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What is INI Manager?

Martinsen's Software INI Manager was developed for advanced Windows users who want the ability to modify their INI files in a safe, yet simple, manner. Below is a list of some of the major features implemented in INI Manager:

1. At startup, INI Manager will display a list of all of the INI files found in your Windows directory.
2. Prior to making any changes, the current INI file will be backed up.
3. Upon completion of ANY changes to the INI file, INI Manager will flush the Windows cache of the current INI file. This will force any applications that depend on the INI file to reread the file, which will in fact update all applications that use the currently selected INI file.
4. Complete sections or single line entries can be safely deleted using the Delete Section and Delete Key features.

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A Review of INI Files

An Initialization file (often referred to as a INI file for the most common three character extension used by these files) is a file format used by almost all Windows applications and some DOS applications. They usually contain startup information and user preferences for a particular application. For example, when you click a check box in a preferences dialog box, an application may write down the status of that check box (either unchecked (0) or checked (non-zero) to an INI file. This allows an application to "remember" the status of the check box the next time you start the application or load this dialog box. It is with the aid of INI files that applications become "intelligent".

INI Files use the following format:

[Section]
Key=Setting

A **Section** represents the group of keys that relate to a particular feature.

A **Key** is the object or feature to which the setting applies. (i.e. IsCheckBoxChecked=0)

A **Setting** is the value (either text or numeric) of a key. (i.e. LastFileOpened=C:\ME.TXT)

A Word of Caution

INI Manager is designed for INI files that have unique Sections and Keys. Files like SYSTEM.INI and CONFIG.SYS (DOS 6.0) do not use unique keys (i.e. multiple "device=device.drv" lines). On files of this nature, INI Manager will ONLY write the first occurrence of a section and key that match the specified section and key. **Using INI Manager of files with identical keys within the same section could cause corruption of your INI file. It is therefore recommended that these entries be edited manually using either notepad or [Edit Edit Section](#).**

Note INI Manager *will not* load device= entries into the List Keys List Box.

Example of a file with identical keys within the same section:

[Section1]
Key1=Setting1
Key1=Setting2
Key1=Setting3

Example of a normal INI file:

[Section1]
Key1=Setting1
Key2=Setting2
Key3=Setting3

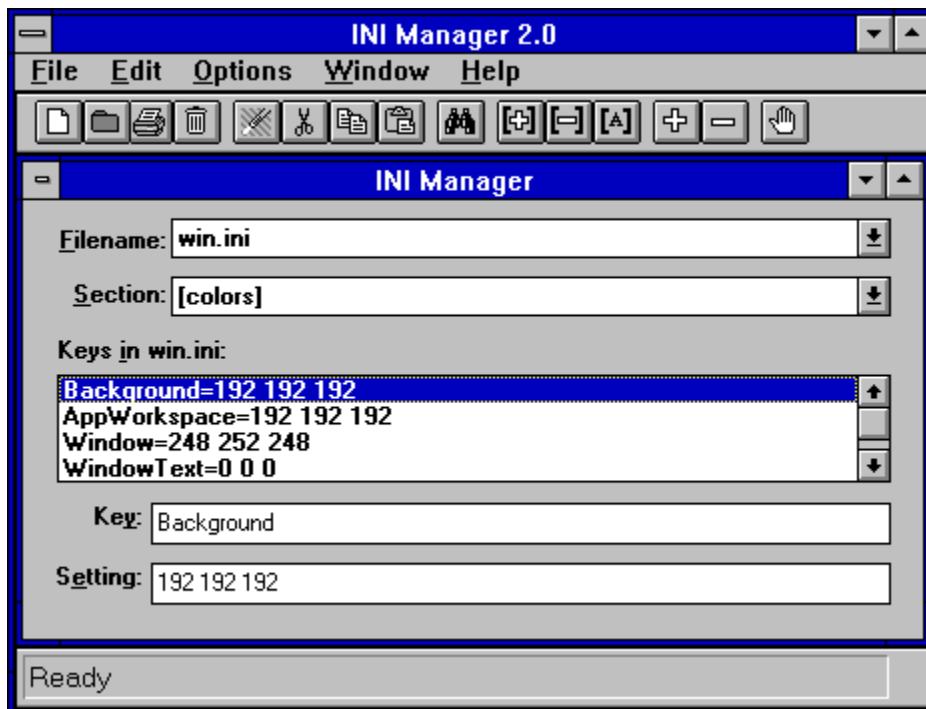
[Section2]
Key1=Setting1
Key2=Setting2
Key3=Setting3

New Features

Feature	Benefit
Create File	Create new INI files without leaving INI Manager.
Delete File	Delete existing INI files without leaving INI Manager.
Edit Section	Edit a section just like you would in notepad.
Multiple Document Interface	Open multiple windows at one time and exchange data from different files.
Print	Print out your INI file with the section names in bold letters!
Search	Search an INI file for a section, key, or setting just like you would in notepad!
Show and Edit Comments	Display, edit and create comments in your INI files.
Sort Keys	Get a listing of a section as it appears in the INI file, or alphabetically sorted.
Speed Keys	All of your favorite features can be accessed by just pressing a single key combination.
Toolbar	All of your favorite features are just a click away.

