

SUPER OZ SHAREWARE

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## What is Shareware

The shareware concept is simple. It is "Try Before you Buy" software. In most cases the thousands of software programs contained on this CD-Rom are shareware versions. In some cases the shareware programs may have restricted features, delays, or set evaluation periods.

Shareware programs are free, but in some cases the author or respective copyright holder requires the user to pay them a small registration fee. By paying the registration fee you will receive benefits such as printed documentation, full versions and latest updates of the software, and personalised program support. We strongly recommend that if you continue to use the program outside the evaluation period or for commercial purposes, that you pay the registration fee. Details on payments of this fee can be found inside the respective Zip files.

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## **What is a Zip File?**

Zip files are known as archive files. They contain one or more files which have been compressed together into the one file. For example a Zip file of your DOS directory would contain ALL the files in that directory, but instead of it appearing on your harddrive as several files it will only appear as 1 file. This file will also be much smaller than the total size of all the files in that directory as each file INSIDE the Zip file has been compressed to it's smallest possible size.

The advantages of using Zip Files is that it enables so much more data to fit onto your harddrive and it also allows you to have only one file representing that particular program or collection of data. In the case of this CD-Rom the 600 Megabytes containing 1000-5000 files contained would normally take several Gigabytes and maybe 30,000-40,000 files on your harddrive.

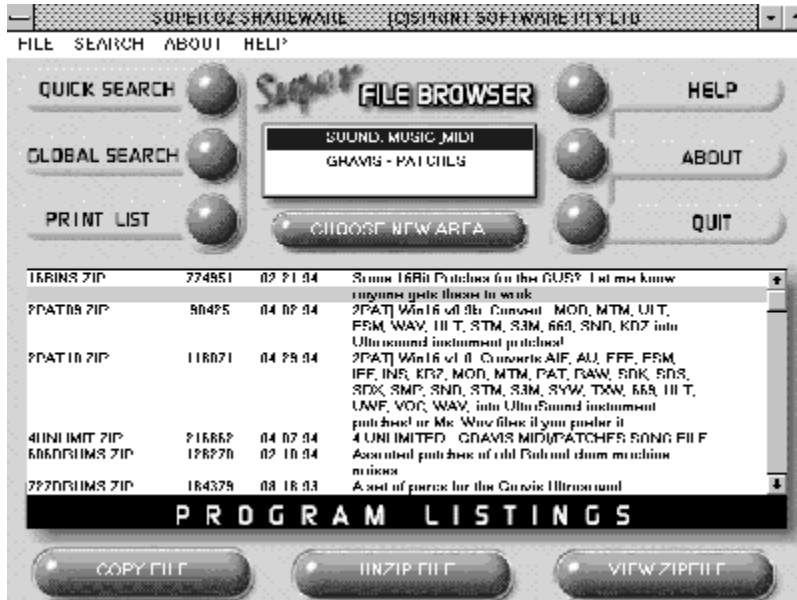
The Disadvantage of Zip Files is that they cannot be used by your machine until they have been 'UnZipped' (all of the files INSIDE are uncompressed and put back onto your harddrive as seperate files). The Super File Browser gives you the option to keep each program in its Zip File format or to Unzip it so you can use it straight away.

## Using the Super File Browser

This CD contains a fast and easy menu system for accessing the files from the entire CD. As there are several thousand files here for you to choose from, the files have been split up various categories or areas. This menu allows you to browse through the different file areas, as well as allowing you to unzip, copy, or view the files.

There are two versions of the Super File Browser available :

- **Super File Browser** - The deluxe version with a 256 Color Rendered SVGA Interface. Be sure to set your Windows desktop to a minimum of 256 Color mode in the "Windows Setup" program supplied with Windows.
- **Super File Browser Lite!** - 16 Color version for those with less powerful graphics cards or slower computers.



