



SHAREWARE NOTICE

If you find ASTROSTACK useful, please send \$15 to:

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Feel free to pass ASTROSTACK on to other potential users, but please include this documentation with the stack.

WHAT YOU NEED TO USE ASTROSTACK

ASTROSTACK is not a self-contained, do-it-yourself astrology kit. It assumes that you already have (or can get) the following.

- accurate time and place of birth for the individual
- the difference between local time and Greenwich time
- a noon ephemeris
- a table of houses (or some source of ascendants and mid-heavens)
- a table of proportional logarithms
- enough knowledge of astrology to be able to interpret the results

WHAT ASTROSTACK DOES FOR YOU

- ASTROSTACK frees you from the tedium and error of manual calculation. ASTROSTACK calculates exact planetary positions, houses (using the Equal House System), and aspects in the natal chart.
- It draws a natal chart from these calculations. (For the sake of clarity, the graph displays planets, aspects, ascendant, and mid-heaven, but not other house divisions.)
- It calculates progressions for any period of the subject's life (using the One-Degree Method).
- It prints out planetary information, houses, aspects, progressions, and the chart itself.

In other words, ASTROSTACK accomplishes in a few minutes what would otherwise take several hours of your time.

GETTING STARTED WITH ASTROSTACK

Make a copy. Do not enter information in your original copy of ASTROSTACK. Make a duplicate stack for each individual for whom you wish to create a chart.

ENTERING INFORMATION

ASTROSTACK asks you to enter information in text boxes. You may click on each box to begin entering text, or you may use the TAB key to move from box to box.

Note that ASTROSTACK often requires information to be entered in specific formats—e.g., sometimes items must be separated by commas. Please pay precise attention to ASTROSTACK's requests.

BROWSING vs. CALCULATING

You will notice that ASTROSTACK does not have the left- and right-pointing arrows often used in HyperCard stacks for browsing backwards and forwards. This is because ASTROSTACK is not primarily intended for casual browsing; it is designed to perform calculations in a strict sequence. Clicking on the "CONTINUE" button advances you to the next screen and also, on most screens, performs a sometimes lengthy set of mathematical operations.

If you do wish to browse randomly, HyperCard's usual key commands still work; e.g., COMMAND 2 for previous card, COMMAND 3 for next card, etc. However, if you want the stack to calculate, you must work through the stack from beginning to end, clicking "CONTINUE" to perform the necessary operations in the proper sequence.

CHANGING ASTROSTACK

There is no password protection anywhere in ASTROSTACK. That means you are free to poke around its scripts, adding and changing as you wish. You might, for example, want to add procedures for alternate systems of calculating houses and progressions. Naturally, if you're going to tinker with the scripts, it should not be on your original copy; such revision should be attempted only if you have a good understanding of HyperTalk.

FEEDBACK

I'd be glad to receive any constructive comments and suggestions, and I'll try to answer questions. If I include your idea in a future version of ASTROSTACK, I'll happily acknowledge your input.

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address is "B.PIRIE".