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See <u>REGISTRATION OPTIONS</u> and <u>DISTRIBUTION POLICY</u> for more information.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

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FEATURES

Find text and files on a hard disk or network drive
View files up to 2 GB in size
Browse contents of compressed archives
View unformatted or in word wrapped or hex mode
Launch the application associated with a document
Copy, move, delete, and rename files
Multiple Document Interface
Drag 'n' drop support
Multi-select files to open
Select font and text color for each document
Choose different screen and printer fonts
Files 'preloaded' for smooth scrolling
Load, search, or print while browsing
Maintain bookmarks in each open file
Compatible with Windows 3.1, Windows 95, and NT

INSTALLATION

Install the program by copying it to the directory of your choice and adding it to any <u>program group</u>. Its icons and bitmaps are imbedded in the executable file. They will automatically appear when run.

If you want to have a file viewer at the ready throughout a Windows session, add MultiVu to your Startup group or add **MULTIVU.EXE** (prefixed with the directory where you placed it) to the **LOAD**= command in your **WIN.INI** file.

To keep MultiVu out of the way, you may check off Run Minimized in the properties dialog presented when you add MultiVu to a <u>program group</u>. This will allow you to take full advantage of MultiVu's <u>drag 'n' drop</u> support.

You can also have Windows automatically launch MultiVu to view a file when you select the file from the Windows File Manager. See <u>LAUNCHING MULTIVU BY FILE ASSOCIATION</u> for details.

See <u>CUSTOMIZING THE TOOL</u> for information on setting startup defaults.

CUSTOMIZING THE TOOL

On startup, MultiVu looks for a file called **MULTIVU.INI** in your installation directory. It records default settings to be used for files and windows opened during the current session. These settings, which govern various formatting, convenience, presentation, and other behaviors, have global default values which are used the first time you load MultiVu. The settings can be changed at any time during a session by selecting Change Default Settings from the Options menu. See the following topics:

Directory Settings
File Type Settings
Format Settijngs
Convenience Features
Presentation Settings
Print Settings

DIRECTORY SETTINGS

MultiVu maintains relatively small temporary files on your hard disk or network file server. This can be a problem for network administrators trying to avoid multiuser conflicts. To solve this problem, you can choose Change Default Settings from the Options menu and specify the appropriate directory for temporary files by entering a directory path into the edit window labelled Temp Directory, such as the following: c:\winapps\junk

An alternative solution is to set the environment variable MVPATH to the directory where temporary files should be stored.

FILE TYPE SETTINGS

The <u>File Open</u> and <u>Scan Disk</u> dialogs present a list of file types to which the dialog's action is restricted, e.g., Text Files (*.txt). You can set the default file type by choosing Change Default Settings from the Options menu and entering text into the edit windows labelled Default File Type Text and Default File Pattern.

Enter in the edit window labelled Default File Type Text the text describing the file type you wish to be presented by default in the <u>File Open</u> and <u>Scan Disk</u> dialogs, Write Files (*.wri) for example.

Enter in the one labelled Default File Pattern the specification, including wild card characters, of fle file names to be displayed along with the default file type, *.wri for example. Multiple patterns must be delimited by semicolons.

FORMAT SETTINGS

On displaying and printing a document, MultiVu automatically uses preset defaults. You can override this default behavior by choosing Change Default Settings from the Options menu.

By default, MultiVu expands each tab to 5 spaces. You can override that with your own default by entering a different value into the edit window labelled Expand a Tab.

By default, MultiVu loads, displays, and prints a document without formatting. You can override that with your preferred format by selecting it in the Initial Format section of the default settings dialog. You select it by clicking the applicable radio button with the mouse.

[You can also change the view format of the file in the current window at any time from the View menu. See <u>VIEWING OPTIONS</u>.]

By default, MultiVu converts unprintable characters to the pipe symbol (|) for display and printing purposes. This ensures that if such characters appear in a document, you will be aware of it. You can change this substitute character to any printable character, including a space by entering the preferred character in the edit window labelled Substitute a ... for Control / Graphic Character.

