

DISK EJECTOR

Rescue your 3.5-inch disks from the crocodile's maw. With just a simple CALL statement, your Applesoft programs can now eject the disk out of a UniDisk 3.5 or an Apple 3.5 drive in both the ProDOS and DOS 3.3 environments. When your program encounters a write-protected disk, it can eject the offending disk instead of just beeping at you.

You can customize your program's QUIT option with Disk Ejector to eject all 3.5-inch disks before exiting. No more accidentally leaving the disks in the drives when you turn your computer off for the evening. All it takes is one CALL to the eject routine for each 3.5-inch drive attached.

Just like the Finder, your Applesoft programs can eject 3.5-inch disks. This short machine-language utility works under DOS 3.3 and ProDOS.

BSAVE DISK.EJECTOR,A\$8000,L\$115

Then key in the demonstration program found in Listing 3 and save it with the command:

SAVE EJECT.DEMO

For help with entering *Nibble* listings, see the Typing Tips section.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The original method of ejecting 3.5-inch disks was presented by Tom Weishaar in his *Open-Apple* newsletter (Vol. 2/No. 5, page 2.38). His version was put into memory by way of the Lam method, could not easily be

moved to any other area of memory, and required you to POKE in the slot and drive numbers. The program presented here can be BLOADED into memory, is fully relocatable, and allows the user to pass the slot and drive numbers as variables. It also prevents the user from accidentally requesting a slot number higher than seven or reformatting a SCSI hard disk drive.

This program must modify several portions of itself, including the parameter table, in order to be relocatable. It first stores the address where it started (the address of the last CALL can be found at locations \$50 and \$51). The program then deciphers what the desired slot number is, verifies that it's less than eight, gets the entry point for the desired slot, and then modifies the address of the JSR command (Listing 1, line 130). The entry point is found by first getting the value at \$C5FF (where *s* is the slot number) and adding it to \$C503.

Next, it determines the desired drive number and stores it. Before the program goes any further, it checks the requested slot to verify that a Smartport card (such as the IIc's or IIGS's disk port, or a UniDisk 3.5-inch controller card) is present. If any other card (Disk II, SCSI, and so on) is detected, a special error code is stored in location 255 and control is returned to the calling program. This traps most, but not all, possible misuses of this routine. Another check is done to verify that the requested drive is indeed a 3.5-inch drive, which is necessary because devices other than a 3.5-inch drive can be connected to the IIc's or the IIGS's disk port. If a non-3.5-inch drive is requested, then a special error code is stored in location 255 and control is returned to the calling program.

Finally, the parameters are passed to the drive and the disk is ejected. If an error (such as "DEVICE NOT CONNECTED") occurs, then its error number is saved in location 255 (an unused zero page location) before control is returned to the user.

Since this routine actually bypasses the disk operating system and communicates directly with the disk controller card, it works under both ProDOS and DOS 3.3. However, Apple IIGS owners should be careful when using this routine. ProDOS 8 will remap the third

EJECTING A DISK

Two values need to be passed to the eject routine in order for it to eject your 3.5-inch disk. These values are the slot number the drive is attached to and the number of the drive. The syntax for this CALL statement is:

CALL EJ,S,D

where EJ is the address at which the eject routine starts in memory, S is the slot number, and D is the drive number. When this statement is executed, the 3.5-inch drive's light comes on, the ejection mechanism whines, and the disk pops out.

As an example, let's assume that you want your program to eject the disk in slot 5, drive 1, and you have loaded the routine at location 32768. Your CALL would look like this:

CALL 32768,5,1

If you want to eject the disk in drives 1 and 2, your program segment would be as follows:

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1020 S = 5
1010 D = 1
1020 EJ = 32768
1030 CALL EJ,S,D
1040 D = 2
1050 CALL EJ,S,D
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That's all it takes!

ENTERING THE PROGRAM

To enter the disk ejector routine, key in the assembly language source code in Listing 1 and assemble it. If you do not have an assembler, enter the Monitor with a CALL -151, key in the hex code found in Listing 2, and save it using the command:

and four 3.5-inch drives attached to the Smartport to slot 2. The disk ejector works with physical addresses, not ProDOS' logical addresses. This means that the disk ProDOS, considers to be in slot 2, drive 1 is considered to be in slot 5, drive 3 by the disk ejector.

