

MERLIN SCRIBE

THE PROFESSIONAL WORD PROCESSOR FOR THE DISC BASED BBC COMPUTER

Scribe is a screen-oriented, integrated word processing system specifically designed for non-technical personnel. Text and command functions are fully prompted.

The program comes in a chip with five minute fitting instructions, a 5¼ " floppy disc containing the printer driver and a comprehensive instruction manual.

Model features include:

Automatic disc buffering

The text is moved between disc and computer memory without user intervention. Thus, file (document) size is limited only by disc capacity (up to a maximum of 255 pages).

Status line

The status line displays the name of the file being edited, the page, line number and column at which the cursor is located, and command(s), if any, in current operation.

Directory display

The disc file directory can be displayed as required by the user.

On-screen printer-image text formatting

The effect of margin type (either right-justified or ragged right) and margin settings is displayed on the screen just as the text will appear on paper. The text is automatically formed to the current settings as it is entered. Either setting can be later changed, and the result "previewed". Both settings can be mixed within a document. Selective margination permits "cutting" around an illustration.

Word-Wrap

This eliminates the need to enter a carriage return at the end of each line. A word too long to fit at the end of a line is automatically moved to the next line. RETURN is used only to indicate the end of a paragraph or to create a line space. This eliminates many keystrokes and increases the rate of text entry.

Other Major Facilities are:

- Create up to 255 pages in a single document.
- Screen user selectable 40 or 80 column with choice of background and text colours.
- Insert text at any page on the document whether currently in memory or not.
- Powerful editing commands:
Move, copy and delete with affected text displayed in reverse video. Will move or copy within a page or to any other page in the document.
- Word search and replace - item by item or globally throughout the document.
- "Go to page" - next and previous using up and down cursor keys or go directly to page numbers.
- On screen underlining.
- Format line controls document width and allows setting of right and left margins.
- Tabs set on format line as required.
- Automatic centre and decimal tab.
- Text reformatting.
- Split page and dynamic page break display.
- Word count and display of cursor position by column & line number.
- Will use disc surfaces 0 to 3 as allowed by the BBC system.
- All disc filing operations menu driven, eg. re-name, copy, delete document, compact and catalogue disc, etc. No knowledge of the disc system required.
- Exec document - allows conversion of BASIC programs for editing by word processor and then re-conversion back to either text or program files.
- File merge - one or more documents or other text files may be merged in sequence from any disc drive between 0 and 3.
- Automatic page numbering with page number insertion at any point on the page.
- Headers and footers.
- Total facility print module including selection of serial or parallel output, global printer control codes, page numbering offset, print from page to page, repeat print, etc.
- Selection of up to nine user definable keys for insertion of printer control codes into text, with up to five codes allocated to each key.
- Control number of page display lines for scroll speed increase.

The program comes attractively packaged in a simulated leather grain wallet which contains the manual, disc, chip & function key legend strip.

AVAILABLE SOON:

- A full disc based database system which can be integrated with the existing SCRIBE package or will stand alone.
- Allows over 2000 records to be stored on disc.
- One record equivalent to a screenful of information.
- Maximum access time for any record - 2 seconds.
- Arithmetic calculations and wild card search included.
- Use SCRIBE to format your printer output eg. standard text, list headings, forms layout, etc.

Prices: Complete £59.95 (incl. VAT), post and packing 60p

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