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THANK YOU

THANK YOU for buying OrCAD software.

Please take a moment to read this booklet. It tells you how to install the software, register your purchase with OrCAD, and contact our Technical Support and Customer Service specialists. We want you to get the most out of your software.



Installation

Getting ready to install OrCAD software

This is a quick guide to installing OrCAD software on your hard disk.

To install and run OrCAD software, your system needs to meet these minimum requirements:

- ❖ At least 640K of system memory. Additional memory (EMS) is also supported.
- ❖ An IBM PC/XT, PC/AT, PS/2, or compatible personal computer with a hard disk and either a high density 3½ inch or a high density 5¼ inch floppy disk drive.
- ❖ DOS version 3.0 or later.
- ❖ Free hard disk space sufficient for the applications you want to install. Disk space requirements are listed in READ.ME files.

Your computer system may include optional cards and devices. Setup instructions for these are provided in the manuals that came with them.

Before installing the software, you need to know what type of display adapter your system uses: EGA, VGA, or monochrome. In addition to these basic types, OrCAD software supports many other display adapters. After installing the software, review *Chapter 3: Display drivers* for more information.

Read the READ.ME file

It's sad but true: important information sometimes doesn't make it into the manual. Before installing the software, be sure to read the file called READ.ME found on the first disk in each set of master disks. The READ.ME file includes information about how much disk space each application requires.

To read the file, use the DOS TYPE command. Once you have the ESP design environment installed, you can use the **View Reference Material** editor to review the READ.ME file for each application.

Make backup copies

Before you install the software, protect your investment by making a backup copy of each disk in the set. You may make backup copies as detailed in the License, which is found in *Chapter 4: License* of this booklet. Opening the sealed software package and using the program constitutes acceptance of the terms of the license.

To make backup copies of your diskettes, use the DOS COPY or DISKCOPY commands. Refer to your DOS manual for instructions.

Installing the software

To install the software, follow these steps.

1. Place the first disk of the set in the floppy drive of your computer.
2. At the DOS prompt, enter the name of the drive the disk is in. For example, if you placed the master disk in drive A, type the command A: and press <Enter>.
3. Type the command INSTALL and press <Enter>.

From this point on, the installation software prompts you to enter the information it needs to install the software on your system. When the installation process is complete, the DOS prompt displays.



NOTE: The installation program prompts you for product disks, and it may ask for some disks twice. To ensure correct installation of the software, be sure to insert the correct disks.

△ **NOTE:** *The installation program copies itself to your hard disk during the installation process. You will need the installation program to install future releases and updates.*

Where to go next

After installation, your software is ready to use. While you accustom yourself to the design environment and the tool sets, it is a good idea to read through the *OrCAD/ESP Design Environment User's Guide* and the *User's Guides* for the tool sets you installed.

Each OrCAD tool set has a *User's Guide* and a *Reference Guide*. The *User's Guides* contain basic information about the tools and tutorials. The *Reference Guides* contain more in-depth information and cover advanced topics.

Getting started on the right foot—*fast*

When you first use the OrCAD design environment, it is almost impossible to resist the temptation to wade right in and start copying files from old directories to new ones to see what's what. After all, one of the benefits of the graphical interface is that it is sleek and intuitive. Before you do, though, there's one unassuming but very powerful feature you should know about.

It's the *template*. You'll see it for the first time when you start ESP after installation. The title "TEMPLATE Design" displays in the top center of your screen.

The template design is a set of patterns ESP uses to create new designs. Anything added to or taken away from the template will be added to or withheld from designs you make in the future using ESP's **Create Design** tool. Changes you make to configurations in the template become part of all new designs, too.

When you install **Schematic Design Tools**, eight files are placed in the template. To see the list, select **Edit file** from the **Schematic Design Tools** screen. Other files are added when you install other OrCAD products. To find out more about these files and how ESP uses them, see *Chapter 5: Design environment technical information* in your *OrCAD/ESP Design Environment User's Guide*.

Here are some tips for making the best use of the template.

- ❖ Remember the **TEMPLATE** design is just that—a template for new designs. To save disk space, only files that you want to include in *every* design you create should be copied into **TEMPLATE**. If hard disk space is at a premium on your system, keep the number of files in **TEMPLATE** to a minimum.
- ❖ If you use certain configurations routinely, make these settings in **TEMPLATE**. They will automatically become part of every new design, eliminating the need to configure tools again and again. For example, if you always want **Create Netlist** to produce one particular netlist format, set this up in the **TEMPLATE**.
- ❖ **INSTALL** automatically places the macro files **MACRO1.MAC** and **MACRO2.MAC** in **TEMPLATE**. You may remove these files or replace them with your own custom macro files, if you like. *Do not remove* any of the other files **INSTALL** places in **TEMPLATE**.

Messages from DOS

Here are some messages from DOS you might encounter during installation.

Not enough disk space

This message means there is not enough free space on your hard disk to install the OrCAD software. Remove some of the files on your hard disk after backing them up on a floppy disk and try again. The **READ.ME** file for each application includes information about how much free disk space the application requires.

Serious disk I/O error

This message means that the installation program detected a serious error as it was reading or writing files during installation. This message may mean that the disk you received was damaged in some way. Contact OrCAD Customer Service for replacements.

Not enough environment space

This message might appear after you install the software and then reboot your computer.

The **Design Environment** uses four environment variables in conjunction with DOS. They are defined in the AUTOEXEC.BAT file for your computer using DOS's SET (Set Environment) command and are loaded every time you turn on your computer. The installation program can add the following definitions to AUTOEXEC.BAT automatically as it installs the software.

```
SET ORCADEXE=C:\ORCADEXE\  
SET ORCADPROJ=C:\ORCAD\  
SET ORCADESP=C:\ORCADESP\  
SET ORCADUSER=C:\ORCADESP\  

```



NOTE: The C drive is shown above as an example. During installation, you specify the drive on which to install the environment and other OrCAD software. The installation program places the appropriate drive designator in AUTOEXEC.BAT when it adds the environment variables.

By default, DOS reserves a fixed amount of memory for environment variables. Occasionally, adding variables to your AUTOEXEC.BAT file means DOS needs more than the default amount of memory in order to load the variables. When that happens, DOS displays this message:

```
Out of environment space
```


When DOS reports insufficient environment space, you need to increase the number of bytes DOS reserves for environment variables by using the DOS SHELL command. Using an editor, add this statement to your CONFIG.SYS file:

```
SHELL=COMMAND.COM /P /E:###
```

where:

`/P` makes the change to the environment permanent.

