

Go placidly amid the bytes & bits, and remember what peace there may be in a power failure. As far as possible without surrender, modify your software until it works the way the software house advertised it would. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even Forth programmers and members of other sects; they too have their story. Avoid RPG and Fortran programmers, they are a vexation to the spirit. If you compare your code with that of younger programmers, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater than yourself. Enjoy your Timex Sinclair as well as your Macintosh. Keep interested in your Z80 system, however humble; it is a real antique in the ever-changing technologies. Exercise caution in booting your system, for the floppy disk is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; even Unix gurus strive for high ideals; and though their quest is futile, their life is full of heroism. Be honest, your computer knows the truth. Especially do not run emulators, for even a 4 mHz Z80 cannot emulate a Cray. Neither be cynical about MS-DOS; for in the face of all time it is but a butterfly. Take kindly the counsel of the S-100 buffs, surrendering their knowledge of superior systems. They too, run CP/M. Retain backups to shield you from the rains of winter. But do not distress yourself with imaginings of power failures yet to come. Many fears fail to be born from experience. But when it hits, accept it kindly and kick neither the cat, the child, nor the spouse. They may all kick back. You are a child of the computer revolution; unlike Morrow and Wozniak, you have no right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, Apple and IBM will be overcome as they should. Therefore, be at peace with your main computer, whatever you conceive it to be. In the end, you will eventually trade it for a terminal, modem and access to a mainframe channel. With all its drudgery and broken dreams, the 68000 is still a beautiful chip. Comment your code.