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This document contains important information that may not be included in the ***FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator -- ZipNAV User's Guide*** or in the online help file.

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Using Microsoft Windows Write to View This Document

If you enlarge the Write Window to its maximum size, this document will be easier to read. To do so, click the Maximize button in the upper-right corner of the window. Or open the Control menu in the upper-left corner of the Write window (press ALT+SPACEBAR), and then choose the Maximize command.

To move through the document, press PAGE UP or PAGE DOWN or click the arrows at the top and bottom of the scroll bar along the right side of the Write window.

To print the document, choose the Print command from the File menu. (Note: In order to optimize the document for a particular printer, it may be necessary for the user to reformat the entire document prior to printing.)

For Help on using Write, press F1.

To read other online documents, choose the Open command from the File menu.

What's New?

Several changes and additions have been implemented in this release, and include the following:

Popup Flash Tips

Need some quick help on the function of a particular control? This release provides popup "Flash Tips" for most main controls -- just locate the mouse cursor over the control, e.g., a button, list or edit box, and click the RIGHT mouse button while holding down the "SHIFT" key.

More Drag and Drop Capabilities

FlashPoint Zip Filer (WZF.EXE) now has additional drag and drop capabilities. Drag selected member files from the Zip Filer, and drop them on **any** Windows application that supports drag and drop (not just Windows File Manager) -- the file will be expanded to the "UnZip To" directory and loaded into the applicable application.

Member files can now be droped on executable files (*.EXE, *.COM, *.PIF, etc.) displayed in a File Manager directory list -- the members are expanded to the "UnZip To" directory and then loaded into the target application. Files may still be expanded to the desired directory by droping them on a non-executable file or a directory name listed in a File Manager directory tree or list.

Also, the new drag drop features will allow the user to expand all selected member files to the unzip target directory, and install applicable icons in a Program Manager window, by simply droping the members on the applicable Program Manager group.

Remember, after a valid Zip archive file name is entered in the FlashPoint Zip Filer "Archive" edit box, its member files will be displayed in the list box. Mark or select member files by dragging the mouse cursor over the list with the LEFT mouse button depressed, or use the new "Select Bar" to the right of the list box. Drag selected members using the mouse with the RIGHT mouse button depressed -- drop files by releasing the RIGHT mouse button.

New and Modified Buttons and Controls:

Throughout the application programs, new graphic controls and buttons have been

implemented to insure proper display on all video modes.   For example, the user can now assign the font and size used in the Zip Filer member list and status boxes.

In addition, several important controls have been changed or added. All directory and file browse buttons have been changed from a text button which stated "Browse" to a smaller graphic "open file" button -- to toggle between these buttons using the keyboard, use the ALT-PERIOD key combination.

Also, the Zip Filer application now has a new select/unselect bar, located to the right of the member list box; this is used as a quick toggle for marking and unmarking all archive members displayed in the list box.

The user can now assign a default "Archive" name or path using the "Option" dialog panel application (OPT.EXE). This will be displayed in the appropriate dialog windows in the Zip FIler and Zip Manager (WIZiper).

Windows Self Extracting Archive Files (SFX):

Now the user can create Self-Extracting Windows (not DOS) archives, which allow distribution of archives to Windows users who do not have any zip archive extraction utilities.

The WinSFX feature is unique in that these self extracting archives are Windows applications, prompt the user to designate the target directory before extracting the zip member files, and upon completion of extraction will execute the commands (up to 50) contained in an extracted "run" command file.

The format of the "run" command file, which must be named "!.!," are identical to the format of a standard Windows 3.1 INI file. The syntax is as shown in the following example:

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[go]
1=fpsetup.exe
2=fpview readme.txt
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The section name, which must be bracketed, is "go" and each command line must be preceded by consecutively numbered keywords, from "1" to "50." Each number is followed by an equal ("=") sign and the command line to be executed.

The creation of WinSFX files can be controled through the applications' "Option" dialog panels, through the "Make SFX" combo box item in the Zip Manager ("WIZiper") Command group, or by running the FPZIP.EXE command line application with the "-E" parameter switch.

WARNING: Self extracting files contain copyrighted code, and may not be distributed by non-licensed or unregistered users. While the unregistered shareware version contains functional WinSFX capabilities, the SFX archive files produced are only for evaluation purposes and may not be distributed.

