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MULTIMEDIA SOFTWARE

The Jammer: great beat, easy to use

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Multimedia developers who need music to accompany a presentation typically seek out MIDI files from public domain or commercial sources, or hire professional musicians to compose original music. The Jammer, a $175 program from Soundtrack, opens the door to a new possibility. This innovative program generates high-quality MIDI files in a wide variety of styles. This is a software for the musical background, but even nonmusicians can produce some impressive musical compositions by letting The Jammer do all the work.

The Jammer requires a Roland MPU-401 or compatible MIDI interface and a multichannel synthesizer to generate the sound (it doesn’t support any sound cards). The program blends elements of a traditional MIDI sequencer with the variety of music styles associated with modern computers. The Jammer has an intuitive interface that allows you to create and edit MIDI sequences.

The Jammer is a great tool for music composition and can be used for various purposes, from creating music for presentations to composing complex compositions. Its simplicity and ease of use make it accessible to musicians of all levels.

APL SOFTWARE

Quicksoft’s PC-Write 4.0 polishes basic tools

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By modern word processor standards, the PC-Write program is a horse-drawn buggy. In features and ease of use, it doesn’t compare to Microsoft Word for Windows, WordPerfect 3.x, or even Ami Pro. But, for those who want something simple, PC-Write is a good choice.

PC-Write comes with a modest spelling checker and a spell-checker for words that are not in the dictionary. It also includes a basic outlining feature and a table of contents feature.

The program is easy to use, with a simple interface and a focus on basic functionality. It is ideal for people who need a basic, effective, and customizable tool. It is a good choice for those who want to create a simple document, such as a letter or a report.

Version 4.0 of PC-Write offers better column control, including block-cut and paste. In addition, the program includes many other features, such as the ability to create forms, tables, and other documents. The program is compatible with many other programs and can be easily integrated into a workflow.