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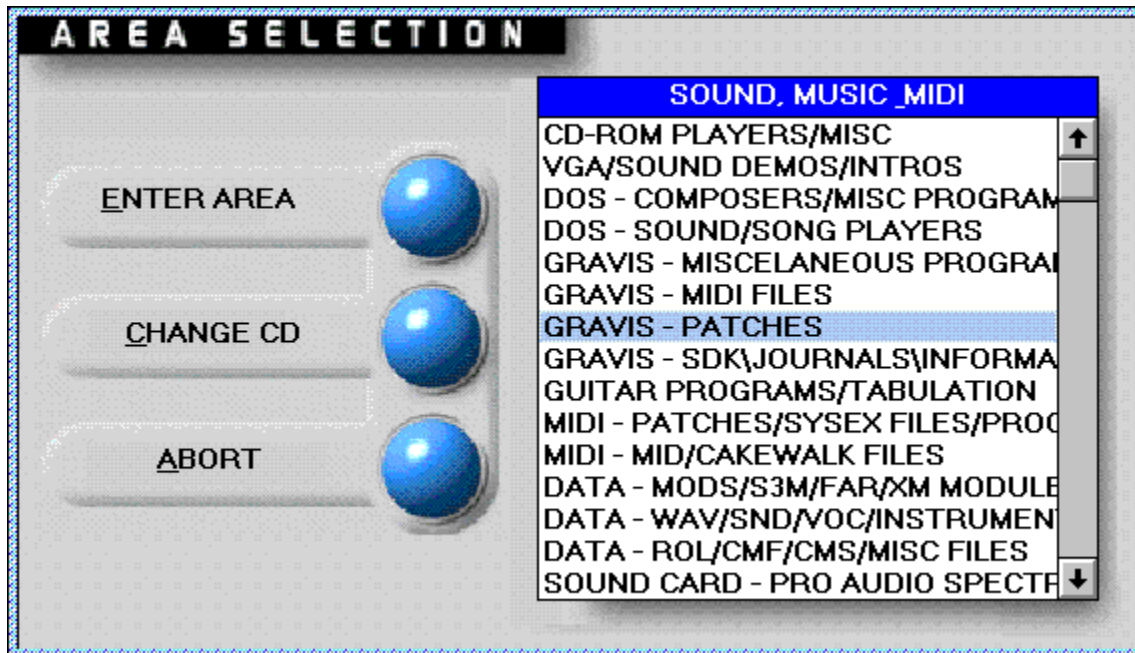
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## Area Selection



The area selection window is the second window to appear when you load the Super File Browser software (after the About/Credits Screen). You will be required to make a selection in this window to start using the Super File Browser. You can select it later by clicking on the **CHOOSE NEW AREA** button from the main Super File Browser screen.

The area selection window displays a list of all the file areas available on the CD-Rom. The areas have been categorized into several topics which allows you to find the type of program you want quickly and easily. For example on the Education CD if you wanted to find the a program which taught you French, you would look in the 'Foreign Languages' area.

In some cases where a large number of programs exist under a particular topic, the area has been split into 2 or more areas. eg (Arcade Games (A-K) & Arcade Games (L-Z)).

To select an area to browse, click on the area name and press the **ENTER AREA** button. The listing will be loaded and you will be returned to the main Super File Browser screen. On the main screen the File area and the name of the Super Oz Shareware CD will be displayed in a window in the top centre of the screen.

If you are lucky enough to own more than one Super Oz Shareware CD-Rom you can click on the **CHANGE CD** button and you will be prompted to insert your other CD-Rom. All CD-Roms in the Super Oz Shareware range are

designed to work together so you wont have to waste time reloading the Browser for each CD. You can even use multiple CD-Rom Drives if you have them by specifying a different CD-Rom path.

**PLEASE NOTE :** If you own Super Oz Shareware Vol 1 and you would like to use it in conjunction with the new Super File Browser, it is recommended that you install the Super File Browser to run from your harddrive rather than running it direct from CD-Rom.

## Browsing Through the File List.

The File list is in the centre of the Super File Browser Program window. It consists of a listing of the available programs in the selected area. It displays 4 different sections of relevant information :

- **File Name** - The name of the file. It contains an 8 character file name, plus the .ZIP extension which means the file is a compressed Zip file.
- **Size** - The size of the file in bytes. (1024 bytes = 1 kilobyte, 1024 kilobytes = 1 megabyte).
- **Date** - The date the file was created.
- **Description** - A brief description of the file (This description may stretch over several lines).

