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Wiz Format - Version 1.0

**Complete Windows Floppy Disk Format Program by
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Chapter 1 Getting Started

1.0 Getting Started

This manual covers every aspect of Wiz Format, from installation to its easy to use point - and - click interface.

Getting Started: This chapter discusses system requirements, the setup program, and how to install Wiz Format.

Fundamentals: This chapter covers basic operation and structure. Wiz Format contains a graphical user interface (GUI).

1.1 Make a Backup Copy

Before you begin the installation process, we recommend you make a backup copy of your Wiz Format floppy disk. Your end-user license agreement allows you to make at least one copy of the disk for archival purposes. After making a copy, you should move the write-protect tab on both the original and backup copies to prevent any accidental erasure. Put your originals in a safe place and use the backup copy for the installation process.

1.2 New Windows Users

Before you can use Wiz Format, you must have Windows 3.0 or higher installed on your hard disk. If you are new to Windows, we recommend that you first become familiar with its basic operation. All references to "Windows" throughout this manual refer to Windows 3.0 or higher.

This manual assumes that you have a working knowledge of Windows, such as opening and closing of applications, using a mouse, etc. You should also have some experience with Program Manager and File Manager.

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1.3 Packing List

Your Wiz Format package should include the following materials:

- o Installation disk (in a sealed license agreement envelope)
- o User's Manual

1.4 System Requirements

Wiz Format is designed to run with Windows 3.0 or higher. You must have previously installed Windows on your hard disk before you can use or install Wiz Format. Wiz Format will not work with versions of Windows prior to 3.0.

Computer: You need a 80286, 80386 or 80486 computer. Your system should have a hard disk with at least 2 - 3 megabytes of free disk space.

Memory: We strongly recommend a minimum of 2MB of memory and operating Windows in either standard or enhanced mode.

Mouse: We strongly recommend that you use a mouse with Wiz Format.

Monitor: We strongly recommend that your system be equipped with a color or monochrome display monitor having EGA resolution or higher. A 16 color VGA monitor is highly recommended as the minimum configuration.

Printer: Wiz Format has no requirement for a printer.

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1.5 Running Install

The SETUP.EXE program on the Wiz Format floppy diskette performs all the steps necessary to automatically install Wiz Format onto your hard drive. The Install program copies all the necessary files and will install a program icon onto the Program Manager desktop.

The Install program itself is a Windows-based program. To install, start Windows and insert the Wiz Format diskette into the "A" or "B" drive. Select RUN item in the Program Manager's FILE menu. When the dialog box appears, type in the letter of the disk drive containing Wiz Format followed by the Install program name. For example, to run the Install program from the "A" drive, type the following:

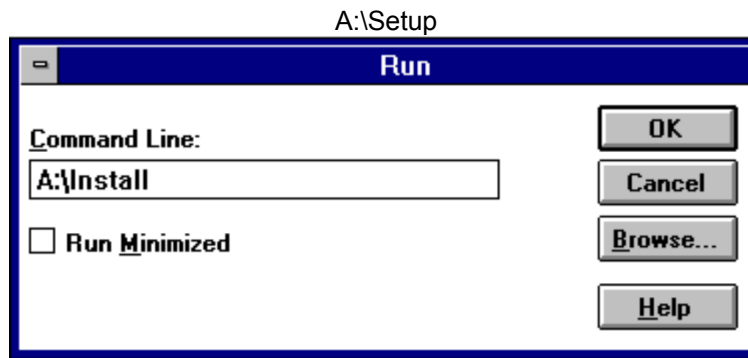


Figure 1

After a few seconds, the Install program will display its main screen and the installation process will begin. During installation, the Install will prompt you for any additional changes, as well as inform you about the progress of installation. There are a couple of options that you will need to respond to during installation. The setup program itself briefly covers these options, and additional details will follow.

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1.6 Installation Options

While Install is running, you will be asked a couple of questions regarding options that the Install program will do for you. When setup displays these options, a brief description of the individual option will be given.

Do not be overly concerned in selecting the "right" choices. In all cases, these options can be changed at a later time. Simply click the appropriate button or depress the ENTER key to accept the default choice(s). The default choice(s) displayed are applicable to most users.

DEFAULT PATHNAME: The default pathname is the hard drive and/or subdirectory that Install will copy all files to. Normally, it should be set to the Windows directory. By default Install will set this to the C:\Windows directory. This is suitable for most users. If you like, you can enter a different pathname, but you should limit your entry to hard drives or other storage devices that are present at all times. Do not set the pathname to a floppy drive or any other "temporary" drive, such as a network drive that may not be present at a later session.

PROGRAM MANAGER DESKTOP: The Install program by default will create a group icon called Wiz Format, you may change it to another name if you wish. You will be prompted for the creation of the group icon. After creating the group icon, Install will place the program icon for Wiz Format into the group icon.

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2.0 Fundamentals

One of the key benefits of Microsoft Windows is its ability to provide a common user interface across different applications. Opening and closing of a window, pulling down a menu is done in much the same way, whether you're using a word processor, spreadsheet and etc.. If you are familiar with the basic Windows functions, you will have no problems operating Wiz Format.

2.1 What is Wiz Format

Wiz Format is a floppy disk formatting program. Some of the unique features of Wiz Format are its 3D type graphics effect along with color indicators to show progress. Wiz Format is simple to use and is an alternative solution to the format routine found in File Manager.

