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## Editor Help and Status

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The Norton Editor has three comprehensive help screens to assist you; the Editor also provides two sources of information on the current editing status.

The help screens are activated by pressing F1. Successively pressing F1 cycles through the three help screens and back to the editing session. Once you find the information you need, you can immediately leave the help system by pressing any other key. If the key you press to exit help is one of the “lead-in” keys that begin another command (F3, F4, F5, F6, or F7), it activates the command. That makes it quick and easy to use the F1 help screens to look up a command without wasting time.

The Editor provides two sources of status information. The first is a summary status line that appears in reverse video at the bottom of the screen throughout the editing session. (When you are in split-screen mode, editing two file windows, the status line appears in the middle of the screen, separating the two windows.)

The status line shows the following information:

- the line and column numbers of the cursor location
- the filename of the file being edited
- insert or replace mode
- word-wrap mode and wrap column
- automatic indentation mode

When a command has been activated by one of the lead-in keys (F3, F4, F5, F6, or F7), the status line is taken over with a command summary that shows you the letter keys that can be used to complete the command.

In addition to the status line, you can press the F2 key to display a full status screen that summarizes the current operation of the Editor, including the amount of working memory and disk space available. Here is a sample status screen:

Input file: INFILE.DOC  
Output file: OUTFILE.SAV

Format line length: 65  
Tab display width: 8  
Left margin for printing: 0  
Lines per printed page: 62

Characters in edit buffer: 359  
Unread characters in input file: 0  
Unused space in edit buffer: 222423  
Unused space on output drive: 3080192

Pay particular attention to the last four lines of the status screen. They tell you how much working memory space you have available and how much, if any, of your file has not been read from disk. These lines are also useful when you are dealing with disk-full problems.