OPENING FILES

There are three methods for opening files with MultiVu. You can create associations between MultiVu and specific files or all files with a particular extension, e.g., txt. See LAUNCHING MULTIVU BY FILE ASSOCIATION for details.

With <u>drag 'n' drop</u>, you can select one or more files from the Windows File Manager or third party File Manager replacement. It must be a drag 'n' drop server.

You may drag these files to the MultiVu icon (if running minimized) or to any part of the MultiVu main window, if the window is visible. You must keep the left mouse button down until you reach the target area, then release it.

MultiVu also provides the common File Open dialog box, accessible from the File menu, Open option. It offers multi-select capabilities, like File Manager. See <u>MULTI-SELECTING FILES</u>.

When you open a file, it is preloaded in its entirety. File preload is a big help with a large file. Once loaded, it can be scrolled beginning to end effortlessly, without interruption for read-ahead. With small files, the additional load time is not significant. Up to 20 files can be viewed concurrently. Very little memory is consumed because the files are not resident in memory; they are indexed for quick access from disk. See MULTIPLE DOCUMENT
ARCHITECTURE.

Background operation reduces the impact of waiting for a large file to be loaded. Files already opened can be browsed while another file is being loaded. In fact, one open file can be browsed while another is being <u>searched</u> or <u>printed</u>.

In a future version of MultiVu, the delay associated with preloading will be completely eliminated by displaying and permitting the user to browse a file as soon as some small portion of it is loaded, completing the load in the background. We believe this will be a unique and valuable feature.

See also BROWSING AN ARCHIVE.

MULTIPLE DOCUMENT ARCHITECTURE

MultiVu provides a default implementation of the Multiple Document Interface (MDI). This default implementation gives more control to the user than the standard MDI behavior. In addition, options are available for customizing windowing behavior. You can even achieve the standard MDI behavior if you wish. See the discussion of the Maximize / Restore Windows in Unison setting under <u>CONVENIENCE FEATURES</u>.

MultiVu allows up to 20 files to be opened at one time. You can <u>open</u> the same file multiple times to view different parts of it concurrently. These copies count against the 20 file maximum.

A Window menu is provided to manage these multiple windows, It allows you to switch to any open file by selecting its name. A shortcut key is also associated with each window. Holding down the **Alt** key while pressing the number indicated in a window's title switches to that window.

You can use either the **Tab** key or the Windows standard key combination **Ctrl-F6** to cycle through the open windows. If you do this while holding down the **Shift** key, you cycle through the windows in reverse order.

By default, maximizing or restoring one window does not maximize or restore all windows. You may wish to see as much of one file as possible and switch between it and several other files displayed in smaller windows. This default behavior can be overriden changing a default setting as indicated in the opening paragraph of this topic. Regardless of the current settings, you can select Maximize All or Restore All from the Window menu at any time.

You can rearrange the windows at any time by selecting Cascade, Tile Horizontal, or Tile Vertical from the Window menu.

You can close the active window at any time by using the Windows standard key combination **Ctrl-F4**.

SELECTING FONTS AND TEXT COLORS

Unlike most other Windows applications, MultiVu allows you to separately select fonts for viewing and <u>printing</u>. You may wish to use a variety of fonts to make it easy to distinguish among files on the screen. You may also choose to use a small font to see as much of a particular file at one time as possible.

A separate set of considerations may govern your selection of fonts for printing. For instance, a certain font may be standard for a particular type of document. Some documents simply look better in a particular font. If a document has fixed margins, i.e., carriage returns at the end of each line, the you may wish to choose a font which prevents long lines from word-wrapping.

The default font is 10 point Courier and the default screen text color is black. Every time you open a file, it is displayed and printed using the current default fonts and screen text color. The current windows fonts and screen text color can be changed from the defaults by choosing the applicable item from the Options menu.