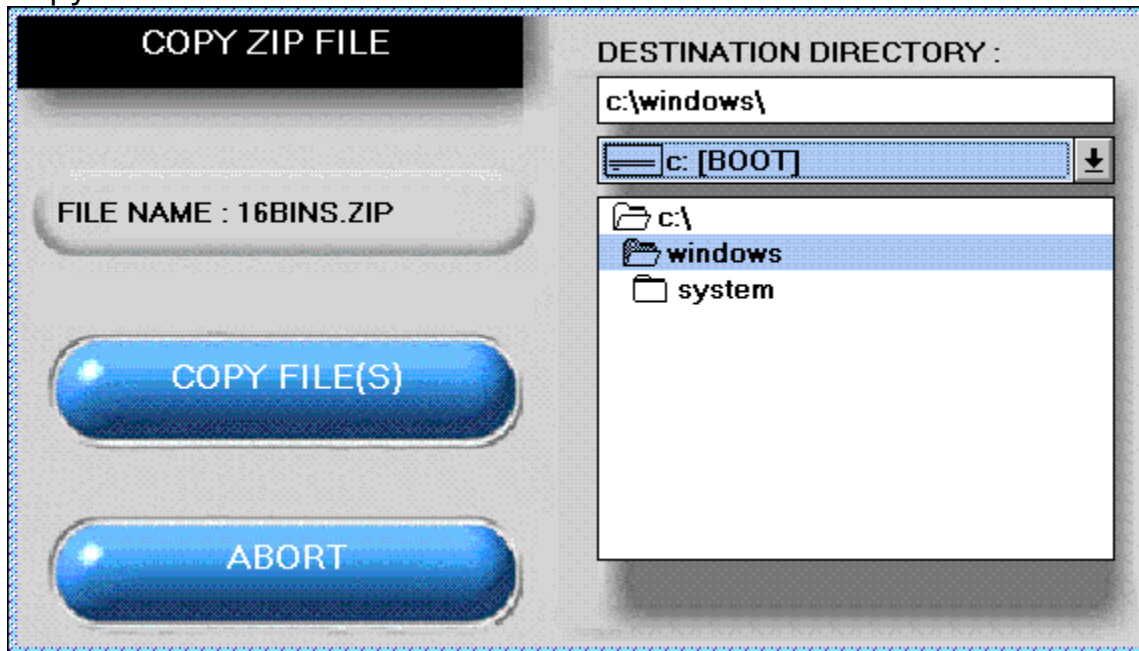
<b>Filename</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
FILENAM1.ZIP	34333	21-03-94	HERES A FANTASTIC FILE FOR YOU TO USE AND ENJOY!
FILENAM2.ZIP	234344	23-03-94	ANOTHER GREAT FILE FOR YOU TO VIEW AND PLAY AROUND WITH.

In most cases the file listing is several screens in length. Only a small portion of this list can be displayed at the one time as we would run out of room otherwise! You can use your mouse by clicking on the desired part of Vertical Scroll Bar to navigate your way through the file listing!

You will notice that one line in the file listing is highlighted. This highlighted line is the currently selected file for when you need to perform certain operations such as copying and unzipping files.



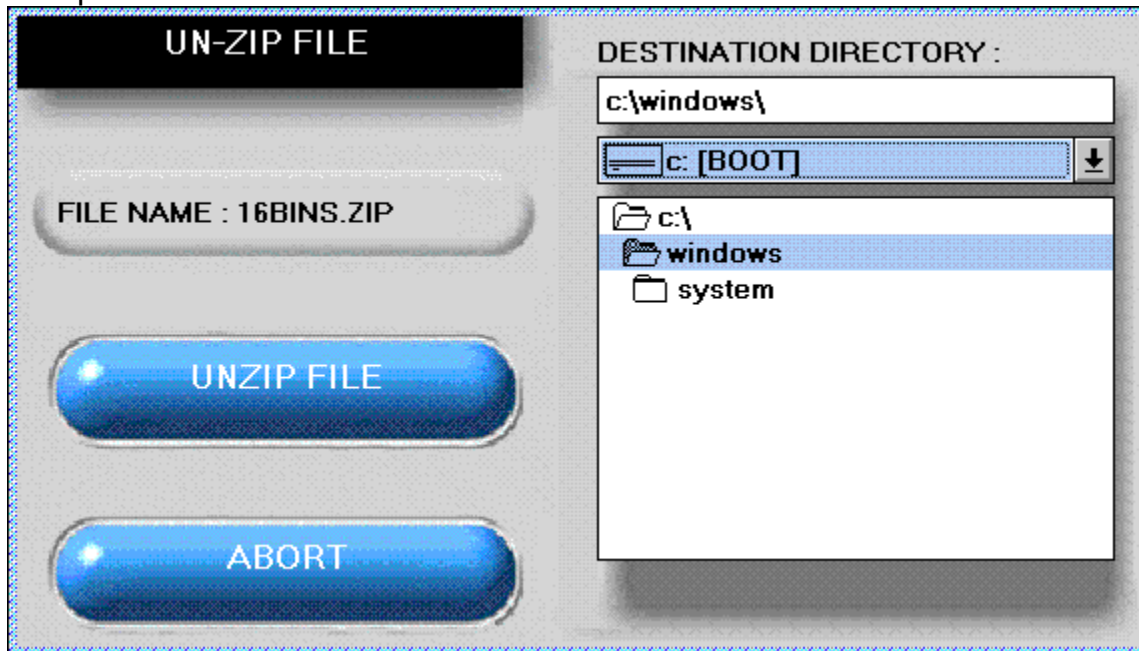
## Copy File Button



This button allows you to copy the currently selected Zip file from the CD-Rom to your harddisk or any other writable storage device. You will be prompted to enter a destination directory. If you wish to copy the file into a new directory you may type in the directory name.

