

What is Easy Uploads?

Easy Uploads is a Windows utility to help save you time and money when uploading ("Contributing") files to CompuServe Libraries using WinCIM or CSNav. Easy Uploads also helps insure that Descriptions, Titles, and Keywords for your files are consistent across all the Libraries you decide to place them on. Then, to help you remember where you placed them, Easy Uploads includes a Forum Tracker.

Why Easy Uploads?

I'm not sure how you've been doing it, but until now, every time I wanted to upload a new file, or an update to an existing file, I was always spending way too much time typing, and would wrack my brain trying to remember the description I used the last time.

Sure, I would use Notepad, or Write to compose my thoughts beforehand, but there was never any way to get all the data over to the File Description in one clean shot, and Pasting was really difficult (since the Library Contribute dialog box is *modal* [focus cannot shift until the dialog is closed], you cannot get at Paste in the Edit menu). By the time I was ready to upload the file, I inevitably had one or two overlooked typos, and had spent a good 5 minutes getting everything just right. **Forget it!**

So I thought I'd buy CS Navigator, so I wouldn't have to retype all the data every time. I'd create my script once, and then forget about it, because CSNav lets you do *everything* off line, right? WRONG! While still a great program overall, much to my surprise, CSNav DOES NOT save the data for Contributing Files with your Script. You must still type your Title, Keywords, Descriptions, etc. every time. **Forget it!**

Don't get me wrong, they're both great programs, but I have a lot of files to update, and I don't want to do all that typing! I suppose it would have been easier if I could have found something already on the Shareware market, but none could be found, so I built my own. As probably one of its biggest users, you can be sure that I will continue to improve it, until it's as easy as it can be! Your suggestions to help attain that goal are always appreciated.

The Solution to My Problems

I created Easy Uploads. With Easy Uploads, you create a simple text file with all your upload data, before that scary "Contribute" dialogs confronts you! This gives you a chance to spell check your work, and give it a good going over, without the pressure of being on-line, and incurring connect charges, or constantly fiddling with the Description. The text file uses the Windows INI format, so it's easy to understand and create. In fact, all the data for the Easy Uploads descriptions on CompuServe Forums were entered using Easy Uploads (obvious right, I mean I certainly wouldn't create this great utility, and then type in all the data!). Most uploads required less than 10 mouse clicks, and were begun within 10 seconds of entering a Forum with WinCIM, and filling the Contribute dialog in CSNav is a snap!

For WinCIM

Then, once you get on-line, and in a Forum Library, you can start uploading your file within seconds of beginning connect charges \$\$\$\$. With Easy Uploads, once you're in a Forum, you can upload a file with as little as **three** clicks of the mouse! See: [Uploading Files to WinCIM](#).

For CSNav

CSNav already helps you save \$\$\$ in connect charges, however by using Easy Uploads you can quit busting your knuckles typing your descriptions every time. See: [Uploading Files to CSNav](#).

Convenience Counts

Easy Uploads has an "On Top" check box to toggle its state between normal Windows behavior, and always staying on top of other applications. When "On Top" is enabled, Easy Uploads will float above WinCIM/CSNav, so you don't have to use <ALT+TAB>, or minimize/maximize the programs to get at all the buttons. Easy Uploads also uses Windows "Notepad" as its editor, something every Windows user is familiar with. This also helps to keep the size of the program as small as it is, and you can edit, or begin a new data file with a couple clicks of the mouse.

Size Counts

We all know that size counts. When you want the best performance while uploading files, you know to close as many programs as possible, and give WinCIM/CSNav as much of your precious memory as possible, to effect a quick and error free transfer. With that in mind, I have created Easy Uploads with as few resources as possible to keep it small and efficient. Easy Uploads weighs in at only around 60K (VBRUN300.DLL is all that's required!) Once it's copied your data to the Contribute dialog, you can close Easy Uploads, or let it sit minimized and unassuming, waiting to copy data for the same, or a new file, whenever you're ready again. Simply click on an Easy Upload Data File, in the file list, and you're instantly ready to upload another file!

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Creating/Editing Upload Data Files

Select New to begin a New data File. Easy Uploads will prompt you for a filename to give your data file, and then display a standard Open Dialog so you can specify the Source file you'd like to Upload. Select a File, and Easy Uploads will place the Full Path in the File Name box, and the File Name in the Destination box. If it finds a FILE_ID.DIZ file in your source directory, Easy Uploads will ask if you'd like to read it into the Description, to get a quick head start! Then simply enter data in the appropriate fields. Enter the data just as you would if you were entering it to the Contribute dialog. Create an Easy Uploads data file for every program in your arsenal!

DATA FILE FORMAT

NOTE: The following assumes that you've already uploaded at least one file to CIS, and are familiar with the standard "Contribute" dialog. The Easy Uploads data files use the standard Windows INI format.

For Easy Uploads, a data file (INI) has the following parameters, shown in **bold**:

[UPLOAD]

FileName=	Enter the FULL Path and Filename.
DestinationName=	the Filename to use on CompuServe (6 chr. max + ext.)
Title=	Your Program Title
Keys=	Search Keys for your Program.
Library=	Forum Library Number (0-23) Use the actual offset in the Forum List, not what the forum "says". HINT: count the # of {DN} key presses it takes to highlight the proper library. (0-23=1-24)
Description1=	program description (up to 256 chr.)
Description2=	program description (up to 256 chr.)
Description3=	program description (up to 256 chr.)

