

CisSearch 95 (v3.01)

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Introduction

Thank you for choosing to evaluate CisSearch 95.

CisSearch 95 is a utility that will allow you to perform full text searches on Compuserve File Cabinet files (E-Mail, Display Articles, Extended News Service, Forum Messages and Threads).

CisSearch 95 does NOT create any additional indexes, so it may be a few seconds slower than an application that does, BUT it saves you the hassle of always rebuilding the indexes everytime you retrieve new messages and threads, it also saves space on your harddisk.

CisSearch 95 does NOT in any way alter or modify the File Cabinet Files, it merely reads them and performs the requested query, displaying the results.

If you have more than one File Cabinet, you can set that as a secondary search area to perform your queries.

Enhancements Added to Version 2.0 (Win16)

- * Search fields have been increased to include searches on Author Name/Address Recipient Name/Address (Primarys only).
- * Multiple file cabinet selection for searches and a 'Search All' feature.
- * Adds IN/OUT basket to list of available folders.
- * Defaults to Message Text search on opening Query Helper.
- * Progress Gauge during a search, showing percentages of remaining folders and files remaining to search.
- * Auto selection of all text when dumping to clipboard or text file.
- * Added option of changing between European and American style date formats.
- * Adds date of message into search results list.
- * Can now navigate between search results whilst viewing text.
- * Added Conversion Socket. This will allow plug-in DLLs at a later date to retrieve the information from your search results and convert and export the messages to different formats such as TEXT, PARADOX, DBASE, WORD, etc. Although none are available at the moment the first DLL's should be available shortly as shareware, either from ourselves or from 3rd party developers.

Enhancements Added to Version 2.1 (Win16)

This version corrects a problem in version 2.0 that caused errors on opening files on certain hard disks.

Enhancements Added to Version 3.01 - CisSearch 95 (Win32)

This version was recompiled as a 32 Bit application to run under Windows 95 and Windows NT giving a much improved search speed.

- * Plug-In Interface was modified to work direct with plug-in DLL's without the need to transfer data through a seperate Conversion Manager Module.
- * Automatic Installation process added for Plug-In's, enabling the you to install new Plug-Ins from within CisSearch.
- * Result list can now display over 2MB of search hits as opposed to earlier 32K limit.

New Installation

NOTE: Do not install CisSearch 95 in a previous CisSearch 2.x directory, create a new directory for CisSearch 95.

CSRCH95.ZIP

This file contains the following files:

README.DOC - This file

CSRCH95.EXE - The Application

BWCC32.DLL - This must go in your \Windows\System directory

1. Create a directory called CISSRCH95 (Wherever you want, actually you can call the directory by any name you wish).
2. Unzip CSRCH95.ZIP into this directory.
3. Move BWCC32.DLL into your WINDOWS\SYSTEM subdirectory.
If you already have a file of this name in there already, look at both file version using (Properties | Version) and ensure that the latest version is placed in there, and delete the other one.
4. Setup a new program item for CSRCH95.

Un-Install

Remove the above named files from where ever you located them (If they already existed in your \WINDOWS\SYSTEM directorys before you installed CisSearch 95 then it would be safer to leave them on as they may be used by a totally unrelated application).

CisSearch 95 will have added the file CISSRCH.INI to your WINDOWS directory, simply delete it.

Operating Instructions

Setting up the directorys and other options

When you first start up CisSearch 95 the program will not know where to find your File Cabinets(s). You must tell it where by selecting the menu item PREFERENCES. If you press the button marked MAIN, it will pop up a directory dialog that you can simply use to navigate and find the file CABINET.DAT

Usually you will find this file within the Compuserve directory structure. SO..if you installed Compuserve into C:\CSERVE you will find cabinet.dat at C:\CSERVE\FCABINET\CABINET\

You can also setup a secondary cabinet if you have one located elsewhere on the system. Just select which one to make current by checking the radio button next to the appropriate cabinet.

Disable Aborts: If you find that searches are quite slow, then selecting this check box will speed things up a bit. If you select this option you will NOT be able to abort a search once it has begun and the animated bitmap in the search dialog will not page through.

Header on Dumpfile: This checkbox toggles the header information that goes to the dumpfile (The text file that selected text in a search hit gets copied too). Select a textfile to send selected text from files.

