



*DOS 3.3 is the handy housekeeper developed by Apple to help you take full advantage of your Disk II Floppy Disk Subsystem. DOS automatically keeps track of files, saves and retrieves information on a diskette, and performs a variety of other "housekeeping" chores. It dynamically allocates diskette space, maximizing diskette capacity. DOS stands for Disk Operating System; 3.3 is the version update number. When you purchase an Apple Disk II with controller, you are buying an Apple floppy disk drive and DOS 3.3.*

*(NOTE: DOS 3.2.1 has been superceded by DOS 3.3. Programs which operate under DOS 3.2.1 cannot be read by DOS 3.3 unless converted by "Muffin," a DOS 3.3 utility program. Conversely, DOS 3.2.1 cannot read DOS 3.3 programs.)*

*For those Apple II Plus owners who wish to use, or are currently using, programs running under the previous operating system, Apple will continue to offer and support DOS 3.2.1 (Apple Product A2D0010).*

**Benefits**

**DOS 3.3...**

- *simplifies system start-up by allowing for turnkey operation under Apple BASIC...*
- *increases disk capacity by more than 20 percent over previous versions of DOS...*
- *increases a system's capability by storing and retrieving information much more accurately, quickly, and conveniently than is possible with cassette tape...*
- *adds to system efficiency by allowing you to access data by the name under which it is filed...*
- *saves time spent searching for files because it automatically catalogs them by name and displays the complete catalog upon command...*
- *provides the capability to save, load, run, rename, delete, and verify files quickly and easily through its variety of housekeeping commands...*
- *allows rapid data retrieval through both sequential and random access to the data...*
- *allows you to make back-up copies of diskettes on a single disk drive system, rather than requiring two drives for the same purpose.*

**DOS 3.3—  
A Closer Look**

If you've purchased an Apple Disk II with DOS 3.3, only a few keystrokes are required to put the program to work for you. This process is called "booting" the disk and is explained in detail in the DOS manual.

If you are using a previous version of DOS and want to update your system to run DOS 3.3, you'll need the DOS 3.3 Kit to boost your disk capacity to accommodate the new version. The kit contains two PROMs which you will need to install. (If you are using Apple Pascal, you've already installed them).

The System Master diskette that comes with the DOS manual is a very special one: it allows you to copy an entire diskette, convert any diskette that has an earlier version of DOS, and much more. Programs that demonstrate various capabilities of DOS are also included on the diskette and discussed in the manual.

With approximately 20 percent more storage capacity per diskette made available by DOS 3.3, you can store even more files on each diskette. Just type SAVE and the file name, and DOS will save it for you.

So that you'll know exactly which programs you've stored to a particular diskette, DOS provides the CATALOG command. When you use it, a list of all the files contained on the diskette will appear on your screen. To access a particular program, simply type LOAD and its name, and within seconds, you'll be using the code you've selected.

