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#### WARNING

A new breed of computer-vandal is loose in the world and this one delights in trashing whatever data he can fine in your system.

The latest "hobby" among those inclined to spray-paint their names on lublic walls is the "auto-init" bomb which they will graciously upload to any and all of your favorite bulletin boards in the hope that you will find it interesting enough to download and run.

This program is usually very simple in operation and is disguised under the title of the latest game or utility. The program description will give glowing notice that THIS program will solve ALL of your computer problems advertising everthing from no fail disk recovery to automatic debugging.

If disguised as a game it will be touted as the most innovative and imaginative game you could ever think of and reviews will be full of praise from others who have alledgedly tried the program.

What this program ACTUALLY does is look for any and all drives connected to your computer at the time, including hard disks, Unidisks, of regular floppies. In the event that it finds them, it will check to see if disks are present and, if so, it will then proceed to initialize everything in sight. The first hint of suspicion will come when you see your drive lights coming on in sequence from low slot numbers to high and then low to high drive numbers.

If this program doesn't seem like something that would check all the connected storage devices. (and few programs do this), slam your RESET button:

In some cases, the program will display a fancy graphics or menu screen with a warning NOT to interrupt it while it reads in "data files". This is put there to ease your suspicions about the drives lighting up. Of course, the start screen will have a phony title matching whatever you thought the program was supposed to be in the first place.

This problem is becoming so wide spread that many, many system operators are now restricting uploads to their systems entirely, depending instead upon programs that they themselves have aguired and tested.

But you don't get programs from bulletin boards, you say? Well, never fear, these cretins have something for you too. All over the country, disks are being distributed through the pirate networks claiming to be the "latest release" of one of the more popular programs. When booted, these disks look EXACTLY like the program you thought you were "examining". A case in point is a developmental programmer working for Apple in San Jose, California, Ted Minton. Ted obtained a copy of what was supposed to be a beta release of Applemorks v 2.1. When he booted the REAL program took control and wiped 8 months of work off his connected CMC 20 meg hard disk.

A runor was circulating some weeks ago that the Software Developer's Association was distributing these "trojan horse" disks in an effort to stee the tide of piracy of their products. I think that this rumor can be disregarded since if it was true; the SDA would get far more negative publicity from it were it to be discovered.

The problem is not exclusive to APPLE software and actually started with IBM programs and systems around the country.

The only thing that I can tell you to do is to be careful with new aquistions and especially with "latest release" programs that seem too good to be true. Make sure your hard disk is powered down and there's nothing in any other drives. If you obtain the program from a bulletin board, do the right thing, warn the sysop and other users on the system about it if you find one.

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#### DOOR PRIZE !

If you have attended one of the general meetings in the past 8 months, you are aware that you could have won up to \$80.00 (that is if you attended all the meetings, and were lucky enough to have been picked as the winner of our door prize drawing). What do you think the odds are of one of our members winning more than once since we started giving away CA\$H for a door prize?? Well, guess what? You can do some catching up because we will be giving away \$30 at the June meeting, if the lucky member is there. You too can gain fame and wealth just by coming to every monthly meeting. Richard Spencer wasn't at the May meeting to collect \$20 (at least you get a little fame if you don't show up at a meeting).

See you all at the next meeting!

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Learning With Fuzzywomp Sierra On-Line Joystick required \$19.95 (I think) Ages 3 to 6

The reason I'm not sure of the price is that my son received Fuzzywomp as a Christmas present.

Fuzzywomp is a series of kour animated learning games. The first one is JU66LIN6 CLOWN. In this game, the clown has a number (between 1 and 10) in its stomach. You must move Fuzzywomp over to a gumball machine and, by making Fuzzywomp push a button, release the same number of gumbalis as is displayed in the clowns stomach. When you think you have released the correct number of quaballs, you push the joystick button and if your right, the clown will start juggling the gumballs. If you did not get the correct number of gumballs, they all fall on the floor when you push the button and you must start over. The next game as BUBBLE UP. in this game, bubbles are coming out of a bubble pipe. Each bubble has a random number from 1 to 10 inside the bubble. The object is to "pop" the bubbles with Fuzzywoods "hair drier" in the proper order from 1 to 10 or from 10 to 1, 1f you do not get the correct bubble within several attempts. the correct bubble is displayed over Fuzzywoops head so you can see what you are trying for. After you get all of the bubbles in the proper order. Fuzzywomp floats out of the bubble pipe back to the main menu screen. The next game is DOMINO MATCH: In this pame, eight dominos are displayed next to a little computer. (It doesn't look like an Apple, it looks more like a computer tape drive.) The computer then computes and makes computer noises and produces a domino that matches one of the eight dominos displayed next to the computer. Each doming has between zero and three dots on each half. If you progress to later stages of the game, you can have up to 12 (1 think) dots on each half of the domino. You must then move Euzzywomp to the matching doming. If a you fail to match the proper domano, Fuzzywomp will show you which one was the proper match. If you get it right, Fuzzywomp will jump up and down with excitment. At times, he will literally jump off the top of the screen. Now that is excited! The last game is MAKE-A-MONSTER. In this game you direct Fuzzywood to select parts of a monster. You can chose from 7 different heads, 7 different bodies, and 7 different sets of feet. When your monster is complete, you get to fire the hairdrier at Fuzzywoop. It you get Fuzzywoop with the hair drier, Fuzzywomp will perform a trick for you.

