Finder Help Index

Overview

Commands

Overview

Have you ever lost an application buried under a pile of other windows? Have you ever wanted to double-click the desktop to bring up the Task List, and realised that the current application is maximised? Do you ever forget about Switch-To...? Have you ever used an Apple Mac? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then you need **Finder**.

Finder permanently displays a special icon on the title bar of the currently active window. It's a grey box containing blue and red rectangles and you'll find it on the left hand side of the title bar next to the system menu icon.

Place the mouse pointer over this icon and press and hold down the left mouse button. Finder displays a popup menu which contains a list of all your running windows (except the currently active window). Select the window you want and release the mouse button. Finder will activate the selected window. If this window is iconised then Finder will automatically restore it to normal size. That's the basics. It's as easy as that.

The Finder menu also displays a list of special options. Each of these is described in the Help Index section. Finder works very nicely indeed with BackMenu and some consider it an excellent replacement for BigDesk.

Finder can also display some important additional information on the Title Bar of the currently active window. These data items include the current time, free memory and free resources. Selection of the display format is achieved through the Config menu option.

BackMenu

If you use BackMenu (and I highly recommend it) then Finder will automatically recognise the fact. Selecting the BackMenu option will display the BackMenu menu which may be used in the normal manner. This is equivalent to BackMenu's Alt-F10 option.

Run

Selecting this option will display the Run dialog. This is similar to Program Manager's Run... command. Enter a command line and Finder will try to run it. Finder maintains a list of the ten most recently used command lines. These are automatically written to the Finder.ini file so that they are preserved between sessions.

 At present, you must specify the file extension. Also, Finder will only search the current directory. A future revision of Finder will be smarter - it will apply default extensions (.pif, .com, .exe, .bat), search all directories on the DOS path and check for file associations.

Config

The Config... option allows you to.

Help

The Help... option displays this Help information.

About

The About... option displays the usual About screen.

Unload Finder

The Unload Finder... option will unload Finder from Windows.

Exit Windows

The Exit Windows... option terminates Windows and returns to DOS (eqivalent to Program Manager's Exit command.

Installation

To install Finder simply copy Finder.exe and Finder.hlp to any convenient directory on your 'path'. You can start Finder by any one of the following three methods:

*   Select the Program Manager Run... option and type Finder (or use your favorite application launcher.

*   Select the Program Manager New... option to create a Finder icon which you can double-click to start Finder.

*   Add Finder to the [Run] section of your Win.ini file to start Finder automatically each   time you start Windows.