WinASCII

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Shareware Information

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT

DSI will make every reasonable effort to fix any bugs with the program, and help registered users by answering technical and other related questions.   There are several forms of correspondance available:

1.)   By letter to: Daniel Otis
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2.) By telephone : Monday to Friday, 10am - 9pm PST.   Saturday, 10-7 PST. (Please respect these hours!!!)

If you send disks or listings that you wish returned, be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) with sufficient postage.   If you don't enclose a SASE, your material will not be returned.

If you have problems with using or setting up WinASCII, please have the following information available:

1.) The version of WinASCII.   The version number is displayed on the   in the output file and in the About box.

2.) The computer system your using, ie. American Megatrend 286, VGA, hard drive etc.

3.) A copy of your Autoexec.bat, config.sys, win.ini and system.ini.

4.) Any TSR's that you are running.

5.) Exactly what your problem is written down.

6.) What where you doing when something happened?   Possibly the last thing you did before an ill effect happened or whatever.

Overview

This program simply takes any file and reduces it to only readable text.   There is an option for showing the HEX address of the text (so you can find it later with a file editor).

I use this program mostly to find hidden info in Windows 3.1 support files and to help me along in games I am stuck in.

I started this program originally as a learning project.   I found it to be so useful that I decided to make it Shareware and share it!

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Contest

The first person to find and describe the proper use of the undocuemented feature of this program will receive a free upgrade to the next registration level.

If you have registered but not for free updates, you will be upgraded to free update status.

If you registered for free update status, the registration will be extended for a second year.

This contest is only valid for registered users of WinASCII and only to the first (correct) respondent.

Send me a description of the feature along a with a copy of the output from WinASCII.

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Controls

I have provided menus and buttons.   WinASCII can be controlled through standard menus, buttons, or the System menu.

Stop

Stop processing and show any data already collected.

Abort

Stop processing and discard any data already collected.

Options

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Exit

Exit WinASCII.

About

Show information about the program.

Drag and Drop

You can drag one or more files from File Manager and drop them on WinASCII.   A new copy of WinASCII will be started to process each file.

Command line

WinASCII can be used from a Windows command line interface such as 4WIN, PSHELL, IMPOSTER, WCOMMAND, etc...   Format is: WINASCII [filename[.ext]]

When used in this way, WinASCII uses the options stored in WINASCII.INI.   It will "Auto-Exit" when finished.

Format:
WINASCII [filename]

File

Open a file for processing.

Toggles

Include file statistics
Minimize output file
Minimize while processing
Auto Exit
Sound
Compressed file warning
Save window position
Show HEX address
Mark copyright info

Viewer

Specify the program you want to display output.   The default is NOTEPAD.EXE but any DOS or Windows program (including PIF) can be used.

Minimum valid line length

This should be a value between 1 and 79 and tells WinASCII how long each string should be. If you set the value too low, you may have a difficult time finding any text of interest.   If you set it too high, it is possible that no text will qualify.

Registration

After receipt of your registration form and payment you will be ussued a unique number which corresponds to your name.   Entering these values in the appropriate fields registeres the program.   It removes the Shareware notice from the output and places your name in the About box.

Save

Saves the information in from the Options dialog.   You must save after entering the registration information or it will only apply to the current session.

Include file statistics

Append information about the file being processed to the end of the output file.

Minimize output file

Load the viewer as an icon.

Minimize while processing

Shrink to an icon while processing.

Auto Exit

When processing is finished and the output has been displayed exit automatically.

Sound

To beep or not to beep.   If this option is on, any time a message is displayed you will be alerted with a beep.

Compressed file warning

Warn if about to process a file compressed with PKLite, LZEXE, or Diet or an archive such as ZIP, ARJ, LZH.   These types of files will produvce little, if any, valuable information.

Save window position

Save the current position of the window on exit and start at the same place in the future.

Show HEX address

Show the HEX address of the text.

0000:031B:the found text

Mark copyright info

Marks copyright information in the file being processed.

What's new?

Improved drag and drop support.   Now miltiple files may be dragged and dropped on WinASCII.

There was a formatting problem with the help file in v3.0 of WinASCII and has been fixed.