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ADHOC -----Ad Hoc Reports-----

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This option gives you the ability to design and create your own reports. You decide what information is included or excluded, and you decide how the information should appear on the report. This allows you to build reports on-the-fly for just about any situation.

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Ad Hoc Reports Screen

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The Default Column Headers are automatically created for you. They are derived from the following three screens: the Service Request Detail Screen, Technician Hours and Activity Screen, and Project Screen. They represent the fields where information is stored in each respective screen.

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The thing to remember is that you are designing a report from scratch. You determine the width of the report, the fields to be used, the type and order of information to be processed, and so forth. The process of creating Ad Hoc Reports is outlined on the following text.

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Tip: It may be helpful to design some reports on paper first.

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The first items to select are the Column Headers. The Column Headers that you choose are printed at the top of the report and determine what information is included in each column. The first one you select will be column number 1, which is the left-most column.

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The available headers are listed in alphabetical order, with their respective Field Widths (in characters). You can use them or enter your own Custom Column Headers.

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Use the navigational keys to highlight the field that you want as Column Header number 1. Mark the highlighted field by pressing [Space Bar] Toggle Column Order.

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A "1" will appear on the screen. The [Space Bar] marks and unmarks fields one at a time.

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ADHOC And do you want them listed in ascending or descending order?

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ADHOC Note: Ad Hoc Reports allow sorting only on the fields selected for
ADHOC the Column Headers of the report. If no sort order is chosen, the
ADHOC records will be sorted automatically on the first column in
ADHOC ascending order.

ADHOC When you have decided upon an order, select [F7] Sort Order. The
ADHOC available commands are listed at the bottom of the screen.

ADHOC The first field will be highlighted and denoted with an "A" in the
ADHOC right-most column. This is the default setting: column 1 is
ADHOC automatically set to Ascending when no sort orders have been chosen.
ADHOC The sort type for Descending is "D".

ADHOC In this example, records are sorted in ascending order by SR Category
ADHOC and by Project Name. Ascending order is from lowest to highest, A to
ADHOC Z, first to last. Descending order is the opposite.

ADHOC Press [Space Bar] to change the Sort Type of the highlighted entry
ADHOC from "A" to "D" to " ", each time you press it. If left blank, the
ADHOC current field will not be used as a sort field. If you would like to
ADHOC sort by another header, highlight that header and press [Space Bar].

ADHOC Repeat this until you have marked each header that you want to sort
ADHOC by; then press [Esc] to exit.

ADHOC [F9] Totals/Subtotals

ADHOC Now decide when and where to calculate totals, how to group records,
ADHOC and what records to count.

ADHOC Highlight each numeric field you want totals calculated for and press
ADHOC [F9] for each one. A "Y" will appear for each marked field.

ADHOC Next, determine if you want subtotals calculated for any group of
ADHOC records. Highlight each field that you want to group records by, one
ADHOC at a time, and press [F8] for each one.

ADHOC Groups will automatically be separated on the report by a blank line.
ADHOC You can also have groups printed on separate pages.

ADHOC There are two rules to keep in mind when you are selecting the Group
ADHOC By fields and the Total On fields. First, a Group By field must be
ADHOC one of the Sort By fields that you have already selected. Second, a
ADHOC Total On field must be numeric. If you select a field that is not
ADHOC acceptable, you will get a message stating that you must select
ADHOC either a sorted field or one that is numeric.

ADHOC with Logicals is that if you have more than one statement, one of
ADHOC the statements must not have a Logical in order to signify the end
ADHOC of the conditions.

ADHOC To create another statement, select [F2] Add. Repeat the above
ADHOC procedures for each of the parameters. When you have entered all of
ADHOC the statements you want, press [Esc]. The main Ad Hoc screen will
ADHOC appear.

ADHOC [C] Config. Print

ADHOC After entering the conditions for your report, press [C] Config.
ADHOC Print to set up the remaining report options. When you press [C], a
ADHOC menu will appear which reflects the current printer selected when
ADHOC you press [Alt]-[P].

ADHOC On the first line, enter the Report Title that will print at the top
ADHOC of each page. If you would like each group that you selected earlier
ADHOC with [F8] Group By to print on separate pages, enter a "Y" on the
ADHOC second line.

ADHOC The Page Width and Page Length must correspond to the type of printer
ADHOC and size of paper you are using. Enter the page width and length (in
ADHOC inches) on the appropriate lines.

ADHOC Lastly, decide if you want the report to print in compressed print.
ADHOC This can be useful if the report you designed has more columns than
ADHOC the page will allow in normal print. Compressed print allows more
ADHOC characters on a page.

ADHOC If the current printer is set up as a Laser Printer under [Alt]-[P],
ADHOC the Laser printer screen will appear.

ADHOC Landscape allows you to print the report lengthwise on the page. This
ADHOC is helpful when you are using several columns. If you select "N",
ADHOC the report will print in portrait mode, just like the text on this
ADHOC page.

ADHOC Next, choose whether or not to print in compressed print. When
ADHOC compressed print and landscape are used together, a report up to 175
ADHOC columns wide may be printed on a page.

ADHOC Keep in mind that reports must be less than 80 characters wide in
ADHOC order to view them on screen.

ADHOC At this point you have finished designing the sample Ad Hoc report.
ADHOC Press [Esc] to return to the main screen.

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ADHOC You are now ready to choose the destination of your report.

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When you select PRINTER, the application will build the report and send it to the current printer. Be sure the printer is on-line and ready before you select this option.

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Selecting the SCREEN option will display the first page of the report on the screen. You may then scroll through any additional pages by pressing the spacebar once for each page. [Esc] allows you to exit the report.

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The report width must be less than or equal to 80 characters in order to print to the screen. If it is greater than 80, you will receive a message stating that the report is too wide to display.

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The DBASE III FILE option allows you to enter a destination path and filename for the report. Do not enter an extension. The System will automatically add on a standard ".DBF" extension.

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This file can then be used directly by dBASE III or dBASE IV.