[FORUMS]

Forum0=	The name of a Forum specified by Forum Tracker
Forum1=	etc

Library Contribute

File Name: C:\EASYUP\EASYUP.ZIP File type: Binary

Destination Name: EASYUP.ZIP Forum: CSNav-Win Support

Title: Easy Uploads DEMO - DO NOT POST! Library Section

Keys: EASY UPLOADS CIS WINCIM CIM CSNAV NAVIG Member Uploads

Description

Save Time/Money Uploading Files To CIS. Now works with WinCIM AND CSNav, and includes "Forum Tracker", and "ZIP Viewer"! Easy Uploads allows you to specify data for your programs in a text file, and then you can fill the "Contribute" dialog in WinCIM/CSNav in seconds, time after time! Whether you're on-line, or off, Easy Uploads is the Best way to insure consistent Titles, Keywords, and Descriptions for your files on CIS. Quit busting your knuckles typing those

Under the Operating Rules, you must own or have sufficient rights to anything you contribute.

OK Cancel Help

The data for the WinCIM dialog above was entered using Easy Uploads, and the following data file.

[UPLOAD]

FileName=C:\EASYUP\EASYUP.ZIP

DestinationName=EASYUP.ZIP

Title=Easy Uploads DEMO - DO NOT POST!

Keys=EASY UPLOADS CIS WINCIM CIM CSNAV NAVIGATOR CONTRIBUTE UPLOAD

Library=5

Description1=Save Time/Money Uploading Files To CIS. Now works with WinCIM AND CSNav, and includes "Forum Tracker", and "ZIP Viewer"! Easy Uploads allows you to specify data for your programs in a

Description2=text file, and then you can fill the "Contribute" dialog in WinCIM/CSNav in seconds, time after time! Whether you're on-line, or off, Easy Uploads is the Best way to insure consistent

Description3=Titles, Keywords, and Descriptions for your files on CIS. Quit busting your knuckles typing those descriptions! Shareware - Requires Win 3.1/WinCIM or CSNav/VBRUN300.DLL. NOT CRIPPLED

[FORUMS]

Forum0=CSNav Support

Forum1=WinCIM Support

*May be out of date as of this release, however, you get the point.

Copying a Data File

If you wish to **Copy** an existing data file to use for a new file, simply choose to "Edit" the current file, and then immediately choose "Save As..." in Notepad, to give the file a unique name, and then make any necessary changes for the new file. You can also use File Manager to copy a data file to a new name.

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Easy Uploads Help Contents

The Easiest Way to Upload files with WinCIM or CSNav!

Version 1.03

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Feel Free to Evaluate Easy Uploads for 30 Days. If you continue to use Easy Uploads more than 30 Days, you are obligated to Register it, or remove it from your computer. Please feel free to copy this Shareware program, and pass it along to friends, colleagues, or your favorite BBS.

This Help file was written for the Intermediate-Advanced user. The assumption is that: if you're smart enough to Upload files to CompuServe, I don't need to explain Windows or WinCIM/CSNav in great detail. It also assumes a general understanding of INI files.

Requirements: Windows 3.1, WinCIM or CSNav, VBRUN300.DLL (not included), CMDIALOG.VBX (included) and data files that you create.

The Help Contents lists Help Topics available for Easy Uploads. Use the scroll bars to see entries not currently displayed in a current Help window. Select an underlined jump word (e.g. "[Editing Upload Data Files](#)" below) to move directly to a Topic.

Help Topics:

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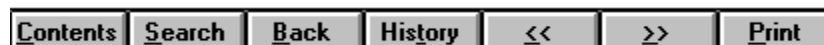
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From the Button Bar at the top of the window (example)



Select the **C**ontents button at any time, to return to this Window.

Select the **S**earch button, to see a list of Help topics to select.

NOTE: The Search list includes two entries named **D**efinitions, and **G**lossary. These topics will both list **G**lossary in the Go To list. The Glossary Topic includes an alphabetical listing of all the popup definitions in this file.

Select the **B**ack button, to move backwards one step in the current viewing order.

Select the **H**istory button, to display a selectable list of all the topics you've viewed.

Select the **<< | >>** browse buttons, to scroll through the Help file Topics.

Select the **P**rint button at any time, to Print the currently displayed topic.

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Registration Information

Your registrations allow me to improve Easy Uploads, and write other programs for you to enjoy, at a reasonable cost. The registered version of Easy Uploads will NOT display the Startup Reminder. In addition to sending a check you can also register via SWREG on CompuServe. Registration has many other benefits, including: technical support via mail and/or CompuServe, and reduced prices on any of my other Shareware programs! Upon registration, you will receive a registration code, to upgrade your Shareware version to a fully Registered version. To register your copy of **Easy Uploads**, select the Print button above to print this window.

Enter your information, and send it along with **\$15.00US** (payable to *P. Scott Antony*) to:

**P. Scott Antony
P.O. Box 11047
Shorewood WI, 53211**

Easy Uploads Registration Information:

First Name: **MI:** **Last Name:**

Company:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State: **Zip:** **CIS E-Mail #**

I downloaded Easy Uploads from the _____ Forum, on CIS.

Upon registration, you will receive a registration code, to upgrade your Shareware version to a fully registered version. Just enter the code, and your ready to upload, upload, upload. If you are a CompuServe user, be sure to include your E-Mail address for quicker response.

Registered users can automatically upgrade Easy Uploads by downloading the newest version from CompuServe when it becomes available (your registration will be automatically recognized by the new version).

