

ADD A DELETE KEY TO YOUR APPLE ///

The Apple /// Plus has a Delete key, but previous Apple /// models do not. Bob Consorti of ON THREE has come up with a "patch" for the Console Driver that converts the minus key on the numeric keypad to a Delete key. This is particularly convenient for programs such as /// E-Z Pieces, etc., which require a Shift-Backslash, Control-Left Arrow, or some other two-finger operation.

To install this patch, just substitute one of Bob's two Console drivers for the Console driver on your boot disks' SOS.Drivers. Bob's accompanying comments are as follows:

"There are two CONSOLE driver files: The CONSOLE.MINUS is a standard version CONSOLE driver with the minus-delete key installed. The CONSOLE.ONTIME is a version for those of you with the ONTIME driver.

"They are both coded so that the minus key acts exactly like the Apple /// Plus's delete key. You can use them in programs like /// E-Z Pieces, Applewriter, and others (It worked fine with 3 EZ Pieces but not with system utilities or PFS). However, some programs require that you press the minus key on the numeric keypad. Because of this, I have added the following extension: If you press the control key in conjunction with the minus key on the numeric keypad, it will be just as if you had pressed the minus key (on the numeric keypad) using the normal Console driver.

"Please feel free to distribute it as you as you like."

The keypad minus key is a perfect location for a delete key, and after trying it for awhile, I have found it to be extremely useful and natural. A diskette containing these drivers will be available copying at the next meeting.

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