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4. ASCII Text File

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When you select ASCII TEXT FILE, you are asked to enter a destination path and filename for the report. Do not enter an extension. The System will automatically add on a standard ".TXT" extension.

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This file can then be imported into any software that accepts ASCII file format.

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5. Delimited ASCII Text File

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Selecting DELIMITED ASCII FILE will display a message requiring the user to enter a character that will separate the fields. If the program you are going to use requires a particular delimiting character, select this option. Then enter the required character.

Then enter the desired path and filename for the report. Do not enter an extension. The System will automatically add the

ADHOC standard ".TXT" extension.

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ADHOC This concludes the process of creating and printing an Ad Hoc report.

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ADHOC The next item to discuss is how to store and update report
ADHOC configurations.

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ADHOC [S] Save Report

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ADHOC Sometimes you design reports that you like and use so much that you
ADHOC want to save them for future use. Other times you begin to design a
ADHOC report and have to move on to other tasks before finishing.

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ADHOC Well, the great thing here is that you can save a report's
ADHOC configuration and access it later.

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ADHOC Any time during the creation of a report you can press [S] Save
ADHOC Report. The System will ask you to enter a brief description for the
ADHOC report, which will be used to help you identify it later.

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ADHOC Also, each time you exit the Ad Hoc Report generator, you will have
ADHOC the opportunity to save the current report configuration.

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ADHOC Retrieving Reports

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ADHOC Each time you access the Ad Hoc Report generator, you will be given
ADHOC a fresh screen, with none of the parameters set. You can either
ADHOC create a new report from scratch or, if you have saved any of your
ADHOC previous configurations, you can access them by pressing [P].

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ADHOC When you select [P], a Help List of previously saved reports will
ADHOC appear. Highlight and select the report you want. The System will
ADHOC display the standard Ad Hoc Report generator screen, with the
ADHOC corresponding configuration.

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ADHOC You are free to change the report, send it to the printer, screen,
ADHOC database file, or ASCII text file. You may want to use the same exact
ADHOC settings over and over again. You may want to just change a date or
ADHOC two each time.

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ADHOC The operating procedures are virtually the same as creating a report
ADHOC from scratch. All of the Processing Screens and Function Keys are
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ADHOC parameters set.

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ADHOC Saving a report that you have chosen from the list of previously
ADHOC saved reports involves a little more work than saving one that was

ADHOC newly created. When you exit from the Ad Hoc option or press [S],
ADHOC the following message will appear:

ADHOC This Report Already Exists. Overwrite? (Y/N)

ADHOC If you answer "Y", the previous report configuration will be
ADHOC overwritten with the current configuration. The description of the
ADHOC report will remain the same, but the date will change to reflect the
ADHOC date when the report was changed.

ADHOC If you do not want to overwrite the report, press "N". Then change
ADHOC the report description so you can identify the new report from the
ADHOC old one, which will remain unchanged. The date will automatically be
ADHOC changed to reflect the date the new report was created.

ADHOC This new report will be added to the list of saved reports. The next
ADHOC time you need this report, you can select it from the previously
ADHOC saved reports list.

ADHOC We have now finished the process of creating an Ad Hoc report. With a
ADHOC little practice, you will be creating and perfecting your own Ad Hoc
ADHOC reports in no time.

ADHOC [F10] Conditions

ADHOCC Now determine what records you want to include on the report. Instead
ADHOCC of working with every record in the database, you can qualify the
ADHOCC records to report on. You may only want records within a certain Date
ADHOCC Range. You decide. The possibilities are left to your imagination.

ADHOCC Press [F10] Conditions to display the screen on the following page.
ADHOCC This screen is used to enter the conditions that you want to use to
ADHOCC qualify records.

ADHOCC When you first create a report, the conditions will not be set up
ADHOCC for you, as they are on the Condition screen shown on the previous
ADHOCC page. You will have to enter them on your own.

ADHOCC The first entry you should make on the Conditions screen is the field
ADHOCC description. The fastest and easiest way to enter one is to use the
ADHOCC available Help List. To do so, leave the Default Column Header empty
ADHOCC and press [Enter]. The Help List will appear.

ADHOCC Use the navigational keys to highlight the entry you want, and press
ADHOCC [Enter] to enter your selection into the current field.

ADHOCC Now go to the next field Relation. Enter one of the Relations that

ADHOCC are listed in the table below. You can also leave the Relation field
ADHOCC blank and press [Enter] to use the Help List.

ADHOCC Then go to the next field Condition. Enter a Condition that works
ADHOCC logically with the statement you are creating.

ADHOCC The Condition field is automatically formatted to accept only the
ADHOCC entries that relate to the current Default Column Header. You will
ADHOCC not be able to enter letters, for example, into the Condition field
ADHOCC if the current field is a Date field. Furthermore, you must enter
ADHOCC Conditions using only upper case letters. You may enter partial
ADHOCC entries for some fields.

ADHOCC If you are only going to use one statement to qualify records, you
ADHOCC are through. If you want to add other fields, as in this example,
ADHOCC use the Logicals to string together each of the individual
ADHOCC statements. The Logicals are: AND, OR, NOT, AND NOT, and OR NOT.

ADHOCC As mentioned before, there are several ways to qualify records. Once
ADHOCC you play around with the parameters and view the outcomes, you will
ADHOCC develop a good feel for what you are doing. The only rule to remember
ADHOCC with Logicals is that if you have more than one statement, one of
ADHOCC the statements must not have a Logical in order to signify the end
ADHOCC of the conditions.

ADHOCC To create another statement, select [F2] Add. Repeat the above
ADHOCC procedures for each of the parameters. When you have entered all of
ADHOCC the statements you want, press [Esc]. The main Ad Hoc screen will
ADHOCC appear.

ADHOCS [F7] Sort Order

ADHOCS Now determine the vertical order in which you would like records to
ADHOCS appear in each column. Do you want them ordered by Date, Name, etc.?
ADHOCS And do you want them listed in ascending or descending order?

