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Disappointing earnings news from some technology companies unnerved investors in the over-the-counter market , who sold shares of Apple Computer , Intel and many other computer-related concerns .

v:e-i-p n:x n_of:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n_of:x-i v:e-i-p n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-i n:x _ v:e-i-p n_of:x-i _ named:x-c _ na
      [21285002]
        The drop in those and other technology stocks contributed to an 0.7 % slide by the Nasdaq composit q:i-h-h n_of:x-i p:e-u-i x:x _ a:e-i n:x n:x v_to:e-i-p-i _ q:i-h-h card:i-i-c n_of:x n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h named:x-c n:x
      It finished at 467.22 , down 3.45 pron:x v:e-i-p p:e-u-i card:i-i-c _ p:e-u-i card:i-i-c
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        Mostly because of the sell-off in technology stocks , the Nasdaq 100 Index of the OTC 's largest non-financial issues dropped 4.58 to 457.52 x:e-u p:e-u-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i n:x n:x q:i-h-h named:x-c yofc:x-c n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h named:x-c = a:e-i a:e-p n:x v:e-i card:i-i-c p:e-u-i card:i-i-c
    The Nasdaq Financial Index of giant insurance and banking issues lost 2.38 to 458.32 q:i-h-h named:x-c nam
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    Some traders said the sell-off of technology stocks on low volume reflected a lack of conviction by investors q:i-h-h n:x v_to:e-i-h-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i n:x n:x p:e-u-i a_on:e-p-i n_of:x-i v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i n_of:x-i p:e-u-i n:x
                                                                                                                   , vice president in charge of OTC trading at SoundView Financial in Stamford , Conn. , said the selling was orderly named:x-c v:e-i-p p:e-u-i named:x-c p:e-u-i named:x-c p:e-u-i named:x-c p:e-u-i named:x-c v:to:e-i-h-i q:i-h-h v:e-i-p _ a:e-p
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" It 's a quiet retreat , " said Mr. Howley pron:x v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x _ v_to:e-i-h-i n:x named:x-c
      " It 's nothing dramatic , just a routine sell-off . "

pron:x v_id:e-p-i thing:x a:e-p _ x:e-u q:i-h-h n:x n:x _ _
                                                          ARG2 (ARG1)
  But some of it also represented profit-taking by investors who have made big gains in some issues ci-i-i q:i-h-h pron:x a:e-h v:e-i-p-u p:e-u-i n:x _ _ v:e-i-p-u a:e-p n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _
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           Yesterday 's volume of 117.2 million shares was far below last week 's sizzling average of nearly 177 million time_n:x _ n_of:x-i _ card:i-i-c 
      [21285014]
    For October so far , daily volume is averaging 150.3 million , putting it on track to be the year 's busiest month pre-u-i mofy:x-c comp:e-u-u a:e-p _ a:e-p _ a:e-p _ a:e-p _ a:e-i pc card:i-i-c card:i-i-c _ v:e-i-p-h pron:x p:e-u-i n:x x:e-h-h v_id:e-p-i q:i-h-h n:x _ a:e-i n:x
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         Apple Computer , which reported lackluster earnings Friday , lost 1 1/4 to 46 3/4 named:x-c named:x-c named:x-c - _ v_to:e-i-p a:e-p n:x dofw:x-c _ v:e-i-p card:i-i-c fraction:i-i-c p:e-u-i card:i-i-c fraction:i-i-c
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