You can also change the defaults using the Change Settings dialog. See <u>PRESENTATION</u> <u>SETTINGS</u>.

SEARCHING A FILE FOR TEXT

The Search menu provides several ways to locate a specific portion of an open file. If you know (at least approximately) the line where the text begins, select the Go To Line option. This might occur, for instance, if you are browsing a program listing. The Beginning of File and End of File options are provided to aid in navigating a file.

If you are looking for a text string, use the Find option. This presents a dialog box. Enter the text string to be located. Use the mouse or the **Tab** key and **Space** bar to select/deselect the search options: match case and whole word.

Matched case searching looks only for occurrences of the exact same text string, matching letter for letter the case, upper or lower, used in the search string. With this option deselected, all strings with the same character sequence will be found, regardless of case.

Whole word searching looks only for occurrences of the string which are surrounded with white space. For instance, if you were to search for "MAP" with the whole word option selected, the word "MAPPING" would not be found. With this option deselected, all strings with the same character sequence will be found even where it is included in a larger word.

When the dialog is complete and you press the **Enter** key or click on the OK button, the search begins. Another dialog box appears at the bottom of the MultiVu main window. From this dialog, you may cancel the search or look for the next occurrence of the string. You may cancel by clicking the Cancel button or by pressing the **ESCape** key. You find the next occurrence by clicking on Find Next or by pressing the **F3** function key.

The search begins from one of two locations in the file. Initially, it begins from the top of the window. On Find Next, the search continues from the point where it left off.

MultiVu supports searching for the same string in several files. Initiate the search in one window, then switch to another window and select Find Next or press F3.

MultiVu's maximum line length is 512 characters. Therefore, an extremely long line, such as a paragraph with no hard returns, will not be searched in its entirety.

See **SCANNING A DISK FOR FILES OR TEXT**.

SCANNING A DISK FOR FILES OR TEXT

The Search menu provides a means for locating text and/or files on a disk. The Scan function allows you to locate files matching any file name pattern or to find all files containing a specified text string.

Selecting the Scan option presents a dialog box. Enter the text string to be located and the file name pattern, with wild card characters? and/or*, to be searched. Use the mouse or the **Tab** key and Space bar to select/deselect the search options: match case, whole word, and search subdirectories. You do not have to search for text. If you are trying to locate all files matching a certain file name pattern, leave the search pattern blank.

When the dialog is complete and you click on the Find button (or press **Alt-F**), the search begins. A list box appears, containing the name of each retrieved file as it is found. While the search proceeds, the entries are grayed out. As soon as the search is complete, the entries are made available for selection.

If you entered a search pattern, retrieved files are ranked. The number of occurrences of the pattern is listed along with the file name and the files are listed in descending order of occurrences.

Select a file from the scan list box by double clicking the entry or by marking it and pressing the **Enter** key. You mark an entry by pressing the space bar and then using the cursor keys to position the highlight bar. The scan list box also offers multi-select capabilities, like File Manager. See <u>MULTI-SELECTING FILES</u>.

The scan list box remains available for selecting files to view until you close it by clicking on its system menu button or pressing **Alt** - and selecting Close. You can return to the scan list box at any time by clicking on any part of it or by selecting it from the Window menu.

If you are searching for text, keep in mind that MultiVu's maximum line length is 512 characters. An extremely long line, such as a paragraph with no hard returns, will not be searched in its entirety.

See SEARCHING A FILE FOR TEXT.

READING THE STATUS BAR

The status bar is located along the bottom edge of the main window of MultiVu. It indicates the currently active file and the current horizontal and vertical position in the file. The file name is displayed with path prefix and is left-justified.

Of the two numeric values displayed on the right of the bar, the leftmost one indicates the number of lines by which the file is scrolled down from the top. The rightmost value indicates the number of characters by which the file is scrolled to the right.

USING BOOKMARKS

When you find text of interest in a file, you can mark it for easy return later in the current session. Use the Search menu. Select the Toggle Bookmark option to mark the top line of the screen. It will be highlighted with a bright green background. Select Toggle Bookmark again or press the shortcut key **Ctrl-T** to unmark the line.