!!! Thanks for your Support !!!
Scott

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Uploading Files to WinCIM

Once you've created your data files, using Easy Uploads to upload your files to a forum using WinCIM is just that, EASY! This topic contains a lot of important information. Be sure to read it in its entirety.

IMPORTANT One of the advantages of using Easy Uploads is that you can compose everything OFF-line. The following assumes that you've already created, edited, spell checked, etc. your data file(s), and you're ready to go. You will negate Easy Uploads' usefulness if you compose ON-line.

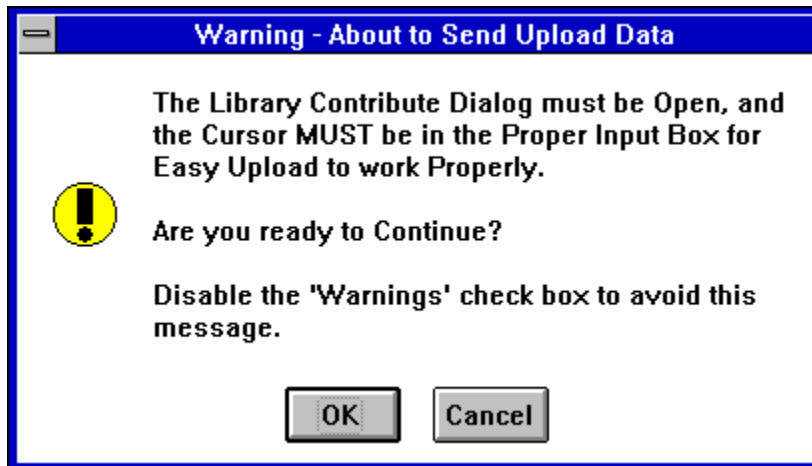
Here's how it works:

- 1). Open Easy Uploads.
- 2). Select the Data File for the Program you want to Upload (everything correct, and ready to go).
- 3). Make sure the "On Top" check box is Enabled, and the "Warnings" check is set to your liking.
- 4). Minimize Easy Uploads.
- 5). Logon to WinCIM.
- 6). "GO" to the Forum where the file is to be posted.

\$\$\$ Extended Connect Charges Start Now \$\$\$

- 7). Select "Library|Contribute" from the WinCIM menu, or click the Contribute Icon in the toolbar.
The Library Contribute dialog box will appear.
- 8). Double-click the Easy Uploads icon to Maximize it.
- 9). Click the "Send ALL" button, or press either F5, or <ALT>+A.

If the "Warnings" check box is enabled, you will receive the following message.



Translation: Make sure you executed step 7 above, and the cursor is properly set. For example, if you only want to send the Description, Easy Uploads expects the cursor to **ALREADY** be placed in the Description input box. Only sending the Keys? Then the cursor must be in the Keys input box, etc. If the cursor is NOT in the proper input box, select Cancel, properly set the cursor, and begin again.

Proper Cursor Position for Send ALL

The easiest way to properly set the cursor for Send ALL, is to do nothing, after you open the Contribute dialog (leaving the cursor in the "File Name" input box). If you have changed the focus away from the "File Name" input box, give it the focus again (click in the box), before you select Send ALL.

If everything is OK, select the OK button to start Easy Uploads. Easy Uploads will Minimize itself, and

send your data to the dialog.

If the "Warnings" check box is enabled, you will receive the following message when it's done.



Since it is impossible to predict what will be in your "Forum" list box (this generally defaults to the proper one anyway), and files are 90% Binary (the default), I have left these up to you. A couple clicks of the mouse, no problem. **Be sure that you properly set all three dropdown list boxes, including the Library, BEFORE you select OK. They're set? Then you're ready, GO GO GO!**

Select **OK** to begin sending your file.

Go get a cup of coffee, and when you get back, if you have other files to upload, Easy Uploads is ready! Select "Library|Contribute" from the menu to open the dialog again. Then maximize Easy Uploads, and click on the new data file in the list box to get Easy Uploads ready. Click Send ALL again, and away you go! EASY!

You've just digested a lot lot of information, and it may seem from the length of my explanations that the process is complicated, but once you try it once or twice, you'll see that it can be done quickly, and easily, and in less than 10 seconds! Once you've got the hang of it, you can turn off the Warnings, and things will really fly.

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Uploading Files to CSNav

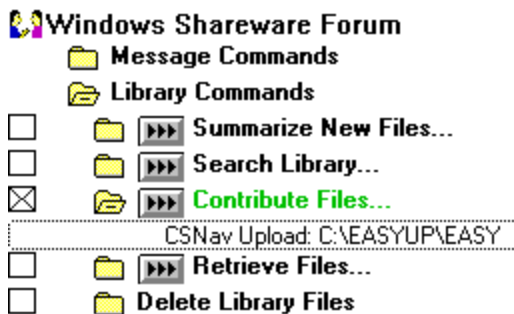
Once you've created your data files, using Easy Uploads to update your Script to Contribute a file using CSNav is just that, EASY! This topic contains a lot of important information. Be sure to read it in its entirety.

IMPORTANT One of the advantages of using Easy Uploads, like CSNav, is that you can compose everything OFF-line. However, while CSNav lets you do this, it **DOES NOT** save the data for your Uploaded files in its Script. You must still type in all the data EVERY time you want to upload ("Contribute") a file.

