

Welcome To WinCover

If You Send Paper Faxes Or Own A Fax Modem, You Need WinCover!

WinCover is a useful Shareware program for printing facsimile cover sheets under Windows 3.1 or newer. It allows the user to set up default sender information which will load whenever WinCover is started as well as the option to select alternate sender information. It also allows the user to set up a database of frequently used receivers along with their fax numbers. All records in this database may be printed or exported to a delimited ascii file. Fax cover sheets may also be saved to disk for later reference. The user may opt to engage a log file to record details of all printed cover sheets. A system to drag and drop Senders, Receivers, bitmap source files and saved cover sheets insures ease of use. All system fonts are supported. Custom bitmaps may be included on the cover sheet (postscript printers not supported for bitmap printing). Accurate positioning of the bitmap image, font sizing and page alignment is accomplished via a full WYSIWYG page preview. All user configurable settings are saved in a standard .ini file format in the Windows directory. The TrueType font named Courier New must be installed on your system in order to print a correctly formatted list of all receivers in the database. The TrueType font named WingDings is also required. These fonts are included with Windows 3.1. Support is also included for WinFax Pro 3.0 or newer. You may print direct to WinFax as a means of exchanging quick messages or you may use WinCover to generate an attachment file for use as a cover page with WinFax. 29 custom bitmaps for cover sheet use may be obtained separately as WCVPIX.ZIP.

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Files Included With WinCover

These are the files that are included and their functions. An asterisk (*) indicates that this is a file necessary to the function of the program. A pound symbol (#) indicates that this file is installed by default in the Windows System directory.

- *WINCOVER.EXE - main program file.
- *WINCOVER.HLP - this help file.
- *DEFAULT.SND - the default sender data file.
- *RECEIVER.DB - the default receiver database file.
- #*STATUS.DLL - dynamic link library.
- #*PPFONT.DLL - dynamic link library.
- #*PSETUP.DLL - dynamic link library.
- #*BTTNCUR.DLL - dynamic link library.
- #*TOOLBUTT.VBX - custom control.
- #*3DLABEL.VBX - custom control.
- #*HMETER.VBX - custom control.
- #*VBDIA.VBX - custom control.
- SAMPLE.FCS - sample fax cover sheet file.
- ALT1.SND - an alternate sender example file.
- FAXHIST.LOG - fax history log file.
- README.TXT - initial instructions.
- SITE.WRI - corporate site agreement and order form.
- BASIC(1-6).BMP - six simple bitmap images.
- INSTALL.EXE - installation program.
- INSTALL.INF - standard installation data.
- CONVERT.EXE - a utility for converting Sender and Fax data from WinCover 3.0.
- FILE_ID.DIZ - Standard BBS description file.

Installation Instructions

Execute INSTALL.EXE from within Windows. Install will create a sub-directory of your choice, copy all distribution files and create a Program Manager Group for WinCover if you desire OR you may manually copy all distribution files to the directory of your choice & use Windows Program Manager or an equivalent process to install. Requires VBRUN300.DLL, not included - (Can be downloaded from Compuserve, also available from most BBS's).

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VBRUN300.DLL is the Visual Basic Runtime Library Version 3.0 and is required to run any Visual Basic 3.0 program. (VBRUN100.DLL and VBRUN200.DLL were for version 1.0 and 2.0 respectively).

Upgrading From A Prior Version

WHEN UPGRADING FROM VERSION 3.0 OR 3.1:

1> (3.0) Delete ENUMFONT.DLL from your disk. It was installed by default in the Windows System directory.

2> Copy VBRUN300.DLL to your Windows System directory. VBRUN300.DLL is available from CompuServe, AOL and most BBS's.

3> Run INSTALL.EXE and place WinCover in a DIFFERENT directory than your current installation, copy your old data and bitmap files (.fax(3.0), .fcs(3.1)**, .db, .dat(3.0), .snd(3.1), .bmp) to the new directory.

