InfoPop/Windows 1.21
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Welcome to InfoPop/Windows...a Windows 3.1 help database for the Internet.

If you are already familiar with the DOS-based version of InfoPop, you'll recognize much of the information contained here. This is a port of the DOS-based InfoPop database to Windows--but with many new entries and images as well. To all the DOS InfoPop users who asked for a Windows version, this is it...turns out it made more sense to use Window's excellent hypertext help engine, and thanks to L. David Baldwin's excellent freeware package RTFGEN, it wasn't too hard to move the data from an ASCII file over to a Rich Text Format (RTF) file (which the Windows help compiler requires). Once you have IPWIN running, click on the about button for more information on how the help file was generated.

I hope you'll find this program is a useful teaching tool as well as a source of interesting destinations on the Internet. As with its DOS-based predecessor, I've found a copy of InfoPop is a painless way to introduce a new internet user to the subject.

In the coming months we'll be expanding/correcting/revising the database but you may find the WINHELP's Annotate feature is all you need to perform your own corrections/updates. Your best source for updates to the IPWIN.HLP file is the GMUtant OnLine BBS (703) 993-2219 or via FTP (we now have a nice SUN LX hosting an ftp service: gmutant.wrlc.org. Software developed by the algorithmeticians at GMUtant Software is in the /pub/gmutant directory).

InfoPop/Windows covers all this...click on the ABOUT button at the top of the viewer..

InfoPop/Windows is freeware--please feel free to distribute it to anyone you like. A modest charge for disk-duplication is acceptable but otherwise, no fee may be levied for InfoPop/Windows. If you do find yourself distributing InfoPop in any sort of active way (as opposed to making it available on your ftp server), drop me a e-line...I'd like to know if folks are finding the package useful.

To install:

1. Copy IPWIN.HLP and IPWIN.ICO to your machine. If you don't put the files in your Windows directory, keep track of where you did place them...you'll need to give Windows the full path to them in steps 2 and 3 below).

2. Using program manager, go to FILE then NEW and create a program item.

Description: InfoPop
Command Line: WINHELP C:\IPWIN\IPWIN.HLP (assuming you put the files in an IPWIN subdirectory)
Working Directory: C:\IPWIN
Shortcut Key: Up to you.

3. Click on Change icon, then when the name PROGMAN.EXE appears in the dialog box, delete PROGMAN.EXE and enter the full path to wherever you placed IPWIN.ICO (e.g., C:\IPWIN\IPWIN.ICO).

4. That's all there is to it.

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