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ADHOCS the Column Headers of the report. If no sort order is chosen, the
ADHOCS records will be sorted automatically on the first column in
ADHOCS ascending order.

ADHOCS When you have decided upon an order, select [F7] Sort Order. The
ADHOCS following screen will appear, listing the fields you have selected
ADHOCS as headers. The available commands are listed at the bottom of the
ADHOCS screen.

ADHOCS The first field will be highlighted and denoted with an "A" in the
ADHOCS right-most column. This is the default setting: column 1 is

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ADHOCS automatically set to Ascending when no sort orders have been chosen.
ADHOCS The sort type for Descending is "D".
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ADHOCS Z, first to last. Descending order is the opposite.
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ADHOCS from "A" to "D" to " ", each time you press it. If left blank, the
ADHOCS current field will not be used as a sort field. If you would like to
ADHOCS sort by another header, highlight that header and press [Space Bar].
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ADHOCS Repeat this until you have marked each header that you want to sort
ADHOCS by; then press [Esc] to exit.
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ADHOCT [F9] Totals/Subtotals

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ADHOCT Highlight each numeric field you want totals calculated for and press
ADHOCT [F9] for each one. A "Y" will appear for each marked field.
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ADHOCT Next, determine if you want subtotals calculated for any group of
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ADHOCT Total On field must be numeric. If you select a field that is not
ADHOCT acceptable, you will get a message stating that you must select
ADHOCT either a sorted field or one that is numeric.
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ADHOCT If you want to count any records, highlight each field that you want
ADHOCT to count on, one at a time, and press [F10] for each one. A "Y" will
ADHOCT mark the selection. The number of records counted is printed after
ADHOCT each group of records. A grand total for each selected field will
ADHOCT also be printed at the end of the report.
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ADHOCT HELP0000 What is LT HelpDesk?

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ADHOCT HELP0000 LT HelpDesk is a Network Management Application for entering,
ADHOCT HELP0000 processing, & managing users' requests for Service and Support on

HELP0000 hardware or software needs.

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HELP0000 Whom is it For?

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HELP0000 LT HelpDesk is ideally suited for MIS Supervisors, Service
HELP0000 Technicians, and End-Users and can accommodate almost anyone who
HELP0000 manages service requests.

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HELP0000 1. Organize & track service requests by User, Priority, Location,
HELP0000 Category, Project, Type, Date, Time, Man-Hour, etc.

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HELP0000 2. Identify specific areas where additional User Training could
HELP0000 reduce the burden of End-User Support.

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HELP0000 3. Relieve phone answering Bottle-Neck at Support Desk by allowing
HELP0000 Users to enter Service Requests directly into the system via
HELP0000 computers.

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HELP0000 4. Create Custom Ad Hoc Reports regarding number of requests
HELP0000 serviced, time spent, number of back logged requests, etc.

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HELP0000 5. Create Reports for Today's Service Requests and Open Service
HELP0000 Requests.

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HELP0000 6. Enter Service Requests into the system via their own computer.

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HELP0000 7. Monitor the progress of technicians as they respond to end-user
HELP0000 requests.

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HELP0000 How Does it Work?

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HELP0000 LT HelpDesk uses a menu-driven, function-key-oriented interface to
HELP0000 maintain databases of Categories, Projects, Service Requests, etc.
HELP0000 It allows you to add, edit, find, delete, sort and print information
HELP0000 in a simple, easy manner.

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HELP0000 -----Access Levels-----

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HELP0000 LT HelpDesk provides three separate access levels. They are designed to
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HELP0000 require to perform their particular tasks.

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HELP0000 I. Users

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HELP0000 Users enter and report on their own Service Requests. They are able
HELP0000 to view the Technician's progress as he responds to the their
HELP0000 requests. Reports are functionally identical to the other two

HELP0000 levels, except Users only see their own Service Requests. Users
HELP0000 cannot edit the Technician's entries.

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HELP0000 II. Technicians

HELP0000 Technicians can process Service Requests, maintain Hours &
HELP0000 Activities, create Custom Ad Hoc Reports, and use LT HelpDesk's
HELP0000 Databases Utilities. Technicians cannot edit or change Users entries.

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HELP0000 III. Supervisors

HELP0000 Supervisors can access all options, including the sensitive options
HELP0000 ones, like System Security, which allows you to determine who gets
HELP0000 to use the System and what access level they can use.

HELP0000 -----Gaining Access-----

HELP0000 To gain access to LT HelpDesk, your name and password must be set up on
HELP0000 the System Security Screen in the Utilities Module. Once your name and
HELP0000 password have been set up, you can gain access to the System by entering
HELP0000 them into the System Access Screen. (Passwords do not display when
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HELP0000 -----Main Menu Options-----

HELP0000 LT HelpDesk consists of several options to help you maintain, process,
HELP0000 and manage Service Requests. The Main Menu, illustrated below, displays
HELP0000 the available options of LT HelpDesk and allows you to conveniently
HELP0000 access them.

HELP0000 Use the up or the down arrow keys to highlight a selection, and press
HELP0000 Enter to activate it. You may also press the key corresponding to the
HELP0000 first letter of the desired option. If more than one option begins with
HELP0000 the same first letter, only the first listed option will be activated
HELP0000 when you press the corresponding letter. Options with MENU at the end
HELP0000 of their names take you to a sub-menu.

HELP0000 -----Service Requests-----

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HELP1000 Users

HELP1000 The Service Requests Screen allows Users to add, find, edit, delete,
HELP1000 print, and view Service Requests.

HELP1000 Note: When you first access this module, the Service Requests Screen
HELP1000 will be empty. Your first step is to add Service Requests.
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HELP1000 Adding Service Requests

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HELP1000 [F2] allows you to add Service Requests to the Service Requests
HELP1000 Screen. When you press [F2], the Service Requests Screen will change
HELP1000 to input mode and await your input.

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HELP1000 The Service Request Number is automatically incremented for each new
HELP1000 Service Request. The Date and Time default to the current date and
HELP1000 time. Requester defaults to current users Access Name.