`/E:###` specifies a base 10 integer and indicates the number of bytes to set the environment size. This number must be in the range of 160 to 32768. Non-numeric characters are not allowed. A number between 512 and 768 is usually plenty.

For more information about the SHELL command, refer to your DOS documentation.

△ *NOTE: If your CONFIG.SYS file already contains a SHELL statement and the "out of environment space" message appears, add 150 to the value specified after /E: and try again.*

More troubleshooting

The installation program places SET commands in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. If your AUTOEXEC.BAT file exits to another program before it runs these SET commands, the OrCAD programs may not operate properly. To fix this, reorder the commands in AUTOEXEC.BAT so that the SET commands are run before AUTOEXEC.BAT exits.

The installation program also adds or modifies the PATH statement in AUTOEXEC.BAT but does not remove old ones. If you used older versions of OrCAD software, you should remove paths to the old executable software from the PATH statement in AUTOEXEC.BAT.



Technical support

This chapter lists the OrCAD resources and services you can take advantage of as a registered customer.

Registration

To help us support your new product, please register your OrCAD software by filling out the registration card and mailing it to us within 90 days of purchase.

Benefits of registration

We want you to get the most out of your software. As a registered customer, you have a staff of trained Technical Support and Customer Service specialists waiting to help you. By registering your software you receive these benefits for one year from the date of purchase:

- ❖ Free technical telephone support
- ❖ Free product updates
- ❖ Access to OrCAD's twenty-four hour Bulletin Board System, including OrCAD's technical support database
- ❖ Free subscription to the *OrCAD Pointer*, OrCAD's quarterly technical newsletter

**Technical Support
(503) 690-9722**

OrCAD is committed to providing you with the best support in the industry. As a registered customer, you are entitled to free technical support for one year on our Technical Support hot line. For help with technical questions, call (503) 690-9722 between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Pacific Time. Please have your registration number ready for the operator.

A specialist will help you solve the problem. You can expedite your call by having this information ready:

- ❖ Product name, version number, and configuration settings
- ❖ Computer type or model
- ❖ DOS version number
- ❖ The amount of memory installed
- ❖ Display type

Depending on the specific nature of your problem, the Technical Support specialist may also need to know:

- ❖ How much free memory remains in your computer after loading OrCAD software
- ❖ Name and version number of any Terminate-and-Stay-Resident, or TSR, programs
- ❖ Name and version number of network software
- ❖ Mouse and mouse driver version number
- ❖ Type of printer and plotter
- ❖ Types of expansion boards

**Before calling
Technical Support**

1. Check to see if your hardware meets the minimum system requirements for the software you are using.
2. Check the documentation that accompanies your software. It should answer most questions.
3. Check to make sure your hardware and peripherals are set up according to the manufacturers' instructions.
4. Make sure all cable connections are secure.

Customer Service
(503) 690-9881

OrCAD has a staff of Customer Service experts trained to help you with answers to non-technical questions or problems. Call (503) 690-9881 between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time for:

- ❖ Help with registering your product
- ❖ Extending your registration by purchasing an Update Support Extension (USE)
- ❖ Status of your order or update
- ❖ Defective or damaged product disk replacements
- ❖ Device-support lists and technical notes

Customer Service is responsible for maintaining our registered customer database. If you have any questions regarding your registration status, call Customer Service. If you have moved to a new address, call or write to Customer Service to notify them. By keeping your address current, you will always receive the updates and technical newsletters to which you are entitled, as well as notification of new products.

Sales and Administration
(503) 690-9881

Call (503) 690-9881 between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time for:

- ❖ Location and phone number of your nearest sales distributor
- ❖ General information about OrCAD products such as features and system requirements
- ❖ Products or Update Support Extensions (USE)
- ❖ Demonstration disks

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The *OrCAD Pointer* is a quarterly technical newsletter about OrCAD personal engineering tools. Its purpose is to:

- ❖ Provide up-to-date technical information
- ❖ Supplement published manuals and technical notes
- ❖ Tell about updates and current development efforts
- ❖ Allow users to exchange information about how OrCAD software can be used to maximize productivity

The *OrCAD Pointer* is free to all registered users of OrCAD products with mailing addresses in the United States and Canada. Registered users outside the US and Canada can receive the *OrCAD Pointer* via first class mail for a \$5 postage fee. The subscription rate for non-registered users with addresses in the United States is \$10 per year. Non-registered users with mailing addresses outside the United States may subscribe for \$10 per year plus postage.

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For twenty-four hour access to the Bulletin Board System, call (503) 690-9791. The services provided by the Bulletin Board System are:

- ❖ New releases of software updates for printers, plotters, graphic cards, and libraries
- ❖ Technical notes and a database answering the most frequently asked questions
- ❖ Replies to technical support questions you post to the bulletin board
- ❖ General information about OrCAD, mail from other OrCAD users, and custom libraries, drivers, and utilities contributed by our customers

- System requirements* To access the OrCAD bulletin board you need:
- ❖ A 300, 1200, or 2400 baud modem set for eight data bits, one stop bit, and no parity.
 - ❖ Any communications software. You may wish to use software which supports ANSI graphics.

Configuration Set your communications software to send and receive data using an error-correcting protocol such as XMODEM, YMODEM, SEALink, KERMIT, or SuperKERMIT. These protocols send or receive binary information or data containing control characters. You can also send and receive plain ASCII files to and from the bulletin board.

Bulletin Board System maintenance The bulletin board operates twenty-four hours a day, except when it is shut down for maintenance. If you are not able to establish communications after a few rings, the bulletin board may be down for maintenance, and you should call back later.

Logon instructions The first time you log on to the bulletin board, you can use many, but not all, bulletin board features. First, you must register by entering your password and registration number.

The bulletin board prompts you to enter all the necessary information. Allow two to three working days for OrCAD to upgrade your access level.

Once OrCAD changes your access level to "registered user," you can access all of the bulletin board features. We encourage you to explore what is available.

Update Support Extension Service (USE)

The first year of OrCAD support is free when you buy any OrCAD product. If you live in the U.S. or Canada, after the first twelve months, you can subscribe to OrCAD's Update Support Extension (USE) service. Your subscription to USE service extends the same benefits you receive when you register your new product with OrCAD for another year:

- ❖ Free technical telephone support
- ❖ Free product updates
- ❖ Access to OrCAD's twenty-four hour Bulletin Board System, including OrCAD's technical support database
- ❖ Free subscription to the *OrCAD Pointer*, OrCAD's quarterly technical newsletter

To arrange for USE service, contact OrCAD Sales and Administration.

If you live outside the U.S. and Canada, contact your OrCAD distributor or OrCAD international sales representative for information about update support.



