Subject: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by Anonymous on Mon, 19 Aug 2019 22:35:47 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

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Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by Anonymous on Tue, 20 Aug 2019 01:18:32 GMT
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Originally posted by: James Davis

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Posted by Anonymous on Tue, 20 Aug 2019 01:24:38 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Monday, 19 August 2019 21:18:34 UTC-4, James Davis wrote:
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The earlier one is DOS3.3 I think? I have that one too, but I wanted to get the ProDOS one going with the hard drive. I have been building a hard drive image of useful productivity and programming software.

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by gids.rs on Tue, 20 Aug 2019 05:01:53 GMT
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It came on a demo disk with SuperCalc 3.

Maybe somebody upgraded the Dos version ro Prodos, but I have never seen an official release.

I copied Visicalc to my hard drive and was able to run it no problem. Maybe try renaming the folder to the same name as the floppy.

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by Anonymous on Tue, 20 Aug 2019 12:19:12 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Tuesday, 20 August 2019 01:01:55 UTC-4, I am Rob wrote:
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The one you have running from the hard drive is 'Visicalc Advanced' (1983 or so) or some earlier version?

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by Anonymous on Tue, 20 Aug 2019 12:52:54 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi Webber-Manners

I am Rob <gids.rs@sasktel.net> wrote:
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I suspect you are correct. There is a LOADVC.SYSTEM, which seems to
just be a small stub to load VC2, which is the real program. I am not
sure that renaming the directory will work though.

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by gids.rs on Tue, 20 Aug 2019 21:41:37 GMT
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What is the size and date created of thw VC2 file?

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by Anonymous on Wed, 21 Aug 2019 00:26:37 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Tuesday, 20 August 2019 17:41:39 UTC-4, I am Rob wrote:
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LOADVC.SYSTEM is 342 bytes.
VC2 is 36473
VC2.OVL is 31498

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by retrogear on Tue, 27 Aug 2019 03:05:12 GMT

The VisiCalc advanced po image 800k dated 1/10/17 is my creation from the files I found on a SuperCalc V5 image. The prodos directory of that disk is /PROVAV.PROGRAM you could try that name for a directory

Larry G

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by Anonymous on Tue, 27 Aug 2019 14:10:00 GMT

Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Monday, 26 August 2019 23:05:13 UTC-4, retrogear wrote:
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> Larry G

I will give it a whirl - thanks Larry! That is indeed the 800K image that I am using.

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by Anonymous on Sun, 01 Sep 2019 02:00:32 GMT

Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Tuesday, 27 August 2019 10:10:02 UTC-4, Bobbi wrote:
> On Monday, 26 August 2019 23:05:13 UTC-4, retrogear wrote:
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I played around with this a bit more. It turns out that the program files and help file need to be in the top level of the volume. The three files that need to be there are VC2, VC2.OVL and HELP.TEXT.FILE (if you want to use the help system.) LOADVC.SYSTEM can be anywhere. The code doesn't care about the name of the volume.

I wrote a little BASIC program to copy the requisite files to the top level of the volume, and to clean them up afterwards. I can post it here if anyone wants it (it uses the ProCMD COPY utility

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to copy the files.)

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by gids.rs on Mon, 02 Sep 2019 15:29:33 GMT
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Has it been clarified if the version you are using is the same as the Advanced version on the SuperCalc3 disk?

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by Anonymous on Mon, 02 Sep 2019 21:02:02 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Monday, 2 September 2019 11:29:34 UTC-4, I am Rob wrote:
> Has it been clarified if the version you are using is the same as the Advanced version on the SuperCalc3 disk?

I think so - retrogear says it was from a Supercalc 5 image (above).

Incidentally, which is the most recent Supercalc for Apple //e 128k? I have Supercalc3a I think. Is there a version 5? If so, was that GS only I wonder?

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk
Posted by retrogear on Tue, 03 Sep 2019 03:10:53 GMT
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It is from a spreadsheets disk offering Supercalc3a or Visicalc Advanced. For some reason the image was labeled v5

Larry G

Subject: Re: How to stop Visicalc Advanced looking for PROGRAM disk

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Posted by Anonymous on Tue, 03 Sep 2019 13:16:13 GMT

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Originally posted by: Bobbi

On Monday, 2 September 2019 23:10:55 UTC-4, retrogear wrote:
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Makes sense ... I figured v5 was MSDOS only.