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Publisher's Message



Hal Goldstein

In the May/June 1994 issue we published a piece on using Stephen Covey's *First Things First* methodology with the Palmtop. We received more response from that article than anything published thus far. Readers must have identified with my attempt to use the Palmtop's Database application to organize a life full of responsibilities, challenges and information while keeping in mind deeper values. (By the time you read this you should be able to find the article on our new www.thaddeus.com Web site).

Managing time and information is the theme of this issue. The article by consultant Joy Soto Kocar describes her well-developed system of time management. She describes how she uses the Palmtop's Database application to integrate her life goals with her day-to-day Todo's. Then traveling engineer/salesperson Jorgen Wallgren describes how he uses his main computer (the

Palmtop) to stay organized. Read how, while on the road, he tracks his voluminous correspondence and uses various DOS software packages including one with a mouse.

Chiropractor Ralph Alvy does not find the built-in Phone Book, Appointment Book, and NoteTaker applications flexible enough. In his quest for a speedier, more integrated method of taking control of his time and information he uses a new Palmtop shareware program, *Flexpad*. Carl Merkle, in his 1-2-3 column, describes how he expands the Palmtop's information processing capacity using *@BASE*, a Lotus add-in that's easy for 1-2-3 users to learn. It gives Palmtop users relational database capabilities and lets users access data stored in standard database formats.

As we've seen in the last several issues devoted to Wireless communications and to the Internet, the Palmtop is not just an isolated personal organizing device any more. People use the Palmtop as a communicator to get their e-mail and to connect to large databases to access information. In this issue you'll find a review of Andreas Garzotto's new Palmtop Web Browser, *WWW/LX* from D&A Software. *WWW/LX* is small, modular, and written for the HP Palmtop. Ed Keefe then writes about two of *WWW/LX*'s updated freeware components, which will be on the upcoming issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper* 1996/97 Subscriber PowerDisk. The first component, the newly updated *Hypertext Viewer* (HV) 2.0, lets Palmtop users read downloaded and saved Internet World Wide Web documents on the HP Palmtop. The second, *PalEdit* (PE), is a Memo-like editor, but with quite a bit more functionality than Memo.

I am often asked if I still use the Covey method described in my original article. The answer is, "sort of." I cut down on the number of fields in the Covey database. In truth, I find that properly planning for the week and updating Todo's each day requires a discipline similar to proper dieting and exercise. Some weeks I'm better at it than others. Hopefully, the articles will inspire you as they did me to better use the Palmtop's time and information management capabilities. The quality of our lives depends on how we use our time and process information.

Hal Goldstein

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Palmtop Wisdom

Personal Effectiveness Using the HP Palmtop

ENTERTAINMENT

By Rich Hall and Tom Gibson

Computer Bashing

Live with someone long enough and you begin to notice imperfections — the way they snore, misuse a word, or tell the same story over and over again. Pressure begins to build! Living with a computer can have the same effect on you. The solution in either case is humor!

An enjoyable example of pressure-relieving humor is the program HIT.EXE. Copy this DOS program to your Palmtop and run it. You'll get an animation of computer bashing, as you see below.

Note the duck standing in front of a computer with a sledgehammer

in his hand. Once activated, the duck smashes the unlucky desktop PC (or Mac?) over and over again.

The next time you would like to smash a computer, watch the duck do it for you.

Check out CompuServe HP Handheld Library 11 for HIT.ZIP. HIT.DOC provides explanations. We'll also supply the file on our ON DISK for this issue.

MORE HUMOR

If you have a chance, visit <http://www.winn.com/pwinn/humor/>, a World Wide Web site specializing in humor. Thousands of quips and other chuckles are offered here, including:

"Energizer Bunny Arrested! Charged with battery;"

"Give me ambiguity or give me

something else;"

"He who laughs last probably made a backup."

Many of these may be worth saving in your NoteTaker or Database jokes file, to carry with you for entertaining your friends.

FINANCE

by Carol de Giere

Leaving a Legacy

Next time you sit on a bench in a public park, see if it has a name plate on it. The bench and your surroundings may have been sponsored by a thoughtful donor. You find the spirit of giving in the library books you read and the art work you enjoy in a local museum. Donated items enrich our lives and reminded us to leave legacies of our own to enrich the lives of future generations.

Many career tracks create visible legacies: architects leave their buildings, writers their books, programmers their software. But to purposefully give a gift to present and future generations expands your heart and mind in a different way. Some people tithe a percentage of their income to their religion. You may pass on a portion of your own success to your political party or your school. Whatever your focus, giving is an acknowledgment that our success, financial and otherwise, comes to us as part of a flow of energy which has its origin beyond our limited individuality.

ON THE PALMTOP

First you decide to give. Then you need to decide what you have to give (such as money, household items, advice, or your time). Finally, you need to consider what you can



Duck getting ready to smash a computer. Has anyone else had a desire like this?



Wham!



Computer is shattered and the duck gets ready for another whack.

afford to give. The HP Palmtop can help you with all but the 1st decision.

NoteTaker and Database can be used to create a list of contributions you are contemplating, like "tree donated to new church yard in the name of each of my children," or "book a year to local Headstart program." By keeping notes in Notetaker you can focus your donations towards the causes that you consider most meaningful.

You can create a spreadsheet to track your income, the number and amount of your donations, and the percentage of your income you donate. Our Publisher Hal Goldstein recommends the practice of contributing 10% to a spiritual cause without strings attached. Pick a percentage you're comfortable with and stick to it.

Wayne Kneeskern, Thaddeus accountant suggests sitting down at the beginning of the year and thinking about the contributions you want to make and the charities to which you wish to give. Then you can create spreadsheet columns for

areas such as Church, United Way, Charity X, Girl Scouts (cookies), Boy Scouts, etc.

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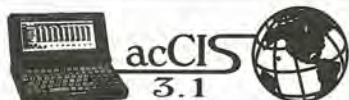
You can create a donations budget and use Pocket Quicken to track withdrawals from a donations account. As you record outgoing checks or cash in Pocket Quicken, the program shows the amount remaining in budget categories. An easy way to set up such a budget is to use Pocket Quicken's "credit card" option. Press **[F2]** to Add an account to Pocket Quicken. Name the account "Donations" or "Tithe" and select Credit Card as the Account Type.

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Sometime during the month you write a \$75 check to your church. Open Pocket Quicken, highlight your Checking account and press **[F2]** to enter the check. Enter the pertinent data in the various fields. At the Category field, press **[DownArrow]**, then press **[D]** until you highlight the [Donations] account towards the bottom of the list (all accounts are listed in this menu). Press **[F10]** and Pocket Quicken enters the check in your checkbook and subtracts \$75 from the \$300 in your donations budget. Do this for each donation you make until the \$300 is used up.

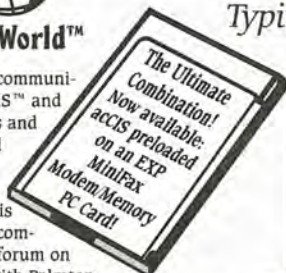
Keep a donations account in Pocket Quicken and when someone asks you dig deep, you'll know how deep to dig.

All this helps you fulfill a basic human desire — the need to leave a legacy. The next time you're sitting on a bench in a park, smelling roses donated by another, you can feel the satisfaction of knowing that you are planting roses of your own.



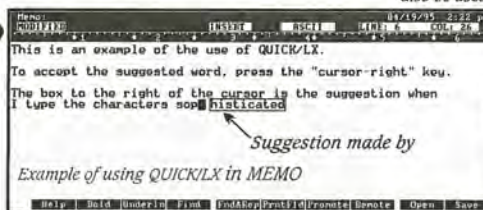
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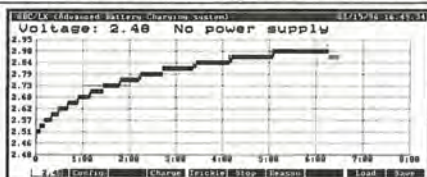
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Practical Database Examples Wanted

I am an ardent user and enthusiast of the HP 200LX. I load essential data from my desk computer into a 10MB flash card. I plug the flash card into my Palmtop and presto, I have all my important files with me. I update the flashcard weekly, sometimes more often. I frequently use the Palmtop to fax data when I travel and to download information from CompuServe.

I would like to read more articles about how various individuals use their Palmtops in business and for their personal life. What the Palmtop Paper needs to add reader interest is more testimonials. We all want to know how others are using their devices in hopes that we may learn a short cut or a new valuable use. It would be helpful if you could describe types of databases others are using.

Ervin Jackson, Jr.
Medical Photographer
Charlotte, North Carolina

[Here is a short list of uses for the Database application we either use ourselves, have heard about, or think would be neat.

Restaurants database — For cities you travel to, as well as your own city or town. Fields might include: Phone, Address, Category (French, Thai, etc.), Meals served (breakfast, lunch,

Letters

dinner, brunch, etc.), Quality (excellent, good, fair, poor), Cost (expensive, average, great deal), Atmosphere (great, average, poor), etc.

Home Inventory database — For insurance purposes. Fields might include: Description of item, Quantity, Cost at date of purchase, Date of purchase, Serial number, etc.

Jokes database — For reference at parties or when making presentations. Fields might include: Key words (to remind you of the joke), Body (the full text of the joke). Best to use the Note field since you will need the room), Type (you could classify your jokes based on prospective audiences).

Financial Advice database — To refer to again and again

as you continue to invest. Fields might include: Author, Category (stocks, bonds, real estate, etc.) Body (the full text of the advice. Best to use the Note field since you will need the room.)

Happy database — A list of things that make you happy (to be used when you get bored or can't think of anything to do). Fields might include: Event, Price (ex-

It's Great to Hear From You! Some Results from our Reader's Survey

Arriving by e-mail, fax, and "snail mail," the dozens of Survey responses returned so far have brought us encouragement and useful feedback from readers in Asia, Europe, and the U.S.A. In case you missed it, our first official Reader's Survey can be found in our July/August issue, pg. 41. We would be happy to receive more responses. (To send by e-mail, simply list the question numbers next to your responses.)

Not surprisingly, we heard from expert Palmtop users who want more technical articles and novices who want more basic articles. Yoshimi Oasa of Japan said: "Now I can say I am a technical expert thanks to *The HP Palmtop Paper*." Our hope is that more basic users will grow in their Palmtop skill by reading *The HP Palmtop Paper*.

We realize that we must continue to strive to make each article as comprehensible as possible for a range of readers. Someone recommended using more examples. That's one reason we include user profiles in the *Paper*. A computer programmer noted in his survey response that he skips the profiles. We expect that some of our subscribers will read some articles and skip others. However, we found that many read the *Paper* cover-to-cover. We did manage to frustrate a few people not yet on the Net with issues devoted primarily to the Internet and Wireless technology.

Technology Moves Ahead, Should We?

Our survey was designed to help us contemplate innovations and test the interest in hot topics such as the Net. One experienced Palmtop user says, "You're too slow on innovations. You should have much more on the Internet." Others, as mentioned above, don't yet use the Net and don't want to hear about it. Most of those responding to the surveys indicated that they actively use the World Wide Web. About half approved of the idea proposed in the survey to create an e-mail

version of *The HP Palmtop Paper*.

Slightly less than half of those responding wanted a broader range of articles, but mostly people want to stay informed on new developments that might possibly impact them. Matthew Rinberg of Totteridge, North London, U.K. concludes, "I would like to see the *Paper* remain mostly as it is but to have a few pages on other handhelds like the OmniGo 100 or Newton just so that we know what else is happening in the rest of the market." Although we don't feel our mission includes coverage of the whole marketplace, we plan to continue covering innovations from Hewlett-Packard. At the same time, we agree with our readers who said that detailed "How-to" articles based on different operating systems such as GEOS (for the HP OmniGo 100/120 organizers) would cause confusion.

Your Wish List, and How You Can Help

Highest on the "wish list" for the *Paper* was product reviews. We will continue to print plenty of product reviews from outside sources and occasionally do an in-house review when resources permit. We invite you to contact us if you're interested in writing a review of a product.

Readers have also used the survey to make suggestions for articles or topics, such as "My Favorite 10 Programs," health and fitness, and financial applications. We hope, now that you've considered what you want to read, you will also consider what you can give, whether a tip, an article, or a letter about a special database file you keep.

The greatest agreement from the readers was about the overall usefulness of *The HP Palmtop Paper*, the format, and the advertising. We are grateful to receive comments such as that from Yoshimi, who said, "I have made a lot of e-mail friends all over the World reading User to User and Letters. The 1-2-3 column is really useful for my job..."

Carol de Giere

pensive, inexpensive, free), Distance (local, day trip, weekend, trip), Equipment (needed), People (to call for advice or to invite. Best to use the Note field since you will need the room).

Car Research database — A list of information about a car you are thinking of purchasing. Fields might include: Dealership, Salesperson, Dealership phone number, Options (Best to use the Note field since you will need the room), Price, etc. (You can also use this idea for houses, stereos, boats, or any other item you are thinking of purchasing.)

Life Goals database — A list of things you want to accomplish before you die/move on. Fields might include: Goal, Location (local, in this country, name of other country), Necessary equipment, People (with information/help or to invite

along. Best to use the Note field since you will need the room), Category, Cost, etc.

Recipes database — A list of great recipes you have tried. Fields might include: Category (French, Mexican, etc.), Meat/Veg (includes meat, fish, or vegetarian) Body (the recipe itself. Best to use the Note field since you will need the room).

ToDo List database — You can set up a ToDo list that you can sort by category.

Inspiring Quotations database — For inspiration for yourself and others. Fields might include: Author, Subject (money, fun, love, relatives, work, etc.), Body (text of the quote, best use the Note field for size.)

Wish List database — Things you want to buy when you have the money. Fields might include: Name (of item),

Priority, Price, Category (clothes, car, etc.), Date (if its purchase is necessarily seasonal, like going on a vacation you can only take in the summer), Body (best to use the Note field since you will need the room.), etc.

Vocabulary database — Words you want to learn. Fields might include: Word, Meaning, etc.

Foreign Language database — (Spanish, Navajo, Egyptian, etc.) words you want to learn. Fields might include: English (the meaning of the word in English or your mother language), Spanish (the meaning of the word in Spanish, etc.), Body (Conjugations if the word is a verb, or other information you want to include on the word. Best to use the Note field since you will need the room), etc.—Paul Merrill, Carol de Giere]

Using the Palmtop as a Reference Tool

I read all of *The HP Palmtop Paper* over and over. I would like to see more on the use of the Palmtop as a sales/marketing tool and on how to install software.

I already use Phonebook for this purpose. My Phonebook database has 600 entries and I can't imagine how I ever got along without it. I vaguely remember constantly paging through my "Day-timer" phonebook and stacks of phone lists from various organizations within our company.

I'm very interested in utilizing the 200LX Palmtop more completely as a database reference tool in the performance of my job responsibilities. I'm a Marketing and Sales representative for Exxon Chemical Company and I market all of our polymer and film products to the Healthcare industry.

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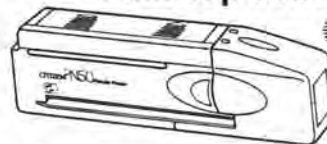
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New Products!

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HP Palmtop Paper Staff

HARDWARE

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Web browser designed specifically for the Palmtop

WWW/LX, by D&A Software, is an Internet access

program designed to run on the 100/200LX and OmniGo 700LX. It supports SLIP and PPP communication protocols, and can be used over phone lines, wirelessly (with the OmniGo 700LX or with the Ricochet wireless modem), or with direct serial connections to your desktop PC.

When combined with HV ver.2.0 , WWW/LX

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browses the World Wide Web — WWW/LX performs all the communication tasks (logging on, acquiring web pages, etc.), and HV displays the acquired pages on the screen. HV ver.2.0 is included with WWW/LX. WWW/LX runs in System Manager as a DOS/PAL application. (See review by Gilles Kohl, page 12.)

Availability October, 1996
Pricing \$99
CONTACT: *Shier Systems & Software*,
920 Hampshire Road, Suite A,
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Palmtop. Voltage, temperature, pressure, strain, rotational speed, pulse count and switch position signals can be recorded in real time to DOS data files.

The new 512 model adds 64 channels of 12-bit analog data to the previous 510 model's capabilities. The 512 simultaneously measures and records up to sixty-four 12-bit analog channels, eight 10-bit analog channels, four 32-bit rotational or count channels, and eight discrete signals at rates of up to 200hz.

Size: 6.75" x 2.25" x 9".
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MATH

New version of computer math calculator

CMCalc version 19, a programmer's calculator from Dorr Software Development, now supports algebraic data entry as well as expanded maximum word size (from 32 bits to 64 bits). Previous features are retained including hexadecimal, decimal, octal and binary number calculation.

CMCalc is System Manager compliant and runs on the HP 100/200LX Palmtop and OmniGo 700LX.

Pricing \$25
CONTACT: *Dorr Software Development*, 8778 Casa Grande Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5340, USA; Phone: 412-369-0915; Fax: 412-367-4996; E-mail: dorre@well.com; or 75156.3132@compuserve.com

SURVEYING

Road Layout option for System 95 surveying software

System 95 surveying software turns your Palmtop into a data collection and field geometry device for surveyors. System 95 functions include: job creation

and review, setup, data collection, triangle solutions, leveling, sun shots, earth work, coordinate geometry, stakeout, curves, adjustments, file transfer to PC, and print/plot.

After the necessary data has been collected, a road is designed using a civil engineering software package (not included), and the information is then downloaded to System 95 on the Palmtop for use in the field (for laying out stakes, etc.).

Road Layout is used in conjunction with System 95 and adds the following functions: horizontal alignments (including spiral curves), vertical alignments, cross section templates, widenings and super-elevations. A complete road file can be transferred to the data collector for layout in the field. Full staking capability includes station and offset, slope and inverse by station. Road Layout's graphics show crests, dips in roads, etc.)

Pricing:
System 95 (on PC Card) \$750
Road Layout (on PC Card) \$995
CONTACT: *Tripod Data Systems*,
1853 SW Airport Road, Corvallis, OR
97333, USA; Phone: 800-426-8026 or
503-753-9322; Fax: 503-757-7439.
Or: *EduCALC*, 27953 Cabot
Road, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677, USA;
Phone: 800-677-7001 or 714-582-
2637; Fax: 714-582-1445.

FREWARE & SHAREWARE

BATTERIES

BATTLOG

BATTLOG.ZIP (Battery Voltage Logger and Viewer) is a TSR utility that checks your 100/200LX's battery voltage every ten seconds and logs the data to your Palmtop's C drive every five minutes. The logged data includes the following information:



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- Date and time
- Mean voltage of the main batteries (the mean of 30 samples)
- Highest and lowest voltages of samples
- Time of RS232C serial port activity

BATTLOG also allows you to view the data as a graph. Logging stops when you turn your Palmtop off.

Type: Freeware
Location: CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 11.

ReVolt and DeVolt

REVOLT.ZIP contains two programs: ReVolt and DeVolt.

ReVolt — allows you to observe and monitor battery recharging voltage over a nine-hour period. ReVolt lists the voltage levels, running time in minutes, clock time, and recharge status, as well as a graph of the voltage amounts over time.

DeVolt — records voltage level at the date and time the program is run. Using DeVolt, you can develop a text file showing the variations in your battery voltage over days and months. You can use Memo or any text viewer to view your DEVOLT.DOC file.

Both programs have the look and feel of the Palmtop built-in applications.

Type: Freeware
Location: <ftp://eddie.mit.edu/pub/hp95lx/NEW/revolt.zip>

DATA

Mileage Tracker

MT.ZIP (Mileage Tracker) keeps track of your mileage, the amount spent for gasoline, and the gallons of gas used. The MT log will accept a maximum of 99 entries before you must clear the entire log. MT can also be used with kilometers and liters.

