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Using DOS 3.3 with Catalyst 2.1 (3 of 5)

CHAPTER 2a

When DOS 3.3 BASIC is run, it reads the MOUNTS3.3 file from the directory specified by the current ProDOS prefix, and uses that information to determine on which slot/drive pair to look for its startup program (HELLO), what ProDOS files (DOS 3.3 volumes) to mount on selected slot/drive pairs, and whether or not to reserve room for DOS when you initialize a file or diskette.

When you select the "Edit Mount File for DOS 3.3 Application" option, you are asked to enter the name of the subdirectory containing your MOUNTS3.3 file. When you installed DOS 3.3 a MOUNTS3.3 file was created for you in the CATALYST2E subdirectory. If no MOUNTS3.3 file is found in another subdirectory you specify, you are asked if one should be created. If you enter a negative response, you are returned to the DOS Volume Manager main menu.

If the MOUNTS3.3 file is found (or if you request a new file should be created), you are presented with a display listing some of the file's attributes, including its location, the slot/drive which will be used to find the startup program (HELLO), and whether or not tracks will be reserved for DOS when you initialize diskettes or ProDOS volumes.

Also shown is a menu of options which allow you to set the HELLO program location, change the DOS track allocation for diskettes or DOS 3.3 volumes, and edit the mounts for your MOUNTS3.3 file. Pressing ESCAPE at this menu will return you to the DOS Volume Manager main menu.

If you select the "Edit mounts" option instead, you are presented with a list of all slot and drive combinations, and the DOS 3.3 volume currently associated with each pair.

You may mount DOS 3.3 volumes in any location except those slot/drive pairs occupied by a floppy diskette controller card which are noted with a "Disk II" entry. NOTE: The MOUNTS3.3 file can only work with one startup program (HELLO) located on a slot/drive pair at a time. You may, however, mount up to 12 DOS 3.3 volumes under it for access. In order to run a HELLO program from another mounted DOS 3.3 volume, you must select the SET HELLO PROGRAM LOCATION from the EDIT MOUNTS FILE FOR DOS 3.3. APPLICATION menu.

To edit the entry for a particular slot/drive pair, simply select the desired entry when asked, "Edit which mount?". You will then be asked for the "New mount file path". If you don't want any DOS 3.3 volume mounted on the selected slot/drive pair, simply press RETURN. Otherwise, enter the pathname for the DOS 3.3 volume you wish to mount. You will be warned if the name of the

DOS 3.3 volume you supply cannot be found.

When you are finished editing the mounts, press ESCAPE and you will be returned to the menu of options for editing your MOUNTS3.3 file. If no further changes are desired, press ESCAPE again, and you are returned to the DOS Volume Manager main menu.

5. Quit

The last entry on the DOS Volume Manager main menu is used to exit the program. To return to the Catalyst menu, type "BYE".

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