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Signon Screen Overview

The first screen you will see upon entering the BOOMS system will be the Signon Screen (Figure 2-1). This Screen contains the following information:

- The BOOMS Logo

- The Lissan Computing Company, Inc Copyright notice

- STATUS Message:

PRESS "F1" TO OBTAIN HELP INFORMATION

- The current printer number and the current printer characteristics. Both of these can be changed by entering a "SET" command (See Appendix E) or by using Function Key 11 (See Appendix B).

- Two input fields, Signon Id and Password which must be filled in properly before you will be granted access to the system.

- A third input field, Function (Menu), allows you to go to a menu other than the Main Selection Menu.
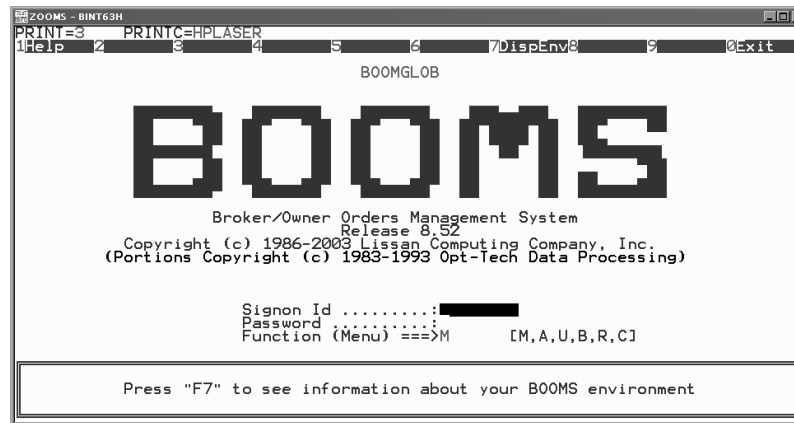

Figure 2.1 The Signon Screen

Signon Identification

Your Signon Identification (Signon Id) will be assigned by your supervisor. Typically, Brokerage IDs begin with the characters "BROK", Management IDs begin with the characters "MANA", and Accounting IDs begin with the characters "ACCT". SIGNON IDs can be up to 8 characters in length (e.g. BROK01, ACCT0001, etc.). If you enter an ID that is not known to the system, the PC speaker will BEEP and the following message will be displayed in the STATUS/ERROR Message Area (right side of line 1):

UNKNOWN SIGNON-ID, PLEASE RE-ENTER

Passwords

Each SIGNON-ID defined has a PASSWORD assigned to it. Every time you identify yourself with a SIGNON-ID, you must also provide the PASSWORD for that ID. The PASSWORD field is not displayed on the screen as you enter it (Passwords wouldn't be of much value if everyone could see them as they were being entered). If you enter a PASSWORD that is not valid for your ID, the PC speaker will BEEP and the following message will be displayed in the STATUS/ERROR Message Area:

INVALID PASSWORD, PLEASE RE-ENTER

The first time you SIGNON, your Password MUST be changed. To do this, enter your current Password followed by a "slash" (/) and your new Password. For example, if your current password is "CURRPSWD" and you want to change it to

"PRODPSWD", enter:

CURRPSWD/PRODPSW

If the new Password is not entered when required, you will receive message:

PASSWORD EXPIRED, CHANGE REQUIRED

You may be required to periodically change your password. How often it must be changed is determined by a value that is entered when your ID is created. For example, your Password may require changing every 28 days or on the first day of each month. If it does require changing, you will again receive the above message. The new Password cannot match either of your last 2 Passwords. If it does, you will receive ERROR message:

INVALID NEW PASSWORD

When changing passwords, you will be prompted for New Password Verification with:

Verify Password Change ...

Re-enter the new password you selected and continue. For any subsequent Signon, when a Password change is not required, just enter your Current Password. For example, if your Current Password is "PRODPSWD" (as set above), enter:

PRODPSWD

Display Environment (F7)

Pressing "F7" (DispEnv) will result in the display of the Active Parameters screen (Figure 2-2). This screen shows various information about your BOOMS/DOS environment, including Btrieve/DOS version numbers, monitor characteristics, printer information and files location information
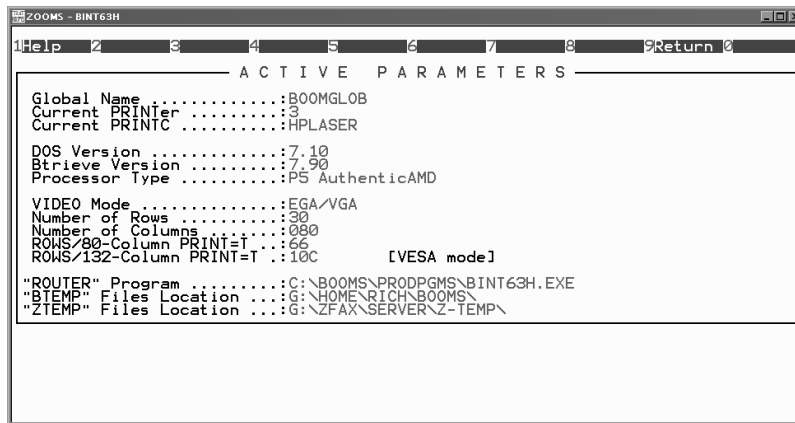

Figure 2.2 Active Parameters

Successful Signon

By default, when you sign on, the Main Selection Menu will be displayed. If you wish to go directly to one of the other menus in the system, Function can be specified as follows:

        M - Main Selection Menu (default)

        A - Accounting Selection Menu

        U - Additional (Utilities) Menu

        B - BOOMS System Parameters Menu

        R - Report Writer

        C - Custom Menu