



COMPUTER CROSSWORDS

Instructions for the
Apple and IBM PC Programs

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APPLE II, II+, IIe, IIc, III
(Emulation) (48K DOS 3.3) 1 Disk
IBM PC 64K 1 Disk

START UP

APPLE: Load the Computer Crosswords disk with the Apple side up in Drive #1 and boot your computer in the normal fashion.

IBM: Boot your machine in the normal fashion. After you receive the prompt > A, load the Computer Crossword Disk with the IBM side up in Drive A. Type CC, then press enter. The program will ask if you are using a color/graphics monitor or a monochrome text monitor. After you answer this question, press enter, then Computer Crosswords will load and execute.

VIEWING

APPLE: Computer Crosswords uses monochrome high resolution graphics. If you are using a color TV as a monitor, viewing can be enhanced by turning the color control off and increasing the picture contrast. Make other adjustments to your set as necessary for best viewing.

IBM: Computer Crosswords can be displayed on any monitor capable of 80 column text display. Either a text monitor or monitor using a color/graphics adaptor card can be used.

SELECTING

After loading, Computer Crosswords displays a puzzle selection screen with the theme names of 30 puzzles. Use the space bar to move

between columns on the Apple, and **CURSOR** (arrow) keys to move the selector arrow to the name of the puzzle you wish to solve, then press **RETURN** or **ENTER**.

MOVING

When the selected puzzle is displayed, you will see the clues associated with the first letter in the puzzle. The letter square where you are working on the crossword is marked by the flashing **CURSOR**. Use your **CURSOR** keys to move to different areas of the puzzle for solving. **(For the Apple II and II+, the period and comma are used for vertical CURSOR movement.** The correct clues for every puzzle location are always shown at the top of the screen.

SOLVING

To solve the puzzle simply type in your answer for the displayed clues. The word you enter will be displayed horizontally or vertically in the puzzle, depending upon the **WORKING MODE**; i.e., whether you are working **ACROSS** or working **DOWN** (displayed directly beneath the clues). To change between **ACROSS** and **DOWN**, simply press the **SPACE BAR**.

SPECIAL MOVES

Two ways of quickly moving through the puzzle are (1) to type the question mark ? (shift and /); and (2) pressing **RETURN** after entering an answer. The ? moves you to the beginning of the word that the **CURSOR** is on. Pressing **RETURN** will move the **CURSOR** back to the puzzle location where you began entering your last answer. **Pressing RETURN a SECOND time will change the working mode, and automatically advance to the next blank square.** When you use the

?, then type in an answer, note that the **CURSOR** skips over any letters previously entered in the word. To change any letter simply move on top of it with the **CURSOR** and retype the letter.

SOLVING HINTS

Certain types of solving hints are available in Computer Crosswords. These hints are used by typing the / followed by certain letters. The hints are: /C — **CLUE LIST**.

APPLE: The puzzle will flash off and you will see the puzzle clues in the same order they would appear in a printed puzzle. In front of each clue are a number of underlines indicating the number of letters in each answer. You may go down this list and enter your answer (or partial answer) to any of the clues used in the puzzle. Press **RETURN** to move to the next answer. At any time you may type a slash (/) and go back to the normal puzzle display. Answers entered through the clue list are shown on the puzzle screen and answers entered on the puzzle screen will be found in the clue list as well. Use a **MINUS** (–) or a **SPACE** for a blank in your answers.

IBM: The puzzle remains on the right side of the screen, clues are displayed sequentially on the left side of the screen. A pointer shows which clue you are working on, and the blinking **CURSOR** in the puzzle shows where your answer will go. Enter all or any part of your answer. You can type a **MINUS** sign or **SPACE** to erase any letter in your answer. The keys move within the answer, and pressing **ENTER** moves you to the next clue.

Typing (@) moves you back to the beginning of the displayed clues (one “page”.) Repeated @’s move to previous “pages” of displayed clues.

Typing the **SLASH (/)** at any time returns you to the normal solving mode.

/L — This hint gives you the correct **letter** of the answer for the space where the **CURSOR** is currently located.

/A — This hint will put the correct **answer** for a **COMPLETE WORD** on the screen for the word where the **CURSOR** is currently located.

/W — This hint is a **word check** which checks the current word and replaces incorrect letters (or blanks) with question marks so you can check your answer.

/P — This command checks the entire puzzle and works in the same fashion as the **/W** by displaying a **?** at any location in the entire puzzle that does not match the correct puzzle answer.

HELP MENU

Computer Crosswords will display a summary of its instructions in a “help menu” to the left of the puzzle while you are solving the puzzle. To turn this display on or off, simply type **/H**.

ERASING

To change a letter in your answer, move the cursor to the letter to change, then type the new letter. To erase a letter in a puzzle, type the **MINUS** sign or **SPACE**. To erase a word in the puzzle, type **/E**. The across or down word over which the **CURSOR** is positioned is erased from the screen. To erase an entire puzzle, start (working **ACROSS**) at the first (top left) puzzle letter and hold down the **UNDERLINE** key (**SHIFT** and **MINUS**) so it will repeat. In this way a puzzle (or any part of it) can be erased (then saved with a **/***) to let someone else work on the same puzzle.

SAVING YOUR SOLUTION

At any time during solving a puzzle, or to save a complete solution, type / followed by an *. Computer Crosswords then saves your solution on the disk. The next time this puzzle is selected, your solution will be automatically displayed.

CAUTION

Normal operation of Computer Crosswords involves numerous disk accesses. Protect your disk by NEVER interrupting the program while the disk is in use.

PUZZLE REFERENCES

Accomplished puzzle solvers pride themselves on solving a puzzle without reference to dictionaries or other books. The use of references, however, improves solving skills and makes puzzle solving a true educational experience. Using the following references, in fact, leads to a familiarity with these sources that is rewarding in itself. All Computer Crosswords puzzle answers have been verified using the following references:

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary; G & C Merriam Company, Springfield, Massachusetts, 1976

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