

TextCon 1.0

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Introduction

Thank you for choosing to evaluate TextCon Version 1.0

TextCon is a Plug-In, bulk text conversion module to work with CisSearch.

It converts your selected Compuserve Filing Cabinet Files to ASCII text files.

By selecting single or multiple messages (Threads, Articles, ENS, Messages & E-Mail) within CisSearch, you can export and split the files into different file headings, naming and grouping the files according to subject, Author, Recipient or Message Id.

REQUIRES CisSearch Version 2.0 .

Installation

TEXTCON.ZIP

This file contains the following files:

- * README.WRI - This file
- * CONMANV1.DLL - This is the Conversion Manager Socket Interface. Allowing Plug-in Modules to Interface with CisSearch.
- * TEXTCON.DLL - This is the module that does the text conversions for you.
- * CONMAN.INI - This file is needed so CONMANV1.DLL knows what Plug-ins are available.
- * TEXTCON.INI - This is the INI file that keeps track of the settings for TEXTCON.DLL

1. Unzip TEXTCON.ZIP into a temporary directory
2. Copy TEXTCON.DLL and CONMANV1.DLL into your CisSearch directory, overwriting the previous version of CONMANV1.DLL that came with your CisSearch 2.0 application.
3. Move both .INI files into your \WINDOWS directory.

Un-Install

Remove the above named files from where ever you located them, EXCEPT for CONMANV1.DLL, If you intend to keep using CisSearch 2.0 then you may want to leave it as CisSearch looks for that file whenever you press the [CONVERT] button.

Operating Instructions

1. After you have performed a search with CisSearch 2.0 you will see a list of message results that have matched your search. You can export any of these Compuserve messages as an ASCII text file. Select the files that you wish to export with the mouse (Hold the SHIFT - LEFT MOUSE or CNTRL-Left Mouse for multiple selections) and press the [CONVERT] button.
2. The Conversion manager will then scan your CONMAN.INI file for the available convertors you have on your system.
3. Select a converter (TEXT CONVERTER in this case) and press OK.

4. The Text Converter dialog box will then appear:

* Output Directory

Select a directory where you wish the converted files to be exported to.

* Output File Naming

Select the method you wish for the files to be named.

For example, if you choose 'Use Author' then each exported file will be named after the author. ie. Each exported message Authored by Joe Bloggs, will be placed in the file JOEBLOGG.TXT

Note: Because of the DOS file name limit, any messages authored by Joe Bloggowitz will also be added to the JOEBLOGG.TXT as well.

* Max Page Width

Because of the variety of formatting used in Compuserve messages some files convert just fine without any adjustments, others require modification and if you find that some of your messages appear to be going off the page then set the maximum page width here and when the file is converted it may be more readable.

* Ignore Max. Page Width

This will override the above setting and retain the message formatting.

Problems ?

If you find that you donot understand any part of the program or are having problems installing or running TextCon 1.0, please donot hesitate to contact Waterstone Leisure (Compuserve 100517,745 or via the internet: mark@wstone.demon.co.uk).

"No converters are available"

Check that your CONMAN.INI is in your \WINDOWS subdirectory and a duplicate of it does not exist.

Check that the entries in CONMAN.INI correspond thus:

;Only One converter present on the system

[Number of Converters]

Converters=1

[Converter Names]

Converter1=Text Converter

[Text Converter]

DLLName=TEXTCON.DLL

Version=1.0

Description=Plugin ASCII Text Converter for CisSearch

AuthorName=Waterstone Leisure Ltd.

TechSupport=Compuserve 100517,745

We would encourage you to report any bugs or errors that you may find within the application. Registered Users who report an unknown bug or an original suggestion for an improvement that we decide to incorporate in the next version will receive that version for free.

How does a registered version differ ?

When you register your version of TextCon 1.0, you will be notified of any upgrades that become available. The registered version also dumps the entire message contents to the output files.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

A registered version of TextCon will NOT work with the Shareware version of CisSearch 2.0, You MUST have a registered version of CisSearch 2.0 AND a registered version of TextCon 1.0 for the full functionality to become available.

Future Converters

The next converter planned is a Paradox Converter.

If you have any suggestions or ideas how you would like your CompuServe files converted, please contact us by E-Mail.

If you are interested in developing a Shareware Plug-In DLL to work with CisSearch 2.0, please E-Mail us at the address below, with your details, for further information.

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The \$10.00 registration fee will license one copy for use by one user on any one computer at any one time. Contact Waterstone Leisure Ltd. directly if you would like to negotiate a site license.

You are encouraged to pass a copy of the shareware version of TextCon 1.0 along to your friends for evaluation. Please encourage them to register their copy if they find that they can use it.

This program does not have any printed documentation - all information on use and capabilities is included in this file.

How to contact Waterstone Leisure

All registered users receive free technical support. Also, registered users will receive a copy of TextCon 1.0 with all restrictions removed, this means that you can freely view files from the results of your searches. To report bugs, receive help and bug fixes please send a CompuServe message via CompuServe Mail to 100517,745 or via the Internet: mark@wstone.demon.co.uk

Payment

The fastest and easiest way to register your copy is via CompuServe. To register, GO SWREG on CompuServe. Enter the following information to find and register the program:

Program Title: TEXTCON 1.0
Registration ID: 6176
Fee (USD): 10.00

When we receive your Notification of your Shareware Registration the registered version will be attached to a compuserve E-Mail message by return (Waterstone Leisure pays the postage due).