

Overview

Thank you for downloading Multimedia Manager!

Multimedia Manager is an all-in-one multimedia software that lets you view image files, play audio files, and manage your files easily. It supports many popular multimedia formats: BMP, JPG, GIF (including animated GIF), TIF, TGA, PNG, PCX, PSD, PCD, ICO, WMF, WPG, MID, WAV, RMI, AVI, MOV, MPG, DAT, ANI, and CUR.

It also incorporates quite a lot of powerful and outstanding features like advanced image manipulation support, list box feature, built-in ZIP support, internal text/binary file viewer, email support, dockable image toolbar, and many more.

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Features Summary

- **Extensive supports for all popular graphics formats:**

- BMP (Standard and RLE Compressed Windows Bitmap)
- JPG (JPEG)
- GIF (CompuServe GIF, static and animated)
- PNG (Portable Network Graphics)
- PCX (ZSoft PCX)
- PCD (Kodak PhotoCD)
- PSD (Adobe Photoshop 3.0)
- TIFF (Tagged Image File Format)
- TGA (Truevision Targa)
- WPG (WordPerfect Graphics)
- WMF (Windows Meta File)
- ICO (Windows Icons)
- CUR (Windows Cursor)
- ANI (Animated Windows Cursor)

With fast image decoding and best image quality plus the ability to stretch, tile, flip, rotate, resize, zoom, and print the image easily.

- **Built-in audio and video player**

Supported formats: **MID, WAV, RMI, AVI, MOV, MPG and DAT.**
MOV, MPG and DAT file require properly installed MCI drivers to play.

- **User friendly interface that help you to manage files easily**

It is designed to be easy to use for novice users and also to be efficient and flexible for experienced users.

- **Convert images to BMP, JPG, GIF, PNG, PCX, PSD, TIF, TGA, WPG, and WMF easily.**

Save resolution: monochrome, 16 color, 256 color, true color, or grayscale.
Supported TIFF compression method: CCITT, CCITT Group 3, CCITT Group 4, LZW or PACKBITS.

- **Full clipboard support to copy image to clipboard or paste image from clipboard**

- **Advanced slide show feature**

You can choose to run slide show whether in manual or automatic mode, display images in random order, stretch, tile or zoom the image on fly.

- **Set any image as your desktop wallpaper easily**

You can use any graphics file supported by Multimedia Manager as desktop wallpaper. Multimedia Manager will handle the conversion issue automatically.

- **Full DDE support**

- **Easy installation and uninstallation**

Plus all these powerful features:

- **Advanced image manipulation feature** 

Since version 1.2a, you can add special effects and filters to [manipulate image](#) (bleed, blur, border fade, dark, sharpen, soften, engrave, gamma correction, halftone, jiggle, mosaic, oil paint, polar, spray, wave, and many more). Very cool!

- **Ability to resize multiple images at once** 
With this new feature, you can convert and resize multiple images all at once. This feature is particularly useful if you want to create thumbnail images for your web page. Since v2.0, you may resize images proportionally (e.g. 50% from their original size).
- **Cool and versatile image toolbar to manipulate images quickly**
The toolbar is dockable and floatable so you can place it anywhere you like.
- **Built-in ZIP support** 
Since version 2.0, Multimedia Manager's incorporated full ZIP support (PKZIP compatible) to compress files to ZIP, extract files from ZIP file and view ZIP file as well. All compression settings like speed (normal, maximum, fast, fastest or none), action (add all files, update archive, freshen archive), zip comments, recurse directories, disk spanning, zip comment and zip password are fully configurable.
- **Built-in text/binary file viewer**
You can view file contents as text or binary by right clicking the file and select "View As Text" or "View As Binary".
- **Internet/Email support**
You can send your multimedia files over the Internet as email attachments quickly using Simple Messaging API (MAPI).
- **Powerful files management capability**
Combined with ZIP support, list box feature and drag'n drop support, Multimedia Manager is a versatile and reliable file manager to manage your files.
- **List box to ease you managing files** 
With this unique feature, you can select files from many directories and then you can copy or move those files at once.
- **You can create collection of favorite files**
- **Drag and drop support** 
You can drag and drop files FROM Multimedia Manager TO Explorer, or vice versa!
- **You can drop any image, audio/video clip, or cursor file supported by Multimedia Manager to the display window to open it quickly**
- **Auto skip feature**
With this feature you can view an image file and quickly load the next/previous image file in the current directory skipping other files with different type. Very handy.
- **Explorer support**
You can run Explorer to explore any folder by right clicking the folder and select Explore Folder..
- **Bookmark feature to mark your most used directories**

System requirements

To run Multimedia Manager properly, your system should have at least:

- Intel 80486DX processor (Pentium or higher processor is recommended for faster image processing)
- Microsoft Windows 95/98/NT or higher.
- 16 MB RAM (32 MB recommended)
- VGA card (2 MB recommended)
- Sound card (if you want to play audio file)
- Properly installed MCI drivers to play MOV, MPG and DAT video files
- Keyboard and mouse

Installation

Normally, Multimedia Manager is distributed in a single executable file that you need to run to install the program.

You can install newer version in the same directory where you installed the previous version, the installation program will check the current version and keep the program configuration.

NOTE: If you download Multimedia Manager from Simtel.Net or ZDNet Software Library, it is packed in a ZIP file rather than a single EXE file, so you need to unzip it first using PkUnzip or WinZip, then run the Setup program.

Year 2000 Compliance

Tropical Wares warrants that Multimedia Manager shall commit no date-related error due to its operation within or between the 20th and 21st centuries, insofar as the underlying operating system and hardware function correctly, such correct function including, but not limited to, the accurate implementation of the Win32 application programming interface as defined by Microsoft.

