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WinDIZ Overview

WinDIZ is a utility to make it easy (using Windows) to view and edit description files contained in zipped files. The most commonly used description formats are FILE_ID.DIZ and DESC.SDI. Most major BBS systems use one of these two file. WinDIZ supports only these two file types. When new ID types are invented, WinDIZ will also support those.

To use WinDIZ, simply drop one or more files onto it using the File Manager. After WinDIZ has determined the files to be valid zipped files and that they contain one of the two description file formats, you're ready to go!

Uses For WinDIZ:

Easily view and edit all those files you have downloaded from BBS systems, on-line services or InterNet FTP sites.

WinDIZ can also be used to imbed description files into archived files from work or home.

The Future Of WinDIZ:

WinDIZ Liet is a subset of a program called WinDIZ Pro (not yet released). WinDIZ Pro will take the information that WinDIZ Lite extracts from a zipped file and compile it into a database. The database will contain file name, directory, date, description, notes and much more. WinDIZ Pro will also update itself to keep files and descriptions current. WinDIZ Directory will also generate reports and perform searches. For more info about WinDIZ Pro release date and pricing, please contact us at the address or e-mail address listed in 'About The Developer'.

About The Developer

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Please lets us know of any problems you might have with WinDIZ or suggestions to the address listed above. Or you can e-mail us a message at:

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CompuServe Users: INTERNET:DPMCS@HIGH-COUNTRY.COM
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This program is NOT freeware. If you continue to use it for more than 30 days, you are required by law to register it. Registeration fee is only $5 plus shipping. See 'ABOUT' to print a order form.

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Those of you that provide us with a e-mail address when registering will be notified when updates are released. If you don't use e-mail, send us a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) every once-in-awhile and we will let you know about updates.

BBS Systems:

The Centre (New Zealand): (09) 443-7679 (V22bis, V32, V42bis, MNP5)

HighCountry East (San Diego, CA): 619-789-4391   USR Dual Standard V32bis,   619-788-0831 Compucom. San Diego callers use 619-440-0231

Windows-R-Us (San Diego, CA): (619) 944-7368 2400/ 1200/ 300. (619) 944-8583 USR 14.4.

InterNet FTP Systems:

CICA: ftp.cica.indiana.edu [129.79.20.17]

GARBO: garbo.uwasa.fi

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WinDIZ uses the following shareware programs:

PERCN2.VBX: Developed By-James Shields,P.O. Box 31926,Seattle, WA   98103-1926 ,CompuServe ID: 71231,2066

GTTBAR.VBX: Developed By-George R. Torralba, 8728 Phinney Ave. N #8, Seattle, WA 98103

WinDIZ Help File was written using:

Visual Help V2.0j - Developed By: WinWare, P.O. Box 2923, Mission Viejo CA 92690. CompuServe Address: 70272,1656

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WinDIZ Main Screen

WinDIZ Lite 1.1

Load File ID Description

File 7 of 7

● FILE_ID.DIZ   ● DESC.SDI

C:\MODEMUP\DPMCS\WDLITE11.ZIP

First Two Lines Of The Description

WinDIZ Lite 1.1-The first Windows zip
file ID generator. Supports FILE_ID.DIZ

WinDIZ Lite 1.1-The first Windows zip
file ID generator. Supports FILE_ID.DIZ
& DESC.SDI formats. Read and save ID
files. Easy to use! Just drop zipped
files from the File Manager onto WinDIZ.
Status lights show you which ID files
the zipped file contains. Editing box
supports up to 1K of text. Shareware

36%

Running WinDIZ

WinDIZ requires VBRUN300.DLL to run. this file can be found on most of the better BBS systems.

The VBX files that come with WinDIZ must be either located in the same directory WinDIZ is located in or in the C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory.

For WinDIZ to extract and zip the description files, PKZIP.EXE and PKUNZIP.EXE MUST be located in your path!

Release History

Version 1.1 - Released 2/26/94 (WDLITE11.ZIP)

Changed the name of WinDIZ to WinDIZ Lite in preparation of the release of WinDIZ Pro. Increased speed (about 95%) on finding ID files within zipped files. Also faster zip file validation. Added the capability to move,copy and delete files. The program will now strip all carriage returns and non-standard ASCII text from descriptions. It also correctly saves the FILE_ID.DIZ file with 40 characters per line and saves the DESC.SDI file as one long line.

1.0 users can delete the following files from their directory: FMDROP1.VBX

Version 1.0 - Released on 12/12/93 (WINDIZ10.ZIP)

First official release of WinDIZ.

Whats "In-The-Works"

n   Built-In zipping and un-zipping of ID files. We will include this as soon as we get enough registered users to purchase the rights to do this (Registered users can upgrade to this version for FREE).

DESC.SDI Indicator

Thie indicator displays a red light if the current file contains a DESC.SDI file, red if none was found.

Edit Window

This is where you view and edit your description. I'm imposed a 1K limit on the text.

Two see what your text will look like on a system that displays only the first two lines of the description, refer to the 'First Two Line Of The Description' box.

FILE_ID.DIZ Indicator
Thie indicator displays a red light if the current file contains a FILE_ID.DIZ file, red if none was found.

File Name Area

This window displays the current file availabe for editing. It also displays the number of files for the current session and what file number the user is is currently on.

Icon Description:

n   Copy the current file

n   Move the current file

n   Delete the current file

First Two Lines Display Window

This window displays about how your description will look like on a BBS system that uses two lines of text to describe the file. BE CARFUL, the last six to fifteen or so letters might be used to display the word "*INFO*", common on all WildCat! systems. The red line under the box is this zone. Try to get the most important part of your description (program name, version) before the text is over the red line.

Status Window

This windows shows what the program is doing. For example...Saving ID description, loading files etc.

File Up And Down Arrows

Moves up and down the file list.

Status Gauge

When editing files, this gauge displays the abount of text entered up to 1K of information.

Text Handling Toolbar

This toolbar performs the following:

- n Open a ID file
- n Save the ID File
- n Cut the selected text
- n Copy the selected text
- n Paste text from the clipboard
- n Erase seletected text

Main Tool Bar

This tool bar performs the following functions:

n   Bring up the WinDIZ help file.

n   Bring up the WinDIZ About box. Access to orders forms is gained thru the about box.

n   Exit WinDIZ.

Tool Bar Help Window

This windows shows what the button the mouse is on will do.