You may maintain up to ten bookmarks per file. You may cycle through the current set of bookmarks by selecting the Next or Prev Bookmark options or pressing the shortcut key **Ctrl-N** or **Ctrl-P**.

Select the Clear Bookmarks option or press **Ctrl-C** to remove all bookmarks.

PRINTING A FILE

When preparing to print a file, first be sure the file you want to print is the current file. You can do this by clicking on its window, selecting it from the Window menu, or using **Tab** or **Ctrl-F6** to cycle through the open files until the one you want is activated. Be sure the printer font you want is selected.

See <u>SELECTING FONTS AND TEXT COLORS</u>.

There are two methods for printing a file in MultiVu. You can print the entire file by selecting Print from the File menu. The common Print dialog box appears. Make your selection of print quality, number of copies, etc. You can also click on Setup to choose a different printer or select from your printer's options.

You can also print any block of text in the file. First, mark the block. Then, select Print from the File menu. Here, too, the common Print dialog box appears, offering the same choices for controlling printing.

MultiVu's maximum line length is 512 characters. Therefore, an extremely long line, such as a paragraph with no hard returns, will not print in its entirety.

See EXTRACTING TEXT.

EXTRACTING TEXT

There two ways to extract text from the file in the active window. You can either copy it to the Windows clipboard or copy it to a file. In either case, you select the text to extract by marking it.

You can use either the keyboard or mouse to mark a block of text. If you choose to use the keyboard interface, initiate marking of a block of text by pressing the **shift** key, then pressing the cursor keys. Specifically, use the up and down arrow keys, the **PgUp** and **PgDn** keys, and the **Home** and **End** keys. Hold the **shift** key down until you are finished the marking process.

To mark text using the mouse interface, click the left mouse button and drag the mouse to sweep out the block of text to be selected. Hold the left mouse button down until you are finished the marking process.

Whether using the keyboard or mouse, a block of text includes only whole lines. Partial lines can not be blocked. You unhighlight any marked text by either pressing the **ESCape** key or clicking the right mouse button.

Once the block is selected, you may choose the extract options from the Edit menu. Copying the text to the Windows clipboard is limited to a block of text no more than 64 KB in size. If it is larger, it will be truncated.

If you choose to copy the text to a file, a common File Save As dialog is presented. If the file you select already exists, you will be alerted and given the option to append to the file.

See <u>PRINTING A FILE</u> for information on printing a selected block of text.

There are two ways to deselect marked text. You can press the **ESCape** key or choose Deselect Marked Text from the Edit menu.

DESIGN LIMITS

- Files Open Concurrently
 GigaBytes Maximum File Size
 Characters per Line
 Bookmarks per File
 KB per Clipboard Copy Action

ADDING MULTIVU TO A PROGRAM GROUP

Run the Windows File Manager and set it to the directory to which you copied the MultiVu files. Then, drag 'n' drop **MULTIVU.EXE** into the program group where you want it to reside. The MultiVu icon should then appear in that group.

HOW TO DRAG AND DROP AN EXECUTABLE?

In the Windows File Manager, move the mouse so that the cursor points to the word "**MULTIVU.EXE.**" Press the left mouse button. This is called "clicking on the file." While holding the button down, move the mouse so that the cursor points into the destination program group. Release the button. The MultiVu icon should then appear in that group.

LAUNCHING MULTIVU BY FILE ASSOCIATION

There may be a specific file you would like to open in the Windows File Manager and have Windows automatically launch MultiVu to view it. You can do this by associating MultiVu with that file.

First, select the file in the File Manager. Next, choose Associate from the File menu and complete the ensuing dialog,. Be sure to specify MVLAUNCH.EXE as the associated executable. From now on, by double-clicking in the File Manager any file associated in this way with MVLAUNCH.EXE, you will launch MultiVu (if it's not already running) and open the file for viewing.

