Welcome to Floppy Boot!

Floppy boot is a very simple menu system for your floppy disks. The main program can remain on your hard drive, or you may keep it on each floppy. Flopboot is started as follows:

FLOPBOOT drivnam:

where drivname is the letter of the drive to be accessed, I.E.:

C\>FLOPBOOT A:
or
C\>FLOPBOOT B:

The drive letter is required.

The menu data is to remain in the root directory of the floppy disk. You may specify up to 22 programs per disk. The menu file is to be called FLOPBOOT.DAT and is created as follows:

\path\filename:Brief description
\path2\filename2:Brief description2

The colons are required, and there is to be NO drive letter specified in the path. An example of one of my files follows:

\GRAPHICS\ANSPAINT\ANSPAINT.COM:Ansi Paint
\GRAPHICS\AOLA\AOLA.COM:Ansi of Los Angeles
\GRAPHICS\MACSHOW\SHOW.BAT:Show PIC Files
\GRAPHICS\THEDRAW\THEDRAW.COM:TheDraw

In some cases, you may include flags and switches on the program names, but it is recommended that if you must use these, create a batch file such as the example for SHOW.BAT above.

The resulting menu for that data above is:

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Programs in menu of disk in drive B:\

==========================================================================
<A> Ansi Paint
<B> Ansi of Los Angeles
<C> Show PIC Files
<D> TheDraw
<Z> Abort Program
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Press the key of your choice.

Upon pressing the appropriate key, you'll see something like:

Executing B:\GRAPHICS\THEDRAW\THEDRAW.COM

And the program will appear.

If you get any errors at this time, there is a problem with the menu data. If you move programs around, don't forget to change the menu data, or you'll get an error! When the program you run from the menu is complete, the menu will come back up. To terminate the program, press Z.

Technical specifications:

—This program was written in Turbo Pascal 5.5 (copyright Borland International)
—It requires at least 16K of memory, and remains resident when the program selected executes.
—This program was tested on an IBM-PC XT compatible with MS-DOS version 3.30.

Known problems:

—This program causes peculiar results when run under 4DOS.
—A new COMMAND processor is loaded when a menu selection is made, stealing another 60K or so of memory.

DISCLAIMER:

I do not warrant this program to be free of defects. If you run this program, you agree not to hold me responsible for any damages, loss of data, or consequential damages produced. Although I believe this program to be safe and sound, you will use it at your own risk.

This program is small that I don't wish to place it into the Shareware stream. If you would like to send any contributions, donations, comments, suggestions, bug reports and the like, I'd love to get them!

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Once again, thanks for using Floppy Boot!