

INCREDIBLE CLIPART

User Manual

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Section 1

Getting Started

Introduction

Welcome to the *Incredible Clipart*. The perfect image to fit your demanding needs is just a mouse click away. You can easily locate clipart by using the *FastFind* feature to search by category and/or keywords. Once you've found an image, you can export it to your favorite graphics and word processing applications in a variety of file formats. You can also modify an image with editing tools including: sizing, flipping, rotation, and color reduction.

Installing Incredible Clipart

Before you can run *Incredible Clipart*, you will need to install the program by following the steps below:

1. Insert the *Incredible Clipart* CD into your CD-ROM drive and start Windows.
2. From the Program Manager, select **File, Run**. Enter the following on the command line, where 'x' is the drive letter of your CD-ROM and click **OK**:

X:\SETUP

3. Follow the instructions on your screen to install *Incredible Clipart*.

Starting and Exiting Incredible Clipart

The installation procedure creates a *Incredible Clipart* group box and icon on your desktop. To start the program, double-click on the *Incredible Clipart* icon.

To exit or quit *Incredible Clipart* at any time, close all dialog boxes including the *FastFind* screen and choose **File, Exit**.

On-Line Help

For context-sensitive help from any screen in *Incredible Clipart*, click on the **Help** command on the top line of the menu bar or press **F1**. A context-sensitive **Help** button is also available on each dialog box. Make liberal use of this feature to learn more about the program.

Section 2

Displaying Images

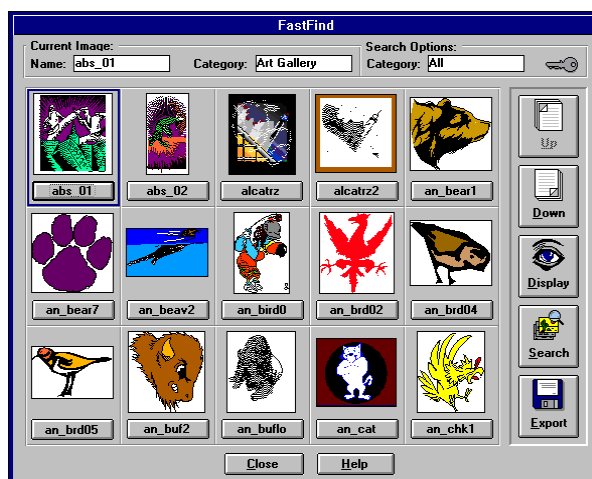
Opening an Image from the File Menu

The **File** menu is the quickest way to open an image if you already know the image's filename. Each image is pictured in Appendix A along with its filename.

To open an image by using the **File** menu follow the steps listed below:

1. Select **Open** from the **File** menu.
2. Highlight an image name shown in the list box.
3. Click the **OK** button.

FastFind - The Fastest Way to Find an Image



FastFind Screen

The *Incredible Clipart* CD contains over 500 images. *FastFind* allows you to preview thumbnails in “pages” of 15 images at a time. From within *FastFind* you can open and display images full screen, search for clipart, and export with the click of a button. Follow the steps below to open an image from within *FastFind*:

1. Select *FastFind* from the **File** menu.
2. Select the page of thumbnails which contains the desired image using the **Page-Up** and **Page-Down** buttons and/or the **Search** button.
3. Click on the button below the image you wish to open.

At the top of the *FastFind* screen you will find the following information describing the currently selected image and search options:

Current Image

Name: The name of the currently selected *FastFind* image. You will also find a blue frame surrounding the current image.

Category: The category the currently selected image belongs to.

Search Options

Category: The current category being displayed. This can be changed by clicking on the **Search** button. For instance you can view all the images containing animals by setting the *Search* category to “Animals”. The *Search* feature is explained in more detail in the topic titled: *Using the Search Feature*.

Key Symbol: If the key symbol is displayed in yellow, then the *Search* options contain a keyword search. This will limit the number of images being displayed to only those which represent the currently selected keywords. If the key symbol is gray, there are no keywords in use.

The following features are available by clicking on the *FastFind* buttons:

FastFind Buttons

Page-Up and Page-Down: Click on the **Page-Up** and **Page-Down** buttons to move between each page of clipart images.

Display: The **Display** button opens the currently selected image, which you can then modify and export. **Search:** Click the **Search** button to open up the *Search* dialog box. This feature allows you to view clipart images by categories such as “Transportation” or “Sports”. In addition a keyword search is available to view images which match selected words such as “Dog” or “House”.

Export: This will open the *Clipart Export* dialog box. Use this to set image attributes and export clipart in various file formats.

Using the Search Feature

The *Search* feature is a powerful tool for quickly and easily finding the clipart you need. By using a combination of categories and keywords you can make your search as broad as 500 images and as narrow as all Transportation clipart containing cars.

Category: Click on the clipart **Category** to be displayed. Choose from All or select from one of the following categories:

Animals
Art Gallery
Borders
Graphics
Music
Party
People

Plants
Potpourri
Scenery
Sports
Structures
Transportation

Keywords: Use the **Keywords** option to limit the clipart displayed to only those in the category selected which also match the current keywords. For example: setting **Category** to Animals and **Keywords** to “cat” would display thumbnails of all the images in the Animals category which also contain cats. By keeping “cat” as your **Keywords** and setting **Category** to All, *Incredible Clipart* would expand the search for cats to include all other categories. Use commas to separate multiple keywords.

Match Whole Word Only: Check this box to control how keyword matching is performed. For example using a keyword of “Fish” will yield the following matches depending on whether **Match Whole Word Only** is checked on or off:

Keyword = “Fish”

Match Whole Word Only Box

Checked

Unchecked

Image Keywords Matched

Fish

Fish, Fishing, Fisherman

Section 3

Modifying Images

Using the Image Menu

Once you have opened an image and it is displayed on the main screen, you can modify the image attributes by using the **Image** menu. All the commands in this menu modify the clipart image currently displayed and the image can then be exported using these new settings.

