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Keyboard

Cursor Movement Keys

*Non-standard use

Key(s)		Function
=>	Right Arrow	Scroll 1 character to the right
<=	Left Arrow	Scroll 1 character to the left.
∧	Up Arrow	Scroll 1 character up
∨	Down Arrow	Scroll 1 character down
*Home		Position at the top of the file
*Ctrl+Home		Position at the leftmost position of the file
*End		Position at the end of the file
*Ctrl+End		Position at the rightmost position of the file
PgUp		Scrolls 1 screen up
Ctrl+PgUp		Scrolls 1 screen to the left
PgDn		Scrolls 1 screen down
Ctrl+PgDn		Scrolls 1 screen to the right

Related topics: Miscellaneous Keys

Miscellaneous Keys

Key(s)	Function
Ctrl+R	Refresh the file
F3	Repeat search forward
Shift+F3	Invoke the Search specification Dialog.
Alt+F4	Exit the application.
Crtl+F12	Invoke the Open dialog.

Commands

Edit Menu Commands

Search

Lets you specify search criteria and begin a text search.   **Search** searches the file, not the window display.   Any formatting is ignored by **search**.

Continue Search

Resumes the search starting with the line after the top line in the window.   If you have re-positioned yourself, **Continue Search** resumes at that point, not where it left off.

File Menu Commands

Open

Opens an existing file.   The Open command allows you to specify disk drives, directories, and the actual filename to browse

Related Topics: Specifying Filenames   to be issued

Refresh

Tells FileView to re-read the file.   FileView does not actually load a file into memory for browsing. It establishes reference marks for the file that allow you to scroll, search, etc..   If the file is changed by another application, these reference marks may not be valid.   The **Refresh** command re-sets the reference marks.   It is equivalent to choosing File, Open, and specifying the same file again.

Select Printer

Selects the printer to use.   The printer selected will remain the printer to use until another is selected or you close the program.   If no printer is selected, the windows default printer is used. **Setup**... within this dialog opens the setup dialog for the particular printer selected.   The details of the **Setup...** dialog vary with the printer selected.   **ControlPanel...** within this dialog will invoke the ControlPanel(**CONTROL.EXE**).   This program must   reside in the windows directory (Whatever directory you originally installed windows in).

Print File

Prints the entire file on the currently selected Printer.

Print Window

Prints only the portion of the file that is visible in the window.

Select Font

Allows selection of the font face and font size to be used in the Print File and Print Window commands.

Exit

Exits FileView.

Options Menu Command

Ascii

Switches the display mode to ASCII.   ASCII is not always available.   Fileview examines the beginning of the file to determine whether ASCII mode is feasible.   If not, ASCII mode is disabled.   **Ascii** is only shown when Fileview is in **Hex** mode.

Hex

Switches the display mode to Hexadecimal.   Hex is always available regardless of which mode Fileview starts in.   **Hex** is only shown when Fileview is in **Ascii** mode.

Display

Invokes a dialog that allows the display to be tailored.   Settings in this dialog may be saved.   Saved settings may also be restored.

Display allows you to specify:

>   Whether a ruler line will be shown at the top of the window;
>   Whether line numbers will be shown on the left side of the window
         You may specify relative line numbers or displacement into the file values.
>   Whether tabs will be expanded;
         You may also choose a 1 digit tab expansion value.

You may also either save your choices as default values by checking the **Save** box and pressing the **OK** button.   You may reset your display options to the default values by pressing the **Reset** button.

Other

Invokes a dialog that allows tailoring of non-display features of FileView.   Settings in this dialog may be saved.   Saved settings may also be restored.

Other allows you to specify:

>   Whether the File Open dialog is automatically popped up when FileView is started;
>   Whether FileView will automatically refresh the file when it is changed.

You may also either save your choices as default values by pressing the **Save** button.   You may reset your options to the default values by pressing the **Reset** button.

You may also save the current window size by pressing the **Save Size** button.   FileView will automatically size itself to this size each time it is launched until a new size is saved.

Register User

Invokes a dialog to enter a license id.   This dialog is only useful if you have registered Fileview and want to enter your license id.

Related Topics: Entering Your License Id   to be issued

Procedures

Printing

The file being viewed can be printed in one of two ways.   You can print the whole file, or the current window.   Before you print the window or entire file, you can <u>select the font</u> to print with.

To print the entire file choose **File, Print File**

To print just your current window choose **File, Print Window**.   To print more lines than you have in your current window, simply increase the size of your window.   The print window command will adjust accordingly.

Refreshing the File

Fileviewdoes not actually load a file into memory for browsing.   It establishes reference marks for the file that allow you to scroll, search, etc..   If the file is changed by another application, these reference marks may not be valid.   If this occurs, your view of the file may appear to fairly messed up.   Fileview has four methods of dealing with this problem.

1   The most obvious is to re-open the file from the open file dialog.   However, this can be a tad tedious, particularly if you are changing the file frequently.

2   Easier than reopening the file is to use the Refresh File command in the File menu.

3   Use the Ctrl+R accelerator key set to refresh the file.

4   You can instruct Fileview to automatically refresh the file.   Each time that windows instruct Fileview to re-paint the window, Fileview will check the file's time-date stamp to see if the file has changed.   If it has, Fileview will automatically refresh itself.

