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How to Register Atlas

To register Atlas, complete the form called REGISTER.WRI using the Windows Write program or complete the form called REGISTER.TXT using any text editor.

You can also select "About Atlas" from the Help options menu. Then click on the button labeled "Register". Atlas will automatically load the Windows Write program, then you can complete the form.

Once the form is completed, send it along with \$20 to:

Hyrax Systems
P.O. Box 860611
Plano, Texas 75086-0611

Option Menu Commands

Take a Quiz

Opens a dialog box with 3 radio buttons which represent the different types of quizzes available. You choose a quiz by positioning the mouse cursor over one of the buttons and clicking once. In this dialog box, you also select the number questions you would like to have on the quiz; the default is 20. To change to a different number of questions, click on the edit box and then enter the number of questions you want.

When you have finished making the selections, click on the "Okay" button. If you exit the dialog box without selecting a quiz type, Atlus returns to normal operating mode and no quiz will be given.

Identify State

Atlus randomly selects a state by changing its color from light green to dark green (■) and prompts you to enter the state's name.

Identify City

Atlus randomly selects a city by changing its button to white with a black outline (□) and moves the mouse cursor to point at the city's button. You are then prompted to enter the city's name.

State Capitals

Atlus randomly selects a state's capital city by changing the state's color from light green to dark green (■) and prompts you to enter the city's name.

After each question, Atlus asks you if you want to continue. Press Enter or click on the "Yes" button if you want to continue; otherwise, click on "No".

At the end of the quiz (or if you choose No), Atlus presents you with your score.

Locate City

Presents you with a list of all the cities on file. Use the scroll bar or arrow keys to move through the list. Select an item by double clicking on it or pressing the Space Bar and then Enter.

Locate State

Presents you with a list of all the states on file. Use the scroll bar or arrow keys to move through the list. Select an item by double clicking on it or pressing the Space Bar and then Enter.

Inquire City

Allows you to select cities on the basis of size, age or state. When you select this option, you are presented with 3 radio buttons:

Cities in State
Population

Age of City

Click on one of the buttons to choose the type of inquiry you want. Then click on the "Okay" button. Clicking on "Okay" without choosing an inquiry type will cancel the inquiry.

Cities in State

Presents you with a list of all the states. Select a state and a list of all the cities in that state appears. Select one of the cities and information about that city will appear.

Population

Presents you with a dialog box where you select a population range. To change the high or low range click on the up and down arrows next to the box with the ranges. If you want to change the increment that Atlus uses to change the ranges, click on the box containing the range and enter a new increment. Atlus will now increment the ranges by that value.

When you are satisfied with the ranges, click on the "Okay" button, and Atlus displays a list of all cities in that population range. Select one of the cities and information about that city will be displayed.

Age of City

Presents you with a dialog box where you select an age range. To change the high or low range click on the up and down arrows next to the box with the ranges. If you want to change the increment that Atlus uses to change the ranges, click on the box containing the range and enter a new increment. Atlus will now increment the ranges by that value.

When you are satisfied with the ranges, click on the "Okay" button, and Atlus displays a list of all cities in that age range. Select one of the cities and information about that city will be displayed.

Edit Menu Commands

Update State

Displays a list of all 51 states (including the District of Columbia). Selecting a state from the list brings up a dialog box where you can change the information associated with a state. Selecting "Cancel" cancels the operation.

Once the state dialog box is displayed, you can change any of the information except for the state's name and its capital city. Choose "Save" to keep changes or "Cancel" to discard them.

Add City

Allow you to add a new city to Atlus. When you select this option, atlus changes the cursor to a cross-hair shape. Position the cursor where on the map you want the city to appear and click the left mouse button once - a selected city button (a) appears under the cursor. A dialog box appears and you can enter the information for the city. If you are not satisfied with the position of the city button, choose "Cancel". Once you have entered the information, choose "Save".

NOTE: *The maximum number of cities that Atlus can handle is 300.*

Update City

Displays a list of all cities on file. Selecting a city from the list brings up a dialog box where you can change the information associated with the city. Selecting "Cancel" cancels the operation.

Once the city dialog box is displayed, you can change any of the information except for the city's name and its state. Choose "Save" to keep changes or "Cancel" to discard them.

Delete City

Displays a list of all cities on file. Selecting a city from the list causes the city to be deleted from the map and the file. A confirmation box lets you confirm the deletion before the city is actually deleted.