If you have the IIGS RAM disk enabled and have two 3.5-inch drives connected to the Smartport, keep in mind that the RAM disk is slot 5, drive 2. This means that the second drive is actually slot 5, drive 3 to the disk ejector.

If you try to eject a disk from a drive that doesn't exist, a "DEVICE NOT CONNECTED" error (number 40) will be returned to your program. Try ejecting the disk in slot 5, drive 20 to verify this error. You may check for errors by PEEKing memory location 255 (\$00FF) after the CALL. Always remember to store a zero here either after checking or before the CALL, to ensure that errors are cleared between occurrences.

If the slot number passed to the ejector is greater than seven, then a "SYNTAX ERROR" message will be returned and location 255 will contain a special error code (203). The same error message is also generated if you leave out a comma or a variable in the CALL statement. Since location 255 will contain an unknown value, always check both the regular error number (location 222) and the special error number (location 255).

MODIFICATIONS

This routine is self-modifying, so any changes made must be

handled carefully. Make sure that the upper portion of this routine is still accessible through the use of zero page indexed addressing. If you add any additional features, you may need to either modify the address mode used for the self-modification or place your additions at the end of the routine.

Possible modifications include setting slot 5 as the default, or making this routine work as an ampersand routine for use with the Beagle Bros ProDOS Compiler or Roger Wagner's ampersand utilities. To use it with Roger Wagner's toolbox series of ampersand commands, you must eliminate the JSR CHCKCOM from line 93 and change the locations from which the starting address is read. If you are using an assembler to make these changes, simply delete line 93 and change the locations in lines 62 and 64 from \$50 and \$51 to \$5E and \$5F. If you are making these changes without an assembler, then follow these steps:

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BLOAD DISK EJECTOR.AS8000
POKE 32769,94
POKE 32773,95
POKE 32789,234
POKE 32790,234
POKE 32791,234
BSAVE DISK EJECTOR.AS8000,L$115
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Be sure to make these changes on a backup copy of this routine — just in case something goes wrong, goes wrong, goes wrong....