For information regarding year 2000 compliance of Microsoft's operating systems, please see the Microsoft Year 2000 Resource Center at <http://www.microsoft.com/year2000>

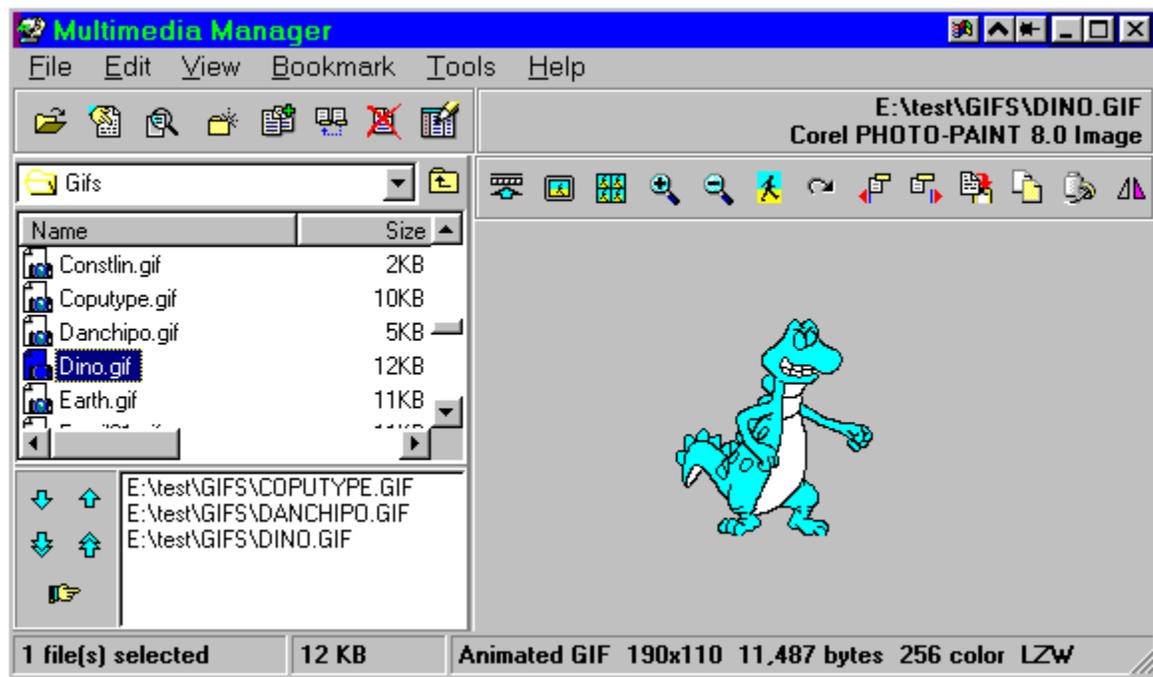
Version History

Please see "WHATSNEW.TXT" file for complete version history of Multimedia Manager.

Click  if you want to view the file now.

Getting Started

Here is Multimedia Manager's main window. Click on the picture to learn more.



If you want to learn more about managing files, click below:

[Working with files](#)

[Using list box to manage files](#)

Or if you want to know how Multimedia Manager handles multimedia file, click below:

[Viewing image file](#)

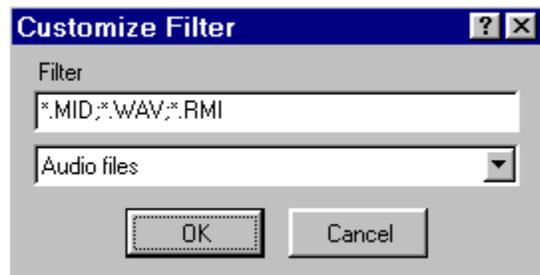
[Playing audio or video file](#)

[Viewing cursor file](#)

Files filter

You can display only certain files you want to manage in the file list box.

Example, you want to display BMP files only. Select "Change Filter" in the View menu and type *.BMP in the filter box then press OK button. After that, only BMP files will be displayed in the file list box.



File list box

File list box lists files in the active directory. Here you can view image, cursor, audio and video files. You can change the [files filter](#) by selecting "Change Filter" from the View menu. To manage your files quickly, press your right mouse button to access pop-up menu.

Path combo box

Use this to change active drive or directory. Press this button  to change to previous level directory

Toolbar

Here you can perform quick access to change directory, refresh directory, set files filter, create new folder, copy files, and other common tasks.

Working with files

Quick step by step procedures to manage files:

- Change to directory where you will manage your files and set [files filter](#) if you want to filter certain files.
- Select files (by holding <Shift> key while moving arrow keys or holding <Ctrl> and left click to select multiple files at once)
- Drag them to the [list box](#) under the file list box (or just press Insert to do so)
- Click  in the list box toolbar and select the action that you want to do on those files (copy, move, delete, batch conversion, slide show, compress to ZIP, etc).

Tips:

- You can drag and drop files from Multimedia Manager to Explorer or vice versa
- Use bookmark to switch between directories quickly
- Utilize the list box feature to store multiple files easily
- Select "Tool - MS-DOS Prompt" to go to DOS prompt if you want to format disk or check disk free space
- You can open more than one instance of Multimedia Manager if you like to.

To learn more advanced tips, click below:

[Using list box to manage files](#)

[Using filters to select files](#)

[Using bookmark](#)

[Keyboard Shortcuts](#)

File status

You can see the selected file status: its path and type.

Main menu

This is Multimedia Manager's main menu. Just click the menu title or press <Alt> and the underlined character from the menu title you want to open.

Status bar

Here you can see the number of selected files in the file list box and their size. Also, if you open an image file, the image information will be displayed under the display window.

Display window

Display window is place where image will be displayed to. Here you can scroll the image by dragging your mouse and you can also access image pop-up menu by right clicking your mouse.

