

Software-Review Retrospective

The following table is a summary of the software reviews *InfoWorld* published between October 19, 1981 and March 1, 1982. A summary of Reviews published between March 1, 1982 and May 31, 1982 will appear in the July 5, 1982, issue.

Product/manufacturer	C/OS ¹	Issue	P ²	D ³	EU ⁴	EH ⁵	Product/manufacturer	C/OS ¹	Issue	P ²	D ³	EU ⁴	EH ⁵
Analyst/Structured Systems	CP/M	10/19/81	F	E	F	G	COMMX/Hawkeye Grafix	CP/M	12/28	E	E	E	E
N*Sort/SZ Software Systems	N	10/19	E	E	E	E	Payroll Package/Software Technology	A	12/28	F	F	G	F
Tuesday Morning Quarterback/Automated Simulations	A	10/19	G	E	E	E	Pool 1.5/Innovative Design Software	A	1/11/82	E	E	E	E
Disk Fixer/Image Computer Products	A	10/19	E	E	E	G	Personal Finance/Apple Computer	A	1/11	G	E	G	E
Personal Record Keeping/Texas Instruments	TI	10/26	E	G	E	E	SDS 80C assembler, Version 2/Micro Works	TC	1/11 & 2/15	E	G	G	G
Omniterm 1.41 Version 7/Lindberg Systems	T	10/26	E	E	G	E	LinkSampler 1/Link Systems	A	1/11	G	E	G	-
Star*Trac/Allen Ashley	N	10/26	E	E	E	E	The Last One/D.J. 'AI' Systems	CP/M	1/18	G	F	G	E
App-L-LISP/Datasoft	A	10/26	G	G	F	F	Microproof/Cornucopia Software	CP/M	1/18	E	G	E	E
Ultra Hi-Res Graphics/Computer Station	A	11/2	E	G	E	G	TI Logo/Texas Instruments	TI	1/18	G	F	E	E
Trend-Spotter/Software Resources	A	11/2	G	G	G	E	Microplan/Chang Laboratories	CP/M	1/25	E	G	G	G
DecisionMaster/Syntonic Software	T or A	11/2	G	E	G	G	MCAP Circuit Analysis/Hayden	T	1/25	G	G	P	F
WP6502 Word Processor 1.3/Dwo Quong Fok Lok Sow	OSI	11/2	G	E	G	G	VisiTerm/VisiCorp	A	1/25	E	E	E	E
Datadex/IUS	A	11/9	G	E	G	E	TransFORTH II/INSOFT	A	1/25	G	F	G	G
Executive Secretary/Sofsys	A	11/9	G	E	G	F	Locksmith 4.0/Omega MicroWare	A	2/1	E	P	E	G
Stockpak/Radio Shack & Standard & Poor's	T	11/9	E	E	F	G	Jabbertalky/Automated Simulations	A or T	2/1	E	G	G	G
International Grand Prix/Riverbank Software	A	11/9	E	E	G	E	Human Body Overview/Brain Box	A or C	2/1	G	E	E	G
Electronics I/Howard Sams & Co.	A	11/16	G	G	G	F	Stock Forecasting System/Urban Aggregates	A	2/1	G	G	G	F
Basic Interactive Terminal Software/Software Sorcery	A	11/16	E	G	E	E	Word III Version 1.4/System Decisions Group	A	2/8	F	G	F	P
NEWDOS/80 2.0/Apparat	T	11/16	E	E	G	E	Global 1.1/Relational Systems	T	2/8	G	G	F	G
Mathware, Basic Math System H/Math City	A	11/16	G	G	G	G	Goodspell/Apple Computer	A	2/8	F	F	G	F
Sentence Diagramming/Avant-Garde Creations	A	11/23	G	G	G	G	Addition & Subtraction 1/Texas Instruments	TI	2/8	E	E	E	E
Zenith Educational System/Avant-Garde Creations	A	11/23	G	G	G	G	Catalog 4.12/SRX Systems	CP/M	2/15	G	E	G	E
Basic Math Competency Skill Drills/Educational Activities	T	11/23	E	-	E	G	Auto-Modem/Computer Station	A	2/15	G	F	G	G
Alphabetization, Grades 1-8/Milliken Publishing Co.	A	11/23	E	E	E	E	Organic Chemistry/COMPRESS	A	2/15	E	E	E	E
Magic Spell/Star-Kits	FLEX	11/23	G	G	G	G	The Attack/Texas Instruments	TI	2/15	F	E	E	E
Money Management Assessment/Interpretive Education	A	11/23	G	G	E	G	Zardax/Action-Research NW	A	2/22	E	E	E	E
