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Mouse and Keyboard Operations

See Also

To help you navigate, INI Tracker supports many mouse and keyboard operations. Some of the most helpful include:

Double-click

on 🐯,

(+)

Expands the item, revealing more information.

Double-click

on 😇,



Collapses the item, hiding the information.

Double-click

on 🖃

Closes dialog box or window, or exits INI Tracker.

Selects available settings.

Selects available settings.

→ Moves the cursor one character to the right.

Moves the cursor one character to the left.

Spacebar Toggles options between enabled and disabled; or presses a command button.

Alt+↓ Activates the prompt button to open a drop-down list or combination box.

Tab Moves forward through a dialog box.Shift+Tab Moves backward through a dialog box.

Ctrl+F6 Makes the next drive window, group window, or document window active.

Alt+Tab,... Cycle through applications while pressing tab. Release Alt when you reach the desired

application.

Alt+Spacebar Activates the Control menu.

Alt+F4 Minimizes INI Tracker.

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See Also

The INI Tracker toolbar lets you quickly change snapshot views, reinstate file changes with previous snapshots, as well as comparing two versions of a file or directory using File Compare. To use the toolbar, click the appropriate button along the top of the INI Tracker window. Click on the toolbar below to learn more about each tool button.



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Chg View

This tool button toggles the Snapshot Log view. By default, the Snapshot Log displays information by snapshot, not revealing the change details. To see the change details, you must check the Show Details in Snapshot Log check box in the Perference panel.

Compare...

This tool button compares a version of a file or directory to another version of a file or directory using File Compare. Once File Compare is launched to compare snapshots, selecting another version of a file or directory automatically updates the File Compare panes using DDE. For more information, see "Comparing Snapshots with File Compare."

Quick Fix...
This tool button automatically reverses the most recent changes to tracked files.

Restore...

This tool button reinstates one or more selected versions of a file or directory using any snapshot from the Snapshot Log.

Tuner...

This tool button <u>launches</u> INI Tuner. Use INI Tuner to fine tune your Windows <u>.INI</u> files.

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INI Tracker lets you view the Snapshot Log using the Chg View button or view options from the View menu. The Snapshot Log displays information about tracked items and the changes made to them.

Using the Chg View button:

Click the Chg View button to toggle between snapshot and file views.

Using the View menu:

By File This view option lets you view tracked items individually. Double-click the and to reveal the snapshots taken for the item. Double-click the

to reveal the change details.

When viewing by file, you can additionally choose whether or not to automatically display the snapshot names and change details.

By Snapshot This view option lets you view tracked items grouped by the date and time the snapshot was taken. Double-click the icon to reveal the specific files and directories that changed for that snapshot. Double-click the

and

to reveal the change details for the item.

When viewing by snapshot, you can additionally choose whether or not to automatically display the file names and change details.

NOTE: By default, the change details are not displayed in the Snapshot Log. To display the change details in the Snapshot Log, make sure the Show Details In Snapshot Log option is checked in the <u>Preferences panel</u>.

About Change Details:

Change details use specific symbols to describe what has happened to the tracked item from the previous snapshot.

Changed Lines:

Changed or updated lines are displayed twice. The first line represents the line at the time of the snapshot—the line is blue with a plus (+) symbol indicating what the line has changed to. The second line represents the line at the time of the previous snapshot—the line is red with a minus (-) symbol indicating what the line was before the change. For example:

```
+ 2 [windows] spooler=yes
- 2 [windows] spooler=no
```

Added Lines:

Lines that have been added are displayed once. Added lines are blue with a plus (+) symbol indicating the line has been added since the last snapshot. For example:

```
+ 6 [windows] nullport=none
```

Deleted Lines:

Lines that have been deleted are displayed once. Deleted lines are red with a minus (-) symbol indicating the line has been deleted since the last snapshot. For example:

```
- 6 [windows] nullport=none
```

Moved Lines:

Lines that have been moved are displayed twice, but not necessarily in order. Each line is preceded by a less than (<) or greater than (>) symbol. The greater than (>) symbol indicates the line to which a line moved, and a less than (<) symbol indicates the line from which a line has moved. For example:

```
< 2 [windows] spooler=yes
> 19 [windows] spooler=yes
```

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INI Tracker lets you take manual snapshots at any time using the New Snapshot dialog box. A new snapshot of all tracked files and directories is stored to the snapshot data files and displayed in the Snapshot Log.