4> (3.0) RUN CONVERT.EXE IN THE NEW DIRECTORY to convert to the new Sender and Fax file formats. See the Help menu of CONVERT.EXE for further instructions. YOU MUST CONVERT YOUR OLD DATA TO USE THIS VERSION.

****IF YOU ARE UPGRADING FROM VERSION 3.1****

Starting with version 3.1a there was a change of data sequencing in all .FCS (saved fax files). A bug in version 3.1 caused improper data sequencing in .FCS files if carriage returns were added to the notes section. This has been fixed in 3.1a or newer. Any .FCS files saved with version 3.1 will no longer be fully readable with 3.1a or newer with comments, date and notes entries out of sequence. The only way to recover these files is to manually re-sequence the data which is actually quite easy. IF YOU MUST RECOVER THESE DATA FILES, CONTACT THE AUTHOR FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

Setting Up The Sender Information

After starting the program for the first time you will want to change the default Sender to match your needs - click CLEAR SENDER. Fill out the Sender fields as you want them to appear each time the program is started. Click SENDER menu and click SAVE CURRENT AS DEFAULT - click Yes on the warning message box. The default Sender has now been saved in a file called DEFAULT.SND in the same directory as WINCOVER.EXE.

You may save Alternate Senders as follows: Click CLEAR SENDER. Type in the alternate Sender. Click SENDER menu - click ADD SENDER AS ALTERNATE. You will be prompted to enter a file name for this alternate Sender - it must have a .SND extension! You may also enter a description of the Sender which will appear when you recall an alternate Sender later (useful if many people are using the same Fax machine). Click OK - Repeat for as many Alternate Senders as you like and save each in it's own individual .SND file. The alternate Sender of your choice may now be recalled at any time by: Clicking the Sender menu, Click SELECT AN ALTERNATE SENDER. Click on the Sender of choice and drag it to the main program window or double click the Sender file of choice - (a sample called ALT1.SND is included with the program). Senders may be updated and deleted with the appropriate menu choices. The delete dialog box offers the option of dragging the Sender to a graphical trash can which opens for the Sender to be dropped in or you may simply double click or tap the spacebar once the Sender is selected.

You may also initiate the above functions using the appropriate Tool Bar choices.

Setting Up Receivers

The default Receiver data file, RECEIVER.DB, automatically loads when the program is started and since the database file with the package contains only the Author's fax number, you will want to add your own list of frequently used Receivers. Click CLEAR RECEIVER. Enter your first Receiver - A COMPANY NAME MUST BE ENTERED & EACH FIELD IS LIMITED TO 25 CHARACTERS. You may leave the TO ATTENTION OF field blank if you like but do fill in the RECEIVING FAX NUMBER field. Click ADD. Repeat until you have added all your Receivers. The total number of Receivers is limited to 500.

Use FIND to locate the Receiver of choice - select the Receiver you wish to use from either the Company or Individual lists and then either drag the Receiver of choice to the main program window, double click it or tap the space bar and it will be loaded.

If you want to change a saved Receiver's information, FIND the Receiver you wish to change, type in the changes and click UPDATE. Changes will be written to the database.

Should you wish to delete a Receiver click DELETE. The currently displayed Receiver will be erased from the database.

The entire database of Receivers may be printed or exported to a delimited ascii file using the appropriate choices from the File menu. Printing the Receivers sorts the list by company name and includes the individual, if any, plus the fax number. The font for the title of the print-out is the default font for the cover sheet. The actual list text is pre-set to print using the Courier New TrueType font (included with Windows 3.1). This font must be present on your system for the list to be formatted properly. If you choose to export the Receiver database, a delimited ascii file named EXPORT.TXT is created in the directory where WinCover is installed. This file may be used to export database information to other programs. The format is as follows:

"COMPANY","INDIVIDUAL","FAX NUMBER"

Fax Cover Sheets

The Fax Cover Sheets menu allows the current fax cover sheet to be saved to disk to a file with a *.FCS extension. You may enter comments in the SAVE FAX COVER TO DISK dialog box, the current date and time are also saved. Saved fax cover sheets may be recalled or deleted with the appropriate menu choices or the Tool Bar. A sample fax cover sheet, SAMPLE.FCS is included with the package. This feature is not to be confused with the separate feature to automatically create a log file (discussed in the General Configuration section).

