

Periodic Table Ver. 1.5

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Overview

This program is not a utility or a comprehensive Periodic Table data base. It is a program that provides some interesting facts about the elements, and demonstrates some Windows concepts.

Below is a list of all files contained in this ZIP file:

PERIODIC.EXE	The executable Windows program.
PERIODIC.HLP	The help file for use with PERIODIC.EXE
ELEMSWIS.FON	Windows font file for PERIODIC.EXE
PERIODIC.WRI	This file.

All these files must be included when you distribute this program.

How to Install PERIODIC

Simply copy all the files to a directory of your hard disk. You may then start the program using the Run command of either the File Manager or the Program Manager. You can also add PERIODIC to a group in Program Manager if you wish.

How to Use PERIODIC.EXE

When PERIODIC.EXE is started it will open a maximized window showing the Periodic Table of the Elements. Each box will show the elements symbol centered. The atomic number for the element is shown in the upper left corner of the box. Along the bottom of the box is some additional data depending on which level of detail you have chosen. By default it will show the elements atomic weight. It also displays a legend window at the top that shows what the different colors represent.

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The command menu for PERIODIC is very simple. There are two menu items, Options and Help.

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The Options menu has three commands.

Set... This command displays a dialog box which allows you to choose the font you want Periodic

to use. You can also change the color used to represent the different groups of elements.

You can turn the legend on or off. You can choose which set of details you want displayed at the bottom of each element box. You can also set which mode of displaying the colors of the elements; either by Group, Date, or Temperature.

Save This command saves the options you have chosen from the Set... dialog in the WIN.INI file.

This allows Periodic to start each time with the options you like best.

Exit This command closes the Periodic window.

The Help menu has three commands.

Help Index This command displays the help index for Periodic

Help on Help This command displays the Windows help on how to use the help system.

About... This command displays the copyright box for Periodic. It is also available on the system menu.

About the Legend

The Legend window is a non-modal dialog box that you can move around the screen as you choose. You can also close the Legend with its system menu. It also has one additional feature. If you double click on one of its color boxes, a dialog box will be displayed that allows you to change that color. If you choose the OK button the Periodic Chart will be redrawn using your new color. If you want this color made permanent then use the Option Save command. You can return to the default color by choosing the Default button. If you close the Legend you can restore it by using the Option Set command. The information displayed in the Legend window varies with the Mode chosen in the Set Options window.

About the Main Window

The main window is where Periodic displays its chart. Along the left each period is labeled. (If you have selected the Electron level of detail each period is shown with the number of electrons in filled shells.) Along the top each group is labeled. If the mouse pointer is over one of the element boxes it changes to a hand pointer. If you click on the element pointed to a Details dialog box is displayed. If you have chosen the Date or Temperature mode a horizontal scroll bar will be displayed at the bottom of the window.

The Details Dialog Box

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The Details dialog box shows the element name, symbol, atomic weight, atomic number, electron shell configuration, the subshell that is filling, the boiling and melting points, a description, the discoverer, and, if known, where the element is found and some of its uses. In the upper left corner of the dialog box is an icon showing an approximation of the element in its state at room temperature. Under the icon is a button labeled with the general type the element is classified in (i.e. halogen, metal, etc.). Pressing this button will display a dialog box describing that type of element.

At the bottom is a row of buttons. The OK button will exit the dialog box. The Help button will display a help window on the dialog box. The buttons on the left are shown under the label 'Period'. Pushing one of these buttons will move to the corresponding element in either the period above the current element or the period below the current element. The buttons on the right are shown under the label 'Group'. Pushing one of these buttons will move to the corresponding element in either group to the left or right of the current element.

The Reason for Periodic.

The main purpose of writing this program was for getting myself used to writing Windows programs. It became quite an education. After the program was completed, we decided that it might be useful for others to see how some of the things it did were accomplished.

We decided on a two tier approach to licensing the program.

First of all, it is a shareware program. You are granted a 30 day trial license. If you use the program and like it you will need to pay a \$10.00 license fee to continue using the program.

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