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HELP1000 Enter the appropriate information into the corresponding fields. The
HELP1000 Service Request Category is the only field that must be filled. A
HELP1000 Lookup Table of Categories can be accessed by pressing [PgDn] with
HELP1000 the Status field empty.

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HELP1000 Highlight and select the Category you want to use. When you have
HELP1000 entered all of the information you want, press [PgDn] to add the
HELP1000 current Service Request to the System.

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HELP1000 Technicians

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HELP1000 The Service Requests Screen allows Technicians to find, edit, sort,
HELP1000 print, and view Service Requests. It also allows Technicians to
HELP1000 access the Hours and Activity Screen.

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HELP1000 Note: When you first access this module, the screen may be empty, as
HELP1000 shown above. Service Requests must be added by Users or Supervisors
HELP1000 before you can process them.

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HELP1000 Processing Requests

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HELP1000 [F4] Edit allows you to process Service Requests. When you press
HELP1000 [F4], the Service Requests Screen will change to edit mode and await
HELP1000 your input.

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HELP1000 Enter the appropriate information into the corresponding fields. The
HELP1000 Project Number is the only field that must be filled. A Lookup Table
HELP1000 of Projects can be accessed by pressing [PgDn] with the Project
HELP1000 Number field empty.

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HELP1000 Highlight and select the Project you want to use. When you have
HELP1000 entered all of the information you want, press [PgDn] to add the
HELP1000 current record to the System.

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HELP1000 Hours per Activity

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HELP1000 [F8] Hours allows you to maintain hours per activity. When you press
HELP1000 [F8], the Technician Hours and Activity Screen will appear. Use the
HELP1000 standard keys to process records.

HELP1000 Supervisors

HELP1000 When Supervisors select Service Request on the Main Menu, the
HELP1000 following screen will appear. The Service Requests Screen allows
HELP1000 Supervisors to manage Service Requests and access the Hours and
HELP1000 Activity Screen.

HELP1000 Note: When you first access this module, the screen may be empty.
HELP1000 Service Requests must be added by Users or Supervisors before you can
HELP1000 process them. Supervisors have access to all of the options listed
HELP1000 for User and Technician.

HELP2000 -----Projects-----

HELP2000 The Projects Screen allows Supervisors to add, edit, find, and delete
HELP2000 Projects.

HELP2000 Note: When you first install LT HelpDesk, the Projects Screen will be
HELP2000 empty. Before you begin using LT HelpDesk, you must add the Projects to
HELP2000 which you will assign Service Requests.

HELP2000 -----Adding Projects-----

HELP2000 [F2] Add allows you to add Projects to the Projects Screen.

HELP2000 When you press [F2], the Projects Screen will change to input mode and
HELP2000 await your input.

HELP2000 The Project Number is automatically incremented for each new Project.
HELP2000 The dates for Date Entered, Assigned, and Date Started default to the
HELP2000 current date.

HELP2000 Enter the appropriate information into the corresponding fields. The
HELP2000 Project Status Code is the only field that must be filled. A Lookup
HELP2000 Table of Project Status Codes can be accessed by pressing [PgDn] with
HELP2000 the Status field empty.

HELP2000 Highlight and select the code you want to use. When you have entered
HELP2000 all of the information you want, press [PgDn] to add the current Project
HELP2000 to the System.

HELP3000 -----Lookup Tables-----

HELP3000 What are Lookup Tables?

HELP3000 Lookup Tables allow Supervisors to create, maintain, and view lists

HELP3000 of valid Service Request Categories and Project Status Codes.

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HELP3000 These lists provide LT HelpDesk with the data to perform input
HELP3000 validations on records that are entered into the Service Request
HELP3000 Module and Projects Module. This is done by comparing the entries
HELP3000 made by users in those two modules to what has been entered on these
HELP3000 Lookup Tables.

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HELP3000 In addition, these lists allow Users and Supervisors to look up and
HELP3000 select valid Service Request Categories when processing Service
HELP3000 Requests. Supervisors also have the ability to look up Project
HELP3000 Status Codes when processing Projects.

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HELP3000 Service Request Categories

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HELP3000 The Service Request Categories Lookup Table allows you to maintain a
HELP3000 list of valid Service Request Categories. You can add, edit, find,
HELP3000 and delete categories, giving you the ability to customize the System
HELP3000 to meet your needs.

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HELP3000 When you first install LT HelpDesk, the Service Request Categories
HELP3000 Screen will be empty, as shown above. Before you begin using LT
HELP3000 HelpDesk, you must enter the categories that will be used to
HELP3000 categorize Service Requests.

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HELP3000 Project Status Codes

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HELP3000 The Project Status Codes Lookup Table allows you to set up and
HELP3000 maintain a list of codes for denoting the status of projects listed
HELP3000 on the Projects Screen.

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HELP3000 This Project Status Codes Screen is automatically set up with six
HELP3000 status codes. You are free to edit and delete these codes.

HELP4000 -----Reports-----

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HELP4000 Reports are available to all three levels. They allow you to see which
HELP4000 service requests are due on the current day and which ones are still
HELP4000 not completed. In addition, Technicians and Supervisors have the ability
HELP4000 to create Ad Hoc Reports.

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HELP4000 When you select REPORTS MENU on the Main Menu, TODAY'S SERVICE REQUEST
HELP4000 FORMS and OPEN SERVICE REQUEST REPORT. These two reports are identical
HELP4000 for all levels. Users, however, see only their own requests.

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HELP4000 Supervisors and Technicians have access to a third report option, Ad
HELP4000 Hoc Reports.

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HELP4000 TODAY'S SERVICE REQUEST FORMS

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HELP4000 This option allows you to print Service Request Forms for service requests due on the current day.

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HELP4000 When you select TODAY'S SERVICE REQUEST FORMS, LT HelpDesk will look for any service requests listed on the Service Request Screen with a Due Date on the current day.

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HELP4000 If any service requests are found, one form for each request will be sent to the current printer.

