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Mister Clean Overview

Throughout your hard disk are many files that never get used anymore.   Some of these files take up considerable amounts of space.   When you find that there is not enough room to put new applications, it's time for **Mister Clean**.

This utility will make the process of freeing up space on your hard drive much easier.   It has been designed to be simple to use and versatile enough to meet most people's needs. You can make the most impact in this job by getting rid of a few big files as opposed to many small files.   **Mister Clean** will sort the files on your drive by size.   In addition, you can specify the smallest file to include in the list.   Sometimes it isn't apparent just what a particular file does from looking at it's filename.   If you double click on any entry in the list, it will be launched.   There are some exceptions to this, which will be dealt with in the Controls section.   The process of actually deleting selected files is very straightforward and the amount of free space on the drive is constantly updated.

Using the Controls

Scan

Pressing this button will start a search of the current drive for all files greater than the **Minimum File Size**.   The first phase of this search is a check for all of the directories on the current drive.   This total is shown in the <u>Directories</u> box.   The second phase involves placing the size and path of any files which match the size requirement into the <u>File List</u>

Once this process starts, the text on the button will change to "Cancel".   If you press the button in this state, the **Scan** will stop.   At this point, you can still proceed with using **Mister Clean** as normal.   However, you should remember that all of the files on the drive are not represented.
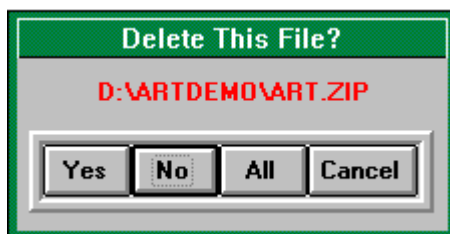

Close

This button closes the window and quits the **Mister Clean** application.

Delete

While there are no selected files in the list box, this button will be disabled.   As soon as you select files, the button will become enabled.   When you press it, you will enter File Delete Mode.   This mode is a process that begins at the first selected file.   A decision window will pop up, asking if you want to delete the hilighted file.   You are prompted to select an action to take.

The choices are:

> **Yes**:   Delete the hilighted file.
> **No**:   Skip this file.
> **All**:   Delete all of the remaining selected files, and don't prompt anymore.
> **Cancel**: Exit the File Delete Mode.

If you select **Yes** or **No**, the file list will move to the next selected file, and the decision window will pop up again.   This process will continue until there are no more files selected.

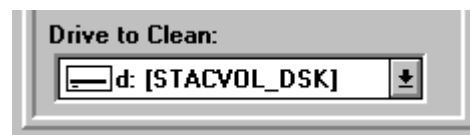Any files that you chose not to delete will remain hilighted.

After each deletion, the Free Space indicator will be updated, so you can observe the effects this process is having on your drive's state.

Minimum File Size:

`50000`

Minimum File Size

This is an editbox, which is provided for you to type in the size of the smallest file to show in the file list.   Move your mouse cursor to it and click once.   Then type in any number.   The default value is 50,000.

Drive to Clean:

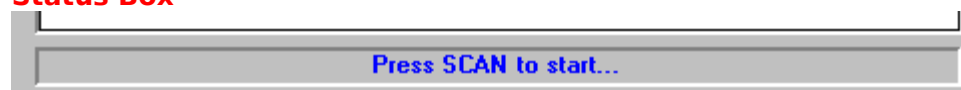`d: [STACVOL_DSK]`

Drive to Clean

In order to select the drive to **Scan**, move the mouse cursor to this combobox and click once.   Then select one of the drives shown to use as the current drive.   When you do this, the file list will be cleared, and the **Delete** button will be disabled.   In addition, the **Free Space** indicator will be updated to show the available space on the newly selected drive.

File List

During and after a **Scan**, this listbox will show all files greater than the value entered into the **Minimum File Size** editbox along with their size.   The files are sorted in order of size from the smallest (at the top of the list) to the largest.   When the **Scan** has finished, you may select or de-select any file in the list by clicking on the file once.   As you do this the **Status Box** will indicate the total number of files selected and the total disk space they consume.

