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What is WinWisdom?

WinWisdom brings to the Windows 3.x environment some of the best thoughts, sayings, and proverbs. Whether you want to start your day with new quotation, or need a quote reference for your writings, WinWisdom is for you.

WinWisdom actually consist of the following two programs:

1. **WinWisdom Pop-up Quote of the day.** This program is designed to be run when you first start Windows. It will display a different quote everytime you start Windows. You can select more quotes at the click of a button. You can minimize WinWisdom to an icon and double-click on it any time you want another quote. If you prefer, you can set the pop-up timer so that you get another quote at each interval that you set from 1 to 999 minutes. You can even print the ones you like best. Options allow you to customize the colors, fonts, and other attributes of the quote display.

2. **WinWisdom Quote Reference/Editor.** This program serves two purposes. First, it allows you quick and easy access to all of the quotes in your quote packs. This makes it ideal as a writers quote reference. You can search for quotes by subject, author, or any text string. You can then print the quote or clip the quote to the clipboard for easy pasting into any Windows word processor. The second purpose is to allow you to easily maintain your quote packs. Create new quote packs, or add, edit, or delete any quote from any quote pack.

WinWisdom is distributed as shareware. You may use it free for a 15 day trial period. If you like it and continue to use it you **must** register your copy with the author. To register your copy, see **How to register** in this help file.

WinWisdom is written using Visual Basic for Windows version 3.0.

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How to Change Colors and Fonts

Changes are made in the **Fonts and Colors** window. To display this window, select the **Options** menu, then select the **Fonts and Colors** item.

The **Fonts and Colors** window consists of two drop-down list boxes, one for the font and the other for font sizes. There are also three groups of three vertical scroll bars for selecting the colors of the main quote window background, the quote text and quote text background. And finally, there is a sample quote display to show you what your selections will look like.

You may change any of the items given in this window. Each change made will cause the sample to be updated with your new choices. When you are satisfied with your new display settings, choose the **OK** button. To exit without changing the settings, select the **Cancel** button.

If you change any of the default settings, WinWisdom will create file WINWIS.INI to keep track of your changes. WINWIS.INI will be placed in your Windows directory.

NOTE: The colors are selected by manipulating the red, green and blue components of the color. Many colors will be dithered, especially if you run Windows in 16-Color mode. For text backgrounds, the color displayed will be the nearest solid color. Many color choices will cause strange effects between the form background and the text background.

How to Change Fonts

Changes are made in the **Fonts and Colors** window. To display this window, select the **Options** menu, then select the **Fonts and Colors** item.

The **Fonts and Colors** window consists of two drop-down list boxes, one for the font and the other for font sizes. There are also three groups of three vertical scroll bars for selecting the colors of the main quote window background, the quote text and quote text background. And finally, there is a sample quote display to show you what your selections will look like.

You may change the font or font size by choosing the appropriate list box and clicking on your selection. Changes will cause the sample to be updated with your new choices. Changing the font will affect both the Pop-up quote display as well as any quotes you choose to print. Changing the font size, however, only affects the Pop-up quote display since the font size used in printing will depend on the form size selected.

When you are satisfied with your new display settings, choose the **OK** button. To exit without changing the settings, select the **Cancel** button.

If you change any of the default settings, WinWisdom will create file WINWIS.INI to keep track of your changes. WINWIS.INI will be placed in your Windows directory.

How to Change Display Options

You can change the quote text justification, whether or not the subject is displayed, and by setting the timer, you can choose when a quote is displayed.

Changes are made in the **Display Options** window. To display this window, select the **Options** menu, then select the **Display Options** item.

The **Display Options** window is composed of three sections. The first is the **Justify Text** option. You may choose from **LEFT**, **RIGHT**, or **CENTER** justification (NOTE: Right justification looks horrible, I only included it for completeness). Below that is the **Display Subject?** option. You can select whether or not you wish to display the subject with the quote by clicking on either the **YES** or **NO** radio buttons to make your choice.

On the right side of the **Display Options** window is the **Pop-Up Timer** option. Choose **YES** or **NO** depending on whether or not you want to enable the pop-up timer option. The Pop-Up timer allows you to continuously receive quotes throughout your windows session. Quotes will be displayed at each interval you specify in Minutes. You can specify from 1 to 999 minutes. When you have the Pop-up timer enabled, clicking **OK** from the Pop-up quote display will minimize WinWisdom to an icon. When the specified interval has passed, it will Pop-up another quote. Note: When the timer is **not** enabled, clicking **OK** on the Pop-Up quote display will terminate the WinWisdom Quote of the Day program. To terminate the WinWisdom Quote of the Day program when the timer is enabled, choose **Exit** from the **File** menu.

