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TRACK IT! Coins is designed to let you catalog, organize and track your stamp collection.

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View Box

The View Box consists of several descriptive fields of the current highlighted coin on the main window. The View Box is located at the top of the main window and consists of the following descriptive fields: Country, Description, Face Value, Market Value, Purchase Price, Premium Value, Year, Quantity and Condition.

Coin List Box

This lists a portion of the coins that have been entered and recorded.   You may scroll through these at will to find, view, change or delete the desired coin.   The active coin will be highlighted and information pertaining to it will appear above in the **View Box**.   The Coin List Box displays the Country, Face Value, Year and Description.   You may double click on a coin to edit it or you may select the **Edit Button** to edit the highlighted coin.

Add

Selecting the Add Button takes you to the **Coin Input Dialog**.   All fields will be set to their initial default values (mostly blank).   Information can now be entered about a coin.

Edit

Selecting the Edit Button takes you to the **Coin Input Dialog**.   All fields will be set to the values entered previously for the particular coin selected.   Information can now be modified if desired.

Coin Input Dialog

This allows you to enter all the information about a particular coins.   Information includes the **<u>Country</u>**, **<u>Face Value</u>**, **<u>Market Value</u>**, **<u>Description</u>**, **<u>Purchase Price</u>**, **<u>Premium Value</u>**, **<u>Mint Mark</u>**, **<u>Year</u>**, **<u>Quantity</u>**, **<u>Date Acquired</u>**, **<u>Topic</u>**,   **<u>Condition</u>**,   and **<u>Miscellaneous</u>** items.   These characteristics can be **<u>cleared</u>** for an easy start-over of entering the coin information as well as **<u>Canceling</u>** the whole input.   An easy method for **<u>adding</u>** new countries and for coin identification in **<u>finding</u>** countries is also available.

Delete

Selecting the Delete Button allows you to remove the selected coin from the data base. You will be prompted to make sure that you want to delete the coin before actual deletion takes place.

Close

Selecting the Close Button terminates the program.

Search

Selecting the Search Button activates the **Search Dialog**.   You may enter a variety of search information to locate the desired coin.   After a search has been initiated and a match has been found, the **Next Button** will become enabled.   You may then use the Next Button to find subsequent matches of the same search criteria that you had previously entered.

Next

The Next Button is only available after an initial **search** has been performed.   Selecting the Next Button tells the program to search for the next occurrence of the prior search criteria.   You may continue to use the Next Button to keep finding additional occurrences until all have been found.

Help

Selecting the Help Button activates the help system.   The help system displays the main topic of the area from where help was selected.

Report

Selecting the Report Button activates the **<u>Report Dialog</u>**.   You may view and print a variety of reports.

Search Dialog

The Search Dialog allows you to enter search criteria to locate a given coin.   The following information can be searched upon: **Country**, **Face Value**, **Description**,   **Year**,   **Topic**,   and/or **Condition**.   You may select to search on one item or multiple items.   For example, if you want to search for all 1990 coins, then enter 1990 in the Year field.   If you wanted to search for all 1990 coins from Bulgaria, then enter 1990 in the Year field and select Bulgaria in the Country field.   Where text is entered, you need only enter that portion of the text that you want a search to take place on.   For example, under description, you could enter "plant" to find all coins that had the word "plant" in the description.   This would find all descriptions with "plant" and "plants".   If you just wanted to find "plants", then you would enter "plants".

Once the search criteria has been entered, you select the OK Button and the search immediately takes place.   If for some reason you decide that you do not want to perform a search after all, then you may select the Cancel Button.   The Clear Button is available as a tool to quickly clear all the search fields so different search criteria can be entered.   Once search criteria has been entered, it is remembered so that the next time you want to perform a search, the last search criteria used will be present.

Report Dialog

The Report Dialog allows you to **<u>view</u>** or **<u>print</u>** a variety of reports.   The report type is determined by selecting a **<u>Sort</u>** Order and a Report **<u>Style</u>**.

