VARIO DATA

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

MULTI-USER CAPABLE

- Full multi-user database access with record locking
- Database can create audit and revision trails by automatically recording identity of user making changes
- Each user can maintain individualized preferences for configuration of sort and entry order, display, and other elements

DATABASE ELEMENTS

- ASCII Text and Rich Text Format (rtf) fields
- Numeric fields with display precision and currency formats
- Date and time fields with configurable formatting
- Automatic field values include:
  - Creator
  - Modifier
  - Creation date
  - Date last modified
- Serial numbers or other automatic values specified by powerful function language
- Attachments field allows storage of references to other documents and applications (such as PO's, faxes, background information)
- Keyword index fields
- Configurable pop-up lists
- Check boxes
- Sounds and images

CUSTOM DATABASE CREATION

- Drag and drop palettes simplify database design and forms creation
- Powerful function language features comprehensive mathematical, logical, and database functions
- Function language lets you print, fax, or e-mail database reports automatically
- Pasteboard wells allow drag and drop data sharing with other NEXTSTEP or OpenStep applications
- SQL back-end capability provides scalability of database applications to:
  - Oracle
  - Informix
  - Sybase
  - Interbase
- Support provided for creation of front-ends to existing SQL tables
- Graphical attachments allow customization of database appearance, and use of existing forms as backgrounds
- Layout features include layering, groups, alignment, grids, and more

REPORTS

- WYSIWYG report editor supports point and click creation of professionally-formatted reports and merged letters
- Create and save custom tabular reports
- Automatic label features support a wide variety of standard label formats
- Report-specific functions let you incorporate important calculated or summary information in reports

DATA SHARING

- User-configurable import and export filters ease transition
- Merge records/data on import
- Support for common cross-platform data formats such as spreadsheet text, dBase export, FileMaker™ merge, FrameMaker .mif, and numerous others

SECURITY

- Password protection of user access to database, with a login panel available at the database designer's option
- Customizable user groups let you configure access privileges for each database on an element by element basis
- Password protection of import, export, printing, and function execution
- Password protection for interface editing and changes
- Robust data storage technology insures data integrity

PERFORMANCE

- VarioData speeds through sorts, finds, and other processor-intensive tasks

PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

- Available now for NEXTSTEP (all architectures)
- Available for OpenStep in conjunction with its release
- Technical support and training are available
- Site licensing available

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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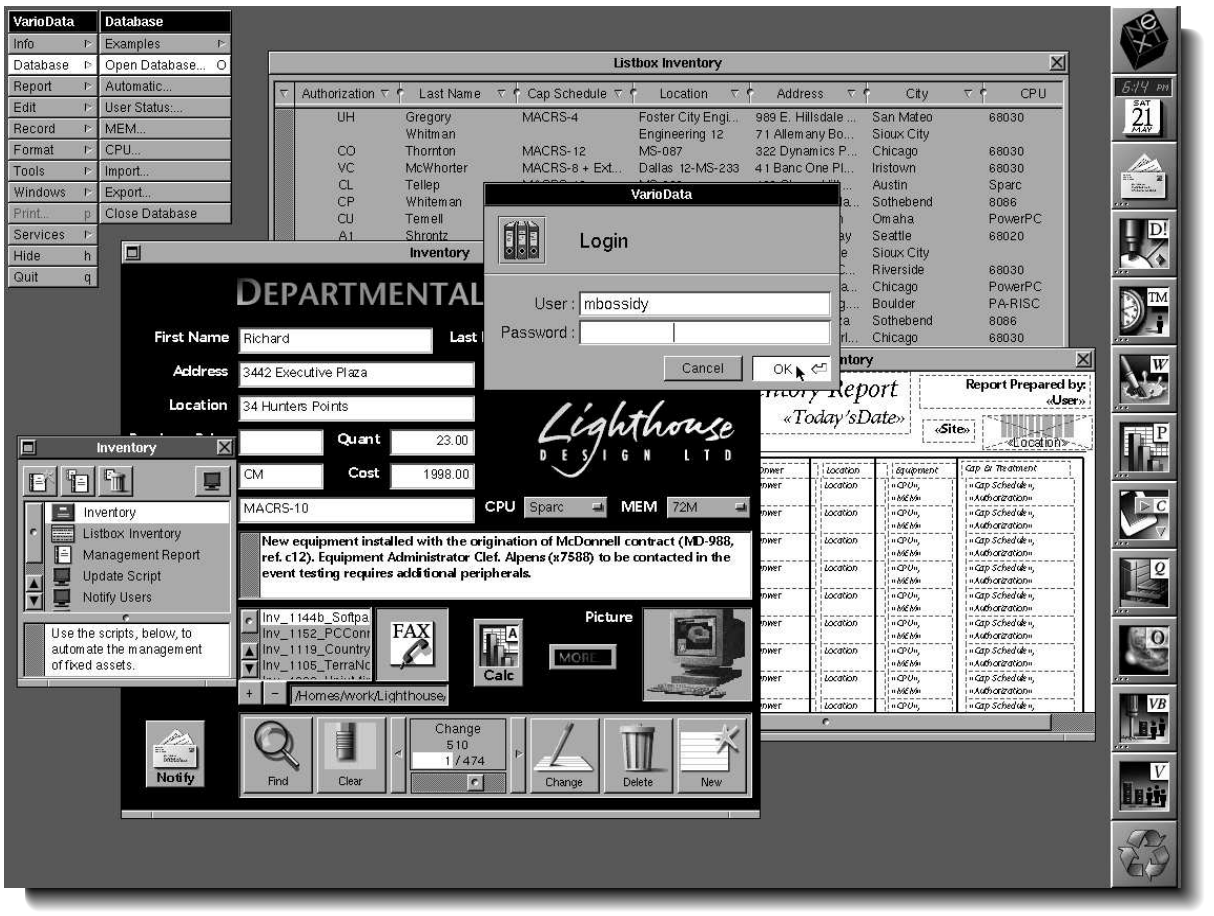

Lighthouse Design's VarioData™ is the first multi-user flatfile database for NEXTSTEP® and OpenStep™ to offer a simple point and click interface to workgroup data management. VarioData is ideal for customer databases, departmental inventories and bug tracking, and provides an intuitive interface to building mixed-media workgroup databases.

Custom database designs are easily created with VarioBuilder™, the VarioData database builder. No knowledge of programming is required to create database forms—simply drag and drop text, time, date, number and currency fields, along with a variety of standard NEXTSTEP/OpenStep interface elements onto a data canvas. All of the familiar choices, from pop-up lists, buttons and check boxes, to file and image wells, are available for use in speeding data entry.

A point and click formula editor allows users to attach custom behavior to buttons, enabling databases to send electronic mail messages, print or fax reports, raise additional windows and panels, access system calls and scripts, and even pass information to mission-critical applications. With the click of a button, your database design is turned into a network enabled, multi-user database, with sophisticated record locking to prevent users from unwittingly writing over vital information.

VarioData includes powerful Import/Export access to Microsoft® Word, FrameMaker®, and a variety of other standard merge formats.

The essential workgroup database solution for NEXTSTEP and OpenStep is here!

VarioData provides NEXTSTEP and OpenStep users with a powerful multi-user flatfile database. With its simple point and click interface, VarioData enables non-programmers to easily build custom mixed media databases for workgroup deployment.

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