

GT cica2sim v1.2

Release History

- 1.0 • Initial release.
- 1.2 • Fixed bug where .ini file is not written until the Setup is accessed.

What is GT cica2sim?

GT cica2sim is a utility that takes CICA's "index" file and "ls-ltr" file and converts it to a SimTel-20 formatted index (.idx) file. The reason utilities such as this exists is because there are currently more utilities to view SimTel-20's index files than there are for CICA's index file(s).

A good Window's viewer of SimTel-20's index file is SimTel Directory Viewer v2.0. It is available in SimTel's primary ftp site oak.oakland.edu in /pub/msdos/filedocs. It is contained in two files named simvw25.zip and simvwdll.zip. I wrote that so I think it's good :-)

How Do I Use GT cica2sim v1.2?

Quite simple really. Just choose the path, using the quite familiar CommonDialog drive and directory control, where both "ls-ltr" and "index" files reside. An LED indicator will tell you if both files are in the currently selected path by changing from red (not found) to green (found). When you get the green light just hit Go and you're on your way.

Setting Up GT cica2sim

GT cica2sim includes a setup which hopes to cope up with the changes the CICA admins do with their index files once in a while. The following explains how the items in the Setup dialog are used in the conversion process. The command to bring up the Setup dialog is access through the window's System menu (that box on the top-left of a window).

Directory Prefix (ls-ltr) - If the directory names in the file **ls-ltr** is prefixed, put that prefix here. For example, in the listing below you would leave this field blank. If however the directory name looked like "~ftp/pub/pc/win3/patches/symantec" as in the older **ls-ltr** files, you would specify "~ftp/pub/pc/win3/" without the quotes and INCLUDING the forward slash after "win3".

```
patches/symantec:
total 14210
-rw-r--r--  1 root          1396 Feb 21 23:05 INDEX
-rw-rw-r--  1 root        97783 Feb 18 01:05 30a04.zip
-r--r--r--  1 root       106896 Jan 28 12:50 30a03.zip
```

Directory Suffix (ls-ltr) - If the directory names in the file **ls-ltr** is suffixed, put that suffix here. For example, in the listing above you would specify the colon (":") as the suffix.

Directory Prefix (index) - If the directory names in the file **index** is prefixed, put that prefix here. For example, in the listing below you would specify "~ftp/pub/pc/win3/" again without the quotes and INCLUDING the forward slash after "win3".

```
**
**  Index of Windows Applications Patch files for Symantec
**  Products in ~ftp/pub/pc/win3/patches/symantec at
**  ftp.cica.indiana.edu [129.79.26.27]
**
**  Last Updated: Mon Feb 21 22:46:13 1994
**
**
```

Problems and Stuff

While I was writing this utility, I noticed that the maintainers of CICA are still in a state of continual change. By that I mean that they have not yet decided on a concrete format for their index files. If this utility should bomb out on you, chances are it's because some format was changed in either or both index files. However, this isn't saying that I don't anticipate bugs in my program totally unrelated to the above. Anyway, please give me a buzz. I can be reached at:

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About the Author

Yeah? What about the author?!!

Other programs by the author

If you like this utility and are curious if I've got other neat stuff/utitlites I've released, email me and I'll give you a compilation. As soon as I finish writing it.

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