Type: Shareware
Location: <ftp://eddie.mit.edu/pub/hp95lx/NEW/mt.zip>

FAX

HPFAX106

HPFAX106.ZIP — QuickStar FaxPro allows you to send plain text faxes from the DOS command line of your Palmtop using either a Class 1 or Class 2 fax/modem. The program can be used manually to send one fax at a time, or can be called up from a batch file to send the same fax to various fax receivers.

Type: Shareware
Location: <http://w3.one.net/~hamm/stuff/hpfax106.zip>

GAMES

FIGHTER

HP-LX Fighter is a combat game written in assembler, designed for the HP Palmtop. FIGHTER.ZIP is a free-ware demo. The fully functional version of FIGHTER is Shareware.

Type: Shareware
Location: <http://www.hkstar.com/~tterence/fighter.zip>

GoMoku

G0100.ZIP is GoMoku, a 6K strategy game written for the 100/200 LX.

Type: Shareware
Location: <ftp://eddie.mit.edu/pub/hp95lx/new/go100.zip>

PAC-Man game

PAC.ZIP is a PAC-Man game for the Palmtop.

Type: Shareware
Location: <http://www.hkstar.com/~tterence/pac.zip>

MISC.

ERD

ERD23.ZIP (Enhanced Remove Directory) is a utility that allows you to delete a directory and the files within it, with one command instead of using the DOS RD (Remove Directory) and DEL (Delete) commands. ERD removes all hidden files and read only files as well.

Type: Shareware
Location: CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 11.

ICE200

ICE200.ZIP lets you change Application Manager's icons for the Palmtop's built-in applications. A set of icons are included, but you can use anything you want. ICE200 is a 4K TSR program.

Type: Freeware
Location: <http://w3.one.net/~hamm/stuff/hpfax106.zip>

PPAL.ZIP

Palmtop Pal is a program to help you control your Palmtop by providing the status of various Palmtop specific functions. These functions include battery voltage, lite sleep status, battery type, charge status, serial port status and more. Palmtop Pal also allows you to change these items. Palmtop Pal is not System Manager compliant.

Type: Freeware
Location: CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, Library 11.

PROGRAMMING

C Compiler

SMC.ZIP contains a small C compiler with SRCE sample programs.

Type: Freeware
Location: <ftp://eddie.mit.edu/pub/hp95lx/NEW/smc.zip>

CONFERENCES AND UPDATES

Handheld/PDA Expo

PDA Incorporated/World Market Strategies is sponsoring the Handheld and PDA Expo '96 on December 4-6, 1996, in San Mateo, California.

The Expo is designed to bring together customers and vendors to explore PDA technology including data collection, field automation, and sales automation. Present and future PDA solutions provided by leading technology suppliers will be explored. Highlighted products will include smart communication devices, Internet and Intranet access, and connectivity.

The PDA Expo is for those producing, selling, promoting, servicing, consulting, or financing handhelds and PDA technology in the corporate environment. There will be exhibits and hands-on educational seminars.

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HP Handheld Product Support has new phone number

Free HP Technical Support can now be reached at 970-392-1001, 5:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Pacific Standard Time. This is the number to call for product questions not covered in your User's Guide, diagnostic instructions or service information.

You can also visit HP's electronic information service site on the Internet at: <http://www.hp.com/handheld>.

New HP OmniGo 120 Organizer Offers "Holographic" Face

New addition to Organizer line features brighter display and built-in Pocket Quicken.

By Carol de Giere

On September 9, 1996, HP unveiled the new HP OmniGo 120 organizer with Pocket Quicken built in and a new "holographic" screen. The new screen features greater contrast than standard screens, appearing brighter and more readable than before. Pocket Quicken is the portable version of Quicken, the popular financial management program that allows you to track your personal and/or business checking, credit card and cash accounts.

Pocket Quicken helps you keep accurate records (for personal or tax purposes), and follow budgets.

At this time, the new HP OmniGo 120 organizer will be sold only in the United States and Europe. The street price in the United States is expected to be \$399. HP will continue to sell the HP OmniGo 100 organizer (street price between \$300-\$350).

The HP OmniGo 120 organizer also supports "CompactFlash." This

is a new size in Flash cards, much smaller than current models. The CompactFlash PC Card fits into an adapter unit that is then inserted in the PC Card slot in the side of the HP OmniGo 120 organizer. Flash technology provides non-volatile memory that doesn't need battery power to maintain it, and therefore provides a more reliable way of storing data. The CompactFlash card and adapter are expected to be available at the same time as the HP OmniGo 120 organizer and will list at \$239 for the 2MB size. This compares favorably with SRAM card prices, which go for approximately \$229 for 2MB. CompactFlash technology is relatively new and is targeted for digital cameras, camcorders, pagers, and other electronic devices in the future.

Green screen meets testers' approval

The green holographic screen received positive responses from the Beta testers we interviewed. The new screen offers a brighter display that optimizes the available light, increasing "readability" and creating the impression of a backlit screen — without compromising battery life.

Ed Keefe, one of our regular contributing authors who tested the same screen on a different machine, agrees. "I found the screen very readable. I didn't want to return it after my testing period was over. In proper lighting the screen looks like it is back lit, and the contrast is better." Ed explained that certain lighting conditions seemed ideal for the screen, especially light that is coming over your shoulder. "I checked the screen in my car one night while sitting in a parking lot. I thought I would have to turn the overhead light on in the car, but the street lamp in the parking lot shown on the screen and made it glow." Fortunately for 120 owners, the added luminosity is an effect caused by the screen's reflec-

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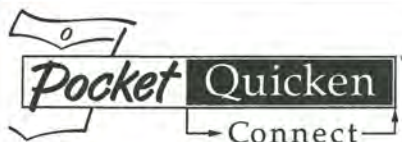
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tive background and not from added battery power.

Ray Kump, an accountant with his own accounting firm in New York, loved the screen. "I found it was brighter in most lighting conditions than the previous screen. In low light you can read it a lot better." Ray tested the machine both at his office and in his car. "I travel a great deal and found that, in the car, the letters jumped out at me more with this type of screen. In my office, when I would glance over to check what appointments were coming up, it was easier to

read the green screen from farther away." Ray also found the green color of the screen pleasing.

Availability

HP has been working on expanding the HP OmniGo organizer's availability. The 120 is expected to be available through numerous retail outlets and mass merchants, including Circuit City, the Good Guys!, J&R Computer World, OfficeMax, Nobody Beats the Wiz, Service Merchandise and Staples.

The product will also be available through mail order and other computer and electronics outlets. There is no upgrade path for 100 users.

Pricing and Contact Information for products mentioned in this article

All prices are manufacturer's suggested retail price. It may be possible to purchase the product for less at third-party vendors.

**HP OmniGo 120 organizer — \$429
CompactFlash — \$239**

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WWW/LX — Web Browser for the HP Palmtop

Now you can surf the Web, online, with your HP Palmtop and D&A Software's new WWW/LX online Web browser.

By Gilles Kohl

I confess! I have been lying to CompuServe HPHAND Forum members. The question "How can I access the Internet with my HP 100/200LX or 700LX" has been recently seen quite frequently on the Forum. Until now, I could only refer users to one of the existing, DOS-based, text-mode browsers and access programs as the "best" option currently available. The truth is that I have been using something far better myself and only now am I finally allowed to talk about it.

During the last few weeks, I have been one of the chosen few (about a dozen) beta testers of **WWW/LX**, a new World Wide Web (WWW) access solution for the HP Palmtops by D&A Software Inc. and Andreas Garzotto. Unlike existing packages, this solution has been developed on the Palmtop, for the Palmtop, and with the Palmtop in mind. It is fast, small, and easy to use and setup. It can run within System Manager (no need to close all applications and drop to DOS) and it is small enough to fit on the C: drive of a 1MB 100LX if necessary!

WWW/LX can also directly connect via the Nokia cellular phone of an HP OmniGo 700LX, without the need to use external DOS utilities.

WWW/LX Components and Architecture

There are three components that make up the WWW/LX Web browser:

Web interface — this dials your Internet Service Provider (ISP) and understands the various Internet protocols like SLIP, PPP, TCP/IP, HTTP, etc.

Web browser — this lets you view HTML documents on or off line. It can talk to the Web interface to retrieve Web pages from the net. The Web browser (HV2.ZIP) may be an old acquaintance to some users. It is an upgraded version of Andreas Garzotto's freeware "HTML Viewer" program HV (HTML is the language used for creating hypertext documents for the Web).

This version in WWW/LX understands even more HTML tags and is able to talk to the Web interface component to retrieve live Web pages after you connect to an ISP. HV is available as freeware as before. WWW/LX is a commercial software product.

Installation/setup program — more about that one later.

The WWW/LX is innovative in that it is neither a TSR, nor a comprehensive software program like NetTamer that attempts to do-it-all. Some DOS programs require that you load a "Terminate and Stay Resident" (TSR) software "driver." This TSR needs to be loaded by the AUTOEXEC.BAT file when you first boot up your computer. You can quickly access a TSR whenever you want because it's always running. The downside of this arrangement is that the TSR is always occupying your computer's system memory, leaving less room for other software programs.

The all-in-one approaches like NetTamer (N103-PT.ZIP) try to do everything and consequently are very large software programs. They are too large to run under System Manager, or fit easily on the C: drive (it will barely fit on a 2MB Palmtop, leaving room for little else). With NetTamer, if all you want to do is browse the Web, you still need to load its Telnet, Mail, Newsgroups and FTP parts as well.

WWW/LX-HV is a collection of software modules, each responsible for a different task. They work cooperatively with each other and only the components currently



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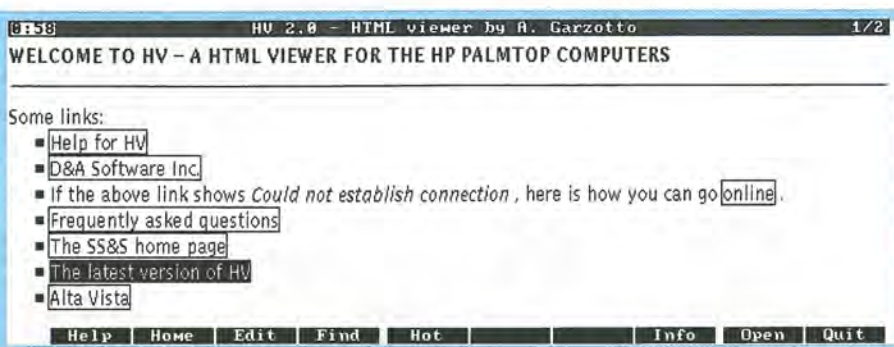
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needed have to be loaded, requiring less system memory.

Installing WWW/LX

WWWSETUP is the program that lets you configure WWW/LX. I installed the program on my HP



The HV HTML viewer initial screen.

OmniGo 700LX. The process is almost identical on the HP 100/200LX. First, I created a subdirectory on the C drive of my 700LX, and copied all the necessary WWW/LX files into it. This includes the WWWSETUP program, the WWW program and its configuration file and documents, and the HV files.

I ran WWWSETUP.EXE and it asked me for my users registration number as a copy protection. Then, I indicated where I wanted HV to

be installed (you can put it into any directory you want), and where I wanted to install the WWW/LX cache file. The cache file is used to store the addresses of Web sites that you've already looked up once, so you don't have to do it again.

Finally, I selected WWW/LX's preconfigured configuration profile for CompuServe (my ISP), and hit **ENTER** to set up my connection. I made the following modifications to the profile: I selected "OmniGo" as the modem type, "9600" as the baud rate, and inserted the phone number of the local CompuServe node. I also had to enter my CompuServe user ID and password. I didn't need to change any of the other parameters.

Finally, I created an Application Manager entry for the WWW.EXE program.



WWW/LX's setup program lets you specify the location of the cache file and select a a preconfigured configuration profile for CompuServe and other Internet Service Providers.

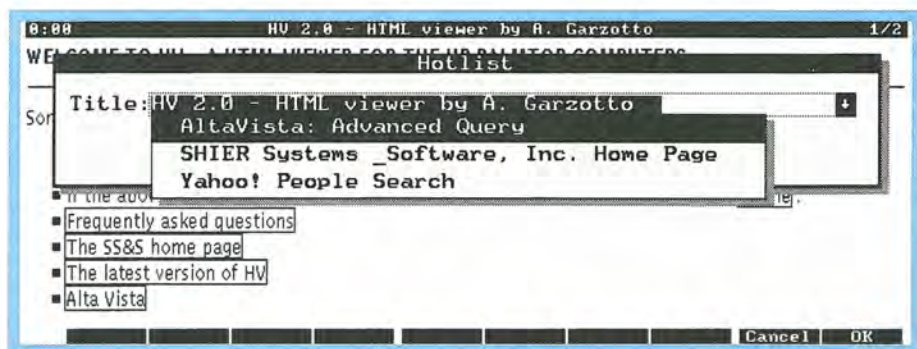


WWWSETUP's CompuServe configuration profile, showing modem type, baud rate, CompuServe's node phone number, CompuServe user ID and password.

Running the program

Running WWW/LX is done by selecting its icon in AppManager and hitting **ENTER**. WWW/LX will dial the ISP, and launch the HV version 2.0 browser as soon as the physical connection is established using a modem.

The graphic at the top of this page shows the initial screen displayed by HV. Since there is no mouse on the Palmtop, HV does not underline links, but draws a rectangle around them. Links can be highlighted using the TAB or cursor movement keys. Press



WWW/LX hotlist — a list of your favorite Web pages.

[ENTER] to select a link and HV jumps to the corresponding page.

When several links are on the current page, it is often faster to just type the first letter of the link — the selection will immediately jump to it. If several links start with the same letter, just hit it repeatedly. For example, to highlight "The latest version of HV" in the previous screen, I simply pressed "T" twice.

HV makes the most frequently

used functions available through the Palmtop's function keys. Their labels are displayed on the bottom of the screen as usual:

F1 — The "Help" key will pop up extensive online help — in HTML format itself, of course.

F2 — With "Home", you can return to HV's startup page (that has a few links to useful pages) or to

another "favorite page" of yours.

F3 — The "Edit" key is for those of you who want to design your own HTML pages - an editor (MEMO by default) will be called with the HTML source of the page currently being viewed.

F4 — The "Find" key will search the current page for a given text.

F5 — The "Hot" key will pop up your hotlist - also called "Bookmarks" list in other browsers. This is the collection of your favorite pages. You can go to a page already in the list, add the current page to the collection, or delete an entry (see screen above).

F6 & F7— The "Back" and "Fwd" keys let you navigate backwards and forwards in the history of pages you visited.

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being displayed, as well as the current link and the amount of free memory currently available to HV.

F9 — The “Open” key lets you specify a so-called “Universal Resource Locator” (URL) and go there directly. For example, to visit the Hewlett-Packard Handheld Homepage, you would hit **[F9]** (Open) and enter: <http://www.hp.com/handheld>.

The dialog box that pops up when you select “Open” also includes a drop-down list with a history of sites you visited this way.

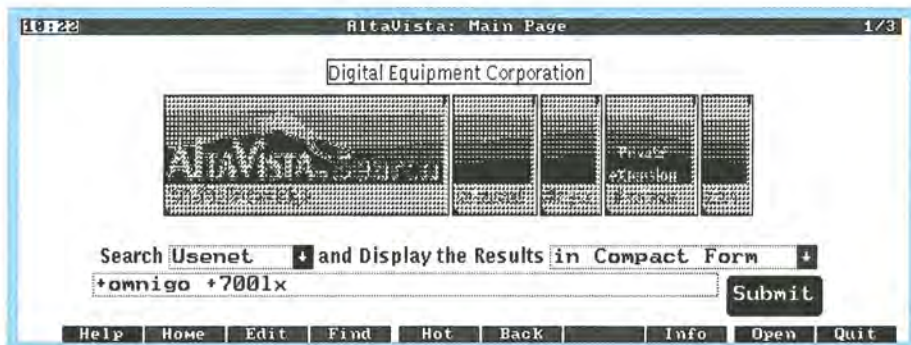
A few interesting Web sites

The following are screenshots of some Web sites I visited with HV.

The first screen above shows HP's new “Handheld” page. It can be found at <http://www.hp.com/handheld>. (Note that HV detected



Opening page for the HP Handheld Web site.



Opening screen for Digital Equipment's ALTAVIS1 search program. The topics “omnigo” and “700lx” have been entered in the search box.



After using AltaVista to search for “omnigo” and “700lx” the following page was displayed.

the use of JAVA applets on this page, and notifies the user that this is not supported. JAVA requires a fast 32 bit machine with at least 8 megabytes of memory to be able to run.)

The second screen from the top shows Digital Equipment's “AltaVista” search engine (<http://altavista.digital.com>). This service lets you search the World Wide Web as well as Internet Newsgroups for specific topics. I searched on the words “omnigo” and “700lx”. The result of this search is shown on the third

screen. To display a newsgroup posting, I would select the desired title, and press **[ENTER]**.

The screenshot at the top right of page 18 was taken in the middle of a “File Transfer Protocol” (FTP) download from the eddie.mit.edu FTP site. The file being downloaded is C&H-TC.ZIP (a collection of Calvin and Hobbes topcards), you can still see it highlighted. To connect to an FTP server with HV, you would hit **[F9]** (Open), and enter the servers name, directory and filename (if you know it). To

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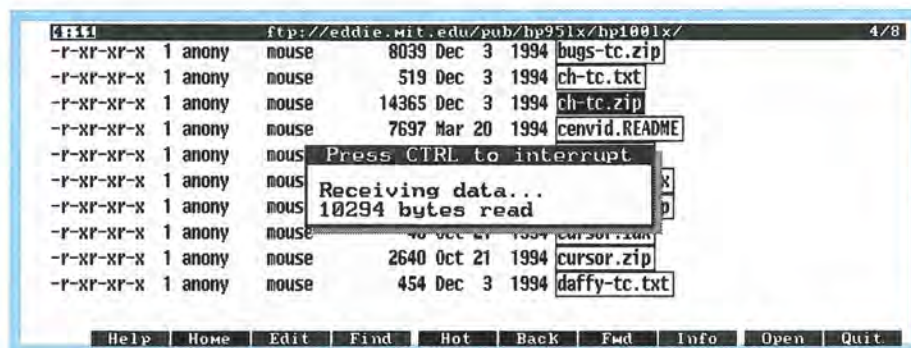
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Of course, user-friendly Web pages simply contain links to files that you can download via FTP, so that you don't have to type all this in.

The second screen from the top of this page shows how WWW/LX displays Web pages with embedded graphics. This particular page is the "Tips and Tricks" section of Shier Systems Web site. The tip describes the use of the undocumented icon editor on the Palmtop's D drive. Check out Shier System's "Tips and Tricks" department at <http://www.shier.com/tips.htm> for more on this.

The screen at the to the right displays a page from an article in the German magazine "Der Spiegel" (at <http://www.spiegel>



This screen was displayed in the middle of a File Transfer Protocol download from the eddie.mit.edu FTP site. The file C&H-TC.ZIP is being downloaded.

.de). This page shows that the fonts that come with HV also include "foreign" characters. Graphics mode and Latin-1 fonts ensure that HV can correctly display pages in German, French, Swedish, etc. — an important point, especially for HP OmniGo 700LX users.

WWW/LX limitations

A few weeks ago, many people would not have thought that a

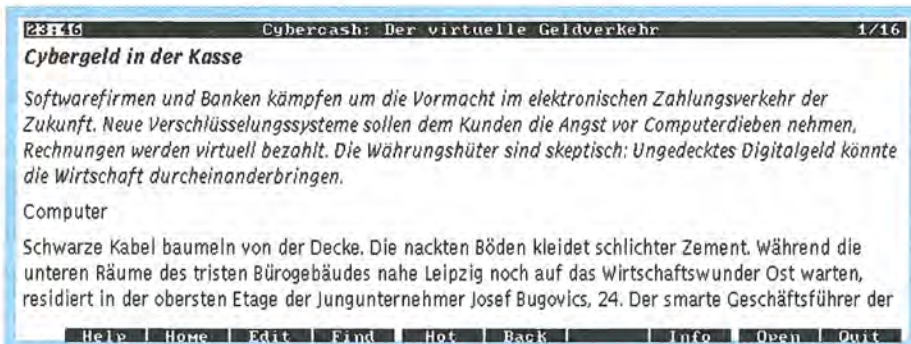
Palmtop Web browser was at all possible — certainly not one that could fit on the C drive of a 100/200LX and run from System Manager. But as nice as it is to have a Palmtop Web browser, one needs to keep things in perspective when comparing the performance of WWW/LX with the latest desktop Web browsers. Current desktop computers are more powerful than the Palmtop and can run the latest versions of NetScape and MS Internet Explorer that have features



This is an example of the editing screen with an icon loaded.

