

# Everything Weather README.WRI File

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## Section 1: Welcome Message

Thank you for purchasing Everything Weather. If you have any problems with this product, first check the usage and installation notes in the manual. If you are still having problems, feel free to call the customer service line at (201)-808-2700.

## Section 2: Installation

To install Everything Weather, run the SETUP.EXE program from the root directory of the CD-ROM. You may do this by choosing the RUN option from the FILE menu in Program Manager. Then use the browse button to select SETUP.EXE on the CD-ROM. You may speed up this process by skipping the browse option and directly entering the full path and name of the installation program. Type the letter of your CD-ROM drive, a colon, a back slash, and SETUP.EXE and then press Enter. For example, if your CD-ROM is drive D, you would type:

```
D:\SETUP.EXE
```

and press Enter to directly execute the installation program.

The installation program will copy files, update files, and create a series of directories. A minimal installation will use 2MB of your hard drive space, if you do not already have the QuickTime software video driver installed. If any other programs on your system already use the QuickTime driver, then installation should take slightly less than 1MB.

As an option, two segments of Everything Weather may be copied to your hard drive, allowing them to be used without having the CD-ROM in the drive. These applications will use additional space and are described below.

The installation program will create the PATHS.SYS file which contains the specific locations of the major portions of the application as installed on your computer. Should you change the drive identifier for your CD-ROM drive, or move the application to a new location, this file may no longer contain valid information. Please re-install the application.

## Section 3: Daily Planner

The Daily Planner may be installed as a separate utility on your hard drive. This allows you to use the Planner even when you are not running Everything Weather from your CD-ROM

drive. If you choose not to install this as a separate utility, you may still use this feature from within the CD-ROM.

If you are running the Daily Planner directly from Windows, selecting BACK will return you to Windows. If you select the Current Forecast button without loading the CD-ROM, then BACK will return from there to the Daily Planner; selecting BACK again will return to Windows. To reach the full Everything Weather application, load the CD-ROM and select the HOME button. The search feature also requires the CD-ROM.

#### **Section 4: Current Forecast Connection**

The Current Forecast Connection allows you to download the current conditions and three day forecasts for 150 US and 50 International cities. This feature requires a modem. The cost for each call is 75 cents and will appear on your phone bill. If you are under 18, please get your parents permission to call. This feature will not work if you have 1-900 service blocked from your home or office.

If your phone system requires a prefix code to obtain an outside line, you will need to modify CONTROL.TXT, a text file which contains the dialing sequence. This file can be found in the ONLINE subdirectory where you installed the program. If the program was installed in the default directory (TWC) on the C Drive, the full file specification would be:

```
C:\TWC\ONLINE\CONTROL.TXT
```

To change the dialing sequence, use File Manager to locate the file and double click on the file name. This will bring up the Windows Note Pad with the file ready to edit. You need to modify only the second line of text in this file. Then select the Save option from the File menu to save the change. You must restart Current Forecast to have the edit take effect.

Many PBX systems require a "9" prefix code to obtain an outside line. Depending on the specifics of your phone system, editing of the CONTROL.TXT file may also be necessary to introduce pauses into the dialing sequence. There is often a slight delay when processing the outside line request, so it is appropriate to include a slight pause after the prefix code. With most modems, pauses can be provided by including a comma in the dialing string. For example, line 2 in CONTROL.TXT might be edited to read:

```
atdt9,,19008765505
```

If your phone service has call waiting, it should be disabled for the duration of the call. To disable this feature for one call, dial \*70, then the number.

The Current Forecast Connection may also be installed as a separate utility on your hard drive. This allows you to use the Current Forecast Connection even when you are not running Everything Weather from your CD-ROM drive. If you choose not to install this as a separate utility, you may still use this feature from within the CD-ROM.

If you are running Current Forecast directly from Windows, selecting BACK will return you to Windows. To reach the full Everything Weather application, load the CD-ROM and select the HOME button. The search feature also requires the CD-ROM.

#### **Section 5: QuickTime for Windows 2.01**

If you experience problems while installing QuickTime for Windows, or if movie playback seems jerky or unstable, you may need to adjust the video subsystem. You may adjust QuickTime for Windows directly by using the setup utility which is included in the WINQT directory on the CD-ROM. If you experience any problems, please be sure to read the README.EXE file in the WINQT directory. This may contain information specific to your computer.

On many systems, QuickTime for Windows can be configured to interact directly with the specific video hardware or driver. This may provide much improved video performance. If you wish to try this on your system, carefully read the README.EXE file in the WINQT directory of the CD-ROM. You will need to edit the QTW.INI file in the WINDOWS directory on your hard drive. Adding the following section header and optimization line to the file has proven effective on many systems.

```
[Video]
Optimize=Driver
```

There are a number of other configuration parameters available. Check the README.EXE file for information on your hardware.

## **Section 6: Tips on Running the Application**

For optimal performance, it is recommended that Everything Weather run on an MPC Level 2 computer, with 8 MB of RAM. However, you can run this application in 4 MB of RAM if you enable virtual memory. The overall configuration of your computer system, including other programs currently running and the number of installed drivers, will affect the amount of virtual memory needed to run this application. To be completely safe, allocate 16MB of virtual memory. This can be done through the Windows Control Panel. Refer to your Windows documentation for more detailed information.

This application is designed to run best in 256 color, 640 by 480 resolution. In larger screen resolutions, it will occupy a 640 by 480 area in the center of the screen. In higher color modes, such as thousands or millions of colors, it will still operate but with slightly limited functionality.

During modem communications, pressing Ctrl will disconnect a modem connection.

If the Print window is displayed, and you click the mouse outside the active window, then the program may appear to be locked up. In fact, the printer DLL is waiting for a command. Reactivate the print window by pressing Alt Tab until Print is displayed. Release and then select an option from the print window. Another way to reactivate the window is to Control Escape to the Task Manager and select the Print Task.

## **Section 7: Information Definitions and Sources**

### **CLIMATE DATA**

The United States and Global Climate Data sections are based on World-Wide Airfield Summaries from World Meteorological Organization stations collected by the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, North Carolina.

Definitions for the search parameters are as follows:

Average High and Low Temperatures are based on the average of all the daily maximum and minimum temperatures observed in the specified month.

The # of Days above 90 degrees (or Below 32 degrees) is based on the average of the number of days in the specified month on which the maximum (minimum) temperature was observed to be equal to or greater than 90 degrees Fahrenheit (equal to or less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit).

Mean Relative Humidity is the average of all hourly relative humidity values observed in a specified month.

Average Precipitation is based on the average of the monthly total amount of all forms of precipitation, reduced to its liquid equivalent, observed in the specified month.

Average Snowfall is based on the average of the monthly total amount of snowfall observed in the specified month.

Wet Days is based on the average of the number of days in the specified month on which the daily amount of precipitation was observed to be equal to or greater than 0.1 inch.

Snow Days is based on the average of the number of days in the specified month on which the daily amount of snowfall was observed to be equal to or greater than 1.5 inches.

Days with T-Storms is based on the average of the number of days in the specified month on which the weather observer heard thunder.

If "NA" appears in a box, it indicates that the information was Not Available for that site.

#### HURRICANE TRACKER

All times listed for historical storm track readings in the Hurricane Tracker are in Eastern Time.

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