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Overview

Hex FileView is a Windows program which allows you to view any file in a hexadecimal and ANSI/ASCII character format.   Files up to one gigabyte in length can be viewed.
Operations possible with the currently loaded file include comparing, searching, printing and changing file contents.   File attributes, file dates and file times can also be changed on multiple files at once.

Special files:
Sound files (WAV & MID) can be played if you have the appropriate sound drivers.   Picture files (BMP, ICO & WMF) can be viewed as pictures.   The files contained in archive files (ZIP & ARC) can be listed.

Fonts:
All loaded fonts can be viewed with the included program FontView which is accessible from within Hex FileView.

General usage:
Hex FileView is helpful in identifing files when doing system housekeeping and anytime a files internal structure needs to be examined.   Most files internally have clues to their source, examples are copyright notices and header information for database files showing field names and sizes.   With Hex FileView you can view any file to help determine what program it belongs to and its purpose.

File Menu

Load File: With this selection you load the file you wish to view.

Search for String: Use this selection if you want to search for a certain string of characters or hexadecimal values within the currently viewed file.

Write to File: This selection is used to write a string of characters or hexadecimal values to the currently viewed file.   WARNING: Make back up copies of files before using this selection.   Do not make changes to any file (especially .EXE or .COM files) unless you are absolutely sure of what the result will be.

File Compare: To determine if a file is identical to the currently viewed file use this option. If the files are not equal the program will allow you to display both files where the miscompare was found.

Print File: Use this selection to print the currently viewed file or a selected range of it.

Exit: This selection quits the program.

Disk Menu

Show Disk Info: This selection shows information about the disk that you select.   The information includes;   Volume Label, Total bytes & Free bytes.

Options Menu

Copy File: Copies a specified file.

Delete File: Deletes a specified file.

Change File Attributes: Used to change file attributes, file dates and file times.

View Picture: Used to view a currently loaded picture file (BMP, ICO or WMF) as a picture.

Play Sound: Used to play a currently loaded sound file (WAV or MID).

Show ARC/ZIP Contents: Lists the files contained in a currently loaded archive file (ARC or ZIP).

Font Viewer: Runs the FontView program which allows you to view any of your loaded fonts.   For more information about FontView please view its help file.

Environment Options: This selection allows you to change display fonts and colors.

Show System Info: Displays system information such as version of DOS and Windows running on your system, processor type and mode.

Help Menu

Contents: Displays the contents of this help file.

Search for Help on: Allows you to search for help on a topic.

Help on Help: Displays the Windows Help on Help file.

Code Reference: Runs the code reference program which displays information about the ANSI and ASCII character sets and common file extensions.   For more information about the Code Reference program please view its help file.

Registration Info: Displays information about registering Hex FileView.

About: Displays copyright and version information.

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ANSI

American National Standards Institute.

ASCII

American Standard Code for Information Interchange.

Change File Attributes

This selection of the Options Menu is used to change a file(s) date & time and/or a file(s) attributes (The four file attributes are System, Hidden, Read Only and Archive).

To change file attributes:

1 - Select the file or files that you want to change attributes for from the File List by double clicking on the file name(s).   The file(s) will then appear in the   Selected Files list.   (Note: the file date, time and attributes are displayed for the highlighted file name in the Selected Files list.)

2 - Change the attribute check boxes to the desired values.

3 - Click the Set Attributes button.   After clicking the button all the Selected Files will have their attributes set as you indicated in step 2.

To change file date & time:

1 - Select the file or files that you want to change file date & time for from the File List by double clicking on the file name(s).   The file(s) will then appear in the   Selected Files list. (Note: the file date, time and attributes are displayed for the highlighted file name in the Selected Files list.)

2 - Change the file date and time to the desired values in the text boxes in the following format: date = mm/dd/yy   time = hh:mm AM or hh:mm PM

3 - Click the Set "Date - Time" button.   After clicking the button all the Selected Files will have their dates & times set as you indicated in step 2.

Play Sound

This selection of the Options Menu is used to play a sound file.   Sound files have one of the following file name extensions: .WAV or .MID.

After selecting Play Sound the file will begin playing and the Play Sound window will appear. Controls on this form allow you to stop, pause, rewind and play.

Note: to use this feature you must have the proper sound drivers and hardware that support playing sound files.

Environment Options

This selection of the Options menu is used to set the programs file viewer display colors and font.

Titles, text and background colors can be set by clicking on the appropriate button and selecting the your choice of color.

Fonts may be set to either an ANSI character font or the ASCII font.   Only one ASCII font is available which will be displayed immediately after clicking the ASCII Font button.   The number of ANSI fonts available for use in this program is determined by the number of ANSI fixed pitch fonts you have loaded on your system.

The environment settings you choose can be automatically used every time you run this program by checking the "Save Environment Settings on Exit" box.

When you make a change to the colors or font selection, the changes are shown in the Preview window.   After you have finished making your selections then click the Ok button to continue, or press Cancel to return the font and colors to their original settings.

Comments

Please!   Please!   Please!   Send me your comments by postcard or E-mail.   This is the first released version of this program and I need your help to improve it.   My CompuServe ID is 76470,3424   from the Internet this would be 6470.3424@compuserve.com or send a postcard to Tim Carlson, Specific Applications Software, P.O. 6146, Minneapolis, MN 55406-0146.

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