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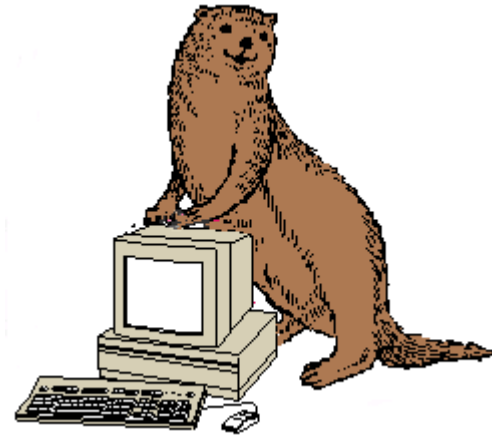
File Ferret

Introduction

Program Operations   Product Support

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Registration and Ordering Information   **Note**:   If you are already Registered

Features:

- File List may be started at any level or may be processed on multiple disk volumes.
- Use selection filters to report based on multiple file mask patterns. (i.e. *.VBX & *.DLL)
- Use date and size ranges to focus the search.
- Search for text found within the file.
- An extreamly powerful extract capability for extending the product's functionality.
- Up to nine windows of each type of the displays can be loaded at one time.
- Hard copy reports of complete or just partial information if desired.
- Screen and hard copy listings sorted in a number of ways.
- File type identification on supported formats displayed on the status bar.
- Version and file identification information is extracted and displayed on the status bar when a file is clicked on.
- Icon extraction for each file linked to File Manager associations.   Either the icon for the application itself or the icon for the application associated with the file is displayed at the bottom of each display window.
- Files may be deleted from the hard disk from any display

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Program Operation

File Ferret is quite easy to use.   Most operations are begun by either selecting items from the pull down menu bar or using a mouse or other pointing device to select operations from the buttons on the tool bar.

You will notice that the images on the tool bar buttons change as you enter and leave various parts of the program.   Only buttons for operations which are currently available are visible.   See Buttons

At the bottom of the screen is an image of a pointing finger.   This points to an area where status messages and other helpful information will appear.   When you move the mouse over various screen elements, the status bar will tell you what the element is. Occasionally, processes will display their completion status as well.

Status bar

Upon starting the program, an initial selection screen is displayed.

Getting Started

See Creating a Files List to learn how to create a list of files.

Files List:

Other Functions:

Ancillary Functions: Netware Extensions

Other Miscellaneous
Known problems and workarounds

Also See Keyboard Operations

Features of Registered Version

File Ferret   See <u>Ordering Information</u>

- Elimination of all "nag" screens and activation of all features.

- A file viewer with support for over 20 file formats including ASCII, HEX, PCX, TIF, GIF, BMP, WMF, ICON, Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, AMI PRO, xBase, Paradox, Lotus, Excel, ZIP, LZH, Quattro Pro, MetaFiles, Q&A, Windows Write, and Microsoft Works.   (New viewers are added from time to time and support for newer file formats updated as soon as possible.)

- Additional updates, corrections and bug fixes implemented after the release of the shareware version.

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Note: Select "File-Print Topic" from the menu bar to   **print**   this form.

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```

By the way, where did you initially hear about **File Ferret?**
_____   (If CompuServe, which forum)

Ancillary Functions

Launching Files and Documents
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Status Bar Element: Comment Section

Program status and information is displayed here.

Miscellaneous Buttons

Tool bar buttons <u>launch</u> various functions within the program.   Only buttons for functions currently available to you are visible.   During longer <u>processes</u>, the buttons are disabled to allow the original process to complete without interruption.

Pointing Finger

Program author's favorite method of pointing out important information.   Used in virtually all of his applications

Cancel

Closes the display without further processing.

Hint: You may also use the **ESC** key for the same function.

File List Display

Point to the areas on the screen with the mouse to see a description of each area.

You may also sort the results of the search as desired.   Sorting is performed by selecting the column desired and pressing one of the sort operation buttons on the tool bar.

If you sort the list by file size, descending, then the report will be printed with the largest file at the top.

Hint: Use the slider control which separates the left and right halves of the display to size the window panes relative to each other.   To use the slider, place the mouse over the slider until you see the mouse pointer change to an arrow which points both left and right at the same time.   Hold down the left mouse button and the slider control turns red.   You many then shift the control left or right as desired.   Release the left mouse button to set the window panes to their current width.

Also see Directory Map Display for an expanded look at the Directory side of the display.
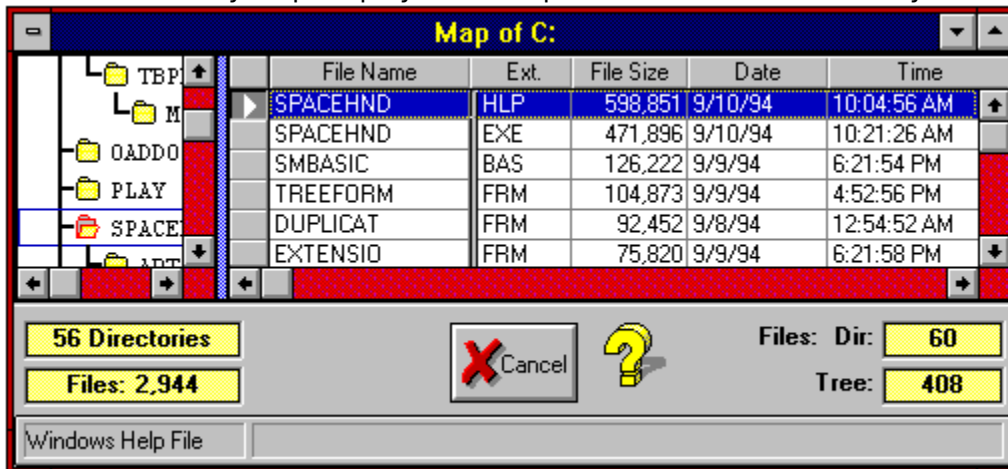
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Starting Directory: Drive Icons

You may select the disk volume by clicking once on these images.

Starting Directory: Directory Tree

You may select the starting point within the directory structure by clicking once on a directory.   Double clicking will expand the directory tree to show sub directories nested below if any.   Hint: Use the <u>plus key</u> (shift =) to expand the tree using the keyboard only.

Starting Directory: Selected Directory

This display tells you the currently selected starting directory.   Press the OK Button to proceed or use the directory tree list to change to another directory location.

OK
Accepts the display and continues processing.

Hint: You may also use the ENTER key for the same function.

Introduction

See <u>How to use</u> File Ferret Help

File Ferret is a professionally designed and developed multipurpose Windows utility program. The overall mission of the program is to "ferret out" lost files on your hard disk. This is accomplished by allowing you to search a single disk drive or all of your disk drives in a single pass.   You are not restricted to a single starting point on a disk drive either.   Any number of starting points on a given disk drive can be set and searched.

You can search for multiple files at the same time using various file mask composed of standard search characters such as the question mark (?) and the asterisk (*).   You can search using dozens of these mask in a single pass.

You may restrict your search to include a set of possible matches by using the date range or size range options.   File attributes such as hiddon & system can be also be used to restrict the search.

One last feature tops them all which is the ability to search for actual text strings within the files.

There is also a Novell Netware specific version of the program that includes the ability to search on and view Novell specific fields such as file "ownership" and "last accessed by".

File Ferret for Novell Networks only features will always be clearly identified throughout this help file.

HotSpot Icon

Example of a <u>HOT</u> spot.   In this example, the icon images are purely ornamental.

