

WELCOME TO NOTECARDS

Here is the demo tape for Venue's NoteCards, a hypertext system that helps you formulate, structure, manage, and present ideas.

The demo is self-explanatory and includes instructions for navigating through it.

The last page of this instruction package is a feedback form. We would appreciate your taking a few minutes to let us know your comments about the demo and about NoteCards.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

We encourage you to contact Venue's Technical Support department if you have any questions or problems when installing or using the demo. Call the following number between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. PST:

800-228-5325

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INSTALLING AND RUNNING THE DEMO

To install the NoteCards demo, you need the following:

- The demo tape
- Sun-4 or SPARCstation with a ¼-inch tape drive

Getting Ready to Install NoteCards

Before installing NoteCards, you should gather some facts about your hardware and network environment. The following checklist will help you.

- Where is the tape drive you will be using?
Does your machine have a ¼-inch tape drive? If not, you'll need to do the installation on a machine with a ¼-inch tape drive.
- Does your system have sufficient swap space (45 MB) for NoteCards?

If you are not sure, see the section below for instructions.

- Do you have enough disk space free ?

You need a file system with enough disk space to install the software, about 20 MB.

Ensuring Adequate Swap Space

NoteCards requires 45 MB of swap space on top of the normal swap space requirements. Check swap space using the `pstat` command:

```
prompt% /etc/pstat -s
PAGE SPACE:
USED BLKS      FREE BLKS
6819           9565
```

If you need more swap space, consult your machine's documentation for information on how to increase it.

Installing the NoteCards Demo

Use this procedure to log in to your machine, create a new directory, move into it, and retrieve the NoteCards demo from the tape. Substitute your login ID for *yourname*, and the name of the new directory for *directoryname*.

1. Log in under your username.
2. Put the tape in the tape drive.
3. Create a new directory to contain the NoteCard demo:

```
mkdir directoryname
```

4. Move into the new directory:

```
cd directoryname
```

5. Retrieve the software from the tape, as follows.

```
tar xvf /dev/rst0
```

This copies the files and programs that make up the NoteCards demo to your working directory, and displays comments about the processing as it progresses.

If you have any problems during this step of the installation, consult your local UNIX system administrator.

What Files Get Installed?

These are the files that are installed from the demo tape:

`nc` A script that runs the NoteCards demo for you.

`lde, ldemulti`
`ldesingle, ldex`

The NoteCards driver programs, one for each possible display configuration. NoteCards chooses the correct one automatically.

`Notecards-demo.sysout.Z` **or**
`Notecards-demo.sysout`

The memory image of the NoteCards demo, including all the necessary Notefiles, fonts, etc. This is loaded by the driver program when you start the demo, after uncompressing it if necessary.

Running the Demo

You will need to be connected to the same directory in which you installed the demo.

1. Verify that the files listed above exist:

`ls -l`

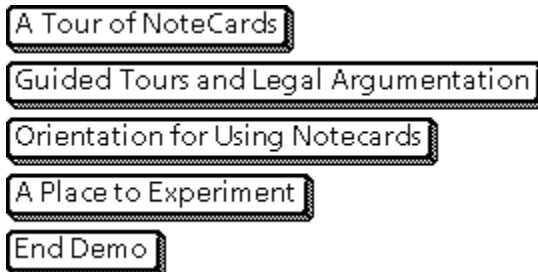
2. A list of the files loaded into the directory is displayed. If the above files are listed, continue to Step 3. If the files are not listed, call Technical Support immediately.
3. To start the demo, type:

`nc`

After a minute or two, an introductory screen appears. (If this is your first run of the demo, `nc` spends several minutes uncompressing the files.) When you see a cursor that tracks mouse movement, you are ready to start.

CONTENTS OF THE DEMO

The demo consists of four modules (described below), preceded by an introductory screen. At the lower right of each demo screen there are five mouse-sensitive buttons that move you from one module to another. The buttons look like this:



The first time through, we suggest that you follow the modules in order, and resist the temptation to experiment—the demo is also a fully-functional NoteCards system, and your experimentation will be more successful after you have learned something about the structure and navigation.

You can end the demo at any time by clicking on the “End Demo” button.

A Tour Of NoteCards

This module gives you a quick overview of what NoteCards is and what it can do for you.

The first screen contains a graphical description of the tour. This graphic shows the different parts of the tour. To move around the tour, use the buttons at the top of the demo screen. Clicking on the boxes in the graphic creates an error condition.

On top of that graphic there is a series of menu buttons which are present on each screen of the tour. To start the tour, click on the "Start" button. To move through the tour, click the "Next" button to move forward from screen to screen. The "Previous" button moves backward one screen at a time. "Jump" lets you move to a specified section of the tour. "Reset" closes the tour and returns you to the introductory screen.



Guided Tours and Legal Argumentation

This is a deeper example, showing NoteCards' facilities of guiding tours, and its specialized support for legal argumentation. You are taken on a guided tour of a Supreme Court case; this is a comprehensive tour, with many possible side trips if you want more detail.

To help examine the Justices' reasoning in this case, NoteCards provides a special type of card to describe arguments in formal terms. This tour shows how these cards are used and see how clearly they lay out the important issues.

Orientation for Using Notecards

This module explains the basic mechanics of using NoteCards. A structured example walks you through mouse and keyboard use, then to opening Notefiles, creating cards, and creating and following links. You should work through this section before experimenting for yourself.

Start by reading the text at the left of the screen, and you're off!

A Place to Experiment

This is a place for you to experiment with NoteCards. To start you off, there is a collection of sample cards and a quick description of the various types of cards you can create. Once you've worked through that, you will be ready to try NoteCards for your own application.

Note that any notefiles and notecards you create during this demo can be used for the current session only. They cannot be saved for use during another demo session.

End Demo

Clicking on this button ends the demo, rather abruptly, and returns you to the previous application. There is no warning or request for confirmation.