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What is, and why use *SoftAlchemy*?

SoftAlchemy consists of compiled data from many different sources and lectures. SoftAlchemy is not a textbook of chemistry, but a supplement to your chemistry book on your desktop. The compiled data consists of data of the elements, constants and formulas. Its subdivided into two sections, both accessible through an intuitive and user-friendly interface.

The two sections are : P-Table and The Facts Pack.

In the P-Table section you will find an ordinary P-Table spread out on three different pages. It could have been on one, but then you would probably need some sort of binoculars to use it.

Each element has its own Block, where symbol, atomic mass and number are written. In addition, when you move the mouse cursor over each elements area, the name and electron configuration will pop up.

The Facts Pack consists of different constants and formulas. This section is subdivided and appears as a common notebook, where the user turns to the page of interest. Page I has an index. Here you will find a database with 12 different data for each element. Many constants and formulas. K_a , $\ln x$, Avogadros number to mention some, see for yourself.

In both sections, there will be three buttons on each page. One to bring up the Windows calculator, another gives you the Windows notepad and the last one prints out the current page (if you have a printer attached and properly configured).

In short, SoftAlchemy supplies the most common data used in chemistry and some in physics.

This , the Windows environment and the user-friendly interface makes is suitable for users of all levels, from grade school up to college/university, and would be a natural choice for the school PCs.

How to use *SoftAlchemy*.

The philosophy behind SoftAlchemy is click and play. That is, the user should do as little as possible while the program supplies as much as possible.

In SoftAlchemy, the only button the user physically has to push is the tab button, and this is clearly stated. Everything else is accessible through moving and pushing the mouse cursor. The cursor appears as a cross on a non-sensitive area (an area where nothing will happen if the user pushes the mouse button). When the cursor is positioned over a sensitive button area the cursor will appear as an arrow, the area will also clearly state that this is some sort of button. But of course, when the user uses the notepad or calculator, he/she has to use the keyboard. Remember that the calculator can appear as both scientific and normal.

In the P-Table section there are buttons to bring the user to and from the different sections, as well as the calculator, notepad and print.

The Facts Pack appears as an ordinary notebook where the user pushes the tab number to bring up the corresponding page. There is an index on the first page. The index consists of all the different subjects in the facts pack, turn to this page whenever you are searching for something. My intention for making the program this way, was that this would provide the user with what he/she needs - fast. It would not only be easy to do, but the user would also benefit from the Windows environment.

What is the Shareware concept ?

Shareware distribution gives users a chance to try software before buying it. If you try a Shareware program and continue using it, you are expected to register. You may use SoftAlchemy for a period of 30 days before you have to register it. Please copy and give SoftAlchemy to all your friends who might need it, and feel free to upload it to any BBS or any other on-line system.

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(Print this form on your printer by selecting "Print Topic" from the Help "File" Menu.)

Please print this form and mail or e-mail when completed.

Registration form SoftAlchemy

Yes, I see your point and would like to register SoftAlchemy

DATE: _____
NAME: _____
COMPANY NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Register SoftAlchemy for each machine on which the program is used.
Enclose \$20 (Check or Money Order in US funds) for each copy of SoftAlchemy being registered,
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Number of copies _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

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Where did you get your copy of SoftAlchemy

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How to reach the author.

Even if you dont want to keep SoftAlchemy, feel free to submit any feedback on the program to me. It doesnt matter if this is negative or positive, it will contribute in developing a better program.

So please, if you have any comments, they are very welcome and useful.

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Listing of the files youll have to remove.

Sorry that SoftAlchemy didnt meet your expectations. During the installation these files were added to your system :

SALCH.EXE - the program itself, resides in the application directory
SALCH.HLP - the help file, resides in the application directory
BOLE16D.DLL - run time interpreter DLL, resides in windows\system directory_
IDPDX01.DLL - run time interpreter DLL, resides in windows\system directory
IDAPI01.DLL - run time interpreter DLL, resides in windows\system directory
IDR10009.DLL - run time interpreter DLL, resides in windows\system directory
ILD01.DLL - run time interpreter DLL, resides in windows\system directory
IDAPI.CFG - configuration file

In addition these lines were added (or changed if you already have a BORLAND database engine on your system) to your win.ini.

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[IDAPI]
DLLPATH=C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM
CONFIGFILE01=C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\IDAPI.CFG
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When youve removed the files, you can use the Windows Notebook to change these lines. If you dont feel confident in doing this, then dont. These lines will not interfere with any other application that youve on your system.