The Notes (Message) Field

The notes multi-line text box will hold up to 15 lines of text. Should you exceed this limit you will be reminded of the limit by a warning message at print time. The text box automatically wraps any text that is entered. Please read the additional instructions for proper text width adjustment in the [Print Preview/Bitmap & Page Setup](#) section.

The Notes section can be retracted or extended to reduce the interface size with the blue vertical arrow buttons on the right of the main screen.

General Configuration

The General Configuration and File menus provides the following options:

All Data Upper Case or All Data Mixed Case

This affects the option of having all data entered into fields converted to upper case regardless of your keyboard caps lock setting.

Fax Log File Active or Fax Log File Inactive

This will automatically record key information when printing a cover sheet including date, time, receiving company, receiving individual, fax number, number of pages transmitted and all notes. The resulting file may be viewed or printed via the appropriate selection from the File menu (Windows Notepad must be installed on your system for this feature). This option is in addition to the option to save the entire cover sheet from the Fax Cover Sheets Menu (you will be given the option after printing to save the cover sheet in a .FCS format file whether or not the entry was logged in the FAX.LOG file).

Date Format

Presents you with a sub-menu of two date formats for use by the program. MM/DD/YY or DD/MM/YY. This was incorporated due to many requests from users in countries that use the DD/MM/YY format.

All of the above settings are saved as defaults upon exiting the program.

The File menu contains an option for changing the default system printer and it's setup. Be aware that if you change the default system printer while WinCover is running, incorrect font name information may be displayed in the preview screen. Exit and re-start WinCover to update the displayed font names.

COLORS

WinCover's color defaults are those as set for your system in Windows Control Panel.

Using WinCover With A Fax Modem

WinFax Pro 3.0 or newer must be installed on your system to use the built in DDE support. If WinFax is not installed, the Fax Modem menu selection in the main and preview screens will be disabled. You can use the Printer Setup menu selection to change the default printer to your fax driver. Consult your software documentation on proper procedure for creating an attachment file.

Print Message Direct To WinFax Pro



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Print Direct To WinFax Pro". It features a pink header bar. The main area is light gray and contains several input fields and controls: "Fax Number" with the text "(123) 456-7890", "Send Fax" with two radio buttons (the first is selected and labeled "Now", the second is labeled "On" with a date field "6/6/93" and an "At" label followed by a time field "11:33:15"), "Fax Subject" with an empty text box, and "Fax Resolution" with a dropdown menu currently set to "High" and a downward arrow button. At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "Send Fax" and "Cancel".

