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Apple IIGS: Desk Accessories

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At startup, Apple IIGS Desk Accessories are automatically installed by ProDOS. It scans the sub-directory SYSTEM/DESK.ACCS on the startup disk for any files of type \$B8 (CDA) and installs them. A CDA is a classic desk accessory, a menu of which can be accessed with Command-Control-Escape.

The format of a CDA is very similar to that of a regular application. The main difference is the existence of a header that contains:

- a Pascal string that contains the name of the CDA
- a pointer to the entry point of the CDA code
- a pointer to the shutdown routine of the CDA code

More documentation on writing classic and new desk accessories will be found in the chapter on the Desk Manager in the Apple IIGS Toolbox Reference Manual in summer 1987.

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