Computer Bartender Help

Welcome

Welcome to the **Computer Bartender**.   **Computer Bartender** is the program that allows you to make exotic drinks in the comfort of your own home.   **Computer Bartender** is a modern replacement for a paper bartender's guide.   Looking up drinks in a book is easy if you know the name, but difficult if you don't.   **Computer Bartender** allows you look up a drink by name, or by ingredients.   With **Computer Bartender**, you can enter the ingredients you have available, and find out every drink that you can make.   **Computer Bartender** has a database of over 800 mixed drinks.

List All Drinks

Clicking on the List All Drinks button will list all of the drinks in the database.   If you know the name of a drink, you can find it by clicking on List All Drinks, and then searching through the alphabetical list of drinks.

Search by Name

To search for a drink by name, click on the Search by Name button.   A dialog box will allow you to enter the name of the drink.   Enter the text you wish to search for, then click on OK or press Return.   **Computer Bartender** will search the database for any drink that has the entered text anywhere in the name.   For example, if you enter "Margarita", the program will list any drinks that have "Margarita" in the name.   If you enter "A", the program will list any drinks that have an "A" in the name.   If you are unsure of the spelling of a drink name, just enter the first few letters that you are sure of.   For example, if you weren't sure how to spell "Daiquiri", just enter "Da".   The program will list all of the drinks that have "Da" in the name.   The program will ignore the case of the text you enter.   See the Drink List section for information on displaying the drink recipes.

Search by Ingredient

You can search the database for drinks with certain ingredients.   The right-hand list box lists all of the ingredients in the database.   The left-hand list box lists the ingredients that a search will be based on.   To move an ingredient from the right side to the left side, double-click on the ingredient, or highlight the ingredient by clicking on it and then click on the "Choose" arrow button.   To remove an ingredient from the left side, double-click on the ingredient on the left side, or highlight it by single-clicking on it and click on the "Delete" arrow button.

The search can be one of three different types: search for all ingredients; search for any ingredient; or search for only selected ingredients.

Search for All Ingredients

To search based on all listed ingredients, click on the button that says "What drinks have all of these ingredients in them?".   When you search for all ingredients, the program will list all drinks that have all of the selected ingredients.   This is most useful if you are in the mood for a particular drink.   If you want a tequila drink, select tequila, then do a search for all ingredients search.   This will list all of the drinks in the database that have tequlia in them.   If you select this type of search with tequila and vodka selected, only drinks with both tequila and vodka will be returned.   If you do this type of search on more than a few ingredients, chances are that there will be no drinks with all of the listed ingredients.   For example, there are no drinks in the database that have vodka, tequila, white wine, rum, orange juice, ginger ale, lime juice, bitter, and draft beer.

Search for Any Ingredient

To search based on any ingredient, click on the button that says "What drinks have any of these ingredients in them?".   Search for any ingredient will do exactly that.   This will search the database for any drink that has any of the selected ingredients.   If you search for vodka and tequila, the program will return a list of all drinks that have vodka or tequila in them.

Search for Only Selected Ingredients

To find the drinks that you can make with the available ingredients, click on the button that says "What drinks can I make with just these ingredients?".   Search only on selected ingredients only allows you to tell the program what ingredients you have available and then search the database to return any drinks that you can make.   This is especially useful if you have a few bottles laying around and you want to know what you can make.   Select the ingredients you have available, and search on selected ingredients only.   For example, if you have vodka, tequila, club soda, orange juice, scotch, and dry vermouth, the program will list all of the drinks that you can make using just those ingredients.

Drink Lists

If there are no drinks that match the specified criteria, a dialog will inform you of this.
The program will display a list of all of the drinks that meet the search criteria.To display a recipe from the list dialog, double click on the name of the drink you want to see, or highlight it with the mouse and click Show Recipe.

Ingredient Lists

You can make custom ingredient lists with the ingredients you have on hand.   You can save these lists to disk and use them again later.   Select ingredients by double-clicking on them in the right hand list, and they will appear on the left hand list.   Or you can highlight the ingredient and click on the "Choose" button.   Delete ingredients by double-clicking on them in the left hand list.   Or you can highlight the ingredient and click the "Delete" button.

Save List

Select Save or Save As from the List menu. Save will save the list to the filename last used. Save As will give you the opportunity to choose a name for the list. Either of these will save the current list of ingredients to the filename. You can use this list of ingredients again by choosing Open List.

Open List

To open a saved list of ingredients, select Open from the List menu.   This will load the saved list of ingredients.

New List

To start a new ingredient list, select New Full List or New Empty List.   New Full List will load all of the ingredients to the left hand side, and you can delete the ones you don't have.   Use this if you have a very well stocked bar.   New Empty List deletes all of the ingredients in the left side list.   Then you can select the ingredients you have from the right side.

Recipe Dialog

The Recipe Dialog gives you directions on making the drink.   The Recipe Dialog lists all of the ingredients, lists step-by-step instructions for making the drink, shows the glass to serve the drink in, and has buttons to continue, or print the recipe.

About Bartending

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