Home & Business Platinum for Windows
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This Disc Contains Shareware

Many of the programs on this CD-ROM are shareware. Please remember to register all shareware, in accordance with the agreement which the shareware's author has set forth in the program's accompanying documentation.

Program Description

Home & Business Platinum for Windows is a collection of the best productivity tools and utilities for Microsoft Windows, assembled on CD ROM under our easy-to-use Platinum Interface. Home & Business Platinum contains HUNDREDS of high-quality, useful programs to make your efforts at home and at business much more productive! All of the programs on this CD-ROM are divided into six categories:

Databases - A wide variety of programs, including Coin and Card Collecting Databases, Address Books, Video and Music Libraries, and General Purpose Databases.

Business Tools - Includes Report Generators, Bar Code Generators, Project Management Tools, and Employee Scheduling Programs, among others.

Business Finance - Payroll Programs, General Accounting Ledger Tools, Business Calculators, and more!

Home Management - Recipe Books, To-Do Lists, Grocery List Managers... even a Household Appliance Controller (requires special hardware)!

Home Finance - Everything from Mortgage Calculators and Amortization Schedulers, to Checkbook-Balancing Programs and Financial Advisors!

Personal Management - Time Mangers, Day Planners, Personal Information Managers, Special-Purpose Clocks, Fat & Cholesterol Counters, Fitness Programs, Diaries and more!

As you view each program by selecting it from the list, you are immediately provided with a various important information about the chosen program. This information includes:

1.   Author
2.   Classification (Shareware, Freeware, or Public-Domain)
3.   Price (if shareware)
4.   Size
5.   Description
6.   ASP Certification (whether the author is ASP-certified)

Unlike other multimedia CD-ROM collections, Home & Business Platinum has nearly all of the

programs ready to run DIRECTLY FROM THE CD-ROM! Most of the programs don't need to be installed for you to use them! And when you do find a favorite program, installation is as easy as clicking a button! No more hassling with cumbersome ZIP files and batch files to get your programs installed...

Program Installation
To install Home & Business Platinum, follow these steps:

1.   Start Microsoft Windows.
2.   Insert the Home & Business Platinum CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive.
3.   From the Windows Program Manager, choose "File", "Run..."
4.   Type "d:\install.exe", where 'd' is the letter of your CD-ROM drive.
5.   Click OK or press <Enter>

After a few seconds, Home & Business Platinum should begin running.

Troubleshooting the Installation
If you get a file or drive error, please check to see that you entered the correct drive letter in step 4 (above), that your CD-ROM and caddy are properly inserted, and that the CD-ROM drive is powered on.

Many windows shell programs, such as Dashboard, Norton Desktop, or Central Point Utilities, are not 100% Program Manager compatible and may interfere with the installation of Home & Business Platinum. If you are using one of these Windows shell progams, you should launch the Program Manager and use the File, Run... menu to perform the installation. Once the installation is complete, you may then run Home & Business Platinum from the Platinum Shareware program group, or create your own Home & Business Platinum icons in your favorite shell program.

Running Home & Business Platinum
The first time Home & Business Platinum runs, it automatically creates a Program Manager group and icon to make future use easier. Once installed, you will find a Program Manager group called "Platinum Shareware" and an icon named "Home & Business Platinum". Simply run this program as you would any other Windows application.

As with all other CD-ROM-based products, you must have the CD-ROM inserted when you run Home & Business Platinum. If you have multiple CD-ROM drives, please make certain to use the same drive each time. Please do not remove the CD-ROM while Home & Business Platinum is running, or the program will be unable to access necessary data, and may fail to work properly.

Using Home & Business Platinum for Windows
Home & Business Platinum is very easy to use... simply click on a button which represents the category of programs you wish to view. You may then select any program from the listbox, and you will immediately be presented with a variety of important information about the item. When a program is selected, you will see the author, classification, size, and cost (if registration is required) of the item. If the item has accompanying documentation, you may view the author's original documentation simply by clicking the "View" button. Installing the files you want is just as easy--click "Install", select (or create) a directory as the destination, and you're done! You may also search for the exact program you have in mind using Home & Business Platinum's powerful keyword-based search facility!

If you choose to install a program or utility, the icon associated with the program will automatically appear in the Platinum Shareware Program Manager group.

Browsing through Home & Business Programs
As you browse through the multimedia clips, various useful information is automatically displayed. When a clip or program is selected (highlighted), you can also perform certain special actions. For example, you may view the clip's accompanying documentation, or Install it on your hard drive, by clicking the "View" or "Install" buttons. If you wish to see the multimedia clip itself (view the picture, play the video, hear the sound, etc.), you can simply use the Multimedia Control Panel below the list box.

A Note on Performance
Although CD-ROM technology has many tremendous advantages over any other form of digital media, it is still a relatively slow method of data retrieval. Due to the immense amount of data which Home & Business Platinum needs to keep track of, certain operations may be very slow on less-powerful computer systems. These functions include starting the program, switching between categories, and searching. Each of these operations requires that Home & Business Platinum scan the entire database and organize necessary information. However, once you are working within a category, performance should remain unhindered. If you are concerned about improving the speed of Home & Business Platinum, the following suggestions may provide significant improvement:

1.   Increase the amount of RAM in your system.
2.   Allow SmartDrive to use a fair amount of memory (this will help keep a good portion of the Home & Business Platinum database in memory).
3.   Use a permanent Windows swap file, and make it fairly large.

Also on this Disc...

Visual Basic Runtime DLL's
All of the Visual Basic programs require the VBRUNXXX.DLL to execute at runtime; but this program is often eliminated from the distribution file set to save on space. We have included a copy of VBRUN100.DLL, VBRUN200.DLL, and VBRUN300.DLL in a subdirectory called VBRUN on the Home & Business Platinum disc. If you encounter a Visual Basic program which gives an error message "Cannot locate VBRUNXXX.DLL", then copy the appropriate Visual Basic DLL to the programs subdirectory; this should correct the problem.

Troubleshooting...

There are applications which may not run correctly from the CD-ROM. This is due to the fact that they attempt to write data to the CD-ROM, which is a read-only medium. To use these programs in a fully-functional state, you must first install them to your hard drive, using the Home & Business Platinum's Install feature. Once installed, these programs should function perfectly.

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Multimedia Platinum
An amazing 680 MEGABYTES of quality multimedia clips, including video, full-color bitmaps, sound files, icons, animations, and multimedia tools. This disc has an incredibly powerful search facility, allowing you to find exactly the clip you need for that upcoming business presentation or multimedia project. It is very easy to spend hours having fun, searching for neat and humorous sound effects, movie clips, and full-color images. This disc is a MUST HAVE for every Windows desktop.

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Requirements: MS Windows 3.1 / Mouse

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