List box

The list box can be used to ease you managing files, especially if want to manage lot of files in many directories. On the left side is the list box toolbar to provide quick access to manage the list box contents. See also: [What is list box?](#)

Caption bar

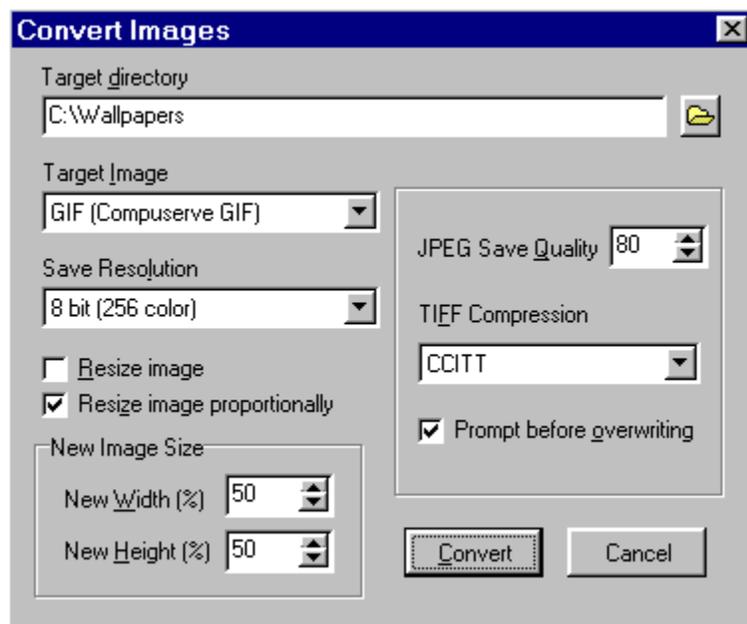
This caption bar has three additional buttons beside the minimize, maximize and close button. The first additional button is used to open Windows Start menu, the second to roll up the main window and the third button can be used to make the main window always stay on top.

Image toolbar

With this toolbar you can change the image appearance (tile, stretch, center, zoom, rotate, flip, etc). You can also move the toolbar position by dragging it to the new location.

Converting and saving images

Multimedia Manager can save image and convert multiple images to BMP, JPG, GIF, PNG, PCX, PSD, TIF, TGA, WPG, and WMF with various options. Select the images you want to convert, and select "Convert Images" from File menu.



As you can see above, you can configure the conversion settings:

- save resolution (monochrome, grayscale, and 4/8/16/24/32 bit color)
- save quality for JPEG
- image resizing

NEW! You can also resize multiple images at once by checking the "Resize Image" or "Resize Image Proportionally" checkbox. This is particularly useful when you want to create thumbnail images for your web page.

Tip: you may press F3 to open a dialog to select file/directory faster

NOTE

Some image formats cannot be saved in true color or 16/256 color resolution (e.g. GIF format only supports 16, 256, or grayscale color)

Configuring desktop wallpaper

You can use any image supported by Multimedia Manager as desktop wallpaper. Right click the image file name and select "Set As Desktop Wallpaper" or select "Configure Desktop Wallpaper" from the Tools menu.



Select the wallpaper position you want (tile, center, fit to screen, or even at any position). Moreover, you may use not only BMP file for your wallpaper but also any image supported by Multimedia Manager (JPG, GIF, PNG, PCX, TIF, TGA, etc). Multimedia Manager will handle the conversion problem for you.

Tip: you may press F3 to open a dialog to select file/directory faster

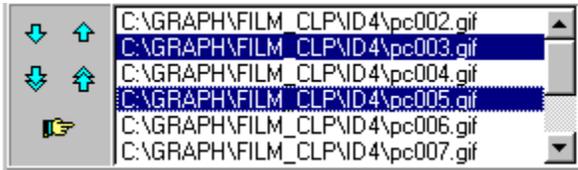
NOTE

- To fit your wallpaper to screen, you need Microsoft Plus installed in your system.
- If you set Origin X or Origin Y to 0 then your wallpaper will be centered vertically / horizontally.
- The Custom Position feature will not work under Windows 98 (and NT 5.0 perhaps) since Microsoft has removed this capability with no obvious reason since Windows 98 released.

Using list box to manage files

[What is list box?](#)

Click on the picture for more help



What is list box?

List box is like a shopping basket you use while shopping in supermarket. You can put anything you want to buy there. In Multimedia Manager, list box is used to hold files that you have already selected in the file list box. Those files in the list box can be copied, moved, deleted, or displayed as slide show. The list box contents can be also saved as [collection](#) file.

This list box feature might be a new and unique concept for you, but if you have tried it, you may found it very powerful and helpful in managing files, especially if you want to work on lot of files in many directories.

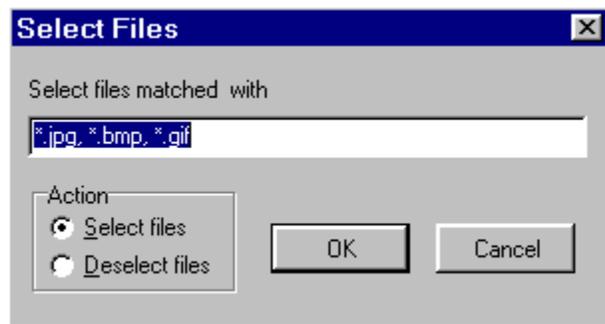
Using list box pop-up menu



Copy	copy all files in list box
Move	move all files in list box
Delete	delete all files in the list box
Convert Images	convert all image files in list box (use this to batch convert multiple images)
Slide Show	view all images in list box as slide show
Compress To ZIP	compress all files in list box to ZIP
Send As Attachments	send all files in list box as email attachments
Remove From List Box	remove selected files from list box
Clear List Box	remove all files from list box
Files	with this commands, you can create collection file Save To File save list box contents to collection file Load From File load list box contents from collection file Append From File append list box contents from collection file
Show Toolbar	change list box's toolbar position (left, right or invisible)

Using filters to select files

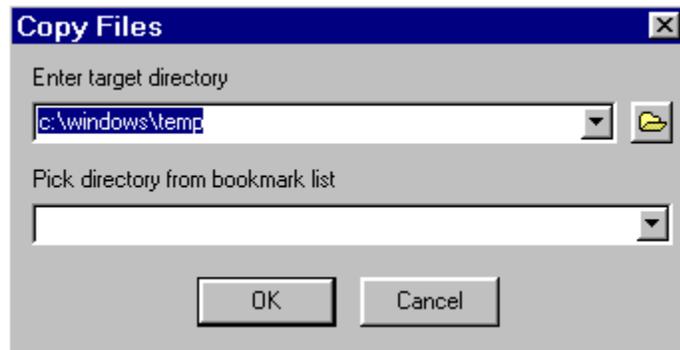
You may select or deselect files in the file list box with filters to ease you managing certain files.



You can specify multiple filters separated by a colon (,) or semicolon (;).
Example: *.GIF, *.BMP; MUSIC*.MID

Copying/moving files

To copy or move files to another directory, select the files you want to copy/move and select "Copy To" or "Move To" from File menu.



