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Dear Subscriber,

Many thanks for supporting *The Portable Paper*.

Please find enclosed the 1990 Subscriber Disk, given free to all subscribers of *The Portable Paper*.

The other side of this page briefly describes the programs on this disk.

Please note the following disclaimer:

Since the programs included on the 1990 Subscriber's Disk are being distributed solely as a service to Portable Paper subscribers, and since it would be difficult or impossible to modify these programs, they are provided "as is." Unfortunately, Personalized Software does not have the resources to provide any technical support for these programs. If you find serious bugs or problems with any of the programs that you would like changed, you may call us or contact us in writing. It is possible that we can help, but we make no promises. We probably will not be able to respond to you unless we fix the problem.

The files on this disk are stored in groups and "compressed" (with LHARC) as "self-extracting" files. To "uncompress" them just type their name. (To get the exact name you need to type, see the list on the other side of this page.) For example, to uncompress the group of BATMAST files just type: BATMASTC

It's better to direct the group of files to a separate drive from the "compressed" file so they don't get mixed up. For example, on the Portable Plus, to "uncompress" the BATMAST files contained in the BATMASTC file on the Subscriber Disk to the A: drive: 1) put the Subscriber's Disk in the external C: Drive and 2) from the A:> prompt in DOS type: C:BATMASTC

The BATMAST files will then end up on the A: Drive. Usually there will be a .DOC file along with the .EXE or .COM. file. The .DOC file is an ASCII text file that tells you how to run the program. To read the .DOC file bring it up in your word processor or print it as you would any other text file. To print it from DOS type: copy filename.doc prn. To run the program, just type its name. For example, to run BATMAST just type: BATMAST

Most of the programs on this disk are free, while some are shareware. If you decide to use any of the shareware, please don't delay before sending the nominal usage fee to the respective authors. We hope you find the programs useful, and we know you will enjoy your continuing subscription to the Portable Paper.

Thank you,

Hal Goldstein

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President

1990 Portable Paper Subscriber Disk Contents:

ARCE (To "uncompress" type: ARCEC)

Use this program to "decompress" .ARC files. (VECTRA, LS/12, HP110 and Plus)

*BATMAST (To "uncompress" type: BATMASTC)

Specify a number of .bat files to this program, and it will build a master.bat file containing all of them, saving lots of disk space. (VECTRA, LS/12, HP110 and Plus)

BCOPY (To "uncompress" type: BCOPYC)

Background copy program, from PC Mag. This program was written to do background copies during boot-up. It runs, somewhat jerkily, on my AT-clone during normal processing. (VECTRA & LS/12)

CAL (To "uncompress" type: CALC)

Economical little calander program. With no operand, shows just this month. Or you can add the month (3-letter alpha abbreviation) and, optionally, the year. Worth 1 k bytes if you don't have something more elaborate. (VECTRA, LS/12 Plus and 110)

CHMOD (To "uncompress" type: CHMODC)

Changes the attributes of a file such as read only, hidden, archived and system. (VECTRA, LS/12 Plus and 110)

*DNAV (To "uncompress" type: DNAVC)

DNAV stands for "Disk Navigator." It's a FILE MANAGER with excellent macro Point and Shoot (i.e. go to your choice and select it). It shows multiple drives so you can see your floppy and RAMDRIVE at the same time. Has a good file "browse" function and on-line help. (VECTRA & LS/12)

EVAL (to "uncompress" type: EVALC)

Evaluate a mathematical expression. Enter EVAL at the prompt for a one page help screen. (VECTRA, LS/12 and HP110 and Plus)

FASTPOET (To "uncompress" type: FASTC)

Poetry at your fingertips! Not very profound but very good fun. Just type: Fastpoet. (PLUS ONLY!)

FV (To "uncompress" type: FVC)

This small program is wonderful. It shows you what files are within an .ARC file (.. or a LZH, ZIP, PAK, ZOO, LBR). It will even show you the contents of a "self unpacking" file, and what compression program was used. (VECTRA, LS/12 and HP110 and Plus)

HISTORY (To "uncompress" type: HISTC)

This little jewel works at the DOS prompt and allows you to use the cursor pad (uparrow etc.) to edit and recall past commands. Cntl-L allows you to search back for specific commands and then edit them. It works great with MaxFind. (VECTRA & LS/12)

HPINFOCM (To "uncompress" type: HPINFOC)

This program allows to use Infocom interactive fiction game data files on the Plus and 110. It works with DEADLINE, ENCHANTER, HITCHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY, LEATHER GODDESSES OF PHOBOS, PLUNDERED HEARTS, and ZORK I. It will not work with BUREAUCRACY (a PC DOS program). (HP Plus and 110)

INPUT (To "uncompress" type: INPUTC)

A batch file utility. This tiny program could be used to ask the user a multiple choice question and test for his answer within the batch file. (VECTRA, LS/12 and HP110 and Plus)

