

Installation Instructions

CA-dBFast 2.0

CA-dBFast 2.0 is supplied on four 3.5 inch diskettes. If your computer requires 5.25 inch diskettes, please contact your local Computer Associates office.

To install **CA-dBFast** 2.0, perform the following steps (Microsoft Windows, version 3.0 or higher, must already be running):

1. Insert the diskette labeled "Installation Disk #1" into drive A (or B).
2. Select RUN from the FILE Menu of the Windows Program Manager.

If you use an alternate Program Manager (such as Norton Desktop, HP Dashboard, or InCtrl), **CA-dBFast** will be correctly installed but the program group and icons will not be created. Either create these items yourself, or use the Windows Program Manager to install the product.

3. Type **A:\INSTALL** (or **B:\INSTALL**).
4. The CA-Installer will prompt you through the installation process.

The installer will ask you to provide your name, your company name, and a product ID. The product ID can be found on the bottom of the **CA-dBFast** box or on the registration card. The first 7 characters are entered in the left box, the remaining characters are entered in the right box. Record this number for future use.

You will also be prompted to specify the drive and directory to which **CA-dBFast** should be installed. You may either change the disk drive or directory, or use the default path suggested by the installer.

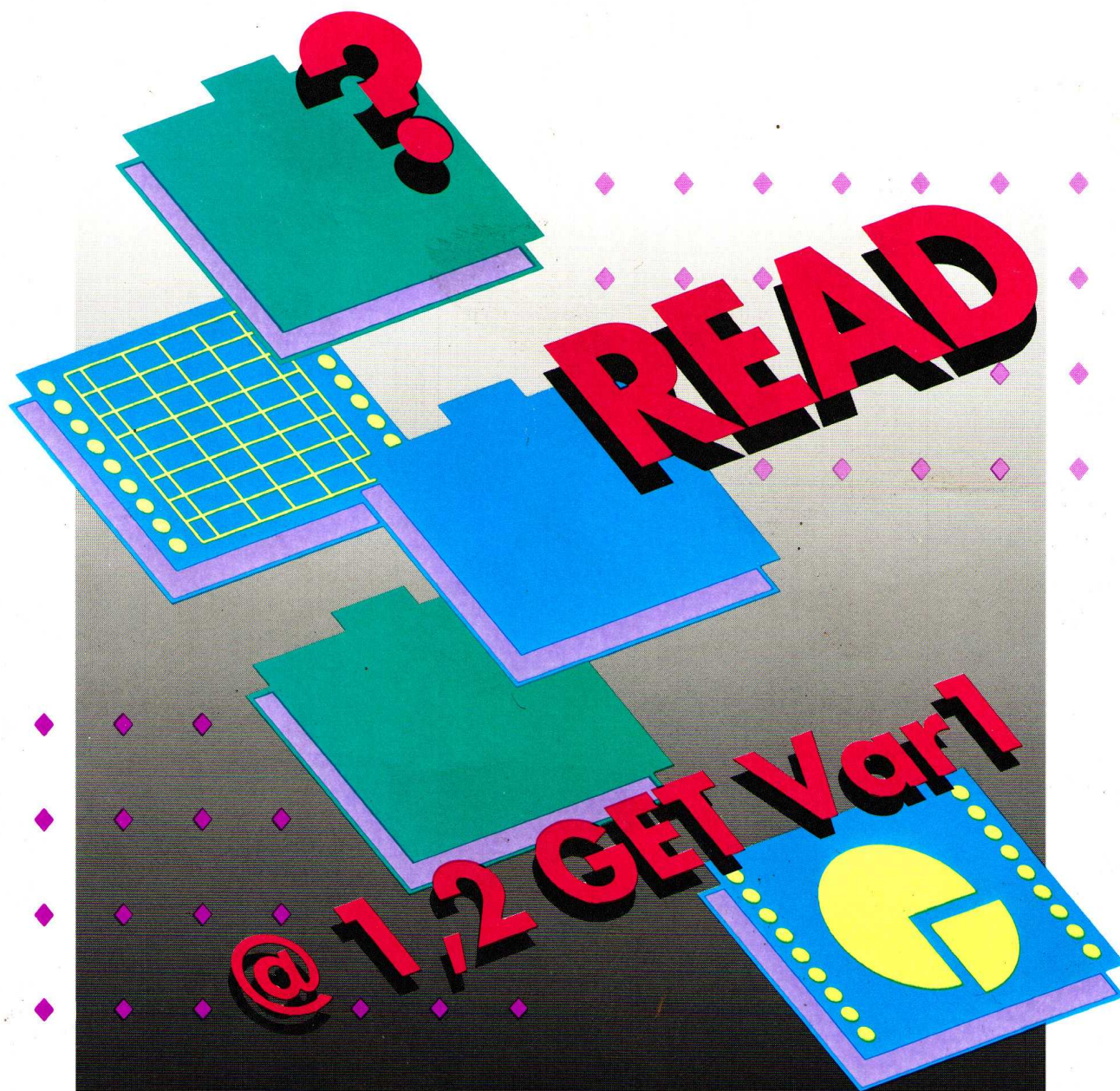
The installer permits you to selectively install **CA-dBFast** 2.0; select only those components you wish to install to your hard disk.

