

Opening Format -- Disclaimer

by Tony Curro

Spring may be just around the corner, but earlier in February we had one of the worst storms in years. More than a week has passed, and there are still mounds of snow.

We mentioned last month that we are on America OnLine. As of yet, they have not posted the files. They had them up one day, and they removed them. I understand that they are awaiting a conference for CTM. I would appreciate anyone who reads this, and is on AOL, that they drop a line to PC Glenn, and mention that you heard CTM was available in the Telecom Forum but that you cannot find it. Maybe it will get them moving. Thanks.

Speaking of online services. We are now on CompuServe. You will find CTM in the IBMBBS Forum there. It is usually posted several days after the upload.

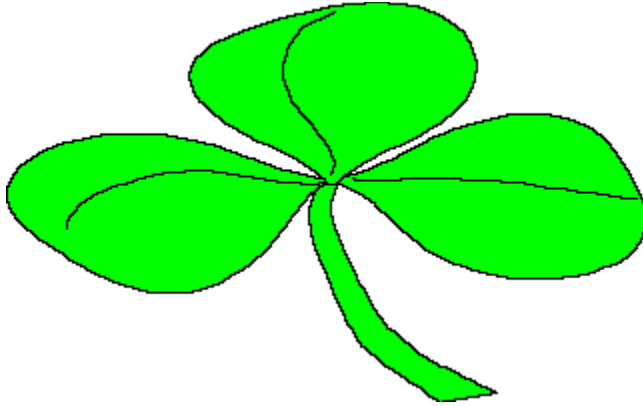
This month we have several products that should interest you. First off we have a column by a renowned radio and TV personality, columnist, and host of The Komputer Clinic on AOL. Some of Kim Komando's products, namely instructional tapes, have been reviewed in the New York Times. We have her year-end thoughts about the computer industry.

Other products this month includes:

- * CD-ROM -- MegaMovie Guide, and Hell Cab.
- * Software -- HelpEdit, Claris Works, QAPLus for Windows, MS Word 6.0 for Windows, MS Word Assistant.
- * Hardware -- FlashDisk
- * Books -- Smileys

HelpEdit is the program I use to create the Windows version of CTM.

I will step aside and let you get on with the magazine. Until next month, keep the sunny side up...



Happy St. Patrick's Day !

Tony Curro...

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Tony Curro, Editor - ComputerTalk Magazine.

MS Word Assistant

by Tony Curro

Recently, MS Word 6.0 for Windows was released, and in conjunction with this Microsoft has released Word Assistant. While this program is primarily for Word 6.0, it includes several features that can be used by any MS Windows-based application.

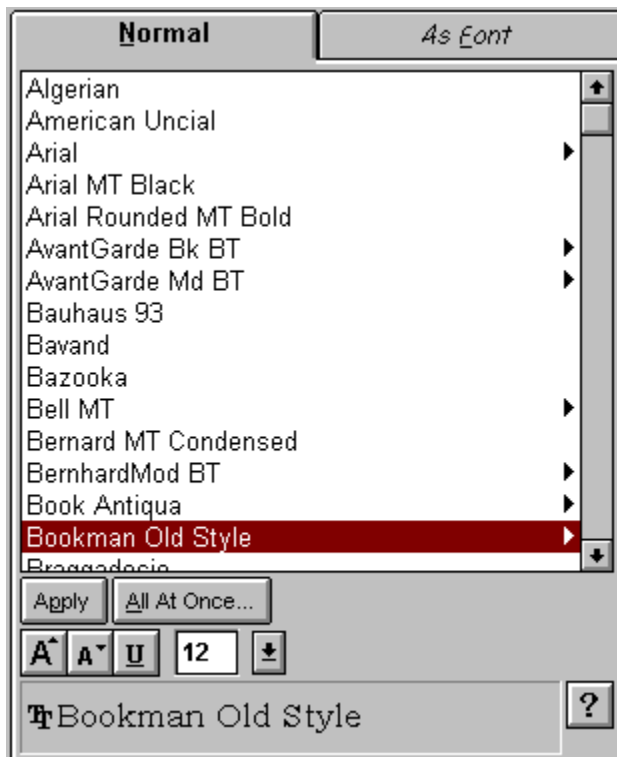
Word Assistant has several components. These can be installed as a package, or you can custom install only those you wish to use. The program includes the latest version of Font Assistant 1.1. An earlier version was released with MS TrueType Font Pack 2 last year.

Font Assistant allows you to create groups of fonts for specific tasks. There are several groups included: Ads/Brochures, Business Letters, Decorative, Publications, Personal Letters, and others. You can easily edit any of these groups, or create your own groups. Then you just load a group for the task you are currently performing.

Other features of Word Assistant:

- * 25 TrueType Fonts
- * Font Selector
- * 10 Forms from data sheets to expense reports.
- * 20 Templates with style sheets
- * 20 background graphics for "special paper" stationary, available from Paper Direct.
- * 100 pieces of ready-to-use graphics from 3G Graphics.
- * extensive OnLine help

Font Selector is a floating windows that allows you to quickly apply fonts, styles, and sizes to your text. This is all done from one pop-up window. You can use it to create underline, sub and superscript, etc. Selector allows you to view the fonts in several ways. Has a full screen window that shows all the fonts; view the fonts in normal text, or in actual font. Next to many of the fonts there is a right arrow. This means that that particular font has other attributes, such as bold, italic, etc. By clicking on this arrow a submenu appears for these selections. Below are two examples of Font Selector. The first is in normal view, and the second is as font.



You can customize any of the templates or forms included for your specific needs. Using the "special paper" allows you to see how you text will appear when using quality papers available from Paper Direct. These

papers give added impact to you letter, document or other presentation.

As mentioned, some of the features are available to all Windows-based applications. Below is that list:

For WORD only	For ALL Windows-based applications
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Font Selector	25 TrueType Fonts
20 Templates	MS Font Assistant 1.1
10 Forms	100 pieces of ClipArt
20 designs	
Online Help	

The Font Selector and online help are available from the drop down menu in MS Word 6.0. There is online help for: Word Assistant, Special Paper, and more.

This package is well put together. It comes with very limited documentation, actually a small brochure as much of the help is available online. Using Word Assistant will enhance how you use Word and Windows.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

- * MS Word 6.0 for Windows
- * MS-DOS 3.0 or later
- * Any of the following:
 - MS Windows v3.1
 - MS Windows for Workgroups v3.1
 - MS Windows NT v3.1
 - MS Windows for Pen Computing
- * 80286 or higher CPU
- * High-Density disk drive
- * Hard disk with at least 4MB free disk space.
- * EGA or greater monitor.
- * Mouse or other pointing device.

Product Information

MS Word Assistant

SRP -- \$64.95

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FlashDisk

by Tony Curro

I just recently acquired the HP 100LX that I reviewed in my last issue. It does come with 2MB of memory, but it is nice to have mass storage even on a palmtop. I received FlashDisk from SunDisk that fit the bill.