Display drivers

IBM PC compatible systems can be equipped with any of a wide array of display adapters. The information in this chapter is arranged so that the most common adapters are discussed first. If you have one of the more common adapters, skim the rest of the chapter. If you have a more complex adapter and have it working with the manufacturer-supplied software, you should be able to easily understand the technical notes in this chapter.

About display drivers

A display driver is a program which processes a graphic drawing request from an OrCAD program so that it works on a specific display adapter. That is, a driver lets you see what the program wants you to see on your monitor.

OrCAD supplies a large set of display drivers that support a wide variety of display adapters. Each driver is optimized either to give the best possible performance or to give very good performance with some flexibility.

You specify the display driver you need on the **Configure ESP** screen and on the configuration screens for each of the OrCAD design tools. Depending on the flexibility of your display adapter and monitor, you may wish to use different drivers for different applications.

OrCAD display drivers can be grouped into these categories, each of which is discussed in more detail in this chapter:

- ❖ Drivers that support standard display modes including EGA, VGA, and Hercules Monochrome Graphics.
- ❖ Drivers that support Super VGA adapters that can display 1024x768.
- ❖ Drivers for EGA and VGA displays up to 800x600 that you create with a program called **Gendrive**.
- ❖ Drivers for “standard” interfaces that take advantage of on-board graphics co-processors. These include support for the TIGA and DGIS standards.
- ❖ Drivers for specific manufacturers’ boards.

Drivers for standard display modes

Most users purchase display adapters and monitors that work with standard display modes. OrCAD supplies the following drivers to support these modes:

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| VGA640.DRV | Supports 640x480x16 colors and should work for most cards with “VGA” in their names. This card may also work with EGA cards that support 640x480, but if it doesn’t, you can use Gendrive to create one that works. |
| EGA16E.DRV | Supports 640x350x16 colors and should work with most cards with “EGA” in their names. |
| HGC2.DRV | Supports 720x348x2 colors and should work with Hercules Monochrome Graphics Adapter or any card claiming to be Hercules compatible. |
| VESA800.DRV | Supports 800x600x16 colors and should work with VGA cards that claim to support the Video Electronics Standards Association extension to 800x600. If this driver doesn’t work, you can use Gendrive to create one that does. |

Drivers for displays up to 1024x768

OrCAD supports VGA extension cards which provide 1024x768 resolutions. However, each vendor uses different software interfaces for their cards. OrCAD provides separate drivers for each of these cards. These cards are currently supported:

AHEAD1K.DRV	Ahead Systems Wizard Video Graphics Adapter.
ATI1K.DRV	ATI VGA WONDER, version 4 and later of the chip.
CHIPS1K.DRV	Supports cards using Chips and Technology Super VGA chips.
GEN641K.DRV	Genoa SuperVGA 6400 cards. Use GENOA1K.DRV with Genoa 5400 cards.
GENOA1K.DRV	Supports Genoa SuperVGA cards in 1024x768 mode. The card is based on the Tseng Labs EV3000 chip. OrCAD supports mode 37H because many cards with the Tseng Labs chip have BIOS's that use this mode. Verify if your board uses a Tseng Labs chip or your manual mentions a mode 37H which supports 1024x768 and 16 colors. Use GEN641K.DRV with Genoa 6400 cards.
	The following companies use the Tseng Labs chip set: Sigma Designs VGA/H, NANA0, EIZO, SOTA VGA/16, and Orchid ProDesigner.
TECMAR1K.DRV	Supports TECMAR VGA/AD in 1024x768 mode.
TRI1K.DRV	Supports cards that use the Zymos Poach Set.
TSENG1K.DRV	Tseng Labs ET4000 Graphic chip sets. Originally developed with an Orchid ProDesigner II card.

VEGA1K.DRV	Supports Video 7 VRAM cards with 512KB of memory. Also supports Headlands 1024i cards.
WD1K.DRV	Western Digital WD90C00 Chip set. Supports Paradise cards capable of doing 1024x768.

△ *NOTE: 1024x768 in 16 colors requires more than 256K of display memory. Some display adapters that can do 1024x768 are sold with only 256K. You have to add memory to get the higher resolution.*

Most EGA/VGA cards start the display buffer at A000:0. Gendrive can handle up to 800 x 600 (60,000 bytes) in one 64K segment.

Most OrCAD VGA drivers issue INT 10H to invoke a BIOS mode which supports 1024x768. OrCAD does not support special timing values required for the cards to work with different multi-frequency monitors. In some cases, the cards come with software which supports multi-frequency monitors.

▲ *CAUTION: Some cards which implement 1024x768 display modes use a technique called interlacing. These cards are often described as IBM 8514-like cards, since that IBM display adapter uses interlaced output.*

Interlaced means the display is drawn in two passes. The even lines draw on one pass, the odd lines draw on the next. This approach is implemented with slower and less expensive parts. Unfortunately, it often results in poor picture quality.

OrCAD provides drivers for cards running in interlaced modes. However, you should purchase such cards and monitors with great care. Verify that the card and monitor work well in your environment before losing the option to return them for a refund or upgrade.

Drivers for displays up to 800x600

OrCAD uses **Gendrive** to support various display drivers with enhanced resolution modes up to 800x600. **Gendrive** is a utility for creating a custom display driver to support your system's video graphics card.

About Gendrive

To create a driver with the proper functionality and performance, **Gendrive** modifies the internal configuration of a generic driver. **Gendrive** can create drivers for most display adapters claiming to be EGA- or VGA-compatible with resolutions up to 800 horizontal x 600 vertical.

EGA and VGA cards have the hardware capability to map a logical color to an actual color on the display screen. This mapping is done via a color palette table. In addition, a border around the drawing area is usually supported and the palette is initialized to draw the border in black. **Gendrive** allows you to re-define the color palette, and lets you change the color assignments.

How to use Gendrive

Follow these steps to create a display driver:

1. At the DOS prompt, type `cd \orcadesp\drv` and press <Enter>. If you chose a different directory structure than the one OrCAD recommends, substitute the path to the directory containing `GENDRIVE.EXE`.
2. To run **Gendrive**, type **Gendrive** and press <Enter>.

Gendrive initializes itself and reads in the OrCAD-supported set of configurations from `GENDRIVE.DAT`. Then it displays the driver description part of the file as a set of menu options. The four options are:

- ❖ Entering the number associated with your display adapter. You can use the \uparrow and \downarrow keys to scroll through the menu to see the available options.
- ❖ Pressing <M> to see more menu options.
- ❖ Pressing <Q> to quit **Gendrive**. No updates occur.
- ❖ Pressing <S> to define a special set of parameters. For more information, see the *Defining a Special Display Driver* section of this chapter.

