The MicroBArtender
User's Manual
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Statement of Purpose

The MicroBArtender by Bernhard Wieser and Octavian Micro Development is a HyperCard™ stack designed to file drink recipes and provide HyperText actions upon them. Version 2.2 includes backward and forward browsing, contextual search, and suggestions of what to make based on provided search keys. MicroBArtender is the property of Octavian Micro Development, and Octavian grants use of this software to individuals for their pure, private, and non-commercial enjoyment. Please read the About text within the MicroBArtender for terms of use.

What You Need

You need a Macintosh which can run HyperCard 1.2.x or 2.x. The HyperCard application should be on the same disk as the MicroBArtender, preferably in the same folder. There is no copy protection, so you may install MicroBArtender wherever you like. It is fastest on a hard drive. A printer is optional. A well stocked bar is always a bonus. The MicroBArtender should never be used locked from the Finder or on a write protected disk. If you use HyperCard 1.2, you need MicroBArtender 2.0. HyperCard 2.0 users should use MicroBArtender 2.1.
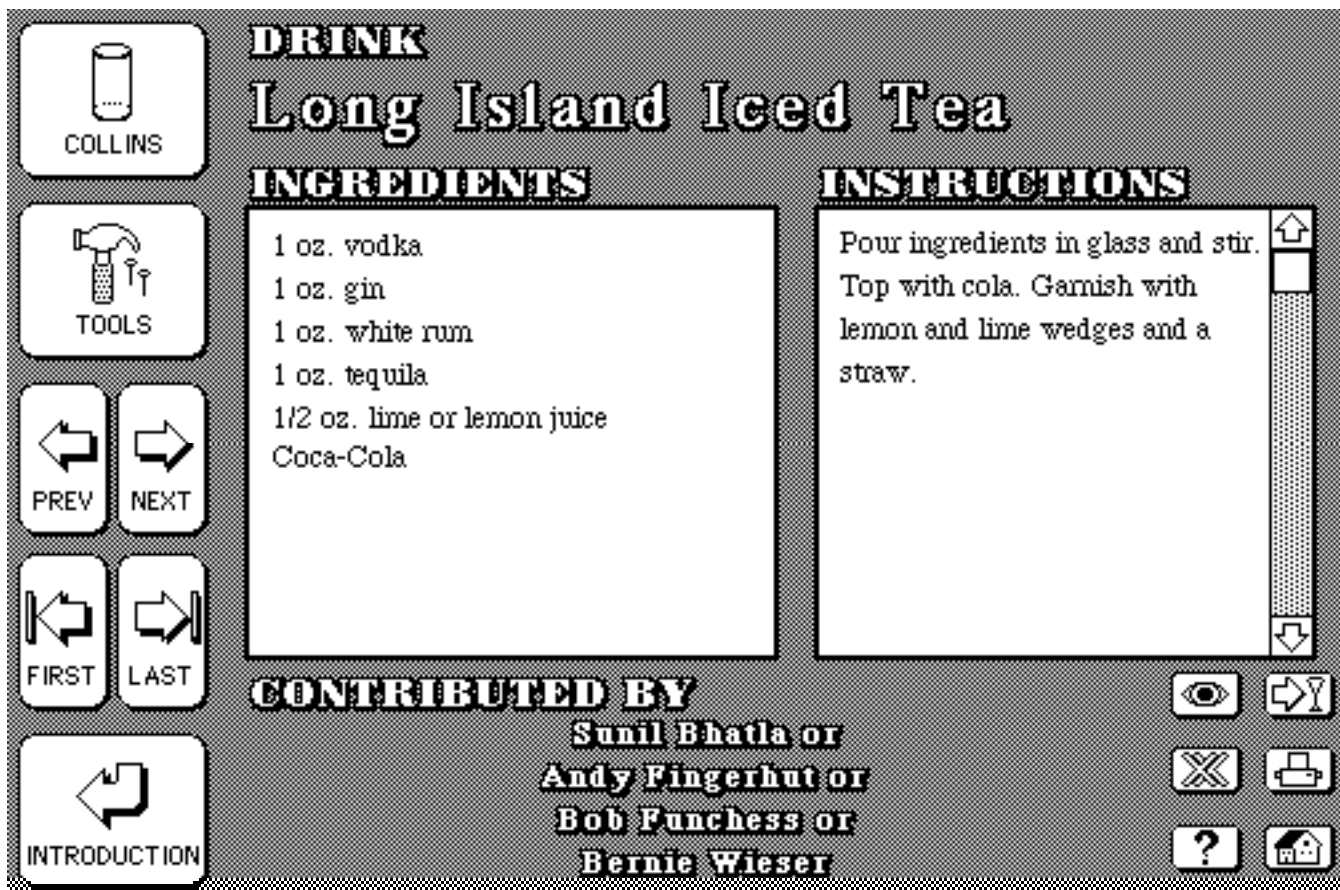
First Time Running