Here's how it works:

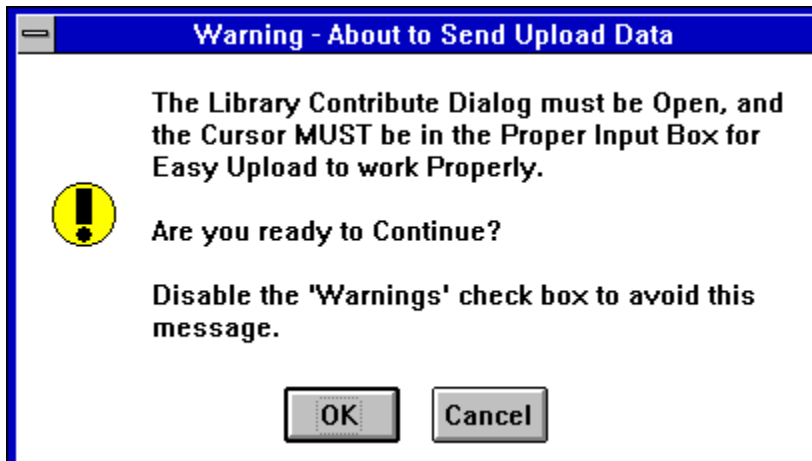
- 1). Open Easy Uploads.
- 2). Select the Data File for the Program you want to Upload (everything correct, and ready to go).
- 3). Make sure the "On Top" check box is Enabled, and the "Warnings" check is set to your liking.
- 4). Minimize Easy Uploads.
- 5). Open CSNav, and your Script.

Example:



- 7). Select **Contribute Files...** button in the CSNav Script Tree for the proper Forum.
The Contribute File dialog box will appear.
- 8). Double-click the Easy Uploads icon to Maximize it.
- 9). Click the "Send ALL" button, or press either F5, or <ALT>+A.

If the "Warnings" check box is enabled, you will receive the following message.



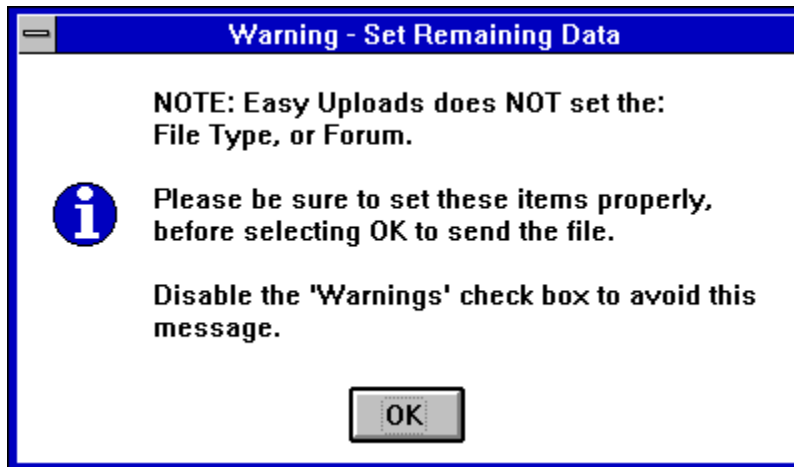
Translation: Make sure you executed step 7 above, and the cursor is properly set. For example, if you only want to send the Description, Easy Uploads expects the cursor to **ALREADY** be placed in the Description input box. Only sending the Keys? Then the cursor must be in the Keys input box, etc. If the cursor is NOT in the proper input box, select Cancel, properly set the cursor, and begin again.

Proper Cursor Position for Send ALL

The easiest way to properly set the cursor for Send ALL, is to do nothing, after you open the Contribute dialog (leaving the cursor in the "File Name" input box). If you have changed the focus away from the "File Name" input box, give it the focus again (click in the box), before you select Send ALL.

If everything is OK, select the OK button to start Easy Uploads. Easy Uploads will Minimize itself, and send your data to the dialog.

If the "Warnings" check box is enabled, you will receive the following message when it's done.



Since files are 90% Binary (the default), I have left this one up to you (ignore the Forum warning as you specified this when you clicked the Contribute button in CSNav). A couple clicks of the mouse, no problem. **Be sure that you properly set both dropdown list boxes, including the Library, BEFORE you select OK. They're set? Then select OK.**

If you have other files to upload, Easy Uploads is ready! Open the "Contribute" dialog again. Then maximize Easy Uploads, and click on the new data file in the list box to get Easy Uploads ready. Click Send ALL again, and away you go! EASY!

You've just digested a lot lot of information, and it may seem from the length of my explanations that the process is complicated, but once you try it once or twice, you'll see that it can be done quickly, and easily, and in less than 10 seconds! Once you've got the hang of it, you can turn off the Warnings, and things will really fly.

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Notes about Descriptions

As much as Easy Uploads states that it *helps* to insure consistent data across multiple forums, I cannot guarantee that this will be the case. So, I feel I need to make a simple (and somewhat obvious) disclaimer, and explain.

DISCLAIMER: While I **can** guarantee that Easy Uploads will consistently fill the 'Contribute' dialog with your data, I **cannot** guarantee that the data displayed on CompuServe will be consistent with what you uploaded. The SysOp of the forum, ultimately, has the final word about how the information for your file is displayed. Even I am not immune to this "problem", as you'll see later.

NOTE: Any SysOp or User reading this, who would like to add anything, or refute anything I'm about to state, can feel free to write me with your observations. If of use to the general public, I will be happy to include them in the next version's Help file, so these types of things happen less often.

I'll Explain:

Many CompuServe forums/libraries have their own conventions for displaying the information regarding user contributed files. In general, your: *Destination Name*, and *Keywords* are pretty safe as is, however your *Title* and *Description* are areas where you may see a variety of different things happen. A few things to watch...

