Name Finder documentation

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Introduction

- Name Finder is a simple database engine that lets you build and browse lists of names. It was specifically designed to let future parents or pet owners choose a name by repeatedly assigning a positive or negative vote to each name in the list, until only a few names are left.
- Separate vote columns are available for the father and the mother (or for one or two pet owners), and votes are saved to disk so that they can be assigned separately and later compared.
- ♦ The names can be sorted by vote, by sex, by name or by origin and they can be selectively displayed according to many useful cryteria.
- \Diamond Version 1.1 comes with a cool database of Italian names (which is unfortunately only available in Italian). You can send me your own lists along with a short note about yourself if you want me to store them on my ftp site or include them in future versions of Name Finder. Name databases with 500 or

more entries entitle you to a free Name Finder registration. Names in all languages are welcome, although I suggest that the notes and origin be written in English so that everyone on the Net can use the database.

Instructions

- ♦ Click on the small faces repeatedly to change a name's votes; or do it faster by using control-click for a positive vote, option-click for a negative vote, and command-click for a null vote (no vote).
- Click on the field titles above the names list to sort the list by vote, by sex, by name or by origin.
- ♦ Drag the vertical lines that separate the fields to change a field's size.

♦ File menu:

- New: creates a new, empty names database. Use "Add Name" or cmd-K to add new names to it.
- Open...: opens a names database or a tab-delimited text file (see tech notes below).
- Close: closes the frontmost window.
- Save: saves a names database to disk, including all the votes.
- Save As...: same as Save, but you can save the database under a different name.
- Quit: closes all windows after checking for unsaved data and quits.

♦ Edit menu:

- Undo is not implemented in Name Finder (there's not much to undo anyway).
- Cut, Copy, Paste, Clear are never enabled. Use the votes to delete some names from the list, or open the database with a text editor or word processor for more advanced features.
- Add Name: adds a new name to the database. You must enter the name, its gender, its origins and any additional notes you know about the name.
- Delete Names w/ Two Bad Votes: permanently removes from the database all names that were given a bad vote by both parents or pet owners. You'll usually want to use the View menu instead to hide them, since this command deletes them forever.
- Delete Names w/ Any Bad Vote: permanently removes from the database all names that were given a bad vote by any of the parents or pet owners. You'll usually want to use the View menu instead to hide them, since this command deletes them forever.
- Delete Names Without Vote: permanently removes from the database all names that were assigned no vote (i.e. both votes are null). You'll usually want to use the View menu instead to hide them, since this command deletes them forever.

◊ View menu:

- All Names: displays all the names in the database.
- Female Names: displays all female names among the currently displayed names (hides male names).
 - Male Names: displays all male names among the currently displayed names (hides female names).
 - Names Whose Vote Is...: lets you specify which names should be displayed based on their votes.
- Names Beginning With...: lets you specify which names should be displayed based on their first characters
- Names Containing...: lets you specify which names should be displayed based on a substring search.
- Names Whose Origin Is...: lets you specify which names should be displayed based on their origin.

♦ Options menu:

- Font: changes the names window's text font.
- Size: changes the names window's text size.
- Color: changes the colors used for female and male names and those used for the name origin.
- Be Quiet: disables the "assign vote" and "read notes" sounds.

Technical notes

- ♦ The names database file is actually a simple text file that can be edited with any text editor or word processor for advanced needs such as database merging, faster data entry, and so forth. Name entries are separated by return characters, and fields in each entry are delimited by tab characters.
- ♦ The votes are stored in the file's resource fork. When editing a database file with a text editor or word processor, there's no way to preserve them so you should clear them when you first open the database with Name Finder.
- ♦ Each names database can currently contain up to 2048 names. I can easily raise this limit if you find it too low.

Compatibility notes

- ♦ PowerPC: Name Finder is a fat binary, containing both 680x0 and native PowerPC code.
- System 7 and later: Name Finder runs fine on any version of the Mac OS starting with 7.0.
- System 6: System 6 is fully supported by Name Finder, although the names list doesn't scroll as nicely and the small icons are only drawn in black and white.

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