

Note from the editor on the second edition

The LISREL 7 User's Reference Guide was first published in 1989. In 1993, SSI published a major upgrade of the program: LISREL 8.

The authors, Prof. Karl G. Jöreskog and Prof. Dag Sörbom, described the improvements that were made in a paper: *New features in LISREL 8*. SSI published this paper as an insert together with the original *LISREL 7 User's Reference Guide* as the temporary *LISREL 8 User's Reference Guide*. Meanwhile, the authors have undertaken a complete rewrite of the LISREL and PRELIS documentation. *

Because this task is taking longer than anticipated, SSI sought and received permission from the authors to integrate those two separate pieces into one document, thereby creating a more accessible product for the user of the program, without making substantive changes to the text.

Chapter 2 has been updated and now describes the current state of the program. Commands, keywords and options that have become obsolete with LISREL 8 have been deleted and the new commands, keywords and options added.

The former insert now appears as Appendix A (*New features in LISREL 8*) and Appendix B (*Syntax overview*). As a result, the list of references, the subject index, and the author index are integrated for the LISREL 8 documentation.

The methodological background for the program together with the examples is still spread out over different parts: Chapter 1 has the old LISREL 7 text, while Appendix A describes the improvements and new features. The new examples can also be found in that appendix; the LISREL 7 examples – still very useful – are in Chapters 3 through 10.

At the same time, the whole documentation has been redone with the \LaTeX computer typesetting system so that it now conforms with the other LISREL documentation.

* This has been abandoned in favor of writing additional manuals.

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