

IBM announces new JX range

IBM has finally announced availability of its Japan-developed computer, a desktop system with "advanced micro-computer features".

The three-model JX has a variety of configurations and memory sizes and a range of options including colour graphics, clustering, communications, joy stick, light pen and mouse controls, up to 512k of random-access memory.

It allows use of software from either 3.5 inch diskettes or cartridges and there is an optional 5¼ inch disk driver.

There is a choice of two keyboards and three printers.

The three models are: JX1 (for classroom use) which has 64k, two cartridge slots, a 12-inch colour display and a keyboard with cable which costs \$2,115; JX2 (home and small business) which is the JX1 plus a 128k and a 3½ inch disk driver and costs \$2,861; and X3 (larger business) which adds dual 3½ inch disk drivers and 256k and costs \$3,365.

IBM says that more than 100 software packages are available.