When you run MicroBArtender for the first time it will ask you several questions to make sure that you read the Disclaimer and About texts. Once you answer these questions, MicroBArtender will be personalized for you and you will not have to go through that procedure again, unless you switch machines or change your Chooser user name. System 7.0 users please note: the Chooser user name is now set from the **Sharing Setup** control panel, normally installed when you use network tools. You can use it to set your user name, or if you feel competent with ResEdit you can make a 'STR ' -16096 resource in the system file with your name in it. Make sure it is no more than 32 characters in length!

Description of Features

The Recipe Level

The recipe level of the MicroBArtender allows you to view recipes.

Layout

MicroBArtender cards have three main text fields: a title DRINK name, an INGREDIENTS list, and textual INSTRUCTIONS. On the left hand side of the card are Browse Tools which allow you to scan through the drink recipes. Search Tools are placed in the bottom right hand corner of the card.

When the cursor is in one of the text fields, you may click and drag to select a search key. This key is used in conjunction with the Search Controls.

Search Controls

The Search Controls are designed to allow contextual search features. There are four search controls and two utility controls. The search controls consist of Look (the eye icon), Cross Reference (the double X), Next Suggestion (arrow and glass), and Information (the question mark). Look asks you to type in a search key. Cross Reference will use the search key to find the next card which contains said key. This means you can quickly browse through all recipes which contain some word, "rum" for example. Suggestion goes to the next suggested drink, but is only does so if you have asked for suggestions. If there are no suggestions, or the Option key is down when pressed, this button will bring you to the Suggestions card. Information opens up the glossary card, which contains information about different kinds of liquor and possible substitutes.
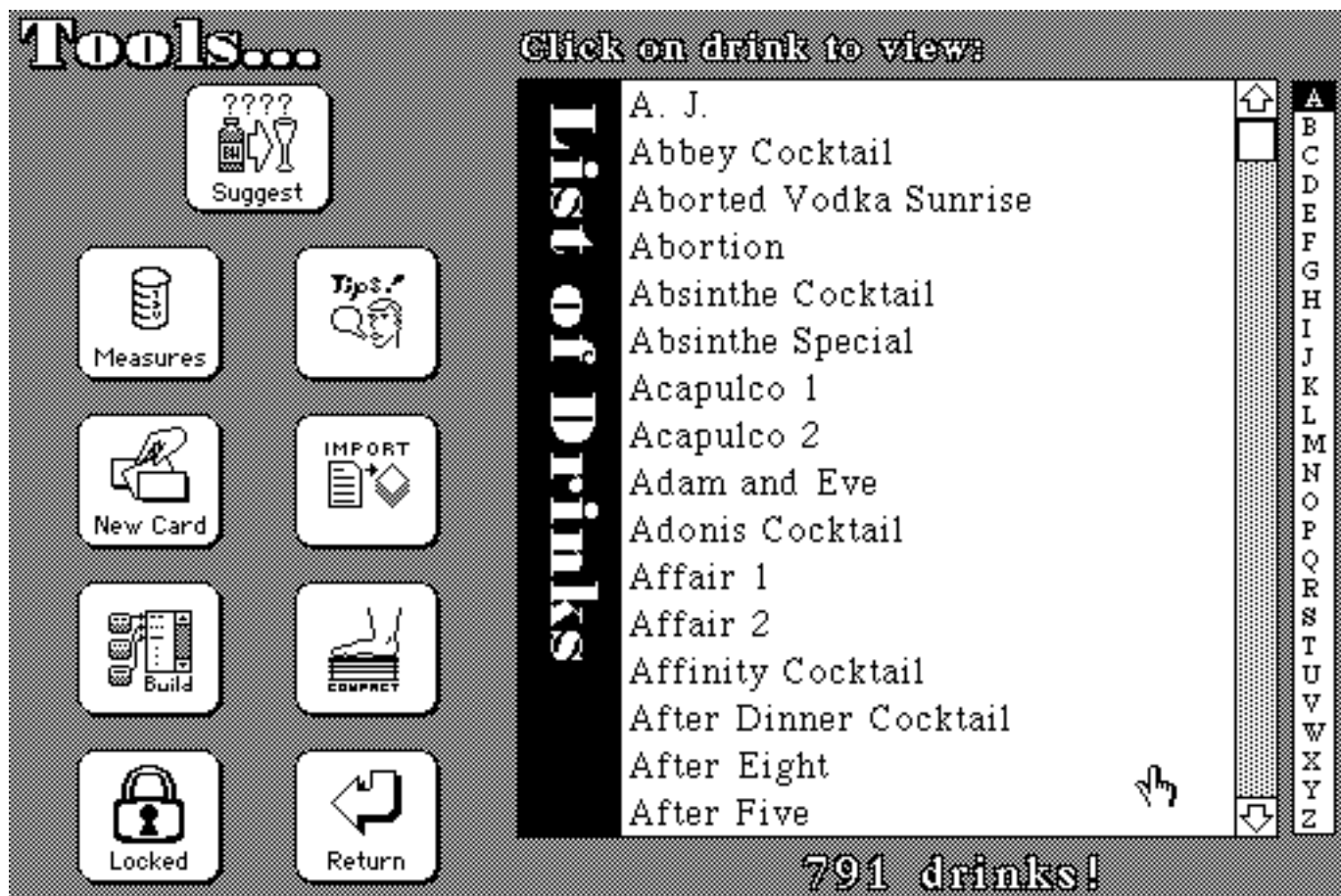
The utility controls allow for going to the Home card or printing a drink recipe. I discourage using HyperCard's printing features directly. The Print procedure re-formats the outgoing recipe (without a shaded background).