3. If you do not see an appropriate menu option, select <S> and skip ahead to the section *Defining a special display driver*.

4. Select an option.

Gendrive reads the file **GENDRIVE.DRV** and updates it with the set of parameters associated with the menu item you selected. Then **Gendrive** displays the current assignments of the color palette and allows you to assign new color values.

5. If you decide to change the palette, refer to the *Color Palette Assignments* section later in this chapter for detailed instructions.

Otherwise, select <Q> to quit this part of the process. Once you have exited the palette definition menu, **Gendrive** asks you to enter a name for the new driver.

6. Enter a filename for the new driver. After getting the name, **Gendrive** writes the new driver to the disk and exits.

The new driver is ready to use. Configure your OrCAD software to load this new driver in the **Configure ESP** screen and all of the OrCAD tools' configuration screens. Refer to the *OrCAD/ESP Design Environment User's Guide* and the OrCAD Reference Guides for the tools you need to configure.

△ **NOTE:** *Display drivers have limited ability when it comes to checking for adapter compatibility. If the video adaptor and the new driver are not compatible, you may see either a blank screen or a screen that displays random patterns. If you select one of the predefined driver configurations, this shouldn't happen to you, but if it does, you may need to re-boot your computer to get back to the system prompt.*

Defining a special display driver

To define a special display driver, you need to know some technical information about your display. Refer to the technical reference or programmer's reference section in your display adapter's manual as you complete step 1.

1. If you have not already done so, follow steps 1 through 3 in the *How to use Gendrive* section preceding this section. After you press <S>, Gendrive asks you to define these parameters:
 - ❖ The number of columns of pixels your display adapter supports. Typical values are 640 or 800.
 - ❖ The number of rows of pixels your display adapter supports. Typical values are 350, 480, or 600.
 - ❖ A value to be assigned to AX to set up for an interrupt 10H. The value entered must be a hexadecimal number. This is often referred to in the adapter user's manual as a display mode. Make sure the number specified in the manual is expressed in hexadecimal. If the standard VGA mode (640x480x16) is listed as 12, then the table is probably in hex.

The AX and BX values must be consistent with the numbers of columns and rows you enter. Standard EGA/VGA values normally have AH (most significant byte of the word AX) equal to 0 and AL (least significant byte of AX) equal to either 10 (EGA 640x350) or 12 (VGA 640x480). Hence, AX = 0010H or 0012H for these. Extended EGA cards often use AL=12H for 640x480 mode. The register values for sizes above 640x480 vary considerably. In addition, certain cards want to see a value for AH that is not 0.

- ❖ A value to be assigned to BX to set up for an interrupt 10H. The value entered must be a hexadecimal number.

Interrupt 10H is the BIOS video interrupt. Many technical references for the PC discuss this interrupt in detail.

2. If you want special information to display while the driver is initializing, enter the text at the "Identification displayed during driver initialization: Driver Name:" prompt. The color palette displays.
3. Make any desired changes to the color palette as described in the next section, and then press <Q>.
4. Enter a filename for the new driver. Gendrive writes the new driver to the disk and exits.

Color palette assignments

Using the EGA/VGA Palette Definition menu, you can change color options for the driver you are creating. As shown in the figure below, the menu at the bottom of the screen tells you what commands are available.

△ *NOTE: Although the color palette is easy to change, you probably only should change it to compensate for poor lighting. To skip to the next screen, press <Q>.*

```
GENDRIVE - EGA/VGA Palette Definition
-----
Index      Normal Color    Current Color
  0         Black          Black
  1         Blue           Blue
  2         Green        Green
  3         Cyan          Cyan
  4         Red           Red
  5         Magenta       Magenta
  6         Brown         Brown
  7         Dark Gray     Dark Gray
  8         Light Gray    Light Gray
  9         Light Blue    Light Blue
 10        Light Green    Light Green
 11        Light Cyan     Light Cyan
 12        Light Red      Light Red
 13        Light Magenta   Light Magenta
 14        Yellow         Yellow
 15        Black          Black
 16        White          White
                                     (16=Border)
H - Help
0-16 - Change that Index Q - Abandon Redefinition    U - Use Settings Above
R - Reverse/Color      M - Reverse/Mono (1-15-->0) N - Reset to Normal
Selection ->
```

Gendrive's EGA/VGA Palette Definition menu.

These three commands let you change the color palette:

- ❖ **<0 - 16> Change that Index.** Lets you re-assign a color according to your preference. You can re-assign any of the sixteen colors plus background. In addition to letting you tailor the appearance of the display to match you personal preferences, this command also lets you map red or other dim colors to brighter colors when using a projection device for presentations or review meetings.
- ❖ **<R> Reverse Color.** Changes black and white, but leaves other color assignments alone. The background and border are white; the text and the cursor are black. This mode is useful in environments with lots of glare or if you find switching between black characters on white paper to a normal mode video screen disorienting. You may need to experiment with other color assignments. In particular, colors 7, 8 and 14 (Dark Gray, Light Gray and Yellow) are often difficult to see against the white background.
- ❖ **<M> Reverse Video Monochrome.** Maps black to white and *all* other colors to black. This gives you a reverse video monochrome screen. Depending on the quality of your display, this display mode may have a fairly crisp "black type on white paper" look. This may be useful in a high glare environment.

To help you keep track of changes made to the color palette, **Gendrive** displays the message "CHANGED" on the screen next to a newly assigned color when you change an index. If you make a mistake, you can either reassign the mis-specified color or press **<N>** (for Normal) to reset all colors to their default assignments.

The other four color palette commands perform these functions:

- ❖ **<H> Help.** Displays additional information on the screen about the color assignment options.
- ❖ **<Q> Abandon Redefinition.** Exits the color palette definition screen without making any assignments. **Gendrive** builds a driver that does not access any of the color palette routines.

- ❖ **<N> Set to Normal.** Returns all color assignments to their default settings.
- ❖ **<U> Use Settings above.** Tells Gendrive to build a driver using the settings displayed.

