

Welcome to From Scratch, the Recipe processor for Windows.

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*From Scratch is **not** free - it is 'try before you buy' shareware. If you use it beyond a thirty day evaluation period, you must register it. Registration is \$34.95. Use the Print/Order form menu option to print out registration instructions and details.*

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New Features in this release

Version 3.04 - December 1994

Repaired problem printing more than one page of recipe cards in laser format.

Removed redundant and error-prone 'reset to include all recipes' checkbox.

Added save to disk in notes and nutrition buttons when editing recipes.

Repaired problem with changing yield in cardfile print routine.

Revision history

Version 3.03 - November 1994

Repaired problem in file save as feature that saved empty recingre.dbf file.

Added bold face to title cards of recipe.

Repaired problem that slowed searches after examining one recipe

Added auto duplicate repair in conversion pgm.

Added meal master large file option in conversion pgm.

Version 3.02 - October 1994

Repaired error that caused 'unable to use default printer' message when using HP Deskjet driver.

Version 3.01 - September 1994

Repaired error reading FSCRFONT.BIN with some print drivers.

Repaired error that slowed searching after using print feature

Added ability to read MKC2 export files to conversion program

Version 3.00 beta, May 1994

Repaired error that caused duplicate name checking from working properly.

Repaired problem in printing and clipboard with recipes that have no ingredients.

Repaired alignment problem when centering Origin line in prinouts.

Added tools menu with backup and restore options

Added next/previous buttons in recipe screen with save

Servings field is now optional

Added ability to mark recipes, and view, print save or produce shopping list for marked recipes only

Provided automatic structure update from previous database versions with warning message.

Added ability to print shopping list for all displayed recipes

Changed shopping checklist to two column format

Added ability to import any ASCII file in FSCONVRT program

Added ability to save a subset of recipes to another directory

Added ability to open database files in other than the default directory

Made Toolbar and Icon background more pleasing to the eye
Registration reminder screen now requires a random keypress.
Repaired problem in margins when printing instructions and notes that were entered in all caps.
Added feature to flush SMARTDRV cache every time writes are made to database to increase reliability
Added print to recipe card option
Added USDA nutrition snap-in module
Added better error messages with suggestion to use Fix files option where appropriate
Added progress messages in fix files
Added ability to create directory in new save as.. feature

version 2.10 -06/05/93

Removed error message that caused endless loop when all recipes were deleted by user
Put in check for double click in empty recipe card
Repaired numeric and string length bugs in Meal Master import routine
Added scroll bar with letter searching feature
Saved recipe before printing at print button in recipe screen
Made print dialog vanish automatically after printing
Added optional tag that includes user's name when printing recipe
Added default font of Arial, 10 point if FSFONT.BIN file is deleted.

revision history

version 2.0 - 03/05/93

Printing now takes advantage of all Windows fonts
New print options for margins, omitting sections, print to text file, and more
Users can now choose to display recipes in list format as well as Card file format
A new measurement conversion table handles ounces to pints, etc.
Conversion program is now part of the shareware version
A Status bar displays number of records, search status, and disk space available.
When user re-sizes the main window, its size is saved automatically
New option to print titles only for current search set or entire database
New option to print all recipes in current search set or entire database
New option to allow conditional use of measurement conversion table
A new comment field has been added
A new oven temp field has been added
Nutrition information has been expanded to include Poly, Mono, and saturated fats
User definable options have been added, which are saved in a SCRATCH.INI file:
Mouse movement has been changed to click/double click
Enter has replaced Ctrl-Enter to select a recipe for editing, which is more intuitive.
An Insert ingredient button has been added
The user can now add blank quantity and measurement fields in an ingredient
Reset search has been duplicated as a menu item, and on a function key
A draft print mode is included for speedy printing on dot matrix printers
Conversion program now handles CompuChef and Micro Kitchen companion export files
Conversion program now creates mail merge files for Word and Word Perfect.
Conversion program now creates an ASCII export file in addition to From Scratch format.
The program will now not allow itself to be run twice in the same Windows session
A Cancel button when printing has been added
Windows Printer setup button has been duplicated in printer options dialog
Field lengths on screen now match lengths in database everywhere in recipe screen.
User can delete a recipe by pressing DELETE key, and confirming deletion.
User can initiate quick search by simply typing a letter or number.
Faster search routine has been designed.
FS CONVERT included in shareware version
Added Micro Kitchen light to conversion program

version 2.0 - 02/10/93 (beta)

see above for new features

help in this version still from version 1.x

version 1.20 - 01/15/93 (beta only)

Now works with Windows 3.0

Added features in conversion program for Compuchef

Added Winword and Word Perfect mail merge.

Added ASCII file export in conversion program.

version 1.11a - 01/02/93

Bug repaired that rounded the fraction 2/3 incorrectly to 3/4

Error message added for unsupported fractions - i.e. 1/11, etc..

version 1.11 - 12/10/92

Nutrition features have been added.

The time to prepare field has been added.

The origin field has been added.

All new fields are searchable, and appear in hard copy, clipboard, and conversion

A warning has been added when the user goes beyond end or start of recipe list

Pathname has been lengthened in the installation program

Null values supported for searching nutrition information and preparation time

(Zip file as of 12/20/92 now includes FILE_ID.DIZ file for BBS systems)

(Setup program changed 12/21/92 to keep from adding same icons when installing over an old version)

version 1.1 - 11/29/92

User can now enter any measure unit

User can now enter any ingredient, no 'master list'

Databases are smaller due to the use of system assigned keys

There is no documentation for the conversion utility yet.

The Record/Copy menu option is undocumented. It simply copies the current recipe from the stack to the Windows Clipboard.

Added auto-index creation both main and conversion program

Revised conversion to work with Meal Master 7.x

version 1.0 - 11/01/92

Initial (beta) release.