You can copy/move files to any directory by using this dialog. You can enter the target directory in many ways: type it at the edit box, pick one from history list, or pick one from bookmark list. If the directory doesn't exist, you will be prompted to create it automatically.

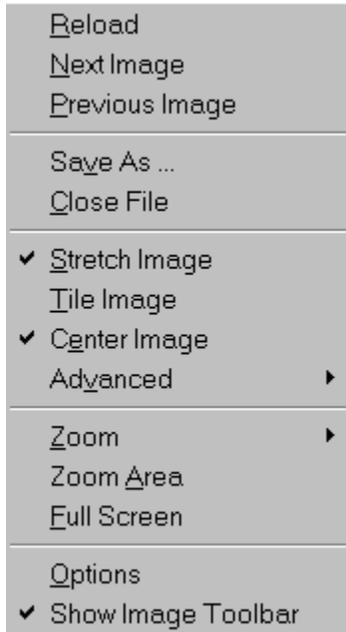
Tip: you may press F3 to open a dialog to select target directory faster

Viewing image file

Multimedia Manager will load an image file and display it in the display window automatically if the "Auto open file" checkbox in Options - General menu is checked. Otherwise you must press <Enter> or double click the file to load and display it in the display window.

Supported formats are: BMP, JPG, GIF, TIF, TGA, PNG, PCX, WMF, WPG, PCD, PSD, and ICO.

After the image displayed in display window you can also access the image pop-up menu by clicking the image with your right mouse button.



Here you can do anything you want such as stretching, tiling, centering, saving, resizing or zooming the image.



As you can see here, you can set the image as desktop wallpaper, flip or rotate image, configure image brightness, print or scan image easily. Select "Filters And Effects" to add filters and special effects.

Since version 2.0, Multimedia Manager's provided a more convenient way to view images. You can select the image command directly from image toolbar. To move the toolbar position, just drag the

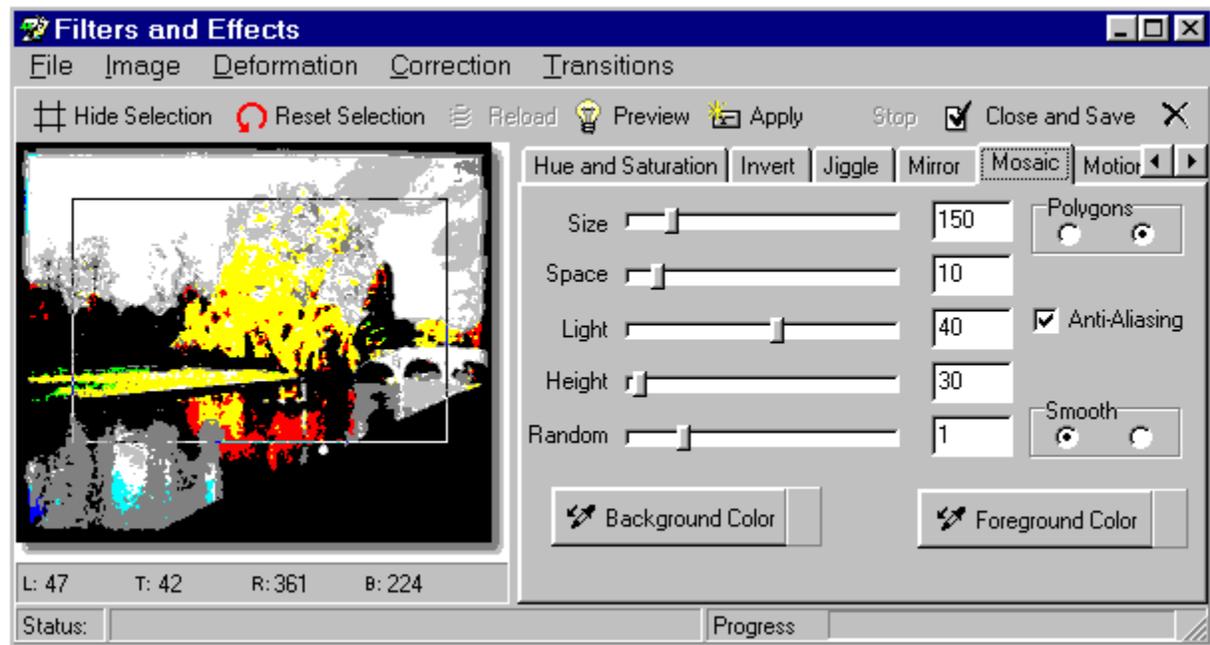
toolbar to a new location.

See also:

[Manipulate image](#)

Manipulate image

This is one of the **HOT** features in Multimedia Manager. To manipulate image, right click on the image and select "Advanced - Filters And Effects".



You can select the kind of effects you like from the tab sheet (bleed, blur, border fade, blur, dark, curl page, engrave, gamma correction, halftone, jiggle, mosaic, oil paint, polar, spray, wave, ...).

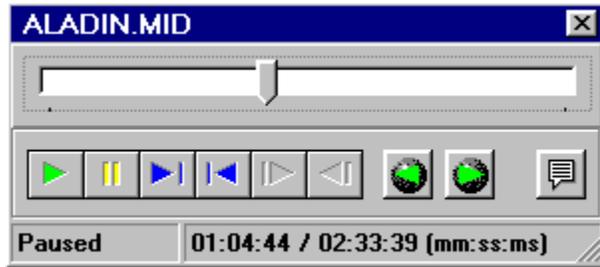
Toolbar Command

Hide Selection	hide the rubberband
Reset Selection	reset the rubberband to full image
Reload	reload image
Preview	preview this effect before applying it
Apply	apply the effect to master image
Stop	stop processing the image
Close and Save	apply the effects to master image

After you manipulate the image, don't forget to save it by selecting "Save As" from the image toolbar or from the image pop-up menu, because the changes are not automatically saved to the image.

Playing audio or video file

Just like [viewing image file](#), you may also play audio (MID, WAV, RMI) and video (AVI, MOV, MPG, DAT) file. To play MOV, MPG and DAT file require properly installed MCI drivers in your system.