When you click on **COPY FILE** it will, after a confirmation perform the copy operation. If you entered a new directory name it will first ask you if you wish to create this directory.

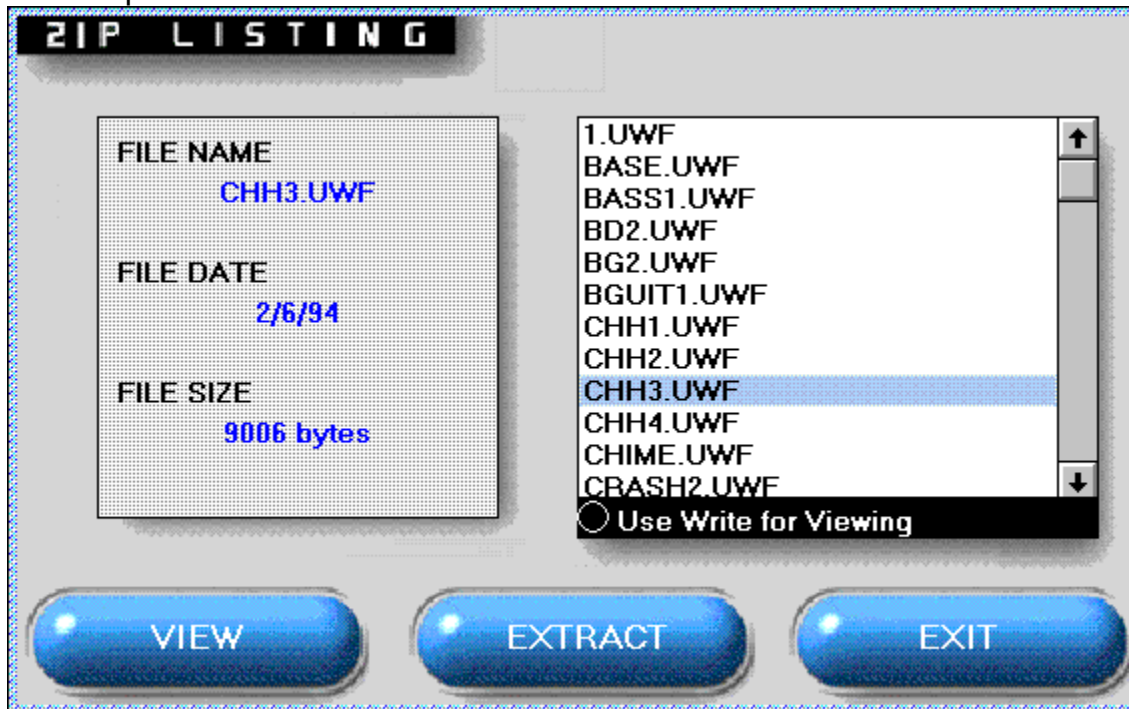
## Unzip File Button



This button allows you to unzip the currently selected Zip file from the CD-Rom to your harddisk or any other writable storage device. You will be prompted to enter a destination directory. If you wish to UnZip the file into a new directory you may type in the directory name.

When you click on **UNZIP FILE** it will, after a confirmation from you perform the UnZip operation. If you entered a new directory name it will first ask you if you wish to create this directory before proceeding. To UnZip the file the Super File Browser will open a dos window to perform this task.

## View ZipFile Button



This command will allow you to view the contents of the currently selected Zip File. It will display the file names in a list box. It will also show you other relevant information of the selected file underneath the list box :

- **File Name** - The name of the selected file.
- **File Size** - The Uncompressed Size (the actual size) of the selected file.
- **File Date** - The date the file was created.

By clicking on the **VIEW FILE** command you can view the selected file. The Super File Browser will automatically use the "Associations" settings from your WIN.INI file to determine which program to use to view the file (eg. a file with the extension .BMP means that it is a Windows Bitmap Picture and will most likely load Windows Paintbox or another drawing package to view the file). If you wish to create new Associations you will need to load "File Manager" which comes with Windows. If an Association is not found for the file it will use "MS Write" word processor to view the file. You can also force the Super File Browser to use "MS Write" by selecting this option in this window.

By clicking on the **EXTRACT FILE** command you can extract or UnZip the selected file. This is handy if you only need one particular file from inside the current Zip file.

