About this Program
This program gives you a brief summary of the programs Ambrosia offers.   Before you go about
browsing through the software we have provided you with, you may wish to spend a few minutes and
read through the information presented here so you will have an idea of which of our products may
interest you.

All of our products work under System 6 and System 7 (unless otherwise noted), support virtual
memory, 32 bit addressing, and the Macintosh Quadra's cache.

Chiral 1.0.1, Maelstrom 1.4.1, ColorSwitch 2.3.0, Eclipse 2.2.0, Oracle 2.1.0 and Snapz 1.0.0 all support
the new Ambrosia Registration Scheme.   For more information, see the product descriptions below.

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Snapz 1.0.0 - $15.00
Snapz is the big game hunter of screen capture programs: it'll capture the wild ones for you. No image is too fast, too
tricky or too large: Snapz captures them all. Snapz grabs the images that cause other screen capture tools to tremble
in fear: start up icons, pull down menus, games in the thick of the action, animation, video... not even your screen
saver displays are safe.

Snapz is the professional's screen capture tool: unlike all of its competitors, Snapz will capture anything that is on
your screen at any time. The ability to take screen shots of a program in action--whether it be a spreadsheet or a

flight simulator--allows reviewers and manual writers to capture the specific features of a program that they want to highlight.

Snapz works on any Macintosh with Color Quickdraw, at least 1 Meg of memory, and running System 6 or later.

Big Cheese Key 1.2.1—$10.00
If life were perfect, people would be able to work nonstop all day, typing away at their computers happily without a break.   Unfortunately, that just isn't the way things work; people in fact tend to work better if they take breaks every once in a while to space out their work.   But most bosses tend to not see things that way, so I offer you a tool for maintaining sanity in the Macintosh office: Big Cheese Key.

Big Cheese Key is a Control Panel which provides you with a quick and dirty way to make it look like you are hard at work if your boss decides to stop in and see you when you are in the middle of saving the planet Earth from invading aliens.

The idea behind the Big Cheese Key is simple; if the boss pops in unexpected while you are doing something that he might not be too happy about on your Mac, hit Big Cheese Key's "hot key."   When you type this keystroke (initially Shift-Option-Tab, but you can change it to be anything you like), Big Cheese Key puts up a phony Mac screen, freezing whatever you were doing.   Therefore, you look extremely innocent.   Then once the boss is gone, click the mouse button and you'll be right back where you started!

Big Cheese Key can of course be used to cover up game playing on company time, but it also is quite handy at keeping prying eyes away from your confidential work.

Bomb Shelter 1.0.1—free
Bomb shelter is a little INIT (it uses up under 1/2 K of memory) that gives you some protection from System Bombs.   System Bombs occur when a program goes out of control due to programmer error and crashes the machine.   The Macintosh brings up a dialog box that says "Sorry, a System Error has occurred" with two buttons in it, Restart and Resume.

Unfortunately, the Resume button will only be enabled if the application you are currently running specifically enables it.   Most don't.   So I created Bomb Shelter.

Bomb Shelter makes sure that the Resume button is always enabled.   Clicking on the Resume button will cause the current program to terminate and put you back in the Finder.   Once there, you should save any files you may have on a RAM Disk and then Restart.

While this may seem like no advantage over clicking on the Restart button, it actually allows your Macintosh to do some clean up work which makes sure your hard drive doesn't get corrupted.   Also, if the System Bomb was not a bad one, you may be able to continue working without restarting.

Chiral 1.0.1—$15.00
From the authors of the highly-acclaimed game Maelstrom comes a new action puzzler entitled Chiral! Webster defines Chiral as "a kind of symmetry found in atomic particles that is not superimposable on its mirror image." Ambrosia redefines this dry scientific adjective with a mind melter of a puzzle game.

Chiral continues Ambrosia Software's commitment to pulse quickening, high quality Macintosh games. This latest Ambros5 s the fruit of a collaboration between Macintosh developer Trevor Powell and Ambrosia Software's prolific founder Andrew Welch. Chiral is an amalgamation of high resolution 256 color graphics, funky digitized sound effects and addictively puzzling game play.

A fusion between the scientific concept of atomic bonding and the addictive game play of Tetris, Chiral is based upon the ill fated tale of Molecular Tendencies Laboratories. Attempting to develop a new form of "clean energy", molecular chemists have created a machine that fabricates atoms out of thin air; or

in the case of heavy atoms, not so thin air. Unfortunately for the chemists in the lab, and mankind in general, once the reaction has started there is no way to stop it. The result5 introduction of unattached, unstable atoms into our atmosphere. So much for clean energy, we should have stuck with windmills and water wheels. As an acting participant in this experiment gone wrong, the player must stabilize these newly formed atoms to avoid further turmoil in this already strife ridden world of ours.

Forming bonds between each atom to create inert molecules is the only safe way, but not to worry, a doctorate in atomic chemistry is not needed to quickly grasp the strategy of game play.

