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Introduction

Peeper includes the following functions.

- Powerful file viewer capable of displaying over 20 different file formats. See [List](#).
- Powerful printing capabilities. Optionally use the document's controlling application or Peeper itself to print. See [Printing](#).
- Launch Programs
- Launch Documents by launching the program that controls the document with it pre-loaded.
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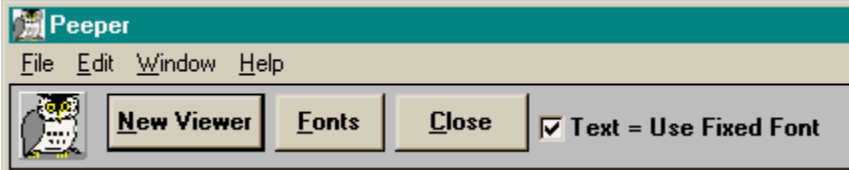
Special Note: **Peeper** has been included in [*Windows Magazine's* SUPERIOR SHAREWARE](#) list.

Public Brand Software has rated it with **4 stars** and the UK Magazine [*PC PLUS*](#) rated it a **10!**

How to Use the Program

Use the mouse to select specific information about each screen element from the graphics below. Simply click once where you see the mouse pointer change to a pointing finger.

This is a representation of the program's main menu and toolbar.



Select Primary View Window to view a typical document viewer.

Registration Information

See [Ordering Information](#)

Features and benefits of Registered Version:

- Elimination of all references to registration and other "nag" screens.
- Additional updates, corrections and bug fixes implemented after the release of the shareware version.
- You will be alerted to new releases when available.

Ordering Information

Registration for **PEEPER** is **\$22.95 plus shipping/Handling** You may either pay by check, money order, or via credit card.

Credit cards accepted: **Visa, MasterCard** or **American Express** [Read This.](#)

Via **PHONE Direct** from Fineware. **(800) 544-1740**

Via **FAX Direct** from Fineware. **(405) 942-7819**

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Company: _____
Street: _____

Street: _____
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Credit Card Type: Visa MasterCard American Express
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Peeper \$22.95 _____
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Shipping/Handling - US or Canada \$2.00 _____
Shipping/Handling - Outside of US/Canada \$4.00 _____

Total in US Funds drawn on a US Bank _____

Make checks payable to: Fineware Systems

Mail to:
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P.O. Box 75776
Oklahoma City, Ok. 73147

By the way, where did you initially hear about **PEEPER**?
_____ (If CompuServe, which forum)

Disk Drive Combo Box Control

Use this control to select the desired disk drive. This will show the current default directory location in the Directory Tree listbox for the selected disk drive when changed.

Directory Tree Listbox

Directory listing on selected disk drive. Use the mouse to select a specific directory. This requires a Double_Click of the left mouse button. You must select the directory (using the double_click) before the files displayed in the Files ListBox will show the correct entries for that directory.

Double_Clicking also expands the directory structure to show sub-directories if any exist.

Files Listbox

Listing of all of the designated file types which are located within the currently selected directory. You may use the Mouse (single_click) or the arrow keys to select a specific file. This triggers the program's file viewers and inspection routines.

Note: You may also use the mouse to launch the highlighted entry by double_clicking it. In the case of documents and not executable files, the program associated with the file type will be launched with the program loaded.

Program Icon

This will display the program's About screen when Double_Clicked with the mouse.

Close Button

Pressing this button with the mouse terminates the program.

Definition of Shareware

Shareware distribution gives users a chance to try software before buying it. If you try a Shareware program and continue using it, you are expected to register. Individual programs differ on details -- some request registration while others require it, some specify a maximum trial period. With registration, you get anything from the simple right to continue using the software to an updated program with printed manual.

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System Requirements

PEEPER requires Windows 3.1 or later or Windows for Work groups 3.11 or later. I have tried to provide keyboard support for most functions but a mouse or other pointing device is highly recommended.

A PC (386 processor or above) with at least 4 MB of RAM.

Product Support

Technical support is available at no charge by sending electronic mail to:

Al Meadows (Fineware Systems)

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fineware@ionet.net on Internet
BBTK05A on Prodigy
VB AL on America On line

I prefer to handle support via e-mail but realize this is not possible for some users. Therefore, I also provide software support via fax at (405) 942-7819.

Technical support also available by sending US Mail to Fineware Systems , P.O. Box 75776, Oklahoma City, Ok 73147.

Note: Construction of a World Wide Web site is underway. Contact us for current information and URL addressing.

Registered users have priority but I will try to answer all questions.

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Note: Only a single master diskette containing the program will be distributed on a site license unless requested otherwise. If you desire additional diskettes, please add \$1 per diskette desired.

