



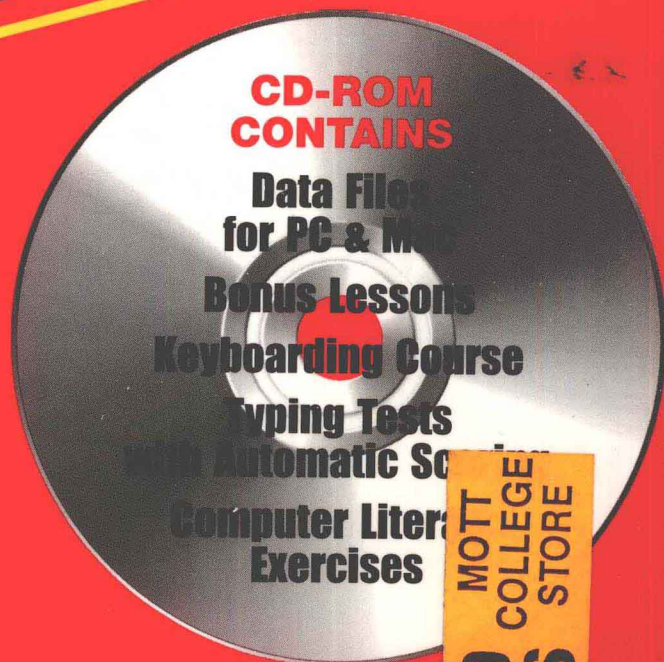
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# Introduction

When you need to practice the computer skills you've learned in class, spend some time with a computer and this book, **Learning Computer Applications: Projects and Exercises**. It offers word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheet, database, presentation graphics, integration, and Internet exercises geared to help you feel more confident completing essential tasks.

Within each section, early exercises reinforce basic skills. Working through those earlier exercises prepares you for the later exercises, which present intermediate-level challenges.

## How We've Organized the Book

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**Learning Computer Applications: Projects and Exercises** divides information into seven main sections:

- **Introduction to Computers and Applications** Reviews basic features of personal computers and applications, as well as Windows and Macintosh software.
- **Word Processing** Presents exercises for creating and editing documents.
- **Desktop Publishing** Offers exercises for applying formatting to word processing documents to make the documents more readable and attractive.
- **Spreadsheet** Gives you exercises for creating spreadsheets to organize and calculate data.
- **Database** Provides exercises so you can practice organizing lengthy lists of information.
- **Presentation Graphics** Contains exercises to hone your skills in developing effective on-screen presentations.
- **Integration and Internet Features** Includes exercises for both using various applications together and using applications in conjunction with the Internet.

All sections—but the first—group exercises by topic into lessons. Every exercise stands alone, so you can use the section and lesson names to find exercises you most need, and then work through those exercises in any order.

In addition, the book includes a **GLOSSARY** of important computer and software terms you need to understand, work with, and talk about, including terms about the Internet and World Wide Web.

The focus of this book is on applying computer skills—not on keyboarding. This way students can focus on the tasks essential to the exercise’s objective rather than on typing or data entry. As a result, many of the exercises are designed to be created with the provided data files. Some data files may contain formatting that may not be evident in the exercise illustration. If you choose to have the students create the exercises from scratch, have them work to match the illustrations. Encourage students to apply their critical thinking skills as they create the various documents. As an additional aid for classes not working with the data files, a 3-ring binder that contains printouts of data files is available from DDC Publishing (catalog number ADX). The data file printouts are annotated to indicate formatting, font sizes, spacing, etc. as needed. The printouts of the data files can be copied and distributed to students as an additional reference for creating the documents from scratch.

## **Beyond the Book:**

### **Current Events Projects and Activities on the Web**

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Visit the DDC Web site at [www.ddcpub.com/projects](http://www.ddcpub.com/projects) for free Web-based projects and activities designed to supplement the exercises in this book. Each month DDC will post new projects that provide students with guidelines to create their own documents. The projects’ themes will deal with current events and special interest areas—like sports, entertainment, and travel. For example, students may be asked to create a database of their favorite basketball team’s players and scores. All exercises call on the students’ critical-thinking skills. Projects are listed by application—such as word processing, spreadsheets, database—and all the projects are generic. Some activities will integrate multiple applications, and many will require using the Internet as a research tool.

