

XYWRITE IV CUSTOMIZATION GUIDE

Preface

The Customization Guide describes XyWrite functions that are beyond the scope of the Command Reference Guide. It is intended for technical coordinators, office information technology managers, LAN administrators, and others with technical expertise.

The Customization Guide gives information and instructions on the following topics. Each section of the reference guide is self-contained so that you can read the sections in any order.

- **Custom Commands** – This section explains the procedure for developing a customized set of XyWrite commands and function calls.
- **Defaults** – This section explains SETTINGS.DFL, XyWrite's default file. It also documents all the defaults available, as well as color settings and customization tables.
- **Keyboard File** – This section describes the procedure for modifying the XyWrite keyboard file and lists the available function calls.
- **Memory** – This section describes the commands you use to load custom information into memory.
- **Menu and Help Files** – This section gives you the information you need to customize the standard XyWrite files (XY4.MNU and XY4.HLP) or create your own.
- **Printer Files** – This section describes the basic construction of a printer file. You can use this information in conjunction with the documentation provided by the printer manufacturer to customize or create a printer file.
- **Sort Table** – This section gives you the information you need to create a sort table so you can modify the order in which XyWrite sorts data.
- **Startup File** – This section describes the format and function of the XyWrite initialization file and explains how to modify it.
- **User Programming** – This section explains the procedure for using XyWrite Programming Language (XPL), and describes the commands and operators available to you.
- **Variable Settings** – This section describes the VA (Value of Variable) command, which obtains the current value of a XyWrite setting. It also includes a list of system settings for which you can obtain values.

There are also five appendixes:

- **Appendix A** – Advanced Keyboard Functions. This appendix contains a description of some keyboard shortcuts that are designed for the advanced user.
- **Appendix B** – Terminate-and-Stay-Resident Programs. This appendix provides some tips on using TSR programs with XyWrite.
- **Appendix C** – Foreign Language Support. This appendix describes two features of XyWrite that are useful for foreign language applications: the accent table and uppercase table.
- **Appendix D** – Reserved XyWrite Elements. This appendix lists ID numbers, keywords, and macros reserved for use by XyWrite.
- **Appendix E** – XyWrite Character Set. This appendix lists the entire character set.

For more information about XyWrite, refer to the following publications:

- **Command Reference Guide**
- **Installation and Learning Guide**
- **LAN Administrator's Guide**

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