

The Apple /// In Ten EZ Lessons

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I have a lot of Apple /// stuff. So much, in fact, that after all these years it has become something that collectors are actually interested in. Ultimately, it will all end up in a museum. But right now, I have started gathering up some of the best stuff to help the Pi and preserve Sara's legacy as the first computer Apple as a company ever produced.

The history of the /// has been retold many times and in many places. But suffice it to say that many of us thought it was given short shrift and could have been a much more successful computer for Apple if the company had just made it a little bit cheaper and a lot less crippled in some of its capabilities. That said, we still get requests for ///s today and in December, WAP sold the entire set of 250 Apple /// disks to one collector. He is, in fact, now going to help us turn them into a CD.

Which brings me to the current Apple /// offering - a set of 2 DVDs that include all the lessons from Kennen Publishing's "How to Use Your Apple /// In Ten Easy Lessons." This material was originally presented on videocassette and copyrighted in 1982. Washington Apple Pi was able to obtain the rights to this material after Apple discontinued the /// and sold copies of the training video for a number of years.

Using just iMovie, I imported the video, turned it into chapters and burned it onto two DVDs using iDVD. But there's much more on these disks than just the How To tutorial. Over the years, I recorded interviews and conferences, took pictures and wrote many, many articles about the ///. Some of that material was turned into special iMovies as part of the DVD set. You will find a tribute to On Three, the longest-lived of the Apple /// vendors. The owner - Bob Consorti, produced a number of wonderful programs and, in fact, wrote BOS /// under Pi auspices. BOS /// (Bob's Operating System) was an enhanced version of the Apple /// OS - called SOS. We still sell it today. The DVDs also include a slide show of all the On Three Magazine covers, an interview about the Apple /// running horses (from the demo disk) and more.

This is the first DVD set ever produced by WAP! Even if you are not an Apple /// fan, these DVDs have lots of great material and information. If you are a collector of all

things Apple, this is a must-have since no where else will you find the content that we have provided here.

In the future, look for a CD that contains our Apple /// public domain library and a legacy CD of more Apple /// material including all my articles about the /// going back to 1983, material from the old Threes Company BBS, pictures, music, source code and much, much more.

Here's what's on each of the DVDS - which you can order online at www.wap.org/store or by calling the WAP office at 301-984-0300.

DVD # 1 includes Lessons 1-5 plus the following extras:

- The /// Horses
- A Tribute To On Three
- Information about Washington Apple Pi

DVD #2 includes Lessons 6-10 plus the following extras:

- An Apple /// Slideshow
- On Three Magazine Covers Slideshow
- Information about Washington Apple Pi

In addition, we have saved the photos and other materials on the DVD, along with some other Apple /// material – Washington Apple Pi's Apple /// Disk Library, the Apple /// emulation mode project and some other materials.

I want to personally thank all the great "Sarasaur's" I have met and worked with over the years – there are too many to name but they include Bob Consorti, Lavona Rann, Joe Dombrowski, Darryl Anderson, Frank Moore, Bob Cook, Ed Gooding, Paul Campbell and many others I should have named. You are all remembered as members of the *Apple /// Community* who would not let what we considered to be an excellent computer die.

I hope you enjoy these DVDs and the legacy that they help preserve!

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