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Don't spand all your money at our swa meat next month, are good things are in store for us conputer orehans. Plans are now cosolets and work is in full arogreas on our next big T! FAlk. The Hisconsin Ti Connutar Council and our Milwauke Area User Group are again working hand in hand to make this year's Fair bigger and better than last year. We're getting started nuch aarfier than last year's last minute preparations and 50 expect more vendors, bicra customers and more funt. We dre getting prat gusort and cogoeration fram the Chicago Group in making this a 2 day, 2 city TI wextho. The Chicaga portion will be gaturday Noveaber 7 followed by ours here in Milwackea Sunday Noventer a at the Cuatity Inn on south Howell Avenue right across from the airport. Lot's of yoluntegr help will be needed in setting up and running the FAlF 30 don't ba bashfult, join in the fun!

Auxilliary Grou Masting Jure 7, Tuasday 7:00FM til 10:00fM

What was formeriy our Epacial Interast Group Mesting on the first fuesday every month, has lately gradually evolvad irito a sort of informal aun:11iary group meating. Usually no more than about a dozen members show up, discuss latest news and ayenta. latest hardware and software offerings, datug programs, ayplain and halo in software oroblens, trade public domath and fraeware grograms and gererally shoot the breges. Several of dur menters Gan't make tha Saturday meetings and thus can make use of our group benefits this way. All mentery ara welcone at the meating and aore should take dovantage of this informal sassion. If, you know of anyone interested in joining our User Group but can't make the saturday rorning meetings, !at thea know that all the group benafits are avaifable at our Tuesday evening neatings also. Lot one of the officera know and find out nore about it.

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Doan ta all Erous membars !!!!!
Now's your big chanca to make some noney zel!ire off al! your no-longar nesjed or extra zomolter or alaetranic related anuoment for good hard cash. Our regular July meating will be one big bargain fest, so come zarly, grab a table, gat ayarything


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Dur swap meat only cones around once a year so if you miss out on it, you'l! just have to wait another year for such a chence to when! and dea!. This shauld bring all the hackers out of their Bummer deldrums!


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## ELECTRONIC MAIL

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270 IF $x=0$ THEN $x=x+1$ ELSE IF $y=0$ THEN $Y=y+1$ ELSE IF $x=6$ THEN $x=x-1$ ELSE IF $Y=0$ THEN $Y=Y-1$
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Flip and Mirror with TI-ARTIST By Beverily Cook

Here's a little tip on a very obscure feature of TI-ARTIST. This feature is mentioned briefly and without much explanation. To flip or mirror a picture or instance, select either the MOVE WITHOUT COLOR or COPY WITHOUT COLOR feature from the enhancement. Position the pen at one of the corners (as shown below) and completely surround the picture with a box. Press the fire button and the picture will be picked up. If you're happy with the position of it, press the fire button agein and the picture will be dropped, but it will be in the direction you wanted the chango made. It's a bit confusing, but try it a time or two and you'll see how it works.



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Aft\#r giving it som thought, I r*aliz\#d that th\# kyboard on my TI is similar to our club. Th\#r\# ar\# num\#rous m\#mb\#rs in th\# club: som\# ar\# mor\# 'visibl\#' than oth\#rs. Som\# m\#mb\#rs participat\# : som\# won't participat\# for can't). I und\#rstand thos\# individuals. who du\# to oth\#r commitm\#nts. can't participat\#. I also und\#rstand thos\# individuals who do not participat* becaus\# tn\#y f\#\#l th\#y can't mak\# a diff\#r\#nc\#. L\#t m\# assur\# you, your participation do\#s mak\# a diff\#r\#nc\#! F\#rhaps you could r\#vi\#w a pi\#c\# of hardwar\# or softwar\# at a m\#\#ting. W\# can always us\# an articl\#-if it's important to you, it's important to oth\#rs! How about donating a modul\# or book to th\# club so \#v\#ryon\# can us\# it? Th\# possibiliti\#\#s ar\# not \#ndi\#ss, but th\#y c\#rtainly ar\# many and div*rs\#.

If th\#r\# is a moral to this story, l\#t


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The first step to creating a worksheet is to decide how many rows and columns you'll neer, did hom the data will be displayed. It is best to shetch this out on paper to get a feet for how it whil look. Also, you'li hed to deciae what formulas will have to be created that use the data contained in the murksheet. Lastly, you mill prolably want to change the formatting required is tor display purposeb. Cull width alignment of the data within the cells, ete.

Now that you hnow hom everything wall look, begin by formattang the cells. Upon start-up, the cells are set with a number of detaults. You may want to change the widths of some columns, to between 3 and 32 columns, to show all of the entry for the colls. If the data in a cell is too large to fit the wiath of the cell, it will be truncatec to ifit, unless it 2 s a sumerical entry, where it will be reulated uy atang of -\#"'s.

Fofimar CELLS is used to set cell alignment and display format. A cell Can be aligned to wither center text for celumnar neaders, etc., or to align data displayed in tables. For instance, a table of doldar
could be shom with a -sin in front and decimal points aligned.

The display formats are used to show how the data appears in a cell. CONrinuous allows the text in a cell to run over the right boundary to the next cell. If adi cells ore made continuous, yau have a word processor-type format. Exp displays numbers to aefined riumer. GENeral is as you see when starting up, values displayed as entered. Integer rounds of 4 all numbers to integers. keplacilar) adds a dollar sign to numoers and rounds to two do use like a bur graph. "\% displays the number in per cerit form. Lastly, the "-" just leaves the setting at the previous option.