When you are satisfied with your new display settings, choose the **OK** button. To exit without changing the settings, select the **Cancel** button.

If you change any of the default settings, WinWisdom will create file WINWIS.INI to keep track of your changes. WINWIS.INI will be placed in your Windows directory.

How to Enter Quotes

To enter quotes, you must be running the Quote Reference/Editor program. If you are in the Quote of the Day program, select **Open** from the **File** menu. This will launch the Quote Reference/Editor program and open the quotepack you currently have selected for Quote display. If this is not the quotepack into which you wish to enter quotes, select **Open** from the **File** menu in the Quote Reference/Editor program and choose the appropriate quotepack.

Once you are in the Quote Reference/Editor program with the appropriate quotepack selected, you can add new quotes by pressing the **Add** button on the toolbar, or by selecting the **Add** item from the **Quote** menu. This will display an empty quote editor window where you may enter the subject, author, and text of the new quote. Press **Save** to save the new quote or press **Cancel** to exit without taking action.

To enter quotes into a new quotepack, choose **New** from the **File** menu of the Quote Reference/Editor program. The file dialog will display for you to enter the filename (no extension) of the new quotepack to create. Press **OK** when you have entered the filename and are ready to proceed. Press **Cancel** to exit without taking action.

When you press **Save**, the new quote is written to the currently selected quotepack. The quote list will be redisplayed with the subject (or author if the author list is displayed) of the new quote selected and the quotes in that subject/author displayed in the quote list.

Note: When you are adding quotes, the **Add** button on the toolbar will remain selected. To enter additional quotes, all you have to do is press enter whenever the Quote Reference/Editor dialog is redisplayed.

How to Print Quotes

From the Quote of the Day program, you can print the currently displayed quote by pressing the **CTRL** key and the **'P'** key at the same time or selecting **Print Quote** from the **File** menu.

From the Quote Reference/Editor program, you can print the quote which is highlighted in the Quote list by pressing the **CTRL** key and the **'P'** key at the same time, selecting **Print Quote** from the **File** menu, or by pressing the **Print** button on the toolbar.

Regardless of how you print the quote, it will be printed to the default printer setup in Windows. WinWisdom will also adjust the print to fill any page size you have selected. The font selected in the **Fonts and Colors** window is also used for printing, but the font size will be adjusted depending on the page size. It will print landscape or portrait. If you do not achieve the desired effect, choose another page setup in Windows and print again.

WinWisdom will print using the default border unless you specify another one on the **Print Borders** window. To select a different border choose **Print Borders** from the **Options** menu. Click on the border you wish to use, then press **OK**. To indicate the current selection in this window, the selected border will use white lines on a black background, the others will have black lines on a white background. Press **Cancel** to exit without changing the border.

How to Create a Quotepack

To create a new quotepack, choose **New** from the **File** menu of the Quote Reference/Editor program. The file dialog will display for you to enter the filename (no extension) of the new quotepack to create. Press **OK** when you have entered the filename and are ready to proceed. Press **Cancel** to exit without taking action. After the file is successfully created an empty quote list window is display so that you can enter your own quotes.

You will also have the opportunity to enter a longer more descriptive filename. This longer filename will be displayed in the **File** dialog as well as in the status bar of the Quote Reference/Editor dialog.

Note: A WinWisdom quotepack consist of one physical files with a .MSD extension. WinWisdom will create this file using your filename and adding the extension.

How to Find Various Quotes

You can look for quotes by any text string you want (up to 35 characters). Any and all quotes containing that text string will then be listed in the quote list. You can then choose to **Print** or **Clip** any of the matching quotes.

To find quotes matching a text string, select **Find** from the toolbar or choose **Find** from the **Quote** menu. When you select **Find** you will be asked for the text string to search for. After the search is finished, the quote list is redisplayed with all of the matching quotes listed.

Note: The **Add**, **Edit**, and **Delete** functions are disabled as long as the **Find** list is displayed. Once you re-select **Authors** or **Subjects**, these functions will be re-enabled.

How to Copy a Quote to your Word Processor

You can copy quotes to any Windows word processor by selecting the **Clip** button on the toolbar or by choosing **Clip** from the **Quote** menu. Then you can switch to your word processor and Paste the quote into your document.

