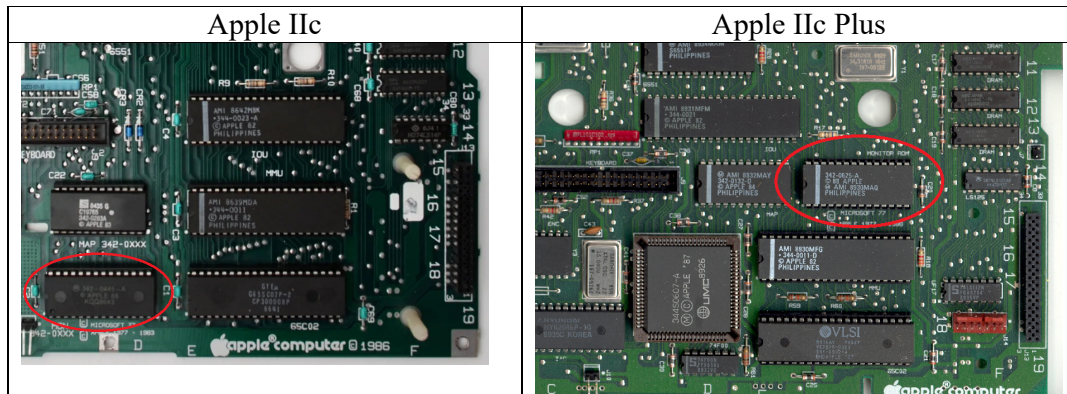


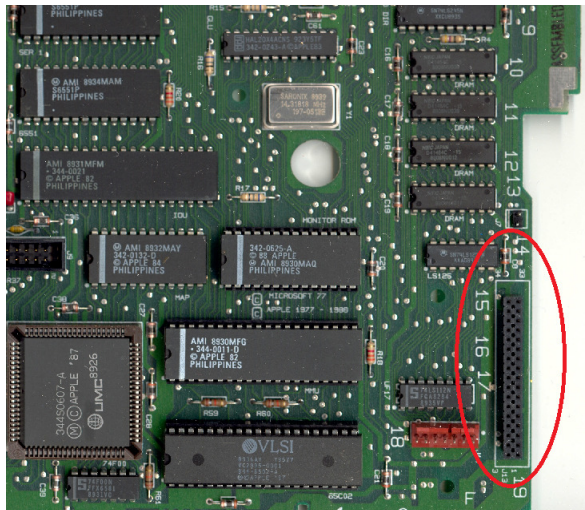
# MegaFlash User Guide

## Installation

1. Replace the Monitor ROM with the supplied ROM chip.



2. Install MegaFlash to the Memory Expansion Connector of Apple IIc/IIc plus motherboard. Make sure the header pins are aligned to the connector correctly.



## Boot Menu and Control Panel

- Ctrl-Option-Reset to enter the boot menu.
- In the boot menu, there are some shortcut keys:
  - C key to enter control panel
  - Space bar to toggle CPU speed on IIc+
  - Esc key to reboot

## Booting from drive 2

IN#4 command to boot from drive 2 of MegaFlash

## Control Panel

### Drives Enable

Each flash drive and the RAM Disk can be individually enable/disable. Select **Drives Enable** from the main menu to open the window. Press the number keys to enable/disable the drives.

To save the changes, press Enter to return to main menu. Then, select **Save and Reboot.**

To discard any changes, press Esc key.

Warning: The slot/drive mappings will be changed after drives are enabled/disabled. Always identify the drives with ProDOS volume name instead of slot/drive number.



### Format

It can format the flash drives and RAM drive on MegaFlash. It has two special features. 1) It can format drives to any arbitrary size. 2) It can erase the entire drive before formatting. It may take up to 2 minutes to erase a flash drive. Subsequent write access will be much faster if the drive is already erased.

## Apple IIc+ Accelerator

The accelerator code has been modified:

- Pressing Esc key on Power up to switch to normal mode is *removed*.
- To change CPU speed, first go to Boot Menu. Press key 8 or Space bar to toggle the CPU speed. Then, reboot
- Ctrl-OA-Reset *does not* change the current CPU speed.
- The word **Normal** is shown when CPU is running at 1MHz during cold boot.
- The speed when the computer is powered up can be set in Control Panel

## ROM Disk

- A ROM Disk is provided for disaster recovery. The ROM disk contains Copy II+ and ADT Pro.
- When enabled from boot menu, it will become the first unit of MegaFlash (slot 4, drive 1). Please note that the slot/drive assignments of all MegaFlash units are changed.
- Ctrl-OA-Reset cold boot to disable the ROM Disk

## RAM Disk

- RAM Disk can be enabled from Control Panel. The size of RAM Disk is 400kB. RAM Disk is the last unit of SmartPort. Its volume name is /RAMDISK.
- RAM Disk can be used to transfer floppy disk image with ADT Pro. Users may transfer a floppy disk image and write it to the RAM Disk. Then, copy files from the disk image to Flash storage.

## Applesoft BASIC FPU

- High bit of address \$5FC is the Enable flag of Applesoft FPU.

## Real Time Clock and Network Time Sync

The Raspberry Pi Pico has a real time clock (RTC). But it does not support battery backup. MegaFlash gets the time from NTP server via WIFI.

