The Software Solution:

Communiqué and Word Wand support the full set of French accented characters, providing specialized printer drivers to print them and screen routines to display them.

WordPerfect accepts ALT-key combinations to display and print only lower-case French accents. (The lower-case characters are available in the upper half of the standard ASCII table.) The screen display and printer support are erratic, however, and the user may have to settle for some strange screen representations in order to print the required characters.

l'Accent is a memory-resident program which alters the micro's internal ASCII table so that French accents can be displayed on screen and transferred to the printer. l'Accent has the usual shortcoming of RAM-resident software; it may interfere with the operation of other software, but it has been found to work.

Clavier is another memory-resident program which can display and print French accented characters. Some people in the department are having success with this package.

DOS 3.3 supports various international character sets including Canadian French, however, it requires a late-model IBM machine and IBM printer.

The Hardware Solution:

The JLS JANUS by Micro Access is a prototype bilingual microcomputer and is available upon request. The Microcentre can also convert your existing JLS micro.

Finally, if you are having difficulty integrating French accent usage with your current system, contact the Microcentre and they will help you sort out the various options available to you.

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