

# **ZGRAFWIN Help**

Welcome to ZGRAFWIN Help. A brief description of the graph types and program options available follows. Please refer to the user documentation (see the file ZGRAFWIN.DOC) for a more complete description.

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# Graph Styles

## F-2D

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Graphs up to four expressions in the x-y plane, each of the form  $Y = F(X)$  or  $F(X,Y) = 0$ . Each expression may be up to 130 chars. long. Functions/expressions are evaluated using double precision; most 'C' math-library functions are supported.

## G-3D

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Graphs the equation  $Z = G(X,Y)$  in the x-y-z plane. The function may be up to 130 chars. long, and is evaluated using double precision; most 'C' math-library functions are supported.

## X/Y Line, Polar, Log, Area:

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Displays an X/Y Line, Polar, Log, or Area graph of (x, y) data from a data-file, displaying a user-selected symbol at each data-point. Each (x, y) coordinate must be on a separate line in the data-file, followed by the symbol [see documentation for complete data formats]. Up to 1000 (x, y) points may be graphed.

## Bar:

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Creates a 2-D/3-D bar graph [up to 3 groups of bars, 30 bars total per graph] using user-specified fill-colors and patterns. Manual data-entry or a data-file may be used for input.

## Pie:

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Creates a single- or multi-colored 2-D/3-D pie graph [10 slices, maximum]. Manual data-entry or a data-file may be used for input.

# Math Functions

The following math expressions are available in the user-defined expressions F-2D and G-3D:

ABS() = Absolute Value  
ACOS() = Arc Cosine  
ASIN() = Arc Sine  
ATAN() = Arc Tangent  
COSH() = Hyperbolic Cosine  
COS() = Cosine  
EXP() = e (2.7182...) raised to a power  
LOG10() = Log Base Ten  
LOG() = Log Base e (2.7182...)  
POW10() = 10 raised to power  
SINH() = Hyperbolic Sine  
SIN() = Sine  
SQRT() = Square Root  
SQR() = Square [e.g., SQR(5.0) = 25.0]  
TANH() = Hyperbolic Tangent  
TAN() = Tangent

The following operators are available in these expressions:

+ Addition  
- Subtraction  
\* Multiplication  
/ Division  
^ Raise To a Power, e.g.,  $5^3 = 125$   
( ) Parenthesis

Some sample functions follow:

Parabola:  $X * X$

Circle:  $X*X + Y*Y - 25.0$

Curved Surface:  $\sin( X * Y * 0.1 )$

# ***Saving and Restoring Graphs***

ZGRAFWIN supports the PCX graphics standard, and allows the importing/exporting of graphics files using this format.

## **Saving Images**

To capture a graphics image to a file, select "Save PCX File" on the "Options" menu, when the desired graph is displayed onscreen.

## **Restoring Images**

To load and display an image previously saved to a PCX file, use "Load PCX File" on the "Options" menu.

## **Copying Images to the Clipboard**

Images may be copied to the Windows clipboard also, using another option on the "Options" menu.

Note: ZGRAFWIN allows importing of monochrome, 16- and 256-color PCX images. Images are saved in 16-color PCX format only.

# ***Printing Graphs***

## **To Print a Graph**

To print a graph, first generate the graph onscreen, using the "Generate (Graph Type)" command on the pull-down menu for the appropriate graph style. Then select the "Print (Graph Type)" command on the same menu.

## **Print Formats**

ZGRAFWIN supports two different styles of printing--a "screen print" mode (for which three distinct formats are available: "Best Fit", "Full-Page", "1-2-3X") and a "Direct-GDI" mode. The screen-print styles copy bit-mapped data from the screen to the printer; the "Direct-GDI" mode issues graphics device calls directly to the printer driver. See documentation for more info.

## **Adjusting Print Settings**

The "print settings" selection [under the "Options" menu] allows specification of print settings, including options for screen-print styles and direct-GDI print styles. Use the Windows Control Panel Printer Setup options to tailor other settings for your printer driver...

Note: Landscape orientation is recommended (if your printer driver supports it) for output on 8.5 x 11-inch paper. Landscape mode can be selected via the Windows Control Panel, "Printers" option.

## **If You Experience Problems**

If printing does not start, check that the printer is online, and verify that the settings in your Windows "WIN.INI" System file are correct [see ZGRAFWIN.DOC file, "Printing" section, for more information].

