

Host File Section Editor
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Overview :

This program was written to allow the Red Ryder Sysop's in the world more time to do things besides file maintenance. It is the concerted efforts of 2 guys who got tired of the way that Scott Watson's file editor handled HFS when adding a file. Over the past year we have spent many hours building, testing, and expanding this program until we felt it was suiting our purpose as well as anything you guys may come up with. The program should be fairly self explanatory but we are including these docs just in case there is any confusion.

THIS PROGRAM IS NOT FREE!

It has been released as shareware. Feel free to pass the program on to other Host Sysop's but please keep these docs intact and packed with the application. We have spent numerous hours working and improving on Host File Editor and would like to continue to do so if you the user supports our efforts. With this in mind, please send the paltry fee requested and you will be able to sleep at nights knowing you have done the right thing.

If you use this editor, and find it useful, and would like to see more programs like it, send \$10.00 to the address below. If you would like the latest version, include a disk and a self addressed, stamped envelope and we will send the latest version and docs. LightSpeed Pascal source code is available for \$25.00.

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Thanks.

Now for the good stuff!

Changes in 3.0

All the bugs that have been posted on GENie as of November 15th have been fixed. Files can now be moved to a new directory before an HFS path is selected. Also, a 300 record ceiling has been implemented so you can create HUGE lists for your users to page through. Host seems to handle this record amount OK. Not sure about the users though. You can now print out the file sections as well as export them to a tab delimited text file for importation into your favorite Data-Base or Excel spreadsheet. You are now able to select a record to edit by using the arrow keys or typing the first few letters of the file name (if the file section is sorted by filename) which brings me to sorting. Sort the file section by any of the display attributes and you can even set the display attributes. We also changed the about box for Watson so be sure to check that out too.

Instructions

Starting :

You can double click on a file section and the program will start with the correct file already loaded if you have removed Watson's editor from the disk you are working on.

Opening New File Section:

There are two ways to open a new file section:

- 1) **New** from the File Menu.
- 2) **New** Button in open box.

Deleted Files :

Records that are marked for deletion are designated with a • beside them in the display window.

Selecting A Record To Edit:

Simply double click on the record you want to edit and a dialog box will come up with all the information you would need to edit. You can also move throughout the records by using the up and down arrow keys. If the file has been sorted by filename order then you can select the record to edit by typing the first few letters of the file name and then press return.

Changing Path :

Once in the edit window, you can click on the "**SEARCH PATH**" button or press 'command' S. You will then be presented with the usual open file box. Select the file and the correct path will be placed in the path edit field for the record. You can also select '**MOVE**', which will move the selected file to the selected new folder and put the new path in the edit field.

Revert :

Clicking this button will simply replace the contents of the fields with the previously saved data.

OK :

Clicking this button saves your changes in memory and sends you back to the list of records. Unlike Scott's file editor, your changes will not be written back to disk until you Save.

Cancel :

Clicking this button will cancel all changes to the current record and sends you back to the list of records.

Last & Next :

These buttons allow you to maneuver around the file section without having to go back to the list each time you want to see a new record. Clicking on one of these buttons will save the changes made to the record (same as OK) and display the next record. Once you have reached the end of the file, the respective button will be dimmed. You can also use command L and command N respectively as a short cut.

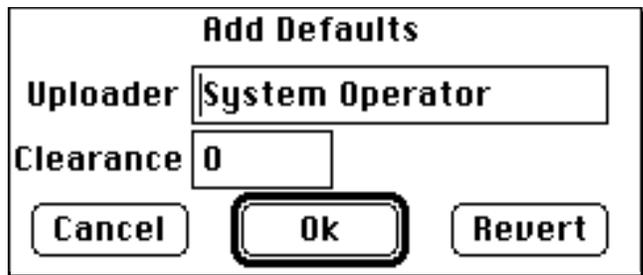
Options Menu :**Add :**

Selecting this menu will present you with the customary open file box. You will then need to select the file you would like to add and the information from that file will be placed in its respective edit boxes in the record dialog. You should only have to add a description. You may also want to edit the file name as it is truncated to 12 characters (which is to Scott's specifications).

