DC Source Provides Up-to-date Information

Hello and welcome to *DC SOURCE*, your source of information about the latest and greatest products Double Click Software has to offer, updates and upgrades to our existing software, tips and hints on using our software and general coffee talk.

Especially don't miss out on the super discounts we are offering on our products, up to 45% off!

A Big Whoop!
Our Five Year Anniversary

Can you believe it? Double Click Software will be celebrating the beginning of the sixth year in business on September 12, 1991! That makes Double Click one of the oldest Atari ST software companies around... And we will be around for a long time to come.

Who would believe time would pass by so quickly? Your continued support has kept us going this far, and with even more help, we can make Double Click Software last a lot longer.

Are You Registered? *Of Course You Are*

If you order directly from Double Click Software, then you are <u>pre-registered</u>. You will not get a registration card with your package, so don't be alarmed. By the time you receive your software, we've already entered you into our database.

If you purchase one of our products through mail order or from your local store, please take 2 minutes to fill in the registration card and drop it in the mailbox.

Our automatic BBS online authorization uses the information from your registration card, and only if we have your card (or you are pre-registered) will you be allowed access to the SIG for your software. Plus you will receive automatic mail notification of upgrades to your software.

Coffee Talk With Mike

Welcome to Coffee Talk, where all we talk about is coffee and dogs... Well, it seems as though the price of imported coffee has gone up again! What can we do? Unfortunately, I can't stop drinking coffee since I love it so much (in fact, I'm enjoying a cup of fine Ethiopian Yrgacheffe right now), so I'll just have to pay the high prices. I'm thinking about starting a special coffee emergency relief fund for programmers. What do you think?

Do you enjoy drinking coffee as much as I do? If you do, why not join me for a cup at one of these shows we will be attending:

Atari Messe - August 23-25, 1991, Duesseldorf, Germany
HACKS - September 14-15, 1991, Glendale, California
WAACE - October 12-13, 1991, Fairfax, Virginia (Washington, DC)
Chicago - November 23-24, 1991, Chicago, Illinois

Know Your Update From an Upgrade

We understand and fully appreciate the fact that you, our customers, work hard for your money. We know that you are more cautious about what you buy, and you don't want to spend money you don't need to spend. We realize that you can't afford to pay a lot for every single update that comes out (and sometimes they come out very rapidly).

That is why we offer **updates** for only $3.

UPDATE: a minor version change, bug fix or small enhancement.

UPGRADE: major program enhancements, major manual changes, additional programs to a package.

Each upgrade price is based upon the amount of change to the package and is determined separately for each product.

Be assured that when you receive an **upgrade** notice from us, it represents a <u>significant</u> change to the software and that it has been in preparation for an extremely long time.
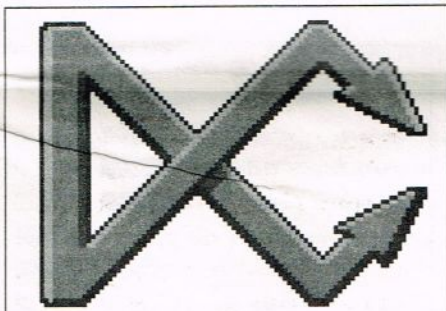
There's More Inside

In This Issue Find Out About

DC Utilities 2.0: A Powerhouse Package

Some of you have been experiencing the awesome power of the *DC Utilties 2.0* for almost one year and you've unamimously told us the package is well worth the price. More often than not, you comment that just one program in the package is worth the price of the whole package. We knew you would be satisfied and hope that more of you will buy your *DC Utilities 2.0* really soon.

The *DC Utilities 2.0* package gives you *DC Xtract Plus*, *DC Squish*, *DC Deskey 3.0*, plus these six other programs:

DC Freeze Frame is a completely new program which lets you save screen dumps in different picture file formats.

DC RAMit and *DC RAMdisk* are full-featured RAMdisk manipulation programs that allow you complete control of a RAMdisk with unparalleled speed. In fact, *DC RAMit* is so fast, other RAMdisk manufacturers had to rewrite their RAMdisk software just so they wouldn't be completely blown away by its speed!

DC Xtract 1.0 is the original ARC extraction desk accessory that is simply the fastest ARC extraction utility around, bar none!

DC SEA is the de-facto self extracting archive creator on the ST. See why every published magazine in the United States uses *DC SEA* to create self extracting archives for their program disks. See why many user groups use *DC SEA* for their library disks!

