

## How to get started after downloading the PROMPT System or getting a plug and work server from Mid-American

### Bring up the server

When you power on your server, you will see a couple of screens that indicate the hardware you are using, then you will arrive at a message on the screen that will pause for 7 seconds at:

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Then continue displaying several pages with ( OK ) on the right side of the screen. You do not have to watch for the OK, just give it a minute to load the operating system services.

1. When all Linux services are started there will be a prompt for login like this:  
prompt login:  
Type **edx** (press **enter**) - edx must be in lower case  
Password: **prompt**(press **enter**) - prompt must be in lower case
2. The PROMPT start up routine will run as explained below:
  - A cleanup routine runs to fix the problems if the system was not properly shut down
  - The Database Manager will load
  - The database usage is checked and if more that 80% of the allocated space is used the terminal will beep 5 times, and a usage report will print, but the startup will not stop
  - A quick file unlock routine will run
  - All network terminals will start and the PROMPT system is up when you see:

PROMPT JOBSTREAM LANGUAGE INITIALIZATION COMPLETE

3. This red window is only used for message logging. To begin using PROMPT on the Server, press **Alt F2** and log in with your user ID and Password that are explained below under Getting started with PROMPT.
4. To have a LINUX logon prompt press **AltF3** and login as: **edx** Password: **prompt**. You will get enlarged letters EDX on the screen. Press **F8** to get **>** and type **\$exit** (press enter). This will give you a \$ prompt. This is a Linux window used to check the tape backup and install PROMPT upgrades

Press **Alt F2** to return to your PROMPT page.

## Learn how to properly shut down the system

Before we explain the logon procedure to get into PROMPT system. It is necessary to learn how to shutdown the system, even though this will not often be required.

Normally, you leave the system up and running 24 hours each day and 7 days a week. However, you will have the need to shut down the system from time to time, and a specific procedure that is explained below must be followed:

**DO NOT TURN THE POWER OFF OR ALT CTRL DEL (BOOT) THE COMPUTER TO SHUT DOWN THE SYSTEM. ALSO, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND A BATTERY BACKUP UNIT TO KEEP A CLEAN AND CONSTANT POWER SUPPLY TO THE COMPUTER.**

1. You can only shut down the computer from the red server screen. If the server screen is not on the red (\$SYSLOG screen) press **Alt F1** to get to \$SYSLOG.
2. First stop the PROMPT System as follows:  
Press **F8** to get > then type **pr stop all** (press enter)  
You will get: Are you sure? Type **Y** (press enter).  
All terminals will stop, unless someone left a program up.  
Next, PROMPT Job Language (the Terminal Manager) will stop.  
Last, #PDBCP ( the Database Manager) will stop.
3. Next press **F8** to get > and type **\$skilledx** (press enter) to stop the PROMPT. Edx filesystem emulator.  
You will get: Cancel EDX/MAX (Y/N) Type **Y** (press enter).  
Next you will see: [edx@localhost edx]\$
4. At this point you can safely press **Alt Ctrl Del** to restart the Linux System. You will get a couple of pages of text showing services being stopped with (OK) on the right side of the screen, then the system will restart as explained in the procedure, How to Start the PROMPT SYSTEM.
5. If you need to do a complete shutdown to power off the computer do this:  
Type **su** (press enter) – su means Super User and must be in lower case.  
Password **my secret** (press enter) - my secret (use the super user password you were assigned) and it must be in lower case.

You will get: [root@local host edx]#

Type **shutdown -y -g0** (press enter) (the 0 after g is a numeric zero)

You will get a couple of pages of text showing services being stopped with ( OK ) on the right side of the screen, then the system will restart if a reboot as explained above under Getting Started, or shut off if a shutdown is executed.





## PROMPT System Master Menu

This is the PROMPT System Master Menu from which you have full system access, unless you get a "Restricted Option" message. In this event, start over but use the password **SEC** instead of **PBS**.

In the training company to log in with security clearance the User ID is **SEC** and the password is **DEMO**.

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|                   Master Menu                   #PBSMENU |
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|      MK - Marketing/Word Processing      OP - Order Processing
|              (Prospects)                (Sales)
|
|      AR - Accounts Receivable           IC - Inventory Control
|              (Customers)                (Products)
|
|      AP - Accounts Payable             PC - Project Costing
|              (Vendors)                  (Analysis)
|
|      PR - Payroll/Personnel            GL - General Ledger
|              (Human resources)          (Bookkeeping)
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|      MI - Management Information        PD - PROMPT DATABASE
|              (Planning, Control)        (System Functions)
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|              Enter Option
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| F0=Accept Option                                     F7=Exit Screen |
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## PROMPT System documentation

It is essential in getting started to print the PROMPT Business System Procedure Manual that can be done from [www.prompt-usa.com](http://www.prompt-usa.com).

To locate the Procedure Manual print option - Click **Support** then **Application Support – User’s Manuals** then **Procedure Manual**.

Once the Procedure Manual is printed follow the instructions therein to begin using PROMPT. Call 502-695-2033 for direct support if you need help.