The Tester v1.0
User's Manual

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Overview

The Tester allows you to learn information, such as vocabulary, in a quick and efficient manner.   I use it to study for vocabulary tests, but you can use it to learn anything.

The Tester simply asks you a question and allows you to type in an answer. When you have completed a test, The Tester displays how many questions you got right and how many you got wrong.   It gives you the percentage right as well.   It then gives you the option to be tested again on the questions you got wrong.   You can keep on doing this until you eventually get all the questions right.

The Main Window

This section describes the various buttons and check boxes on the main window.

Buttons

Enter - Use this button to enter an answer or to continue on to the next question.   You can also just press the Enter key, which is much more convenient, while taking a test.

Open Test - Pops up the Open dialog box.   You can then use this to open a test.   The path and filename of the currently opened test is displayed in the caption of the main window.

Take Test - Starts a test.

Edit Test - Opens the current test in Windows Notepad.   This allows you to edit the current test or create new ones.

About - Shows various program information.

Make Right - This "cheat button" allows you to make a question right if you got it wrong.

Registered to... - Displays registration status.

Help - Displays this help file.

Exit - Exits the program.

Check Boxes

Sound - When checked, The Tester plays the sound assigned to the Exclamation event when you get a question right and plays the sound assigned to the Critical Stop event when you get a question wrong. You can assign sounds to system events by running the Control Panel and then entering the Sound section. Make sure the Enable System Sounds check box is checked.

Case Sensitive - When checked, The Tester differentiates uppercase from lowercase when comparing the answer entered to the correct answer stored in the test file. For example, if the answer you enter is "george washington" and the correct answer is "George Washington", your answer is wrong.

Switch Questions/Answers - When checked, the questions and answers are switched. For example, when this option is not checked, a certain question is "enigma" and its corresponding answer is "a mystery", but, when it is checked, the question is "a mystery" and the answer is "enigma."

Randomize Question Order - Check this option if you want to randomize the order in which the questions are asked each time you start a test.

Creating tests

Creating a test is a very simple process. You'll need a text editor, such as Windows Notepad, to create tests. Tests must be in the basic text file (*.TXT) format. The format goes like this: Question 1 on the first line, answer to Question 1 one the second line, Question 2 on the third line, answer to Question 2 on the fourth line, and so on. Be sure to put carriage returns right after the last character in each line. In other words, press the Enter key right after the last character in each line in order to go to the next line. Omit the carriage return on the last line of each test. Each line can have up to 70 characters. Take a look at one of the sample tests by pressing the Edit Test button on the main window.

Registration Information

When you register The Tester, you will receive the registered version, which includes the ability to have up to 300 questions in a test. You will also be rid of the annoying shareware notices. You will receive a list of English roots, prefixes, and suffixes that you can test yourself on to increase your vocabulary immensely. I will also include any tests that I have made for my own use, which are basically (so far) English and Spanish vocabulary tests.

To order the registered version of The Tester:

1. Fill out the registration form (ORDERFRM.WRI)

2. Send it along with $10 to the following address:

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3.5" disks will be mailed if you don't request a different disk format.

For the latest version of The Tester, call the Illogical Logistics BBS at (916)966-5303.