Browse Controls

Browse Controls allow tape-deck like movement through the recipe cards, as well as some controls of general utility. The topmost control is called Glass, and it shows you the type of glass for the drink. If you press it, it suggests possible glass sizes. If you old down the Option key and press it, it will change the glass type (by cycling through the known glass types). The next control, Tools, brings you into the Tool Level of the MicroBArtender (discussed later). This is followed by the backward and forward movement controls, and terminated by the Introduction control which brings you back to the title screen.

The Tool Level

The tool level allows you to manipulate the MicroBArtender directly, as well as providing some extra information and an indexed overview of all the drinks.

Layout

There are ten tools which provide utility. The four topmost buttons provide information. The middle four allow recipe manipulation.

List of Drinks

The list of drinks provides an overview of all recipe names. A scrollbar on the right allows for browsing, and an index field allows for quick jumps to the beginning of recipes which begin with the corresponding letter. The number underneath the drink list informs you how many drinks the MicroBArtender knows about. You can click on the name of a drink in the list and the MicroBArtender will go to that recipe card. This is called click-n-go.

You may also delete drink recipes from the drink list. This is done by holding the Option key down when you click on a drink name. BEWARE: this does not remove the entry from the list. You should choose Build after deleting drinks.

Tool Functions

Lock Control

Normally, you don't want to change information in the MicroBArtender. However, if you intend to add or change contained recipes or text fields, you must first click the Lock Control and change the status to unlocked. Beware, any modifications you make will be permanent! Click-n-go features will not be disabled. The MicroBArtender will always warn you of dynamic situations.

Tips

Tips toggles a text field which contains information about various things, from how to make sour mix to how to float liqueurs. If the MicroBArtender is unlocked, you can edit this field.

Measures

Measures toggles a text field which contains information on imperial to metric conversions.

Import

The Import button allows recipes to be imported from a text file. This feature is the only potentially dangerous task in the MicroBArtender. If the format of the text file is not exactly as specified in the "Recipes" section, you can destroy the entire stack. Import also sorts cards and builds the new index.

New Card

New Card proceeds to add one new recipe by first asking you the glass type, and then asking you to fill in all appropriate recipe fields. Please use this button instead of HyperCard's "New Card" command. If you do not, you will not be able to set the glass type.

Compact

Compact removes extraneous information from the MicroBArtender and is synonymous with HyperCard's Compact feature. You generally only need to use this if you are adding, editing, or deleting recipe cards. It can provide speed enhancement to

some HyperCard functions.