A more powerful method is to associate MultiVu with all files having a particular extension. For each type of file to be viewed via MultiVu, include an entry in the Extensions section of the file **WIN.INI**, located in your **WINDOWS** directory. A portion of a typical Extensions section follows, adjusted to associate MultiVu with .txt and .c files. Again, specify MVLAUNCH.EXE as the associated executable.

[Extensions]

txt=d:\utils\MVLAUNCH.EXE ^.txt

c=d:\utils\ MVLAUNCH.EXE ^.c

cal=calendar.exe ^.cal

crd=cardfile.exe ^.crd

trm=terminal.exe ^.trm

ini=notepad.exe ^.ini

pcx=pbrush.exe ^.pcx

DRAGGING AND DROPPING FILES ONTO MULTIVU

If MultiVu is running, you can open one or more files by dragging them to MultiVu and dropping them on either its icon, if it's running minimized, or its main window otherwise.

To drag one file from the Windows File Manager, move the mouse so that the cursor points to the name of the file. Press the left mouse button. This is called "clicking on the file." While holding the button down, move the mouse so that the cursor points into the MultiVu icon or main window. Release the button and the file will be opened by MultiVu for viewing.

For instructions on dragging more than one file at a time, see MULTI-SELECTING FILES

BROWSING AN ARCHIVE

MultiVu allows you to display and open the contents of compressed archive files. It does so by providing a Windows interface to the popular DOS shareware decompression utilites PKUNZIP, ARJ, and LHA. It is assumed that files produced by the compression utility PKZIP or a compatible program have the .zip extension. Similarly, it is assumed that files produced by ARJ or compatible program have the .arj extension and that files produced by LHA or compatible program have the .lzh extension.

To browse the contents of an archive, your DOS PATH must contain the directory where the applicable decompression utility is located. If this is not the case, add the applicable directory to the PATH statement in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. Your PATH must include this directory before you start Windows.

To browse an archive, select Browse Archive from the File menu. A file open dialog appears. Select the archive file to be browsed. Only one can be selected at a time. MultiVu first displays the contents of the selected archive in a list box, just like the scan list box. Then, it creates a temporary directory and extracts the files contained in the archive into that directory.

You can now select one or more files to open. When you close the list box or close MultiVu, the temporary directory is purged. See <u>SCANNING A DISK FOR FILES OR TEXT</u> for instructions on selecting files from the list box.

MULTI-SELECTING FILES

There are several ways to mark more than one file. The explanation that follows applies equally to file selection in either the File Open dialog or the list box created by browsing the contents of a compressed archive or by scanning a disk for text or files.

You can click on a file name, then drag the mouse over the set of files to be marked while keeping the left mouse button depressed. You can quickly mark a contiguous set of files by clicking on the file name at one end of the set and clicking on the file name at the other end while pressing the **Shift** key. You can mark a non-contiguous set of files by clicking on the file names individually while pressing the **Ctrl** key.

Contiguous and non-contiguous file marking actions can be combined. By pressing the **Ctrl** key, you can add individual files to a contiguous set of files, by pressing the **Ctrl** key and clicking on the applicable file names.

REMOVING MULTIVU

MultiVu can be removed from your computer simply by deleting all files in the directory in which you installed it. If you added MultiVu as an item in a program group under Program Manager, you may delete the item by clicking on its icon to select it, pressing the **Del** key, and responding to the confirmation prompt. Then, if you created a program group for MultiVu, you can delete it by pressing the **Del** key when no other program icons remain in the program group window.

CONVENIENCE FEATURES

Three features facilitate use of MultiVu by automating common operations. You can select or deselect these features by checking or unchecking the three check boxes in the upper left quadrant of the Change Settings dialog, accessible from the Options menu.

With Maximize Window if Only One selected, MultiVu displays the first file you open in a maximized window. As you open additional files, they are displayed in partial windows in cascaded fashion. Finally, if you close all but one window, the last window open is automatically maximized.