Ordering Online

You may order using CompuServe's Software Registration Service:
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PEEPER's registration id is **3925**. The indicated price will be \$22.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling (\$4 outside US, Canada, and Mexico).

Other Fineware Systems Products:

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Note: Ordering On line via CompuServe is an exceptionally easy way for those users who live outside the United States to pay for Shareware.

Select File Types

This button allows you to limit the files being "peeped on" to specific file types.

File Content Display

This area will contain the contents of the selected file. If the file type is one of the supported file types, the contents will be displayed in a readable format. If the format is unknown or the file is not normally viewed then the display will consist of a hex dump of the file's contents.

Note: Files containing embedded version information will have their view window split between the hex dump portion and the embedded data.

Imported Modules

These are also referred to as file dependencies. In order for the file currently being displayed to operate normally, all of its file dependencies must be found during run time.

Directory List

Used to select the directory where the files you wish to view are located.

Example of File Dependencies

Imported Name Table:

KERNEL
GDI
USER
COMMDLG
SHELL

The CLOCK applet which ships with Microsoft Windows depends upon the presence of 5 other modules called KERNEL, GDI, USER, COMMDLG, & SHELL. In general, these files will be Dynamic Link Libraries and can be identified by the .DLL file extension name. If a file needed by a program is missing, the program's error routines may not identify which module can't be found.

Example of Version Information

Filename: clock.EXE
OriginalFilename: CLOCK.EXE
CompanyName: Microsoft Corporation
FileDescription: Windows Clock application file
FileVersion: 3.10.0.103 (3.10)
InternalName: CLOCK
LegalCopyright: Copyright © Microsoft Corp. 1991-1992
ProductName: Microsoft® Windows(TM) Operating System
ProductVersion: 3.10.0.103 (3.10)
FileType: Application

The ability to extract the version information is valuable when attempting to resolve conflicts when you have multiple versions of the same file. File date stamps cannot always be trusted to indicate which version of a file is the latest.

List of Viewers

ASCII, HEX, PCX, TIF, GIF, BMP, WMF, ICON, Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, AMI PRO, xBase, Paradox, Lotus, Excel, ZIP, LZH, Quattro Pro, MetaFiles, Q&A, Windows Write, and Microsoft Works.

Also included Program Information Files (.PIF) and Windows Group File (.GRP) and Windows modules (.EXE, .DLL, .VBX)

(New viewers are added from time to time and support for newer file formats updated as soon as possible.)

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Upgrading to Latest Version

Peeper will be continually upgraded to add features and correct programming errors as they are detected. In addition, changes to the underlying operating systems may make some features of the program redundant while creating new capabilities that can be enhanced by the program.

The policy of Fineware Systems on upgrades to registered users is as follows:

If you are already a registered user of Peeper, you may be able to update your existing registered version to the latest edition by simply downloading the most recent version while retaining the program's registered features. As program errors and bugs are detected and resolved, Fineware will make available additional releases on the main commercial services such as CompuServe, America Online, and Prodigy.

You may update your existing copy to the new version as long as the version number on the new release is 1.99 or less.

Special Note regarding version 2.0 of Peeper: See [Version 2.0](#)

To update an existing installation, simply replace all existing files with any which are included within the zipped file.

If you do not have access to these two commercial online services, then we must provide you with diskettes via regular US Mail.

There is a \$5.00 Shipping/Handling charge for this service. You will receive a complete set of installation disks for the latest release.

Site license holders should contact Fineware Systems for a price quote.

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Please note that support and usability problems **are not to be reported to PsL**. They do not have support technicians who are trained about the usage and capabilities of Peeper and simply refer such calls to me anyway "after" charging me a service charge.

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To insure that you get the latest version, PsL will notify us the day of your order and we will ship the product directly to you.

PsL Order Form

PsL Order Form (ver 1.19)

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Launch New Viewer

You may have up to 9 file viewers open at a time.

Exit Program

This button Terminates **Peeper** and closes all open displays within the program.

Display Mode

You may view files in their native mode (i.e. graphics as images) or you may view the hexadecimal dump by selecting this option box.

File Icon

This small image when present indicates either the icon of the program itself or in the case of a document, the icon associated with the program used to create the file. In this example, the file type is a Windows bitmap (.BMP) graphic and the program associated with .BMP files is the Windows Paintbrush applet.

You may launch the program or document by using the mouse and clicking on this button.