HotSpot Label

Example of a <u>HOT</u> spot. In this example, there is text within a label which identifies the name of the current program.

Print Files List Report

Select this to produce a printed report of the files contained within the highlighted directory from the currently selected Directory Map.

Note: The report will be printed using the same information which is displayed on the screen. If a files are sorted on date, they will be sorted on the report as well.

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Note: Select "File-Print Topic" from the menu bar to print this form.

You can order **File Ferret** by Phone, Mail or FAX with payment by credit card.

PsL Product# 14272

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Company:_____
Street:_____
Street:_____
City:_____
State:_____ZIP:_____
Country:_____
Telephone Number:_____
Credit Card Type:_____
Credit Card Number:_____
Expiration Date:_____

Signature:_____

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File Ferret	27.95	_____
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of File Ferret:_____
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IMPORTANT: See <u>How to report problems</u>   Without sufficient background on the problem, we may not be able to fix it.

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<u>Registered users have priority but I will try to answer all questions.</u>

How to Report Problems

When reporting problems, please include the following information:

1)   Is the problem reproducible?   If so, how?   Regardless, include a narrative description of the problem.

2)   Did the problem occur when running Windows in Enhanced or Standard mode?   You can determine which mode is active by choosing About in the Program Manager's Help pull-down menu.

3)   If a dialog box with an error message was displayed, please include the full text of the dialog box, including the text in the title bar.

4)   A text file called FERR_ERR.LOG may exist within the <u>application's directory</u>.   The contents of this file should be included in the report.   **Note**: THIS IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO!

5)   A description of the hardware used including manufacturer and model.   This should include descriptions of all internal components such as hard disk type and size.   **Hint**:   There should be a utility located either within your DOS or Windows directory called MSD.   This is the Microsoft System Diagnostic program.   It has an option of creating a report detailing the items on your system.   There is also another utility called DrWatson which is located within your Windows directory.   It is quite useful to the developer in determining system status when <u>programs</u> fail. To use DrWatson, simply <u>launch</u> it before launching **File Ferret** and it will create a DrWatson.Log file.   Submitting both of these reports will help in isolating and fixing problems which you may encounter.

6)   Include some method (preferably an e-mail address) where Fineware can contact you if we need additional information and to provide updated software when the problem has been resolved.

System Requirements

File Ferret requires Windows 3.1 or later or Windows for Work groups 3.11 or later.   I have tried to provide keyboard support for most functions but a mouse or other pointing device is highly recommended.

A PC (386 processor or above) with at least 4 MB of RAM (8 MB recommended).

Operations on other operating system environments (such as OS/2) have not been tested.   A version which takes advantage of the **WindowsNT** environment and **Windows 95** is <u>in development and expected to be released in 1996</u>.

Deleting Files

Deleting files is easy with File Ferret.   While viewing the Files Display you can delete files using either the mouse or the delete key.

Tool bar Method: Press the Delete Button while the file(s) you wish to delete are highlighted.

Keyboard Method: Press the Delete Key while the file(s) you wish to delete are highlighted.

Highlight the file(s) you wish to delete using the mouse.   You may select multiple files by holding down the Control Key (Ctrl) selected the desired files using the mouse and the left mouse button.   You may select a range of files by selecting the first in the range, and then selecting the bottom of the range with the mouse and the left mouse button while holding down the shift key.   You may also select multiple files in a range by holding down the left mouse button and dragging across the desired files.

Note: Unless the feature is disabled (see Miscellaneous Options), you will be queried about confirming the delete before it occurs.

Note: You may delete an entire directory structure while the Directory Map is the current active display.   Please be cautious using this option.
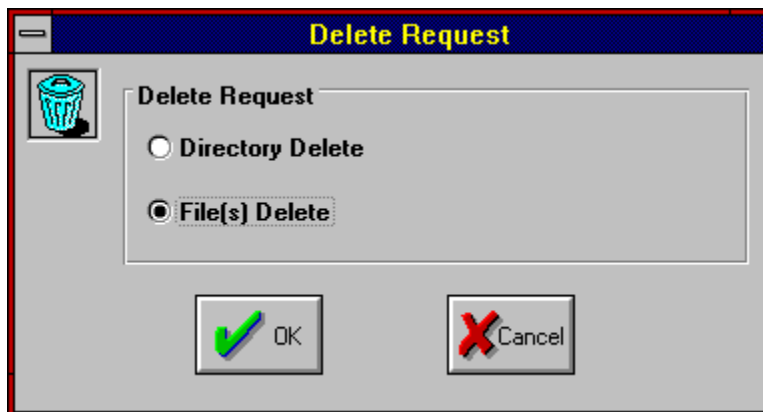
You many choose Directory of File deletes.

Miscellaneous Options

You may set your own personal preferences for program operations.   These include the ability to set the colors used within the application,   the orientation of printed reports, and other miscellaneous items. See Setting Colors
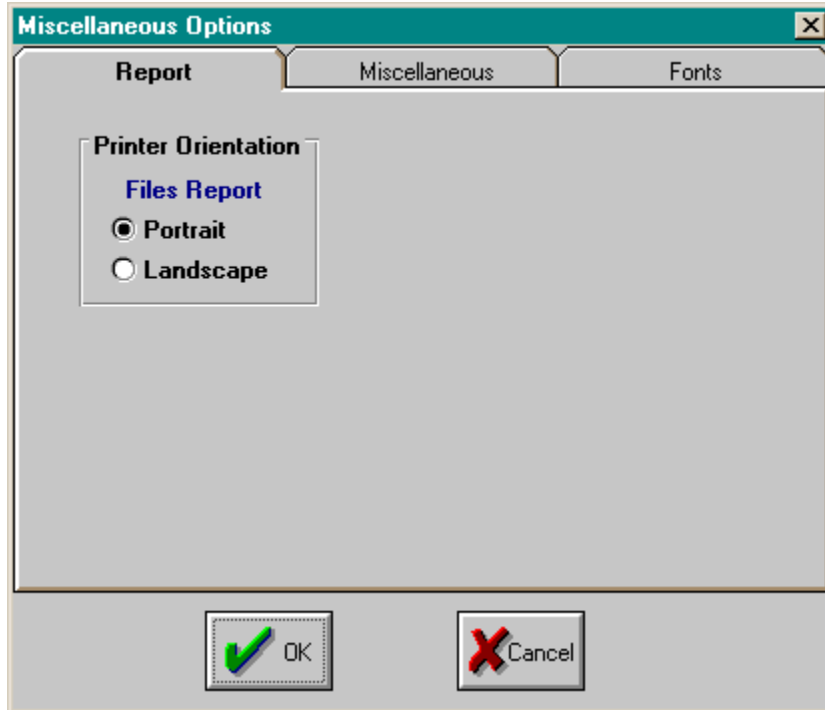
Closing Active Windows

Depress this to immediately close all open displays within the program.

Current Directory

This is the currently selected directory.   If you save now, this is where the file will be placed.

Existing Files

This would show the names of existing files of the currently selected type.   In this example, we would see files with the extension .MAP if any existed.   To see files within the currently selected save directory with the extension of .DUP (Duplicate Names Save File), then use the "Save File as Type" combo box and select Extension Reports.

Hint: Double Clicking on an existing file name will place the file name within "File Name" text box and allow you to save the current report on top of a previous one.   **Note:** The previous report would be destroyed.

Save as File Type

The file type will be selected automatically for you depending upon which type of Display report your attempting to save.   You may manually change it to one of the other types if desired but this is not recommended.

Files within Highlighted Directory

These are the files which are stored in the currently highlighted
directory.

File Size

Size of the file in bytes.

File Date & Time

Date and Time the file was last modified or originally created.

Default Disk Drives

Available Drives

The program has detected
the following as valid drive
selections. Select the
drive(s) you wish to
designate as defaults.

Select Default Drives

A: None
B: CPBACKUP003
C: AL
D: None
E: SHARE12
F: COMPRESSED
G: ARTSHOW91B
P: COMPRESSED
R: HOST_FOR_E

✔ OK   ✖ Cancel
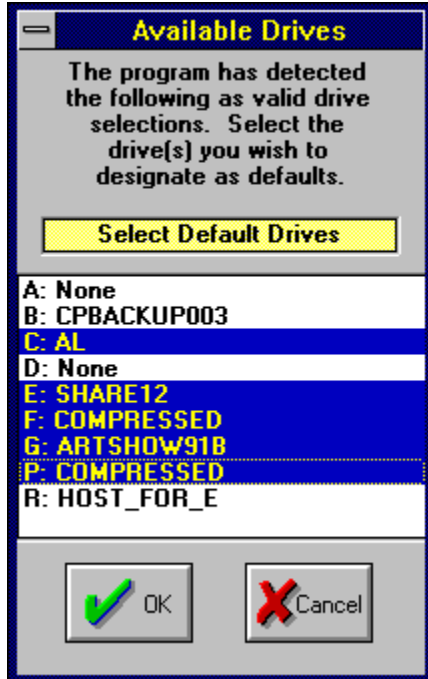
You may include or exclude specific disk volumes from being searched for a Duplicate Files Display.
This can be very handy in network environments where Disk Mapping is used to create search paths and
user volumes.   It is also likely that you would wish to exclude diskette drives and RAM Drives.

Drives Found on Your Computer

This is a list of all disk devices which can be found by the program.   It is not necessary to have a drive loaded (such as a floppy drive or CD-ROM drive) to detect the device.   For performance reasons, you should exclude diskette drives and CD-ROM drives unless you specifically wish to include them in searches.

You should also be careful when selecting network volumes.   Search times against large network volumes can be quite time consuming.   You should also exclude volumes which are only search paths on the network and not really separate disk volumes.

Ram drives should also be excluded.

Sectors

A hard disk is divided up into a series of concentric rings known as tracks.   Each ring is broken up into manageable chucks called sectors, separated by small gaps.   A sector begins with a unique pattern that enables the disk controller determine where something starts.

Delete Files

Select this option to delete the highlighted file(s) within the currently highlighted directory.

Files Deleted

`Count of files deleted by the program.`

Reset Count

This allows you to reset the count of files and bytes deleted
back to zero.

Orientation: Files List

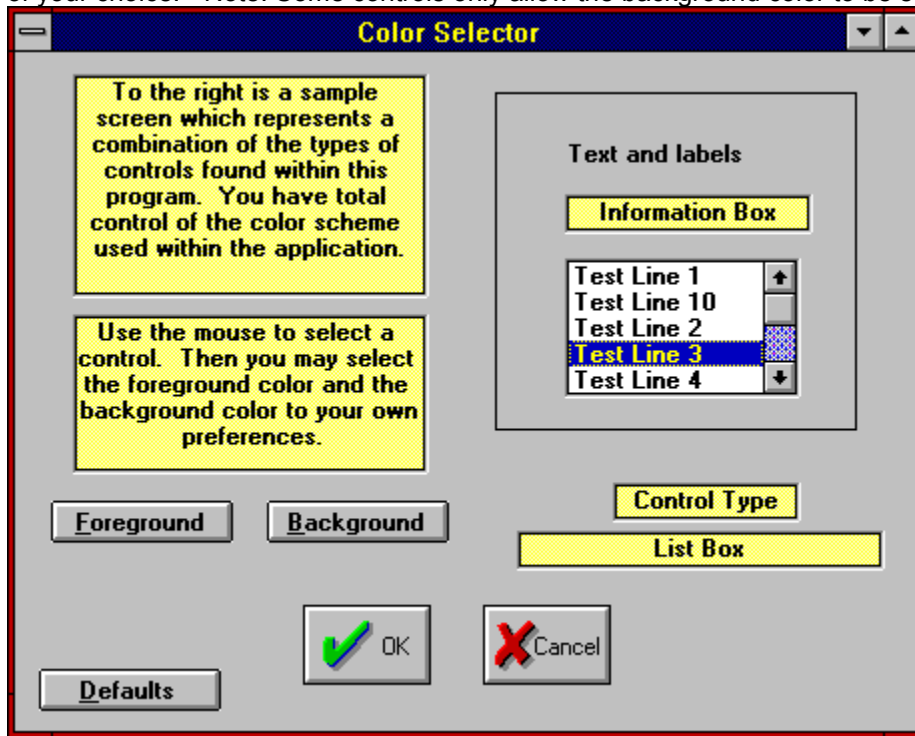Set printer <u>orientation</u> for Files List Report.

Delete Confirmations

You may disable delete confirmations if desired. Check here to disable confirmations.   The default during installation is to show confirmations.

Change Colors

Press this button to set custom colors based on user preferences.

Setting Colors

You can set application colors by first selecting the desired interface element in the box containing the sample controls.   Once a control has been selected, you may select background and foreground colors of your choice.   Note: Some controls only allow the background color to be set.

Color Selector

To the right is a sample screen which represents a combination of the types of controls found within this program. You have total control of the color scheme used within the application.

Use the mouse to select a control. Then you may select the foreground color and the background color to your own preferences.

Foreground   Background

Text and labels

Information Box

Test Line 1
Test Line 10
Test Line 2
Test Line 3
Test Line 4

Control Type

List Box

OK   Cancel

Defaults

Text and Labels

To set the text and label colors, click here, then select foreground.   Select the color desired from the colors chart and select OK.   **Note**:   Background cannot be set for this screen element.

Information Box

To set the Information Box colors, click here and then select
foreground. A color chart will be displayed which allows you to
select the color desired.   Select Background to set the
background color.

Listbox colors

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To set the Listbox colors, click here and then select foreground.
A color chart will be displayed which allows you to select the
color desired.  Select Background to set the background color.
Note:  This also sets the colors for the Directory Map display.
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Screen Element

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This displays the currently selected screen element.  Use the
Mouse to click within the box above to select the screen element
you wish to change.
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Foreground Button

This allows you to select the foreground color of the currently
selected screen element.

Background Button

This allows you to select the background color of the currently selected screen element.

Default Colors

This allows you to set the foreground and background color of all
screen elements back to system defaults.

Color Selection Instructions

Use the instructions displayed here to set the colors to your own preference.

Sort: Select Field

Select the field that you wish to sort on and press the OK
button.   Note: If a selection is not available for the
currently selected display, it will be disabled.

Sort: Select Order

Select the order desired.

Print

You must have one of the primary displays loaded in order to print.

Tool bar Method: Press the Save File Button

Menu bar Method: Select File|Print...

Before printing begins, you will see a dialog box which lists the available reports. Select the report you wish to see.

See Printing the Directory Map Reports
See Printing the Extensions Display
See Printing a Duplicate File Names Display

Display and Directory Map Fonts

Menu bar Method: Select File|Display Font...

Menu bar Method: Select File|Directory Map Font...

You may assign any **screen font** you have to the listbox displays.   If you don't select one, MS SANS SERIF will be used.

You may assign any **fixed width font** you have to the Directory Map display.   If you don't select one, the current Windows default will be used.

Printer Font

Menu bar Method: Select File|Printer Font...

You may assign any font you have to the reports. If you don't
select one, the current Windows default will be used. Note:
Column positioning is fixed and use of certain oversized font
sizes can cause overlapping.

Printer Setup

You may select from any of your available printers. Note:
Printer <u>orientation</u> is controlled by settings within the program
(see Miscellaneous Options) and not by the Printer setup Dialog
Box.

Buttons

Create a Files List Display

Set Miscellaneous Options

Sort selected column in ascending order

Sort selected column in descending order

Delete

Close all windows belonging to **File Ferret**

Print the current display

Terminates **File Ferret**

Windows User Group Network

Fineware Systems has chosen The Windows Utility forum (GO WINUTIL) on CompuServe as the home base for our product. We will visit the the forum every day and will be available for any questions you might have about **File Ferret**. In addition, this is the forum where the absolute latest version of **File Ferret** can be obtained.

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File Ferret [Netware Edition] registration id is **8157**.   The indicated price will be **$47.95** plus shipping and handling.

Touch Me!

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Launching Files and Documents

You may <u>launch</u> <u>programs</u> as well as documents which have been <u>associated</u> with programs from any list which contains files.

You should refer to the Windows File Manager's HELP file for documentation on file associations.

How To launch a file or document.
Method 1:
- Highlight the file desired
- Press the Right Mouse Button while the mouse pointer is within the file list borders

Method 2:
- Double Click the application's icon when it appears to the right of the CANCEL Button.

Viewing Files
(Registered version of **File Ferret** ONLY Feature)

You may view any file on your computer with **File Ferrets's** versatile file viewer.

How to view files:

- Highlight the file(s) you wish to view within any of the displays which feature file list.   You may highlight multiple files.
- Press the File Viewer button (Pictured above).

Note: You may <u>launch</u> a single file viewer by simply double clicking on the file entry within the list box.

This is a sample Viewer screen.   The document being viewed is one of the bitmapped image files which ships with Windows.   **File Ferret's** includes the ability to mark a retangular section of a graphic in order to copy it to the Windows Clipboard.   Text formats can also be copied.
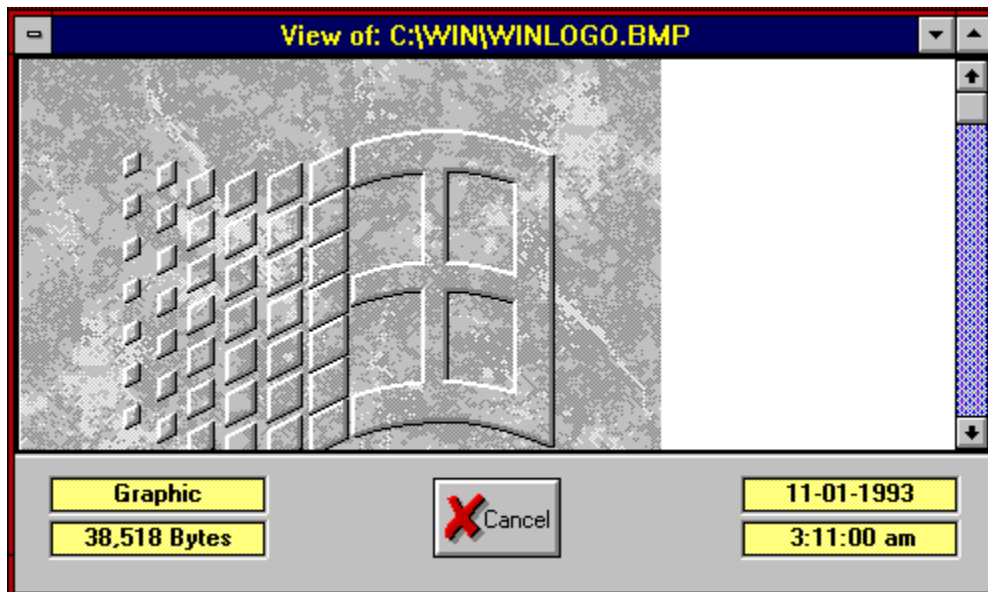
Viewer Content Window

This area displayed the contents of the selected file.   The format used will depend upon the type of file displayed.   If the file is not one of the types recognized by the program, the file will be displayed in Hexadecimal format.   Executable programs and dynamic link libraries are always displayed in Hex.

Viewer Type

This describes the type of file viewer in use.

Viewed File Size

Number of bytes within the file being viewed.

Viewed File Date and Time

DOS file date and time of the viewed file.

Internal File Version Number

```
This is the version number stored within the file.  It is usefull
for determining which instance of a file is the latest without
having to rely on the DOS date & time stamp.
```

Keyboard

Tab   Moves to the next command button, list box, text box, check box, or group of option buttons.

Shift+Tab   Moves to previous list box, text box, check box, command button, or group of option buttons.

Arrow keys   Move down file list or within group of option/command buttons.

Space bar   Chooses active command button or turns active check box on or off.

F1   Displays context sensitive help.

F10   Activates menu bar.

Alt+F4   Closes **File Ferret**

Ctrl+F   Displays initial dialog for creating a Files List Display.

Ctrl+P   Displays dialog for printing the current active display.

Ctrl+O   Displays the Miscellaneous Options Dialog.

Shift+F4   Cascade open windows.

Shift+F5   Tile open Windows.

Delete   Delete highlighted files.

Enter   Chooses active command button.

Esc   Cancels command and closes dialog box.

Search List

List of file names or file name <u>masks</u> which are to be used in the search.

Add to List

Press this button to add the contents of the text input box to the search list.   **Hint**:   If the text box contains information, pressing the ENTER Key will perform the same function.

Text Input Box

Place the file name of mask desired here and press the Add To List button with the mouse.

Oakley Data Services Ordering Info

Note: Select "File-Print Topic" from the menu bar to print this form.

You can order **File Ferret** by Phone, Mail, E-mail or Fax with payment by credit card.

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Sandbach,
Cheshire CW11 9RQ,
England.

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CIS: 74774,1347

File Ferret

```
Name:_____
Company:_____
Address:_____
       :_____
       :_____
       :_____
       :_____
Telephone Number:_____
Credit Card Type:_____
Credit Card Number:_____
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File Ferret   18.00   _____
Shipping/Handling   2.00   _____

UK and **EEC** add 17.5% **VAT**   3.50   _____

                Total in **Pounds Sterling**:   _____

By the way, where did you initially hear about
File Ferret:_____

Site License

Site licenses must be obtained directly through Fineware Systems .

You can order a site license for   **File Ferret** by mail with payment by check or money order.

A   Site License entitles you to make copies of an original diskette up to the limits of your site license and distribute them within your organization.   You may not distribute copies outside of your company.

File Ferret   or   **File Ferret [Netware Edition]**   **(Circle One)**

```
Name:_____
Company:_____
Street:_____
Street:_____
City:_____
State:_____ZIP:_____
Country:_____
Telephone Number:_____
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Credit Card Type:__Visa    MasterCard   AMEX
Credit Card Number:_____
Expiration Date:_____
```

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Signature:_____
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 Rate Schedule           File Ferret
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100 or more        $1,049.95 + Quantity over 100 at $ 6.00 each

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```

Note: If you wish Fineware to provide individual installation diskettes, please add $1.50 per unit ordered.

```
   File Ferret or File Ferret [Netware] Qty_____  Extended_____
   Oklahoma residents add 8.375% sales tax                _____
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            Total in US Funds drawn on a US Bank           _____
```

Make checks payable to: **Fineware Systems**

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Fineware Systems
P.O. Box 75776
Oklahoma City, Ok. 73147

By the way, where did you initially hear about **File Ferret: _____**

Howto use File Ferret Help

This help file has been designed using screen images taken from the program.   Its goal is to be the primary method for providing assistance and understanding about the operations and features of **File Ferret.**   Use the mouse to move over the sample image below.   You will see that the mouse cursor changes into a pointing finger.   When you see this occur over an image, you may click on the image to display additional information.   Note that some images have multiple areas which can be examined. In the example below, three areas are **HOT** and will display information when activated by clicking on them with the mouse.

Starting Directory Files

The files for the current highlighted directory are provided as an aide for determining the correct starting point.   You may not view, move, <u>launch</u> , copy, or any other function with them.

Starting Directory Slider Control

Used to change the size of the split between the directory side and the files within the highlighted directory.

Position the mouse over the control, hold down the left mouse button and the slider will turn red.   Move the mouse to the right or left until the window displays the information the way you want it.

Thanks for looking at File Ferret

I wish to thank you for evaluating my product.   It is only through continued registrations that professional shareware authors can continue to produce software of this quality.

Al Meadows
Program Author
Fineware Systems

Upgrading to Latest Version

File Ferret will be continually upgraded to add features and correct programming errors as they are detected.   In addition, changes to the underlying operating systems may make some features of the program redundant while creating new capabilities that can be enhanced by the program.

The policy of Fineware Systems on upgrades to registered users is as follows:

If you are already a registered user of **File Ferret**, you may be able to update your existing registered version to the latest edition by simply downloading the most recent version while retaining the program's registered features. This can be done as long as the new verison is release **1.99 or less**.   As program errors and bugs are detected and resolved, Fineware will make available additional releases on the main commercial services such as CompuServe, America Online, Prodigy, and the Microsoft Network.   In addition, you can always obtain the most recent version of all of Fineware's products by connecting to our Internet World Wide Web site.   The address is [**http://www.fineware.com**].   **Note**: Viewer Upgrades: See Peeper

Note: See Caution

To update an existing installation, simply replace all existing files with any which are included within the zipped file.

If you prefer, Fineware will be happy to send the latest version that you are entitled to on diskette. There is a $5.00 Shipping/Handling charge for this service.   You will receive a complete set of install disks for the latest release.
Site license holders should contact Fineware Systems for a price quote.

Associated Icon

Icon contained within the file itself or the icon of the application program which has been associated with the highlighted file.

Hint: Double_Clicking on this icon in **Space Hound Pro** will launch the application.

Sort Operation Buttons

Ascending Sequence

Descending Sequence

Sort by Column

You may sort the display in either ascending or descending sequence by selecting the desired column and pressing the sort operation buttons.

Size of Duplicate Files

Combined size of all duplicate files found with a specific name.

File List Display

Similar to the Windows 3.1 File Manager's File Search result in appearance, its goal is to provide a full system search and display without the limitations imposed by the Windows File Manager.

You may use this tool to process against multiple volumes.

Additional Topics

See <u>Creating a Files List Display</u>
See <u>Files List</u>
See <u>Printing the Files List</u>

Creating a Files List Display

Tool bar Method: Press the Files List Button 👉

Menu bar Method: Select File|Ferret out files...

## Select Disk Drives

See Select Starting Directorys

Select the disk drive(s) that you wish to search.   These are your current default disk drives.   You may pick one or more volumes from this list.   To select multiple volumes, use the mouse to select each volume desired while holding down the Control Key (Ctrl).   You may select a range of files by selecting the first in the series, pressing the Shift Key, the selecting the last in the series while the Shift key is down. Another method for selecting multiple volumes is to drag across them with the mouse while holding down the left mouse button.

Hint: If all of your disk volumes are not showing up in this list, you need to select Default Disk Drives from the pull-down menu (File|Default Disk Drives...).

To select multiple volumes, hold the Control Key (Ctrl) down while using the mouse to click on each desired volume.   You may also use the Shift key to select a range.   To select a range, highlight the first entry in the list, press the Shift key and use the mouse to select the last entry in the list desired.   Another method for selecting items from the list when they are in consecutive order is to drag the mouse across the volume names while holding down the left mouse button.
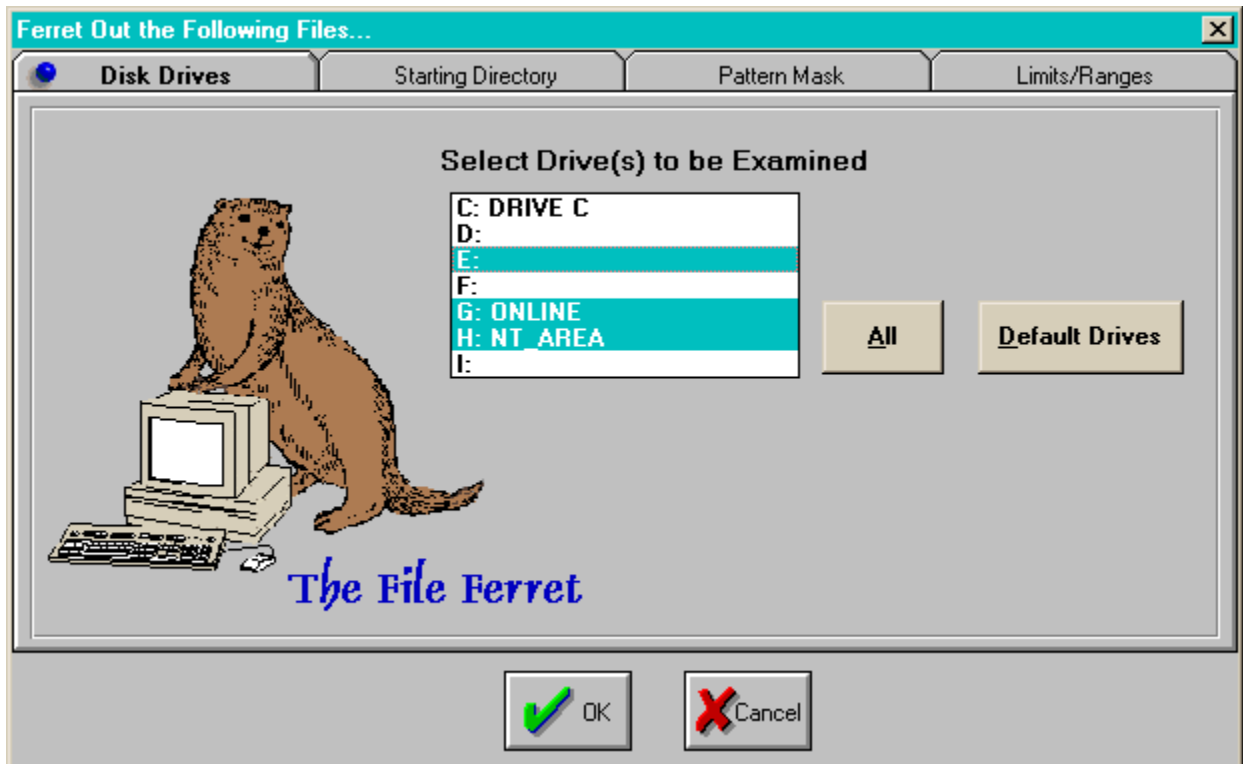
Files List

Point to the areas on the screen with the mouse to see a description of each area.

You may also sort the results of the search as desired.   Sorting is performed by selecting a column and pressing one of the <u>sort operation buttons</u> on the toolbar.

If you sort the list by <u>file size, descending</u>, then the report will be printed with the largest file at the top.

File Name	Ext.	File Size	Date	Time	Path Name
GRAPH5	EXE	1,505,984	3/7/94	6:50:56 PM	C:\WIN\MSAPPS\MSGR
ENCART94	EXE	1,342,976	11/3/93	12:00:00 PM	C:\ENCARTA\
TOPICS94	LST	1,274,340	11/3/93	12:00:00 PM	C:\ENCARTA\
PHON	DAT	1,136,442	1/1/92	3:51:48 PM	C:\MV\PROSPEAK\
CRPE	DLL	1,122,000	8/23/94	12:00:00 PM	C:\WIN\SYSTEM\
MSAJT200	DLL	1,063,680	8/23/94	12:00:00 PM	C:\WIN\SYSTEM\
ORGCHART	EXE	991,168	2/11/94	12:00:00 PM	C:\WIN\MSAPPS\ORGCH
MFCO250D	DLL	967,056	11/23/93	4:01:00 PM	C:\WIN\SYSTEM\

Files List: c:

Items: 2,954   Cancel   Size: 165,291,513

Dynamic Link Library   Encarta '94 main executable (File Ver:2.12.0.22 Product Ver:2.12.0.22

Printing the Files List

Tool bar Method: Press the Print Button

Menu bar Method: Select File|Print...

Files List: File Names

Names of the files found by the search.

Files List: File Sizes

Size in bytes of each individual file.

Files List: Date and Time

Date and time created or last modified for each file within the list.

Files List: Path Name

Disk volume and directory that contains each file.

Files List: List Count

`Total number of items within the list.`

Files List: Combined Size

Total size of all files within the list.

File Type

Some file types are recognized by Space Hound. If the file type
can be determined, it will be displayed in this status box area.

File Description

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Some files contain embedded file descriptions and version
information.  If possible, Space Hound extracts this information
and displays it on this status bar.
```

Printing the Activity Report

Tool bar Method: Press the Print Button

Menu bar Method: Select File|Print...

Caution

Most of the files required by **File Ferret** are to be found within the downloads which will be available on commercial on line systems and Bulletin Board Systems.   A notable exception to this is the file viewer component of **File Ferret**.   Fineware cannot guarantee that a future version of **File Ferret** will work with your existing viewers.   If this situation arises, you will need to obtain a diskette containing the new viewer files from Fineware.

CopyCats Order Form
Netherlands, Germany, Belgium   (ver 1.01)

Note: Select "File-Print Topic" from the menu bar to print this form.

Users in Holland, Germany and Belgium who prefer to order locally and pay in their own currency, can order **File Ferret** through CopyCats in Holland. Please fill out this form and send it, along with payment, to:

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CopyCats Software & Services
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The Netherlands   Email 100121.1562@compuserve.com

File Ferret

Name: _____
Company:_____
Address:_____

         _____
Country:_____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
BTW/Steuer # (German and Belgian businesses):

         _____

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Pricing:
File Ferret: Dfl. 59,95   DM 55 1095 BEF
File Ferret [Netware Edition]:   Dfl. 98,50 DM 95 1885 BEF
         (prices include shipping and 17.5% BTW / MwS / VAT)

Please send me:
Qty. Description: Price: Total:
 ____   File Ferret   _____ _____
 ____   File Ferret [Netware Edition]   _____ _____

                        Order Total: _____

 Signature:_____ Date:_____-_____-19___

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And where did you obtain your copy of **File Ferret**:_____

Dank u voor uw bestelling! - Vielen Dank für Ihren Auftrag!

Exporting

You may export the contents of the Files List Display.

The export is in the form of comma delimited ascii and is suitable for importing into products such as Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Access.

Specific instructions for exporting to Microsoft Access   (using MS Access ver 2.0)

- Create the exported file by launching **File Ferret's**   Files Display.   When the display is on the screen, you may process the export.

- Press the Export Button (pictured below).   You will be prompted to provide a file name and directory for the exported file.   Type a file name (such as MyExport). The file name will default to a .TXT file   extension (example: MyExport.TXT).

- Launch Microsoft Access and either open an existing database or create a new one.

- From the File Menu, choose Import.

- Select   Text [Delimited]

- Use the file open dialog box to select the file created by **File Ferret** in the steps above (example MyExport.TXT).

- While the file is highlighted, press the IMPORT button.

- The Import Text Options dialog will appear.   Select the check box "First Row Contains Field Names" and choose "Create New Table".

- Press the OK button and the import will be processed.   Refer to your Microsoft Access documentation for additional information and help.

Netware Extensions

A special edition of **File Ferret**   is available for use on Novell Networks.   The additional features include the addition of six <u>netware specific fields </u>to all program displays and reports.   This includes the ability to sort and select on these fields. The additional data fields are as follows:

- Ownership   (based on Login Name)
- Updated By (based on Login Name)
- Modified Date
- Last Accessed Date
- Archived Date
- Date Created

Availablility and pricing:
The Netware Extensions edition is available now.   Existing registered users of **File Ferret** may upgrade to the netware edition at any time for $25.

Known Problems

Common installation problems: Many of today's applications include components from other 3rd party distributors.   These components are like snap-together parts. When an application is initially designed, the programmer is probably using the latest version of all of the components his application needs.   Over time, these components may be enhansed to include new features and capabilities.   A frequent problem occurs when a newer application makes use of features that were not available in earlier version of the software.   This can cause problems when multiple versions of these components exist on your computer. Please refer to the following list of files and eliminate older version if possible.

- `APIGUIDE.DLL`
- `MHRUN500.DLL`
- `CMDIALOG.VBX`
- `MHGCAL.VBX`
- `MHGCMD.VBX`
- `MHVIEW.VBX`
- `MUSCLE.VBX`
- `THREED.VBX`
- `SSDATA2.VBX`
- `MHTAB.VBX`

Other Common Problems:

SYMPTOM: Attempts to run any of the reports or displays cancels the program all the way to the DOS prompt.
CURE: Your autoexec.bat file contains a line for the CD-ROM driver called MSCDEX.   This line (or a preceeding line) may contain a parameter which is causing the problem.   Check for /S on the MSCDEX line.   If it is there, remove it.   It's only function is to allow multiple PCs to share a CD-ROM drive over a Windows for Workgroups network.   If the /S appears in the preceeding line, try re-arranging the order of the lines in autoexec.bat so that this line doesn't directly preceed the MSCDEX line.

SYMPTOM: A GPFault occurs when you launch the program.   Normally, this will be the result of a conflict with some aspect of Space Hound and your video card.   The module that reports the fault will have a file extension of .DRV and most likely, you will be using a driver with more than 256 colors.
CURE: Make sure that you are using the latest driver.   Contact your video card manufacturer.   If this does not fix it, try adjusting the number of   colors used up or down as well as adjusting the resolution. If this still does not correct the problem, use the standard VGA drivers which ship with Windows.   One option you might wish to try is to add the following lines to the SPACEHND.INI file which is located within the application's directory .

```
[Toolbar]
Visible=0

[Statusbar]
Visible=0
```

These settings disable the toolbar and status bar.   Both of the screen elements contain graphic images and they could be the source of your screen driver problems.

SYMPTOM: Attempts to print cause a GPFault or subsequent errors are see in standard Windows components.   An example is getting a Divide by Zero error when you attempt to launch Windows WRITE.

CURE: You are probably using a PostScript printer driver or other 3rd party print spooler. The only work around is to use the miscellaneous options and set the Printer ByPass option under the Miscellaneous tab.. Should this error occur, the method to restore your system to normal functionality is to remove your current printer driver (via the Windows Control Panel) and Re-install it.

Peeper

Peeper is a well recieved product which is distributed as shareware.   It's primary function is to allow the user to rapidly move about the hard disk using the built in file viewers.   Multiple files may be displayed at the same time.

Regarding File Ferret upgrades
The file viewer component of **File Ferret** is not distributed with the shareware version of **File Ferret.**   This is because the viewers may not be utilized in the shareware version. Including them would force a shareware evaluator to download a significant amount of non-essential bytes.

From time to time, improvements will be made to the file viewer components.   Unless you are experiencing a problem, it is probably not necessary to upgrade your viewers everytime a new release of **Peeper** is made available.   You should contact Fineware Systems if you have any questions on whether you should upgrade your existing viewers.

P. & A. Shareware

Fineware programs can be registered locally in Japan. For more detail and information on prices, etc. contact:

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Tachikawa, Tokyo 190 Japan

Tel: 0425-35-9901
Fax: 0425-35-9902

Nifty: PAF02461

Selected Disk Drives

You may highlight as many disk drives as desired and search against all of them in a single pass.

Available Drives

You may select as many disk drives as desired and search them all in a single pass.

Select all drives

Use this button to select all disk drives.

Drive Selection Tab

This tab displays the tab entry (shown) for selecting the desired disk drives for the search.

Available Disk Drives

The selected disk drives for the current search are displayed on this ribbon.

Multiple starting points

You may search multiple starting points on the same disk drive.   By checking this box, you will alter the tabbed dialog so that it shows a list of selected starting points.   Once this option is selected, each desired starting point (including root directories) must be included in the list for the search to function.
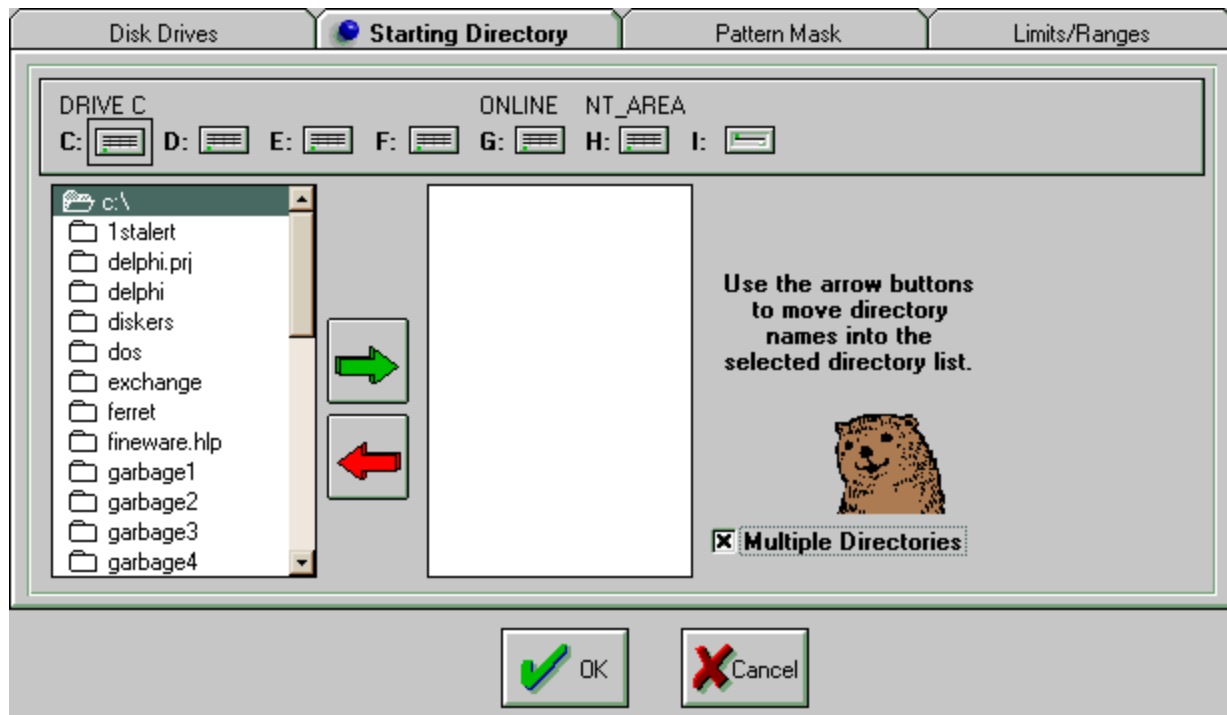
Select Starting Directories

Multiple Starting Directories

Pattern Mask Setup

Select starting directory by selecting the desired disk drive, then selecting the starting point within the directory to begin the map.   Press the OK button (or ENTER key) to begin the process.

Select Multiple Starting Directories

See File Pattern Mask Setup

Disk Drives	● **Starting Directory**	Pattern Mask	Limits/Ranges

DRIVE C ONLINE NT_AREA

C: D: E: F: G: H: I:

- c:\
- 1stalert
- delphi.prj
- delphi
- diskers
- dos
- exchange
- ferret
- fineware.hlp
- garbage1
- garbage2
- garbage3
- garbage4

Use the arrow buttons to move directory names into the selected directory list.

[X] Multiple Directories

✔ OK   ✘ Cancel

File Pattern Mask Setup

File Ferret can search using a virtual unlimited list of file patterns.

Ferret Out the Following Files...

| Disk Drives | Starting Directory | ● Pattern Mask | Limits/Ranges |

*.dll
*.vbx
*.exe

The search may be limited to files which match specific patterns. Enter desired file names and file name mask in the text box below.

read????.*   **Add to List**

Leave blank to select all files

Highlight list items and press the Delete Key to remove unwanted patterns.

✔ OK   ✗ Cancel

Misc Ops: Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Options

| Report | **Miscellaneous** | Fonts |

Miscellaneous Options

- [X] Delete Confirmations
- [X] File Type Detection
- [ ] Printer Bypass

[Change Screen Colors]

[✔ OK]   [✗ Cancel]

Misc Ops: Set Fonts

Miscellaneous Options ⊠

| Report | Miscellaneous | Fonts |

Font

	Current Font	Current Font Size	Bold
Listbox	MS Sans Serif	8	Yes
Printer	Arial	8	No
Fixed Width	OCR A Extended	14	No

✔ OK   ✗ Cancel
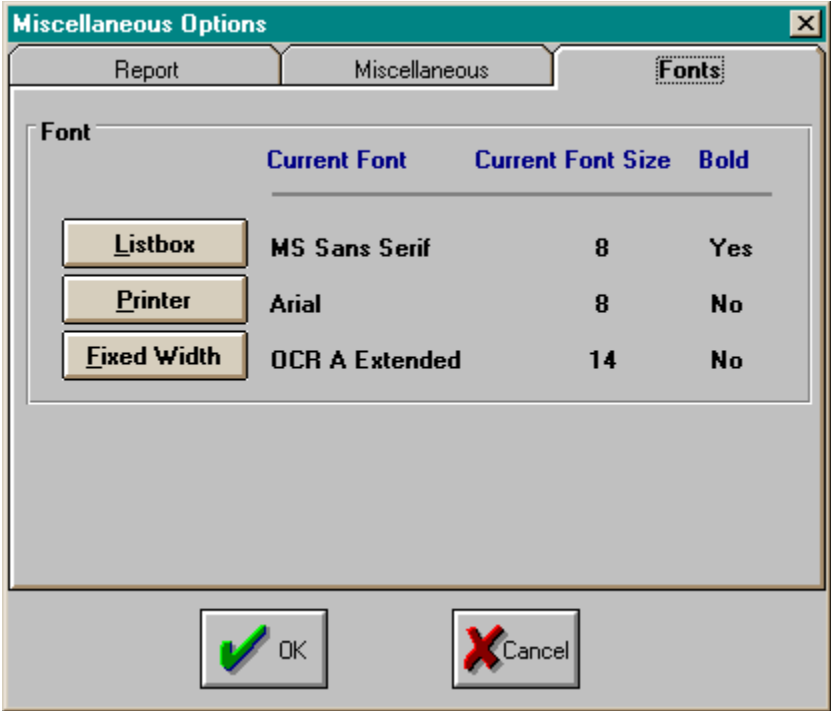
Selected Directory Paths

This list contains all of the directories currently   scheduled to be searched.

Add Button

Highlight the directory desired and press the Add Button to add it to the list of directories scheduled to be searched.

Subtract Button

Highlight a directory in the list of directories scheduled to be searched and press this button to **remove** it from the list.

Limits and Ranges

File Ferret offers a number of ways to limit your search to only the files you are interested in finding. This includes date ranges, file size ranges, file attributes, and even embedded text.
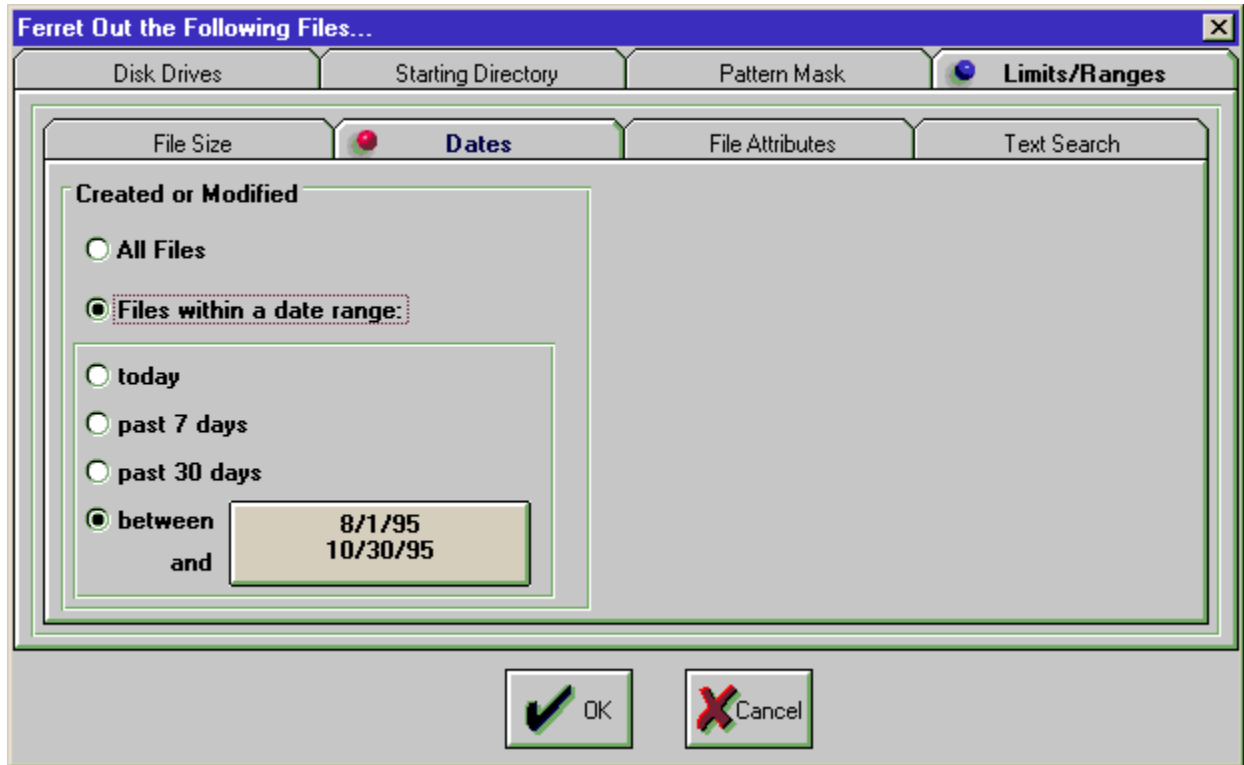
Range Check: All Files

Selecting this options causes no files to be excluded because of their creation/modification date.

Range options

Selecting Files within a date range provides the opportunity to restrict the search to a measured point in time.

Size Ranges

Options for allowing the search to be restricted on file size.

File Attributes

Allows the search to be restricted to files which are currently assigned a particular DOS file attribute.   This includes the ability to select hiddon files, system files, etc.

Text Search

If you don't know the name of a file, sometimes you just have to go for it's contents.   File Ferret offers an extreamly powerful ability to look inside the file itself for a string of characters.

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An event which takes over the operation of the program. The mouse pointer will turn into the hourglass image during this period and the menu items and toolbar buttons will not function. You may continue to use other Windows applications while a process is underway.   An example of a process is the creaton of a directory map. The time to completion depends upon the number of directories, the level of nesting used within the directory structure, and the number of files being processed.

unregistered version

This product has been released as shareware in order that you may evaluate the program free of charge.   Your licence begins on the day the program is initially run and concludes after 30 days.   If you decide not to register, you must cease using the program after the 30 days has elapsed.

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HOT

Hot Spot: Area within a graphic image that when clicked, displayed information about the image or about that part of an image.

nested sub directories

A directory is not a fixed amount of disk storage nor does it physically begin and end on any hardware based boundary.   A directory can contain files.   A directory can also contain other directories.   The term nested sub directories refers to the set of directories within a particular parent directory.   Nesting directories can greatly simplify management of your hard disk by allowing distinct categories of data.   An example might be to create a directory into which all of your spreadsheet documents would be placed.   Please refer to your Windows documentation or the Windows Program Manager HELP file for instructions on creating new directories.

search parameters

Selected limits which qualify the drive(s) and/or starting directory to be used in producing the reports and displays.

8.3 DOS file name

DOS naming convention.   A file name can consist of a name (from 1 to 8 characters) a period and an extension (from 0 to 3 characters).

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MSAPPS

MSAPPS is frequently used to store components from various Microsoft applications which can be shared between multiple Microsoft applications such as Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel.

application's directory
Directory where File Ferret's executable module (FERRET.EXE) is located.

application's disk
Disk where File Ferret's executable module (FERRET.EXE) is located.

Ram drives

A drive created from memory.   Please refer to your DOS or Windows manuals for information on creating and using Ram Drives.

search paths

Subset of a network volume which begins at a specific directory level.   Contact your network administrator for help on identifying search path volumes.

orientation

Portrait or landscape.   Portrait is the normal setting for letters, landscape is more often used for reports.

launch

This mean run or execute.

programs

In general, files with the extension following extensions:
.EXE
.BAT
.COM
.PIF
are considered programs and may be launched by File Ferret.

associated

Windows establishes file associations with certain types of file extensions.   .TXT files are normally aassociated with the NOTEPAD.EXE applet which is shipped with Windows.   Other applications will also register the file extension names commonly used by the application.

masks
Allows wildcard matching on file names.

GO WORD
A GO word allows you to transfer from one location to another while online with CompuServe.   It is used by typing GO xxxxxx (the go word) at any "!" Prompt.