The installation will then proceed to completion. You will be prompted for disk changes as required.

Please check the readme.wri file for translation instructions to convert data bases using the ASCII (OEM) character set to the ANSI character set used by Windows.

Note: **CA-dBFast** 2.0 will attempt to place the QELIB.DLL, QEUTIL.DLL, and QLDBF.DLL files into your Windows directory. If these files already exist, you will be asked for permission to overwrite them. (These files may exist if you have previously installed **CA-dBFast** 2.0, or if you have separately purchased these libraries.)

CA-dBFast™



Compatible
The Complete dBASE[®] System

For Microsoft Windows

**COMPUTER[®]
ASSOCIATES**
Software superior by design.

CA-dBFast

For Microsoft Windows

CA-dBFast is the fastest and easiest way to create or transform existing Xbase code into great looking Windows applications!

Windows Power!

Turn that Windows application into a work of art! Create a button, some Combo Boxes, a pull-down menu, throw some incredible Bitmap images on the screen and put them all together. You can even take your existing code, and with little or no modification, instantly mouse enable your application and start the easy migration process, turning your old application into a fully event-driven, graphical user interface that users will love to use!

Run Your Existing Programs

CA-dBFast allows you to create Windows applications with all the Graphical User Interface (GUI) features of Microsoft Windows without a long learning curve. Instead of learning a new language to create those Windows applications, take your existing source code and your existing Xbase knowledge and put them to work for you. You can leverage your knowledge of Foxbase, dBASE III Plus, CA-Clipper® and other dBASE III compatible languages to create stunning applications.

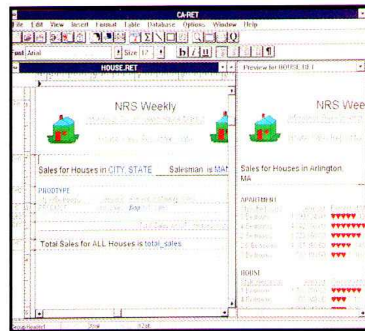
DDE And DLL Support

Take your imagination to new heights by communicating with other Windows applications such as CA-Textor™ or CA-Compete!™ with full Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) support. Use Dynamic Link Libraries (DLL) and make common Windows functionality work for you, without having to code your own functions! Create powerful functions and routines right in CA-dBFast with user-defined functions! It's so easy, and so fast to use—you'll never go back to your old style of programming.

The fully integrated Report Engine Technology (CA-RET™) provides CA-dBFast applications with advanced database reporting and preservation capabilities. This is a revolutionary report writing technology that allows you to create complex reports with point-and-click simplicity.

Multi-User LAN Support

CA-dBFast contains two runtime libraries that can be selected, determining the resulting application execution. You can select either multi-user or standalone link options, which allow you, as a developer, to take the same source code and create single- or multi-user versions of your programs, with no change to the code!



CA-dBFast supports all the major Local Area Networks supporting NetBIOS and low level File and Record locking (based on the DOS 3.1 compliances) such as LanTastic, IBM PC-LAN, Novell NetWare, and other popular networks.

Free Runtime

Computer Associates grants the developer free unlimited distribution of the CA-dBFast single- or multi-user runtime for your CA-dBFast developed applications. No royalty hassles or Key diskettes to worry about—just let your imagination flow and distribute that application you are so proud of!

Visual Application Development

Graphical design tools are built right into CA-dBFast, allowing you to paint your menus, screens, dialogs and reports using any standard Windows graphical routine. CA-dBFast uses an Integrated Data Dictionary to allow consistency for development in a multiprogrammer environment.

Generates Your Source Code

After you have designed your application, sit back and relax as the Application Generator creates all the source code, databases and index files based on the Data Dictionary, ready to compile and run! Full source code representing the applications can be generated in native CA-dBFast code at any point in the development cycle. Complete support for all standard Xbase style file formats, including DBF, NDX, FRM and LBL files.

Features

- 128 fields per database
- Two billion records per database
- 25 database work areas
- 16 relations per work area
- Place procedures and functions in the same program file
- Store Bitmap images inside a database file
- Watch the source code as the Visual Designer creates the files
- Full low-level file and record locking
- Super quick compiler and linker
- Both Public and Private Variables
- CAPTURE converts common Windows Graphical Styles to Bitmap images that can be stored in a database
- Complete debugging facility with source code stepping

System Requirements

Any computer system compatible with Windows 3.0 or above; requires DOS 3.3 or above.

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