If Maximize / Restore Windows in Unison is selected, clicking on the maximize button of a window maximizes all windows, displaying the window you clicked on. Clicking on the maximize button again restores all windows to their prior size and position. This is standard MDI (Multi-Document Interface) behavior. Deselecting it gives you more control of multiple document windowing behavior. See <u>MULTIPLE DOCUMENT ARCHITECTURE</u>.

With Auto-detect Archive File and Extract selected, when you open a single file that has a supported archive extension (e.g., ZIP, ARJ, or LZH), either from the File Open dialog or by double-clicking one file in a scan list box, MultiVu will decompress it. See <u>BROWSING AN ARCHIVE</u>.

PRESENTATION SETTINGS

You can change the default settings for screen and printer fonts and screen text color by choosing Change Default Settings from the Options menu. Clicking the applicable font selection button in the lower right quadrant of the dialog which appears. You can then select the type face, font style, point size, and text color (screen only) which you prefer.

Note the frame labelled How to Apply Changes on the right side of the dialog. If you want to change the current defaults for one or more files you are about to open or for the remainder of the session, click the radio button labelled Use this Session Only. Otherwise, the changes you make will establish new defaults for subsequent sessions.

If you make numerous changes to the default settings during a session without saving them (by selecting Retain in Next Session), you can restore the prior saved default settings by choosing Reload Saved Defaults from the Options menu.

If you wish to change the text presentation in only one window, click on that window to make it the current window and choose the applicable item from the Options menu.

See **SELECTING FONTS AND TEXT COLORS**.

PRINT SETTINGS

You can control all aspects of the presentation of text in printing, except for text color.

See: <u>PRESENTATION SETTINGS</u>

SELECTING FONTS AND TEXT COLORS

PRINTING A FILE

VIEWING OPTIONS

Text in the current window can be formatted for viewing in a variety of ways by making the applicable choice from the View menu. Wrap to Fit reflows the text of the document with word wrap so that it fits between the left and right borders of the window. This reflowing of text is not done automatically on resizing the window because it could be time consuming for large files.

Unformatted text flows strictly in accordance with line breaks contained in the file. If an entire paragraph lacks line breaks, it will appear as a single long line.

Hex format offers a structured view of the underlying ASCII character codes of the file. This may be useful to programmers or other specialists who need to inspect binary, i.e., non-text, files.

You can set the default viewing format by using the Change Default Settings dialog. See <u>FORMAT SETTINGS</u>.

The View menu includes an option to Toggle 7-8 Bit ASCII. This is intended to accommodate the viewing of documents created under certain older word processors. Such documents can contain characters which appear unreadable because the high bit is set to indicate a style attribute or control action. By filtering out the high bit, these characters become readable.

At times, you may wish to view the file displayed in the current window under the program which created it. For instance, you may wish to search for and browse word processor documents looking for some text which might need to be changed. While MultiVu expedites the location of such hidden text, you need to launch the program associated with that type of file in order to edit it.

If the editing program you need is registered with Windows as the application associated with that type of file, the option to Execute Associated Program in the View menu will be enabled. Choosing it will launch the associated application. There, you can edit the document. When finished, you can save the changes and return to MultiVu. MultiVu will detect the changes and reload the document to reflect the current state of the file.

FILE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

To copy, move, delete, or rename the file in the current window, choose the applicable option from the File Menu. On choosing Copy or Move, a standard File Save As dialog is presented. Browse the directory structure of your disk drives and/or enter the target name and location of the new file. On moving a file, the caption bars of all windows in which the file was being viewed, the Window menu, and the status bar are updated to reflect the new name and location of the file.

If you choose Delete, MultiVu prompts you to confirm your request before completing the operation. After deleting a file, the windows in which the file was being viewed are closed.

If you choose Rename, an edit window with the current file name is presented. Enter the new name. On renaming a file, the caption bars of all windows in which the file was being viewed, the Window menu, and the status bar are updated to reflect the new name of the file.