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User's Manual

Introduction

Thanks for trying ZipLib. If you're like me, you download many files from different services and they all end up in the same directory. Periodically, you move the files to floppy disk or tape. But the eight character filename is usually not enough for you to identify or remember what the program does. I needed a program that would search for new files that I have downloaded in a directory, let me enter a description of that file, let me search on parts of the description or filename when I was trying to locate a particular file, print the list, etc.

So, ZipLib to the rescue. ZipLib will keep a list of all the files in any directory and let you enter a description of the file, the date it was added, and where it is stored. You can later search on any part of the file name or description or print the list. It will take full advantage of the Windows 3.1 environment and allow you to use point and click entry with full mouse support.

Ziplib can be used for other purposes too. Do you have a directory full of word processor files or spreadsheets and can't remember what each file is without having to load each file? Use ZipLib to keep a handy record of of all those files. What about Gif or BMP files? Ziplib will catalog those too. In fact, Ziplib will catalog ANY file! Any file on your hard drive or floppies can be catalogged quickly with ZipLib. ARJ, ZIP, GIF, BMP, EXE, COM, DLL, INI, and thousands more can be added quickly at the click of just a few buttons!

Features:

- A WindowsNT 3D look throughout the program.
- Online Documentation.
- Automatically searches for new files in a directory or drive.
- Search for any part of a file name or description.

- Paste descriptions from the BBS source.
- Print a listing of the files in your database.
- An automated orderform that makes it easy for you to order your registration number. (Look under HELP on ZipLib's main form for Order Form.)

What you will need to run ZipLib.

You will need a computer running Microsoft Windows 3.x, a hard drive and VGA monitor. ZipLib was written with Microsoft's Visual Basic 3.0 and therefore you will need to have at least one copy of the file VBRUN300.DLL in a directory that is in your path. If you do not have this file, it is easily located on most any bulletin board or I will send you a copy for \$4.00 to cover disk and P&H.

ZipLib as Shareware

When you run ZipLib, a brief message will appear notifying you that ZipLib is shareware and that you should consider registering the program with the author. The registration fee is only \$8.00. I can keep my price low because of several reasons... I do not have advertising cost. (Many shareware authors forget this and charge as much as commercial software. When you buy commercial software, much of your payment goes toward packaging and advertising.) I have kept ZipLib's advertising to a minimum. I don't have a middle man and pass those savings on to you! What you get for registering is: a registration number to disable any and all nag notices, my thanks, technical support, the ability to turn off the title screen, notification of future upgrades, and the personal satisfaction that you are part of the American way! Something else you will get is the offer to register almost any other Full Sail Software program for half price! See below for descriptions.

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Installation

If you downloaded ZipLib from a bulletin board, unzip the file onto its own floppy disk or into a temporary directory. Run the program SETUP.EXE. It will ask you to confirm the source directory and destination directories. Once you have the required information entered, select OK. The program will copy and install the files into the destination directory and create a new group in your Program

Manager called *ZipLib* with ZipLib's icon in it. Double clicking on this icon will run the program. If you are using a Program Manager replacement, you may get an error during installation but ZipLib's files have been installed on your hard drive and all you need to do is to follow your shell's instructions on how to add a program to it. The main executable program for ZipLib is ZIPLIB.EXE.

Using ZipLib

After a brief message letting you know the program is loading, the program will check for prior registration. If it is not found, then a window will appear notifying you to please register. PLEASE DO. You may use ZipLib for 30 days as a trial period. I have spent many hours to make ZipLib a simple and efficient program that you would want to use on a regular basis. I only ask \$8.00 for registration which is a very small price to pay to rid yourself of the nagging registration notices and as an added bonus... registering ZipLib will allow you to turn off the title screen. Simply click on *ORDER FORM* from the menus to have an automated questionnaire produce your orderform for you.

After pressing Continue on the Registration Notice, the main Window appears. This window provides controls for all of ZipLib's features.

QUICK START

If you hate reading manuals...

install the program using SETUP.EXE

run it, click on MAINTENANCE, then FILE PATH CHANGE

and find the directory of files you want to catalog

click on MAINTENANCE again, then NEW FILE SEARCH.

This should get you going. If you need more help, read on.

Getting Started

To start using Ziplib, first click on *Maintenance*, then click on *File Path Change*. Then select the drive and directory where your files are stored then click on *OK*.

Next click again on Maintenance then select *New File Search*. ZipLib will search the files in the selected directory. If the file does not exist in the database, then you'll be prompted to add the file or skip it. Click on *YES* to add the file, then enter a description in the description field then click on *SAVE*. Ziplib will save the file and search for the next file to add. Continue in this manner until all of your

downloaded files have been added. The next time you download a few files, run ZipLib again and it will search for the new files automatically and let you enter a description for them.

Deleting a File from your database.

To remove a file (from your database only, not to delete it from your drive), first select the file from the list on the left, then click on *DELETE*. You'll be asked to confirm before the file is removed.

Using Find and Find Next

You can search Ziplib's database to find a particular file. First click on *FIND* and enter a portion of the text string your looking for. If you want to find all the files that have "Windows" in their description, you can enter "Wind" and the first file with "Wind" in the description or file name in your list will be selected. The find function searches the description and the file name fields. If you know that the file was an ARJ file and has the ".ARJ" extension, enter "ARJ" as the search string. The first file in the list with ARJ in the string will be selected.

To find the next file that has the same criteria as before, simply click on *FIND NEXT*. The next file in the list matching your criteria will be selected. You can continue to click on *FIND NEXT* to selectively "scroll" through your list.

MENU OPERATIONS

On the main form's menu bar are several more options. Some are duplicates of the main buttons but other features are only available there.

FILE -

- REGISTER - Click on this option after receiving your number. This is where you will enter your name and registration number after registering the program. Please consider registering!

- ORDER FORM - A routine to that will help you prepare an order form for registering your registered copy of ZipLib.

- SHOW TITLE SCREEN - This option, enabled after registering, turns off the title screen display at the beginning of the program. In it's place will be a small message bar letting you know the program is loading.

- PRINT LIST - Sends a list to the printer of the files in your database.
- PRINTER SETUP - This option allows you to change several printer options.
- EXIT - Exits the program.

EDIT -

- PASTE - allows you to paste text into the description box. If your download software allows, you can copy the online description and paste it directly into your database.
- FIND - Same as the Find button on the form.
- FIND NEXT - Same as the Find Next button on the form.

MAINTENANCE -

- FILE PATH CHANGE - Changes the drive or directory where ZipLib reads from.
- NEW FILE SEARCH - Searches for new files in the currently selected directory.

HELP -

- HELP - calls ZipLib help.
- MANUAL ONLINE - Load this Windows Write file into Windows Write.
- ORDER FORM - A routine to that will help you prepare an order form for registering your registered copy of ZipLib.
- ABOUT - Shows information about the program and developer.

Deleting ZipLib from your system.

To remove ZipLib from your hard drive, delete all of the files and the directory where you had ZipLib installed. Delete the file ZIPLIB.INI from your Windows directory and remove the icon from the group in the program manager. ZipLib does not change any of your INI files or store files in out of the way places. After removing the files as directed above, you will have removed ZipLib completely.

Pest Control

If you encounter any bugs while using ZipLib, do not hesitate to write. We want to know about any bug that may be in the program so that it can be exterminated. If you find a bug, please write or call, we may already have fix or we will do our best to see that it is removed.

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