

Computer Shopper Software Disk

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This disk contains a number of programs for use by DOS and Windows users. The installation routine on this disk will copy the files into predetermined directories on your hard disk. To start the installation routine just type GO at the A> prompt.

To install Windows programs into your own Windows desktop, select File New... from the main Program Manager screen. If you don't remember the exact path and filename of the Windows program you're installing use the Browse... option to skip through the programmes you have on your disk.

DOS programs will need to be incorporated into whatever menu system you use.

BLACK BOX FOR WINDOWS (BWBLKB.ZIP)

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The object of Black Box is to locate all of the marbles which are hidden somewhere in the game board. You do this by firing invisible "rays" into the board. These rays bounce off the marbles according to strict rules. By analyzing where these rays enter and exit the game board, you can determine their path and thus the locations of the hidden marbles. The faster you find the marbles and the fewer rays you use to do so, the better your score.

The playing area is a grid of empty spaces surrounded by marker slots. Marbles are hidden somewhere in the grid. You're trying to find those marbles by firing invisible rays from the marker slots into the grid and deducing the path of the ray.

Marbles hidden in the grid affect the paths of rays according to a strict set of rules. Rays will either not be able to enter the grid at all, enter and be absorbed by a marble, enter and be reflected back to its entry point, or enter and be deflected, exiting at a different marker slot along the perimeter of the board.

By examining the entry and exit points of these rays, you can deduce the locations of the hidden marbles.

When you think you know where a marble is, mark the spot by placing a marble in that space in the grid. The number of marbles unaccounted for is always displayed in the status bar beneath the game board. If you place more marbles on the board than there are hidden, the status bar will display the number of extra marbles you need to remove.

When you think you've found all the hidden marbles, select Guess! from the menu bar to see if you are correct. If you're wrong, each incorrect marble will

cause a penalty to be added to your score.

If you can't figure out where the hidden marbles are, select Give Up! from the menu bar to reveal all the marbles you haven't discovered.

You have a number of tools to assist you during the game. You can locate a ray's entry and exit points. You can fire test rays to see whether the marbles you've placed cause any inconsistencies with the real rays. And you can seal grid spaces which you believe do not contain a marble, thus helping to find the hidden marbles by process of elimination.

WINGUARD (WINGUA.ZIP) =====

YOU NEED TO RUN THE INSTALL PROGRAM IN THE C:\WINGTMP DIRECTORY
AFTER THE FILES HAVE BEEN UNPACKED FROM THIS DISK.

WinGuard can protect a personal computer running Windows 3.1 from having any of its Program Manager groups or items rearranged or damaged (accidentally or intentionally). These protections would probably be the most useful to someone who is in charge of a number of computers at a school or business, though a parent might wish to prevent little fingers on a mouse from dragging all of the Program Manager icons into a (not so) nice "happy face"!

WinGuard provides for the automatic setting of any one of seven different protection levels (actually, eight, including a "zero protection" setting), as well as allowing the hiding of "sensitive" programs, such as Windows Setup, Control Panel, or File Manager, behind its password-protected shell. WinGuard also allows the hiding of selected Program Manager groups and Control Panel icons, restricting access to them to the authorized user only.

Thus, it can be seen that WinGuard enables the authorized user to configure the Program Manager interface to allow the guest user easy access to selected applications, while minimizing the chances of damage (accidental or intentional) to Windows and the programs accessible through it.

WINZIP 5.0b (WINZIP.ZIP) =====

WinZip brings the convenience of Windows to the use of ZIP files without requiring PKZIP and PKUNZIP. It features an intuitive point-and-click drag-and-drop interface for viewing, running, extracting, adding, deleting, and testing files in archives. ARJ, LZH, and ARC files are supported via external programs. WinZip interfaces to most virus scanners.

WinZip is extremely easy to use! To open an archive simply double click on an archive listed in the File Manager, drag and drop an archive onto WinZip, or use the standard Open dialog. The main

WinZip window features a list box with the names, sizes, and date/time stamps of all files in the open archive. This list can be scrolled and sorted on any field. A tool bar provides fast access to commonly used actions. All options (including window size and position) can be saved and restored. Extensive context sensitive help is always available.

Double clicking on a file in the main window has the same effect as double clicking in the File Manager. First the file is extracted from the archive. If the file is executable, it is run. Otherwise, the file is opened by the appropriate application (for example, Windows Write for *.WRI files) based on standard Windows associations.

The Windows 3.1 Drag and Drop Interface is fully supported. You can drag and drop files from WinZip to other applications. WinZip will extract the files before dropping them on the target application. The target application will treat the files as if they had been dropped by the File Manager. You can also drop archives on WinZip to open them, or drop files on WinZip to add them to the open archive.

WinZip's unique CheckOut Facility makes it easy to quickly install files in archives. Click on the CheckOut button to extract all files and create a Program Manager group for all files in the archive. This group will contain one icon for each file. Double click on an icon to view the corresponding file with the appropriate application. WinZip will optionally delete the CheckOut files and Program Manager group.

WinZip requires Windows 3.1 or Windows for Workgroups. While no other programs are required for basic operations involving ZIP files, optional features require one or more external programs, including PKZIP and PKUNZIP product from PKWARE, Inc, LHA.EXE from Haruyasu Yoshizaki, or the Shareware ARJ product from Robert Jung. WinZip interfaces to several programs to access ARC files and optionally runs most virus scanning utilities. See the online help for details.

