Atari Personal Financial Management System (P.F.M.S.) CX406
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Also as part in 'The Home Manager Kit' or 'The Home Manager' CX418 version 1 #

Please check atari8bitads.blogspot.de from Bill Lange, which solves the mystery around the box. Great work Bill! Please go ahead, we really appreciate your help. :-)))

ATR-Images:#

- System Diskette I (Model CX8113)
- System Diskette II (Model CX8114)
- Blank Diskette (Model CX8100) ; special blank diskette for P.F.M.S. only.
- First Data Diskette ; already formatted in the required P.F.M.S.-Data-Format. Ready to use.

On both System Diskettes copy protection is used. It seems to be Atari DOS II 2.0S(?) type protection. Please take into account, that only DOS I and II were available at the time of creation. Therefore, DOS II duplicate disk would only copy sectors marked as used in the VTOC. P.F.M.S. DOS is a custom DOS II, where the directory and VTOC are different, so normal DOS II won't copy it at all. Users saw this, so they created custom versions of DUP.SYS like Yellow DOS and LJS (Long John Silver) DOS to name a couple.

The goal here would be to get rid of this, create a DD diskette, which holds both system disks on one. So now disk swap isn't necessary any more. Further a DD data diskette, which accesses drive 2 only. The code on the system disks must be changed, when programs on the 2nd system diskette are accessed, as shown in the figure below: 'P.F.M.S. Main Menu with location of the modules on the two system diskettes'.

At that point Mr. Bacardi has already taken over:

- Personal Finance Management System CX8113 (SD-DOS 2.5).atr ; a)
- Personal Finance Management System CX8114 (MD-DOS 2.5).atr ; b)

and delivered us a SD image for the CX8113 type and a MD image for the CX8114 type.

Have already started to bring both images on just one DD image:

- Personal Finance Management System CX8113-4 (DD-DOS 2.0D).atr ; c)

up to now, PFMS is not running with c). Who can help us?

Manuals:#

- Atari Personal Finance Management System-Instruction Manual ; size: 14.6 MB, 92 pages (*)
- Atari Personal Finance Management System-Quick Reference Card ; size: 1.4 MB

(*) The manual is with OCR, navigation-links at the left, hyperlinks inside the content pages (pages v, vi and vii inside the manual, else pages 6 to 8 in the pdf file).
Atari Personal Finance Management System CX406 box images:

CX406 binder front 1 ; Giga thanks goes to Curt Vendel from: www.atarimuseum.com
CX406 binder front 2
CX406 binder front 3
CX406 binder back 1 ; Giga thanks goes to Curt Vendel from: www.atarimuseum.com
CX406 binder back 2
CX406 binder side view
CX406 binder cover ; Giga thanks goes to Curt Vendel from: www.atarimuseum.com
CX406 binder - seperators
CX406 Diskette Holder ; Giga thanks goes to Curt Vendel from: www.atarimuseum.com

P.F.M.S. System Diskette I (Model CX8113)
P.F.M.S. System Diskette II (Model CX8114)

Atari Personal Finance Management System CX406 menu images:

P.F.M.S. Startscreen
P.F.M.S. Main Menu
P.F.M.S. Main Menu with location of the modules on the two system diskettes
P.F.M.S. Note
P.F.M.S. Insert the new data diskette
P.F.M.S. Insert the data diskette
P.F.M.S. Insert the other system diskette
P.F.M.S. Record Keeper Functions
P.F.M.S. Budget Manager Menu
P.F.M.S. Checkbook Balancer
P.F.M.S. Check
P.F.M.S. Checkbook Balancer Menu
P.F.M.S. Statement Balance
Atari Personal Finance Management System CX406 advertising images:

From Atari FAQ 1980: January: ...Personal Finance (never shipped as introduced; possibly eventually shipped as: Personal Financial Management System). Also, list prices for the 400 and 800 packages increased to US$630 and US$1,080 (up from US$550 and US$1,000)

Personal Finance: CXL4012; estimated as an cartridge before July 1980

CXL4012 cartridge was Missile Command for real later in time

P.F.M.S. advertising image 1 - 11/1981
P.F.M.S. advertising image 2 - mid 1982
P.F.M.S. advertising image 3 - first quarter 1983
P.F.M.S. advertising image 4

P.F.M.S. Example


ATARI Personal Financial Management System recall in the August 1982 M.A.C.E. Newsletter

ATARI Personal Financial Management System ad from 1982

ATARI Personal Financial Management System as part of The Home Manager Kit

Thanks#

James Bradford help in preserving this software
Thank you Bill Lange for providing the articles from the 1982 M.A.C.E. Newsletters, the ad pictures and the help to solve the mystery around the box.