



Dave Ottalini Presents:

The Apple /// DVD © 2007
What's In Here?

First of all, thank you for purchasing this disk. It represents hundreds of hours of work and took literally years to compile. At its most basic, this disk represents the life's history of the Apple /// computer. It includes hundreds of articles, source code, photos, audio and video files, vendor information, information about the only known Apple /// emulation mode (for Classic Macs), Apple's Technical Information Library about the /// and one of our gems, virtually all the files from Ed Gooding's Three's Company BBS. We are also thrilled to offer the entire WAP Public Domain library of some 200 disks as well.

I can't possibly thank everybody who made this disk possible but every time you see the name of an individual below, or an author in an article (and you will see many) know that they have our thanks.

The Apple /// was one of those computers that was probably doomed even before it started. The history is well known, but the real story of the /// is the story of the users like you and me who persevered much longer than anyone might have thought they would.

For whatever reason, people really loved this machine - the author included. Maybe it was because they cost so much many felt they had to keep using it to get their money's worth. Or they just liked the feel of the keyboard (still one of the best ever). A better explanation is that users found a common bond in the /// that went beyond just a machine. At this point, it really doesn't matter. What does is, that thanks to the advent of electronic bulletin boards / listserves, newsletters, email, etc. we have a virtual start to finish record of everything Apple ///. And that's what this compilation is all about.

I can in no way claim that this DVD contains everything ever written about our SARA. There are many, many manuals for example, that need to be scanned for preservation, but it is not a task I choose to spend a lot of my time on. Others have – David Craig and Paul Santa-Maria were particularly diligent in their scanning and have added tremendously to this DVD because of their efforts.

But what I can tell you is that the DVD is likely to be the best single source of information of the machine ever produced. A heady claim, to be sure. But it is that important, if for no other reason than the fact that it serves as an historical archive of the first computer ever designed and manufactured by a company called Apple Computer.

You will see the name David Craig on many files. His contribution to this project and suggestions for improvement made a tremendous difference. I also need to thank my wife who had to put up with all of my Apple /// foolishness over many long years. I need to mention Lorin Evans, Jim Ritz, Beth Medlin and John Ruffatto at Washington Apple Pi for their long years of support too (and there were many others).

This DVD is a companion to the two-set DVDs that were originally offered by Washington Apple Pi. The DVDs include the video “How To Use Your Apple /// In Ten EZ Lessons” (Chapters 1-5 are on disk 1, 6-10 on disk 2) as well as some videos and slide shows produced by this author. Video iPod versions have found their way to this DVD, by the way!

Note that you will find FileMaker Pro 7, Word 6, text and PDF files on this disk. Some folders have been compressed using Stuffit (.sit files only). We’ve included a number of versions of Acrobat Reader and the latest Stuffit Expander for OSX for you as well.

So let’s take a look at what is actually offered in this disk:

A3 Articles – These are articles from magazines, online sources, ///’s Company BBS and more. Virtually every UG article ever written about the ///!

- Apple /// Users International
- ATUNC
- Call A.P.P.L.E.
- How Do I?
- Internet
- On Three Magazine
- Phase /// Conference (1987)
- TAU
- The /// Magazine
- The Source
- The WAP Journal

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A3 Info - Information from FAQs, Apple /// data and brochures, history and miscellaneous materials like the Apple /// listserve and costs for Apple /// products in the early to mid 1980s.

- A3 FAQs
- A3 History
- Miscellaneous

A3 Manuals & Schematics -

A scanned version of the *The Osborn-McGraw Hill Guide To The Apple ///* by Stan Miastakowski with added notes by Dave Ottalini. There's also the /// Confidence Program manual, the Apple /// Technical Reference Manual, manuals from On Three and much more.

- OMG A3 Guide

Apple /// Manuals Including -

- A3PlusConfidence.pdf
- A3 Technical Reference Manual
- A3 Dealer Information Binder
- Standard Device Drivers Manual, SOS Undocumented Information, SOS Reference, Pascal and CPM manuals. The original Apple /// and A3 Plus manuals are also here.

A3 Schematics - Original Apple /// schematics in PDF format

On Three

- BOS Users Guide
- DeskTop Manager

Bonus!

- Scanned Softalk articles.

