

## **Welcome to Genius for Windows - Version 1.4**

My basic philosophy has been to make the program 'user friendly' and to use a computer industry word 'intuitive'.

I hope I have managed to achieve that aim.

In general I have tried to avoid using computer jargon when describing Genius's operation in the manual and the Help screens.

Many people can be overwhelmed by terms such as 'field', 'DOS', 'CPU', 'RAM' etc. when in most cases plain English serves the purpose.

It is assumed however, that you have a basic working knowledge of Microsoft Windows.

I hope you enjoy using Genius for Windows.

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### **What Can Genius for Windows Do?**

The main advantage of Genius over other genealogical programs is it's visual display. Four generations of family members are displayed on the Family Tree screen.

The display includes Parents, Grandparents, one Partner, up to two Siblings, up to four children and of course the currently selected person.

Navigation around the tree is simple; selecting any person displayed on the family tree with the mouse (or using the keyboard) lets you select any person to view or edit their information.

Alternatively you can search for and select an individual by Family Name or number.

The maximum number of people that can be stored by the program is 5000.

The notes for each person have a limit of 20,000 characters (about 4000 words), although this could be further limited by available free hard disk space.

The issue of one couple can be up to 34 children and any one person can have up to 20 partners.

Genius uses about 500 bytes of disk space per person plus approximately 1 byte per character for each persons notes.

(A byte is a series of bits of information used in a computer to store or manipulate data. It is like a letter in a word, a series of letters are combined to make an understandable word.)

Genius Can Print:

An individually formatted data sheet for each person.

A nicely formatted Descendants Chart of up to 10 generations for any person.

A Pedigree Chart for any person displaying 4 generations of ancestors.

A complete list of all people recorded sorted by Family Name or Person Number.

A list of all people recorded with the same Family Name.

Using the new Print Preview feature the printouts can be formatted to suit individual tastes.

## **Terminology**

Some of the terminology used in genealogy and Genius may need explanation.

Connect ..

The idea that all people related to each other are 'connected' in some way, ie. as say a father, mother, sibling(s), child, grandmother, grandfather, 5th cousin 4 times removed etc. is called a 'a connection'.

Genius is only concerned with direct relationships, the less direct relationships are sorted out automatically.

Disconnect..

To break a connection, for example you may have connected a spouse to the wrong member of a family, so you would 'disconnect' that spouse.

Selected Person...

The person who's data is currently being worked on is known as the 'Selected Person'. In the Family Tree display she or he is shown in the brown box.

## **Recommended computer configuration**

386 or better computer with at least 2 Mb of memory .

Windows version 3.1 or higher running in Enhanced mode.

Enough hard disk space to store your files.

(1 Mb stores about 2000 entries not including any notes) and up to 900Kb for the program.

The Font "Arial" installed in the \WINDOWS\SYSTEM sub directory.

(this is normally installed automatically when you install Windows 3.1+).

If you have obtained the file GENIUS14.ZIP, you will also need the file VBRUN300.DLL installed in the sub directory \WINDOWS\SYSTEM

Files on the distribution disk

You should have:

- file\_id.diz
- geninstl.ex\_
- genius.ex\_
- genius.hl\_
- readme.wr\_
- register.ex\_
- register.wr\_
- setup.exe
- setup.lst
- vendor.txt
- genius.cf\_
- genius.pe\_
- genius.ma\_
- genius.mc\_
- genius.no\_
- cmdialog.vb\_

vsview.vb\_  
ctl3d.dl\_  
mlist.vb\_  
ver.dl\_  
ddeml.dl\_  
genius\_d.dl\_  
genius\_s.dl\_  
whatsnew.wr\_  
vbrun300.dl\_ (this file is included on the distribution disk only, it is not  
included in the compressed version GENIUS14.ZIP)

## **Installation**

Place the Genius distribution disk in your floppy drive. In Windows Program Manager select 'File' on the Menu bar at the top with your mouse then select 'Run' on the pop down menu and type:

**a:setup**  
and press [Enter]  
(You can use upper or lower case, it doesn't matter.)  
or, if you put the disk in drive B: then type **b:setup** and press [Enter]

After a few moments of disk drive activity you will be asked where you wish to install Genius on your hard disk.

It offers to install Genius on Drive C: in a directory called 'GENIUS'.

If you are happy with the suggested directory press 'Enter' or select the 'Continue' button, otherwise type in the name of the directory that you want Genius to be installed to.

Genius will then be installed on the specified directory.

An extra sub directory will be made called 'FILES' under your GENIUS directory, this is to store the family records that Genius will generate.

After a short time, the installation will be complete, and, if there are no existing data files, you will be asked if you wish to install the sample files.

Respond either 'Yes' or 'No'. If you respond 'Yes' a set of sample family files will be copied to the 'FILES' sub directory; if you respond 'No' the installation is complete and you will be returned to Windows Program Manager.

If the installation program finds an existing set of Genius Family files it will check and update these files.

After installation you should have the following files in your Genius directory: (or the sub directory you installed Genius to)

genius.exe  
genius.hlp  
readme.wri  
register.exe  
register.wri  
whatsnew.wri

and, if you installed the sample family files you should have the following files in the 'FILES' sub directory under the Genius directory:

(or under the directory you installed Genius to)

genius.cfg  
genius.per  
genius.mar  
genius.mce  
genius.not

NOTE: If you installed the sample files you will have to delete them before you start your own family database.

To do this exit from Genius, run File Manager, find the sub directory 'FILES' under the directory you installed Genius to (normally C:\GENIUS) and delete all the files listed above from the sub directory 'FILES'.

