

Printer Output Redirection

A very unique function of Best Friend is its ability to capture printer output into a disk file. This function allows you to store program reports on disk so that they can be edited and printed later whenever desired. Not only can printer output from programs be captured, but also printer output generated by pressing the "Print Screen" key.

Input/Output Options

The Input/Output Options function of Best Friend provides a full screen menu that allows you to quickly specify what port(s) your printer(s) are connected to. Unlike normal DOS operation which only allows one printer at a time to print, Best Friend allows you to use two printers at once. One printer can be specified as the normal system printer, while a second printer can be set to spool (print) files in the background. Besides specifying printers to ports, the Input/Output function of Best Friend also allows you to set the baud rate, parity, stop bits, and word length parameters for your computer's serial ports. This feature is great for those who use modems and serial printers as the complex DOS "MODE" command need never be used again.

ASCII Table

Programmers will appreciate the built-in ASCII table that Best Friend can display whenever desired. All 256 ASCII characters are displayed along with their corresponding decimal and hexadecimal values.

Novice and Expert User Modes

In novice mode Best Friend will provide you with a menu selection for each item of information required for an operation. Thus, novice mode uses more prompts, but requires no special knowledge of the user. Expert mode, on the other hand, is for DOS experts who prefer to type in long responses in order to more quickly accomplish a task. Therefore, no matter what level of expertise, Best Friend is designed to make things easier and faster.

File Locator

Using the "Where's File" selection of the Best Friend File Services function you can quickly locate files that may have become lost because they were hidden away in some obscure sub-directory. This feature is especially useful for hard disk users.

Screen Save Feature

Best Friend monitors the activity at your computer. If after 5 minutes no key has been pressed or nothing has happened at the screen, Best Friend will clear your screen so as to maximize the lifetime of your monitor. The screen will reappear as it was when activity resumes at the computer.

Set DOS Execute Path

Best Friend allows you to change the "path" followed in searching for programs to be executed by Best Friend.

Spool Queue Maintenance

Best Friend allows you to specify a list of files to be spooled (printed) while other tasks are being done. The queue of files to be spooled can be modified at anytime during the spooling process.

System Requirements

Best Friend can be obtained as one memory efficient program (uses 126K) or any one function may be obtained as a stand-alone program. Best Friend and Family will operate on an IBM XT, AT, or true PC compatible that uses DOS 2.0 or higher. In addition, the File Services and Printer Output Redirection functions are available for most computers using CP/M-80, CP/M-86, and MSDOS.

Installation

None required. Best Friend is not copy protected, and it does not require special device drivers. Best Friend automatically works with both monochrome and color monitors. If you have a color monitor, Best Friend makes beautiful and functional use of color. If you don't have a color monitor, Best Friend still looks great as highlighting and windows are used extensively.

Demonstration Disk

If you would like to evaluate Best Friend in further detail a functional low cost demonstration disk is available. The demo is just like the full version of Best Friend with the exception of certain limitations. The File Services features are all active with the exception of the copy, delete, rename, and file attribute change selections. The calculator functions are active with the restraint that numbers larger than 1,000 may not be used. The printer output redirection feature and the spool file feature work with the restraint that only 512 bytes of printer output can be spooled or captured in a disk file. The Typewriter and the Disk Services functions are accessible, but not operable in the demo version as there is no way to allow limited operation of these features. However, the I/O Options function and the pop-back feature of Best Friend are fully operable. While not quite the same as having the full version of Best Friend, the demo version is still very useful for evaluating how Best Friend works.

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