EquiGraphics Plus Ver. 2.1 Index

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OVERVIEW

The EquiGraphics Plus™ Version 2.1 for Windows contains a built-in image viewer, clipart, color photos and web-ready images. Over 500 images total.

The installation setup program installs only the EquiGraphics™ image viewer application to the C:\Equiplus directory of your hard drive. The images do not become installed, (there are over 600 Megabytes of images) so they remain stored on your CD ROM permanently. This is standard industry practice and saves you precious hard-drive space.   Consequently, once the application is installed, you must insert your EquiGraphics Plus™ CD into your CD ROM drive, then start the EquiGraphics™ application in order to view or use the images.

The images contained in EquiGraphics Plus™ are stored as standard industry formats and are compatible with virtually all desktop publishing, page layout, and word processing programs. For greater versatility, we have engineered the EquiGraphics™ viewer to recognize a variety of different graphic file formats so you can also use it to view images in other directories in your computer as well.

For detailed instructions on image usage and editing, please read the appropriate topics contained in this help menu.

ANTI-ALIASING

This option takes a 2 color document and converts it to gray scale when the display resolution is less than the resolution of the image.

AUTO-RUN INSTALLATION

This CD-ROM contains an installation panel that will display automatically once the EquiGraphics Plus™ CD is inserted into your CD ROM drive. To begin the installation, simply click on the "Run Set-Up" button. If the installation panel does not display automatically, it means that your Windows operating system has the "Auto-Run" feature disabled.   You then have two options to install the program:

Option 1: Start the CD ROM manually.
Go to your Windows Desktop, click on "Start", then "Run" , then type in: **D:\autorun.exe**   then click OK. (D refers to your CD ROM drive letter, please substitute your actual drive letter if different.

Option 2: Activate the "Auto-Run" feature in your system.
Go to "My Computer", then select "Control Panel" then select "System". On the System Properties Panel, select "Device Manager", then double click on the CD ROM icon to show your CD- ROM device. Double click on the CD-ROM device to bring up the "Properties Panel." Select the "Settings" tab, then select the "Auto Insert Notification" so that a check mark appears in the small box next to it, then click OK or Apply. Some systems may require that you restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

BMP

This graphics file format (Bitmap) was created by Microsoft and is primarily a Windows™ format.   BMP files may or may not be compressed.   Non-compressed BMP files load and display very quickly, but take up a large amount of disk space, while compressed BMP files take up less disk space, but usually take longer to decompress.

BROWSE THROUGH FOLDERS

The image viewer supports browsing through all image folders on a disk drive. In the Folders Window, double-click on a folder to display the images in that folder. The images in the folder will display in the Images Window, and the file names will appear in the File List.

COPY OR IMPORT IMAGE

Once you have identified an image for usage, simply click on it to bring it to full size. Next, click on it with your "**Right**" mouse button to bring up the "Options Panel".

Select the "Copy" option by clicking on it with your normal "**Left**" mouse button. This will copy the image to the "Windows™ clipboard.   Next,   shut down the EquiGraphics™ application and open your desktop publishing, page layout, or word processing program of choice.   Go to a new document, or an existing document that you want to copy the image to. Once the correct document is open, select the "Edit" menu at the top left of the application screen, then select the "Paste" option.   This will place the image into your active document. Usually, depending on the application, you will see "handles" on the image. You can enlarge or reduce the size of the image by clicking on the image to activate the handles, and then by dragging the handles with your mouse.

If you have not copied an image to your Windows clipboard, you may want to use the **"Insert"** option in your application of choice to "Import" the image. Simply go to the "Insert" menu located at the top left of your desktop publishing, page layout, or word processing program. Select the "Image" and/or "Picture" option (which ever is appropriate for your application) and make sure the EquiGraphics Plus™ CD is in the CD ROM drive.

When prompted, select your correct drive letter to activate the EquiGraphics Plus™ CD ROM.   Typically, this will show a drive icon with a small CD, and the word "Equiplus" next to it.

