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ABOUT THIS BOOK

This is a reference manual for GRiD-OS, the GRiD™ Operating System (version 3.2.0). Through GRiD-OS, you communicate with and manage your computer, disk drives, printer, and other resources.

NOTE: You will understand the information in this manual more quickly and easily if you've read the Getting Started tutorial. The tutorial teaches you the basics of using GRiD software.

Organization of This Manual

Each chapter is marked with a tab and begins with a table of contents, giving you direct access to the information you need. The manual contains the following chapters:

- o The System Basics chapter contains information essential to understanding GRiD-OS and using GRiD software products.
- o The Window Manager chapter describes and explains how to use GRiD's windowing environment.
- o The GRiDManager chapter describes the commands and functions of GRiDManager, GRiD's file and system management program.
- o The Utilities chapter describes and explains how to use a variety of useful utility programs.
- o The Error Messages chapter lists the error messages you may receive while using GRiD software and explains what to do in each case.
- o The Appendices contain tables and technical information referred to by other chapters in the manual, as well as troubleshooting information.

Related Publications

You may want to refer to the following related publications for further information:

- o Getting Started, a tutorial introduction to GRiD software, including information on using the computer keyboard, menus and forms of GRiD software, and on creating and handling files.
- o Owner's Guide, a comprehensive guide describing and explaining how to set up and use your GRiD computer.
- o Read Only Memory (ROM) Installation and Use, a booklet supplied with all ROM software explaining how to install and use ROM software.
- o Analytical Tools User's Guide, a comprehensive guide to using the following GRiD applications: GRiDFile, GRiDPlan II, and GRiDPlot.
- o GRiDWrite User's Guide, a comprehensive guide to using GRiDWrite, GRiD's text editor.

GRiD supplies many other software products such as a desktop organizer, an electronic mail system, a graphics package, a custom application builder, and communications packages. For information on these and other GRiD products, contact your GRiD representative.

Typographical Conventions

As you read this manual, you should be aware of the following typographical conventions regarding keycaps and the use of the keyboard.

Keycaps

Keycap labels appear in italics. Thus, when you see the symbol *Code*, you should press the key labeled *Code*, rather than type the word "Code" letter by letter.

Multi-Key Operations

Throughout this manual you are instructed to perform multi-key operations, such as "press *Code-Return*." When you see a hyphen between two keycap names, press the keys in the order in which they appear. Press the first key and, while holding it down, press the next key. Thus, when you read "press *Code-Return*," you should press the *Code* key and, while holding it down, press and release the *Return* key. When you see hyphens between three keycap names, press the first two keys and, while holding them down, press and release the last key.

Confirm

You are instructed both in this manual and in prompts that appear on your computer screen to "confirm" that a form is filled in correctly or that you are ready to go on to the next step of the task at hand. The proper response to a "confirm" request is to press *Code-Return*.

NOTE: On GRiD computers, both the *Alt* and *Fn* keys function as *Code* keys under GRiD-OS, though *Code* may only be marked on the *Alt* key.