FAST FAX (FSTFAX.ZIP)

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FAstFax 4.0 is a powerful add-on program for Microsoft Word for Windows 6.0 and Delrina WinFax PRO 3.0, 4.0 (and WinFax PRO for Networks) that will save you and your employees hours of time.

Here's how:

FAstFax scans your document, finds the recipient's name and fax number, and (using DDE) automatically passes it over to WinFax PRO so you no longer have to keep TWO separate phonebooks. If you're tired of typing a person's name and fax number TWICE once on the document and again in the WinFax Phonebook you will love FAstFax.

FAstFax gives you a thumbnail page preview of your document so you'll always fax the correct pages and be able to check the final look and layout of your fax before sending it off.

FAstFax allows you to easily fax an entire document or just the current page which is great for those quick 1 page faxes.

FAstFax automatically sets the fax driver and resets the printer driver for you so you don't have to think about driver settings again. And no more print jobs accidentally sent to the fax modem!

FAstFax allows you to "Fax & Print" with one keystroke. For example, it sets your fax driver, faxes your document, then re-sets your printer driver, and prints your document all automatically, all with one keystroke.

FAstFax also handles all of the following dialing prefixes automatically: Outside line access codes (for example "9"), Local area codes, Long distance access codes, Local long-distance access codes, and 800 prefix access codes.

Other features include: Cover Pages, File Attachments, Date and Time Scheduling, WinFax Phonebook Access, Resolution Choice, One Button Phonebook Entries, and more!

For people already using FAstFax, here's what's new:

Cover Pages and File Attachments. FAstFax 4.0 now allows you to access the WinFax PRO send screen so you can use WinFax PRO's Cover Pages and File Attachments.

Date and Time Scheduling. FAstFax 4.0 now allows you to send your faxes immediately or schedule them for a later date and time. This is especially useful for taking advantage of the cheaper phone rates late at night.

Print Hard Copy. FAstFax 4.0 now allows you to "Fax & Print" with one keystroke. For example, it sets your fax driver, faxes your document, then re-sets your printer driver, and prints your document all automatically, all with one keystroke.

"Sticky" Default Settings. FAstFax 4.0 now allows you to set your favorite default settings from within the FAstFax program itself. Whenever you change a setting, FAstFax remembers where you were so that you will be defaulted to that setting the next time you run the program. For example, if you always fax "current page," simply select it one time and FAstFax will always default to that choice.

Dialing Prefixes. FAstFax 4.0 now handles all of the following dialing prefixes automatically: Outside line access codes (for example "9"), Local area codes, Long distance access codes, Local long-distance access codes, and 800 prefix access codes.

Hidden Identifiers. FAstFax 4.0 now allows you to completely hide your "hidden identifiers" so you don't even have to see them on the screen. FAstFax will find the recipient's name and fax number even when you have hidden text "not showing."

Resolution Choice. FAstFax 4.0 now allows you to send "low resolution" or "standard" faxes for yet another way to save on long distance phone costs.

Enlarged Page Previewer. Although it's still just a thumbnail sketch, the

page previewer in FAsFax 4.0 has been greatly enlarged to better see the pages you intend to fax.

WinFax Phonebook Access. FAsFax 4.0 now allows you to access the WinFax PRO phonebook which means you can use FAsFax like any other "driver-switching" macro to zoom straight to the WinFax send screen and select the person from your phonebook you want to fax.

One Button Phonebook Entries. FAsFax 4.0 now allows you to add a person's name and fax number to the WinFax PRO phonebook without ever having to retype it. Just run FAsFax with the "Show WinFax Send Screen" on and hit the "Add to phonebook" button. That's it! The name and number are automatically entered into your WinFax Phonebook.

MERGE FAX (MRGFAX.ZIP)

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MergeFax 2.0 is a powerful new program that allows you to mail-merge group fax hundreds of PERSONALIZED faxes with Word for Windows 6.0 and WinFax PRO 3.0, 4.0 (and WinFax PRO for Networks) all with one simple keystroke.

You can now "touch" all of your customers at the stroke of a key, sending the latest pricing information, special offers, "Thank you" replies, and new product information. Or send customized graphs, charts, letters, and up-to-date sales information to all your sales agents in the field. Imagine this power in your company.

MergeFax is one of those rare programs that will save you and your employees hours of time. Plus, the date and time scheduling features alone will save you big bucks by allowing you to schedule your faxes late at night when the rates are dirt cheap.

Before the creation of MergeFax, the best you could do was "group fax" the same document to everyone. Ex: "Dear Customer, thank you for your interest in Ski Chalet products."

The power of MergeFax is that it allows you to use Word for Windows 6.0's awesome mail-merge features to group fax hundreds of faxes that are PERSONALIZED to each individual. Ex: "Dear Jim, thank you for your interest in our winter ski product line." "Dear Joe, thank you for your interest in our arrow ski downhill racers." Etc.

MergeFax-ing is as simple as these 2 steps:

1. Set up your mail-merge main document.
2. Hit Alt-M and START.

Here's how it works:

MergeFax automatically merges each data record, scans the document to find the recipient's name and fax number, and then (using DDE) passes this information over to WinFax PRO.

MergeFax queues up all the faxes in WinFax PRO's event list either to be sent immediately or scheduled for a later date and time.

MergeFax automatically sets the fax driver and resets the printer driver for you so you don't have to fiddle with driver settings. You just hit Alt-M and

Start, and MergeFax takes care of everything else.

MergeFax does all this in minutes! On a 486-66 machine, MergeFax queues up WinFax PRO's event list with 100 faxes in 5 minutes!