△ *NOTE: The display adapter does color mapping without the rest of OrCAD software being aware of it. The Color Table options in the Configuration screen for your OrCAD product assume the default table is active, and the menu options presented remain those that are standard, ignoring the possibility of re-mapping using Gendrive.*

△ *For EGA cards, Gendrive makes an educated guess about the proper way to redefine colors. This works for most EGA cards. If it does not yield satisfactory results on your system, contact Technical Support .*

Adapter technical requirements

Gendrive is designed to handle display adapters that follow the general conventions of native mode EGA and VGA displays. These conventions are:

- ❖ The display buffer starts at address A000:0.
- ❖ Less than 64K bytes of addressable display memory is required.
- ❖ To calculate the size of memory required by a display, use this formula:

$rows * columns / 8$

For example:

$640 * 480 / 8 = 38400$ bytes

$800 * 600 / 8 = 60000$ bytes (just less than 64K bytes)

$1024 * 768 / 8 = 98304$ bytes (too large)

- ❖ OrCAD software normally uses sixteen colors. This implies the display buffer is really composed of 4 bit planes of 64K bytes each.
- ❖ Pixels are stored eight pixels per apparent byte. The high order bit of byte `A000:0` represents the upper left most bit on the screen. Each one of these bytes is mapped to four bytes by the EGA or VGA hardware.
- ❖ The number of columns must be a multiple of eight. That is, no byte contains bits from both the right end of a line and the left end of the next line. We know of no graphic adapters that violate this rule.
- ❖ The mapping from bits on screen and in memory must be continuous. For example, if byte `n` contains the last 8 bits on line `m`, then byte `(n+1)` contains the first 8 bits on line `(m+1)`. Various non-EGA/VGA adapters and modes violate this rule. For example, CGA and Hercules Graphics modes.

Editing the Gendrive control file

Gendrive is controlled by an editable ASCII file called `GENDRIVE.DAT`. You can change this file to make a special definition process into a menu option. You might want to do this if you have a large number of users and a small number of adapters for which OrCAD does not currently provide ready-made drivers. If you choose to edit the file, make sure your text editor can output ASCII-only files with carriage return/line feed sequences as line separators.

Any line that starts with a semicolon is a comment. Any line that is not a comment must be a mode specification.

A mode specification consists of five fields separated by commas:

Driver Description, Columns, Rows, AX value, BX value

where:

- ❖ Driver Description is text that displays during application initialization. It normally contains "Columns x Rows" and a display adapter description. If this field contains an embedded comma, the usual field delimiter, you must enclose the field in either single or double quotes.

Examples:

EGA 640x350 16 color	No quotes needed
"EGA 640x350, 16 color"	Quotes required
"EGA 640x350 16 color"	Quotes optional
'EGA 640x350 16 color'	Quotes optional

- ❖ Columns is the number of columns of pixels the display supports. Enter this number in decimal.

Examples:

640
752
800

- ❖ Rows is the number of rows of pixels that the display supports. Enter this number in decimal.

Examples:

350
480
600

- ❖ AX value is the value to be MOVED into AX before doing an INT 10H to initialize the card. Enter this number in hexadecimal. Hexadecimal is used here because most manuals show the numbers in hex.

Examples:

0010H
0012H

- ❖ BX value is the value to be MOVED into BX before doing an INT 10H to initialize the card. Enter this number in hexadecimal. Again, hexadecimal is used here because most manuals show the numbers in hex.

Examples:

0H
0012H

The latter value causes 640x480 modes for some extended EGA cards.

Example

Here is a mode specification for a Genoa SuperEGA EGA 640x480 graphics adapter card:

```
'GENOA SuperEGA EGA 640x480 16 color', 640, 480, 73H, 0H
```

To see the most current listing of graphics display drivers supported by Gendrive, use the DOS TYPE command to display the file GENDRIVE.DAT.

Drivers for DGIS and TIGA displays

DGIS is a graphics interface defined and supported by Graphics Software Systems of Beaverton, OR. It runs on many high resolution cards. Refer to your manufacturer's user's manual for instructions for how to start DGIS.

TIGA (Texas Instruments Graphics Architecture) is a graphics interface defined by Texas Instruments to use with their 34010 and 34020 graphics chips and is supported by many companies. Using this protocol, OrCAD supports a wide range of display drivers with one piece of software. See the user's manual for your graphics adapter card for specific instructions about TIGA. OrCAD-specific notes are included in this section.

About the TIGA display driver

The TIGA protocol allows communication between three pieces of software to produce high performance graphics for PC-compatible computers.

The three pieces of software are:

- ❖ TI 34010 or 34020 software running on a display adapter card. The 34010 and 34020 are specialized computer chips that handle graphics processing five or more times faster than a 80386 processor.
- ❖ The TIGA System Driver. This driver is PC-based software loaded either by CONFIG.SYS, a Terminate-and-Stay-Resident program, or a combination of both.
- ❖ The OrCAD TIGA driver, which lets OrCAD software communicate with the TIGA System Driver to request services of the adapter resident code.

Over 20 display card manufacturers use the TI 34010 or 34020 graphics chips. Most have announced their intention to provide TIGA support. OrCAD supplies the TIGA driver directly, but the other required software (the TI software and the TIGA System Driver) is supplied by the manufacturer of your display adapter. You may have to specially request this software from the display adapter's manufacturer or dealer.

Why TIGA?

TIGA lets OrCAD support a wide range of display resolutions with one piece of software. To support these display adapters with standard drivers would mean creating drivers that are much slower than our current drivers. Running "flexible" code on a processor faster than the host processor lets OrCAD offer flexibility without performance degradation.

With the current version of TIGA and a TI 34010 board, most OrCAD software runs at about as fast as with the best VGA and Super VGA cards. Future versions of TIGA could improve on this. Future versions of TIGA (or TIGA with a TI 34020) could be perceptibly faster than VGA.

On higher resolution displays, OrCAD software normally does not draw bigger objects on the screen, but instead draws more objects. Given the same technology, each object takes the same time to draw. Higher resolution therefore usually means a longer redraw time, but with fewer redraws. OrCAD software minimizes redraw time since it is an important first-order determiner of user productivity. OrCAD supports a large set of VGA, Super VGA and 1024x768 VGA cards of varying cost and performance. The more expensive, faster cards at any resolution level reduce redraw time. Now, by buying the TIGA compatible cards, you can continue up from 1024x768 and still trade-off price and performance options.

OrCAD's TIGA driver

The TIGA driver works with most cards implementing TIGA. Because of the complexity and recentness of TIGA implementations, the driver is not guaranteed to work with every TIGA implementation.

Manufacturers of 34010/34020 boards with TIGA support

The following manufacturers produce 34010 or 34020 boards with TIGA support. In many cases, these manufacturers have local distributors and retailers. Many more manufacturers have announced intent to support TIGA.

Dell Computer Corporation
9505 Arboretum Blvd
Austin, TX 78759

Hewlett-Packard, GTD
3404 East Harmony Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Micro Display Systems
755 East 31st Street
Hastings, MN 55033

Number Nine Computer Corp.
725 Concord Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138

RenaissanceGRX
2265 116th Avenue, NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

Installing TIGA Follow these steps to install TIGA.