Performing a search

Select Cabinet Search from the menu. An MDI dialog will appear. You can open as many of these as your memory can support. This enables you to perform multiple searches, holding on to the results to evaluate later.

You must first set up a *Query* by pressing the Set Query Button. Then select a folder to search. You can select multiple folders to search. These should directly resemble the folder listings in Compuserve. Press search to conduct the search. press abort to stop a search. **Double click on a result** to see the text of the message.

The query helper will allow simple Boolean searches on the Subject or the FULL message text contained in a Compuserve file.

Performing Multiple Folder Searches

There are a number of methods:

- a) Toggle the *Select All Folders* checkbox.
- b) Whilst Holding down the CTRL Key , you can individually select and deselect multiple folders with the mouse (Left Mouse click).
- c) Whilst holding down the SHIFT Key you can select and unselect batches of folders with the mouse (Left Mouse click).

Problems ?

If you find that you donot understand any part of the program or are having problems installing or running CisSearch 95, please donot hesitate to contact Waterstone Leisure (Compuserve 100517,745 or via the internet: 100517.745@compuserve.com).

"File Error, Cannot find BWCC32.DLL"

The program needs to find the file BWCC.DLL that came with CisSearch 95. Locate BWCC32.DLL and move it to your WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory.

"Exception 32747 (No message available)"

or

"Exception 32760 (No message available)"

This is usually caused by the inability of the program to load a required DLL, check the version numbers of the following DLL's on your system

BWCC32.DLL - Should be version 2.04 or higher.

"CisSearch95 has been working fine, but suddenly it won't work properly now"

or

"When CisSearch95 is running by itself, it works fine, but if I have certain other programs running CisSearch95 refuses to run"

Use Windows to search your drives for BWCC32.DLL Then on each of the found DLL's determine which is the latest version (Should be 2.04 or above). Copy the latest version into your ..\WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory and rename or delete the others (*Very Important*). Restart Windows and try again.

If you are having a problem deleting or renaming a DLL, make a note of the location, exit windows and do it from DOS.

If you are on a network, there may be an application that has BWCC32.DLL in its local directory that you are starting up that uses an earlier version of BWCC32.DLL. If this application starts up first it will make the old version the default for your system and cause possible problems for any other application on the system that requires a newer version to function. You will need to update the older copy of BWCC32.DLL with the latest one included with CisSearch 95.

We would encourage you to report any bugs or errors that you may find within the application.

Registered Users who report an unknown bug or an original suggestion for an improvement that we decide to incorporate in the next version will receive that version for free.

How does a registered version differ ?

When you register your version of CisSearch 95, you will be notified of any upgrades that become available.

The registered version also allows you to view the files that you have found from a search and save them to a dumpfile or to the clipboard.

When you register CisSearch 95 you will receive a Registration Key that you copy into your CisSearch 95 directory to fully enable your software.

Conversion Manager Socket

Version 2.x and above comes with a Plug-In Socket Manager that will allow future Plug-In shareware, developed by ourselves or 3rd party developers, to export selected files in bulk from CisSearch to other file formats such as TXT, Paradox, DBase, Access, Word etc.

If you are interested in developing a Shareware Plug-In DLL to work with CisSearch 95, please E-Mail us at the address below, with your details, for further information.

Bulk Text Conversion Plug-In Module

At the moment we have developed a 32-Bit bulk text converter called TextCon95 that plugs into CisSearch95, this automatically exports chosen CIS messages to automatically named Text Files. Download the File (TXTCON.ZIP) from the same forum you retrieved this one from to evaluate it.

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You are encouraged to pass a copy of the shareware version of CisSearch 95 (EXCEPT ANY REGISTRATION KEYS) along to your friends for evaluation. Please encourage them to register their copy if they find that they can use it.

This program does not have any printed documentation - all information on use and capabilities is included in this file.

How to contact Waterstone Leisure

All registered users receive free technical support. Also, registered users will receive a copy of CisSearch 95 with all restrictions removed, this means that you can freely view files from the results of your searches. To report bugs, receive help and bug fixes please send a CompuServe message via CompuServe Mail to 100517,745 or via the Internet: 100517.745@compuserve.com

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Registration ID: 7394

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