

Copying a LIF Disk Using LIF Utilities

Question:

Can I make a backup copy of my LIF disk using the PC?

Answer:

Yes, <u>but not on Windows NT</u>. It is usually advisable to make a backup copy of a LIF disk containing programs, just in case the working copy gets lost or corrupted. Not all instruments have the capability of copying diskettes. The following procedure will allow you to make copies of LIF disks using LIF Utilities on your PC, provided you are running Windows 3.1x/9x.

- A. Make a temporary folder on your hard disk. Start Windows Explorer.
 - 1. Highlight the C: drive.
 - 2. Click on File New Folder
 - 3. Name folder "LIF" (or other appropriate name).
- B. Start Lifarc.exe and copy files from the LIF Utilities diskette to the new folder.
 - In Windows Explorer, double click on Lifutil.exe. If you don't have LIF utilities you can download the self-extracting file from the Agilent web site.
 - 2. The following screen indicates the recommended settings:



- C. Format a double-sided double density disk in LIF format.
 - 1. Click on "LIF disk status" in the LIF Utilities program to find disk parameters, as shown here:



2. Click on "LIF Initialize" in the LIF Utilities program to format the disk, as shown here:



3. Use the settings found earlier with "LIF disk status", as shown here:

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LIF Initialize	
LIF drive name: A:	
Disk type: 3 1/2" double sided	
Sector size: 256 bytes (disk capacity = 616 KB)	
Interleave: 1	
Directory size: 192 files	
Volume label: HPLIF	
Flexible disk drive in which disk will be initialized.	
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D. Copy files from DOS folder to new LIF diskette. The following is a screen with recommended settings:

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	DOS to LIF Copy	
DOS directory name:	c:\LIF	
DOS file name:	Entire directory	
LIF drive name:	A:	
Copy as:	Same as source file	
File name conversion:	Prefix & Extension	
Duplicate file name:	Make unique name	
File format conversion:	DFS to LIF: file type preserved	
How to use LIF disk:	Zero disk and copy	
Use "append" (default) to	avoid overwriting purged files. "Use empty	holes"
overwrites purged files.	"Zero disk and copy" overwrites the whole di	isk.
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E. Verify the integrity of the new disk by running the programs, viewing the data, or at least by checking to see if the files are the same size as the files on the original disk. You can use "LIF catalog" to compare file sizes. The following shows this selection highlighted:

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MAIN MENU
LIF to DOS Copy Copy LIF file(s) or an entire LIF disk to a DOS disk/directory. DOS to LIF Copy Copy DOS file(s) or an entire DOS directory to a LIF disk. LIF Catalog Catalog a LIF disk or selected files in HP BASIC format. LIF Purge File Purge LIF file(s) from a LIF disk. Zero LIF Disk Reinitialize a LIF directory without reformatting the disk. LIF Disk Status Display LIF disk type/characteristics and disk usage statistics. LIF Mex Dump Perform hexadecimal dump/edit of a LIF disk or file. LIF Initialize disk in HP LIF format.
Move the highlight to the desired function using the cursor keys or a mouse. Press [Enter] to select the function or press [Esc] to exit this program. Press [Alt]-[D] to execute a DOS command within this program.
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