Precursor PDF News

Humble Quark Apologizes for 4.0!

At September's Seybold Seminars San Francisco/Publishing 98, service bureau representatives voiced their reluctance to upgrade from QuarkXPress 3.3 according to eMedia Weekly article. The main grievance was the number of bugs in XPress 4.0, despite more than three years of development. Many said they refuse to accept customers' files in XPress 4.0 format. "We rightly deserved a lot of the malcontent," eMedia reported CEO Chuck Bland saying. "Quark is trying to change." Quark claims version 4.0.3 fixed most of the reported bugs, and Version 4.0.4, due by the end of October, will address many outstanding issues. The company is also taking requests for Quark 5.0 on-line at:
http://www.quark.com/qxp014.htm

IomegaWare Tools 1.0

Iomega has retooled its tools package and renamed it IomegaWare 1.0. The new software includes the Iomega Driver 6.02 which is said to correct all the bugs of the 6.01 release. The driver is good for both ZIP and JAZ drives. Disk A includes the driver itself, the Tools program and Iomega Guest. Disk B has utilities FindIt and CopyMachine. Get your Iomegaware at:
http://www.iomega.com/software/

Norton Utilities 4.0!

Symantec is now shipping Norton Utilities 4.0. The new version finally offers compatibility with Apple's new HFS+ (Mac OS Extended) disk format. (Unfortunately, the new version is Power PC only with a 68K edition still in the works). Some new features in NUM 4.0 include: Single pass fixing; Hierarchical file recovery; and, Disk Doctor is multi-threaded so it can now perform all its various inspections at the same time.
Updates are $49.95 US direct from Symantec at (800) 411-8654 or you can buy the retail package and use the upgrade coupon. Find out more about NUM 4.0 at:
http://www.symantec.com/nu/fs_num4.html

NAV 5.0.2 Patch

Norton Anti-Virus 5.0.2 Patch is the second update to NAV. It installs August Virus Definitions so make sure you remove your September definitions and replace them after the update.
Find the patch on-line at:
http://www.Symantec.com/nav/nmac502.html

NetDoubler Dropped?

Asanté has quietly discontinued its network acceleration software NetDoubler. Apparently, improvements in AppleShare IP 6.0 and Mac OS 8.5 networking make its speed improvements available to everyone and on top of that the company has been unable to provide a reliable fix for QuarkXPress 4.0 incompatibility found in March when NetDoubler 1.5 shipped.