To take a manual snapshot:

- 1 Choose New Snapshot... from the file menu.
- 2 Click OK to use the default description, Manual Snapshot.

Enter a new label and click OK.

NOTE: If *none* of the tracked files and directories have changed since the last snapshot, the latest snapshot in the snapshot log assumes the description specified in the Snapshot Description text box.

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Quick Fix can be used to undo the most recent changes to tracked files. For example, the Snapshot Log records a change to the <u>WIN.INI</u> file at 10:30 A.M. causing Windows to <u>launch</u> abnormally. Quick Fix can reinstate the WIN.INI file using the snapshot of the WIN.INI file taken at 10:00 A.M., restoring the most recent changes to the WIN.INI file.

To undo the most recent changes:

- 1 Click Quick Fix... from the INI Tracker toolbar.
 The Quick Fix list box contains files that have changed prior to the last snapshot.
- 2 Click OK. The files are restored and another snapshot is taken. The Snapshot Log records the new snapshot as Snapshot After Restore...

NOTE: After restoring files, INI Tracker asks you how to continue. Since files have been restored, the changes to those files will not take effect until they have been re-executed. Depending on what the files are, you should either reboot your computer or restart Windows. However, you can choose to continue your Windows session if rebooting your computer or restarting Windows is not necessary.

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Restore lets you reinstate tracked files using any snapshot from the Snapshot Log.

NOTE: Remember, every time INI Tracker is <u>launched</u>, from DOS or in Windows, a snapshot of all tracked files and directories is taken. Therefore, the most recent snapshot of the file you want to restore is the current file, containing the changes you do not want. You should select the snapshot previous to the latest snapshot to restore the file.

To restore files:

- 1 Select the file you want to restore.
- 2 Click Restore...
 - All currently tracked files are displayed. You can select other files to restore from this snapshot if you desire.
- 3 Click OK.
 - INI Tracker restores the selected file(s) and another snapshot is taken. The Snapshot Log records the new snapshot as **Snapshot After Restore...**

NOTE: After restoring files, INI Tracker asks you how to continue. Since files have been restored, the changes to those files will not take effect until they have been re-executed. Depending on what the files are, you should either reboot your computer or restart Windows. However, you can choose to continue your Windows session if rebooting your computer or restarting Windows is not necessary.

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INI Tracker, with the help of File Compare, lets you view snapshots of files and directories side-by-side. Once File Compare is <u>launched</u> from INI Tracker, selecting other snapshots automatically updates the File Compare panes using <u>DDE</u>.

To compare a snapshot:

- 1 Choose a file or directory snapshot from the Snapshot Log.
 The Compare... button is enabled when a snapshot can be compared.
- 2 Click Compare...

NOTE: If the <u>Compare dialog box</u> appears, the most recent snapshot of the file or directory is not selected. INI Tracker gives you the option to compare the selected snapshot with a *previous* version or with the *current* version.

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INI Tracker lets you print the contents of the entire Snapshot Log.

To print the Snapshot Log:

• Choose Print from the File menu.

A printout of the Snapshot Log is sent to the current print device.

NOTE: To change the current print device, choose <u>Printer Setup...</u> from the File menu.

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INI Tracker might often monitor .INI files containing statements that constantly change. If you do not want to monitor changes to <u>statements</u> or entire sections, INI Tracker, together with File Compare, lets you specify which sections or statements INI Tracker is to ignore.

NOTE: This feature applies only to .INI files and directories. Normal text files cannot benefit from this feature.

To exclude statements:

- 1 Select the most recent snapshot of the .INI file containing statements you want to ignore.
- 2 Click File Compare...
- In the left pane, select each statement that you do not want INI Tracker monitor. You can select whole sections simply by selecting the section label.
- 4 Choose Exclude from the Options menu.
 The selected statements are no longer monitored for changes.

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INI Tracker might often monitor directories containing files that constantly change in size, date and time. If you do not want to monitor changes to files within a tracked directory, INI Tracker, together with File Compare, lets you specify which files INI Tracker is to ignore.

NOTE: This feature applies only to .INI files and directories. Normal text files cannot benefit from this feature.

To exclude files:

- 1 Select the most recent snapshot of the directory containing files you want INI Tracker to ignore.
- 2 Click File Compare...
- 3 In the left pane, select each file that you do not want INI Tracker monitor.
- 4 Choose Exclude from the Options menu.
 The selected files are no longer monitored for changes.

