

BIRTHLIS © 1993 by John Hickey

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Introduction

BIRTHLIS is a Microsoft Windows 3.1 Data Base program to keep track of Name's, Address's, Birthday's and Phone numbers. This program is shareware. You may use this copy for 15 days, there after it must be registered. See the included REBBLIS.WRI for registration information. The unregistered version of BIRTHLIS is fully functional.

BIRTHLIS is not guaranteed to work with versions of Windows prior to 3.1, or with OS/2. With reasonable care, BIRTHLIS should be a well behaved WinApp.

Files in Archive

BIRTHLIS.EXE

Main executable. Place this file in the directory of your choice to keep your Data Base of Phone Numbers and Birthdays in.

BIRTHLIS.CFG

BIRTHLIS.CFG should be placed in the same directory as BIRTHLIS.EXE. This file is called from BIRTHLIS.EXE and contains the default configuration.

WADDRESS.DAT

WADDRESS.DAT goes in the same directory as BIRTHLIS.EXE. This is the data file for BIRTHLIS.EXE.

WADDRESS.IX

WADDRESS.IX goes in the same directory as BIRTHLIS.EXE. This is the index file for BIRTHLIS.EXE.

REBBLIS.WRI

REBBLIS.WRI is the registration form for BIRTHLIS, it contains author's name and address.

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BIRTHLIS.WRI

BIRTHLIS.WRI explains how the program functions and how to install it on the hard drive.

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What is BIRTHLIS: BIRTHLIS is a Microsoft Windows 3.1 based Data Base program to keep track of Names, Addresses, Birthdays, and Phone numbers. BIRTHLIS was written in Borland Pascal 7.0 and Btree Filer 5.3. BIRTHLIS creates a data base in the default directory. BIRTHLIS searches this data base at startup for any Birthdays in the default time frame. If a Birthday is found, BIRTHLIS becomes an icon on the desktop and displays a message. Upcoming Birthdays will display by double clicking on the icon.

The main program window has a menu bar with four items:

Item 1. File : Menu Items

1. Print : Prints the currently selected display.
2. Printer Setup : Adjusts printer setup.
3. Exit : Quit BIRTHLIS.

Item 2. Data Base: Menu Items:

1. New : Displays a dialog to enter a new record in the data base.
2. Delete : Displays a dialog to delete the current record.
3. Search : Displays a dialog to Search for a specific record.
4. Edit : Displays a dialog to edit the current record.
5. Status : Displays a dialog to show number of records in data base and events.

Item 3. Options : Default program dialog.

Data Base File Name : Dos file name with no extention.

Numbers of Days Notice: The number of days ahead of current date the BIRTHLIS searches for birthdays.

Birthday Search : Check box which displays the birthdays found in the Birthday search.

Save Setting to Disk : Check box to allow changes to the options dialog to be written to the BIRTHLIS.CFG file.

Display Options : Three radio buttons to select the display format.

Default Display : All fields in data base.

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Phone List : Name and phone number.

Birthday List : Name and Birthday.

Item 4. Help :

About : Displays a credit screen.

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How to install BIRTHLIS:

1. Make a directory on your hard drive.
2. Copy the six files into this directory.
BIRTHLIS.EXE, BIRTHLIS.cfg,
WADDRESS.DAT, WADDRESS.IX.
REBBLIS.WRI, BIRTHLIS.WRI.
3. Open the Startup Group.
4. a. Choose "File" in Program Manager from the menu bar.
b. Click on "New" to create a new program item. (Make sure the program item radio button is selected).
c. Click the O.K. button.
5. Fill in the Program item properties dialog:
 - a. Type "Birthday List" or any other title you desire, In the Description field
 - b. Type BRITHLIS.EXE, In the Command Line field
 - c. Type the name of the directory you copied the six files into, In the Working Directory field. (This is critical, for the program will not be able to find the WADDRESS.DAT.)

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Common Questions with BIRTHLIS:

Question: How can I get comments back to the author, John Hickey?

Answer: John has a full time job, but when time permits he scans:

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Question: Can I register with a credit card?

Answer: Not at this time.

Question: What causes the error message "Data File does not exist. Create ?"?

Answer: The Working Directory in program manager needs to be the same as the one you copy the program files into.

Answer: You don't have a data file in the directory and BIRTHLIS is going to make you one.

Question: What is a Clean Date ?

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Answer: The First day a person stops all use of a mind altering substance or addictive activity.