LISTING 1: DISK EJECTOR.S

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1 .....
2 *
3 DISK EJECTOR FOR APPLE
4 * 3.5 INCH DISK DRIVES
5 *
6 * Syntax: CALL EJ S,D
7 *
8 * EJ= ADDRESS OF ROUTINE
9 * S = SLOT # (1-7)
10 * D = DRIVE # (1-127)
11 * BOTH MUST BE GIVEN!!!!
12 *
13 * BY Tim Siskert
14 *
15 * COPYRIGHT (C) 1988
16 * BY MICROPAR, INC.
17 * Concord, MA 01742
18 *
19 * MERLIN PRO V2 $4
20 *
21 .....
22 *
23 * ORG $0000
24 *
25 CAPP EQU $00FF Address of requested slot
26 * (rewritten during execution)
27 CHCKCOM EQU $EDEE Checks for comma
28 FFORMUL EQU $DD47 Evaluates passed formula
29 GETADR EQU $E252 Converts # in FAC to an integer
30 LSHASH EQU $0050 Lo-byte of integer from GETADR
31 DRIVE EQU $00FA Storage for requested drive #
32 SLOT EQU $00FB Stores address for slot #
33 US EQU $00FD Stores address for start of
34 * this routine
35 MEMBIT EQU $00A0 This value will be rewritten
36 * during execution
37 INSHRH EQU $0099 Store error code here when done
38 CMC EQU $00 Store 0 = Status, 4 = Control
39 DRV EQU $00 Smartport drive #
40 SUBCOM EQU $00 3 = Request DIB
41 SIZE EQU $00 Number of bytes in CTL
42 TYPE EQU $00 Type = $01 for 3.5" disk
43 *
44 * SPECIAL ERROR CODES
45 BADDRV EQU $CA Requested drive NOT a 3.5"
46 BADSLOT EQU $CB Requested slot higher than 7
47 BADCARD EQU $CC Requested slot not a Smartport
48 *
49 * Any line beginning with the label 'Pa*' where xx is
50 * a number MUST be present when you assemble this program
51 * These labels are used to determine offsets that are
52 * REQUIRED for this program to work properly.
53 *
54 *
55 * First, we buffer off the address where this routine
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54 * is currently located and store it at 'US'. If you want
55 * to modify this routine to work from a language other
56 * than APPLESOFT, then you will have to replace the next
57 * four lines of code with a different method for deter-
58 * mining where this routine starts in memory.
59 *
60 START LDA $50 Lo-byte of where routine starts
61 STA US Buffer it to $00FE
62 LDA $51 Hi-byte of where routine starts
63 STA US+1 Buffer it to $00FF
64 *
65 *
66 *
67 *
68 * The starting address is needed so that this routine can
69 * use zero page indexed addressing to access portions of
70 * itself. Since the last portion of this program is where
71 * the 'self-referencing' is taking place, and since this
72 * routine is more than 255 bytes long (the upper limit for
73 * zero-page indexed addressing is 255), we must adjust
74 * 'US'. This makes sure that all of the upper portion of
75 * this routine can be accessed by means of zero-page
76 * indexed addressing.
77 *
78 *
79 CLC
80 ADC #PAS-START Add adjustment
81 STA US Save new lo-byte of US
82 LDA US+1 Get hi-byte of 'US'
83 ADC #BND Adjust hi-byte
84 STA US+1 Save new hi-byte of US
85 *
86 *
87 * Now get the comma that lives between 'EJ' and 'S' in the
88 * user's CALL EJ,S,D command. If you want to use this
89 * routine with an ampersand handler that puts the comma for
90 * you, then either remove the following line or replace it
91 * with three NOP's
92 *
93 JSR CMCDM ;SYNTAX ERROR if no comma
94 *
95 *
96 * Evaluate the slot passed from the calling program. Make
97 * sure that it is less than 8 (since the highest numbered
98 * slot is slot 7). Returns with a 'SYNTAX ERROR and out5
99 * a special error code into location $00FF if the slot
100 * number is higher than seven. If there is an syntax error
101 * in the expression for D location $00FF contains a
102 * number higher than seven. If there is an syntax error
103 * in the expression for 'S', then a 'SYNTAX ERROR' is
104 * returned and location $00FF contains garbage left by
105 * another routine.
106 *
107 JSR FFORMUL Evaluate S
108 JSR GETADR Convert it to an integer and
109 * store at locations $50 and $51
110 LDA LSHASH Get lo-byte from $50
111 CMP #0B Is slot between 0 and ??
112 BCC CONT Yes, so continue
113 LDA BADSLOT No, so prepare special error
114 STA USERRR Save it for the user
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LISTING 1: DISK.EJECTOR.S (continued)