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INI Tracker uses File Compare to create the EXCLUDE.INI file. This file contains <u>.INI</u> file <u>keynames</u> and directory filenames that are not monitored for changes by INI Tracker. This file, like any other .INI file is broken down into <u>sections</u>. Each section represents a tracked .INI file or tracked directory, such as WIN.INI or C:\WIN. Each <u>statement</u> below the section label identifies a keynames or filename and a <u>value</u> representing whether or not the keyname or file is to be monitored for changes. A one (1) instructs INI Tracker not to monitor changes to the keyname value or file within a directory. To resume monitoring the value of a keyname or file within a directory, remove the statement from the EXCLUDE.INI file or replace the one (1) with a zero (0).

To edit the EXCLUDE.INI file:

- 1 Choose Edit Exclusions... from the Options menu. INI Editor appears.
- 2 Modify the file to you liking.
- 3 Click Save from the INI Editor toolbar.

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INI Tracker lets you monitor files, including binary files, for changes. If a change occurs to any monitored file, you can use Quick Fix or Restore to reinstate the files.

To add files to track:

- 1 Choose Configure... from the Options menu.
- 2 Choose Files To Track from the Categories list box.
- 3 Click Add...
- 4 Select the file you want INI Tracker to begin monitoring.
- 5 Click OK.

You are returned to the Files To Track panel and the file is added to the Files list box.

6 Repeat steps 3 through 5 to add additional files.

Or,

Click OK to return to the INI Tracker main window.

TIP: You can also add files using <u>drag-and-drop</u>. Simply drag one or more files from Microsoft's File Manager or from a Norton Desktop drive window to INI Tracker's Files <u>list box</u>. The selected file or files will be added automatically.

To remove files being tracked:

- 1 Choose Configure... from the Options menu.
- 2 Choose Files To Track from the Categories list box.
- 3 Select the file you no longer want to monitor.
- 4 Click Remove.

The selected directory is removed from the Directories list box.

5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 to remove additional files.

Or.

Click OK to return to the INI Tracker main Window.

TIP: If you accidentally remove a file from the Files list box, simply <u>click</u> Cancel. Cancel closes the Preferences dialog box without making changes to the Files list box.

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INI Tracker let you to monitor directories for changes. Although INI Tracker can track directories for changes, INI Tracker can not Quick Fix or Restore a directory.

To add directories to track:

- 1 Choose Configure... from the Options menu.
- 2 Choose Directories To Track from the Categories list box.
- 3 Click Add...
- 4 Select the directory you want INI Tracker to begin monitored.
- 5 Click OK.

You are returned to the Directories To Track panel and the directory is added to the Directories list

6 Repeat steps 3 through 5 to add additional directories.

Or,

Click OK to return to the INI Tracker main window.

TIP: You can also add directories using <u>drag-and-drop</u>. Simply drag one or more directories from Microsoft's File Manager or from a Norton Desktop drive window to INI Tracker's Directories <u>list box</u>. The selected directory or directories will be added automatically.

To remove directories being tracked:

- 1 Choose Configure... from the Options menu.
- 2 Choose Directories To Track from the Categories list box.

The <u>Directories To Track panel</u> appears.

- **3** Select the directory you no longer want to monitored.
- 4 Click Delete.

The selected directory is removed from the Directories list box.

5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 to remove additional directories.

Or,

Click OK to return to the INI Tracker main Window.

TIP: If you accidentally remove a directory from the Directories list box, simply <u>click</u> Cancel. Cancel closes the Preferences dialog box without making changes to the Directories list box.

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You can configure INI Tracker to automatically take snapshots of all tracked files and directories at intervals you specify in the background.

To automate snapshots:

- 1 Choose Configure... from the Options menu.
- 2 Check the Check For Changes Every: check box. The minutes text box is enabled.
- **3** Enter the number of minutes.
- 4 Click OK.

INI Tracker now checks for changes at the specified intervals.

TIP: You can hide the INI Tracker main window by choosing Hide from the File menu. For more information, see "<u>Hiding INI Tracker</u>."

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INI Tracker has several options that you can configure to suit your needs, including an automatic snapshot timer, a maximum number of snapshots to keep in the Snapshot Log setting, and display settings. Click Panel Settings to get more information about general preference settings.

To access INI Tracker's general preferences:

• Choose Configure... from the Options menu.

