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This document contains important information that is not included in the *FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator -- ZipNAV User's Guide* or in the online help file.

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Using Microsoft Windows Write to View This Document

If you enlarge the Write Window to its maximum size, this document will be easier to read. To do so, click the Maximize button in the upper-right corner of the window. Or open the Control menu in the upper-left corner of the Write window (press ALT+SPACEBAR), and then choose the Maximize command.

To move through the document, press PAGE UP or PAGE DOWN or click the arrows at the top and bottom of the scroll bar along the right side of the Write window.

To print the document, choose the Print command from the File menu. (Note: In order to optimize the document for a particular printer, it may be necessary for the user to reformat the entire document prior to printing.)

For Help on using Write, press F1.

To read other online documents, choose the Open command from the File menu.

Distribution Files and Description

The FlashPoint ZIP NAVIGATOR ("ZipNAV") shareware, thiry (30) day evaluation product includes the following distribution files.

FILE	DESCRIPTION
FPZ_NEWS.WRI	This is the file you're reading. ***"FlashNews"*** replaces the typical "README.TXT" file distributed with most applications. It contains basic information and directions on where to look for further information and explains the purpose of the application and documentation files distributed in this release. This file should be read before installing, running or ordering the product.
FPZIP.WRI	This file contains the ***Zip Navigator "Flash Start" Shareware / Evaluation User's Guide***. It provides only basic information on installing, using and registering this product, and is intended only to get the user "up and going" with the unregistered shareware evaluation release. For more detailed information on product features, advanced configuration and use, the user should consult the online help file (FPZIP.HLP).
FPZIP.HLP	This is the online help file that is loaded by Microsoft Windows WinHelp application. It functions as both the online help and User's Guide for the unregistered shareware evaluation release of this product. It may be launched from file manager or program manager, loaded from within the WinHelp program or accessed through any of the FlashPoint Zip Navigator help or about commands. The file is in the Windows 3.1 Windows Help format, and requires WinHelp version 3.1 or greater.
DISCOUNT.TXT	This is a very important document to read -- it tells you how to save money. It describes various discounts that may be available should you decide to purchase the complete registered version of this product. You must carefully follow the instructions on taking a specific discount, or you may not qualify. Most discounts have certain time or other limitations on them, and may no longer be in effect. Discounts are only available if you order direct from FlashPoint Development, and are not available if you register the product with any authorized third-party services, e.g., CompuServe's Online Software Registration Service.
COMPUSRV.TXT	This document describes where and how you can register this product through CompuServe's Online Software Registration Service. Again remember that no discounts may be applied to online orders.
CIS.ICO	This file is a standard icon file, that is provided for and used internally by Microsoft Windows Program Manager to display a COMPUSRV.TXT icon.
FILE_ID.DIZ	This file is merely a brief description of this product, that is provided for and used internally by many public bulletin board system's (BBS) software.
FPZIP.EXE	This is the compression and archive program used by the other ZipNAV applications, and can be used as a standalone application, e.g., it may be incorporated in or launched form your own application programs by the use of macros or other execution and load functions, e.g., Windows API WinExec function.

FPZIPX.EXE   This is the decompression and unarchive program used by the other ZipNAV applications, and can be used as a standalone application, e.g., it may be incorporated in or launched form your own application programs by the use of macros or other execution and load functions, e.g., Windows API WinExec function.

WZF.EXE   This is the FlashPoint Windows ZIP Filer program which functions as a shell for both FlashPoint Windows ZIP (FPZIP.EXE) and FlashPoint Windows ZIPX (FPZIPX.EXE) compression and decompression modules.

WIZ.EXE   This is the FlashPoint Windows ZIP Manager ("WIZiper") program which functions as a shell for FlashPoint Windows ZIP (FPZIP.EXE) and FlashPoint Windows ZIPX (FPZIPX.EXE) compression and decompression modules, and, optionally, PKWare's DOS PKZip (PKZIP.EXE) and PKUnzip (PKUNZIP.EXE) compression and decompression utilities.

FPZIP.INI   This is the default initialization file for all FlashPoint Windows ZIP NAVIGATOR applications.

FPZFMX.DLL   This is the File Manager Extension application or dynamic link library (DLL) that you must manually configure by using the sample text contained in the WINFILE.TXT file and the WINFILE.INI file located in your systems Windows Directory, e.g., the C:\WINDOWS\ directory on many users' computers. Consult the installing the File Manager Extension topics in either the online help file (FPZIP.HLP) or the Shareware/Evaluation User's Guide (FPZIP.WRI), for detailed information on how to install this extension program.

WINFILE.TXT   This is the data file for the default File Manager Extension settings that are merged into the WINFILE.INI file located in your Windows Directory. Consult this file and the File Manager Extension topics in either the online help file (FPZIP.HLP) or the Shareware/Evaluation User's Guide (FPZIP.WRI), for detailed information on how to customize the extension program settings and menus.

FPZXX.EXE   This is a program module used internally by the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator applications. It can not be ran as a standalone application.   It should be installed in the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator Directory (the directory where, FPZIP.EXE, FPZIPX.EXE, WIZ.EXE and WZF.EXE are installed).

FPZGRM.DLL   This is a dynamic link library used internally by the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator applications. It should be installed in the Windows' System Directory.

FPZHRM.DLL   This is a dynamic link library used internally by the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator applications. It should be installed in the Windows' System Directory.

FPSETUP.EXE   The installation program.

FPSETUP.INF   The installation program data file.

FPZIP.REG   This file is used by the installation program to install program information in the Microsoft Windows registration data base.

