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WinDIZ Overview

WinDIZ is a utility to make it easy (using Windows) to view and edit description files contained in zipped files. The most commonly used description formats are FILE_ID.DIZ and DESC.SDI. Most major BBS systems use one of these two file. WinDIZ supports only these two file types

To use WinDIZ, simply drop one or more files onto it using the File Manager. After WinDIZ has determined the files to be valid zipped files and that they contain one of the two description file formats, you're ready to go!

Uses For WinDIZ:

Easily view and edit all those files you have downloaded from BBS systems, on-line services or InterNet FTP sites.

WinDIZ can also be used to imbed description files into archived files from work or home.

The Future Of WinDIZ:

WinDIZ is a subset of a program called WinDIZ Directory (not yet released). WinDIZ Directory will take the information the WinDIZ extracts from a zipped file and compile it into a database. The database will contain file name, directory, date, description, notes and much more. WinDIZ Directory will also update itself to keep files and descriptions current. WinDIZ Directory will also generate reports and perform searches. For more info about WinDIZ Directory release date and pricing, please contact us at the address or e-mail address listed in 'About The Developer'.

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About The Developer

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WinDIZ as created with the following programs:

Visual Basic 3.0 Pro for Windows

WinDIZ uses the following shareware programs:

PERCN2.VBX/ FMDROP1.VBX: Developed By-James Shields,P.O. Box 31926,Seattle, WA 98103-1926 ,CompuServe ID: 71231,2066

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Visual Help V2.0e - Developed By: WinWare, P.O. Box 2923, Mission Viejo CA 92690. CompuServe Address: 70272,1656

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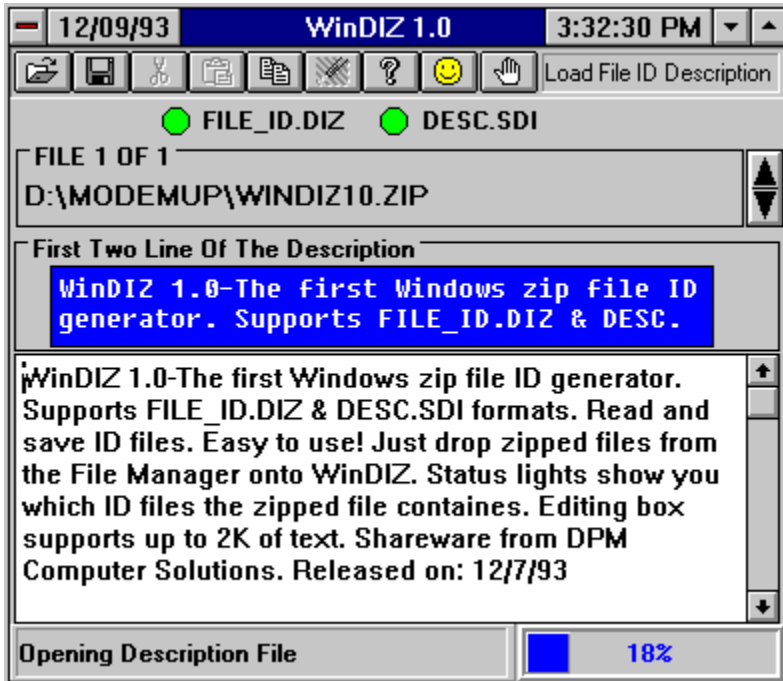
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WinDIZ Main Screen



Running WinDIZ

WinDIZ requires VBRUN300.DLL to run. this file can be found on most of the better BBS systems.

The VBX files that come with WinDIZ must be either located in the same directory WinDIZ is located in or in the C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory.

For WinDIZ to extract and zip the description files, PKZIP.EXE and PKUNZIP.EXE MUST be located in your path!

Release History

Version 1.0 - Released on 12/12/93

First official release of WinDIZ.

DESC.SDI Indicator

This indicator displays a green light if the current file contains a DESC.SDI file, red if none was found.

Edit Window

This is where you view and edit your description. I'm imposed a 2K limit on the text.

To see what your text will look like on a system that displays only the first two lines of the description, refer to the 'First Two Line Of The Description' box.

FILE_ID.DIZ Indicator

This indicator displays a green light if the current file contains a FILE_ID.DIZ file, red if none was found.

File Name Window

This window displays the current file available for editing. It also displays the number of files for the current session and what number the user is on.

First Two Lines Display Window

This window displays about how your description will look like on a BBS system that uses two lines of text to describe the file. BE CAREFUL, the last six or so letters might be used to display the word **"*INFO*"**, common on all WildCat! systems.

Status Window

This windows shows what the program is doing. For example...Saving ID description, loading files etc.

Status Gauge

When searching files for descriptions, this gauge displays the percent done.

When editing files, this gauge displays the amount of text entered up to 1K of information.

Tool Bar

The tool bar performs the following functions:

- n Open Id file
- n Save Id file to zip file.
- n Cut selected text in the edit window.
- n Copy selected text in the edit window.
- n Paste text from the clipboard to the edit window.
- n Delete selected text in the edit window.
- n Bring up the WinDIZ help file.
- n Bring up the WinDIZ About box.
- n Exit WinDIZ.

Tool Bar Help Window

This windows show what the button the mouse is on will do.