Settings Menu Commands

Button Color

Displays a dialog box and all of the available city button colors. Choose a color and that color will be the default color whenever you add a new city.

User Info

Selecting this option will cause the User Info box to be displayed first whenever a city is selected. A check mark appears next to the item whenever the option is in effect.

State Info

Selecting this option will cause information about the state a city is in to be displayed whenever a city is selected. A check mark appears next to the item whenever the option is in effect.

Save Settings

Selecting this option will cause the settings for default button color, User Info, and State Info to be saved to the Atlus.ini file. The next time you run Atlus, these same settings will be in effect.

Help Menu Commands

Help Index

Displays this help file.

Keyboard

Displays a help file explaining what various key strokes do in Atlus.

Using Help

Displays a help file explaining how to use the help function.

About Atlus

Displays a dialog box showing the copyright notice, the number of cities on file and free system memory.

Register

The "Register" button will cause Atlus to automatically run the Windows Write program and load the file REGISTER.WRI. If for any reason, Atlus cannot locate Write or the file, an error message will be displayed. You can still register Atlus by editing the file REGISTER.TXT using any text editor.

Adding a City

Choose "Add a City" from the Edit Options menu. See [Edit Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Adding User Info to a City

Choose "Update a City" from the Edit Options menu. In the Update City dialog box, click on the button labeled "User" and another box will be displayed. Enter any information you want and then click on the "Save" button. See [Edit Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Age Range

If you would like to see which cities fall into a given age range, select "Inquire City" from the "Options Menu" and choose "Age of City". See [Options Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Capitals Quiz

To test your knowledge of state capitals, select "Take a Quiz" from the Options menu. When the Quiz dialog box appears, click on "State Capitals". Choose the number of questions for the quiz (from 1 to 51). 20 is the default. Then click on the Okay Button. See [Options Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Changing a City's Button Color

To change a city's button color, select "Update City" from the Edit menu. When the update city dialog box is displayed, click on the button labeled "Button...". Then in the button color dialog box, click on the new color and then click on "Save".

Cities in State

If you would like to see which cities are in a certain state, select "Inquire City" from the "Options Menu" and choose "Cities in State". See [Options Menu Commands](#) for more information.

City Quiz

To test your knowledge of the location of cities in the US, select "Take a Quiz" from the Options menu. When the Quiz dialog box appears, click on "Identify City". Choose the number of questions for the quiz (from 1 to 51). 20 is the default. Then click on the Okay Button. See [Options Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Disclaimer

Users of Atlas must accept this disclaimer of warranty:

"Atlas is supplied as is. The author disclaims all warranties, expressed or implied, including, without limitation, the warranties of merchantability and of fitness for any purpose. The author assumes no liability for damages, direct or consequential, which may result from the use of Atlas."

Locating a City

To locate a city, choose "Locate City" from the Options Menu.

Locating a State

To locate a city, choose "Locate State" from the Options Menu.

Population Range

If you would like to see which cities fall into a given population range, select "Inquire City" from the "Options Menu" and choose "Population". See [Options Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Selecting a City

To select a city, move the mouse cursor over one of the city buttons on the US map and click once. A dialog box displaying information about that city will be displayed, and the city's button will change to white.

Selecting a State

Following the instructions under [Selecting a City](#), Then click on the button with the name of the state. A dialog box containing information about the state will be displayed, and the selected state's color will change to dark green.

State Quiz

To test your knowledge of the location of states in the US, select "Take a Quiz" from the Options menu. When the Quiz dialog box appears, click on "Identify State". Choose the number of questions for the quiz (from 1 to 51). 20 is the default. Then click on the Okay Button. See [Options Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Taking A Quiz

To take a quiz, choose "Take a Quiz" from the Options Menu.

See the following topics for more information:

[State Quiz](#)

[City Quiz](#)

[Capitals Quiz](#)

Also see [Options Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Updating a City

Choose "Update a City" from the Edit Options menu. See [Edit Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Updating a State

Choose "Update a State" from the Edit Options menu. See [Edit Menu Commands](#) for more information.

Updating User Info

Viewing User Info

To view the User Info you have stored for a city, select a city by either moving the mouse cursor over a city button and click or select "Locate City" from the Options menu. When the city dialog box is displayed, click on the button labeled "User...".

