

KEYSTROKE AND THE MICRO-SCI A-143  
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When I first made the decision to buy Keystroke for my database needs I thought I had solved all my problems. Well I think I have 4 months later.

The first night I read through the manuals and things looked great. I then sat down and made a copy of the Keystroke loader disk and proceeded to add the A-143 device driver to SOS Driver. I then booted the disk only to have the disk run and run and run. I figured I had done something wrong. I called Brock and they said it should work fine but change .d3 to .profile. So I did and Keystroke said this would work once but thats all. Well since I wanted more than one disk and I wanted the full 572 K this wouldn't work. So I called up Micro-sci and they said their driver should work fine. Well it didn't. I then found out that Brock had some sophisticated copy protection and that's why my disks kept running. I said "Oh Well here goes my Master Disk" and added the device driver to it. Fine except the moment I needed to name a file it said <Stack overload>. So another call to Micro-Sci and they said I needed the new driver version 1.4 and that'll be \$20 please. I said "What" and they sent it free. Got the disk by UPS next day air and added the new device driver and when it came time to name a file it said <stack overload>. When my blood pressure came down I made another call to Micro-sci and said the same thing happened and they said "Um ... well..." and referred me to Charles McConathy. He said "Um... well... I think I remember someone saying that you have to have the .x3 (my micro-sci is .d3) inactive and have no more then 6 drivers active." I sat down deactivated .x3 and deleted drivers till I had only 6, booted up and amazingly enough it worked. Imagine that it worked!

Man I just love computers.