Select that drive, then double click on the "Equiplus" folder to bring up the three (3) image folders; Clipart, Photos, and Web. Double click on the image directory you want to browse, then scroll the list of image file names to find the image you want to import. Select the image, then select "OK" to import the image into your document.

If you experience difficulty importing an image, please call the manufacturer of the application you are using, or read their user-guide instructions on how to use their import/insert function.

Hint: Copying an image to the Windows™ clipboard from within the EquiGraphics™ application, and then pasting it into your active document, is a much simpler way to add the image to your document.

DCX

This format is a variation of the 2 color PCX format.   A DCX file is little more then a multiple image 2 color PCX file.

DITHERING

Dithering is a method of rendering a large number of colors when the display contains a limited number of colors.   Dithering enhances the image to the human eye.

FIT TO SIDES

This option will adjust an image so that it completely fills the horizontal dimension of its window, while maintaining the correct aspect ratio for that image.   Depending on the dimensions of the image, vertical scroll bars will appear so that the image can be scrolled up or down.
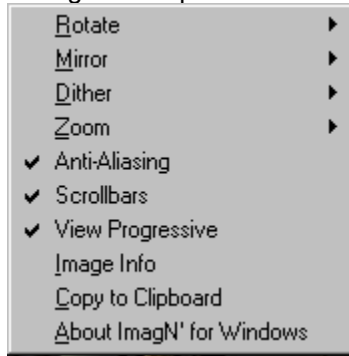
FIT TO HEIGHT

This option will adjust an image so that it completely fills the vertical dimension of its window, while maintaining the correct aspect ratio for that image.   Depending on the dimensions of the image, horizontal scroll bars will appear so that the image can be scrolled left and right.

GROW TO FIT

This option will adjust an image so that it completely fits in its window while maintaining the correct aspect ratio for that image.   Depending on the dimensions of the image, the horizontal or vertical parts of the image will be clipped so that the image completely fits in the window.

IMAGE EDITING OPTIONS

The EquiGraphics™ viewer application contains some basic image editing options that are accessible through the "Options Panel".

Rotate ▶
Mirror ▶
Dither ▶
Zoom ▶
✔ Anti-Aliasing
✔ Scrollbars
✔ View Progressive
Image Info
Copy to Clipboard
About ImagN' for Windows

Once you have identified an image that you want to use or edit, simply click on it to make it full size. Next, click on it with your "**Right**" mouse button to bring up the "Options Panel".   Use your **"Left"** mouse button to select options in the **"Options Panel"**. From within the options panel,   you can edit the image by making the desired selections. Once you have completed editing, you can select the **"Copy"** option to copy the image to the Windows™ clipboard. You can then **"Paste"** the image to your desktop publishing, page layout, or word processing program of choice, while preserving the changes you made. The original image that is stored on the CD will remain unchanged.

The various editing options are detailed individually in this help menu.

IMAGE FILE FORMATS

The current version of EquiGraphics™ for windows supports PCX, DCX, BMP, PIC, TIFF, GIF and JPEG file formats.

The viewer does not compress images, but it does de-compress images that have been previously compressed so that you may be able to view and use them.

IMAGE PRINTING

You cannot print an image directly from the EquiGraphics™ viewer screen.   You can only print the image by placing it into another application that contains a printing option such as your desktop publishing, page layout, or word processing program.

Once you identify an image for use in a layout, simply copy it to your application of choice. You can also open your application of choice and then import the desired image.   Once the image is placed into your application document, simply select the "Print" option for that application.   Please remember that the quality of the printed image will depend on the quality of your printer and its default settings, as well as the settings on your application of choice.
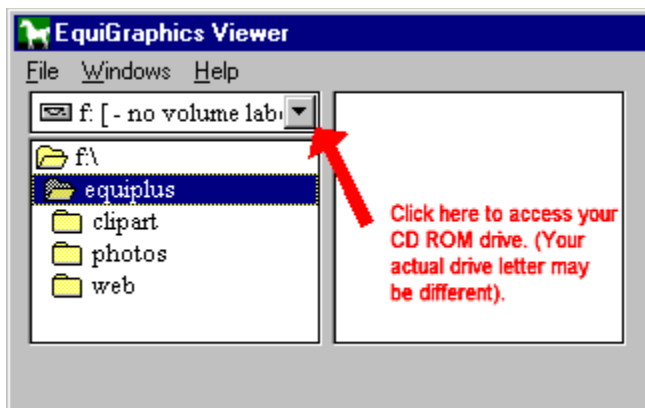
For detailed instructions on the copy or import function, please read the "Copy or Import Image" section of this help menu.