Notice that the details which give a "3-D" appearance in the normal size view are hard to see in the larger view of the icon. This illustrates the artistic talents needed to design a good icon for the

"Tips and Tricks" section of Shier Systems Web site, displaying a graphics and text in one screen.



Page from the German magazine *Der Spiegel*, showing how WWW/LX displays non-English language characters.

not available with WWW/LX.

For example, WWW/LX cannot do: Java, Javascript, NetScape plugins, ActiveX, VBScript, NetScape-specific extensions like FRAMEs, etc. WWW/LX cannot display .JPG graphics (although they can be displayed with an external graphics viewer). Finally, HV can display tables, but uses a fixed layout to display them. If a Website uses tables for laying out instead of using them for tabular data display, switch tables off in HV. The data will still be displayed, but will not be formatted as nicely.

These are relatively new developments that are usually specific to the two competing big players: NetScape and Internet Explorer. These programs also require a 32 bit and/or Windows 95 or NT platform, a fast CPU, and lots of memory. It is not clear which of these desktop Web browsers will become the standard — the battle continues to rage.

Future directions

WWW/LX is more than the low-level work-horse or a Palmtop Web browser. It's a full-fledged Internet interface with assorted powerful application support.

A lot more interesting Internet-based applications are currently in beta testing, under development, or being considered for development. Imagine connecting to a UNIX host computer with TELNET, sending and receiving Internet e-mail, and reading Internet newsgroups all on the HP Palmtop, using an application with the same friendly interface the built-in applications have. The basis for all this is already there, in WWW/LX. And best of all, *you* decide which of these applications interests you. If you don't need one of these applications, there's no need to use up memory or disk space for it — just don't install it.

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Create and View World Wide Web Documents on the HP Palmtop

PalEdit and HV (free components of D&A Software's new WWW/LX) let you create and view HTML documents from the World Wide Web on your HP Palmtop PC.

By Ed Keefe

In the last 50 years computers have evolved from the ENIAC (a room full of vacuum tubes and patch cords used to calculate artillery trajectories in WWII) to the 486 PC sitting on my desk. The raw power of existing desktop computers is massive compared to the power of the ENIAC. However, even that power will be dwarfed as computers around the world are networked into Internet's World Wide Web.

The World Wide Web

Previous articles in the May/June 96 issue described the Internet and the World Wide Web. Internet is nothing more than millions of computers around the world connected via phone lines, using a common communications protocol. The World Wide Web is comprised of all those computers connected via Internet and exchanging information using "hypertext" documents. These documents can include text, graphics, animation, and even sounds. They also include hypertext "links" which let you quickly access information located in other documents on the Web.

For example, you might be using a "Web browser" program

on your desktop PC to read a hypertext document about the HP Palmtop. In the document you see the word "publications" bolded or in a different color, indicating that the word is a hypertext link. You use your mouse to point to and click on "publications." The HP Palmtop Paper Web page appears on your screen, describing the publication.

Documents on the Internet's World Wide Web all use a technology known as HyperText Markup Language. HTML is a technology in progress. It's only been around for a few years but it's already in its third revision, HTML-3. The technology started as a simple way to send text from one computer platform and have it interpreted on any other platform. It has evolved into a medium that can send not only text but pictures, sounds, and

animation. The advance in HTML technology has encouraged the development of a spate of tools to work with the technology. Foremost among these tools are Web editors and Web browsers. Web editors let the developer create HTML documents. Web browsers let others view these documents.

Creating HTML documents with a Web editor

There are a dozen or so Web editors available for a desktop PC, as shareware or commercial software. A good Web editor will cost you about \$50 to \$150. If you don't have a Web editor, you can use a text editor to create HTML documents. The advantage to using a Web editor is that it contains macros, hot keys,



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1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE> Project Management: How To</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY BGCOLOR=#EEFFEE>
<h1><center>How To Create An HTML Document</center></h1>

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Web</strong> all use a technology known as <em>HyperText
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platform and have it interpreted on any other platform. It
Help Bold Underlin Find End&Rep PrntFid Promote Demote Open Save

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Sample HTML document as displayed by the built-in Memo program. Note that you see the text and the HTML "tags" in the document.

and tool bars that make it easier to embed special HTML tags in the text. These tags specify the size of text, the display font to be used, that a word is a link, and more. You can get a list of the HTML code and enter these tags manually using almost any word processing program. However, you can count on doing a lot of extra typing and making a lot more mistakes.




Whether you use a Web editor or a word processor, you begin an HTML document by typing in your text or importing text from another source. You then use the Web editor's tools to format the document, in much the same way you format a document with a word processor or desktop publishing program.


The above screen shows the HTML document HOWTO.HTM loaded into Memo. You can read the text and even see the Hypertext Markup tags, but to see how the document looks on the Web, you need to view it with a Web browser (also called a Web reader).

There are about half a dozen Web browsers on the market. The most popular is Netscape's Navigator. It sells for around \$50. Microsoft is giving away their new Internet Explorer browser in an attempt to knock Navigator out of first place.

PalEdit for the HP Palmtop

There are currently no Web editors for the HP Palmtop. However,

there are several good text editors that you can use, including the built-in Memo program, VDE , TSE(Jr), Freyja , and a newer program called PalEdit .

PalEdit was developed by Andreas Garzotto, who has previously given HP Palmtop users his HV  (Hypertext Viewer) program. Andreas is the author of WWW/LX, reviewed on page 12. HV and PalEdit are components of WWW/LX.

Andreas used the Palmtop Application Library (PAL) to give PalEdit the look and feel of the Palmtop's built-in applications. Everything about this editor is "just right," including the price: it's free.

At the top of the next page are two screen shots of PalEdit. The first one shows the opening screen. If you start PalEdit (PE) without specifying a file name, it will display a "pick-list" from which you can load any one of 10 files that you may have been working on previously. The second screen shows PalEdit with the PalEdit readme file (PE.DOC) loaded.

PalEdit has many features that will let you work on text documents, HTML documents and computer programming code. Here are a few of PalEdit's features:

- ☐ Files are not limited in size
- ☐ Several files may be open at the same time
- ☐ Two clipboards available for cutting and pasting

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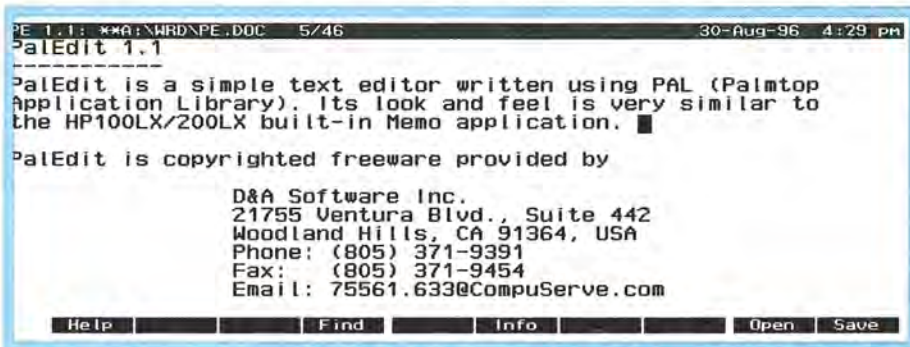
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PalEdit opening screen displaying a "pick-list" that lets you select the document you want to load.



PalEdit with document loaded.

- ☐ Fast search and replace feature
- ☐ Keyboard macros
- ☐ Emacs keyboard compatibility
- ☐ Memo keyboard compatibility
- ☐ Connects to program compilers
- ☐ Handles many DOS "filters"
- ☐ Send and receive mail with WWW/LX (see review, page 12).

PalEdit has a very useful search function. Like the built-in Memo program, you press **[F4]** to access it. But unlike Memo, all you do is start typing the word you're looking for. PalEdit does an incremental search, hopping to the most likely word as you type. You usually find the word by the time you've typed in the first three or four letters.

As with the Palmtop's built-in programs, you press **[F1]** to access PalEdit's Help screen. It is not context-sensitive like the Palmtop's Help feature. However, the help file is an ASCII text file that can be modified. I like this because it lets me add the code references for the HTML tags to the file and have them available at the press of the F1 (Help) key. In addition, I use


PalEdit's keyboard macro feature to automate the insertion of HTML tags into a document. I have macros for the tags I use most often. When I want to insert the tag, I just press the macro key. The rest is automatic, just like a Web editor.

HV lets Palmtop users view hypertext documents

The other side of the HTML coin is a Web reader. Palmtop users have had their own Web reader, HV, for

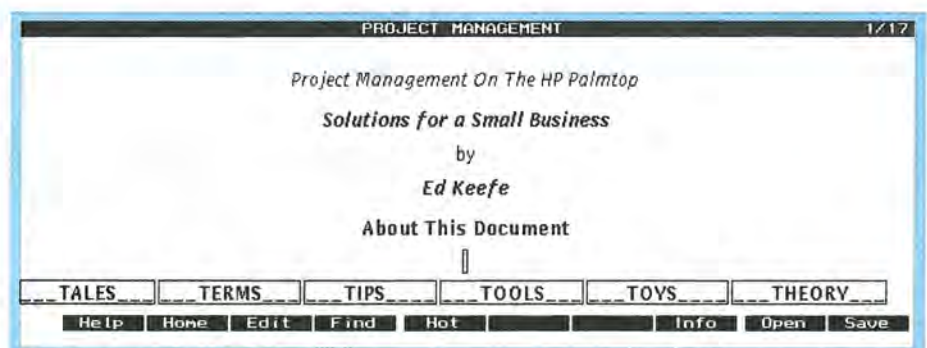
almost a year. Recently HV has been upgraded to make it conform more closely with the current HTML standards. It still works well on the HP Palmtop and makes it easy to use your pocket PC as an Internet off-line reader. (Note that a commercial on-line version which uses HV is now available. See the review of WWW/LX, page 12 of this issue, for more information.)

You can use a desktop Web browser or WWW/LX on your Palmtop to capture text and pictures from any number of Web sites. Once the files are on the Palmtop you can take them with you and use HV to read at spare moments.

Since most of the documents on the World Wide Web contain graphics designed for machines with 640 X 480 VGA color monitors, the HP Palmtop will always have trouble displaying these high resolution graphics. HV lets you turn off the graphics display and speed up the reception and display of text. Alternatively you can use an external graphics interpreter such as PICEM  to display those graphics that HV can't handle.

Create your own HTML development environment with PalEdit and Hypertext Viewer

You can install PE as the editor of choice in the HV configuration file. Then, you can run HV and view an HTML document. When you want to switch from viewing to editing,



The opening screen the HTML viewer HV, showing the first page of an HTML document titled "Project Management on The HP Palmtop."



Add a Printer Port to your HP Palmtop

The capabilities of the HP-Palmtop are now expanded by using Quatech's SPP-100 Parallel/Enhanced Parallel Port PCMCIA card. The SPP-100 adds a new dimension for Palmtop users by adding not only IBM PC parallel port capabilities, but also providing hardware support for the

IEEE 1284 bidirectional EPP standard. Besides printer applications, the SPP-100 offers users a needed interface to popular external storage tape drive units.

This Type II card includes a cable which features a standard DSUB-25 for easy connection to external peripherals. A client driver and an enabler program are also provided for customer configuration and use. The SPP-100 is FCC and CE certified and can be purchased directly from Quatech or through its network of international distributors. For further information call 800-553-1170 or 330-434-3154.



just press **[F3]** (Edit) key and PalEdit will automatically load the source document and let you make additions or corrections. When you've finished editing just quit PalEdit and you'll return to HV where you can immediately view the results. It's all very slick.

Producing pictures on the Palmtop and desktop

One of the trickier tasks in creating an HTML document is getting graphics that look good. The task becomes even trickier when you're dealing with two different platforms: a high-speed desktop with SVGA monitor and a low-speed Palmtop with CGA grey-scale display. To do the job, you need a number of tools on both the desktop and the HP Palmtop.

I use a graphics capture program called GEMCAP **[F4]** to create 640 X 200 pixel graphic images that display properly on the Palmtop's screen. GEMCAP captures a Palmtop screen and stores it in Ventura Publisher's .IMG graphics format. I use another shareware program called Graphics Work-

shop (DOS version GR43.ZIP) to convert .IMG files to .GIF and .EXE files. The older versions of this program work on the Palmtop and let you create self-displaying files as well as reverse image GIF files. The reverse image files are needed if you plan to view the pictures on a desktop computer.

Finally, you'll need a good graphics program on your desktop PC to modify or fix .GIF files. I use Paint Shop Pro to "tweak" .GIF files that have been created on the Palmtop. I have occasional problems with .GIF files. The external graphics display program PICEM displays .GIF files properly on the Palmtop. However, the same program sometimes causes my desktop PC to crash when displaying the .GIF. If you load the "bad" .GIF file into Paint Shop Pro and then save it back to disk, the problem goes away.

Time will tell

Creating HTML documents is not something to be undertaken lightly. The current "state-of-the-art"

demands a lot of software and hardware. I've tried to give you some idea of what works and what doesn't.

Producing an HTML document is also very time-consuming and demands a good feel for using text and pictures to communicate an idea. Also, I'm not so sure that HTML and the World Wide Web are the great communication medium they are made out to be in the press. They may develop into something unique and powerful or they may go the way of the CB radio. Time will tell.

Shareware/freeware mentioned in this article

Freyja — Text editor for the HP Palmtop. Freeware. Available on Mar/Apr 94 issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper ON DISK* and CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 7.

GEMCAP — Captures screen graphics in .IMG graphics format. Available on Nov/Dec 94 issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper ON DISK* and CompuServe's PCUTIL Forum, library 3.

GR43 — Converts graphics files between different formats. Available on CompuServe's UKSHARE Forum, library 17.

HV2.ZIP — View HTML formatted documents off line on the HP Palmtop. Available on this issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper ON DISK* and CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 11.

PalEdit — Text editor with look and feel of the Palmtop's built-in applications. Freeware. Available on this issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper ON DISK* and on CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 11.

PICEM — Displays .GIF graphic files. Available on the Jul/Aug 94 issue and CompuServe's IBMNEW Forum, library 5.

TSE(Jr) — Text editor. Available on CompuServe's PCTECH Forum, library 16.

VDE — Small, powerful text editor. Shareware. Available on *Best Tips 96 ON DISK* and CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 7.

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Replace most of your built-in applications with a surprisingly flexible text editor.

By Ralph Alvy

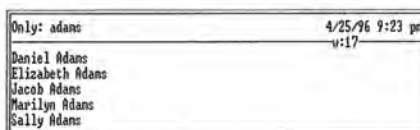
For the past few weeks I haven't been using my Palmtop's Appointment Book, Phone Book, Database, Notetaker, and Memo. In fact, I've stopped using one of my favorite third-party software programs, MicroLogic's InfoSelect. The new object of my affections is Flexpad, a surprisingly flexible text editor authored by Paul Kramer.

Flexpad provides fundamental text operations, including edits, searches, and cuts-and-pastes. But Flexpad's unique flexibility and power comes from its Views and Labels features.

The Only View

The View feature lets me quickly look at different data I've collected. For example, I can use the "Only View" feature to display each line of a text file containing a specific word or phrase. I have a text file containing contact information (i.e., names, addresses and phone numbers — data normally held in HP's Phone database). If I use Only View to search for "adams" I get a screen similar to the one at the top of the next column, showing all the Adams in my file.

Note that the text searched on is displayed in the upper left cor-



Flexpad's "Only View" showing all the Adams in the Flexpad file. Highlight bar rests on the first match (visible on Palmtop, but not on this graphic).

ner. A highlight bar rests on the first match (Daniel Adams). I can use the ArrowKeys to move the highlight bar to any match. When I press **ENTER**, Flexpad displays the entire text file in Text View and puts the cursor on the line I selected in the Only View. So if I selected Daniel Adams and pressed **ENTER**, Flexpad would take me to the section of my text file with that line, allowing me to review or edit my contact information on Daniel.

The Palmtop's built-in Phone Book and Database program let you specify categories for each entry, to help you narrow down searches. For example, you can

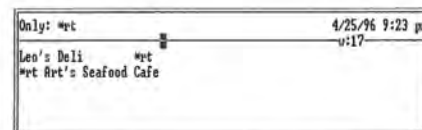
associate Phone Book entries with the category "Restaurant" and create a Subset that will let you display only the Restaurants in your Phone Book.

You can do a similar thing with Flexpad's Only View and its Label feature. Let's first look at the solution using Only View. Say I have contact information for restaurants listed in the text file I described above. Somewhere in each restaurant listing, I might type **rt* to signify that this is a restaurant listing. The entries might look like this:

Leo's Deli *rt
123 Elm St.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

*rt Art's Seafood Cafe
345 Oak St.
Santa Monica, CA 90403

I could then do an Only View search on **rt* to get a display like the this:



An OnlyView search on **rt* displays a list of the restaurants in the file.

As in the previous example, I can highlight either entry and press **ENTER** to get additional contact information. Note that it doesn't matter where **rt* occurs on any given line. Since a Flexpad file can be as large as available memory can accommodate, it can be quite large, allowing a single file to house all my Phone, Database, and Notetaker data.

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Other Views use Labels to organize your data

One way Flexpad helps organize your data is by letting you assign one or more "Labels" to a specific block of text. For example, you could assign the Category Label "HOME" to a paragraph that describes your plans to remodel your living room. You can then View all entries with the "HOME" Label attached.

Flexpad provides a number of Label options to let you view your data in different ways. You can create a number of different "Category Labels" to view data related to, say, HOME projects, WORK projects, FUN things to do, etc. "Section Labels" mark the start of a new subject in the file. You can place a "Bookmark Label" anywhere in a text file and jump back to it quickly.

As with the above Only View example, once you've located and highlighted the labeled text, you can press **[ENTER]** to view the text associated with the label. Unlike the Only View, however, only the text to the right of the label is displayed. This means that you should place the Label at the beginning of the text you want associated with it.

Time specific Labels let Flexpad replace Appointment Book

Flexpad lets me insert time specific Labels in a text file, providing an easy way to track appointments and Todos. For example, I pressed **[F9]** to go to the Insert Label menu: To enter an appointment I select Day from the menu. I can also select Todo or a number of other

```
Day Every*day Interval Monthly(day) monthly(Position) Todo
Category Bookmark Section
```

Flexpad's Insert Label menu.

options. When I select Day I get this dialog box with Flexpad's current date filled in as its default:

```

Appt
Date: <Thu> 4/25/96
Time: -
Alarm: Off
F3:Todo F10:Save

```

Flexpad's Appointment dialog box lets you select the Date, Time, and Alarm status for your appointment.

If I really wanted a Todo, but chose Day by mistake, I can press **[F3]** at this stage to convert the Appt dialogue to a Todo dialogue, with its Priority field filled in with whatever I've configured as my default Priority:

```

Todo
Date: <Thu> 4/25/96
Priority: 9
<Target> Done:
F3:Appt F10:Save

```

Flexpad's ToDo dialog box lets you select the Date, Priority, and completion status for your Todo.