Note: The quote will be formatted in a similar fashion to that used in the pop-up quote of the day program. However, all word processors don't handle the formatting characters in the same manner. Therefore, it is likely that you will have to reformat the quote once you have pasted it into your document.

How to Register

WinWisdom is shareware, it is **NOT** public domain. The registration fee is **\$15** (US) with a free 15-day trial period. If you intend to use WinWisdom beyond the trial period you **must** register your copy by filling out the form in file REGISTER.TXT from the WinWisdom distribution package or providing the same information written on a sheet of paper and sending it along with your registration fee to:

Richard Pitts
P.O. Box 963
Alpharetta, GA 30239

Remember to specify your disk size.

You will receive the following with your registration:

- + The registered version of the program (without the registration reminder screens).
- + The most current version available.
- + Full Quotepacks. At the time of this writing, there are over 3000 quotes in 4 Quotepacks. These 4 quote packs are grouped into Ancient Wisdom, Humorous Quotes, Motivational Quotes, and Miscellaneous/General Quotes.
- + A file conversion program to convert WinWisdom 3.0-3.x files to the new format used in this version, just in case you built quote packs with an unregistered copy of previous versions of WinWisdom.

Remember, your registration supports shareware development. The ability to provide future releases depends on your support.

New File Command

Use this command to create your own WinWisdom Quotepacks.

When you select this item, you will be asked to select the directory and enter the filename. Do not enter a file extension. A WinWisdom quotepack consist of one physical file with a .MSD extension. WinWisdom will automatically create this file using your filename and adding the extension.

You will also have the opportunity to enter a longer more descriptive filename. This longer filename will be displayed in the **File** dialog as well as in the status bar of the Quote Reference/Editor dialog.

After the quotepack is successfully created, an empty Window is displayed so that you can now enter your own quotes.

Select File to Use Command

Use this command to select a WinWisdom quotepack from which to select the Quotes used for the Pop-up display.

Selecting this command will display the file dialog. Select the file you wish to use and press **OK** or press **Cancel** to exit without changing anything. If you select a new file, the file and directory will be written to the WINWIS.INI file and you will be returned to the main Pop-Up Quote display.

The next time a quote is displayed, it will be from the newly selected quotepack.

File Open Command from the Pop-Up Program

Use this command to select a WinWisdom quote pack for additional processing such as entering additional quotes, searching for a quote, or printing a quote.

Selecting this command will launch the Quote Reference/Editor program and open the quote pack you currently have selected for Quote display.

The quote list window will be displayed with the first subject in the subject list selected and the quotes in that subject displayed in the quote list.

File Open Command from the Reference/Editor

Use this command to select a different WinWisdom quotepack for additional processing.

The file dialog will be displayed requesting the quotepack to be opened. Once you have chosen a Quotepack, the quote list window will be displayed with the first subject in the subject list selected and the quotes in that subject displayed in the quote list.

Note: Whenever you open a quotepack that is different from the quotepack you currently have selected in the Quote Pop-Up program, the newly opened quotepack will then become the currently selected quotepack from which to display your quote of the day.

File Merge Command

Use this command to copy one quote pack into another.

This command will display the file dialog to request the quote pack to be merged into the currently selected quote pack. The quote pack from which the quotes are being merged is not modified in any way.

For larger quote packs, this function may take several minutes to complete.

Scramble File Command

Use this command to change the order of the quotes in the currently selected quote pack.

When you add quotes to a quote pack, the quotes are stored and subsequently displayed in the same order that you enter them. In many cases, you might enter several quotes on the same subject or by the same author. In order to disperse these quotes throughout the quote pack, use the **Scramble File** command.

For larger quote packs, this function may take several minutes to complete.

Compact File Command

Use this command to reorganize and reduce the amount of disk space used by the currently selected quote pack.

As you add, change, or delete quotes from a quote pack, or whenever you use the **Scramble** command, the database becomes less efficient in its use of disk spaces. Use this command to free up unused space and reorganize the space that is used.

Repair Database Command

Use this command to attempt to repair a damaged WinWisdom Quotepack.

Under rare circumstances (such as losing power during an update operation), the indexes used in the database may be damaged. As a first step to attempt recovering the quote pack, try executing this command. It will attempt to rebuild the database indexes.

In general though, a better strategy would be to keep your backups current. The very nature of WinWisdom suggest static data files; so even an old one should be current.

Change File Description Command

Use this command to change the long filename of a quotepack.

