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Glossary

1.2 MUIEcon - Overview

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MUIEcon is an investment and loan calculator. It will track several loan and/or investment calculations and allow you to save them to disk. You could, for example, calculate a house loan at a few different interest rates or repayment terms. Or, keep track of your anticipated total returns from your IRA, 401K and company retirement plans.

1.3 MUIEcon - Requirements

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MUIEcon 1.0 requires the following:

- AmigaDOS 2.04 or higher.
- Magic User Interface 2.0 or higher.

1.4 MUIEcon - Main Window

The main window consists of:

- Sort By Name or Entry Type

Name - Sort the list by the names you give to each entry in the data entry window.

Entry Type - Sort the list by the type of calculation with investments first followed by loans.

- Investment/Loan List

Shows the name, entry type, result and additional information for each type of entry. For example:

Profit Sharing I2 \$61172.38 \$20 5% 24 dep/yr 40 yrs

"Profit Sharing" is the name you give to this entry.
 "I2" is the entry type.
 I2 stands for "Future Value of Regular Deposit".
 See also
 Entry Types

"\$61172.38" is the result of the calculation.

The remaining information are the inputs you specified for this entry.

"\$20" is the amount of regular deposit.
 "5%" is the annual percentage rate (APR).
 "24 dep/yr" is the number of deposits made per year.
 "40 yrs" is the length of time these deposits are made.

Note that depending on the type of entry, these inputs may change. An L1 ("Loan Payment") would show Principal, Term in Years, APR and Payments per Year.

EDITING DATA

 To edit a line previously entered, simple double click the line with the mouse or press RETURN with the line highlighted.

MULTISELECT

 The Investment/Loan list fully supports multi-selection. You may select multiple items to print. The total of the RESULT field of your selections is put in the TOTALS Selected line below the list.

- The TOTALS line shows the total of the RESULT field of all items in the list and of only those selected. Note that selecting items of differing units will be added together but won't make any sense. In other words, adding together a loan amount and an investment percentage rate would have no practical value. It's up to you to keep things sane! (This will only be a problem if you're a wacko fruitburger or an IBM user!)
- Along the bottom of the window are two groups of buttons: Investment and Loan buttons. To calculate a loan payment, click on the "Payment" button and enter data in the
 Data Entry Window
 that pops up.

1.5 MUIEcon - Main Window Menus

Project |

New N - Clears the list and resets totals.

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Open          O - Load a data file.
Save          S - Save the current file to disk under the same
              name.
Save As...    A - Save the current file to disk under a new
              name.

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Print P - Print either the entire list or selected
 items to the printer.
Printer Setup... - Run the standard AmigaDOS printer preferences
 application to setup the printer.

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About...      - Gives program author and version information.
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Quit Q - Quits MUIEcon.

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#### Macros |

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Run Macro M - Load an ARexx macro from disk and execute.

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## 1.6 MUIEcon - Entry Types

| Entry Type | Description                                                                 |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| I1         | Future Value of an Investment                                               |
| I2         | Future Value of a Regular Deposit (Annuity)                                 |
| I3         | Desired Future Value                                                        |
| I4         | Regular Withdrawal from an Investment (to realize a specified future value) |
| I5         | Initial Investment Required (given an initial investment)                   |
| I6         | Minimum Investment Required (given a regular withdrawal amount)             |
| I7         | Interest Rate on an Investment                                              |
| L1         | Loan Payment                                                                |
| L2         | Loan Principal                                                              |
| L3         | Loan Term                                                                   |
| L4         | Interest Rate on a Loan                                                     |
| L5         | Remaining Balance on a Loan                                                 |

Note that list entries are sorted in this order when "Sort By Entry Type" is selected on the main window.

## 1.7 MUIEcon - Data Entry Window

### INVESTMENTS

I1: Future Value of an Investment

I2: Future Value of a Regular Deposit

I3: Desired Future Value

I4: Regular Withdrawal from an Investment

I5: Initial Investment Required

I6: Minimum Investment Required

I7: Interest Rate on an Investment  
LOANS

L1: Loan Payment

L2: Loan Principal

L3: Loan Term

L4: Interest Rate on a Loan

L5: Remaining Balance on a Loan  
For an explanation of  
continuous compounding  
, see the  
glossary  
.

