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## Datapen Bar-Code Reader

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TOPIC -----

I need a lightpen to read bar-code data that will be stored in a 4th Dimension or Foxbase database. Do you know anything about?

DISCUSSION -----

Datapen is a computer-keyboard interface device used for decoding and entering data via bar codes. Bar-coding can be incorporated into any type of computer terminal or point-of-sale system. There is no need to change the system software, because Datapen emulates the existing keyboard and is completely transparent to the programs in use.

You don't need a decoder, since Datapen itself is a decoder device. The system thinks all the data is entered from the keyboard. To the existing programs, Datapen is invisible.

Contact pen readers, laser scanners, badge readers, CCD scanners, and most other types of intelligent, RS-232, input devices work with Datapen. Datapen supports the following bar-code readers/scanners:

- All Datalogic standard readers
- Pens P10, P31, P32, P40
- Laser hand-held scanner LS8110, DL4100, and DL4200
- CCD hand-held scanner DL60 series
- Slot reader SR11

Datapen supports UPC/EAN, 2/5/5 bars, Code 39, Codabar, 2/5 Interleaved, 2/5, ABC Codabar, MSI, Plessy, Code 32, Code 11, UPC A/E Add on code, 2/5 Datalogic, EAN/LAC, 2/5 Industrial, Delta IBM, Code C.I.P., Code 93, and Code 128.

Datapen installs between the computer and the keyboard. The keyboard cable from the Macintosh is plugged into Datapen, and the Datapen cable is plugged into the computer keyboard.

Apple Computer Model	Datapen Model
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Macintosh, Macintosh Plus	DPA-04
Macintosh SE, II, Apple IIGS	DPA-03

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