


Chapter 14: Configuration

Introduction

Note: Be aware that the TOPS Pro Configuration program discussed in this chapter is separate from the TOPS Pro program. To access the TOPS Pro Configuration program, go to the TOPS Pro Applications group and double-click on the TOPS Pro Config icon .

This chapter outlines the three menus that comprise the Menu Bar in the TOPS Pro Configuration program, along with a brief description of the options available with each menu. The three primary menus are as follows:

- ❖ File menu
- ❖ Define menu
- ❖ Supervisor menu

Note: Much of the Configuration functionality is covered in detail in other parts of this manual. Rather than duplicate a lot of information, this chapter briefly describes the features and functions of the Configuration program and refers you to other places in the manual for more detailed information.

File Menu

The File menu provides the following options:

- ❖ User Login
- ❖ User List
- ❖ Import
- ❖ Export
- ❖ Exit

User Login

The User Login option displays the User Login dialog box and allows you to login to the system.

For more information about the User Login dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

User List

The User List option displays the User List dialog box, which displays the users currently logged onto the system. This feature is critical for network users who have a limited number of TOPS Pro software licenses. For example, if you have two licenses and two users are logged on, then a third user will not be able to logon until one of the current users logs off.

You may find it necessary to logout someone if he or she logged onto TOPS Pro Configuration, then did not exit the system normally (e.g., in the event of a crash or power failure). If you're unable to enter TOPS Pro Configuration to logout a missing user, you can always login as that user, replace that user, then exit.

For more information about the User List dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Import

The Import option displays the Import from ASCII dialog box, which allows you to import an ASCII comma delimited text file into the TOPS Pro System. You can use this function to import shipcases and other containers into the TOPS Pro System.

For more information about the Import from ASCII dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Export

The Export option displays the Export to ASCII dialog box, which allows you to export files from the TOPS Pro Configuration program to an ASCII comma delimited text file for use by third-party products, such as Design Axis' Package for DOS product. This function also allows you to export entire databases.

For more information about the Export to ASCII dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Exit

The Exit option closes the TOPS Pro Configuration program.

Define Menu

The Define menu provides the following options:

- ❖ Configuration
- ❖ Language
- ❖ Defaults
- ❖ Environment Factors
- ❖ Box Design Factors
- ❖ Board Combinations
- ❖ Paper
- ❖ Flutes

Configuration

The Configuration option displays the Configuration dialog box, which allows you to define the configuration of your TOPS Pro software by selecting and de-selecting a range of options.

For more information about the Configuration dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Language

The Language option displays a second menu, which allows you to select the language to be used with the TOPS Pro software. The second menu also has an Edit option, which displays the Text Modification dialog box. This dialog box allows you to perform language editing on selected words.

For more information about the Text Modification dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Defaults

The Defaults option displays the Defaults dialog box, which displays in different variations and allows you to enter default values for the following:

- ❖ Button Menu Styles
- ❖ Product
- ❖ Primary Package
- ❖ Intermediate Pack View
- ❖ Shipcase
- ❖ Pallet
- ❖ Vehicle
- ❖ Carton/Bag Sizing
- ❖ Intermediate Sizing
- ❖ Shipcase sizing
- ❖ Unitload sizing
- ❖ Vehicle load sizing
- ❖ Stack Strength
- ❖ Print
- ❖ Shipcase Patterns
- ❖ UL Patterns
- ❖ TV Patterns
- ❖ Pallet Spec

For more information about the various Default dialog boxes, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Environment Factors

The Environment Factors option displays the Environment Factors dialog box, which allows you to assign numeric safety factors to a range of environmental factors.

For more information about the Environment Factors dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Box Design Factors

The Box Design Factors option displays the Box Design Factors dialog box, which allows you to enter default values for box design factors such as length-to-width ratio, shape factors, printing factors and flap gap factors.

For more information about the Box Design Factors dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Board Combinations

The Board Combinations option displays the Board Combinations dialog box, which allows you to define default board grades, as well as change, delete or mark them unavailable. Use this option to define a board's ECT or cost per 1,000 square feet.

For more information about the Board Combinations dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Paper

The Paper option displays the Define Paper dialog box, which allows you to define default parameters for different types of paper.

For more information about the Define Paper dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Flutes

The Flutes option displays the Define Flute dialog box, which allows you to enter default parameters for different types of flutes.

For more information about the Define Flute dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Supervisor Menu

The Supervisor menu provides the following options:

- ❖ Login/Logout
- ❖ Global Configuration
- ❖ Rebuild Files

Login/Logout

The Login/Logout option displays the Supervisor Login dialog box, which allows you to login to the system as a supervisor. This is required in order to perform the following tasks:

- ❖ Approve analyses
- ❖ Rename and delete users
- ❖ Change statistics settings
- ❖ See all users' work
- ❖ Log off other users
- ❖ Change Quick Print templates

For more information about the Supervisor Login dialog box, please refer to Chapter 15, Supervisor Functions, or Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Global Configuration

The Global Configuration option displays the Global Configuration dialog box, which allows you to define a global configuration for your TOPS Pro software.

For more information about the Global Configuration dialog box, please refer to Appendix B, Dialog Boxes.

Rebuild Files

The Rebuild Files option automatically rebuilds your database in the event of one or more corrupted files.

