Multics Programmers' Manual: Organization

The Manual is divided into two parts:

1. An <u>introduction</u>, designed to be read, not to be used as reference.

2. A <u>reference guide</u>, intended to be a complete, self-contained guide to the use of Multics. It does not read well, but one can look up anything wanted quickly.

The <u>introduction</u> is written in two chapters:

1. A discussion of the conceptual basis of the Multics system, starting with an overview and summary suitable for almost any reader, then proceeding into technical discussion primarily at the level of experienced computer system specialist. *(present chapter I of MPM)*

2. A beginner's guide to the use of Multics, which presumes that he has never used any computer system before. It is tutorial, /and is accomplished primarily by a series of scripts accompanied by detailed discussion and analysis. It is intended to provide enough information to use most commonly invoked commands to best advantage. *(entirely new)*

The <u>reference guide</u> consists of several (8) sections giving complete details on many different topics, and ending with the present command and subroutine writeups, and an index. *(Some new sections)*

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