After filling in the Time and Alarm information, I press **[F10]** and insert a description of the appointment. After inserting a few Appt and Todo Labels in the file, along with their text descriptions, I might have something like this in Text View:

- 4/25/96 9:00a-9:30aTalk with Sue
- 4/25/96 9:30a-10:00aMeet with Jim
- T:4/29/96 P:1 Call about Santa Barbara vacation
- 4/24/96 9:00a-9:30aConference call with Jack
- 4/24/96 8:30a-9:00aStaff meeting
- T:4/25/96 P:1 Arrange Hapkido class for Jason

Note that some of the above entries are appointments and some are Todos, and that they're just in the order I entered them. I use Flexpad's Views option to sort them into a useful order. First I press **[F3]** to call up the Views menu (top of next column).

```
Text Day Week weekGrid Month monthGrid monthGraph Only
Sections preview overdue Priority Category Bookmarks All
tempWide
```

Access Flexpad's Views options menu and select Day to get a sorted view of day's appointments.

As you can see in the above menu, there are a number of different views available. If I choose Day (for Day View), I get a sorted display of date-labeled lines for the date Flexpad is set for. Normally this is the current date, but you can change this (described below). The display will look something like this:

```

Thu Apr 25, 1996 4/25/96 6:25 am
v:17 v:17
9:00a 9:30a Staff meeting
10:30a 11:30a Call Jin Samuels
1:00p 1:30p Meet with Sally Adams
1:30p 3:00p Lunch with Stan Allen
3:00p 3:30p Organize Monday's agenda
4:00p 5:30p Gym
1 Call doctor for physical exam appt
2 Read book on writing styles
2 Arrange dinner with Sue Linsky
2 Find a new lunch meeting location
3 Buy new suit
3 Wash car

```

Flexpad's "Day View" screen, shows current day's appointments ordered by time and Todos ordered by priority.

In the above Day View screen, the date of the appointments and Todos is displayed in the upper left corner, above its week number. The system date (i.e., the current date), time, and week number are displayed in the top right of the screen. Then come the appointments for the selected date, sorted by time, followed by incomplete Todos for that date or earlier, sorted by priority. Hitting **[H]** hoists the first Todo to the top of the screen, and hitting **[H]** again hoists the first appointment to the top (similar to toggling between **[F9]** and **[F10]** in Appointment).

I can move to the next or previous date in Day View by pressing **[+]** or **[-]**. I can go to the next or previous week with Right or Left Arrow. Similar conventions hold in weekly and monthly Views. In all Views, pressing **[F5]** prompts me to "Goto date?" At that point, I can enter a different date or hit **[F5]** again to see a pop-up calendar (like the one you see

when you press **[F5]** in HP's Appointment Book). From here I can move the cursor with the ArrowKeys to select the desired date.

Whenever I press **[F5]** and am prompted for a date, I have yet another powerful choice. I can enter a one- or two-digit numerical string for the next occurrence of a numbered date. For example, I would enter '21' for the next occurrence of the 21st of a month. I can also enter a two-character string for the next occurrence of a given day. For example, I would enter 'mo' for Monday), 'to' or 't' for today's date, 'y' for yesterday's date, or 'tm' for tomorrow's date. Press **[ENTER]** and that day's appointments and Todos are displayed.

Flexpad allows data to be viewed by the week, month, and other ways — but so does HP's Appointment Book application. Let's see what Flexpad offers that Appointment Book doesn't.

Let's say I see today's schedule shown in the previous screen, and want to call Sally Adams before our 1:00 p.m. meeting. Using the Palmtop's built-in applications, I would have to switch to Phone Book to look up Sally's phone number. With Flexpad I simply do an Only View on 'sally adams' to get the following display:

```
Only: sally adams 4/25/96 6:25 am
v:17
Done: 3/21/96 P:1 Mail Sally Adams final check
4/25/96 1:00p-1:30p Meet with Sally Adams
Sally Adams
Sally Adams
```

Flexpad's Only View displaying entries associated with "Sally Adams."

The above Only View shows all lines in the text file that contain 'sally adams'. The **■** next to the first two lines in the above graphic indicates that a Label is attached to the text, as opposed to plain text. The first line displayed a completed Todo (a Todo Label with the date 3/21/96 in its Done date field, followed by plain text describing the Todo). The second is the appointment for the upcoming meeting (an Appt Label followed

by the date and time of the appointment, followed by a plain text describing the appointment). The third has no Label, composed entirely of plain text, and is the first line of my entry for Sally Adams and her personal information. The fourth also has no Label, again entirely plain text, and is about a different person altogether. I move the highlight bar to the third entry and press **[ENTER]**. Flexpad now displays this in Text View:

```
FlexPAD: my file.flp 4/25/96 6:25 am
v:17
408/555-9876
Sally Adams
Financial Consultant
789 Oak Ave., Suite 123
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Home 310/555-4567
Work 213/555-5345
Cell 310/555-6789
Page 213/555-5656
Likes tennis, hiking
vegetarian
Jin Jackson
```

Flexpad displaying Sally Adams contact information.

While talking to Sally, she asks me about a check I was supposed to send her. I press **[F4]** to return to the Previous View (which brings up the Only View on 'sally adams') and note the date associated with the first entry (i.e., the completed Todo telling me to send the check). She asks to change the time of our meeting, so I press **[F3]** (Day) to return to the Day View and see if there's an alternative time to meet her today.

Other time management possibilities using Flexpad

Here are a few other ways I combine the use of the Only View and Labels, to offer me time management possibilities.

□ I'm on the road and have some time for some errands. I do an Only View on '*rd'. (I put '*rd' on any Todo line referencing an action requiring being in my car). Flexpad displays a list of only those Todos.

□ I have time to return some phone calls. I put '*cc' on any Todo line that's a phone call to make. I do an Only View on '*cc' and go from there.

□ I want to thank the people who referred new patients to me. I always put '*np' on the line that contains a new patient's first visit. I do an Only View on '*np' to display a list of new patients. I then do another Only View, this time on that patient's last name, to find my official entry of their personal information in my file. There I'll find the name of the person who referred them. One more Only View will take me to that referral source's phone number.

Weekly and Monthly views help further to manage time

The Weekly Grid View can be used, as it is below, to get an overview of the schedule for the week. I use it to see where new patients are this week (*NP* indicates this), and where further notes are included (I use '...' to indicate the entry has more than one line in Text View).

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Mon 04/01/96 1:00p Ellen Adams 3:00p Gloria Samuel 3:30p Jim Rockefeller 4:00p *NP* Tom Scher 5:00p *NP* Jack Ada | Tue 04/02/96 12:00p Sally Foke 12:30p Jackie Brooksho 4:30p John Lody 5:30p Suzanne Crimen 7:30p DUFESER Group | Wed 04/03/96 11:00a Union Bank Setup ... 1:00p Dr Wallax |
| Thu 04/04/96 12:30p Linda Ynkun 1:00p Ed Dourner 1:30p Ralph Himmer 2:00p Tony Goldman 2:30p Roz Buzzer 3:00p Lucy Gamble 4:30p Ray Ivester | Fri 04/05/96 1:30p Joseph Frouer 2:00p Harold Moxey 2:30p Jimmy Lee 4:30p Jackson Foley 5:00p Charlin No | Sat 04/06/96 5:30p DINNER & Concert: Robin et al ... Sun 04/07/96 |

Flexpad's Weekly Grid View displays appointments for the week.

Unlike Appointment Book's Weekly View, Flexpad's Weekly Grid View wraps lines when this won't interfere with other lines on the same day. Note that it wrapped on Wednesday and Saturday, but truncated instead of wrapping on Monday and Tuesday.

Monthly Graph Views

The vertical lines in the Monthly Graph View displayed on the next page show the time slots that are filled. The time intervals are set to

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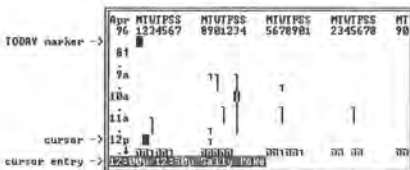
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one half hour (the dots between the hours are the half-hour indicators). These settings can be changed using the configuration file option. The TODAY marker keeps you aware of today's date. (The block cursor you see is created by a third party utility I use.) In the screen below I moved the cursor down to the item occupying the 12:00 pm slot on April 2 to see what's there. Its contents show up in highlighted text at the bottom of the screen.



Flexpad's Monthly Graph Views give you a month-at-a-glance look at your appointment book. Vertical lines show time slots that are filled.

The η symbols at the bottom of the screen (not shown in the above view) indicate multiple appointments further down the list. If I move the cursor to this icon, the additional appointments are displayed at the bottom of the screen.

Final analysis: The advantages of Flexpad

Here's a summary list of some of the advantages I think Flexpad has over the built-in Appointment Book.

❑ It doesn't automatically save a

file with each edit. I must manually save by pressing **[F10]**. This is an advantage because it allows me to exit the program without saving a file that I have made an error in.

❑ I noticed my batteries were lasting longer after I switched to Flexpad. I assume that this is because the Palmtop is not saving files after each edit.

❑ Since all data is stored in simple text files, it's less likely that your data will get corrupted.

❑ I have direct access to raw data with any text file viewer or editor. Only inserted Labels appear as binary junk in a text file viewer.

❑ Searches are faster, and when you get used to the different data entry paradigm, data entry is at least as fast or faster. This is especially true when you start entering two-character strings in date fields.

❑ It allows me to combine data that would have required separate files in Appointment, Phone, Database, Notetaker, and InfoSelect, making cross references easy and quick.

❑ Its data files are smaller than the Palmtop's built-in application files with the same data.

❑ It allows multiple views of the data linked by a common character strings, not just dates. For example, I can display all lines with

"adams" in them. The Palmtop's Appointment Book lets me display data with a common date, or in the same week or month only. I can do an F4 search in Appointment Book, but I don't get the convenient View mode like I do with Flexpad.

❑ The Flexpad program can be updated because it's not built into ROM. Its author is active on CompuServe's HP Handheld Forum, developing the product.

❑ Flexpad is a character-based DOS application that can run on any PC. It can be configured to run on a PC in 80x25 mode, as well as 80x25, 64x16 and 40x16 on an HP 100LX and 200LX, and 40x16 on a 95LX. Appointment Book runs on PCs only with Connectivity Pack loaded, requiring CGA or better display.

❑ It makes it easier to write random notes, to be organized later, in the same file that houses appointments, phone numbers, etc.

❑ It makes it easier to convert any appointment to a Todo, and vice versa. This is very convenient when it comes time to convert a Todo to a committed date and time slot, or when I might decide to postpone an appointment indefinitely, converting it to a Todo.

❑ Its clipboard allows me to append as well as overwrite. And, because its clipboard is file based, I can edit it, use it to paste text between files sequentially loaded in Flexpad, or use it to pass text to and from a file in a different application.

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@BASE Adds Database Horsepower to Lotus 1-2-3

"@BASE" turns the built-in Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet program into a sophisticated relational database that lets you work with large dBase III Plus-formatted files.

By Carl Merkle

Have you ever wished you could work with larger database files on your HP Palmtop? Do you need relational database capabilities? Have you ever created a 1-2-3 database, entered a lot of data in it, and run out of system memory trying to open it? If so, read on to learn about an excellent Lotus "add-in" program named "@BASE" (pronounced "at base"). There are a number of add-ins that extend the utility of 1-2-3. @BASE lets you use Lotus to work with very large database data files. You work with database files in the industry standard dBase III Plus format. This add-in program uses Lotus 1-2-3-like menus and is easy to use so there is no need to learn the cryptic commands of dBase itself.

In 1-2-3's heyday, prior to the advent of Windows' spreadsheets, many people used the Lotus 1-2-3/@BASE combination for database purposes. *PC Week* called @BASE the "King of 1-2-3 database add-ins" because of its power, functionality and ease-of-use. @BASE operates inside 1-2-3, giving it the power of stand-alone database programs like dBase III. Although the add-in ran well on desktop machines, until recently @BASE did not run adequately on the Palmtop due to the way 1-2-3 was setup to run directly out of the Palmtop's ROM memory.

Recently a "patch" was written to modify 1-2-3, allowing @BASE to be fully capable of running on the HP Palmtop. (Patch included with product.)

Since many of today's most popular Windows-based spreadsheet and database programs can read and write dBase III-compatible files, @BASE eliminates the inconvenient processes of first converting files to the Palmtop's *.GDB format.

@BASE is a true full-featured relational database manager with all the tools you need to build and maintain large, sophisticated databases. It compares favorably with powerful stand-alone database programs like dBase or Paradox. Because @BASE works from within 1-2-3, anyone who knows how to use 1-2-3 can quickly begin working with and analyzing data. Because it works on the Palmtop, users can start carrying larger databases with

them wherever they go. @BASE is also useful to 1-2-3-savvy managers who want to integrate dBase data into their Lotus spreadsheets.

As a 1-2-3 user, you get the best of both worlds from @BASE. 1-2-3 gives you the tools for data analysis and report presentation while @BASE gives you enormous data capacity. Since @BASE has the same "look and feel" as 1-2-3, you'll adapt to it very quickly.

In a short time you can build a worksheet with dynamic links to one or more databases on disk. For instance, you may be supplied with a database file of sales data, and your worksheet might present a sales recap by region. The next month, for up-to-date results after obtaining the new database file, simply load and recalculate the worksheet. Fresh database information is automatically supplied from the link to the disk-based database.



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Brains and Brawn: A Summary of @BASE Features

@BASE is a Lotus "add-in" program that turns 1-2-3 into a powerful relational database that can work with industry-standard dBase III Plus data files. With @BASE running from within 1-2-3 on your Palmtop you can do the following, and much more.

- ☐ Read, write and modify dBase III Plus compatible files (also known as *.DBF files) that are up to 32 megabytes in size.
- ☐ Bi-directionally transfer data. Instantly transform an on-worksheet database to a dBase-compatible database on disk or instantly transfer data from a dBase III file to a 1-2-3 worksheet.
- ☐ Use 1-2-3 as a front end for existing dBase databases. You can also build complicated databases from scratch using 1-2-3 to control database functions with @Base's familiar Lotus 1-2-3-like formulas and menus. Use 1-2-3's macro capabilities and @Base's special @functions to create menu-driven databases to guide inexperienced users through data entry or data query tasks, to format reports, and to implement some of the data-entry controls @BASE lacks.
- ☐ Set up dynamic links from 1-2-3 to a dBase III file that will update information from the database III file every time a worksheet is recalculated.
- ☐ Open and use multiple database files from single 1-2-3 spreadsheet. For example, you might create a customer order form in 1-2-3 that accesses data from separate customers, products, and orders database files.
- ☐ Sort a database alphabetically, numerically or chronologically on as many as 128 fields (1-2-3 only allows you to sort on two fields).
- ☐ Analyze data in a database to provide fast responses to questions, such as "what sales people in each division earned more than \$20,000 in commissions this month?" or "what customers are in California?".
- ☐ Enter and browse database records in "table view" (a one record to a line format similar to a database in 1-2-3) or "form view" where each record occupies an individual screen.
- ☐ Easily and rapidly cross-tabulate your data either as counts (frequency distributions) or sums (subtotals) to find trends.

Because of these features, and more, I view @Base as a must-have utility program for any user of database files that are in a dBase III format, and all 1-2-3 users with database needs.

Easy installation, efficient operation

Given its power, @BASE is compact. I keep the following four files in my C:_DAT subdirectory:

| File name | Size |
|--------------|---------|
| BASE.ADN | 64,072 |
| BASE.TXT | 10,945 |
| BASEFUNC.ADN | 11,772 |
| BASEUTL.ADN | 16,340 |
| | 103,129 |

The three files with the extension .ADN, are 1-2-3 add-in files and must be "attached" to 1-2-3 in order to run. In 1-2-3 you attach a file by pressing **Menu** **A**dd-in **A**ttach. Then use the prompts to highlight and attach the files you want. 1-2-3 asks if you want to assign the add-in to a function key, such as F7, F8 or F9. Pick one, such as F7.

BASE.ADN is the main @BASE program and must be attached to use any of @BASE's features. With this attached to 1-2-3 you can per-

form a number of database activities included opening, browsing and editing (table and record view), querying, bi-directional data transfer, and more.

BASEFUNC.ADN is optional, but with it attached you can use @BASE's special database @functions discussed further below.

BASEUTL.ADN is also optional, but with it attached, you can define and create a .DBF file directly from a 1-2-3 spreadsheet database, import comma delimited and ASCII text files, display information about an @BASE database, and more.

To run @BASE, I usually close all open applications besides 1-2-3. However, I have frequently run @BASE with Memo and Phone open, attesting to its relatively small size. Fully installed, the three attached add-ins take up approximately 90K of RAM on top of the RAM 1-2-3 normally needs. @BASE can have more than one database file open at the same time, with each file open taking less than 5K of RAM.

@BASE is menu driven, like 1-2-3

If you attached @BASE to a function key such as **F7**, you would "invoke" it by pressing **Alt-F7** (instead of **MENU**) to bring up the @BASE menu. (See graphic, top of page 34 for an example of @BASE's main menu). While in an @BASE screen you can return to 1-2-3 at any time by simply pressing **ESC** one or more times.

Just as in 1-2-3, you navigate @BASE's menu by pressing the first letter of each menu keyword. Thus to browse a database in table view, you'd press **Alt-F7** **D**ata **B**rowse. The resulting @BASE table view presents the database in row-column format just like 1-2-3, with the record numbers indicating the row, and field names indicating the column (See top of next page).

| File SALES | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|----------|----|------|-------|--------|---------|
| Record | EMPL | CUST | HO | PART | QUANT | UNITPR | SALES |
| 1 | Gary | Big Co. | 1 | P01 | 75 | 1000 | 75000 |
| 2 | Frank | Xyz Corp | 1 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 3 | Gary | Alliance | 1 | P02 | 500 | 5000 | 2500000 |
| 4 | Sally | standard | 1 | P02 | 500 | 5000 | 2500000 |
| 5 | Sally | standard | 1 | P02 | 500 | 5000 | 2500000 |
| 6 | Sally | Summit | 1 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 7 | Frank | Alliance | 1 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 8 | Gary | Xyz Corp | 1 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 9 | Sally | standard | 1 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 10 | Gary | Big Co. | 3 | P01 | 200 | 1000 | 200000 |
| 11 | Gary | Big Co. | 4 | P01 | 75 | 1000 | 75000 |
| 12 | Gary | Alliance | 4 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 13 | Gary | Alliance | 4 | P02 | 75 | 5000 | 375000 |
| 14 | Gary | Big Co. | 4 | P01 | 75 | 1000 | 75000 |
| 15 | Frank | Xyz Corp | 4 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 16 | Frank | Xyz Corp | 4 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 17 | Frank | Xyz Corp | 4 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 18 | Sally | standard | 4 | P02 | 500 | 5000 | 2500000 |
| 19 | Sally | standard | 4 | P02 | 500 | 5000 | 2500000 |
| 20 | Sally | Summit | 4 | P03 | 25 | 7500 | 187500 |

@BASE's Browse screen displays the database file in the row/column format of a Lotus spreadsheet.

Entering data into a database in the @BASE table-view mode is similar to entering data in 1-2-3, except that certain database data-type conventions apply. For example, a label cannot be entered into a numeric field. Also, editing an entry in an @BASE table is the same as editing a cell in 1-2-3. Hence, you must press the [F2] edit key to do so.

You can also view and enter data into a database one record at a time by using the @BASE Data Form view.

| File SALES | |
|------------|---------|
| Record 1 | of 20 |
| Name | Value |
| EMPL | GARY |
| CUST | Big Co. |
| HO | P01 |
| PART | 75 |
| QUANT | 1000 |
| UNITPR | 75000 |
| SALES | |

Partial screen: @BASE Data Form view lets you view and enter data into the database one record at a time.

Querying a database is a breeze

Sophisticated database programs let you "query" them (ask them for specific information, like the total of a column of numbers). @BASE responds to both simple and complex requests and its querying process is fully menu driven. Using on-screen prompts and lists, you select field names, logical operators (such as = for equals, > for greater than, etc.), and a value to search for. @BASE prompts you to correct syntax errors in search criteria, helping you to reduce logical errors.

