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HOUSE - Shareware Version 2.00
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WHAT IS HOUSE?

HOUSE is a truly Advanced Desktop for use with your Windows™
3.0 or 3.1 and MS-DOS™ programs. HOUSE provides an
unprecedented level of user friendlieness and performance
in both a file manager and a menu system--seamlessly.

FOR INSTALLATION INFO ---JUMP A FEW PAGES!!
A Brief Look At Some Features:

THE MENU

EASY MENU SYSTEM - MOUSE SWEEP - MENU SELECT -ANYTIME!
CREATE NEW MENU ITEMS IN SECONDS!
UP TO 255 CHARACTERS PER MENU ITEM DESCRIPTION!
CREATE A FULL 200 ITEM HOUSE MENU IN LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES

KEYBOARD/LETTER SCAN/SELECT OF MENU ITEMS TOO!
MENU ITEM'S HAVE FILENAME/PATH/COMMANDLINE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES
AUTOMATICALLY FIND ANY MENU ITEM IN LESS THAN TWO SECONDS.
JOIN ADDITIONAL MENUS TOGETHER EASILY WITH MERGE
MENUS CREATED ON FLOPPY DISK CAN BE USED BY OTHER HOUSE USERS!
MENUS CAN BE PASSWORD PROTECTED
SINGLE MENUS CAN BE LOCKED FOR USE BY OTHERS WITHOUT PASSWORDS
SYSTEM (PASSWORD) PROTECTION AS SHELL UNDER WINDOWS 3.1

THE FILE MANAGER

DISPLAYS DRIVES, DIRECTORIES, FILES, EXTENSION AND CUSTOM EXTENSIONS
COPY, DELETE, RENAME
CHANGE READ/WRITE ATTRIBUTES WITH ONE CLICK!
COPY LIST IS NON-VOLATILE FOR QUICK RE-COPYING
COPY SELECT AS MANY FILES AS YOU WANT BEFORE COPYING
INSTANT EXTENSION FILTERING FROM CUSTOMIZED LIST!

PHOTOCOPY DIRECTORIES - INFO TO DISK FILES! WITH CUSTOM SPECS TOO!
- LISTS FILE NAME, SIZE, DATE, TIME, ARCHIVE STATUS
 AND FILES/DIRECTORY TOTAL BYTES

50 DIRECTORY GOBACK - POPS YOU INTO PREVIOUS DIRECTORIES!
100 PROGRAM - DO AGAIN CAN LAUNCH ANY OF LAST 100 PROGRAMS RUN.

SMART FILE ASSOCIATION GETS CORRECT HOST VIRTUALLY EVERY TIME!
PROPOSED HOST IS DISPLAYED BEFORE LAUNCH!

LOAD HOUSE MENUS & UTILITIES DIRECTLY-IN FROM FILE VIEWER!
ADD FILES FROM FILE VIEWER INTO CURRENT MENU WITH TWO CLICKS!

TRUE ONE CLICK LAUNCHING!

SET PRE-LAUNCH WINDOWSTATES (AS ICON, MAX ETC..WITH OR WITHOUT FOCUS!)

CREATE UP TO 10 BLANK NOTEPADS IN CURRENT DIRECTORY
-- AS FAST AS YOU CAN NAME THEM! DATE & PATH IS STAMPED INSIDE!

COMPLETE LOG HISTORY RECORDS ALL FILES LAUNCHED
SAVE LOG TO DISK IF YOU LIKE
GET TIME OF LAUNCH INSTANTLY FROM GO-BACK LISTS

JUMP FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM OF A DIRECTORY IN A SINGLE CLICK!

CREATE CUSTOM MULTIPLE FILE EXTENSION FILTERS...HOUSE WILL
STORE THEM ON BOARD FOR LATER ONE CLICK ACCESS!

DIRECTORY/FILES DISPLAYED FROM RESIDENT DIR AT LAUNCH!
TEXT DESCRIPTIONS SMART HOST ASSOCIATION SERVES CORRECT HOSTS FOR YOUR
FILES
LAUNCH UP TO 20 PROGRAMS AT ONCE!