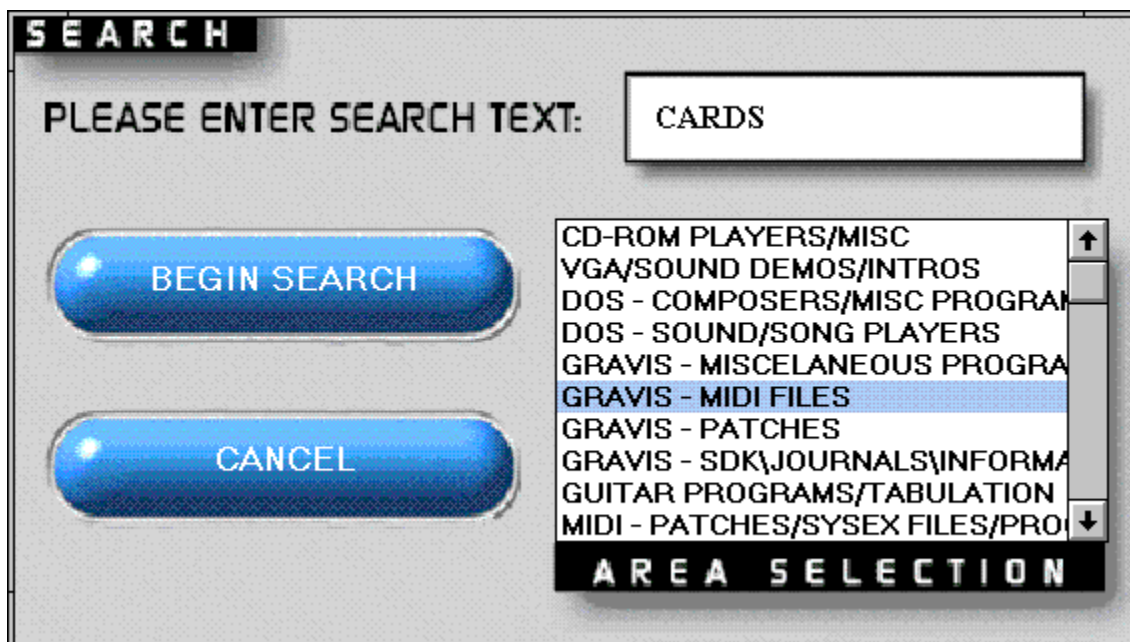
### Quick Search & Global Search Buttons.

This command allows you to search through the current file listing(s) using a specified keyword. For example you may want to search for the keyword 'CARDS' in the "Entertainment Area" of the Super Oz Shareware 1 CD if you are trying to find all the card games available in this area.



If you select the **QUICK SEARCH** button then you will be prompted to enter the "Search Text". This is the keyword or phrase that you wish to search for. You can click on **BEGIN SEARCH** to commence the keyword search.

If your keyword is found it will highlight the line in which the text was found in the file list box. You will notice that the **SEARCH AGAIN** and **END SEARCH** commands will now be visible in the centre of the screen just above the file area listing. You can either perform a command on the selected file (such as copying, unzipping and viewing), or you can use the **SEARCH AGAIN** to continue searching through the listing for more matches. **END SEARCH** will abort the current search.



If you select the **GLOBAL SEARCH** button then you will be prompted to enter the "Search Text". You will also be prompted to select the areas that you wish to search. This is extremely useful if you are not sure which area the program may be located. You can select every area on the CD-Rom or simply just select one or two. You can click on **BEGIN SEARCH** to commence the keyword search.

### Print List Button

The **PRINT LIST** allows you to print the currently selected file area to your printer or file. A printer dialog box will appear prompting you to select the printer, and other relevant information such as the number of copies, and the portion of the list you wish to print. If you click **OK** it will then send the list to the selected printer.

## Help, About & Quit Button

The **HELP** button brings up the help file you are now reading!

The **ABOUT** button displays information and credits for the Super File Browser.

The **QUIT** button exits the Super File Browser.

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- A huge collection of Virtual Reality, RPG, Adventure & Space games including the hits Doom, Heretic, Rise of the Triad, and Descent!
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- Education, Edutainment and computer tutorials for those wanting to learn something new!
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- Hundreds of CD Players, presentation programs and more.
- Support sections for all major sound, wavetable & midi cards on the market ranging from your basic
- Adlib/Covox/Soundblasters through to PAS, AWE32 and Roland sound cards!
- Thousands of MIDI files ranging from classical right up to techno & heavy metal!
- A demo section containing hundreds of the latest VGA/Sound demos from those hackers all around the world. An excellent way to show off your PC.
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- Hundreds of WAV/VOC/SND files to add a special effect to anything you could ever want!
- Gravis Ultrasound sections contain hundreds of patches, MIDI files, utilities, and information journals for specialised support!
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- Windows fonts
- Business & SOHO
- Soundcard, music and Midi
- Modem and Communication
- C, Pascal, QB/VB & Assembly
- Desktop publishing

Each SUPER OZ SHAREWARE CD-Rom contains an all new Super File Browser for Windows. The new features of the browser includes\*:

- All new look - stunning ray-traced 256 colour 640x480 graphical user interface.
- An Interactive tutorial on using the File Browser and programs included which will help beginners explore the world of shareware with ease!
- The ability to integrate ALL Super OZ Shareware CD ROMs with each-other in the one browser system. This will enable users to perform file searching for all their Super Oz Shareware CDs with the click of a button as well as the ability to change CDs without having to reload any software!

