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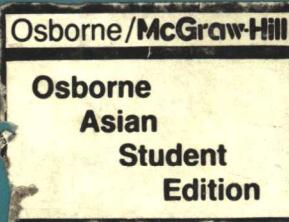
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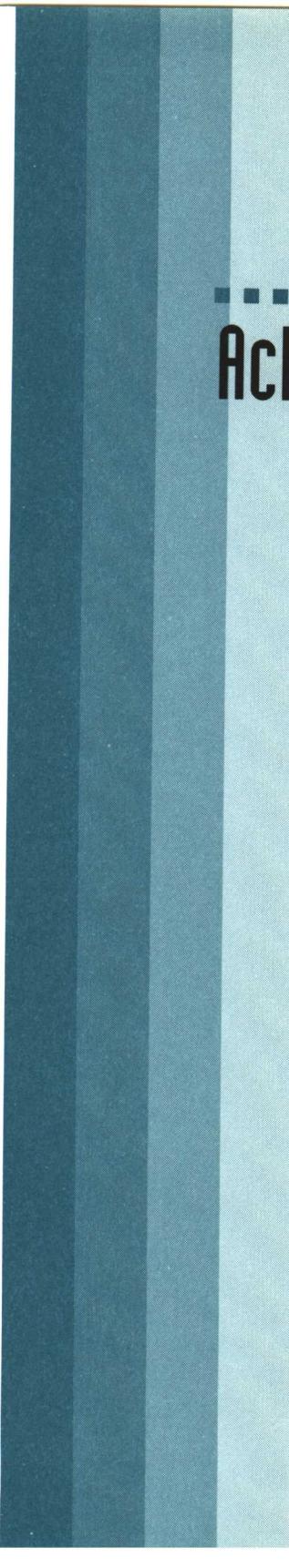
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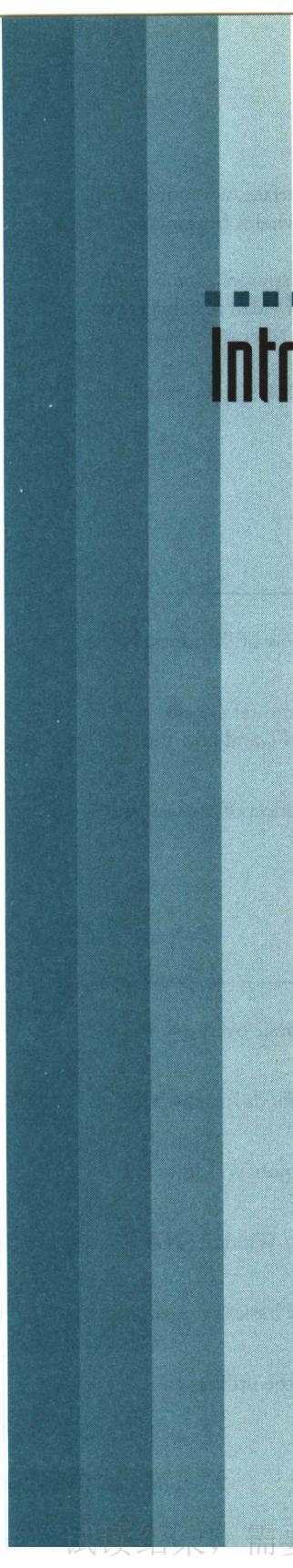
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# Introduction

Welcome to *Windows NT: Inside & Out*. Microsoft Windows NT represents a new generation in operating systems. While similar in look and operation to Windows 3.1, Windows NT is radically different in the way it uses hardware and runs applications. It does not use DOS like Windows 3.1. This means you don't need to start DOS before starting Windows NT. However, you can still run DOS applications under Windows NT, as well as Windows 3.1 applications, and even applications written for other operating system environments like UNIX.

Windows NT takes advantage of high-performance processors like those available from Intel, MIPS, and Digital Equipment Corporation. It also takes advantage of systems that use multiple processors. Windows NT provides a computing environment for the future that is compatible with current applications.

This book is written for a diverse audience, including people who are familiar with DOS, Windows, and other operating systems like UNIX. Of course, you don't need to be familiar with any other operating system to read this book, but make sure you *are* familiar with the basic operating techniques of your computer.

The chapters are written in an order that helps you better comprehend the material if you are just starting out. However, you can still open to any chapter and get important information about a topic of interest. Most chapters bring together diverse information. For example, Chapter 17 covers all the features, commands, and options for maintaining and configuring network connections.

The first few chapters that make up Part I introduce the Windows NT operating system and talk about its features, including the security system. You might want to skip these chapters and start with Chapter 4 if you are anxious to begin using the operating system and run programs. Later chapters, however, do assume that you are familiar with some of the material in Part I.

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