DC Desk Organizer lets you make your DESKTOP.INF file an executable program, so you can change your desktop layout by running a program!

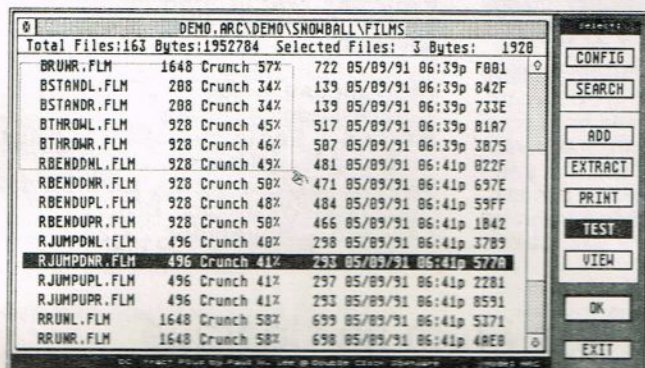Don't forget our totally new point-and-click user manual.

DC Xtract Plus

An Archive Tool That's Unrivaled on Any Computer

DC Xtract Plus is a completely new program we added to the *DC Utilities 2.0* package.

DC Xtract Plus (*DCX+*) is the flagship of archive manipulation tools. With *DCX+*

DC Xtract Plus main menu, scrollable GEM window, select files you want; shown is three directories deep!

you can add or extract, test, print or view any file or files you choose within an ARC, LZH, ZIP and ZOO archive. And *DCX+* is one program not a shell; all routines are built-in.

DC Xtract Plus is the answer to your archiving needs. *DCX+* is simply the most powerful archive tool available on any computer system.

What makes *DCX+* so powerful is its point and click interface that absolutely no other archive program has or even comes close to, its search facility, its blazing speed, its keyboard shortcuts and it's all-in-one!

When you open an archive for extracting, the contents are displayed on-screen in a GEM window. You can select any file with a click and open any sub-archive or subdirectory into a GEM window as well, then choose any file in there!

NO OTHER ARCHIVE PROGRAM ON ANY COMPUTER OFFERS SUCH EASE OF USE!

One load. One step. One program. *DC Xtract Plus*.

You can also search for and automatically select or deselect any files within the archive using a group of predefined extenders and/or filename patterns, or define your own.

You can access all the features with the press of a key, get online help, and save your configuration just the way you like.

Did we mention that *DCX+* is written in 100% assembly language, so you get the fastest possible speed? Or that *DCX+* runs as a program or a desk accessory?

We've only touched the very tip of the iceberg of the power available from *DC Xtract Plus*, and it is only one program in the *DC Utilities 2.0* package!

Many companies would charge you full package price for *DC Xtract Plus* alone!

DC Xtract Plus Future

As if DC Xtract Plus isn't enough as is, Paul Lee (the programming genius behind DC Xtract Plus) is adding features that you have requested for a future revised version:
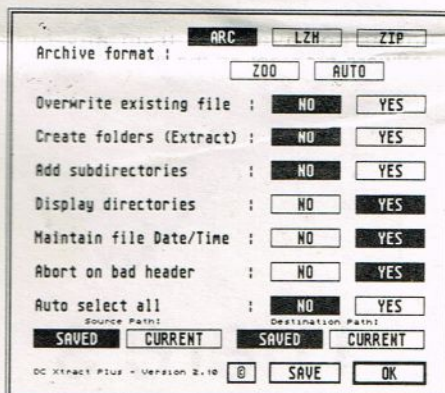
Automatic selection of files in the archive for one-step manipulation.

Predefined or current path selection for source and destination.

AUTO mode lets you create or select an archive and DC Xtract Plus will determine the archive format.

FASTER archive routines (yes, even more speed to completely astound you).

And more...

DC Xtract Plus enhanced even more!

Check the order form for an incredible offer!

DC Squish: Easy, Fast, 100% Guaranteed

DC Squish is the premiere executable file compactor. It squishes desk accessories, AUTO folder programs, GEM or TOS programs and leaves them executable so you run them the same as you always have.

DC Squish is guaranteed! Guaranteed to be 100% compatible, 100% solid and 100% user-friendly!

Additionally, *DC Squish* compresses files better than ARC!

You can easily save MEGABYTES of data storage space!

The newest version of *DC Squish* offers these features:

• Batch mode Squishing/unSquishing. Enter *.PRG to Squish all PRG files (GEM programs), enter *.* and anything executable will be Squished.