Compared to the complicated method required to query a 1-2-3 spreadsheet, users who like simplicity and power will appreciate @BASE's query method since extremely complex criterion can be specified very easily. A time-saving feature is that complex criterion prompts can be saved in a cell in a 1-2-3 worksheet and can be retrieved for use at any time.

Specifying a criteria to query (or filter) a database in @BASE involves walking through a series of screen prompts and lists, as shown by the series of screens in the next column. The process includes a first screen, which asks you to select the field containing the data you want to query on from a list. The second screen from the top presents a list of filtering operators (i.e., equal to, not equal to, greater than, less than, etc.). The third screen asks you to specify the filtering value, and the forth screen asks if you are finished specifying filters or if you want to create a compound filter using logical and/or operators.

Bi-directional data transfer

One of @BASE's menu selections allows for bi-directional transfer of data between an existing database file and 1-2-3 worksheets. Records to be transferred can be the entire database or selected records based on criteria you specify. Capabilities of this menu selection include:

| Name | Type | Length | Decimals |
|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| EMPL | Char | 10 | |
| CUST | Char | 10 | |
| HO | Numeric | 4 | 0 |
| PART | Char | 6 | |
| QUANT | Numeric | 6 | 0 |
| UNITPR | Numeric | 7 | 0 |
| SALES | Numeric | 12 | 0 |

The first step in querying an @BASE database is to select from a list, the field containing the data you want to search on. In this case, **Employee names** is selected.

| |
|----------------------------|
| EMPL |
| = (Equal) |
| <> (Not equal) |
| > (Greater than) |
| >= (Greater than or equal) |
| < (Less than) |
| <= (Less than or equal) |

The next query screen presents a list of logical operators to filter the list. In this case, "Equal" is selected.

| |
|--------------------|
| EMPL= |
| Enter value: Gary_ |

The next screen asks you to specify the filtering value. In this case, we are looking for an employee named "Gary."

| |
|-------------|
| EMPL="Gary" |
| Quit |
| And |
| Or |

The fourth screen asks if you are finished specifying filtering values or if you want to create a compound filter.

□ **Import** — which copies selected records from the database file to the 1-2-3 worksheet. Import can be requested for all fields, selected fields, or can be based on field name labels that you have already specified in the worksheet. See the graphic at the top of the next page for an example of data transferred into the active worksheet based upon the criteria specified in the example above. Notice also that the criteria was saved in cell B1.)

□ **Export** — which copies records from the 1-2-3 worksheet to the database file. Export can create new records (if no record number is specified), or write over the existing database file by identifying the record number and field name asso-

| Recno | EMPL | CUST | MO | PART | QUANT | UNITPR | SALES |
|-------|------|----------|----|------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Gary | Big Co. | 1 | P01 | 1000 | 75 | 75000 |
| 2 | Gary | Alliance | 1 | P02 | 50 | 5000 | 250000 |
| 3 | Gary | Alliance | 2 | P02 | 75 | 5000 | 375000 |
| 4 | Gary | Big Co. | 3 | P01 | 200 | 1000 | 200000 |
| 5 | Gary | Big Co. | 4 | P01 | 75 | 1000 | 75000 |
| 6 | Gary | XYZ Corp | 4 | P03 | 75 | 7500 | 562500 |
| 7 | Gary | Alliance | 4 | P02 | 50 | 5000 | 250000 |
| 8 | Gary | Alliance | 4 | P01 | 75 | 1000 | 75000 |

The Import feature copies selected records from a database file to a Lotus spreadsheet. Notice in this example that it includes only records where EMPL=Gary, since criteria had been established through the criteria prompt screen.

ciated with the data to be exported.

❑ **Label-Import** — which copies field names from the database file to the 1-2-3 worksheet. You can specify any order for these field names to appear in the worksheet.

❑ **Copy** — which copies selected records from one database file to create another database file as a subset of the original.

The @BASE utility program (BASE UTL.ADN) goes a step further with data transfer by actually allowing you to create a database file using a spreadsheet database. This means it will guess how to write a *.DBF file specifying the field type (i.e., Character, Numeric, Logical and Date), field length, and decimal places for numeric fields, then ask you to confirm its guess, and finally it creates a *.DBF file.

I have used @BASE's bi-directional data transfer capabilities many times when trying to analyze and clean up downloaded corporate databases. It is excellent.

Cross Tabulations

In the May/June 96 issue beginning on page 47, I covered the process of how to create a cross-tabulation calculation of a sales database in 1-2-3. That was an advanced article. @BASE distills all that effort into just a few simple keystrokes. Furthermore, it can easily do more complex cross tabula-

tions with multiple fields which are not possible to perform in 1-2-3.

@BASE lets you cross-tabulate your data either as counts (frequency distributions) or sums (subtotals). You might, for example, have an employee database that contains the following three fields: Salary, Gender and Department. A cross-tab operation could easily identify the number of male and female employees in each department or create a table showing the total salary expense for each department. You can do the same thing in 1-2-3 with a combination of database statistical functions and the Data Table command, but @BASE's method is significantly less complicated and far less time consuming. All cross tabulations appear as results in the active worksheet (see graphic at the bottom of this page).

| CUST | Frank | Gary | Sally |
|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Alliance | 0 | 875000 | 0 |
| Big Co. | 0 | 425000 | 0 |
| Standard | 0 | 0 | 1562500 |
| Summit | 0 | 0 | 375000 |
| XYZ Corp | 3000000 | 562500 | 0 |

@BASE cross-tabulation feature. This example displays the cross-tabulation of a database tracking sales for three representatives (Frank, Gary and Sally). The database is cross-tabulated by Customer (displayed in column A) and Employee (displayed in columns B, C, and D). Sales figures are displayed below employee names.

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@BASE's cross-tabulation feature is very powerful, and it works well. I still prefer to use it on desk top machines over other programs which also have cross-tabulation features, such as Paradox, Access, Approach, or Excel. In my view, @BASE's cross-tabulation feature is so good it is worth the price of the program alone.

Special @functions increase your power

@BASE's functions are like their dBase counterparts and allow you to specify precisely the scope of your search. If criteria have been specified through the prompts, then @BASE returns the results of the specified subset of the database, otherwise, most formulas also allow you to specify criteria in the formula.

The following are some of the special database @functions that can be used if BASEFUNC.ADN is attached.

@dbavg — returns the average value of a specified field for all the records in the database file.

@dbclose — closes specified database file.

@dbcnt — returns the number of records in a database file.

@dbfirst — returns the record number of the first record found in a specified database file that meets the active and/or optional criteria.

@dbfld — returns the contents of a specified field contained in a specified record number.

@dbisact — returns a 1 if a specified record is not marked for deletion and meets the active and/or optional criteria. Otherwise returns a 0.

@dbisdel — returns a 1 if specified record is marked for deletion. Otherwise returns a 0.

@dbisna — returns a 1 if a field of a specified record has no value. If the field does have a value, the function returns a 0.

@dbmax — returns the largest value in a specified field.

@dbmin — returns the minimum value in a specified field.

@dbnext — returns the record number of the next record in the database matching the active and/or optional criteria.

@dbopen — opens a database file.

@dbrecs — returns the total number of records in the database file.

@dbsum — returns the sum of the values in a specified field.

@dbupd — replaces the contents of a specified field and record with a specified value.

Excellent Manual

The manual accompanying @BASE is very well written and user friendly. It contains two major sections. One section contains tutorials that can help you quickly grasp the concepts and be up and running in a relatively short time. The other major section is reference material for @BASE's menu and @functions. Additionally, @BASE comes with a few sample files that can further your understanding of the possibilities of the program.

@BASE is well suited for the Palmtop since it further expands the Palmtop's use as a portable reference companion using industry standard file formats. @BASE is also a good alternative as a portable data gathering tool.

Pricing and Contact Information for products mentioned in this article

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@BASE was originally published by Personics which is now owned by Data Watch Corporation. @BASE normally retails for \$195. However, Data Watch Corporation has discounted this price to \$89.95 for readers of *The HP Palmtop Paper* and members of CompuServe's HPHAND Forum.

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Managing Time with Database

This Palmtop user accomplishes her goals and manages her life with a custom Todo Database

By Joy Soto Kocar

I became obsessive about time management when I decided to start my own technical writing and consulting company part-time, while working full-time as an engineer, volunteering at the local cancer institute, studying for a licensing exam, and sandwiching a personal life in there somewhere. Juggling all my activities really tested the theory of forced efficiency: the more you have to do, the more efficient you become to accomplish it all. Of course having a loving and supportive spouse goes a very long way in achieving a goal. I couldn't have survived it with just a Palmtop.

Unmanageable paper organizer

Like many Palmtop users, I started out with a paper organizer. Over time the organizer got thicker and heavier, and I got paranoid about losing the information it contained. Knowing how important my organizer was to me, my husband would jokingly suggest that we get an insurance rider for my organizer. But that would be of little help if the data was lost. Finally, I decided to switch to an electronic organizer so that I could back up ALL my data. Another problem with a thick paper organizer is that it's sometimes hard to find the information you want. Going electronic would

give me the ability to search my information quickly and organize it better.

In addition to the paper organizer, I had been keeping prospect and contact information in spreadsheets and a database on my desktop computer. I wanted to consolidate all that in an electronic phone book. I also had been collecting a multitude of other information important to me, including tips on how to do certain things and lists that ranged from reference books to read, to gift ideas. I wanted to have that information with me all the time.

In short, I wanted a powerful, ultra-portable personal information manager with significant internal memory to store all that information. I wanted it to be expandable and flexible, and I wanted to avoid expensive proprietary accessories. Since I used spreadsheets to store much of my information, I wanted a spreadsheet program. I also wanted to be able to do engineering calculations, track expenses, do

cash flow projections, billable hours and income linked to estimated taxes. Finally, with the investment I had made in entering information on my desktop, I wanted the electronic organizer to be able to communicate with the desktop.

I didn't think I was asking for too much, but when I finally started to shop around with my wish list in hand, I was quickly disappointed. The Sharps and Casios were toys! After giving up on ever finding just the right machine, I stumbled across an EduCALC catalog and discovered this wonderful, infinitely flexible, and ultra-portable machine — the HP Palmtop. It's one of the best investments I've made and the most used tool I have.

Life management's underlying principles

I purchased an HP 200LX and began inputting the data to see if it would really fit my lifestyle and fulfill my needs.

I began using Appointment Book to track appointments and ToDos, but quickly found that the ToDo list was getting large and unwieldy. I ended up creating a custom Database not just for my ToDo list but as a means of "life management," hence, I named it LIFEMGMT.GDB.

My whole time management scheme revolves around the underlying concept of a master Todo list. I first learned this technique from Stephanie Winston's book, *The Organized Executive*. The book's

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main principles relating to time management are as follows:

1. Record in a master list every idea, call, project, task as it arises -- large or small, minor or important.
2. Review your master list daily and divide large projects into manageable components.
3. At the beginning of each day, or at the end of the previous day, compile a Daily List of the 10 tasks that you think you can realistically accomplish, ranked in order of importance. Try to have at least one high-payoff activity on your Daily List.
4. Schedule your high priority items during the time of day you're most effective.

At first I was skeptical of the technique working. It seemed that I would spend more time making lists than I would save being organized! It took some initial effort and getting use to, but I've since become a convert. Having a prioritized master list of the goals you need to accomplish really helps put things in perspective.

Prioritizing is definitely the secret to getting the most important things done. The emphasis is on important goals and not just the urgent things to do. When prioritizing ToDos, I quickly go through the following questions.

☐ Is this Todo going to help me reach an important goal?

☐ What are the most important ToDos for me to handle today that would allow me to call this a successful day?

I believe that by taking care of the important things now, you minimize the effect of urgent ones later.

The most important underlying principle in time management is to structure major goals, not just

a lot of little things to do. You structure the individual ToDos to get you to the major goals. Efficiency is meaningless without them. When setting goals, I keep in mind the acronym SMART. The goal has to be Specific with a positive tone, be Measurable so I know when I've achieved it, be Action oriented, be Realistic, and be Timed with a due date and schedule. They also have to be balanced and congruent with personal values, in other words, support my personal mission.

Goals, of course, are flexible and make up the network of "roads" that will help anyone get to where they want to go. The map that these roads represent is each person's life mission.

I use the Category field to distinguish the important areas in my life and use LIFEMGMT's second "Planning Screen" to schedule and achieve my goals (more on this later).

I've used this system now for almost a year, and so it has passed the test of time and usability.

How I use LIFEMGMT.GDB

At first blush, my master Database seemed complicated and daunting. I'd structured in lots of ways to organize, categorize and sort the list. But that required making decisions about each ToDo as I entered it. I quickly discovered that the best way to deal with a new ToDo was

to enter it and worry about categorizing and prioritizing it later. I created a macro that let me enter the ToDo description along with a low priority, D, and Undecided category. I can modify the priority and category as I enter the ToDo, or wait till later to look at the whole and make those decisions. Many ToDo ideas used to slip between the cracks. Now I just hit the macro, enter the ToDo, and think about it later.

I schedule time to look at the list and adjust priorities each week. I keep in mind the "Pareto Principle" — that 20% of what you do produces 80% of the results. Lots of ToDos don't get done, but knowing that I have made the choice to do something else more important helps to get rid of feelings of guilt about not accomplishing every little ToDo.

Life Management's "Main Screen"

The ToDo data displayed in LIFEMGMT's individual Data Item screen is divided up into two pages: the first page displays the "Main Screen" and the second page the "Planning Screen." (Select the desired ToDo in the All Items screen and press **ENTER** to go to the Main Screen. Then press **F1-DownArrow** to toggle between the pages.) I spend most of my time in the Main Screen, and only visit the Planning Screen when I'm planning a project that has a timeline.

Database: LIFEMGMT Data Item(1/2) 09/02/96 12:15 pm

ToDo INCORPORATION

Pri B Category Fin310 Entered 1/14/1996 Due

When: ☐ Now ☒ Later

What: ☐ Fone ☐ PC ☒ Read ☐ Audio

Where/Who: ☐ Mnu1 ☐ Mnuv ☐ Gbg ☐ IrHC ☐ Pgh

Note: REFERENCES
LAWYER

Help Add Note Find Clip Prev Next Cancel Done

LIFEMGMT's Main Screen displays the title of the ToDo, Priority, Category and other organizational information, and part of the Note field.

The Main Screen shown below is divided into the following fields:

ToDo — Contains a brief description of the activity you want to complete. I enter a key word followed with a modifier, allowing me to quickly locate a ToDo item by typing the key word. For example, I entered ToDos for writing a few articles. The ToDo for this article was entered as "Article, Life-mgmt." An engineering article was entered as "Article, friction factor." To quickly jump to these entries, I start typing "A-r-t-i-c-l-e" until Database finds the first matching occurrence.

Priority — I use this field to sort the most important tasks at the top, so they get done first. You can use any alphanumeric value. I use A (for the highest priority), B, C, and D (for the lowest one). For the hot activities I want to complete for the day or week, I use the numbers 1-9, since Database sorts and displays numbers before letters. You can also use a combination of the two. Alternatively, you can use Stephen Covey's "Quadrant" classification system. Covey's Quadrant 1 is important and urgent tasks/goals. Quadrant 2 is important but not urgent. Quadrant 3 is not important but urgent. Quadrant 4 is neither important nor urgent. (For more on Covey's system, see page 40 of the May/June 94 issue.)

Category — I use the Category entries to organize ToDos around areas that are important in my life plan and goals. The categories I use are:

CAR = career
FIN = finances
FUN = fun stuff
HEA = health
HOM = home and family
MEN = mental/spiritual development
UND = undecided

I like to add a 3-digit project identifier so I can keep track of related tasks. For example, all ToDos relating to a specific project, or a specific

| Database: LIFEMGMT | | C Category | | 09/02/96 12:17 pm | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|------------|----|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|--|
| ToDo | No | Catego | Fo | PC | Au | Re | Mn | Mr | Gb | Ir | Pe | | |
| ANSSG project | ✓ | Car120 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ANSSI project | ✓ | Car120 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MARKETING PLAN | | Car140 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brochure | ✓ | Car140 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| Internet mktg | | Car140 | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Trade magazines | | Car140 | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| INCORPORATION | | Fin310 | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Insurance | ✓ | Fin999 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Article, Lifemgmt | ✓ | Fun999 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| TAI-CHI classes | | Hea510 | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| CHRISTMAS | | Hom210 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |

LIFEMGMT ToDo database. All ToDos list view sorted by Category type.

business client might have the category CAR 100. I keep miscellaneous ToDos related to my career categorized as CAR999. The screen at the top of the page shows my ToDo list ordered by Category type.

The previous screen sorted by Category gives me some kind of idea of whether or not my life is balanced. At a glance I notice that the current list is dominated by CAR ToDos. My activity is too career oriented right now, but I'm starting up a company and that kind of focus is necessary during the infancy of any business. I just need to make sure I interject some personal goals into the mix, and aim for more balance in the future.

Entered and Due dates — I use the Entered date to not only track when I entered the ToDo, but to determine a "discard date." If the activity is not completed by a certain number of months after the Entered date, I delete it from the list. The Due date can be used to prioritize the ToDo list by urgency. I don't recommend using this as an exclusive way of prioritizing and selecting action items. It can lead to a "management by crisis" mode which is more reactive than proactive.

When — I use the "When" selection or group box to further focus the ToDo list. When I am prioritizing and organizing a ToDo item, I'll select "Now" for items I think I can realistically accomplish within a specific time frame. All the others are by default "not-Now." I have a

Subset that displays only the Now ToDos. The "Later" option is used when I can defer a "Now" item to some time in the future.

What — I use these choice boxes to group similar tasks together, so I can do them at the same time. For example, all my phone call ToDos have the "Fone" checkbox marked. When I get some time to make phone calls, I select a Subset that only displays these ToDos. My other What options are "Read" (for reading I need or want to do), "PC" (for things I have to do on a PC) and "Audio" (for audio tapes I want to listen to).

Where/Who — I use these choice boxes to group ToDos by location, department, or by the people involved. For example, if I'm going into town, I would look for all the "Pgh" checks, or, if I worked with Jane on a project, I would have a "Jane" check box and could see all the action items I have with Jane.

Note — Enter any pertinent notes about the activity. For example if it is a project, I maintain a dated journal of my activities relating to it.

Life Management's "Planning Screen"

I understand more and more the importance of not only setting long-term goals, but scheduling them. I created my Life Planning fields on the Database's second

Database: LIFEMGMT Data Item(2/2) 09/02/96 12:21 pm

Sched
☒ Yes
☐ No

| Y1996 | | | Y1997 | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan | <input type="checkbox"/> Feb | <input type="checkbox"/> Mar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan97 | <input type="checkbox"/> Feb97 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mar97 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apr | <input type="checkbox"/> May | <input type="checkbox"/> Jun | <input type="checkbox"/> Apr97 | <input type="checkbox"/> May97 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jun97 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jul | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jul97 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aug97 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep97 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oct | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct97 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov97 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec97 |

☒ Y98 ☒ Y99 ☐ Y00
☐ Y05 ☐ Y10 ☐ Y15

Temp _____

Help Add Note Find Clip Prev Next Cancel Done

LIFEMGMT's second page Planning Screen, used to help schedule long-term, goal-oriented ToDos.

page, to help with this (see graphic, top of this page).

I use this page to schedule large projects for clients, and personal development goals for myself.

I have too many of these longer term goals/wishes. This part of my database forces me to be more realistic about scheduling my time for these activities. It also reduces my level of disappointment when long term goals aren't met, because I can see what trade-offs I've made.

The Sched group box with its Yes/No option buttons is for the Year Review and Life Plan subsets. Yes indicates that a ToDo has a timeline associated with it; these subsets only display Todos with the Yes button selected.

Minimizing feelings of overload with subsets

I constantly use Subsets to display my ToDos in comprehensible groups. I use the "Now" Subset the most — when I want to see the ToDos I need to take care of this week (see screen top of next page). I have additional Subsets to display my Life Plan, my Reading/Audio list, my Year Review for 96-97 (see second screen, top of next page), all my ToDos listed by Category, and more.