Add (Menu)

Selecting Add from the Menu performs the same operation as the **Add Button**.

Edit (Menu)

Selecting Edit from the Menu performs the same operation as the **Edit Button**.

Delete (Menu)

Selecting Delete from the Menu performs the same operation as the **Delete Button**.

Maintenance (Menu)

Selecting Maintenance from the Menu actives the **Maintenance List Dialog**.   Here you may maintain a list of Countries and Topics for your coins.   The software comes with predefined countries and topics which are commonly used.   You may however, at your discretion, add new countries and topics or remove them.   If you are only collecting three kinds (topics) of coins, then you may wish to list just those topics as all others will have no meaning.   Alternatively, if you are collecting coins from only one country, you may wish to list just this country.

Exit (Menu)

Selecting Exit from the Menu terminates the program.

Report (Menu)

Selecting Report from the Menu performs the same operation as the **Report Button**.

File (Menu)

Selecting File from the Menu brings up a submenu consisting of **Add**, **Edit**, **Delete**, **Maintenance** and **Exit**.

Help (Menu)
Selecting Help from the Menu brings up a submenu consisting of **Contents** and **About**.

Contents (Menu)

Selecting Contents from the Menu invokes the help system and brings you to the Index within it.

About (Menu)

Selecting About from the Menu displays the version number of the program and the copyright notice.

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You may add a country by filling in the country edit box and then selecting the Add Button.   To delete a country, you highlight the desired country inside the list box and then select the Delete Button.   If you wish to modify a country, you will need to first delete it, then add it back in with the correct spelling.   You may add, remove and modify Topics in the same manner.

Finding Countries

When beginning as a coin collector, it is not always easy to identify which country a coin originates from. The following list shows most of the common inscriptions found on coins and indicates the country of origin.   As you become acquainted with coins, many of these will become familiar to you and you will not need to reference this list.

Belges
  Belgium
Belgie
  Belgium
Belgique
  Belgium
Britt
  Great Britain
Britan
  Great Britain
Britannia
  Great Britain
Britanniarum
  Great Britain
Buenos Ayres
  Argentina
Ceskoslovenska
  Czechoslovakia
Danske
  Denmark
Deutches Reich
  Germany
Eesti
  Estonia
Eire
  Ireland
Espanas
  Spain
Fid Def Ind Imp
  Great Britain
Filler
  Hungary
Forint
  Hungary
Francaise
  France
Helvetia
  Switzerland
Hispania
  Spain
Island
  Iceland
Kroner
  Denmark, Norway
Kronor
  Sweden
Magyar
  Hungary
Markaa

Finland
Nederlanden
Netherlands
Oesterreich
Austria
Polska
Poland
Polski
Poland
Sed Vacante
Papal States
Suid Afrika
South Africa
Zloti
Poland
Zlotych
Poland

Adding Countries

Selecting the Add Button from the **Coin Input Dialog** actives the **Maintenance List Dialog**.   Here you may maintain a list of Countries and Topics for your coins.   The software comes with predefined countries and topics which are commonly used.   You may however, at your discretion, add new countries and topics or remove them.   If you are only collecting three kinds (topics) of coins, then you may wish to list just those topics as all others will have no meaning.   Alternatively, if you are collecting coins from only one country, you may wish to list just this country.

Country

This is where you select the coin's country of origin.   If the country is not in the list of countries, then you may select the **Add Button** where you can add the country to the list.   If you are unsure of what country the coin comes from, you may select the **Find Button** which may be able to assist you in locating the country.

Face Value

This is the value of the coin that is printed on the coin.   This is often called the denomination of the coin. For example, a dime has a face value of 10 cents.

Market Value

This is the price that a collector can expect to pay for a coin.

Description

This is a description of the coin.   This may be a simple description of what is on the coin, words that appear on the coin or just about anything you wish to enter that will distinguish this coin from others.

Year

This is the year that the coin was issued.

Quantity

This is the number of coins that you have that fit the particular description.   Remember, if the condition is different between several of the same coin, you probably would want to list them separately.