IMAGE VIEWING

Whenever you want to view images, simply insert your EquiGraphics Plus™ CD into your CD-ROM drive, then go to your Windows Start Menu, select Programs, then select the EquiGraphics Plus™ icon.

Once the EquiGraphics™ viewer screen comes up, you can select the minimize or maximize option by clicking on the "double rectangle" icon at the top right of the screen next to the **"X"** icon. This will give you a full size or partial size viewer screen.

Once you are comfortable with the screen setting, go to the top left of the viewer screen to select your CD ROM drive. Select the "down" arrow to show the list of drives on your computer, then select your CD ROM drive that contains the EquiGraphics Plus™ CD. Typically, this will show a drive icon with a small CD, and the word "Equiplus" next to it. Select that drive, then double click on the "Equiplus™" folder to bring up the three (3) image folders, Clipart, Photos, and Web.   Simply double-click on the image folder you want to view. To browse another folder, simply double click on the Equiplus™ folder again to bring up your three image folder options, then make your selection.

Once you are in your image folder of choice, you can view images in full size or thumbnail groups of 10 or 22 images. To set the thumbnail group option, go to the **"Window"** menu located at top left of the EquiGraphics™ viewer screen and make your selection. .

To view   a thumbnail image at full size, simply click on the thumbnail. Click on it again to revert back to the thumbnail size.

When displaying images, the selected image is always highlighted in the File List, and has a "lowered" outline around the image.

You navigate through the various image pages in the folders by selecting the "Previous" or "Next" buttons located at the bottom of the viewer screen.

Hint: If your EquiGraphics Plus™ viewer screen comes up blank or shows strange files, it just means you have not selected your correct CD ROM letter to activate the CD, or you have not double-clicked on the Equiplus™ main folder. Once your are in the main Equiplus™ folder, make sure you are selecting the clip-art, photos or web image folder. Also, please make sure you have inserted the EquiGraphics Plus™ CD ROM into your drive.

JPEG

This file format is an international standard.   It was created by a group known as the Joint Photographic Experts Group or JPEG.   It is designed specifically for compressing 24-bit continuous tone images like photographs.   The JPEG format is for the most part a "Lossy" format.   A lossy format is one whose resulting decompressed image is not an exact duplicate of the original image.   The amount of loss varies depending on the quality setting and amount of compression used when the image was originally compressed.

MAGNIFYING GLASS TOOL

When viewing the image in full size, press the CTRL key, then click on the image with the left mouse button to increase the size, and with the right mouse button to reduce the size.

MEMORY SAVER MODE

The "Memory Saver" mode maintains only the minimal amount of image information to view the images in a particular thumbnail viewing mode. This allows you to view and scroll through many thumbnails images at one time, without requiring the added memory that is typically required for viewing full size images. The drawback of this mode is a speed loss when viewing the full size image from a thumbnail. The advantage of this mode is that viewing many thumbnails is faster on machines with lesser amounts of memory. This is especially helpful when viewing thumbnail images that have very large file sizes.

To enable the "Memory Saver Mode" , simply go to the File menu at the top left of the EquiGraphics™ viewer screen. A check mark on the Memory Saver panel indicates that it has been enabled.

MIRROR

The option causes the image to be mirrored horizontally from left to right, and vertically from top to bottom.   This is the same as if the image were rotated 180 degrees on its central vertical axis.   The image becomes either a right hand or left hand, and/or top or bottom, of it's former self.

MULTI-IMAGE VIEWING

The EquiGraphics Plus™ Image Viewer can view (1) one, (10) ten, or (20) twenty images at one time. Please see the "Image Viewing" section in this help menu for details.