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HELP4000 OPEN SERVICE REQUEST REPORT

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HELP4000 This option allows you to print a list of service requests that are still open and have not yet been completed.

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HELP4000 When you select OPEN SERVICE REQUEST REPORT, LT HelpDesk will look for service requests listed on the Service Request Screen with a blank Completion Date.

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HELP4000 If any service requests are found, an Open Service Request Report will be sent to the current printer.

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-----Utilities-----

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HELP5000 What are Utilities?

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HELP5000 Utilities allow Supervisors and Technicians to perform various routines that affect the operation of LT HelpDesk. Included are tools to reindex databases, set up printer configurations, and establish system security.

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HELP5000 For Technicians

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HELP5000 Technicians have access to all of the Utilities except for System Security, which is reserved for Supervisors. The available Utilities for Technicians are shown below.

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HELP5000 For Supervisors

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HELP5000 Supervisors have access to all three Utilities, as illustrated below. System Security gives Supervisors the ability to determine who uses LT HelpDesk.

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HELP5000 Reindex Databases

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HELP5000 the System is turned back on.

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HELP5000 An indication that something disruptive has happened will be seen in
HELP5000 the way LT HelpDesk processes records users may be unable to Find
HELP5000 records that exist or Print reports with accurate information, etc.

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HELP5000 Tip: Running Reindex Databases periodically optimizes the
HELP5000 performance of LT HelpDesk. It removes records that have been
HELP5000 flagged for deletion by the [F5] Delete process.

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HELP5000 When you select REINDEX DATABASES, you will be asked the following
HELP5000 question:

HELP5000

Are You Sure You Want To Reindex The Databases? (Y/N)

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HELP5000 If you would like to continue, press "Y". The following question
HELP5000 will appear. Press "N" to return to the Utilities Menu.

HELP5000

Is Everyone Else Out Of The System? (Y/N)

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HELP5000 LT HelpDesk must have exclusive use of each database in order to
HELP5000 properly reindex it. For this reason, everyone must be out of the
HELP5000 System to complete this process. Answer "Y" if you are the only one
HELP5000 using LT HelpDesk.

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HELP5000 All Databases

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HELP5000 If you select ALL DATABASES, the System will begin reindexing every
HELP5000 LT HelpDesk database.

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HELP5000 Selective Databases

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HELP5000 An index is usually corrupted if power failure or a computer error
HELP5000 occurs while that database is in use. Choose SELECTIVE DATABASES and
HELP5000 reindex the database or databases that you were using at the time.

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HELP5000 Move the highlight bar to the database you want to reindex and press
HELP5000 [Space Bar] to select it. An asterisk will appear in the Selection

HELP5000 column, as shown below. Repeat this process for each database you
HELP5000 wish to reindex. Press [F9] to reindex all selected databases.

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Printer Configuration

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LT HelpDesk is automatically set up to accommodate six standard printer configurations for reports and printouts. They are referred to as System printers. In addition, LT HelpDesk allows you to add, edit, and delete printer configurations for other Custom printers.

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Adding Custom Printers

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1. If you want to use a printer that is not listed on the Printer Configuration Screen, use [F2] Add, and add the printer to the list. All new printers are referred to as Custom.
2. When you select [F2], the Printer Configuration Screen changes to input mode, as shown below, and waits for you to enter information.
3. Consult your printer's Manual for the appropriate Compress code, Reset Code, Landscape Code, etc.
4. Repeat this process for each printer you want to add. Then edit and delete printers as necessary.

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Note: The Printer Configuration Screen allows you to maintain printer escape codes for common printers. To utilize these codes once they have been entered, use the [Alt]-[P] command and select the name of the printer that you want to use. This will not physically attach your workstation to the printer, but it will configure your printouts to print properly to the current printer. Use the standard method at your site to attach to a printer.

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System Security

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System Security allows Supervisors to set up and maintain the list of persons authorized to access LT HelpDesk. Only the persons listed on the System Security Screen, illustrated below, will be able to access the System.

In addition, as described in Features, LT HelpDesk provides access on three different levels. System Security enables Supervisors to determine who gets to access which options.

When you install LT HelpDesk, there will be three users set up to access the System, one for each Access Level: Supervisor, User, and Technician. These names are listed without a First Name or Password.

HELP5000 To access the System using one of these names, only enter the Last
HELP5000 Name as it appears on the System Security Screen.

HELP5000 Note: One of the first things you will need to do after you install
HELP5000 LT HelpDesk will be to add users to the System Security Screen, using
HELP5000 [F2] Add.

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HELP5000 Adding Users

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HELP5000 When you press [F2], the System Security Screen changes to input mode
HELP5000 and awaits your input.

HELP5000 Enter the appropriate information into the corresponding fields.
HELP5000 Access Level is the only field that must be filled (with 1, 2, or 3).

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HELP5000 Changing Access Levels

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Is Everyone Else Out Of The System? (Y/N)

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LT HelpDesk must have exclusive use of each database in order to properly reindex it. For this reason, everyone must be out of the System to complete this process. Answer "Y" if you are the only one using LT HelpDesk.

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When you select PRINTER CONFIGURATION on the Utilities Menu, the following screen appears.

