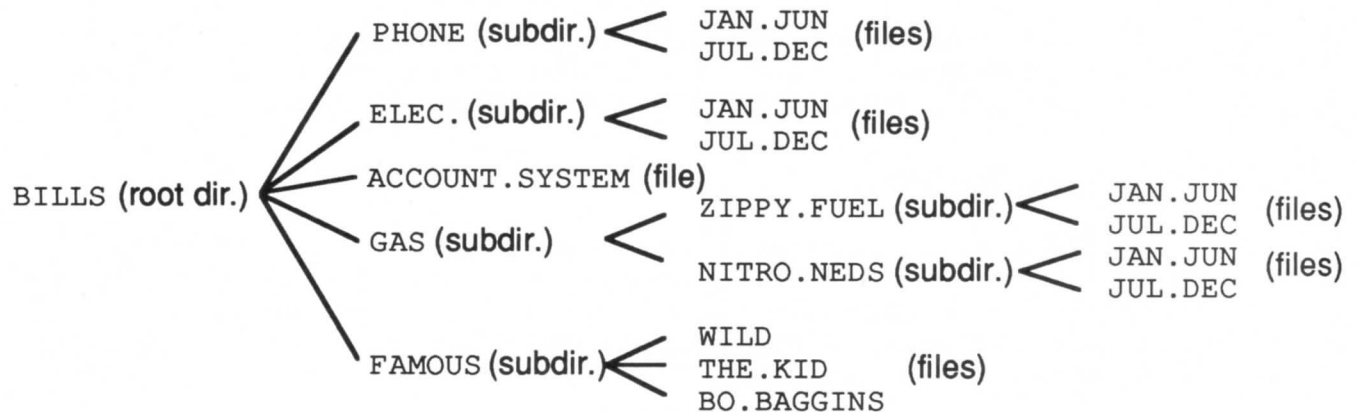


To access that file, you would use the pathname /BILLS/PHONE/JUL.DEC. Refer to the diagram below.



ProDOS Directory Structure

Now when an application asks you for the pathname of a file, you'll have a basic understanding of what it expects.

System Files

A system file is a ProDOS file that starts an application. Typically, these files have the suffix .SYSTEM (e.g. /APLWORKS.SYSTEM, /ACCOUNT.SYSTEM [see above], etc.). When you boot ProDOS, it runs the first system file listed in its directory. So, if BASIC.SYSTEM is the first system file on your ProDOS boot disk, ProDOS will boot and then put you in BASIC.

Additional Resources

The following books are available through most book stores:

Apple II Owner's Manual (Apple Computer, Inc.)

Supplied with your Apple Computer. Take the time to read it.

Basic Programming with ProDOS (Addison-Wesley Publishing)

Gives a detailed explanation of how to use ProDOS from AppleSoft Basic.

Beneath Apple ProDOS (Quality Software)

Provides information about ProDOS for both the novice Apple user and the advanced programmer.

ProDOS Inside and Out (TAB Books)

Very good book for both the beginning and advanced BASIC Programmer.

ProDOS User's Manual (Apple Computer, Inc.)

Provides an overview of ProDOS and explains how to use the ProDOS User's Disk.