## 1.8 MUIEcon - I1: Future Value of an Investment

You enter:

- Initial Investment    NZ
- APR
- Periods Per Year    NZ
- Number of Years    NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

## 1.9 MUIEcon - I2: Future Value of a Regular Deposit

You enter:

- Amount of Reg Deposit
- APR
- Deposits Per Year    NZ
- Number of Years    NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

## 1.10 MUIEcon - I3: Desired Future Value

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You enter:

- Desired Future Value
- APR
- Deposits Per Year      NZ
- Number of Years        NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

### 1.11 MUIEcon - I4: Regular Withdrawal from an Investment

You enter:

- Initial Investment        NZ
- APR
- Withdrawals Per Year     NZ
- Number of Years         NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

### 1.12 MUIEcon - I5: Initial Investment Required

You enter:

- Desired Future Value
- APR
- Periods Per Year         NZ
- Number of Years         NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

### 1.13 MUIEcon - I6: Minimum Investment Required

You enter:

- Amount of Required W/D
- APR
- Withdrawals Per Year     NZ
- Number of Years         NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

### 1.14 MUIEcon - I7: Interest Rate on an Investment

You enter:

- Initial Investment        NZ
- Desired Future Value
- Periods Per Year         NZ
- Number of Years         NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

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## 1.15 MUIEcon - L1: Loan Payment

You enter:

- Principal NZ
- Term in Years NZ
- APR
- Payments per Year NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

## 1.16 MUIEcon - L2: Loan Principal

You enter:

- Regular Payment NZ
- Term in Years NZ
- APR
- Payments per Year NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

## 1.17 MUIEcon - L3: Loan Term

You enter:

- Regular Payment NZ
- Principal NZ
- APR
- Payments per Year NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

## 1.18 MUIEcon - L4: Interest Rate on a Loan

You enter:

- Regular Payment NZ
- Term in Years NZ
- Principal NZ
- Payments per Year NZ

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

## 1.19 MUIEcon - L5: Remaining Balance on a Loan

You enter:

- Regular Payment NZ
- Initial Loan Amount NZ
- APR
- Payments per Year NZ

· Payments Made

'NZ' = This entry must be Non-Zero.

## 1.20 MUIEcon - ARexx Commands

### PROJECT-RELATED COMMANDS

NEW

CLEAR  
OPEN  
SAVE  
SAVEAS  
PRINT  
CLOSE  
QUIT

### BLOCK-RELATED COMMANDS

CUT

COPY  
PASTE  
ERASE

### WINDOW-RELATED COMMANDS

MOVEWINDOW

SIZEWINDOW  
CHANGEWINDOW  
WINDOWTOFRONT  
WINDOWTOBACK  
ACTIVATEWINDOW  
ZOOMWINDOW  
UNZOOMWINDOW

### APPLICATION-SPECIFIC COMMANDS

SORTBY

SELECT  
DESELECT  
QUERYITEM  
QUERYNUMITEMS  
I1FVINVEST  
I2FVREGDEPOSIT  
I3FVDESIRED  
I4REGWITHDRAWAL  
I5INITINVEST  
I6MININVEST  
I7INTEREST  
L1PAYMENT  
L2PRINCIPAL  
L3TERM  
L4INTEREST  
L5REMBALANCE

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INTERFACE COMMANDS  
LOCKGUI

UNLOCKGUI

## 1.21 MUIEcon - ARexx: PROJECT-RELATED COMMANDS

NEW

DESCRIPTION

NEW creates a new project and work area. The investment/loan list is cleared.

RETURNS

none

CLEAR FORCE/S

DESCRIPTION

CLEAR clears the current project and its work area. The investment/loan list is cleared. The FORCE option will bypass the Modified Project Requester.

RETURNS

none

OPEN FILENAME, FORCE/S

DESCRIPTION

Opens the specified data file and reads it into the I/L list. If no FILENAME is specified, a file requester will prompt the user. FORCE supresses the Modified Project Requester.

