WinCLI - v3.00

Windows Command Line Interface by
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To register WinCLI, have your VISA card ready and give us a call at (604) 520-1543. You may also send a check or money order for $35 (US) or $45 (Cdn) to:

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If you have registered for WinCLI version 2.20 or before, the upgrade fee is $15 (US) or $20 (Cdn). Users who registered WinCLI 2.20 after October 31st can upgrade to 3.00 for free. Just contact us with your old registration number and we'll give you a new one.

What is WinCLI?

WinCLI is a command line interface for Windows 3. It performs most of the functions that the standard DOS prompt, Command.com, does. Why then, do you need WinCLI? Many reasons...

1) With WinCLI you are able to run Windows programs by typing their name instead of looking for an icon. So if you like the functionality of the DOS prompt to start programs, you can now use WinCLI to start Windows applications.

2) A DOS prompt in enhanced mode wastes over 640 Kb all the time. Even when if you aren't running a program. That means that your wasting precious memory that Windows could otherwise use. Even if you create a special PIF that uses only enough memory to allow simple file operations (you won't be able to run programs because it doesn't have enough memory), you are still wasting over 256 Kb. WinCLI requires less than 40 KBytes when fully loaded. Less if Windows needs memory for other things.

3) WinCLI works equally well on all modes of Windows. You don't need a 386 to take advantage of this DOS prompt! You can now have a complete command line even in standard mode. It also multitasks better than Command.com (because WinCLI is a well behaved Windows application) so you don't lose precious cycles.

4) WinCLI is a Windows application so it doesn't have to be manually closed when you quit your Windows session. You don't even have to type exit (although you can), the close menu works just fine!

5) WinCLI is very configurable. It supports a scrollable window with an adjustable height and width. You can place as many lines as you need to see. For example if you want to show a directory listing and then do a group of individual deletes, you just scroll up with the cursor keys to see the listing, even if it is off the visible portion of the screen! The prompt, font, and colors are also adjustable.

6) WinCLI is easy to use and includes a complete online Help system. In order to optain help on a WinCLI command just type Help {Command} (where {Command} is the WinCLI command you want help on. Ex: Help Dir) at the WinCLI command line or select one of the menus.

7) Of course you also have all the normal features of a standard DOS shell. You can show directories, create subdirectories, rename files, delete files, and much, much more!

See the help file for more information on how to use WinCLI and all the available commands.

Upgrading to WinCLI Pro

Registered users of WinCLI may upgrade to the commercial version, WinCLI Pro, for only $35 US. This version includes many enhancements including:

- New commands such as *associate, alias, findfile, info, rendir, title, which,* and many, many more.
- All old commands are improved and expanded,
- A title command lets you adjust the title text just like you can the prompt. Show the whole path, the drive, or the time.

- Most commands expanded to support a **/S** switch that allows you to operate on subdirectories. For example, copy, more or rmdir and entire directory tree with one command!
- Fully adjustable history list, save 1000 lines if you want, no 3 line limit.
- Extended line editing includes: word left & right, line clear, history search, history jumping, home, end, etc...
- Extended help services. All commands support the MS-DOS 5.0 **/?** switch to provide individual usage help.
- Stackable commands like MS-DOS 5.0. Stack many commands per line.
- Aliases like MS-DOS 5.0. Create mini batch files using aliases and stackable commands!
- Extended commands. Create your own commands using Borland C++, Turbo Pascal for Windows, Turbo C++, or MSC 6.0 and the SDK. Create commands as easily as you would for DOS. No complicated Windows stuff to learn!
- Library with over 60 support functions ranging from *WriteBuf* to *CopyFile* to make your programs better and smaller.
- Full clipboard support. Copy and paste text to and from the clipboard.
- Includes setup Control Panel to modify WinCLI Pro settings.
- File Manager replacement. Navigate through directories, edit, copy, move, delete and rename files - even copy and delete entire directories - plus many more function. Much easier and faster to use than File Manager.
- And many more features and utilities.

Don't miss out, upgrade to WinCLI Pro now and save!

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