

The CIS Nodes Locator ver. 1.5b

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Conventions used in Help are the same as those used in the manual.

Introduction

Welcome to CisNodes version 1.5b! This program will determine the location of a node when you enter the three-character abbreviation used on CompuServe Information Service. It should be helpful during a conference to find out where others are calling from without having to ask.

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Getting Started

CisNodes is designed to run along with your communication program under Windows. If your communication program is a DOS version, you must run it in a window, not a full-screen mode. Refer to your Windows Manual for help in accomplishing this.

With your communication program open, select and maximize the CisNodes icon. If using a mouse, double-clicking the icon will give you these results. At this point a ShareWare notice window will appear, offering you the chance to register your program. Choose the No button to continue with CisNodes. Next, if the data file is more than sixty days old, a window will appear reminding you that an update of this file is due. To continue on to CisNodes, pick the Yes button. Now you have arrived at the CisNodes main window. Position this window in a convenient location on your screen.

The Entry Box is where you enter the three-letter abbreviation for a node. A node is obtained in a conference on CompuServe by typing `[/UST]`, the command to display a list of people in the conference room, along with the three-letter node representing their location. Note: CIM/WinCIM users do not need to use a command to see a list of conference participants; this information is automatically displayed. Once the node is typed in CisNodes' Entry Box, pressing **{Enter}** or choosing the Find button causes the node's location to appear in its display box. If **{Enter}** is used, the Entry Box remains high-lighted for immediate re-entry of another node.

CisNodes will start and always stay on top by default; this was implemented for use with WinCIM. This feature can be turned off from the system menu. This program is like most of Windows programs as far as how to navigate.

From the program menu you may exit CisNodes or obtain this online Help.

Keyboard Use

General Use Keys:

Tab will cycle through the button and entry box

Enter will process the high-lighted button or the entry box

Alt+Tab .. will cycle you through all the applications you have running in Windows

From the Entry-Box:

Alt+F4 will EXIT

Alt+F will display FILE menu

Alt+i will FIND the location for a node

Alt+H will display HELP menu

Note: If you're not in the entry box, the **{i}** will work without the **{Alt}** key.

You can access the System Menu by using the **{F10}** key and pressing **{Enter}**. Once in the menu:

M will move the window (Use the **{Directional Arrows}** to select a new position)

C or

Alt+F4 will close the window

T will toggle "Always on Top"

Additionally, of course, you can move down to the desired choice using the **{Directional Arrows}** and then press **{Enter}**.

Cut and Paste is not fully implemented in this version, but if you can copy a node from another window, you can use **{Ctrl+V}** to paste this node in the entry box and press **{Enter}** to locate.

See also Mouse Use.

Mouse Use

Operating your CisNodes program using a mouse is just like working the keyboard except that you are to point at the desired Button, Entry Box, System Menu item or Program Menu item and click the left mouse button. To highlight the Entry Box for replacement of its contents, double-click the mouse button. Double-clicking the System Menu will exit the program. The right mouse button doesn't do anything at this time.

Reminder

The reminder window pops up as the program is entered when the DATA file needs to be updated. Pick the Yes button to continue with CisNodes. Or, pick the Help button for instructions on Updating the DATA file. To disable the reminder for another sixty-day period, pick the No button.

Updating The DATA file

From the DOS prompt use CNVERT.EXE to update the CISNODES.DAT file. It is recommended that the file is updated every sixty days.

a) Log on CIS. Do not attempt capture at greater than 2400 baud as this results in a corrupted data file with most modems.

b) Type ["GO CIS:LGN-30"] {Enter}. Turn CAPTURE mode on and capture the Node list from CIS. Turn CAPTURE off.

c) Leave communications program.

d) Go to directory where CisNodes program is located. Type ["CNVERT"] [filename] {Enter}. CNVERT will save the old data file as CISNODES.BAK. Your new data file is now ready to use.

Ordering The CIS Node Locator

It's simple! Just pick the Yes button on the ShareWare notice window and an order form will display. Complete the order form and pick the Ok button. Pick the Ok button again to begin printing process, making sure your printer is on line. Please choose 180 x 180 resolution on your print setup window. If your printer cannot print 180 x 180 dpi, print the alternative ORDER.FRM. This file is located in your directory with the other program files. If you do not have a printer, you may view the order form on your screen, and create a reasonable facsimile on your own, being sure to include all requested information.

