geINI
A great editor for .ini files!

What is geINI?

geINI is an editor for text based .ini files (.ini files that most WINDOWS applications create, except for Winword and Quick-C.)   geINI separates out the "Application" names, "Keywords", and "Values" that are stored in .ini files.

geINI has two listboxes in its main window.   The left listbox holds all the "Application" names from a selected .ini file.   Selecting any item in this list fills the right listbox with all the "Keywords" associated with that "Application".   Selecting a "Keyword" fills the edit field at the bottom of the window with the "Value" associated with that "Keyword".   This value can then be edited if need be.

Features

Version 2.0

- flushes and re-reads cached .ini files so that changes made during an editing session can be registered with Windows

- supports instant application/keyword searching

- supports multiple "DEVICE=" statements in the 386Enh section of System.ini

- prints out your selected .ini file

- allows multiple instances for side by side comparisons of .ini files

- backs up file being edited

- notifies all running Windows apps of Win.ini file changes

- remembers user preferences and active file set during last edit session

- easily switches .ini file associations between geINI and notepad.exe

-   supports drag and drop from the file manager

-   user configurable confirmation messages on application/keyword removal

Flushing a cached .ini file

Windows version 3.1 caches the Win.ini and the last application specific .ini file.   In order to force Windows to reread the .ini file, check the <u>Options-Flush/re-read file</u> menu option.

This allows the user to make changes to an .ini file and have those changes immediately reflected in the application without having to exit and re-enter Windows.   This is perfect for making changes to Win.ini and having those changes "magically" take hold (as they rightly should).

Opening an .ini file

Select <u>File-Open</u> to access a FileOpen Common Dialog.   Scroll through the drives and directories to select the file you wish to open.

Searching lists

A list can be searched for a particular entry by typing the text of the entry in the edit field below the "App search/add" or "Key search/add" static controls.   geINI will automatically scroll the appropriate list to the entry that most closely matches the typed text.

Printing .ini files

Selecting <u>File-Print</u> automatically dumps the contents of the currently loaded .ini file to the default printer.

Broadcasting Win.ini changes

Select the <u>Option-Broadcast changes</u> menu option to immediately notify all open applications about changes made to the Win.ini file.   This is useful for notifying apps about printer changes made not using the control panel and other options which apps may be sensitive to.

Changing the .ini file association

Selection of the <u>Options-Associate .ini files</u> menu option causes geINI to be launched whenever the user double clicks on an .ini file in the File manager.   If this option is unchecked, then the default editor is notepad.exe.

Starting geINI with a file

geINI can be started with a file by double clicking on an .ini file in the File Manager, assuming that Association has been set, (see <u>Changing the .ini file association</u>) or by placing the file name on the command line path in the File-Run option of Program Manager or File Manager.   geINI can also accept dragged and dropped files from the file manager.

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Well, the fact that you got here means that you know what this choice does!

geINI Commands

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Open

Calls up a File Open common dialog for the selection of the .ini file to be edited.   The user can change drives, directories, and select the appropriate .ini file for editing.

Print

Prints the currently selected .ini file to the default printer.

Exit

Terminates geINI and returns the user to Windows.

Flush/re-read file

If checked, this item causes geINI to flush Windows .ini file cache and force a reread of the .ini file.   This allows the user to make changes to an .ini file and have those changes immediately reflected in the application without having to exit and re-enter Windows.   This is perfect for making changes to Win.ini and having those changes "magically" take hold (as they rightly should) without having to leave Windows and re-enter.

Broadcast changes

If this item is checked, geINI will broadcast the fact that the .ini file has changed to all active windows.   This is especially useful for letting other applications know that changes have been made to Win.ini.

Save/restore desktop

If this item is checked, geINI saves the state of the checked options in this menu and the last file edited.

Associate '.ini' files

If this item is checked, geINI changes the associations entry in the Win.ini file to associate .ini files with the geINI application.   Otherwise, .ini files are associated with Notepad.exe.

Make Backups

If this option is checked, geINI will make a backup of your .ini file using the same filename, but changing the extension to .bak

Making Backups

If the Option-Make backups menu choice is checked, geINI will automatically make a backup file named filename.bak in the same directory as the original .ini file.   This protects from accidental or irrational changes made to your .ini files.