While these games are fun to play; they also teach the skills of pattern matching, counting, number sequencing, and eye-hand coordination. These skills promote mathereadiness, writing readiness, and the eye-hand coordination develops readiness for the skill of writing.

On a scale of 1 (bad) to 10 (the best there is), I would give Fuzzywomp atleast an B. It is fun to play and does not require that the child already know how to read:

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### A SHORT DISCUSSION OF PROTOCOL

Does anvone know what spotoco ceally is?? I didn't have a freal definition' until 1 started looking for a definitive exptanation of what <u>protocol</u> is, A few dictionaries listed definitions time.

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Websters New World Dictionary (College Edition);

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4. The ceremonial norms and courtesies that are established as shoper and cornect in official intercourse between heads of states and their ministers\*

I looked through several other occironacies and cane—up with the same kinds of definitions. I thought that I wouldn't be be able to come up with—a modern definition that would include computer / hoden—type grotocol (at least as I know II anyway). We'll I tooked through some Iranning manuals from technical training courses I took a while back and came up 

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\_a format set of generations deverating the format and control of inputs-and-outputs between the communicating processes....

The Japonians thing is. That both devices that are living to "talk" to each offer—are using the same pules. These rules are made up by people—like—you and be—as by larget groups when "standards" are to be net by a large group of users.

One of these groups is an uniternational group sanctioned by the Inited Nations called CLICT (Consultive Committee for International Telephone and Telephone for protocols used in Peroximendations as to the standards for protocols used in Probinc Data Helworks, not necessary, in the Kind of data transfer up are taking about over the "voice" ferephone network at any rate them have been instrumental in section 

These protocols are published every-whitears latter a Cludy oroug has sorted through many inputs from various Standards groups, Carriers, issers, manufacturers, and electronic associations. New-protocols may have been added and some plo ones may have been modified or updated.

What kind of things are needed to make up a protocol for communicating from one computer to another. We'll let's see what we can find out together.

up we need to keep the 18400 RATE speed of transmission. The same on both ends? Do we need to use the same # of or is to define each character (7 or &?) Do we need to send stop outs? Do we need to send stop outs? Do we need to keep spars is (each character has either even-or old # or is or Rawe them as ascess? Do we need to know it we are to so had adopted? Do we need to use son a coff Do we need to tell the other consider when we are 3 done sending on that we need to wait till we save this junk on a disk before we can take anymore? lit ur Teer for been iten tielle "Ralle" rappen ein tegengenissien

well general concensus says. TES to all of these squestions at least-most of the time. On we need to know any nore before we can nake up a grotocol? "I=don'! know!

in not the expert or protocols for Apples, but i'm told that hmey include Kegart, Christensen, X moden, ASCII-2, and possibly many noise. 'Go don't have to be an expert either.

Just remember that most communications software has the protocol "hurid in" for won I see It, although you may be able to set parameters within the propose to modify the protocol to talk to another device transperer terminal you don't have to know all about it unless you're going to write your own software, but at least now you thou that it exists.

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Check out Badbage's in Fox Valley! They have a creat selection of spituate for under \$10. I checked, they do not sponsor-computer clubs. Too bad.

with UP 1-000 CM, ishildren relate numbers to objects they carries and whice to

IP.6-400 EM. rag. four Tavels; all based on the same story: line. A little cloud iš hoverino up in the sky. As you place the correct number of Ballooms into the cloud, a rainbox starts to form: Correctly glace bullions anko the cloud five Transporant you have a comblete peritors. At level 1, not just pick a number from I forth inside the cloud, balloess are butsined. "The rubber"of ballooms watches your chosen. musher i Your animal partner, a duck, kangaroo, or benguin, wire run across the sessen and sick up the orang of bacloums than waterset representable. The anteat then finate up to the cloud and then, using an unbrelia : Hoats back down so you can pick amother muster, in level 2 \*\*OU must sove lour ansail triend across the recreentance ouch up the group, introductions that matches very independing for your order the import set the ballbons PCP: and you waust text another set of ballbons. In level J. no one set of deficions matches your number, you must pick up two sets of belicoms that add up to your number. In level 4, a simple additron-requalion-using your number appear in they cloud it were "1"3 or 54% where your number was t or3). The east pick the group, of Calloces that identifies the er 55) Mil-nueber - Julius

Mentaur year old son has successibly completed the itest I revels with nongraphems, fevel 4 has him completely stumped . for hom.

