

# CUSTOMIZATION GUIDE

## STARTUP.INT

The STARTUP.INT file enables you to customize XyWrite to your needs. With it, you can tailor the initial conditions, such as loading a printer file for your printer and loading your own keyboard file.

If you are familiar with DOS, you'll notice the similarity between STARTUP.INT, which initializes XyWrite, and AUTOEXEC.BAT, which initializes DOS. It doesn't take much time to learn about the STARTUP.INT file, since there are no new commands to learn.

### Running The STARTUP.INT File

STARTUP.INT is the initial startup file for XyWrite. It contains commands that are automatically executed every time XyWrite is started up, which enables you to custom tailor the program. For example, STARTUP.INT can log you on; load your keyboard, help, and menu files; select the printer; load cartridges; set the order that filenames are displayed in directories.

STARTUP.INT is actually a program file (see "[User Programming](#)" for more information on program files). XyWrite comes with a simple STARTUP.INT file, which you can modify to include any commands you want.

### Running STARTUP.INT

You can run STARTUP.INT either automatically or manually.

#### Automatically

Each time you start XyWrite, STARTUP.INT runs automatically:

1. Start at the DOS prompt (for example: C:\> ).
2. Type: editor [↵]

Result: XyWrite is loaded, the familiar XyWrite screen appears and STARTUP.INT runs automatically. Each command in the file is executed in sequence, appearing briefly on the command line. Upon completion, the XyWrite opening screen is displayed.

#### Manually

While in XyWrite, you can run STARTUP.INT any time you want to reinitialize the program:

1. Store any documents you are working on before you run STARTUP.INT.
2. Type: [F5]run startup.int [↵]

Result: XyWrite executes each command in the file one after another.

### Modifying STARTUP.INT

The following procedure shows you the simplest way to modify the STARTUP.INT file. As an example, the procedure adds the [CART](#) command to automatically load cartridge fonts during startup.

1. Call the existing STARTUP.INT file to the display:

Type: [F5] call startup.int [↵]

2. Move the cursor to the line after the line containing the SETP command. Make sure you are in Insert Mode.

3. Each line in STARTUP.INT must begin with a function call. Most lines begin with **BC**, a function call that clears the command line. You can use a shortcut method to enter the BC function call, as follows:

Type: [Ctrl][Alt][Shift]B

Result: A bold **BC** now appears in your startup file. (Refer to "[Analysis](#)" section for more information on function calls.)

# CUSTOMIZATION GUIDE

## STARTUP.INT (Cont.)

4. Enter the CART command, followed by a one-, two-, or three-character abbreviation for the cartridge you want to load. If you include more than one name, separate them with commas. For example:

Type: cart a,gt [↵]

5. Store the file:

Type: [F5] store [↵]

6. Test the file:

Type: [F5] run startup.int [↵]

Result: The commands in the STARTUP.INT file should appear one at a time on the command line, each executing in turn. The CART command will now automatically load your font cartridges whenever you start XyWrite.

### Analysis

Each line in a STARTUP.INT file represents a series of keystrokes. For example:

- **BC** (Blank the Command Line) function call represents the [F5] key.
- The return arrow (↵) represents the [↵] (Return) key.

For example, here is one line with the keystrokes it represents beneath it:

```
BC ldsqt d:\xy4\saveget.sgt↵
[F5]ldsqt d:\xy4\saveget.sgt [↵]
```

**NOTE #1 - Order of Commands** *The order of commands in STARTUP.INT can be very important when setting defaults. The rule is: The last setting takes precedence. For example, in Case 1 below, if SETTINGS.DFL sets the offset to OF.81N,.81N (with the statement DF OF=.8IN,.81N), then the offset would be overridden by the next statement, DEFAULT OF=1.21N,1.21N.*

Case 1:

```
BC load settings.dfl↵
BC default of=1.2in,1.2in↵
```

Similarly in Case 2, DEFAULT OF=1.2IN,1.2IN is overridden by the default settings in SETTINGS.DFL.

Case 2:

```
BC default of=1.2in,1.2in↵
BC load settings.dfl↵
```

**NOTE #2 - Alternate Startup File** *If you want, you can specify the name of an alternate startup file for XyWrite to run. For information on how to do this, refer to [Chapter 2 of the Command Reference Guide](#).*