1. Install the TIGA hardware and run whatever setup is needed for your system. See the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Run the OrCAD INSTALL program and install both TIGA1.DRV and TIGA2.DRV. TIGA1.DRV runs with TIGA release 1.1 system drivers. TIGA2.DRV runs with release 2.0 system drivers.
3. Install the TIGA software following the manufacturer's instructions. See comments below on the TIGA system driver, number of bits per picture element, and adapter memory requirements.
4. Run ESP and configure your OrCAD products to run with one of the TIGA display drivers by entering either TIGA1.DRV or TIGA2.DRV in the **Configure Display Driver** entry box of each product. Refer to the Reference Guide for each product for help with configuration.
5. Before trying to do productive work, run the application for a while to see if TIGA error messages show up or the system hangs. See the test sequence suggested near the end of this chapter in the section *Instability after a failure*.

TIGA system driver Install the TIGA System Driver according to the instructions supplied by your display adapter manufacturer. This may require any or all of these steps:

- ❖ Add a **DEVICE=** statement to **CONFIG.SYS**. If required, this software often sets up a base environment that supports the manufacturer's own software protocols, the DGIS protocol and TIGA.
- ❖ Invoke a **Terminate-and-Stay-Resident** program that sets up the final environment for TIGA. This program is usually called **TIGACD**.

- ❖ Invoke a program that allows you to set up the screen resolution and the number of bits per pixel. The *Pixel sizes: 1, 4, and 8 bits* section later in this chapter tells how. In some cases, this set-up is accomplished by setting parameters in the **DEVICE=** statement. In other cases, the final adjustment can only be made with the **MODE** adjustment program. The name of this program varies with the manufacturer.
- ❖ Add a line to the AUTOEXEC.BAT file to set an environment variable to point to the directory where the TIGA files are placed. Add this line:

```
SET TIGA=-m<directory>-l<directory>
```

where:

- m Specifies the path for TIGA system files. All TIGA system files are placed in the TIGA directory of the destination drive.
- l Specifies the path for TIGA dynamic user modules.

Replace <directory> with the directory name. An example is:

```
SET TIGA=-mC:\TIGA-1C:\TIGA
```

Pixel sizes: 1, 4, and 8 bits

OrCAD software runs best with 16 colors. This requires four bits per picture element (4-bit pixels). OrCAD's TIGA driver determines the pixel size during initialization. If the pixel size is four or eight, OrCAD's TIGA Driver assumes colors 0 through 15 display the same as colors 0 through 15 display on an EGA or VGA display adapter.

If the pixel size is less than four, OrCAD's TIGA driver resets an internal table to map colors 1 through 15 to all-bits (1, 2 or 3) on. Color 0 is Black (all-bits off) for all pixel sizes. If your adapter is attached to a monochrome display, this results in proper display of all OrCAD objects in the Color Table set to colors other than black. On a color display, this normally results in objects displaying with one color only: blue for a one-bit pixel, or cyan (blue+green) for a two-bit pixel.

It is a good idea to run color monitors with four-bit pixels, monochrome monitors with one-bit pixels, and gray-scale monochrome monitors with four-bit pixels. Running other combinations either wastes memory (eight-bit pixels) or visibly degrades image quality (blue or cyan with one or two-bit pixels).

Adapter memory requirements

OrCAD's TIGA driver needs some non-display memory, 41K in this release, on the adapter card, to handle a downloaded character font and to speed up certain operations.

Although unlikely, it is possible your card may not have enough memory or not have it available when the card is set for its maximum resolution and pixel size mode. For example, if your card can display 1024x768 with eight-bit pixels, it might not have spare memory when in full mode. If you reduce pixel size to four bits, half of display memory is freed and becomes available.

On some cards, you also specify how many "pages" of display are available. In the above example, the mode program might step you from 1024x768x8 with one page to 1024x768x4 with two pages. This does not free up any memory. You need to specify a mode with one page of memory.

OrCAD's TIGA driver requests this memory through a series of GSP_Malloc calls (Graphics System Processor Memory Allocation). If the card does not have enough memory, you will see a message that includes the phrase: "GSP_MALLOC Failure". If this message appears, you must adjust your mode down.

PC memory requirements

The manufacturer's TIGA software may use up a lot of PC memory, thereby interfering with some OrCAD software running requirements.

High resolution—high zoom mismatches

OrCAD software uses the fastest possible arithmetic for calculating screen coordinates. This normally involves using 16-bit values less than 32767. When the product of the resolution and the ZOOM factor is greater than 32767, the result unexpectedly becomes a negative number. With OrCAD's Schematic Design Tool, this is normally not a problem since its maximum zoom is 20 and the maximum resolution is 1600 (product = 32000).

If the problem occurs, you see a mathematical inversion of your board display on the screen. To recover, just zoom in one level. Normally, no harm is done. You should be able to see all or most of your board at the lower level.

Messages

Occasionally you may see one of the following messages display.

Incorrect version of TIGA

OrCAD's TIGA1.DRV driver is designed to work with TIGA Version 1.1 from TI. It does not run properly with a TIGA 1.0 System Driver. (OrCAD is not aware of any manufacturers that released a 1.0 driver, but they may use them internally.) TIGA2.DRV is designed to work with TIGA Version 2.0 or later.

GSP_Malloc Failure

See the previous sections concerning adapter and PC memory requirements.

Mixing VGA and EGA, dual and single monitors

Some manufacturers' display cards work with VGA and EGA adapters and some do not. Most adapters that plug into the PS/2 Micro Channel Architecture will work. Some monitors are manufactured with the ability to alternate between VGA and TIGA modes under software control. This is more complex on AT-Bus systems. Some manufacturers produce VGA cards that interface via special cables to the TIGA card. These allow one monitor to handle both modes. Unless you buy one of these, the chances for running VGA and TIGA in one system is lower. The probability of running from one monitor is zero.

Monochrome display and Hercules-compatible adapters seem to work with the TIGA cards. This implies separate displays, which is not necessarily bad. A good monochrome screen is inexpensive compared to a color screen and is better for text work. Hence, a dual display system with monochrome for text work and color for graphics may be a desirable, if forced, condition.

Upon exiting from an OrCAD application or during a **Suspend to System** process, the application invokes TIGA function **Set_VideoMode** with a mode of VGA. This invokes a BIOS **Set Videomode** via an Interrupt 10H. In most cases, this activates your default video controller. It usually works with monochrome, Hercules, EGA and VGA controllers.

