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About *FM StepUp*

FM StepUp is an extension of the File Manager for Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later.

FM StepUp makes the File Manager an actually user friendly application. It provides you with enhanced dialog boxes with additional fields (such as 'history' ones); **Quick Menu** with ready-to-do commands; ability to view, edit or print arbitrary files not necessarily associated with other applications; a set of useful utilities (such as calculating the size of directories including their subdirectories); and much more - from detailed context-sensitive help to animated logo.

FM StepUp saves your time for real work. Try it - and you won't believe you worked without it before.

The way Windows(tm) should be!

How To Create a New File

Choose **StepUp** | New File from the File Manager main menu **or** **New** | **File** from Quick Menu.

How To Print an ASCII file

Choose **File | Print** from the File Manager main menu **or Print** from Quick Menu.

Then select the **Copy To PRN** check box in the **Print** dialog.

Note Make sure that the file being printed does contain only printable characters; otherwise you can get weird printouts. Particularly, the text formatting information, if any, is treated as meaningless set of chars. **Don't** use **Copy to PRN** option to print formatted documents!

How To View or Edit a File

Select the file you want to view or edit in the File Manager directory window and choose **StepUp | View** from the File Manager main menu to view **or Edit** to edit the file. You can also use commands **View** and **Edit** from **Quick Menu** with the same effect.

How to Customize the *FM StepUp*

Choose **StepUp** | Preferences from the File Manager main menu.

Please choose one of the following topics for help on how to:

change the default Viewer / Editor
change the appearance of the dialogs
change the history list size
enable/disable **Quick Menu**

How to change the size of History lists:

Choose **StepUp | Preferences** from the File Manager menu and enter the desired size into the **History Size** area of the Preferences dialog box.

Note if some of the history lists are currently of bigger size than specified, they will remain of that size till the next File Manager session

How to change default Viewer / Editor:

Choose **StepUp | Preferences** from the File Manager menu and enter the command line template into the **Viewer / Editor** area of the Preferences dialog box.

- ▶ Which applications you assign as default viewer or editor is completely up to you!

How To Change the Appearance of the Dialogs

Choose **StepUp | Preferences** from the File Manager menu and make the desired changes in the Dialogs area of the Preferences dialog box.

How to enable/disable Quick Menu:

Choose **StepUp | Preferences** from the File Manager menu and change the state of the **Quick Menu** check box of the Preferences dialog box.

StepUp | Special Command

Use this command to execute one of the special commands provided by **FM StepUp**:

Total size, Change Date/Time, Reload Extensions, Return To DOS, Restart Windows, Reboot System

StepUp | Special | Total Size Command

Use this command to calculate total size of the files and directories selected in the current window, **including subdirectories**, if any.

StepUp | Special | Change Date / Time Command

Use this command to change the date and/or time of all the files selected in the current window of File Manager.

StepUp | Special | Reload Extensions Command

Use this command to reload all of the File Manager extensions (including **FM StepUp** itself).

StepUp | Special | Return To DOS Command

Use this command to quickly exit Windows. You will be prompted to save the unsaved files, if any.

StepUp | Special | Restart Windows Command

Use this command to quickly exit Windows and start it automatically again. You will be prompted to save the unsaved files, if any.

StepUp | Special | Reboot System Command

Use this command to quickly exit Windows and reboot DOS. You will be prompted to save the unsaved files, if any.

StepUp | Preferences Command

Use this command to customize the **FM StepUp**. The **Preferences** dialog box has the following areas:

Viewer

command line template specifying the default viewer.

Editor

command line template specifying the default editor.

Dialogs

settings for the appearance of the dialog boxes.

History Size

the maximum number of items in the history lists.

Quick Menu

select this check box if you want to enable the Quick Menu.

The **extended user interface** differs from the default user interface in the following ways:

- ▶ Clicking the static control displays the list box.
- ▶ Pressing the DOWN ARROW key displays the list box (F4 is disabled).
- ▶ Scrolling in the static control is disabled when the item list is not visible (the arrow keys are disabled).

Add-ons

Select this check box if you want **FM StepUp** to add some useful elements (history lists, etc.) to the File Manager dialogs.

3D effects

Select this check box if you want **FM StepUp** to produce 3D effects (like Excel and some other applications do) when displaying any of the File Manager dialogs.

Extended UI

Select this check box if you want **FM StepUp** to use the extended user interface for history lists.

Preferences | Dialogs area

Use the following areas of the Preferences dialog box to change the appearance of the File Manager dialogs:

Add-Ons, 3D effects, Extended UI

Run Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

History

This list box contains the strings used previously in the **Command Line** area.

▶ If you want to repeat any of the commands, check it out in the list. You can then modify it in the **Command Line** area before executing. [Click here](#) to know how to change the size of the history list.

Browse

▶ Press this button if you want to browse the disks to find the file to execute.

Move, Copy, Rename Dialogs

The following additional areas are provided by *FM StepUp*:

Browse

- ▶ Press this button if you want to browse the disks to choose the destination directory.

Verify

- ▶ Select this check box if you want MS-DOS to verify that your files are written correctly to a disk (Like entering **VERIFY ON** at the DOS command prompt).

Print Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

Copy to PRN

► Select this check box if you want to directly print the file on the default printer, bypassing the association mechanism, e.g. the file can have no associated application. This option is especially convenient to print plain ASCII files. Don't worry, if the file **is** associated with some application, **FM StepUp** prompts you to run it.

