YOUR GUIDE
TO

micronet 800

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GETTING STARTED

Please refer to your modem manual for setting up your equipment.

LOGGING-ON

You will have received details of your personal Identity Number and Password, and the phone number of your local mainframe computer from Prestel.

When prompted by your modem/software, simply type these numbers in from your keyboard, and key # from the first page you see, to the main Microcomputing index.

MOVING AROUND THE DATABASE

This can be done in one of two ways.

a)   On every page you will be given options with numbers beside them. By simply keying the number **only** you will arrive directly at that section.

b)   By keying *PAGE NUMBER# you can travel directly to any page on the database.

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Please ensure that you do not disclose your Identity Number or Password to anyone. If someone knows these numbers they can run up charges on your bill. You should change your password every month. See the above page for details.

For the same reason you should never program your identity and password into your machine.

DO NOT QUOTE YOUR IDENTITY NUMBER OR PASSWORD OVER THE PHONE OR IN A LETTER OR MAILBOX. Genuine Micronet and Prestel staff would not request this information. ONLY quote your 9 digit account number as this gives no security risk.

RUNNING COSTS EXPLAINED

The Micronet and Prestel subscription is £16.50 a quarter (£28 for businesses), and you will receive a bill from Prestel for this amount every 3 months.

Frame Charges

Some charges are made for software that you buy, and certain information and communication facilities. You will always be warned of these charges before accessing any page. Anything that you have spent will appear on your 3 monthly bill.

Connect Time Charges

It is always advisable to avoid connect time if possible. The charges are 6p a minute from 8am-6pm Monday to Friday and 8am-1pm Saturdays. ALL OTHER TIMES ARE FREE.

Phone Charges

99% of UK phone users can access Micronet and Prestel at local call rates. You will get tremendous value for money using Micronet after 6pm weekdays, at weekends and all bank holidays when the charge is just 48p an hour.

To see your current bill key * 92 #

If you have any bill queries, please phone Prestel on 01 822 1122.

DOWNLOADING ADVICE

From the list of programs offered, make your choice and key the number beside the title. This will take you to a page detailing the title, author, supplier, date, cost and supplementary documentation of the program if necessary. This will be followed by a description of how many frames the program consists of, what machine it runs on, memory size required and copyright information. "C or D" will appear beside this information indicating that you can save the program to cassette or disc or either.

The download sequence is started by a different method depending on what terminal software you have (please refer to your manual). The most common keys are:

BBC	f5
Spectrum	Caps shift/Enter then 5
Pet	RVS/T
Apple	CTRL/T
CMB 64	f5
Amstrad	CTL/3

Once your tape/disc is set up you can begin the download sequence.

Help with telesoftware can be found on page 60095010 for all machines except the Amstrad which is on page 2586490.