(\*not available on Super OZ Shareware Volume One) :

## **THE LOWDOWN**

In the tradition of the Super Oz Shareware Series, all of our new releases will support these great features:

- The User Friendly Super File Browser for DOS & Windows allows even the novice user to instantly access the huge collection of files available.
- All CDs are BBS ready with FILES.BBS format listings.
- All CD-Roms contain over 640 megs of compressed data with PK-Zip 2.04 ensuring maximum compression and maximum value for users.

## **Heres what the critics said about Super Oz Shareware Vol 1 :**

*Get your hands on Super Oz Shareware right now! ....really simple to use! .. S.O.S. is definitely smart shopping!*

Rohan Singh - GAMESTAR Magazine - Issue 9, February 1995.

*With a 6 page colour booklet, endless customer support, you couldnt ask for anything more!*

Ben Grant - TV Week - Feb 4, 1995

*exceptional value.... two very easy to use browsers.... At a \$39.95 even individuals can afford this treasure chest! An enterprise well worth Supporting*

Major Keary - Vic Computer News - JAN/FEB 1995

*SPRINT FINDS ANSWER TO SHAREWARE POSERS! .... excellent value... a great place to start exploring the exciting world of shareware !*

Mark Silver - The West Australian - Dec 13, 1994

*Theres no learning to be done to navigate ones way around the CD..... excellent value - especially because the programs are so up to date!*

John OHalloran - Melbourne Computer Trader - Jan 26th, 1995

*The Super OZ Shareware CD is a marvellous idea. The only problem is deciding where to start browsing.*

Jason Hill - Melbourne Herald/Sun - Feb 1st, 1995

*This PC Compatible CD ROM is super easy to use thanks to the file-browsing system and six page colour booklet..... When you add it all up its only about one cent per program...*

Stewart Clarke - HYPER Magazine, FEB 1995.

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## Using Shareware Software

This section assumes you now have a working knowledge on using the Super File Browser and that you have UnZipped a program onto your harddrive. If you do not please click on the following : [Goto Using the File Browser Section](#)

Exploring the world of shareware can sometimes be confusing and frustrating for those who are new to computers. As most shareware software has been put together single handedly by the one author, we don't often get the extensive help files, and easy installation we come to expect from major software developers. Here are some tips on using and running the Shareware Software contained on the Super Oz Shareware CD-Roms to help you get started!

## Finding out what's inside the Zip File.

Lets say you have unzipped a file (using the Super File Browser) called PCPC.ZIP.

It might contain the following files contained within the ZIP archive.

PCPC	EXE	51489	5-03-86	3:36p	--->	PCPC.EXE
PCPR	EXE	21457	5-03-86	3:29p	--->	PCPR.EXE
PCPY	EXE	32017	5-03-86	3:39p	--->	PCPY.EXE
README		128	5-03-86	12:46p	--->	README
NOTES	TXT	1390	7-03-86	8:31a	--->	NOTES.TXT

Some programs are very large and may be submitted to you in several parts. You might find a program which consists of three or four packed .ZIP or other archive file(s).

To the beginner, DOS & Windows are a little cryptic in its use of file names. Study the example directory listing above and the notes to the right of the listing:

In each case you will note the REAL file name to the right and the directory listing version to the left. The point is that filenames always have a name, a period or dot and an optional (but highly useful) extension. This is a very important point!

[Please CLICK HERE if you want to learn about FILE EXTENSIONS](#)

## Viewing & Printing the Instructions

Once you have determined that a file contains text or instructions, you need



to read the information on your screen. There are a few ways to do this depending on whether you are using Windows or Dos.

### Viewing an Instruction file with DOS.

There are a few commonly used ways to read the instruction file. We assume that you are at the DOS Prompt and are in the directory where the instruction file is located.

1) THE HARD, BUT ACCEPTABLE WAY: Use DOS TYPE command:

Example, `c:\>type readme.doc`

(will type the document file README.DOC to the screen)

Example, `C:\>type readme.doc >prn`

(will type the document on your printer). Important!