SunDisk makes PCMCIA FlashDisk cards that can store 1.8 to 40MB in native mode. You can get them with Stacker preinstalled which just about doubles the storage capacity of the cards. I am working with a 5MB card that has almost 10MB free when I use Stacker.

FlashDisks are removable cards that fit into a PCMCIA slot on the palmtop, and many notebook computers. Today, almost all notebooks have eliminated floppy drives and/or also have PCMCIA capability. The card is about the size of a credit card, and as mentioned can store large amounts of data. For those who use a modem on a system with one slot, you must remove the FlashDisk to use the modem.

FlashDisks use power only during writing and reading which dramatically extends your computer's battery life. The internal architecture of the FlashDisk is identical to hard disks. It will work with programs for MS DOS as well as Windows. StaticRAM (SRAM) cards use battery power even when the unit is turned off.

The card is basically plug-and-play. If Stacker is preinstalled, you must run the install program from the card to set up the device driver on your notebook. If Stacker is not installed, or you opt not to use it, then you do not to run anything. The card is preformatted, and if Stacker was installed, then you must reformat the card before use. The object is to get as much storage space as possible, especially on a palmtop, so I would not see why you would not want Stacker. I have been using the card for several months, and have had no problems. As I mentioned in earlier reviews on Stacker that I did, it is the standard by which others are judged.

FlashDisk acts as a regular disk drive. Anything you can do with a hard drive you can do with this card. Format, Copy, Delete, etc. One thing you cannot do with a hard drive is place it in you jacket pocket. You can with this. FlashDisk comes in a plastic jewel case. This is where you should always place the card when it is not in your system.

The SunDisk SDP5 series uses SunDisk's 512 byte sector erase Flash

memory that was designed by SunDisk specifically for use in a mass storage device. This architecture, coupled with the IDE controller, means that SunDisk PCMCIA FlashDisks are 100% compatible with operating systems, utilities, and application programs that support IDE disk drives.

Some cards require a battery backup which means that if the battery fails, so does the data. Not so with FlashDisk, as it does not require a battery, so your data is always safe.

The cards are reasonably priced and available in many stores. As I mentioned, I have been using the card, and am pleased with its performance. I will recommend it to anyone with a portable computer. Data transfer from a desktop to the FlashDisk is relatively fast. It will depend on the speed of the unit. The 100LX has a 7.91Mhz processor. It will take longer here than on an OmniBook 425 or similar computer. There are companies that make drives that connect to your desktop, and will accept a PCMCIA card for even quicker access. I hope to review this in a future issue.

Product Information

**FlashDisk
Mass Storage Systems**

SRP -- \$225-1995

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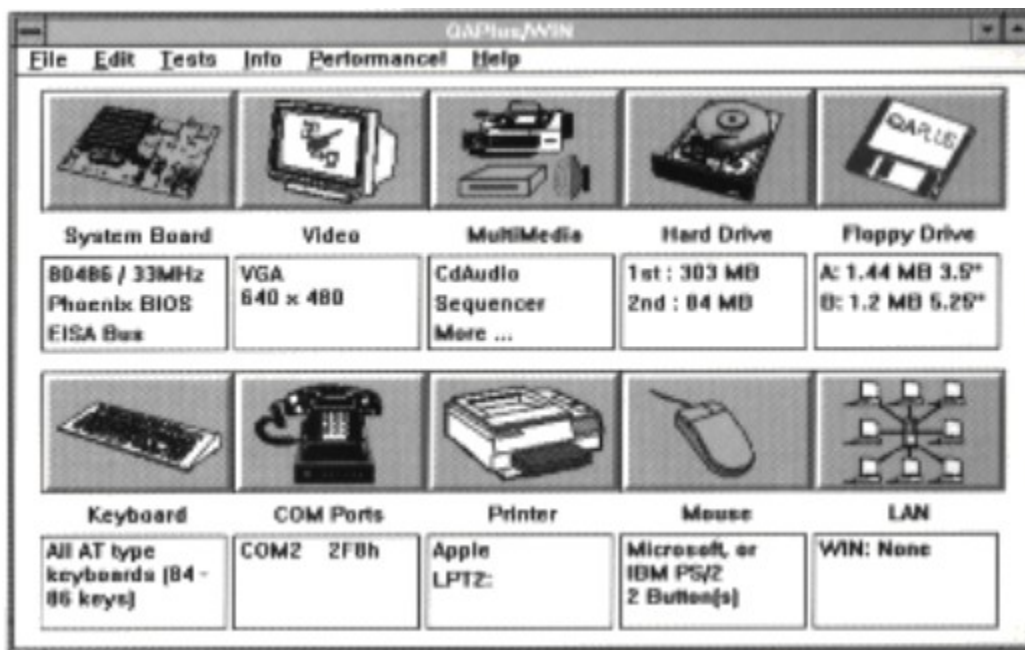
QAPlus/Win 5.1

by Tony Curro

Many of us are concerned that our systems are not running at peak performance. Others have a 'feeling' that something or other is not running as it should. DiagSoft, maker of award-winning diagnostic products, has the answer for you.

I took a look at QAPlus/Win 5.1. This is a complete diagnostic tool for Windows. In addition it has some DOS tools included.

The program is easy to install, and will work well for both novice and expert users. It will locate and diagnose most problems associated with all major components of your PC, including LAN connections and multimedia devices. If you encounter a problem, QAPlus/Win will clearly explain it to you. With this information in hand, you can better explain it to technical support personal, thereby cutting down on long distance calls, as you get right to the problem rather than try to explain it in your own words.



QAPlus/Win will test: System Board, Video, Multimedia (files and CD-ROM drive), hard disk, floppies, keyboard, COM ports, printer, mouse and, if applicable, LAN. In addition, Windows Resource Control Center guides you

through comparing and editing your system configuration to enhance performance. Disk Performance Tester lets you compare the effect of up to four different configurations. I ran the test on my two hard drives with and without cache. The results follow:

Drive	w/cache	w/o cache
C:	0.46 secs	1.41 secs
D:	0.44 secs	2.14 secs

As you can see, using a cache has an effect. But, which cache should you use? SmartDrive, Norton Cache, PC-Kwik? With QAPLus/Win you can pick the one that gives you the most efficient performance.

View and edit your CMOS settings. Check your RAM for bad chips. Do loop-back tests on your serial and parallel ports. DOS tools allow you to view: Memory Map, Hardware Interrupts and many other features.

Even if you are not trouble shooting your system, QAPLus/Win, or any of the QAPLus line should be found informative by all. It will tell you things you did not know, and even some you do not care to know. But, all in all, it is a good diagnostic tool that belongs on your software shelf.

Registered users of QAPLus/Win can upgrade to 5.1 for \$49.95. In addition, QAPLus or QAPLus/FE registered users can purchase QAPLus/Win for \$79.95.

