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Welcome to Genius for Windows.

My basic philosophy has been to make the program 'user friendly' and to use a computer industry word 'intuitive'.

I hope I have managed to achieve that aim.

In general I have tried to avoid using computer jargon when describing Genius's operation in the manual and the Help screens. Many people can be overwhelmed by terms such as 'field', 'DOS', 'CPU', 'RAM' etc. when in most cases plain English serves the purpose.

It is assumed, however, that you have a basic working knowledge of Microsoft Windows.

I hope you enjoy using Genius for Windows.

What Can Genius for Windows Do

The main advantage of Genius over other genealogical programs is its visual display. Four generations of family members are displayed on the Family Tree screen. The display includes Parents, Grandparents, one Partner, up to two Siblings, up to four children and of course the currently selected person.

Navigation around the tree is simple; selecting any person displayed on the family tree with the mouse (or using the keyboard) lets you select any person to view or edit their information. Alternatively you can search for and select an individual by Family Name.

The maximum number of people that can be stored by the program is 5000. The notes for each person have a limit of 2,000 characters (about 400 words), although this could be further limited by available free hard disk space.

Genius uses about 500 bytes of disk space per person plus approximately 1 byte per character for each person's notes.

(A byte is a series of bits of information used in a computer to store or manipulate data. It is like a letter in a word, a series of letters are combined to make an understandable word.)

Genius Can Print:

An individually formatted data sheet for each person.

A nicely formatted Descendants Chart of up to 8 generations for any person.

A Pedigree Chart for any person displaying 4 generations of ancestors.

A complete list of all people recorded sorted by Family Name or Person Number.

A list of all people recorded with the same Family Name.

Terminology

Some of the terminology used in genealogy and Genius may need explanation.

Connect ..

The idea that all people related to each other are 'connected' in some way, ie. as say a father, mother, sibling(s), child, grandmother, grandfather, 5th cousin 4 times removed etc. is called a 'a connection'. Genius is only concerned with direct relationships, the less direct relationships are sorted out automatically.

Disconnect..

to break a connection, for example you may have connected a spouse to the wrong member of a family, so you would 'disconnect' that spouse.

Selected Person...

The person whose data is currently being worked on is known as the 'Selected Person'. In the Family Tree display she or he is shown in the red box.

Recommended computer configuration

386 or better computer with at least 2 Mb of memory
Windows version 3.1 or higher
Enough hard disk space to store your files
(1 Mb stores about 2000 entries not including any notes)

Files on the distribution disk

You should have:

ddeml.dl_
file_id.diz
geninstl.ex_
genius.ex_
genius.hl_
genius_d.dl_
genius_p.dl_
genius_s.dl_
readme.txt
readme.wr_
register.ex_
register.wr_
setup.exe
setup.lst
vbrun300.dl_
vendor.txt
ver.dl_
genius.cf_
genius.pe_
genius.ma_
genius.ms_
genius.nt_

Installation

Place the Genius distribution disk in your floppy drive, in Windows Program Manager select 'File' on the Menu bar at the top with your mouse then select 'Run' on the pop down menu and type:

a:setup

and press [Enter]

(You can use upper or lower case, it doesn't matter.)

If you have put the distribution disk in drive B: type:

b:setup

and press [Enter]

After a few moments of disk drive activity you will be asked where you wish to install Genius on your hard disk.

It offers to install Genius on Drive C: in a sub directory called 'Genius'.

If you are happy with the suggested sub directory press 'Enter' or select the 'Continue' button, otherwise type in the name of the sub directory that you want Genius to be installed on.

Genius will then be installed on the specified sub directory. An extra sub directory will be made called 'FILES' under your Genius sub directory, this is to store the family records that Genius will generate.

After a few minutes, the installation will be complete and if there are no existing data files, you will be asked if you wish to install the sample files. Respond either 'Yes' or 'No'. If you respond 'Yes' a set of sample family files will be copied to the 'FILES' sub directory, if you respond 'No' the installation is complete and you will be returned to Windows Program Manager.

You should have the following files in your Genius sub directory:
(or the sub directory you installed Genius to)

- genius.exe
- genius.hlp
- readme.wri
- register.exe
- register.wri

and, if you installed the sample family files you should have the following files in the 'FILES' sub directory under the Genius sub directory:
(or under the sub directory you installed Genius to)

- genius.cfg
- genius.per
- genius.mar
- genius.mce
- genius.nts

NOTE: If you installed the sample files you will have to delete them before you start your own family database.

To do this run File Manager, find the sub directory 'FILES' under the sub directory you installed Genius to (normally C:\GENIUS) and delete the files listed above from the sub directory 'FILES'.

Using Genius for Windows

Genius has been designed to gently steer you through the complexities of entering, viewing and printing data.

Extensive Help is available by pressing the [F1] key.

It is highly recommended that you back up your data files at the end of each session.
The files to back up are all those in the sub directory FILES

genius.cfg	Configuration file
genius.mar	Family relationship file
genius.per	Person data file
genius.nts	Person notes file
genius.mce	Marriage notes file

Uninstalling Genius for Windows

If you decide that Genius for Windows is not for you, remove all the files in the Genius (or whatever you called it) sub directory and it's associated \FILES sub directory.

In the WINDOWS or WINDOWS\SYSTEM sub directories, delete the files:

genius_d.dll
genius_p.dll
genius_s.dll
geninstl.exe

Other files in the WINDOWS or WINDOWS\SYSTEM sub directories that Genius installs when setup are:

vbrun300.dll
ddeml.dll

BE CAREFUL removing these files from the WINDOWS or WINDOWS\SYSTEM sub directories as they may be used by other software that you have installed.

It's generally advisable to move them to another sub directory that isn't in the AUTOEXEC.BAT PATH statement, then run all your other programs to make sure they operate correctly before deleting these files.

Registering Genius for Windows only costs \$55 in Australian dollars.

For that you will get:

The latest version or upgrade of Genius for Windows when it becomes available.

The right to use your registered copy of Genius for Windows on your computer.

Telephone support if you have any problems.

A proper instruction manual.

Direct access to the program (the registration notices wont appear).

The message "Genius for Windows (Unregistered Copy)" wont appear on printouts.

A warm feeling knowing you have done the right thing.

Once you have registered (even if the 60 days have expired) you will be able to continue from where you left off. Your data remains intact.

To Register:

Print out the registration form, either by printing REGISTER.WRI or by selecting 'Print Registration Form' in the Registration window, fill it in and post it enclosing your cheque (in Australia only), an international money order or your credit card information to:

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Telephone +61 71 233 399 (international), or in Australia
(071) 233 399 between 8 am and 5pm Australian EST, Monday to Friday.
(That's 2200 to 0700 Universal Time (GMT), (-10 hrs); 5pm to 2am East Coast USA (-15 hrs); 2pm to 11pm Pacific Coast USA (-18 hrs).

A slimmer, trimmer, faster, Genius for Windows Version 2 is on the drawing board, so I would appreciate any opinions, requirements and suggestions that I can incorporate in the next version.

DISCLAIMER

Every possible effort has been made to ensure that Genius for Windows will run correctly, but there is no guarantee that the program will run and I will accept no responsibility for any errors in the software, or for any consequences of any users' actions taken or not taken as a result of using this software.

Users are strongly advised to make appropriate backups of their software before installing or running Genius for Windows.

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