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A Comparative  
Guide to A-to-Z

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A-to-Z is the most advanced integrated software package available today. It is the only integrated package in the industry available on a multiuser system. The flexibility and power of Digital's RSX-11M operating system enables A-to-Z to successfully balance program capabilities with ease of learning and use.

There are many "integrated" packages on the market today, however, they vary widely in the extent of integration, flexibility and ease of use. A-to-Z enjoys a unique competitive advantage based on a combination of key characteristics.

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A-to-Z is fully integrated.

A-to-Z offers all the generic packages most often required in a small business: Word Processing, Business Graphics, Data Inquiry, Spreadsheet and General Accounting. Each pro-

gram is a fully functional version of a tested and widely accepted package. No single program dominates the system making other programs subsets of that program.

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A-to-Z is a true multitasking system.

Many integrated packages do not allow data from one program to be linked to another program. And the few that do restrict the link to one direction. Only A-to-Z can freely

move data from any program in the set to any other; i.e., Word Processing to Business Graphics or Business Graphics to Data Inquiry.

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A-to-Z has an "open architecture".

In addition to its full complement of ready-to-use software, A-to-Z provides an "open architecture", allowing an unlimited number of third party programs to be integrated into the A-to-Z environment. Some packages allow only a small number of specified programs to be integrated,

while others allow none at all. This open architecture makes A-to-Z extremely attractive to third party software developers, who can easily expand their services to existing customers and provide more services to future customers.

A-to-Z offers a consistent human interface.

Every program utilizes the keyboard in exactly the same way, and the command structure does not change from program to program. Digital

provides the development and integration tools necessary to insure that consistency is maintained, even when third party programs are introduced.

A-to-Z is easy to use.

A-to-Z has been designed for the novice user. It comes with a complete set of easy-to-use operator instruction manuals. For third party software developers, detailed comprehensive documentation is provided to insure true integration with the standard A-to-Z packages.

Many additional features enhance the utility of A-to-Z. For example, the capacity to combine text and graphics on one screen and the ability to run MS-DOS packages. These, together with the multiuser environment, data mobility and open architecture make A-to-Z a unique system that has no direct competition in today's market.

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