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INTRODUCTION:

WinWeather is a shareware program that brings hourly weather reports and forecasts, satellite images (and WeatherCams!), and ski reports to your PC! With an Internet connection, you'll be able to get the latest weather and weather reports on cities all over the United States and around the world. No need to remember strange Internet addresses---if you can click a mouse, you can use WinWeather!

WinWeather is only \$19.95!

New in 2.0:

WinWeather 2.0 is a major new release offering many new features:

- 1) Satellite images.
- 2) WeatherCams - Realtime images of scenery and weather around the United States.
- 3) Ski Reports.
- 4) Ability to add new cities that are available from the servers (but not in the program.)
- 5) Automatic notification and downloading of upgrades.
- 6) Automatic updating of server addresses.

WinWeather 2.0 (like all upgrades) is a completely free upgrade for registered WinWeather users!

ABOUT INSANELY GREAT SOFTWARE:

Insanely Great Software was founded in 1988 by myself (Adam Stein) while I was a freshman in high school. A lot has happened since then, and we're now going full steam ahead with our work now that I've graduated from the Wharton School of Business (with a concentration in entrepreneurial management.) The name comes from Steve Jobs, who often called things he really liked "insanely great." It's also our motto---and our standard. We aim to make your experience with us one worthy of our name: from product quality to technical support.

We also aim to bring you the advantages of a small company without sacrificing the professionalism of a large corporation. So you'll be able to talk to me personally whenever you'd like (try talking to the President or programmer in large companies like Microsoft or Lotus!), but you'll also be able to order by credit card 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from our toll-free 800 order lines. (As well as fax, email, and regular mail!) And we ship within 24 hours, so that you won't have to wait for your products any longer than necessary! We'll even ship your order out Airborne Express if you desire. International customers can get express shipping as well---usually arriving in less than a week depending on your country---for very inexpensive rates.

We also offer contract programming services for both Microsoft Windows and the Apple Macintosh. From Internet client-server to standard applications and low-level utilities, we're ready to serve you. We use all the latest tools---like Microsoft's Visual C++ with MFC, Borland C++ with OWL, and Visual Basic. We also work off-site, providing you with a 100% outsourced solution---including fixed price contracts---taking all the risks of software development out of your hands and into ours. If you need to have any software developed (or even a component), don't hesitate to contact us at 1-800-319-5107.

REGISTRATION/ORDERING INFORMATION:

WinWeather is shareware---or try before you buy software---which means that you can freely distribute WinWeather, but that you have to pay the registration fee (\$19.95) if you use it.

Shareware is based on trust---authors rely completely on the honesty of their users. It is up to users like you to keep it alive. I put a lot of time and energy into WinWeather to make it the product it is today. I also spend a lot of time each day helping out users---registered and non-registered alike---by phone, email, and mail. It's hard work (especially when I was a full-time

college student!), but the support from users all over the world (in over 35 countries) has more than made it worthwhile. I wouldn't give this up for anything in the world---and I'm excited about the future of Insanely Great Software and shareware in general.

Some users do not send in their fees thinking that others will send in their fees. But in reality, every user is kind of a barometer of everyone else. If you do not send in your fee, most likely, others will not send in their fees. If users do not send in their fees, shareware authors will stop producing quality software. We will all lose in the end if we do not support shareware.

When I receive your registration for WinWeather, I'll send you (within 24 hours!) the most up-to-date (the version you're currently using may be old) registered version eliminating the opening shareware registration notice and the "Unregistered" window titles in WinWeather. You'll also be entitled to comprehensive, unlimited FREE support from the author by mail, email, fax, and phone.

Order now and you'll receive:

1. The absolute latest version of WinWeather with all the latest features---and without the registration reminder dialog box.
2. Shareware versions of other great shareware programs from Insanely Great Software.
3. A **FREE** registered copy of Opportunity for Windows, our personal information manager program that we normally sell for \$29.95!

How to Register:

We believe that perhaps the best way for us to show you our appreciation for your order is to make the registration process as easy as possible!

You can register by phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phone (both Toll-FREE and international lines), fax, email, or mail. We gladly accept checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard, and P.O. Orders. And since we ship within 24 hours, you won't have to wait long to receive the products you order.