Note: When printing graphs with solid fill sections (pie, bar, and area graphs), you may wish to select "Single-color graph" (under "Style" sub-menu) or "Convert for Blk+Wht" (under "Print settings" if the printed output is in black-and-white..."

# ***Adding Custom Text to Graphs***

## **To Add Text**

Custom text strings may be added to a graph using the "Text" menu options. The foreground and background color of the text as well as text style (font, relative size, etc.) settings may be selected. After selecting text attributes, you may add a text string to a graph using "Enter text string". You're first prompted to enter the text you wish to add, then directed to move the mouse cursor to the location onscreen where the text should be positioned. When the mouse button is clicked, the text string will be drawn onscreen and locked into place.

## **Correcting Mistakes**

If you make a mistake entering a string, you can delete the most recently entered text string ("Delete last string") or clear all text strings from the window at once ("Delete All text").

Note: A maximum of 30 text strings, each up to 80 characters long may be added to a graph.

# ***Editing Files***

ZGRAFWIN has a built-in editor, useful for editing small text files (10K Bytes or less), such as data-files for use with ZGRAFWIN. To access the editor, Select "Editor" on the "Options" menu.

## **Using the Editor**

The editor is fairly limited, but it does make use of a few features found in other Windows word-processing applications, including the ability to cut and paste text.

Note: When done editing, be sure to select "Exit Editor" to return to the main ZGRAFWIN menu.

# ***Toolbar Options***

The following are the toolbar options:

Load/Draw

Loads a Graph Data File and Immediately Displays it Onscreen.

Write Data File

Writes the Data for the Current Graph to a Data File, using ZGRAFWIN Commands. Not for G-3D Graphs!

Redraw Screen

Redraws the Entire Window (Both the Tool Bar Area and the Graph Display Area).

Redraw Graph

Redraws Only the Graph Area of a Window. This is a Convenient Way to Redraw/Redisplay a Graph After Changing Some Graph Parameters. It Can Also Be Used to Remove Effects of Undesired Paint Operations.

Edit Data

Brings Up a Dialog Box Allowing the User to Edit Data for a Given Graph. Note: This Option Does Not Apply For the F-2D and G-3D Graphs.

Title

Allows the User to Select a Main Graph Title.

Edit Text

Switches to the ZGRAFWIN Editor With Which the User May Edit Small Files (i.e., Less than 10K Bytes). The Editor is Ideal for Editing ZGRAFWIN Graph Data Files.

Load PCX

Imports and Displays a PCX File within ZGRAFWIN.

Save PCX

Saves Current Graph Window Contents to a PCX File.

Print

May Be Used to Print the Current Graph, Based Upon Print Setup Options and/or



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Print Settings Options (Next Two Toolbar Options)

Print Setup

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Brings Up the Windows Printer Driver Dialog Box. This Option uses COMMDLG.DLL and Won't Work Under Windows 3.0.

Print Settings

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Allows User to Select Graph Print Settings.

Help

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Brings Up the ZGRAFWIN Online Help Index.

# ***Adjusting Graph Colors***

ZGRAFWIN uses the standard 16 VGA colors--dark black [color 0] thru bright white [color 15]--and a color VGA display is recommended. [The program may be run on mono displays, however. Windows will simulate the 16 colors using various cross-hatch patterns]. There are color selection on each of the pull-down menus, as appropriate for each graph.

## **Axis, Border, and Background Colors**

ZGRAFWIN allows the user to select colors for the graph axis (or border on the pie, bar, and area graphs), and the screen background.

## **Plot Colors, Fill Colors**

Plot colors may be selected on the F-2D, G-3D, X/Y-Line, Polar, and Log graphs. Each plot color corresponds to an individual data group appearing in the graph. Fill-colors are selectable for the pie, bar, and area graphs. Each fill-color corresponds to the data for an individual pie-slice, bar-group, or area-group in the graph.

## **Painting/Colorizing Regions**

To paint in a (bounded) area of the graph, simply position the mouse to a location within the region to colorize, and click the right mouse button. The region will be filled in with the current paint color [The paint color may be set/changed under the "Options", "Colors" submenu, or with the middle mouse button]. This option provides a quick way to color in regions, and is especially useful on the pie, bar, and area graphs.



