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- *Pascal News* is the official but *informal* publication of the User's Group.

Purpose: The Pascal User's Group (PUG) promotes the use of the programming language Pascal as well as the ideas behind Pascal through the vehicle of *Pascal News*. PUG is intentionally designed to be non political, and as such, it is not an "entity" which takes stands on issues or support causes or other efforts however well-intentioned. Informality is our guiding principle; there are no officers or meetings of PUG.

The increasing availability of Pascal makes it a viable alternative for software production and justifies its further use. We all strive to make using Pascal a respectable activity.

Membership: Anyone can join PUG, particularly the Pascal user, teacher, maintainer, implementor, distributor, or just plain fan. Memberships from libraries are also encouraged. See the COUPON for details.

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- Remember: ALL LETTERS TO US WILL BE PRINTED UNLESS THEY CONTAIN A REQUEST TO THE CONTRARY.
- *Pascal News* is divided into flexible sections:

POLICY — explains the way we do things (ALL-PURPOSE COUPON, etc.)

EDITOR'S CONTRIBUTION — passes along the opinion and point of view of the editor together with changes in the mechanics of PUG operation, etc.

APPLICATIONS — presents and documents source programs written in Pascal for various algorithms, and software tools for a Pascal environment; news of significant applications programs. Also critiques regarding program/algorithm certification, performance, standards conformance, style, output convenience, and general design.

ARTICLES — contains formal, submitted contributions (such as Pascal philosophy, use of Pascal as a teaching tool, use of Pascal at different computer installations, how to promote Pascal, etc.).

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS — contains short, informal correspondence among members which is of interest to the readership of *Pascal News*.

IMPLEMENTATION NOTES — reports news of Pascal implementations: contacts for maintainers, implementors, distributors, and documentors of various implementations as well as where to send bug reports. Qualitative and quantitative descriptions and comparisons of various implementations are publicized. Sections contain information about Portable Pascals, Pascal Variants, Feature-Implementation Notes, and Machine-Dependent Implementations.

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