

Sage v1.2

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What is it?

Sage is a Windows application that displays gems of wisdom. You can adjust the fonts and colors of the quote messages, as well as add your own. The quote window is resizeable, and comes up where you last put it. Sage is ATM-compatible.

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Getting Started Quickly

The program SAGE.EXE and file SAGE.DAT should be put somewhere in your search path (typically C:\WINDOWS). Using the "Sage Options..." menu selection, you can add Sage to your WIN.INI file to automatically have it start when Windows does.

Included in the package

- SAGE.EXE, a Windows application
- SAGE.DAT, the companion quotes text file
- SAGE.WRI, these application notes
- SAGE.DOC, a text-only version of this file (same as SAGE.WRI)

Version Information and History

11/18/1990 Version 1.0 Initial release

11/25/1990 Version 1.1 Added more background color choices

01/01/1991 Version 1.2 "Find" will now find comment lines, memory access cleaned up, PostScript printer better supported, more foreground color choices, and even more quotes!

Registration Considerations

You have obtained an un-registered version of Sage which is being marketed under the "Shareware" concept. As such, it is a fully working version of the product, with complete documentation. In its unregistered state, Sage will display an informative message when it is first run. When you register the program with Services Rendered for \$10, you will be free of the startup message and be entitled to 1/2 hour of software support.

You may register the product by mail with a personal or business check. To order, select "Print Order Form..." from the Sage control menu. The order form is designed to be folded and mailed without an envelope, though you can choose to use one if you would prefer.

Address:

Services Rendered
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By registering, you receive the following benefits:

- Your registration code.
- 1/2 hour of free technical support by the author.
- Periodic notification of upgrades and enhancements.
- No startup screen.

You are authorized to make as many copies of the un-registered version of the product as you would like, and to distribute them freely to individuals or onto bulletin boards. You must, however abide by this one simple rule ... that you always include with such distribution all of the files that you have received.

Upgrading from v1.1 to v1.2

If you are a registered user of Sage v1.1, you will need to reenter your assigned registration code. Just follow the instructions in your original registration letter to validate version 1.2.

Installing Sage

Change to your \WINDOWS subdirectory and copy the zipfile SAGE11.ZIP to it. Type:

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PKUNZIP SAGE11
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to unpack the files to your system.

Starting Sage the first time

Select "File" from the Program Manager, then select "Run". Type "Sage" and select "OK".

Adding Sage to the Program Manager

With Sage running, move the mouse to the Sage system control and click once to see the command menu. Select "Sage Options...". Click once on the "Install Sage in Program Manager" button to install.

Starting Sage from the Program Manager

Double-click on the "Sage" icon in the Program Manager to start the program.

Closing Sage

You can type Esc (or choose "Close" from the command menu) to end the program.

Starting Sage Automatically with Windows

With Sage running, move the mouse to the Sage system control and click once to see the command menu. Select "Sage Options...". Click once on the "Start Sage automatically" button to automatically load Sage the next time you start Windows. The Sage window will reappear in the same place every time.

Showing the Next or Previous Quote

By pressing Enter or Backspace, you can display the next or previous quote.

Finding Quotes

You can find a specific quote, or all quotes that feature a specific word. Type Ctrl-F (or choose "Find..." from the command menu) and enter the word you'd like to find. Upper and lower case are ignored. You can find the next quote featuring the word by typing Ctrl-E (or choosing "Find Next" from the command menu.)

Entering Your Own Quotes

You can add your own gems of wisdom to the quote program by typing Ctrl-A (or choose "Add Quote..." from the command menu.) You can specify up to 1000 characters of quote and byline information for each quote. If you want to put a carriage return in the middle of a quote or byline, type Ctrl-Enter to go to a new line. Long quotes may scroll off the window as you type them; this is normal.

Copying Quotes to the Clipboard

You can copy a relevant quote to the clipboard, and then to any document. When the quote you want to clip is displayed, type Ctrl-Insert (or choose "Copy" from the command menu.)

Sage Options

With Sage running, move the mouse to the Sage system control and click once to see the command menu. Select "Sage Options...". From the Sage Options dialog, you can set how many minutes must elapse before a new quote is displayed anywhere from 1 to 1440 minutes (1440 minutes is 24 hours between quotes.)

PostScript Quotation Marks

If you check the "PostScript Quotation Marks" checkbox, the quote will be surrounded in typographical quote marks instead of the generic vertical quote marks. PostScript fonts, created on-the-fly by ATM, have these special quote characters. If you see a black box, vertical bar or dots instead of quote marks with this option set, the font you've chosen does not contain the special quote characters. Uncheck the box.

Typeface and Font Selection

You can set the typeface used to display quotes and bylines, as well as the colors used in the window. Choose "OK" to make the changes take effect. You can choose any Windows font at any point size from 1 to 127. If you don't want the byline displayed, choose the same color for both the byline and the background.

Quitting Sage

You can quit Sage by choosing "Close" from its command menu, or you can simply press "Esc".

For Advanced Users: Setting the Quote File Path

If you want to store the SAGE.DAT file away from the SAGE.EXE file, you can explicitly direct Sage to look for it somewhere else. Add a line to the SAGE.INI file that says:

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QuoteFile=C:\QUOTES\SAGE.DAT
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to cause Sage to look elsewhere.

Text File Format

If you want, you can add your own gems of wisdom manually. The quote text file SAGE.DAT is fully editable using any text editor, and can contain any number of quotes.

Comment lines, which are never displayed, start with two slashes, like this:

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// This is a comment,  
// and this is another.
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Each quote has its own line, and looks like this:

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Neuroses are red,^Melancholia's blue.  
"Furious activity is no substitute for understanding." - H. H. Williams^In The Observer, 1866
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(If these examples are wrapping on your display, it is not intentional. They should each be on their own line.)

Each Quote can be surrounded by quote marks (if you like.) The byline always starts with a space, a dash, and another space. If you need to have a dash in your text, put two in a row, like this:

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"A billion here, a billion there -- pretty soon it adds up to real money!"
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You can cause a new line to appear when the quote is displayed with the caret key (^). Both the quote and any byline can have carets.

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