Use this media player panel to control playback of played file.

NOTE: For best result, it's recommended to use your default MPEG player (e.g. ActiveMovie, SoftMPEG, or XingMPEG Player) rather than Multimedia Manager to play MPG or DAT file.

Track bar

You can change the position of current played media here.

Playback control

Here you can play, pause, rewind, or step the played media.

Load previous file

Click this button to load previous file with same type.

Example: if you were playing an audio file, clicking this button will load previous audio file in current directory.

Viewing cursor file

You can view cursor file (CUR or ANI) by selecting one and see your mouse pointer changes.

Load next file

Click this button to load next file with same type.

Example: if you were playing an audio file, clicking this button will load next audio file in current directory.

Media status

Here you can see opened media status and also the position and the length of opened media.

[Click here to configure audio/video options.](#)

Using bookmark

Bookmark feature is one of the favorite features in Multimedia Manager. It is just like bookmarks in Netscape or Internet Explorer. With this you can switch between directories quickly.

Press <Ctrl+D> to add current directory to bookmark list and press <Ctrl+B> to list and manage your bookmarks (just like in Netscape Navigator).

Nine last used bookmarks will be saved in Bookmark menu so you can jump quickly to a bookmark by selecting it in the Bookmark menu.

Keyboard Shortcuts

Special Shortcuts (can be used while browsing files in the file list box)

Hold <Shift> or <Ctrl> while pressing arrow keys to select multiple files

Ctrl + Space	deselect current file
Insert	add selected files to list box
Ctrl + Insert	remove selected files from list box if exist
Enter	open selected file with default associated program or change directory if it is a folder
Backspace	back to previous level directory
Shift + Delete	delete selected files without sending them to recycle bin

You can also use your mouse to drag files from file list box and drop it into the list box, or vice versa.

Special Shortcuts (can be used while browsing files in the list box)

Hold <Shift> or <Ctrl> while pressing arrow keys to select multiple files in the list box

Delete	remove selected files from list box
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Another HOT Shortcuts

Press <Alt> and arrow keys (Up, Down, Left or Right) to load next / previous file with same type.
If you are viewing an image, than pressing <Alt> + <down arrow> will search next image file in current directory, skipping other files.

Ctrl + Z	clear list box contents
Ctrl + F8	copy all files in list box
Ctrl + F7	move all files in list box
Ctrl + Delete	delete all files in list box
Ctrl + F6	convert all image files in list box
Ctrl + P	play / pause selected file (for audio/video file)
Ctrl + Y	show / hide player panel
Ctrl + V	save image
Ctrl + H	stretch image
Ctrl + T	tile image
Ctrl + R	center image
F4	view image in full screen
Plus key (+)	zoom in image
Minus key (-)	zoom out image
Multiply key (*)	reload image
Ctrl + Plus key	increase image brightness
Ctrl + Minus key	reduce image brightness

Files Shortcuts

Ctrl + N	create new folder
Ctrl + X	close file

F3	change directory
F8	copy selected files (in file list box)
F7	move selected files
Delete	delete selected files
F6	convert selected files
F2	rename file
F9	open selected file with default associated program

Edit Shortcuts

Ctrl + C	copy image to clipboard
Ctrl + A	select all files
Ctrl + S	select files with filters
Ctrl + I	invert selection

View Shortcuts

F5	refresh directory
Ctrl + F	change files filter
Ctrl + O	configure program options

Bookmark Shortcuts

Ctrl + D	add current directory to bookmark
Ctrl + B	list all bookmarks and select a bookmark to go to

Tools Shortcuts

Ctrl + E	run Windows Explorer
Ctrl + W	configure desktop wallpaper
Ctrl + L	run slide show on images in current directory
Ctrl + M	go to MS-DOS prompt

Drag and drop support

These are some examples how to use the drag and drop support in Multimedia Manager:

- You can drag and drop file from any window (Explorer, desktop, etc) to Multimedia Manager's icon on the desktop. If the file format is supported, the file will be opened automatically.
- You can drag and drop files from Multimedia Manager to any window (Explorer, desktop, etc). E.g. if you drag and drop files from Multimedia Manager to another folder in Windows Explorer, this will copy the files to that folder.
- Also, you may drag and drop files from any window to Multimedia Manager. The result depends on the drop target. If the drop target is Multimedia Manager's display window, the file will be opened quickly. If the drop target is Multimedia Manager's file list box, the files will be copied (also depends on the folder where you drop the files). Or, if you drop the files to Multimedia Manager's list box, the files will be added to the list box.

Tips: you can also drag and drop file from the list box to the display window if you want open it quickly.

Ordering Information

Multimedia Manager is available for sale here:

<http://www.tropicalwares.com/mmanager.html>



Ordering Multimedia Manager is easy, fast, and most importantly, secure. All major credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, Amex, and Discover) are accepted. Once your order has been processed, you will receive a link from which you can download your own fully-licensed copy of Multimedia Manager immediately.

We also accept ordering via PHONE, FAX, CHECK, and MONEY ORDER, provided by **DigiBuy** (Maagnum Commerce). Just follow the order link above and choose your preferred ordering method in the order form.

The price for the licensed version is \$24.95 USD.

Ordering Multimedia Manager provides you with the following benefits:

- Immediately receive a licensed version with no reminder screen and allow unlimited uses
- Unleash all the powerful features of Multimedia Manager (edit/save image and ZIP compressor features)
- Priority technical support
- Access to the secure update area where you can get free updates for your Multimedia Manager easily
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- A good feeling that you have supported the development of Multimedia Manager

If you encounter any ordering, payment, or download problem, please contact:

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Thanks in advance for purchasing Multimedia Manager!

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Trial Version Information

A fully-functional trial version of Multimedia Manager is available for free download here:

<http://www.tropicalwares.com/mmanager.html>

The trial version is fully functional. It means that you can try out all the features freely, not crippled at all. This way, you can explore and evaluate the program thoroughly to find out if it's useful and suitable for you.

However some limitations apply:

- You can only use it for 50 uses
- Limited up to 5 images that can be converted or saved in one session
- You cannot save the edited image (using advanced filtering and special effects)
- The ZIP compressor is disabled (cannot add/compress files to ZIP). However, you can still extract or view ZIP files using the trial version of Multimedia Manager freely.
- After 50 uses, you can still use the program but it will terminate automatically after 30 seconds or less.