Product Information

QAPLus/Win 5.1

List Price -- \$159.95

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SYSTEM INFORMATION

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- 486DX2/66 VL-BUS Motherboard
- Diamond Viper VL-BUS Video Card
- 8 MB of 80ns SIMMS
- Quantum IDE drives
- NEC CDR74-1 CD-ROM drive
- Sound Blaster 16 ASP
- Sony MultiScan HG monitor
- Bernoulli Dual 44
- Colorado Jumbo 250
- LaserJet IIP printer
- UMAX UC630 color scanner.

Software always present:

- 4DOS v4.x
- DOS 6.0
- QEMM v7.x
- Windows 3.1

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News, Updates, and Upgrades

ACCULOGIC, INC. is shipping the sIDE-4/HP, a high performance multi I/O IDE controller that allows users to connect the newest high-performance serial, parallel and floppy disk devices to their systems. The card is compatible with ISA bus, 386, 486 and advanced personal computers. It features an IDE controller with an ECP/EPP (Extended Capabilities Port/Enhanced Parallel Port compatible high-speed printer port, two 16550-compatible high-speed serial ports, and a high-capacity 2.88 megabyte (MB floppy disk controller. It has a SRP of \$85.

PRO CD, INC. announced plans to develop and market four international CD-ROM directory titles in 1994. The first title, which was announced, is EUROPAGES, an interactive European business directory on CD-ROM. It will contain more than 150,000 major suppliers from 16 European countries. With an SRP of \$49 and no restrictions on personal usage, EUROPAGES has a scheduled release date of February 14, 1994. Also being released on that date is Canada Phone. This CD contains nearly 10 million listings from every white and yellow page directory published in Canada. It has a SRP of \$149, and is currently available only from Pro CD and will soon be available from leading software stores. Call Pro CD at (800) 99-CD-ROM.

MICROLEAGUE INTERACTIVE SOFTWARE has announced that it will release over two dozen products in the coming year. Many more are expected to be announced for release this year also. They are releasing a varied list of games: sports, space adventure, historical simulations, etc. MicroLeague has teamed up with companies in Germany and England to bring the best to consumers in the US. Some of the products that are, or will be available soon, consist of: Time Out Sports Baseball Alien Breed, Nicky Boom, Guardians, Great Bridge Baron, Hannibal, Rolling Ronny, and Shadow Worlds. Call (800)-334-6572 for a catalog.

CENTRAL POINT SOFTWARE announced PC Tools 2.0 for Windows. The new version includes CrashGuard, a system monitor that offers an early warning to avoid Windows crashes, enhanced System Consultant, support for DoubleSpace and DiskFix. Also included are CP AntiVirus, CP Backup and many other enhanced or new features. PC Tools 2.0 for Windows has a SRP of \$179.95. CP offers a \$49.95 "universal" upgrade for owners of Tools 1.0 for Windows, other CP products, or owners of competitive products. Call 1-800-964-6896 for upgrade information.

VENTANA PRESS announced The Windows Internet Tour Guide. A complete

guide to accessing The Internet, plus one month free service on MRNet. ISBN: 1-56604-081-7. List Price \$24.95.

Komando's Year-End Thoughts

It's a fact of life right up there with death and taxes. Any computer you buy is outdated. The latest technological feat will be surpassed shortly after it is announced. Further more, there is nothing you or I can do, or should do, about this Catch-22.

Take those frustrations of keeping up to date with the Intel X86-architecture and chip numbers. After spending, say \$2,000, for the latest whiz-bang 486-based computer running the newest bells and whistles laden software, low and behold a faster/smaller/cheaper computer with fresh software hits the streets. Feeling taken by a fast-talking salesperson and pretty 4-color advertisements, most consumers sit back and suffer an extreme case of buyer's remorse.

"I should have waited :-("

The first question that normally pops in is, "Maybe I should have waited another six months until this computer chip deal settles down a bit?" Well, this is a good thought but not a practical one. Frankly, the computer chip evolution is one even Darwin couldn't put on a chart.

By the time the chart was made, it would be outdated. The 486 is hot. The Pentium, or what would have been called the 586 but wasn't for legal issues, is here. The "686," "786," "886," and succeeding generations are in various stages of research and development.

"I've got the power."

There is a light at the end of the tunnel and the good news is, it's not a train. It was hard to miss the PowerPC and Digital's Alpha-based computer announcements made this past year. From local news coverage to CNN, reports missed the real story behind the newest trend in computing.

Many thought it was simply another race around the faster/cheaper/smaller personal computer track. Rather than getting caught up in the processor speed and ability to leap different operating systems and perform multiple software programs in a single bound, look past the hype.

The PowerPC, especially the 620 Series due in 1994, and Alpha-based systems break out of the Intel architecture. These systems promise a

whole new world of cross-platform applications. Upgradability is no longer a promise of things to come. Best of all, the systems bridge the IBM-oriented and Apple Macintosh worlds so that now, one computer can speak fluently two different languages.

While still a bit premature for most consumer's use, cynics in the crowd say, "I'll believe the PowerPC and Alpha when I see it." You can, today, at your local retailer which brings us to another story happening from the United States to Moscow. I'm talking about the computer superstores filled with literally acres of computer gear popping up like convenience stores on street corners.

Are the Superstores Super?

The places are stocked with big-name monitors, computers, printers, software, accessories. For no other reason than for research, I drop in on these stores periodically. On a recent trip to Florida, I visited one and found 27 different brands of 486-based computers!

So, as any overwhelmed consumer would, I found a salesperson and asked, "Which one's the best system for me?" (You always want to add the "for me" in the question by the way.)

The sweater-clad gentleman in his mid-thirties responded, "They're all good but these five are on sale." A better salesperson would have asked ME, "What do you want to use the computer for?" No matter what your budget is, the best computer is one that suits your needs, or in other words, is suitable for what you are going to be using the computer for, and may or may not be the latest, greatest and most expensive model.

Nonetheless, the salesperson and I had a pleasant conversation and the best system for me in this salesperson's estimation seemed to boil-down to how much I wanted to spend, or commit to monthly under a lease arrangement. Fortunately, I found another salesperson who was qualified to ask and answer my questions.

Notebooks Aren't Just For Road Warriors

If you are planning to invest in a new computer in the near future, check out the notebook/laptop systems. Finally, these computers are no longer scaled-down versions of traditional desktop computers with a lot of pieces missing. Over the last year, portable computers grew up and offer the features, performance and power including large hard disks, mega amounts of RAM, color, fax/modem communications, and more that was normally reserved for a desktop.

Beside having only one computer to use however and wherever you are, a fully-equipped notebook computer can be hooked up to an external monitor and keyboard. I recommend purchasing a "docking station" for your notebook. These are relatively inexpensive landing pads that transform a notebook computer into a desktop computer for your office. A good docking station should include complete duplication of the ports on the notebook, offer the capability of connecting a CD ROM, networkability, and an integrated battery recharger.

With the advent of powerful portable and mobile computing, comes a new driving technology that are PCMCIA expansion cards. These credit card-sized cards offer notebook expansion capabilities such as additional hard disk space, LAN adapters, SCSI interfaces, digital paging receivers, fax/modem communications and even Global Positional Satellite locators. Any future notebook purchase should have PCMCIA capabilities.

