

Interesting email discussion w/ Dean Gibson (Ultimeth)

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8:19 am

FYI, email discussion I had with Dean Gibson who authored some of the Quikdata software...

From: Dean Gibson (Web Administrator) [mailto:webmas...@ultimeth.com]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 10:10 AM
To: Glenn Roberts
Subject: Re: Device Driver information needed

On 2011-05-30 06:04, Glenn Roberts wrote:

Hello, I'm trying to reach Dean Gibson of Ultimeth. Dean was the author of some of the utilities for the Heathkit H8/H89 series.

There are a number of us "old timers" who are trying to keep these systems alive at the Society for Eight Bit Heathkit Computers <http://groups.google.com/group/sebhc>

We are looking for HDOS drivers for the old H-67 hard disk interface (we have the hardware working and have software working on CP/M but are missing HDOS).

Dean was the author of some of the utilities offered by Quikdata, Inc. at the time, e.g. see the manual <http://koyado.com/Heathkit/z67-IDE_files/Quikstor-15.pdf> .

Any help you could provide in tracking down some of this software (even if it's on old media) would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your time!

Glenn Roberts

I have good news and bad news: I am the same Dean Gibson. The bad news is that I have NO software (mine or anyone else's) or hardware associated with 8-bit computers.

Sincerely, Dean

Mark

Garlan

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8:58 pm

Hi Glenn,

Thanks for finding Dean. I contacted him to see if the group would have permission to post his software/documentation and he said yes:

fromDean Gibson (Web Administrator) webmas...@ultimeth.com toMark Garlanger <garlan...@gmail.com>
dateMon, May 30, 2011 at 9:56 PMsubjectRe: Old 8-bit Heathkit software
mailed-byultimeth.com
9:56 PM (57 minutes ago)

Permission granted!

Sincerely, Dean Gibson

On 2011-05-30 10:14, Mark Garlanger wrote:

Hello,

I'm in the SEBHC group with Glenn, and saw that you responded to him that you no longer have any of the old Heathkit 8-bit software. I have a site at <http://heathkit-garlanger.com/> and was wondering if we (the SEBHC group - several of us have websites) could have permission to post any of the old 8-bit Ultimeth software/documentation that we find. I have received permission from a few of the other companies, such as Evryware and The Software Toolworks. You can see the Evryware and Software Toolworks links on my software library page: <http://heathkit-garlanger.com/library/>

Thanks, Mark

On Mon, May 30, 2011 at 10:19 AM, Glenn Roberts <glenn.f.robe...@gmail.com> wrote:

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Discussion subject changed to "EBay unit" by steve shumaker

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Is that an h/z67 on ebay? 300561521180 bidding!!!

steve

On 5/30/2011 8:19 AM, Glenn Roberts wrote:

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No, that is a 8" floppy drive that Heath/Zenith sold with the Z-100.

Mark

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oh... wondered.. can't find my h67 pic at the moment but didn't look right... was this a "standard" floppy unit then?
steve

On 5/31/2011 3:56 PM, Mark Garlanger wrote:

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On Tuesday (05/31/2011 at 05:56PM -0500), Mark Garlanger wrote:

> No, that is a 8" floppy drive that Heath/Zenith sold with the Z-100.

Right... and the normal, dual, Tandon 1/2-height drives have been replaced by a single full height drive... that looks a lot like a Shugart. That is, ah, a hybrid for sure.

Chris

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Chris Elmquist

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Oh, that is a full height drive. I have one of these that has a single HH drive, in the bottom slot. I didn't look close enough, I thought it just had the single drive in the top slot. I had seen it last week, and was planning on bidding on it, but due to the condition, the fact that it's a full height drive, and that Steve's bidding, I'll pass on it.

Not sure if it's a standard 8" drive. The drive, I received, was in a large collection that included both a Z-100 and H-89 with the MMS soft-sectored controller(which supports 8" drives). The H-89 does have a cable to the back for an 8" drive, but I only recently got that system working, and haven't tested it with the 8" drive.

Mark

On Tue, May 31, 2011 at 6:15 PM, Chris Elmquist <chris.elmquist@gmail.com> wrote:

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On Tuesday (05/31/2011 at 06:29PM -0500), Mark Garlanger wrote:

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> drive, in the bottom slot. I didn't look close enough, I thought it just had
> the single drive in the top slot. I had seen it last week, and was planning
> on bidding on it, but due to the condition, the fact that it's a full height
> drive, and that Steve's bidding, I'll pass on it.

Right... they were offered with one or two 1/2-height Tandon drives... which were nice drives, BTW. But someone has changed one or both of those out and put a full-height drive in instead. The front of the drive looks like a Shugart to me and that is an older technology than the Tandon drives.

There's a lot of rust on the screws holding the bezel on too and that's generally not a good sign.

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> collection that included both a Z-100 and H-89 with the MMS soft-sectored
> controller(which supports 8" drives). The H-89 does have a cable to the back
> for an 8" drive, but I only recently got that system working, and haven't
> tested it with the 8" drive.

You should be good to go with that configuration. The Z-100 styled box (I am forgetting the Z- part number for the external drive box) was well built and if it has a single Tandon 1/2-height drive in it, then it is most likely the real thing. It should have a 50-pin ribbon cable connection that will mate right up to the 50-pin connection on the H-89.
Chris

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Herb has a picture of the standard configuration, Z-207-41 dual 8" enclosure,
http://www.retrotechnology.com/herbs_stuff/zenithfd.jpg

and some words about it here,

http://www.retrotechnology.com/herbs_stuff/a_drives.html#CABS

On Tuesday (05/31/2011 at 06:29PM -0500), Mark Garlanger wrote:

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Hi Steve,

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Attached is a picture of the Z-67 unit.
10 Meg Hard Drive & Single-Sided 8" Floppy Drive
Sitting on top is the replacement -- Norberto's Z67-IDE.
240 Meg HD (30 X 8 Meg partitions)
Later, -- Ken

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thanks! don't think I've ever seen a zenith unit. I'll chase it
anyway - if nothing else, restore and add it to the z100 that I found
recently.
steve

On 5/31/2011 4:55 PM, Kenneth L. Owen wrote:

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