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OPERPROC OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR LT HELPDESK
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OPERPROC Operating the LT HELPDESK SYSTEM is simple
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OPERPROC To begin with, there are really only two things to learn.
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OPERPROC 1. How do you communicate with the System? (Input Phase)
OPERPROC 2. How does the System communicate with you? (Output Phase)
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Input Phase
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Q.In general, how do you get the System to do what you want?
OPERPROC A.By pressing keys on the keyboard.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Q.How do you find and activate the options you need?
OPERPROC A.By using the arrow keys to highlight options and [Å] to activate
OPERPROC the highlighted one.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Q.How do you add records, then find, edit, delete, print, or sort
OPERPROC them?
OPERPROC A.By pressing Function Keys F2, then F3, F4, F5, F6, or F7, respect-
OPERPROC ively, throughout the System. You will also use the standard
OPERPROC typewriter keys, arrow keys and other "Navigational" Keys.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Output Phase
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Q.In general, how does LT HELPDESK display records and instructions?
OPERPROC A.By using the screen on the monitor.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Q.How does LTH allow you to find and select routines?
OPERPROC A.By displaying a list (a menu) of the main modules, from which other
OPERPROC sub-menus and routines can be accessed by using the arrow keys
OPERPROC and [Å].
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Q.How does LT HELPDESK allow you to add and process records?
OPERPROC A.By using computerized forms or lists, called "Processing Screens",
OPERPROC which consist of Input Screens and Display Screens.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Chapter Layout
OPERPROC
OPERPROC This chapter begins with the Input Phase and focuses on what actually
OPERPROC happens when you press certain keys on the keyboard. This is followed
OPERPROC by a discussion on the Output Phase - using Menus, Input Screens, and
OPERPROC Display Screens - which is followed by further operating procedures.
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OPERPROC == Using Keys on the Keyboard ==

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OPERPROC By using keys on the keyboard you will be able to add records, issue
OPERPROC commands, and ultimately control the operations of the entire System.

OPERPROC LTH actually does the work for you. All you do is provide it with
OPERPROC information and instructions, using keys on the keyboard.

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OPERPROC Four Types of Keys

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OPERPROC * Alphanumeric Keys

OPERPROC * Navigational Keys

OPERPROC * Function Keys

OPERPROC * Special Keys/Hot Keys

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OPERPROC - Alphanumeric Keys are standard typewriter keys and are used to enter
OPERPROC text and numbers into the System.

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OPERPROC - Navigational Keys are keys which allow you to move the cursor about
OPERPROC the screen and access information in various locations. They are
OPERPROC used in just about every operation.

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OPERPROC For Menus:

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OPERPROC [] Moves highlighted bar down one option.

OPERPROC [] Moves highlighted bar up one option.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC For Display Mode:

OPERPROC

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor down one entry.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor up one entry.

OPERPROC [PgDn] Moves cursor down one page.

OPERPROC [PgUp] Moves cursor up one page.

OPERPROC [End] Moves cursor to bottom of list.

OPERPROC [Home] Moves cursor to top of list.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC For Input or Edit Mode:

OPERPROC

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor forward one field.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor backward one field.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor right one character.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor left one character.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor forward one field.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC - Function Keys are keys on keyboards labeled "F1", "F2", etc. They
OPERPROC are used by many different software programs, to issue the commands
OPERPROC that determine the action(s) taken by the program. They are the
OPERPROC principle means of getting the System to accomplish your goals.

OPERPROC
 OPERPROC Function Keys are normally used in conjunction with Processing
 OPERPROC Screens, where they are listed at the bottom of the screen and
 OPERPROC followed by a brief description - F1 Help.
 OPERPROC
 OPERPROC == Using Function Keys ==
 OPERPROC
 OPERPROC To activate one, simply press the key corresponding to the function you
 OPERPROC want to perform. The System will either complete the selected process
 OPERPROC on its own or inform you of what happens next.
 OPERPROC
 OPERPROC Function Keys [F1] through [F7] are standard throughout the System and
 OPERPROC are used in many operations. They allow you to add, edit, delete,
 OPERPROC print or perform other "utility"-type functions on records.
 OPERPROC
 OPERPROC In many cases, Function Keys [F8] through [F10] will be available.
 OPERPROC These keys provide functions in addition to the standard keys.
 OPERPROC
 OPERPROC This chapter concentrates on the general, System-wide operating proced-
 OPERPROC ures of keys [F1] through [F7].
 OPERPROC
 OPERPROC
 OPERPROC *[F1]Help displays reference information about the current operating
 OPERPROC procedures.
 OPERPROC
 OPERPROC When you select [F1], key assignments for Function Keys and
 OPERPROC Navigational Keys will appear at the top of the screen; a scrollable
 OPERPROC section of text will appear below.
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Key(s)	Purpose
[Esc]	Deactivates Help and returns you to the previous screen.
[Ctrl]-[Home]	Displays full screen of text.
[Ctrl]-[End]	Displays Key Guide, with text below.
[O]	Displays standard, System-wide Operating Procedures.
[F6]	Prints Entire Manual or just the Current Module.
	Navigational Scrolls through the text, line to line, page to page, or start to end.

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 OPERPROC *[F2]Add allows you to add records.
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 OPERPROC Automatic Sorting
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 OPERPROC
 OPERPROC Records on the screen are automatically sorted for you, based on the
 OPERPROC current sort order, so you may add records at any position on the
 OPERPROC screen. You need not bother with finding a position to insert each
 OPERPROC record; LT HelpDesk does it for you.
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OPERPROC Entering Records

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OPERPROC When you select [F2], the fields of the Input Screen will be cleared
 OPERPROC to provide space for the new record. The record will become "locked",
 OPERPROC so that no one else can access it. The cursor will be placed in the
 OPERPROC first input field, and the System will be waiting for you to begin
 OPERPROC entering information. Enter the appropriate characters into the
 OPERPROC corresponding field(s), using the Alphanumeric and Navigational Keys.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Key(s) Purpose

OPERPROC -----

OPERPROC Alphanumeric Enters text and numbers into input fields.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor forward one field.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor backward one field.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor right one character.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor left one character.

