"You can't really talk about the Information Highway or the Digital World without talking about content. And you shouldn't even think about content without thinking about standards. SGML is clearly the foundation for sophisticated, extensible management of critical information assets."

Jonathan Seybold, Publisher, The Seybold Report

Dick Bentum of Den Hoog, Holland received a copy of this disc from a very good friend but chose not to peruse it. Three months later, he was out of work. Coincidence? He doesn't think so.

Louis Johnson of St Louis, Missouri ordered 22 extra copies of the SGML World Tour and gave it to all the managers in his company. They promptly ordered a wide variety of SoftQuad products and services. Ten weeks later, to the day, he won the state lottery in an unnamed state. Coincidence? We think not.
Who’s Who on The Tour

This project has been generously supported by the wider SGML community including:

AIS - Based in Paris, France, AIS provided a special version of its BALISE software to convert files marked up according to various SGML applications into the format of the International Committee for Accessible Document Design (ICADD). The BALISE output was used to generate both Braille and the output to IBM BookManager (DS5).

ATA/AIA - The SGML committee of the Air Transport Association/Aerospace Industries Association provided background information, DTDs and sample data.

ATLIS Consulting Group - Debbie Lopyre of Atlis contributed her talk on Document Analysis (with notes from the talk from Chef Ensigh of the NY SGML Users' Group) and amended Robin Covey's acronym list. Tommie Uden is co-author (with Yuri Rubinsky) of The Year-in-Review Autumn 1993 and of "The Technical Context of SGML" which appears in their forthcoming book.

Avalanche Development Company - Linda Turner provided articles for "Starting to Understand SGML" and Eric Severson contributed "The Art of SGML Conversion".

Coach House Printing - Stan Bevington and Robert Stacey contributed MASSANGA: The Art of Bon Echo from the book of the same name, forthcoming from Archives of Canadian Art/Penumbra Press, with the sponsorship of the friends of Bon Echo Park. This makes up the "Art" directory in the "Industry Applications" section. Stan also provided facilities and good coaching.

Robin Covey - Editor of the massive SGML Bibliography, Robin provided the base acronym set for the Tour.

Duxbury Systems - Joe Sullivan took the ICADD (See the acronym list) files and created the Braille output available in the "DOS/BRAILLE directory of the section "Starting to Use SGML".

Joanne El Andoloussi - With Eve Moler, Joanne El Andoloussi provided the article that is growing to become Developing SGML Document Type Definitions to be published in Spring 1995 by Prentice Hall.

Graphic Communications Association - The GCA is the major worldwide sponsor of conferences devoted to SGML and structured information. Operator of the SGML Bookstore. See "SGML Resources".

Charles F. Goldfarb - Project editor of the ISO working group that developed the standard and inventor of SGML itself, Dr. Goldfarb provided tutorials, portions of The SGML Handbook and selections from his forthcoming collection, Pith and Vignor.

IBM - On the DOS component of this disc, the browser is IBM's BookManager, a commercial product available to the general public from IBM (1 800 426-2279) and from Recording for the Blind.

Information Paving Company - Howard Arlin provided disc technical production co-ordination for the World Tour and may be reached at +1 416 540-0959.

ISUG - Through its President, Pam Genova, ISUG contributed its list of chapters and contact names. See "SGML Resources" and its History of SGML.


Kodak Canada Inc. - Using the Kodak Writable CD technology, Kodak provided disc proofing and mastering.

Eve Moler - With Joanne El Andoloussi, Eve Moler provided the article that is growing to become Developing SGML Document Type Definitions to be published in Spring 1995 by Prentice Hall.

Marie Morgan - A communications theorist, Marie has written about the metaphor of the Information Highway in the "SGML and the Information Highway Metaphor" section of the disc.

MicroStar - Ken Holman used MicroStar's Near & Far software to produce the graphical representations of a selection of DTDs. These files appear in the "doc" directories within several of the "Industry" groups below the /UNIX/INDUSTRY directory. These may be down-loaded to any PostScript printer.

Erik Muggen - Graciously organized and provided the valuable comp.text.sgml Internet archive.

National Semiconductor - National Semiconductor representatives in the Piscataway Group provided background materials describing the semiconductor industry's SGML initiative.

Nice Technologies - Eric van Herwijnen, author of Practical SGML provided several chapters of the newly-released second edition for the Macintosh and Unix versions of the disc. He also collected, from a variety of sources, the Basic SGML Glossary which appears on the Tour.


Robins Sharpe & Wilson Lam of Toronto, Canada - Art direction and design for the Tour.

Seybold Seminars - Jonathan's interest in having a disc such as this to introduce conference-goers to SGML was the impetus which motivated SoftQuad to pull together all the pieces.

SoftQuad Inc. - Effort above and beyond by individuals too numerous to mention throughout the organization. Special contributions by the CD crew: Martin Kohner, organization, editorial, administration. Brian Miller and Dave Cotrnan, gatherers and processors of the "Industry" section. Nelson Adams of Adams and Hamilton for the MS-Windows navigation. Sarah and Becky Shalome the Macromind work, the Macintosh startup and SGML markup demons.

SYNEX Information - SoftQuad Explorer, the browser on the MS-Windows version of this disc, was adapted in a special, partially-HyTime, SGML World Tour edition by SYNEX, Stockholm, Sweden.

TAGO - The SGML Newsletter provided abstracts of the last few years of issues.

TechnoTeacher Inc. - Author/Editor/HyTime, the browser on the UNIX partition of this disc, was constructed using SoftQuad Sculptor and TechnoTeacher's Hybinder HyTime Engine.

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Yuri Rubinsky, President, SoftQuad Inc; Chairman, SGML Open

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Articles covering HyTime and HyQ query language — theoretical, practical and introductory.

6. Industry Applications: Background and Samples
DTDs, background materials and sample files where available — for a variety of initiatives such as aerospace, computer vendors and the office.

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On DOS:
Browser — IBM BookManager is an ASCII-screen mode browser with strong searching tools and hierarchical navigation tools. On this disc it displays the "Starting to Understand SGML" section of the SGML World Tour in a special edition created by Recording for the Blind. BookManager, while geared generally to sighted people, is one of the best programs for use by the blind with computer voice devices. Also in the DOS directory is a directory called BRICKLE. Here you will find files called STARTING.BRF and which is the content of the "Starting to Understand" section of this disc already transformed by Duxbury Systems into Braille from the original SGML markup. This file may be printed directly to a Braille printing device.

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To Begin — While in the README directory on your machine, type "READIBM." In the list of available books, you will see background reading on BookManager, an on-line manual, and the SGML book. You may wish to begin by reviewing the Introducing BookManager document on the disc. For further information about BookManager, please call 1 800 227-5511 from 9am to 7pm (Eastern Standard Time).

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