The limitations are intended just to encourage and remind you to purchase the licensed version if you like and enjoy the software.

If you have any question or need assistance during the evaluation period, please feel free to contact us here: support@tropicalwares.com. We'd be glad to help you and answer your questions.

See also:

[Ordering Information](#)

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Known Issues

Video playback problem

- We found problem when trying to play MPG or DAT file on a PC with MPEG card MP2000. We haven't tested it with other MPEG card. The solution is by turning off the 'Auto open DAT or MPG file' option in Options - Audio/Video menu, so the program will not auto open DAT or MPG file.
- We suggest you to use default associated program instead (e.g. your default MPEG player or XingMPEG player) to play MPG or DAT file.
- If you pause the movie and drag the player panel across the display window, the display will corrupt. After the movie resumed, the display will be restored.

Other than this problem, there is no other known problem yet. If you encounter any problems or bugs, please inform us and also send us your system configuration information (VGA card type, display resolution, O/S version, etc).

Feedback and support

As a user of Multimedia Manager, we'd be glad to provide you with full technical support. If you need any help or just want to send your suggestions or comments, feel free to contact us. All emails should be replied within 24 hours or less.

Send your email to:

support@tropicalwares.com

Visit Tropical Wares to get the latest version:

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Other software

If you enjoy Multimedia Manager, we'd like to invite you to try out another fine products from Tropical Wares...

WallMaster Pro - \$24.95 USD

<http://www.tropicalwares.com/wallpro.html>

WallMaster Pro offers you total and complete management of your wallpaper collections. With WallMaster Pro, you can use any of your favorite images (BMP, JPG, GIF, PNG, TGA, PCX, PCD, PSD, WMF, WPG, ICO, and CUR) as your desktop wallpaper easily. With easy-to-use control panel interface and full context-sensitive help, you can surely master your own desktop wallpaper in just a few minutes!

WallMaster Standard - FREE (POSTCARDWARE)

<http://www.tropicalwares.com/wallmast.html>

WallMaster inherits the basic key features of its commercial brother, WallMaster Pro. You can program the desktop wallpaper to change at a specified time interval (e.g. every 30 minutes) and customize the wallpaper position (tile, center, fit to screen, auto fit, custom) easily. It also lets you to use JPG, GIF, PNG, PCX, TGA, PCD and ICO images as desktop wallpaper. If you are not ready to purchase the commercial version, feel free to grab this standard (free) version.

With all the outstanding features, WallMaster has earned many awards and highest ratings on the earth such as *5-Star Editor's Pick on ZDNet*, *two times Preston's Pick for April and August 1998*, *6-Duckies on NoNags*, *4-Star rating on Freeware32*, *Top Download on SoftSeek*, and many more...

Credits

First of all, we sincerely want to thank all of you who have purchased Multimedia Manager. Your supports have helped us to improve the software much better and useful.

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Also, thanks for all of you that have sent us nice encouraging comments about Multimedia Manager!



Collection file

The collection file is used to store your favorite files so you can view or play them anytime you want. It is like playlist in your CD player software. The file is saved in ASCII format (*.MCL) and you can modify it easily to fit your need.

Uninstall Multimedia Manager

Multimedia Manager provides easy uninstallation through the Control Panel Add/Remove Programs facility. You can uninstall it simply by following these steps:

- Close Multimedia Manager if you are running it now.
- Click here  to open the Control Panel Add/Remove Programs applet.
- Find out Multimedia Manager entry in list and select it.
- Close this help file. Otherwise uninstaller cannot delete it from your system.
- Press Add/Remove button to start removing the application and follow the instructions on screen.

Please tell us the reason that cause you want to uninstall this software. Perhaps we can solve it to fit your need. However, thank you for trying Multimedia Manager.

Preview window

In this window, you can preview the image you want to manipulate. You can select a region on the image by resizing or dragging the rubberband.

Use this button to add selected files from the file list box to the list box.

Tips: You can also perform the same task by dragging the selected files from the file list box and drop them on the list box.

Use this button to remove all selected files from the list box.

Tips: you can do this by dragging the selected files from the list box to the file list box.

Use this button to add all files from the file list box to the list box.

Use this button to remove all files from the list box (clear list box contents)
Tips: you can also do this by pressing Ctrl + Z.

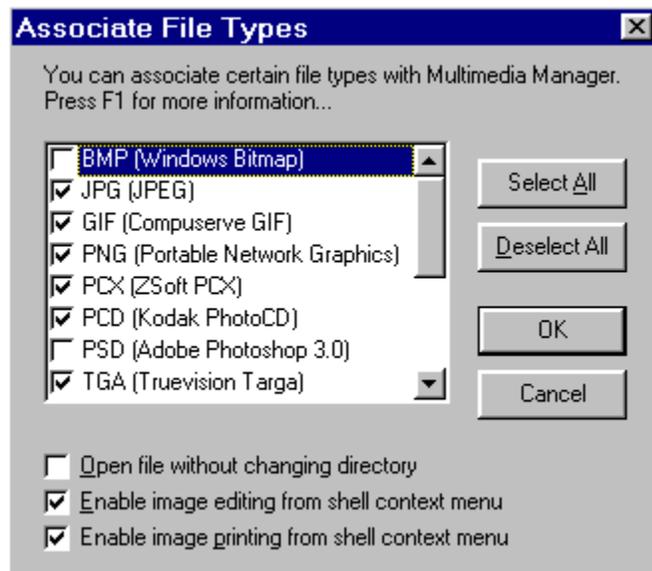
Use this button to access [list box pop-up menu](#) to manage those files in the list box.