Prism Information System 2.0/Micro Applications Group	CP/M	11/30	G	E	E	G	Volcanoes/Earthware	A	2/22	E	E	E	E
Text Wizard/Datasoft	AT	11/30	E	E	E	E	BasicPro/Softworx	T	2/22	E	G	E	G
The Inspector 4.0/Omega Microware	A	11/30	E	G	E	G	Microtyping/Hayden	C or A	3/1	G	G	E	F
PL/I-80 compiler/Digital Research	CP/M	11/30	E	E	E	E	Diet Analysis/Apple Computer	A	3/1	G	E	E	G
Personal Real Estate/Texas Instruments	TI	11/30	E	E	E	G	Smartkey/FBN Software	CP/M	3/1	E	G	G	E
End Punctuation/Educational Activities	A	11/30	G	G	E	E	Income Tax Data Recorder/8th Dimension	A	3/1	F	P	F	G
Individual Tax Plan/Aardvark Software	A	11/30	G	G	E	E							
Kiri's Hodge Podge/Dynacomp	A	11/30	E	E	E	E							
Time Manager/Image Producers	A	12/7	G	G	G	E							
Eastern Front (1941)/Atari Program Exchange	AT	12/7	E	E	E	G							
Grammatik/Aspen Software	T	12/7	E	F	E	E							
Ed-a-Sketch/Software Toolworks	HZ	12/7	E	G	E	E							
AutoScribe II, Version 5.0/Zenith Data Systems	HZ	12/14	F	G	F	G							
Castle Wolfenstein/Muse	A	12/14	G	E	E	G							
DISSAX disassembler/CEXEC	CP/M	12/14	F	G	E	G							
MDBS 1.04D/Micro Data Base Systems	CP/M	12/14	E	G	G	G							
Cross Clues/SRA	A	12/14	G	G	E	E							
Zen 1.2 & 2.2/Zenrad Controls	N	12/21	G	G	G	G							
Microcomputer Design of Active Filters/Hayden	T	12/21	G	G	G	F							
Reformatter 2.56/MicroTech Exports	CP/M	12/21	G	F	G	E							
Crosstalk/Microstuf	CP/M	12/28	E	G	E	E							
Speed Star/Southwestern Data Systems	A	12/28	G	G	E	G							
Professional Time & Billing/Software Technology	A	12/28	F	F	G	E							

Computer guide:
A - Apple II or II Plus
AT - Atari
C - Commodore
HZ - Heath/Zenith
N - North Star
OSI - Ohio Scientific
T - Radio Shack TRS-80
TC - Radio Shack Color Computer
TI - Texas Instruments 99/4

Operating system guide:
CP/M - Developed by Digital Research
FLEX - Developed by Technical Systems Consultants

The above chart indicates which computer or system the software was reviewed on. The software may run on additional systems or computers. Refer to the full review for more information.

RATINGS
While generalizations never tell the complete story, you may assume the following about the above ratings:
- If the product fails to meet the needs of its intended user in this area, the product has shortcomings that may make it difficult to use as intended; nevertheless, the product is still viable if the user can disregard or overcome the problems.
G = GOOD: The product fulfills the need of its intended users with no significant shortcomings. The user should expect that the product will prove adequate in day-to-day use.
E = EXCELLENT: The product clearly excels or has added features that make it more than adequate in day-to-day use.

Products that have received superior ratings will be considered for *InfoWorld's* Software Product of the Year award, to be given to the most meritorious software product reviewed during the calendar year.