RETURNS

none

SAVE

DESCRIPTION

Saves the current project to the current filename. If the project is unnamed, a file requester will appear.

RETURNS

none

SAVEAS NAME

DESCRIPTION

Saves the current project under the NAME specified. If no NAME is specified, a file requester will appear.

RETURNS

none

PRINT PROMPT/S ALL/S

DESCRIPTION

Prints the currently selected items to the printer. Use the ALL option to print all data. PROMPT will provide the system Printer Prefs tool to set printing parameters. PROMPT and ALL are mutually exclusive. That is, PRINT PROMPT ALL is invalid.

RETURNS

none

CLOSE

DESCRIPTION

CLOSE creates a new project and work area. The investment/loan list is cleared.

RETURNS

none

QUIT

DESCRIPTION

QUIT exits the application.

RETURNS

none

## 1.22 MUIEcon - ARexx: BLOCK-RELATED COMMANDS

MUIEcon Block Commands do NOT support the Amiga Clipboard. The ↔ data is stored in a non-standard format that would be useless to Clipboard-aware programs. To move data into and out of the I/L list, use the

APPLICATION-SPECIFIC COMMANDS

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CUT

DESCRIPTION

CUT will delete the active item from the I/L list.

RETURNS

none

COPY

DESCRIPTION

COPY will make a copy of the active item in the I/L list. Note that only one item may be copied at a time. So only the first selection of multiple selections will be copied.

RETURNS  
none

#### PASTE

##### DESCRIPTION

PASTE will paste the currently copied or cut item into the I/L list. If no data exists in the copy buffer, PASTE has no effect.

RETURNS  
none

#### ERASE FORCE/S

##### DESCRIPTION

ERASE will delete the active item from the I/L list. The FORCE option will suppress the "Are you sure?" requester.

RETURNS  
none

## 1.23 MUIEcon - ARexx: WINDOW-RELATED COMMANDS

#### MOVEWINDOW WINDOW, LEFTEDGE/N, TOPEDGE/N

##### DESCRIPTION

WINDOW is either "MAIN" or "DENT" for the main window or the Data ENTRY window.

LEFTEDGE is the horizontal ( <- X -> ) coordinate.

^  
|  
TOPEDGE is the vertical ( Y ) coordinate.  
|  
v

##### RETURNS

-1 = Couldn't move window to specified location.  
0 = OK

#### SIZEWINDOW WINDOW, WIDTH/N, HEIGHT/N

##### DESCRIPTION

WINDOW is either "MAIN" or "DENT" for the main window or the Data ENTRY window.

WIDTH and HEIGHT specify the width and height of the window in pixels.

##### RETURNS

-1 = Couldn't size window to specified limits.  
0 = OK

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CHANGEWINDOW WINDOW, LEFTEDGE/N, TOPEDGE/N, WIDTH/N, HEIGHT/N

DESCRIPTION

CHANGEWINDOW performs a sizing and a move operation on the specified window in a single step for greater visual appeal.

WINDOW is either "MAIN" or "DENT" for the main window or the Data ENTRY window.

LEFTEDGE is the horizontal ( <- X -> ) coordinate.

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|  
TOPEDGE is the vertical ( Y ) coordinate.  
|  
v

WIDTH and HEIGHT specify the width and height of the window in pixels.

RETURNS

-1 = Couldn't move or size window to specified limits.  
0 = OK

WINDOWTOFRONT WINDOW

DESCRIPTION

WINDOWTOFRONT brings the specified window to the front of all other windows.

WINDOW is either "MAIN" or "DENT" for the main window or the Data ENTRY window.

RETURNS

-1 = Specified window was not open and therefore couldn't bring to front.  
0 = OK

WINDOWTOBACK WINDOW

DESCRIPTION

WINDOWTOBACK pushes the specified window behind all other windows.

WINDOW is either "MAIN" or "DENT" for the main window or the Data ENTRY window.

RETURNS

-1 = Specified window was not open and therefore couldn't pushed to the back.  
0 = OK

ACTIVATEWINDOW WINDOW

DESCRIPTION

This command activates a the specified window.

