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Welcome

The Microsoft® Windows Software Development Kit version 1.03 contains the latest software and documentation for Windows application development. The documentation, distributed in three binders, contains a complete description of Windows and the Windows development environment. Windows application developers will use all documents to design and create Windows applications.

To help you locate the information you need, the following list shows the contents of each binder and explains the purpose of the documents within each binder. Be sure to see the *Microsoft Windows Update to Programmer's Reference and Programming Guide* in Binder 1 for new features in Windows version 1.03.

Binder 1 — Update/Programmer's Utility Guide

Update to Programmer's Reference and Programming Guide

This document defines and explains features new to Windows version 1.03. It also contains additional information and corrections that apply to the *Microsoft Windows Programmer's Reference* and the *Microsoft Windows Programming Guide*.

Microsoft Windows Programmer's Utility Guide

This document defines the syntax and purpose of the utilities provided with the Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit version 1.03. Application developers use these utilities to create Windows applications.

Binder 2 — QR/Programming Guide/App Style Guide

Microsoft Windows Quick Reference

This document is a desktop directory to the Windows functions and messages. It is an alphabetical listing of Windows functions and messages that gives brief descriptions of each function and message and provides cross references to additional information in the *Microsoft Windows Programmer's Reference*.

Microsoft Windows Programming Guide

This document is a guide to creating Windows applications. It demonstrates the process of creating simple Windows applications and explains how to use advanced Windows features in your own applications. Some additional programming information can be found in the *Microsoft Windows Update to Programmer's Reference and Programming Guide*.

Microsoft Windows Application Style Guide

This document provides design guidelines for your application's user interface. It contains suggestions on how to use features, such as windows, menus, and dialog boxes, to your application's best advantage.

Binder 3 — Programmer's Reference

Microsoft Windows Programmer's Reference

This document defines the syntax and purpose of all Windows functions, messages, data types, and file formats. It contains everything the Windows application designer needs to access the features of Windows, and when combined with the *Microsoft Windows Update to Programmer's Reference and Programming Guide*, provides the complete definition of Windows version 1.03.