Screenboost $10.00

This package contains a 6309 version of the CoCo's screen
drivers. Most of the functions of the drivers, from drawing
circles and arcs to handling windows and scrolling screens
can be done much faster by the 6309 then the original code
allows it to do. As a result you will be pleasantly surprised
by your CoCo's performance after you install this package.

A number of new functions has been added: graphics screens
support larger fonts, as well as doubling the width, height
or size of the standard fonts with a single command. On text
screens you can choose from two cursor types.

Other functions have been improved: you can now access
200 lines on the graphics screens and up to 28 lines of text
on text screens. Also supported is the 128 column text screen
with horizontal scrolling.

Last but not least and just like the "big boys" your CoCo
will be able to move and/or resize it's windows on the screen
under control of application software.

Package includes installation program.

package deal: Screenboost + Basicboost $16.00

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please call or write. Prices quoted in US$; S&H $3.00
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If you have problems with, questions about or suggestions
for the software, please contact the author. This is the only
way you can end up with the software you want and/or need.
If you know any people who might be interested in some
of this software, please give them (a copy of) these sheets.
Only programs that are widely used tend to generate enough
feedback to fix bugs and add new modules to justify updated
versions. THANK YOU!!!

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Quickletter $ 19.95   128K / 512K

Easy to use wordprocessor. It's default settings give you a balanced page layout so all you have to do is start the program and enter the text. Of course you can change the settings and there are things like editing capabilities build in. It's core consists of machine language subroutines for high performance.

Package includes utilities for added flexibility. One of these utilities allows you to convert text formats between ASCII, Quickletter format and MSDOS format in any combination you like. It also allows you to change a document's linelength. Supports 6309 processor.

Tools 3 $ 29.95

A tools package that includes a backup utility (formatted and unformatted disks), a utility to copy files from RSDOS disks to OS9 disks, an enhanced copy command, a utility to copy entire directories and screentype conversion utilities. Also utilities for finding, erasing, splitting and appending files. Password protection and an alarm. Archive and anti-virus utilities, send and save commands and more. 30 utilities in all. As a bonus OS9 oscilloscope software is included.

Investing level 2 $ 24.95   512K

A package for people who want to keep track of their investments. Tracks stocks, bonds and mutual funds; as well as market indicators and fundamentals. Performs trend analysis. Has graphics capabilities and a hardcopy function for screen dumps. Also keeps track of personal investments and calculates real returns and capital gains.

Includes installation routines and 6309 processor support.

Accounting level 2 $ 34.95   512K

An accounting package that is easy enough to use for personal use, yet versatile enough for small business applications. Most of the data entry, editing and transfers is done through a point and click interface.

Runs in text windows for fast screen updates. Graphics capabilities include bargraphs, piecharts and screen dumps for hardcopy. Also full file editing capabilities, cashflow reports and more.

Includes installation routines. This package also offers 6309 support.

INVOICE09 $14.95   512K

This program allows you to produce professional looking invoices without having to buy the forms. The program produces the entire invoice (form and all) on blank paper. You also have the option of printing the envelope to send your invoice away in.

The package comes with a setup program to tailor the invoice to your needs and a complete mailing list database manager. The invoice program searches the database for an address after you enter the name. New names get automatically added to the database.

The invoice program can also be linked to accounting level 2. In that case the invoiced items are automatically recorded in the journal.

Also part of the package are utilities to print labels and envelopes; a program to keep track of your sales per product or customer and a database manager to edit your sales records if necessary.

Requires OS9 level 2 and a printer that supports the IBM character set. Supports 6309 processor.

HOMEPAC-09 $ 29.95   512K

Homepac-09 consists of 4 parts: fast check/card, mailer, form maker and a disk jacket printer. Fast check/card is a program that tracks chequeing and/or credit card accounts for you. Along with it comes a setup program that allows you to enter up to 20 company names, bookkeeping categories and memos.

Those entries are available at the touch of a key when entering records. This makes program very fast, with a minimum of typing required. The program also compiles the data into various reports that can be send to the screen or your printer.

The mailer is a database program for addresses and phone numbers. It works much like fast check/card: it has the same interface and defaults that can be entered by pressing the ENTER key. In order to edit someone's address you just have to type (part of) that person's name to bring up the record.

Mailer can produce listings, print labels and envelopes. You can also tell the program to print only records with certain names, zipcodes, phone number area codes, etc.

Formmaker allows you to make various simple forms like address lists, scorecards, etc. You assemble the form on-screen using the arrow and F1/F2 keys. Once you are satisfied with the results you can save your setup and/or send it to your printer. Headers and line numbering are optional.

The disk jacket printer reads all directories on a given disk and produces 2 or 4 column listings of filenames, filesizes and file attributes. The 2 column listing is sized so that you can tape it to the sleeve of a floppy disk. This allows you to see a disk's contents without having to put the disk in your drive. Directory names are also displayed.

Homepac-09 is completely menu driven, so OS9 is all but invisible to the end user. It requires a 512K CoCo 3 and OS9 level 2. Homepac supports the 6309 processor.

LEVEL II GRAPHICS $ 34.95 512K

Level II graphics is basically a 2 tier package. On one hand it contains many utilities, that may or may not come in handy, depending on what your goals are. The other part is the canvas program. This is a user interface (mouse driven) for the many graphics functions build into OS9 level 2. It also sports a few functions not build into OS9, like spray can, zoom and animation. For convenience' sake file handling functions are also build in.

Another big part of canvas is the clipboard. Here you will find all kinds of graphics manipulation functions. The clipboard is mostly based on OS9's graphics buffers. Apart from cut and paste functions, you can change the screentype of an image in a buffer, change it's colors and save/load the image as clipart. You can also have multiple clipboards if neccessary.