Submit your completed order form, along with payment by check or money order made payable to Andy Abercrombie, at the address indicated on your order form.

Completing the Order Form

- a) Enter the date and click mouse or {Tab} down to box labeled Name, and type in your first and last name.
- b) {Tab} down to or click on Address box and type in street address, apartment number, city, state and zip code, pressing {Tab} or clicking mouse each time a new line is desired.
- c) {Tab} down again or click on proper lines to type in work and home phone numbers.
- d) To select the disk size, use the {Directional Arrows} or click mouse until the proper box is marked. Similarly, mark box for either single or site license. If purchasing a site license, type in the number of additional copies ordered.
- e) {Tab} down or click to highlight the appropriate line and use the {Space bar} to check if either a Michigan resident or an overseas order.
- f) As orders are placed, bill will be tabulated on the bottom of the form. Once satisfied with your order, pick Ok to view print setup window.
- g) Pick the OK button again to begin the printing process, making sure your printer is on line. Please choose 180 x 180 resolution on your print setup window. If your printer cannot print 180 x 180 dpi, print the alternative ORDER.FRM.

Alternative Order Form

1. From the DOS prompt, change the directory to the directory where CisNodes resides and type ["TYPE ORDER.FRM >PRN"] {Enter}, making sure that your printer is on line.
2. Remove your printed order form from the printer and complete all sections, including date, name and address, and phone numbers.
3. Select either 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 inch disk.
4. Tabulate your bill as you select either a single license or site license with additional copies, and indicate whether you are a Michigan resident or overseas.
5. Submit your completed order form, along with payment by check or money order in US. dollars made payable to Andy Abercrombie, at the address indicated on your order form.

Conventions

1. Braces {} enclose the name of a key or keys located on your keyboard. Example: {Enter} means to press the Enter key on your keyboard.

2. Brackets [] enclose a variable supplied by the user.

Examples used in this manual:

a. the number symbol # represents a digit.

b. .ext represents a file extension.

c. path consists of a drive letter, colon, backslash, and a directory name, possibly followed by a backslash and sub-directory names to define a specific location. The path for CisNodes located on your C drive would be C:\CISNODES.

d. fullpath usually, and in this manual, consists of the path ending with an exact file name. The fullpath for CISNODES.EXE, which is a runnable program, located in the directory C:\CISNODES would be C:\CISNODES\CISNODES.EXE.

e. sourcefile.ext is the fullpath for an input file used in an application. Note: The path may be excluded if the application and the file are located in the same directory. Since this will probably be your situation, what you would type for manual.do_ would be MANUAL.DO_

f. destinationfile.ext is the fullpath for an output file used in an application. Note: The path may be excluded if the application and the file are located in the same directory. Since this will probably be your situation, what you would type for manual.doc would be MANUAL.DOC

3. Brackets surrounding Quotation Marks [""] enclose case-sensitive static text, which is text that is to be typed exactly as shown, whether in upper or lower case letters. Example: ["DEL"] means to type the letters D,E,and L.

Technical Support

Technical support is available through Compuserve via E-Mail, by postal letter, or by telephone. Click on [Alpha and OmegaWare](#) for address information.

Capture

This is the capability of most communication programs to save everything that scrolls by the screen to a file.

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Topic

A Help topic usually begins with a title and contains information about a particular task, command, or dialog.

Entry Box

This is a place where data may be entered, selected, copied, or pasted.

Data File

This data file contains a list of all the three-letter abbreviations and their corresponding locations, posted by Compuserve.

Find Button



This button processes the entry box. It's located on the main Dialog.

Yes Button



This button means to proceed with the process in question.

No Button



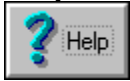
This button means not to proceed with the process in question.

Ok Button



This button means that you agree with the contents of this dialog and want to go on.

Help Button



This button brings up the help system on this particular topic.

System Menu



This is a menu provided by Windows for all applications to use. It's located in the upper left hand corner of the window.

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