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INI Tracker lets you control the style and position of the toolbar. The toolbar can be positioned along the top, right side, left side or the bottom. The toolbar can show only icon (without text), text (without icons), or show both text and icon. You can even turn the toolbar off if you want to.

To customize the toolbar:

- 1 Choose Customize... from the Options menu.
- 2 Select Toolbar from the Categories list box.
- 3 Set the Position and Style options to your liking.
- 4 Click OK to save the changes.

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INI Tracker lets you to clear the Snapshot Log by resetting the INI Tracker data files.

To reset INI Tracker's data files:

- 1 Choose Reset Snapshot Log... from the Options menu.
- 2 Click Yes in the confirmation box. INI Tracker's data files are cleared and the Snapshot Log displays a current snapshot of tracked files and directories.

WARNING: Resetting the Snapshot Log erases previous version information about all tracked files and directories. This will not allow you to Quick Fix or Restore files to their previous condition. After the Snapshot Log is reset, it takes another snapshot of all tracked items and displays them in the Snapshot Log. This snapshot reflects the current version of the tracked items. Click No if you are unsure about resetting the Snapshot Log.

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Since INI Tracker works in the background, there isn't a need to have it open or iconized on the desktop. Use INI Tracker's hide feature to remove it from sight.

To hide INI Tracker:

• Choose Hide from the File Menu.

NOTE: To access INI Tracker while it's hidden, double-click the INI Tracker <u>group item icon</u>. Normally, double-clicking a group item icon launches the application. Since INI Tracker is already launched, the INI Tracker main window reappear.

TIP: If you configure INI Tracker to <u>launch</u> with Windows and you want the INI Tracker icon to automatically hide when Windows is launched, choose Hide from the File menu and then exit Windows. The next time you launch Windows, INI Tracker is launched and the icon is hidden.

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Use this dialog box to enter a description for the new snapshot.
Snapshot Description text box

Snapshot Description text box Enter your own custom description for manual snapshots, or click OK to use the default description.

Using Quick Fix dialog box Use this dialog box to confirm the restoration of the files listed in the $\underline{\text{list box}}$. Quick Fix $\underline{\text{list box}}$

Quick Fix list box

Files appearing in the <u>list box</u> have been changed and will be restored to the snapshot previous to the current snapshot.

Restore dialog boxUse this dialog box to confirm the restoration of the highlighted files with the selected snapshot. Restore list box

Restore dialog boxHighlighted files in this <u>list box</u> will be restored using the selected snapshot. Files that are not highlighted will not be restored. You can select and deselect files in this list box.

Compare dialog box
Use this dialog box to choose a snapshot to compare with the selected snapshot.

Previous option button
Current option button

Previous option buttonChoose to compare the selected snapshot with the version *previous* to it.

Current option buttonChoose to compare the selected snapshot with the *current* version.

Printer Setup dialog box
Use this dialog box to select and configure the current print device.
Printer list box
Setup... command button

Printer list box

Contains your computer's current print devices.

Setup... command button Click to configure printer specific options, such as orientation, paper source, and fonts.

Preferences Panel (Configure... dialog box)

Use this panel to configure general INI Tracker options and settings.

Automatic Snapshot group box

Check for changes every check box and minutes text box
Purge old snapshots after check box and day text box
Maximum numbers to keep check box and value text box
Load with Windows check box
Take Snapshots on Window Activation and Exit check box

Display group box

Show Mini-Help check box
Show Only Changed Files in Snapshot View check box
Show Details in Snapshot Log check box

Check for changes every check box & minutes text box
Check to have INI Tracker automatically check for changes at the specified interval rate. By default, INI
Tracker enters 30 in the minutes text box. Use the spin button to increase/decrease the minutes value.

Purge old snapshots after check box & day text box

Check to have INI Tracker automatically remove old snapshots. The day <u>text box</u> displays the number of days that need to pass before old snapshots are removed from the Snapshot Log. Use the <u>spin button</u> to increase/decrease the day value.

Maximum numbers to keep check box & text box

Check to have INI Tracker monitor the number of snapshots it records to the Snapshot Log and data files. The <u>text box</u> displays the maximum number of snapshot to keep. Use the <u>spin button</u> to increase/decrease the value.

Load with Windows check boxCheck to append INITRACK.EXE to your <u>WIN.INI</u> file load= line.

Take Snapshots on Window Activation and Exit check box Check to make INI Tracker take a snapshot when the INI Tracker main window is made the current window and when you exit INI Tracker.