Macros and other shortcuts

As I mentioned earlier, I use macros to simplify my use of the

ToDo database. I would have deserted this system a long time ago, if it weren't for macros.

The Sched (assigned to Fn+F2) macro creates a ToDo item, assigns it a low Priority, and an "undecided" Category.

```
{Database}{F2}{Alt+E}{Date}{Alt+Y}
Und999{Enter}{Alt+P}D{Alt+T}
```

The Sch-TD macro (assigned to Fn+F3) takes a ToDo from LIFE MGMT.GDB and transfers it as a ToDo item in Appointment Book.

```
{F5}y{Enter}{Appt}{F10}{Menu}at
{F3}{Paste}{F10}{F3}{Shift+End}
{Cut}{Del}{F10}{Paste}{Tab}
```

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| Database: LIFEMGMT | | N NOW | 09/02/96 12:22 PM | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|--------|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|--|
| ToDo | Pr | Catego | FO | PC | Re | Mn | Mr | Gb | Ir | Pe | | | | |
| ANSSG project | A | Car120 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ANSSI project | A | Car120 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Article, Lifemgmt | A | Fun999 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brochure | B | Car140 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Day care provider | B | Hom250 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance | B | Fin999 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pediatrician | B | Hom250 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| "Dynamic Learning" | B | Men999 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

LIFEMGMT's "Now" Subset displays the ToDos you need to take care of this week.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--------|---------------------|---|---|-------------------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| Database: LIFEMGMT | | | Y Year Review 96-97 | | | 09/02/96 12:22 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ToDo | N | Catego | S | O | N | D | Jan | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | | | |
| ANSSG project | ✓ | Car120 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ANSSI project | ✓ | Car120 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MARKETING PLAN | | Car140 | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brochure | ✓ | Car140 | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Internet mktg | | Car140 | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Trade magazines | | Car140 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| INCORPORATION | | Fin310 | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| Insurance | ✓ | Fin999 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Article, Lifemgmt | ✓ | Fun999 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TAI-CHI classes | | Hea510 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Day care provider | ✓ | Hom250 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Help Add Note Find Clip Subset Sort Columns Open | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

LIFEMGMT's "Year Review for 96-97" Subset lets you review the ToDos scheduled for the next year.

LIFEMGMT survives the test of time

Once or twice a year, I re-evaluate my long-term goals. I reschedule, create or delete goals as needed, to reflect changes in my life. I look at the Life Plan Subset to see if I've scheduled too much into any particular time span, and if I've scheduled sequential steps correctly. It's important for me to review my goals because it keeps me focused on the big picture and prevents me from getting too detail oriented. Life is about doing the right things, not just doing things right. This takes me a couple of hours, depending on how busy the year looks, but I only do it once or twice a year, around January and June.

During the January goal setting session I change the years on the Planning screen, and rearrange the columns in the Life Plan subset to get ready for the next year. For example, at the end of 1996, I

rename the group box Y1996 to Y1998, exchange location with the Y1997 group box, delete Y96, move Y98 in its place, and create the new check box Y01.

Every month I look at the Year in Review subset to see what I need to do that month, and I mark them as Now activities. I take the opportunity to check again to see if I've scheduled too much into any particular time span, and if I've scheduled sequential steps correctly. This takes me about one-half to one hour, depending on whether or not I need to reschedule activities.

During this monthly goal setting exercise, I rearrange the columns in the Year Review subset by deleting the past month, and adding the 12th month. In other words, at the beginning of Sep96, I delete the column for Aug96, and add Aug97 as the last column. That way I can always see a full year's schedule.

Every week I scan down the Now list and reprioritize the list so that the activities that I want to finish by the end of the week are at the top. This takes me about 15-20 minutes.

Daily I check my Now list and set the priority levels between 1 and 9 for activities that I would like to accomplish. I try not to choose more than 10. Any more would be unrealistic. Luckily, the Database screen shows only about that many items, so I don't get distracted by the rest of the list.

For me, the best time to do this is in the evening so that I know what to expect the next day. This only takes me about 15 minutes, not much time at all. In return for my investment, I feel like I have a direction for the next day, and I can hit the ground running. Time management gurus advise to schedule a time slot for the most important activities so that you guarantee that they get done. Some people feel most comfortable this way, but that's not my preference, it's too constraining for me, almost robotic; besides, you can control only about 50% of your day anyway.

The items that are time critical are copied into the Appointment Book ToDo list using the Fn+F3 macro described above. If appropriate, I make them an appointment. I also use Fn+F3 to place a completed activity into APPT so that I have a record of it. I then delete the ToDo entry in LIFEMGMT.GDB.


Other items I use APPT for, are periodic, time-sensitive activities such as bill paying and birthdays.

When I go through the mail, and I come across something that needs action, I make an entry with the key information, and I toss out the paper. For example, if I get a notice for a conference or seminar that I want to attend, I make an

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entry and jot down the registration details. Then I can either throw the notice away or file it, and if my filing is less than perfect, I still have the key information available.

At the beginning of a project for a client that will last a few months, I give the project a number and break it down into the key steps. On occasion I've used mind-mapping techniques to create my list of activities (still paper based), instead of the linear, outlining approach. I make an entry for each activity, and check off the months on the Planning Screen. As the project progresses, I use the Notes field to keep dated journals of conversations and agreements, action items, general notes, etc.

Or let's say I need to go to the bank, I pull up the subset for that area of town, and look at all the errands I could do on this trip. I then start planning my route so

that I make all the stops, and I prioritize them in the order I plan to do them. I also check the Notes field to see if there's anything I need to take along. This only takes me 5-10 minutes, but saves me a lot of time by making the most of every trip.

The times I listed are, of course, variable. It took me longer in the beginning when I was still establishing my routine, now it's almost second nature. And maybe that's really the secret, stick to a system that works for you, get into a habit, and no matter what, it'll save you time.

The ultimate test

I've been following this routine for over a year now, and it has helped me achieve more this past year than I thought possible. It takes 1/4 the time to do what I use to do

with my paper based system. The ultimate test is still to come ... the arrival of my first child. Seasoned parents have told me to forget about making a schedule, the baby makes it for you. Hmmm ... maybe I need a new Category?

References mentioned in this article

The following is a list of time management references I've found useful. Books listed are available at, or can be ordered from your local bookstore:

First Things First

Book by Stephen Covey, Rebecca R. and Roger A. Merrill.

How to Set and Achieve Goals

Audio tape set by Dr. Bobbe Sommer. Available from Career-Track, phone: 800-334-1018.

How to Master Your Time

Audio tape set by Brian Tracy. Available from Nightingale-Conant, phone: 800-525-9000.

Manage Your Time Your Work Yourself

Book by Merrill E. Douglass, Donna N. Douglass.

The Organized Executive

Book by Stephanie Winston.

Personal Power

Audio tape set by Anthony Robbins. Available from Robins Research, phone: 800-445-8183.

Reading Dynamics

Audio tape set based on the works of Evelyn Wood. Available from Nightingale-Conant, phone: 800-525-9000.

The Time Trap

Book by Alec Mackenzie.

Freeware mentioned in this article

LIFEMGMT — Custom ToDo Database file described in this article. Available on The Sep/Oct 96 issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper ON DISK* and CompuServe's HPHAND forum, library11.

Carrying Your Office in Your Pocket

This on-the-road engineer tracks his contacts and correspondence, quotes prices, creates technical drawings, stays in touch with the world, and has fun — all with the Palmtop in his pocket.

By Jorgen Wallgren

My motto is why use a desktop/notebook PC when I can use the power I have in my pocket? I have decided to do everything on my Palmtop, since it is for me the most portable and hence the most powerful PC available. When I talk about powerful, I do not talk about the CPU or clock speed a desktop PC has. I talk about how I use the Palmtop and the results I achieve with it.

I am in a business which requires frequent traveling. It is an interesting business, but not an easy one. Since I only spend about one week a month at home, I need to take my office with me wherever I go. I have tried all kinds of "portable" computers, including laptops, notebooks and sub notebooks. Once I experienced the HP Palmtop, the choice was easy.

Palmtop's macros capability. I have a HP 200LX with 2MB of RAM. Additional file storage is provided by an 85MB flashcard from Sandisk. I also use the EXP ThinFax PCMCIA fax/modem card with 4MB flash memory for communications.

In my work I write many letters and memos, create technical

drawings and provide estimates on projects. I send and receive many faxes and cc:Mail and compose most of them right on my Palmtop in WordPerfect 5.1. To organize my correspondence I've created an archive database with the built-in Database program shown below.

The archive database has the following data fields in it:

| Database: FMS-CLOG | | Data Item | 13/08/96 21:51 |
|--|--|-----------|----------------|
| Date | 13/08/1996 | Ref.No. | F/325/96 |
| To | Accor Asia Pacific | | |
| Attn | Ir. Fanny Rosmawaty | | |
| RE | The current hotel projects in Indonesia. | | |
| <div></div> | | | |
| <div>Help Add Note Find Clip Prev Next Cancel Done</div> | | | |

Individual Data Item for the Letter/Fax archive file created with the built-in Database program.

As powerful as a portable!

I find that I can accomplish the same result with my Palmtop as with the portables I've tried. In fact, I hardly use the other computers any more. My Palmtop provides the power I need through a combination of the built-in software, old DOS software which can run on a CGA screen, and the



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| Name | Type of field | Purpose |
|----------|---------------|---------------------------|
| &Date | Date field | Enter date created |
| &Ref.No. | Text field | Name of the fax/letter |
| &To | Text field | Client/company name |
| &Attn | Text field | Contact person |
| R&E | Note field | Subject of correspondence |

Create this by opening the Database application, pressing **[MENU]** **F**ile **D**efine New Database. Add the data field names and types listed above. Position and size them to look like the screen displayed on the previous page. After you've created this database, save it as C:_DAT\FMS_CLOG.GDB **[F7]**. Then press **[F7]** and sort the Database as follows: The 1st sort field should have "Ref.No" selected, with a descending sort order (uncheck "ascending"). The 2nd sort field should have "Date" selected, with a descending sort order. Then press **[F8]** to arrange the columns so that "Ref.No." is the first column. Finally, fill in your first entry in the new communication log with the first "Ref.No." as "F/100/96".

Macro simplifies use of the archive database

At first I entered information into the archive database manually, but it required switching back and forth between applications and pressing many buttons. It took a long time, so I created a system macro to speed up the process. I have contact information for all my customers in the Palmtop's Phone Book file. When I want to send a fax to a customer, I just highlight the customer's name in Phone Book and start my system macro. The macro logs my fax into the custom database, gives it a reference number and saves the contact information in a temporary text file.

I use WordPerfect 5.1+ on the Palmtop to compose faxes and letters. I then transfer the contact information from the temporary text file

described above to WordPerfect. I open up Word Perfect and run a separate Word Perfect macro which opens up a fax template I've created in Word Perfect, appends the information saved in the temporary file described above and cuts and pastes the company name, person, date, and reference number to the appropriate location in the fax header.

Modifying Phone Book and creating the fax macro

Below I describe how to use the macro. As it is presently structured, it must be used with a modified Phone Book. You can do this by importing your Phone Book data file (with the .PDB file extension) into the Database application and pressing **[MENU]** **F**ile **M**odify Database. You can also create a new Database file by opening the Database application and pressing **[MENU]** **F**ile **D**efine New Database. Save the Database file with the .PDB extension and open it up in Phone Book.

The new (or modified) Phone Book file must contain at least the following five fields to work with the macro described below:

| Name | Type of field |
|----------------|---------------|
| Company Name | Text field |
| Contact Person | Text field |
| Salutation | Text field |
| Area Code | Text field |
| Fax Number | Text field |

The individual Item screen of the new (or modified) Phone Book should look something like the screen shown at the bottom of this page.

You'll also have to create a Smart Clip to be used with the macro to cut and paste the desired information into the temporary text file. To do this, open the custom Phone Book you just created and press **[F5]** to go to the Smart Clip dialog box. Press **[F2]** to define a new clip. Press **[F2]** again to enter the fields you want in the Smart clip. Put "Company Name" as the first line, "Salutation" and "Contact Name" as the second line, "Area Code" and "Fax Number" as the third line. Press **[F10]** to save the clip, with "&Fax To:" as the name.

Next, use Memo to create the empty temporary text file and save the file as C:_DAT\CLIP.TXT. The system macro and Smart Clip will save the contact data to this file.

Create the macro

Open the built-in Macro application and type in the following macro exactly as shown. Assign it to the Fn key of your choice. (Type this macro in with no carriage returns.)

```
{F5}&{Enter}{Alt}q{Memo}{Alt}fn{Paste}
{Database}{F9}c:\_dat\fms-clog.gdb
{Enter}{Enter}{Alt+R}{Left}{Left}{Left}
{Left}{Left}{Left}{Shift+Right}{Shift+
Right}{Shift+Right}{Copy}{F9}{Tab}
```

The screenshot shows a software interface for a phone book. At the top, it says 'Database: INDDOERL.GDB' and 'Data Item' with a timestamp '09/09/96 3:06 PM'. Below this, there are several input fields: 'Company' (with 'Any Company' entered), 'Area Code' (with '515' entered), 'Tel.' (with '123 4567' entered), 'Fax' (with '123 4568' entered), and 'Alt. No.' (with '123 4569' entered). Further down, there are fields for 'Name' (with 'Any Person' entered), 'Title' (with 'Assistant to Technical Director' entered), 'Salutation' (with 'Mr.' entered), 'Address1' (with '123 Any Street' entered), 'Address2' (with '7th Floor' entered), 'City' (with 'Any City' entered), and 'Zip' (empty). At the bottom, there is a 'Project' field (with 'The Latest Project' entered) and a row of buttons: 'Help', 'Add', 'Note', 'Find', 'Clip', 'Prev', 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Done'.

Phone Book Individual Item screen shows separate data fields for Area Code, Fax Number, Company Name, Contact Person, and Salutation.

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{Enter}{Calc}{Alt}oma{Enter}{Paste}+
1={Copy}{Alt}q{F2}{Alt}D{Date}{Alt}R/
{Paste}{Right}{Right}{Right}{Shift}+End
{Del}{Home}F/{Right}{Right}{Right}/96
{Home}{Shift}+End{Copy}{Memo}
{Paste}{PgUp}{Home}{Shift}+End
{Copy}{Database}{Alt}T{Paste}
{Memo}{Down}{Home}{Shift}+End
{Copy}{Database}{Alt}A{Paste}
{Memo}{F10}c:\_dat\clip.txt{Enter}
{Enter}{Alt}q{Alt}E}
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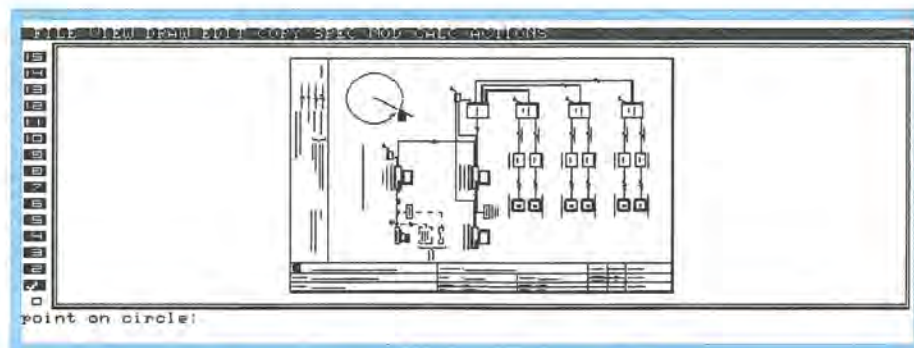
Then open your modified Phone Book, highlight the name you want to send a fax to and start your macro. After running, the macro ends in the archive database (FMS-CLOG.GDB) with the cursor in the field named "RE." Fill in what the fax is regarding and press **F10** to save the new entry.

The macro modified the CLIP.TXT file in C:_DAT. This file now contains the archive reference number for the new fax/letter along with the contact information. As mentioned above, I append this file to a Word Perfect file containing the fax/letter and use Word Perfect's macro capabilities to cut and paste the information to the proper location in the document. You could use this procedure with any word processor that runs on the Palmtop, including the built-in Memo application.

Quick price quotations

I am in sales and marketing and frequently have to give clients quotations on the price of products. I have created a custom database to track products, specifications and list prices. Although it's easy to view and maintain the product/price list in the built-in Database program, it can't do calculations. To overcome this limitation, I've created a special Lotus 1-2-3 template to make the actual quotation.

I highlight a product name in the Database and start a macro which copies the product specification and



EasyCAD display of technical drawing on the HP Palmtop.

price to my spreadsheet. In the Database the price is defined as a number, but when you copy and paste it to the spreadsheet it become a text "label" (i.e., 163 is entered as '163). To convert it back to a number, the macro erases the apostrophe (using (Paste){F2}{Home}{Del}{Enter} as a part of the macro).

Creating technical drawings on the Palmtop with EasyCAD

The products I represent are of a technical nature and I must be able to display them in the form of drawings. I used a notebook computer for this until I found an older version of EasyCAD (V2.67) that worked on my Palmtop.

I use a Thumbelina mouse as a pointing device. EasyCAD is surprisingly fast and powerful and I no longer have to carry the notebook around.

Faxing from the Palmtop

I use the MiniFax software which comes with the Thinfax PCMCIA modem card for sending most of my faxes. But sometimes I have to send faxes which contain technical drawings or my signature. For faxes with graphics, I use Bitfax V3.09.05.

I've placed the Bitfax program on my Thinfax card's Flash memory (the F drive on the Palmtop

when the card is inserted). I put the printer capture utility that comes with Bitfax (PRINTCAP.COM) on my Palmtop's C drive. PRINTCAP redirects a printing job and saves it as a file on my Palmtop's C drive. All I do is run PRINTCAP, then print the document containing the graphic to my LPT1 port. PRINTCAP saves this print to a file. This file can be rather large, but I have usually about 700Kb free on the C drive which is sufficient most of the time. When I am ready to fax, I switch to my fax/modem card. Start Bitfax, convert the captured print file to fax format, and send the fax. I must admit that the capture and conversion is slow on the Palmtop, but it works and that is the important part for me.

If you have Bitfax for DOS and would like to try it on the Palmtop, you can save space by installing only the following files to make the program smaller:

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| BITFAX.BAT | 31 |
| BF.EXE | 81413 |
| BITSCHED.EXE | 101463 |
| PRINTCAP.COM | 19364 |
| PRINTER.CAP | 9139 |
| FAXBOOK.DBF | 738 |
| BMP43720.FNT | 84480 |
| BITFAX.CFG | 630 |
| CONFAX.EXE | 24712 |
| SUPPLY.EXE | 75504 |
| COUR10F.WPF | 12595 |
| BITFAX.SCH | 1922 |
| BITFAXTX.LOG | 1170 |
| COUR10FF.WPF | 12601 |

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| COUR10N.WPF | 8301 |
| COUR10NF.WPF | 8309 |
| COVER.FNT | 15771 |
| 20 files | 458143 |

Staying in touch is important






While on the road I need to keep in touch with my office on a daily basis. My head office in Singapore has a computer network installed with three incoming telephone lines: One for fax, one for e-mail and one for cc:Mail. I use my 200LX's built-in cc:Mail daily to communicate with the office's network system, which runs on Windows 3.1. The Palmtop connects with a Windows 3.1 version of Lotus cc:Mail without any problem. Since my office is using Lotus cc:Mail for internal and external communication, I can send and receive messages to/from any person in the office or our distributors. I can also receive urgent faxes through cc:Mail wherever I am.