Internal Changes:

A bug, which prevented the Zip Filer from loading Zip archive files with "large" zip file comments, has been fixed. On loading or reloading an archive containing a zip comment, the zip comment is now displayed in a message box (note, limitations in Windows display message box text with an ANSI rather than OEM font -- this can result in certain OEM/DOS zip file comment characters, e.g., graphic characters, appearing as garbled text).

The application programs now consume less disk space and have been fine-tuned to run faster. In addition, every effort has been made to further refine the application interfaces and to correct any bugs that may have appeared in former releases.

Distribution Files and Description

The FlashPoint ZIP NAVIGATOR ("ZipNAV") shareware, thiry (30) day evaluation product includes the following distribution files.

FILE	DESCRIPTION
FPZ_NEWS.WRI	This is the file you're reading. ***"FlashNews"*** replaces the typical "README.TXT" file distributed with most applications. It contains basic information and directions on where to look for further information and explains the purpose of the application and documentation files distributed in this release. This file should be read before installing, running or ordering the product.
FPZIP.WRI	This file contains the ***Zip Navigator "Flash Start" Shareware / Evaluation User's Guide***. It provides only basic information on installing, using and registering this product, and is intended only to get the user "up and going" with the unregistered shareware evaluation release. For more detailed information on product features, advanced configuration and use, the user should consult the online help file (FPZIP.HLP).
FPZIP.HLP	This is the online help file that is loaded by Microsoft Windows WinHelp application. It functions as both the online help and User's Guide for the unregistered shareware evaluation release of this product. It may be launched from file manager or program manager, loaded from within the WinHelp program or accessed through any of the FlashPoint Zip Navigator help or about commands. The file is in the Windows 3.1 Windows Help format, and requires WinHelp version 3.1 or greater.
DISCOUNT.TXT	This is a very important document to read -- it tells you how to save money. It describes various discounts that may be available should you decide to purchase the complete registered version of this product. You must carefully follow the instructions on taking a specific discount, or you may not qualify. Most discounts have certain time or other limitations on them, and may no longer be in effect. Discounts are only available if you order direct from FlashPoint Development, and are not available if you register the product with any authorized third-party services, e.g., CompuServe's Online Software Registration Service.
COMPUSRV.TXT	This document describes where and how you can register this product

through CompuServe's Online Software Registration Service. Again remember that no discounts may be applied to online orders.

CIS.ICO   This file is a standard icon file, that is provided for and used internally by Microsoft Windows Program Manager to display a COMPUSRV.TXT icon.

FILE_ID.DIZ   This file is merely a brief description of this product, that is provided for and used internally by many public bulletin board system's (BBS) software.

FPZIP.EXE   This is the compression and archive program used by the other ZipNAV applications, and can be used as a standalone application, e.g., it may be incorporated in or launched form your own application programs by the use of macros or other execution and load functions, e.g., Windows API WinExec function.

FPZIPX.EXE   This is the decompression and unarchive program used by the other ZipNAV applications, and can be used as a standalone application, e.g., it may be incorporated in or launched form your own application programs by the use of macros or other execution and load functions, e.g., Windows API WinExec function.

WZF.EXE   This is the FlashPoint Windows ZIP Filer program which functions as a shell for both FlashPoint Windows ZIP (FPZIP.EXE) and FlashPoint Windows ZIPX (FPZIPX.EXE) compression and decompression modules.

WIZ.EXE   This is the FlashPoint Windows ZIP Manager ("WIZiper") program which functions as a shell for FlashPoint Windows ZIP (FPZIP.EXE) and FlashPoint Windows ZIPX (FPZIPX.EXE) compression and decompression modules, and, optionally, PKWare's DOS PKZip (PKZIP.EXE) and PKUnzip (PKUNZIP.EXE) compression and decompression utilities.

FPZIP.INI   This is the default initialization file for all FlashPoint Windows ZIP NAVIGATOR applications.

