

Oracle of Zeus

Newsletter of the Zorba Equipment Users Society

Information for new members

Finally...

Please excuse the delay in entering your subscription. This is a one-person operation and I do occasionally get bogged down. The main priority is compiling and publishing news and information to suit everyone's needs. The day-to-day details sometimes take second place.

With that said, Welcome!! The Oracle will hopefully become a valuable aid in your computing experience. We try and gear the articles to all levels -- from the beginner to the novice to the advanced programmer. If you need help in some area, send a letter to the FORUM (letters to editor) -- chances are someone else has already figured out the answer.

Using the ORACLE disk

Each issue of the newsletter comes on disk (Zorba DS/DD format). We try to fill each issue and sometimes include software programs if there's space. To see what an issue looks like, put a system disk in your 'A' disk drive, and the Oracle in 'B'. Type:

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A> DIR B: <RETURN>
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The file CONTENTS gives the Table of Contents for each issue.

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A> TYPE B:CONTENTS <RETURN>
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You will see the articles listed by title and page number, along with the name of the corresponding text file. Use TYPE to display any of these text files on your screen.

Copying the ORACLE disk

Before you go further, a good idea is to always make a backup copy of new disks. Here's one way to backup the Oracle:

1. Format a new disk with FORMAT.COM then copy the operating system to it with SGEN.COM.
2. Put this empty disk in A: drive, and put your CP/M system disk (with PIP.COM on it) in B:.
3. Press ^C (control-C) to reset the drives.
4. Type:
A> B:PIP <RETURN>
5. When you see the * (indicates PIP is ready), take the disk in B: out, and replace it with the Oracle. Shut the door.
6. PIP is waiting for you to give a command after the *. Type:
A:=B:. * <RETURN>

This will cause PIP to copy all the files on B: over to your empty disk in A:.. Be sure to type 'A:=B:*. *' exactly.

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Printing out the ORACLE

Some readers choose to make a printout of each issue. We make it easy to do this automatically if you run WordStar or NewWord. The file PRINTOUT contains Mailmerge (or Mergeprint) commands that insert the text files in their correct order. All you need to do is set the printer up and watch it go. See -README.1ST for more detailed instructions (on any Oracle disk).

What's doin' your way? (Disk offer too)

The strength of the Oracle is its readers' high level of participation. Please feel free to join in. Letters, articles, reviews, tips -- send us something. It will make things much easier if you compose and send us your contribution on disk. By the way, we have a DISK EXCHANGE whereby any contributor may request a Zeuslib disk when they send material for the next issue. See -README.1ST on Oracle 2/3 for details.

ZEUSLIBRARY -- what's that?

ZEUS makes available a library of public-domain software at \$5 a disk. Each disk is filled (388K) with programs that you can use on your Zorba. We're up to ZEUSLIB.022 so far. You'll find graph programs, file copy utilities, programming aids, games, filing systems -- just about anything. Each issue of the Oracle has a section IN THE PUB which describes the latest disks. We hope to compile an index/catalog soon.

BIOS 1.8Z -- a bonus

Included with new subscriptions is the BIOS 1.8Z disk. This contains all the files and instructions for upgrading your Zorba operating system to the latest standard version. Put this disk in B: and with a system disk in A:, type:

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A> B:-README <RETURN>
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Read Oracle Vol. 2 No. 2 for background information on BIOS 1.8Z.

Subscription rates, etc.

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U.S. & Domestic \$25	Canada & Mexico \$30
International \$35	(U.S funds only, please)

ZEUS LIBRARY disks \$5 each (\$7 foreign)
Volume 1 of the ORACLE \$20 (six issues on 5 disks)

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