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Great Plains Accounting: Using it on an Apple III with Catalyst

You may move Great Plains Accounting software to the hard disk provided that you have version 3.00.

WARNING: Great Plains assumes that you are using a hard disk with a device driver named ".PROFILE". If you are using another brand of hard disk, rename the device driver accordingly.

Begin by following the LOAD TO HARD DISK PROCEDURE for the ProFile outlined on page 2-4 of the Great Plains module manual of your choice. Complete all steps, then follow along below. Do not continue on to "ENTERING COMPANY DATA" yet.

NOTE: As you copy the Great Plains files to your hard disk from GPS1 you will be asked if you wish to replace the file .PROFILE/SYSTEM.MISCINFO. Answer "NO" to this question. The file will be skipped by System Utilities.

COPY PROCEDURE:

1. Boot your CATALYST disk (if you haven't already.)
2. Select the Catalyst Editor in the Catalyst main menu.
3. Enter "4" to move Great Plains to the hard disk.
4. You will be asked to put the disk containing the interpreter in the internal disk drive and press the space bar. Insert the Great Plains BOOT disk and press the space bar.
5. You will be asked for the hard disk pathname of the interpreter. Enter "CATALYST/GRTPLN.INTERP".
6. The Great Plains interpreter will be copied to your hard disk.

ADDING GREAT PLAINS ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE TO THE CATALYST MENU

1. Select the Catalyst Editor in the Catalyst main menu.
2. Enter "E" to edit the menu.
3. Use the up and down arrow keys to position the inverse bar over the entry you want the program to precede. Press "A" to add a program entry
4. You will be asked for the display name of this program. Enter "GREAT PLAINS".
5. Enter "CATALYST/GRTPLN.INTERP" as the interpreter pathname.
6. You will be asked for a list of any extra drivers this program requires. Press RETURN.
7. Press RETURN for the character set pathname.
8. Press RETURN for standard character set.
9. Press RETURN again to use the default keyboard.

10. Press RETURN to accept the default prefix.
11. Press RETURN for the "Max Files Allowed... question. This will allow the program to be exited only by the QUIT option of Great Plains. This procedure is suggested due to the fact that files and /or data may be lost if the double Apple escape option is used.
12. Press RETURN for the program path.
13. You will be asked if this entry is correct. If it is, enter "Y" then press ESCAPE to exit to the main menu. If you made any mistakes during entry, enter "N". You may then enter the number of the item you wish to correct. When all items are correct, press ESCAPE. Then press ESCAPE again to exit to the main menu.
14. Enter "5" to update the INTERPS file. When you are asked if you want to recalculate the load address, enter "N".
15. Exit to the CATALYST main menu by entering "Q".

Once these steps have been completed, select the number for Great Plains from the CATALYST menu. When the welcome screen appears,press RETURN and continue the installation process outlined on page 2-6 of the Great Plains manual.

NOTE: Multi-company operation of the Great Plains Accounting package can be accomplished by deleting GRTPLN.DATA from the main directory level of your ProFile. This will force Great Plains to look for that file on .D1. In this way you can create a separate boot diskette for each company as outlined in the appendix of your manual and swap disks as necessary prior to invoking Great Plains via Catalyst.

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