

CompuServe Information Manager for Windows (version 2.0.1)

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New WinCIM Features

WinCIM 2.0.1 integrates information from CompuServe Information Service (CIS) and the Internet's World Wide Web (WWW). The **Netscape™** Internet browser is installed and configured automatically with WinCIM 2.0.1. When you are connected to CIS, you will see buttons and menu items you can select to take you to the WWW. You can also enter a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), such as <http://www.compuserve.com>, directly into the Go field to get to an Internet site. Once you are on the Internet, look for hyperlinks back to services on CompuServe.

A **default Winsock connection** is configured and set up in your Session Settings during the installation of WinCIM. This type of connection is required to access the Internet. You will be able to access information on CIS and be on the Internet at the same time.

An **Internet Browser option** has been added to the Services menu and to the default ribbon (toolbar). Selecting this option starts Netscape™ Internet Browser. If Netscape™ is running in the background, this option brings the browser to the foreground. Similarly, you can start up or return to WinCIM from Netscape™ using the **WinCIM option** from the Tools menu or the toolbar.

You can find items stored in the WinCIM **Filing Cabinet** quickly and easily using the new **Search** option. Objects such as mail messages, forum messages, articles, and news stories can be stored in the filing cabinet. Once stored, you can find any of these objects by date or date range, subject, sender or contributor (i.e., from); or perform a full text search. You can search folders, In-Basket, Out-Basket, or a combination of all three.

WinCIM 2.0.1 introduces the **Explore Services menu**, a graphically rich menu that will allow you to explore CompuServe effortlessly. The button located at the top of this menu labeled Explore CompuServe will take you to an area that offers tools and information to help you browse for specific information on CompuServe Information Service (CIS). If you know what you want, but aren't sure how to "GO" there, use one of the 12 general interest buttons to get there in a hurry!

When attending conferences, on-line moderators now have the ability to send binary file(s) to enhance the experience for participants. Binary files may be still motion video clips from a video feed (graphic images sent at regular intervals), closed captioned text, charts, sound, or pictures. The moderator can send any combination of files and file types to conference participants. As a participant you will be able to see these conference additions by utilizing the **CompuServe Viewer** technology that is built into WinCIM 2.0.1.

Secure logins are built into WinCIM 2.0.1. Your password is not transmitted across the network in a readable format.

Support for **PNG** (Portable Network Graphics) format was added in this release. You can now look forward to using this optimized graphics format as PNG is integrated in services

and applications across CIS.

Several customer support enhancements have been made to increase usability or offer flexibility.

- A General Preference to control window handling. To alter this preference access the Special menu and select Preferences/General. **Keep Windows Maximized** is on by default. When a window is maximized, subsequent windows will be maximized until you restore the size.

- A preference was added for both Forum Conferencing and CB Simulator to automatically **update the "Who's Here" List every XX seconds**. To access Forum Conference preferences from the Special menu select Preference/Forum/More... button. To access the CB simulator preferences from the Special menu select Preference/CB Simulator.

- **Help** is offered from the **Connection Failure** dialog providing diagnosis and correction assistance.

- **Addressing mail** to non-CompuServe mail users has been simplified by adding an address type list box on the Recipient dialog.

- The **Installation Procedure** has been simplified and contains step by step instructions to walk you through the installation process.

- **International icons** have been added throughout the product to accommodate the global CompuServe Membership.

- **Tool tips** are available to identify iconic tools (buttons) throughout WinCIM. A preference has been added to disable the tool tips if they do not offer you assistance. To alter this preference, from the Special menu select Preferences/General, then clear the check box to turn the tool tips off.

- The **View** button has been added so you can view most files while on-line. If the file to be viewed has a Windows file association defined, the appropriate application will be used to view the file.

Netscape™ Features

Spyglass Dynamic Data Exchange (SDDE) is supported, enabling communications between WinCIM and Netscape™. This makes it possible for Internet sites to build-in links to specific information within CompuServe Information Service.

Definition of the **GOCSERVE** application extension enables Web page developers to create hyperlinks from the Web to specific services on CompuServe Information Service (CIS).

Simplified URL Entry. Entering http://www sites is easier because you do not have to enter the entire site address. For example, enter "compuserve" at the Web Page prompt and Netscape™ automatically accesses "http://www.compuserve.com". This feature works for any URL formatted as "http://www.XXXXX.com".

Quicker access to product functions. The **right mouse button** now provides access to context sensitive pop-up menus. For example, place your cursor over an image and click the right mouse button to access a context sensitive menu containing key options (e.g., Save to Disk, Copy URL, Save Image to Disk, and Copy Image URL).

Multimedia Performance - View rich multimedia content and enjoy enhanced

performance

thanks to a host of new features including client-side image mapping, Progressive JPEG support, GIF animation, and support for multiple streaming of video, audio, and other data formats.

