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WHAT IS HOUSE?

House is a powerful tool for use with your Windows® and MS-DOS® programs. Quality design, from start to finish, means HOUSE will deliver you the performance you need . The best features of Program Manager, File Manager, and more, have been

combined into an unusually powerful package.

You can create any number of custom HOUSE program menus, (up to 200 items each),

and get them with ease. Each member of your HOUSE can have their OWN menu... and as many as they want!

You can jump around smart file directories at unprecedented speeds. Get a system resources measurement (GDI /USER), check a file date, or get the time... The most needed features are delivered --just when you need them.

Your first House menu comes ready to deliver 32 of the most common Windows programs -- in a heartbeat. You will never fumble again, searching for distant icons.

Since HOUSE reads the Win.Ini [Extensions] and merges this information with it's own, HOUSE 'knows' if your file needs a certain 'host' such as paintbrush, write, notepad, etc. HOUSE takes care of the little things too. Like when a text file is too big for notepad, HOUSE doesn't waste your time with error messages...it uses WRITE.EXE instead. Of course, files with Word processor extensions like .wp get loaded with their proper Hosts, based on your Windows.INI.

House goes beyond ordinary 'navigators' --keeping a time log of your program launches. Keep records of your daily activities if you like! House knows what time it was when you jumped on the Modem or played Flight Simulator® . And, doing things again is easy with House....you can re-launch any one of your last 100 programs with a few clicks!

Did you forget which directory you were just in? No problem. House is two clicks away from your last 50 directory changes too! "Hansel & Gretel were here!" but there's no need to follow bread crumbs home anymore. Let House take you there! Maybe you have just launched a dbase program and suddenly wonder what files might be in the same directory? With House, you can go to the directory associated with your menu items--instantly. Just click FIND and there you are...staring right at the dbase host file!

House is not a substitute for file manager, but it does provide rapid copy, delete, rename, & other file functions. I like to think House does for files what file manager doesn't! You can make a huge list to copy to floppy disk, then let them fly will you 'do lunch.' Or maybe you need a list of just your .bmp files? Maybe ICONS too? House can copy any directory listing (filenames) to a file on disk. Using the very flexible file.pattern features, you get the records & lists you want--fast!

Think of HOUSE as a place to keep your Windows... because that's the best place to keep Windows...in a HOUSE! And since we humans keep Houses in cities, I've provided you with the tools to make your own cities too...or you can let the HOUSE ARCHITECT make them for you! (Click CITY then "Computer City")

If you like using HOUSE and decide to use it for more than a month, you must pay the \$19.95 registration fee. You will receive the latest edition of HOUSE, a handy guide and more! Please do your part to support the shareware concept!

TECHNICAL INFO

House was written using the Visual Basic programming system under Windows 3.1.

You must have the file VBRUN100.DLL IN YOUR SYSTEM PATH in order to use HOUSE. This file is available on most BBS's and it's FREE! If you don't have VBRUN100.DLL yet....you should get it! Download it from one of any number of BBS's in your area. VB100.DLL allows you to use the many quality programs developed using the Visual BASIC development system.

It's a MUST for serious Windows users.

INSTALLING HOUSE

You may keep House in any directory. Just be sure the following files are in the SAME directory:

HOUSE.EXE - The main HOUSE program,. HOUSE.HSE - The default program menu. HOUSE.HST - The extensions/hosts file. (Experts: You may manually alter this file if you like.)

(It's a good idea to keep fresh copies of both these files for later use.)

You can start HOUSE.EXE in the usual manner, from FILE MANAGER or PROGRAM MANAGER.

Using LOAD = (HOUSEPATH)\HOUSE.EXE in your Windows.INI file will launch HOUSE each time you

start Windows, if you like, and -- If-- you have Windows 3.1, you can use HOUSE as a substitute (shell)

for Program or Ffile manager. This shell substitution will not work from Windows 3.0. But you CAN

use HOUSE with Windows 3.0 like any other VBASIC programs. (VBRUN100.DLL in path...)

House will NOT alter ANY of your system settings in any way.

Hopefully, it's a no-hassle program with a 'hands-off' attitude. (No need to worry about tricky installations.) Assuming you have VBRUN100.DLL in your path, why not just copy the files into your favorite directory and RUN the program!

Remember...you can make as many copies of HOUSE as you like! Your friends will enjoy it! BE sure to give 'em a copy of VBRUN100.DLL though!

Thank YOU for supporting shareware!

HOUSE Prices:

House 1.02, with Help, and Guidebook- - \$19.95

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