WhirlDisc Manual

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1.2 Introduction

WhirlDisc is a viewer for the World Book(TM) encyclopaedia. It currently
only displays text. It has been tested with various 1998 and 1999 PC
editions of the encyclopaedia, but doesn't work with Macintosh editions. Of
course, you must own an original World Book(TM) CD-ROM to use
this software.

I don't have much time to work on this program anymore, so I'd be glad if
anybody (or a number of people) wanted to take it over to develop it
further. It's released under the GNU GPL.

1.3 System Requirements

The following are needed to install and run WhirlDisc:

    - An original World Book(TM) CD-ROM.
    - OS 3.0 or greater.
    - About 330kb of free RAM.
    - About 330kb of disk space.

1.4   Usage

Before you run WhirlDisc you must ensure that the program's DATADRAWER
ToolType is set to the location of the encyclopaedia files. It will usually
be the name of the encyclopaedia's CD-ROM.

WhirlDisc can be used with several different versions of the encyclopaedia.
When you use a particular version for the first time, an index for that
version is created and written to disk. This may take about thirty seconds.

The first thing to appear is the search window. The search engine isn't very
sophisticated at present; you usually have to be exactly right in what you
type in. To find a person named "John Smith" you should enter "smith, john".

The Subjects list contains topics related to the search words entered.
Clicking on one of the subjects causes the titles of related articles to
appear in the Articles list below.

Click once on an article title to display that article. Multiple article
windows can be open simultaneously. In addition to the scroll gadgets, the
up and down cursor keys can be used to move through the text.

1.5   Thanks

I would like to thank the following people:

  - Mark Adler, for writing the info-zip decompression code used in
    WhirlDisc.
  - Dirk Stoecker, for making the info-zip decompression code more
    Amiga-friendly.

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1.8 History

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  - First release.