On a scale of 1 (bag) to 10 (the greatest) I would give UP & ADDIEM and B. Its fun end-easy/but I don't think it will charlenge a I year old. But for \$2.99 you can't really go wrong

Ed Darier



THE ARK AND THE COMPUTER

by John Russ (Reprinted from Orange Abbie Club Scrumpy Mews) etter)

and the Lord said winto Moans (Moere is the ark which I have commanded there to build?"

And Moah said unto the Lords "Verily, I have not taree carpenters off [1]. The copher wood hazh been on order nich upon 12 worths. What can 1 do. o Lord?".

And BUU sand unto Adah: 10 wants that ark finished even after seven days and seven nights."

And Noah said; \*it would be suct

And it was not so, And the Road said unto Mosh: "what segment to be the Trouble this time?"

And North sera unto the Lord: None contractors flatheome alas, cankrupte the patch which you changed as to put on the outside and the enside or the erk both sot enrived. The papelities hath gone on strake. Shea, my son, who despeth as on the arkingse of the bosiness, hath toward a ruck group with his brothers has and lapheth. The canyon, thought on the contract color—"of a, I am undure."

And the Lord grew angry and said: fand what about the animals, the male and female of every sort, that I ordered to come unto thee to keep their seed alive upon the face of the earth ?

And Noah said: "They have been selivered to the arong address but should arriveth Friday."

And the Kood said: "How about the unicorn and the iowis of the air by sevense".

And Moah wrong his hands and wept saving : Lond, unicorns are a discontinued line; thou caust not get them for love nor soney. And the towls of the ear are sold coop in half-dozens. The peaceks even them are on back brief for weeks to come. Lord, thou knowest how it is.

and the Lord Said: " Rest, my son, in my wisdom i should have income this would follow when I historical to Satan and installed. a computer."

APPELMORES SIA

The Sic will not be having an meetings for the next lew and the watch the newsletter when the next Sig weeting will be held and the location. If you have an interest in this Sib talk to Deller Adolff at the next wreting. Once again we have some of the even popular Print Shop graphics. After our picture is shown, press any key except the 'escape' key. The pictures will be shown 9 at a line

These graphics are part two from the graphics we had in April.

Graphics M through 2 are or this disk

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In a few poinths virus to cumning a Print Shop graphic contest with prizes for the best graphic border, and font. It the August Newsletter there vill be combined rules. Start designing your graphics now.

DAUGURAN A 31 ...

This north we have a disk totally to the With protures. Protuces of Tanbus people, not so lambus people, valentimes, antiques, and computers. All of these protures were digitized for the computer and then fourned up with the house Nicro I litestator from toals lectuology and Eco Paint from our locals 69.

The pictures are all in a packed state. Packing a picture beans converting it to a code so it takes less room on a class. There is a short 2 sector long program called pack/unpack to the disk. This is the converting program that changes the picture to code, or changes it back.

There are so many pictures on this disk; that we had just enough from to put a Laughelio on the disk; Pressing a key after the helio is shown starts you into the main program. You are presented with a short new. Viewing the slide anow allows you to look at t. some, or all of the pictures. All of the names are displayed, with a number next to each. Chose a number, then

press and the number for the hext picture, or trip (hrough the screens with the arrow keys

The other option puts you is another menu. This second menu has many choices. Doit Takes you back to the first menu. Under and pack to the coding and decoding of the protures. The instructions option is probably the most important codion.

Instructions bring up many text screens of instructions on how in use these pactures. Also shown up the instructions are a short basic routine on using the pictures in your own programs. Shown below are the lines headed, and an explanation.

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The pokes tell the coutine where the packed picture is,

the routine can find it and start decoding it.

This line tells the couline to start working.

As you can see, 5 simple lines in your program will allow you to use packed pictures. The major advantage of packed pictures is to allow you to put more graphics on a disk.

Ail of these pictures are of a very good quality, and are compatible with Dom 69 which has the Edupaint program on it.

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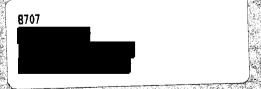
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