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Hunter!

for Microsoft Windows 3.0 and 3.1

Perhaps the best utility of its kind, perhaps not. You be the judge.

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What Is Hunter?

Hunter is a Microsoft Windows utility that allows you to search multiple disk drives for file names that match a given file specification, like '*.doc' (all document files) or multiple file specifications (like '*.doc *.txt *.wri'). You can also search based on the age or size of a file. One way in which Hunter distinguishes itself from other windows file finding utilities is that it doesn't require you to wait for a search to complete for you to continue with your work. Hunter will work in the background while you get your work done.

Hunter Is More Than A File Finder

How useful is a file finder if you can't remember the name of the file? Hunter can search the contents of the files that it finds for a word or pattern of characters. The technology Hunter uses to find text is called *Grep*.

For those of you not familiar with *grep*, it is a tool borrowed from Unix that has powerful pattern matching capabilities. For example, if you want to find all files which contain a reference to a specific day of no particular year, say January fourth, you could use the *grep* string "1/4/:d+". The ":d" symbols stand for digit (not date). You could also find all dates from 1980 to 1985 in the mm/dd/yy format using this string ":d-:d/:d-:d/8[1-5]." Alright, it's a little complicated but remember you can still use plain old English like "resume" (don't use quotes unless you want to find quotes). For more information on using *grep*, refer to Hunter's on-line help.

New things in Hunter (since version 1.9a)

- 1. Windows 3.0 and 3.1 Compatibility** Hunter now looks like a Windows 3+ application! No more embarrassing Windows 2.x looking text searches for *you!*
- 2. International Character Support** Sort of good news for people who use the non-English language character set. Hunter now supports the

extended PC character set used by DOS applications and some Windows applications like Notepad and Write. Unfortunately, most Windows applications, like MS Word for windows, store their characters in the ANSI format which has a different extended character set than DOS. I'm currently evaluating methods for supporting both ANSI and DOS character sets. My thanks to Per N Döhler of Hamburg, Germany for alerting me to this problem.

3. Speed Improvements 10-20%

4. Loads of spelling corrections!

Pricing

It's not free, but it is inexpensive. I've decided to discontinue my association with WUGNET (Windows User Group Network) which has allowed me to lower the asking price to \$15 per user. I enjoy updating and improving Hunter but it takes time and money. My new address is:

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Registration Notes:

- 1) If you've already registered Hunter, thank you very much. This upgrade is free.
- 2) If you use hunter in your work and you work at a public school or a non-profit, please accept Hunter with my complements and well wishes.
- 3) Site licenses are available. Make me an offer!

Bug Reporting

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