Maybe I am overenthusiastic

Some may think I am bit overenthusiastic to attempt all this on the Palmtop. This may be so, but the Palmtop gives me an advantage as a sales and technical person. I have

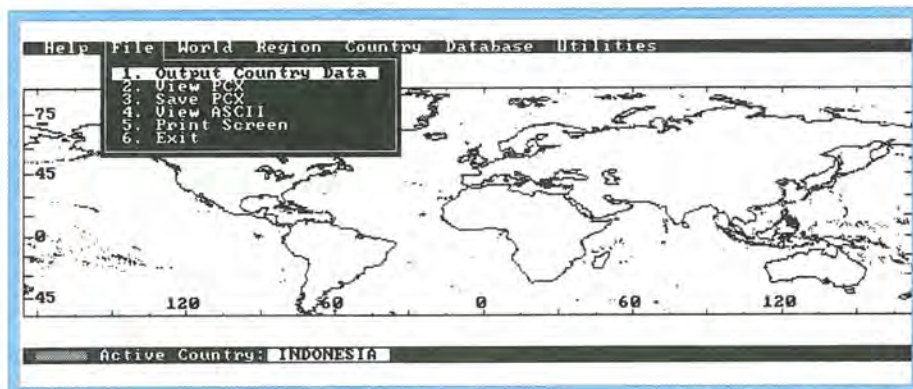
all the tools I need with me all the time, in one pocket-sized Palmtop. I can communicate with the world and retrieve information whenever I need it. When I'm traveling and need information about a country, I run PC Globe 5.0 to look it up. (I once settled an argument about which country produces the most beer in the world.)

I've even run Windows 3.0 on the Palmtop. I did this mostly for fun and to see if I could do it. But it also enabled me to use Micrografx Designer 3.01 on the Palmtop to create some simple promotional signs for local stores.

I read books on the Palmtop using Vertical Reader (VR ) by Gilles Kohl. I play Backgammon , Chess  and Solitaire  on the Palmtop. I "play around" a lot, trying new programs, changing settings and doing simple programming. I'm far from being an expert in programming, but am having success using LX Batch 2.0 (LXB.ZIP ) by Rob Koenis, to make small applications which enhance my use of the Palmtop.

Since I spend much of my time on the road, I need to carry my office and entertainment with me. I use my Palmtop approximately 120-150 hours a month, at various locations and for various purposes. No other pocket portable computer can give me this power.

Thank you Hewlett-Packard!



PC Globe display on the Palmtop, showing Indonesia as the selected country. The name "Indonesia" is displayed in the lower left corner and the country is highlighted on the world map (down by Australia).

Pricing and Contact Information for products mentioned in this article

All prices are manufacturer's suggested retail price. It may be possible to purchase the product for less at third-party vendors.

BitFax V3.09.05 — \$NA

Fax software. This version may be still be available, bundled with fax/modems.

Contact: Cheyenne Software. Phone: 214-840-6781.

EasyCad 2.72 for DOS — \$199

DOS CAD program that works on the HP Palmtop. Version 2.72, mentioned in the article, is no longer available.

Contact: Evolution Computing, U.S.A. Phone: 800-874-4028; Fax: 602-968-4325; On-line: www.evcomp.com/evcomp

Micrografx Designer 3.01 — \$NA

3.1 — \$299.95; 4.1 — \$299.95

Windows graphics program.

Contact: Micrografx; Phone: 800-733-3729; Fax: 716-873-0906.

PC Globe 5.0 — \$ N.A.

Product no longer available.

ThinFax Fax/Modem + Flash Memory — \$115

PC Card fax/modem with on-board flash memory.

Contact: EXP Computer, Phone: 714-453-1020; Fax: 714-453-1319; On-line: <http://www.expnet.com>.

WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS — \$ N.A.

Product no longer sold by Corel, new owner of Wordperfect.

Shareware/freeware mentioned in this article

BACKGM.ZIP — Backgammon for the HP Palmtops. Freeware. Available on the *HP Palmtop Paper Best Tips 1996 ON DISK* or CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library11.

FMS-CLOG.GDB — Letter/fax archive database described in this article. Freeware. Available on this issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper ON DISK* or CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library11.

KLON95.ZIP — Solitaire game for the Palmtop. Freeware. Available on the *HP Palmtop Paper Best Tips 1996 ON DISK* or CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 7.

LXB.ZIP — LX Batch 2.0 batch file programming utility. Freeware. Available on the Mar/Apr 96 issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper ON DISK* or CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 11.

PCHES.ZIP — Chess game for Palmtops. Shareware. Available on the *HP Palmtop Paper Best Tips 1996 ON DISK* or CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library11.

VR100.ZIP — Lets you read electronic texts on the Palmtop. Shareware. Available on 1994-95 PowerDisk or from CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, Library 11.

User to User: News from Around the World

Hal reports on his recent trips and the discoveries he made while traveling, including some amazing Palmtop software; HP Handheld conferences — this year and next; our new book PC in Your Pocket; and the new HP Palmtop Paper Web site.

By Hal Goldstein

I spent this summer on the road. I traveled to Palmtop-related events in Chicago, New York, London, Paris, Singapore, Bangkok and Anaheim, California. Everywhere I went I met HP Palmtop users. I was continually reminded that Palmtop users transcend differences in age, culture, sex, language, profession, religion and anything else that normally separates us as people. We are a community of Palmtop users with friends everywhere.

I decided, "no laptop" for this trip. Normally I take one with me for writing and online communications. But this time I would rely totally on my Palmtop and an EXP ThinFax fax/modem card with 4MB of on-board memory. This combination did the trick when I needed to connect to CompuServe and pick up or send e-mail. When I needed to print out a fax I used the EXP's fax capability to "print" to the hotel fax machine.

I know many fellow users who type quickly and efficiently on the Palmtop, but I still suffer through my typing. I find anything more than a few sentences a struggle. I wish someone would figure out how to hook up to the Palmtop, one of the small wireless keyboards

now available for laptop PC use. This kind of keyboard would be *ideal* for hotel room use.

I met many Palmtop users on my summer travels. Some I had known only through an e-mail address. I find that I unconsciously form a picture of a person from their e-mail address and the conversations we exchange. I get a small jolt when I meet the person face-to-face for the first time and discover that they look different than my mental picture of them. However, after about 15 seconds of shyness (as both of us adjust to communicating with eyes and ears rather than written words), it's like being with an old friend. I find the whole phenomena of cyberspace friends and communities fascinating.

In my role as Executive Editor of *The HP Palmtop Paper*, and as a CompuServe HPHAND member, I am continually exposed to stories about how people use their Palmtops. In Singapore, London, and Anaheim, I had a chance to meet many Palmtop users and was astounded at the creativity, depth and breadth of Palmtop usage. Many people promised to send me write-ups on products or techniques they developed, to share with read-

ers of *The HP Palmtop Paper*. (If you made me a promise, I hope to here from you soon!)

Amazing Japanese software for the Palmtop

In particular, I saw some amazing Palmtop solutions that were developed in Japan. Thanks to the efforts of several English-speaking Japanese users, we are now beginning to see some of this software in the West. (Many of us now enjoy the 4MB C drive upgrades which originated in Japan). If things go according to plan, our next issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper* will feature descriptions and discussions of some of these Japanese gems. (Are you listening Jason, Chai Kin and other Japanese users? My e-mail box is waiting!)

HP Handheld Conferences — this year and next

The HP Handheld conference held in late August in Anaheim, California was a success. We had over 100 users and about a dozen vendors. Next year we will help Shier Systems sponsor the event,

and *I want to see you there!* It will be in the San Francisco bay area in either May 16-18 of 1997 — I'll announce next issue next issue. We will do our best to create and announce the conference tracks ahead of time so you know what to expect. There will be solutions-oriented discussions, tutorials, demos, a panel from HP, and you will be able to talk to many vendors and see first hand how their products work. Most importantly, and most fun, you will be able to meet and network with fellow Palmtop users and HP people.

This year Khaw Kheng Joo, the head of the HP Handheld division, gave the conference's keynote address. (Chinese names start with

the family name — in the West his name would be "Kheng Joo Khaw" — but Khaw tells us to address him as "Khaw".)

Khaw re-stated his commitment to the HP 200LX platform, "As long as you want to buy them, I'll make them." HP's emphasis in the coming year will be on wireless and vertical market (niche) HP

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200LX solutions. As you will see in upcoming issues, HP is recommitting itself to the HP 200LX. I believe the HP 200LX will be around for years to come no matter what else is introduced.

Khaw is a "hands on" man for whom I've developed a great respect. In my travels this summer I saw him three times (everywhere but at his home base in Singapore, since he was traveling when I was there). Khaw appears at all events where he has the opportunity to talk to users and vendors, and to hear their ideas and thinking. He recently spent a whole day watching the sales process in a retail outlet where Palm-tops were being sold. Khaw does not hide behind his title — he is simple, approachable, and unassuming, yet he has a razor-sharp

mind and is action oriented. His team in Singapore mirrors his entrepreneurial, open and forward-thinking outlook, inside a huge, sometimes bureaucratic and impersonal company.

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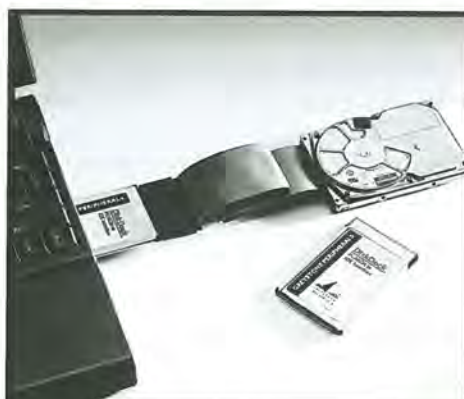
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Based on Khaw's comments and the comments of other HP people with whom I met, I think HP now really "gets it." Almost two years ago we ran a series of user comments on why people should buy the HP Palmtop (plus our version of a possible HP Palmtop ad). The point that emerged from the user comments was that HP should not position the Palmtop as an expensive competitor to the Psion, Newton or other organizer/PDAs. Rather the HP Palmtop should be positioned as an inexpensive, superior alternative (or at least an adjunct) to carrying a laptop. The HP Palmtop is always there when you need it, there are no power concerns, and it is not distracting in meetings like a laptop is. Functionally, the Palmtop can do virtually all you need done when you are not at your desk.

PC in Your Pocket gets Palmtop information on the book shelves

At the Anaheim conference we gave away copies of our new book *PC in Your Pocket*. Everyone who has seen the book likes it. It brings together all we do on the Palmtop: controlling our time, accessing information, manipulating numbers, keeping contact histories and communicating (wirelessly or by cable). It includes a Palmtop and Accessories Resource Guide, is attractively formatted, and is full of interesting and useful graphics. Author Ed Keefe weaves together over one hundred real-life examples excerpted from past issues of *The HP Palmtop Paper*. The book is written both for existing Palmtop users and potential buyers.

And now I need your help. I think the book will help sell the Palmtop — which helps all of us due to more applications being available, more Palmtop knowl-

edge shared, etc. You can order the book directly from us, or you can have your book store order it (ISBN 0-9652187-0-8). Whichever way you order it, if you like the book please talk to your favorite book stores and recommend they stock it. Palmtop information needs to be out there, in front of the people. I really appreciate and thank you for your efforts on the book's behalf. (Isn't it about time that the HP Palmtop is represented among the myriad of "Dummy/Idiot" format, Windows, and Internet books that dominate the computer book section!)

Those of you outside the U.S.A., please help us by giving us ideas on how we can make the book available at book stores outside the U.S.A. If you have suggestions, you can e-mail me at: hal_goldstein@thaddeus.com.

HP Palmtop Paper Web site on the way

And finally, by the time you read this, we should have at least part of our Web site up. You can find it at: www.thaddeus.com. Take a look and give us feedback!

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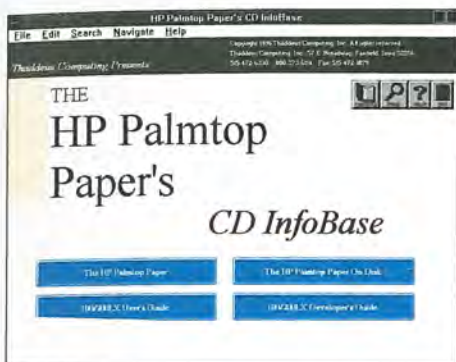
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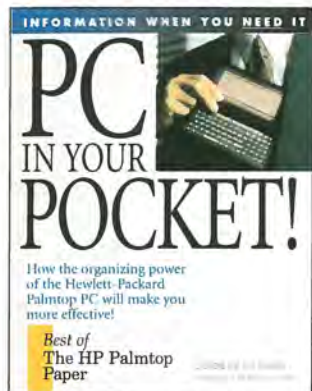
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Thomas Rundel

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New HP Palmtop book: ideal for users, great gift for interested friends

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HP 100/200LX Developer's Guide

Attention: Palmtop Developers and Enthusiasts

The Developer's Package includes everything you need to write software, design hardware, or simply understand the inner workings of the HP Palmtop.

The Package includes:

- 1) Printed copy of 586-page Developer's Guide
- 2) Disk containing HP-created source code and utilities for developers
- 3) Complete set of kits for marketing your Palmtop product
- 4) CompuServe starter kit (CompuServe's where Palmtop programmers hang out)
- 5) PAL: a C source code library for developing software with the look and feel of the HP Palmtop built-in applications

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As you can imagine, the knowledge base required is fairly technical and requires that I carry with me a large amount of reference material particularly when I travel. In addition to my laptop and palmtop I probably carry with me 8-12 inches of reference material and in-progress work. Needless to say it is a real pain to drag all this paper with me.

The HP Palmtop has reduced some of this paperwork but not nearly as much as I would like.

Probably the greatest barrier to reducing this paperwork for me is that I'm a very slow typist. Some of the information can be downloaded via floppies to my Palmtop but most of the information needs to be input into a database on my Palmtop to make it more user friendly than just a series of documents.

Most of my co-workers have the same problem I do regarding the input of data into a personal organizer or palmtop. I believe that I'm the only one using a Palmtop though a couple are using "Wizards". It occurred to me several months ago that what this industry needs is for a third-party provider or supplier to market a service to Palmtop users that would create custom databases and input the data into the databases created. Such a service would be a "godsend" to all of us short on time and expertise in creating "custom databases" on the Palmtop. It would be a great way to offer packages of Palmtops

to large companies with marketing and sales forces.

*William D. Patrick
Exxon Chemical Company*

HP Palmtop Paper Helps Novice Users

The HP Palmtop Paper is great! I really look forward to each issue and especially like "Palmtop Wisdom," "Basic Tips," and "Quick Tips."

It does seem, however, that most of your readers have a PC and most of your articles are written assuming that. As a result, the articles don't go into the very basic instructions of exactly how to use the Palmtop. This is especially true in the user profile articles, for example.

I certainly don't expect every article to be basic. That would ruin the magazine for the computer literate. But just one article now and then would help. For example, explain how to use a PC card, how do you back up C drive to A, and how do you recover A drive information you have accidentally deleted from C drive.

*James Newton Bosse
San Carlos, CA*

[Novices should be sure to read our Best Tips issues that cover fundamentals. For example, in Best Tips 1996, on page 4, you will find "Many Ways to Back Up Your files" article. See also in Best Tips 1996, p.15, a tip about how to create a batch file for automatic backups.]

Some people find that reading a text like DOS for Dummies, available at most computer stores, gives background for running DOS. The HP Palmtop manual will also guide you.

We do appreciate your comments, however, and would like to hear from readers about good topics for Basic Tips and other sections of the magazine—Carol de Giere.]

Clocks Create Big View of Current Time

I am trying to find a copy of the program BIGTIME on your CD-ROM InfoBase. Note that if you do a search for it, you get a reference but no details. If the program is on the CD, you've made it impossible to find.

*L.S.
California*

[You are right that BIGTIME didn't make it onto our CD-ROM. We'll include it on this issue's ON DISK. There are other references to clock programs available that fill the entire Palmtop screen with a digital image of the correct time. Check out CLOCK.EXM and VIZCLOCK.EXM. Both of these programs are included on the CD-ROM InfoBase. These are also available from CompuServe's HPHAND Forum — Carol de Giere.]

Palmtops and Pagers

Presently, I am using "PC Beep," a windows program to contact alphanumeric pagers through my PC. I have searched unsuccessfully for a similar DOS-based program that I can load into my HP 200LX and use to send alphanumeric messages to pagers. Are you aware of any DOS-based software that can be used for the above purpose?

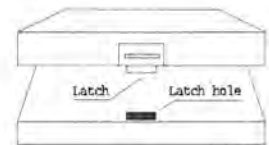
*Stephen Wilson, M.D.
Great Neck, NY USA*

[The solutions we know of involve whole systems, such as the SkyTel pager system described in The HP Palmtop Paper July/August 1996 issue on page 14 and The AllPoints/ Wynd combination with RAM Mobile Data wireless network, described on page 22 of that issue.]

You could check with your pager company to see if they have anything available.— Carol de Giere]

Fixing a broken Palmtop latch

At the suggestion of HP Technical Support, I'm sending you my solution to the problem I had with the Palmtop's latch. The latch is at the top of the Palmtop's screen. When you close the shell, the little lip of the latch slips into the latch hole at the bottom of the keyboard and keeps the shell closed. When I closed the shell, the lid would not stay closed.



Palmtop shell showing latch at top and latch hole at bottom.

The solution was simple. I cut a piece of a thick rubber band to the length and width of the space behind the latch. I slipped it in that space to check the fit, trimmed it to size, and reinserted it with a drop of super glue to hold it in place.

*Floyd Goetze
Eugene, OR USA*

Shareware/freeware mentioned in this article

BIGTIME — Displays clock image on the Palmtop. Freeware. Available on this issue of *The HP Palmtop Paper ON DISK* and on CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 11.

CLOCK.EXM — System compliant digital clock display for the Palmtop. Freeware. Available on *The HP Palmtop Paper Best Tips 1995 ON DISK* or on CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 7.

VIZCLOCK.EXM — Full screen digital clock with alarms. Freeware. Available on *The HP Palmtop Paper Best Tips 1996 ON DISK* or on CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 11.

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APPT

Display a month of Events in Appointment Book

Events are items associated with a day, but not a specific time. For example, let's say you know that on a specific day you want to spend one hour cleaning your car. Unfortunately, your schedule is such that you cannot specify which hour you will be able to devote to this activity. You can set it up as an Event and it will appear at the top of your list of appointments at the Appointment screen on that day.

To set up an Event, open Appointment Book and press **[MENU]** **Add Event**. The add Appointment/Event screen pops up with the word None appearing in the Start Time and End Time fields. Enter the Event description, Start Date and any other information you want, then press **[F10]** (Done).

When you view a month (press **[F7]** at most Appointment Book screens) you see the Appointments and Events that

you have selected to appear in the Month view. (When entering an Appointment or Event make sure the Month view check box is checked.)

Users entering daily (weekly, monthly, etc.) repeating Events may want to de-select the Month view at the Appointment/Event entry screen so that the Event will not clutter up your Month view. This way you can display only those Events associated with a specific day.

If you want to see a month view of all the Events you have set up (selected or de-selected), you can. To do this, press **[MENU]** **View All Events** from the Appointment screen. The month view that appears shows only Events, no Appointments appear. Press **[F9]** to go back to the Daily view, **[F8]** for the Weekly view, or **[F7]** for the Monthly view of Appointment Book.

[Note: The Month view only shows the first 10 characters of the Event or Appointment description. If you enter your event as "Need to work on the Smith account," the Month view displays

it as "Need to wo." Not very informative! Better to enter it as "Smith Act, work on." Then you see "Smith Act," in the Month view. Still brief, but at least you know what the event is about.]

Rich Hall
HP Palmtop Paper

Move around quickly in Appointment Book's Month view

You can move around quickly in Appointment Book's Month view by using the following shortcuts.

[Fn] [UpArrow] — Moves the cursor to same day position in the previous month. For example, if your cursor is on the first Monday in July, pressing **[Fn] [UpArrow]** moves the cursor to the first Monday in June.

[Fn] [DownArrow] — Moves the cursor to same day position in the following month. For example, if your cursor is on the first Monday in July, pressing **[Fn] [DownArrow]** moves the cursor to the first Monday in August.

[Fn] [LeftArrow] — Moves the cursor to the first day in that month's Month view (not necessarily the first day of the month).