## **Support Material**

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A complete instructor support package is available with all the tools teachers need:

- Annotated teacher’s edition includes entire student book with teacher notes, course curriculum guide, and lesson plans. (Catalog number XTM)
- Upgraded binder test bank with pre- and post-assessment tests, mid-term exams, and final exams. (Catalog number BTX)
- Transparencies of the exercise solutions. (Catalog number TX)
- Printouts of solutions in a three-ring binder. (Catalog number BSLX)
- Printouts of data files in a three-ring binder. Printouts include detailed annotation of necessary formatting. (Catalog number ADX)
- CD of exercise solution files in both PC and Mac formats. Solution files are available in the following formats: Microsoft Office 2000 (PC), Microsoft Office 97 (PC), Corel WordPerfect Suite 8 (PC), Microsoft Works 5 (PC), Microsoft Office 98 (Mac), and AppleWorks 5 (Mac). (Catalog number SLX)

- Three-ring binder of all necessary procedures. The procedures correlate with the lessons in the book—covering all skills necessary to complete the exercises. Procedure pages can be used to create overhead transparencies, or they can be copied and distributed to students. The procedures are available for the following applications:
  - Microsoft Office 2000 (PC)—catalog number KSX1
  - Microsoft Office 97 (PC)—catalog number KSX2
  - Corel WordPerfect Suite 8 (PC)—catalog number KSX3
  - Microsoft Works 5 (PC)—catalog number KSX4
  - Microsoft Office 98 (Mac)—catalog number KSX5
  - AppleWorks 5 (Mac)—catalog number KSX6
- Transparencies of the exercise solutions. (Catalog number TX)

## **Working with Files and Disks**

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As you work through the exercises in this book, you'll be creating, opening, and saving files. Keep the following instructions in mind as you do so:

- Unless the book instructs otherwise, use the default settings for text size, margin size, and so on when you're creating a file. If someone has changed the default software settings for the computer you're using, your exercise files may not look the same as those shown in this book. In addition, the appearance of your files may look different if the system is set to a screen resolution other than 800 x 600. If any of these differences confuse you, ask your instructor for help.
- Many exercises instruct you to open a file from the CD-ROM that comes with this book. The files are organized into particular folders on the CD-ROM. Or, your instructor may have copied the files to a particular folder or network location. Ask your instructor if you need help finding the exercise files.
- The Directory of Files at the beginning of each section lists the exercise file (from the CD-ROM) you'll need to open to complete each exercise. An "N/A" listing means that the exercise requires you to create a new file from scratch rather than opening an exercise file.
- The data files on the CD-ROM are provided in the following formats:
  - Microsoft Office 2000 (PC)
  - Microsoft Office 97 (PC)
  - Corel WordPerfect Suite 8 (PC)

- Microsoft Works 5 (PC)
- Microsoft Office 98 (Mac)
- AppleWorks 5 (Mac)

✓ See **What's on the CD** for more information on the data files.

- All the exercises instruct you to save the files you create or to save the exercise files under a new name. Ask your instructor for the name of the hard disk or network folder to which you should save your files.

## A Word About the Examples

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Some of the examples in the book do not adhere to traditional business communications formats. Certain illustrations are based on templates that do not follow traditional business communications spacing. You may choose to have your class modify documents to adhere to traditional business communications formats. For example, if a letter does not call for reference initials, you may ask your students to add them on their own. Also refer to the annotated teacher's edition (catalog number XTM) for additional information on how to modify exercises to match traditional business communications formats.

In the vast majority of cases, the information in the exercise examples is purely fictional. The examples are not intended to provide advice—career, business, legal, or otherwise. Nor do we intend the exercise examples to convey facts or information to use in decision-making. The examples are illustrative only.

All terms mentioned in this book that are known to be trademarks or service marks are appropriately capitalized. Use of a term in this book should not be regarded as affecting the validity of any trademark or service mark.

## What's on the CD

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We've included on the CD:


- **Data files** for many of the exercises. This way students don't have to type lengthy documents from scratch. Data files are provided in the following formats:
  - Microsoft Office 2000 (PC)
  - Microsoft Office 97 (PC)
  - Corel WordPerfect Suite 8 (PC)
  - Microsoft Works 5 (PC)



- Microsoft Office 98 (Mac)
- AppleWorks 5 (Mac)
- **Bonus Lessons** for word processing, spreadsheet, and database. The bonus lessons cover more advanced skills. The bonus lessons are provided in .pdf format. You must first install Adobe Acrobat (provided on the CD) before you can open, view, or print the files. Once Adobe Acrobat is installed, you simply double-click on the file to open it. Exercises can be printed out and distributed to students.
- **Touch 'N' Type Keyboarding course**. This course was designed for those who would like to learn to type in the shortest possible period of time. The keyboarding skill-building drills are also ideal for those who wish to practice and improve their keyboarding. The exercises can be printed out, copied, and distributed to students. The files have been prepared in Adobe Acrobat format. You first need to install Adobe Acrobat (provided on the CD) before you can open the files.
- **Typing Tests with Automatic Scoring (PC only)**. Use these automated tests to test typing speed and accuracy.
- **Computer Literacy Basics (PC only)**. These exercises include information on computer care, computer basics, and a brief history of computers. The exercises in this section are PC-specific. Once Adobe Acrobat is installed, these exercises can be printed out and distributed to students.

