

MAGIC: AN INSIDER'S VIEW CD-ROM
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Welcome to MAGIC: AN INSIDER'S VIEW CD-ROM. We hope you enjoy this program.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- * PC compatible with 486 DX 33 processor
- * Windows 3.1 or higher
- * 8 MB of RAM minimum
- * 5 MB of free hard disk space
- * Double-speed CD-ROM drive (300 KB/sec transfer rate)
- * Display: 640 x 480 with 256 colors or higher
- * SoundBlaster or compatible sound card
- * Mouse or other compatible pointing device.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

1. If your computer has an external CD-ROM drive, turn it on first. Then turn on the computer.
2. Insert Magic: An Insider's View disc into the CD-ROM drive.
3. To install the program:

On Windows 3.1:

From the Windows File Manager, double-click on INSTALL.EXE on the CD-ROM. Alternatively, choose Run from the File Menu and type d:\install (if d: is the CD-ROM drive).

On Windows 95:

Follow instructions on screen.

Magic: An Insider's View requires QuickTime for Windows. If you do not have QuickTime for Windows, a dialog box will appear asking if you would like to install QuickTime for Windows 2.03. If you have a version earlier than QuickTime for Windows 2.03, a dialog box will appear asking if you would like to replace your current version of QuickTime for Windows with version 2.03.

When the installation of Magic: An Insider's View is complete, you'll see a new program group and icon in your Program Manager. To start the program, double-click on Magic: An Insider's View icon in your Program Manager.

PERFORMANCE TIP

While you can run the CD-ROM with a 640x480, 256 color display driver, the video content in this program looks better if you change to a display driver that is 640x480, 32k

or 64k colors (sometimes referred to as "highcolor"). If you're not sure whether your graphics card supports these settings, check the documentation that came with the card before adjusting the settings.

To check your setting, from the Program Manager, open Windows Setup from the Main icon group (some graphics cards create their own icon group when they are installed, which you can also use to access the card's settings). A setup status is displayed. Next to Display, the current driver is shown. If it is already set to 640x480, 32k or 64k colors, close this window to leave the settings unchanged. If it is set to something different, pull down Options and select Change System Settings. Click on the display driver list and scroll through the list of installed drivers. Highlight a driver with 640x480, 32k or 64k colors. Select OK. A dialog box appears asking if you want to use the current or new driver. Click on current. Another dialog box appears asking if you want to restart Windows or continue. Click on restart to activate the new setting.

ABOUT INSTALLING MAGIC: AN INSIDER'S VIEW

The following files will be installed in the Magic directory on your hard drive:

magic.exe
minstall.ini
xmodule.dll
readme.wri

IMPORTANT: QUICKTIME COMPATIBILITY

Please see the ReadMe file in the QuickTime 2.03 folder after installation of Magic: An Insider's View is completed. In this file you will get information regarding the video and sound cards that are compatible with QuickTime for Windows 2.03.

IMPORTANT: FONTS

Please make sure that the "Show Only TrueType Fonts Applications" checkbox within the Fonts Control Panel in the Windows Control Panel is not selected (no check mark should be present). If this checkbox is selected Magic: An Insider's View will not function properly.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DISC

Magic: An Insider's View consists of two main modules:

The Show

A multimedia instructional guide to 14 tricks that you may view in two different modes. In Performance mode, you see the tricks as they would appear to an audience. In How To mode, you can learn how to perform the tricks yourself. The unique multi-camera technique allows you to see the tricks being performed from 3 different angles. In addition, you receive information about any props, preparation, or magic building blocks that may be necessary to perform each trick.

The Gallery

A multimedia database of fascinating and useful magic information. You can get an

insider's view on the history of magic, biographies and photos of important magicians, and various theoretical aspects of magic. There is also information about magic dealers, associations and publications, as well as a host of interesting magic facts and quotes.

Both the Magic Show and the Magic Gallery modules are available from the Main Menu. To go from the Show to the Gallery or from the Gallery to the Show, you must pass through the Main Menu screen.

HELPFUL HINTS

Whenever you position the cursor over a clickable area, the cursor will change from an arrow into a hand.

Magic Highlights

In addition to the functional elements on the screen, you may find other elements to click on. Doing so will generate an animated clip with audio of an interesting fact about the world of magic. Each time you click on such an element, a different audio message will play. While a Magic Highlight is playing, the cursor changes into a stop sign. Click on the stop sign to stop the Highlight.

Help

The Help function is accessible by clicking on the Help icon that can be seen at the bottom left of every screen. Clicking on the icon turns Help on and a black bar will appear at the bottom of the screen. As you roll the mouse over the different functions that are available on the screen, a text explanation of each particular function will appear in the black area. To turn Help off, click on the Help icon again and the black bar will disappear.

Note: When there is any video playing, the Help function is off. Exit Click on "EXIT" in the Main Menu, if you would like to quit the program. You may also choose to Restart or view the Credits from the EXIT menu.

Now you are ready to begin using MAGIC: AN INSIDER'S GUIDE. Enjoy!