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    2.) By telephone : Monday to Friday, 10am - 7pm PST.

    3.) Via e-mail.
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If you have problems with using or setting up WinASCII, please have the following information available:

    1.) The version of WinASCII. The version number is
       displayed on the main window and in the output file.

    2.) The computer system your using, ie. American
       Megatrend 286, VGA, hard drive etc.

    3.) A copy of your Autoexec.bat, config.sys, win.ini and system.ini.

    4.) Any TSR's that you are running.

    5.) Exactly what your problem is written down.

6.) What where you doing when something happened?
   Possibly the last thing you did before an ill effect
   happened or whatever.

What it does
WinASCII is a utility which scans a file or files and strips out all of the text for display. It now has
"Identifiers" I supply ~40 identifying strings and there is room for 110 user supplied strings.
These are things like copyright notices, the language and compiler used to make the program
(Microsoft C,C++ Borland C++,TurboC,C++, Turbo Pascal for Dos and Windows, BASCIA,
GWBASIC, QBASIC) and a few others... It can tell if a program is for Windows, if its a DOS 5.0
support file (supplied by Microsoft). It can tell if the program accesses Extended(XMS), or
Expanded(EMS) memory or if the program accesses or modifies SmartDRV.

Installation
 Unzip WASC####.ZIP (or ARC, PAK, ARJ, LZH) into an empty directory and run
WINSTALL (must be run from within Windows).

 Provide WINSTALL with a destination directory, press <ENTER> and WinASCII
will be automatically installed in the WinASCII group.

Options

 Include file statistics

 This will place information about the file at the end of the output file.

 Minimize output file

 The ouput file will load in a minimized state.

 Minimize when processing

 WinASCII will minimize itself while it processes the selected file.
 If run from the command line, it will exit upon completion, if not
 it will restore itself when file processing is completed.

 Auto-Exit when finished

 WinASCII will terminate itself when processing is completed.

 Sound

 To beep or not to beep.

 Use identifiers

 Collects identified strings and appends them to the end if the report.

 Use identifiers exclusively

 Only display indentied strings in the report.

Compressed file warning

You will be alerted to a file compressed with PKLite(tm), LZEXE(tm),
DIET(tm). You will also be alerted if you try to open an archive
(ZIP, ARC, LZH or LHA, ARJ, or PAK).

Save window position

Saves the current window position. The next time you start
WinASCII it appear where you last left the window.

Show HEX address

Shows the HEX address of the found text so you can pinpoint exactly
where it came from.

Highlight copyright info

Places a marker in front of any copyright information. This is not
an intelligent search and merely marks any text containing the
string "copyright", "(c)" or "copr" (not case sensitive).

Viewer

Enter the name of your favorite Windows or DOS file viewer here. A
default extension of EXE is assumed.

Minimum valid line length

The minimum line length works almost like a signal to noise filter.
If it is set too low, there will be so much garbage that you will
have a hard time finding anything of value. If it is set too high
you will get little or no information at all.

Registration
Enter your name in the "Name" field exactly as shown in the registration
confirmation letter I sent. Then enter the coded registration number in
the "Reg#" field.

Should you get a "Registration Error" message, check to make sure
that your name and number were entered correctly. If you are unable to
register, please call (707) 747-6076 for assistance.

Command line use
WinASCII can be used from a Windows command line interface such as
4WIN, PSHELL, IMPOSTER, WCOMMAND, etc... Format is: WINASCII
[filename[.ext]]

When used in this way, WinASCII uses the options stored in
WINASCII.INI. It will "Auto-Exit" when finished.

Drag and Drop
You can drag one or more files from the File Manager to WinASCII.

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