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2.2 Elements of the Main Screen

The main screen contains various controls such as buttons, check boxes, option boxes, menu, drop-down combo box and indicators. All graphics on this screen give the effect of a stunning 3D look and feel. These controls provide you with the ability to format your floppy diskettes. The major features of the main screen and their locations are shown in figure 2

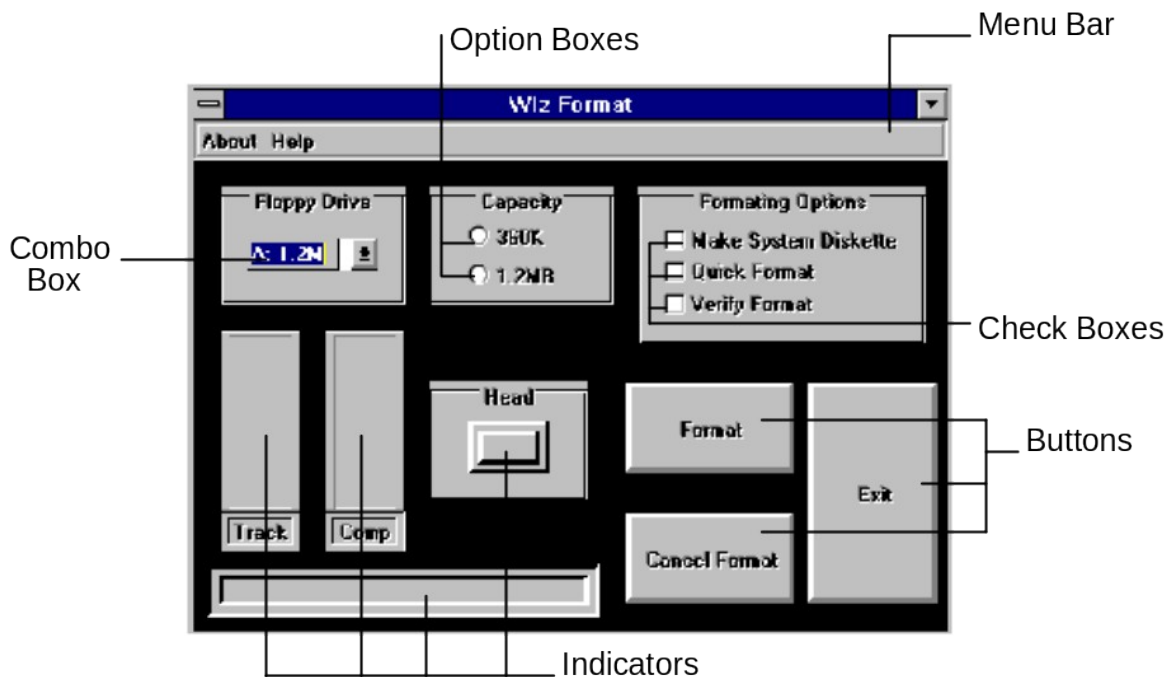


Figure 2

Combo Box: This combo box is a drop-down type that allows for a selection option of either the "A" or "B" drive.

Option Box: These controls allow for the selection of formatting capacities.

Menu: The menu lets you select the Aboutbox and also the on-line help function.

Check Box: These controls offer you the selection of formatting options.

Buttons: These controls are the command buttons.

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Indicators: These indicators inform you of the disk formatting progress.

2.3 Selecting a Drive

A combo list box is provided for the selection of the drive to format. The "A" Drive will be selected by default. To select another Drive, press the down arrow button and click on the desired Drive.

The program will automatically sense how many drives are available and the type of Drives on the system. The type of Drive will be indicated to the right of the Drive letter.

The Capacity will change automatically according to the Drive type that is indicated.

Type of Drives available:

5.25	360K
5.25	1.2M
3.5	720K
3.5	1.44M

2.4 Selecting a Capacity

Capacity gives you the ability to select between a max of 2 different Disk capacity formats. The type of selections available are automatically shown according to the Drive type that is selected.

By default the Disk will be formatted to the highest capacity that the disk will take.

Selection of capacity type is highly recommended.

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2.5 Formatting Options

There are three types of Formatting Options. Any one, all or none can be selected.

Click the appropriate check box to make the desired selection.

Formatting Options available are:

- System Diskette
- Quick Format
- Verify

2.6 System Diskette

This option allows for the creation of a bootable disk. System files are automatically added after the disk has been formatted.

Select this option if a bootable disk is desired.

2.7 Quick Format

This option will only work if the disk has been previously formatted. Quick Format deletes the directory info (the file allocation table and root directory), but the disk is not scanned for bad sectors.

The bar graphs are not updated in this option, since the formatting is rather quick.

2.8 Verify

This option will verify each sector as it is being formatted.

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2.9 Format

This is the command button to initiate the formatting of the disk. Formatting can be canceled at anytime by clicking the Cancel Format button.

2.10 Cancel Format

This is the command button to initiate the cancellation of formatting.

2.11 Exit

This is the command button to terminate the program.

2.12 Track

This is an indicator to inform you of the track status. As the disk is formatted the bargraph will update you with the current track number.

2.13 Comp

This is an indicator to inform you of the percentage of completion. As the disk is formatted the bargraph will update you with the current percentage of completion.

2.14 Head

This is an indicator to inform you of what head is in use. As the disk is formatted the head number will be shown.