

# Preface

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*CliqDesk* provides a working environment that controls Quadratron tools and *CliqAccessories*, as well as other software programs that may be on your system.

*Cliq* runs on most popular versions of UNIX operating systems, as well as Linux.

This guide describes *Cliq*, with particular emphasis on the Desk and Index. Details about each of the *Cliq* tools are covered in their individual guides; all of the *Cliq* accessories are explained in the *CliqAccessories Guide*.

The first-time *Cliq* user should take the guided tour of the *CliqDesk* in Chapter 1 before working with the other Quadratron tools or accessories.

Key features in *Cliq* include:

- A top-level user environment, called the Desk, which allows you to move among tasks and files quickly and easily.
- An interactive on-line help system.
- A comprehensive, object-oriented file management system.
- File compatibility across operating systems.
- A consistent, fast, and flexible user interface style that can be tuned to meet the needs of both novice and expert users sharing the same system.

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