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You're not alone, you know.

We've all been through that same excruciating moment when we realized that we were going to have to learn a lot more than we wanted to know about programming, in self-defense.

But most of us survived.

Many of us with a little bit of help called dBASE II, the relational database management system (DBMS) for micros.

The best defense is a strong offense.

Don't get seduced by BASIC, because basically BASIC is weak. And to make it do anything useful can take 10 times as much programming (and time) as with dBASE II.

dBASE II is much easier because it's a relational DBMS, and you control your information with powerful, English-like commands.

With a word or two, you CREATE databases, APPEND new data, UPDATE, MODIFY and REPLACE fields, records and entire databases. DISPLAY some or all of your data for any conditions you want to apply. Organize months worth of data in minutes with REPORT.
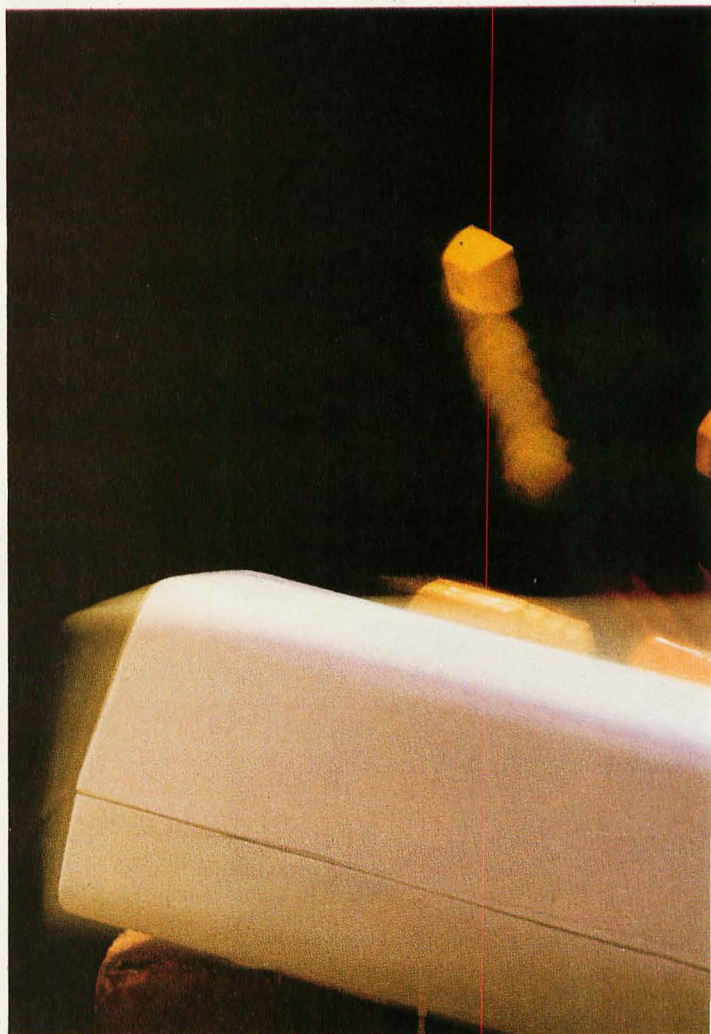
You can prepare your forms and formats precisely the way you want them. Do calculations on fields, records and entire databases with 10-place accuracy.

And do even more with dozens of other commands.

Here's the catch.

With any language, you'll need to understand relational operators ("less than," "greater than," "equals") and a bit of logic ("or," "and," "not").