.........LOT"S MORE!!!!! Including Free Ram indicator, Time & Stopwatch, House Zoom
     Calculator, HOUSE Borderless Picture Gallery

ABOUT HOST SELECTION

HOUSE reads your Win.Ini [Extensions] and merges this information with it's own,
so that HOUSE 'knows' if your file needs a certain 'host' such as paintbrush,
write, notepad, etc.   HOUSE also takes care of the little things other programs don't.
For example, when a text file is too big for notepad, HOUSE will use WRITE.EXE
instead of reminding you to try 'Another' host program.   If you have Windows 3.0 and
have problems reading extended ascii (WIN3.0 Notepad cannot do that) you can
even replace notepad with your own default document handler if you like.

HELP FILES can be launched with WINHELP or using a notepad...YOU decide!
HELP FILES in your WINDOWS directory are *automatically* loaded into WINHELP.

To put a HOUSE in a HOUSE as a menu item, find the HOUSE.EXE
and click ADD. just like any menu item would be added from the
file viewer. Next, find a HOUSE.HSE file, otherwise known as
a HOUSE MENU...then use PUT to place it in the COMMANDLINE
box. Then the HOUSE will run from the menu with it's OWN menu!

ALL PROGRAMS EXCEPT HOUSE LAUNCHES can be run from the
PASSWORD PROTECTED MENU visible at the time of password
security. Kids can use the current menu, but can't access NEW
HOUSES that may be on the default menu for MOM & DAD!
If you want totally secure iscolation, (NO access) be sure to unload the
menu before selecting password secure operation.

Think of HOUSE as the place to keep all your Windows™ programs...
because that's the best place to keep windows ...in a HOUSE!
And because we humans keep Houses in cities , I've provided you with
the tools to make your own cities...or you can let the HOUSE Architect
make them for you! (Click CITY then "AD AUTODRAW Computer City")

Remember, if you enjoy using HOUSE, and decide to use it for more than a month,
you are supposed to **order** a copy. You will receive the latest edition of HOUSE,
a handy guide and more! Please do your part to support shareware! Thank you!

TECHNICAL INFO

House was written using the Visual Basic programming system (1.0 & 2.0)
under Windows® 3.1.

You **MUST** have the file **VBRUN200.DLL IN YOUR SYSTEM PATH** in order
to use HOUSE. This file is available on most BBS's-- and it's FREE! If you don't have
VBRUN200.DLL yet....you should get it! Download it from one of any number of
WINDOWS - BBS's in your area, or find a Windows® User that can make you a copy.
VBRUN200.DLL allows you to use the quality programs developed with the Visual
BASIC
Professional Development System. VBRUN200.DLL IS SHIPPED WITH ALL
REGISTERED
COPIES OF HOUSE. It's a MUST for serious Windows® Users.

THE BEST PLACE TO KEEP VBRUN200.DLL is in your WINDOWS
SYSTEM DIRECTORY. IF you copy it there, it will work FIRST TIME! No reboots!

Such as:
COPY VBRUN200.DLL c:\Windows\System

INSTALLING HOUSE

You may keep HOUSE in any directory, such as C:\HOUSE.

Just be sure all the HOUSE files are in the SAME directory:
COPY or UNZIP them into your HOUSE directory:

*The files noted below are essential for proper operation:
HOUSE.EXE - The main HOUSE program,.
HOUSE.HSE - The default program menu.
HOUSE.HST - The extensions/hosts file.
HOUSEHLP.TXT- Optional, but you really should have it., it's a HELP file!
(It's an excellent idea to keep fresh copies of HOUSE.HSE & HOUSE.HST
 files for back-up and/or later use. You can create your **own** HOUSEHLP.TXT)

**You can start HOUSE.EXE in the usual manner, double-clicking it from
FILE MANAGER,** or by 'picking up' the program HOUSE.EXE
with the NEW-PROGRAM function using your **PROGRAM MANAGER**.
Select New-Program Item-Browse..and find HOUSE!

YOU CAN RUN MULTIPLE INSTANCES OF HOUSE.
However, your system limit of 16 Timers will restrict this.
 House utilizes ONE timer, so you COULD run 16 copies!
(That would require more than 4mB of RAM though!)

House will NOT alter ANY of your system.ini settings in any way.
House will NOT create ANY files in your Windows or root
directory...unless you ask it to of course!
Hopefully, it's a no-hassles program with a 'hands-off' attitude.

**Assuming you have VBRUN200.DLL in your path, just
copy the files into your favorite directory and RUN the program!**

Remember...you can make as many copies of HOUSE as you like!
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disclaimer and information at the end of this document and BE
sure to include a copy of VBRUN200.DLL when possible.
Thank You for supporting shareware!!!

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