2) A SLIGHTLY BETTER WAY: DOS MORE AND PIPING

Here is another shortcut if the screen of information scrolls by too fast to read. Use the DOS MORE filter. This MAY or MAY NOT work on some computers. Switch to your hard drive where the file MORE.COM usually resides in the DOS subdirectory. Now to read the documentation file, for example README.DOC, on the C: drive, do this:

Example `C:\>TYPE c:README.DOC|MORE`

The vertical bar | is usually on the backslash key \ and is a shifted character (uppercase). Note that there are no blank spaces between the file name README.DOC, the vertical bar | and the MORE command. This may or may not work on all computers. MORE.COM must be pathed through the DOS directory to work. More is a DOS filter. The vertical bar | is called a pipe. Thus we are "piping" the output of the type command through the more filter. Sounds odd, but this is one of the obscure tricks of DOS!

3) THE BEST WAY: An external file viewer or browser. The easiest and most comfortable.

DOS comes with an easy to use file editor and viewer - called DOS-EDIT.

Example, `edit readme.doc`

(will load up the DOS-EDIT program and the document file

README.DOC will be ready for viewing on the screen)

There are plenty of other great DOS viewers available on shareware. These are sometimes quicker and easier to use than the DOS-EDIT program.

### Viewing an Instruction file with WINDOWS.

Windows comes with 2 very useful file viewers & editors. They are known as **WRITE & NOTEPAD**. These are located in your "Accessories" window on your Windows Desktop. If you need more information on using these programs please consult your Windows Help file or Tutorial.

## Running your Shareware Software

A file ending in EXE or COM is a file which contains a EXECUTABLE OR "RUNNABLE" program and is a way to start a software package.

**We strongly recommend that you attempt to read any included instructions before running your shareware software!**

### Running Files Under DOS

To start files with these extensions you just simply have to type the name of the file in at your DOS prompt.

Examples:

To start PCF.EXE type **PCF** (then press enter).  
For DBFKK.EXE type **DBFKK** (then press enter.)

Another standard of shareware programs is to use batch files to start programs. GO.BAT or MENU.BAT or START.BAT or INSTALL.BAT are "batch files." Simply type the first word at the prompt to proceed.

Example:

for file GO.BAT **GO** (then press enter).

DOS searches a disk for programs to run in a precise order:

HELLO.COM -----> Run this first if found then try  
HELLO.EXE -----> to find and run this then

HELLO.BAT -----> try to find and run this.

## Running Files Under Windows

It is recommended that you have a working knowledge of using Windows "File Manager" software. If you do not we strongly suggest you run "File Manager" and read the related help files. "File Manager" is generally located in the "Main" window on your Windows Desktop.

Windows software generally runs straight away or has to be first installed to your Windows system. In "File Manager" you can simply double-click on a file name to execute it.

If a program contains files such as **WINSETUP.EXE, SETUP.EXE, INSTALL.EXE** then the general rule is that it should be first installed to your system.

If however the program is ready to run then you can simply find the EXE, & PIF files and run those.

Programs written with Visual Basic often need the file VBRUN100.DLL, VBRUN200.DLL or VBRUN300.DLL to be located in either the directory containing the program files, or in your Windows "System" directory. This file is known as the Visual Basic Runtime Library - and there are at present three versions (V1.0, V2.0 & V3.0) of this file. Depending on what version of Visual Basic the Program was written with you will need the corresponding VBRUN file. The file required is usually documented in the instructions for this program - or will say something like "REQ VBRUN200.DLL" in the Super File Browser file description. If you have several programs that require one of above files then you can save harddrive space by having only the one copy in the "System" directory rather than several copies in each of the program directories. Copies of the VBRUNXXX.DLL files can be located in a directory "VBRUN" on the SUPER OZ SHAREWARE CD's (#Included as ZIP files in the Windows areas on Super Oz Shareware Vol 1).

We hope that this tutorial will help you get started in the world of shareware.

Please remember to check whether the software you are about to run is for DOS or for WINDOWS. If the program is for DOS then we strongly remember that you first exit Windows and run the program from the DOS Prompt. Using a DOS Shell or a Menuing System will often cause unexpected errors and can slow down your machine!

## Other types of Shareware Software

Not all files on these Shareware CD-Roms contain actual programs. Some of

them are simply extra add-on's and upgrades for existing software, others are collections of data such as sound files, pictures, information files and more. If you would like to use these files then there is a large collection of file viewers, players, and editors on each Super Oz Shareware CD-ROM.

## File Extensions

### Some Commonly Used Filename Extensions

First we will start with a listing of some commonly used file extensions which probably contain certain [documentation](#), [instructions](#), or [printed text](#).

