

THE COMPLETE RAINBOW GUIDE TO

OS-9

2 Disk Set

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THE RAINBOW GUIDE TO OS-9 DISKS

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DOCUMENTATION

The Rainbow Guide to OS-9 Disks include all of the programs from the book *The Complete Rainbow Guide To OS-9*, written by Dale L. Puckett and Peter Dibble for The Rainbow Bookshelf. Also included on Disk I are some bonus programs not contained within the book. All of the programs are ready to run by using the following information in conjunction with the instructions included in the book.

File Conventions

The programs are supplied on two 35-track, double-density, Color Computer OS-9 formatted diskettes. Programs from chapters 16 through 31 are on Disk I. Disk II contains the programs from workshops 1 through 7.

As per the normal standard for OS-9 disks, directories are noted by uppercase names and files by lowercase. If you are using the disk for the first time, be sure to use the command `tmode -upc` to enable the upper/lowercase display on your Color Computer.

Files follow these conventions:

DIRECTORY — Uppercase Name

program (no extension) — Executable program module

program09 — BASIC09 text file

program.c — C text file

program.a — Assembly text file

In general, you will see the program listed twice for C and assembly language programs: once for the text file, and once for the executable program. C programs were compiled using the Microware C Compiler on a Color Computer. Assembly language files were assembled using the Microware `asm` command.

BASIC09 programs are supplied in text form only, as the run-time module, `runb`, is required for the proper execution of I-code, or packed modules. These programs can easily be converted to executable modules by using the `pack` command supplied with BASIC09.

The programs in Chapter 16 are procedure files. Procedure files can be executed directly by the OS-9 operating system. As some of these procedures modify your system, check the book before you experiment.

The programs in Chapter 31 are for a Level II system and only the text files are included on the disk. The listings in workshops 5 through 7 are for reference only, and do not include executable modules that would normally accompany them.

If you care to try compiling or assembling these programs on your own, use the following procedures.

Assembly Programs

1. Make a backup of your OS-9 System Disk.
2. Copy the Assembly Language text file (program.a) to your working directory.
3. Use the command `asm #16K program.a o` to assemble the text file.
4. The executable module (program.a) will be placed in your current execution directory. Rename the program if you wish to distinguish it from the text (source) file.

BASIC09

1. Make a copy of BASIC09 according to the instructions in the BASIC09 manual.
2. Boot OS-9 and then execute basic09 #16K.
3. Use the command `load /pathlist/program09` to load the program into the BASIC09 work space.
4. At this point you can run the programs, but if you want to compile them into I-code use the command `pack* /pathlist/program`, where `/pathlist` is normally your current execution directory.
5. Copy the runb module on your BASIC09 system disk to the same execution directory.
6. Run the module from OS-9 by executing the command `program`.

Summary

All of the program modules, with the exception of those from Chapter 31, run on a standard 64K Color Computer with two 35-track drives. We hope you enjoy these programs and *The Complete Rainbow Guide to OS-9*.

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