

WinASCII

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What it does

This program simply collects any readable information from any file and displays it with Notepad (which came with Windows 3.0) or any Windows or DOS file viewer you specify. This is good for finding extra information about a program, looking for possible trojan or virus messages, and snooping around in general.

Installation

Copy WINASCII.INI to your Windows' directory (NOT the system directory).

Copy WINASCII.EXE to any directory in your path.

Options

Include file statistics: This will place information about the file at the end of the output file.

Minimize output file: The output file will load in a minimized state.

Minimize when processing: WinASCII will minimize itself while it processes the selected file. It will not restore itself when file processing is completed. This option does not yet work while processing from the command line.

Auto-Exit when finished: WinASCII will terminate itself when processing is completed.

Sound: To beep or not to beep.

Compressed file warning: You will be alerted to a file compressed with PKLite(tm), LZE(tm), or RIXEPACK(tm). You will also be alerted if you try to open an archive (ZIP, ARC, LZH, ARJ).

Viewer: Enter the name of your favorite Windows or DOS file viewer here. It must be in your PATH. A default extension of EXE is assumed.

Minimum valid line length: The minimum line length works almost like a signal to noise filter. If it is set too low, there will be so much garbage that you will have a hard time finding anything of value. If it is set too high you will get little

or no information at all.

Save options: Saves the selected options for current and future use.

Save window position: Saves the current window position. The next time you start WinASCII it appear where you last left the window.

Verbose mode: Verbose mode displays extra information while processing. Such as an estimated time to completion.

Command line use

WinASCII can be used from a Windows command line interface such as 4WIN, PSHELL, etc...
Format is: WINASCII [filename[.ext]]

When used in this way, WinASCII uses the options stored in WINASCII.INI. It also Auto-Exits when used in this way.

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Shareware

If you use this utility and find it to be useful please send \$5 or more.

If you send \$10, I will mail you the latest version when available. (5.25" DD or 3.5" DD)

If you send \$20 or more, I will include the Turbo Pascal for Windows source code. If you don't feel that this program is worthy of registration at least send in your comments please. Actually, please send in your comments regardless. Thank you.

The Future

I want this program to have it's own editor instead of relying on NOTEPAD.

I would like to implement decompression of files compressed with PKLITE, LZE, DIET and/or any other file compressors.

I want to adopt the "Borland" windows and dialog style.

I will shortly be including a Windows' help file.

Warranty

There is absolutely no warranty of any kind. Use at your own risk.

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