TS-DOS Quick Reference – Hey Birt!

This document is intended as a quick reference to TS-DOS operation. Please refer to the TS-DOS manual for details on installation and other subjects not covered here.

TS-DOS presents you with two different menus which are very similar looking to the T100 main menu. The RAM menu shows you what files are in RAM and lets you manipulate them. The DISK menu shows you what files are disk and lets you manipulate them.

TS-DOS will only work properly with those file types that your M100 itself knows how to handle. These file types will have the standard T100 extensions such as '.DO', '.BA', and '.CO.'. or variations like '.CA' (used by Lucid) or '.DP' or '.DC' (used by the TEXT Compression utility of the TS-DOS ROM chip). You cannot save invisible files, files without extensions, or files whose extensions do not match the type of file.
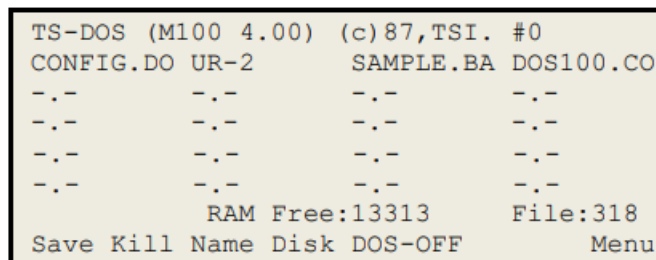
The RAM menu

F1 Save: Saves selected file to disk. Pressing ENTER at the 'Save as:' prompt will save file with same name. A different name, up to six characters can be entered, without the file type extension,

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TS-DOS (M100 4.00)  (c)87,TSI. #0
CONFIG.DO UR-2         SAMPLE.BA DOS100.CO
-.-         -.-         -.-         -.-
-.-         -.-         -.-         -.-
-.-         -.-         -.-         -.-
-.-         -.-         -.-         -.-
            RAM Free:13313       File:318
Save Kill Name Disk DOS-OFF          Menu
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then press ENTER. When the 'Save as:' prompt disappears the save has been completed. Press CTRL-C at the 'Save as: prompt' to quit without saving.

F2 Kill: Deletes the selected file from RAM. When presented with the 'Sure?' prompt, press Y to delete the file, any other key to cancel.

F3 Name: Renames the selected file. When presented with the 'New Name:' prompt, enter up to a six-character file name, without file type extension, and press ENTER. If you do not want to rename the file, press ENTER without entering a new name.

F4 Disk: Switches display to the Disk File Menu. If your disk drive is not connected to your computer and turned on you will see the prompt: 'Disk not in drive. Press any key. '

F5 DOS-ON/OFF: Turns the resident portion of TS-DOS ON/OFF. With this portion resident in RAM, you can operate TS-DOS with both TEXT and BASIC commands.

Tandy F8, NEC SHFT F5 Menu: Exits TS-DOS and returns to the main system menu of your computer with the disk version of TS-DOS, to the Ultimate ROM II menu with the Ultimate ROM II, or to the T-Word file-selection screen with T-Word/Sardine.

The DISK menu

F1 Load: Loads the selected file into RAM. Pressing ENTER at the 'Load as:' prompt will load the file with the same name. A different name, up to six characters, can be typed in without the file type

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DOS100.CO SAMPLE.BA TS-DOS.CO -.-
-.-       -.-       -.-       -.-
-.-       -.-       -.-       -.-
-.-       -.-       -.-       -.-
-.-       -.-       -.-       -.-
          RAM Free:89600      File:4964
Load Kill Name Ram  Frmt Log Mkdr Menu
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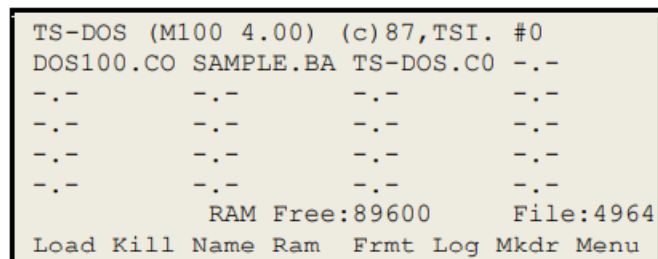
extension then press ENTER. If the file name exists in RAM, you will be prompted to press Y to replace that RAM file with the disk file, or N to not load the file.

F2 Kill: Deletes the selected file from DISK. When presented with the 'Sure?' prompt, press Y to delete the file any other key to cancel.

F3 Name: Renames the selected file. When presented with the 'New Name:' prompt, enter up to a six-character file name, without file type extension, and press ENTER. If you do not want to rename the file, press ENTER without entering a new name.

F4 RAM: Switches to the RAM File Menu.

F5 Frmt: Formats a blank 3.5 inch disk for your portable disk drive. Press Y to begin formatting or press any other key to return to the disk menu.

Tandy F6, NEC SHFT F1 Log: Display the directory of files on the disk now in the drive. Each time you change disks, press F6 to log that disk before using any of the other commands.

Tandy F7, NEC SHFT F2 Bank or MkDr: With the 200K portable disk drive, alternates between bank 0 and 1 (look in upper right corner of the menu for the current selection).

Tagging

T – Tag: The Tagging feature can be used to speed up operations on multiple files. Placing the cursor over a file and pressing 'T' tags the file, placing a '>' marker just in front of the filename. Pressing 'T' again removes the tag. After tagging the files you can use the function keys to perform an operation on all tagged files at once. As soon as you press a function key, the operation begins. It is complete when all of the '>' markers have disappeared.

For example:
F1 in RAM File Menu to save tagged files to disk without changing their names.
F1 in Disk File Menu to load tagged files into RAM without changing their names.
F2 in either the RAM File Menu or the Disk File Menu to kill those files.

G – Global Tag: Tags all file names on the screen.

U – Untag: Removes the tags from all file names on the screen.

Note: Any markers you place beside file names in either of the TS-DOS menus will automatically be removed as soon as you leave that menu.

Printing and Displaying files and directories

While using the RAM and Disk File Menus, you can print the contents of a DO file in RAM or on disk, display on your computer screen the contents of a .DO file in RAM or on disk or print a directory of all your files in RAM or on disk.

P – Print: Prints the contents of the DO file selected by the cursor. Once the printing has started, press any of these keys:

SPACE – Pause/Resume: Pressing the space bar to pause the printing and to resume it.

ESC – Cancel: Pressing ESC will cancel printing (or press SHIFT BREAK on the Tandy 100/102/200, SHIFT STOP on the NEC)

L – List: Displays the contents of the selected DO file on the screen. Press SPACE to pause and then resume the automatic scrolling at any point. Press ESC to cancel. Once listing is complete, press any key to return to a TS-DOS menu.

D – Directory: Prints the directory of files in RAM or on the disk in the disk drive. Using a printer with compressed print mode, you can print directories small enough to attach to 3 1/2 inch disks