Chiral has six separate difficulty settings and twenty four levels of puzzling play, for a grand total of 144 screens of mind boggling fun and excitement. A combination of high resolution 256 color graphics, funky digitized sound effects and addictively puzzling game play, Chiral continues Ambrosia Software's commitment to pulse quickening, high quality Macintosh games.

Chiral *requires* a color-capable Macintosh with a 256 color monitor (any size).

Chiral 1.0.1 supports Ambrosia's new registration scheme.   After registering, you will be sent a postcard with your registration code.   Typing in this registration code will personalize your copy of Chiral.

N.B.: Chiral is not on this disk due to space limitations.   Send us a High Densitiy Disk, a self-addressed stamped mailer, and a request for Chiral and we'll send it off to you, or alternately send us $5 and a request that we send Chiral to you and we'll provide the disk, mailer, and postage.   You don't have to pay for Chiral until you get it, play it, and fall in love with it.

ColorSwitch 2.3.0—$10.00
ColorSwitch is a Control Panel that allows you to effortlessly switch between the available color modes of any attached monitors.   Instead of the inconvenience of using the Monitors Control Panel every time you want to switch between color modes, you can simply hold down the ColorSwitch modifier keys and click anywhere on the monitor you want to change.   A menu will pop up listing the available color modes for the monitor you clicked on; just select the color mode you want and ColorSwitch will acquiesce.

Under System 7 or later, things are even easier: ColorSwitch installs a Monitor icon-menu next to the Balloon Help menu, from which you can simply choose the color mode you desire for your main monitor.   Version 2.2.0 also offers the ability to change your Mac's volume as easy as you can change the color depth.

ColorSwitch comes in very handy for many day-to-day tasks.   Certain programs require that your monitor be set to a certain color mode in order to run, and using the Monitors control panel every time you need to switch color modes grows tiresome quickly.   Your Macintosh will also operate more quickly if you normally operate in black and white mode, switching to a more colorful setting only when you need to.   ColorSwitch makes switching color modes so quick and convenient, you will find yourself using it constantly to improve your quality of life at the computer.

ColorSwitch 2.3.0 supports Ambrosia's new registration scheme.   After registering, you will be sent a postcard with your registration code.   Typing in this registration code will personalize your copy of ColorSwitch.   For currently registered users, a code can be generated for you by contacting our office.

Discolour 1.0.2—free
Discolour works only under System 7 on color-capable Macintoshes.

Discolour is a system extension for System 7.0 and later that rectifies a shortcoming in the wonderful Finder 7.0: floppy disk icons are displayed as the ugly old black and white icon while the rest of the

desktop is bursting with color!

Discolour causes the Finder to display beautiful full-color icons in place of the black and white floppy disk icons when you are in 16 color mode or greater.   Just drag Discolour onto your System Folder icon and restart your Macintosh to activate it.

Discolour uses less than 1K of memory once it is installed, and was optimized so that it won't slow your Macintosh down, so the cost of having beautiful color disk icons is minimal.

Easy Envelopes Plus 2.6.0—$15.00
Easy Envelopes Plus is a desk accessory that allows you to quickly and easily (hence the name) print out high quality envelopes from your printer using graphics and text in any font/size/style.

Easy Envelopes Plus also doubles as a quick and handy rolodex; you can store thousands of addresses in it with pages of notes for things like phone numbers, contacts, etc.   Because Easy Envelopes Plus is a Desk Accessory, you have instant access to it; you don't have to quit what you are doing just to address an envelope or look up an address.   Easy Envelope Plus allows you to search for any name and print out an envelope without retyping the address each time, or you can use Easy Envelopes Plus to print out a quick envelope to someone you haven't entered in your database of addresses.

The idea behind Easy Envelopes Plus is to give you a quick, easy, and intuitive way to print out high quality envelopes and maintain a complete rolodex.   Easy Envelopes Plus is not designed to be a bulk mailing program, it is meant to be a personal correspondence tool.

Eclipse 2.2.0—$10.00
Eclipse is a Control Panel that automatically dims your screen after a specified period of inactivity. Your monitor can sustain "burn in" damage if the same image is left on it for extended periods of time, which results in the ghosting of images and decreased monitor clarity.   Your monitor is a vital part of your computer system, and often an expensive one at that, so it only makes sense to protect it.

After Eclipse notices that you have not used your computer for a period of time, it blanks the monitor and draws the current time at random locations on the screen to prevent burn in damage. Background tasks such as spreadsheet recalulation, database sorting, or printing will continue normally while Eclipse has dimmed your monitor.

Eclipse can also alternately display the current time while your monitor is dimmed in place of the logo.

Eclipse offers several unique features that should make it your screen saver of choice:

   - Your monitor is transparently protected from damage
   - Background tasks will continue unhindered, because Eclipse uses very little processor time
   - Eclipse has been extensively tested, so you can use it with confidence
   - You can display your favorite picture while your monitor is dimmed
   - Companies can put their logo into Eclipse to have it displayed while their Mac's are idle
   - Eclipse uses very little memory, approximately 5K, so you won't be wasting memory for such a basic task as monitor dimming
   - Eclipse can display the time while your screen is dimmed

Eclipse 2.2.0 supports Ambrosia's new registration scheme.   After registering, you will be sent a postcard with your registration code.   Typing in this registration code will personalize your copy of Eclipse.   For currently registered users, a code can be generated for you by contacting our office.

