DIZ Assistant
for Downman32 - DIZASS32 (v 1.02)
(32 Bit Version for Windows 95)
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Introduction

Thank you for choosing to evaluate DIZ Assistant Version 1.02

DIZ Assistant scans and extracts (when present) a file named FILE_ID.DIZ from a compressed file and inserts the relevant data into the Downman database fields for you.

This Assistant is provided *free* to registered users of Downman and requires Downman version 1.1 or above !!

What is an Assistant ?
To assist you in entering the data into the Downman record fields there is a programmable, plug-in interface designed into Downman.
Whenever you download a file, there usually exists a brief description of the file, whether on-line or off-line or stored within the file itself. An assistant will help you get that data into the database, so you may search through descriptions, keywords etc. at a later date.

Plug In Assistants Available.
* CompuServe Navigator Assist
Scans the session file and off-line library and extracts the data into the fields for youThis Assistant is provided free to registered users of Downman !!

* Library Assist
Scans one of those CompuServe forum library summaries that can be downloaded and extracts the relevant data.
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* CompuServe WinCim Assist
Extracts the file abstracts, title etc. from WinCim, in preparation for insertion into the Downman storage interface.
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*DIZ Assist
Opens a compressed file and scans for the DIZ file description, extracting the data and placing it in the Downman database.
Works with PKUNZIP.EXE, ARJ.EXE and LHA.EXE.
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You can obtain the latest Assistants for Downman either from the same site that you obtained Downman or from our Home Page at:
http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Waterstone_Leisure_Shareware/

Software Development Guide for 3rd Party Assistants
If you would like to design your own Plug-In Assistant for use with Downman, please contact Waterstone Leisure and we will send you a free software development guide.

Installation

DIZASS32.ZIP
This file contains the following files:
README.WRI - This file

DIZASS32.DLL - The plugin assistant.
DIZASS.DMA - Installation file used by Downman to setup this assistant.(See Below)

To add any new assistant to Downman, unzip the assistant in a temporary directory. Select Preferences|
Assistants|Install from the main Downman menu, and use the dialog to select the *.DMA file in the temporary
directory.

Downman will then automatically install the new assistant for you.

You should then select Preferences|Assistants|Configure to setup any defaults required. In this case you will
have to tell DIZ Assistant where it can find the following files on your system:

PKUNZIP.EXE
LHA.EXE
ARJ.EXE

You may be able to get away with just having PKUNZIP.EXE as the ZIP file seems to be the most common
form of file compression used today.

If you donot already have these files, you will find them in the PC Communications forum on Compuserve. (GO
PCCOMM).

Important Note
At present, Diz Assist works only with the files listed above, but should work with WinZip32 by the next release.
Because PKUNZIP is a 16 Bit application, it will not work with Windows 95 Long File Names. Therefore, if you
find Diz Assist is not extracting FILE_ID.DIZ files from Zipped files you should see if your Downman
Subdirectory conforms to 8.3 file name specifications (Try using DOWNMN32 for your sub directory name).

DIZ Assistant Limitations
DIZ Assistant extracts data from the file FILE_ID.DIZ, usually enclosed in a lot of compressed files avaialable
from Compuserve, The Internet and Bulliten Boards.

The format of this file is supposed to be standard, however, alot of software authors pay no attention to the
required format and use their own method of laying out a diz file.

Therefore, DIZ Assistant will attempt to extract the data in the best way possible, but it is impossible to
anticipate how an author may use this file. Sometimes you may have to do a little cut and pasting.

If you are a registered user of Downman, you will receive notification by E-Mail, when a new assistant or an
upgrade of an assistant becomes available.

Where can I find Downman32
Usually at the same site that you downloaded this file from or at our home page on the WWW at:
http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Waterstone_Leisure_Shareware/

Failing that, send us an E-Mail message and we will direct you to your nearest downloadable copy.

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DIZ Assistant 1.02"

This program does not have any printed documentation - all information on use and capabilities is included in this file.

How to contact Waterstone Leisure

To report bugs, receive help and bug fixes please send a CompuServe message via CompuServe Mail to 100517,745 or via the Internet:100517.745@compuserve.com

Payment
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