Hardware innovations drive software renovations and with the new and improved Microsoft, Intel, and others Plug and Play BIOS specifications and era of 32-bit computing, comes forth Windows NT, OS/2 2.1 and the soon to be released Windows 4.0. Computing has taken the true multi-tasking path making it really possible to do more than two things at once and do them both well.

Granted, computers has it share of vaporware running over sneakernet. Yet, we are fortunate. We are living in a time when ideas that make our lives easier become products quicker than ever before in the history of mankind. We must look past the computer chip numbers, software version numbers and price wars. If we look, we see our, our children's and their children's future unfolding in front of us daily and all without a call to the "Psychic Hotline."

Another example of Kim Komando's commitment to putting the real power of computers in user's hands.

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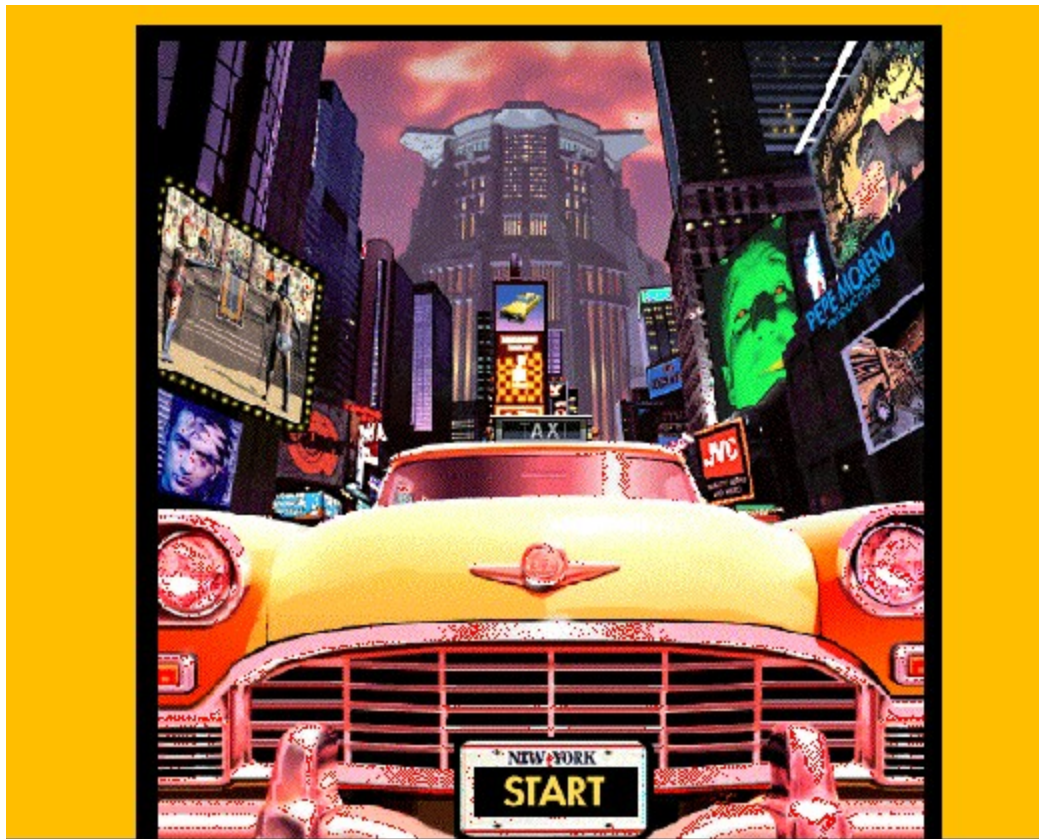
Hell Cab Interactive Adventure

by Tony Curro

Time Warner Interactive Group has released Hell Cab, an interactive adventure that will keep you on the edge of your seat. The game is available on CD-ROM for Windows or Macintosh computers.

You arrive at JFK airport in New York. Raul Delgado, you driver and the devil-in-disguise, assures you this is one trip you will NEVER forget. You carry everything in your I LUV NY shopping bag. Maybe you should get some cash from the ATM machine before you venture out of the airport?

Hell Cab pulls up to the curb and takes you to the Empire State Building. You must pay your fare before you leave the cab. If you are short of money, which you will always be, Raul asks you to sign a simple agreement that is a pact with the devil.



You exit the cab and enter the Empire State Building. In here you can pick up many clues that will aid you on your ventures. Go to the ATM

machines. Here you can get more cash, hints on the game, and historical information. You will also see curtained windows in various places. Clicking on them gives you an animated sequence. For example in one you can see Dead Sullivan.

The game features digitized actors, synchronized video and sound, animation, spectacular graphics, and original music. You even hear the wind howling when go to the observation deck of the Empire State Building.

Once you leave the building you get back in the cab with Raul. He will then take you to various historical locations, and return you to the Empire State Building each time, if you survive. You start the game with three lives. Each time you lose a life, you go to Hell for a brief visit. Read the top of the screen, as it will give you hints from time to time.

The object of Hell Cab is to survive Raul's cab rides with body and soul intact. You can always check this information on the Soul-o-meter. Hell Cab features over 15 hours of game play. You go to Jurassic Park, World War I, and to Nero's Rome. Each time, you must take quick action to survive. You will also encounter a man who is looking for change throughout the game. If you survive all your trips, and return to the Empire State Building at the end of the game with enough money to pay your fare, you face a final adventure in apocalyptic New York. This is worse than all the other adventures combined. Survive this and you will be whisked to the airport by a flying taxi cab.

Pepe Moreno, who created Hell Cab, is a world-renowned comic artist who also created the best-selling graphic novel Batman: Digital Justice.

I was enthralled with this game and could not stop playing it. One suggestion is to save the game often. Everything in it was realistic and lifelike. There was only one place where I disagree with game. I live in New York City, and believe me the cabs are NOT as clean as Hell Cab, nor are the seats unscathed as depicted here. A few dents, some cut seats, and dirty windows would have made it better!

