DUMPER MANUAL

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Introduction

After working on your computer for a while, you will find there are so many junk files (such as *.bak, *.swp, *.obj, etc.) scattered all over directories on your drives. They are useless but costing your computer space. Did you ever wish for an easy way to delete those junk files? Now here is the tool which does it all for you. The DUMPER is a trashcan type program which deletes files you specified. Although the File Manager in MS Windows has drag_drop operation to copy and move files, there is no way to delete files by drag_drop. With dumper, you can drag files from the Windows 3.1 File Manager and drop them on the dumper icon. That is all you need to do to delete files. In addition, DUMPER can list and delete files matched with a file name pattern. It will systematically search for the specified files on selected drives and then list/delete them.

Installation

DUMPER uses Borland Windows Custom Controls. BWCC.DLL included in this package must be installed in the directory specified by PATH or the current directory. There are three ways to run DUMPER:

1. You may run dumper in DOS command line when you invoke MS Windows as following (DUMPER.EXE must be in the directory specified by PATH or the current directory):

win dumper

2. The better way is to copy DUMPER.EXE to a convenient directory. Install DUMPER in Program Manager group in the normal way. You can run it by clicking on the DUMPER icon in its program group. Also you can simply install DUMPER in the StartUp group. Windows will run DUMPER at beginning. The result is same as following approach.

3. The another way is to use Microsoft's NotePad or any other ASCII text editor to add the DUMPER.EXE program to either "load=" or "Run" lines in your WIN.INI file. Those lines may look like this:

Load=c:\windows\dumper.EXE Run=c:\windows\dumper.EXE

Instructions

DUMPER appears as an icon which will not be opened to regular window. When you delete a file or files, go into File Manager, select files (File Manager allows multiple selections by using shift_arrow key combination) to be deleted and drag them onto the DUMPER.

When you click on DUMPER icon, it will bring up a system menu. There is a PATTERN option. Clicking on the option, DUMPER will bring up a dialogue box where you can select and unselect drive names and input a file pattern supplied with wide characters (such as, *.bak, *.obj, junk?.*). The drive names can be selected by either clicking on the desired drive name then clicking on ADD button or double clicking on desired drive name. You can

select all drive names available on you machine simply by pushing the SELECT ALL button. The drive names to be selected are listed in the left side box and selected drive names are shown in the right side box. To unselect drives, do the reverse operation. If you check on the DELETE ANYWAY box, DUMPER will delete all files which match the file pattern without any confirm message. If you check on the CONFIRM DELETE box, DUMPER will delete each file with prompting a confirm dialogue box to you. By default (without checking on either box), DUMPER will list all files which match the file pattern on the specified drives.

Limitations

. Works only on systems running Windows 3.1.

. Cannot delete directories.

. Cannot delete items in program group.