Date Acquired
This is the date that you acquired the coin.

Topic

It is possible to group coins by topics or type and many collectors do indeed collect in this fashion.   Many possibilities are available.   Some topics would include animals, birds or portraits.   Specialty types might include FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization) coins.   Because of the   range of topics available, it is possible to create and modify the list of topics.   You may modify this list by selecting the **Maintenance** command under the **File** command in the menu.   Alternatively, the **Add Button** located in the **Country** block also takes you to the **Maintenance List Dialog**.

Condition

Coins fall into several categories of conditions.   The value of the coin is effected by the rarity of the coin and the condition of the coin.   Coins in better condition will obviously be worth more than those that are not.   Listed below are the common conditions used in rating coins.

Uncirculated

This is a coin that is in perfect new condition.   All writings and markings must be extremely clear.   There must be no sign of wear or serious damage.   Sometimes new coins are packed and shipped loosely creating light scratches or scuffs.   Uncirculated coins are usually brilliant, but they do not have to be.

Extremely Fine

This is a coin that is just about in the same condition as an uncirculated coin.   However, it will show the slightest signs of wear or rubbing at the highest points on the coin.

Very Fine

This is a coin where the design is still quite clear, but there will be obvious signs of wear.   The lettering may be worn, but the outline of every letter must still be clear.   There will be smooth spots of wear on the highest points of the coin.

Fine

This is a coin that is worn quite a bit, but is still considered desirable.   The basic outline remains clear, but much of the fine detail has been lost.

Very Good

This is a coin that is worn a lot, but not necessarily unattractive.   There should not be any large gouges or other mutilations on the coin.   They can, however, be scratched.

Good

This is a minimum condition coin.   The major parts of the coin should be distinguishable and the date and mint mark should be legible.

Fair

This is a coin sometimes referred to as a "space filler".   These are usually undesirable by collectors. They may have only partial dates or designs due to wear.   They remain "space fillers" in collections until a better coin can replace them.

Poor

This is an undesirable coin.   They are usually bent, corroded or completely worn down.

Miscellaneous

There are many miscellaneous categories for coins.   Some of the more popular ones are listed below and explained.

Commemorative

This is a coin that is created to honor an outstanding person or event.   The United States has issued at least 50 silver and 10 gold commemorative coins.   These coins were never intended for normal circulation resulting in most of these coins being in uncirculated condition.   Most of these coins were dedicated to special occasions such as the Oregon Trail Memorial (1926) or the Daniel Boone Bicentennial (1934).

Controller Coin

These are the coins of a given series that are the rarest, hardest to get and the most valuable.   A list of U.S. controller coins are provided below:

Lincoln Head Cents: 1909S(VDB), 1909S, 1910S, 1911S, 1912S, 1913S, 1914D, 1915S, 1921S, 1922D, 1923S, 1924D, 1924S, 1926S, 1931D, 1931S, 1933D
Others becoming rarer: 1932, 1933, 1939D, 1954, 1955S

Jefferson Nickels: 1938D, 1938S, 1939D, 1939S, 1942D
Others becoming rarer: 1949S, 1950, 1950D, 1951S, 1955

Roosevelt Dimes: 1949S, 1950S, 1951S, 1952S
Others becoming rarer: 1947S, 1954S, 1955P, 1955D, 1955S

Washington Quarters: 1932D, 1932S, 1936D, 1940D, 1955

Franklin Half Dollars: 1948, 1949, 1953, 1955, 1956

Indian Head Cents: 1864 (L on ribbon), 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1877, 1908S, 1909S

Buffalo Head Nickels: D and S coins through 1928, 1937D (3 legged buffalo)

Mercury Head Dimes: 1916D, 1919D, 1919S, 1921P, 1921D, 1926S, 1927D
Others becoming rarer: 1930S, 1931D, 1931S

Standing Liberty Quarters: 1916, 1917D, 1917S, 1918S (over 17), 1919D, 1919S, 1923S, 1926S, 1927S
Others becoming rarer: 1926D, 1927D, 1929D, 1929S, 1930S

Standing Liberty Half Dollars: 1916, 1917D, 1917S, 1919P, 1919D, 1919S, 1921P, 1921D 1919S, 1938D

Gold

This is a coin that is made out of gold.

