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Disc Structure and Layout

The files on this disc are arranged into logical groups called file areas. There are many file areas available to you on the disc. Each file area has a title that describes the type files you may expect to find listed in the area. Each file area occupies its own DOS directory.

Within each directory is a file with the name of FILES.BBS. This ASCII text file contains a list of every file in the file area, laid out in PCBoard BBS format. Information included for each entry are: the file's name, compressed size, and file date; and a brief description of the file's contents. This file can be browsed using any ASCII text viewer and can be used for BBS use.

See Also:

Changing File Areas
Browsing the File Lists

General Information

This section contains general information about the CD itself and other related topics.

Available Topics:

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The Table of Contents is the main starting point of help. With it you may select broad categories of help, leading to more detailed topics.

About Screen

The About screen provides information about the program. The program version number, title, and author generally appear here.

Program Operation

WINPOWER is a Windows based menu program that serves as an easy means of accessing the many files on this CD. This program performs many functions, including copying files to your hard drive, extracting .ZIP files to your hard drive, playing .WAV files, and printing the file area lists to your printer. Many other handy features are included to make the program easier for you to learn and use.

This program is not absolutely required to access this CD. All files on this disc are accessible through File Manager, DOS, or through other ordinary means. Using this program, however, allows you to see the organization of the disc more plainly and helps you find what you are looking for in a matter of a few seconds. We recommend it!

How To...

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Menu Commands

All program functions are available through drop down menus located on the bar just under the window title. To access any of the menus, either click the mouse on a menu name or press and hold the ALT key and press the first letter of a menu.

You may then select a menu option in one of three ways:

Press the key of the underlined letter in the option of your choice.

Use the up/down arrow keys to highlight an option and press ENTER.

Click the mouse on the option of your choice.

WINPOWER offers the following menus and functions:

File Menu:

Copy File - copy a file to your hard drive

Print List - print a file list to your printer

UnZIP File - decompress a .ZIP file

Play - plays a .WAV file on systems so equiped

View - views a graphics file

Preview - previews a TrueType font

Zip File Information - peek inside a .ZIP file

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Contents - displays the Table of Contents

Product Support - in case you need more help

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About Screen - about the program

See Also:

Browsing the File Lists

Changing File Areas

Browsing the File Lists

On the left hand side of the screen is a box containing a list of files in the current file area. This list contains the name, size, and date of each file in the area. When you first enter a new file area, the first file on the list is highlighted or selected. The Copy, Unzip, and Zip Info commands use this selected file as focus for the commands.

Located at the bottom of the file list box are two buttons with captions of "< Back" and "Next >". Clicking these buttons moves the highlight bar to either the previous or next file name on the list. You may also click the mouse on a file name or use the up/down arrow keys to change the selected file. The file list scrolls automatically when you reach the bottom of the box. Use the scroll bar at the side of the box to scroll the list more rapidly.

Next to the file list box on the screen is the description box. This box contains a brief description of the selected file's contents and function.

See Also:

Changing File Areas
Disc Structure and Layout

Changing File Areas

The file area selection box is located just above the large file list box on the left hand side of the screen. This box is a drop-down box containing a list of all file areas on the disc. The current file area title is shown in the box. You are automatically placed in the first file area when the program starts.

You may change the current file area in two ways. First, you can click the mouse on the button located at the end of the file area title.This drops the box to reveal a list of the defined file areas on the disc. Click on the file area name you wish to browse. The box closes and the file area list you selected loads into the menu automatically.

You may also press either TAB or Shift-TAB repeatedly until the file area title is highlighted. Pressing the up or down arrow keys moves to the previous or next file area on the list. The new area list is read into the menu.

See Also:

Disc Structure and Layout
Browsing the File Lists

Search and Again Commands

The Search and Again commands allows looking for files by searching file descriptions for keywords you enter. Use the Search command to enter the keywords you wish to find, and the Again command to continue searching for the same keywords.

Start the Search command by selecting Search from the Search Menu, by clicking the mouse on the Search button (located on the right-hand side of the screen), or by pressing Alt-S. A dialog box appears, prompting you for keywords. Enter a word or phrase to find and click the OK button. You may enter more than one keyword at once by separating each keyword with a semicolon or comma. Keywords may be either upper or lower case.

The program searches the current file area and highlights the first file whose description contains a matching keyword. Using the Search command again with the same keywords causes the command to continue searching from the location of the last match found. The Search command starts back at the top of the list if you change keywords.

If you wish to continue the search with the same keywords, click the Again button, select Again from the Search Menu, or press Alt-A. The search continues from the location of the last match found, on toward the end of the list. Additional matches may be made by continually using the Again command. When the end of the file list is reached a message box appears containing the message "Search complete".

The Again command can start searching at the beginning of a file list in two circumstances: 1) the end of the current file list has already been reached once, or 2) you change to a new file area.