It should be stressed here that throughout all the above mentioned functions (and the ones not mentioned) the only things you have to type on the keyboard are filenames.

The other thing I want to mention is that most of the functions can be run as subsets or individual programs. This eliminates the need of loading the entire canvas program every time you need to make a small change. You can even string together your own canvas program if you feel up to it.

Among the utilities there are drivers for printers using the Tandy protocol as well as the Epson/IBM protocol. There are drivers for B/W and color printouts as well as for clipart files. (The Tandy driver is B/W only). Printer profiles are included for a RS DMP-105, Star NX2420 (Epson LQ860 emulation) and for an IBM proprinter X24E and compatibles. If you have a different printer, there is a utility to make one of these files work with your printer.

You will also find a font editor and a pattern editor on the disks. With these you can change/create the fonts and background fill patterns used on the graphics screens.

About a dozen programs are included where you can start the program, give it some parameters and watch the computer do the work. Their outputs range from the julia and mandelbrot sets to easter eggs and butterflies. Rounding out the package are two games: tictactoe and "falling dominoes" and a number of graphics files created by the various programs.

For the programmers there are graphics subroutines creating line- and bargraphs and piecharts + interfacing data and source code examples. Also the interfacing data for the mouse driver.
LAST BUT NOT LEAST: an installation routine to get you underway with little more effort then some diskswaps.

Includes 46 page manual. Shipped on 2 disks.
Minimum system: 512K; one DSDD floppydrive.
Recommended: mouse; hi-res adapter; ramdisk
Multivue NOT required

OScopy/RScopy $10.00 CoCo 3/OS9 level 2

This pair of utilities runs under OS9 and lets you copy files from disks formatted under OS9 to disks formatted under Disk Basic (RSDOS) and vice versa.

The main advantage of these programs is that you do not have to buy and/or load special device drivers and descriptors or go hunting for patches. The programs have the necessary conversion software built into them, so all you do is load and run them to get the job done quick and easy.

New this fall is the addition of two new programs to the package. Although their function is the same as for OScopy/RScopy, the new utilities allow for multiple file transfers (even entire disks with one command) and have an improved user interface that lets you choose files by pressing a number key.

COCOTOP $19.95 / $24.95 512K

Now it has become much easier to use OS9 on your CoCo. Most of the functions that you carry out by typing command lines (at the OS9: prompt) have been built into this program that sports some 60 functions in a text based point and click interface.

If you have to copy or delete a file, for example, you no longer have to type a filename or a pathlist but you highlight it' name on the screen with your mouse or joystick, press a button and watch your CoCo do the work.

There are also a number of functions you will not find in standard OS9: a "safe" format where you can recover the old data on your disk along with an unformat command. For files: undelete, move, a file finder and overwrite capabilities for the copy command. For directories you will find sorting of contents and you can move a directory to a different spot in the tree if you wish.

There are functions to track your system: configuration and changing device descriptors for disk and printer. Maps of how your computer uses it's memory and disk space. CoCoTop can set up windows for you and launch other programs. It even has a menu where you can link your favorite programs to it. Of course it also has a calculator and notepad built in.

For people who have problems with OS9's disk structure the good news is that the program presents that directory structure as a series of point and click menus; keeping track of where you are and where you can go safely. It also displays the pathlists used so you can learn as you go along.

Also included are installation routines, so you can set up CoCoTop with little more effort then a few diskswaps and answering some prompts. There are 2 versions of CoCoTop: version 1.0 is the complete package. Version 1.1 is for people who already have purchased TOOLS 3 since CoCoTop uses some of TOOLS 3's utilities.

Prices: version 1.0 $24.95
        version 1.1 $19.95 (+TOOLS 3: $34.95)

New this fall is CoCoTop version 2. Version 2 is an extension of version 1: A few bugs found in version 1 have been fixed. A calendar has been added. This calendar can be programmed to remind you of certain events. Another addition is the capability to pre-select files for batch processing. Due to changes in it's buffers, version 2 can also handle larger harddrives.

Prices are $5 higher then comparable version 1 packages. Upgrades from version 1 to version 2 cost $10.

HSLINK $14.95   CoCo 3 / OS9 level 2

HSlink is a program that is specifically designed for null-modem file transfers. With it you can hook your CoCo to an IBM compatible or any other computer that has a RS 232 serial port and send files back and forth. Unlike other software that requires a lot of hardware to do this, HSlink uses the CoCo's serial (printer) port.

All software, including port drivers, is contained in a single file. So there is no need to reconfigure your system's bootfile. All you do is plug in your cable, load the program and transfer your files.

HSlink supports ASCII and Xmodem file transfers. For 6809 processors the highest available speed is 19,200 baud. The 6309 also supports baud rates of 38,400 and 57,600. Please note that the terminal software on the other end of the line needs to support the same speeds before you can use them under HSlink.

Cables available on request.

BASICBOOST $10.00

This product is a 6309 version of Basic09's RunB module. Most programs will run 10-15% faster using Basicboost. Please note that the actual improvement is dependent on what job your program does. Some of Basicboost's subroutines run at par with the originals, while others run as much as 3 times as fast.

The code from the syscall and inkey utilities has been integrated into Basicboost, so you no longer have to worry whether those programs are in memory. Finally, some good news if you own utilities written in Basic09. Basicboost will accept command lines without quotation marks, commas and parenthesis and execute them properly.

Package includes installation software to upgrade existing files. Note that you MUST have a 6309 processor installed before you can use this product.