To enable network time sync,

- 1) Configure the **WIFI Settings** from Control Panel
- 2) Run **Test Wifi/NTP** from Control Panel
- 3) If all tests are passed, enable the **Network Time Sync** option and setup the time zone.

If MegaFlash can fetch the time from NTP server, the time is shown at the bottom right corner in Boot Menu and Control Panel.

If Network Time Sync option is enabled, a ProDOS clock driver will be installed automatically. The clock driver is in the patched system ROM. No software installation is required.

## Slinky Emulation

With the stock Apple IIc firmware, MegaFlash can emulate a 256kB Memory Expansion card (aka Slinky) if Pico 2 controller board is used.

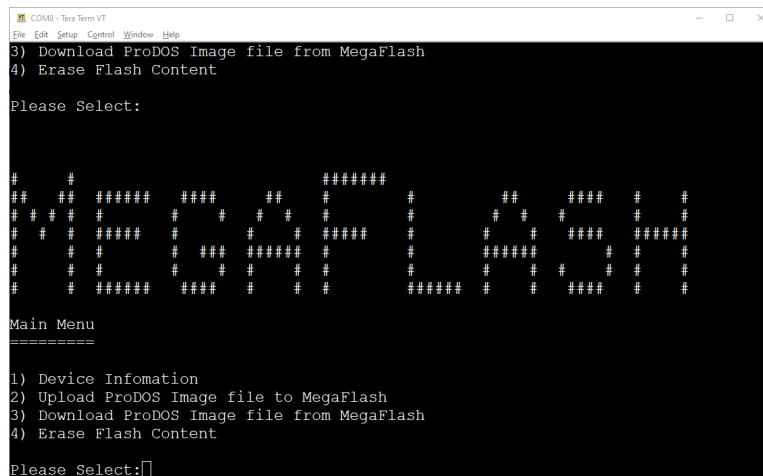
## Disk Image Transfer

Disk Image File (.po or .hdv) can be transferred to MegaFlash in 3 ways.

- 1) ADT Pro and Serial Port
- 2) MegaFlash Terminal Mode
- 3) Via WIFI and TFTP Server

## Terminal Mode

- To enter terminal mode, TURN OFF Apple IIc. Then, connect a PC to USB port of Pi Pico. Connect to MegaFlash serial port with a Terminal Program like TeraTerm (Windows).
- In the terminal mode, ProDOS-ordered disk image (.po or .hdv) can be uploaded to or downloaded from MegaFlash using XMODEM-CRC or XMODEM/1K protocol.



## Disk Image Transfer via WIFI

Disk Image can be transferred between MegaFlash and TFTP server via WIFI. Note that TFTP is not FTP. TFTP protocol is much simpler and without user authentication.

To transfer disk image, setup the WIFI network from Control Panel. Then, **select Disk Image Transfer via WIFI** from Control Panel and follow the instruction.

Please note that the TFTP server and MegaFlash must be on the same subnet and TFTP traffic cannot pass through firewall or NAT. In other words, MegaFlash and the server must be connected to the same WIFI router.

The block size of original TFTP protocol is 512 bytes. Later TFTP option extension allows larger block size. A larger block size increase transfer speed dramatically. Make sure blocksize option negotiation is enabled when configuring the TFTP server.

On Windows, Tfpd64 (<https://pjo2.github.io/tftpd64/>) server program is recommended. It has a GUI. You may need to run the app as administrator to save the setting. When sending a file to server, the file is overwritten without any warning if the file already exists on the server. Make sure **Option negotiation** is enabled.

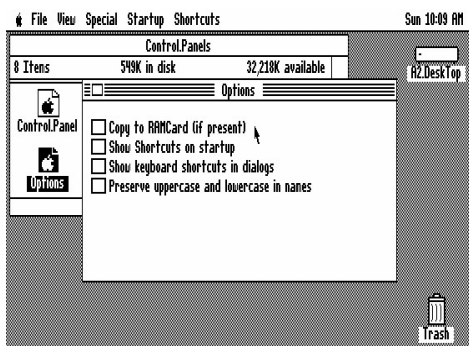
I don't have a Mac. So, I cannot test any Mac TFTP servers. But this software looks promising.

Pumpkin

<https://github.com/mterror/pumpkin>

## Apple II Desktop

By default, Apple II Desktop copies itself to RAM Disk during start-up. This is not necessary for MegaFlash. This behaviour can be disabled from Apple II Desktop Control Panel. Select **Control Panel** from Apple Menu. Open **Options**, then disable **Copy to RAMCard**.



## Updating Pico Board Firmware

The first step is to identify the type of Pico Board on your MegaFlash. Currently, Pico and Pico 2 boards are supported. The firmware of the two boards is different. Please prepare the firmware file (.uf2) for your Pico board.

To upgrade the firmware,

- 1) Remove MegaFlash from your Apple IIc computer.
- 2) Press and hold the white button on the Pico board
- 3) Connect the Pico board to a USB port of a computer
- 4) Release the white button
- 5) A drive called RP2350 or RPI-RP2 should be mounted
- 6) Drag-and-drop the firmware file to the drive. The firmware file will be copied to the Pico board.
- 7) Reinstall MegaFlash back to your Apple IIc computer.