WinASCII

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Overview

WinASCII is a utility which scans a file or files and strips out all of the text for display. WinASCII now has "Identifiers".   I supply ~40 identifying strings and there is room for 110 user supplied strings.   These are things like copyright notices, the language and compiler used to make the program (Microsoft C,C++ Borland C++,TurboC,C++, Turbo Pascal for Dos and Windows, BASCIA, GWBASIC, QBASIC) and a few others...   It can tell if a program is for Windows, if its a DOS 5.0 support file (supplied by Microsoft).   It can tell if the program accesses Extended(XMS), or Expanded(EMS) memory or if the program accesses or modifies SmartDRV.

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT

DSI will make every reasonable effort to fix any bugs with the program, and help registered users by answering technical and other related questions.   There are several forms of correspondance available:

1.) US Mail

2.) Telephone

3.) Internet E-mail

4.) Support BBS

If you send disks or listings that you wish returned, be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) with sufficient postage.   If you don't enclose a SASE, your material will not be returned.

If you have problems with using or setting up WinASCII, please have the following information available:

1.) The version of WinASCII.   The version number is displayed on the   in the output file and in the About box.

2.) The computer system your using, ie. American Megatrend 286, VGA, hard drive etc.

3.) A copy of your Autoexec.bat, config.sys, win.ini and system.ini.

4.) Any TSR's that you are running.

5.) Exactly what your problem is written down.

6.) What where you doing when something happened?   Possibly the last thing you did before an ill effect happened or whatever.

Stop

Stop processing and show any data already collected.

Abort

Stop processing and discard any data already collected.

Options

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Exit

Exit WinASCII.

About

Show information about the program.

Drag and Drop

You can drag one or more files from File Manager and drop them on WinASCII.   A new copy of WinASCII will be started to process each file.

Command line

WinASCII can be used from a Windows command line interface such as 4WIN, PSHELL, IMPOSTER, WCOMMAND, etc...   Format is: WINASCII [filename[.ext]]

When used in this way, WinASCII uses the options stored in WINASCII.INI.   It will "Auto-Exit" when finished.

Format:
WINASCII [filename]

File

Open a file for processing.

Toggles

Include file statistics
Minimize output file
Minimize while processing
Auto Exit
Sound
Use identifiers
Use identifiers exclusively
Compressed file warning
Save window position
Show HEX address
Mark copyright info

Viewer

Specify the program you want to display output.   The default is NOTEPAD.EXE but any DOS
or Windows program (including PIF) can be used.

Minimum valid line length

This should be a value between 1 and 79 and tells WinASCII how long each string should be. If you set the value too low, you may have a difficult time finding any text of interest.   If you set it too high, it is possible that no text will qualify.

Registration

After receipt of your registration form and payment you will be ussued a unique number which corresponds to your name.   Entering these values in the appropriate fields registers the program.   It removes the opening About box and brands your name on the program. You can print the registration form from the about box.

Save

Saves the information in from the Options dialog.   You must save after entering the registration information or it will only apply to the current session.

Include file statistics

Append information about the file being processed to the end of the output file.

Minimize output file

Load the viewer as an icon.

Minimize while processing

Shrink to an icon while processing.

Auto Exit

When processing is finished and the output has been displayed exit automatically.

Sound

To beep or not to beep.   If this option is on, any time a message is displayed you will be alerted with a beep.

Compressed file warning

Warn if about to process a file compressed with PKLite, LZEXE, or Diet or an archive such as ZIP, ARJ, LZH.   These types of files will produvce little, if any, valuable information.

Save window position

Save the current position of the window on exit and start at the same place in the future.

Show HEX address

Show the HEX address of the text.

0000:031B:the found text

Mark copyright info

Marks copyright information in the file being processed.

What's new?

Added identifier strings (there are ~40 supplied strings with romm for 110 more).

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Use identifiers

Use indentifier strings to filter output.   A list of the identifiers found will appear at the bottom of the output file.

Use identifiers exclusively

Use indentifier strings to filter output.   A list of the identifiers found will appear at the bottom of the output file.   Only the list of identifiers will be displayed (as well as file statistics if that option is turned on).   If no identifiers are found, you will be asked if you want to re-process the file with exclusive-id turned off.

Priority

Specify an operating priority on a scale of 1 to 150 where 1 is high and 150 is low.   WinASCII defaults to 5 (which is the recommended setting).   If you find that WinASCII is interfering with other programs or just seems to be hogging the system, you should set the priority in increments of 5 until you find a comfortable setting.

WARNING! If you set priority to a number higher than your system can handle (ie setting of priority 1 on a heavily active system) you may get erratic results.   If you find you are getting errors reported from WinASCII or missing identifier strings, try lowering the priority.

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