

The Recipe Box

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Getting Started

This program is shipped in compressed form. You unzipped the file containing the entire program or you wouldn't be reading this. The simple way to get going is to copy all the files produced to a floppy and running the setup program from the windows program manager. For example, if you copy the files to the A: drive, you would choose File| Run then type A:Setup [Enter]. This setup program will create a program group and icon for the Recipe Box program.

If you wish to install the program from the DOS prompt, there is a batch program to do it for you. It uses the expand program that comes with Windows and with DOS 5.0 and 6.0 to expand the individual files into the proper directories. To use the batch file, start in the directory where you unzipped the contents of the distribution file. Then type :

INSTALL drive:\recipedirectory drive:\windowsdirectory

For example if you want the program in a directory named recipes on the d: drive and windows is installed on the c: drive in a directory named win31, you would type:

install d:\recipes c:\win31

If you use this method, you will need to add the program to the group of your choice.

You must have share.exe in your autoexec.bat to run this program.

Using The Recipe Box

Click on the Recipes Icon. The program will start with the first recipe in the database displayed. From left to right, here is an explanation of the buttons.

Find: This button bring up the search window. This where you look for particular recipes. You can search by title, main ingredient, country, course, and ingredients. Please not that you can search on partial fields. For example, if you enter c and search by title, you will retrieve all recipes beginning with c. You can also use the DOS * wildcard at the beginning, if you search on *rice, the result will be every recipe with rice in the title.

Print: This button prints the displayed recipe.

Change: If you have edited an existing recipe, clicking on this button saves the changes. If you go to another recipe without clicking here, any changes will be lost. Note that because of the way the database is structured, if you wish to edit ingredients, click on

the ingredient and use the auxillary editing window that will appear.

New: Click here for an empty recipe form on which to place your recipe. The button caption will change to done. When you have finished entering your recipe, click on done to save.

Delete: This button will delete the displayed recipe. You will be asked for confirmation before it is removed from the database. When you exit the program after deleting a recipe, you will be offered the option of compaction the database. This is because while deleted recipes are no longer available, they continue to take up disk space in the file, until the database is compacted. After you have deleted many records, you should let the program compact the database. To succeed, there must be enough disk space for another copy of the database. When compacting the database, the program will make a backup copy of the database in case of problems. It will be named recipes.bak. After you have confirmed that the compacted database works, it can be deleted. If the compaction failed, for example due to lack of disk space. delete the defective recipes.mdb and rename the backup file to recipes.mdb.

First, >>>, <<<, Last: First displays the first recipe in the database, >>> moves forward one recipe, <<< moves backward one recipe, Last displays the last recipe in the database.

Exit: Ends the Recipe Box program.

Register: Displays the information you will need when you register your copy of The Recipe Box. If you find the program useful, keep it legal, register your copy.

Registration Information

Basic Registration is \$10.00 U.S. For this you receive a license to use the program. This is a single user program, the license allows the program to be installed on any number of computers, as long as the licensee insures that only one copy is in use at any one time.

Full Registration costs \$25.00 U.S. With full registration you will receive a disk containing the most recent version of the program, a 300 recipe database, and the same user license as the basic registration.

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