Delete File

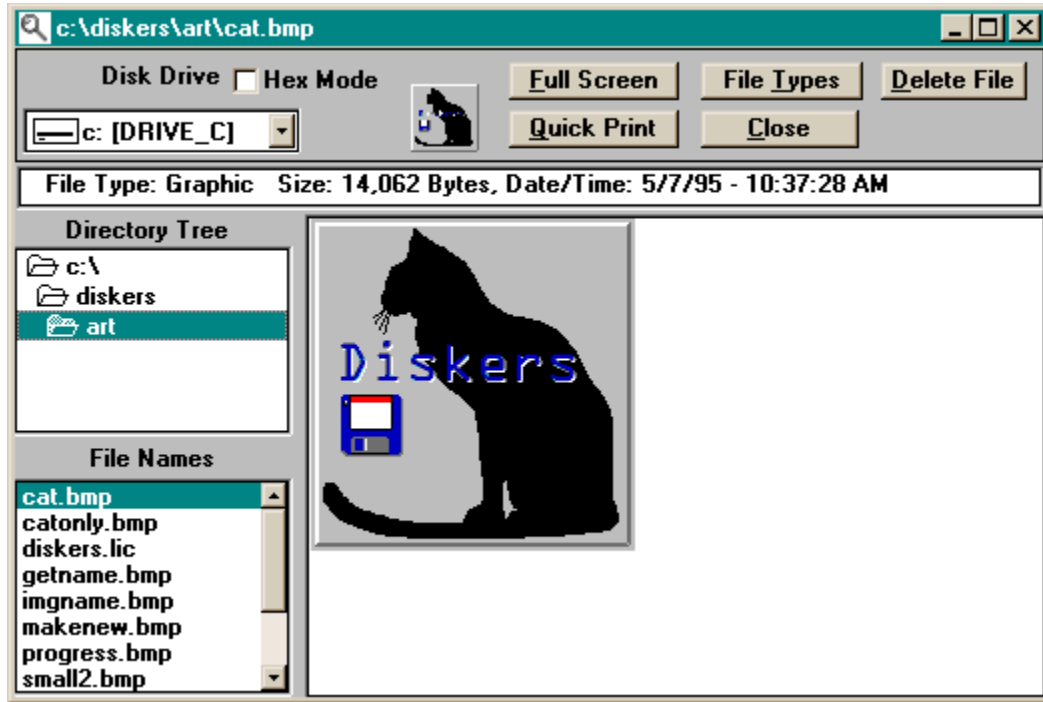
Pressing this button will delete the currently displayed file.

Close Current Display

This button closes the current window only. Use the close button on the main toolbar to terminate the program.

Primary View Window

Use the mouse to select specific information about each screen element from the graphics below. Simply click once where you see the mouse pointer change to a pointing finger.



Displayed File

This is the currently selected file. Depending upon the file type, you may be able to mark and copy the file with the mouse to the Windows' clipboard. Once the file has been copied to the clipboard, you may paste the contents into other programs such as a word processor.

Oakley Data Services Ordering Info

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Cheshire CW11 9RQ,
England.**

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Fax +44 (0)270 765272
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Peeper

Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
: _____
: _____
: _____
: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Credit Card Type: _____
Credit Card Number: _____
Expiration Date: _____
Signature: _____

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|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| Peeper | 15.00 | _____ |
| Shipping/Handling | 2.00 | _____ |
| UK and EEC add 17.5% VAT | 2.98 | _____ |
| Total in Pounds Sterling: | | _____ |

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CopyCats Software & Services

Peeper (ver 1.19)

Note: Select "File-Print Topic" from the menu bar to print this form.

Users in Holland, Germany and Belgium who prefer to order locally and pay in their own currency, can order **Peeper** through CopyCats in Holland. Please fill out this form and send it, along with payment, to:

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CopyCats Software & Services

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Phone / Fax: +31 (0) 2207 45993

1700 BB Heerhugowaard (after 10/10/95: +31.72.5745993)

The Netherlands

Email 100121.1562@compuserve.com

Peeper

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

BTW/Steuer # (German and Belgian businesses): _____

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_____ Peeper _____

Order Total: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ - _____ -19 _____

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By the way, where did you first hear about **Peeper**?

And where did you find your copy of **Peeper**?

Dank u voor uw bestelling! - Vielen Dank für Ihren Auftrag!

Version 2.0

Special Note regarding version 2.0 of Peeper: At the time of the writing (10/1/95), Fineware's plans for the next release of this product are starting to take shape although no release date has been set. Version 2.0 will be specific to **Windows 95** and **WindowsNT**.

Version 2.0 not run under Windows 3.11 or lower. Fineware has concluded that many users will migrate to the 32 bit operating systems immediately and we will have a product for them as quickly as possible. A product that will allow them to utilize long file names and other yet to be announced features. However, Fineware also assumes that many users, especially in corporate sites, will be unable to make the move for quite some time. Because of this, the 16 bit version will continue to be marketed and minor bug fixes will be performed as normal. Additional functionality may appear if the continued marketability of the 16 bit version is apparent. Peeper has been tested significantly under **Windows 95** and has been found to be quite robust and functional. Some of the product's additional **Windows 95** capabilities are documented in this help file. Fineware suggest that those who are considering the purchase of this product should look to their present needs first because the upgrade price will be insignificant considering the low purchase price of the product itself.

