SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

Thank you for evaluating Searcher Pro Editor! We at Cognitronix have expended great effort to make Searcher Pro one of the easiest utilities to use in the Windows environment. If you have any suggestions as to what would make Searcher Pro Editor easier for YOU to use, please let us know. Please call us at 619-549-8955 or write Cognitronix at 12322 Poway Rd. Suite 120, Poway, CA 92064. We can't promise that all suggestions will be implemented, but we are interested in what you, our customers, think.

Getting Help

If you, like many people, do not want to read the manual, help is available by choosing the Help menu item. Or, press the F1 key to launch Windows' Help. However, there is additional information on Searcher Pro Editor features in the manual, which not in the Notepad Help file. To get the most benefit from Searcher Pro Editor, reading this manual is recommended.

What Searcher Pro Editor does for you

Included with Searcher Pro is the Searcher Pro Editor. Upon clicking on the View button in Searcher Pro, the Searcher Pro Editor is launched and opens up to 16 windows of the selected files from Searcher Pro's list box. Clicking on the file name in the list box will then bring the corresponding window to the top of Searcher Pro Editor. Files which were searched for text, will be scrolled to the location of the text. Searcher Pro Editor will edit multiple files; the size of which are limited only by available disk space.

GETTING STARTED

Searcher Pro Editor is installed from within Windows, so first start up Windows 3.x. Place the Searcher Pro Editor program diskette in a diskette drive and close the drive latch. From Program Manager or File Manager, press Alt-F and choose Run (R). Enter A:\INSTALL (use whichever drive letter in which you placed the disk) and press Enter. You will then see the "Searcher Pro Editor Install Utility" dialog box which is illustrated in figure 1. If you are using a different source diskette drive than is listed in the dialog box; want Searcher Pro Editor installed in a directory other than that shown, want the icon files copied to a different directory, or want the Searcher Pro Editor icons installed in a different program group than "Searcher Pro Editor"; make changes to the appropriate entry in the dialog box. To make changes, press TAB to sequence through the option entries, or click on the entry boxes with the mouse cursor, and type in your new choices. Use the space bar to toggle the state of a check box when it is hi-lighted. If you do not want to copy the icon files to your hard disk or unZIP them, don't want to install icons in the Program Manager or do not want to substitute Free Launch for your current Task Manager, make sure the appropriate check boxes are not checked before pressing Enter.

SECTION II: RUNNING SEARCHER PRO EDITOR

Commands in Searcher Pro Editor are a super-set of those in the Windows Notepad editor. The on-line help is that of the Notepad application. Please execute the Help Index

menu item or refer to the Windows 3.0 Reference Guide under the Notepad editor for general editing procedures. The Searcher Pro Editor offers some significant enhancements over the Notepad editor, such as the ability to edit larger files; the size of which, are limited only by available disk space, and the ability to edit up to sixteen files at once which may all be opened from the command line. Also Searcher Pro Editor was designed to work **with** Searcher Pro Editor. The Searcher Pro Editor is automatically started when executing the View command in Searcher Pro Editor, and up to sixteen files, which are hi-lighted in the found file list box in Searcher Pro Editor, are automatically opened in the Searcher Pro Editor. If the selected files were found as the result of a text search, the files are scrolled to the location of the search text and the whole word containing the search text is hi-lighted in the Searcher Pro Editor. Additionally, clicking on a file in Searcher Pro Editor's list box will bring that file to the top of the Searcher Pro Editor. You can also scroll through the files in Searcher Pro Editor's list box and the corresponding document will be brought to the top in the Searcher Pro Editor. Additional enhancements of Searcher Pro Editor over Notepad are described in the following paragraphs.

System Menu
Access the System menu by pressing Alt-spacebar or clicking on the large dash box in the upper left hand corner. All current running applications are listed in the system menu. Switch to any one, by choosing the name from the menu.

File Menu
The Delete choice in the File menu is for deleting files which were unZIPped to view from Searcher Pro Editor, which you do not want to keep unZIPped on your disk. After you are done viewing a file, delete it by choosing Delete from the File menu (Alt-f d) and confirm by pressing Y or clicking on Yes in the confirmation dialog box. The document will be closed and deleted from your disk.

Document System Menu
Access the individual document system menus by bringing a document to the top and pressing Alt-dash or click on the small dash box in the upper left hand corner, below the System menu, just as you would to access the Program Groups in the Program Manager. From the document system menu, you can Restore, Minimize, Maximize, Move, Close or switch to the next document window. You can also close a document by pressing Ctrl-F4 and switch to the next document by pressing Ctrl-TAB or Ctrl-F6.

Edit Menu
Edit menu enhancements consist of:

"Set TAB Space..." sets the number of spaces displayed for a TAB in a file; to set the TAB spaces, press Alt-e b, F8, or click on the item in the Edit menu;

"Toggle Document Display" changes the current document between maximized, restored and icon display mode; to toggle the display mode, press Alt-e s, F9, or click on the item in the Edit menu;

"7 Bit Text View" filters 8 bit characters, such as those in WordStar files for accurate viewing in Searcher Pro Editor; once activated by pressing Alt-e v, documents can only be viewed, not edited.

Search Menu
To search for text in open Searcher Pro Editor documents press Alt-s f or choose Find from the Search menu. To find the same string again in the forward direction press F3, Alt-s n or choose Next from the Search menu. To go back to the previous occurrence of the string, press F4, Alt-s p or choose Previous from the Search menu.

To switch to a running instance of Searcher Pro Editor, press F11, Alt-s s or choose "Switch to Searcher Pro Editor" from the Search menu. To start up Searcher Pro Editor, press F12, Alt-s l or choose "Launch Searcher Pro Editor" from the Search menu.

Window Menu
The Window menu allows you to arrange open document windows or icons. Selecting Tile from the Window menu (Alt-w t) causes the document windows to arrange themselves to cover the whole Searcher Pro Editor window. The cascade (Alt-w c) choice arranges the document windows in an over lapping fashion as they are when more than one document is opened. The Arrange Icons choice (Alt-w i) places all of your minimized document icons in neat rows. The Close All (Alt-w a) closes all open document windows and icons.

If you have further questions or comments, call Cognitronix at 619-549-8955, or write to us at 12322 Poway Rd. Suite 120, Poway, CA 92126. Happy searching!