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About WSFINGER v1.4

WSFINGER Copyright (c) 1993-1994 Tidewater Systems, was developed to provide Finger and Whois client capabilities to computers using Microsoft Windows(tm) and Winsock. WSFINGER is a Winsock 1.1 compliant program.

WSFINGER provides the following:

- Finger service
- Whois service
- Command line finger queries
- Address book of finger queries
- History of recent finger queries
- Copy output to clipboard
- Save ouput to file
- Print output

WSFINGER v1.4 is inexpensive shareware. See License.

Installation

Copy **wsfinger.exe** and **wsfinger.hlp** to a subdirectory of youur choice.

Copy **wsfinger.ini** to your windows directory.

Move **ctl3dv2.dll** to your windows\system directory.

Add a program item to a Program Manager group of your choice.

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Program Registration - WSFINGER v1.4

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$_____ Total

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Email Address _____

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Using Winsock Finger

Winsock finger provides client support for finger and whois services.
Follow the links below for information on each service.

Using Finger
Using Whois

Using Finger

A finger query can be started three ways: clicking the '**Finger**' button, clicking the '**AddBk**' button or by passing a query from the **command line**.

'**Finger**' :

A dialog box opens, a [user@]host query may be typed in, or a previous query can be selected by opening the history drop down list by clicking on the down arrow.

Once a query has been entered/selected, click 'Ok' to start the query or 'Cancel' to close the dialog and do nothing.

'**AddBk**':

A dialog box open from which a entry can be selected from a drop down list by clicking on the down arrow. Click 'Ok' to start the query or 'Cancel' to close the dialog and do nothing.

Adding an entry to the address book:
Enter the entry into the field labeled 'Enter [user@]host' and click '**Save**'.

Deleting an entry from the address book:
Select the entry from the drop down list and click '**Delete**'.

'**Command Line Queries**':

wsfinger supports the passing of command line queries. This can be useful if there are sites that are fingered on a regular basis. Using this feature, a program item could be created that fingers a specific site.

To use this feature, create a program item in a windows group. In the 'Command Line' field type <path to wsfinger.exe>\wsfinger.exe [user@]host.

i.e. c:\winsock\wsfinger.exe wsfinger@tidewater.com

(note: tidewater.com does not exist)

Using Whois

Whois database searches can be done using the Whois support in wsfinger. You can choose the Whois server. **rs.internic.net** by is the initial default server.

To start a Whois search, click on the '**Whois**' button. A dialog box will open.

'**Query**' :

Enter the string on which a Whois search will be performed.

'**Host**':

This is the name of the Whois server that will service the request. There are two hosts listed in the wsfinger.ini file in its original form. These hosts are rs.internic.net and whois.nic.ddn.mil. You can add or delete other hosts to/from the host list.

Adding a host: Enter the address of the whois server in the Host field and click the 'Save' button.

Deleting a host: Select the address of the whois server in the drop down list and click the 'Delete' button.

When a query and host have been selected, click 'Ok' to perform the search, or 'Cancel' to close the dialog and abort the search.