

Command Comparison Chart for DIALOG and STN

Basic Commands

Function	DIALOG Command	STN Command (1)
Enter a file or files or clusters	BEGIN (file number) BEGIN (file1)(file2)...	FILE (file name)(2) FILE (file1)(file2) BEGIN [B]
View terms online in the Basic Index in other indexes	EXPAND [E] EXPAND code=(term)	EXPAND [E] EXPAND (term)/code (3)
Search in the Basic Index in other indexes	SELECT [S] S (term) S code=(term)	SEARCH [S] S (term) S (term)/code (3)
with implied proximity	FIND (term1 term2)	S (term1 term2) S (term1 term2)/code
Display answers online	TYPE [T]	DISPLAY [D] (4) TYPE [T]
Request answers to be mailed or delivered electronically	PRINT [PR]	PRINT (4) PRINT EMAIL
Display online history	DSETS [DS]	D HISTORY
Display cost of online session	COST	D COST
End online session with temporary hold	LOGOFF [LOG Y] LOG HOLD (30 minutes)	LOG Y LOGOFF HOLD (60 minutes)
Truncation symbols		
Zero or more at the end of a term	?	?
Internal character masking	?	!
Zero or one character at the end of a term	? ?	#
Left-hand (5)	Not available	?

(1) For online information on any STN command, enter HELP followed by the command name at an arrow prompt, e.g., => HELP SDI.

(2) Enter HELP FILENAMES for a list of STN files. Enter HELP CLUSTER for a list of file clusters on STN.

(3) Enter HELP SFIELDS at an arrow prompt in a file for a list of search fields and codes in the file.

(4) Enter HELP DFIELDS at an arrow prompt in a file for a list of display fields in the file. Enter HELP FORMAT in the file for a list of predefined display formats.

(5) Left truncation is available in full-text files and other select files on STN. Enter HELP SFIELDS at an arrow prompt in a file for more information.

Commands for Patent Searching and Displaying

Function	DIALOG Command	STN Command (1)
Search for all family members of one or more patents	Not available	FSEARCH
Sort answers by patent family	IDPAT	FSORT
Identify duplicates	Not available for patents	DUPLICATE IDE
Remove duplicates	Not available for patents	DUPLICATE REMOVE

Other Options

Option	DIALOG Command	STN Command
For searching		
Run multifile trial search	BEGIN 411	INDEX (file1)(file2)
Search in steps	SELECT STEPS [SS]	SEARCH STEPS [S STE]
For manipulating answers		
Analyze answers	RANK	SELECT (6); DISPLAY SELECT
Extract search terms from answers	MAP	SELECT (6)
Identify duplicates	IDENTIFY DUPLICATES [ID] Not available for patents	DUPLICATE IDE [DUP IDE]
Rank answers by relevance	TARGET	FOCUS
Remove duplicates	REMOVE DUPLICATES [RD] Not available for patents	DUPLICATE REMOVE [DUP REM]
Sort answer sets	SORT	SORT
Order original documents	ORDER	ORDER
For saving items		
Save a single answer set	Not available	SAVE L# (name)/A
Save a single search profile	Not available	SAVE L# (name)/Q
Save session strategies	SAVE	SAVE (name)/L
Save temporarily	SAVE TEMP	SAVE TEMP
Retrieve saved items	RECALL	ACTIVATE
Search saved items	EXECUTE	SEARCH
Remove saved items	RELEASE	DELETE (name)/A DELETE (name)/Q DELETE (name)/L
For automatic current-awareness search		
	SAVE ALERT	SDI (7)
In a single file	SAVE ALERT	SDI (7)
Crossfile	Not available	SDI XFILE (7)
In multiple files	SAVE ALERT	SDI MFILE (7)
Table of contents	Not available	SDI TOC (7)
For setting system parameters	SET	SET (8)

(6) Enter HELP SELECT and HELP SMARTSELECT at an arrow prompt for more information about this feature.

Enter HELP EFIELDS at an arrow prompt in the file for a list of valid fields.

(7) Enter HELP SDI at an arrow prompt for more information. Enter SDI and answer the prompts.

(8) Enter HELP SET at an arrow prompt for a list of SET options.