And since WinWeather uses the Internet, you can even order directly from within the program! Just click on the Register button, and then click on the Order Form button to complete an order form. You can then email the order form directly to us, or print it out for later faxing or mailing.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to Insanely Great Software and drawn on a US Bank in \$US. We will also accept cash, although we recommend that you wrap it in paper so that it doesn't get "lost" on the way!

Ordering by Phone:

We're open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for your convenience.
Call Insanely Great Software Toll-FREE at **800-319-5107**.
International users should call **908-548-5107**.

Ordering by Mail:

To order by mail, print the ORDER.TXT file and mail it to:
Adam Stein
Insanely Great Software
126 Calvert Ave. E.
Edison, NJ 08820

If the ORDER.TXT file isn't available, feel free to just include the necessary information, or print the order form by clicking on the **Register** button, completing the Order Form Wizard, and printing out the order form.

Ordering by Fax:

We welcome your fax orders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just fax your name, address, credit card information, and the name(s) of the product(s) you'd like to order to:

908-632-1766. You can also fax us a copy of the ORDER.TXT file, or fax the order form by clicking on the **Register** button, completing the Order Form Wizard, and printing out the order form for later faxing.

Ordering by Email:

We can accept email orders through America Online, Compuserve, and the Internet. Just send your name, address, credit card information, and the name(s) of the product(s) you'd like to order to:

America Online: **AdamStein**

Compuserve: **71140,2051**

Internet: **igs@netcom.com**.

(Feel free to email us a copy of the ORDER.TXT file as well.)

Ordering by P.O. Order:

We welcome P.O. Orders by mail or fax from institutions that can only order by PO Order.

Pricing & Shipping Options:

WinWeather is only \$19.95!

If you'd like to order more than 10 copies, please contact us for site license and volume discount information.

Shipping and handling is \$5 per order for addresses in the US and Canada, and \$7.50 for international shipping.

We also offer overnight shipping in the U.S. via Airborne Express for \$15 per order. International express shipping is available for only \$20 per order.

WINWEATHER DOCUMENTATION:**Installing WinWeather:**

Installing WinWeather is easy. If you received this file in a compressed file format such as the zip file format (zip files end with .zip), you'll first need to decompress the program with PKUNZIP or a similar program. Decompression programs are available pretty much wherever shareware is available, so please contact your shareware provider (such as a BBS, online service like America Online or Compuserve, or a disk vendor) for a decompression program if you don't have one available. Decompress all the files into the same directory on your hard drive, or onto a floppy disk. Either method will work fine.

If the files were not compressed (or you just decompressed them), you can install WinWeather by opening the **setup.exe** file. If you received WinWeather on a floppy disk, you can most likely run the setup program by selecting Run... from the File Menu in File Manager or the Program Manager, and typing A:\setup.exe [enter]. Change the A:\ to the letter that represents your floppy drive, or the directory on your hard drive that you copied the WinWeather distribution files to such as C:\downloads\weather\setup.exe [enter] if the WinWeather files were stored inside the downloads\weather directory as in this example.

The installer will install the files in the directory you specify. (The default directory is C:\weather).

Configuring WinWeather:

To Configure WinWeather, click on the Configure button.

Cities:

To add a city:

- 1) Select the state or region from the State: list on the left side of the window.
- 2) Select the city from the Available Cities: list that you'd like to add to the WinWeather window.
- 3) Click on the > button to add the city to the Selected Cities: list box.

To remove a city:

- 1) Select the city that you'd like to remove from the Selected Cities: list on the right side of the window.
- 2) Click on the < button to remove the city from the Selected Cities: list box.

Options:**Show Data:**

Date/Time
Temperature
Humidity
Pressure
Wind
Weather
Forecast button

You can click on any of these items to show or hide a data item in the WinWeather window.

Window Options:

Always on Top - Makes the WinWeather the topmost window so that it "floats" over all other windows.
Caption - Shows the window title.
Clock - Displays the current time in the window title.
Toolbar - Displays the toolbar at the top of the WinWeather toolbar.
Header - Displays the names of the data categories at the top of the WinWeather window.

Metric units - Displays weather data in metric units.
Animations - Animates the current weather icons.

Refresh period - Sets the number of minutes between automatic updates of weather information.

Advanced:

These options are intended for advanced users and will most likely not need to be changed.

