WordStar for Windows departs from its past

Program is fully Windows-compliant and features desktop publishing capabilities

By John Lombardo

WordStar for Windows is a descendant of its predecessors, WordStar and WordStar for DOS. This new product, based on NBI Inc.'s NBI Wordstar 6.0, offers a fully Windows-compliant, frame-based word processing system. Clever, elegant, but sometimes slow, WordStar for Windows competes at the bottom end of the high-powered Windows word processing packages.

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**FEATURES:**

To organize text in a document, WordStar uses a page layout analogy. The documents contain text, graphics, and/or tables. The Window Manager allows you to move and resize text, graphics, and/or tables. You can also use the Window Manager to move and resize text, graphics, and/or tables. You can also use the Window Manager to move and resize text, graphics, and/or tables.

Frames serve as a fundamental organizing tool. Frames can contain text, graphics, or both. Frames can be nested within frames. Frames can be set up in a variety of ways, including specifying the size of the frame, the background color, and the border style.

Two or more frames can be linked so that a body of text (or story line) automatically flows from one frame to the next. Linked frames can be separated by a number of pages. This is analogous to newspaper-style production, in which articles are placed on a single page, and are contained in a single frame. The first frame contains the title, and the second frame contains the body of the text.

The frame layout tool is easy to use, and the layout tool provides a convenient way to organize and structure your text. You can create a new layout by selecting a layout from the menu, or by creating a new layout from scratch. You can also modify existing layouts, or you can save a layout as a template for future use.

**PERFORMANCE:**

Basic editing: WordStar has all the editing features expected of a full-featured word processor. It can handle multiple columns, each with its own column justification. You can search and replace formatting, styles, and templates. It also supports variable justification by paragraph. You can search and replace formatting and styles. It is not, however, the best Windows-compliant frame-based word processing system. Clever, elegant, but sometimes slow, WordStar for Windows competes at the bottom end of the high-powered Windows word processing packages.

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OFFICE/PROFESSIONAL WORD PROCESSOR

WordStar for Windows

VERSION 1.0

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Support:

- Support: (20) Satisfactory
- Technical support: (20) Satisfactory
- Value: (60) Good
- Final score: 6.0

PRODUCT SUMMARY

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List Price: $949

Requisites: IBM 286, Windows 3.1 or higher

Pros:
- Powerful, frame-based system
- Excellent for documents with mixed text, graphics, tables, and text boxes
- Superior layout and design of textual content
- Grows with you, expanding for new features, like merge, mail, and collaboration
- Stores and sorts documents for later use

Cons:
- Limited features compared to Windows-based applications
- May require additional hardware or software

Overall: A powerful word processor for Windows users.
QuickC is a one-stop development tool
Windows integrated environment spares tedious module switching

By Douglas Forer
AND MARCELLA PETRELLY
TEST DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS

Microsoft QuickC for Windows is the first Windows-hosted integrated development environment (IDE) based on the C language — in particular, Microsoft's QuickC.

With the introduction of QuickC for Windows, Microsoft has provided a unique, full-featured Windows applications development product, that solves some where between Microsoft Visual Basic, (see review, August 19, page 59) and the Microsoft C 6.0 Windows Software Development Kit combination (see reviews, September 3, 1990, page 71; April 8, 1991, page 28), Microsoft QuickC is an excellent jumping off point for anyone who has been waiting to take the plunge into Windows programming.

The Windows integrated development environment (IDE) enables all programmers to experience the benefits of working within a graphical environment while developing applications for that environment.

Those benefits quickly become apparent to anyone who has been in the dark and forth between Windows and DOS while struggling to develop a simple Windows interface.

FEATURES:

There's no question that Visual Basic influenced the development of QuickC for Windows. Like Visual Basic, the QuickC system eliminates the need to deal with most of Windows's complexity. Both products put all of your tools for developing Windows applications into one integrated graphical development environment and allow you to use drawing tools instead of code to construct the user interface.

But unlike Visual Basic, these capabilities are integrated within the context of a traditional programming environment — one that offers all the benefits of a C language, including maximum portability, power, and control.

The graphical tools included in QuickC are designed to work with the Windows user interface (GUI) to your Windows applications. This powerful utility lets you easily design the whole user interface right on the screen. QuickC's user interface is designed to be intuitive and easy to learn. It has a number of highlighting features that displays different language elements, such as keywords, comments, and other program control statements. Other helpful features include:

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