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Enclosed is Printerrupt 11.0, the newest version. It includes a number of new features, and solves some old problems.

Printerrupt versions from 11.0 are distributed on ProDOS disks. This will make it easier for you to transfer the Printerrupt to hard disk, 3.5 inch disk, or RAMdisk. The Picture Sampler on the reverse side of the Printerrupt disk still uses DS-DOS, Dark Star's improved version of DOS that is described in the Printerrupt manual's appendix. ProDOS disks require 64K to boot, so you will not be able to run Printerrupt 11.0 on an Apple II+ without a memory card in slot 0.

If you have a //e, you do not need to use the VIEW VIDEO MODES option on the Printerrupt menu. The Printerrupt automatically senses what type of screen you were looking at when you pressed the Snapshot trigger, and sets its defaults accordingly.

If you are using Mousepaint, the Printerrupt can either print the picture with the surrounding Mousepaint palette (as you normally see it) or the full picture with the palette removed. Use the VIEW VIDEO MODES option to select the full picture. (This works for all 3 versions of Mousepaint that we know about. If it doesn't work with your version, please send us a copy.)

If you have a //e, the Printerrupt now supports double hi-res graphics. When you interrupt a double hi-res graphics program, the Printerrupt menu will probably show the GRAPHICS and DOUBLE defaults illuminated. (If it doesn't - the Printerrupt may not be sure whether double hi-res is in use - just use the VIEW VIDEO MODES option to select the mode that looks right.) Not all of the Printerrupt's features are available for double hi-res; in particular, cropping is impossible.

Printerrupt 11.0 now supports all the versions of the Videx 80-column card that we have seen. If you have an Apple II+ with an 80-column card, please note: The Printerrupt automatically tries to switch from the 80-column display to the 40-column display when you press the Snapshot trigger. It does this by sending a signal to your 80-column card. Some cards (for example, the older Videx with the manual Switchplate) cannot switch automatically between 40 and 80 columns. In this case, you must switch manually, by moving a switch or plugging in a cable, every time you interrupt or resume running a 80-column program with the

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Printerrupt; and the View Video Modes menu option will not display the 80-column screen, so you will have to select it by illuminating TEXT and 80COL in the Defaults menu.

→ The Printerrupt also supports a much larger range of printer cards and printers than formerly. If you don't see your card on the list, or if our support for your card doesn't work right, don't despair: follow the instructions in the manual for using the ROMGETTER program, and send the disk and a sample of the printout back to us.

Regards,

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