With dBASE II, you'll also get an easy way to make choices (IF..THEN..ELSE) and a powerful way to perform repetitive tasks (DO WHILE..).
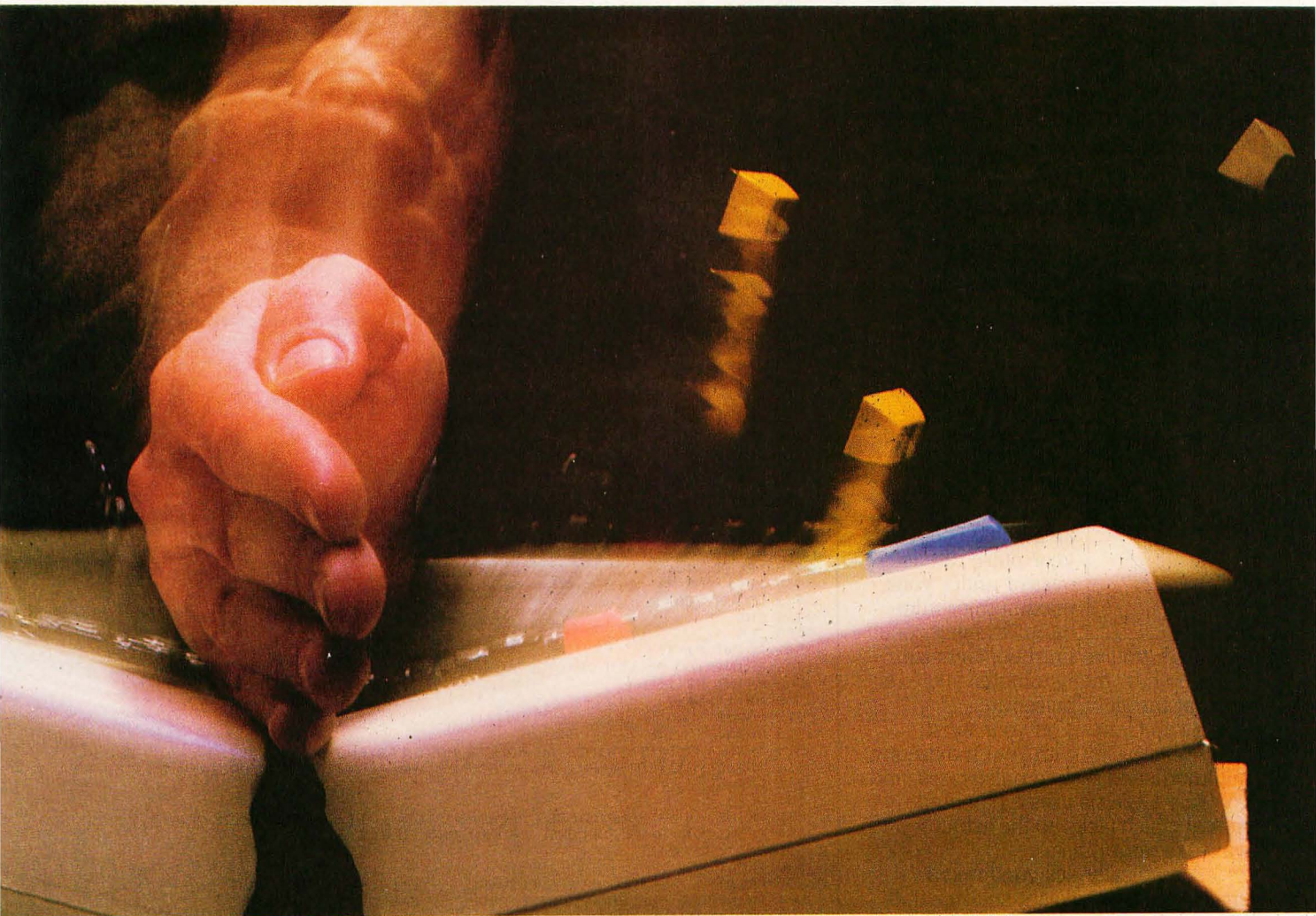
With these tools, you're ready to tackle your accounting and time billing, project management, and any other data handling and record keeping. You can work interactively and get your answers right now. Or save your instructions and repeat everything with two words: DO Manhours, DO ProjectX, DO whatever has to be done.

Use dBASE II to help make your choice.

If you've got a 48k CP/M micro with a disk drive (96k IBM PC), send us $700 ($400 for a 56k Apple). We'll send you a copy of dBASE II to use free for 30 days.

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Instead of just poring over a manual, run it and make certain that dBASE II does what you need done.

Then if you find it isn't right for you, send it back and we'll return your money, no questions asked.

But we know that you'll probably keep it.

Because having dBASE II is like having a black belt in micros.

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