If it doesn't work, there are two problems, one you can fix, and one you cannot. You can invoke the OrCAD application via a batch file that invokes another program upon exit from the application. This program does whatever is necessary to restore screen function. The problem with **Suspend to System**, however, is you can't automatically invoke such a fix-it program. You might have to type the program name and enter it while the screen is unreadable.

If you do have a problem with exiting or **Suspend to System**, please contact OrCAD Technical Support. If possible, OrCAD will modify the driver to handle your specific situation more smoothly.

Instability after a failure

TIGA is complex. Sometimes, it fails and cannot be restarted with normal software processes. If this happens, it may be necessary to re-boot your computer by pressing <Ctrl><Alt>.

Fortunately, most problems occur during initialization for TIGA or when setting up to return to the system. Except for **Suspend to System**, this usually means your data is safe because you either have not accessed the application yet (during initialization), or you saved it (before quitting). In most cases, these problems are intermittent, and therefore, hard to identify and fix. Their frequency has gone down with each release from the card's manufacturer. Although most of the problems are ultimately not OrCAD's fault, if you experience a failure, please contact OrCAD Technical Support so we can be aware of the problems for other OrCAD customers and coordinate solutions with the card's manufacturer.

Before beginning production work, test your TIGA environment by following these steps:

1. Set your system up, installing or checking the TIGA hardware and software and running diagnostics supplied by the adapter manufacturer..
2. At the DOS prompt, type **CHKDSK**. Make a note of the "bytes free" value.
3. Configure your OrCAD application to use either the TIGA1.DRV or TIGA2.DRV display driver.
4. Run your OrCAD application.
5. Exit the OrCAD application.
6. Type **CHKDSK** again. The "bytes free" value should be the unchanged.
7. Run the OrCAD application.
8. Select **Suspend to System**. Is the screen readable?
9. Enter **EXIT** to get back to the application. Is the application readable?
10. Repeat steps 7 and 8 several times, checking that the screen is readable after each command.
11. Exit the application.

11. Type **CHKDSK** again, and note the "bytes free" value.

If **CHKDSK** reports the same value for bytes free each time, and the screen is readable after each operation, then the probability of the system hanging is low.

If the system hangs, or you get a message such as "Time Out waiting for Command Buffer," please report the last task you performed to OrCAD Technical Support.

Drivers for specific displays

Other drivers for specific display adapters display when you install OrCAD software. You can also obtain a list of available drivers and the drivers themselves from OrCAD. If you are buying a relatively new graphics card, call Technical Support. We may have your new driver in development.

Applied Data Systems (ADS) was among the first to develop a driver for OrCAD. This driver, **ADSVECTR.DRV**, runs with a RISC processor on their board. Check the **READ.ME** file on your ADS software diskettes for more information about the ADS driver.



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OrCAD Release IV products and EMS

What is EMS?

EMS is an acronym for Expanded Memory Specification. A full acronym is LIM-EMS (Lotus-Intel-Microsoft Expanded Memory Specification).

LIM-EMS specifies how software works with special hardware to swap 16K pages of memory into and out of the one megabyte address space typically available in IBM PCs and compatibles.

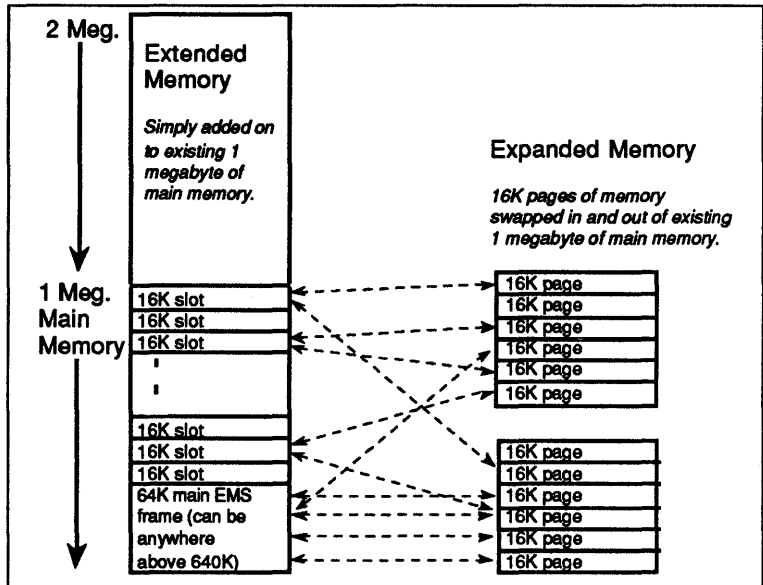
Using memory management software, an application can read and write data on one page, swap in another page, and then swap back to the first page, with all data intact. Using this method, an application can use a small number of 16K main memory slots to access much more than one megabyte of memory.

EMS in the ESP design environment

When the design environment is run, it checks to see if at least two 16K pages of EMS are available. If they are, it loads its display driver into EMS. If the design environment and an OrCAD tool set use the same display driver, it only needs to be loaded once. This removes the display driver from the lower 640K of memory, providing more lower memory for the OrCAD tool set.

When you exit ESP and return to the DOS operating system, all EMS used by the design environment and OrCAD tool sets are released. The EMS then becomes available for other applications.

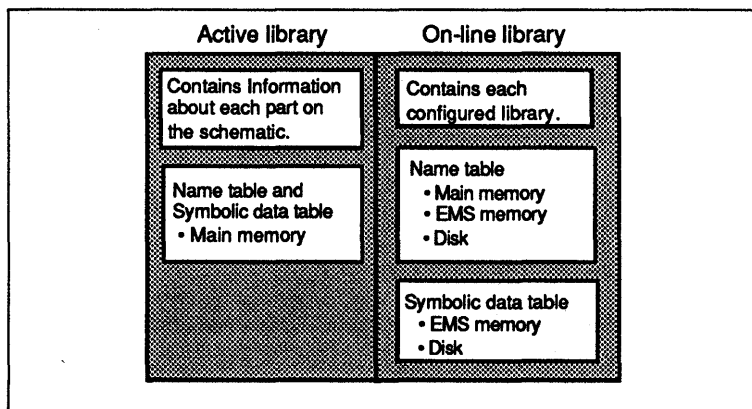
△ **NOTE:** Expanded memory is sometimes confused with extended memory. Extended memory is memory above the one-megabyte of main memory, while expanded memory is memory that is swapped into and out of the one megabyte of main memory. Release IV software does not use extended memory.



PC memory allocation.