[Fn] [RightArrow] — Moves the cursor to the last day in that month's Month view (not necessarily the last day of the month).

[CTRL] [LeftArrow] — Moves the cursor to the last appointment selected to display in Appointment Book's Month view (i.e., the most recent appointment relative to where the cursor is now). For example, if your cursor is on July 28th, pressing **[CTRL] [LeftArrow]** will move the cursor to the most recent appointment showing in Appointment Book's Month view, in this case July 5th. If the most recent appointment was in a previous month, the cursor would go to that month.

(A dash (-) in front of an appointment signifies an appointment that occurs in the pm. Appointments without a dash (-) in front of them fall in the am. Events are preceded by an "x.")

[CTRL] [RightArrow] — Moves the cursor to the next appointment selected to display in Appointment Book's Month view. For example, if your cursor is on July 5th, pressing **[CTRL] [RightArrow]** moves the cur-

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| ApptBook: TOM.ADB | | Appointments | | 09/09/96 9:38 am | | | | | |
| Week 37 | Monday September 9, 1996 | 253/113 | September 1996 | | | | | | |
| | Golf Tournament | | Su | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
| | Bill's Anniversary | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8:00a | | | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 9:00 | | | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 10:00 | Publishing Meeting | | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 11:00 | | | 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| 12:00p | Go to lunch | | | | | | | | |
| 1:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3:30 | Get Kids | | | | | | | | |
| 4:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 5:00 | Go Home | | | | | | | | |
| 6:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Next Appointment | | | | | | |
| | | | 9/09 10:00a Publishing | | | | | | |
| | | | ToDo List | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 Paint House | | | | | | |
| Help Add Note Find Goto 6 Month Month Week | | | ToDo | | | | | | |

Appointment Book's main screen showing Events appearing at the top of the screen with no specific time assigned.

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|---|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------|--------|----------------|--|
| ApptBook: APPT | | July 1996 All Events | | | | 09/09 10:36 am | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| <div> <div>Help</div> <div>Add</div> <div>Find</div> <div>Goto</div> <div>6 Month</div> <div>Month</div> <div>Week</div> <div>Appt</div> <div>ToDo</div> </div> | | | | | | | |

All Events month view. From Appointment Book press **[MENU]** **View All Events**. To distinguish Appointments from Events, Events are preceded by an "x."

sor to the next appointment showing in the Month view, in this case July 28th. If the next appointment selected to display in the Month view was in a following month, the cursor would go to that month.

*Paul Merrill
HP Palmtop Paper*

Phone Book

Customize the information on the 200LX's DataCard

The DataCard (the index card that appears on the right side of your screen in Phone Book) is really only a Smart Clip of the information in a data record. You can edit the existing definition of the DataCard Smart Clip. To do this:

1. At the All Phone Book Items screen press **F5** (Clip).
2. At the Smart Clip screen, use the ArrowKeys to highlight "DataCard," then press **ALT** **Edit**.
3. Re-arrange the fields to your liking by cutting and pasting. (To add a field not listed, press **F2** (Field), use the ArrowKeys to highlight the field you want to add, then press **F10** (OK).

You can add lines between your entries by placing a dash (-) (for a thin line) or an equal sign (=) (for a thick line) between lines at the Edit Smart Clip Definition screen. If you put the (-) or (=) at the end of a line containing a field, it will show up only as the character it is and will not create a line.

4. When you are done, save the Smart Clip by pressing **F10** (OK) **F10** (OK).

Another benefit of the DataCard is that it lists the number of the entry and the total number of entries at the bottom of the DataCard. For example, 164/426 means you are viewing the 164th entry and that the total number of entries in your Phone Book is 426.

NoteTaker

Copy a text file from your desktop to NoteTaker

Here's how to transfer a text (word processor) file to NoteTaker on your Palmtop from a desktop or laptop.

1. On the desktop or laptop, save the file as an ASCII text file. (Refer to your word processor's user manual if you don't know how to do this.)

2. Transfer the ASCII file to your Palmtop. You can do this in two ways.

- a. Copy the file to your Palmtop's PC Card using an external PC Card drive or one mounted in your desktop or laptop. Insert the card into the card slot on your Palmtop.
- b. Copy the file to your Palmtop's C drive using a serial cable and the Palmtop's built-in Filer application. (For more information on transferring files from a desktop/laptop to your Palmtop, see "Connectivity Pack, Transferring files" in your HP Palmtop User's Guide).

3. Go to NoteTaker by pressing **CTRL** **MEMO**. Open the NoteTaker entry you want to add the ASCII file to. (To open a new NoteTaker file, press **F2** (Add).)

4. Press **F3** (Note) to display the Full Screen Note.

5. Position the cursor where you want to insert the text file and press **F3** (Insert). The Insert File into Note screen appears. Enter the path and filename of the ASCII file you want to insert (for example, C:_DATNOTE.TXT), then press **F10** (OK). The text file appears in the Note field of your NoteTaker file.

Use this same procedure to insert an ASCII file into a Note field in Database, Phone Book and Appointment Book.

HPCALC

HPCalc's Calculator has alternate function keys on Palmtop keyboard

In HPCalc's calculator mode, the bottom row of keys (Z, X, C, V, B, etc.), along with the L key above become redefined. In the calculator mode these keys perform the various functions printed in white below them. Here is a list of these alternative key modes and what they do.

Z (square root symbol) — Calculates the square root of the number in the calculation line. For example, if you enter 16 in the calc line and press (Z), the calc line displays the square root of 16 (=4).

X (1/x) — Calculates the reciprocal of the number in the calc line. For example, if you enter 4 in the calc line, then press (X), the calc line displays .25.

C (x>y) — Exchanges the number in the calc line for the result of the previous calculation.

If the calc line contains two numbers separated by an operator (e.g. /, +, -, x), and you are not set up in Reverse Polish Notation (RPN), this function swaps the order of the numbers. For example, 3/4 changes to 4/3.

V (R followed by a DownArrow) — Enters the number from stack 1 (stack Y in RPN) into the calc line.

B (LAST) — In Algebraic mode (not RPN), this function copies the result of the previous calculation into the current calculation.

N (STO) — Stores the number in the calc line to a designated register (ie., stores the number in the calc line to a number key you designate). E.g., if you enter 3,452.78 in the calc line, and press **N** **STO** **3**, the number 3,452.78 is stored under the 3 key. (To call that number back into the calc line at any time, press **M** (RCL) **3**.)

M (RCL) — Recalls a number you stored previously (when you pressed **N** (STO)), from the register you stored it to.

L (+/-) — Makes a positive number negative, or a negative number positive. For example, if you press (+/-) while the number 118 is in the calc line, it changes it to -118. Pressing (+/-) a second time makes the number positive again.

*Tom Gibson
HP Palmtop Paper*

Edit Smart Clip Definition

▶Name▶

▶Address▶

▶City▶ ▶State▶ ▶Zip▶ ▶Country▶

W=▶Business▶

H=▶Home▶

▶BBS▶

Help Field Edit Cancel OK

Edit Smart Clip Definition screen for the DataCard.

QUICK TIPS

Appointment Book

Save directions for out-of-the-way addresses

You have friends (or business contacts) located somewhere out in the country on a little-known road off of Rural Route 5. Having an address is helpful, but distances in the country are large, you're usually not familiar with the area, and houses can be located down long driveways not visible from the road.

The solution is to take down specific directions for an address in unfamiliar territory. First save the name, address, and phone number in Phone Book. Then press **[F3]** and save specific directions to their house in the Notes field. (E.G., "Take Rural Route 5 three miles past the airport, turn left (south) on Hasker Road and go 1.5 miles till you see a stand of pine trees...")

*Rich Hall
Managing Editor,
HP Palmtop Paper*

Get around Appointment Book's delete limit

The Palmtop will not let you delete a repeating Event more than 100 times. If you have a daily repeating Event (that you also delete daily), you will eventually get an error message telling you that you cannot delete an Event more than 100 times. To get around this obstacle, follow the steps below.

1. When you get an error message telling you that you cannot delete an Event more than 100 times, press **[ESC]** to clear the message from the screen.

2. Highlight the Event at the Appointments screen, then press **[ENTER]**.

3. At the Appointment/Event screen, press **[F8]** (Repeat).

4. At the Daily Repeat Options screen, use the ArrowKeys to select the **No Repeat** option, then press **[F10]** (OK) **[F10]** (Done).

5. At the Appointments screen, go back into the Event (by pressing **[ENTER]**) and change the Repeat option back to Daily.

*Paul Merrill, Associate Editor
HP Palmtop Paper*

DOS

Show all files in a directory

If you use the "DIR," command in DOS 5.0 and later (that's DIR followed immediately by a comma), you get a complete listing of all the files in the directory, regardless of their attributes. This means any hidden files that normally wouldn't show up using the regular DIR command, are listed using this command.

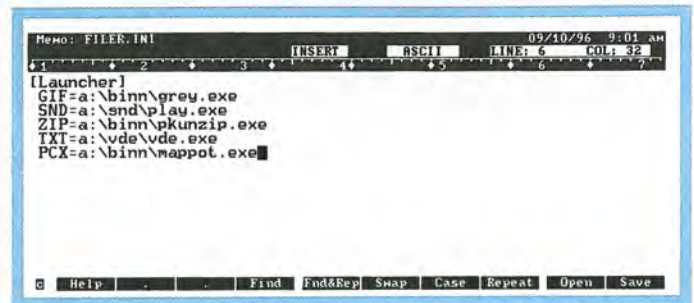
You can also use the DIR command with /b, /L, /ON etc., to get a more specific directory listing. To get a list of ways you can customize your DIR command, type DIR /? at the DOS prompt.

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Connectivity

CPACK problem solved

If you start APP100 (or APP200 depending upon the version of the Connectivity Pack you use), but get an error message when trying to start



FILER.INI text entered in a Memo document.

Filer, check to see if the Lotus 1-2-3, DataCom or World Time icons are displayed on CPACK's Application Manager screen. If they are they shouldn't be. The Connectivity Pack does not include these applications, and you can't use them from Application Manager.

The error probably occurred when you were backing up or copying files from your Palmtop to the PC — the Palmtop's APPMGR.DAT file was accidentally copied to the C:\CPACK100 (or C:\CPACK200) directory on the PC. The next time APP100 or APP200 runs, it tries to use the Palmtop's AppManager data file.

The solution to this problem is simple. Delete APPMGR.DAT from the CPACK directory, and everything should work just fine. To prevent this problem in the future, create a separate directory to copy files to/from the Palmtop instead of using the CPACK subdirectory of your hard drive.

*Tom Gibson
HP Palmtop Paper*

Filer

Creating and using FILER.INI

The 200LX has an undocumented Launcher feature that

allows you to highlight a file in Filer and press **[ENTER]** to launch the program. Create a FILER.INI file in the C:_DAT subdirectory with the following format, substituting your favorite programs where they don't match mine. To create the FILER.INI file, in Memo, press **[MENU]** **File** **New** to start a new file, and enter the text shown in the screen above.

```
[Launcher]
GIF=a:\binn\grey.exe
SND=a:\snd\play.exe
ZIP=a:\binn\pkunzip.exe
TXT=a:\ed\ed.exe
PCX=a:\binn\mappot.exe
```

On the left side of the equals (=) sign is the extension of the file you will highlight in Filer. On the right is the COM or .EXE file to launch. FILER.INI cannot be used to launch batch files.

*Fred Kaufman [TeamHP]
Compuserve ID: 72560,36*

Memo

Spell check Memo documents quickly

I use a spell checking program which is the best I have ever seen for the Palmtop! GDSPELL Ver.3.0b is a fast, easy spell checker. It includes a fast dictionary for the quick lookup of about 20,000 common words, and an auxil-



GDSPELL screen showing information about the file just spell checked.

ary dictionary of another 85,000 less common words. GDSPELL allows you to build your own auxiliary (AUXI) dictionary of words you commonly use.

I use GDSPELL together with MF.EXE. MF.EXE is a small utility that loads the last file you edited in Memo. I put GDSPELL in a directory I set up as A:\GDSPELL, then made a batch file (MEMOCHK.BAT) that I can run from an icon in Application Manager. The batch file opens the last document I had open in Memo, and spell checks it. The batch file contains the following line:

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A:\GDSPELL\MF SPELL \M
```

I added MEMOCHK.BAT to my Application Manager as follows:

Name: SpellChk
Path: A:\GDSPELL\MEMOCHK.BAT320
Comments: (I entered an upside down question mark here by pressing [FN] [?])
Icon: (I added an Icon.)

After I have typed and saved a Memo document, I start the spell checker from the Application Manager. GDSPELL checks my documents with a speed which I have never seen before on a Palmtop spell checker.

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Misc

Chinese Software for HP 100/200LX

You can now write documents in Chinese on a non-Chinese

Palmtop. The author of the program, Ni Hongbo, has kindly made his NJSTAR 2.1 for CGA monitors available for downloading on:

<http://www.njstar.com.au/njstar/chinese.htm>

It is freeware and the file name is NJCGA21.ZIP. It works on the HP 100/200LX. You can write documents in Chinese using this software. From my experience, NJSTAR is the fastest in inputting Chinese (especially if you use pinyin input method).

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Get a free battery supply and help the environment at the same time!

Here's a great opportunity for Palmtop users. We Palmtop owners are very battery-conscious, as evidenced by the many power management programs available, and the many articles in *The HP Palmtop Paper* on batteries.

My wife works in a large supermarket that has its own photo processing plant on the premises. When a customer turns in one of those throw-away disposable cameras for film processing, the batteries inside are still in great shape! As the use of these cameras was becoming widespread, environmentalists made quite a stink about all the batteries being thrown away, so Kodak made a big show of announcing a recycling program for them. What Kodak did not publicize, however, is that they charge the stores quite a

fee to recycle these batteries. The end result is that very few businesses recycle their batteries. It is much cheaper to just throw them out.

At my wife's store, the photo manager is very recycling-conscious, so they set the batteries aside as they open the cameras, and give them away to the employees. I haven't bought batteries in a year! When I put them in the Palmtop, I always get a reading of between 2.90 and 3.02 volts for the two batteries! I must conclude that these batteries still have at least 90% capacity remaining after they have fulfilled their function in the camera. If other Palmtop users approach photo processing stores and stress the waste that is going on because of this type of camera, they too might end up with a free battery supply, and would be helping our environment at the same time!

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World Time

Tracking Hurricanes on the Palmtop

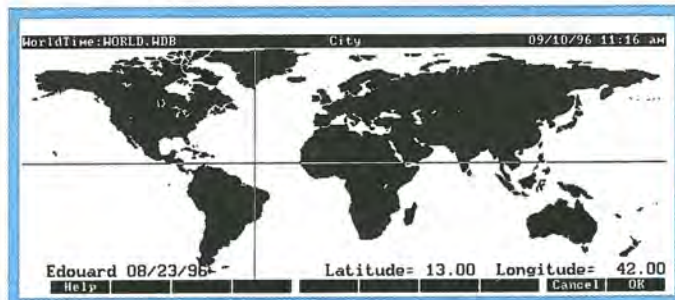
I have always been fascinated with the powers of nature, and an avid watcher of hurricanes. Now, with my HP Palmtop I can actually follow the path of a hurricane in progress. Here's how.

At the time of this writing there is a hurricane in the Atlantic ocean named Edouard that has just been declared a "4" in intensity. Hurricanes are given a status

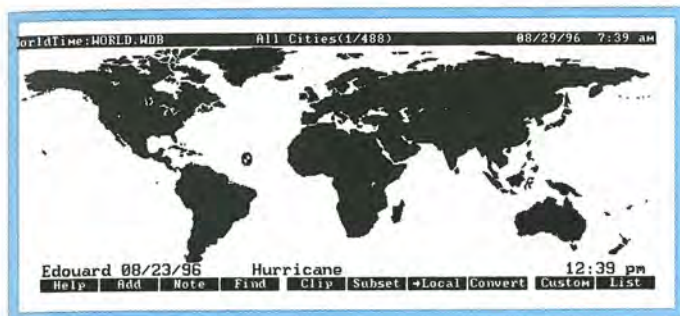
from 1 (weakest) to 5 (strongest) based on wind speed and destructive power. Edouard was declared a hurricane on Friday, August 23, 1996. At that time its location was in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean with an actual location of Latitude 13.9 and Longitude 39.1. (Latitude and Longitude information can be found in most newspapers and in various locations on the Internet). This gives us enough information to start tracking Edouard. To do this follow the steps below.

1. Open World Time on your Palmtop by pressing [CTRL]-[HPCALC].
2. Add Edouard to World Time. To do this, press [F2] (Add). Start by entering two (2) spaces so that this entry will appear at the top of World Time each time we open it. Enter the name "Edouard" followed by the date (e.g. Edouard 08/23/96).
3. Press [ALT]-[D] to move to the Latitude field. Enter 13.9.
4. Tab to the Longitude field, and enter 39.1.
5. Press [F8] (Locate). World Time displays the exact location of the hurricane in the middle of a pair of cross-hairs.
6. Press [ESC] or [F9] to return to the City screen, then press [F10] (Done) to return to the All Cities list.

We have added the first day of Hurricane Edouard. To track Edouard add a new "Edouard" entry to the World Time All Cities list every day



World Time's Map screen showing Edouard's location in cross-hairs.



World Time's Map screen showing Edouard's location as a circle (circle blinks on Palmtop display).

until the hurricane is downgraded.

TRACKING THE HURRICANE

Using this method, you may be able to predict the location where the hurricane will hit land. To do this, after you have tracked Edouard for four or five day's worth of locations:

1. Highlight the first Edouard entry, and press **[F10]** (Map). The blinking circle you see on your screen is the location of the hurricane on the first day.

2. DownArrow to your second entry for Edouard and view its location in the same way, then the third entry, and so forth. Watch the progress of Edouard over the days you have tracked it. From the movements you have recorded you can try to predict Edouard's next move.

When you are done tracking the hurricane, simply delete these "Edouard" entries from your World Time list by highlighting each entry and pressing **[Spacebar]** to tag them. When you have tagged all the entries you want, press **[DEL]**, then press **[ENTER]** (OK).

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Connectivity

Use WINFILER to copy files to and from WIN95

Many Palmtop users have had trouble transferring files to and from their Palmtops and a desktop or laptop run-

ning Windows95. The shareware program WINFIL10.ZIP allows your Palmtop's Filer application to work in conjunction with a PC running Windows95. (WINFILER was written for the 200LX, but should work on the 100LX as well.)

To install WINFILER on your Windows95 desktop or laptop:

1. Run Windows 95 on your desktop or laptop PC.
2. Create a WINFILER directory on you PC.
3. Unzip WINFILER.ZIP using PKUNZIP. Put the unzipped files in the WINFILER directory.

Shareware/freeware mentioned in this section

GDSPELL.EXE — Spell checker for the Palmtop. Shareware Available online at: <http://www.os2bbs.com/malka/hp-soft.htm> ...Or at ... <http://users.aol.com/GDSOFT/gdsoft.html>

MF.EXE — Utility that loads last file into Memo. Freeware. Available on CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 11.

WINFILER — Utility for file transfer between the Palmtop and a desktop or laptop running Windows95. Shareware. Available on CompuServe's HPHAND Forum, library 9.

NJCGA21.ZIP — Chinese language translator. Freeware. Available on line at: <http://www.njstar.com.au/njstar/chinese.htm>

4. The following files must be in your WINFILER directory:

- ☐ WINFILER.EXE
- ☐ WINFILER.HLP
- ☐ WINFILER.CNT

5. To be able to call up WINFILER.EXE quickly, create a shortcut key following Windows95 procedures (optional).

To un-install WINFILER:

1. Delete the following files from your desktop (laptop) PC:

- ☐ WINFILER.EXE
- ☐ WINFILER.HLP
- ☐ WINFILER.CNT
- ☐ <WINDOWS-DIRECTORY>\WINFILER.INI

2. Delete your shortcut key using Windows95 procedures.

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