WINDOW is either "MAIN" or "DENT" for the main window or the

Data ENTRy window.

RETURNS  
none

ZOOMWINDOW WINDOW

DESCRIPTION

This command zooms the specified window to its alternate size.

WINDOW is either "MAIN" or "DENT" for the main window or the Data ENTRy window.

RETURNS  
none

UNZOOMWINDOW WINDOW

DESCRIPTION

This command restores a zoomed window to its original size.

WINDOW is either "MAIN" or "DENT" for the main window or the Data ENTRy window.

RETURNS  
none

## 1.24 MUIEcon - ARexx: APPLICATION-SPECIFIC COMMANDS

SORTBY SORTTYPE

DESCRIPTION

SORTBY toggles the sorting type of the I/L List. SORTTYPE must be either "NAME" or "ENTRYTYPE".

RETURNS  
none

SETACTIVELINE NONE/S, LINE/N

DESCRIPTION

Sets the active line to the line you specify. If NONE is specified, all lines are made inactive. Valid values for LINE are 1 through the number of items in the list. The first line is 1 (not zero).

RETURNS  
none

SELECT LINE/N

DESCRIPTION

Selects the specified LINE in the I/L List. Valid values for LINE are 1 through the number of items in the list. The first line is 1 (not zero).

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RETURNS  
none

DESELECT LINE/N  
DESCRIPTION

De-selects the specified LINE in the I/L List. Valid values for LINE are 1 through the number of items in the list. The first line is 1 (not zero).

RETURNS  
none

QUERYITEM SELECTED/S, LINE/N, DELIMETER  
DESCRIPTION

Queries the specified LINE if SELECTED is not specified. Searches for the first selected after or including the specified LINE if SELECTED is specified. Valid values for LINE are 1 through the number of items in the list. The first line is 1 (not zero).

RETURNS

Returns a string of parameters separated by a one char delimiter specified in DELIMETER option. The default delimiter is the backslash character ('\'). The order of the items in the return string is:

NAME  
ENTRY-TYPE  
RESULT  
VALUE1  
VALUE2  
VALUE3  
VALUE4  
VALUE5

See the discussion in the Investment/Loan List section of the

Main Window  
section for more details on this format.

QUERYNUMITEMS  
DESCRIPTION

RETURNS

Returns the number of items in the I/L List.

I1INVFVINV

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S, CONTCOMP/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Initial Investment
  - APR
  - Periods Per Year
  - Number of Years
-

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option. The CONTCOMP option calculates using continuous compounding.

#### I2INVFVREGDEP

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S, CONTCOMP/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Amount of Reg Deposit
- APR
- Deposits Per Year
- Number of Years

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option. The CONTCOMP option calculates using continuous compounding.

#### I3INVFVDESIRED

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S, CONTCOMP/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Desired Future Value
- APR
- Deposits Per Year
- Number of Years

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option. The CONTCOMP option calculates using continuous compounding.

#### I4INVREGWD

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S, CONTCOMP/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Initial Investment
- APR
- Withdrawals Per Year
- Number of Years

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option. The CONTCOMP option calculates using continuous compounding.

#### I5INVINITINV

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S, CONTCOMP/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Desired Future Value
  - APR
  - Periods Per Year
  - Number of Years
-

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option. The CONTCOMP option calculates using continuous compounding.

#### I6INVMININV

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S, CONTCOMP/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Amount of Required W/D
- APR
- Withdrawals Per Year
- Number of Years

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option. The CONTCOMP option calculates using continuous compounding.

#### I7INVINTEREST

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Initial Investment
- Desired Future Value
- Periods Per Year
- Number of Years

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option.

#### L1PAYMENT

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S, CONTCOMP/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Principal
- Term in Years
- APR
- Payments per Year

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option. The CONTCOMP option calculates using continuous compounding.

#### L2PRINCIPAL

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S, CONTCOMP/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Regular Payment
- Term in Years
- APR
- Payments per Year

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option. The CONTCOMP option

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calculates using continuous compounding.

#### L3TERM

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Regular Payment
- Principal
- APR
- Payments per Year

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option.