EMS in Schematic Design Tools

Schematic Design Tools uses two types of libraries: the active library and the on-line library. Both libraries contain a *name table* and a *symbolic data table*. The name table is a list of parts. The symbolic data table contains symbolic information about each part. The figure at the bottom of this page shows the active library, the symbolic library, and what they contain.



Two types of libraries found in Schematic Design Tools.

- The active library** The active library contains information about each part on the schematic. It always resides in main memory. It can be configured to be 64–152K (this is done on the **Configure Schematic Design Tools** screen).
- ❖ The name table contains a list of the parts found on the schematic.
 - ❖ The symbolic data table contains all of the symbol information for each part on the schematic.
- On-line library** The on-line library contains information about each configured library.
- ❖ The name table contains a list of all the parts in each configured library. It can be stored in main memory, EMS memory, or on disk.
 - ❖ The symbolic data table contains all of the symbol information for each part in each configured library. It can be stored in EMS memory or on disk.
- Configuring Schematic Design Tools to use EMS** Follow these steps to configure **Schematic Design Tools** to use EMS:
1. Select **Draft and Configure Schematic Tools** from the **Schematic Design Tools** screen. The **Configure Schematic Design Tools** screen displays.
 2. Move to the **Library Options** area.
Notice the headings **Name Table Location** and **Symbolic Data Location** at the bottom of the **Library Options** area.
 3. Select the desired location for each of these tables.
- The next section discusses the performance impacts of the different configurations.

Performance impacts

Depending on the location of the on-line library's name and symbolic data tables, you can expect the performance impacts listed below. This list is given in order of efficiency. The most efficient configuration is given first, the least efficient is given last.

- ❖ **Name table in main memory and symbolic data table in EMS.** This is the most efficient configuration. Draft's GET and LIBRARY Browse commands execute fastest under this configuration.
- ❖ **Name table in EMS memory and symbolic data table in EMS.** The GET and LIBRARY Browse commands may be slightly slower than in the first configuration. However, you can add additional EMS memory to get as many parts on line as possible.
- ❖ **Name table in main memory and symbolic data table on disk.** The GET and LIBRARY Browse commands is even slower, but is still tolerable. This is the best option for PCs without EMS.
- ❖ **Name table in EMS memory and symbolic data table on disk.** This configuration should only be used for the following special cases:
 - Very large designs (E size drawings with a large number of parts).
 - PCs with a small amount of EMS memory.
 - PCs with a small amount of available main memory. This can be caused by running multitasking software or a large network driver.

Performance in this configuration is degraded compared to the above configurations, but is still acceptable.

- ❖ **Name table on disk and symbolic data table on disk.** This is the slowest configuration. It should only be used with portable computers that have only 512K main memory. It is tolerable for long use only if the hard disk is fast.

Refer to pages 15 and 16 in the *Schematic Design Tools Reference Guide* for more information about the performance impacts of the different configurations.

Viewing EMS memory allocation in Draft

The **CONDITIONS** command in **Draft** displays the amount of EMS and main memory used by the active library and the on-line library. To view this data, simply select **CONDITIONS** from **Draft's** main menu. When you are done viewing this information, press any key to return to **Draft's** main menu.



*NOTE: The **CONDITIONS** command displays information about the active library and the "reference" library. The reference library is the same as the on-line library.*

EMS in Digital Simulation Tools

The **Simulate** tool looks for EMS in the 384K portion of main memory between 640K and 1 megabyte. If a 64K block is available, **Simulate** uses it. Any additional 16K slots between 640K and 1 megabyte are also used. The number of available slots is dependent upon your EMS hardware and software, and the other hardware installed on your PC. Memory can be increased between 64K and 256K.

Configuring EMS for use with Digital Simulation Tools

EMS software—such as Quarterdeck Expanded Memory Manager-386™ (QEMM-386) and Qualitas' 386^{MAX}—set up only the 64K main EMS frame. In order to enable extra 16K slots above 640K, you must specify extra parameters on the "DEVICE=" line of your CONFIG.SYS file. Refer to your EMS documentation for more information. Some EMS software packages include software that will help you determine which 16K slots are available.

QEMM-386, 386^{MAX}, and other EMS products allow you to load Terminate and Stay Resident (TSR) programs and device drivers into memory above 640K. This is done with commands or "DEVICE=" statements with the phrase LOADHI or LOADHIGH in your CONFIG.SYS file. Doing this reduces the amount of high memory that Simulate finds. However, if you need the TSR's, it is still advantageous to load them above 640K. Simulate—and other programs—run better with the memory below 640K freed up.

CGA ■ An acronym for *Color Graphics Adapter*.

Design ■ A collection of files for a project that reside in a subdirectory apart from files for other projects. The files include source, object, configuration, and data files.

Design environment ■ The OrCAD ESP design environment within which you use OrCAD tools and organize files by project.

DGIS ■ A graphics interface defined and supported by Graphics Software Systems of Beaverton, OR. It runs on many high resolution cards.

EGA ■ An acronym for *Enhanced Graphics Adapter*.

EMS ■ An acronym for *Expanded Memory Standard*.

Gendrive ■ An OrCAD utility for creating a custom display driver to support your system's video graphics card.

Hang ■ When an application program becomes stuck in a loop and cannot recover, the system appears frozen and unresponsive. To recover, try pressing <Ctrl><C>, which breaks a loop. If this doesn't work, press <Ctrl><Alt>, the reset button, or turn the system off and on again.

Hercules ■ A standard for monochrome display adapters. May also be referred to as HGA (*Hercules Graphics Adapter*) or MGA (*Monochrome Graphics Adapter*).

Install ■ An OrCAD utility for placing OrCAD software on your hard disk. The software creates directories, copies files, and may add commands to your AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files.

RISC ■ An acronym for *Reduced Instruction Set Computer*.

Terminate-and-stay-resident ■ A program that loads itself into memory and returns control to DOS, remaining in the background. For example, a mouse driver is a terminate-and-stay-resident program.

TIGA ■ An acronym for *Texas Instruments Graphics Architecture*. TIGA is a graphics interface defined by Texas Instruments to use with their 34010 and 34020 graphics chips and is supported by many graphics adapters. OrCAD uses TIGA to support a wide range of display drivers.

TSR ■ An acronym for *Terminate-and-Stay-Resident*. See *Terminate-and-stay-resident*.

Update Support Extension ■ A service offered by OrCAD which extends technical support, update, and other benefits.

USE ■ An acronym for *Update Support Extension*. See *Update Support Extension*.

VGA ■ An acronym for *Video Graphics Array*.

VRAM ■ An acronym for *Virtual Random Access Memory*.

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