WDLLFnd

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Thank you for downloading and trying this program. All feedback concerning the appearance, functionality, problems and future enhancements of WDLLFnd are greatly appreciated and will be seriously considered.

WDLLFnd was written because I had so many Windows programs that use different DLL's (Dynamic Link Libraries), DRV's (Device Drivers) and VBX's (Custom Control Routines), that I needed a way to find out what used what, where they were and did I have any duplicates of these routines. DLL's, DRV's and VBX's are common program routines written so that only one copy is needed in your computers' memory but more than one program can access the routine at the same time. This not only saves on memory (if five programs need a routine, that routine is loaded into memory only once not five times), but if a DLL is modified you only need to reload the new DLL, not every program that uses it.

WDLLFnd searches EXE, DLL, DRV and VBX Windows programs and displays three lists. The first is a list of all of the files searched and what common routines they call. The second is a list of all common routines and which programs call them. The third list describes any discrepancies that were found while going through the programs such as duplicate names, routine found but never referenced and routine referenced but never found.

Visual Basic (VB) programs do not call these common routines (DLL's, VBX's) properly, Because of this, WDLLFnd will show that a VB program only calls it's own runtime routines (VBRUN100, 200 or 300). This is something I am looking into, and will hopefully someday be able to get around.

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Recent Changes

Version 1.00 on 08/22/94
·   Initial release of the program

List of Files

The following is a list of files that should be distributed with the WDLLFnd program:

WDLLFND.EXE	WDLLFnd program
WDLLFND.ICO	Icon file for the WDLLFnd program
WDLLFND.WRI	This file
TLSDLLS.DLL	Miscellaneous routines for Treeless Software programs
FILE_ID.DIZ	Brief description for bulletin boards

Since this program was written in Visual Basic (VB) you will also need the Microsoft Visual Basic runtime routines contained in **VBRUN300.DLL**. You should be able to download this routine from the BBS that WDLLFnd was loaded from or in the Microsoft Basic forum (**GO MSBASIC**) found on CompuServe.

Instructions

The instructions are fairly straight forward because there really aren't very many options to pick from. When the program starts, you will be given a screen that asks which discrepancies you are interested in reviewing (Duplicate Programs, DLL Found/Not Referenced, DLL Referenced/Not Found, and DLL Defined in INI Files). You will also be able to tell the program from which directory you want to start the search from (the best option is to search ALL hard drives on your computer).

Once the options are to your liking, click on the **Search** command. This will start the search beginning at the directory you have already specified. After the search is completed you will be shown several lists that describe what WDLLFnd found on your computer.

The first list displays the **Filename List** which shows all Windows programs and routines found during the search. If you **double-click** on a program name with your mouse or hi-light a program name and press [**ENTER**], the list box next to the **Filename List** will show all common routines used by that program.

The second list displays the **DLL's In Use List** which shows all DLL files found during the search. If you **double-click** on a DLL name with your mouse or hi-light a DLL name and press [**ENTER**], the list box next to the **DLL's In Use List** will show all programs and routines that reference that DLL.

If you want a printed report of the discrepancies, just click the **Print** command.