• Squished 1.0 or 1.1(a) files are automatically converted to the new Squish 1.4 compression.

• Files previously compressed with PACK.PRG or PACK20.PRG are automatically converted to Squish compression.

• Set the Fast bit (TOS 1.4 and above) if the file can't be compressed enough.

• Set the Fast and/or TPA buttons without needing to re-Squish the whole file.

• When Squishing a file, you get a readout of the percentage remaining to compress and the compression result thus far.

• Completely savable configuration.

• The *DC Squish* message is now erased during bootup of a Squished program.

• Complete keyboard control for all functions.

• And of course you save lots of disk space and your programs load faster!
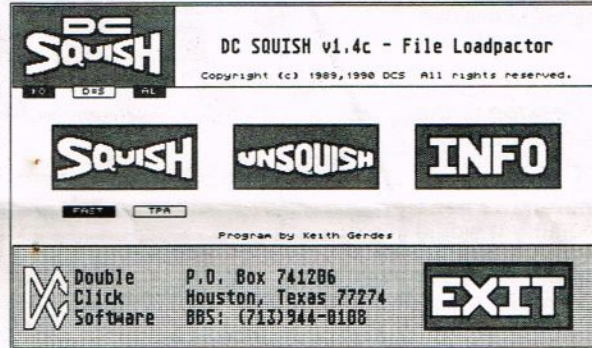
DC Deskey Makes Any Program Expert Friendly

DC Deskey 3.0 was completely rewritten for the *DC Utilities 2.0* package and offers power not available from any other software program on the Atari ST.

With *DC Deskey 3.0* you can assign keystroke equivalents to drop down menu entries.

You can make up your own keyboard commands for all those programs that define keyboard commands you don't like. Just tell *DC Deskey 3.0* what you press and what you want the program to think you press. You have complete keyboard control!

Additionally, you can perform a command based upon an elapsed time or number of keystrokes pressed. Just think, automatic saves every 10 minutes or every 10,000 keys pressed. You decide. *DC Deskey 3.0* will even give you a warning tone before the command is performed.

You can also have a command executed as soon as you enter a program. When the program is run, *DC Deskey 3.0* knows exactly when to issue the command, every time.

Every program has its own configuration file that is automatically loaded by *DC Deskey 3.0* when you run the program. And any time you make a change to a *DC Deskey 3.0* configuration, the changes are automatically saved for you.

Even More Things To Come In 1992 With DC Deskey 4.0

DC Deskey 3.0 is going to undergo some radical changes. We are going to give you popup menus for all of your programs!

You heard right! *DC Deskey 4.0* will give you a popup menu (a menu where the mouse is) of any programs menubar.

You will also be able to have custom menus, where you specify the menu entries you want in the popup. Just click on the right mouse button and POP a menu!

And we'll be giving you keyboard macros.

Plus more. (Hey we have to leave some surprises!)
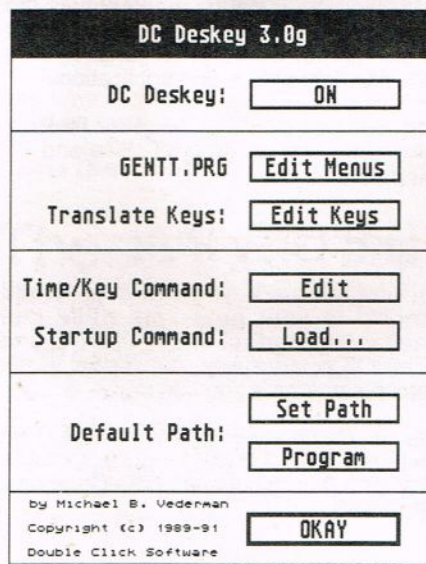
Enhance, Don't Replace
DC Desktop Gives the GEM Desktop a Facelift

The release of *DC Desktop* coined a new phrase for the Atari ST: desktop enhancement. Don't be fooled by others, *DC Desktop* is the original and only real GEM desktop enhancement that actually wedges into the existing desktop and supplements its routines.

DC Desktop is a radical departure from any desktop currently available. First of all, *DC Desktop* does not replace the GEM desktop like every other program, but rather enhances it.

