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I rated 5 Macintosh programs for HyperCard, all of which I downloaded from AOL (it's virtually my only source). Some are games, one is a utility, and one is a music composition program.

The five programs I rated are: DataFork Editor; HyperShip 1.2.1; Music Machine; Point Shooter! 8-bit; and Strangers in the Shadows 2.3.1.

DataFork Editor 1.0  
By: SteveSoft  
Type: Freeware  
Rating: 3 apples

DataFork Editor does what its name says it will do, edit the data fork of most files. This is essential for hacking HyperCard demos into the full version (this is what most HC data fork editors claim to be able to do), because while editing the data fork you might come across a password that makes it the full version.

Most data fork editors I've come across can locate a password inside the data fork, DFE cannot, a major feature that it lacks. It does have one feature I did find great, you can edit and save your changes back to the stack, a feature usually only top quality data fork editors with a major shareware fee have.

This stack is promising in a field that has many competitors, but needs more features and enhancements on already provided features to stand out.

HyperShip 1.2.1  
By: SteveSoft  
Type: Freeware  
Rating: 4 apples

HyperShip is a game where you have to avoid asteroids while trying to stay inside the screen (if you go outside you lose a life). The more asteroids you avoid, the faster they go. I had more trouble staying inside the screen than avoiding the asteroids, but, oh well. HyperShip is fun and addictive but has a few harmless (though annoying) bugs.

Music Machine  
By: SteveSoft  
Type: Freeware  
Rating: 4 apples

Music Machine turns your keyboard into a music workshop! This wonderfully implemented program lets you save and create songs with the supplied instruments, or.....create your own!

Point Shooter! 8-bit  
By: Paul LeVangie

Type: Shareware/\$5.00

Rating: 4 apples

Point Shooter is a highly addictive color game (thus requiring HyperCard 2.3) in which you shoot at targets. The plot is absolutely nothing, but the game is fun.

Strangers in the Shadows 2.3.1

By: Oblivion Software, Inc.

Type: Freeware

Rating: 2 apples

SITS is an adventure game like MYST. The graphics and plot is poorly done but for some reason to me it is strangely addictive.

These programs are slightly old, as I did the reviewing early on and wrote the artical a few weeks later. See you next month!!!!