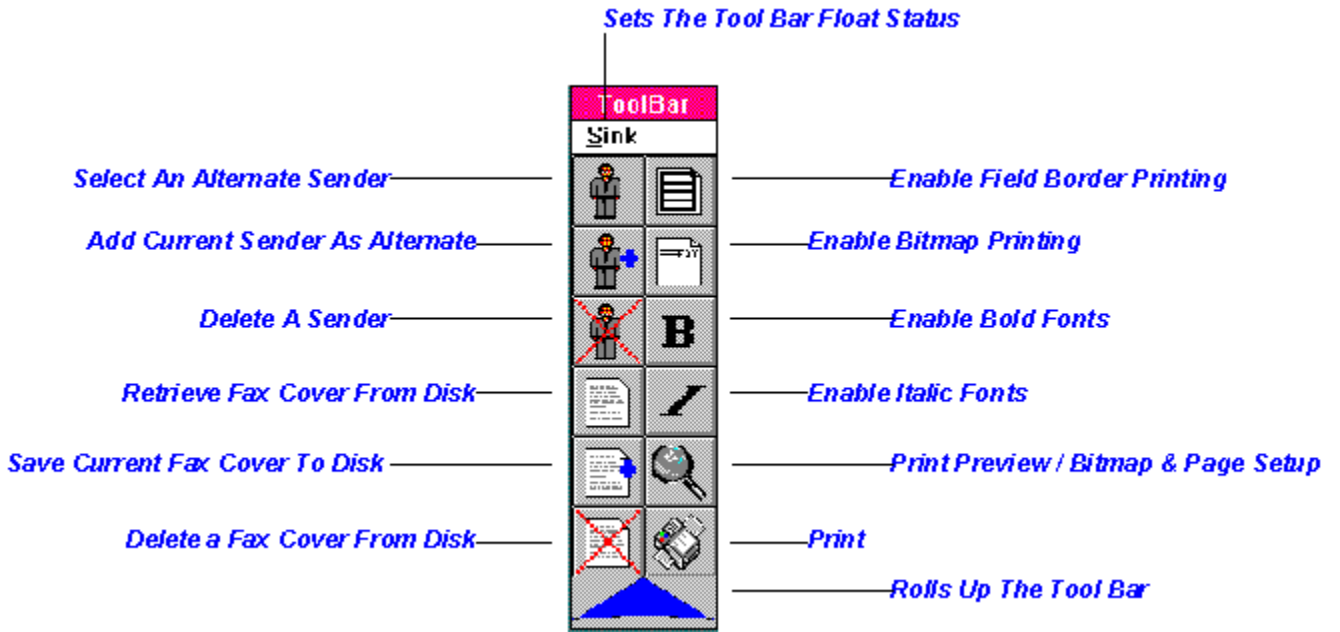
This is useful if you want to compose a quick message and send it as a single page. When you click Print Direct To WinFax Pro your default system printer is automatically changed to WinFax and this dialog box will appear. You may now edit the destination telephone number, transmission date & time, subject of the fax and the fax resolution. Click Send Fax and your message will be sent and your original default printer driver will be restored. Be careful to maintain the displayed format for time and date if you want to schedule transmission in the future. Incorrect formatting here will cause a DDE error message to be displayed.

Create Attachment File For WinFax Pro

This feature allows you to create cover sheets for use with WinFax. When you click this menu selection a dialog box will appear giving you the option of restoring your default printer driver when the attachment printing is complete. When the WinFax dialog box appears choose SAVE TO FILE under ATTACHMENTS. Refer to your WinFax documentation for instructions on how to attach the cover sheet to other transmissions.

The Floating Tool Bar

The Floating Tool Bar performs the following functions:



Some buttons are disabled depending upon which screen you are currently using.

The float/sink menu is provided so that the user may force the Tool Bar to stop floating. The Tool Bar will automatically sink when the Receiver list is called, if WinCover Help is called and for most program message boxes. This feature is useful if multiple applications or a screen saver are running and you find that the Tool Bar is overlapping them. The float/sink menu is disabled in the Print Preview/Bitmap & Page Setup screen.

The Tool Bar may be rolled up or down to save screen space using the blue (unrolled) and yellow (rolled) vertical arrows.

Print Preview/Bitmap & Page Setup

This screen provides for all page, font and bitmap settings. Provision is made for margin adjustment, bitmap selection, placement and sizing, font size adjustments for the To/From and Message areas of the cover sheet as well as selection of a text title if no bitmap is to be printed.

Alignment

Provision can be made for the print alignment of different printers. Adjust the PAGE L (left) and PAGE T (top) controls to your needs. Please note that this adjustment will show immediately in the preview but the actual representation of the margins will vary with different printers. This adjustment is independent of the bitmap size and position settings.

