Utilities Platinum for Windows
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This Disc Contains Shareware

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

Program Description

Utilities Platinum for Windows is a collection of the best productivity tools and utilities for Microsoft Windows, assembled on CD-ROM under our easy-to-use Platinum Interface. Utilities Platinum contains HUNDREDS of high-quality, useful programs to make your computer more powerful and productive! All of the programs on this CD-ROM are divided into six categories:

Limelight Utilities - Some of Limelight's own best tools have been released on this disc for your own private use! These tools are not available ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD! Included are a powerful icon viewer, a convenient system shutdown utility, a utility which allows you to link sounds to mouse clicks and other system events, and more!

Desktop - Tons of useful utilities which allow you to configure your Windows Environment. You will find clipboard enhancement tools, programs which allow you to change your mouse pointer, and resource monitors galore!

File Tools - All kinds of file managers are in this category. Disk copying programs, Windows shells for your favorite archival programs, backup programs, and even duplicate file searching programs will make your system even more powerful!

Editors & Viewers - Programmer's editors, text file editors, bitmap editors, and INI file editors fill this category with programs which are sure to make your work easier.

Windows Managers - A category full of enhancements to the Windows Program Manager, File Manager, and Task Manager. Many of these utilities are more than powerful enough to use as replacements for the standard Windows tool set!

Other Utilities - Any other utilities you can think of -- whether printing utilities, modem utilities, ascii tables, or directory structure printers, this category has it all.

As you view each program by selecting it from the list, you are immediately provided with various important information about the chosen program. This information includes:

1.   Author
2.   Classification (Shareware, Freeware, or Public-Domain)
3.   Price (if shareware)
4.   Size

5.   Description
6.   ASP Certification (whether the author is ASP-certified)

Unlike other shareware CD-ROM collections, Utilities Platinum has nearly all of the programs ready to run DIRECTLY FROM THE CD-ROM! Most of the programs don't need to be installed for you to use them! And when you do find a favorite program, installation is as easy as clicking a button! No more hassling with cumbersome ZIP files and batch files to get your programs installed!

Program Installation

To install Utilities Platinum, follow these steps:

1.   Start Microsoft Windows.
2.   Insert the Utilities Platinum CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive.
3.   From the Windows Program Manager, choose "File", "Run..."
4.   Type "d:\install.exe", where 'd' is the letter of your CD-ROM drive.
5.   Click OK or press <Enter>

After a few seconds, Utilities Platinum should begin running.

Troubleshooting the Installation

If you get a file or drive error, please check to see that you entered the correct drive letter in step 4 (above), that your CD-ROM and caddy are properly inserted, and that the CD-ROM drive is powered on.

Many windows shell programs, such as Dashboard, Norton Desktop, or Central Point Utilities, are not 100% Program Manager compatible and may interfere with the installation of Utilities Platinum. If you are using one of these Windows shell progams, you should launch the Program Manager and use the File, Run... menu to perform the installation. Once the installation is complete, you may then run Utilities Platinum from the Platinum Shareware program group, or create your own Utilities Platinum icons in your favorite shell program.

Running Utilities Platinum

The first time Utilities Platinum runs, it automatically creates a Program Manager group and icon to make future use easier. Once installed, you will find a Program Manager group called "Platinum Shareware" and an icon named "Utilities 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 Utilities Platinum. If you have multiple CD-ROM drives, please make certain to use the same drive each time. Please do not remove the CD-ROM while Utilities Platinum is running, or the program will be unable to access necessary data, and may fail to work properly.

Using Utilities Platinum for Windows

Utilities Platinum is very easy to use... simply click on a button which represents the category of programs you wish to view. You may then select any program from the listbox, and you will immediately be presented with a variety of important information about the item. When a program is selected, you will see the author, classification, size, and cost (if registration is required) of the item. If the item has accompanying documentation, you may view the author's original documentation simply by clicking the "View" button. Installing the files you want is just as easy--click "Install", select (or create) a directory as the destination, and you're done! You may also search for the exact program you have in mind using Utilities Platinum's powerful keyword-based search facility!

If you choose to install a program or utility, the icon associated with the program will automatically appear in the Platinum Shareware Program Manager group.

