SCFILE

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Ever want to drop a large text file onto the Windows Notepad just to see one line of text within it? If that text file is over 32K in size, forget it. With SCFILE you can view, search, and extract from virtually any text file you can store (actually there is a limit somewhere around 1,000,000,000 bytes).

Read on and see just how simple it is!

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Opening Files For Viewing

There are four ways to open a file for viewing with SCFILE.

Perhaps the most straight forward way is to start the SCFILE application and select File/Open from the menu. You will be presented with the common, Windows file open dialog.

The second way is to pass the fully qualified name of your file as a parameter to the SCFILE command. This can be accomplished by either adding an item to program manager for SCFILE.EXE or by supplying the full command and file name to File Manager's Run menu item.

The third way is to associate SCFILE.EXE with a file extension through the File Manager Associate menu item. Then just double click on the file you want to view from File Manager.

The fourth way is to drag your file from File Manager and drop it on the SCFILE application. SCFILE's window can be either open or iconisized. If dragging and dropping is not familiar to you, make sure the SCFILE window is visible (either open or as an icon) as well as the File Manager window. From File Manager, click and hold your left mouse button on the file you want to view. Now "drag" the file over the SCFILE window and release the mouse button. That's all there is to it!

Scrolling Through Files

SCFILE presents you with both vertical and horizontal scroll bars. These bars act pretty much as you would expect them to.

You can also use the following keys to control the scrolling of your viewing position.

Page Up Scrolls the viewing position backward one page.
Page Down Scrolls the viewing position forward one page.

Home Jump to the beginning of the file.

End Jump to the end of the file.

Up Arrow Scroll the viewing position backward one line.

Down Arrow Scroll the viewing position forward one line.

Left Arrow Scroll the viewing position to the left one character.

Right Arrow Scroll the viewing position to the right one character.

Searching For Text Within a File

With a file open for viewing, pull down the Search menu item and click Find. You will be presented with a menu that will allow you to enter the text you are searching for.

Searching proceeds from the first visible line.

If you are not sure of the exact case (as in upper/lower) of the text you are searching for, click the Ignore Case check box on the Find dialog. You should be aware that searches through very large files will run faster if the exact case is entered.

To repeat a previous search, either pull down the Search menu item and click Repeat Search or press F3.

If the text is located, the line it exists on will become the first visible line and the text will be outlined by a broken rectangle.

Copying a Portion of Your File

To copy part of your file to the Windows clipboard or to another file, you simply tell SCFILE the bounds of what you want to copy.

Find the first (or last) line you want to copy. Using your mouse's left button click on the line. The line will now be outlined by a broken rectangle.

Now find the line that represents the other bound of what you want to copy and click it with the left mouse button. **That's it!**

When you start SCFILE, the default destination for copy operations is the Windows clipboard. You can change this to go to a file by pulling down the CopyTo menu and clicking Destination. You will be presented with a dialog from which you can click File. This will present you with the common Windows file selection dialog. Enter the file you want the copy operations directed to. From then on (or until you change it), copy operations will append to the file you selected.

If you make a mistake in selecting your first bound, pull down the CopyTo menu and click Unmark. This will eliminate the first bound you selected.

Enhancements and Fixes Included in This Release

Tracking ID	Description
00002	Opening non-existant file should cause error
00006	Move description of DLL functions to help file
00007	Add check and warning for invalid file format
80000	System lock up when scrolling to end
00010	User selectable font and font style
00011	User selectable foreground and background color
00012	Save settings on exit option
00013	Repackage enabling of menu items
00014	Cannot set colors to black

Setting SCFILE Options

You can optionally change the font, font style, and the foreground and background colors of your text display.

Pull down the **Options** menu item. You will see the **Font** and **Color** sub-menu items.

If the **Save Settings on Exit** sub-menu item is checked, the font, font style, foreground color, background color, and the size and position of the text display form will be saved when you exit the application. If this is not what you want to do, uncheck this sub-menu item.