

M. Nordan's

Graphic Viewer

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Graphic Viewer . . . well, it views graphics. It works with the file formats defined by Windows 3.0; thus, you can take a peek at bitmaps (.BMP), icons, (.ICO), metafiles (.WMF), and compressed bitmaps (.RLE, the kind you use for startup screens). As of yet, Graphic Viewer will not convert between formats, but look for this capability in an upcoming release. It's written in Microsoft's handy-dandy Visual Basic, so you'll need the Visual Basic DLL (VBRUN100.DLL available on most BBSs and all over Compu\$erve) to run it.

For lack of a better method, let's run through those menu options:

---- FILE

Open . . . - Opens a file for viewing via the standard Windows dialog.

BMP, ICO, WMF, and RLE files are displayed.

Save . . . - Saves the graphic being displayed.

Exit - Closes Graphic Viewer.

----- EDIT

Border - Turns the border around the viewing area on and off.

Copy - Copies the graphic being viewed to the clipboard.

The

clipboard doesn't support the icon format, so you

can't

copy them. Look for conversion capabilities in

the next

release.

Paste - Pastes the contents of the clipboard into

G.V.

---- HELP

Index - Loads the help system, new in version 1.1.
If you're very
 famaliar with Windows, it's not needed, but it
remains helpful
 for the novice.
About - Pops up the version number, freeware
information, and how
 to get in touch with the author. This aside, it
displays a nifty
 logo that is worth seeing.

Like most of the Windows apps coming out now, Graphic Viewer also has a toolbar with the major functions on it. The toolbar is fully documented in the help system in case some of the icons elude you.

The Windows Clipboard, much to the chagrin of all, cannot save files in any format besides the proprietary .CLP. This is one of the reasons i wrote G.V.; to save the clipboard contents, just paste them into G.V. and save.

There is no charge for Graphic Viewer, but you are forbidden to modify it or sell it (excepting BBS download fees). However, i would appreciate an e-mail or letter telling me what you think is good, what you think isn't, and what you think i can do about it. You can get source code this way too. Try one or more of the following . . .

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----- Revision History (just in case you care)

Version 1.1, March 1992 -- Help system included. Menu

structure slightly revised. Slightly smaller file size. A few aesthetic changes.

Version 1.0b, February 1992 -- Was released with the wrong date. Fixed a bug in the File Open dialog, new icons (i thought the text and graphics together were redundant).

Version 1.0, November 1991 -- Added clipboard support, added toolbar. (Changes from the final beta, of course.)

Thanx for using G.V.; look for more M. Nordan software in the future . . .