Since the 16 bit and 32 bit versions of Peeper will be marketed simultaneously, there will be a grace period of 90 days where purchasers of the 16 bit will receive free (Excluding Shipping/handling charges) copies of the 32 bit version.

Version 2.0 is not available as of this writing and we are not taking orders now. Fineware estimates the release of version 2.0 to occur sometime *after* January 1, 1996 and we will begin taking orders at that time.

Advanced Functionality

Drag & Drop Support

You may select files in the **Windows File Manager** and use the mouse to drag them onto a running instance of **Peeper**. You may drop multiple files at a time but remember that the maximum number of files which **Peeper** can display at a single time is nine.

Note: Files dropped from the **Windows 95 Explorer** shell do not need to be dropped on a running version. Simply placing Peeper on the desktop is all that is necessary to utilize the program under **Windows95**. Another way to utilize **Peeper** under **Windows95** is to drop **Peeper** into the **SendTo** folder which is located within your Windows Folder. This allows files to be easily sent to Peeper at any time for viewing.

Command Line Functions

You may launch Peeper using a file name. For example, you could issue the command to run Peeper as follows:

`C:\Peeper\Peeper.exe C:\misc\ReadMe.Txt`

and **Peeper** would execute with this file already loaded. You may also use **Peeper's** full screen capability from the command line by adding a forward slash and the letter M after the file name. Example:

`C:\Peeper\Peeper.exe C:\misc\ReadMe.Txt /M`

Printing

You may use your choice of two different methods to print the file you are currently viewing. See Printing for more information on this topic.

File Associations

For files which do not have a regular editor such as .WMF files, you may use the File Manager associations to assign them to **Peeper**. This will allow you to double_click on them within File Manager and launch **Peeper** with the file loaded.

Fonts and Colors

You may use your choice of font styles, sizes, etc. within the file viewing area. In addition, the background and foreground colors is totally under user control. Use the pull down menu to set color options.

Auto Termination

The launch of **Peeper** will terminate existing instances of **Peeper**. If you need to view multiple documents at the same time, launch a second viewer from within the current instance of **Peeper**.

Full Screen Mode

You may view the document in full screen mode by pressing this button.

P & A Shareware

Fineware programs can be registered locally in Japan. For more detail and information on prices, etc. contact:

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Nifty: PAF02461

Printing

Peeper allows you to print documents using **two** different methods.

Method 1: Use Controlling Application to Print

Peeper uses the file associations which are established for your computer to select the program which creates/maintains the document that you wish to print.

For example, if you use Microsoft Word as your word processor, then the normal default file name extension for a Word document is .DOC . When you use the Print button (or pull down menu selection) against a .DOC document, then the printing capabilities of Microsoft Word itself are used to print the document. This allows the printed pages to retain all font selections, formating, even graphics that are used within the document. In addition, some programs such as Microsoft Excel 5.0 and above provide additional printing options for your selection.

If there is no controlling application, then the document is printed under Method 2 described below.

Note: You may optionally highlight a portion of the text within the document. When a print operation is requested while text is highlighted, then the highlighted text only is printed under Method 2.

Method 2: Use Peeper to Print

Peeper prints by selecting the text and dumping it to the printer. This is very quick and suitable for small text files. Virtually no formating is retained unless the document contains embedded ASCII formating codes such as carriage returns & line feeds.

File Information

Information describing the currently displayed file.

Pull Down Menu

Standard pull down menu which contains options for running the program as well as functions.

Select Fonts

Press this button to select the fonts used by the program.

You may assign fonts to the following items

- Display - Normal font within the display window
- Fixed - Optional display font that is useful for viewing print image files
- Printer - Font used when a file is printed using Peeper's own print capabilities. Refer to Printing for more details.

Program Mascot

Press here to view the program's **About Screen**.

Fixed Font

Select this option to use a fixed font for the viewing area. This is helpful when the original document was produced using fixed fonts such as computer generated reports.

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Custom programming services available.

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According to Ziff-Davis's shareware reviewer Preston Gralla.

sniff out

Basis for the program's name.

embedded

Stored within the file itself

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Used to identify the name, description, release, copyright and other information related to the file. This information is optional and is placed within the file by the developer of a Windows program module.

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hexadecimal

Numbering System using base 16. The decimal numbering system is base 10. The number 0 through 9 is equivalent in both numbering systems. At the number TEN, a base 10 system requires two positions. A base 16 system represents the base 10 numbers 10,11,12,13,14, & 15 as A,B,C,D,E & F. In Hex, the number 256 would be represented as FF.

