

ANSIKey

A Free Program from:

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Introduction

ANSIKey is a small Windows 3.x program that lets you see all your fonts, with the characters as they will appear on your keyboard. This includes the difficult characters used by symbol and dingbat fonts, so you can quickly view the characters and know which key to press to get the character you want.

You can also press any key and see a blown-up image of that character for a detailed view. Plus you can use a scroll bar to move through all the ANSI characters, from ANSI 33 to ANSI 255, to see those characters that you can't type. Naturally, the ANSI code will be right on your screen.

Then, you can use the <Alt>-number pad method to put the characters into your other Windows applications. But there's an even better way...turn on the automatic clipboard feature, and any character which appears in the Zoom Window is automatically pasted into the clipboard, for even easier transfer to another application.

Finally, you can save any character's image as a .BMP file for use as clip art in any Windows program that accepts .BMP files!

You can keep ANSI Key Layout minimized, then pop it up whenever you need a special character. It's easy, fun, and educational.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

ANSI KEY Layout requires Windows 3.0 or a later version, plus a computer capable of running Windows. A Mouse is highly recommended. ANSIKey also requires VBRUN100.DLL, the run-time library for Microsoft Visual Basic 1.0. That file is not included with this program, but may be obtained wherever you obtained this program. Since you need only one copy of the file to run all Visual Basic programs, it would waste too much downloading time to include the 200+K file here. You can also download the file as VBRUN100.ZIP on the OsoSoft BBS, described above.

LICENSE INFORMATION

ANSI Key Layout is free. You may use it in any way you want, but you may not sell it. ANSI Key

Layout is a product of OsoSoft, and is protected under the copyright laws of the United States and other countries. You may distribute the program freely on BBS systems and in Shareware catalogs.

OsoSoft publishes several other programs, both free and shareware. Most shareware programs from OsoSoft cost just \$15 for full registration. You'll find full information on these products in the Help//OsoSoft Info and Orders menu command in ANSIKey.

INSTALLATION

To install ANSIKey, copy ANSIKEY.EXE into your Windows directory or into a directory of its own. ANSIKey requires that VBRUN100.DLL be copied into your Windows Directory, if it is not already there.

Now, start Program Manager, click in the program group where you want to install ANSIKey, then give the File/New command in Program Manager. Click OK.

In the Dialog Box, type ANSIKey, press <Tab>, then type the path and filename for ANSIKEY.EXE. Your entry should look like this:

C:\WINDOWS\ANSIKEY.EXE

Naturally, you'll substitute your own directory information, including the directory where you stored ANSIKEY.EXE. You'll find the ANSIKey icon in the program group selected when you started installation.

RUNNING ANSIKEY

To start ANSIKey, just double-click its icon. After a short delay, you'll see the main screen. At the top is a simulation of a keyboard, with the characters from the first font on the list on the keys, as they appear in print.

To switch from lower to upper-case letters, click on the appropriate option button just below the keyboard, on the left of the screen.

To view an enlarged keyboard character, just press the key for that character. For upper-case, use the <Shift> key as you would when typing text.

You'll see the ANSI code for the displayed character to the left of the Zoom window.

To view non-keyboard, extended ANSI characters, use the scroll bar. You can just click on it to increment your scrolling. Click the arrows to advance or decrease the ANSI number by single digits. Click between the arrows for increments of 10, or drag the thumb for faster movement.

Note that the current character's ANSI code is always displayed next to the character in the Zoom window.

To change fonts, click the arrow next to the font name and select your font from the alphabetical list. The screen will update automatically.

NOTE: Some fonts may appear more than once on the list, due to the way Windows handles its fonts. For speed's sake, ANSIKey does not check for duplicate font names.

If you want the current character automatically placed in the Windows Clipboard, check the Zoom2Clipb check box with your mouse. You can then jump to another program and paste the current character in at the cursor with the Edit Menu or by pressing <Shift>-<Ins>.

To save the current character as a .BMP graphics file, click the Save as .BMP button. Enter a filename (complete with path information and a .BMP extension), and click OK to save. You can then use that image as clip art in any application. This feature is especially useful for dingbat and symbol fonts.

To quit, just click the Exit button or give the File//Exit menu command.

THANKS

Thanks for trying ANSIKey. I hope it will be useful to you and hope, too, that if you like it, you'll try other OsoSoft programs. Be sure and call the OsoSoft BBS for the latest versions! You'll also find all OsoSoft programs on CompuServe, in the WINADV and IBMHW forums. Also available on EXECPC.

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