## **Setting the International Short Date Format**

Genius needs this to be set correctly so it will accept date entry in the format you prefer. In most cases this will be already set, but if you have trouble entering dates, it could be that the Windows International Short Date Format is incorrectly set for your country's particular date format.

To set or check the International Short Date Format:

Exit from Genius if it is running.

In the Main Group of Windows Program Manager:

Run the 'Control Panel' application.

Select the 'International' icon.

In the Date Format box select the 'Change...' button.

The International Short Date Format dialog box appears.

Make sure that the Short Date Format... Order is set to the date format that you use, either MDY or DMY (Month Day Year or Day Month Year).

Select the 'OK' button.

Select the 'OK' button on the 'International' dialog box.

WIN.INI will now be updated and Genius will run correctly.

Note: Genius will not accept the date format YMD.

## **Using Genius for Windows**

Genius has been designed to gently steer you through the complexities of entering, viewing and printing data.

When you start Genius for the first time you will see a blank Family Tree with an empty brown 'Selected Person' box.

Select 'Add Person' with the mouse and a form will appear titled 'Add the First Person'.

Enter all the information you know about the person you wish to start with on this form, pressing 'Tab' to move between the input entry boxes.

(If the family tree is your own you could start with yourself).

Select 'OK', you will be returned to the Family Tree.

You can the Add Parents, Siblings, Children and Partners in any order.

To view or edit any person on the screen, click on their box to make him or her the Selected Person, then click on the Selected Person box (or press [Enter]) to display the Edit Form.

You can then edit or view that persons information.

For more information about using Genius for Windows, extensive Help is available by pressing the [F1] key or clicking on the 'Help' button.

## **GENIUS for Windows is NOT FREE.**

You **MUST REGISTER** after the 60-day evaluation time period.

GENIUS for Windows is a Shareware product. It is distributed through public access channels so that prospective buyers can have the opportunity to evaluate the product before making a decision to buy. If you decide to use this software, then you are under both legal and moral obligation to register it with the author.

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To continue to use GENIUS for Windows after the 60-day evaluation time period you must register it.

This program may be freely copied and distributed, as long as the following conditions are met:

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- (2) The program and it's associated installation, help and documentation files are distributed in their original, unmodified form.

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## **Registering Genius for Windows only costs \$55 in Australian dollars.**

For that you will get:

The latest version or upgrade of Genius for Windows when it becomes available.

The right to use your registered copy of Genius for Windows on your computer.

Telephone support if you have any problems.

A proper instruction manual.

Direct access to the program (the registration notices wont appear).

The message "Genius for Windows (Unregistered Copy)" wont appear on printouts.

A warm feeling knowing you have done the right thing.

Once you have registered (even if the 60 days have expired) you will be able to continue from where you left off. Your data remains intact.

### **To Register:**

Click in icon 'Register Genius' in the Genius for Windows group for more information on how to register and prices in your area.

### **Getting the Latest Version**

Genius for Windows is constantly being improved with added facilities and features as I incorporate users suggestions and criticisms into the program.

Generally I bring out a new release every few weeks that include these features.

Users can download the latest release of Genius for Windows from the Genius Wide World Web Page on the Internet:

in Australia: <http://www.peg.apc.org/~man/genius.html>

in the US: <http://www.gdk.com/ace/genius.html>

Compuserve users will find Genius in the Genealogy (Roots) Forum:

### **Go Roots**

Registered users will be able to install newer releases over their older version at no charge.

### **Support for Registered Users**

Telephone +61 71 233 399 (international), or in Australia (071) 233 399 between 7 am and 5 pm Australian EST, Monday to Saturday.  
(That's 2100 to 0700 Universal Time (GMT), (-10 hrs); 4pm to 2am East Coast USA (-15 hrs); 1pm to 11pm Pacific Coast USA (-18 hrs).

You can Email me on Compuserve: 100245,1204  
or on the Internet: 100245.1204@compuserve.com

A slimmer, trimmer, faster, Genius for Windows Version 2 is on the drawing board, so I would appreciate any opinions, requirements and suggestions that I can incorporate in the next version.

### **Uninstalling Genius for Windows**

If you decide that Genius for Windows is not for you, remove all the files in the Genius (or whatever you called it) directory and it's associated \FILES sub directory.

In the WINDOWS or WINDOWS\SYSTEM directories, delete the files:

genius\_d.dll  
genius\_s.dll  
geninstl.exe

Other files in the WINDOWS or WINDOWS\SYSTEM sub directories that Genius installs when setup are:

vbrun300.dll  
vsview.vbx  
mlist.vbx

**BE CAREFUL** removing these files from the WINDOWS or WINDOWS\SYSTEM directories as they may be used by other software that you have installed.

It's generally advisable to move them to another sub directory that isn't in the AUTOEXEC.BAT PATH statement, then run all your other programs to make sure they operate correctly before deleting these files.

## **DISCLAIMER**

Every possible effort has been made to ensure that Genius for Windows will run correctly, but there is no guarantee that the program will run and I will accept no responsibility for any errors in the software, or for any consequences of any users' actions taken or not taken as a result of using this software.

Users are strongly advised to make appropriate backups of their software before installing or running Genius for Windows.

After all that, in the event that registered users have any problems installing or running the program due to a faulty distribution disk or bug, I will either replace the program with the latest version or repair any bug and supply an upgraded release.

If unregistered users discover an unknown bug, I will, after repairing the bug supply an upgraded evaluation release free of charge.

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