Hewlett-Packard Applications Computer Aided Design program (AppCAD) is
a collection of software tools (or modules) which aid in the design of
RF and Microwave circuits and systems. AppCAD also includes a part
selection guide for Hewlett-Packard RF and Microwave semiconductors.
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The following modules are included in the program:
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Transistor Design Data
Mixer Spurious Search
Microwave Calculator
Microwave Path Calculations
Transmission Lines
Two-port Circuit Analysis
Spiral Inductor Design
Impedance Matching
PIN Attenuator and Switch Design
Schottky Detector Calculations
Transistor Bias Circuits
NoiseCalc
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HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

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AppCAD is designed to work on all Hewlett-Packard Vectras or IBM PC/XT/AT
and compatible computers. A hard disk MUST be used to install and run the
program . MS-DOS(R) versions 2.0 or higher should be used. The recommended
minimum memory size is 512 Kbytes. All printed outputs are directed to
parallel port LPT1. Printing graphic screens require an Epson compatible
printer.

COPYING AND DISTRIBUTION

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 is charged. All AppCAD files must be included and not modified.
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INSTALLATION

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 A hard disk drive is necessary to install and run AppCAD !

 AUTOMATIC installation is possible using the INSTALL program :

 Insert Disk 1 into any 5 1/4 drive and type:

 A:Install (A drive is for this example, AppCAD can
         be installed from any other drive.)

 The program will ask you what hard disk you wish to load AppCAD on.

 For example, if C is your hard disk, type in : C (no colon is needed).

 The program will automatically be installed onto drive C directory
 AppCAD (install will create the directory AppCAD for you).

 MANUAL installation without using the INSTALL program is possible.
 The following should be done only if you are experiencing trouble
 installing the program using the INSTALL program.

 1. On your hard disk create a directory AppCAD using the DOS MKDIR
    command . Also, create a sub-directory AppCAD\SPARA.

 2. Copy from Disk 1 the files README.BAT and PKUNZIP.EXE into the AppCAD
    directory using the DOS copy command. From the AppCAD directory type:

    PKUNZIP A:\APPCAD1.ZIP C:\APPCAD
    Wait until PKUNZIP is finished then insert disk 2 into drive A and type:
    PKUNZIP A:\APPCAD2.ZIP C:\APPCAD
    Wait until PKUNZIP is finished then insert disk 3 into drive A and type:
    PKUNZIP A:\SPARA.ZIP C:\APPCAD\SPARA after PKUNZIP is finished AppCAD
    is installed.

STARTING THE PROGRAM

 Type AppCAD

This assumes you are already in the AppCAD directory.

Vectra users can run AppCAD from PAM with the following setup:

Path: C:\AppCAD (Drive C is for this example. Use the drive you
                        loaded AppCAD onto.)

 Applic Title: AppCAD

 Run Command: AppCAD

PROGRAM STATUS AND ERROR MESSAGES

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 Watch for messages on the bottom of the screen (the 25th text
 line). These messages can help guide you through the program
 by indicating what data the program expects or which keys are
 active. Error messages such as : " Value out of range " may appear
 after a calculation. This indicates that a calculated value is
 too large to display properly in its designated output field, and
 is an error with displaying the number not a calculation error.
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 Memory resident programs such as DOS shells, and pop-up calendars
 or spreadsheets may leave too little room for AppCAD to load or
 function. An error message "program is too big to fit in memory"
 may indicate such a problem . In this case, run AppCAD without
 the resident program(s) installed.

HELP SCREENS

On line help screens are available and should be read before using a
program module. The help screens contain useful information on each
of the program modules.

S-Parameters

S-parameters for Hewlett-Packard's RF and Microwave transistors and
monolithic amplifiers are included with AppCAD. These files are
are in Touchstone text file format and are located in the subdirectory
X:\AppCAD\SPARA (X is the drive selected by the user when AppCAD is
installed). The s-parameter files can be accessed from both the
Transistor Design Data and Two-Port Circuit Analysis modules. Refer
to the help screens of these two modules for further details.

The s-parameter files are also located on disk 3 in a non-compressed
form .

Some transistor file names are slightly different than their actual
part number. As an example:

XTR3615B.S2P corresponds to HXTR3615 and
SMX3131A.S2P corresponds to HSMX3131.

This was done to conform to DOS's limit of eight characters for the
filename. The letter subscripts are used to denote different bias
conditions.

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