

SUPER UTILITY NEWS

The New Super Utility Plus/Ver. 3.0

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price : \$79.95
machine : Model I or III TRS-80, 48K, at least 1 disk drive.
comments : Works in Single or Double density on TRSDOS, LDOS,
DOSPLUS, MULTIDOS, DBLDOS, NEWDOS, NEWDOS/80 v.2
Double-Sided Support for: LDOS, MULTIDOS, & DOSPLUS.

WHAT!?? A New SUPER UTILITY?? YES! Kim has COMPLETELY rewritten SU+ from the ground up. The documentation is ALL NEW TOO! And in a binder with LARGER print!!

"What's in version 3.0 that I didn't have before?"

New features in SU+/3.0 not in the current version 2.2z...

- 1) Not just an update or revision, but a complete new rewrite and assembly of the program! Totally new state-of-the-art code.
- 2) Limited automatic DOS recognition!
- 3) Automatic double density adapter recognition!
- 4) Limited automatic density recognition!
- 5) Automatic machine recognition (I or III)
- 6) Bootup on 35, 40, or 80 track on drive 0.
- 7) Double-Sided support for: LDOS, DOSPLUS, and MULTIDOS.
- 8) New easy to use DOS specifiers:
example: LS = LDOS single density
DD = DOSPLUS double density
T3 = TRSDOS Mod III
etc. for all the DOSes supported.
- 9) NEW for Mod I - TRSDOS 2.7DD now supported!
Radio Shack Double Density board now supported!
- 10) Multidos support is now fully implemented!
- 11) Improved Newdos/80 v.2 support (standard PDRIVE Configurations ONLY).
- 12) Improved Tape Utilities
- 13) New easy to use SAVE CONFIGURATION mode! No more HARD Configuring!
Easy to set up for any combination of drives and DOSes.
Easy to save NEW settings! A VAST Improvement over old way.
NO more zapping to hard-configure! Just answer the new "SAVE CONFIGURATION?" question with a "Y" and that's it!
- 14) NEW! NEW! NEW! Documentation is now complete in a rich 3-ring binder. Easier to read, completely rewritten, and LARGER print. A real beauty.
- 15) MORE! MORE! MORE!

SU+/3.0 boots on a Model I or Model III. It also boots on either a 35, 40 or 80 track drive 0. It will detect single density or double density on a Model I, and also what kind of double density adapter you have, whether it is Radio Shack or the other brands like Percom, Aerocomp, or LNW.

"Is there some kind of UPGRADE if I am a registered owner of SU+?"

Yes! The SUPER UTILITY or SUPER UTILITY PLUS that you now have in your possession is worth MONEY in trade-in towards the new SU+/3.0! Version 3.0 is a totally new program, new disks, new doc, new assembly, etc., so it is NOT a program update, but an MAJOR UPGRADE. We are not dropping support for either SU or SU+, however new hardware and software has been released since these programs were first written. You can only patch and zap so far, and then it needs to be rewritten, as we have done with 3.0. Kim has spent four months writing 3.0. It is his finest coding to date. If you are having a problem with 2.2z that has been corrected in 3.0, then the support for the problem is in 3.0. We support 2.2z for what it is and was, but don't expect the 2.2z version to continue to work with whatever is released in the future. All of that support and work will be applied towards the 3.0 version. An example would be the regular version of SUPER UTILITY. It was (and still is) a fine program, but is Mod I single density only. The double density support came later in SU+, and Mod III as well. Version 2.2z has come as far as it could.

"How much will it cost for the upgrade?"

- 1) If you have SUPER UTILITY PLUS, then you have a package that is worth \$40 in trade towards 3.0. SU+/3.0 retails for \$79.95.
- 2) If you purchased your SU+ 2.2 since November 15, 1982, then your SU+ is worth \$50 in trade! (This expires on April 15, 1983).
Note: You MUST send a copy of your receipt with order!
- 3) If you own the original SUPER UTILITY, this is worth \$20 in trade towards SU+/3.0.

There will be a \$2.50 shipping/handling charge on upgrades in USA or CANADA. Foreign countries please add \$10.

Rules and Regulations for UPGRADE:

- #1 - You MUST send your MASTER DISK with the MANUAL. NO exceptions.
- #2 - If you have two disks (the master and the backup), it is up to you, if you want to send both. If you send one disk you will receive ONE new disk. If you send BOTH disks, you will receive TWO new disks. If you elect to only send one in now, you may PURCHASE one later for \$10. Your choice.
- #3 - You must be a registered owner. If you received this in the mail, then you obviously are registered, but some of your friends may not be. Tell them to send in their card and they will receive one of these UPGRADE PACKS in the mail.
- #4 - There will be no upgrades by phone. It must be through the mail.

