

WinStock

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This program would not be possible without the fine service provided by the folks at Security APL. They provide the quote server that WinStock uses to fetch quotes. They provide this service as a way of publicizing their business which is, in their words, to offer "the finest in portfolio management systems and service to the investment advisory, brokerage and banking industries." Check out their Web site at <http://www.secapl.com/> for details!

Note to Users of Netscape(tm) or NCSA Mosaic

If you are currently using either Netscape or NCSA Mosaic, you should have no problems installing or using WinStock. WinStock will copy setup information from your MOSAIC.INI or NETSCAPE.INI files automatically, the first time it is run.

Important Note

WinStock requires direct access to the Internet. This means that either:

- a. Your machine has a network card and it is connected to a network that is gatewayed to the Internet. Or
- b. You use your modem to call a terminal server that allows SLIP or PPP connections.

You will also need a WINSOCK.DLL. This DLL provides TCP/IP networking in the Windows environment. If you are using a stand-alone PC using Windows, you can upgrade to Windows for Workgroups and install Microsoft's Wolverine TCP/IP stack. There is also a shareware version of WINSOCK called "Trumpet Software International Winsock." It is available by anonymous FTP at <ftp.utas.edu.au> in the `pc/trumpet/winsock` directory.

If you are using a commercial network package such as Novell, you'll need to contact your site administrator for help. Tell her that you need TCP/IP support and WINSOCK.

As a rule, if you can run MOSAIC, NETSCAPE or any similar WWW browsers, you'll be able to use WinStock.

Note to users of Windows NT and Windows 95: WinStock runs successfully under these OS's, using the built-in TCP/IP support. However, we recommend that you obtain the 32-bit version of WinStock from:

<http://www.teleport.com/~magoldsm/winstock>

Note to users of OS/2 and Warp: WinStock has never been tried with the OS's. You're on your own, but helpful suggestions are solicited to be distributed with these release notes.

Installation

After unzipping, you should have two files: WINSTOCK.EXE (the executable) and README.WRI (this file). Place the executable in any directory you wish (it need not be on your path). Create a Program Manager icon.

If you want WinStock to start every time you start Windows, place the icon in your Startup group.

Configuration

For most users, no configuraion is needed. WinStock will start right up.

However...

Proxy Servers

Some sites may not have direct access to the Internet, but instead are "protected" by a firewall. If you are such a site, all is not lost. Your site may provide an HTTP proxy server. You can determine this by examining your Mosaic or Netscape configuration (if you are using one of them). In Netscape, look at Options/Preferences. The go to the "Mail and Proxies" tab. You'll see a entry for youe HTTP proxy. Make a note of the machine name and port number.

If you use mosaic, you can examine your MOSAIC.INI file in your Windows directory. Look for the section called [proxy information]. Find the entry that looks something like this:

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http_proxy=http://www.george.com:1023/
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In this example, the machine name is www.george.com and the port is 1023.

For both Netscape and Mosaic, if no port is specified, try 80.

Now, start WinStock. Right-click anywhere inside WinStock to bring up the pop-up menu. Select Configure. In the section called Proxy Server, check the "Use Proxy Server" box and enter the machine name a port numbers you determined above in their respective boxes.

If you had either Netscape or Mosaic installed and working prior to running WinStock for the first time, WinStock will automatically copy the proxy server information from their .INI files.

Tracking Your First Stock

Press the "Add" button. Enter the ticker symbol of your favorite stock. Press OK. WinStock will immediatly fetch its price and volume.

If you don't know the ticker symbol for a stock, enter part of its name in the "Ticker Symbol" box and press the "Lookup" button. WinStock will fetch a list of stocks matching what you typed. You can double-click on the one you want.

"Help" is always a button-push away in WinStock if you've got any other questions or want to explore WinStock's advanced features.

Registration

Please register WinStock. It entitles you to free updates and encourages the production of other great shareware. To register, send \$20 to:

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If you wish to receive the nag-free version, please register.

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