SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

NAUTILUS submissions should run on PCs and compatibles. We look forward to using items that take advantage of the MPC Extensions to Windows.

1. Items should run under the latest version of system software (DOS or Windows).

2. It is best to avoid "hard coded" path names in your submission. If you must use them, please alert the NAUTILUS team to where they are used and how they can be changed to conform to the NAUTILUS volume path names.

3. Make sure that your submission will run from a locked volume or carries explicit instructions for copying to and running from a hard disk.

4. Quitting the application should be easy and obvious.

Standalone Applications

Acceptable standalone submissions include demos and ToolBook Projects that can be launched from the NAUTILUS Shell.

1. Because NAUTILUS conforms to the ISO 9660 standard, all file names must be "eight-dot-three" and only the characters A-Z, 1-9 and the underscore are permitted.

2. Each separate standalone must be accompanied by a .TXT "ReadMe" file. This is your opportunity to share information -- the who, what, where and why of your application. Please include this information:

a) A brief abstract, synopsis or informative description of the submission.

b) The minimum hardware configuration your submission requires to operate properly; bear in mind the potential diversity of equipment. Submissions that can be enjoyed by the largest number of subscribers are the most successful.

c) Clear instructions regarding how to run and how to quit the submission.

d) Clear information regarding the names, nature and required location of any support files or documents.

e) Runtime players/information (if the submission is a presentation).

f) Complete name and address information about the author(s) and/or submitting organization.

g) Do everything in your power to ensure that your contribution is free of viruses, etc.

Other Files

One of the major benefits of NAUTILUS is the ability to share image, audio, and data files that other subscribers can use in their applications. Many file types are so big that they can't effectively be shared in any other way! NAUTILUS is the perfect vehicle for these types of files: 1_2_3 templates; Digitized images, 35 mm slides or

prints we will digitize for you; WAV files; AVI format video clips; MIDI files; TIF files. Although these files are accessed and/or previewed from the "NAUTILUS Shell," they are actually used in conjunction with a third party application.

Each separate file or collection of files should be accompanied by a .TXT "ReadMe" file. Please supply the following information:

1. The who, what, where and why -- a brief abstract, synopsis or informative description of the submission(s). Include clear file format/type information, host application information (including minimum version requirements) and minimum hardware requirements as appropriate.

2. Complete information about the author(s) and/or submitting organization.

NAUTILUS reserves the right to reject a submission for any of the following reasons:

1. It is found to contain viruses, worms, etc., or it requires the defeating of background virus checking programs/utilities for successful execution.

2. It fails to run successfully on the prescribed platform, cannot be "gracefully" exited, or crashes or locks the machine upon execution or completion.

3. It departs from the above submission guidelines (especially the lack of a proper README.TXT file).

4. It contains content which is deemed inappropriate for the computer public at large. (This determination is the prerogative of the NAUTILUS Team.)

5. Ownership or publishing rights cannot be positively demonstrated.