Whenever you create a new quotepack, you are given the option of entering a longer, more descriptive filename. The longer filename is listed in the file dialog and is also displayed in the Quote Reference/Editor window. Use this command to change the long filename of an existing quotepack.

Print Quote Command

Use this command to print the currently displayed quote on the main quote display window.

The quote will be printed to the default printer setup in Windows. WinWisdom will also adjust the print to fill **any** page size you have selected. It will print landscape or portrait. If you do not achieve the desired effect, choose another page layout in Windows Print Manager and print the Quote again.

Print Quote Command From the Reference/Editor

Use this command to print the currently selected quote in the quote list box.

You can print the quote which is highlighted in the Quote list by pressing the **CTRL** key and the **'P'** key at the same time, selecting **Print Quote** from the **File** menu, or by pressing the **Print** button on the toolbar.

Regardless of how you print the quote, it will be printed to the default printer setup in Windows. WinWisdom will also adjust the print to fill any page size you have selected. The font selected in the **Fonts and Colors** window is also used for printing, but the font size will be adjusted depending on the page size. It will print landscape or portrait. If you do not achieve the desired effect, choose another page setup in Windows and print again.

WinWisdom will print using the default border unless you specify another one on the **Print Borders** window. To select a different border choose **Print Borders** from the **Options** menu. Click on the border you wish to use, then press **OK**. To indicate the current selection in this window, the selected border will use white lines on a black background, the others will have black lines on a white background. Press **Cancel** to exit without changing the border.

The quote will be printed to the default printer setup in Windows. WinWisdom will also adjust the print to fill any page size you have selected. It will print landscape or portrait. If you do not achieve the desired effect, choose another page layout in Windows Print Manager and print the Quote again.

Exit Command - Pop-Up

Use this command to terminate the WinWisdom Pop-Up quote of the day.

Note: When the Pop-Up timer is enabled, using the Exit command from the menu is the only way to terminate WinWisdom. If the Pop-up timer is **not** enabled, then the **OK** button on the main quote display will also terminate WinWisdom.

Exit Command - Reference/Editor

Use this command to terminate the WinWisdom Reference/Editor Program.

Add Quote Command

Use this command to add quotes to the currently opened WinWisdom Quotepack.

When you select this command, the WinWisdom Quote Editor dialog will be displayed so that you can enter the new quote. When you have completed the new quote, press the **Save** button to save the quote.

If you have checked the Confirm New Authors or Confirm New Subjects options on the Confirmations screen and either one is not already on the database, then you will get another screen requesting confirmation of the new item.

To exit without adding the new quote, press the **Cancel** button.

Edit Quote Command

Use this command to edit quotes from the currently opened WinWisdom Quotepack.

When you select this command, the WinWisdom Quote Editor dialog will be displayed so that you can modify the selected quote. When you have completed the changes, press the **Save** button to save the quote.

If you have checked the Confirm New Authors or Confirm New Subjects options on the Confirmations screen and either one is not already on the database, then you will get another screen requesting confirmation of the new item.

To exit without changing the selected quote, press the **Cancel** button.

Delete Quote Command

Use this command to delete quotes from the currently opened WinWisdom Quotepack.

If you have checked the Confirm Quote Delete option on the Confirmations screen then you will get another screen requesting confirmation of the deletion.

To exit without deleting the quote, select the **Cancel** button.

Find Quote Command

Use this command to find quotes from the currently opened WinWisdom Quotepack which contain a certain word or phrase.

When you select this command, a dialog will be displayed requesting the text that you wish to search for. When you have entered the text and pressed **OK**, the Quote list will be redisplayed showing all of the quotes in the quotepack which contain the text you entered.

To return to either the Author or Subject listing, just press one of those buttons on the toolbar or select **Authors** or **Subjects** from the **Quote** menu.

Note: Whenever you use the **Find** command, the **Add**, **Edit**, and **Delete** commands will be disabled. If you wish to use one of these commands after using the **Find** command, you must first select either the **Subjects** or the **Authors** command.

Clip Quote Command

Use this command to copy quotes from the currently opened WinWisdom Quotepack to the Windows Clipboard.

When you select this command, the currently selected quote will be copied into the Windows Clipboard. You may then switch to any Windows word processor and paste the quote into your document.

Note: The quote will be formatted in a similar fashion to that used in the pop-up quote of the day program. However, all word processors don't handle the formatting characters in the same manner. Therefore, it is likely that you will have to reformat the quote once you have pasted it into your document.

Subjects Command

Use this command to select Subjects as the primary view of the Quotes listed in the quotes list.

When you select this command, the quotes displayed in the quote list will be grouped by Subject. All of the subjects currently in the quote pack will be listed in the list box on the upper left. The quotes displayed in the bottom list box will all be of the currently selected subject

Note: This is the default view. Whenever you first enter the WinWisdom Quote Reference/Editor it will be set for **Subject** view.

Authors Command

Use this command to select Authors as the primary view of the Quotes listed in the quotes list.

When you select this command, the quotes displayed in the quote list will be grouped by Author. All of the Authors currently in the quote pack will be listed in the list box on the upper left. The quotes displayed in the bottom list box will all be of the currently selected subject

Confirmation Command

Use this command to specify whether various confirmation messages are to be displayed.

When you select this command, a dialog is displayed which will request the which actions you wish to receive confirmation messages on. You may select to receive confirmation messages on the following items:

- Quote Print
- Quote Delete
- New Subjets
- New Authors

You may change any of the items given in this window by clicking in the check boxes. When you are satisfied with your confirmation settings, choose the **OK** button. To exit without changing the settings, select the **Cancel** button.

Note: Getting confirmation messages on New Subjects and Authors is a good way to make sure you have not misspelled anything.

Fonts and Colors Command

Use this command to display the **Fonts and Colors** windows to change the font, font size and the colors used in WinWisdom.

The **Fonts and Colors** window consists of two drop-down list boxes, one for the font and the other for font sizes. There are three groups of three vertical scroll bars for selecting the colors of the main quote window background, the quote text and the quote text background. And finally, there is a sample quote display to show you what your selections will look like.

You may change any of the items given in this window. Each change made will cause the sample to be updated with your new choices. When you are satisfied with your new display settings, choose the **OK** button. To exit without changing the settings, select the **Cancel** button.

NOTE: The colors are selected by manipulating the red, green and blue components of the color. Visual Basic doesn't support true 256 colors. Many colors will be dithered. For text backgrounds, the color displayed will be the nearest solid color. Many color choices will cause strange effects between the form background and the text background.

Display Settings Command

Use this command to display the **Display Options** windows to change various aspects of the quote display in WinWisdom.

You can select whether or not to display the subject each time a quote is displayed by selecting **YES** or **NO** under **Display subject?**.

You can also choose to justify the quote either **LEFT**, **RIGHT**, or **CENTER** by selecting the appropriate radio button under **Justify Text**.

Both the **Display Subject?** and **Justify Text** options apply to the screen and printer.

The **Pop-Up Timer** allows you to choose to have WinWisdom continue to display quotes throughout your Windows session. To choose this option, click on the **YES** radio button and then enter the number of minutes you want between each display of a quote. When this option is selected, the **OK** button on the main quote display window will minimize WinWisdom to an icon. When this option is not selected, clicking **OK** on the main window will terminate WinWisdom. In order to terminate WinWisdom with this option selected, chose **Exit** from the **File** menu.

When you are satisfied with your new display settings, choose the **OK** button. To exit without changing the settings, select the **Cancel** button.

Print Borders Command

Use this command to display the **Print Borders** windows to select the border to be use when printing a quote from WinWisdom.

The currently selected print border will appear with white lines on a black background. The others have black lines on a white background. You may click on a new border to select it or tab through the borders with the TAB key.

When you are satisfied with your selection, choose the **OK** button. To exit without changing the border to be used, select the **Cancel** button.

Setup WinWisdom in Program Manager

In order to use the WinWisdom pop-up quote-of-the-day feature, you will need to do one of the following depending on whether you are running Windows 3.0 or 3.1.

If you have Windows 3.0, do the following:

1. Using any text editor (Notepad is good for this, SysEdit is better), open the WIN.INI file in your Windows directory.
2. Several lines down from the top of the file, you will find a line which begins with 'RUN='. This line tells Windows what programs to run after it boots. Change this line to read: RUN=WINWIS.EXE [plus any other startup programs].
3. Save the WIN.INI file. The next time you start Windows, WinWisdom will pop-up displaying your quote-of-the-day.

If you have Windows 3.1 you can do the above, or the following:

1. Open the group that you have designated as your start-up group (by default, the group is 'StartUp').
2. From the File menu, select 'New', then select 'Program Item'.
3. Type WinWisdom as the description (or anything else you want to call it) and type WINWIS.EXE as the command line.
4. If you put WinWisdom in a directory other than the Windows directory, you will need to type the directory in the working directory field, and add the directory to the command line field.