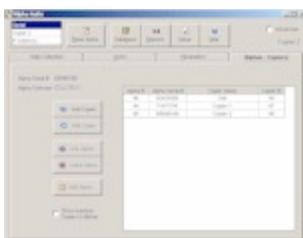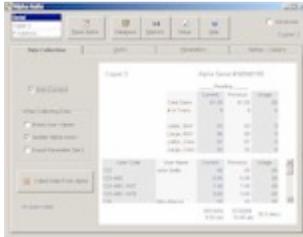# Advanced Technologies, Inc.

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Alpha Suite Basic Controller Software

Product Overview

Alpha Suite Basic™ is a PC based software program that works with the Copicode Alpha™ and Alpha-X™ terminals to control and account for copying activity on copiers. Alpha Suite manages up to 4200 user codes per copier, and supports up to 999 copiers.

Alpha Suite communicates with Alpha terminals via RS232 serial, USB serial, ethernet, or Palm handheld protocols.

Ethernet communication, local or remote, requires Alpha-X terminals. Both Copicode Alpha and Alpha-X terminals are fully alphanumeric.

User codes can be up to 16 characters in length, and can be segmented into two or three parts for higher levels of accounting. User codes can either be pre-entered for security, or entered "on the fly" for third party billing.

User code names can be up to 25 characters long, and copier names can be up to 16 characters long. User codes and copiers are shown in column sortable tables. Segments of user codes can be displayed in separate, sortable columns.

Alpha Suite has extensive reporting capabilities, especially with segmented user codes. Reports are based on readings, and are date range selectable. Individual reports for a user code single segment are also possible: for example, you can generate a report for one user, by client and matter, or one client, by matter and user. These individual reports can function as invoices for third party billing. All reports are fully printable, and exportable to Excel, or to the Clipboard.

Three different user prompts are available on Alpha and Alpha-X terminals. For copiers supporting multiple pricing schemes, the Alpha and Alpha-X terminals support up to four sets of four prices for four different copy types.

User codes picked up from individual Alpha and Alpha-X terminals can be accepted into the Alpha Suite database and possibly propagated to other terminals according to a rule set in the program.

Data are first read, then collected by Alpha Suite. Serial and Palm connections to Alpha terminals can be autodetected. These data are then placed in Alpha Suite's Access database. This database can be placed anywhere on a network, be password protected and addressed simultaneously by multiple instances of Alpha Suite.

Copier activity is shown in clicks by copy type, and accumulated value by user code. This activity can be valued in units or money. A collection report shows which copiers have had data collected from them. Copier activity is used to generate preventative maintenance reports. Data from Alpha-X terminals can be collected locally or remotely [over the Internet], either at will or on a scheduled basis.

User codes can be activated or deactivated individually or in groups.

Alpha Suite Basic is licensed by base cost, plus number of active copiers and active user codes needed. Palm data collection software is sold pre-loaded in a Palm Tungsten C handheld or equivalent, which comes with a special cable.

Alpha Suite is designed to run on a Windows PC with a Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows 2003 Server, or Windows Vista operating system.