GETTING STARTED WITH POCKET WORDSTAR ON YOUR AMSTRAD PCW8256

Pocket WordStar, from the makers of WordStar the world's most popular word processing package, helps you to communicate better. And faster, too. Anyone who has ever typed, even something as short as a memo, knows that corrections have to be made. Such editing requires making minor corrections or re-typing a whole page. Word Processing eliminates the waste of time. It allows you to enter the text, edit, correct typos, insert information from other documents, reformat, proofread and paginate - so that what you print is an error-free, professional looking document. All of this is possible with the special benefits and features of **Pocket WordStar**. And with MailMerge you can create customised mail shots, address labels and reports merging text from several documents.

BEFORE YOU CAN BEGIN TO USE POCKET WORDSTAR

Before you can begin to use Pocket WordStar you will need to create a Working Disk which will contain on side A: the operating system and certain files from the Pocket WordStar Master Disk. Side B: of the Working Disk can be used for Data.

You'll need:

Pocket WordStar Master Disk
CP/M Plus System Disk
Blank Disk (to be known as the Working Disk)

PCW8256

SET-UP PROCEDURE

When you have finished this procedure, you will have a copy of the Pocket WordStar Program set up for your computer. Store the original disks in a safe place and always use the copies.

Switch on your computer.

Insert the CP/M Plus System Disk in the drive. The operating system prompt (A>) appears on the screen. If not – press the space bar.

We are now going to copy the CP/M files onto the A: side of our Working disk.

Type **Disckit** and press RETURN.

The Disc Kit v 1.0 screen appears giving four options.

Press the Function Key F5/F6 to select the COPY option.

Type **Y** to confirm selection.

Follow instructions using side A: of the blank disk (the Working Disk) when prompted for

"Insert disc to write, Press any key to continue"

and the CP/M Plus System Disk when prompted

"Insert disc to read, Press any key to continue".

The copy process requires the two disks to be interchanged twice.

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At the end of the copying process the prompt

"Copy completed, Remove disk, Press any key to continue"

appears. Remove the disk.

Type N at the prompt "Copy another".

FORMAT PROCEDURE

We are now going to format the B: side of the Working disk so that it can be used for storing text files.

Turn the Working Disk over to use side B:.

Press the Function Key F3/F4 to select the Format option.

Type Y to confirm selection.

The B: side of the Working disk will be formatted ready to contain Pocket WordStar text files.

At the end of the formatting process the prompt "Format completed" appears.

Remove the disk and press any key as instructed.

Type N to end the format process.

Insert side A: of the Working disk into the drive.

Press the EXIT key to exit from the **Disckit** menu

The operating system prompt (A>) will appear on the screen.

We are now going to put the necessary files to run Pocket WordStar onto drive M: (M: is the Internal Memory Disk)

Type **PIP** and press RETURN - the system responds with a message then an * on the next line.

Remove the disk.
Insert side B: of the Pocket Wordstar master disk.

Type **M:=A:REDUCE.SUB** and press RETURN. When the * appears press RETURN again

The operating system prompt **(A>)** will appear.

Remove the disk.
Insert side A: of the Working disk.

Type **M:** and press RETURN.

Type **A:SUBMIT REDUCE** and press RETURN.

A number of messages will appear on screen. During this operation a message will appear "Erase all Y/N". You are merely being asked to erase certain files to make space for the next operation. When prompted "Erase all Y/N" type **Y** to confirm. This prompt will appear twice, type **Y** on each occasion.

At the end of this process the operating system prompt **(M>)** will appear on the screen.

Type **A:** and press RETURN.

Type **PIP** and press RETURN - the system responds with a message then an * on the next line. Remove the disk.

Insert side A: of the Pocket WordStar master disk.

Type M:=A:*.* and press RETURN. When the * appears remove the disk and insert side A: of the Working disk.

Type A:=M:*.* and press RETURN.

When the * prompt appears again press RETURN – the operating system prompt (A>) appears on the screen.

The installation process in now complete. Remove the disk and turn your computer off.

TO BEGIN USING POCKET WORDSTAR

Turn on the computer.

Insert side A: of the Working disk into the drive.

CP/M Plus should automatically load. If not – make sure that the correct side of the disk has been inserted and press the space bar. Pocket WordStar will be loaded immediately after the operating system.

You are now ready to use your computer with Pocket WordStar.

As you will be wanting to type Pocket WordStar text files, insert another Work disk or change to Side B: of the Working disk.

The directory is currently showing files on disk M:

Change the Logged disk drive to A: (Use L at the Pocket WordStar Opening Menu).

INSTALLATION FOR 80 COLUMN MODE

Pocket WordStar can be installed to work in 80 column mode. The following instructions need to be followed carefully.

Make a backup of the Installation Disk as follows:-

Turn on your computer.

Boot your system using the CP/M Plus system disk as before. (see Page 2)

Type **Disckit** and Press Return.

Remove System Disk.

Insert Side B: of the Pocket WordStar master disk (which should be write protected).

Copy the disk as before (see Page 2) using side A: of the new disk which you should label DUPLICATE INSTALLATION DISK.

Follow instructions as before until you reach the operating system prompt **(A>)** after removing disk.

Installing for 80 Column Mode

Insert side A: of the DUPLICATE INSTALLATION DISK in drive. (This disk should not be write protected)

Type **INSTALL** and press RETURN.

Follow the instructions on screen remembering to install on the A: drive. When prompted for the file to install select WSU80.COM instead of the default WSU.COM.

