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## Preface

Welcome to *Microsoft Windows 95* — *Illustrated*. This highly visual book offers new users a hands-on introduction to Microsoft Windows 95 and also serves as an excellent reference for future use.

#### **Organization and Coverage**

*Microsoft Windows 95*—.*Illustrated* contains six units that cover basic Windows skills. In these units students learn basic Windows skills along with how to work with programs, manage files using both My Computer and Windows Explorer, customize the Windows environment, and get online with The Microsoft Network.

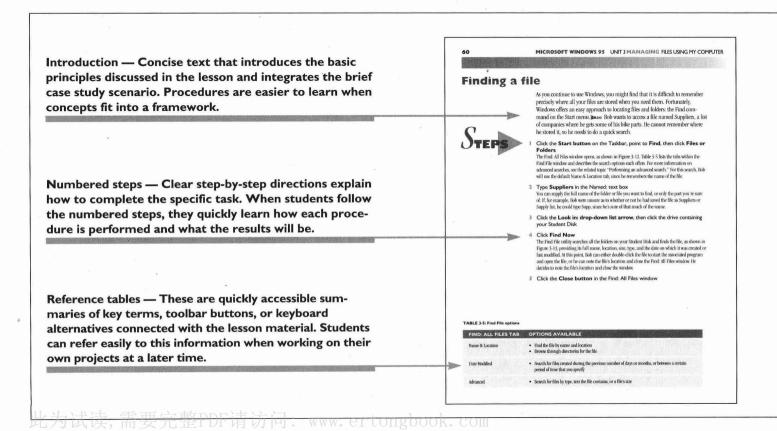
#### **Approach**

*Microsoft Windows 95—Illustrated* provides new users of Windows with a highly visual and interactive learning experience. This hands-on approach makes it ideal for both self-paced or instructor-led classes.

#### Lessons: Information Displays

The basic lesson format of this text is the "information display," a two-page lesson that is sharply focused on a specific task. This sharp focus and the precise beginning and end of a lesson make it easy for students to study specific material. Modular lessons are less overwhelming for students, and they provide instructors with more flexibility in planning classes and assigning specific work. The units are modular as well and can be presented in any order.

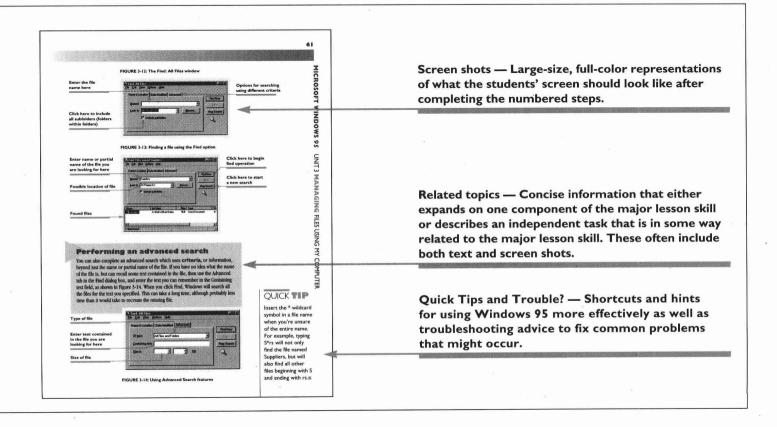
Each lesson, or "information display," contains the following elements:



#### Other Features

The two-page lesson format featured in this book provides the new user with a powerful learning experience. Additionally, this book contains the following features:

- "Read This Before You Begin Microsoft Windows 95" Page This page provides
  essential information that both students and instructors need to know before they
  begin working through the units.
- Real-World Case The case study used throughout the textbook is designed to be "real-world" in nature and representative of the kinds of activities that students will encounter when working with Windows. With a real-world case, the process of solving the problem will be more meaningful to students.
- CityScape CityScape is a simple program that offers students an engaging and
  nonthreatening vehicle to learn basic Windows skills. Using CityScape in Unit 1, students can focus on the basics of using scroll bars, resizing windows, and using
  menus, toolbars, and dialog boxes in a safe and fun environment. The basic skills
  learned using CityScape can be applied to all Windows 95 programs.
- End of Unit Material Each unit concludes with a Task Reference that summarizes the various methods used to execute each of the skills covered in the unit. The Task Reference is followed by a meaningful Concepts Review that tests students' understanding of what they learned in the unit. The Concepts Review is followed by a Skills Review, which provides students with additional hands-on practice of the skills they learned in the unit. The Skills Review is followed by Independent Challenges, which pose case problems for students to solve. The Independent Challenges allow students to learn by exploring and develop critical thinking skills.