Primary weather host - Internet address for the primary weather data host.
Secondary weather host - Internet address for an alternate weather data host.
Primary SMTP host - Internet address for the primary email host.
Secondary SMTP host - Internet address for an alternative email host.

(If the email options within WinWeather fail to work, you might want to contact your Internet provider to get the name of your local SMTP host.)

Fonts:

Caption
City
Temperature
Medium
Small
Forecast

Click on the ... buttons for any of the above sections to change the font used to display the respective items.

Using WinWeather:

WinWeather is undoubtedly one of the easiest to use programs for Windows!

Once you're connected to the Internet, just double-click on the WinWeather icon from Program Manager to open up WinWeather. (If you're not connected to the Internet, WinWeather will let you know that it can't initialize the WinSock interface.)

WinWeather will then automatically update itself when it starts up, and also update itself on intervals based on the Refresh time. (Default is every 60 minutes.)

To see a weather forecast for a US city, simply click on the **Fct...** button, or click anywhere on the city line. You can copy weather forecasts to paste into other applications by clicking on the **Copy icon** button in the forecast window. To print the forecast, click on the **Printer icon** button.

You can update the weather information at any time by clicking on the **Refresh** button. Please note however that new weather information is only typically updated from the host at hourly intervals and can sometimes be delayed.

To access satellite and other images, simply click on the Images button and then select the image you'd like to see.

Images may not always be available---we'll also be updating a special file on our server (that WinWeather will look for) which will provide new images and correct/delete images that are no longer available.

Ski reports are also available by clicking on the Ski button and then clicking on a state.

Special Features:

About:

You can contact IGS directly by email from within the WinWeather program. Just click on the **About** button and then click on IGS Company. Then click on **Send letter to IGS** to email a message to IGS.

Register:

You can order a registered copy of WinWeather directly via email from within the WinWeather program. Just click on the **Register** button and then click on the **Order form** button to complete the ordering/registration process.

FTP:

WinWeather also has a free built in ftp browser from which you can download new versions of WinWeather, other programs from IGS, and files from around the world!

Just click on **FTP** from the main WinWeather window toolbar. Then, click on the **IGS Server** button to go directly to the IGS file server.

We've also provided a button for the CICA server which is probably the most popular Windows software site on the Internet and a great place to get new Windows shareware.

Finally, if you'd like to access a different ftp site, simply type in the host address and/or directory in the respective text fields to access that site.

UPGRADERS:

All Upgraders:

If WinWeather has problems getting weather data, try the following:

- 1) Click on the Configure button.
- 2) Click on the Advanced option.
- 3) Change the primary weather host to um-weather.sprl.umich.edu or downwind.sprl.umich.edu.

We'll also be updating the servers remotely through a special file on our server that WinWeather can access to update itself.

If you continue to have problems, please contact us by email or phone.

Registered Users:

If you're a registered WinWeather user, please email us at igs@netcom.com and we'll be happy to email you the registered version 2.0 of WinWeather.

BETA TESTING:

I'm always looking for good beta testers, and all registered users are more than welcome to join our beta testing team.

Beta testers are an invaluable part of the development process. As a beta tester, you'll not only help me find bugs in my software, but also discuss new features and make suggestions that guide the development of our products.

I currently do all my testing on America Online, a commercial online service, and the Internet. America Online is the most inexpensive of the commercial services, and their email system is particularly well-suited for beta testing. If you're not already an America Online user, you can get their starter software kit and 10 hours free by calling 800-227-6364. Users (especially international users who do not have access to America Online) are welcome to beta test through the Internet. I do not use CompuServe for regular beta testing due to their current cost structure.

To join our beta testing team, just send an email message to AdamStein on America Online (or AdamStein@aol.com on the Internet) with your name and address so that I can confirm that you're a registered user.

TECH SUPPORT:

Technical support is available to all users of WinWeather at no charge. Please contact us if you have any problems with or questions about WinWeather. We're also very open to suggestions for improvements to the program.

Email support is available via any of our above email addresses, or directly from within the program (just click on the "About" button and then click on "IGS Company"). You can also contact us by phone at 908-548-5107. Faxes can be sent to 908-632-1766. On American Online, send email to AdamStein. On CompuServe, send email to 71140.2051. Internet users (and users of any service with access to the Internet) can reach the author at igs@netcom.com.

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