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## *Copying and moving files in DOS*

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In the DOS environment there are specific rules that must be followed. All actions that are taken will be for that particular action and there are lots of times when in order to acquire the correct information the steps will have to be repeated. DOS does not do any work for you at all.

Enter the DOS environment by following the instrument direction. Usually on the menu there will be a function key that will take you to the DOS environment.

To return to the operating system of the instrument then usually you will enter the word **EXIT** followed by the **Enter** key.

When in the DOS environment there are some commands that allow you to see directories and files and to allow you to show the data again and again without too much typing.

### **Commands**

After each command is typed in you have to use the Enter key to action the command. These commands show what is in the directory.

\ - This is the root directory and the path for all other directories and files.

**dir** – This will show the contents of the directory you are in and all the files and directories in that directory.

**dir/p** – This will show the contents of the directory one page at a time.

**dir/w** – This will show the contents of the directory as a window.

**dir/w/p** – This will show the contents of the directory as a window and a page.

These commands show you how to move round the drive structure.

When you are in one drive to get to another drive type the drive number followed by a colon.

Example – if you are in the C: drive and you wish to move to the A: drive then type **A:** and then press the Enter key.

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**cd** – This changes the directory.

**cd\data** – This would, for example, change the directory from the one you are in to the **data** directory.

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**md\data** – This would make a directory called **data**.

These commands show how to copy a file from one directory to another and also how to move through different drives. The \_ denotes a space.

**copy example.dat \_ A:\** - This would copy the file **example.dat** from the directory you were in to the A: drive and locate it in the root directory of the A drive.

**copy example.dat \_ A:\data** – This would copy the file **example.dat** from the directory you were in to the A: drive and put it into the **data** directory on the A: drive. The directory **data** would have to have been previously made in order for the file to be copied there.

**copy \*.\* \_ A:\data** – This will copy all the files in the directory you are in to the A: drive and put the files in the **data** directory.

An example of how to copy files from the C: drive to the A: drive. In this example I will enter the DOS environment and will move to the directory called **simon** on the C: drive and then copy the files from that directory to the A:\.

On entering the DOS environment the display will show something like this.

C:\cobra

I will then take the following actions.

**cd\** - to change to the root directory.

**dir/p** – to look at the directories on the root directory.

**cd\simon** – to move to the directory where the data is held – here called **simon**

**copy sample.003\_A:\** - this will copy the file **sample.003** from the **simon** directory on the C: drive to the A:\ on the floppy disk.

If I wanted to copy all the **simon** files I would use the command

**copy simon.\*\_A:\** as the star symbol means all the files with the suffix **simon**.

It is in no way a manual on how to use DOS but is a short guide to some of the commands most frequently used. There is no guarantee of accuracy with this document.