See Also:
    Browsing the File Lists
    Changing File Areas

Copy Command

The Copy command copies a .ZIP file from the CD to a drive and directory of your choice. Start the copy command by selecting Copy from the File menu, by clicking on the Copy button on the right side of the screen, or by pressing Alt-C. A dialog box appears to assist you in selecting a destination path for the file.

At the top of the dialog box is a text box containing the current drive and directory. You may type a destination path directly into this box and press ENTER. If the path you specify does not exist the program asks if you wish to create a new directory of that name. Press ENTER to create the directory and copy the file, or ESC to cancel the operation.

You may also use the drive and directory boxes to select a destination path. Change the destination drive by using the drive box located at the bottom of the dialog box. Click on the button to pull down a list of all drives on your system. Click on a different drive name to change drives (you will note the directory box changes to reflect the directory structure of the newly selected drive).

Change the destination directory by using the directory box. The current directory on the drive is highlighted, and is also shown in the text box at the top of the dialog box. Change directories by double clicking on a directory name. The new directory appears in the text box at the top of the dialog box. The directory box changes to show directories under the currently selected one. Continue navigating the disk directory structure until the text box at the top shows the drive and directory in which to put the file.

It is important to remember the program copies the file to the path shown in the top text box. The directory box can highlight different directories without changing to them. The text box at the top reflects the actual drive:\directory destination.

See Also:

UnZIP Command

UnZIP Command

The UnZIP command "UnZIPs" or decompress a .ZIP file to a drive and directory of your choice. All .ZIP files on this disc are industry standard .ZIP files. You do not need to use this program to decompress files on to your hard drive; however, you will need to provide your own separate utility for decompressing the files.

Start the UnZIP command by selecting UnZIP from the File menu, by clicking on the UnZIP button on the right side of the screen, or by pressing Alt-U. A dialog box appears to assist you in selecting a destination path for the contents of the compressed file.

At the top of the dialog box is a text box containing the current drive and directory. You may type a destination path directly into this box and press ENTER. If the path you specify does not exist the program asks if you wish to create a new directory of that name. Press ENTER to create the directory and decompress the file, or ESC to cancel the operation.

You may also use the drive and directory boxes to select a destination path. Change the destination drive by using the drive box located at the bottom of the dialog box. Click on the button to pull down a list of all drives on your system. Click on a different drive name to change drives (you will note the directory box changes to reflect the directory structure of the newly selected drive).

Change the destination directory by using the directory box. The current directory is highlighted, and is also shown in the text box at the top of the dialog box. Change directories by double clicking on a directory name. The new directory is listed in the text box at the top of the dialog box. The directory box changes to show directories under the currently selected one. Continue navigating the disk directory structure until the text box at the top shows the drive and directory to put the contents of the file.

It is important to remember the file is decompressed to the path shown in the top text box. The directory box can highlight different directories without changing to them. The text box at the top reflects the actual drive:\directory destination.

See Also:

Viewing .Zip File Contents
Browsing Text Files Inside .ZIP Files
Copy Command

Print Command

The Print command prints the current file list to a printer connected to your computer. Start this command by selecting Print from the File menu or by pressing Ctrl-P. A dialog box appears containing a percentage bar and a Pause button. The percentage shown is the amount of the list that has been printed.

Pressing the Pause button presents a dialog box stating that printing has been paused. You can either resume the printing task or cancel the job. Click on the Resume button to continue printing, or click on the Cancel button to stop the printing.

For more information on setting up your printer for Windows or changing printer settings, consult the help for Print Manager, your Windows manuals, and your printer's documentation.

Exiting the Program

This command exits the program and returns to whatever application was active before WINPOWER. There are several means by which you may exit the program. From within the program, you may click on the Exit button, select Exit from the File menu, press Ctrl-X, or press ESC. Using these methods presents a dialog box asking you to confirm the exit. Press ENTER or click on the Yes button to exit, or press ESC or click on the No button to stay in the program.

You may also exit the program from Windows by selecting Close from the application control menu (located in the upper left corner of the program window), by pressing Alt-F4, or by selecting End Task from Task Manager. Exiting the program by these means does not produce the dialog box to confirm the exit.

Installing the Program in a Program Group

WINPOWER.EXE can be installed into a program group, just like any other application. It is not necessary to copy the program from the CD to your hard drive; in fact, the program is not intended to run from your hard drive at all. This does not present a problem for Windows, as Windows will tell you if it cannot find the program (that is, if you have the wrong CD in the ROM drive).

To install WINPOWER in a program group, first choose a program group for the program by clicking on its title bar. Then, in Program Manager, select New from the File menu. Select Program Item. You may either enter the name WINPOWER.EXE manually in the form of E:\WINPOWER.EXE (assuming E:\ is the drive letter of your CD-ROM drive), or select Browse to use Program Manager's file controls to locate WINPOWER.EXE on the disc.

Now, click on the OK button in the New Item box. Windows may complain that you have selected a program on removeable media. Choose Proceed to ignore this message. The icon for the program appears in the program group you selected. Whenever you wish to use this CD in the future, all you will have to do is plop this disc into your CD-ROM drive and click the icon!

