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Macintosh: Advanced Cut & Paste Tips for Multiplan & MS-BASIC

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A limited number of fonts are available in Multiplan; it does, though it have several print options, including (a) printing with or without coordinates, (b) printing with or without cells, and (c) printing in condensed or draft form. If you wish, you can vary the font used in Multiplan by moving the text into a MacWrite document:

1. Simply cut or copy the desired cells.
2. Quit and eject Multiplan.
3. Without rebooting, insert the MacWrite disk.
4. Start up an application.
5. Paste in your model.
6. Customize the type style of the text as you wish.

MacPaint also accepts graphics created in MS-BASIC. To move such a document into MacPaint:

1. Enlarge the MS-BASIC output window to its full extent.
2. Run your graphics program.
3. Key in SHIFT-COMMAND-3. This dumps the screen to disk.
4. Open and modify the resulting Screen file in MacPaint.
5. Move the MacPaint document to MacWrite.

Though the MS-BASIC editor only uses the clipboard for single lines, MS-BASIC programs can write many lines of text to the Clipboard. At present, MS-BASIC does not write graphics to the Clipboard, but it does have text-only access to the Clipboard's facilities through the device name CLIP:. Here is a pair of programs to demonstrate the use of CLIP;; note that the programs do file I/O with text created by the program.

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10 REM Writes to Clipboard
20 Open "CLIP:" for output as #1
30 For i=1 to 10
40 Write#1: , "Hi, I'm Macintosh!"
50 Next i
60 Close #1
70 Close #1
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10 REM Gets data from Clipboard
20 Open "CLIP:" for input as #1
30 While not EOF (1)
40 Input #1,A$
50 Print A$
60 Wend
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You can also use MS-BASIC to manipulate Multiplan data. The working solution elaborates upon the Clipboard example shown above. See Appendix H of the

MS-BASIC manual for more details.
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