Now that the cell formats are defined, it's tiale to start entering duld. Eegin by ldoeling your rows and colunas, as necessary. To enter data, either text or values, move the cursor to the desired cell and hit either you'li be proapted for either text or value. Type in your entry and hit enter either 〈ENTER〉 toreturn to the comand line, or use the appropriate FCTH-ARFOW key to move to the next cell. Whth the FCTN hey, when you land on the next cell, you are prompted only for textivalue entry. in thas case, you do not hit $A$ or $V$ to declare type, but when you begin entering data, Multiplan decides what style the datais, and responds actordingly. The only aisadvantage is that there's a slight deldy between the first character of your entry and the remainder, so it you type in, for instance, the word "TOTALS" too quichly, all you'll see in the cell is "TTOLS". After becomes less apparent. When entering data, if an error is made, do not use the FCIN-S key to backspact for correction (as programmers are used tol, the dackspace key 15 CTKL-H (as telecommuncation folks are used tol.

1f. after creating part of a worksheet, you need to add or delete rows or columns, three commands apply. DELETE completely removes any number of rows or columns. BLANK just removes the datain the cells, the row/columns remain and retain their formats. INSERT ereates a new row or column set to the default settings.

Formulas are used to perform a mathematical computation upon the data in acell or group of cells. One example is in a sales order form, where you have a columin of dita that is totaled at the oottom, multiplied by tax percentage, and the tax ddded to the result. The ceil in which the sub-total is to appear would contan a formula describing a sum of the data in the columns, expressed as either d chain addition probien,
(RJCE+RACS+...+RIOCS) or using ths SUM() function and a range of cells. (SUM(RJCS:RIOCS)). The formulas can become quite complex, depencing on the work performed. Appendix C contains a list of the mathematical functions that can be used in builuing formulas.

Formulas can also consist of names of cells as the opperand, as in "SUBTOTAL $\times .079 "$, to calculate the entry for a cell named rax. Names are assigned with the nalie command. Names can ber any Continluous string of alphat numerac characters, but must bagin with a letter. Samply place the cur wur over the cell to name and press $N$. Yype tri the desired name to the resuons field, and TAB to the next field. The current cell mill be shown ab the ell response, to move the cursor fros the current toce the to he end the
 named. Names can also be used in the Goro command to atd an awving quabily to a location. "Guro rorals" for example.

Whadows allow you to view nore than one drea uf your worksheet at une time. You can split a row or columin of tatles to form a mindow over the data, so as the cursor is moved throughout the morkshetet, the headers developed in one and duvided into mindows so ali can te setor ar onci, fifter selecting the window command, four optians are shum. SPLIT is what upent the winaows, elther horizontally, vertically, or at preset titita. Llthillu two or more windows scrolls theal together as you move through the worksheet. BOFDER is used to put a border of any character surrounding the windows. to make theal easier to read. A windom is cancelled with the CIUSE ptaon.

Onfe you have finally created the worksheet, and all the data nab leer entered, what do you do with it? In a sense, the end product is the: and a printed copy might become outdated quichly. After all, that's part, ut the reason you are working on an Electronic Spreadsrieet in the forst place the instant and easy update of information.

In some eases though, a prantout is desared, eather an the furm uf a disk file that can be incorforated into d document on a word procebsor, or hard-copy printaut for reference. The printer conimiand lids fuur uptions used in printing the worksheet. File prints the worksheet to disk in display printing a hard copy, you must first set margins and print options. The MARGINS option sets the liaits of rows and columis in the printout, alumg with indentations and paginations. Options defines the portion of the worksheet to be printea, using d range of cells. The set-up field cantans te device name of your printer. The last two fields let you print the formulas "hidden" in cells, and whether or not to print the row/columa numbers. After margins and options dre detined, select the PRIHIER cptiun co begin the print-aic. li the wida of the worksheet exceeds the wath of your pranter carriage, the leet half will be printed entirely. then the righ half beluw that, so the two can be cut-\&-pasted together.

In some cases, you may be working on a number of worlisheets that are related to each other, such as in dusiness with Sales/faymollandentaky spreadsheets. These separate files can be linked togethur so data can
drawn from, as an example, tne INVEHTORY file to oe used in the Sales worksheet and anformation from SALES could te used in FAYKill.

The EXTEFNAL command, (press "x" at command line) is used to COFY dat from an inactive shett into the active one. You are prompted for the eli, the destination cell of the data, and the LiNk ontion If Lilk selected, then the two sneets will become lariked so that when the destination sheet is loaded, the source sheet will autanatically be used to supply data where needed. The LIST option displays the names of all shetets supporting the active sheet. The USE option allows you to switch which nactve sheets wil support the active sheet, so long as they are in the same format. As an example, the sales sheet would call upon ditierent INVENTORY sheets for each month, all created in the same format, with different data.






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 record 0 and indicating there are no records following．That messy gort of besiness behind us we arfiva at the main mond．the
 program，you have to DUIT（FCTM－4）to use a difarent file．



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 by TI－WRITER．You can convert，to any fila type you mi＝h by

 write a file big enuff to fill the disk．There is olenty of menorv lait for orogimentation becalse the grogran aze all the data on the disk，so the EASY KRITER rolls along．

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    ?(Y/N)":A$
    40 IF (A$="N")+(A$="n")THEN
    6 0
    50 FRINT #1, REC (): ")"
    60 PRINT "1.READ":"2.NRITE":
    "3.贝UIT":
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10 IMPIT＂Filename？＂：A\＄
20 DPEN \＃L：AT，IPDATE，DISPLAY ，RELATIVE，FIXED 80
30 INPIT＂LS THIS A NEW FILE ？（Y／N）＂：A\＄
40 IF $\left(A \$={ }^{*} \mathrm{~N}^{\prime \prime}\right)+\left(A \$={ }^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{n}^{\prime \prime}\right)$ THEN 60

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