

Important Information for WINCheckIt 2.0

This document contains important information that is not included in the WINCheckIt *User's Guide*. Listed below are the topics in this file. Each topic has its own number so you can use the Find command (under the Find menu) to quickly jump to any section. Just type in the number for the section you wish to view.

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1.1 -- The Removalt Program

The fifth icon created in the WINCheckIt program group is for the Removalt program. When you run Removalt, you will be given the option to remove all or some of the WINCheckIt program. Selecting all of the options will remove every file of WINCheckIt with following exceptions:

1. If you rename any of program icons, then they will not be removed.
2. If you rename the WINCheckIt program group, then it will not be removed.
3. If you move or copy any of the WINCheckIt icons to a program group other than WINCheckIt, then the icons will not be removed.
4. The Removalt program will not remove itself. To completely remove WINCheckIt, first run the Removalt program and select all of the available options. Then, delete the Removalt program from the WINCheckIt directory. Finally, remove the WINCheckIt directory.
5. The Removalt program does not work with Dashboard.

1.2 -- The Rescue Disk

Several changes have been made to the Rescue Disk command and RESCUE.EXE program since the printing of the WINCheckIt *User Guide*.

1. The Rescue Disk will automatically save your AUTOEXEC.BAT, CONFIG.SYS, WIN.INI, SYSTEM.INI, and PROTOCOL.INI (if available) files.
2. The Rescue Disk command will save the data you select to a *temporary* file in the WCHECKIT\DATA directory and then report to you the necessary disk space for your target drive. A copy of the RESCUE.EXE program, the compressed data, and RESCUE.TXT (a DOS text help file) will be copied to your target drive.
3. The WINCheckIt *User Guide* provides instructions for running RESCUE.EXE from the WCHECKIT directory. This is not necessary, as a copy of RESCUE.EXE is placed on your target drive.
4. For best results, do not run the RESCUE.EXE while Windows is open (e.g. from a DOS box.).

For more details on the Rescue Disk, please refer to the "Rescue Disk" and "Restoring from a Rescue Disk" sections in the WINCheckIt Help file.

1.3 -- Benchmark Results

The benchmark data represented in the Track Performance window will vary based on the DOS Collect Type you use when collecting data. For the most accurate true Windows benchmarks, use the Windowed DOS Collect type. If you collect data using the Full Screen option, you may find that your system's benchmarks are rated up to 50% better. Using the Drop to DOS option will create even higher (and possibly misleading) benchmarks.

The bars in the Track Performance window are color-coordinated to show whether the DOS Collect type was Windowed, Full Screen or Drop to DOS. If you use the Windowed option, the bar will be cyan. Using the Full Screen and Drop to DOS options will be identified with a mustard colored bar.

1.4 -- Naming of Data Files

When you use the Collect Data command, the results are stored in a special data file called a CKD file in the WCHECKIT\DATA directory. These CKD files are named using the 6-letter ID you specified when you ran the WINCheckIt Setup program. The last two characters of the CKD file are used for a counter (i.e. SAMPLE01.CKD). Each time you collect data, WINCheckIt looks for the most recently collected data file, and increments one digit to the counter. For example, if SAMPLE04.CKD is the most recent file, SAMPLE05.CKD will be created the next time you collect data.

If you modify the created group of files by adding, deleting, or changing the filename, you may be altering the succession of the file naming process. Modifying these files in the ways described above may cause WINCheckIt to over-write previous files. Thus, it is best not to modify the set of files in the WCHECKIT\DATA directory. If you need to make more disk space, simply remove the older CKD files first.

1.5 -- Invalid filedates

Windows supports filedate stamps for the dates between January 1970 to February 2038. If a file is date stamped for a date before or after this span of time, Windows will show that date with an invalid character (i.e. 8/11/@8). You can see this anomaly when using Window's File Manager, or with the Clean Up command. These characters don't necessarily indicate that there is a problem with the file, just that the date stamp for the file does not fit in the valid time span.

1.6 -- Using Desktops other than Progman.exe

WINCheckIt is designed to be compatible with Windows Program Manager (Progman.exe) alternatives which use DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange). including Dashboard, Norton Desktop, and PC Tools for Windows. One exception to complete compatibility exists however. The Uninstaller command is effected by the PC Tools for Windows desktop due to the lack of the desktop's use of DDE (Dynamic Data Exchange). Because the PC Tools for Windows desktop doesn't use DDE, the Uninstaller command cannot obtain a complete list of applications.

Finally, please note that the RemoveIt program does not work with Dashboard.

1.7 -- Control + Letter on Main Screen

To easily select a drive on the main screen's "Disk Space Used" pull down list, simultaneously press the Control (Ctrl) key and the letter for the drive you want to switch to. This functionality will be available when the main screen has the focus. For example, to select your C: drive, use Ctrl+C.