Product Information

**Hell Cab
CD-ROM**

SRP -- \$99.99

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HelpEdit v1.09 for Windows

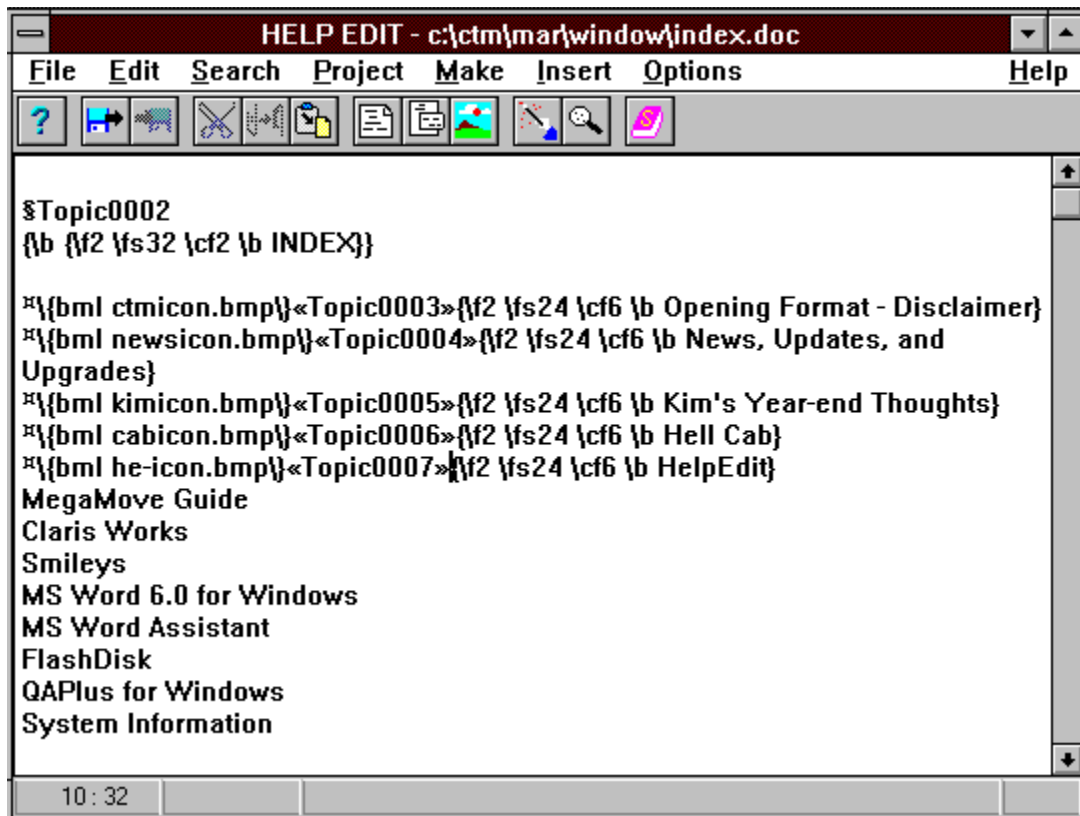
by Tony Curro

Almost every program we use for Windows has a help file, and in many cases a tutorial. These programs are created using Visual Basic. Everyone has the actual program needed to run these files. WINHELP.EXE is part of the Windows software package. By double-clicking on a file with the HLP extension will run WINHELP and in turn the file.

I have been writing CTM for almost 2 years. Recently, people have asked why I have not moved to the Windows environment. I have thought about, but was looking for a quality way to present myself in this format. I was tinkering with using MS Write, but found limitations. I could use Word or WordPerfect, but this would be dependent on the product the user has to view this file. I started looking around and found several programs that aid you in creating files in the HLP format. Not being a programmer or having any knowledge of Visual Basic, these programs were too difficult to grasp. Then I came across HelpEdit from Aciran Software Systems. HelpEdit is not a difficult program to grasp. There is a tutorial that walks you through the whole concept of creating HLP files. There is also a help file that explains the functions, commands, etc.

The basic structure of creating a help file can be broken down into several steps, of which I will explain later: (1) Create a Topic. (2) Add a Title. (3) Enter your text, and if desired, graphics. (4) Use hypertext and/or definitions.

You can enter text into HelpEdit in several ways: direct typing, adding a text file, copy from the clipboard. For most, I opted for paste from clipboard. HelpEdit uses two extensions, prj and doc. It also accepts BMP for graphic files. Below is the opening screen of HelpEdit. Some icons are grayed, as you have nothing entered to work with. As you are able to do functions, the icons will be available.



The icons from left to right are: Help, Open, Save, Cut, Copy, Paste, create Topic, create Definition, select Graphic, Make Help File, Spy (see completed help file), and Spell Checker.

When you first start HelpEdit you have to create a project. Click on Open, or select Project, Open from the drop down menu. Give the project any name you wish. Now you are ready to enter data. The next step is to create definitions, if you are going to use them. Definitions are little popup windows that will explain a selected word. For example, say you use the acronym PCMICA. By using definitions you can explain to the reader what these letters stand for. You do this by putting all the words you want to use, along with their definitions, in one file. Then you use HelpEdit to give a number to the words. When you use them in your document, HelpEdit will place the number, and other symbols, by the word you select.

Now we have to give the program a Topic name. Lets say TEST. You type the word on screen, place the cursor to the left of the first T, and then select the Topic icon. Name you topic and say OK. You will see the Make Help File icon light up. You can compile this file now.

You can also choose to have a Title, or even make a Topic and Title from the same word. Create all the topics you plan to use, and save your

work. I found it easiest to put any BMP or text files that I plan to use in the HelpEdit directory.

It did take me a little while to feel comfortable HelpEdit. But, once I did, it was a breeze to create my magazine. Many of you may have seen the first Windows issue that I put out. This was done exclusively by using HelpEdit. I got the program a bit late, and as you will see from it, I omitted a few things. Mainly, the BBS list, which was a separate text file. This month I have incorporated it into the HLP file.

HelpEdit allows you to use Jump Links to move from place to place. The buttons on the top allow you to print, place bookmarks, go back to previous topic, move forward or backward through the pages. Jump Links are simple to explain. The magazine looks like this:

1. Opening Format
2. News, Updates...
3. First Article...
4. Second Article...

The above text will have dashed lines (not here, but in the HLP file). When you move the cursor over it, it becomes a hand. Double-clicking on any item will take you to that subject. Clicking back from the toolbar, will return you to the above menu. Doing the same with another item will take you there. This is Jump Linking, whereby you create a link from here to the topic. Of course you have to create a Topic named Opening, or select any topic you created to jump to that page. I am experimenting with using icons next to titles. In this way, by clicking on the icon you can go to that topic. You can use a graphic as such, for jump linking or to run a program.

HelpEdit will accept any valid BMP, WMF, or SHG file. You place the cursor where you want the graphic, and from the Project menu select add file, and then graphic file. You will see a list of BMP files. Click the one you want, and click OK. Then use the Graphic icon from the toolbar. This brings up a list of selected BMP files. Click on the one you want, select your other options, and press OK. You will see a reference to the BMP file on that line.

Each project file can only be about 30K. If you exceed this limit you get a warning. At this time you save your work, and create a NEW project file. When you are done, all files will be merged into one file. I have 5 project files on the initial HLP release of CTM. The program does allow you to change fonts, size, color and attributes. It also has paragraph indenting.

One thing you will need before you start is the Help Compiler. This is part of the Visual Basic package, but copies are available on many boards. The file will have names like: HC, HC31, or HCP. I found HCP to work the best. It handled large BMP files, that caused HC to balk. The main thing is to plan your project before you start. Get your topics, graphics, definitions, and other materials together. Figure out where you want to go before you start. It makes getting there a lot easier. In my first attempt, which as I mentioned I pushed, I did not have 'my ducks in a row' so to speak. It caused me to do some things several times and, like in the case of the BBS list, not at all. Now with time, I am better organized, and breeze through the work.