Show Mini-Help check box

Check to enable Mini-Help. Mini-Help displays helpful information about INI Tracker and available options. To use Mini-Help, simply point the mouse at an item, like a button or menu item and hold the left mouse button. Information about the selected item is displayed at the bottom of the window.

Show Only Changed Files in Snapshot View check box
Check to show only items that have changed. If this check box is not checked, all tracked items are displayed and those items that have not changed display (Unchanged) to the right of them.

Show Details in Snapshot Log check box Check to show the change details in the Snapshot Log.

Files to Track panel (Configure... dialog box)
Use this panel to view the files currently being monitored by INI Tracker. This panel is also used to add and remove tracked files.

Files list box Add... command button Remove command button

File Type group box

Text option button Non-Text option button

Files list box

All currently tracked files are displayed here. When a file is selected, use the <u>Remove command button</u> to remove it from this list box.

Add... command buttonClick to display the <u>Select File to Track dialog box</u>. Use the dialog box to include more files to track.

Remove command button

Click to remove the selected file from the Files list box.

Text option button

Select if the file is a <u>text file</u>. Some documents, such as those created by Word for Windows, are not text files. Only files that can be edited by DOS Edit are considered text files.

Non-Text option buttonSelect if the file is something other than a text file (<u>non-text file</u>). Documents, such as those created by Word for Windows are not <u>text files</u>.

Directories to Track panel (Configure... dialog box)Use this panel to view the directories currently being monitored by INI Tracker. This panel is also used to add and removed tracked directories.

Directories list box Add... command button Remove command button

Directories list box

All currently tracked directories are displayed here. When a directory is selected, use the <u>Remove command button</u> to remove it from this list box.

Add... command buttonClick to display the <u>Select Directory to Track dialog box</u>. Use the dialog box to include more directories to track.

Remove command button

Click to remove the selected directory from the $\underline{\text{Directories list box}}$.

Toolbar panel (Configure... dialog box)Use this panel to customize the INI Tracker toolbar.

Position group box

Top option button Left option button Right option button **Bottom option button**

Style group box

Text Only option button Icon Only option button Text and Icon option button No Toolbar option button

Top option buttonChoose to display the toolbar across the top of the window.

Left option buttonChoose to display the toolbar down the left portion of the window.

Right option buttonChoose to display the toolbar down the right portion of the window.

Bottom option buttonChoose to display the toolbar across the bottom of the window.

Text Only option buttonChoose to display the toolbar buttons as text without icons.

Icon Only option buttonChoose to display the toolbar buttons as icons without text.

Text and Icon option buttonChoose to display the toolbar buttons as icons with text.

No Toolbar option buttonChoose to not display the Tracker toolbar.

Reset Snapshot Log dialog box

Use to confirm the complete reset of INI Tracker's data files. Yes command button No command button

WARNING: Resetting the Snapshot Log erases previous version information about all tracked files and directories. This will not allow you to Quick Fix or Restore files to their previous condition. After the Snapshot Log is reset, it takes another snapshot of all tracked items and displays them in the Snapshot Log. This snapshot reflects the current version of the tracked items. Click No if you are unsure about resetting the Snapshot Log.

Yes command button

Click to clear INI Tracker's data files and start fresh.

No command button

Click to cancel without clearing INI Tracker's data files.

Exit INI Tracker dialog boxUse to hide, <u>minimize</u> or exit INI Tracker. This <u>dialog box</u> only appears if you have INI Tracker configured to automatically take snapshots.

Exit INI Tracker
Minimize INI Tracker
Hide INI Tracker window

Exit INI Tracker

Choose to exit INI Tracker. If you choose this option, INI Tracker will be unable to automatically take snapshots.

Minimize INI Tracker

Choose to keep INI Tracker running, but <u>minimized</u>. INI Tracker automatically continues to take snapshots.

Hide INI Tracker window

Choose to keep INI Tracker running, hidden from view. INI Tracker automatically continues to take snapshots.

Select File to Track dialog box
Use this dialog box to add a new file for monitoring.
File Name text box
Files list box
List Files of Type drop-down list box
Directories list box
Drives drop-down list box

File Name text box

Use this <u>text box</u> to enter the filename you want to monitor. If needed, you can include the drive and <u>path</u> to the file or use the <u>Drives drop-down list box</u> in conjunction with the <u>Directories list box</u>.