Bitmaps

Bitmap source files can be selected via the BITMAP FILES menu. Either drag or double click your choice in the dialog box to load the bitmap. Use the BITMAP T (top), L (left), H (height) and W (width) controls to size and position the bitmap. Please note that you must click the Resize button after making height or width adjustments, whereas top and left adjustments are shown immediately in the preview. The BITMAP FILES menu and these controls are disabled if the ENABLE BITMAP PRINTING option button on the Tool Bar is not depressed. Please note that printing times will increase substantially when printing bitmap images. Some grey scale bitmaps (including some in the WCVPIX.ZIP. archive, available separately) do not display well in the preview but do print properly.

Fonts

You may set the font size of the TO & FROM, MESSAGE and TEXT TITLE sections independently. You will note occasionally that some font size selections will not actually change the size of the displayed fonts in the preview. This will vary with different TrueType font names and manufacturers and is due to the way Windows handles small fonts. The actual printed font sizes will be as selected. Please note that the MESSAGE section prints approximately 60 characters across and the font size will have to be adjusted depending on the width of the font selected. The TEXT TITLE controls allow for the user to select a title to be included on the cover if no bitmap is desired. The TEXT TITLE controls are disabled if the ENABLE BITMAP PRINTING option button on the Tool Bar is depressed.

Use the BOLD and ITALIC buttons on the Tool Bar to change the text attributes of the printed page. Due to Visual Basic's TrueType font handling procedures, fonts of less than 17 point in the preview will always be represented as Bold, however, the actual printed page will be accurate. Please note that the actual words To:, From:, Message: and all individual field labels are not affected by Bold settings. WinCover has only been tested with Truetype fonts.

Border

You may also disable the FIELD BORDER button on the Tool Bar to eliminate the borders printed around the various fields on the cover sheet. This may help to reduce print times.

Clicking the Ok button returns you to the main program screen with all changes made to the preview screen being retained. You may choose the Print button on the Tool Bar from either the Preview or Main screens.

All of the above settings are saved as defaults upon exiting the program.

Should you wish to have your company logo digitized, you may order this service from the Author using the ORDER LOGO SCANNING menu selection from the Help menu.

How To Get A Message To The Author

You may send the Author a fax with your thoughts, suggestions, ideas, complaints, etc. Fax the report to the Author via the number below. Please include a brief description of your system if you have a technical question, problem or bug to report. You may also leave any questions, comments or suggestions for the author on Compuserve:

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Trouble Shooting And Known Bugs

If the default Sender file is missing you will receive an error message at startup. Simply type in a new default Sender and use the Sender menu to save it as the Default. Should the Receiver database file RECEIVER.DB be missing the program will automatically create a new empty database file at startup. Most other error messages received during usage of WinCover should be fairly self explanatory - if not, refer to the [How To Get A Message To The Author](#) section for ways to reach the author.

Postscript printers are not supported for printing of bitmaps. If you have a Postscript printer, simply select no logo from the print dialog and print your cover sheet with text only. There have been some problems with Norton Desktop reported with this and other Visual Basic programs including WinCover being unable to find the default data files. If using Norton Desktop, you **MUST** select File Properties and then click on Options - set the directory where WinCover and it's data files are located. Failure to do this will cause an error message to be displayed at startup. If you start WinCover and then change printers or page orientation while it is running, you may encounter problems with the Preview Screen font list not reporting the correct fonts. This will depend upon which printer has been selected. PLEASE let me know if you encounter any bugs or problems - Send me a fax.

The TrueType font named Courier New must be installed on your system in order to print a correctly formatted list of all receivers in the database. This font is included with Windows 3.1.

WinCover has only been tested extensively with Truetype fonts. Please make the Author aware of any problems with other font types.

The following printer drivers/fonts have proven incompatible as of 02/93:

Panasonic 4450 - TrueType fonts do not print properly, bitmap does not print. Use the HP LaserJet driver instead.

SuperPrint - Large fonts do not print properly, bitmap does not print. Nimbus Q typefaces supplied with package are incompatible.

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