Create Directory Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

History

This list box contains the strings used previously in the **Name** area. [Click here](#) to know how to change the size of the history list.

Search Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

History

These list boxes contain the names of files and directories previously used in the **Search For** and **Start From** areas. [Click here](#) to know how to change the size of the history list.

Select Files Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

History

This list box contains the strings used previously in the **File(s)** area. [Click here](#) to know how to change the size of the history list.

Copy Disk Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

Verify

- ▶ Select this check box if you want MS-DOS to verify that your files are written correctly to a disk (Like entering **VERIFY ON** at the DOS command prompt).

Label Disk Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

History

This list box contains the strings used previously in the **Label** area. [Click here](#) to know how to change the size of the history list.

Format Disk Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

History

This list box contains the strings used previously in the **Label** area. [Click here](#) to know how to change the size of the history list.

Make System Disk Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

Verify

- ▶ Select this check box if you want MS-DOS to verify that your files are written correctly to a disk (Like entering **VERIFY ON** at the DOS command prompt).

By File Type Dialog

The following additional areas are provided by **FM StepUp**:

History

This list box contains the strings used previously in the **Name** area. [Click here](#) to know how to change the size of the history list.

To Directory Dialog

Choose the directory you want to copy/move the files to. It will appear in the **To** area, so you don't need to type it in!

► To choose a directory, **double-click** it in the list box. The area **Directory** contains the string to be inserted into the **To** area of the Copy/Move dialog after choosing **OK** button.

New File Dialog

Creates a new file.

The New File dialog box has the following area:

Create the file

Enter the name of the file you want to create here.

Note If there is no association with the file being created, the default editor will be used to create it. The command line template with the entered name of file as an argument will be used to form the command line to be executed.

New Date & Time Dialog

Changes the last modification date and/or time of the selected **files** (not directories!).

StepUp | View / Edit Commands

Use these commands to view / edit any file on your disks. Just select the file name to be viewed / edited and choose one of these commands from **StepUp** menu or **Quick Menu**. Don't worry, if the file **is** associated with some application, **FM StepUp** prompts you to run it.

FM StepUp starts the default viewer or editor with the selected file name as an argument.

Command Line Template

The string containing the command line (name of the application and optional parameters) used as a template for generating the actual command line when starting the default viewer or editor. All the characters from the template are transferred into the command line to be executed without modifications, except the following combinations of characters, which have special meanings and are used to represent the file currently selected in a File Manager window:

character	meaning
s	
!.	name and extension of the selected file
!.	name of the selected file followed by a dot
!	name of the selected file
!\	directory name (including leading and trailing backslashes) the selected file is located in
!:	disk letter followed by a semicolon the selected file is located on
!!	! (exclamation sign)

Examples:

If the current File manager window displays the directory **C:\APP**, and the selected file is **README.NOW**, then the menu choice **StepUp | View** will execute the following command (depending on the command line template specified in the **Viewer** area of the Preferences dialog):

command line template:	command executed:
notepad.exe !.	notepad.exe readme.now
C:\WINDOWS\NOTEPAD !.	C:\WINDOWS\NOTEPAD readme.now
myviewer -a -b !:\!.\! -c -d	myviewer -a -b c:\app\readme.now -c -d

Default Editor

The application used to **edit** files not associated with any other application.

[Click here](#) to know how to change the default viewer/editor.

Default Viewer

The application used to **view** files not associated with any other application.

[Click here](#) to know how to change the default viewer/editor.

Quick Menu

This is a convenient way for executing frequently used commands of the File Manager.

Just click with **right** mouse button somewhere within the client area of the File Manager window and choose one of the following commands:

New, View, Edit, Copy, Move, Rename, Delete, Run, Print.

[Click here](#) to know how to disable this feature.

Quick Menu: New

The following subcommands are available:

File, Directory, Window, Drive

Quick Menu : New | File

Duplicates **StepUp** | **New File** command

StepUp | New File Command

Use this command to create a new file. **FM StepUp** prompts you to enter the name of the file to be created or choose (and modify, if needed) one of the previously used names, and then starts the default editor with the entered name as an argument. Don't worry, if the file **is** associated with some application, **FM StepUp** prompts you to run it.

Quick Menu: New | Directory

Duplicates **File | Create Directory** command

Quick Menu: New | Window

Duplicates **Window** | **New Window** command

Quick Menu: New | Drive

Duplicates **Disk | Select Drive** command

Quick Menu: View

Duplicates **StepUp** | View command

Quick Menu: Edit

Duplicates **StepUp** | Edit command

Quick Menu: Copy

Duplicates **File** | **Copy** command

Quick Menu: Move

Duplicates **File | Move** command

Quick Menu: Rename

Duplicates **File** | **Rename** command

Quick Menu: Delete

Duplicates **File** | **Delete** command

Quick Menu: Run

Duplicates **File** | **Run** command

Quick Menu: Print

Duplicates **File** | **Print** command

Context Strings (hidden)

Reusable:



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StepUp | Special

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Quick Menu

command line template

Preferences

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History

This list box contains the strings used previously in the

Click here to know how to change the default viewer/editor.

Click here to know how to change the size of the history list.

Don't worry, if the file **is** associated with some application, **FM StepUp** prompts you to run it.

Verify

▶ Select this check box if you want MS-DOS to verify that your files are written correctly to a disk (Like entering **VERIFY ON** at the DOS command prompt).

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