Additionally, *DC Desktop* is the only desktop with a modular design. The 17 supplied modules all hook into *DC Desktop*. If you don't desire a feature (and don't want to use the memory it would occupy), just don't install it. How many other desktops allow you to pick and choose features?
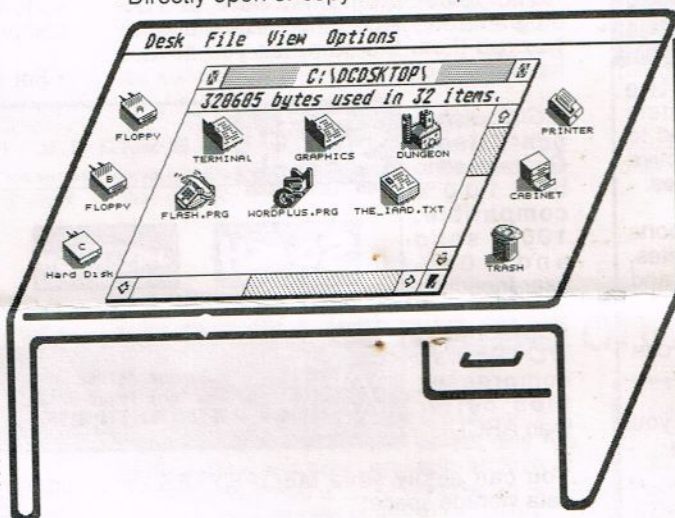
And, most of the modules don't even need to be memory resident to enjoy the features they offer.

Here's a brief rundown of some of the features you get with *DC Desktop*.

• Place program and folder icons directly onto the desktop

• Run desktop programs with a keystroke

or by double clicking on the icons

• Run up to 24 more programs with a key press or via a menu, without needing to place a program icon on the desktop

• Directly open or copy to desktop folders

• Display unique color icons for all files, folders and drives

• Store and access frequently used files and programs via our exclusive CABINET virtual disk drive (it's not a RAMdisk).

• An enhanced SHOW that replaces the existing routine which displays pictures, views text, plays digitized sounds, and lists or extracts ARC, LZH, ZIP or ZOO archives (all mouse controlled). You can even call up the SHOW modules in any GEM program, or use access them directly from UIS.

• Replace desktop with a pattern or picture

• Recoverable trashcan

• Printer spooler and queue that acts like a RAMdisk

• Call the file selector with a key

• A full-featured icon editor that can import icons from NeoDesk and resource files

• The reknowned *Gulam* command line interpreter

• A terminal program

• Graphical disk info that shows disk fragmentation

• Select, change or save a different desktop configuration any time you bootup; even different resolution desktops

• Only one program in the AUTO folder, all others modules reside in one directory

And much more, in one package costing much less.

Enhanced File Viewing and More with DC Shower's Versatile Modules

"Show us Shower, and we'll show you Power!"

Users are delighted at the power and flexibility of *DC Shower*!

DC Shower replaces the GEM desktop SHOW FILE function with a variety of *DC Shower* modules that let you view text files, binary files, 17 different picture formats, (even extract) ARC, LZH, ZIP and ZOO archives and play digitized sound files! (And more modules are

always in the works.)

You can use the *DC Pick* desk accessory to view files in any GEM program, or use *DC Shower* directly from the *UIS 3.3* show feature, or install *DC Shower* as the Alternate Text File Viewer in *NeoDesk 3.0* for even more power!

No other product on the market offers the flexibility of *DC Shower*. No other product on the market works in conjunction with such a variety of files and applications!

And best of all, *DC Shower* is fully compatible with all Atari ST, STe and TT computers.

First, Only and Still First and Only Port

The only serial port expansion for the Atari computers! *DC Port* gives you 2 or 4 additional serial ports in one cartridge.

The *DC Port* is fully interrupt driven, gets all power from the cartridge port, and allows easy access through BIOS, XBIOS and GEMDOS!

DC Port comes with an AUTO folder program which gives you instant access to the extra ports.

For programmers, you can quickly add support to your programs while still maintaining perfect BIOS, XBIOS and GEMDOS compatibility. No special tricks, just the same calls you use now.

The *DC Port* is supported by the MichTron multi-user BBS 3.0 (3 or 5 port), Gribnif's STalker 3.0 terminal and Micro Creations' GIME BBS.

Got a question? Call for technical support: (713)977-6520

UIS 3.3   A&D Software, NeoDesk   Gribnif Software

Data Diet Revolutionizes Data Storage on the ST

DC Data Diet is a <u>first</u> for the Atari computers. No other company can claim to have realtime compression, because none of them do!

