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Welcome to the Evaluation Edition of Clarion for Windows 1.5.

No coding. No compromise. Powerful compiled applications for a broad range of database users: novices, power users, and professional developers.

Would you like to create a compiled, 32-bit, multi-threaded application for your existing database in just one hour? You can—by following the online guide through the first exercise.

Clarion for Windows is a Rapid Application Development system for Windows featuring both 16 and 32-bit compilers—and they're both in this package. Clarion's replaceable database drivers and full-featured data dictionary support powerful database applications for either local or Client/Server environments.

No matter what version of Windows you develop for—Windows 3.x, Windows 95, or Windows NT—Clarion for Windows increases your productivity, allows you to deliver the same app to each platform while maintaining a single project, and helps you produce small, fast, royalty-free, native executables.

Clarion for Windows rises to “the next level” of Rapid Application Development—a new tier of programmer-friendly tools that maximize productivity, power, and performance.

The level of automation in creating applications with Clarion for Windows surpasses other RAD tools. With other tools, you create the user interface visually, but you still have to hand code the behavior of your application. Clarion produces a complete business solution for you: immediately and automatically.

The Clarion for Windows Application Wizard builds complex applications with no intervention necessary. Your starting point is a full-featured application.

This CD contains a special edition of Clarion for Windows. Its only limits are splash screen disclaimers on the applications you develop, and a limit on the data files you can edit. If you open a file or table with more than 100 records, you'll automatically open it in Read Only mode. Any less, and you can edit records normally.

All the documentation is also included in Adobe Acrobat format, for viewing on-line.

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You'll find the on-line Evaluation Guide a comprehensive guide to the evaluation process. You'll find the complete Acrobat Reader document on-line, which you can both view and print, in \DOC\EVALGUID.PDF. For a specially formatted version of this guide, suitable for printing on letter sized paper, see \DOC\EVAL\_LTR.PDF.

There are also many additional documents, demos, and multimedia files on this CD. The on-line guide describes these and provides hypertext jumps to many of them.

The main Evaluation Edition setup program is \SETUP.EXE. It copies the Clarion for Windows files to your hard drive. All other files reside on the CD.

You also need Adobe Acrobat Reader 2.1 to view the online documentation. To install it, you must run \ACROBAT\ACROREAD.EXE. The setup program places an icon for this in the Clarion for Windows program group. Once installed, you can view any Acrobat Reader file (extension .PDF). We've chosen not to call the Acrobat Reader setup program from within the Clarion setup. Please don't forget to install Acrobat Reader -- it provides you with the ability to read an extensive selection of important additional documentation for Clarion for Windows.

If you're running Windows 3.1, you may also wish to install the Video for Windows runtime. You'll find the setup program for it in \MSVFW11E\SETUP.EXE.

In addition to the online evaluation guide, you'll find two additional Acrobat documents, TUTOR1.PDF and TUTOR2.PDF. These contain the tutorial exercises from the on line guide, formatted to print on letter sized paper.

For additional information on the Clarion language, please see the online help, called from within the Clarion for Windows development environment, or the Language Reference document.

For further information about purchasing Clarion for Windows, please contact TopSpeed, at the addresses listed above, or contact your local distributor, whom you'll find listed in \DOC\DISTLIST.PDF.

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