

SID REFERENCE GUIDE



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SYNTAX NOTE

For this card the following conventions apply:

- Items in angle brackets <> should be replaced by an appropriate value.
- Items in square brackets [] are optional.

ACCESSING SID

Protocol

When accessing SID, your computer and modem **MUST** be set up to work with the following protocol:

PRESTEL character set	1 start bit	1200 baud receive rate
	7 data bits	75 baud transmit rate
Even parity	2 stop bits	

Logging on

- 1) Dial your local Fastrak access node (see the SID User Guide for a list).
- 2) Switch your modem to data mode.
- 3) When the introductory page for Fastrak is displayed, type the three characters SID. Do not press # or Return.
- 4) Log on to SID using your own User Id and Password.

VIEWDATA COMMANDS

*HELP#	Go to help menu page, ready to get on-line help.
*MENU#	Go to main menu page, as displayed on entry to SID.
*<number>#	Go to numbered page, for example *0#.
*KEYWORD#	Display a list of keywords showing topics available in SID.
*<keyword>#	Display page of information on given keyword, for example *ECONET#.
*#	Go back to previous page. This may be repeated a limited number of times.
*00	Get SID to retransmit the current page, if for example it is corrupted or being updated.
*LOGON#	Logon without redialling, for example to change User Id during a session.
*PASSWORD#	Display response frame to change your Password.
*INFO#	Display usage information.
*SEARCH#	Display query frame to allow you to search the telesoftware indices.
*MAIL#	Enter SID mail system.
*BULLETIN#	Enter SID bulletin board system.
*BYE#	End SID session and log off from SID system.

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When entering these commands, you must wait for the * to be reflected to the screen before typing the rest of the command.
For your own protection, please ensure that you regularly change your Password; it is the best way to protect yourself from unauthorised use of your account.
If many of the pages sent to you are corrupt then it is likely your connection is poor; you should log off SID and redial, to try for a 'cleaner' line.

BULLETIN BOARD COMMANDS

The following three commands are available on entry to the SID bulletin board system:

SCAN [No]	List available bulletin boards. The scan starts from the beginning, or from the message whose number is given.
NEXT	Show the next screen to be output from the SCAN command.
SELECT <No>	Select the numbered bulletin board.

Once a bulletin board has been selected the following commands are available:

SCAN [No]

List current messages on selected board. The scan starts from the beginning, or from the message whose number is given.

READ [No]

Read current messages on selected board. The first message is read, or the message whose number is given.

NEXT

Show the next screen to be output from a SCAN or READ command.

LAST

Show the previous screen to be output from a SCAN or READ command.

WRITE

Write a message to the bulletin board. The 'subject' field is displayed when you use the SCAN command.

DELETE

Delete the last read message, if you put it on the board originally.

DESELECT

Leave a bulletin board, but remain in the bulletin board system. You must then select a new bulletin board.

QUIT

Leave the SID bulletin board system, and return to the SID viewdata system.

***00**

Get SID to retransmit the current page, if for example it is corrupted or being updated.

***INFO#**

Display usage information.

***MAIL#**

Leave the SID bulletin board system and enter the SID mail system.

***BYE#**

End SID session and log off from the SID system.

MAIL COMMANDS

SEND

Send a message to other user(s) on SID. A mail page is displayed with these fields:

From: The 'from' field is filled in automatically by SID.

To: The 'to' field must be filled in with the mail address to send the mail to. More than one address can be used, in which case they must be separated by commas.

The following prefixes may be used before each address:

A Acknowledge – SID gives you express notification when the message is first read.

B Blind copy – Prevent recipient from reading addresses of other recipients.

E Express – Insert message at top of recipients mail stack.

R Reply requested – Present recipient with reply form when the message is first read.

Subject: The 'subject' field should be filled in with a one line summary of the message.

The message itself can then be typed. Press # when you are ready to send it.

SCAN [Q] [No]

List messages in your mailbox, showing message number, status, sender and subject.

You may give a qualifier [Q] to restrict the status of message read:

EXPRESS List only unread express mail.

UNREAD List only unread mail (including express mail)

READ List only previously read mail.

ARCHIVE List only archived mail.

ALL List all mail.

You may also give a message number [No]; the scan will then start from that message.

READ [Q] [No]

EXPRESS
UNREAD
READ
ARCHIVE
ALL

Read messages in your mailbox, starting with the first message.
You may give a qualifier [Q] to restrict the status of message read:
Read only unread express mail.
Read only unread mail (including express mail).
Read only previously read mail.
Read only archived mail.
Read all mail.
You may also give a message number [No] to read.

ARCHIVE

File the last read message away for future reference. Its message number is retained.

DELETE

Delete the last read message from the mail system.

FORWARD <list>

Forward the last read message to a list of recipients, specified as in the SEND command.

NEXT

Show the next screen to be output from any mail command.

REPLY

Reply to the sender of the last read message. No other recipients can be added.

QUIT

Leave the SID mail system, and return to the SID viewdata system.

*00

Get SID to retransmit the current page, if for example it is corrupted or being updated.

*INFO#

Display usage information.

*BULLETIN#

Leave the SID mail system, and enter the SID bulletin board system.

*BYE#

End SID session and log off from the SID system.

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