If you wish to see what the file does or looks like (depending on the type of file), then double-click on it.   If the file's extension is EXE, it will be launched and will become the current application.   You should close the launched application before returning to **Mister Clean**.   If the extension is not EXE, then the extension will be compared to those listed in your WIN.INI file for matches.   If a match is found, the file will be passed to the matched application and run.   A good example of this is a WRI file.   Most WIN.INI files will attach this extension to the Windows application WRITE.   In this case, WRITE will start and immediately load the WRI file you double-clicked on.

Status Box

Press SCAN to start...

Located at the bottom of the Mister Clean window, this control will inform you of important conditions during execution.

Menus

File Menu

Clear Selections

If you select this menu item, any files selected in the **File List** will be de-selected.

Start/Cancel Scan, Delete, Exit

These menu items have the same function as the **Scan, Delete, and Close** buttons in the window.

Help

Using the Program

Starts this Help system.

About Mister Clean

Shows the version number and the shareware message, with the author's name.

Registration

Mister Clean is copyright 1993 by Bob Dolan

Mister Clean is distributed as shareware.   This means that if you regularly use the product and benefit from it, you should register with the author (address below).   The software you now have is not crippled in any way.   This indicates a basic trust of the shareware concept by myself and other shareware authors who provide useful products with the hope of some type of return for their efforts.   So that the high cost of software is not a problem, registration is $10.   If you feel this is too much, please write me a letter explaining why.   If you send $15, I will send you a disk containing the next version of **Mister Clean**.   It will contain many enhancements.

If you are a shareware author, register by sending a registered version of your product to me.

Please print the registration form and fill in the requested information.   Mail it with a check or money order in U.S. funds and made payable to **Bob Dolan** to this address:

> Bob Dolan
> 237 Willis Avenue
> Rochester, New York 14616

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Future Versions

Planned enhancements to **Mister Clean** include:

-Specify which file types to display (e.g EXE, HLP, BMP.....)
-Specify Upper file size.
-Check for duplicates.
-Hex/Text viewing of unknown file types.
-File List sorting by Name, Date, and File Type (Extension).

....as well as whatever suggestions I recieve from <u>registered</u> users.

Registration Form

To print this registration form, open the File menu and select Print Topic.

Please register me as a satisfied user of **Mister Clean** (ver 1.00):

Amount Enclosed:
$10 [   ]   Registration
$15 [   ]   Register w/upgrade.
$30 [   ]   Bob Dolan Products Disk

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____State:_____Zip:_____

Phone(optional):_____

GEnie/CompuServe/Internet mail address:_____
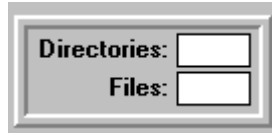
Where did you get **Mister Clean**?_____

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Comments:_____

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Free Space

Constantly displays the number of Kbytes (multiples of 1024 bytes) that are available on the current drive.

Directories and Files

Shows the status and results of drive scans.   The total number of directories on the drive is displayed as well as all of the files found greater than the Minimum File Size.

Other Products from Bob Dolan

If you would like a disk containing the latest registered version of all 16 of the following programs, see the registration form.   In addition to the programs listed below I will include any other programs that have been developed since this listing was created.   You will receive the very latest versions and the newest releases, plus anything else interesting I have laying around!

Mister Clean
Version 1.00 -- March 1993

One of the most efficient ways to clean up those hidden but unwanted and unused files that take up needed space.   A slick Windows 3.x user interface makes this utility a must have for your toolbox.   Mister Clean finds files as you specify and sorts them by size.   You click on the ones to delete and then off they go, one-by-one (to be safe) or all at once.   Not sure what the file is?   Then run it right from Mister Clean and check it out before dumping it!   Truly a unique way of managing precious disk space.

Shareware.........$10

\<softWAREhouse> A warehouse for all of your software
Version 1.00 -- January 23, 1993

\<softWAREhouse> provides your system with the ability to access more applications than it can hold at one time.   This is made possible by storing installed applications offline until they are needed.   When required, they are put back on the user's machine in the same condition and location as they were when originally stored.   All of this power is surrounded by a easy to use point and shoot menu interface.

