About Ambrosia Software, Inc. & Shareware

The food of the gods in Greek mythology, Ambrosia epitomizes our commitment to supplying superlative products through an idealistic distribution method known as shareware.

Oracle is shareware; this means that you may use it without paying for it for a reasonable period of time (about 30 days) to ensure that it works for you and is worth keeping. If you do decide to keep Oracle, we ask that you send us \$10.

You may also freely copy Oracle, passing it on to anyone you feel might benefit from it. We simply ask that you do not distribute modified copies of Oracle to ensure that everyone gets a complete, unadulterated package.

We spent a great deal of time developing and perfecting Oracle. In return we appeal to your integrity, asking you to pay for Oracle if you decide to keep it and use it. The only way you can ensure that we will continue to support Oracle and develop new products is by sending in the fee we ask.

Simply click on the Register... button to print out the registration form, fill it out, and send it in to us along with your payment. If you have registered for a previous version of Oracle, you need not register again; the upgrade is free.

About Oracle

Oracle is a Control Panel that you place into your System Folder. Oracle will present you with a random thoughtful quotation each time you start up your computer or once a day, whichever you specify. Oracle has a library of over 1,000 profound readings, which accounts for its large size. Although it takes up a fair amount of disk space, Oracle uses very little system memory (around 5K), and works on any machine under System 6.0 or later (yes, it is System 7.0 friendly).

Oracle also allows you to print out any quotations that you find of particular interest, for later contemplation.

Many thanks to Paul O'Brien and the folks at Visionary Software for allowing me to use the text from their Synchronicity product in Oracle.

Requirements

Oracle works on any Macintosh with at least 1 Meg of memory, running System 6 or later.

Installation

To install Oracle, simply drag the Oracle icon onto your System Folder icon. Under System 6, this will place Oracle into the System Folder proper; under System 7, Oracle will be placed in the Control Panels folder.

To activate Oracle after you have placed it onto the System Folder icon, restart your Macintosh. You will see Oracle's icon appear along the bottom of your monitor to indicate that it loaded successfully.

Once installed, Oracle uses up 5K of memory.

Configuring

Under System 6, choose the Control Panel Desk Accessory from the Apple menu, scroll down to the Oracle icon and click on it.

Under System 7, choose the Control Panels item from the Apple Menu, scroll down to the Oracle icon and double-click on it.

Under either System, configuring Oracle is identical.

Problems?

If Oracle does not work, check to see if it displays an X-ed out icon at startup time. Oracle will display this icon if it cannot load. Check the system requirements under the Requirements heading above to make sure you have an acceptable configuration for Oracle to operate in.

A Story

On the island of Tomoka, a tribe of Indians called the Komanci dwelled. They were planning a huge celebration to commemorate the new year's dawning, setting up a huge cauldron to hold the sacred wine used in the celebration. The tribal shaman Arekba asked each participant to bring a cup of the wine and contribute it to the cause, so that they would have a bountiful supply of the wine. Many of the Indians, however, did not bring their cup to the cauldron, believing that there would be plenty and that their withholding would go unnoticed.

Come the day of the celebration, the Indians were shocked to discover that the cauldron of sacred wine was bonedry, the festival canceled. Pay your shareware fee today so the music never stops.

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