DC Data Diet assuredly will be an overnight sensation, as similar products have been in the top 5 best selling list for the Macintosh and IBM PC.
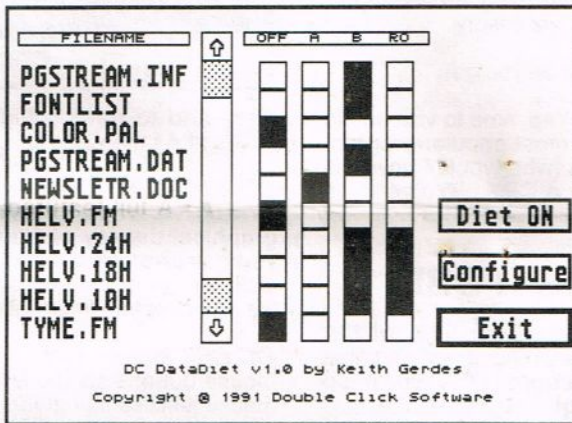
Here's how it works:

You install *Data Diet* in your system. *Data Diet* quietly sits in the computer waiting for file access. When you save a file, it is automatically dietized (compressed) to disk. When you read the file back in, it is normalized (decompressed). The program you are using <u>doesn't know</u> that *Data Diet* is silently doing its job. The program <u>doesn't need to know</u> that *Data Diet* is silently doing its job.

This means all data files on your disks can be stored in a dietized format, easily saving you megabytes of disk space.

Any file larger than 1K can be dietized including all files used with these programs: Ultrascript, First Word Plus, PageStream, Calamus, DynaCADD, Degas, NeoChrome, GEnie's Aladdin, GDOS, G+Plus, FSM GDOS, Fleet Street Publisher, Abbreviator ST, Tracker ST, Time Works DTP, Diamond Back, Turtle, MaxiFile, NeoDesk, STalker, TuneUp, ToolKit and thousands more programs.

You can dietize any file including these: RSC, NEO, PC?, PI?, TNY, CPX, C, S, PAS, BAS, LST, DOC, <u>all font files</u>, MOD, CFG, DIR and PS.

Running some statistics on our hard disk, we've gotten an average of 79% disk space savings on postscript files and 71% on First Word documents!

DC DataDiet v1.0 by Keith Gerdes
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Data Diet comes with *DC Squish* so you can compress executable files also!

<u>A complete solution to disk space savings in one package.</u>

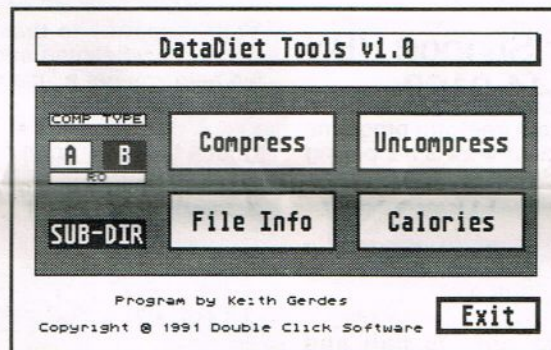*Data Diet* also comes with *Data Diet Tools* to allow you to batch compress all the files on your data storage system. *Data Diet Tools* also gives you statistics on individual files, groups of files, directories or your whole disk so you can see exactly how much space you are saving!

Data Diet is versatile. We've incorporated two different compression techniques. Type A is extremely fast and type B is slower but it will give you about 15%-20% more savings.

With *Data Diet* you can specify what file types not to dietize, what directories not to dietize, what drives not to dietize and what size of file should be used with which dietizing compression.

As always there is even more!

Data Diet is an astounding programming

DataDiet Tools v1.0

COMP TYPE
A B

SUB-DIR   Compress   Uncompress   File Info   Calories

Program by Keith Gerdes
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feat that we are extremely proud and excited about introducing. *Data Diet* has been tested on a wide range of systems with hundreds (thousands) of programs, desk accessories, AUTO programs, resident programs, you name it.

Data Diet Q & A

Q: What happens if I copy a dietized file to a floppy and give it to someone else?

A: You can exclude the floppy drives from *Data Diet* compression, so when you copy the file to a floppy disk, they are automatically normalized.

Q: What happens when I archive a dietized file?

A: Since *Data Diet* normalizes a file before a program reads it in, you will always be archiving a normalized file.

Q: What happens when I try to send a dietized file via the modem?

A: Again, *Data Diet* will silently normalize the file before it is loaded by your terminal software, thus the other side gets a completely normal file.