OPERPROC [] Moves cursor forward one field.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Automatic Defaults

OPERPROC -----

OPERPROC

OPERPROC To enable you to by-pass repeatedly entering frequently used
 OPERPROC information, some fields on the screen (like "Date" fields) may
 OPERPROC default to pre-determined settings.(e.g todays date)

OPERPROC

OPERPROC For the most part, you will be able to change defaults after they have
 OPERPROC been displayed on screen; occasionally, though, to safe-guard against
 OPERPROC record disruption, you will not be able to change (or even access)
 OPERPROC some default values.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Input Validations

OPERPROC -----

OPERPROC

OPERPROC To assure accuracy in the creation of records, certain fields must be
 OPERPROC filled each time you add a record; some fields even require valid,
 OPERPROC System-recognized entries. When you select [PgDn], these entries are
 OPERPROC validated by LTH before it stores each record. If something invalid
 OPERPROC is detected you will be notified and informed of what to do. For more
 OPERPROC details about setting up Validations, please refer to the chapter
 OPERPROC entitled Validations. Validations will be listed in the chapter
 OPERPROC devoted to the operation you are performing.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Processing the Current Record

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OPERPROC The System will wait until you press one of the keys listed at the
 OPERPROC bottom of the screen before it will begin processing the current
 OPERPROC record. Until you do so, though, you are free to change or erase any

OPERPROC of your entries, without affecting the System. As soon as you select
 OPERPROC a key, LTH goes to work, performing one of the actions listed below.

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Key(s)	Purpose

OPERPROC	[Esc] Aborts the current record and returns you to display mode, without adding the record. In Continuous Insert (see below), all records created previously during the current Insert Mode will be saved.
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OPERPROC	[PgDn]Validates your entries, then adds the current record to the System.
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OPERPROC Note:

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OPERPROC If you are accessing the last field of an Input Screen, any of the
 OPERPROC following actions will produce the same result as pressing [PgDn]:

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Pressing [PgUp].

OPERPROC Pressing [ÄÜ].

OPERPROC Pressing [].

OPERPROC Pressing [Ä] when the cursor is in the last space.

OPERPROC Entering a character into the last space.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC *[F3]Search allows you to search for records.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC When you select [F3], you will be asked to enter a search code (a date
 OPERPROC or number, etc.) for the record(s) you want to locate. The type of
 OPERPROC search code used is determined by the current sort order (see [F7],
 OPERPROC below). You may enter one or more of the first few characters. The
 OPERPROC first matching record will become the current record.

OPERPROC

Key(s)	Purpose

OPERPROC	Alphanumeric Allows you to enter the search code.
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OPERPROC	[ÄÜ] Searches for any record(s) matching the entered character(s)
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OPERPROC	[Esc] Deactivates Search and returns you to the previous screen.
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OPERPROC

OPERPROC *[F4]Edit allows you to change records.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Scroll through the list until you highlight the record you want to
 OPERPROC edit; then select [F4]. Input Validations and operating procedures
 OPERPROC are virtually the same as [F2] Add. One record is edited for each
 OPERPROC [F4] selection.

OPERPROC

Key(s)	Purpose

OPERPROC	[Esc] Cancels any changes just made and returns you to display mode.
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OPERPROC	All fields will be restored to their original states.
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OPERPROC [PgDn] Validates your entries, adds the changes to the System, then
OPERPROC returns you to display mode.
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OPERPROC *[F5]Delete allows you to delete records.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Scroll through the list until you highlight the record you want to
OPERPROC delete; then select [F5]. LTH will respond by asking if you are
OPERPROC certain you want to delete the current record. An answer of "Y"
OPERPROC permanently removes the record; "N" saves it. One record is deleted
OPERPROC for each [F5] selection.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC If associated detail records exist for the current record, you will be
OPERPROC notified and asked whether you still want to delete the record. A
OPERPROC response of "Y" permanently deletes the record and all related details
OPERPROC
OPERPROC *[F6]Print creates a printout of the current record.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Scroll through the list until you highlight the record you want to
OPERPROC print; then select [F6]. When you select [F6], one of two things
OPERPROC will happen:
OPERPROC
OPERPROC 1. The printout will automatically be sent to the currently set up
OPERPROC printer, and you will return to display mode.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC 2. If associated detail records exist for the current record, you
OPERPROC will be asked if you would like to have them printed with the
OPERPROC printout. A response of "Y" prints the current record and the
OPERPROC related details; "N" prints only the current record.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Setting Up Printers
OPERPROC -----
OPERPROC
OPERPROC There are two levels for setting up printers:
OPERPROC
OPERPROC a. Personal Printer Configuration, see [Alt]-[S], below.
OPERPROC b. System Printer Configuration, refer to the UTILITIES chapter.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC
OPERPROC *[F7]Sort allows you to change the order in which records are
OPERPROC displayed on the screen.
OPERPROC
OPERPROC When you select [F7] a menu will appear, from which you can change the
OPERPROC current sort order. In addition, the new Sort Order field(s) will
OPERPROC appear in the left-most column(s).
OPERPROC
OPERPROC
OPERPROC Note:
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OPERPROC

OPERPROC Sort Orders determine what type of search code is used when you
 OPERPROC select [F3] Search. If records are sorted by Project Number, for
 OPERPROC example, when you select [F3], LTH will ask you to enter the Project
 OPERPROC Number of the record you want to locate.

OPERPROC
 OPERPROC

OPERPROC *Special Keys is the name used for various combinations of keys, like
 OPERPROC [Alt]-[S], whereby you simultaneously press two keys "Alt" and "S".
 OPERPROC Also included in this category is the [Alt]-[T] key.

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 OPERPROC

OPERPROC [Alt]-[C] Creating Change Requests.
 OPERPROC This option allows you to enter LTH change requests. See "Change
 OPERPROC Requests", below.

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OPERPROC *Menus

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OPERPROC A menu is a list of options from which you select the operation you
 OPERPROC want to perform. LTH uses menus to show you what options are avail-
 OPERPROC able and allow you to quickly and easily access them, with just a
 OPERPROC single keystroke.

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OPERPROC An example of your menu:

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          MAIN MENU
  AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
    ³ SERVICE REQUESTS
    ³ PROJECTS
    ³ LOOKUP TABLE MENU
    ³ REPORTS MENU
    ³ UTILITIES MENU
  
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OPERPROC
 OPERPROC

OPERPROC Use the up or down arrow keys to move from option to option and [Ä] to
 OPERPROC activate the highlighted one. [Esc] moves you backwards through
 OPERPROC menus. On the Main Menu, pressing [Esc] will prompt the box asking
 OPERPROC if you want to Exit the System "Y" will take you out of LT HELPDESK

OPERPROC Note:
 OPERPROC ----

OPERPROC You may enter the first letter of an option name to quickly activate
 OPERPROC the first matching option.