.DOC	Probable DOCumentation file
.TXT	Probable Text (TXT) file
.MAN	Probable MANual/instruction file
.LST	Probable file containing a LIST.
.PRN	Probable text file from a PRINTED source.
.INS	Probable INSTRUCTIONS in text form.
.HLP	Probable HELP text file.
.	NO, EXTENSION. VERY LIKELY A TEXT FILE!
.HST	Probable text file containing HISTORY of program revisions

If you are looking at windows software there is also some common file extensions to note!

.HLP	A Windows Help File
.WRI	A Windows Document for "MS Write" Word Processor
.DOC	Probable text file in "Word for Windows" Format

Here are some additional file extensions which can contain quite important information. It is recommended that you pay attention to these files before running the program if they exist.

README	-----> VERY IMPORTANT TEXT FILE
READ.ME	-----> VERY IMPORTANT TEXT FILE
READ.1ST	-----> VERY IMPORTANT TEXT FILE
READ	-----> VERY IMPORTANT TEXT FILE
READ.NOW	-----> VERY IMPORTANT TEXT FILE

NOTE! There are so many variations of the "READ..." theme that hopefully you can imagine other variations of this "READ..." concept!

If you stop and think about it for a minute, most of these extensions and filenames offer strong clues about file contents and phonetically "hint" to you what the file contains. Here are some examples you might actually see. Note the "clues" that tell you text or instructions are available inside the file:

1232XX.TXT	MAKE445.DOC	SYSOPS.
ASEASY.LST	MANUAL.TXT	READ.
DATABASE.DOC	MANUAL.	AUTHOR.
ENTIRE.MAN	FORMFEED.MAN	VENDOR.
MONEY.TXT	HOMEHELP.HLP	README.

README.!!!  
READSOON.  
BBM.PRN

HOMEHELP.LST  
HOMEHELP.HST  
TRY44B.DOC

README.NOW  
VENDORS.  
MANUAL.PRN

Let's move on and talk about other filenames and extensions which do other jobs on a computer. These file extensions indicate that these files will run on your computer either under DOS or Windows.

.EXE	An EXECUTABLE FILE which starts program
.COM	A COMMAND FILE which starts program
.BAT	BATCH FILE which starts program

Here are some other file extensions that you may also find in a ZIP files.

.BAK	A backup or duplicate file
.DAT	A data file
.CFG	Configuration data for program
.WKS	Spreadsheet file
.WK1	Spreadsheet file
.DBF	Database file in dBase format
.ASC	ASCII file, perhaps a documentation file
.WAV	A Windows Sound File
.SND	Digitized Sound file
.VOC	Digitized Sound File
.MOD	Song File (Module - Contains songs & instrument data)
.S3M	Song File (Module - Contains songs & instrument data)
.XM	Song File (Module - Contains songs & instrument data)
.MID	Song File (MIDI FILE FORMAT)
.ROL	Song File (Module - Contains songs & FM Instruments)
.CMF	Song File (Module - Contains songs & FM Instruments)
.BIN	Binary file, file used by a program

Under Windows we also commonly see these extensions

.INI	A Windows Program Initialaztion file.
.DLL	A Windows Library file - used by the program
.ICO	A Windows Icon file
.BMP	A Windows BITMAP file (A Picture).
.PCX	A PC-Paintbrush format file (A Picture).
.WMF	A Windows Metafile (A Resizable Picture).

### Other Files Contained on Super Oz Shareware

There is also some extra files on each Super Oz Shareware disk (Not on Vol 1) that will be useful to you at some stage in your shareware travels.

### MC'Affee's Virus Scan/Clean for DOS & Windows, & OS/2 (Shareware Versions)

These files are uncompressed and found in the directories "SCANWIN" and "SCANDOS", "SCANOS". The major problem with using programs such as these is that they can often get virus infected just by being unzipped onto your system. Having a Hard Copy on CD-Rom ensures that these files will remain Virus Clean and can NEVER be tampered with!

### Visual Basic Runtime Libraries (VBRUN100.DLL, VBRUN200.DLL & VBRUN300.DLL)

These are for programs written with Visual Basic for Windows. Copy these to your Windows System Directory! These files are uncompressed and found in the directory "VBRUNDIR"

### PK WARE'S PK-ZIP V2.04g (Shareware Version)

Shareware version of the powerful Zip file compressor & uncompressor programs direct from the creators of the ZIP file themselves! These files are uncompressed and found in the directory "PKZIP"

### ARJ by Robert J Kung (Shareware Version)

Shareware version of the powerful ARJ file compressor & uncompressor programs. These files are uncompressed and found in the directory "ARJ"