Q: Can I give someone a dietized file?

A: <u>Absolutely YES!</u> You can give someone a dietized file, we place no restrictions on those files. Just be sure they have *Data Diet*!

Q: Is *Data Diet* available?

A: Yes. Use the order form to buy yours.

Get Data Diet at These International Distributors:

DC CPXtensions Supports Impressive New CP

Atari has released their new Extensible Control Panel (Xcontrol) and are we impressed! So impressed, in fact, that we decided to commit <u>immediate</u> time to writing Control Panel Extensions (CPXs). And the best part about Xcontrol is Atari is giving it away for free!

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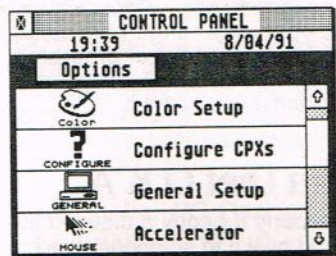
If you don't have Xcontrol, call up our BBS and download it now!

Xcontrol allows you to load in extensions at any time. So, if you want to change the color pallete, set the printer or serial port, change the volume, change window colors or more, you just double click on the appropriate CPX slot and Xcontrol loads it in. When you are done, the memory it used is freed. It is slick!

DC CPXtensions gives you different CPXs that you can use to customize your system. Plus we are including a special game and a new improved version of our <u>most popular</u> desk accessory.

With *DC CPXtensions*, you get:

DC Formatter Jr. - Yep, time to visit an old friend. By far the most popular program we've ever written (who would know?) is being turned into a CPX. We've even
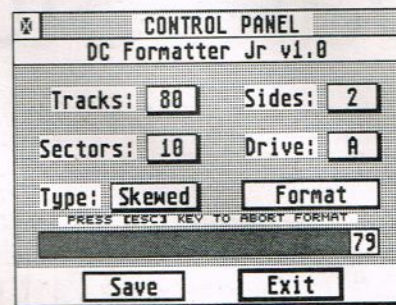
included routines to quickly zero a disk (a way to wipe clean an already formatted

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disk) and to handle high density disk drives (1.44 meg).

DC CPX Disk Tools I - You get quick extensive drive information with a graphical display of fragmentation and you can capture a complete directory to disk, printer or the screen, with complete file and directory information.

DC CPX Mouse Tools I - Lets you swap mouse buttons so you lefties can use the mouse just like us righties <grin>. Or, you can replace the normal arrow mouse (all the time) with another shape.

DC CPX Mouse Tools II - Allows you to emulate either or both mouse buttons with the use of the modifier keys (control, alternate or shifts). Press down the alternate and control key for a left mouse button click! You can emulate the pressing of any of the modifier keys by pressing the right mouse button, so you can select multiple files by pressing the right mouse button instead of using shift.

And more *DC CPXtensions*. Order now, because *DC CPXtensions* is shipping and they are going fast!

One Program A Week For One Year

Remember when we announced that we would write one new software program each week for one year, and release this program as **freeware** for all to enjoy and use? So far this year we have released over 40 freeware programs.

We decided to undertake this enormous burden of love to thank you for your original support that lead to our establishing ourselves as a commercial company.

We write a program each week to show that we are just as commited to helping you out as you were commited to helping us out!

How do we do it? <u>Over 50% of the freeware programs we have written came from your suggestions!</u> Please, keep those ideas coming!

Many people said it couldn't be done and others scoffed when we announced it. Doubters and nay-sayers said we would never be able to keep up the pace, while non-believers questioned whether we could be so imaginative.

Yet every friday of every week on GEnie, CompuServe, the Internet (ftp site atari.archive.umich.edu and comp.binaries.atari.st) and our own support BBS we upload a new program.

Your response to these programs has been overwhelming and we like to think we help you get a little more productivity out of your computer.

<u>Check</u> the order form if you'd like to get our freeware programs, along with our most popular *DC Formatter* and *DC STuffer* shareware programs.

The Shadow Knows

Shadow was the first and is still the only <u>true background</u> file transfer program for the Atari computer that uploads and downloads in six different protocols while you are in <u>any</u> GEM or TOS program.

<u>Absolutely no other program available on the market provides you with true background file transfers.</u>

Shadow also gives you 100% secure downloads. With *Shadow* you can press the reset button while a transfer is taking place, switch resolutions, or change monitors and *Shadow* will keep the file transfer going without losing data!

Shadow is a rock-solid, proven product.

