another 64 lying next to me.

Hopefully you can help!

Jeff



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Category 11, Topic 41  
Message 6 Fri Nov 10, 1989  
DIGITAL.DOC at 22:40 PST

Jeff,

As promised, I'm back. Here's my opinion.

The most common way to "Pop" up a screen is to switch the location of screen memory from its normal location beginning at 1024 to some other area which has already been pre-loaded with the appropriate info. Sprite pointers are also located in this block and will move/change too.

The VIC is not the only chip which has control of this situation. CIA 2 controls the bank selection used by the VIC to find screen memory. Normally, CIA 1 and 2 are not soldered in place and may be swapped with relative ease. If you want to try this and are not sure of the chip locations, etc, search\_ \_\_\_=2\_\_\_=\_\_\_\_\_ --  
the software library using my mail address as shown above as a key. All the info you need is located in files I uploaded a while ago.

Let us know how this works out. Good Luck!

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Topic 3 Sat May 27, 1989  
COMP-U-CRAFT at 08:13 EDT  
Sub: Basic 8 compiler needed...

Does anyone know of a Basic 8 compiler. Can Abacus Basic 128 compiler compile Basic 8? I have the Abacus prg. but the @ commands are conflicting with the @ commands of Basic 8. Also is there a Patech Tech support #? 3 message(s) total.

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Topic 3 Sun Apr 23, 1989  
EMJAY at 01:27 EDT  
Sub: Desterm128 - GENIE problems

Need help on setting of Desterm128 for GENie.

54 message(s) total.

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Category 15, Topic 3

Message 54 Wed Nov 01, 1989

E.LEWIS2 at 06:25 CST

Well, I still haven't recieved the Dialogue package so I can't tell you about

it. :( As far as the purpose of this topic, re: Desterm, I can say that I

have gotten it to work with my old 1670 modem. This is what you have to do:

1. Dload"desterm1.02". and press return. After the program has loaded, then

press the 'Restore' key. Now type 'run' and the program should load and run

fine. This is weird I know and supposedly the author is working on a fix.

The problem is you can't just 'run' desterm without hitting the restore key

first if you have an old style 1670 modem. As far as getting it to work, it

works well. You should set the Rs-232 p port to inverted.

That is as far as

I have gotten. The Ansii graphics look very nice on IBM systems. Geoff Lewis

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Topic 7 Sun Oct 22, 1989

M.NEUMAN1 at 14:12 MDT

Sub: GEOS v2.0

Obtaining new version of GEOS in trade for old one.

2 message(s) total.

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Category 19, Topic 7\_ \_\_\_=d\_\_\_\_=\_\_\_\_\_

Message 2 Mon Oct 30, 1989

R.ROMINE1 [GeoRon] at 23:54 CST

The easiest way to upgrade from GEOS 1.2 or 1.3 to 2.0 is use the "Update

Coupon". Go out and buy a November 1989 issue of RUN Magazine and flip to page 3. There, you will find a coupon that will let you upgrade from the old GEOS to GEOS 2.0, plus receive "FontPack 1" free. The upgrade fee is \$29.95 for GEOS 64 2.0, and \$34.95 for GEOS 128 2.0. (Requires coupon, GEOS manual cover, and payment.)

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Topic 11                      Sat Nov 11, 1989  
S.WOOD3 [Scott]                      at 01:51 PST  
Sub: geoWrite

I have questions... anyone else have questions? Anyone have answers?

1 message(s) total.

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Category 19,    Topic 11  
Message 1                      Sat Nov 11, 1989  
S.WOOD3 [Scott]                      at 02:04 PST

As I make my move toward using GEOS for most everything I do with my 128 I find there are a few things that don't seem to work quite the way I'd expect them to. For instance, (am I stupid or what?) is there anyway to set TOP and BOTTOM margins in geoWrite?

What about printer drivers... I have a Star NX-2400 printer; the driver I'm using right now (cause it seems to work the best) is Epson LQ 1500. But, even though it works, it doesn't seem to do the printer any justice... I mean the final product doesn't look any better than what my old Gemini 10X would produce. Are there any other Epson drivers (like for the LQ800}i) out there somewhere?

One last question (for the moment)... when I send something to the printer using the Commodore font, 10 pitch, NLQ spacing, and NLQ mode selected on the print menu all formatting commands seem to be stripped, ie. no bold, no underlining etc. Is there any way around this? It seems a shame to be stuck with 9 pin graphic fonts when using a 24 pin printer... I think I may be better off with Pocket Writer... (speaking of Pocket Writer - ah, that's another sore subject-where IS version three that my credit card paid for three months ago?)

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Topic 29                      Sat Dec 26, 1987  
HORO                                              at 16:29 EST  
Sub: GEOS128-questions,comments,problems

Questions, comments and problems with GEOS 128 and the new products that are being released for use with it.  
32 message(s) total.

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Category 19,    Topic 29  
Message 31                      Sun Oct 29, 1989  
WC.COLEMAN [GeoOp]                      at 05:45 EST

There is a 'Trojan Horse' in the Kernal that will erase the system files if it thinks you are using a copy of a boot disk. Unfortunalty it sometimes guesses wrong and :poof:, no more boot disk. Like the man said - keep a tab on it at ALL times! -WC

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Category 19,    Topic 29  
Message 32                      Sun Oct 29, 1989  
DO-RAE-MI [Ted]                      at 21:46 EST\_

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Ok. Thanks. I \*knew\* I was saving all those little sticky  
black things for  
some purpose other than removing pills from sweaters.

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Topic 7                      Sat Feb 11, 1989  
JBEE                                      (Forwarded)  
Sub: 128+MSD SD2+JiffyDos

Wonderful!  
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Category 21,    Topic 7  
Message 2                      Fri Nov 10, 1989  
M.KELLEY                                      at 23:42 EST

I uploaded a file called CART REVIEW.ARC that included most of  
the cartridges  
available as well as JiffyDOS using the same programs as  
benchmarks for each.  
JiffyDOS won hands down in the speed load and saves area.  
Other cartridges  
had some better utilities, but for non-programmers JiffyDOS is  
excellent.  
Currently at V6.0. Regarding the 1581 Toolkit, mine loads and  
works just fine  
with JiffyDOS active, but I have V6. I would also be  
interested in a  
conference, with enough lead time that maybe members of our  
user group could  
get together at the same time and p darn, participate.  
Thanks.

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