

Win Platinum Shareware

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This Disc Contains Shareware

Many of the programs on this CD-ROM are shareware programs. Please remember to register your shareware programs with their author, in accordance with the agreement which the program's author has set forth in the program's documentation.

Program Description

Win Platinum is a collection of the best Microsoft Windows shareware, freeware, and public domain programs available, on CD-ROM. Boasting an easy-to-use interface, Win Platinum allows you to search through more than 300 **virus free** applications, desktop utilities, games, graphics programs, sound programs, and utilities. You can view the programs by category, or "create" your own category by performing a keyphrase search. As you view the available programs, you are immediately provided with a concise program description, the author's name, the size of the program, and the classification (shareware, freeware, or public domain). Unlike other shareware installers, Win Platinum is Windows-based, and allows you to run most programs directly from the disc -- BEFORE you install them! You can even view the author's own documentation, and get the facts straight from the source.

Program Installation

To install Win Platinum, follow these steps:

1. Check to insure that 'SHARE.EXE' is loaded.
2. Start Microsoft Windows.
3. Put the Win Platinum CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive.
4. From the Windows Program Manager, choose "File", "Run..."
5. Type "d:\install.exe", where 'd' is the letter of your CD-ROM drive.
6. Click OK or press <Enter>

After a few seconds, Win Platinum should begin running. If you get an error, please check to see that you entered the correct drive letter in step 5 (above), that your CD-ROM and caddy are properly inserted, and that the CD-ROM drive is powered on.

Also make certain that SHARE.EXE is loaded in you autoexec.bat file. Win Platinum should notify you if SHARE.EXE is not loaded, because it requires SHARE.EXE to open its Microsoft Access databases. If you suspect that SHARE.EXE is not loaded, look at your AUTOEXEC.BAT file and make the necessary changes. Consult your DOS and Windows documentation for more information on this topic.

Also on this Disc...

Zipped Files for BBS use

This disc also contains a subdirectory called 'zipped'. In it you will find a copy of all the programs on this disc except they are in pkzip version 1.1 format. Each category of files also contains a text file containing the name, size, author, program type, and brief description of each program in that category. This section of the disc may prove useful for mounting or copying to bulletin board systems.

Visual Basic Runtime DLL's

All of the Visual Basic programs require the VBRUNXXX.DLL to execute at runtime; but this program is often eliminated from the distribution file set to save on space. We have included a copy of VBRUN100.DLL, VBRUN200.DLL, and VBRUN300.DLL in a subdirectory called VBRUN on the Win Platinum disc. If you encounter a Visual Basic program which gives an error message "Cannot locate VBRUNXXX.DLL", then copy the appropriate Visual Basic DLL to the programs subdirectory; this should correct the problem.

Running Win Platinum

The first time the Win Platinum runs, it automatically creates a Program Manager group and icon to make future use easier. If you have installed Win Platinum as detailed above, you will find a Program Manager group called "Platinum Shareware" and icon named "Win Platinum". Simply run this program as you would any other Windows application.

As with all other CD-ROM-based products, you must have the CD-ROM inserted when you run Win Platinum. If you have multiple CD-ROM drives, please make certain to use the same drive each time.

Win Platinum is easy to use, click on a button which represents the category of shareware you wish to view. You may then select an individual program to: Launch, View the Read Me documentation, or Install on your hard drive. You may also search for select programs by clicking the search button and specifying a keyword or phrase. These selections then appear in the program list box.

If you choose to install a program, you must specify the destination drive and path. All of the necessary programs will be copied to this destination and the icon associated with this program will automatically appear in the Platinum Shareware Program Manager group.

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Best Shareware Programs

Win Platinum contains hundreds of excellent Windows applications separated into categories for ease of use.

65 applications

AreaCodes v1.1

Lets you look up an area code in the U.S., Canada, and the U.S. Caribbean islands. Has a database of 600 major cities and is expandable. Nice interface.

Calendar

Calendar program that shows holidays, keeps appointment information, creates full year

calendars, and is made to integrate with DeskTop Phone Book and DeskTop Dialer.

CaseLnr v3.0

CaseLnr is a program which prints case liners (aka J-Cards) for audio cassettes. The printed result is extremely accurate and can be cut, folded, and then inserted into an empty audio cassette box.

Fat and Cholesterol Counter

calculates the amount of fat, cholesterol, sodium, and calories in your diet. Has a database of common foods and other health information.

82 general utilities

Big Desk 2.30

A virtual desktop program. Lets you increase the size of your desktop by nine. A Big Desk window lets you move about your desk so you can see the parts you want, and not the parts you do not.

CCZip 2.0

A shell for archive file management in windows. Also does virus scanning. Nice interface.

FExtend 1.5

Works with Windows 3.1 File Manager. Features include drag and drop: deletion, file information, time/date stamping, and changing file attributes.

Terminator 2.0

A sort of "electronic shredder". Permanently removes files so they can not be undeleted or found from a scan of the disk.

46 desktop utilities

Bang

Shoot up your desktop with a machine gun and hand grenade. Complete with sound.

Fish!

Watch fish swim around your desktop, behind all of your applications and icons. Registered version has over 60 fish, and allows you to make your own.

Quote for the Day

Displays a quote randomly, and changes the quote automatically every few seconds.

Winfight 0.8

A little cowboy randomly appears on your screen. He wants to fight. Watch out, because as soon as you touch anything, he will draw. Complete with great animation and sound.

88 games

Castle of the Winds, Part I

A windows-based fantasy role-playing adventure set in a world of ancient Norse mythology.

Chomp for Windows 1.1

An arcade style game. A Pac-Man look alike. Nice graphics and color. Has several different mazes. One player.

Destroyer for Windows v1.1

Battleship-like game for window. You play against the computer.

Second Conflict 1.03

A strategy game. A space game of colonization and conquest. Nice graphics. One player.

Video Draw Poker Challenge

A card game. Draw poker has nice graphics and animation. One of the best poker games. One player.

38 graphics utilities

BBView 1.2

An image file viewer. Can display 256 colors with 256 driver. Reads .BMP, .DIB, .RLE, AND .GIF. You can save gif files as .BMP.

CAD Vantage

A CAD program for windows. Lets you draw lines, arcs, circles, points, and text. Has many features.

Chaos 1.1

A fractal generator. Creates Mandelbrot, Julia sets, and Fractal Dragons. Set parameters, Zoom, and Edit Palette are some features.

Graphic Workshop 1.1b

An image manipulator. Handles most popular file formats. You can view, convert, print, dither, reverse, rotate, scale, reduce colors and dither, sharpen, soften, crop, change brightness, contrast, and color of images. Very nice program.

17 sound utilities

The Drums

A drum sequencer/editor. Has twenty five instruments. You can select the MIDI channel and save defaults in a configuration file. Registered versions allow you to generate MIDI files.

Makin Waves

A sound file converter / WAV player. Select VOC, SOU, or SND files to convert to WAV. Select WAV file to play sound. Registered version allows drag and drop playing and conversion.

MUZICKA 1.0

A musical score editor. Lets you compose, play, and print scores. Editing the score is easy. Can create MIDI files for playing the score.

This disc was scanned with McAfee Scan and was found free from viruses.

Requirements: MS Windows 3.0 or 3.1 / Mouse

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