INI Wizard 1.22

Yet another .INI (or other text) file multi-window editor. Getting fancier as it evolves - but still just a tool with the convenience factor that does what I want it to do (small wonder that, seeing as I wrote it...).

INI Wizard opens and lets you edit any number of INI (or other text) files, each in a separate window.

The "**Open**" menu (or the "Open" button in the toolbar) will set up at the Windows directory (the most likely place for INI files). If you re-open a file that's already open in **INI Wizard**, its window is activated, and if the contents have changed against the file's, you get the option to revert the window to the last saved state of the file.

The most recently used 10 files appear under the "**Open Recent...**" menu. If the selected file doesn't exist anymore, you're presented with an Open dialog.

The "**Close**" menu (or the leftmost button in the toolbar) closes the frontmost window, and - if there are no more windows left to close - quits **INI Wizard**. When closing a modified (unsaved) file, either through the control box of its window, the "**Close**" menu or the "**Close**" button, you'll get a warning to that fact.

The "**Edit**" menu supports cutting, copying and pasting. The "**Undo**" menu is never enabled, but is nevertheless functional (when/where appropriate) through the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl-Z**.

The "**Windows**" menu has the usual stuff (windows arrangement, window selection) in conjunction with MDI (multiple documents interface) windows.

The "**Options**" menu lets you decide how active windows, or windows for newly opened or new files should appear (normal, maximized, minimized), lets you select a font, a font size, a font style and a text windows background color (which is globally applied to all active and subsequent windows). Options are preserved for eternity in an .INI file in the Windows directory that has the program's root name (i.e. the program's .EXE name with the extension .INI instead of .EXE).

Each **document window** has its toolbar with a button and a dropdown list. The latter contains all the section names [in square brackets] which were found when reading the INI file. Selecting a section in the dropdown list positions that section at the top of the text window. If you subsequently add sections to your text, you can **add** those section names to the dropdown list by clicking somewhere in or after the section name in the text window, and then clicking the **up-arrow** ("**Add Section**") **button** in the toolbar. Selecting a section in the dropdown list which no longer exists in the text results in a beep and the removal of that section name from the dropdown list (we're learning, there).

Version history:

V1.0   Original release (Feb. 18th 1994)

V1.1   Convenience features release (Feb. 22nd 1994)
        - Added toolbar & more consistent menu handling (menu enabling/disabling)
        - Unlimited number of open documents; more efficient memory handling
        - Added font selection

V1.2   More features & bugfix release (March 1st 1994)
        - Added dropdown sections list in document windows

- Added the Add Section button & related functionality
- Added windows background color menu
- Changed Close button behaviour to quit when no more windows are open
- Fixed a bug which would hang the program when the last line in a file wasn't terminated with CR+LF. The last line is now forcibly terminated on CR+LF
- Leading and trailing white spaces are eliminated when reading in files

V1.21   Even more features & bugfix release (March 10th 1994)
- Added an "Edit" menu (although cut/copy/paste functionality was previously supported thru the standard keyboard shortcuts)
- Changed "New Document" behaviour (from buglet to responsable) so that the textbox receives the focus as a new window is opened, thus making "Paste" as very first operation possible
- Made no-longer existing (deleted) section names in dropdown list disappear when they're selected
- Fixed a minor problem with small TrueType fonts that would be changed to whatever Windows deemed appropriate
- Fixed a problem that would crash **INI Wizard** if the first time you run the program, the Arial TT font isn't installed.
- Couldn't resist adding a splash screen for unregistered users...

V1.22   One more feature and a miniscule bug fix (April 2nd 1994)
- Added command line operation (by request). You can now create one or several program manager icons (one each for specific INI or text files) for **INI Wizard** that have as a command line parameter the path and filename of an INI/text file which you want to open automatically upon program start. If you're using Norton Desktop for Windows, you can have NDW prompt you for the command line parameter (i.e. for the INI/text file path and name).

What it takes:

INI Wizard requires CMDIALOG.VBX, THREED.VBX and VBRUN300.DLL in the Windows\System directory or the program's directory. The first two are distributed with the program; if you don't have VBRUN300.DLL, please download it from the MSBASIC forum in Compu$erve or similar forums on other online services.

What it's worth:

INI Wizard is *Shareware*. If you use it, please register your personal copy by sending **$15** (in **cash**, meaning unmarked, not-continuously-numbered, used bills; please **no** checks, camels or other hard-to-convert-to-local-cash means of payment...) to:

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and don't forget to mention your name and Compu$erve user ID (or other Email address reachable through Compu$erve), so I can provide you with registration information to make the splash screen go away forever, updated versions (should such come to life) and/or other goodies (should there be any). Of course it's worth more than 15 bucks <g>. If you'd like to peek at the source code, make it $20 and I'll upload the code to you (Compu$erve only; I don't have access

to other services from Switzerland).

INI Wizard is fully functional, non-nagging (except for a splash screen) - I just trust in people's honesty, I guess. Oh, by the way: thanks for paying *your* shareware fee (you're the sort of person who does, aren't you!). Also, please let me know it there's anything wrong with the program, or otherwise worth improving, and I might just fix it (given the odd minute off!).

Corporate users: get in touch with me and we'll work out a multiuser license (I'm a reasonable guy...). And if you're interested in outsourcing work to someone working "the virtual office" (usually somewhere between Switzerland, Thailand and the USA, with a lot of experience in this type of remote work) - let me know! I program applications of any size in Visual Basic with a heavy leaning towards database/SQL stuff. 20 years of experience are waiting...