HelpEdit was the best shareware program that I saw, as far as ease of use goes. With the others I felt as if I was wallowing. This program, as the others, is geared toward programmers. But, HelpEdit makes a professional out of a non-programmer. You should find the file HELPED19.ZIP on many BBS, and on services like America OnLine. I got it from Software Creations.

The two programs below, are add-ons for Help Edit.

SPELMATE.

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The spell checker DLL Spelmate is now at version 1.1. It now has sample programs in C and Visual Basic as well as Pascal. Spelmate is included in the professional version of Help Edit. The Shareware file is now SPMATE11.ZIP.

Index-It.

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Index-It Version 1.0 can be used to create keyword lists that can be used by Help Edit, as well as other programs, e.g., DTP. The Shareware file is INDXIT11.ZIP. This program is included FREE with the professional version of Help Edit.

Product Information

Help Edit v1.9

Basic Registration @ œ25.00 (\$38 + \$7 = \$45)

Pro Version (with spell checker) @ œ35.00 (\$53 + \$7 = \$60)
(and FREE copy of INDEX-IT)

The surcharge is for US customers. It is to convert dollars in pounds sterling.

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Mega Movie Guide Multimedia CD-ROM

by Tony Curro

Info Business released the 1993-94 Mega Movie Guide Multimedia CD-ROM for Windows. This version will add two hours of video clips, each running 2-4 minutes, and featuring stars like: Gary Cooper, John Wayne, Spencer Tracy, Elizabeth Taylor and more.

Mega Movie Guide covers over 58,000 movies. Some of the reviews are one or two lines while others are much longer. Each review though, gives the basic concept of each movie. In addition it has profiles of major stars, all academy award winners and nominees since 1927, video clips (as mentioned above), and movie stills. It also contains an on-line tutorial.

The program sports a query mode that allows to search on the movie's run time, MPAA expanded rating, place of origin, B&W or color designation, and availability on video. You can also search by actor or actress, academy awards, genre, foreign language, documentaries, and many other ways. For example, you can search for all films Dustin Hoffman appeared in, and those for which he won, or was nominated for, an Academy Award.

Mega Movie also provides a list of Greatest Hits of the Decade. This is a compilation of movies in each decade since 1920 voted on by the critics as the best.

The 1993-94 Mega Movie Guide does have an impressive review list. However, I found it lacking in a few areas. Star Profiles, which are bios of the stars, had over 50 stars listed. There were many more who did not appear who should have. Also, since this is the 1993 version the database is outdated. I did not read every profile, but of the ones I read I saw an omission of date of death for many who have passed on. This was for those who have died since 1981. Steve McQueen who passed away in 1981 has the year listed. But, seven that I knew were no longer with us, passing on between 1983-89 were not mentioned in their bios. These include: Fred Astaire ('87), James Cagney ('86), Bette Davis ('89), Cary Grant ('86), Ray Milland ('86), David Niven ('83), and Lord Laurence Olivier ('89). I do not understand this information not being presented.

The profiles, reviews, etc., are contained in one long list. While you can click on a specific area, if you go past the top or bottom of the

section, you will enter into the previous or next area. All the reviews and profiles are text based. For the profiles a picture of the stars who have been a nice touch.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

- * 80386-16 or higher CPU
- * 2MB RAM (4MB recommended)
- * DOS 3.0 or greater
- * MS Windows 3.0 or greater
- * Multimedia compatible CD-ROM drive (with CD-DA outputs, sustained 150K/sec transfer rate and a maximum seek time of 1 second while using no more than 40% of the CPU's processing power)
- * 8 bit sound card capable of playing .WAV files
- * Headphones or speakers
- * VGA or VGA+ display (256 colors highly recommended)
- * Mouse

If you do not have a sound card you can access the text and graphics features only.

Product Information

1993-94 Mega Movie Guide Multimedia CD-ROM for Windows

SRP -- \$59.95

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ClarisWorks for Windows

by Tony Curro

Claris, maker of the award-winning FileMaker Pro for Windows and Macintosh, has released the Windows version of ClarisWorks. First shipped as a Macintosh product in 1991, ClarisWorks for Windows maintains cross-platform compatibility with the original Macintosh version.

Full installation, with tutorials and samples, requires only about 4MB of hard disk space. It makes it an excellent program for notebook users. Users can also read and save files to most other popular software programs in multi-platform environments. ClarisWorks supports over a dozen formats, so users can be confident that their data will remain useful to others and themselves if they need to use it in other applications.

Works means it is an integrated package. You have word processing, spreadsheet, database and graphics all in one program. Claris has sought to redefine the whole genre of integrated works programs. While other works programs are integrated, they force you to switch between different windows and screens. ClarisWorks for Windows adopts the more sensible and natural approach of keeping all the tools right in front of you by means of its unique frame-based architecture. You simply click on the appropriate tool on the tool palette and create a spreadsheet, database, chart, graphic, or text area on the page. You can also edit anything you see on the page right there on the page, using the tools and menus that are always available. This also applies to creating, editing, and viewing headers, footers, footnotes, and anything else.

ClarisWorks is simple enough for novices, but still offers capabilities they can grow into. Small/medium business and home office users will be productive from the start with all the basic business tools they need right in one product.

ClarisWorks comes with a users guide, a getting started guide with tutorial, a quick reference guide, and a context-sensitive on-line help system.

You can import text, word processing, and graphic files simply by dragging them from a File Manager window to any spot on the page. You have full control over graphics and text. You can rotate objects

(including text), reshape or flip objects, duplicate selected elements with tracked distance, and more.

The database environment in ClarisWorks is modeled after Claris's award-winning FileMaker Pro (which was reviewed in a previous issue of CTM). The word processing environment has some sophisticated desktop publishing features, such as: linked text frames, rotated text, and easy placement of graphics; coupled with page layout capabilities it makes it easy to create: brochures, catalogs, flyers, or order forms.

Supported file formats: ASCII, MS Word for DOS and Windows, WordPerfect for DOS and Windows, dBASE (DBF), RTF, DIF, SYLK, Excel, Lotus 1-2-3 (WKS and WK1), ClarisWorks for the Macintosh, PCX, TIFF, BMP, WMF, CGM, EPS, and Macintosh PICT.

This product is well constructed. The integration of text, spreadsheet, graphics, and so on is a seamless one. You do it almost without knowing it is done. All in one package, and all on one page entering and editing makes this a useful product for many.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

- * 386 or higher CPU
- * MS Windows 3.0 or 3.1
- * Hard Disk and floppy disk drive
- * 2MB RAM
- * VGA or better video display

Product Information

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Smileys

by Tony Curro

In our everyday lives we will say things tongue-in-cheek, or make a statement in which we are kidding. Using our voice, or talking to a person face-to-face the actual meaning of the remark is conveyed. Electronically we use symbols such as :-) or :-(to convey our meaning.

