

NOTE

- MENU refers to the program MENU/CMD
- menu refers to a user created menu file containing menu command definitions and the menu display
- the graphic lettering in my sample menus was produced by ASCII80 by Guy Omer. ASCII80/ARC can be found in TRSLNK17/ARC

Installing MENU

- MENU is meant to function as an Extended Command Interpreter (ECI) to enable this feature enter the command line:

COPY MENU/CMD SYS13/SYS.LSIDOS (C=N)

Invoking MENU

- you may or may not specify a menu name. If you have not previously executed MENU you will be prompted for a menu name, otherwise the most recently used menu will be displayed.

Disabling MENU

- MENU aborts and turns off the ECI feature when you press [BREAK], enter non alpha and non numerical characters that aren't defined, type CLS, or execute a menu option defined as CLS

Operations

- You may enter any valid DOS command at the menu prompt including switching menu's by typing MENU MENUName [CR]

Menu File Names

- the default extension for a menu file is /MNU, if you name your menu files with this extension you need not specify it on the command line
- if you choose to use some other extension, you must type the complete menu file name

ex: to invoke menu files named MAIN/MNU and PROG/TXT the syntax is:

MENU MAIN [CR]

MENU PROG/TXT [CR]

Creating Menu Files

- I tried to keep the format simple so that any ASCII editor would work without difficulty
- Overview
 - the first line of a menu file starts the command definitions
 - the command definitions are followed by a blank line
 - everything following the blank line is displayed
- Command definitions
 - Method 1: numbered commands
 - simply enter valid DOS commands; 1 per line with no extraneous spaces. The program automatically numbers the commands as it reads them in so refer to the 1st command as menu option 1 the 2nd as menu option 2 and so forth. 128 is the maximum number of options that can be specified this way.
 - Method 2: key activated commands
 - you assign a key, any ASCII character, to a command starting on a new line the syntax is:
[!] [key] [space] [command] [CR]

ex:

!X CLS

- if you define a number as a key activated command it will take precedence over a numbered command activated by the same key.

ex:

CLS <- numbered command 1
!1 CAT :0 <- key activated command 1

when you press the 1 key MENU will execute a catalog of drive 0
so normally you wouldn't want to define number keys

example menu:

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menu prog  
menu comm  
allwrite  
!X CLS  
!  
menu main  
profile4
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EXAMPLE MENU

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1. Programming Menu  
2. Communications Menu  
3. Allwrite  
4. Profile4  
X. Exit to DOS  
[ENTER] returns to Main Menu
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Enter choice: [EOF]

Future possibilities:

- an option so that a menu could specify whether or not commands typed at the menu prompt are passed to the DOS