"Do I HAVE to upgrade?" **NOTE: DO NOT SEND YOUR DISK(S) UNTIL FEB. 14TH!**

It is NOT NECESSARY for you to update. We are not forcing you to, and we are NOT dropping support for our older products. We ARE saying that no more development work will be done on these programs, and the future is version 3.0.

"What is the latest version in the 2.2 series?"

The latest version is 2.2z, Rev. 21. This is even later than 2.2z. Some of you may have version 2.2P. A capital "P" in place of the "z" means PATCHED. Many of you received these patches in the mail last year, and either applied them yourself or sent your disks back. If your version is 2.2 or 2.2D or ANYTHING but 2.2z Rev.21, then you really should get updated one way or another. Version 2.2z or 2.2P is useable, but many enhancements have been added.

Not ready for 3.0 yet? Here's a SPECIAL for those of you who have been neglecting getting your 2.2 series SU+ updated, and your doc is old and dog-eared!

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SU+ Update (MASTER or Backup disk) and NEW REVISED Edition Manual Combo
-- \$15 or \$20 for MASTER & BACKUP plus \$2 shipping
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As of September 1, 1982 a few price increases went into effect. These are necessary due to the rising costs of doing business these days. I'm sure most of you have experienced this in your own business or field. We have kept the increases to a minimum:

SU+ Backup Copy -- \$10 (only ONE Backup per Original)
SU+ Upgrade (2.2 series) -- \$8
(postage included in US/Canada)

New SUPPORT Policy for PowerSOFT Products (including SU+)

Questions regarding the use of our software are welcome through the mail, or on our phone lines at the following numbers:
1-214-484-2976 or 1-214-484-9428
between the hours of 10:00 and 5:00 Central Standard Time.

If you call, be sure to have your SU+ serial number in front of you for verification in our database. It will also help if you have your machine ON in front of you, with the program loaded. Please check the manual and be sure you have a problem before calling! You MUST be a registered owner for all future help. We are being deluged with calls from PIRATES, and will not help them anymore. No card... NO HELP!

If you are calling to check on an order or upgrade, use the SAME numbers, but please restrict your calls to the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM CST.

One last point we would like to make is that we DO NOT SUPPORT SU or SU+ in CMD file format, except SU+/SE. That is the ONLY official CMD file we have ever released. If you are running with a CMD file, we cannot help you. There is too much room for people to apply improper patches and zaps. Also, we do not know that they have been "dumped" correctly. Programs on the market to do this may not apply to the particular version you have, and all the code may not be correct. We only support our self-booting disks. That way, we know what code you have on your diskette. Once again, this does NOT apply to the CMD file that comes with SU+/SE.

New Books for SU+! (2.2 series)

SU+ Tech Manual - by Kim Watt

This book will be of great value to the machine language fans who wants to know MORE about SU+, its call points, explanations of them, vectors, etc. This book is NOT for the beginner, but IS a valuable tool for those that want to know more about the inner workings of this fantastic program. IN STOCK!

INSIDE SU+ - by Paul Wiener / Afterword Kim Watt

Inside SU+ is a user's guide to the intricacies of SUPER UTILITY PLUS written from the point of view of a user, i.e., Paul Wiener. Paul describes many of the things which may not be immediately clear from reading the SU+ manual, and details a step by step procedure for rescuing disks. The AFTERWORD, by Kim Watt, gives more little tricks for using SU+ as efficiently as possible. All in all, it is a book that NO SU+ user should be without! There is a wealth of information in it, and will answer MOST of the questions that might be raised from just reading the user's manual alone.

This is a LARGE format, perfect bound book aimed at beginners and pros alike! It teaches the user the intricacies of SU+, tells its secret undocumented commands, explains WHY you might want to do certain things with SU+, and HOW to do them. Does not replace the SU+ Manual, but expands on it for a newcomer to computers. Written in a very readable style by a writer for a MAJOR TRS-80 magazine, and a sure winner for sure! Don't miss this one, if you want all the knowledge you can get! Get the FULL use of this powerful program! Paul tells ALL! IN STOCK!

INSIDE SU+ -----> \$19.95
SU+ TECH Manual --> \$14.95
Both for \$29.95 plus \$2 shipping/handling (US/Canada)

Ask for these at your favorite dealer or order direct, but don't miss these!

SUPER UTILITY PLUS - Special Edition

SU+/SE starts shipping on Jan. 20th! If you are interested, we still have some reservations open. Price is \$500 including shipping. Includes COMPLETE commented SOURCE CODE to SU+/3.0, as well as 3.0 in a CMD file format. Only 500 of these will be made.

The results are in on the 80-MICRO 1982 Reader's Choice Awards! Super Utility+ was voted 1st Place FAVORITE UTILITY for 1982 in the Mod I/III category by the readers of 80-MICRO! We would like to express our sincere gratitude to those of you who voted for SU+. We plan to hang in there and do it again!

