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For all those who would like to own a FAX machine, MichTron, Inc., has introduced a hardware/software package that will give your ST Group III capabilities.

Fast FAX system from MichTron

PC Ditto II now shipping Long awaited IBM emulator arrives

By Nevin Shalit

Avant-Garde Systems has begun shipping their PC Ditto II full speed IBM emulator to reviewers; general shipments are expected to begin in January. What follows is not a full review of PC Ditto II, but a quick first look at one of the most eagerly anticipated products to hit the ST marketplace.

PC Ditto II is a hardware device that fits under the

ST's metal shielding. It measures approximately 4 1/2 inches x 7 inches, and the board fits snugly between the internal disk drive and power supply of my 1040ST. The main board attaches to a small connector via two ribbon cables. Attaching the ribbon cables to the connector is simple, and takes about 30 seconds.

Connecting the clip to the 68000 chip is a little more

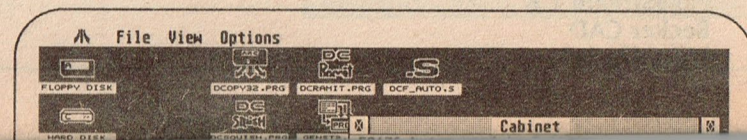
complicated. First you must remove the top plastic casing on your ST, which is easy enough. However, removing the metal shielding underneath the case is a time consuming, frustrating experience. In the process of taking out the shielding I even gave myself a pretty nasty cut. Of course this is all no fault of Avant-Garde,

but is a design flaw on
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DC-Desktop on the way Double Click offers desktop alternative

By LeRoy Valley

HOUSTON - Double Click Software has announced a new product by the name of DC-Desktop. This product is



PONTIAC, MI - MichTron, Inc. has announced a late January release of Fast FAX, a full featured hardware and software package which offers Group III FAX machine capabilities right from any Atari ST computer.

MichTron states that Fast FAX's command functions permit letterheads, signatures, cover pages, or any other saved graphics, to be inserted into FAX documents. A view option allows an incoming FAX to be displayed on screen (within a scrollable window) or to generate a printout.

Fast FAX's software includes a phone book that can store over 1000 company names, contact names and their FAX phone numbers. A scheduling fea-

ture provides the ability to send multiple FAXes to multiple locations, and Fast FAX can be told when to send them. FAXes can be set up to be sent any time of the day, any day of the month, and any month of the year.

The Fast FAX modem uses its own 8 MHz 68000 microprocessor, has 32K of RAM, and 64K of ROM. Data rates supported include: V.29 (9600bps, 7200bps), V.27 (4800bps, 2400bps) and V.21 (channel 2 at 300bps) with automatic fallback.

Fast FAX has a suggested list price of \$699.95 and is available for Amiga, Atari ST and IBM PC computers. For additional information, contact MichTron, Inc., 576 S. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48053; (313) 334-5700.

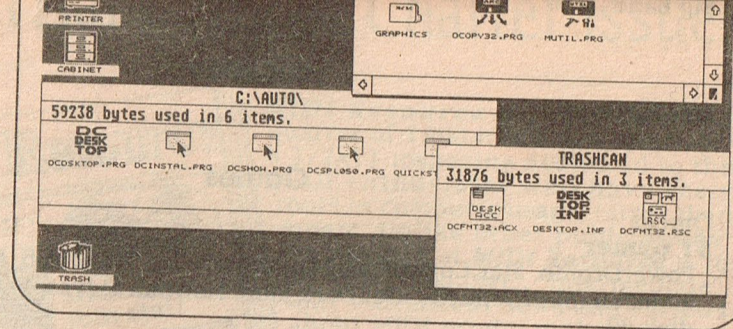
desktop, not replace it, thus DC-Desktop is said to be 100% compatible with all existing software.

DC-Desktop offers many of the same features that NeoDesk does and even has some that NeoDesk doesn't. DC-Desktop supports icons on the desktop for floppies, hard drives, printers and files, and is even compatible with NeoDesk icon files.

However, Double Click takes this concept a little further and offers what they call a "Cabinet" icon. Clicking on a Cabinet icon brings up a window of icons contained in that Cabinet.

These icons represent programs and files that are commonly used, but reside in different directories on different drives.

The Cabinet keeps track of where these files are located so that they can be



quickly executed or accessed without the user shuffling through multiple drives and folder directories to find them.

Some other features that DC-Desktop offers are the ability to undelete files from the trash can (much like a Mac!), complete compatibility with the desktop, a print spooler, and the ability to run in low rez!

To top it off, Double Click is offering a bounty of

sorts. Registered owners of NeoDesk can get DC-Desktop by sending in their original disk and \$20.00.

DC-Desktop should begin shipping in January with a suggested price of \$39.95. Watch for a full review of DC-Desktop in a future issue of *ST Informer*.

For additional information, contact Double Click Software, PO Box 741206, Houston, TX 77274; (713) 645-3759.

FTL brings Chaos to market

SAN DIEGO - Chaos Strikes Back by FTL Games has shipped. The much awaited sequel to FTL's hit game, Dungeon Master, has been completed and went out of FTL's warehouse in December. FTL employees feel that the thirteen months in development and design have paid off though, as they all agree it turned out even better than they had hoped.

Chaos was originally promised as an add-on to Dungeon Master. In the end however, Chaos was released in a two disk package that lets you play with or without your saved game and characters from Dungeon Master, but not without plenty of Dungeon

Master experience. "If you never stood face to face with Lord Chaos himself in Dungeon Master, you'll find Chaos Strikes Back quite the challenge," warns Andy Jaros of FTL.

How many levels are there? Are there new monsters? Is there any new magic?... Sorry folks, FTL is not talking. You'll need to get the game for yourself to answer these questions and even then, FTL insists that the answers may not be the same for each person that plays.

For additional information, contact FTL Games/Software Heaven, Inc., 6160 Lusk Blvd., Suite C206, San Diego, CA 92121; (619) 453-5711.

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