# Software Product Description

**PRODUCT NAME: VAX ADE, Version 2.5** **SPD 25.76.09**
**Information Management for Office Professionals**

## DESCRIPTION

ADE is specifically designed to help managers, administrative and clerical personnel, and other office professionals manage their own information. ADE users can create and manage information files as well as produce a variety of reports. An on-line tutorial makes ADE extremely easy to learn, while extensive HELP messages and a self-prompting command structure make ADE easy to use. ADE allows users to produce and use simple applications without learning programming techniques or languages.

The ADE user defines a Worksheet by naming the column headings needed for the data. The data is then entered through the user's terminal and is displayed on the terminal screen under the appropriate column headings. Data or columns can be added, changed, or deleted at any time. Column widths are automatically adjusted to accommodate the data being entered. Once entered, the data can be manipulated and reports can be printed.

The standard ADE report format automatically prints information in a columnar format, numbers pages, centers titles, and centers data under column headings. With a little more effort, the ADE user can select specific data to be printed and format the report to meet specific needs.

ADE uses Self-prompting Commands to manage information and to print reports. The user enters a single word command telling ADE what to do. If not sure which command to use, HELP will give the user a list of choices with a brief description, or the TRAIN command can be used to learn about the various commands. Once the command is entered, ADE prompts the user for any additional information that is needed. HELP and TRAIN are always available. As the user becomes more familiar with ADE, abbreviations can be used and the entire ADE command can be entered without selecting from the available options at each step. This greatly increases the frequent user's productivity.

ADE also has several advanced features that add to its usefulness. The most powerful of these is the creation of Verbs. A Verb is a name that the user gives to a specific sequence of commands. That sequence of commands can then be performed by simply entering the name of the Verb as if it was a command. This is a great time saver for those tasks that are repeated day after day.

Another advanced ADE feature is the ability to insert ADE Print Files into a single ADE Report. The inserted Print Files can be Listings, Plots, or other ADE Reports. This feature allows the ADE user to create complex reports out of many simpler pieces.

### Features

- A TRAIN command that quickly teaches a new user the ADE basics right at the user's terminal
- Automatic prompting at each input step
- Extensive HELP messages that explain all required input
- Commands to perform data entry and updating
- Commands to perform simple arithmetic calculations, as well as subtotals, running totals, and grand totals
- Commands to perform sorting and merging of data, as well as combining of columns and worksheets
- A standard default format for producing reports automatically
- A Report Writer that allows a specific report format to be created, in easy steps, by modifying the standard format
- Callable from ALL-IN-1 Office Menu
- Users can transfer data to and from other software products that use RMS sequential files, for example, VAX COBOL, VAX BASIC, VAX DATATRIEVE
- Users can transfer data to and from list processing files used by Digital's Word Processing software
- Users can copy Data, Reports, and Verbs created by other ADE users
- Users can control the protection of their ADE files
- Users can name and execute a group of commands as a single Verb

- Users can decide to use ADE's more complex facilities and functions if, and when, they wish

## HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

VAX, MicroVAX, VAXstation, or VAXserver configuration as specified in the System Support Addendum (SSA 25.76.09-x).

## SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

*For Systems Using Terminals (No DECwindows Interface):*

VMS Operating System

*For Workstations Running VWS:*

VMS Operating System

VMS Workstation Software

*For Workstations Running DECwindows:*

VMS Operating System (and necessary components of VMS DECwindows)

Refer to the System Support Addendum (SSA 25.76.09-x) for availability and required versions of prerequisite software and for information regarding components of VMS DECwindows.

## ORDERING INFORMATION

Software Licenses: QL-425A*-**

Software Media: QA-425A*-**

Software Documentation: QA-425A*-GZ

Software Product Services: QT-425A*-**

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