Questor Instructions and Information

Introduction

Well.. where do I start.. believe it or not, this program started way back in late '86 as a project for me to learn about Macintosh programming and the interface stuff. Jordie Duce had given me an idea for writing a then Red Ryder Host (now Second Sight) file transfer section editor, because he found Scott W.'s "somewhat lacking".

So I embarked on the adventure. I started with Lightspeed C 2.0.1. Now I am using Think C 4.0.2. After a short break (about 1/2 a year) I started back into it.. but still having a Plus and a SLOW hard drive, I was turned off pretty quick. My development went pretty slow till I saved enough to get a IIci in October of 89. After doing a few RCMD's for White Knight, I started back at it. From them till now, I have been working on Questor fairly steadily (the most being since May 90, summer break from University!). School has curtailed most development in the past few months.

Menus

The Apple menu is self explanatory. So is the file menu. All of the commands do what you would expect them to do.

Edit Menu

The edit menu is where the fun comes in. Unfortunately, undo does not work. Cut, Copy, and Paste all work as expected while in the description window.

Add:

Add will allow you to add a new file listing to the currently open document. It will bring up a GetFile dialog box, prompting you for the file you wish to add. Once Questor has gotten the information, it will bring up the edit file dialog. Here you can add the lising name and version number, as well as change any information that you see fit.

Remove:

When you have a file listing selected in the main window, the Remove command will delete the listing from the file. Using the preference command, you can have Questor confirm your remove command.

Edit Listing:

Edit Listing will bring up a dialog box where you can change all of the file's parameters. A shortcut to the edit command is double clicking on the listing in the main window.

The description window is where you edit the description of the currently selected listing.

Duplicate:

Duplicate allows you to copy that listing to another file (say a server file, which contains all of the files on your BBS).

Verify All Listings:

Verify All Listings will check all of the paths to the files, and when it finds a file listing with a wrong pathname, it will prompt you to pick a new pathname.

Preferences:

Preferences allows you to set wether you want to check the listings pathname every time you edit a file. It also allows you to set wether you want to skip the delete listing warning when you Remove some listing.

Window Menu

The window menu has a selection for the current open file, as well as the description window. The currently hilited window will have a checkmark beside it.

Deleted Files:

If you open up a file that had entries that are set as deleted, the names will be printed as bold italics. When you close that file, Questor will ask you if you want to get rid of the deleted entries.

Other Info:

The preferences file Questor creates is located in the same folder as the application. Questor will save the location of your windows, along with the preferences you set using the "Preferences..." menu command.

Limitations:

Questor can only handle files with up to 500 listings in them.

It also can only open one file at a time.

Questor needs System 6.0x or greater. It is multifinder aware.

Plans:

I am asking for the shareware fee for this version because I believe it is now a tool that can be used on a daily basis. Plus, hopefully this will get any bug reports out to me.

This version will be the last using the current code I have written. Besides any minor updates, the next major version will be a complete re-write using some form of object programming.

I would like to make it general enough so one could control all the aspects of your Second Sight

BBS within one program. Shouldn't be too tough!

Registration:

Please send me your name, full mailing address, as well as any electronic form of communication. (I have access to CONNECT, GEnie, Internet, and Fidonet). Along with the money of course! $20US, or $25CND. As for how to send the money.. I would prefer a money order unless you live in Canada. I am working on accepting credit cards, but don't know when (or if) that will come about.

Support

The newest version will always be available on GEnie, in both the Freesoft section and the Macintosh Roundtable.

I have started a support area on GEnie, in the Freesoft area. It is in section 2, topic 57. Feel free to post any questions or comments there, I am checking it once a week.

GEnie: LDUPONT
CONNECT: LDUPONT
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Thanks

First and foremost, Jordie Duce. He was the inspirer of the concept, and as well put the early alpha's through the test for me. He also gave me some pretty great suggestions for the interface and features of Questor. Also he was very helpful in answering the questions that I had.

All of the members of the "unofficial" Calgary Macintosh Developer's Organization.. (Jordie D. Tim W. Mark J. Darik D. and others) they put up with all of my "how do you declare a handle for..." questions, and answered them with flair!

To Jim Case, for helping me locally (Callisto: 403.264.0996) with the bug reports.

And to Scott Watson, for writing Second Sight.. its a great BBS software construction set, deserving of the great utilities already available for it.

Thanks to the guys and gals doing THINK C.. the current version is a joy to use!

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Version Release History

1.0 - Saturday, March 24th, 1991

Fixed all known bugs from previous beta versions.

Known Bug: crashes on start-up with an 8•24GC board (acceleration enabled). Probably won't matter to anyone, but it makes debugging a real pain!