PANNING IMAGE

This option allows you to view parts of an image that are hidden from the screen because the image is larger than the screen size can display. Simply press the Shift key and hold it down while clicking on the image with your left mouse button to bring up the panning hand icon. Drag the panning hand icon to view the hidden parts of the image.

PIC

This file format is a proprietary format created by the Pegasus Imaging Corporation.   It is based on a variation of the JPEG format.   One of the advantages to this format is that unlike the JPEG format, the PIC format contains a palette which can be used when displaying the image on a 256 color display.   This eliminates the time it takes to create a histogram and determine the best palette for the image.

PCX

This file format was created by ZSoft.   It supports 2, 4, 16, 256 color, and 24 bit color images. Because the data is only slightly compressed, the decompression times are usually minimal.

ROTATE

This option allows you to rotate an image to the right, left or upside down (flip).

Image rotation is achieved by re-drawing the image to the desired aspect. Because the image data never really moves, you never wait while the image is being rotated.

SCROLL BARS

If this item is checked,   the viewer will cause the image to display scroll bars anytime the image is zoomed beyond the confines of its window.   Scroll bars allow the user to view hidden parts of an image when it is too large to fit in the window screen.

SHRINK TO FIT

This option maintains the correct aspect ratio of the image and shrinks the image so that it fits completely in its image window, without any truncating or distortion of the original image.   Since the Shrink to Fit option preserves the original aspect ratio of the image, there may be empty space left in the image window.

STRETCH TO FIT

This option will change the aspect ratio of the image so that the entire image is stretched to fit the exact dimensions of it's window. This will distort the original dimensions of the image.

TECHNICAL HELP

Upon registration you are entitled to 30 days free technical assistance for all issues pertaining to software installation difficulty or operating errors. Technical assistance is not provided to unregistered users, so be sure to fill out and mail the registration card to Equivision™ .

You can also register on-line at http://www.equivision.net.

Tech Help: Available Monday through Friday only: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Pacific Standard Time.   Phone: (760) 839-2242   Fax: (760) 839-6616   E-Mail: Screenpix1@aol.com

Technical help is strictly for installation difficulty, or operating errors due to CD incompatability or malfunction. It is not for learning how to use the application. Please read the appropriate sections in this help menu to become familiar with the use of the application. It explains everything you need to know.

Extended Support:

Users requiring assistance after the initial 30 days free technical assistance period will be charged $ 15.00 for the first 15 minute time period and $ 10.00 for each subsequent 15 minute period on each call. Please have your credit card number ready.

TIFF

This file format was created by Aldus/Adobe.   The images stored as a TIFF file format can be a wide variety of sub-formats.   The TIFF specification contains so may variations that writing a TIFF file decoder which can decode all TIFF file formats is next to impossible.   Even Aldus/Adobe the original creator of the TIFF format does not support all of the file formats that have been re-created by other companies.   The EquiGraphics™ viewer currently supports uncompressed TIFFimages and TIFF images compressed using CCITT 1D, Group 3, Group 4, packed bits, and LZW compressed. It does not support tiled TIFF images.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

(1) The installation panel continues to display each time the CD is inserted into the CD ROM drive, even though the application is already installed.

      This is due to the user changing the default installation directory during the installation set-up.
      The default directory is C:\equiplus. Please re-install to the default directory without changing any of the default values.

(2)The images do not display on the viewer application screen.

      You have not selected your correct CD ROM drive letter or folder that contains the images.
      Please refer to the "Image Viewing" section of this help menu for detailed instructions.

UNINSTALL

To uninstall the EquiGraphics Plus™ application, simply go to "My Computer" select "Control Panel", then select the "Add/Remove Programs" icon. Select EquiGraphics Plus™ from the application file list, then click on the "Add/Remove" button. This will display the uninstall panel. From this panel you can choose "Automatic" or "Custom" removal of the program. The custom option allows you to control which files are removed.

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ZOOM

This option allows you to zoom in and out by selecting the numerical percentages listed on the options panel. Just select what percent to zoom and the application does it automatically.