

Long Filename Support for 16-bit applications in Windows 95

This document introduces WideOpen and explains how unregistered users can register their copy and gain support for additional applications.

One of the most useful features of Windows 95 is the ability to use long, descriptive names for files, up to 255 characters long. Unfortunately, older, 16-bit applications such as Word, Excel, Ami Pro, Word Perfect, etc. are limited to short file names (only 8 characters) and continue to use the old-style open dialogs. So "Letter to Grandmother" becomes LETTER~1.DOC. Nine times out of ten, you won't have the foggiest idea who "~1" is when it comes time to open up the document in your favorite application.

WideOpen¹ solves these problems by seamlessly updating a growing list of popular applications with the new Windows 95 dialogs. In addition to long file names, you also get shortcuts, document icons, and many other features of Windows 95. WideOpen provides simple one-click installation and deinstallation, and is available for a low registration fee.

The trial version of WideOpen is intended for a limited-time evaluation. There are currently registered versions available for Word 6, Excel 5, Ami Pro 3.x, and WordPerfect 6.1. Registered users receive technical support and priority in requests for new features and supported applications. Upgrades for registered users are free by e-mail and require only a nominal shipping and handling charge by snail-mail.

To receive the registered version by e-mail, fill out the form on the following page and include an e-mail address with your registration fee. Alternatively, if you have an account on Compuserve, you can register electronically. Simply GO SWREG and search for WideOpen; simply double click on the appropriate version and you will receive the registered version via Compuserve's e-mail. (Word's registration ID is 8004, Ami Pro's ID is 8005, and Excel's has not yet been determined.)

To receive the registered version on disk by snail-mail, please remember to include postage and handling.

I welcome your questions or comments by e-mail at pbogle@lcs.mit.edu.

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2. What applications would you like to see supported in future versions of WideOpen?

3. Would you be interested in beta-testing a version of WideOpen that works with all 16-bit applications that use the Windows 3.1 common dialogs?y

4. What features would you to see added in future versions?