DC 24 Hour Support BBS
Call: (713)944-0108

You can get our latest freeware programs and the latest scoop on what is happening with Double Click Software by calling our 24 hour support BBS.

Call: (713)944-0108 at anytime. We support 300, 1200 and 2400 baud using MichTron multi-user BBS 3.0.

Soon you will be able to call and automatically get validated (during that call) to the special support SIGs for the software you purchased. <u>Only those customers who have sent back their registration cards or ordered directly from us will be able to gain access to the special SIGs.</u>

In the SIGs you'll find the latest versions of the software. So, for the price of a phone call, you'll be able to update to the latest version.

Please note, however, that this applies only to updates of the software, not upgrades. Please refer to elsewhere in the newsletter for an explanation of the difference.

Novell Networking with ST and PC Emulator

DC NovèTalk is our latest hardware project. *DC NovèTalk* gives all Atari computers something which they've never had before, <u>Novell networking</u> with your PC emulator. That's right, *DC NovèTalk* allows your Atari computer running a PC emulator to be hooked up to the same Novell network that big blue uses.

DC NovèTalk also allows for Atari networking under GEM and TOS! *DC NovèTalk* comes with localtalk connections so you can network your computer to any other ST with *DC NovèTalk*, or you can network directly to a Mega STe or TT, since they have the localtalk ports built-in!

Our world premiere of *DC NovèTalk* is at the Atari Messe Show in Duesseldorf Germany.

The Experts Reveal Software Secrets

These tips come directly from Paul Lee, *DCX+* programmer extraordinaire:

"You can use *DCX+* as an installed application so that you can double click on an archive file and load it into *DCX+*.

"To use *DCX+* as an installed application for ARC, LZH, ZIP and ZOO, simply load your DESKTOP.INF file into a text editor or word processor. Next find the line that looks like this:

#G 03 04 DCX_PLUS.PRG@ *.ARC@

and copy it three times below this line. Then replace each *.ARC with *.LZH, *.ZIP and *.ZOO, so you have:

#G 03 04 DCX_PLUS.PRG@ *.ARC@
#G 03 04 DCX_PLUS.PRG@ *.LZH@
#G 03 04 DCX_PLUS.PRG@ *.ZIP@
#G 03 04 DCX_PLUS.PRG@ *.ZOO@

Now, save the file as plain text. Reset your computer and you can now double click any of the supported archive types and have the archive load into *DCX+*."

Paul also adds:

"Know your keyboard equivalents. They make using *DCX+* fast and easy.

"When using *DC Freeze Frame*, any time you hear a bell you know you have a problem. Either you've run out of disk space or the destination path can't be found.

"Remember, *DCFF* tries to allocate memory when you save the screen, and if it can't get enough memory, it just saves in non-compressed mode. Of course, you can always avoid this by allocating a permanent memory buffer."

Keith Gerdes, our resident *DC Squish* technology expert comments:

"If you Squish a program or desk accessory and it fails to run, set the TPA button and reSquish the file. This is guaranteed to make it run ok. Also, be sure to update or upgrade.

"And, few if any of you may know this since it was never documented, but *DC Squish* runs as a desk accessory. We kinda put that in as an extra, but never told anyone about it."

And finally, our resident hacker, Michael Vederman says:

"You can save lots of memory when using *DC Desktop* by only loading in the modules you use all the time. I only use *DC Show Text* and *DC Menu*, this cuts my memory usage way down! Plus, by using *DC Menu*, I can keep my desktop uncluttered and still run programs via keystrokes.

"You can also save memory by taking out all those icons from the ICE file that you never see. We've got over 100 icons in the ICE file, but some of the names will never be used by an icon.

"And, you can give more memory to programs by unloading your icons before you run a program. The *DC Configurator* has this as a togglable option under the *DC Desktop* configuration."

Michael also states:

"When using *DC Deskey 3.0*, use the translate key function to reassign those hard to reach keys (like the function keys!) to some more reasonable key. I hate having to reach up to press a function key. Instead, I've got them mapped out to regular keyboard keys plus <ALTERNATE>. And give the same command in different programs the same keystroke.

"Translate keys is really great for the new Mega STe and TT desktop where you can only launch programs with function keys. Not me, I tell *DC Deskey 3.0* to translate an <ALTERNATE>+<LEFT SHIFT>+<F> to <F1> so I can start Flash with a real key I remember."

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And Now, Viewer Mail: Inquiring Minds Want to Know About...

