

*New! Interactive Multimedia
Integration Package For P.C.'s.*

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For the integration of text, high resolution color graphics, scanned images, still frame video, animations, stereo sound and hard copy output into one self-directed dynamic presentation, you need just the Ask-Me Interactive Multimedia Authoring Environment. In just six easy steps, you author, design and direct all multimedia elements using one icon-based screen and Ask-Me's proprietary authoring language. No complex syntax is required. Simple enough for the average PC user, yet powerful and flexible enough for the most advanced professional. Just Ask-Me.

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Six Easy Steps To Brilliant Multimedia Presentations.

True interactive multimedia ...

Ask-Me 2000 brings interactive multimedia to your desktop. Now you can combine the visual impact of animation, graphics, and still frame video, with the power of music and audio commentary. Applications can be displayed on a standard VGA monitor, touch screen monitor, or television. Applications can also be recorded on video tape. Ask-Me provides the capabilities of a graphic design, radio, and television editing studio in one, easy-to-use environment.

Limited only by your imagination...

Ask-Me is ideal for creating brilliant business presentations, engineering and scientific simulations, computer-based training programs, promotional videos, interactive educational

courses, point-of-purchase demonstrations, electronic building directories, and many other applications. No matter what type of information or transaction your audience requires, an Ask-Me application can provide it in the most exciting and persuasive manner possible.

Providing seamless integration.

Ask-Me is compatible with most popular paint programs and animation programs and also with a variety of sound boards and video capture boards. Ask-Me does not actually create the animations and graphics used in the application but simply allows the seamless integration of any or all of these mediums. With Ask-Me, you become the author, designer, and director. Ask-Me does the work to integrate and carry out your selections at the click of the mouse.

System Requirements

MS-DOS, IBM® 80286 and 80386 PCs or 100% compatibles, 16MHz or faster recommended. Seven megabytes of hard disk space needed to install Ask-Me. Disk access speed should be 28 milliseconds or faster. 640K conventional RAM (at least 570K available for Ask-Me), one megabyte LIM (Lotus®/Intel®/Microsoft®) 4.0 expanded RAM, VGA color monitor, register level compatible card, 256K RAM, 640X480X16 color resolution. Microsoft® mouse. QEMM® or 386 Max® preferred for memory management on 386 computers.

Options: Extended VGA boards by Tseng Labs® Video 7® and Paradise Pro®, with 512K RAM, 800X600X256 color resolution. Touch screens by Elographics® and Carroll Touch®. Sound boards by Creative Labs® and Video Associates®. Video capture board by USVideo® and Digital Vision®. NTSC output port or VGA-to-NTSC conversion device required to record to videotape. Any PCX graphic format paint program. All Bit-Mapped font packages in the GEM format. Autodesk Animator® Fl files.

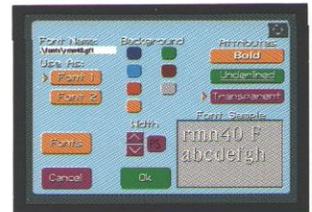
Note: Other software programs, utilities, and sound and video boards may also be supported. Check with ICS (701) 293-1004.



Select one of Ask-Me's touch-active menus, or create your own using any PCX image.



Choose from dozens of different fonts. Add attributes and color background to text, adjust word spacing.



Choose from over 256,000 color shades. Assign up to 16 concurrent colors to different areas of the screen using a standard register level compatible VGA card, or 256 concurrent colors using extended VGA modes.



Record sound effects, music and audio commentary with a microphone or record directly from a CD player or other audio source using a compatible audio board.



Capture still frame pictures from a still frame video camera, like a Canon Xap Shot®, a camcorder, a laser disc, or digital VCR using a compatible digitizing card. Images are digitized in PCX format for use in the application.



Integrate and direct all multimedia elements using Ask-Me's intuitive, icon-based authoring environment. The authoring environment is supported by a proprietary programming language called Stratos. Stratos commands are entered into the Before, During, and After boxes to tell Ask-Me what to do with each screen that is to be displayed in the application. Stratos recognizes and interprets simple English style commands, such as "animate," "speak," "show," and "display." No sophisticated programming or complex syntax is required. Using Stratos, animations, graphics, and ASCII text files are imported into the application.