Silver

This is a coin made out of silver.

Coin Update

Selecting the Update Button saves all the information about the coin and returns you to the main window.

Coin Cancel

Selecting the Cancel Button aborts any changes you have made regarding the coin.   You are returned to the main window.

Coin Clear

Selecting the Clear Button removes all information about the coin that may have been entered and sets all values to the initial default values.

Support

Registration

Registration of **Track It! Coins** will bring you the latest version of the program, a printed manual and removal of shareware screens and watermarks.

Support

Insight Software Solutions offers a three month period during which any reported major problems with the software will be updated for free.   If a major problem cannot be resolved, then a refund of money will be made.   Support is offered throught the following channels:

Mail:

      Insight Software Solutions
      P.O. Box 354
      Bountiful, UT   84011-0354

Phone: 801 295-1890

Fax: 801 299-1781

CIS: [71672,3464]   (Compuserve)

BBS: 801 963-8721 (Join Conference 4)

Note: CIS & BBS are usually monitored daily.

Sort By

You may have your reports sorted in one of six ways.   These are as follows:

Country

This will generate a report where the coins are grouped by country.   A subheading consisting of the coin's country of origin will appear above all coins from that country.   A list box is available so that you can print out the coins for a single country if desired.   You may wish to do this after updating coins for a particular country instead of printing the entire list out again.   To print an entire list, you would select the **ALL COUNTRIES** choice in the list box.

Topic

This will generate a report where the coins are grouped by topic.   A subheading consisting of the coin's topic will appear above all coins in that topic.   A list box is available so that you can print out the coins for a single topic if desired.   You may wish to do this after updating coins for a particular topic instead of printing the entire list out again.   To print an entire list, you would select the **ALL TOPICS** choice in the list box.

Condition

This will generate a report where the coins are grouped by condition.   A subheading consisting of the coin's condition will appear above all coins of the given condition.   A list box is available so that you can print out the coins for a single condition if desired.   You may wish to do this after updating coins for a particular condition instead of printing the entire list out again.   To print an entire list, you would select the **ALL CONDITIONS** choice in the list box.

Year

This will generate a report where the coins are grouped by their year of issue.   A subheading consisting of the coin's issue year will appear above all coins issued that year.

Face Value

This will generate a report where the coins are grouped by their face value.   A subheading consisting of the coin's face value will appear above all coins with the same face value.

Style

The style of the report determines the amount of information you want printed about each coin.   These consists of three different options.

1 Line Description
This will generate a report where there is only one line of data for each coin.   The information included is the Country, Year, Mint Mark, Condition, Face Value and Description.

2 Line Description
This will generate a report where there are two lines of data for each coin.   The information included is the Country, Year,   Mint Mark, Face Value, Market Value, Premium Value, Quantity, Condition and Description, .

Full Description
This will generate a report where all the information about a coin is printed.   This requires 4 lines of data for each item.

Print

Selecting the Print Button generates the desired report and sends it to the printer.

View

Selecting the View Button generates the desired report and sends it to the screen to be viewed.

Premium Value

This is the price that one can expect to sell a coin for.

Purchase Price

This is the price you paid to obtain a coin.

Mint Mark

This is a small letter that is found on the coin that indicates where the coin was made.   A list of U.S. mint marks follows:

No Mark	1792--	Philadelphia, PA
D	1838--1861	Dahlonega, GA
C	1838--1861	Charlotte, NC
O	1838--1909	New Orleans, LA
S	1854--1955, 1968--	San Francisco, CA
CC	1870--1893	Carson City, NV
D	1906--	Denver, CO
P	1942-1945	Philadelphia, PA