FPZFMX.DLL   This is the File Manager Extension application or dynamic link library (DLL) that you must manually configure by using the sample text contained in the WINFILE.TXT file and the WINFILE.INI file located in your systems Windows Directory, e.g., the C:\WINDOWS\ directory on many users' computers. Consult the installing the File Manager Extension topics in either the online help file (FPZIP.HLP) or the Shareware/Evaluation User's Guide (FPZIP.WRI), for detailed information on how to install this extension program.

WINFILE.TXT   This is the data file for the default File Manager Extension settings that are merged into the WINFILE.INI file located in your Windows Directory. Consult this file and the File Manager Extension topics in either the online help file (FPZIP.HLP) or the Shareware/Evaluation User's Guide (FPZIP.WRI), for detailed information on how to customize the extension program settings and menus.

FPZXX.EXE   This is a program module used internally by the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator applications. It can not be ran as a standalone application.   It should be installed in the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator Directory (the directory where, FPZIP.EXE, FPZIPX.EXE, WIZ.EXE and WZF.EXE are installed).

FPZGRM.DLL   This is a dynamic link library used internally by the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator applications. It should be installed in the Windows' System Directory.

FPZHRM.DLL   This is a dynamic link library used internally by the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator applications. It should be installed in the Windows' System Directory.

FPZSFX.DLL   This is a dynamic link library used internally by the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator applications. It should be installed in the Windows' System Directory.

FPZSYS.EXE   This is a System Menu Extension program module used to attach additional ZipNAV related selections to the system menu of all applications' top level windows. It may be added to the WIN.INI "load=" statement, or the program manager "startup" window to automatically invoke it at the beginning of each Windows session.

FPZSMM.DLL   This is a dynamic link library used internally by the FlashPoint Windows System Menu Extension application. It should be installed in the Windows' System Directory..

FPSETUP.EXE   The installation program.

FPSETUP.INF   The installation program data file.

FPZIP.REG   This file is used by the installation program to install program information in the Microsoft Windows registration data base.

How to Install Zip Navigator

Copy the distribution files to a temporary directory on your system's hard drive, and then run the FlashPoint Windows Setup program (FPSETUP.EXE).   This step is performed by the self-extracting archive file (ZIPNAV.EXE), if the files have not been previously extracted.

The setup program will initially propose that the application be installed in the Windows Directory; however, any other directory may be substituted. If the directory does not exist, it will be created by the setup program. The only limitation on selecting a directory is that it be identified in the DOS environment "PATH=" setting.

When ZIP files are associated with FlashPoint Windows ZIP Filer or ZIPX, a simple double-click with the mouse or pressing the ENTER key while a ZIP filename is selected, in FlashPoint's WinNAV or Windows File Manager shell, will execute the associated program and load the selected ZIP file for processing.

Refer to the applicable shell or file manager application's user manual or the Microsoft Windows User Guide, for information on how to associate files.

Windows 3.0 Installation Requirements

If you plan on using this product under Microsoft Windows 3.0, you must read the applicable topics in the *Shareware/Evaluation User's Guide* document, before using the application programs. It contains important information about additional steps required to be performed by the user to complete installation of the product; these steps are not performed by FlashPont Windows Setup.

Installing FlashPoint Zip SysMenu Extension

This release added a last minute enhancement to the Zip Tools application set -- FlashPoint ZIP SysMenu. This application adds additional items to the Windows system menu for all applications, and allow quick access to both FlashPoint Windows ZIP Manager and ZIP Filer.

All required files are copied to your hard drive, and the application can be launched by selecting the appropriate icon from the Program Manager, or by runing FPZSYS.EXE from Windows File Manager.

To automatically launch the application on loading Windows, the user may copy the installed Program Manager icon to the Startup group or add the application file name (FPZSYS.EXE) to the WIN.INI "load=" line.

Uninstalling FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator

The standard FlashPoint ZipNAV installation can be uninstalled by:

1. Delete the following files, if installed, from the FlashPoint ZipNAV directory:

WIZ.EXE	WZF.EXE	OPT.EXE
FPZIP.EXE	FPZIPX.EXE	FPZXX.EXE
FPZIP.WRI	DISCOUNT.TXT	CIS.ICO
FP_NEWS!.WRI	FPVIEW.EXE	FPZIP.HLP
FPZSYS.EXE	COMPUSRV.TXT	

2.   Delete the following files from the Windows directory:

    FPZIP.INI

3.   Delete the following files from the Windows System directory:

FPZGRM.DLL	FPZHRM.DLL	FPZFMX.DLL
FPZSMM.DLL	FPZSFX.DLL	

4.   Delete the zip extension association line (referencing WZF.EXE) from the [Extensions] section of your WIN.INI file (located in the Windows directory), using a text editor such as NOTEPAD.EXE. See the Microsoft Windows Users' Guide for additional information on WIN.INI file associations.