Your Title:

Be sure to include a version number for your program somewhere in either the Title, or the Description. Most forums seem to prefer that it appear in the Title.

If you don't include a version number, some may use its Date, (v10-31-94) which looks pretty silly (I should know, as one did it to my first version of Easy Uploads which didn't have ANY version number! My fault! I should have known better.)

Don't get too crazy with the Title. Although you can type a lot in the box, the number of characters visible to users while doing a quick scan of files is limited.

Don't use ALL CAPS for your Title (reduces the number of characters visible, and really annoying).

Your Description:

Some forums will automatically add your name, some will add comments regarding their forum, while others will include your SWREG#, and a host of other little idiosyncrasies. Sometimes even additional spaces show up, or punctuation is missing (how that happens is a mystery to me, unless someone is retyping it?).

Always include your SWREG# for your program if it's registered with the service.

Include the version number for your program, if not already in the Title.

In general, you should be checking up on your file after it's been posted. Check all the parts carefully to be sure they're OK. Easy Uploads is a good way to check, since it can stay On Top of CIM, as you view the data that's been posted.

Authors Note: In over 100 Uploads of my own Shareware/Freeware to CIS, I've only found about 30 occasions where my original Description has been left *completely* intact, without modification.

In the majority of instances where it had been altered, it was never anything glaring, or detrimental, and a few even helped, so I simply left them, and had fun waiting to see what they came up with the next time. In a few instances I felt I needed to contact the SysOp, and request some changes. In ALL such instances I was given a fair shake, and was able to compromise with the SysOp.

So please, if a SysOp changes your description to the point you think is unreasonable, or incorrect, don't

start your E-mail off with: "What the h-ll have you done to my description?". Something like: "In reviewing my recent upload to your forum, I noticed that the description for my program is in error.could you please change it to:" will inevitably get you better service. Also, be sure to include how you want the description to read, including any of the things they may have added, like your SWREG# (don't just send back your original description, as it obviously didn't meet their criteria the first time). Also, they will be more eager to help if they have the new data with the first E-mail you send, and don't have to chase you down, and play E-mail tag.

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Menu Descriptions

File Menu

New...

Open...

Delete...

Select this menu item (or press <CTRL>+D) to delete the currently selected file.

You will be given one opportunity to change your mind.

Print

Print the current Data file. You can also do this from Notepad, however then it will include all the INI parameters, etc. I have created an output that is much more useful, so please give it a try.

Print Instructions

Print Quick Instructions for WinCIM users. This is a quick print of the steps required to upload a file (in case you're online, and need a hand). CSNav users are already offline, and can refer to the [Uploading Files to CSNav](#) topic in this help file if you get stuck.

Exit

Options Menu

WinCIM Demo Dialog...

CSNav Demo Dialog...

Forum Tracker...

Upload Menu

Send All

Display ZIP Contents...

Help Menu

Contents

Open the Help file to the Contents topic.

Search...

Search the Help file before opening it.

Registration Information

Enter Registration Code...

After you've received your registration code, select this menu item, and enter the code when prompted. Thanks for your Support!

About...

Display the About box (the only place you'll find the current EU version number)

Data Files

The Data Files list box displays all the data files in your Easy Uploads directory. Simply click on a file name to display its data, or move up/down the list with the arrow keys. Double-click on a file to edit it with Windows Notepad.

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New

The New button/menu item helps you begin a data file. You will be prompted for a name to give the new data file. Use standard filename conventions, and enter a name up to 8 characters. You do not need to add a file extension, as .INI will be applied automatically by Easy Uploads. After you name the file, Easy Uploads will prompt you for the Source File that you want to Upload.

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Open

The Open... menu item opens the currently selected data file. Easy Uploads will open it in Windows Notepad so you can edit your data. You can also use the <CTRL>+O shortcut key combination to edit the currently selected file.

NOTE: For Users of Version 1.02 and Before.

You no longer need to use Notepad to edit your files. You can now do all your editing within Easy Uploads. This feature has been retained for those of you who might prefer it. Also, you can still double click in the File list to open your data file in Notepad.

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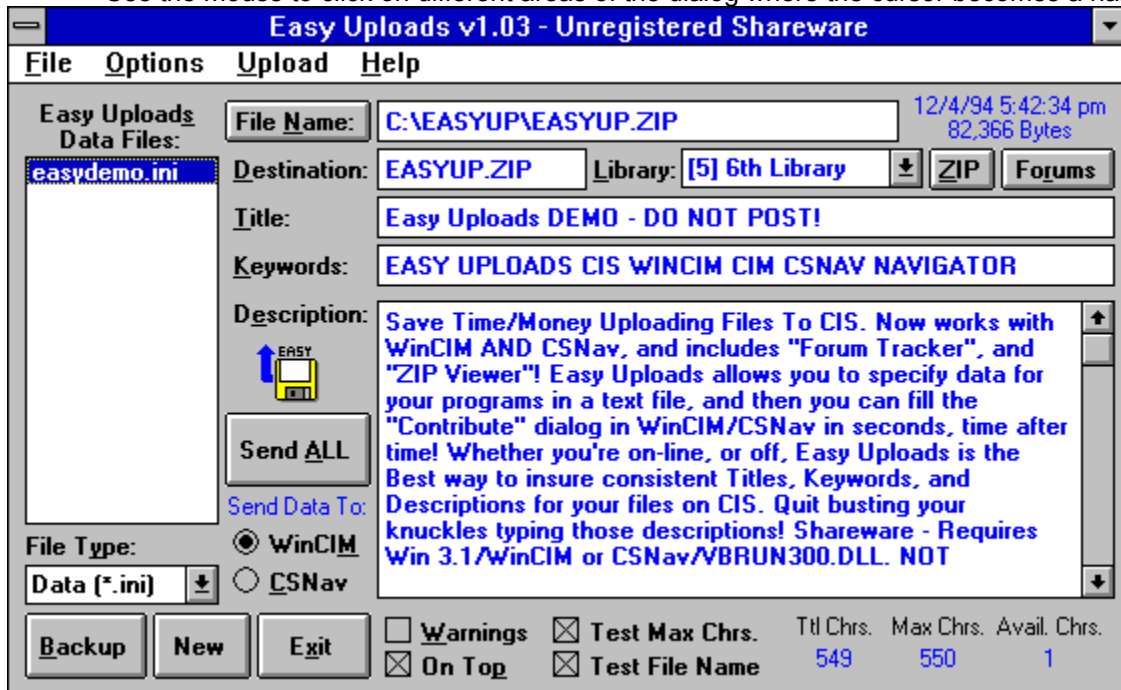
Menus