Ronald Van Assche from Paris, France:

"In the DC SEA 2.0 documentation (DC Utilities, page 33) you write 'Double Click Software places no restrictions on the distribution of programs created using DC SEA.' Does it mean that I can pack software files with Lharc, ZOO, ARC or DC Xtract and then give those files to anybody?"

The answer is YES. In fact, we encourage people to use DC SEA for their users' group disks. In the United States, all of the commercial magazines and many, many users groups use DC SEA to create self extracting archives so beginning users won't have any trouble getting the files from the archive. Of course, if you are archiving commercial software, you can't give it away just because it is DC SEA'd.

Terry Garibay from Wilmington, CA:

"I have DC Desktop ver. 1.0. I think it is causing problems when I try to type instructions into dialog boxes. It will accept only the first 2 or 3 letters and will not carry out commands, such as 'create folder,' 'rename file,' etc."

The problem here is that you have assigned a single character to start a desktop program. Then, you are typing that letter in the dialog box. DC Desktop is then trying to execute the program, but it is still in the dialog box, and all further key input is blocked. The solution is to <u>always</u> use a modifier key (alternate, control, shifts) with a key assignment. We have improved upon this in the newest version (1.2g) of *DC Desktop*. We also suggest that you upgrade.

Kenneth L. Kast from Santa Fe, NM:

"I purchased DC Utilities and have used it a lot. I would have bought the upgrade to version 2 except it would have cost me more to get it directly from DC on an upgrade basis than new through the mail order suppliers that I deal with (there is no dealer nearby), which tended to sour me to the whole proposition."

We can really understand the sentiment expressed in this letter. We've made our software powerful yet affordable; apparently too affordable. Extremely unfortunate is the fact that we can't regulate mail order prices (although you often get charged exhorbitant shipping costs which really brings the price of the software up).

We do work hard on our upgrades. The *DC Utilities 2.0* upgrade was in development for over 1 year. Two new programs were added, one program was completely rewritten, all of the programs were upgraded, and a new manual was written and printed. Additionally, we raised the package retail price. You've also had the benefit of using the *DC Utilities* longer than new users.

We aren't looking to take advantage of anyone. Believe us when we say that other companies would have no problem releasing *DC Xtract Plus* or *DC Squish* or *DC Deskey 3.0* as individual products. Would you rather pay $39.95 for each and then only pay a $10 upgrade fee for each? We decided to give our customers a real value with the *DC Utilties*.

Several customers have questioned:

"I really don't want to give up my NeoDesk Control Panel or Printer Queue when using DC Shower."

Well... We are sorry about all the anxiety folks. We were less than clear in the manual. What we were referring to was the NeoDesk control panel and printer queue for NeoDesk 2.0x. None of the NeoDesk 3.0 programs cause any problems with our software (that we are aware of). We suggest that you contact Gribnif Software and upgrade to NeoDesk 3.0 if you haven't already.

Robert J. Raphael from Palmdale, Ca:

"I have been using and enjoying your DC Desktop v1.2, but I have a problem that I have been unable to overcome. I would like to use Turbo ST at the same time. When I run it [PATCHTST.PRG] on my TRBOCOLR.ACC, I get the message 'Cannot locate the place to patch". My Turbo ST is version 1.82 (no Rev letter)."

The PATCHTST.PRG program (also supplied on the *DC Shower* disk) is only for version 1.8 of Turbo ST. If you have any other version (if it does not say 1.8 exactly, you have another version), it will not work. SofTrek was very gracious in allowing us to come out with a patch program before they were able to release a modified version to work with *DC Desktop*. Contact SofTrek for version 1.84D which will work with *DC Desktop* and *DC Shower*.

G.T. Cohen from Toronto, Canada:

"Can you send updating info about v2.0 of your utils disk please? Also info on Shadow update, I hear Zmodem background is coming."

Well, the sad truth of the matter is we only received three payments for *Shadow* from Antic Software. The last payment was over 2 years ago! We know a lot of people out there have *Shadow* and are looking forward to an update. So, here's the scoop:

Double Click Software has now regained all rights to *Shadow*. We are currently working on an upgrade to *Shadow* to bring it into the 90's. You can expect to see some nice things with *Shadow*. It is still the only <u>true background</u> file transfer program for Atari computers that you can use while running 99% of all Atari programs. We plan on adding additional protocol support. We also intend on removing the huge memory allocation limitation and make it 68030 compatible.

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