

The Wang Professional Computer Introductory Guide and
The Wang Professional Computer Utility Programs User Guide
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This update contains new information that reflects the current specifications and functions of the Wang Professional Computer and its system software. The update is divided into three parts. Part 1 provides general comments on updated specifications, procedures, and functions described in the Introductory Guide. Part 2 provides a correction to Chapter 8 of the Introductory Guide. Part 3 lists chapter-by-chapter changes to the Utility Programs User Guide.

PART 1 -- General Comments

- There is now a System Diskette III, which includes the WINCHESTER BACKUP and WINCHESTER RESTORE utilities and the BASIC interpreter. This diskette is shipped with all Wang Professional Computer systems. Refer to The Wang Professional Computer Utility Programs User Guide for instructions on how to run the utilities. Refer to The Wang Professional Computer BASIC Language Guide for instructions on how to use interpretive BASIC.
- On systems with two diskette drives, it may be convenient to modify the system menus so that System Diskette I can always remain in Drive A and System Diskette II can always remain in Drive B. This avoids having to remove System Diskette I from Drive A and replacing it with System Diskette II every time you want to access a program on System Diskette II.

To make the necessary modifications to the system menu files, run the MODIFY SYSTEM MENUS utility as a single-drive user. You must modify the menu files UTILITY.DAT, PRGDMEN.DAT, APPMENU.DAT, and PRINTMNU.DAT. Refer to The Wang Professional Computer Utility Programs User Guide for instructions on how to use the MODIFY SYSTEM MENUS utility. Edit the Work Screen for each menu file as follows:

- UTILITY.DAT - For the Check Disk, Disk Copy, File Copy, File Copy with Append, and File Compare options, change the On Drive specification to B.
- PRGDMEN.DAT - For the Basic and Editor options, change the On Drive specification to B.
- APPMENU.DAT - For the Convert Document to Text and Convert Text to Document options, change the On Drive specification to B.
- PRINTMNU.DAT - For the Edit Printer Function Table and Edit Printer Index Table options, change the On Drive specification to B.
- For the PC-PM012 daisy printer to run correctly, its baud rate must be set to 1200. Refer to Appendix I of the Introductory Guide for instructions on how to determine if the baud rate is set correctly.

PART 2 -- Introductory Guide Correction

The Winchester Disk Drive

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Add the following paragraph to the information on installing the system software to the Winchester disk and controlling the system from the Winchester disk drive:

If you are copying the system diskettes onto a Winchester disk that already contains system files you have modified, the FILE COPY utility replaces those files with the system files from the diskette. Therefore, if your Winchester already contains a copy of CONFIG.SYS that you have modified, do not copy the CONFIG.SYS file from the diskette. Also, if you have customized the system menus on the Winchester disk, note all changes; you must make these changes again after the new system menus have been copied.

PART 3 -- Utility Programs User Guide Corrections

Reserved File Names

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If you are using reserved file names to refer to a printer, use PRN for parallel printers and PRN1 for serial printers.

MODIFY SYSTEM MENUS Utility

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Add the following to the discussion on how to use the entries on the work screen:

Use Edit Help Screen when you want to change the text on the Help screen for a particular menu entry or add a Help screen for a new entry. To edit an existing Help screen, position the cursor next to the menu entry. Then, select Edit Help Screen and press EXEC. The existing menu appears on the screen. To modify it, move the cursor to the section you want to modify by pressing RETURN or the East and West cursor keys. (You can only move forward in the file. If you want to change an item above the cursor position, you have to reenter the Help screen.) Enter new text in blank positions or over existing text, or press DELETE to erase existing text. Press EXEC to save changes to the existing Help screen.

When you are creating a new Help screen, a blank Help screen appears. Enter the new text starting at the upper left-hand position on the screen. Press EXEC to save the new Help screen. It is stored on the same disk as the new menu entry.

WINCHESTER RESTORE Utility

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(Comment 6) If you leave the File ID field blank, the system selects all of the files for RESTORE by default.

COPY Utility

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(Comment 6) If you are creating a file using CON, you must terminate the last line in the file by pressing RETURN, CONTROL + Z, and RETURN. To delete the file, press RETURN and CONTROL + C instead of the first sequence.

CTTY Utility

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Add the following paragraph to Comment 1:

When passing control to a device which cannot pass control back to the main system's keyboard (e.g., a printer or monitor without a separate keyboard), use a batch file. Within the batch file, include the CTTY commands to switch from the main system's keyboard to a device and back again. Then, the system executes these commands even if the auxiliary device does not have the capability to return control to the main system's keyboard independently.

WPCONV Utility

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The screen that appears when you enter the WPCONV command is as follows:

Wang Professional Computer
SYSTEM UTILITIES - TEXT FILE TO DOCUMENT
Release 1.20

Input Text File:
Drive: _
Path: _____
File Id: _____ Extension: _____

Output Document:
Drive: _
Path: _____
File Id: _____ (If blank, same as source)

EXECUTE - Proceed
CANCEL - Return to Menu
RETURN - Go to Next Field
HELP - Help Screen

When you identify the file specification for the output document, you can include a path name, even if it is different from the source text file.

FORMAT Utility

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To transfer the CONFIG.SYS file along with the system files during a disk format, you must use both the -S and -G switches in the FORMAT command, as follows:

FORMAT -S -G

You cannot use the -G switch without the -S switch; otherwise, an error occurs.