

TextCon 95 (v3.0)

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Introduction

Thank you for choosing to evaluate TextCon 95 (v3.0)

TextCon 95 is a 32 Bit Plug-In, bulk text conversion module to work with CisSearch 95.

It converts your selected Compuserve Filing Cabinet Files to ASCII text files.

By selecting single or multiple messages (Threads, Articles, ENS, Messages & E-Mail) within CisSearch 95, you can export and split the files into different file headings, naming and grouping the files according to subject, Author, Recipient or Message Id.

There is an optional checkbox (***Retain Original Format***) that will allow you to override the formatting used within the CIS message area, useful for UUDECODING attached files from the internet.

REQUIRES CisSearch 95 (Version 3.01 or greater).

Installation

TXTCON95.ZIP

This file contains the following files:

- * README.WRI - This file
- * TXTCON95.DLL - This is the module that does the text conversions for you.
- * TEXTCON.CON - Installation Instructions for Auto Install from CisSearch 95.

1. Unzip TXTCON95.ZIP into a temporary directory
2. Start up CisSearch 95.
3. Select (Preferences | Install Converter) from the menu.
4. Navigate to the temporary directory where you unzipped the textcon files and select the Textcon.con file.
5. CisSearch 95 will automatically Move TextCon into your CisSearch 95 directory and update your Initialisation file to use TextCon.

Un-Install

Remove the above named files from where ever you located them, and delete the [Converters] section in your CISSRCH.INI file (Located in your ..\Windows directory). Also remove the Textcon.ini file from your ..\windows directory.

Operating Instructions

1. After you have performed a search with CisSearch 95 you will see a list of message results that have matched your search. You can export any of these Compuserve messages as an ASCII text file. Select the files that you wish to export with the mouse (Hold the SHIFT - LEFT MOUSE or CNTRL-Left Mouse for multiple selections) and press the [CONVERT] button.

Note: The Shareware version will only convert a single message at a time.

2. The Conversion manager will then scan your CISSRCH.INI file for the available convertors you have on your system.

3. Select a converter (Bulk Ascii Text Converter, in this case) and press OK.

4. The Text Converter dialog box will then appear:

*** Output Directory**

Select a directory where you wish the converted files to be exported to.

*** Output File Naming**

Select the method you wish for the files to be named.

For example, if you choose 'Use Author' then each exported file will be named after the author. ie. Each exported message Authored by Joe Bloggs, will be placed in the file "Joe Bloggs.Txt"

Note: TextCon 95 is a 32 Bit application and will generate Long File names. It will automatically exclude illegal characters.

*** Max Page Width**

Because of the variety of formatting used in Compuserve messages some files convert just fine without any adjustments, others require modification and if you find that some of your messages appear to be going off the page then set the maximum page width here and when the file is converted it may be more readable.

*** Ignore Max. Page Width**

This will override the above setting and retain the message formatting.

*** Retain Original Format**

Will allow you to override the formatting used within the CIS message area, useful for UUDECODING attached files from the internet.

Problems ?

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

"No converters are available"

Check that you followed the Installation instructions correctly and that TXTCON95.DLL was moved to your CisSearch 95 directory.

Check that your CISSRCH.INI and TEXTCON.INI is in your WINDOWS subdirectory and a duplicate of it does not exist on your system.

Check that the entries in CONMAN.INI correspond thus:

[Converters]

Bulk Ascii Text Converter (32 Bit)=TXTCON95.DLL

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 TextCon 95 you will be notified of any upgrades that become available. The registered version removes the limit of converting a single message at a time.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

A registered version of TextCon 95 will NOT work fully with the Shareware version of CisSearch 95, You MUST have a registered version of CisSearch 95 AND a registered version of TextCon 95 for the full functionality to become available.

Future Converters

The next converter planned is a Paradox Converter.

If you have any suggestions or ideas how you would like your CompuServe files converted, please contact us by E-Mail.

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 and a Software Development Guide.

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The \$10.00 registration fee will license one copy for use by one user on any one computer at any one time. Contact Waterstone Leisure Ltd. directly if you would like to negotiate a site license.

You are encouraged to pass a copy of the shareware version of TextCon 95 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 registration key file that will remove all restrictions, this means that bulk conversion is then enabled. 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

Payment

The fastest and easiest way to register your copy is via CompuServe. To register, GO SWREG on CompuServe. Enter the following information to find and register the program:

Registration ID: 7395

When we receive your Notification of your Shareware Registration the registration key will be attached to a compuserve E-Mail message by return (Waterstone Leisure pays the postage due).