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113      RTS      ;Return to calling program
114 CONT  ADC  #3D0 ;Prepare '3Cs' where 's' is slot
115      STA SLOT+1 ;Store as hi-byte of 'SLOT'
116      LDA #000 ;Prepare lo-byte of 'SLOT'
117      STA SLOT ;'SLOT' now contains $C000
118
119
120 - Now eat the comma between 'S' and 'D' of the CALL from
121 the user.
122
123      JSR  CHECKCOM ;SYNTAX ERROR if no comma
124
125
126 - Evaluate the drive number that the user passed to us.
127 - If there is a syntax error in the expression for 'D'
128 - then a 'SYNTAX ERROR' is returned and location $0009
129 contains garbage left by some other routine.
130
131      JSR  FRMNUM ;Evaluate 'D'
132      JSR  GETADR ;Convert 'D' to an integer and
133 ;store at locations $50 and $51
134      LDA LINNUM ;Get the lo-byte
135      STA DRIVE ;Save it for later
136
137
138 - Verify that the requested slot contains a Smartport.
139 - If not then return the special error code for 'BADCARD'.
140
141      LDY #01 ;First signature byte is at $C01
142      LDA (SLOT).Y ;Get signature byte #1
143      CMP #20 ;Is it correct?
144      BEQ NEXT1 ;Yes, go check signature byte #2
145      LDA #BADCARD ;No, so prepare special error
146      STA USERERR ;Save it for the user
147      RTS ;Return to calling program
148
149 NEXT1  LDY #03 ;Next signature byte is at $C03
150      LDA (SLOT).Y ;Get signature byte #2
151      CMP #00 ;Is it correct?
152      BEQ NEXT2 ;Yes, go check signature byte #3
153      LDA #BADCARD ;No, so prepare special error
154      STA USERERR ;Save it for the user
155      RTS ;Return to calling program
156
157 NEXT2  LDY #05 ;Next signature byte is at $C05
158      LDA (SLOT).Y ;Get signature byte #3
159      CMP #03 ;Is it correct?
160      BEQ NEXT3 ;Yes, go check signature byte #4
161      LDA #BADCARD ;No, so prepare special error
162      STA USERERR ;Save it for the user
163
164 NEXT3  LDY #07 ;Next signature byte is at $C07
165      LDA (SLOT).Y ;Get signature byte #4
166      CMP #0B ;Is it correct?
167      BEQ PAS ;Yes, so continue
168      LDA #BADCARD ;No, so prepare special error
169      STA USERERR ;Save it for the user
170      RTS ;Return to calling program
171
172
173 - Now that we know we're talking to a Smartport, we need
174 to set up the command list. We'll use the drive as
175 - that we can verify it is a 3.5" drive. To do this, we
176 need to calculate the Smartport entry point. This is
177 always three more than the Prodos entry point. The
178 Prodos entry point is found by adding the value in $CAFF
179 to $C000.
180
181 PAS    LDY #FFF ;Prepare to get byte at $CAFF
182      LDA (SLOT).Y ;Get value at $CAFF
183      CLC
184      ADC #03 ;Add three to it
185      STA SLOT ;Save it in lo-byte of 'SLOT'
186
187
188 - Pay attention, things get tricky here. First, we modify
189 the 'REWRITE' portion of JSR REWRITE. (The accumulator
190 already holds the lo-byte of the Smartport's entry
191 point).
192
193      LDY #DOIT-PAS-1 ;Offset to middle byte of
194 ;JSR REWRITE
195      STA (US).Y ;Put lo-byte of Smartport entry
196 ;point into JSR REWRITE
197      LDA SLOT-1 ;Get hi-byte of Smartport entry
198      INY ;Adjust offset
199      STA (US).Y ;Put hi-byte of Smartport entry
200 ;point into JSR REWRITE
201
202 - Now, modify the address of the command list (CMDLIST).
203
204      LDA US ;Get lo-byte of this routine's
205 ;starting address
206      LDY #PS-PAS ;Offset to pointer to CMDLIST
207      CLC
208      ADC #CMDLIST-PAS ;Offset to CMDLIST itself
209      STA (US).Y ;CMDLIST pointer's lo-byte
210      LDA US+1 ;Get ready to do hi-byte
211      ADC #000 ;Hi-byte of CMDLIST's pointer
212      INY ;Adjust the offset
213      STA (US).Y ;CMDLIST pointer's hi-byte
214
215
216 - Now, we modify the address of the control list (CTL).
217
218      LDA US ;Get lo-byte of this routine's
219 ;starting address
220      LDY #PS-PAS ;Offset to pointer to CTL
221      CLC
222      ADC #CTL-PAS ;Offset to CTL itself
223      STA (US).Y ;Rewrite CTL pointer's lo-byte
224      LDA US+1 ;Get ready to do hi-byte
225      ADC #000 ;Hi-byte for CTL's pointer
226      INY ;Adjust offset
227      STA (US).Y ;Rewrite CTL pointer's hi-byte
228
229
230 - Now, we modify the address portion of 'JSR DO_IT'.
231
232      LDY #PI-PAS-1 ;Offset to middle byte of