About Limelight's Utilities

As an added bonus, we have released several of Limelight's own home-grown tools and utilities for your use, at no extra charge! These programs can all be found in the category "Limelight Utilities". Please remember that these programs are being distributed as COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE, and NOT as Shareware or Freeware. You are permitted to use Limelight's Utilities on the same system that you use Utilities Platinum. In no event can you install any of Limelight's Utilities on more than one system at a time, and, of course, none of Limelight's Utilites can be distributed by any means whatsoever. Business licensing agreements may be available on request... please call for details.

A Note on Performance

Although CD-ROM technology has many tremendous advantages over any other form of digital media, it is still a relatively slow method of data retrieval. Due to the immense amount of data which Utilities Platinum needs to keep track of, certain operations may be very slow on less-powerful computer systems. These functions include starting the program, switching between categories, and searching. Each of these operations requires that Utilities Platinum scan the entire database and organize necessary information. However, once you are working within a category, performance should remain unhindered. If you are concerned about improving the speed of Utilities Platinum, the following suggestions may provide significant improvement:

1.   Increase the amount of RAM in your system.
2.   Allow SmartDrive to use a fair amount of memory (this will help keep a
         good portion of the Utilities Platinum database in memory).
3.   Use a permanent Windows swap file, and make it fairly large.
4.   Use a fast CD-ROM drive (double-speed or better will greatly improve
         the performance of all of your CD-ROM programs).

Also on this Disc...

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 Utilities 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.

Troubleshooting...

There are applications which may not run correctly from the CD-ROM. This is due to the fact that they attempt to write data to the CD-ROM, which is a read-only medium. To use these programs in a fully-functional state, you must first install them to your hard drive, using the Utilities Platinum's Install feature. Once installed, these programs should function perfectly.

The Platinum Shareware Series

The Platinum Shareware Series is a line of shareware which offers outstanding quality programs accessible under our Platinum interface. Our discs are not packed full of useless, poor quality programs or duplicate version of the same program. Every program we put on our disc has been tested under Windows 3.1 and almost all will launch directly from the CD ROM.

We tailor our Platinum Interface to best suit the needs of every new title in the Platinum Shareware Series. We are releasing a Platinum Shareware Series title every month and plan to update the content every 6 months.

WIN Platinum
This is our flagship windows disc. You'll get the highest quality windows applications, utilites, games, desktop, graphics programs, and sound programs, all under our famous Windows-based Platinum interface. This disc remains unchallenged as the best Windows shareware disc in the entire industry.

Games Platinum
Hundreds of the best Windows Shareware games available to date. From strategy games like chess to fast shooting arcade games, Games Platinum has them all! Choose from Cards & Dice, Action / Arcade, Puzzles, and many others. Every game can be run directly from the CD-ROM. This is a great disc and will keep you entertained for months.

Publisher Platinum
A huge collection of clip art and multimedia clips. Publisher Platinum offers tons of clean, good-looking clip art in both color and black and white. Locating the clip art you need is very easy... choose a predefined clip art category or search on keywords. Once you find the right area, preview a thumbnail of each file for the exact piece you need. You'll also get 100's of Windows TrueType™ fonts, with easy, one-button installation!

Fonts Platinum
The best collection of TrueType™ fonts for Windows. Fonts Platinum has 1,500 of the best TrueType™ fonts, complete with our high-powered Platinum interface. With Fonts Platinum, you can actually SEE the font before you install it! And our powerful search facility helps you find the exact font you need, for every application!

Multimedia Platinum
An amazing 680 MEGABYTES of quality multimedia clips, including video, full-color bitmaps, sound files, icons, animations, and multimedia tools. This disc has an incredibly powerful search facility, allowing you to find exactly the clip you need for that upcoming business presentation or multimedia project. It is very easy to spend hours having fun, searching for neat and humorous sound effects, movie clips, and full-color images. This disc is a MUST HAVE for every Windows desktop.

Home & Business Platinum
A collection of the best Windows applications to help make your home and business run smoothly. Boost productivity and organize your life with personal information managers, business finance utilities, and dozens of other home and business management tools. Truly a fantastic collection.

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About Limelight Media, Inc.

Limelight Media Inc. was formed to produce high quality CD ROM titles at very reasonable prices. Our company hires only the best programmers with outstanding skill and unsurpassed dedication to our cause.

This disc was scanned before release and found to be virus-free.

Requirements: MS Windows 3.1 / Mouse

If you have any question about our products or suggestions for new products, please call us. We are always eager to talk about the industry and potential opportunities.

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