These are the files that you can copy, move, delete, batch convert or view as slide show

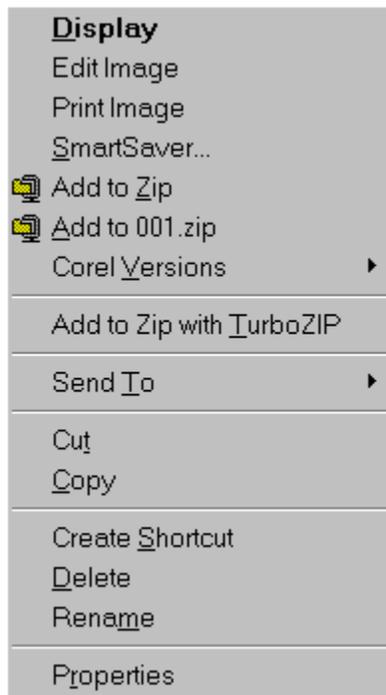
Associate file types

If you want to utilize the DDE feature, you must associate certain file types with Multimedia Manager. You may prefer to associate some image file types (JPG, GIF, etc), so then you can open them quickly from Windows Explorer by double clicking the file name.

Select "Associate File Types" from Tools menu to do so.



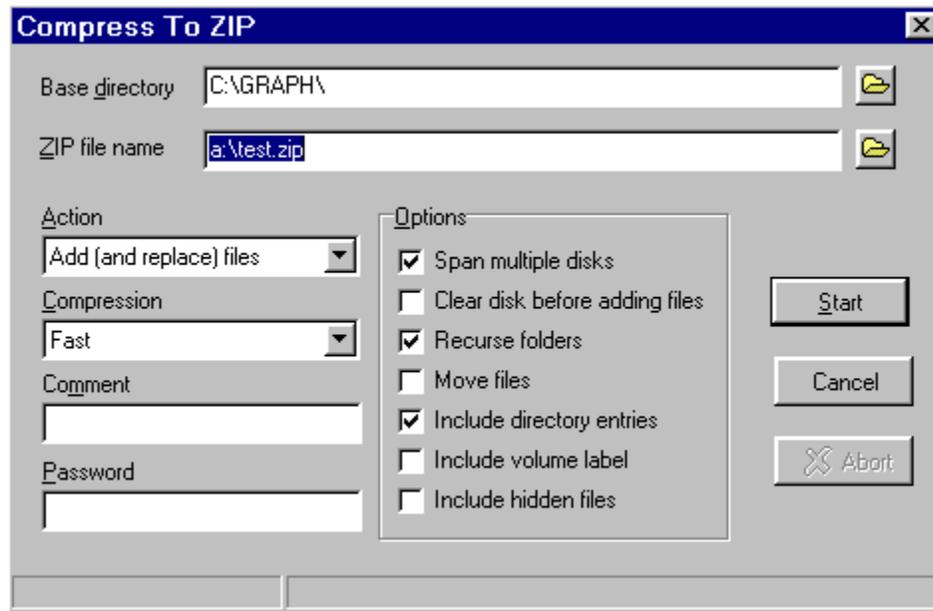
If you enable the image editing and printing option, you can right click the file name from Windows Explorer to display the shell context popup menu like this:



You can select "Display" to display the image using Multimedia Manager. Or you can select "Edit Image" or "Print Image" to edit or print the image quickly.

Compress files to ZIP

You can easily compress files to ZIP directly by right clicking the files (on the file list box or the list box) then select "Compress To ZIP".



You may configure the compression settings as you like.

Tip: you may press F3 to open a dialog to select file/directory faster

Base directory the path stored in the ZIP file will be relative to the base directory

Action **Add (and replace) files**
All selected files are added to the archive, whether they are already present in the archive or not. If a file to be added is already present in the archive, the file inside the archive will be replaced.

Update (and add) files
Same as "Freshen existing files", but adds new files to the archive if they are not already there.

Freshen existing files
Only files that are more recent than those already in the archive will be replaced. Does not add any new files to the archive.

Compression normal, maximum, fast, super fast, or none

Comment put the comments you want to add to the archive here (max. 255 characters)

Password to encrypt the archive with password (max. 80 characters)

Options **Span multiple disks**
Archive files that cannot fit on a single disk are automatically split into files that reside on different disks if you check this option.

Clear disks before adding files

This option is significant only when creating ZIP files that span multiple disks. In other words, this option is consulted only when you are adding files and only if the "Span multiple disks" checkbox is checked.

Recurse folders

Determine whether it should include the contents of folders or not.

Move files

Check this option to delete the added and updated files (and directory) after compressing.

Include directory entries

Determine if it should include entries for directories in the archive. This option is particularly useful when the "Recurse folders" is checked. By checking this "Include directory entries" checkbox, even empty directories will be added to the archive, assuring that the entire directory structure can be recreated by extracting the contents of the archive.

Include volume label

Determine if it should add the volume label as an entry in the archive file. This option is ignored in update and freshen mode.

Include hidden files

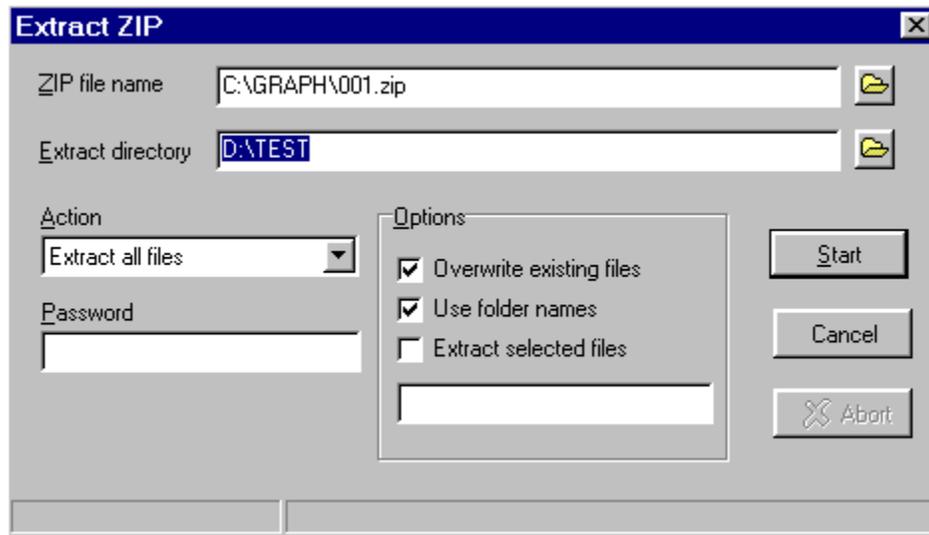
Determine if it should include hidden and system files when adding to the archive.