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END OF LISTING 1

LISTING 2: DISK.EJECTOR

Start: 8000 Length: 115

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70 8000:A5 50 85 FD A5 51 85 FE
05 8008:18 A5 FD 69 72 85 FD A5
B7 8010:FE 69 00 85 FE 20 BE DE
96 8018:20 67 DD 20 52 E7 A5 50
D1 8020:C9 08 90 05 A9 CB 85 FF
ED 8028:60 69 C0 85 FC A9 00 85
04 8030:FB 20 BE DE 20 67 DD 20
29 8038:52 E7 A5 50 85 FA A0 01
4F 8040:B1 FB C9 20 70 05 A9 CC
63 8048:85 FF 60 A0 03 B1 FB C9
EB 8050:00 F0 05 A9 CC 85 FF 60
7D 8058:A0 05 B1 FB C9 03 F0 05
45 8060:A9 CC 85 FF 60 A0 07 B1
35 8068:FB C9 00 F0 05 A9 CC 85
D9 8070:FF 60 A0 FF B1 FB 18 69
FE 8078:03 85 FB A0 7D 91 FD A5
87 8080:FC C8 91 FD A5 FD A0 80
15 8088:18 69 85 91 FD A5 FE 69
87 8090:00 C8 91 FD A5 FD A0 87
F0 8098:18 69 8A 91 FD A5 FE 69
E9 80A0:00 C8 91 FD A0 55 A5 FD
6F 80A8:18 69 7C 91 FD A5 FE 69
38 80B0:00 C8 91 FD A5 FA A0 86
3D 80B8:91 FD A9 00 A0 7F 91 FD
83 80C0:A9 03 A0 89 91 FD 20 EE
F2 80C8:80 90 03 85 FF 60 A0 9F
95 80D0:B1 FD C9 01 F0 05 A9 CA
96 80D8:85 FF 60 A9 04 A0 7F 91
31 80E0:FD A0 89 91 FD A9 00 A0
CE 80E8:8A 91 FD C8 91 FD 20 00
07 80F0:00 00 F7 80 85 FF 60 03
B4 80F8:00 FC 80 00 00 00 00 00
8D 8100:00 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
A0 8108:20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20
3C 8110:20 00 00 00 00

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TOTAL: 6552

END OF LISTING 2

LISTING 3: EJECT.DEMO

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37 10 REM *****
C0 20 REM + EJECT.DEMO +
B9 30 REM + BY TIM SWIHART +
AE 40 REM + COPYRIGHT (C) 1988 +
CB 50 REM + BY MICROSPARC, INC +
24 60 REM + CONCORD, MA 01742 +
45 70 REM *****
50 80 ONERR GOTO 180
5E 90 S = 5:D = 1: REM SLOT 5, DRIVE 1
4E 100 D$ = CHR$(4):EJ = 32768
1C 110 PRINT D$;"BLOAD DISK.EJECTOR,A$8000"
6A 120 TEXT : HOME : PRINT "ATTEMPTING TO EJECT F
ROM SLOT ";S
49 130 PRINT SPC(24)"DRIVE ";D
A0 140 CALL EJ,S,D
35 150 IF PEEK(255) < > 0 THEN 180
3F 160 PRINT : PRINT "SUCCESS!"; CHR$(7)
85 170 END
4D 180 ER = PEEK(255):EC = PEEK(222):EL = PEE
K(218) + 255 + PEEK(219)
F7 190 IF ER = 39 THEN PRINT : PRINT "I/O ERROR"
: CHR$(7): END
2A 200 IF ER = 40 THEN PRINT : PRINT "NO DEVICE
CONNECTED"; CHR$(7): END
4B 210 IF ER = 202 THEN PRINT : PRINT "REQUESTED
DRIVE IS NOT A 3.5"; CHR$(34);" DRIVE.";
CHR$(7): END
09 220 IF ((ER = 203) AND (EC = 16)) THEN PRINT
: PRINT "REQUESTED SLOT NUMBER MUST": PRINT
"BE IN RANGE 0 TO 7."; CHR$(7): END
9F 230 IF ER = 204 THEN PRINT : PRINT "REQUESTED
SLOT IS NOT A SMARTPORT"; CHR$(7): END
B1 240 IF EC = 16 THEN PRINT : PRINT "SYNTAX ERR
OR IN LINE ";EL; CHR$(7): END
42 250 PRINT : PRINT "ERROR NUMBER ";ER;" HAS OCC
URRED IN LINE ";EL; CHR$(7): END

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TOTAL: AA4B

END OF LISTING 3