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Introduction

The purpose of MasterSplitter is to split large files in order to move them via floppies or for transmission via E-mail. MasterSplitter is an ultra-fast 32 bit file splitter. The file can either be a binary or a text file. The program features an intuitive graphical user interface that makes splitting files easy.

The program can also be easily be invoked directly from Windows Explorer by simply right-clicking on any file and then selecting Send to MasterSplitter.

If you want to send the pieces to someone who doesn't have MasterSplitter, simply check the "Create Reassemble Batch File" check box and a Win95/NT 4.0 batch file will automatically be created that you can send with the pieces to put it back together.

Installing and System Requirements

MasterSplitter has been tested under Microsoft Windows 95 and Windows NT 4.0 with a Intel Pentium based PC. There is currently no version for MSDOS or Microsoft Windows 3.1 (Although there may be later).

To install MasterSplitter, simply unpack the zip file and run the setup.exe program. To uninstall it, select MasterSplitter from the Add/Remove Programs in the Control Panel.

Splitting Files

To start MasterSplitter, choose it from the Start Menu OR simply start it directly from Windows Explorer by simply right-clicking on any file and then selecting Send to MasterSplitter. The split tab from MasterSplitter controls the file splitting operation. Enter the file name including the full path of the file you wish to split. If you can't recall the name, just select the browse button and you can find it.

Enter the size of the pieces you want to create. The default corresponds to a full 3.5 high density diskette. IF AND ONLY IF you're confident that you will no longer need the original file, select the check box for delete original when done. I DON'T recommend doing this until your comfortable with using the program.

Be sure that you have free disk space at least equal to the size of file your splitting or it won't work. When you're ready to go, click on the split button to get things started.

If you want to send the pieces to someone who doesn't have MasterSplitter, simply check the "Create Reassemble Batch File" check box and a Win95 batch file will automatically be created that you can send with the pieces to put it back together. You can use this same method to send the pieces to someone with MSDOS or Microsoft Windows 3.1, except that you'll have to edit the batch file to remove the quotes and make it compatible with short (8.3) file names of MSDOS. The batch file will look something like this:

Lets say you have a file called "splitme" which you have split into three pieces. Then the following batch file will recombine them:

Windows 95

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copy /b "splitme.001" + "splitme.002" + "splitme.003" "splitme"
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MSDOS and Windows 3.1

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copy /b splitme.001 + splitme.002 + splitme.003 splitme
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Note that the last file is the destination and has no "+" sign in front of it. The /b is required. (See the MSDOS help for details).

Joining Files

To start MasterSplitter, choose it from the Start Menu. The join tab from MasterSplitter controls the file splitting operation. Enter the file name of the FIRST of the previously split pieces including the full path. If you can't recall the name of a piece, just select the browse button and you can find it.

IF AND ONLY IF you're confident that you will no longer need the file pieces, select the check box for delete pieces when done. I don't recommend doing this until your comfortable with using the program.

When you're ready to go, click on the join button to get things started.

Comparing Files

The compare tab from MasterSplitter controls the file comparison operation. You may want to use this as a double check before deleting anything. Enter the original (BIG) file name including the full path of the file you wish to compare with its pieces. If you can't recall the name, just select the browse button and you can find it.

Enter the file name of the FIRST of the previously split pieces including the full path. If you can't recall the name of a piece, just select the browse button and you can find it.

When you're ready to go, click on the compare button to get things started.

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