All four methods accomplish the same thing.   They cause Fileview to re-read the file and establish new reference marks.   Automatic refreshing has the advantage of ensuring that you never see a messed up Fileview window.   It can be slower if you make many changes to a large file that you are viewing.   Note that Fileview can not detect changes made to a file that do not cause an update to the file's time-date stamp such as you are able to do with some of the popular disk utilities.   However, it should detect most changes made by editors, word processors,etc.

Searches

Fileview allows you to search the file you are viewing for a text string that you specify. You can search using a DOS-like wild-card notation or a regular expression specification.   The case of the text may be respected or ignored.   Fileview does not span "records" when searches.   This means that in ASCII mode, the search string must be contained within each CRLF set.   In HEX mode, the pattern must be with in the displayed 16 byte lines.

Use Shift+F3 to start a search.   This invokes the dialog that you will enter the search specification.   Enter the text to search for.   If you want to insist   that the search match the case of your specification, leave the **Ignore Case** unchecked.   If you check **Ignore Case**, the search will match text regardless of case.   Searches that ignore case are somewhat slower than searches that respect case.

DOS specifications
DOS specification consist of the text you want to match on and the **?** character.
Enter the text that you want to search for using the **?** when any character will match.

Regular Expression specifications
Regular Expression   specifications consist of a pattern specification to match on.   In general you can specify any text that does not include any of the key symbols below and the search will operate like a simple DOS search.   The following list specifies how symbols in you pattern are treated.

.	Any character (like DOS ?)
?	0 or 1 of the previous character
+	1 or more of the previous character
*	0 or more of the previous character
^	match at the beginning of the line
$	match at the end of the line
[abc]	match 'a', 'b', or 'c'

Selecting Fonts

Before printing, you can select a font to use.   Choose **<u>F</u>ile, Select Font...**.   This will invoke a dialog where you can choose a font and point size to use for printing.   Choosing a font does not affect how Fileview displays the file.   It is soley used for printing.   As you choose fonts and point sizes, FileView attempts to show you a sample of what the font will look like when printed.   Note that this will not be exact as the display capabilities of your monitor may be different than the print capabilities of your printer.

Dialogs

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About Dialog

The About Dialog provides useful and semi-useful information about Fileview.   The only thing you can do here is to click the OK button, press the Escape key, or press the Enter key.   You'll see the copyright notice (yawn) and the version number.   Other information is:

File	The fully qualified drive, path, file that you are view;
Size	The size of the file in bytes.
Records	The number of 'records' or lines in the file
Date	Hey the file date, what else? Should the creation date or date last modified.
Time	Same as Date, but it's time. Show 12 hour clock time.
Attributes	List the files attributes as **READ-ONLY**, **READ-WRITE**, **HIDDEN**, **SYSTEM**, **ARCHIVE**

Display Dialog

The Display Dialog allows you to control how the file is displayed.   You can show a ruler across the top of the window; show line numbers and how they will be displayed; and expand tabs.   Any of these settings may be saved to the initialization file or retrieved from it.

Controls:

Show Ruler   is a check box indicating whether a ruler across the top is shown or not.   The ruler is shown when checked and not when unchecked.

Show Lines   is a check box indicating whether line numbers (records) are shown on the left side of the window.   Lines are shown when the control is checked and not when unchecked.

Expand Tabs   is a check box indicating whether tabs in the file are expanded or not.   Tabs are expanded when the control is checked and not when unchecked.   If unexpanded, the tabs show as little black squares (the display of the actual tab character).   If you don't want to see the little squares or expand, check this control and set the expansion to 0.

Tab Expansion Controls how many positions to expand tab characters.   Enter a single digit 0 through 9.   Fileview actually inserts space characters from the current position up to the next calculated tab position.   For example, if this control contains an 8, Fileview assumes tab positions at 1, 9, 17, 25, etc.   If a tab is encountered as the fifth character in the line, the next character will appear at position 9.

Line Numbers
   Record Number   When this radio button is checked, Fileview will display the line number, (e.g. 1,2,3 etc).
   Displacement   When this radio button is checked, Fileview will display the displacement from the beginning of the file.   The displacement   value is based on the actual file, not on how it is displayed.   Thus a tab character always counts as 1 and each carriage return/line feed pair will account for 2 in the values.
   Decimal   When this radio button is checked, Fileview will display the line number of displacement value as a decimal number.
   Hex   When this radio button is checked, Fileview will display the line number of displacement value as a hexadecimal number.

Save   will save the settings shown in this dialog in the initialization file.   If you press this button, and later cancel the dialog, the settings are still saved in the initialization file.   If that is **not** what you want, you can reset the initialization file by cancelling and re-invoking the dialog.   The settings will be back to the current set.   Press the save button again to save these settings to the intialization file.   This of course assumes that the settings are the same as the initialization settings.   If they are not, you're out of luck.

Reset will copy the settings in the initialization file into the controls in this dialog.

OK Keeps the settings in this dialog and uses them as display parameters.

Cancel Throws away any changes made and keeps the display options as they were. This push button does not effect whether the settings are saved in the initialization file.