

INSTRUCTIONS

GETTING STARTED

Enclosed is your program from Software Revolution! The purpose of this page is to introduce you to the Software Revolution! start-up menu system that we have installed on most of the disks in our collection. This menu system is great for the experienced user and the novice alike, because you can view the instructions on the screen, print the manual, install programs on your system, and run the programs by choosing that selection from the menu.

IF YOU NEED A LITTLE HELP

If you have a hard disk system, read the part below entitled "For Hard Disk Systems" and then proceed to "For Everyone." If you have a floppy drive system, read the section below entitled "For Floppy Drive Systems" and then the section "For Everyone."

HARD DRIVE SYSTEMS

Turn on your computer. Make sure there is no disk in your floppy drive. After your computer has booted up, make sure that you are in DOS (if your system boots up into some program or menu, then you need to exit to DOS). You should now see a prompt on the screen (C:\DOS> or C:\). Now, put a Software Revolution! disk in the A drive, type A: and press Enter. Type WOW and press Enter to activate the menu.

FLOPPY DRIVE SYSTEMS

Put the DOS (Start-up) disk in drive A and turn on your computer. The computer will now boot up (ready itself by reading the information on your start up disk). After it has finished booting up (you may be asked for the date and time), the screen should show the A:\> prompt. Now, take out your DOS disk and insert a Software Revolution! disk in drive A, type WOW, and press Enter to access the menu.

FOR EVERYONE

If you have followed the steps above, you should now see a selection menu. You can choose any of the menu items by pressing its number and the Enter key. It is usually a good idea to read (or at least browse) the instructions before running a program. When you wish to print the manual, make sure you have plenty of paper and that your printer is on.

GETTING STARTED WITH DOS

DOS is an acronym for Disk Operating System. It is an interface between your computer's CPU (Central Processing Unit), peripherals (disk drives, printer, monitor, etc.), and programs.

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What do I do first? The first step is to get a directory of your program disk. To get a directory, put your disk in drive A, type DIR, and press Enter. For this to work, you must already be booted up and be at the A:\> prompt. For more help see the topic (on page 1 of this sheet), "If you need a little more help." Below is a directory listing of a program disk. The first column is a list of file names, the second column shows the file extensions of the files (showing the file's function), the third column shows the file size (in bytes), and columns four and five show the creation dates and times for each of the files.

The files listed below represent the four major types of files that you will see: Executable program files (.EXE & .COM extensions), Batch files (.BAT extensions), and Text files (usually .TXT or .DOC extensions). The directory consists of 5 total files: 2 programs (GAME.COM, and UTILS.EXE), 2 text files (GAME.TXT and MANUAL.DOC), and 1 batch file (INSTALL.BAT). Below the directory, we will show you how to read the files and run the programs.

Directory of A:\

GAME	TXT	2756	2-04-92	5:12p
GAME	COM	12654	2-04-92	11:22p
UTILS	EXE	56276	5-30-91	8:45a
MANUAL	DOC	14248	6-02-91	12:55p
INSTALL	BAT	512	6-04-91	4:11p

EXECUTABLE PROGRAM FILES

You can run a program file (files with extensions of .EXE or .COM) by typing the file name. If you wanted to run one of the programs in the above directory listing, all you would need to do is type the file name.

Examples: To run GAME.COM type GAME
 To run UTILS.EXE type UTILS

TEXT FILES

Text files aren't programs, they are notes for you to read that have the extensions of .TXT or .DOC, or none at all! To look at text files, you need to type the word TYPE and the complete name of the text file. If the text file is long, it will scroll on the screen faster than you can read it. To pause the scrolling, hold down the Ctrl key and S key. Hit any key to continue the scrolling. To print the file, type COPY, the file name, and PRN.

Example: TYPE GAMES.TXT

Example: COPY GAMES.TXT PRN

BATCH FILES

Batch files are files that contain a series of DOS commands (COPY, TYPE, DIR, etc.). When you run a batch file, all the commands are run one after the other in a batch. All that it takes to run a batch file (a file with a .BAT file extension) is to type the batch file name (the file extension is optional).