Continue as instructed and then Exit from the installation when prompted to do so.

On completion of the installation you will need to erase the existing copy of the WS.COM file on side A: of the Working disk and copy over the new version of WS.COM as follows.

Place the Working disk side A: in drive and type ERASE WS.COM and press RETURN.

To copy the new version of WS.COM at the (A>) prompt type PIP.

When * appears take out Working Disk and replace with side A: of the DUPLICATE INSTALLATION DISK. Type M:=A:WS.COM and press RETURN.

Replace this disk with the Working disk and type A:=M:WS.COM.

To enable you to boot directly into Pocket WordStar in 80 Column mode you will need to copy a file called PROFILE.80 from the DUPLICATE INSTALLATION DISK to the Working disk and in the process rename it to PROFILE.SUB. This will overwrite the existing file PROFILE.SUB on that disk.

With side A: of the DUPLICATE INSTALLATION DISK in the drive

    Type **M:=A:PROFILE.80**

When * prompt re-appears remove DUPLICATE INSTALLATION DISK and replace with side B: of the Working disk.

Type A:PROFILE.SUB=M:PROFILE.80

When * prompt appears press RETURN.

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SELECTING A PRINTER

Pocket WordStar comes pre-installed for AMSTRAD PCW8256 but can be re-installed for many other printers on the market.

If your printer is capable of backspacing or carriage returns without line feed, you can use the following Pocket WordStar printing features:

* underlining
* boldfacing (multi-strike method)
* doublestriking
* overstriking

The standard Printer Types menus list several printers. Almost any printer can be installed by selecting **Standard printer.** If your printer can also backspace, select **Backspacing standard printer.** However, if you have a daisy-wheel or other speciality printer and you want to use all the print features with Pocket WordStar, you must select your exact printer name from this menu.

INSTALLING A DIFFERENT PRINTER

Run INSTALL on the DUPLICATE INSTALLATION DISK. Use either WSU.COM or WSU80.COM as the file to install (see above).

Put the DUPLICATE INSTALLATION DISK in the disk drive and at the A:> prompt type INSTALL and press RETURN

Follow the instructions on the screen to install your printer
for WSU.COM or WSU80.COM (as above)

Make your selection from the menus offered.

NOTE if you are using the serial port is may be necessary
to select baud rate, protocol etc. with the system utility
SETSI0.COM, and for both parallel and serial printers it
may be necessary to reassign the LST: primary list device
with the utility DEVICE.COM. See the Amstrad manual
for further details.

To know more about the Amstrad printer features see the
text file PRINT.TST. This file can be viewed or printed
using Pocket WordStar.

Pocket WordStar keyboard functions - Amstrad PCW8256

Key states are represented as :

N	Unshifted
S	Shifted
A	ALT and key
SA	SHIFT and ALT and key
E	EXTRA and key

Key	State	Function
CAN	N	Save and resume
	S	Save - done
	A	Save and exit
	SA	Quit without saving
	E	-
CUT	N	Mark start of block
	S	mark end of block
	A	Write block
	SA	Delete block
	E	-
COPY	N	Copy block
	S	Copy block
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	-
PASTE	N	Move block
	S	Move block
	A	Caret (^)
	SA	Caret
	E	Caret
f8	N	Go to start of block
f7	S	Strike out
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	-
EXCH	N	Find text
FIND	S	Find and replace
7	A	-
	SA	-
	E	Digit 7
DOC	N	Page up
PAGE	S	Go to end of file
8	A	Page down
	SA	Go to start of file

Key	State	Function
	E	Digit 8
UNIT	N	Paragraph tab
PARA	S	-
9	A	-
	SA	-
	E	Digit 9
f6	N	Go to end of block
f5	S	Underscore
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	-
LINE	N	Go to right side
EOL	S	Go to left side
4	A	-
	SA	-
	E	Digit 4
Up	N	Cursor up
5	S	Text down a line
	A	Text down a screen
	SA	Go to top of screen
	E	Digit 5
WORD	N	Forward character
CHAR	S	Forward word
6	A	Backward character
	SA	Backward word
	E	Digit 6
f4	N	Go to previous marker
f3	S	Double strike
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	-
Left	N	Cursor left
1	S	Cursor left
	A	Word left
	SA	Word left
	E	Digit 1
2	N	-

Key	Mod	Action
	S	-
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	Digit 2
Right 3	N	Cursor right
	S	Cursor right
	A	Word right
	SA	Word right
	E	Digit 3
f2 f1	N	Last find or block
	S	Boldstrike
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	-
RELAY 0	N	Reformat
	S	Reformat
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	Digit 0
Down	N	Cursor down
	S	Screen up a line
	A	Page down
	SA	Go to bottom of screen
	E	-
ENTER	N	Carriage return
	S	Carriage return
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	-
STOP	N	Stop (^U)
	S	Stop
	A	Stop
	SA	Stop
	E	Stop
DEL->	N	Delete character
	S	Delete word
	A	Delete right of line
	SA	Delete line
	E	-
DEL<-	N	Delete character to left
	S	Delete character to left
	A	Delete left of line
	SA	Delete line
	E	-
RET	N	Carriage return

Key	Mod	Action
	S	Carriage return
	A	New line
	SA	New line
	E	-
+	N	Insert toggle
	S	Insert toggle
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	-
-	N	Hide/display block
	S	Hide/display block
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	-
EXIT	N	Escape
	S	Escape
	A	-
	SA	-
	E	-

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