Build
      Build will sort the recipe cards and update the List of Drinks and the drink count.
Suggest
      This button provides quick multi-level searching, to suggest drinks to make based on whatever you might have on hand.

The key ingredients on the left must be complete spellings. The more complete the spelling, the more accurate response you will get. Once you have entered one search ingredient per line, you press the Best Match button. A list of potential matches will appear on the right, and you can click-n-go to the matched drinks. Cancelling this function will return you to the Tool Level.

Recipes

Text Conventions
      There are several conventions to which users interested in adding recipes should adhere to keep recipes consistent and satisfy restrictions by some of the MicroBArtender features. Drink names should be short enough to fit in one line of the name field (which is about 25 characters in length). Names should always have their first character capitalized and alphabetic. If you have variations on a recipe, differentiate them by name (or suffer

the consequences of a mangled search). Ingredients should be placed one per line in the appropriate field. No instructions should be placed in the ingredients field. The user should avoid formatting text with spaces and carriage return in both the ingredients and instructions field. The instructions should be fairly comprehensive, including information on preparation and garnishing.

Importing Recipes
Import facilities allow you to batch add drink recipes to the MicroBArtender. Recipe update files issued from Octavian Micro Development to registered users are formatted correctly, so you can look at them as examples. Recipes must exist in text only files.

The format must be exactly as follows. Any deviation or error may cause a variety of unexpected results. For example, the card fields will be filled incorrectly, or the program will hang. If your HyperCard™ gets hung, press command and period (⌘.) to abort. I strongly suggest making a back-up copy of the MicroBArtender stack before working with it since it is quite easy to corrupt.

You can have as many recipes to import as you like. The format of a recipe entry should look like the following:

Drink Name<CR>
GLASSTYPE<CR>
ingredient 1<CR>
ingredient 2<CR>
ingredient n<CR>
<CR>
instructions paragraph 1<CR>
instructions paragraph 2<CR>
instructions paragraph n<CR>
<CR>
contributor field 1
contributor field 2
contributor field 3
<CR>

GLASSTYPE must be a word from the following set:
{BRANDY, CHAMPAGNE, COCKTAIL, COCONUT, COLLINS, CORDIAL, HIGHBALL, MARTINI, PUNCH, SHOOTER, TANKARD, WHISKEY, WINE}

Entries for the ingredients field should be limited to 10. There can be an unlimited number of instructions. Entries in the contributor field should be limited to three lines.

If you are using a version of MicroBArtender before 2.2, don't forget to build the list of drinks after you import your recipes.

Merging Stacks

A HyperCard™ stack called **MBMERGE** is included with the MicroBArtender package. Its purpose is to merge recipes from various copies of the MicroBArtender into one copy. It does so by finding recipes with unique names in the old source MicroBArtender stack and copies them over to the new destination stack. You will want to use **MBMERGE** when you have entered your own recipes into an older version of the MicroBArtender and receive a newer version.

Service and Updates

No one in their right mind supports free software. However, I am willing to answer questions via e-mail, telephone, or post if you register yourself with Octavian Micro Development. With your contribution (of at least $10US), you will receive support. In addition, each time you send me a disk and self addressed envelope with international postage voucher (or $1 extra for postage), I will mail you back the current version of MicroBArtender or a recipe update file. To make my life easier, re-send the MicroBArtender registration form with the appropriate fields filled in.

The contribution also supports us in our endeavours to produce more wonderful software toys. I am always open to constructive criticism, compliments, and I encourage all users to send me their personal recipes. As long as people send me recipes, I can produce one consolidated master copy of the MicroBArtender.

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I hope you enjoy the MicroBArtender!

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MicroBArtender User Registration Form

Name:
Address:

City/Province(State):
Country:
Postal code (ZIP):
Phone number: (____)

Amount enclosed:
Remember to included disk, postage (+$1.00 or voucher) ,and self addressed envelope. Money orders are preferred, no cash please, make cheques payable to Octavian Micro Development

Computer type:
Version of system software:
Version of HyperCard™ (or facsimile):

Where did you get MicroBArtender from?
Δ GEnie   Δ AOL   Δ sumex-aim archives
Δ umich archives   Δ comp.binaries.mac
Δ other (please specify):

Optional

Company name:
Position:
e-mail address:

For Registered Users Only
(only fill in above if information has changed)
Registration number:
Version of MicroBArtender requested:
Recipe Update # requested: