

Library and Catalog Assistant for Downman - LIBASS (v 1.0)

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Introduction

Thank you for choosing to evaluate Library Assistant Version 1.0

Library Assistant scans one of those CompuServe forum library summaries and catalogs that can be downloaded from most forums and extracts the relevant data into the Downman record fields for you.

This Assistant is provided **free** to registered users of Downman and requires Downman version 1.x !!

What is an Assistant

To assist you in entering the data into the Downman record fields there is a programmable, plug-in interface designed into Downman.

Whenever you download a file, there usually exists a brief description of the file, whether on-line or off-line or stored within the file itself. An assistant will help you get that data into the database, so you may search through descriptions, keywords etc. at a later date.

As of October 1995 the following assistants are available or planned:

Available Now !

** CompuServe Navigator Assist*

Scans the session file and off-line library and extracts the data into the fields for you.(Search CompuServe Navigator Support Forum, WinCim Support Forum, WUGNET Forum and Windows Shareware Forum Libraries for the filename LIBASS.ZIP).

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** Library Assist*

Scans one of those CompuServe forum library summaries that can be downloaded and extracts the relevant data.(Search CompuServe Navigator Support Forum, WinCim Support Forum, WUGNET Forum and Windows Shareware Forum Libraries for the filename LIBASS.ZIP).

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** CompuServe WinCim Assist*

Scans and extracts the file abstracts, title etc. from a Text file that you create when you are in WinCim (*Simply open the file description from the list of library files and select FILE | SAVEAS from the main menu*) and inserts the relevant data into the Downman database fields for you.

(Search CompuServe Navigator Support Forum, WinCim Support Forum, WUGNET Forum and Windows Shareware Forum Libraries for the filename WCASS.ZIP).

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Planned

**DIZ Assist*

Opens a compressed file and scans for the DIZ file description, extracting the data and placing it in the Downman database.

** Logfile Assist*

Scans text based logfiles created by various comms programs and extracts relevant data.

** FTP Assist*

Scans files generated by FTP applications and extracts relevant data.

Software Development Guide for 3rd Party Assistants

If you would like to design your own Plug-In Assistant for use with Downman or attempt to write one of the planned assistants, please contact Waterstone Leisure and we will send you a free software development guide.

Installation

LIBASS.ZIP

This file contains the following files:

README.WRI - This file

LIBASS.DLL - The plugin assistant.

INSTALL.DMI - Installation file used by Downman to setup this assistant.(See Below)

To add any new assistant to Downman, unzip the assistant in a temporary directory. Select Preferences|Assistants|Install from the main Downman menu, and use the dialog to select the INSTALL.DMI file in the temporary directory.

Downman will then automatically install the new assistant for you.

You should then select Preferences|Assistants|Configure to setup any defaults required.

Un-Install

Remove the above named files from where ever you located them.

LibAss will have added a line in your DOWNMAN.INI file (in your ..WINDOWS directory), open the INI file with a text editor and remove that line.

LIBASS Limitations

LibAss scans certain catalog and summary files (Which are essentially just text files) and expects them to be in a certain format. Different forums create these files with different formats. Some include only a small portion of the relevent data about the file (ie the Title) and donot include keywords or a file description.

Because of the number of forums available on Compuserve, we could only check a cross-section of catalog and library files. If you come across one of these files that is NOT supported by LibAss, please contact us by E-Mail (see below) giving the forum and library that you retrieved the file from and the name of the file you were attampting to extract the data for.

If you are a registered user of Downman, you will receive notification by E-Mail, when a new assistant or an upgrade of an assistant becomes available.

Where can I find Downman

Usually at the same place that you downloaded this file from.

Try Compuserve's WUGNET forum, Windows Shareware Forum or any of the Compuserve Support Forums. Failing that, send us an E-Mail message and we will direct you to your nearest downloadable copy.

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This program does not have any printed documentation - all information on use and capabilities is included in this file.

How to contact Waterstone Leisure

To report bugs, receive help and bug fixes please send a CompuServe message via CompuServe Mail to 100517,745 or via the Internet:100517.745@compuserve.com

Payment

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