Integrated email - New full-featured and rich email capabilities enable you to read and send email messages without launching an external email application.

Integrated Newsgroups - Sort, read, and post newsgroup messages in fully threaded hierarchical windows.

FTP File Upload - Now you can conveniently drop off files at an FTP server for exchange with others.

Bookmarks - They're much easier to use and peruse thanks to a host of new features like aliases and hierarchical menus.

Easy access to **WinCIM** from the Tools menu and the toolbar.

Supports the **PNG graphic file format** to enable you to view PNG graphic images.

New CompuServe Dialer Features

Support for NCSI/NASI and INT 14 that enable additional connection configurations.

System Requirements

The hardware and software requirements are:

- A Personal Computer with a 386 processor (or higher), a minimum of 4MB RAM.
- Windows 3.1, Windows for Workgroups 3.11, Windows 95, or Windows NT 3.5 or higher.
- A VGA monitor running 640 by 480.
- At least 10MB available on the hard drive.
- A 9600 baud MODEM.
- A Multimedia PC is not required, but enables you to enjoy a richer on-line experience with the use of sound and enhanced graphics capabilities. The CD-ROM will enable you to take advantage of the CompuServe CD-ROM products described below.

Installation Notes

Installation Program

The installation program installs WinCIM, CompuServe Dialer, and Netscape™.

Using an Alternate Browser

WinCIM uses the Netscape™ browser to provide integrated access to the Internet. You can use another Internet Browser that meets the following requirements:

- Compliant with Winsock version 1.1 API
- Support for Spyglass DDE

A browser meeting these requirements will be capable of taking advantage of the integration between CIS and the Internet. Before WinCIM can use the alternative browser, you must complete the steps described in the next section "Customizing an Internet Browser."

Customizing an Internet Browser

When Internet links or URLs are selected using WinCIM, the Internet Browser will automatically be launched. Conversely, when CompuServe Information Service links are selected using the Internet Browser, WinCIM will automatically be launched. This interaction can be achieved if you make the following changes.

- Edit the CIS.INI file. Change the path within the [External Applications] section to point to the alternate Internet Browser:

```
[External Applications]
http=path_of_alternate_browser_goes_here /SDDE
ftp=path_of_alternate_browser_goes_here /SDDE
news=path_of_alternate_browser_goes_here /SDDE
gopher=path_of_alternate_browser_goes_here /SDDE
```

- Below is an example of Netscape™ defined as an external application:

```
http=c:\cserve\netscape\netscape.exe /SDDE
```

- Define a new application extension to the alternate browser:

```
Application type = x-gocserve
File Extension = .go
Viewer = gocserve.exe
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Windows 95

The CompuServe Dialer can be used with Windows 95 without interfering with the operating system's connection utilities. If you have configured Windows 95 to connect to the CompuServe network, then you can opt not to use the CompuServe Dialer.

Support Information

Support is available in the WinCIM support forums, WinCIM General Forum and WinCIM Technical Forum. To access these forums, GO WCIMSUPPORT.

WinCIM tutorials are available on the CompuServe QuickStart CD. To order the CD-ROM, GO ORDER.

To find information about billing, pricing, and other useful things, check out the Member Service area on CompuServe. To access click the Member Service button in the lower left corner of the Explore CompuServe menu.

Other CompuServe Products

CompuServe Navigator for Windows

CompuServe Navigator allows you to create scripts to automatically access information on CompuServe Information Service. Scripts can be manually executed or scheduled on a single or recurring daily, weekly, or monthly time basis. For more information, GO CSNAV.

CompuServe CD-ROM Products

The **CompuServe QuickStart CD** offers multimedia rich tutorials for WinCIM, shopping on the Internet, and much more. To order your free CD, GO ORDER.

The **CompuServe CD** is a bi-monthly multimedia periodical that offers a unique blend of CD-ROM based information, applications, sound, graphics, animation, and video content that is integrated with content from CompuServe Information Service. For more information, GO CCD.

CompuServe Mail (sm) for Microsoft Exchange Summary

CompuServe Mail for Microsoft Exchange allows you to send messages created in the Microsoft Exchange mail client via CompuServe Mail. You can exchange mail with CompuServe members and users of the Internet, X.400, or LAN-based e-mail systems -- or even send a FAX or Telex. CompuServe Mail for Microsoft Exchange can be scheduled to perform automatically or used interactively. For more information and download, GO CISSOFT.

CompuServe Mail for Microsoft Exchange is also available on the Windows 95 CD-ROM. The setup program used to install CompuServe Mail for Microsoft Exchange is located on the CD in the directory "\drivers\other\exchange\compusrv\setup.exe".