Flashwrite][1.1.0–$15.00
FlashWrite][is a notepad desk accessory for jotting down notes, storing information, and retrieving it

easily.   FlashWrite][allows you to have as many different note pages as you like, each note page may contain up to 32,000 letters and may be displayed in any font/size/style you like.

Each note page can be given any name you like, and an alphabetically sorted index of all of the note pages is provided so you can find the page you are looking for quickly.   FlashWrite][also has a handy Find facility that will find the text your are looking for no matter what page it is on.   FlashWrite][supports Undo, Cut, Copy, and Paste, and also has many other handy functions like Importing and Exporting of text, a word count facility, and a very easy to use interface.   And when you want to take your notes with you, FlashWrite]['s complete printing will allow you to do just that.

FlashWrite][Opener, a companion to FlashWrite][, is a little INIT that will open FlashWrite][up at any time when you hit a user-definable "hot key".

Maelstrom 1.4.1—$15.00
Combining the best graphics seen on any home platform and addictive game play, Maelstrom is destined to quickly become one of the best games written for the Macintosh.

For a $15.00 shareware fee the you will be transported into the Maelstrom. Here you will face danger at every turn. Deadly meteors will fly at you from all sides, indestructible balls will try and drain your shields and just when you thought escape was in reach the deadly Shenobi fighter will take you on, one-on-one. All you have to protect you are your shields, wits and, hopefully, razor sharp reflexes.

The graphics are rendered in stunning 256 colors. This game will become the one by which all other Macintosh arcade games, shareware or commercial, will be judged against.

Maelstrom *requires* a color-capable Macintosh with a 256 color monitor (any size).

Maelstrom 1.4.1 supports Ambrosia's new registration scheme.   After registering, you will be sent a postcard with your registration code.   Typing in this registration code will personalize your copy of Maelstrom.   For currently registered users, a code can be generated for you by contacting our office.

N.B.: Maelstrom is not on this disk due to space limitations.   Send us a disk, a self-addressed stamped mailer, and a request for Maelstrom and we'll send it off to you, or alternately send us $5 and a request that we send Maelstrom to you and we'll provide the disk, mailer, and postage.   You don't have to pay for Maelstrom until you get it, play it, and fall in love with it.

Oracle 2.1.0—$10.00
Oracle is a Control Panel that you place into your System Folder. Oracle will present you with a random thoughtful quotation each time you start up your computer or once a day, whichever you specify. Oracle has a library of over 1,000 profound readings, which accounts for its large size.   Although it takes up a fair amount of disk space, Oracle uses very little system memory (around 5K), and works on any machine under System 6.0 or later (yes, it is System 7.0 friendly).

Oracle also allows you to print out any quotations that you find of particular interest, for later contemplation.

Oracle 2.1.0 supports Ambrosia's new registration scheme.   After registering, you will be sent a postcard with your registration code.   Typing in this registration code will personalize your copy of Oracle.   For currently registered users, a code can be generated for you by contacting our office.

Many thanks to Paul O'Brien and the folks at Visionary Software for allowing me to use the text from their Synchronicity product in Oracle.

To Do! 3.2.1—$15.00

To Do! 3 is a desk accessory that allows you to keep track of the myriad of things you need to do in an organized and easily accessible manner.   You can create as many topics as you like; each topic can contain as many things to do as you like.   Both topics and things to do can have notes attached to them, allowing you to elaborate on them or jot down relevant information.

To help you keep all this information organized, To Do! automatically sorts your topics and things to do alphabetically for you.   In addition, your things to do can be grouped into any of four different priorities.   When you have finished a thing to do, To Do! allows you to check it off but still keep it in the list of things to do, so you have a record of the tasks you have completed.   To Do! also supports extensive printing capabilities, allowing you to print out your list of things to do and take it with you.

Since To Do! is a desk accessory, it is always available to you—and the interface has been designed for maximum ease of use, simplicity, and usefulness.

Wacky Lights 1.0.1—free
Wacky Lights is a little INIT which plays with the lights on the Apple Extended Keyboard, bouncing them back and forth.   It is absolutely free, works under System 6 and System 7, and is smart enough to not load if you don't have an Extended Keyboard.

To install Wacky Lights, just drag it into your System Folder and restart your computer.

Wacky Lights was written at the suggestion of Dan Greenberg because "none of the other 'light illumination' inits worked properly on my system" (his own words from his own fingers).

µLife 1.0.1—free
microLife is a blazingly fast version of the classic Life cellular automation simulation.   Cells live and die in a virtual universe by strict rules:

-- If a cell has more than 3 neighbors, it dies of over-crowding
-- If a cell has less than 3 neighbors, it dies of loneliness
-- If an empty cell has exactly 3 neighbors, a new cell is born

From these simple rules, complex patterns evolve.   Fascinating to watch.

microLife *requires* a color-capable Macintosh with a 256 color 13" or greater monitor.

That's all folks!