



ATTRBUTE will allow you to examine and change the attribute settings and creation date of files.

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## Overview

ATTRIBUTE can be invoked in several different ways. To invoke it from the program manager, install it as a program item.

Once ATTRIBUTE has been installed as a program item, you may invoke it by dragging a file from the file manager onto its icon. ATTRIBUTE will appear with the file's attributes and dates listed as the default.

ATTRIBUTE also supports the drag-and-drop feature introduced in Windows 3.1. If you are running Windows 3.1 or greater, you may select a new file by dragging the file on top of ATTRIBUTE while it is running. Once a file has been dropped, it will become the currently selected file with its attributes displayed. If ATTRIBUTE is running as an icon, it will be restored to its normal size.

If you find that you are changing file attributes frequently, you may wish to load ATTRIBUTE when windows starts up by placing it in the startup group and checking the 'run minimized' box so that it will execute as an icon in the background until it is needed.

## Procedures

The attribute buttons act as toggles to set (light) and reset (darken) the corresponding attribute light. To change the status of a particular attribute, simply press the button.



**Attribute on**



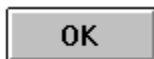
**Attribute off**

Date
<input type="button" value="Touch"/>
<input type="text" value="01/20/1992"/>
<input type="text" value="15:47:19"/>

Selecting the Touch button sets the creation date and time field to the current date and time. You may also enter any date and time into the edit fields directly.

**No Minimize**

Checking this box will prevent ATTRBUTE from minimizing itself when a file's attribute has been changed. This is useful when working with a group of files.



The attributes and creation date will only be modified when the OK button is pressed.



To restore the attributes and date to the original state, press CANCEL.

## Attributes

Every file can have four qualities associated with it. These qualities are called file attributes:

### Attribute

### Function

#### Archive

Indicates that a file has been modified.

This attribute is turned off when you back up your files using DOS utilities such as BACKUP and XCOPY to signify that the file has not been modified.

#### System

Identifies the file as a DOS system file.

Files with the system attribute are not shown in directory listings.

#### Hidden

Prevents a file from appearing in directory windows.

The file remains in a directory, but you cannot use the file unless you know its filename. This attribute is useful if you are working on confidential files.

#### Read Only

Prevents a file from being changed or deleted.

When a file has this attribute, you can look at the file but you cannot delete it or change its contents.

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**creation date**

Date the file was originally created.

## **Program Item**

Procedures for creating program items are described in your windows documentation or can be accessed on-line in the creating and deleting program items topic of the PROGMAN help file, PROGMAN.HLP.



## Invoking

ATTRIBUTE can also be invoked by simply double clicking on its icon, although no file will be listed by default.

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