5.   Delete the zip extension association information (referencing WZF.EXE) from the your REG.DAT file (located in the Windows directory), if any, using REGEDIT.EXE. See the Microsoft Windows Users' Guide for additional information on using REGEDIT.EXE.

6.   Delete the [FlashPoint ZIP] section from the your WINFILE.INI file (located in the Windows directory), if any, using a text editor such as NOTEPAD.EXE. Also delete the line refering to FPZFMX.DLL.

7.   Exit and restart Microsoft Windows.

How to Purchase the Registered Version of Zip Navigator

Read the topics on purchasing licensed copies of this product, in the ***Shareware/Evaluation User's Guide*** (FPZIP.WRI) or the online help file (FPZIP.HLP). Order forms can be located and printed directly from the online help file, by selecting the applicable "Register Me!" menu item and printer icon, or by printing a copy located in the ***User's Guide***.

Save Money on Registration and License Fees -- Discounts

Read the DISCOUNT.TXT file -- it contains information on several available discounts that may save you money on registration fees.

Current registered users of FlashPoint Windows ZIP/ZIPX and ZIP Tools for Windows should also read the DISCOUNT.TXT file for information on upgrades.

What's Missing in the Preliminary Release?

This is a preliminary release which is being distributed through shareware channels for the purpose of evaluation only. As such a few minor features may not be implemented, although they may appear functional in the application programs or are referenced in the documentation and help files. The registered production version, expected to begin shipping on or about July 15, 1994, will implement most of these features; however, some features may remain unimplemented, be abandoned or otherwise be changed. Therefore, before you elect to purchase the registered version of this product, it is important to determine that the current preliminary release features as implemented satisfy your needs.

Three features that are not planned to be implemented in the production version of this release are PKZip 2.04g file compression (deflation) and support for multiple disk (spanned) archives, and file encryption. These features, if implemented, will appear in a future release, provided they do not conflict with government restrictions on encryption and with copyright, trademark and patent rights of any third party, including specifically those of PKWare, Inc. Obviously, we have no desire to involve our registered users in litigation that could result from the unauthorized use or infringement of third-party proprietary rights.

Notwithstanding the foregoing limitations, both the preliminary and production versions of this product are compatible with all versions of PKWare's Zip file formats, including both version 1.1 and 2.04g standard and self-extracting file formats (other than multiple disk archives), and supports decryption of any archive files that are encrypted using PKZip 1.1 or 2.04g. In addition, FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator applications are compatible with Zip archive files created on a non-DOS/FAT operating system, e.g., various Unix, Windows NT, VMS, Apple, etc. operating systems, using third-party products, and will allow extraction and viewing of non-DOS/FAT archive member listings even though member files are not stored in standard DOS/Windows "8.3" character file name formats.

Report All Bugs and Suggestions

It is important that all bugs and suggestions be reported to FlashPoint Development or the author, Richard Patterson. This will allow possible modifications prior to the shipment of the production version, and additions and corrections to and enhancements of future releases.

Information on contacting FlashPoint and the author can be found in the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator User's Guides, in the online help file and in the COMPUSRV.TXT file.

Distribute Unregistered, Shareware/Evaluation Copies

Whether or not you choose to support this release and the development of future versions of FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator suite of applications, by purchasing one or more registered copies of the product, you can help insure future development by distributing copies of the unregistered product to co-workers, friends, members of the news media, shareware vendors, online services and bulletin board systems (BBS) -- the more persons who have the opportunity to evaluate this product will result in more persons having the opportunity to purchase it. Shareware products rely on user honesty and person to person advertising. As with all commercial and shareware products, only those products that generate sufficient revenues will continue to be developed and distributed as shareware; so if you like the product but can not afford to register it, you can still help support it by redistributing evaluation copies to others.