

# NoteCards

## Evolving Outline

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- File Compatibility with Xerox Workstations
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## II NoteCards Tutorial

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  - Keyboard map
  - Mouse button usage
    - Left, Middle & Right button menus
  - Accessing & using scroll bars
- Accessing menus
  - Making & not making selections
  - Accessing submenu items
- Exiting NoteCards
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- Escaping from Error Conditions
  - UpArrow, Proceed, (& OK?)
- Basic NoteFile Commands
  - Create
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  - Delete
- NoteFile menus
- Card Types
  - FileBoxes
  - Text
- Miscellaneous
  - Background Menu
    - What options will be included, excluded, added (Logout T)
  - {DSK} and {UNIX} devices

### 4 6 Building NoteCard Structures & Modes of Use.

- Introduction to hypertext
- Introduction to what NC is and does; isn't and doesn't
- Some examples of applications NoteCards has been used for
  - Documentation
  - Bug & feature tracking/Software development records
- Using embedded fileboxes or text to group cards
- When to use multiple notefiles for a single project

## III Reference Manual

### 4 7 The User Interface

- Keyboard
- Mouse
  - Left mouse button behavior in (includes shift, copy & move)
    - Cards
    - Other windows
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- The Notefile Banner
- The Banner Title Bar
  - Notefile Ops Menus
  - Middle-Mouse-Button Title-Bar Menu
    - Full File Name
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  - Table of Contents FileBox
  - To Be Filed FileBox
  - Orphans FileBox
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  - User Cards and System Cards
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  - Suggested FileBoxes and Note Cards
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- System Parameters Affecting FileBoxes
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  - The Sketch-Card Menu
  - System Parameters Affecting Sketch Cards
- Graph Cards
  - The Graph-Card Menu
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  - Compact
  - Inspect & Repair
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  - Rename
  - Delete
  - Create
  - 
  - Checkpoint
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- Card Options
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  - Delete (Structure)
  - Copy (Structure)
  - Move (Structure)
- Other Options
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- Accessing System Parameters
- NoteCards System Parameters
  - Extra TEdit Props
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  - New Notefile Initial Size
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- Card Parameters
  - Force Filing
  - Force Titles
  - Default Card Type
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- FileBox Card Parameters
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4 15 **Other Tools**

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4 **TEdit Manual**

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2 **Programmers Interface to NoteCards**

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**Status Codes:**

- 0 Nothing done.
- 1 Chapter started.
- 2 Initial draft written, needs major cleanup.
- 3 Needs minor cleanup.
- 4 Ready for initial release.
- 5 Ready for final release.