A3 Media – Lots of great audio and graphic files

- A3 Graphics
- A3 Movies – from David Craig – a visual tour of the ///.
- Audio Files – historic interviews and more.
- Icons
- Just Fun
- Photos – including hardware, software and events.
- Scanned Apple /// Ads (from various sources)

A3 Tech Library - All of Apple's Technical Information Library (TIL) Apple /// notes.

- 3EZ Pieces
- A3 Tech Files
- A3TIL.Search
- A3TIL.Search.pdf
- Access3
- Apple ///
- AppleWriter
- B.Basic
- Catalyst
- CPM
- Emulation
- Hardware Info
- Misc.
- Printers.Cables
- Programming
- Quickfile
- Visicalc

A3 DataBases – The A3 Bibliography of all articles Apple /// and 3Works all converted to File Make Pro 7. The A3 Bibliography is also in AppleWorks 6 format. Also aliases to ///s Company and A3 Tech Info databases.

- 3Works
- A3 Bibliography

A3 Emulation - Chris Smolinski's effort to create an Apple /// emulation mode for the Classic Mac. This folder includes all the early versions, source code and needed files (including ROM).

Essential Software - Adobe Acrobat for Classic and OS X, and Stuffit Expander for Classic and OS X.

FlipTrack - Flip Track was a company that produced cassette-based learning programs. Luckily for us, they made one about how to use the Apple ///. WAP got the rights to copy them for you.

Mac Software - A folder that includes the Apple II ProDos extension that allowed older Classic Macs to read ProDos (and hence SOS) formatted disks. We've also included an Apple2DiskReader program for Macs that should also work for Apple ///s. There's also an explanation of a SOS Driver File Dumper for the Mac.

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MAUG -

The Micronetworked Apple Users Group was one of the early Apple II and /// online support groups and was hosted on CompuServe. These folders contain many of the captured discussions from the Apple /// boards. You will find many of the best Apple /// minds here!

- 1985
- 1986
- 1987
- 1988
- 1989
- 1990
- 1991
- 1992
- 1994
- What's Here?
- MAUG Compilations

A3 Source Code - Source code files in text or PDF format from SOS itself and many of the drivers used with it.

- CMC20
- CONSOLE
- FORMATTER
- LANGUAGES
- MISC.
- MOUSE DRIVER
- PARALLEL.CARD
- PROFILE
- RS232
- SERIAL.PRINTER
- SOS
- A3 PROGRAM HEX DUMPS (Unix Executable Files)

///s Company BBS – One of the true gems on this disk – this folder includes virtually all the informational files from Ed Gooding's BBS. WAP ran it for a year after he gave it up as you'll see in the notes. Includes an FMPro 7 database listing all the files for you and what they are (since each is identified by a lengthy string of numbers). There is lots of great stuff in here!

- 3Comp by Subject
- Company DataBase
- Company Q&A
- The Best Company Stuff
- Opening Info

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WAP - This folder includes information about the Washington Apple Pi Users Group, the original set of DVDs, a History of the /// SIG, and most importantly, the club's Public Domain library of 200 disks and a FileMaker Pro 7 database that lists each disk and its contents by category. There's also an HTML version. Classic users, use the Easy View version. There's also a link to this authors collection of articles about the ///.

- 3SIG History to 2007
- A3 DVDs – info about the original A3 in 10 EZ Lessons DVD
- A3 WAP Disk Library – archived in .do format as well as hex
- DaveOtt1.aif – an audio interview about WAP conducted by Phil Shapiro (conducted in December 1997).
- PD Library (Listing) – complete listing of the A3 PD library in various formats.
- WAP Journal – alias to the Journal files.

Vendors - The folders you'll find in here include information from *On Three*, *DA Datasystems*, *Pair Software*, *Omnis* and *R&D Automation*. There's also Information about a gentleman who offered power supplies for the Apple II and ///. You might find the information from R&D interesting because the company continues to offer a card for the Apple II that includes a CF (Compact Flash) and IDE controller. It was not only small enough to fit in the /// but a ///er named Dale Jackson wrote an Apple /// driver for it in 2003. The driver is also on this disk.

- DA Datasystems
- Omnis
- On Three
- Pair Software
- Power Supplies
- R&D Automation

Videos - This folder includes something very special! Video iPod versions of the "How to Use Your Apple /// in 10 EZ Lessons" tutorial and a video from the original A3 DVDs with Andy Hertzfeld talking about his work with the ///.

That's it! I hope you enjoy this disk. Any comments, updates, suggestions for another disk is appreciated.

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