#### The Student Disk and CityScape

To use this book students must have a Student Disk, which contains all the data files needed to complete the step-by-step lessons. Additionally, this book features a program called CityScape. This simple Windows 95 program, featured in Unit 1, is designed to teach students basic Windows skills in a nonthreatening and engaging environment.

Adopters of this text are granted the right to post the Student Disk and the CityScape program on any stand-alone computer or network used by students who have purchased a copy of *Microsoft Windows 95* — *Illustrated*.

For more information on the Student Disk and the CityScape program, see the page in this book called "Read This Before You Begin Microsoft Windows 95."

#### The Supplements

Instructor's Resource Kit — The Instructor's Resource Kit is quality assurance tested. It includes:

- Solutions to all lessons, Concepts Reviews, Skills Reviews, and Independent Challenges
- Unit notes, which contain tips from the author about the instructional progression of each lesson
- Extra problems
- Transparency masters of key concepts

Additional instructor's materials are available online. Please see your Instructor's Resource Kit for more information. Additional materials designed for students are also available and can be found on the World Wide Web at http://www.vmedia.com/cti/.

Course Test Manager— The Course Test Manager and Test Bank offer a comprehensive test management system that provides testing and assessment of the material contained in *Microsoft Windows 95— Illustrated*. The Course Test Manager, which runs in a standard Windows environment, lets instructors create both online tests that students take at computers in a lab setting, or printed tests that students take in the classroom. It also lets instructors create practice tests. The test bank contains a large variety of multiple choice, true/false, short answer, essay, and graphics-based questions. Instructors can customize the existing questions, or write additional questions.

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Getting Started with Windows 95

Working with Windows Programs

Managing Files Using My Computer

Customizing Windows: Using the Control Panel

Managing Folders and Files Using Windows Explorer

Getting Online with Windows 95

## Read This Before You Begin Microsoft Windows 95

#### To the Student

To complete the step-by-step lessons, Skills Reviews, and Independent Challenges in this book, you must have a Student Disk. Additionally, this book features a program called CityScape. This simple Windows 95 program, featured in Unit 1, is designed to teach basic Windows skills. Your instructor will do one of the following: 1) provide you with your own copy of the disk(s); 2) have you copy them from the network onto your own floppy disks; or 3) have you copy the files from a network into your own folder on the network. See your instructor or technical support person for further information.

Additional materials, designed especially for you are available on the World Wide Web. Go to http://www.vmedia.com/cti/.

#### **Using Your Own Computer**

If you are going to work through this book using your own computer, you need a computer system running Microsoft Windows 95, the CityScape program installed on your machine, and a Student Disk. You will not be able to complete the step-by-step lessons in this book using your own computer until you have your own Student Disk and have CityScape installed.

#### To the Instructor

To complete the step-by-step lessons, Skills Reviews, and Independent Challenges in this book, your students must have a Student Disk. Additionally, this book features a program called CityScape. This simple Windows 95 program, featured in Unit 1, is designed to teach basic Windows skills. As an adopter of this text, you are granted the right to distribute the files on the Student Disk and on the CityScape disk to any student who has purchased a copy of the text. You are free to post all these files to a network or stand-alone workstations, or simply to provide copies of the disks to your students. For information on providing the Student Disk files over a network see the README.WRI file on the Student Disk. For more information on installing CityScape on a network see the README.WRI file on your CityScape disk.

The instructions in this book assume a standard installation of Microsoft Windows 95 and that CityScape is installed and appears in the Programs submenu. It is also assumed that the students know which drive and directory contain the Student Disk. It's important that you provide disk location information before the students start working through the units.

### UNITI

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Start Windows and view the desktop
- ▶ Use the mouse
- Start a program
- Move and resize windows
- ▶ Use scroll bars
- Use menus and dialog boxes
- Use toolbars
- ▶ Use Windows Help
- Exit a program and shut down Windows

# Getting Started WITH WINDOWS 95

icrosoft Windows 95 is an operating system that makes it easy to work productively on your computer. An **operating system** controls the basic operation of your computer and the programs you run on it. Windows offers an on-screen environment of icons and windows. **Icons** are graphical representations of files and other Windows elements, and **windows** are on-screen frames that might contain several icons, the contents of a single file, or other usable data. This unit introduces you to basic Windows skills. First, you'll learn how to use the mouse to navigate through the Windows environment. Then, to gain familiarity with common Windows graphical elements, you'll launch CityScape, a program that's specially designed for use with this book.

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