Shareware.........$15

Yacht-Z   --   A dice strategy game for Windows 3.X
Version 2.1 -- March 1993

Yacht-Z is a version of the classic dice game.   Now, in addition to triple scoring, single scoring is included for quicker, simpler games.   Due to popular request, up to four players can now play at one time.   A new look to all dialogs gives the program new life in the world of Windows 3.1

Shareware.........$10

BattleGrid -- War in a window -- Battleship for Windows 3.x
Version 1.01 -- January 17, 1992

BattleGrid is a version of the classic board game.   Play against the computer or another person.   Watch the computer play against itself using different strategies.   Several levels of computer opponent are available from genius to idiot.

Shareware.........$10

MagnaFile

Version 2.2 -- October 1992

MagnaFile is a DOS shell which is directed at a wide range of users from the DOS beginner to the most prolific DOS power users. MagnaFile provides services to the user to simplify access to DOS.   It also increases the efficiency of doing many of the more tedious operations DOS requires.

Magnafile commands are carried out using a one-key interface.   Most operations are associated with a very obvious key, such as <C> for the Copy command.

The most useful utilities provided by MagnaFile are:
        File Copying   \
        File Moving   \ Single file
        File Deleting   / or in groups.
        File attribute/
        File Printing/

        File Descriptions (40 characers)
        File Viewing & Editing
        File execution
        Disk navigation
        File & Directory Renaming

        File Archiving, Unarchiving, and Archive viewing.
        Command line interface
        Mouse handling.
        Screen saver and password protection.
        Run programs from a smart menu interface.

Magnafile is similar to Norton Commander(NC). Users of this product say that MagnaFile will be an important tool on your computer, whoever you are, whatever level user you are.

Shareware..........$20

Smart Solitaire
Version 1.01 -- November 9, 1989

A text mode klondike solitaire card game which uses the mouse.   Features BOSS mode and smart playing features, such as automatic card placement in obvious situations.   Very addicting and fun!

Shareware.........$10

VLINES
Version 1.0 - May, 24 1990

VLINES is a flying lines demo that runs on VGA adapters.   It can produce some interesting moire patterns as well as brilliant color combinations.

Freeware...........$0

TCAL

Version 1.0 -- June 24, 1990

The TSR Calendar (TCAL) is a resident popup calendar which is useful for viewing any month of any year by controlling the PgUp, PgDn, and arrow keys in the following manner:

Freeware...........$0

Laser Fireworks
Version 1.0 - August 11, 1990

Laser Fireworks is a pyro like demo program which utilizes lasers having the effects of fireworks.   Hard to explain, fun to watch!

Freeware...........$0

Phone Base
Version 2.0 --   November 8, 1990

Phone Base is basically a small dedicated database containing two fields.   Any two field database requirement you have can be filled by PhoneBase.   However, the primary intention of this application is the storing and dialing of phone numbers.

Shareware.........$5

DcD
Version 1.1 -- October 1991

DcD is a utility to assist DOS users in moving about a Hard disk drive directory structure. When you run DcD, it scans your disk and builds a tree which reflects the directory relationships that exist.   Once this is done, DcD can present you with this tree, displayed in a graphical nature.   You may move a cursor to other directories and change to them by pressing the <Enter> key.

Freeware...........$0

TLines
Version 1.0 -- October 1991

A moving lines demo, similar to VLINES, this program runs in text mode and draws lines using several types of text characters.

Freeware...........$0

FreeView
Version 1.0 -- October 7, 1991

FreeView is a hex or text file viewer.   FreeView provides text searching functions and can handle files up to 5000 lines in length.

Freeware...........$0

Idle
Version 1.0 -- October 1991

Idle is a text mode screen saver, which will display a message you specify.   The message is shown in a box which moves around the screen until a keystroke interrupts it.   At this point the user is returned back to DOS if the correct password is entered.   All parameters are user specified.

Freeware...........$0

Starz
Version 1.0 -- October 1991

A user controllable starfield.   If a mouse is connected, the user can steer the display. Occasional speed changes and swirls make this an interesting screen saver.

Freeware...........$0

BackYard Football
Version 1.00 -- November 16, 1991

A DOS text mode real-time football game for one or two players.   Modeled after the old hand held football games.   Complete running stats, and challenging control of passing running and kicking make this a fun game.   Games can be saved and loaded in progress.

Shareware.........$10