
• **SPECIAL FALL ISSUE: DOUBLE-SIZED !!!**

Norton Utils 3.0 Withdrawn: Causes Data Loss!

In a press release dated September 6, Symantec has announced that it is temporarily withdrawing Norton Utilities 3.0 from the market. Apparently, a NUM 3.0 module – Speed Disk – has been causing data loss on PowerPC computers. An updated and safe version 3.1 is promised within three weeks and will be mailed to registered purchasers. Symantec says that the problem does not affect versions 1.0 or 2.0 of the Norton Utilities. (The 3.1 update will of course be available on Precursor BBS – Ed.)

Apple Updates Now On Precursor BBS!

Precursor Systems is pleased to announce that the Precursor BBS has been licensed by Apple Computer, Inc. to provide software updates on-line. Users will find System Update 3.0, LaserWriter 8.1.1, the latest versions of all System 7.1 System Enablers, and many other interesting and useful items in the new *Apple Stuff* conference in the Precursor BBS Files area. For more BBS News, see page 2.

Adobe/Aldus Merger Completed!

Shareholders have now voted to approve the merger of Adobe Systems and Aldus Corporation. The new company will retain the name Adobe. Four hundred jobs will be lost in the consolidation. Aldus's main office will remain in Seattle but the Aldus Consumer division (formerly Silicon Beach Software), will be moved from San Diego to San Francisco. Read the full press release in the Precursor BBS News:Press Releases area.

Quark-to-PageMaker Conversions / PageMaker Enhancement Pack!

Aldus has released an enhancement pack for PageMaker. Included are a new versions of the Update PPD utility, and new import filters for Twain, WordPerfect 6.0, and Claris Works. Also now available is the Quark to PageMaker conversion application (version 1.03) which converts Macintosh QuarkXPress 3.0, 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 files to Macintosh PageMaker 5.0a files. All of the above are available on Precursor BBS in the Files area.

PhotoShop PPC Plug-In 1.02 Now On-line!

Adobe has released an updated PowerPC Accelerator Plug-in for PhotoShop 2.5. Version 1.02 of the Accelerator is now on-line on Precursor BBS in the Adobe collection in our Files area.

Photoshop Techniques!

Precursor Systems has obtained permission to create special conferences in the News area of Precursor BBS for current and back issues of four new electronic magazines of interest to desktop designers. Included are:

Photoshop Techniques Beautifully illustrated photoshop techniques in an Acrobat format newsletter by Craig Swanson of Swanson Tech Support.

DT&G: Design, Typography and Graphics is an info-packed newsletter in DocMaker self-viewing format from Showker Graphics Arts and Design, Inc.

DAETA™: Digital Expression & Technical Assistance

Briefs for busy designers and artists; designed to be read on-screen in WordPerfect Envoy self-viewing format.

M.E.M.: Macintosh Electric Magazine An eclectic collection of interesting computer and software news and helpful and informative reviews in self-viewing DocMaker format.

These join our regular features of:

Apple Information Alley The Apple Computer Consumer newsletter in self-viewing Common Ground format.

TidBITS The weekly electronic Mac news service from Adam Engst.

MacSense: Canada's National E-Zine a monthly Canadian Macintosh jewel.

Digital Photography Conference Started!

Precursor BBS has started a special digital Photography conference in our files area to cover this exciting new field. In addition to the latest news and files, the new conference features CanadaNet's CanPhotoTalk and OneNet's national (U.S.) Photography forum.

BBS Settings Update to 1.2!

The rapid growth of Precursor BBS has caused us to create a new version of the settings file. Version 1.2 now supports the new Apple software, Digital Photography, and System 7.5 special conferences, as well as providing for better customer service through specialized on-line forms.

Precursor BBS Manual Ready!

Precursor BBS now has a beautifully illustrated manual available on-line in Adobe Acrobat format. Of course, all Support Plan and BBS subscribers will receive a hard copy in the mail.

MacroMedia Director 4.03 Now Online!

MacroMedia has updated its fine multimedia program Director to version 4.03. The update provides many improved features and bug fixes. In particular, Windows interoperability is greatly improved. The update is available on Precursor BBS in our Files area in the new MacroMedia conference.