And much more!

INI Manager Window



Toolbar

	<u>File New Window</u>
	<u>File Change Path</u>
	<u>File Print</u>
	<u>File Close Window</u>
	<u>Edit Undo</u>
	<u>Edit Cut</u>
	<u>Edit Copy</u>
	<u>Edit Paste</u>
	<u>Edit Search</u>
	<u>Edit Add Section</u>
	<u>Edit Delete Section</u>
	<u>Edit Edit Section</u>
	<u>Edit Set Key</u>
	<u>Edit Delete Key</u>
	<u>File Exit</u>

Status Bar

The status bar displays information about the object currently under the mouse pointer, and other useful information.

File Menu

Menu Item	Description
New Window	Opens a new INI Manager Window.
Close Window	Closes the currently active INI Manager Window.
Create File	Creates a new INI File.
Change Path	Changes the current directory and updates the currently active window.
Delete File	Deletes the currently active file.
Print	Prints the currently active file.
Exit	Terminate the current session of INI Manager.

Edit Menu

Menu Item	Description
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Undo* Undo (or Redo) the last action in the currently active text box.

Cut* Cuts the selected text from the currently active text box into the clipboard.

Copy* Copies the selected text from the currently active text box into the clipboard.

Paste* Paste text from the clipboard into the selected text from the currently active text box.

Section

Add Section Add a new section.

Delete Section Delete the currently active section.

Edit Section Edit the currently active section in a separate window. Using this option, you may add comments to your INI files.

Key

Set Key This option uses the data in the Key Text Box. If the text is the currently active key then that key will be updated. If the key is different, then it will be added as a new key.

Delete Key
Deletes the currently active key.

Search Searches the currently active INI file for the data you specify.

*** = Applies to text boxes ONLY!**

Options Menu

If the these items are checked, the option is in effect.

Menu Item	Description
Confirm Edits	Prompts a dialog box to confirm all edits.
Show Comments	Shows comments in the List Keys List Box.
Sort Keys	Sorts the List Keys List Box in alphabetical order.
Status Bar	Displays the status bar.
Toolbar	Displays the toolbar.

Window Menu

Menu Item	Description
Cascade	Cascade all open windows.
Tile Horizontal	Tile all open windows horizontally.
Tile Vertical	Tile all open windows vertically.
Arrange Icons	Arranges the icons of all minimized windows.
Refresh	Refreshes the currently active window. This is useful when INI files are deleted or changed by another application while INI Manager is running.

Help Menu

Menu Item	Description
Contents	Displays the contents window of INIMAN.HLP.
Search	Searches INIMAN.HLP for a specific topic.
Help on Help	Displays help on using the WINHELP.EXE.
About	Displays version information about INI Manager.
Register	Displays a registration form for registering your copy of INI Manager.

Filename Combo Box

This list displays all of the files with the extension ini in the current directory.
To change the current directory, see [Change Path](#).

Section Combo Box

Displays the sections of the currently active INI file.

List Keys List Box

Displays all of the keys and settings in the currently active section.

Key Text Box

Displays the key currently selected in the List Keys List Box. If this item is modified, INI Manager will add it as a new key.

Pressing **ESC** in this text box will clear its contents. This is very useful when adding a new key.

Setting Text Box

Displays setting of the currently selected key. This is where you will change the setting of the key listed in the Key Text Box.

Pressing **ESC** in this text box will clear its contents. This is very useful when adding a new key.

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Speed Keys

Key	Description
F3	Edit Search
F5	Window Refresh
SHIFT+F3	Window Tile Horizontal
SHIFT+F4	Window Tile Vertical
SHIFT+F5	Window Cascade
CTRL+A	Edit Add Section
CTRL+D	Edit Delete Section
CTRL+E	Edit Edit Section
CTRL+F4	File Close Window
CTRL+H	File Change Path
CTRL+N	File New Window
CTRL+P	File Print
CTRL+S	Edit Set Key
ALT+F4	File Exit

