

What's New

Version 1.1a (4/18/93)

- Added Retain Backups checkbox to Options. When unchecked, those little *.~at files go away.
- Reduce sensitivity to garbage. If more than 10 characters per read buffer are garbage, or a single catalog entry exceeds 1000 characters, dialog shows up, but only if you select to Save, Save As, or have marked items deleted such that a save will occur.
- Changed all navigation keys to messages for better toolbar access
- Added buttons for page down, up, top, and bottom.
- Added color to Download and Delete buttons for better visibility. These use the colors defined in the CatCIS.INI file.

Version 1.1 (3/13/93)

- Change navigation to use PostMessage as this should prevent reentrancy problems
- Adjust .DEF file to better use dynamic load
- Adjust compile directives to put related .cpp in same segment
- Added char by char check for invalid chars. Hurts performance by about 1 sec, but helps for transmission garbage.
- Added test for object size, limit is 1000 chars. Also to help identify transmission garbage.
- Added bGarbage to let folks know that if they save the memory image they are losing garbage info.
- Action bar for Delete, Download, Write D/L file

Version 1.0 (1/16/93)

- Corrected display of Section File Missing so it displays when the section file is missing (makes sense).
- Dropped the help button from the file dialogs.
- Installed command line processing. Associations from File Manager will now work correctly.
- Added cancel option during time consuming operations.
- Made status bar smart to not set text if same text. Improves overall performance by reducing screen paints. Also reduces flicker.
- Reduced program rudeness. If it does not have the focus when a message occurs, it will beep, but wait until it has the focus to display the message. Before, it would jump to the front.
- Made wait dialogs take strings for progress reports.

- Only 1 write per DL item.
- Only 1 write per catobj.
- Improved error processing, handling, and recovery.
- Improved catalog read speed by 30-50% (your mileage may vary).
- Changed configuration to request storage path and tapcis path, along with location of help file.
- Improved response to system shutdown when actions are pending.
- Reworked string resource, using message numbers on most messages, reduced size.
- Change - Download - text on marked items to gray text if .dow file written and cat still displayed, disabled Mark Download in that case as well. This precludes multiple requests to download the same item.
- Improved error response and recovery from no disk space problem.
- Complete rewrite of .cat file writing procedures to improve error reporting and recovery, especially across devices.
- Complete rewrite of .dow file creation, including better error reporting and recovery, writing each .dow episode to temp file and appending to existing .dow if there, or creating one if it's not.
- No overwrite of read only cat file. You may Save as to another file. Also added checks for read only backup files.
- Added colors to .ini for customization.
- Developed Help.

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- Added search functionality. Allows searching any or all of the CIS ID line, File line, Title line, Keywords, and description text; direction of search specification; text case matching; optional hit highlighting; and saving of dialog selections between sessions.
- Added a check mark to Mark menu item if catalog item is marked in any way.
- Disabled Write D/L menu selection if none marked.
- After Options|Configuration close, write CatCIS.INI immediately, rather than waiting until application close.
- No longer count sessions in which there are no catalog entries. You may notice fewer sessions as a result.
- Keep track of download and delete marking for faster determination that something is marked.
- Got rid of pesky message that .sec file was not found. This will now be displayed in the status bar, Library: box.

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-- Major programming error located by Guenter Herbig [100021,3621] corrected. Thanks Guenter! This error manifested itself by causing a system lockup due to overzealous calls for a device context, a limited resource.

-- Improved status bar performance and reduced its predeliction for jumping up and down when using the top of the window for a resize.

-- Fixed a small memory leak in status bar. You really can't delete a pen until it is selected out of the device context!

-- Removed code to delete class icon. This caused no harm, but should not have been there. Incidentally, any artistic folks who have an idea for a better icon are certainly welcome to go for it!

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Actually, everything, as this is the first release.