Many of the buttons have equivalents in the Easy Uploads menu, however, some features can only be accessed from the menu. **File Delete...** is a prime example. See [Menu Descriptions](#) for more about the menus.

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Control Descriptions

Use the mouse to click on different areas of the dialog where the cursor becomes a hand.



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Test File Name

The Test File Name check box allows you to have Easy Uploads check to be sure that the file you've specified to Upload actually exists! If EU cannot find the file when the check box is enabled, you will be prompted to that effect. When disabled, EU will do no checking!

HINT: If you don't have a file already named for your upload, leave the FileName= parameter empty, and EU will NOT annoy you by prompting that it doesn't exist. Be sure to fill it in later!

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Send ALL

The **Send ALL** button/menu item starts Easy Uploads on its way. See: [Uploading Files to WinCIM](#), and [Uploading Files to CSNav](#) for more on what happens when you press Send ALL button.

NOTE: If the Contribute dialog for the currently selected program (WinCIM/CSNav) is not available when you select Send ALL, you will be notified as such, and offered a Demo dialog instead. Select No to return to EU, or Yes, and EU will display a Demo of the appropriate dialog, and Send your data to it. This is a good way to practice with, and without the Warnings.

If you have a Contribute dialog open, and expected EU to work, select No, and check to be sure that the WinCIM/CSNav option buttons are set for the proper program, then try again.

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Warnings/On Top

Warnings check box

The Warnings are only to alert you to be sure the cursor is properly placed in the Contribute dialog, and to set the Forum, and File Type before you press OK. Once you have the hang of it you can disable the Warnings, and things will really fly!

On Top check box

Use this check box to control Easy Uploads behavior. When enabled, Easy Uploads will float "On Top" of WinCIM/CSNav when Minimized and Maximized.

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Exit

The Exit button/menu item is a quick way to Exit Easy Uploads.

NOTE: Easy Uploads will never prompt you "If you're Sure?", since there isn't anything to save. It will simply go away quietly.

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Test Max Chrs.

The standard "Contribute" dialog in WinCIM/CSNav allows approximately 550 characters. When the Test Max Chrs. check box is enabled, Easy Uploads will test to be sure you haven't exceeded the limit. If you do, and the check box is enabled, you will be prompted to reduce your description. Check the bottom right corner of the window (Avail. Chrs) to see how many characters you need to trim.

NOTE: If you choose to disable this check box, and exceed the limit, be sure to thoroughly check your Description after EU has sent the data. Most likely, it will have been truncated, and you will have heard a lot of BEEPS, as EU tries to follow your wishes, only to be denied by the limit.

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Date, Time, and Size

If Easy Uploads is able to find the file you've specified, it will display the last Date/Time it was Saved, along with its Size in Bytes.

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WinCIM/CSNav Options

The WinCIM/CSNav option buttons allow you to specify which application you would like your data sent to. Since the Contribute dialogs differ between applications, Easy Uploads needs to know where it's going, BEFORE you click a Send button.

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Description Statistics

The standard "Contribute" dialog in WinCIM/CSNav allows approximately 550 characters. These numbers provide a measure of how "full" your Description is, displaying the Description Total, and the Number of Characters Remaining/Over.

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Data Boxes

The text boxes for: DestinationName, Title, Keys, and Description, display the information in your Data files in a fashion similar to CIS, and the Contribute Dialog. Edit your data directly in these text boxes.

You can use CTRL+C/CTRL+V/CTRL+Z to Copy/Paste/Undo within the text boxes, or use the Edit menu.

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Library

You can change the Forum Library offset two ways. You can either select it from the list (EU will write it to the currently selected data file), or you can enter it directly in the data file like any other parameter when you're editing.

Since there are way too many libraries for it to be practical for EU to display them, I have filled the list with generic library names. In keeping with CIS's 24 library limit, they are appropriately named:

[0] 1st Library
[1] 2nd Library
etc.

The number in braces designates the "offset" (.ListIndex for you programmers) in the Library list. Don't be fooled by what the forum says when it comes to the Library offset. Often times their numbers have no correlation to the offset in the list. A Library might have a list like:

	<u>Actual Offset</u>
[1] General	0
[2] Windows	1
[4] DOS	2
[5] OS/2	3
[7] Unix	4

HINT: count the # of {DN} key presses it takes to highlight the proper library in WinCIM or CSNav. (0-23=Libraries 1-24) then use that number.

