

Welcome to WinDirs version 2.0!

This new version has many improvements, with tasks being done faster and more getting done behind the scenes.

WinDirs is a complete file management utility. It allows you to create directories, delete directories, copy and move files, search for files, view and execute files, rearrange your Windows items and groups, and it includes a built-in uncompression program which will extract ZIP, LZH and ARJ files, and EXPAND Microsoft's compressed files. WinDirs also has a file labeling function which allows you to attach short descriptions to your files to describe what they are. It has a built-in graphics viewer for BMP and GIF files and an icon viewer and editor. In addition, WinDirs gives you access to many DOS functions such as file attributions and Check Disk. WinDirs has complete online Help which utilizes screen shots and pop up boxes to give you the information you need more rapidly and make using Help less tedious. We highly encourage you to become familiar with this feature.

In order for the uncompression function of the program to run properly, you need to have the the following archiving utilities fully extracted in a directory which is located in your path:

For the PKZip program, PKZ204G.EXE;

For the ARJ program, ARJ239.EXE;

For the LHA program, LHA212.EXE.

(the EXE filename may depend on the version of the program. Archivers was written using the above versions. Earlier versions may not be compatible).

From PKZ204g.exe, WinDirs uses Pkzip.exe, Pkunzip.exe, Pkzipfix.exe, and Zip2exe.exe.

From Arj239.exe all you will need is Arj.exe.

From Lha212.exe lha.exe is all that is needed.

Please ensure these files are in your path. These files are not furnished as part of the WinDirs Program. They can be downloaded from most online services or BBSs.

You also need to have the VBRUN300.DLL and THREEED.VBX files in your Windows\System directory in order for WinDirs to run properly.

The WinDirs setup program has installed the following files onto your system:

\_windirs.pif  
arjpro.bat  
arjpro.pif  
cmdialog.vbx  
ddeml.dll  
dosit.dll  
expand.exe  
frespace.dll  
gifbox.vbx  
lhapro.bat  
lhapro.pif  
msexp.bat  
msexp.pif  
msgrid.vbx  
pkfix.bat  
pkfix.pif  
pkuz.bat  
pkuz.pif  
shell.dll

vbctl3d.vbx  
ver.dll  
readme.wri (this file)  
windirs.dll  
windirs.exe  
windirs.hlp

All of the .pif and .bat files have been added to your Windows directory. All of the .dll and .vbx files have been added to your Windows\System directory. The WinDirs .exe and .hlp files and the readme.wri file goes into the WinDirs directory. To uninstall WinDirs, simply delete all of the files in the list. No changes were made to your autoexec.bat or any .ini files.

WinDirs was written entirely in Microsoft Visual Basic V3.0 Professional Edition for use with Windows 3.1x and Dos 5.0 or later. The screen alignments for the program forms were written for 640 x 480 resolution on a 14" SVGA monitor. If you are using a higher resolution, form alignments may vary. All forms can be moved to suit your personal preference.

WinDirs is a shareware program produced by KnowWare in Waldport, Oregon. It can be registered for the price of \$20.00, including shipping and handling. Choose "Registration" from the Help menu in the WinDirs window to fill out the registration form.

As you may know, the Shareware concept is based completely on the honor system. Only in cyberspace do people still trust each other enough to make their merchandise available to everyone and rely on their neighbors to pay for what they use. We at KnowWare are firm believers in the shareware concept. We ask only that if you use our program you pay for it. Feel free to try it out for 30 days. If you like it and are using it, we ask that you register it. When we receive your registration we will send you an updated and registered version of WinDirs.

We hope that you enjoy using WinDirs.  
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