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[1.] DOCUMENTATION

[1.1.]: Developer Reference Series?

[1.1.1.]: What is the Developer Reference Series?

The series consist of the following manuals:

- 1) PsyQ Development Manual
- 2) PC ISA Board Manual
- 3) Operating System Handbook
- 4) Hardware Guide
- 5) Library Overview Manual
- 6) Library Reference Manual
- 7) Graphic Artist Tool User's Manual
- 8) Sprite Editor Tool User's Manual
- 9) Sound Artist Tool User's Manual
- 10) CD Emulator Manual
- 11) CD Generator Manual

[1.1.2.]: Do these documents exist in hardcopy?

The current set is now being submitted to our printers.

[1.1.3.]: How do I get access to these documents?

The licensee's may access these documents by downloading the on-line version from the BBS, Programmer Tools CD (DTL-S2002) or from purchased hardcopies that are packaged with the tools.

Individual manuals of the Developer Reference Series are also released with their respective products. (i.e. Graphic Artist Tool User's Manual is included with the Graphic Artist Tool Kit (DTL-K2)

[1.1.4.]: What format are these documents and will any be provided in text format?

Since the developer reference series makes extensive use of postscript graphics, a flat text file will not be able to capture the graphic images and format settings.

We are investigating in providing the contents of the Library Reference Manual in a text form similar to MAN pages.

[1.2.]: ACROBAT Questions.

[1.2.1.]: Why is Acrobat used?

At this time, we are using Acrobat primarily as a means to quickly distribute new reference information. You may print out this material from Acrobat at your site (either individual pages or a page range), while preserving the graphics and formatting.

The Developer Reference Series is intended as a paper-based reference system. These documents are not designed to be read on-line. Nevertheless, we have included electronic bookmarks in the Acrobat files for those who would like to casually refer to the documents on-line.

[1.2.2.]: What is Acrobat Reader?

The reader is freeware. It allows you to view print and even cut and paste text out of a PDF (Portable Document Format). When printed the document will represent the same look and feel of the original document. Acrobat docs do not require you to have the fonts used to create the PDF file.

Acrobat readers are available for DOS, UNIX, Windows and Macintosh.

[1.2.3.]: What is Acrobat Exchange?

You can add your own bookmarks, delete, and add page with a copy of Acrobat Exchange (however, unlike the Reader, this is not free). Exchange also has a "Post-it" style notes system which allows you to annotate any on-line document. Further, you can export all your notes to a single file, send them back to us, and we can import the notes into our documents for consideration during updates.

[1.2.4.]: Is there any way to delete data from a PDF document?

There is no way to actually delete data from a PDF document (using Acrobat Reader). However, there are a few ways to shrink the amount of real estate required by an on-line doc.....you can:

1) re-size the window to the desired size, 2) use the "shrink to fit" icon to fit the entire document within the new, smaller window and 3) use the magnification key to zoom into text that you want to view (you can toggle between zoom-out and zoom-in using the alt key, I believe)

If you don't want to use the bookmarks (if any) in the left hand column, you can hide them by shrinking the bookmark's window using the double arrows in the bottom scroll bar.

If you resize the Acrobat document window so that it is smaller, you can scroll the document to the right, so that an inch or so of the left-hand side of the document is "cut-off".Thanks for your feedback.

[1.2.5.]: What type of fonts are used?

The font we are using for on-line display is the same as the font in the printed document. Maintaining different fonts for on-line and printed versions complicates matters. However, we are investigating on selecting a font that works well for all the media. Stay tuned...

[1.3.]: What are bookmarks?

The documents you now see on-line are preliminary. They were placed on-line in order to speed distribution. Our intention is to provide a comprehensive set of links and bookmarks with all substantial reference documents, such as the Library Reference.

[1.4.] Miscellaneous

[1.4.1.]: Are there any FAQ's available?

We have begun generating FAQ's similar to this for each conference on the BBS. However, the organization of this may change in the future. Each conference contains a FAQ for the subject.

[1.4.2.]: How do I provide feedback to the documents?

Please submit your comments and suggestions via mail on the BBS or in the Documentation Conference.

Also, if you are able to use Acrobat exchange a mentioned in [11-2-2], we would appreciate any on-line "Post-it" comments. You may export all these notes to a single file and send them to us.