Files list box

Use this <u>list box</u> to select a file from the current drive and directory. To select a new drive and directory, use the <u>Drives drop-down list box</u> in conjunction with the <u>Directories list box</u>.

List Files of Type drop-down list boxUse this <u>drop-down list box</u> to choose a specific category of files, including *.INI.

Directories list box

This <u>list box</u> displays the directories for the current drive. Double-click a directory to view its files in the Files list box. Use the <u>Drives drop-down list box</u> to select a new drive.

Drives drop-down list box

Click to display all the available drives from which to choose from. Selecting a new drive automatically updates the <u>Directories list box</u>.

Select Directory to Track dialog box
Use this dialog box to add a new directory for monitoring.

<u>Directory text box</u>
<u>Directories list box</u>

<u>Drives drop-down list box</u>

Directory text boxAllows you to enter the name of a directory to monitor. Use the <u>Drives drop-down list box</u> to choose another drive.

INI Tracker Menu Commands

File menu

View menu Options menu

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INI Tracker Menu Commands Collapse File menu New Snapshot... Quick Fix... Restore... Print Printer Setup... Hide Exit View menu Options menu Customize

Edit Exclusions...
Reset Snapshot Log...

New Snapshot... (File menu)

See Also

Use this command to take a manual snapshot of all currently tracked items. Use the <u>Snapshot Description</u> text box to enter a descriptive label for the snapshot.

Taking Manual Snapshots
Reinstating Snapshots with Quick Fix
Reinstating Snapshots with Restore
Automating Snapshots

Quick Fix... (File menu)

See Also

Use this command to reverse the most recent changes to all tracked files.

TIP: For convenience, this command is available on the INI Tracker toolbar. Simply click the button to issue the command.

Taking Manual Snapshots
Reinstating Snapshots with Quick Fix
Reinstating Snapshots with Restore
Tracking Files

Restore... (File menu)

See Also

Use this command to reinstate a file or files from the selected snapshot.

TIP: For convenience, this command is available on the INI Tracker toolbar. Simply click the button to issue the command.

Taking Manual Snapshots
Reinstating Snapshots with Quick Fix
Reinstating Snapshots with Restore
Tracking Files

Print (File menu)

<u>See Also</u>
Use this command to print out a complete list of all the snapshots and changes listed in the Snapshot Log.

Printing the Snapshot Log

Printer Setup... (File menu)

 $\underline{\text{See Also}}$ Use this command to choose a print device and to access the printer setup.

Hide (File menu)

 $\underline{\text{See Also}}$ Use this command to hide INI Tracker while it operates in the $\underline{\text{background}}.$

Hiding INI Tracker

Exit (File menu)

See Also

Use this command to close INI Tracker.

NOTE: If you attempt to close or exit INI Tracker while it is set to automatically take snapshots, the <u>Exit Tracker dialog box</u> appears. Exiting INI Tracker prevents it from automatically tracking changes to your files and directories.

Hiding INI Tracker

View menu

See Also

This menu contains several options for viewing the snapshot log. This menu changes depending on the menu items selected in the menu. For more information, click *See Also* and select Navigating the Snapshot Log.

Comparing Snapshots with File Compare
Printing the Snapshot Log
Navigating the Snapshot Log
General Preferences
Customizing the Toolbar
Resetting the Snapshot Log

Customize... (Options menu)

See Also

Use this command to access INI Tracker's configuration panel for customizing INI Tracker, including adding files and directories to be monitored, changing the style and position of the toolbar and general preferences.

Tracking Files
Tracking Directories
Automating Snapshots
General Preferences
Customizing the Toolbar

Edit Exclusions... (Options menu)

See Also

Use this command to <u>launch</u> INI Editor to edit the EXCLUDE.INI file. This <u>.INI</u> file contains .INI file <u>statements</u> that are not to be monitored for changes.

Excluding .INI File Statements

Reset Snapshot Log... (Options menu)

See Also

Use this command to clear the INI Tracker snapshot data files.

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Resetting the Snapshot Log



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QuickHelp



How do I...?

a tracked	If recent changes to your files are not to your liking, use Quick Fix or Restore to reinstate them.
Automate snapshots	Use the INI Tracker automatic snapshot options to monitor tracked files in the background.
Compare snapshots	Compare previous snapshots to current files using File Compare.



New Snapshot... (File menu)

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Select File to Track dialog box



Select Directory to Track dialog box