

Disk Tools
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Introduction

Disk Tools is designed replace FileManager for basic file system maintenance. It also includes task management functions and can be used as a replacement for the task manager.

Disk Tools has five basic functions, accessible through buttons in its main window. Two of the function, file copy and file move are very similar and will be considered together. The other three functions are file erase, file finder, and task management. Each of these feature will be described in a separate section below. Disk Tools has two additional main buttons. The "about" button will display an informational dialog box, describing Disk Tools. The "quit" button will exit the program. Finally, on some systems with high resolution displays Disk Tools main window may be too small to be easily viewed. The main window and its buttons can be magnified by double clicking on the windows caption bar.

Copying and Moving

To copy or move files press the respective button, "Copy" or "Move". This will display a dialog box consisting of two columns of list boxes this a column of buttons in the center. The top list box in each column is lists the directories in the current directory. Double clicking on an entry in either of these list boxes will change to the new directory. The lower list box in each column list the files in the current directory. The two columns represent the source and destination of the copy or move operation. Until a file is selected from a file list box the direction of the operation is unspecified. As soon as a file is selected, however, the source and destination directories will be specified and the copy/move button will be enabled and will contain a arrow to show you the direction of the operation. Pressing the copy/move button will begin the operation. At least one file must be selected or the copy/move button will be disabled. The quit button will leave the dialog box and will return to the main menu. The pattern button will allow you to specify a wild card to use when filling the file list boxes, the default pattern is "*.*" which will list all files. The two fill buttons will pick the optimum files to completely fill the destination disk. The arrow on the fill button shows the direction of the fill operation. Normally Disk Tools will copy or move files and will retain the file's name, however if you select the rename option, Disk Tools will prompt you to specify a new name for the file, allowing you to rename files.

Erasing

Pressing the erase button will display the erase dialog box. The dialog box contains a directory and file list box which operates like either one of the two sets on the copy/move dialog box. After selecting one or more files, press the delete button the erase the files, or press the quit button to abort the operation and return to the main menu. The pattern button will allow you to specify a wild card to use when filling the file list box, the default pattern is "*.*" which will list all files.

Finding Files

Pressing the find button will display the file finder dialog box. This box is used to locate a specific file or group of files. Enter the search pattern into the edit box. The default pattern is "*.*" which will find all files on the disk. Next select the disk to search in the list box. Make sure that there is a disk in the drive if you select a floppy drive. (The floppy drives will be A and B in most systems.) Finally press the find button to search the disk. Every file which matches the search pattern on the select drive will be list in the matches box including its full path name. Press the quit button to return to the main menu.

Tasks

Pressing the tasks button will display a dialog box with a list of all of the tasks running on the machine. You can select a task in the list box and switch to it, by pressing "Switch to", or end it, by pressing "End Task". This feature allows Disk Tools as a replacement for Microsoft's Task Manager.

Final Notes

Disk Tools is distributed as shareware. It is copyrighted by its author, but you may copy it freely and give away as many copies as you wish as long as you copy this file as well. If you find Disk Tools useful, the author requested that you send a donation, \$10 is suggested, to:

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If you send a donation you will become a registered user and will be notified of any major updates to Disk Tools. Also, if you have any suggestions for changes or additions to Disk Tools, please send them to the author at the same address.

Note to advanced users

If you rename the Disk Tools file "DISKTOOL.EXE" to "TASKMAN.EXE" and place it in the windows directory, than you can start Disk Tools at any time by double click on any area of the desktop background.