

Learn to Sign

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Introduction

Learn to Sign is a tutorial program aimed at teaching the American Sign Language. It supports left and right handed finger spelling and includes a dictionary of signs for common words.

The program includes a built in quiz to test your knowledge of fingerspelling and for signs for individual words.

The program is capable of translating standard text files up to 32,000 characters in length into American Sign language (currently finger spell only).

This program is a Windows application and requires Microsoft Windows. It also requires the file VBRUN300.DLL which is available on most major bulletin boards.

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File

Print

Print the contents of the main window to the printer specified in the Windows control panel program..

Exit

Exit - close program.

Fingerspell

Letters

When this option has been selected, any letter, or number entered on the keyboard will be displayed on the main window. The letters can be right or left hands based on the settings in Options / Setup. The key/letter being shown is also displayed in the status bar. This can be turned on/off to assist in learning how to finger spell.

Textfile

Any standard DOS text file can be displayed in finger spell. The file to be displayed is specified in the Options / Setup screen. The size of the file must be less than 32,000 bytes. The time between hands is specified as the 'Delay' in the Options / Setup screen.

Quiz

Letters

Random letters are shown for the user to identify. The quiz can be stopped at any time. The results of the quiz are shown following the quiz. The time between hands is determined by the 'Delay' setting in the Options/Setup screen.

Words

Random words are shown for the user to identify. The quiz can be stopped at any time. The results of the quiz are shown following the quiz. The time between words is determined by the 'Delay' setting in the Options/Setup screen. Choose the correct number word that matches the sign. There may be more than one correct answer. The sign for the word as well as the possible choices are chosen from the available words in the dictionary. You can also answer by placing the mouse cursor over your choice and pressing the left mouse button.

Dictionary

Allows the user to view the sign for a word as well as a text description of how to sign that particular word.

To view a word, click on a word in the list box.

This screen can be printed to the printer specified in the control panel program by pressing the Print button.

Options

Setup

Text File - specifies the name of the text file to be read in and displayed in finger spell on the main window. Letters, numbers, and some punctuation characters are recognized. This file must be less than 32,000 bytes. The time each letter is displayed is controlled by the delay setting.

Delay - controls how long each hand is displayed for. Must be between .1 and 30 seconds. The delay time may not be 100% accurate depending on what other applications you may have running. This is due somewhat because of Windows non-preemptive multitasking nature. It is most accurate when no other applications are running.

Hands - this setting controls whether right or left hands will be used when displaying letters during finger spell functions.

Hand Thickness - this controls the thickness of the lines used to draw the hands. Thick lines are easier to see but take longer to draw. Thin hands draw much faster but are a little more difficult to see. The delay settings are assumed to be using Thin hands.

Show letter - if this box is checked, the letter being finger spelled will be shown in the status bar of the main window.

Beep on error - during a quiz, if this box is checked, an error will result in a beep from the PC speaker.

Hand color - controls the color of the hands and words.

Background color - controls the background color of the main window and the background color of the 'box' used to draw the words/hands in the dictionary and quiz functions.

Save settings - if this box is checked, a file called LSIGNW.CFG will be saved containing your settings. The program will use these settings each time the program starts. To return to the default settings, just delete the file LSIGN.CFG .

Registering (c) Learn to Sign

If you find Learn to Sign useful, your support in the form of a registration will be appreciated.

To register your copy of Learn to Sign and receive the latest version and a larger dictionary of words, print and fill out the form shown below. This can be printed by clicking on FILE / PRINT.

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