#### L4INTEREST

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, NOREQ/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Regular Payment
- Term in Years
- Principal
- Payments per Year

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option.

#### L5REMBALANCE

NAME/A, VAL1/A, VAL2/A, VAL3/A, VAL4/A, VAL5/A, NOREQ/S

VALUES entered from left to right should be:

- Regular Payment
- Initial Loan Amount
- APR
- Payments per Year
- Payments Made

If any values are omitted or are illegal, an error requester will appear unless you use the NOREQ option.

## 1.25 MUIEcon - ARexx: INTERFACE COMMANDS

#### LOCKGUI

##### DESCRIPTION

This command inhibits the graphical interface of the application. It puts all windows to "sleep" until reversed by an UNLOCKGUI command.

##### RETURNS

none

#### UNLOCKGUI

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**DESCRIPTION**

This command enables the graphical interface of the application. It awakens all windows put to "sleep" by a LOCKGUI command.

**RETURNS**

none

## 1.26 MUIEcon - Startup Error Messages

Cannot open diskfont.library 37+  
Cannot open workbench.library 37+  
Cannot open icon.library 37+  
Cannot open dos.library 37+  
Cannot open intuition.library 37+  
Cannot open gadtools.library 37+  
Cannot open graphics.library 37+  
Cannot open asl.library 37+  
Cannot open utility.library 37+

- An Amiga system library could not be found. Libraries should be in your LIBS: path.
- MUIEcon requires version 37 or higher of each library. This corresponds to AmigaDOS 2.04 or higher. MUIEcon will not run without these libraries. See also Requirements

Use the AmigaDOS VERSION command to determine the version of the libraries you are using.

Cannot open muimaster.library  
MUIEcon requires MUI Release 2.0 or higher.

Use the AmigaDOS VERSION command to determine the version of the libraries you are using.

## 1.27 MUIEcon - Error Messages

Cannot access printer.

- Is the printer turned on?
- Is it connected to the Amiga? (If not, save your data to disk and turn off the computer BEFORE connecting the printer!)
- Perhaps your printer settings are incorrect. Try the 'Printer Setup' option in the Project menu. For further information on Printer Preferences, consult your Amiga System Manual.

Cannot open data file because ...  
Gives a specific reason why the data file could not be opened. Consult your AmigaDOS manual for further details.

Disk read error!  
Data could not be read from the disk.

- The file may be corrupt. Try a file restoration utility.

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## 1.29 MUIEcon - Magic User Interface

This application uses

MUI - MagicUserInterface

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MUI is a system to generate and maintain graphical user interfaces. With the aid of a preferences program, the user of an application has the ability to customize the outfit according to his personal taste.

MUI is distributed as shareware. To obtain a complete package containing lots of examples and more information about registration please look for a file called "muiXXusr.lha" (XX means the latest version number) on your local bulletin boards or on public domain disks.

If you want to register directly, feel free to send

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## 1.30 MUIEcon - Glossary

APR

Annual Percentage Rate. The rate at which money will accumulate in one year.

AUISG

The Amiga User Interface Style Guide (AUISG) provides a standard for the look and behavior of Amiga software. MUIEcon attempts to conform to the AUISG whenever possible (and practical).

Continuous compounding

Money compounds (gains value) continuously over a period of time (instead of at discrete intervals like the end of the month).

Future Value

The value an amount will accumulate to after a specified amount of time.

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#### I/L List

Shorthand for the "investment/loan list". This is the listview that appears in the main window where all entries are shown.

#### Magic User Interface

MagicUserInterface (or MUI) is the system responsible for the layout and appearance of MUIEcon's visual interface. MUI is copyright 1993 Stefan Stuntz. MUIEcon requires MUI 2.0 or above. See

Magic User Interface

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#### Modified Project Requester

If you select an operation that would destroy unsaved data, a requester will appear asking if you wish to continue.

#### MUI

See Magic User Interface.

#### NZ

Signifies a field which cannot be zero.

#### System Preferences

The Prefs drawer of your Workbench disk contains several programs called Preferences. These can be used to customize your working environment. You can access the Printer Prefs through MUIEcon's Project menuitem "Printer Setup...".