

OmniCon 96

Congratulations on downloading OmniCon 96!! You're evaluating the most powerful and extensible unit converter on the shareware market!!!

OmniCon 96 is a Windows based application that has been written using Microsoft Visual Basic 4.0. OmniCon 96 is designed to perform conversions between various units within various physical quantities. For example, if you wanted to know how many feet there were in a metre, or how many ounces there were in a litre, then OmniCon 96 would be THE tool to use!

OmniCon is also the most powerful unit converter available. It gives you the capability to add your own units to any of the quantities available, so that you are never "tied down" by the program. Its accuracy is unsurpassed, as is its quality! But stop reading this and USE IT! Here's how:

To install OmniCon 96 on your system:

- 1 Unpack all of the files to a temporary folder (you have probably already done this!)
- 2 Create a new folder in Explorer called "c:\OmniCon 96"
- 3 Copy the following files to the new folder (e.g. "c:\OmniCon 96")
 - a omnicon96.exe
 - b omnicon96.hlp
 - c omnicon96.cnt
 - d readme.txt
 - e readme.doc (this document)
- 4 Unpack the following files to "c:\windows\system"
 - a mfc40.dll
 - b comctl32.ocx
 - c comdlg32.ocx
 - d richtx32.ocx
- 5 Obtain the **vb40032.zip distribution kit** from the Internet and install it. For further info., go to "<http://biology.queensu.ca/~jonesp/omnicon>". It will tell you how to download the necessary files.
- 6 Delete the files in the temporary directory.
- 7 Optionally, add a shortcut in your start folder ("c:\windows\start menu\programs") pointing to the OmniCon96.exe file:
 - a In the folder that you created above ("c:\OmniCon 96"), right click the OmniCon96.exe file and select Create Shortcut.
 - b Right click the shortcut that was just created (with the arrow in the lower left-hand corner) and select Cut.
 - c Right-click on the Start button and select Explore
 - d Right-click on the Programs folder in the right-hand pane of Explorer and select Paste.

To Register OmniCon 96:

OmniCon 96 is not free software. It is offered as a "shareware" program which means that you are allowed to evaluate it for a period of up to 21 days. If you find OmniCon 96 useful and decide to keep it, you must send the registration fee of \$10 US or \$12 CDN to the address on the registration form in the help file (found below as well). If not, you must uninstall OmniCon 96 from your hard drive. (OmniCon will not run after 21 days of use.)

My address is as follows if you wish to get into touch with me (although you can often get a response the "same day" if you write me E-mail!!)...

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If anyone has any bugs to report, or suggestions for the next version of OmniCon, please feel free to write me at the above address, or to leave me e-mail at the following address:

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Thanks again for evaluating OmniCon 96, and HAPPY CONVERTING!!!!

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Revision History:

Version 1.0: May, 1994

First version - no updates.

BUGS - Only one that I know of. If your screen resolution is higher than 640x480, you will have trouble seeing the "Small View" screen because the font is too small. But, if your screen is at a resolution higher than 640x480, you're unlikely not to have the room on your monitor for OmniCon (it takes up little space!) and since the vast majority of users are currently using 640x480 resolution, I don't expect this to be a huge problem.

Version 1.0a: June, 1994

- a) Changed clock so that no flickering when updated (i.e. EVERY second!).
- b) Added registration key to Registered version.
- c) Changed scrolling algorithm altogether to use less system resources and speed scrolling up.
- d) Updated Help file so it now allows browse sequences and searches.

Version 1.0b: July, 1994

- a) Added INI file support for preloading of metric and physical constant forms to save system resources.
- b) Added INI file support for the clock (on/off), the numeric formatting setting, and the main window position on the screen.
- c) Changed dialog box so that all options (except for clock on/off) are set from one main options dialog. Added the ability to select which program would run when CTRL-R is pressed. (Instead of forcing Windows Calculator applet.)

Version 2.0: September, 1994

- a) Fixed a few minor bugs, increased accuracy of data
- b) Updated documentation
- c) Added "Help on Help" item to help menu

Version 3.0: November 1994

- a) added ability to choose which units are visible

b) vastly improved accuracy

Version 3.0a: January, 1995

a) Added "Switch" capability to interchange units without changing combo boxes themselves, as well as keyboard shortcut (CTRL+S) and right mouse button menu.

Version 4.0: February, 1996 (OmniCon 96)

a) **major** upgrade to 32 bits and win95/NT. See help file for details of improvements.

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