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The Desktop Manager by On Three, Inc., is the ultimate desk accessory. It's a collection of desk accessories and utilities that will increase your productivity, enhance the way you use your Apple //GS and can be used with virtually any ProDOS program. The Apple /// version has been our for some time. The //GS version was added to On Three's line of products in late 1987.*

I had the pleasure of seeing The Desktop Manager demonstrated by Bob Consorti and Tim Harrington (two of the three Desktop Manager authors) at the Phase /// Conference (in Wheaton, Illinois, October, 1987). I was overwhelmed by its ability to be called from within any program on the Apple //GS and do things I thought were only possible on the Macintosh.*

Included in the basic The Desktop Manager package are these accessories: Accessory Manager, Appointment Calendar, Calculator, Clipboard Tools, Note Pad, Printer Manager, Envelope Labeler, Text/Graphic Screen Saver and ASCII Chart. An Automatic Installation Program is also included. A few simple key presses will easily install TDM on any of your applications. No need for clumsy patch programs, it's all automatic.*

The Appointment Calendar not only keeps track of your daily appointments, appointment. I have found this to be one of the handiest features found with TDM. You no longer miss appointments when you get involved in computing. The Appointment Calendar can also display or print a week's worth of appointments, so you can schedule your time accordingly.*

The Calculator is not just your basic calculator, but a real, full-function electronic workhorse. It includes keys for M+, M-, RM, Sin, Cos, Tan, Bin, Dec, Hex, Rad, Deg, Sqrt, Log, Ln, x^y, Pi, and e. The Calculator can have a tape on the screen or on your printer or goth. When used in conjunction with the text pickup and paste tools, the Calculator can read and print to the screen. As an example, if you have a column of numbers (could be in a word processor, data base, or spreadsheet, it doesn't matter), just pickup the column with the text pickup tool, access the Calculator and paste them in. When you are finished calculating and want the result entered into your document, just pres one key, quit the Calculator and the result is now where you want it, in your document.*

With the Clipboard, you can easily move text between programs. ProDos 8, 16 or GS/OS as long as it has a text screen. AS an example, you might want to copy some information from AppleWorks (including menus, title bars or documents) to GraphicWriter II for further print enhancements. Just use TDM's* Text pickup tool to copy the desired information, quit AppleWorks, start up GraphicWriter II and paste the information. If you have more than one screen or information to copy, use TDM's Note Pad accessory to store all your information.*

The Note Pad accessory enables you (or your spouse) to keep "Honey do" lists, copy new information to be used in updating your data base files, or jot down phone numbers of new clients to call. The Note Pad automatically saves your notes to disk, so they don't get lost. Multiple pages per note, plus the sophisticated features of word-wrap, automatic re-pagination, printing, copying and more gives you the power of a word processor from whatever program you are using. On-line help screens make it easier than may other word processors.*

The Printer Manager allows you to easily control a variety of printers, interface cards, and printing cards. It lets you quickly send special controlling codes to your printer from a series of menus. If your favorite accounting package only lets you print in 10 characters per inch and you would rather have 12, just a few key presses and it's done. Also, the Printer Manager allows you to directly connect to your printer as if it's an intelligent typewriter.*

The ASCII Chart is a list of the entire ASCII character set and the key press equivalents for those characters. A great tool when you're trying to find the key press that your printer needs to switch into a certain mode.*

The Envelope Labeler lets you use your //GS for printing envelope labels

with control on a line by line basis of the positioning of the label. Up to 99 copies and variable line spacing provide the ultimate in flexibility.*

The Text/Graphics Screen Saver is built into TDM and has the ability to save whatever text or graphics screen capable of being displayed (text, Hi-Res, Double Hi-Res or Super Hi-Res) via a single keystroke. An automatic text screen dump is also provided.*

TDM is designed to be expandable. Other accessories can be added easily by using the Accessory Manager. Additional accessories now are The Disk Manager (similar to Filer) and The Communications Manager.*

The Disk Manager accessory gives you the most useful features of the Apple System Utilities program from within almost any application. Running as an accessory under TDM, you can list files to screen, printer or disk file; copy files between disks, to the screen or to a printer; delete, rename, and lock/unlock files; list disk volumes; copy disks; rename and verify disks; and even create subdirectories at any time you want. The best part about the Disk Manager is that it's always there when you need it.*

The Communications Manager accessory for TDM gives you powerful communications within almost any application. You can use TCM to talk to other computers and services at any time you want. Complete VT-52 terminal emulation makes the program as powerful as most other //GS communications packages. Record incoming text to a printer or a disk file for later viewing and even transmit standard ASCII files automatically.*

TCM has almost every feature of telecommunications packages, including virtually error free transmission of files via the popular XMODEM and Binary II transfer protocols. TCM also supports Turbo Downloading for ultra-fast XMODEM and Binary II downloads. Turbo Downloading doubles the downloading performance of most communication services. You can be inside AppleWorks or Paintworks Gold and send a spreadsheet, data base or an image directly.*

Two other accessories include The Macro Manager and a tool kit for developing your own custom accessories. There are also two accessories available on CompuServe which are Freeware: Area Codes/Time Zones and Find File. Area Codes/Time Zones is a list giving time zones and area codes for most major cities. Also have you ever lost a file on your hard disk? Just enter any part of the file name (wild cards are not necessary or even available) and Find File will find it.*

On Three's technical support is one of the best. A case in point was a small freeware program used to sort messages on CompuServe. It didn't use the ProDOS interrupts correctly. Because TDM thrives on ProDOS's interrupts, both programs couldn't be run at the same time. Bob Consorti and Tim Harrington got a copy of the program, studied it and came up with a patch program to fix it. Now that's what I call support!*

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The list prices are:*

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TDMGR: *
TCM: *

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On Three's order line is: They accept credit cards.*

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