Using WinSleuth

Presented below is a list of the Help Topics pertaining to the basic operation of WinSleuth.   To open a specific Topic select it using either the mouse or the keyboard.

You may move around within the Help System using either mouse commands or their keyboard equivalents.   The Help Menu within the Help System will guide you in the use of either selection mechanism.

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Selecting Functions - Modules Menu

A WinSleuth function may be selected using the Modules Menu.   To make a selection using this technique perform the following operations:

1. Pull down the Modules Menu by either selecting it with the mouse of pressing the Alt-M key combination.

2. Select a menu item by either selecting it with the mouse or using the cursor keys and pressing Enter when the desired function is highlighted.

Selecting Functions - Icon Bar

A WinSleuth function may be selected by selecting the corresponding Icon from the Icon Bar.   The Icon Bar is located along the left side of the WinSleuth window.   This method is only available to users with a mouse properly installed for use with Windows.   To make a selection using this technique perform the following operation:

1. Make the desired Icon visible by using the scroll bar along the right side of the Icon Bar.

2. Select the desired Icon by pressing the left mouse button while the mouse cursor is over the desired Icon.

If you are unsure of the significance of a particular Icon you may pull down the Modules Menu to see the name of the Icon.   The Icons are arranged in the same order as the items listed on the Modules Menu.

Viewing Files

WinSleuth includes an easy-to-use file viewing capability. The View... Item from the Files Menu presents a dialog box which allows the selection of a file to view and a viewer through which to view the file. Once you have made the desired selection, selecting the View File button will display the file in the main display window. To make the necessary File and Viewer selections perform the following operations:

1. Select the file you wish to view. If the file is not in the current directory, you may navigate the file system using the standard Windows directory listbox.

2. Select the viewer through which the file should be displayed. Care should be taken in making this selection since in inappropriate selection may cause the file to be displayed in an inconsistent manner. For example, attempting to display an executable file (.EXE) using a text viewer would result in an incomplete and jumbled display of the file. Similarly, viewing a text file with the Hexadecimal viewer would prevent the proper display of the formatting included in the file.

3. Press the View File button to begin display of the file.

Once the file display has begun several buttons will appear at the top of the main display window. These buttons permit navigation through the file. File viewing is terminated by the selection of any other WinSleuth function.

Creating Reports

WinSleuth permits the creation of attractive reports containing the information which is usually displayed in interactive mode.   The report generator is activated by selecting the Reports... item from the File Menu.   Once this selection has been made the user is presented with a dialog box which permits selection of the modules which should be included in the report.   The report will be directed to the Current Printer.

Selecting Modules for a Report

The report selection dialog displays a multiple selection listbox containing an entry for each module available.   The user may select as may or as few of the modules as desired by either using the mouse to select items or pressing the Space Bar.   The listbox may contain more items than can be display at once.   To view the remainder of the module list use either the scroll bar or the cursor keys to move through the selections.

De-Selecting a Selected Module

If you wish to de-select an item which was previously selected, simply move to the item using either the cursor keys or the scroll bar and select the item again using either the mouse or by pressing the Space Bar again.   The highlight will disappear.

Creating the Report

Once the selection is complete, press the Generate Report button to begin report generation.   As previously noted the report will be sent to the Current Printer.   You may change this selection using the Control Panel application.

Help Information - Modules

Help is available for each of the WinSleuth Modules.   This information is accessed by selecting the Module Help... item on the Help Menu.   This information is available only when a particular module is active.

The currently active module may be determined by looking at the Title Bar of the WinSleuth window.   The name of the currently active module is appended to the "WinSleuth" legend.   If no module is currently active there will be no Module Help information available.

Selecting a User Level

WinSleuth allows the user to define the extent of the information provided.   This selection is made by defining a User Level.   This is accomplished by selecting the Preferences... item from the Help Menu.

Once this selection has been made, the user is presented with a dialog box which allows the selection of a User Level.   Select the desired information level and select the OK button.   The new User Level will become effective with the next function selection.   The User Level selection is preserved between invocations of WinSleuth.

As the names indicate, the information levels are divided into three levels, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced.   The User Level will determine the nature and extent of the information provided by each module.   The default User Level is Novice.