Rotating and Flipping

Rotations of 90, 180, and 270 degrees are available as well as Flip Horizontal and Flip Vertical. Rotating an image turns the image counter clockwise, while flipping an image actually produces a mirror effect in the direction selected. By default each image is opened in its original orientation.

To rotate or flip an image, follow the instructions below:

1. With an image displayed, choose **Image** from the main menu.
2. Click on **Rotate**.
3. Select the rotation option of your choice.
4. Image rotation can also be selected in the *Clipart Export* dialog box when you export an image directly from the *FastFind* screen.

Resizing

To resize the currently displayed clipart image, follow these steps:

1. Choose **Resize** from the **Image** menu. This will open the *Resize* dialog box.
2. Change the values in the **Width** or **Height** boxes. If the **Maintain Aspect Ratio** box is checked, the values in **Width** and **Height** adjust together in the same proportions.
3. Click on the **x 2** or **/ 2** buttons to quickly multiply both the width and height values by 2 or divide the values in half respectively. If you enter a value greater than the maximum size available for the image you will receive a warning message and the values will be set to the maximum settings automatically.

Note: If you need to export the clipart image with a resolution greater than the maximum value, export the image as a Windows Metafile. You can then pull the exported image into your target application and resize the image to the desired size without losing image quality.

The image size can also be set using the *Clipart Export* dialog box when you export an image directly from the *FastFind* screen.

Changing Image Colors

There are four modes in which clipart can be displayed: 256 colors, 16 colors, gray scale, or black and white. Each clipart image is opened and displayed in 256 colors by default. You can also select whether dithering is used when converting to color depths other than 256. For example dithering can produce a smooth color transition when you need to convert a complicated 256 color image to 16 colors. Take a look and compare the results you receive when dithering is set both on and off. Remember dithering only effects color levels other than 256.

To change the clipart color format, open an image and follow the instructions below:

1. From the main menu, choose **Image, Color**.
2. Click on the option that describes the color format of your preference.

The color format can also be selected in the *Clipart Export* dialog box when you export an image directly from the *FastFind* screen.

Revert to Original Settings

If you have modified the currently displayed image and are not happy with the results, choose **Revert to Original Settings** from the **Image** menu to start over. This will reopen the clipart image with its default settings for color, rotation, and size.

Section 4

Exporting Images

Available Export File Formats

Incredible Clipart supports exporting the following file formats:

BMP	Windows bitmap
PCX	PC Paintbrush
TIF	Tagged image file format
WMF	Windows metafile forma

These formats are used by a majority of the popular graphics and word processing applications available today.

If you select a file format **other** than Windows Metafile the image will be exported just as you see it displayed in the main screen, saving any modifications you may have made.

The Windows Metafile format will export the image as it was originally created, discarding all image modifications. The advantage to choosing this format is that Metafiles are “vector based” images rather than “raster based”. Simply put, “vector based” images can be resized to any dimension without losing image quality. If you need an image with dimensions greater than 800 x 600 pixels, export the image as a Windows Metafile and then resize it in your target application.

If you have used *Incredible Clipart* to manipulate an image, such as changing colors, rotation or size, export the image using the BMP, PCX, or TIF format.

You can export any clipart image by choosing **Export** from the **File** menu or by clicking on the **Export** button in the *FastFind* screen.

Exporting an Image from the File Menu

To export a clipart image by using the **File** menu:

1. Open the file to be exported using the **Open** command in the **File** menu or by clicking on the **Display** button in the *FastFind* screen.
2. Modify the image if necessary by using the **Image** menu to change color, rotation or size.
3. Select **Export** from the **File** menu
4. From the *Export* dialog box, set the **Save File as Type** option (in the lower left corner) to the type of file you wish to export.

Set the **Drive** option to the disk drive corresponding to where you want the file to be stored.

Next, set the **Directory** by clicking on the folder with the name of the directory where you want the image to be stored. If your directory name is not shown, use the scroll bars to scroll to the top of the directory listing. Double click on the top folder that shows C:\ next to it (or the letter corresponding to your hard drive). This will list all directories on that drive. Now, scroll to the directory of your choice and double-click.

Finally, click in the **File Name** area and type a valid file name. It is important to enter a file name extension (the three letters that follow the period) which corresponds to your selection in **Save File as Type**.

Exporting an Image from the FastFind Screen

To export a clipart image from within the *FastFind* screen:

1. Click on **FastFind** from the main menu.
2. Click once on the thumbnail of the image you wish to export.
3. Click the **Export** button
4. The *Clipart Export* dialog box allows you to choose the size, color format, and rotation of the exported image.
5. Click on **OK** to save your export selections.
6. Enter a filename for your exported file. (For additional assistance with the *Export* dialog box, see Step 4 in the instructions under *Exporting an Image from the File Menu*, above.)

Section 5

Getting Additional Help

Contacting Technical Support

Technical support is available for those situations that cannot be resolved with the manual or Help screens. Our customer service department is open during standard West-coast business hours. Our telephone number is (714) 553-6575.

Alternatively, you may fax your questions to (714) 553-6585. Please provide your name and either a dedicated fax number (24 hours/day) or an address to send a response. In addition, please be very detailed with your questions. Responses will be sent within 5 business days.

Or, you can write us at:

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Irvine, CA 92714

When you call, please have the following information available:

1. The version of DOS, Windows and *Incredible Clipart* that you are using.
2. The type of computer you are using (CPU, RAM, Video Display, etc.)
3. The exact nature of the problem, including the steps to repeat the problem.

Please place your call while in front of your computer so that we can walk through the solution with you.