OPERPROC
 OPERPROC

OPERPROC *Display Screens

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OPERPROC Display Screens allow you to view (not Add, Edit or Delete) records.
 OPERPROC They are usually in the form of lists, displaying important details
 OPERPROC about a particular group of records. The "current" record is always
 OPERPROC the highlighted record.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Most computer screens appear in display mode first and are, in that way, considered "Display Screens." When [F2]Add or [F4]Edit are selected (if applicable), they change to input mode and are then considered "Input Screens".

OPERPROC

OPERPROC *Input Screens

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Input Screens are for adding and processing records. They are essentially computerized forms with blanks (called fields), into which specific information is to be inserted, using the Alphanumeric Keys on your keyboard.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Use the Navigational Keys to access input fields and Special Keys to process records.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC *Processing Screens

OPERPROC

OPERPROC LTH often combines the functions of Input Screens and Display Screens. These screens are referred to as "Processing Screens".

OPERPROC

OPERPROC There are three types:

OPERPROC

OPERPROC * Detail Screens

OPERPROC * Summary Screens

OPERPROC * Detail/Summary Screens

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Each has a unique appearance, function, and set of operating procedures. The idea here is that you will be able to process every record in the System by using only three types of Processing Screens. The types of records may change from module to module, but the operating procedures stay the same throughout the System.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC Like most computer generated screens, including menus, Processing Screens always appear in display mode first, and you are expected to initiate and control processes using the Navigational Keys, Function Keys or Special Keys.

OPERPROC

OPERPROC - Detail Screens use the same screen as both an Input Screen and a Display Screen, detailing one record at a time.

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OPERPROC In display mode, Detail Screens function as standard Display Screens displaying one record at a time and allowing you to quickly find and view the one(s) you want, using the Navigational Keys or [F3]Search. When you select [F2]Add or [F4]Edit, the screens change to input mode and you can add or edit records right on the same screen.

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OPERPROC - Summary Screens operate the same way as Detail Screens, only instead of detailing one record at a time, they contain a summary of related

OPERPROC records.

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OPERPROC In display mode, Summary Screens function as standard Display
OPERPROC Screens, displaying several records at a time and allowing you to
OPERPROC quickly find and view the one(s) you want, using the Navigational
OPERPROC Keys or [F3] Search. When you select [F2]Add or [F4]Edit, the
OPERPROC corresponding Detail Screen will appear, in input mode, waiting for
OPERPROC you to enter information.

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OPERPROC - Detail/Summary Screens combine the operations of one Detail Screen
OPERPROC and one Summary Screen.

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OPERPROC The Summary Screen at top lists the existing records. The Detail
OPERPROC Screen at bottom details the record currently highlighted in the
OPERPROC Summary Screen. Use the Navigational Keys to highlight entries in
OPERPROC the Summary Screen and Function Keys to process the highlighted
OPERPROC record. The Detail Screen is used for [F2]Add or [F4]Edit.

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OPERPROC *Help Lists

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OPERPROC Help Lists are Display Screens which are used during input mode to
OPERPROC help you select valid information to put into fields of Input Screens.

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OPERPROC For example, if you are adding a record and select [PgDn], LTH will
OPERPROC check to make sure certain fields have been filled correctly. If an
OPERPROC incorrect entry is found, you will be notified and given a Help List,
OPERPROC from which to have the System enter a valid one for you. Help Lists
OPERPROC are simply Validation Screens, reformatted to allow you to select
OPERPROC entries from them.

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OPERPROC The System will automatically highlight the closest match to the
OPERPROC invalid entry (if any). Use the standard Navigational Keys to
OPERPROC highlight other entries and [ÅÛ] to insert the highlighted entry
OPERPROC into the appropriate field. [F3] Search will allow you to quickly
OPERPROC access an entry.

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OPERPROC Instead of typing every single character of long records, it may be
OPERPROC faster and easier to use Help Lists. Simply enter the information
OPERPROC you want into the screen, leave whatever field(s) you want blank,
OPERPROC then select [PgDn]. If any of the blank fields happen to be
OPERPROC "validated fields," a Help List will appear so you can quickly select
OPERPROC an entry.

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OPERPROC *Entering Dates

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OPERPROC Dates should be entered in the following format: mm/dd/yy. If you
OPERPROC enter an invalid date, such as "44" for "dd", you will be notified
OPERPROC and required to enter a valid date before continuing.

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OPERPROC Furthermore, the date and time are only as accurate as your computer system's date and time.

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OPERPROC *Screen Save Feature

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OPERPROC If you are processing records and have not pressed any key for a while the screen of your monitor will automatically be cleared and a snake will move on and off the screen. This is done to prolong the life of your monitor. To restore the screen simply press any key on the keyboard.

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OPERPROC *If A Database File Does Not Contain Records

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OPERPROC A database is a normally large file of interrelated records. When a database file does not contain any records, though, some Function Keys on the corresponding Processing Screen will be inaccessible. The message "Database Contains No Records ... Press F2 to Add." will be displayed at the bottom of the current screen, indicating that some commands (like [F3] Search or [F4] Edit) are only applicable when records exist within the database.

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OPERPROC To gain access to all available functions, add records by selecting [F2]Add.

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OPERPROC *Creating LT helpdesk Change Requests

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OPERPROC LTH is equipped with a self-documenting program whereby users can request changes to the System. Frequent users probably will see where certain routines might be modified to suit their needs better. By pressing [Alt]-[C] users will be able to enter change requests.

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OPERPROC When you select [Alt]-[C], a screen will appear. The Change Request screen is a standard Detail/Summary Screen. You are free to enter any comments you like; there are no Input Validations.

OPERPROC* ALT-[S] will allow another person to login to LT helpdesk while someone is already in the system, If the newuser logins successfully the main menu is prompted. If the login is unsuccessful the previous user is put back where he/she was before the process began.

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