



Find It HELP

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Help File Version

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All questions and comments are welcome.

What is Find It

The idea for Find It started when I tried to look for software that would assist me in my C programming for MS Windows. I found that there were a lot of tools that performed only one simple task and few that performed a lot of simple tasks. I examined a lot of the tools and found that the good ones cost a lot of money to perform what I consider a simple task. The tools that I have developed are not as sophisticated as other tools available as shareware but the three that I have included are freeware and have a consistent user interface. This software package also is designed to use as small a portion of the desktop as possible and a minimal amount of system resources.

Find It consists of three main tools: Find It File, Find It Phrase, and Find It Changes. As a UNIX programmer the three tools that I use the most often are: find, grep, and diff. This software package is modeled after these tools. Find It File will perform a search for a file or directory that matches a filter criteria. Find It Phrase will search for a word or phrase in all files on the system that match a certain filter criteria. Find It Changes will compare two files against each other and provide the differences.

Since this is one of the first versions of Find It, it does not have a lot of bells or whistles. If there is anything that you don't like, do like, or would like to comment on please let me know and I will consider adding it to this project.

Find It File

The object of the Find It File tool is to find a file on a drive or drives. The Filter entry will allow the * and ? wildcards. The * wildcard will substitute for any number of characters where as the ? wildcard will substitute for only one character. This tool as with all three tools will output to a log file as well as popup a viewer with the results.

The Dir field accepts a directory starting point. It will also accept multiple directory start points. To search every thing under c:\code and a:\ just seperate them with a ;. For instance c:\code;a:\.

Find It Phrase

The object of the Find It Phrase tool is to find the file or files that contain the entered word or phrase. The Dir and Filter boxes function exactly like the Find It File tool. The Filter entry will allow the * and ? wildcards. The * wildcard will substitute for any number of characters where as the ? wildcard will substitute for only one character. This tool as with all three tools will output to a log file as well as popup a viewer with the results.

Find It Changes

The object of the Find It Changes tool is to provide a difference listing of changes between two files. The first entry is a common directory path. This can be a partial or a full path. The next two entries are the files to compare. For instance if you have two files one in directory `c:\code\project\src\file1.c` and the other in `c:\code\project\v1.2\src\file1.c` then you would enter `c:\code\project` as the directory and `src\file1.c` as the first file and `v1.2\src\file1.c` as the second file. This tool as with all three tools will output to a log file as well as popup a viewer with the results.

Future Enhancements

I will continue to make changes to this program. Below are a list of items that I may be working on. Please write me if you like this program and let me know what changes you would like.

1. Better and more efficient difference algorithm for Find It Changes.
2. Useful bells and whistles.
3. Other simple tools that would be useful.

