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PULSAR is a new generation of advanced and highly sophisticated business software specifically developed for 16-bit personal computers.

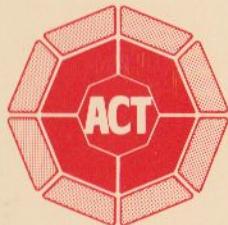
PULSAR is a comprehensive range of powerful and fully integrated packages, designed to provide a complete answer to the management information needs of large and small businesses alike.

PULSAR sets new standards of versatility and ease of operation and has been developed at a cost of over £1 million by ACT, the UK market leader in 16-bit personal computer software. It is the culmination of more than 17 years of computer package development.

PULSAR—The fully integrated range

16-bit Business Software for 16-bit Personal Computers

Dealer's Stamp



Company Philosophy

The ACT octagon encapsulates our philosophy of a single source for computing solutions. ACT products include personal computers — business systems — turnkey minicomputers — software technology — computer engineering — consumables and bureau services.

The eight ACT companies are each leaders in their field.

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dBaseII™

dBase II

dBASE II is the most widely used RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT system on Microcomputers, which allows easy manipulation of small and medium sized databases using English-like commands. It is an extremely powerful system that can vastly improve the efficiency of your operation.

dBASE II has facilities to create complete database systems, and easily to add, delete, edit, display and print data from the database with a minimum of data duplication on file.

dBASE II does not require an extra support language; it comes with its own Applications Development Language (ADL). ADL lets you use simple English-like statements to manipulate your data, or built-in structured constructs to prepare sophisticated applications packages.

dBASE II users will gain a large measure of program/data independence, so that, when the data is changed, the programs may remain

unchanged, and vice versa.

dBASE II incorporates full-screen editing capabilities to set up screen formats so that data may be entered by simply 'filling in the blanks.'

dBASE II can be used interactively, or you can store a sequence of commands to automate accounting, billing, mailing lists or any data you need to manage.

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You can also display records according to the fields that you
want. the OFF clause means display without record number

DISPLAY ALL OFF NAME,CITY,STATE,ZIP
Jones John J. Silicon CA 90002
Jones John J. Silicon CA 90002
Brown Thomas Boston MA 10024
Pixel Joseph W. Diamond Bar CA 91718
Franklin Josephine Cucamonga CA 91733
Mason James P. Pomona CA 91876
Taxpayer John Q. Chino CA 91718
Soda Scotch M. Las Vegas NV 82345

ENTER <RETURN> TO CONTINUE, <P> FOR PREVIOUS SCREEN, <E> TO EXIT.:

TECHNICAL DATA

OPERATOR SUMMARY

ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

(: Parentheses for grouping
*	: Multiplication
/	: Division
+	: Addition
-	: Subtraction

RELATIONAL OPERATORS

$<$: Less than
$>$: Greater than
$=$: Equal
\neq	: Not equal
\leq	: Less than or equal
\geq	: Greater than or equal

LOGICAL OPERATORS

()	Parentheses for grouping
.NOT.	Boolean not (unary operator)
.AND.	Boolean and
.OR.	Boolean or
\$	Substring logical operator. Is string 1 in string 2?

STRING OPERATORS

+ : String concatenation
- : String concatenation with blank squash

FUNCTION SUMMARY

#	Record number function
*	Delete record marker
EOF	End of file function
!(<variable/string>)	Convert to upper case
TYPE(<expression>)	Data type function
INT(<variable/expression>)	Integer function
VAL(<variable/string/substring>)	String to integer function
STR(<expression/variable/number>, <length>,<decimals>)	
LEN(<variable/string>)	Integer to string function
LEN(<variable/string>)	String length function
\$(<expression/variable/string>, <start>,<length>)	
@(<variable1/string1>,<variable2/ string2>)	Substring select function
CHR(<number>)	Substring search function
&	Convert number to ASCII
FILE(<"filename"/var/exp>)	Macro substitution
TRIM	File exists?
	Strip trailing blanks function

SOME COMMONLY USED COMMANDS

?<exp list >	: Display value of an expression
@<coord> SAY <exp> USING 'picture']	: Format console screen or printer
GET <var> PICTURE'picture'	: Input characters from console
ACCEPT' prompt' TO <var>	
APPEND BLANK	
APPEND FROM <filename>	: Add to a database from
SDF FOR <exp> DELIMITED	operator input or file
WITH <delimiter>	
CHANGE <scope> FIELD<list>	: Make multiple changes to database
FOR <exp>	: Create a new database
CREATE	: Standard While loop
DO WHILE	: Edit records in a database
EDIT	: Locate a record in an indexed
FIND <key>	database
INDEX ON <key> TO <filename>	: Create an index file
INSERT BEFORE BLANK	: Add a new record to a database
REPORT <scope> FORM <filename>	: Generate a report
TO PRINT FOR <exp>	: Write memory variables to file
SAVE TO <filename>	
SORT ON <key> TO <filename>	: Generate a sorted database
ASCENDING DESCENDING	