Add Options :

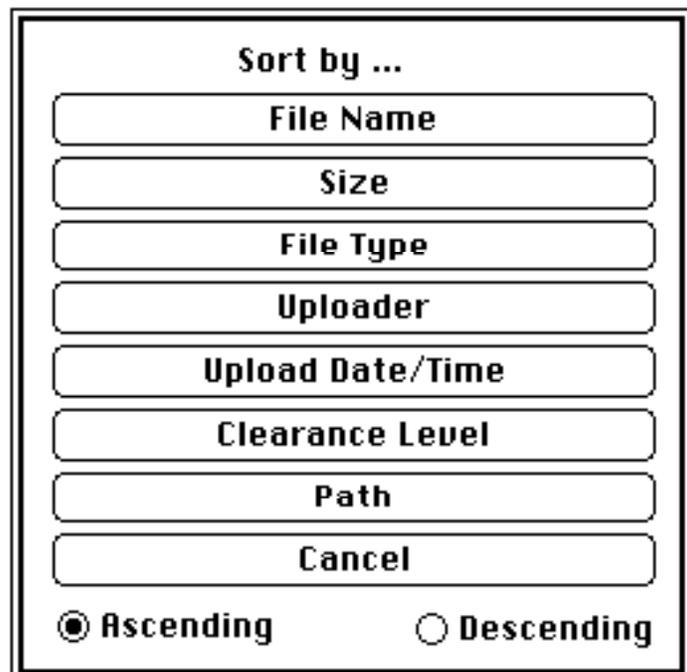
The defaults for the uploader when adding a file locally are "System Operator" & clearance level "0". You can change either of these so that when you add a file, they will be added with the optional data defaults.

Changed parameters will not be saved on closing the application. (at least not in this version)



Sort :

You are able to sort the file section by the following :



Display Options :

The list display can now be set to your preferences by selecting the check boxes in the order of precedence and the display options carries over to the printout as well. There is a limitation in the display options when using file sections that contains large numbers of records but I will let you find out that one for yourself. You will also notice that we have added a zoom box for re-sizing your windows and you are also able to double-click in the window title bar to have the same effect. This comes in handy when you have selected more display options than can be viewed on a normal Macintosh screen. You can move the window to the left and re-size it to a larger size to accommodate the larger display and then

alternate the zoom to see the various parts of the window. We are unable to implement a horizontal scroll at this time, but if there is enough requests, it would be considered for a future version.

Printing :

As stated earlier, you can now print your file sections. The printout prints the fields selected in the display options. Be sure to check out the landscape & 50% reduction modes in the page setup. It is nice to get 86 records including file name, size, upload date/time, description, uploader, file type, clearance level, and version # all on one page. (You might need a magnifying glass, but it works!)

Hints & Tips

Pressing the ~ (tilde) key while in the change dialog is the same as clicking on the Cancel button.

Command keys in edit window

- N** : Same as clicking on the **Next** button.
- L** : Same as clicking on the **Last** button.
- S** : Same as clicking on the **Search Path** button.

In order to save time in entering the data, we have put in a length check in each of the fields and will emit a tone letting you know you are trying to put in more characters than are allowed for that field.

We talked to Scott and he has given us permission to use his creator so that if you remove his file editor from your disk, you will then be able to start the Host File Section Editor by double clicking on the file section you want to edit. We have put all of Scott's file section editors functions into ours so there should be no reason to keep his editor on the disk. One of the drawbacks of this is our program will appear with Scott's Icon until you remove his program and rebuild the desktop. We felt that being able to double click on a file to start the editor was more important, so remove his application and rebuild the desktop (hold down the option and command keys when returning to the desktop).