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INFO-MAC CD-ROM
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This disk contains thousands of freeware and shareware applications, desk accessories, games, virus-detection programs and commercial demos. It is also jam-packed with graphics, sounds and Hypercard stacks. For the more technically inclined, there are source code samples and entire program listings as well as technical documentation and discussions.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please contact us:

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We have received generous advice and support from the administrators of Info-Mac at some point in time. They are not, however, directly involved in the production of this CD-ROM, and neither sumner nor Stanford University is responsible for any liability or damages incurred through the use or distribution of this disk.

This is our Premiere Edition, and there are doubtless some shortcomings. Our initial intention was to have the entire Info-Mac archive on the CD. However, it became clear upon closer inspection that due to copyright

restrictions and logistics, we would have to leave some of the files and programs off the CD. In the end, we have managed to get roughly 80% of the files that were on Info-Mac in August onto the CD. Perhaps the most rewarding part of producing the CD has been the communication with many of the authors as well as with the Internet crowd. We appreciate the overwhelming support that we have received so far, and apologize for any blemishes that may have surfaced in our first run. By the next release we will be more experienced and better able to incorporate some of the fine suggestions that we have been accumulating via email.

FREWARE AND SHAREWARE

Many of the programs on this CD-ROM are freeware or shareware, which may have restrictions and obligations regarding their use. Although freeware, as the name implies, involves no fee, there may be copyright restrictions as specified in the documentation or the program. Shareware, however, generally can be used on a trial basis after which you must pay the author a specified amount if you decide to continue using the program. By so registering with the author, you will often receive the latest version of the program as well as current documentation. Please read through the documentation and check the specific program for details. Purchasing this CD-ROM in no way removes or reduces your obligation to pay the shareware fees that the individual authors request.

We at Pacific HiTech, Inc. have gone through every file included on the CD-ROM to check for copyright and distribution restrictions, and have done our utmost to include only unrestricted files or files whose authors have given us permission. Any author of a program on this CD-ROM is entitled to a free disk -- please contact us for details. (There is a shipping charge.)

BUGS AND VIRUSES

We have taken precautions to check for viruses, but due to the enormous number of programs and files, it is impossible for us to test every file for bugs and to detect all possible viruses. You are strongly advised to back up all files on your system and to run the latest anti-virus tools (see the Virus directory) before using the programs.

While there is a high degree of likelihood that the files on this CD-ROM are free of the viruses that were known to Macintosh anti-virus experts in

August 1992, it is impossible to be sure whether UNKNOWN viruses may be in the archive. the help files for more information.

A few caveats:

- some programs run only under later versions of system software**
- some programs create files in your system folder**
- some programs attempt to write to the CD-ROM disk if run directly from the CD-ROM and will not work because it is locked (try running from your hard drive)**
- most of the programs on this CD-ROM are non-commercial, and consequently are not tested to the extent you may be used to. System crashes and other errors may be the result.**

DISCLAIMER

The software contained on this disk is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind. The entire risk as to the results and performance of the software is assumed by you, and in no event will Pacific HiTech be liable for any consequential, incidental or indirect damages suffered in the course of using the software.

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The programs on this disk were downloaded in August of 1992 from the Info-Mac archive on the Internet site sumex-aim.stanford.edu. Because the archive is constantly being updated, some of the files on this CD-ROM may already be absent from the archive, and there will undoubtedly be some new files in the archive that did not make it onto the CD-ROM. In the future we plan to produce quarterly CD-ROMs of the archive to keep up-to-date, and a reduced subscription or upgrade rate will be available.

A glance at the top-level directory provides a good overview of the CD-ROM.

!README

All Files

Applications (app)

Art

HyperCard (card)

Communications (comm)

Control Panel (cp)

Desk Accessories (da)
Demo
Digest
Extensions (ex)
FKey
Font
Game
Help
Languages (lang)
Miscellaneous (misc)
Report
Sound
Source
Tech
Tips
UNIX
Utilities (util)
Virus

IMPORTANT FILES

There are a handful of files that you may find useful immediately. First, there are the files in the Virus directory that will help you protect yourself from computer viruses. There is also some useful information in the Help directory, although its primary function is to provide help for matters related to the actual sumex-aim Internet site. There are a couple of Hypercard programs, applications and utilities that are of use for reading through the digests. For future releases of the Info-Mac CD-ROM, we plan to develop programs and tools for navigating through the files on the CD. Until that happens, you may find certain commercially available programs or shareware useful ("On Location" has been widely recommended).

OUR ROOTS

This project of producing a CD-ROM of the Info-Mac archive was begun by Cliff Miller and Joe Novak, a couple of computer science students from the University of Utah, and has helped spur the formation of Pacific HiTech, Inc. From the start we have been motivated by the following goals:

- authors of software will receive wider exposure

- the archive will now be available to people without the expertise necessary to navigate through the networks
- even regular ftp-users may find a locally accessible CD-ROM with unbinhexed and uncompressed files more convenient, especially if their connections are long-distance unreliable
- the traffic on the Internet will be reduced
- the people at sumex-aim will receive donations from the proceeds, which will help them continue providing their service and potentially provide needed hardware upgrades
- a couple of grad students in Utah won't rely as much on tax dollars

We intend to keep these thoughts in mind as we continue to provide what we believe is a valuable service. We have received numerous helpful suggestions and overwhelming encouragement from people on the Internet, and we welcome further comments from authors and users.