Dialog Box

A dialog box is a pop-up window that requires a response from the user. All the windows in Atlus except for the US map are dialog boxes.

Edit Box

An edit box is lined box where the user can enter data.

Normal Operating Mode

The normal operating mode for Atlus is the display of the US map with the cities indicated as dots (buttons). Placing the mouse cursor over one of the dots, brings up a dialog box with information about the selected city.

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Cursor Movement Keys

Key(s)	Function
DIRECTION key	Moves the cursor left, right, up, or down in a field.
End or Ctrl+Right Arrow	Moves to the end of a field.
Home or CTRL+Left Arrow	Moves to the beginning of a field.
PAGE UP or PAGE DOWN	Moves up or down in a field, one screen at a time.

Dialog Box Keys

Key(s)	Function
TAB	Moves from field to field (left to right and top to bottom).
SHIFT+TAB	Moves from field to field in reverse order.
ALT+letter	Moves to the option or group whose underlined letter matches the one you type.
DIRECTION key	Moves from option to option within a group of options.
ENTER	Executes a command button. Or, chooses the selected item in a list box and executes the command.
ESC	Closes a dialog box without completing the command. (Same as Cancel)
ALT+DOWN ARROW	Opens a drop-down list box.
ALT+UP or DOWN ARROW	Selects item in a drop-down list box.
SPACEBAR	Cancels a selection in a list box. Selects or clears a check box.
CTRL+SLASH	Selects all the items in a list box.
CTRL+BACKSLASH	Cancels all selections except the current selection.
SHIFT+ DIRECTION key	Extends selection in a text box.
SHIFT+ HOME	Extends selection to first character in a text box.
SHIFT+ END	Extends selection to last character in a text box

Editing Keys

Key(s)	Function
Backspace	Deletes the character to the left of the cursor. Or, deletes selected text.
Delete	Deletes the character to the right of the cursor. Or, deletes selected text.

Help Keys

Key(s)	Function
F1	Gets Help and displays the Help Index for the application. If the Help window is already open, pressing F1 displays the "Using Windows Help" topics.

Menu Keys

Key(s)	Function
Alt	Selects the first menu on the menu bar.
Letter key	Chooses the menu, or menu item, whose underlined letter matches the one you type.
Alt+letter key	Pulls down the menu whose underlined letter matches the one you type.
LEFT or RIGHT ARROW	Moves among menus.
UP or DOWN ARROW	Moves among menu items.
Enter	Chooses the selected menu item.

System Keys

The following keys can be used from any window, regardless of the application you are using.

Key(s)	Function
Ctrl+Esc	Switches to the Task List.
Alt+Esc	Switches to the next application window or minimized icon, including full-screen programs.
Alt+TAB	Switches to the next application window, restoring applications that are running as icons.
Alt+PrtSc	Copies the entire screen to Clipboard.
Ctrl+F4	Closes the active window.
F1	Gets Help and displays the Help Index for the application. (See Help Keys)

Text Selection Keys

Key(s)	Function
SHIFT+LEFT or RIGHT ARROW	Selects text one character at a time to the left or right.
SHIFT+DOWN or UP	Selects one line of text up or down.
SHIFT+END	Selects text to the end of the line.
SHIFT+HOME	Selects text to the beginning of the line.
SHIFT+PAGE DOWN	Selects text down one window. Or, cancels the selection if the next window is already selected.
SHIFT+PAGE UP	Selects text up one window. Or, cancels the selection if the previous window is already selected.
CTRL+SHIFT+LEFT or RIGHT ARROW	Selects text to the next or previous word.
CTRL+SHIFT+UP or DOWN ARROW	Selects text to the beginning (UP ARROW) or end (DOWN ARROW) of the paragraph.
CTRL+SHIFT+END	Selects text to the end of the document.
CTRL+SHIFT+HOME	Selects text to the beginning of the document.

Window Keys

Key(s)	Function
ALT+SPACEBAR	Opens the Control menu for an application window.
ALT+Hyphen	Opens the Control menu for a document window.
Alt+F4	Closes a window.
Alt+Esc	Switches to the next application window or minimized icon, including full-screen programs.
Alt+TAB	Switches to the next application window, restoring applications that are running as icons.
Alt+ENTER	Switches a non-Windows application between running in a window and running full screen.
DIRECTION key	Moves a window when you have chosen Move from the Control menu. Or, changes the size of a window when you have chosen Size from the Control menu.