I started CTM in July 1992. Just after that date I had a conference on a network. I mentioned my magazine and was boasting about its content. I made the following remark, "I would question the reputation of any BBS that is not carrying CTM :-)." The smile symbol meaning I was kidding was there. However, I received much flak from this one remark. It lasted for several weeks with remarks about whom the heck did I think I was, and who wants CTM, etc. As a sidebar many people do want CTM. We are on over 275 BBS throughout the US, Canada, and overseas. We are also on America OnLine and CompuServe.

This one remark prompted me to make a list of many smileys, or "emoticons" (icons that represent emotions) as they are sometimes called, used on boards and to place a copy in my magazine. Thanks to two people, Jamie Gannon and Patrick Lee, I posted two such lists in my magazine. These were not complete by any stretch of the imagination, but some of the most commonly used ones.

O'Reilly & Associates, Inc. has made it even simpler. Smileys is a thin pocket-sized book that contains many symbols. David Sanderson the "Noah Webster of Smileys" has a list of over 650 smileys, compiled over the years from e-mail messages and his other travels on-line. These are all contained in the reference section at the back of the book. Throughout the book there is text by Dale Dougherty that contains examples of how smileys are used in typical e-mail messages. You will find sections on: Smiley Caricatures, cartoon smileys, presidential smileys, wild world of smileys, pet smileys, and many others.

Some of the smileys included are:

;-(- crying
%-(- confused
:-o - shock, amazement
=:o] - Bill Clinton
B-) - Batman
#-) - partied all night

:='| - have a cold
%-6 - braindead

There are also several quizzes to sharpen up your recognition of smileys. The book is inexpensive, and anyone who owns a modem should get one. There is enjoyment in baffling someone by using a smiley they have never seen, and in your learning what all the smileys you see mean. So don't become %-(or start ;-(. Grab this book and you will :-o many people. Then you too can be :-).

Product Information

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We are also on CompuServe. Look for CTM in the IBMBBS Forum download area. Search KEYWORD: CTM.

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ASCII

(American Standard Code for Information Interchange) Pronounced "ask-ee." A binary code for data that is used in communications, most minicomputers and all personal computers.

BIOS

(Basic Input Output System) Software routines that contain the detailed instructions for activating the primary peripheral devices connected to the computer.

BMP

(Bit MaP) Windows graphics format that may be device dependent or independent. Device independent BMP files (DIB) are coded for translation to a wide variety of displays and printers.

CD ROM

(Compact Disc Read Only Memory) Compact disc format used to hold text, graphics and hi-fi stereo sound. It's like a music CD, but uses a different track format for data. The music CD player cannot play CD ROMs, but CD ROM players usually play music CDs and have headphone and amplifier jacks. A CD ROM player connects to a controller card, which is plugged into one of the computer's expansion slots. CD ROMs hold in excess of 600MB of data, which is equivalent to about 250,000 pages of text or 20,000 medium-resolution images.

Audio and data reside on separate tracks and cannot be heard and viewed together.

CGM

(Computer Graphics Metafile) Standard format for interchanging graphics images. CGM stores images primarily in vector graphics, but also provides a raster format. Earlier GDM and VDM formats have been merged into the CGM standard.

CMOS

(Complementary MOS) Pronounced "C moss." Type of integrated circuit widely used for processors and memories. It uses PMOS and NMOS transistors in a complementary fashion that results in less power to operate.

CPU

(Central Processing Unit) Computing part of the computer. Also called the processor, it is made up of the control unit and ALU.

DBF file

dBASE data file extension. dBASE II and dBASE III files both use DBF, but are not compatible.

DIF

(1) (Data Interchange Format) Standard file format for spreadsheet and other data structured in row and column form. Originally developed for VisiCalc, DIF is now under Lotus' jurisdiction.

Encapsulated PostScript

PostScript file format that contains PostScript code for the document as well as optional preview images in TIFF, Windows Metafile or Macintosh PICT formats. The PostScript code drives a PostScript printer directly, and the preview formats allow the image to be manipulated on screen. DOS and OS/2 files use an EPS extension.

Flash Memory

Memory chip that holds its content without power, but must be erased in bulk. Originally coined by Toshiba, the term comes from its ability to be erased "in a flash." Derived from EEPROMs, flash memory chips are less expensive and provide higher bit densities. Also FlashDisk.

LAN

(1) (Local Area Network) Communications network that serves users within a confined geographical area.

(2) (Local Area Network) Network of personal computers within a confined geographical area that is made up of servers, workstations, a network operating system and a communications link.

PCMCIA
(Personal Computer Memory Card International
Association) Organization of U.S. and Japanese
companies set up to standardize memory cards.

PCX

This is a standard bitmapped graphics format for the PC, developed by Z-Soft. Most PC paint programs support PCX, as do almost all bitmapped graphics applications. According to Z-Soft, PCX doesn't stand for anything, though Picture Exchange seems an obvious origin.

PICT
(PICTure) Macintosh graphics file format that stores images in the QuickDraw vector format.

ROM

(Read Only Memory) Memory chip that permanently stores instructions and data. Its contents are created at the time of manufacture and cannot be altered. Used extensively to store control routines in personal computers (ROM BIOS) and in peripheral controllers, it is also used in plug-in cartridges for printers, video games and other systems. When software is stored in ROM, upgrading to the next version requires replacing the ROM chip.

RTF

(Rich Text Format) Microsoft standard for encoding formatted text and graphics. It was adapted from IBM's DCA format and supports ANSI, IBM PC and Macintosh character sets.

SCSI

(Small Computer System Interface) Pronounced "scuzzy." An interface for up to seven peripherals (disk, tape, CD ROM, etc.). It is an 8-bit bus interface for up to eight devices, but the host adapter, which connects to the computer's bus, also counts as a device. The SCSI bus allows any two devices to communicate at one time (host to peripheral, peripheral to peripheral). Macintoshes come with built-in SCSI host adapters.

SYLK file
(SYmbolic LinK file) Spreadsheet file format
originating with Multiplan that is used by a number
of spreadsheet programs.

TIFF
(Tagged Image File Format) Popular raster graphics
(bit map) file format that encodes gray scale.

VGA

(Video Graphics Array) IBM video display standard built into most models of the PS/1 and PS/2 series that provides medium-resolution text and graphics. It has become the common display standard for all PCs.

WMF
Windows MetaFile.