KILLDIR3 (To "uncompress" type: KILLDIRC)

Removes a directory branch, files and lower sub-directories. (VECTRA, LS/12 and HP110 and Plus)

LHARC (To "uncompress" type: LHARCC)

A file compression program from Japan. It makes and un-makes collections in the .LZH format. It compresses a bit slower that the latest Pkzip, but it is just as efficient and almost as flexible. And it's FREE. (VECTRA, LS/12, HP110 and Plus)

LS/12 Memory Expander
(To "uncompress" type: LS12MEMC)

This program expands your internal on the LS/12 from 640K to 736K, as described in The Portable Paper volume 4, #6, page 12. Please read the document file zemm.doc for instructions. (LS/12 only)

*MAXFIND (To "uncompress" type: MAXFINDC)

MaxFind is a fast and powerful text searching program that works from the DOS prompt. It can search for up to 15 words or strings in either word processing or ASCII documents. You can even use inexact spelling! (VECTRA, LS/12 and HP Plus). (HP110 version called: MF110)

MJOG (To "uncompress" type: MJOGC)

This is a small full screen application for ASCII files you want "on-hand". Good for look-up tables like area codes and postal abbreviations. (HP110 and Plus)

NYET (To "uncompress" type: NYETC)

A great arcade game originally written in Russia. Watch out! You may not get any work done! (Vectra and LS/12)

*PKZIP (To "uncompress" type: PKZIPC)

This set of programs contains what is becoming the favorite compression program for public domain software. It makes and un-makes collections in the .ZIP format. (VECTRA, LS/12, HP110 and Plus)

PPTJ (To "uncompress" type: PPTJC)

A memory-resident (TSR) program to configure your printer with a Pop-Up. There is a problem getting TSRs to stay resident when working from the PAM. The trick is to use a batch file as discussed in The Portable Paper (Sept. 89, page 3). That batch file is included on this disk as MEMOMAKR.BAT. (Portable Plus and ThinkJet).

SDL (To "uncompress" type: SDLC)

Sort your directory listings by name, size, date, or extension.

SEROFF (To "uncompress" type: SEROFFC)

Type SEROFF to turn off the HP portable's serial interface to save battery power. (No .DOC file) (HP110 and Plus)

UNERASE (To "uncompress" type: UNERASEC)

Get back a deleted file - a real lifesaver. For a program like this to be effective, you must use it before any other files are written to the disk. And with this small program, you must know the name of the file you want to unerase. Its best for text files where you can review what has been retrieved - use with caution on program files. (VECTRA, LS/12, HP110 and Plus)

VDE

Portable Plus version: VDE14HP
(To "uncompress" type: VDEPORTC)
Portable Vectra & LSversion: VDE140A
(To "uncompress" type: VDEPORTC)
HP110 version: VDE122
(To "uncompress" type: VDE110C)

This WordStar clone editor is quite powerful. It allows multiple files in windows, "on-the-fly" macros, and many printer control commands.

To change the editing options (such as from menu-driven to wordstar-like commands) you must reinstall the program using VINST140. Work with a copy of the program, as the installation will modify the editor .com file. To change the options, enter (at the DOS prompt): vinst140 vde140a.com. (for Vectra version)

This will bring up the first menu. Type I for installation. Now you can specify whether you want this version for the IBM or the Portable Plus. You'll need at least 224K of main memory to run this editor on the Plus. Then select the O options and set command mode: Y - indicating WordStar style commands, or set command mode: N - indicating menu-driven commands. (VECTRA, LS/12 and HP Plus)

A separate version for the HP110 is VDE122.COM. You need at least 124K of main memory to run this editor on the HP110. See VDE110.doc (separate file on disk) for notes on configuring.

VDL (To "uncompress" type: VDLC)

A file deletion program that prompts you for the files you want to delete.

WAITONME (To "uncompress" type: WAITONC)

Use this program within a batch file. Enter WAITONME with a number (the number of seconds to pause). (VECTRA, LS/12, HP110 and Plus)

WAITUNTL (To "uncompress" type: WAITUNTC)

Makes the computer wait until a specified time. Best used with a batch file. Enter the time as HH:MM:SS and there should be exactly one space between the program name and the time. (VECTRA, LS/12, HP110 and Plus)

XEQ (To "uncompress" type: XEQC)

Do you have some favorite little utilities that take just a few hundred bytes? DOS reserves space in units of one to four thousand bytes. This program lets you collect those small jewels into one program and save quite a bit of disk space. The program comes with 15 utilities "inside" it. You can cut that back to 5K or 10K by deleting those you don't need. Type "xeq" at the DOS prompt to get a one-screen help message. (VECTRA, LS/12, HP110 and Plus)

*NOTE: The programs with asterisks are Shareware. If you decide to use them, please send the author the fee requested in the documentation.