## To access the PC files:

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1. Put the CD in your CD-ROM drive.
2. Open Windows Explorer. (Right-click on the **Start** button  and click **Explore**.)
3. Select the CD-ROM drive letter from the All Folders pane of the Explorer window.
4. Double-click the **PCFiles** folder.

### To copy the data files:

- a. Click to select the **PCData** folder in the Contents of (CD-ROM drive letter) pane of the Explorer window.
- b. Drag the folder onto the letter of the drive to which you wish to copy the data files (usually **C:**) in the All Folders pane of the Explorer Window.
  - ✓ *The **PCData** folder contains subfolders with Microsoft Office 2000, Microsoft Office 97, Corel WordPerfect 8, and Works 5 files. You may wish to only copy the folders that you need.*

- ✓ *Be aware that if you copy the files to a network drive to make them available to a larger group of students, the file names may be truncated to eight characters. Some networks do not allow the long file names permitted by Windows 95.*

### **To access the Bonus Lessons:**

- Locate the Acrobat Reader folder on the CD. (If you have already installed Adobe Acrobat, you do not need to go through these steps.)
- Double-click the Setup icon.
- Respond to the prompts to install Acrobat Reader 3.0.

### **After installing Acrobat Reader, you may either:**

- Leave the Bonus Lesson files on the CD and open, view, and print them from the CD. These files are in a folder called **Bonus**.
- Copy some or all of the lessons to your hard drive using Windows Explorer. Once on your hard drive you can open, view, and print the files. These files are in a folder called **Bonus**.

### **To access the Keyboarding Course:**

- Locate the Acrobat Reader folder. (If you have already installed Adobe Acrobat, you do not need to go through these steps.)
- Double-click the Setup icon.
- Respond to the prompts to install Acrobat Reader 3.0.

### **After installing Acrobat Reader, you may either:**

- Leave the Keyboarding Course files on the CD and open, view and print them from the CD. These files are in a folder called **TNT**.
- Copy some or all of them to your hard drive using Windows Explorer. Once on your hard drive you can open, view, and print the files. These files are in a folder called **TNT**.

### **To access the Typing Tests:**

- See the **Tests\_Readme** file in the **Timings** folder.

### **To access the Computer Literacy Basics files:**



- Locate the Acrobat Reader folder on the CD. (If you have already installed Acrobat Reader, you do not need to go through these steps.)
- Double-click the Setup icon.
- Respond to the prompts to install Acrobat Reader 3.0.

### After installing Acrobat Reader, you may either:


- Leave the Computer Literacy files on the CD and open, view and print them from the CD. The Computer Literacy files are located in the **Literacy** folder.
- Copy some or all of the exercises to your hard drive using Windows Explorer. Once on your hard drive you can open, view, and print the files. The Computer Literacy files are located in the **Literacy** folder.

## To access the Mac files:

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1. Insert the CD in your CD-ROM drive. The **CD-ROM** icon  will appear on your desktop.
2. Double-click the **CD-ROM** icon .
3. Double-click the **MacFiles** folder.

### To copy data files on to a hard drive:

1. Double-click the **MacData** folder.
2. Double-click your **Hard Disk** icon .
3. Locate the folder or create a new folder where you want to store your files.
4. Drag the **MacData** folder to the folder on your hard drive. A copy will be created and you can put the original away for back-up.

✓ *The **MacData** folder contains subfolders with Microsoft Office 98 and AppleWorks 5. You may wish to only copy the folder that you need.*

### To access the Keyboarding Course:

1. Shut down all programs and turn off extensions.
2. Insert the CD in your CD-ROM drive. The **CD-ROM** icon  will appear on your desktop.
3. Double-click the **CD-ROM** icon . Click the Adobe Acrobat installer.
4. Follow on-screen prompts.

### After installing Acrobat Reader, you may either:

- Leave the Keyboarding Course files on the CD and open, view, and print them from the CD. These files are in a folder called **TNT**.
- Drag some or all of the exercises to your hard drive. Once on your hard drive you can open, view, and print the files. These files are in a folder called **TNT**.

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- Insert and use hyperlinks