How to Install Zip Navigator

Copy the distribution files to a temporary directory on your system's hard drive, and then run the FlashPoint Windows Setup program (FPSETUP.EXE). The setup program will initially propose that the application be installed in the Windows Directory; however, any other directory may be substituted. If the directory does not exist, it will be created by the setup program. The only limitation on selecting a directory is that it be identified in the DOS environment "PATH=" setting.

Windows 3.0 Installation Requirements

If you plan on using this product under Microsoft Windows 3.0, you must read the applicable topics in the *Shareware/Evaluation User's Guide* document, before using the application programs. It contains important information about additional steps required to be performed by the user to complete installation of the product; these steps are not performed by FlashPont Windows Setup.

How to Install Zip Navigator

The standard FlashPoint ZipNAV installation can be uninstalled by:

1. Delete the following files, if installed, from the FlashPoint ZipNAV directory:

WIZ.EXE	WZF.EXE	OPT.EXE
FPZIP.EXE	FPZIPX.EXE	FPZXX.EXE
FPZIP.WRI	DISCOUNT.TXT	CIS.ICO
FP_NEWS!.WRI	FPVIEW.EXE	FPZIP.HLP
FPZSYS.EXE	COMPUSRV.TXT	

2. Delete the following files from the Windows directory:

    FPZIP.INI

3. Delete the following files from the Windows System directory:

FPZGRM.DLL	FPZHRM.DLL	FPZFMX.DLL
FPZSMM.DLL		

4. Delete the zip extension association line (referencing WZF.EXE) from the [Extensions] section of your WIN.INI file (located in the Windows directory), using a text editor such as NOTEPAD.EXE. See the *Microsoft Windows Users' Guide* for additional information on WIN.INI file associations.

5. Delete the zip extension association information (referencing WZF.EXE) from the your REG.DAT file (located in the Windows directory), if any, using REGEDIT.EXE. See the *Microsoft Windows Users' Guide* for additional information on using REGEDIT.EXE.

6. Delete the [FlashPoint ZIP] section from the your WINFILE.INI file (located in the Windows directory), if any, using a text editor such as NOTEPAD.EXE. Also delete the line refering to FPZFMX.DLL.

7.   Exit and restart Microsoft Windows.

How to Purchase the Registered Version of Zip Navigator

Read the topics on purchasing licensed copies of this product, in the *Shareware/Evaluation User's Guide* (FPZIP.WRI) or the online help file (FPZIP.HLP). Order forms can be located and printed directly from the online help file, by selecting the applicable "Register Me!" menu item and printer icon, or by printing a copy located in the *User's Guide*.

Save Money on Registration and License Fees -- Discounts

Read the DISCOUNT.TXT file -- it contains information on several available discounts that may save you money on registration fees.

Current registered users of FlashPoint Windows ZIP/ZIPX and ZIP Tools for Windows should also read the DISCOUNT.TXT file for information on upgrades.

What's Missing in the Preliminary Release?

This is a preliminary release which is being distributed through shareware channels for the purpose of evaluation only. As such a few minor features may not be implemented, although they may appear functional in the application programs or are referenced in the documentation and help files. The registered production version, expected to begin shipping on or about July 15, 1994, will implement most of these features; however, some features may remain unimplemented, be abandoned or otherwise be changed. Therefore, before you elect to purchase the registered version of this product, it is important to determine that the current preliminary release features as implemented satisfy your needs.

Three features that are not planned to be implemented in the production version of this release are PKZip 2.04g file compression (deflation) and support for multiple disk (spanned) archives, and file encryption. These features, if implemented, will appear in a future release, provided they do not conflict with government restrictions on encryption and with copyright, trademark and patent rights of any third party, including specifically those of PKWare, Inc. Obviously, we have no desire to involve our registered users in litigation that could result from the unauthorized use or infringement of third-party proprietary rights.

Notwithstanding the foregoing limitations, both the preliminary and production versions of this product are compatible with all versions of PKWare's Zip file formats, including both version 1.1 and 2.04g standard and self-extracting file formats (other than multiple disk archives), and supports decryption of any archive files that are encrypted using PKZip 1.1 or 2.04g. In addition, FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator applications are compatible with Zip archive files created on a non-DOS/FAT operating system, e.g., various Unix, Windows NT, VMS, Apple, etc. operating systems, using third-party products, and will allow extraction and viewing of non-DOS/FAT archive member listings even though member files are not stored in standard DOS/Windows "8.3" character file name formats.

Report All Bugs and Suggestions

It is important that all bugs and suggestions be reported to FlashPoint Development or the author, Richard Patterson. This will allow possible modifications prior to the shipment of the production version, and additions and corrections to and enhancements of future releases.

Information on contacting FlashPoint and the author can be found in the FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator User's Guides, in the online help file and in the COMPUSRV.TXT file.

Distribute Unregistered, Shareware/Evaluation Copies

Whether or not you choose to support this release and the development of future versions of FlashPoint Windows Zip Navigator suite of applications, by purchasing one or more registered copies of the product. You can help insure future development by distributing copies of the unregistered product to co-workers, friends, members of the news media, shareware vendors, online services and bulletin board systems (BBS) -- the more persons who have the opportunity to evaluate this product will result in more persons having the opportunity to purchase it. Shareware products rely on user honesty and person to person advertising. As with all commercial and shareware products, only those products that generate sufficient revenues will continue to be developed and distributed as shareware; so if you like the product but can not afford to register it, you can still help support it by redistributing evaluation copies to others.