xWord

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Generalities

Menus:

Game/New : Generates randomly a new "Search words" board from one of the themes associated to the current language, chosen randomly <F3>, or selected in the themes windows <Ctrl F3>.

Game/Solution : Shows a list of words not yet found and after selection of one of them (with a double-click on it or selecting it then pressing Ok button), checks it in the board after putting it in white for a 0.5 second to see it better.

Game/Print : Prints the generate board and the list of words to find in order to enable to play also on paper...

Game/Export : Allows to export the current game in a file called exported.txt which have the board with all the letters of a same line separated with a tab character and all the words also separated with a tab character; It allows xWord to export its boards in order to be used with page presentation software or other softwares...

Game/Register : To enter your private key and name respecting upper and lower cases as you reveive them.

Game/Exit : Exits xWord.

Languages : Propose a sub menu with all the languages declared in the [Languages] section of the THEMES.DAT file.

Options/Difficulty : Allows to change the board size, to enable diagonal and to change the game mode as follows:

Beginner:	Empty holes are not filled.
Intermediate:	Empty holes are filled randomly with letters from A to Z.
Expert:	Empty holes are filled randomly with letters of the words to find.

Options/Fluo : Changes color of pen used to check found words in the board.

Notes:

To select a word in the board, just do click on its two extremities.

To localize a word already found, just click on it in the list on the right of the board, it will appear in white during 0.5 second.

To add a new language, just edit the THEMES.DAT file to increment the number of languages set by the line NbLanguages=N of the [Languages] section   then add a line such as:
        LanguageN+1=<name of the new language>

For example (in blue are the modifications to made):
        [Languages]
        NbLanguages=4
        ...
        Language4=Italiano

To add a new theme in an existant language, just edit the THEMES.DAT file to add in the section of the existant language a line such as:
        ThemeN+1=Name of the theme::Label of the theme
where N is the number of already existing themes in the language, and where the label of the theme is

what will appear in the menu and the name of the theme is the identier of the new section to create in order to insert the new words of the theme on lines such as:

        Word i=<The word i of the theme>

For example (in blue are the modifications to made):
[Français]
NbThemes=12

...
Theme12=Cars::Quelques marques de voiture.

[English]
NbThemes=7

...
Theme7=Cars::Some cars.

[Cars]
Word1=JAGUAR
Word2=ROVER

...

This mechanism allows to share a same theme inside of many languages, it is necessary for example for cars or for famous people because names are international.

What is shareware?

SHAREWARE means that you can try software before buying it.

I allow you to use xWord for a 21 day evaluation period; if you continue to use it after the trial period because you like it (sure!) and because it suits your needs then you are requested to register otherwise you must remove it from your hard disk and do not use it anymore.

SHAREWARE concept is good for every one because more developpers are encouraged to make more programs and you can try and buy programs you need for only a few money... so support me and the *SHAREWARE* concept.

xWord is not crippled or uncomplete, only display busy messages so enjoy it!

You can share xWord freely and copy it with everybody as long as you do not modify it and keep all the provided files.

Why registration?

To register for xWord only costs US$15 (75FF).

Send in the registration form (print xWord.txt) and a check in French Francs drawn on a French bank or alternatively you can use international postal money orders in US dollars or another currency to:

     LEROUX Franck
     24 Rue Thieullent
     76310 SAINTE ADRESSE
     FRANCE

You will receive a registration number in order to:
     - Avoid the shareware warning!
     - Be in your right to use as free upgrade future versions of xWord.
     - Have a free technical support for one year by mail or e-mail at: clicsoft@geocities.com
     - Support *SHAREWARE* concept and protect this diffusion mode good for all.

     It's also a way for me to evaluate how people respond to shareware system, if I have to go on making *Nice Designed and High Quality Software* (!) for a very reduced price and to know how xWord is famous all over the world ;-)

What is needed to run?

You will need the following files that are in the RUNTIME directory of your install disk:

- VBRUN300.DLL   MicroSoft Visual Basic 3.00 Dynamic Link Librairy

- THREED.VBX   MicroSoft Visual Basic 3.00 Controls

How to install?

This topic will assume you have already read the section <u>What is needed to run?</u>.

If you have the installation software, just run SetupWit then follow the instructions.

Else if you get xWord from BBS, WEB or other, copy all the files of the xWord directory of your support disk on your hard disk in the directory you want (C:\xWord for example) then in Program Manager, go to File/New and type C:\xWord\xWord.exe, where C:\xWord is the directory you install xWord.

If you have VBRUN300.DLL and THREED.VBX in your WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory, you do not need to copy them but if not you should copy them from the RUNTIME directory of your support disk to your WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory on your hard disk (where you will be able to share them with other programs written in Visual Basic) or to the directory you install xWord.