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Using the Demo Dialogs

A companion program to Easy Uploads will display a Demo of the "Contribute" dialogs from WinCIM, and CSNav. You can bring up the Demo dialog from the Options menu in Easy Uploads. Select the dialog that's appropriate for the application you've specified to Send to (not too hard, since the other menu item will be disabled).

Once the demo is displayed, you can select one of the Send buttons to test how Easy Uploads will work with WinCIM, or CSNav once their dialog is open. After you've seen the demo, select either the OK or Cancel button to remove the demo, and return to Easy Uploads (both buttons have the same meaning).

NOTE: Easy Uploads will automatically give you the option of Sending to the Demo, if the Contribute dialog for the appropriate program is not available. Just click Send ALL, and then Yes, to the option, and EU will open and send to the demo.

NOTE: The Companion program is named CONTRIB.EXE, and must be in the same directory as Easy Uploads to perform properly. I made this its own program to try and keep Easy Uploads small. Sorry for the extra clutter on your hard drive! CONTRIB.EXE cannot be run from an icon, or from File Manager. Only Easy Uploads can open CONTRIB.

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File Type

The File Type list box allows you to specify which types of files are displayed in the File list.
The choices are:

Data (*.ini)	All Easy Uploads Data Files.
Backup (*.eub)	Data files backed up with the Backup button.
Both (*.ini;*.eub)	Data and Backup Files.

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Backup

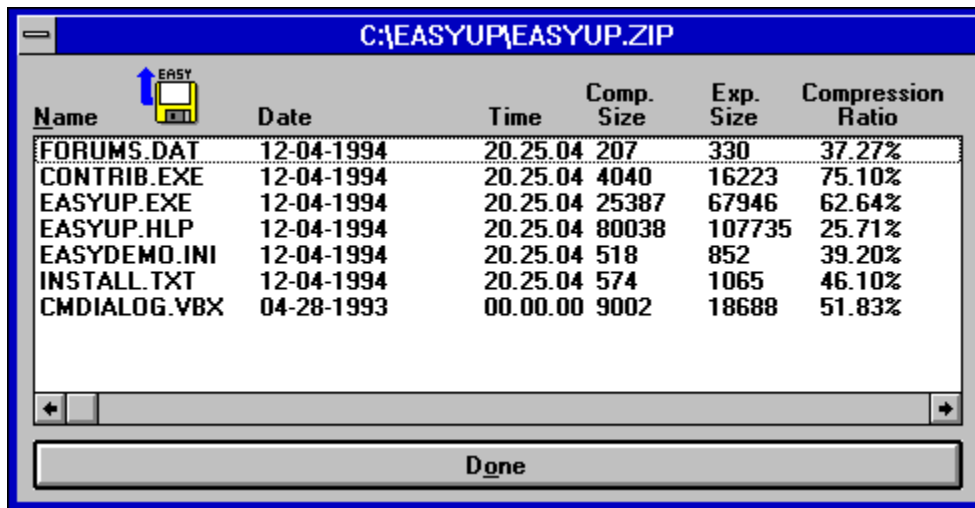
Easy Uploads creates Backups of your Data Files in your Easy Uploads directory, with the extension .EUB.

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ZIP Source Contents

Press **F6**, select the **ZIP** button, or the **Upload|Display Zip Contents...** menu item to display the ZIP Viewer, and the contents of the Source ZIP archive. Easy Uploads reads the header data from your ZIP, so it *never* has to call PKUNZIP.

The ZIP button/menu item are Disabled when the Source File is anything other than *.ZIP.



Name	Date	Time	Comp. Size	Exp. Size	Compression Ratio
FORUMS.DAT	12-04-1994	20.25.04	207	330	37.27%
CONTRIB.EXE	12-04-1994	20.25.04	4040	16223	75.10%
EASYUP.EXE	12-04-1994	20.25.04	25387	67946	62.64%
EASYUP.HLP	12-04-1994	20.25.04	80038	107735	25.71%
EASYDEMO.INI	12-04-1994	20.25.04	518	852	39.20%
INSTALL.TXT	12-04-1994	20.25.04	574	1065	46.10%
CMDIALOG.VBX	04-28-1993	00.00.00	9002	18688	51.83%

NOTE: The contents of the dialog shown above is for display only, and may/may not reflect the files currently included with Easy Uploads.

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Forums

Select the Forums button/menu item to display the Forum Tracker dialog. See [Forum Tracker](#).

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Source File Name

Easy Uploads will display a standard Open dialog for you to use to specify the Source File that you want to Upload to CIS, just like the one in the Contribute dialog.

The Destination Name will be determined from the Source, and entered automatically.

