

## What is Executor?

Executor is a program that allows you to run programs originally written for the Macintosh, on your NeXT computer.

Currently the two major applications that we support are Microsoft Word (versions 4 and 5) and Microsoft Excel (version 3 only).

You must own a copy of these applications in order to use them; Microsoft software does not come with Executor. Executor is actually a full-blown Macintosh emulator, except we have prioritized the bug fixing and fixed all the bugs pertaining to Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel so that we can sell this version now to people who want it. If you're not planning on running Word or Excel, you probably don't want to buy this version.

## What doesn't Executor do?

Reverse engineering the Macintosh is a difficult task. There are some pieces of the software yet to do. Consequently, Executor has the following limitations: No Color, No Sound, No System 7, No AppleTalk, No Desk Accessories and No Script Manager (i.e. no non-US localizations). On the other hand, Executor does work nicely in the NeXT environment, allowing the use of services and cut and paste of ASCII and Rich Text between Executor and other NeXTstep applications.

## What is HFS\_XFer?

HFS\_XFer allows you to transfer files between HFS (Hierarchical FileSystem) Macintosh disks and the NeXT, where they're stored in Apple Double format. This allows you to copy files to the NeXT and later back to a Macintosh floppy without having to worry about reassembling the "resource fork". Naturally HFS\_XFer and Executor work well together. HFS\_XFer is what you use to load your copy of Microsoft Word onto your NeXT in the first place, but it's good for much more than that because you can use it to transfer any information on a Macintosh disk to your NeXT, and vice-versa.

## What doesn't HFS\_XFer do?

The extensions to HFS that were introduced with System 7 are not supported and the files are transferred over directly without any translation in between. HFS\_XFer works only with Mac floppies, not with Mac hard drives. HFS\_XFer is limited to disks that the hardware can read, so *you can not read 800k disks* unless you have special hardware such as the CubeFloppy Plus from DIT.

## Current State of the 27 "Big Ticket" Applications

Vendor	Application	Status
Microsoft	Word	Production
Microsoft	Excel	Production
Microsoft	Works	Low
Microsoft	PowerPoint	Low
Microsoft	Schedule	Low
Microsoft	Project	Medium
Claris	MacProject	Internal
Claris	MacDraw	Internal
Claris	MacPaint	Low
Claris	MacWrite	Medium
Claris	FileMaker	Low
Claris	CAD	High
Claris	Resolve	High
Claris	Works	Low
Claris	Hypercard	High
DelatPoint	DeltaGraph	Medium
Quark	XPress	High
Fox	FoxBase	Low
Aldus	PageMaker	High
Paragon	Nisus	Low
Symantec	More	Medium
Symantec	Great Works	Low
Synergy	KaleidaGraph	High
Altsys	Fontographer	Internal
Deneba	Canvas	Low
ComputerAssociates	CricketGraph	Internal
Autodesk	AutoCAD	High

This list of twenty seven applications is the complete list of "big ticket" applications. Only applications on this list require special authentication codes; you can try to run all others with any version of Executor. In the table above, "Production" means we support this application. "Internal" means we have that application running in-house. "High", "Medium", and "Low" reflect the level of interest that we've heard about from our customers.

## Why is Executor so Affordable?

Executor's price is based on the number of machines on which you will be running Executor, and the number of "big ticket" applications that you wish to run under Executor. Multiply the number of machines by the number of different "big ticket" applications to run to get the number of units you need. One unit costs \$80. Two through 9 units cost \$70 each, 10 through 59 units are \$60 each, and 60 or more units are \$50 each. You can order one unit now for \$80 and the next unit will cost you only \$70 + shipping if applicable (i.e. the discount applies over separate orders but the first unit still cost \$80). Single machine copies can only be run on one workstation at a time. Network copies work on several networked machines. You can mix and match separate and network copies and still get the discount mentioned above. Here is a pricing example: Suppose you would like a network copy for four machines to run the two "big ticket" applications Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. You order 8 units. The 2-9 unit price is \$70, so the total cost is \$560. We send you one copy of Executor that can run either Word or Excel on four networked machines at once. Orders within New Mexico require an additional 5.75% for sales tax.

### How do I order?

You may e-mail, mail, phone or FAX your order to us at:

Abacus R&D, Inc.  
1650 University Blvd., NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87192

Phone: (505) 766-9115  
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5-7 day	N/A	\$15.00
Fed-Ex	\$10.00	N/A

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