For more information on managing program groups please consult your Windows manuals or the on-line help available from within Program Manager.

.ZIP File Information

Most files on this CD are stored in a compressed format called ".ZIP". Each .ZIP (or archive) file may contain many different files "inside" it. This command takes a peek inside a .ZIP file to give you more information about it.

Start the Zip Info command by clicking on the Zip Info button located on the right side of the screen, by selecting Zip Info from the File menu, or by pressing Ctrl-Z. A percentage window appears briefly as the program scans the contents of the selected file. Next a dialog box displays information about the selected file. Some information shown about a .ZIP file is the file's path and name, the number of files inside it, and the amount of free disk space it would take to decompress it.

Also shown is a complete list of the files contained in the .ZIP file. This list shows each internal file's name, size, date and time. If more files are inside the .ZIP that what fits in the box, a scroll bar appears to provide access to the remainder of the list.

When you are finished browsing the file contents, click on the OK button or press ESC. This closes the dialog box and returns to the program.

See Also:

Browsing Text Files Inside .Zip Files
UnZIP Command

Playing .WAV Files

       WINPOWER.EXE can play .WAV files directly from the the CD. When the file list box highlights a .WAV file, the <u>UnZIP</u> command turns into the Play button. Clicking on this button, selecting Play from the main menu, or double clicking on the file name plays the .WAV file through the installed sound hardware. Play continues until the end of the file is reached or you perform some other action that produces sound.

There are a few criteria your system must meet before you will be able to play sound files. These criteria are:

1.   You must be using Windows 3.1, or Windows 3.0 with the Multi-Media extensions installed.

2.   You must have a sound card or other suitable sound producing device installed in your computer.

3.   You must have the appropriate Windows sound drivers installed.

       If your system does not meet these criteria, highlighting   a .WAV file in the file list box disables the <u>UnZIP</u> and <u>ZipInfo</u> buttons without changing their function. These buttons automatically re-enable themselves when you highlight a .ZIP file.

       The installation and set up of sound cards is beyond the scope of this text. For more information, please consult your Windows and sound hardware manuals.

Viewing Graphics Files

WINPOWER.EXE has the ability to view graphics files directly from the disc. When the file list box highlights a Windows supported graphic file, the UnZIP command turns into the View button. Clicking on this button, selecting View from the main menu, or double clicking on the file name produces a window displaying the graphic file. Click on the Cancel button when you are finished viewing the picture.

WINPOWER.EXE can display graphics in the following graphic file formats (as denoted by the file extensions:)

.BMP - bitmap file

.DIB - device independent bitmap file

.WMF - Windows metafile

.RLE - Run-length encoded graphic file

.ICO - Windows icon file

NOTES:

1. All graphics files are displayed the same size. As such, large pictures may appear somewhat distorted, and small files (such as icons) appear larger than normal.

2. You may display 256 color pictures if you have the appropriate video drivers installed on your system. If you do not have a 256 color system, the program attempts to reduce the image to the number of colors currently available on your system.

Browsing Text Files Inside .ZIP Files

Most software packages on this disc contain one or more text files "inside" the archive file. These text files generally contain program instructions, registration information, and licensing terms. WINPOWER lets you read this files.

This feature is implemented by using NotePad and Write, two utilities included with Windows. WINPOWER extracts the document files you select to your temporary Windows directory and calls the appropriate editor to view the text. WINPOWER keeps track of files you view and the editors called to view the text. Upon termination, WINPOWER automatically ensures all necessary actions are taken for proper cleanup.

Browsing a text file within a .ZIP file starts at the Zip Info command. While listing the file contents, the Browse button activates whenever the highlited file name has a common text file extension. Clicking the Browse button while it is enabled causes the program to extract the highlighted file from the .ZIP and activate the text editor. Once started, the text editor is a separate application. You may minimize it, exit the editor, print the text in the background, or perform any other function you desire.

NOTE: Some text files use characters not standard to Windows. Sometimes this may cause odd-looking character output while viewing or printing text. This is a result of the characters used by the authors of the text and is not a fault of Windows or this program.

See Also:

Zip File Information
UnZip Command

Previewing TrueType fonts

WINPOWER.EXE lets you look at a TrueType font sample without having to load it first via Control Panel. When the file list highlights a TrueType font, the UnZIP button turns into a View button. Viewing TrueType fonts requires Windows 3.1 and at least one TrueType font already installed in your environment.

Highlight the name of the TrueType font file you wish to preview and click the View Button. A dialog window appears listing the font name and a sample of the font. Click on the OK button when you are finished previewing the font.

It is interesting to note that while you are previewing a TrueType font with this program, the font is available to other running applications. So, you can use WINPOWER as a means of temporarily accessing seldom-used fonts. The font is available only while the preview dialog is open: closing the window removes the TrueType from the Windows environment.