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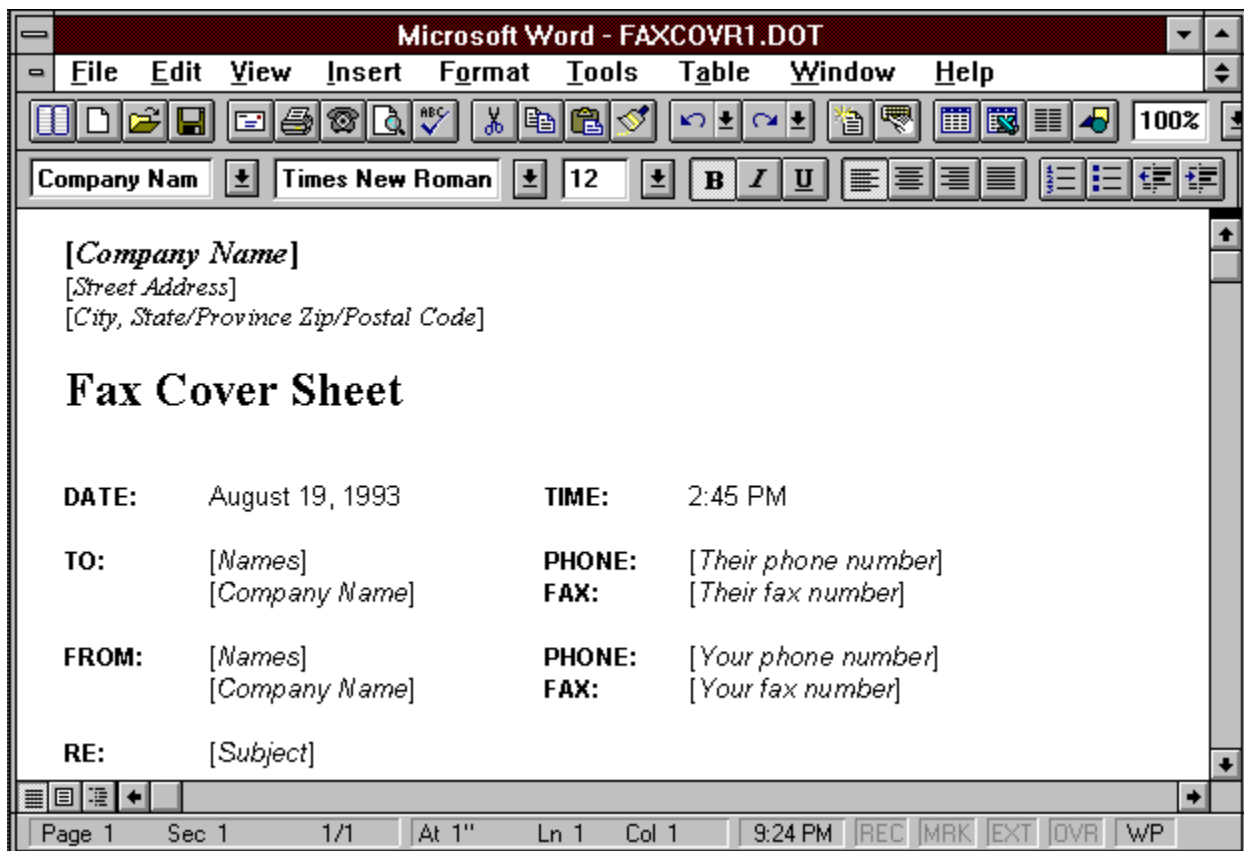
MS Word for Windows 6.0

by Tony Curro

Word for Windows 1.0 was released in 1989. In the fall of 1991, Word for Windows 2.0 was introduced. Now we have Word for Windows 6.0 that features intelligent automation, that far surpasses its two predecessors.

Wizards, first introduced in MS Publisher, help users through unfamiliar or complex tasks by creating a document for them. You can select Wizards to create memos, calendars, fax cover pages, newsletters, agendas, resumes, and more. Once you select a Wizard Word asks a set of questions, and quickly creates the look the user wants.

Forms are one of the newest features of the word processing program. Word provides several popular forms, such as invoices and expense reports, plus all the tools you need to make your own.



New Features of Word 6.0 includes:

- * AutoFormat -- allows the user to choose a professional document design, and then automatically format an entire document with the click of the mouse.
- * AutoCorrect -- automatically corrects misspelled words and common typing mistakes.
- * AutoText -- allows users to store "boilerplate" text for re-use across all their documents. The user simply inputs the abbreviation for the text and Word 6.0 automatically expands it.
- * 100 Level Undo -- shows you a running list of past actions. You can track what you've done in the document and undo it all with a mouse click.
- * Word 6.0 documents have a maximum size of 32MB.

Word 6.0 has OLE 2.0 support. Another new feature is consistency with other MS products through similar menu structures, toolbars and program behavior that reduces training time and cost. You can have as many toolbars on screen as you want. Move them around; add or delete buttons from the standard toolbars, or create your own. Rather than having text with an icon on the toolbar, which can get confusing, not to mention cluttering up the screen, MS has added "Post-it" notes-type features. Place the pointer over an icon and pause for a second. A little yellow box pops up that tells you the function of that icon. There are 13 predefined toolbars for specific tasks in MS Word 6.0 for Windows.

If you have text in one document, that you wish to copy or move to your current document, you can utilize the drag-and-drop features of Word. Open both documents and select the text you want and drag it to the other document.

Word gives you a wide range of numbering, automatic renumbering and bullets. You can select bulleted, numbered and multilevel formats. For bullet characters you can select point size, color, position and other features. Whenever you add or remove an item, Word does the renumbering automatically.

Envelope printing can sometimes be a chore. Word now includes a visual clue to help the user place the envelope into the printer. It even suggests the right way to feed the envelope based on your printer setup. Using radio buttons you can place the text anywhere you wish on the envelope. If you want your return address several more characters to the right you can move it. I found this useful with envelopes that had a design on the left side.

Word contains label formats for many popular labels. You can look at all

labels, or select dot-matrix, Laser, etc. Word contains all Avery labels, even those for Europe. You can also create your own custom labels. You can print a whole page of the same label, or choose row and column for specific labels.

WordArt 2.0 is another new feature in MS Word 6.0. I am familiar with it from using MS Publisher for over 1 1/2 years. Using WordArt greatly enhances your document. I use it to create my letterhead, and have received comments on its appearance and what program did I use to create it.

Upon opening Word you get the "Tip of the Day." Each time you start Word there is a pop-up window that tells you of a task you can perform with Word. You can add your own tips to this list, or even disable it. It is always available from the Help drop-down menu.

Word features multi-page view mode that allows you to see several pages at once. Here, using drag-and-drop, you can move or copy text or graphics between pages.

WordPerfect users who convert to Word will be pleased. Word 6.0 has WordPerfect Help. Once activated, when you press a key that you normally use in WP, say F6 for bold, Word will show you how to achieve that using Word's commands. Eventually, you will be as proficient using MS Word 6.0 for Windows, as you were previously using WordPerfect.

I have been using Word since version 2.0. I have used WordPerfect and Ami Pro also. These were mainly for review purposes. The top two in this category are Word and WordPerfect. The latter, however, still has some things to get ironed out before it can become a TRUE Windows product. My money is still on MS Word.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

- * MS Windows or Windows for Workgroups v3.1
- * MS Windows for Pen Computing
- * Computer with 80286 or higher CPU
- * 4MB RAM
- * 3.5" high-density drive (other disk sizes avail. sep.)
- * 25MB for Full Installation. Custom install also an option.
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