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# **Guide to the Presage Software Records, 1992-2000 — 122.1287**

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository:</b>	Brian Sutton-Smith Library and Archives of Play at The Strong
<b>Title:</b>	Presage Software records
<b>ID:</b>	122.1287
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	circa 1992-2000
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.5 Linear Feet (1 box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Mixed Materials [box]:</b>	1
<b>Abstract:</b>	The records document products developed by Presage Software, Inc. including educational games and other multimedia entertainment. The materials consist of artwork, game manuals, press kits, VHS tapes of promotional videos, and demo CDs.

### Preferred Citation

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## Administrative History

Presage Software, Inc. is a software developer founded in San Rafael, California in 1986. Presage collaborated with many prominent software publishers including Broderbund, The Learning Company, Activision, Interplay, GT Interactive, Sierra Online, and others. The company was acquired by Human Code, Inc. of Austin, Texas in 1999 and became Presage Studios. Human Code was acquired by Sapien in 2000.

In 1993 Presage purchased the rights to the *Lode Runner* series of puzzle-platform games. Its Stepping Stone division developed "edutainment" games including *Chess Mates*. Presage used their proprietary Cross Platform Development System to develop products for DOS, Windows, and Macintosh with shared resources.

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## Collection Scope and Content Note

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The records document products developed by Presage Software, Inc. including educational games and other multimedia entertainment. The materials consist of artwork, game manuals, press kits, VHS tapes of promotional videos, and demo CDs. The materials date from 1992 to 2000. Games represented in the collection include *Lode Runner 2*, *Chess Mates*, *Menlo the Frog: A Musical Fairy Tale*, *Drawing Discoveries*, and more.

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## System of Arrangement

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The materials are arranged in the original order and housed in one archival document box.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Computer games -- software
- Games -- software
- Computer games -- Development
- Computer games -- Design
- Presage Software, Inc.

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
<i>Lode Runner 2</i> screenshots, undated	box 1	folder 1
Menlo the Frog interactive learning cartoon press kit, 1995	box 1	folder 2
Game release lists, undated	box 1	folder 3
Presage Software Development company overview, circa 1990s	box 1	folder 4
Game screenshots and artwork, undated	box 1	folder 5
<i>Drawing Discoveries</i> flier, 1996	box 1	folder 6
<i>Lode Runner 2</i> flier, 1998	box 1	folder 7
<i>Chess Mates</i> game manual, 1996	box 1	folder 8

<i>Menlo the Frog, A Musical Fairy Tale</i> flier, 1996	box 1	folder 9
Human Code San Rafael studio product video, 2000 October	box 1	cassette 1
<i>Lode Runner 2</i> trailer promo reels, circa 1998	box 1	cassette 2
<i>Lode Runner 2</i> , circa 1998	box 1	cassette 3
Stepping Stone product demo disk [2 disks], undated	box 1	disk 1-2
Sapient virtual makeover salon demo, 2001 February 12	box 1	disk 3
Human Code with viewer demo CD, undated	box 1	disk 4
Presage Studios interface screenshots 05.00 PC and Mac, 2000 May	box 1	disk 5