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Purpose

Windnote (pronounced "windy note") lets you add comments next to the file names in a directory. It is similar in concept to the DOS "Dirnotes" program released several years ago by PC Magazine.

Features

- up to 80 characters of comments for each item in a directory
- accepts comments for sub-directory names as well as file names
- allows switching among directories and/or drives
- automatically stores comments in "windnote.dat" in each directory
- allows Viewing of contents of many kinds of files, to assist in commenting:
 - ASCII text (with Notepad or your standard editor)
 - any file extension associated with a program (Paintbrush, Write, etc.)
 - ZIP, ARJ, and LZH (shows archive table of contents)
- allows deletion of currently-highlighted file (requires confirmation)
- optionally displays file size, date, and time
- allows rapid Search for files in large directories
- can convert DOS "Dirnotes" comment files to Windnote
- Other features are described below

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Installation

Place "WINDNOTE.EXE" in any sub-directory (it's best not to place anything in "\WINDOWS" itself; use a sub-directory under it). To run from an icon in the Program Manager:

- click once on the Program Group you want to use
- click on "File" on the Program Manager Menu bar
- click on "Properties..."
- the dialog box should show "Items". If so, click on "OK"
- set "Description" to "Windnote"
- set "Command line" to the path\name, e.g., \windows\utility\windnote.exe
- optionally, you can place a startup directory after that comand line
- optionally, you can set "Working directory" to "\windows" or another one
- click "OK"
- the Windnote icon should appear in the selected Program Group

Operation

When you start Windnote, it will show you the contents of the startup directory. We recommend setting this at "\windows" as explained above. As dis-tributed, Windnote does not show file size/date/time, and it uses a proportionally-spaced font. You may change these by selecting "Options" from the menu bar.

Windnote lists files alphabetically, followed by sub-directories alphabetically. The first line will be highlighted and the cursor will be to the right of the file name. You may type any comment you wish for any of the files or sub-directories listed. If your comment runs off the end of the screen, the line you're typing will shift to make room for up to 80 characters. You may use the normal Windows mouse and keyboard editing features.

If you make any changes to a Windnote list, that list will be saved automatically when you quit Windnote or switch it to another

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directory. The list's name will be "windnote.dat" and will be in the directory it describes. The commented list will be used the next time you look at that directory through Windnote.

That's all there is to the basic operation of Windnote. Needless to say, there are some other nice features, which you can access from the Menu Bar:

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Help**

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File

Use this for directory and file manipulation:

"**Dir...**" offers a standard Windows "Open" dialog box. You can scroll through it to select the sub-directory or drive you want to access. The **[..]** at the top lets you move up to the parent of the current sub-directory. Double click on the directory or drive you want, make sure its name appears above the box, next to "Directory", and then click "**OK**". The Windnote list for the selected directory will appear.

"**Delete File**" lets you delete the highlighted file. Windnote will ask you to confirm the deletion. You cannot delete a directory or a disk drive.

"**Import comments**" copies existing comments from a DOS "Dirnotes" file, if that file is found in the current directory. It does not change the Dirnotes file. It does ask you whether it's "**OK to lose current comments**" in the Windnote file, so if you've started annotating the directory and don't want to lose your work, choose "**No.**"

"**About dirnotes**" displays the version and copyright notice.

Edit

Use Edit to copy a line within Windnote or to place it on the Clipboard:

"**Copy**" and "**Paste**" operate just within Windote: you can copy a comment to another place in the same list, or to another Windnote list, without using the Clipboard.

"**To Clipboard**" copies the entire line including the file name, to the Clipboard. Another Windows program can Paste this later on. Shift-Del, Ctrl-Del, and Shift-Ins function as normal Windows cut/copy keys, and use the Clipboard.

Search

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Type the beginning of a file name (the first letter or two will do), press "**Enter**" or click "**OK**", and Windnote will highlight the first file matching what you typed. This is useful with large directories. If you type the left bracket "[", Windnote will highlight the first sub-directory.

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View

This lets you examine the contents of many kinds of files. It's useful when you're not sure what comment to make on a file. Windnote selects a viewer this way:

- If the extension is **ZIP**, **LZH**, or **ARJ**, Windnote runs the appropriate archiver, asking it to display the archive table of contents. You must have the necessary archiver available. It is desirable to make a .PIF file for each archiver with the PIF Editor. Choose the PIF option "run in window" and do **NOT** close window on exit. This will give you time to view the archive contents before they vanish from the screen.
- If the extension is in WIN.INI's [extensions] table, Windnote runs the associated program
- Otherwise, Windnote assumes the file is Ascii text and runs the program associated with ".**TXT**" (normally Notepad)

Print

This prints the current directory and comments

Options

Windnote offers two screen-format options:

- **Size, Time** shows the file size, date, and time. The extra information uses more screen space and takes longer to collect than just the names. You still can use 80 character comments.
- **Fixed font** uses a monospace font instead of the normal proportional one. A monospace font makes the screen look more columnar, but the comments take more space.

If you change an option, when you exit Windnote, it will ask you whether to make the new settings the defaults for the future.

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Help

This displays a brief summary of the key and mouse controls.

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Technical Note

The "Windnote.dat" files are slightly compressed to save space; they are not simple "Ascii" files.