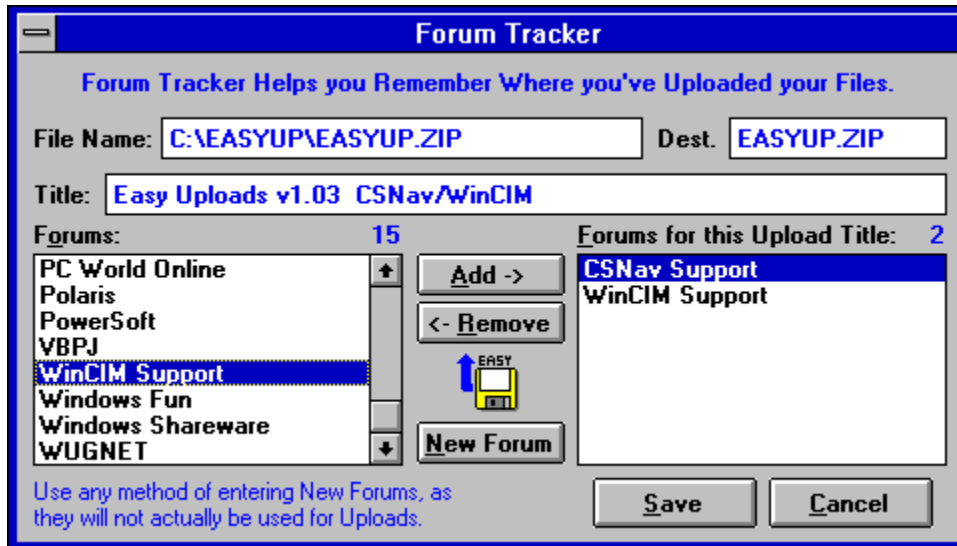
NOTE: Destination File Names must be 6 characters or less, per CIS (not including the extension). If the Source Name is greater than 6 characters, Easy Uploads will truncate it to 6, and notify you that it's been altered. You can enter a more reasonable name, if the truncated version looks awkward.

NOTE: If Easy Uploads finds a file named: FILE_ID.DIZ (DIZ - Description in ZIP) in your Source directory, it will prompt you whether you want to read it in to the Description to give you a quick head start.

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Forum Tracker

Press **F4**, select the **Forums** button, or the **Options|Forum Tracker...** menu item to display the Forum Tracker. After you Upload your file, be sure to add the Forum to its List! Forum Tracker makes it Easy to remember where to post your Upgrades!



Add a Forum from the Master list (left) to your Upload List by:

- Selecting a Forum and pressing Enter.
- Selecting a Forum and pressing the **Add ->** button.
- Double clicking on a Forum.

Remove a Forum from your Upload list (right) by:

- Selecting a Forum and pressing Enter.
- Selecting a Forum and pressing the **<- Remove** button.
- Double clicking on a Forum.

To Add a New Forum to the Master list (left).

- Select the **New Forum** button.
- Enter some text to describe the Forum.
- This can be anything that makes sense to you, since it won't be used in your Upload.
- Select OK.

The Forums for this Upload data is written to your Easy Uploads data file when you press the Save button. Press Cancel to abandon any changes.

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Shortcut Keys

You can use any of the following key combinations to access Easy Uploads functions.

When the Easy Uploads Window is Active...

<u>Function Keys</u>	<u>Function</u>
F1	Help
F2	Search Help File
F4	Display <u>Forum Tracker</u>
F5	<u>Send ALL</u>
F6	<u>Display ZIP Contents</u>

<u>ALT+Key Combination</u>	<u>Function</u>
ALT+A	<u>Send ALL</u>
ALT+B	<u>Backup</u>
ALT+C	Select <u>CSNav</u> as the Destination program
ALT+D	Make the <u>Description</u> box active
ALT+I	Make the <u>Destination</u> box active
ALT+K	Make the <u>Keys</u> box active
ALT+L	Make the <u>Library</u> list box active
ALT+M	Select <u>WinCIM</u> as the Destination program
ALT+N	Select <u>Source File Name</u>
ALT+P	<u>On Top</u> check box
ALT+R	Display <u>Forum Tracker</u>
ALT+S	Make the Easy Uploads <u>Data Files</u> list box active
ALT+T	Make the <u>Title</u> box active
ALT+W	<u>Warnings</u> check box
ALT+X	<u>Exit</u>
ALT+Y	Select <u>File Type</u>
ALT+Z	<u>Display ZIP Contents</u>

<u>CTRL+Key Combination</u>	<u>Function</u>
CTRL+N	<u>New</u> File
CTRL+O	<u>Open</u> File
CTRL+D	<u>Delete</u> File
CTRL+P	<u>Print</u> File
CTRL+I	<u>Print Instructions</u>

When the Forum Tracker Window is Active...

<u>ALT+Key Combination</u>	<u>Function</u>
ALT+O	Make the Forums list box active
ALT+F	Make the <u>Forums</u> for this Upload Title list box active
ALT+A	Select the <u>Add</u> -> button
ALT+R	Select the <- <u>Remove</u> button
ALT+N	Select the <u>New</u> Forum button
ALT+S	<u>Save</u> the Current Settings, and close the Forum Tracker
ALT+C	<u>Cancel</u> any Changes, and close the Forum Tracker

When the ZIP Viewer Window is Active...

<u>ALT+Key Combination</u>	<u>Function</u>
Enter	Done
ALT+O	Done
ALT+N	Make the ZIP list box active

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Registering via SWREG

As well as mailing a check/money order, you can also Register Easy Uploads via the CompuServe **SWREG** Service.

However, note that since CompuServe gets 15% of all programs registered on SWREG, the Registration fee for Easy Uploads on SWREG is **\$17.50**. (I guess Shareware means even CompuServe get its "share" too). I'm sorry, but at only \$15, I can't afford to eat the 15% myself.

To Register Easy Uploads via SWREG:

Log-on to CompuServe

Then "GO" to "SWREG" (GO SWREG)

Give Easy Uploads Registration ID# when requested: [4046](#)

Follow the remaining instructions on-screen.

I will E-mail you your Easy Uploads Registration Code, as soon as SWREG notifies me of your order.

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