# InfoTag v1.1 for Windows

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## Description

Do you have a LOT of files on your hard disk or on various(hundreds) of floppies that you haven't a clue as to what they are?

I, myself, being a BBS sysop have TONS of files, word processor documents, spreadsheets, and millions of compressed files. As we all know, DOS can only store 8 character filenames and 3 character extensions. This is not sufficient to give each file a descriptive name that you would recognize just by looking at it.

The primary reason I wrote this utility was that I had TONS of files that I frequently compress and backup onto tape and when I need to find a specific file, I don't want to restore a bunch of files then uncompress them just to find out what each file is. Since it is a utility that I needed, the reason I wrote it, I am putting it out as FREEWARE for others who could use it. I will make enhancements in the future and add features like SEARCH capabilities, at which time InfoTag will become shareware.

Anyway, here is the just of it:

InfoTag for Windows 3.1 is a utility that allows the user to store up to a 255 character descriptive information line associated with any given file. Support for Win 3.1's Drag'n'Drop feature is provided so that you can run the utility minimized and drop a file on the icon to add/view a description.

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## Installation

To install InfoTag, run the INSTALL program that was included with the InfoTag program.

The install will copy the InfoTag executable, and documentation file into the specified target directory. Installation defaults to creating an INFOTAG directory under your Windows directory, this can be changed by the user. The InfoTag help file will be copied to your Windows directory, as the method it is used by InfoTag requires it be in the Windows directory. The install also copies the file THREED.VBX to your Windows SYSTEM directory, this file is a special Visual Basic control that is used by the program and must be present. Microsoft recommends that any .VBX control files that get distributed with applications be installed into the user's Windows SYSTEM directory.

Once InfoTag has been installed, you will need to manually create the icon in the Windows Program Manager. These steps are required to accomplish this:

1)      First, select one of your Program Manager Groups that you would like to place an icon for this program in. In Program Manager, select New from the File menu. You will be prompted as to create a new Group or Item. Select Item.

2)      You are now prompted for information about the program you are setting up. In the Description field, enter the name of the program or anything you wish to associate it with. eg.- InfoTag.

3)      In the Command Line field, enter the full path specification and executable filename for this program. The name of this file's executable is INFOTAG.EXE and the full path is dependant on where you installed the program files to. eg.- C:\WINDOWS\INFOTAG\INFOTAG.EXE

4)      Select OK. You're done. Now to run InfoTag, just double click on the icon in Program Manager.

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## Requirements

The InfoTag utility requires that you are running version 3.0 or higher of Microsoft Windows.

InfoTag was developed in Microsoft's Visual Basic v2.0 and therefore requires that you have the VBRUN200.DLL file in your DOS path. Microsoft recommends that this file be placed in your WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory.

InfoTag was developed to take advantage of file Drag'n'Drop. If you wish to make use of this feature, you must be running Microsoft Windows version 3.1 or later.

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## Usage

InfoTag for Windows is a very easy utility to use. To run InfoTag just double click on the Program Manager icon or perform a RUN command on the INFOTAG.EXE program file. This will load InfoTag and place an icon on the Windows desktop. To TAG(store) a description to a file, there are 3 methods:

1)      Maximize the InfoTag Icon and use the drive and directory controls to select the desired path. Once the path has been selected, the file list box should list some file(s). Select the file you wish to TAG information.

2)      Maximize the InfoTag Icon and in the SELECTED FILE box, type in the name of the file you wish to TAG information. It is not necessary to enter any path information here, simply enter the filename and extension then press <ENTER>.

3)      While in File Manager, select the desired file, hold the mouse button down and drag the file over the InfoTag Icon and drop it.


Once the desired file has been indicated to InfoTag, the text box running along the bottom of the InfoTag window will show the description associated with the specified file. If no information has been tagged to the file, the text box will say '<<< No Description Found >>>'. In order to add a description or to change an existing description, select the description text box and type in the description or make the change. If the text box shows '<<< No Description Found >>>', simply select the text box and begin typing, the box will clear when InfoTag detects your first keypress.

To view information, follow the same procedure as though you were going to TAG information to the file. Once the desired file has been selected by any of the 3 methods listed above, InfoTag will examine its TAGGED information file. If an entry for the specified file exists, the filename and its TAGGED description will be displayed in the text box. You have the option to modify the description if you so desire. If you enter a new description of modify an existing one, the 'Save Description' button will become selectable. When finished typing, either click the SAVE button or press <ENTER> to store the description and TAG it to the selected file.

Thats about it, not too tough. Until a future version is developed that has a description search feature, you can do it manually by loading the TAGGED description file(INFOTAG.INI) into your favorite word processor

and use its SEARCH function to find a string of text.