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OK, I don't know; you tell me. What's the best monochrome graphics adapter card out there? I've used the Hercules and the Paradise cards. Herc's a tried and true board that you have to write your own software for. The Paradise card supports composite, RGB and monochrome text and graphics. With a monochrome monitor (I use an Amdek 310-A) you get a nice character set (not quite as nice as standard: you get 7X9 in an 8X16 matrix), 16 shades of gray for surrogate color, and everything just works peachy keen except:

To use the paradise board with a mono monitor the warm boot (CTRL-ALT-DEL) vector is re-vectored to prevent the BIOS from finding that there's really not a monochrome board (the Paradise is "first, last and always" graphics board). Well, this revectoring scheme just doesn't work so hot with software that does its own keyboard handling (games, non-PCDOS operating systems, etc), soooo, what I'd like to know is what, if anything, works and works REALLY WELL as a monographics card. BTW, Paradise lists for \$499 and sells for under \$300.