IMPORTANT NOTE

- ZIP file that spans multiple disks cannot be modified (added, updated or freshen) anymore.
- The temporary directory for ZIP operation is your default Windows directory (usually "C:\WINDOWS"). The temporary archive file has the filename _Zxxxxxx, where xxxxxx is a unique random number. If a system crash or reboot occurs before the operation terminates, the temporary file will be left lying about, and must be removed manually.
- The default base directory for adding operation is the active directory. So the path stored in the ZIP file will be relative to the active directory.

Extract ZIP contents

You can easily extract files from a ZIP file directly by right clicking the ZIP file on the file list box then select "Extract ZIP".



You may configure the extraction settings as you like.

Tip: you may press F3 to open a dialog to select file/directory faster

Action

Extract all files

All the files are extracted from the archive, into the specified extract directory.

Update existing files

Same as "Freshen existing files", but also extracts files that do not already exist.

Freshen existing files

Only files to extract from the archive that are more recent than those already existing in the extract directory are extracted. Files that only exist in the archive but not in the extract directory are not extracted.

Password

Enter global password to decrypt files in the archive. If you use different passwords for every file in the archive, you will be prompted again for each password.

Options

Overwrite existing files

Check this option to always overwrite existing files without prompting.

Use folder names

If pathnames have been stored in the archive along with the filenames, the files will be extracted into those paths, starting relative to the current extract directory.

Extract selected files

To extract only the selected files using wildcards. For example: *.gif or *.jpg.

View ZIP contents

To view ZIP contents, just right click the ZIP file and select "View ZIP". Multimedia Manager will display the list of files in the archive on the display panel. You can see the file name, size, packed size, compression ratio, last modified date, status, and zip comments. Click the column header to sort the items.

Right click to display pop-up menu like this:



Extract Selected Files

Extract all selected files in the archive.

Delete Selected Files

Delete all selected files from the archive

Select All

Select all files in the archive

Select Files

Select certain files in the archive

Viewing file as text/binary

Since version 2.0 you can view any file directly either in text or binary mode quickly. To do so, just right click the file name and select "View As Text" to view the file as text or select "View As Binary" to view it as binary. However, the viewed file cannot be edited.

View images as slide show

To view images in the current directory as slide show quickly, select "Tools - Slide Show".

To create a slide show of your favorite images, put the files in the list box then click the hand button and select "Slide Show".

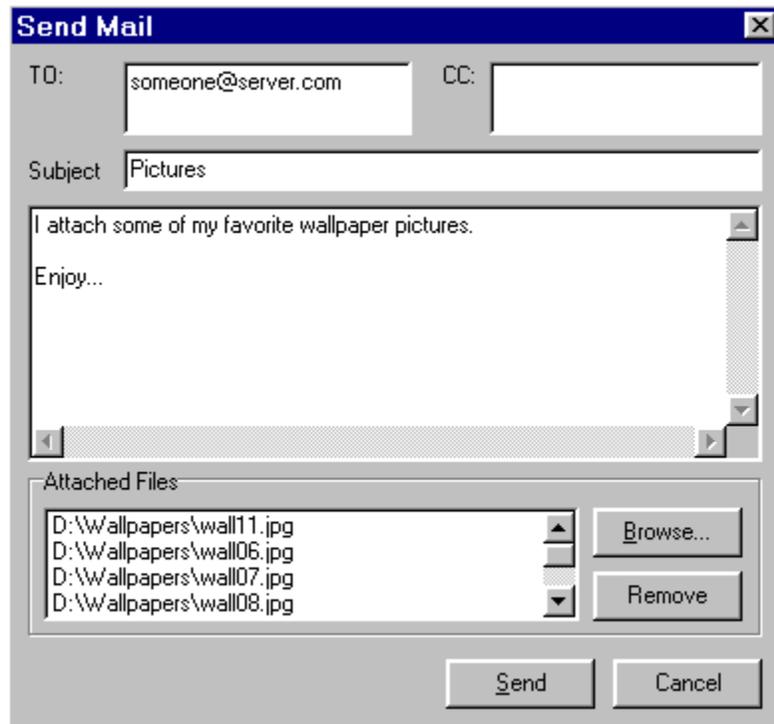
You can save the list box contents by clicking the hand button and select "Files - Save To File". This will save your favorite images to a [collection file](#). So the next time you want to view them again, just select "Files - Load From File" to load them to the list box and select "Slide Show" again to view the images in slide show mode.

In slide show mode, you can control the slide show by using your keyboard or your mouse. To display the next slide, double click the image or press Enter. Press Esc to stop the slide show.

For more advanced commands, right click your mouse on the screen to popup a slide show menu.

Sending files as e-mail attachments

To send files as email attachments quickly, right click the selected files and select "Send As Attachments". You will see this dialog:



Enter the appropriate information needed (recipient address, cc, subject, message) then press Send button to send the e-mail along with the attached files.

Creating thumbnail images for web page

To create thumbnail images for your web page, follow these easy steps:

- Select the images you want to use as thumbnails (usually GIF or JPG)
- Select "Convert Images" from File menu
- Check the "Resize Image" checkbox and set the thumbnails size you want (assume that your images have similar size)
- Or, check the "Resize Image Proportionally" if you want to resize the images proportionally (e.g. 50% from their original size)
- Set other settings you want (image format, save resolution, etc)
- Press "Convert" button to start converting the images to a smaller size

Browsing images quickly

If you have a lot of images in a directory mixed with other file types, sometimes it's difficult to view the images quickly. In this case, the Auto Skip feature will be useful to help you.

Press   buttons on the image toolbar to load previous/next image quickly.

Where to get the latest version?

To obtain the latest version of Multimedia Manager, point your browser to our web site:

Tropical Wares <http://tropicalwares.com>

Alternatively, you can also get it from these sites:

ZDNet <http://www.hotfiles.com>

Simtel.Net <http://www.simtel.net>

Since we are improving Multimedia Manager continuously, please check the above sites often to ensure you always have the latest version, at least every one or two months. Thanks.

