

CompuServe CD File Finder

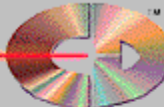

CompuServe's File Finder allows you to search for files across a number of CompuServe Forum libraries. This CD edition of the File Finder is full-text searchable and contains two useful views. The first will provide you with a quick reference to the thousands of graphic images available in our Graphics Forums. The second contains tens of thousands of IBM compatible software.



With this utility, you can perform all of your searching OffLine and save. Mark the files that interest you, then use the CompuServe CD Outbasket to retrieve them all at once. You will be billed standard CompuServe connect rates for these downloads.

When you run the CompuServe CD File Finder, the following dialog box will appear. Click on any region in the graphic below for specific information about specific File Finder features.


CompuServeCD File Finder


File Edit Options Help

CompuServe  **File Finder** 

Search:  Forum: 

Any Text:

Filename: Submit Date: 

Contributor: Accesses: 

Search for text in any field or in the description

Select File Finder

This control allows you to select whether you wish to search the IBM File Finder or the Graphics File Finder. The list of Forums searched will change depending upon your selection.

Which Forum

This control will allow you to narrow your search to a specific forum -or- specify that the search should cut across all of the forums in this list.

Full Text Search

If you wish to search for a word that appears anywhere in that file's description, you should use this full text search option. This field supports simple boolean logic, so you may enter more than one word separated by AND or OR.

Filename

This field is used to search for text appearing anywhere in the file's name or extension. If you know the exact filename that you are looking for, you may enter it here as well. This field does not support DOS wildcards (like the * and ? characters).

Date

If you wish to narrow your search by including a date range, this is where you would specify that information. First, enter a date in the field on the right, then use the list on the left to specify whether you want to list files before or after date in question.

Contributor

If you know the User ID number of the person who submitted the file(s) to the CompuServe forum libraries, then you may enter that ID number in this field. If this field is used, it must contain a valid CompuServe ID number -and- not a personal name.

Message

As your mouse cursor passes over controls on the File Finder dialog, additional information will be displayed on this line.

Accesses

You can use this field to narrow files based upon the number of times others have accessed it. For example, you might only want to list files that have been downloaded by over 1000 other people.

Include Descriptions

When this control is checked, the File Finder will include the complete descriptions of each file in the resulting printout. If it is not checked, only the file's one-line titles will be used.

Help Button

The Help button brings you here, to this screen.

Cancel Button

Use this button to return to your list of selected files.

Return Button

Use this button to return to the main File Finder search screen

Print Options

Use these options to select what you want the File Finder to print. Be forewarned that you will be using a lot of paper if you opt to print all of the files in the File Finder database. It is recommended that you use this option to print the details of a single selected file -or- the files you have marked for downloading.

OK Button

Use this button to begin printing

Print

Use this button to print the results of your search. Click on a region in the following dialog for additional details.



List of Marked Files

This is a list of your marked files (including the forum name, file title, and file size).

Retrieve All Button

Use this button to begin downloading your marked files.

Unmark Button

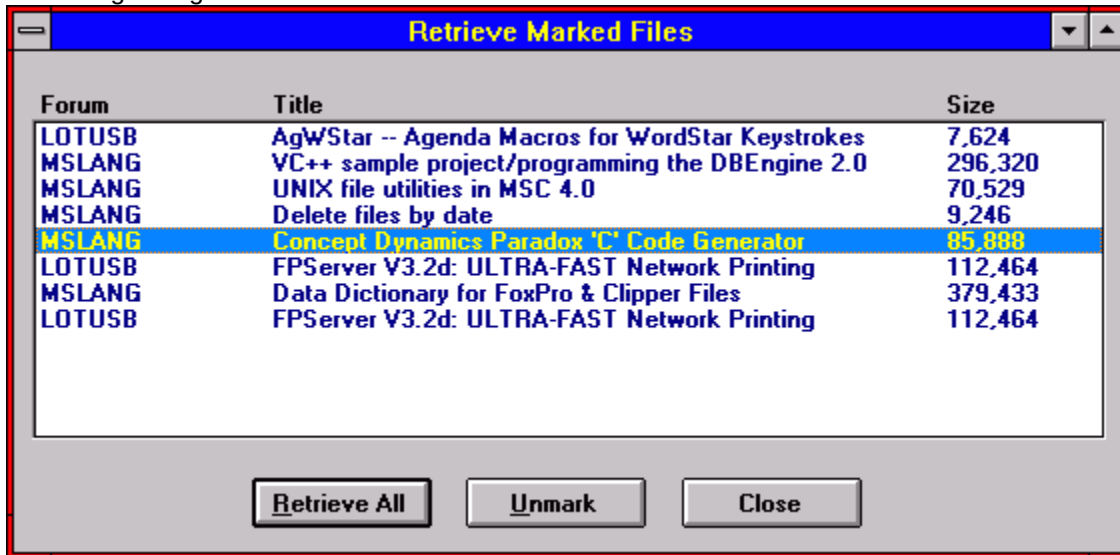
Use this button to remove an item from the list of marked files.

Close Button

Use this button to return to the Search Results screen.

Retrieve Marked

This dialog will display all of the files that you have marked for downloading. Click on a region in the following dialog for additional details.



Retrieve Button

Use this button to retrieve the selected file immediately.

Mark/Unmark Button

Use this button to add or remove an item from the list of files marked for later retrieval. Another way to accomplish this would be to click in the small square to the left of the title with your mouse -or- select the file with the arrow keys on your keyboard and press the <SPACEBAR>.

Message

As your mouse cursor passes over controls on the File Finder dialog, additional information will be displayed on this line.

Total File Size

This is where the File Finder will display to total number of bytes marked for retrieval. You may use this information to determine how long it will take (and how much it will cost) to download the marked files.

Number of Files Found

This is where the File Finder will display the number of files that have been found to meet your search criteria.

Description

This is the complete file description offered by the person who contributed this file to the CompuServe Information Service.

Keywords

The OnLine version of CompuServe's File Finder is not full-text searchable. These are the keywords that you could use to search for the file if you were to visit the OnLine forum or File Finder.

File Details

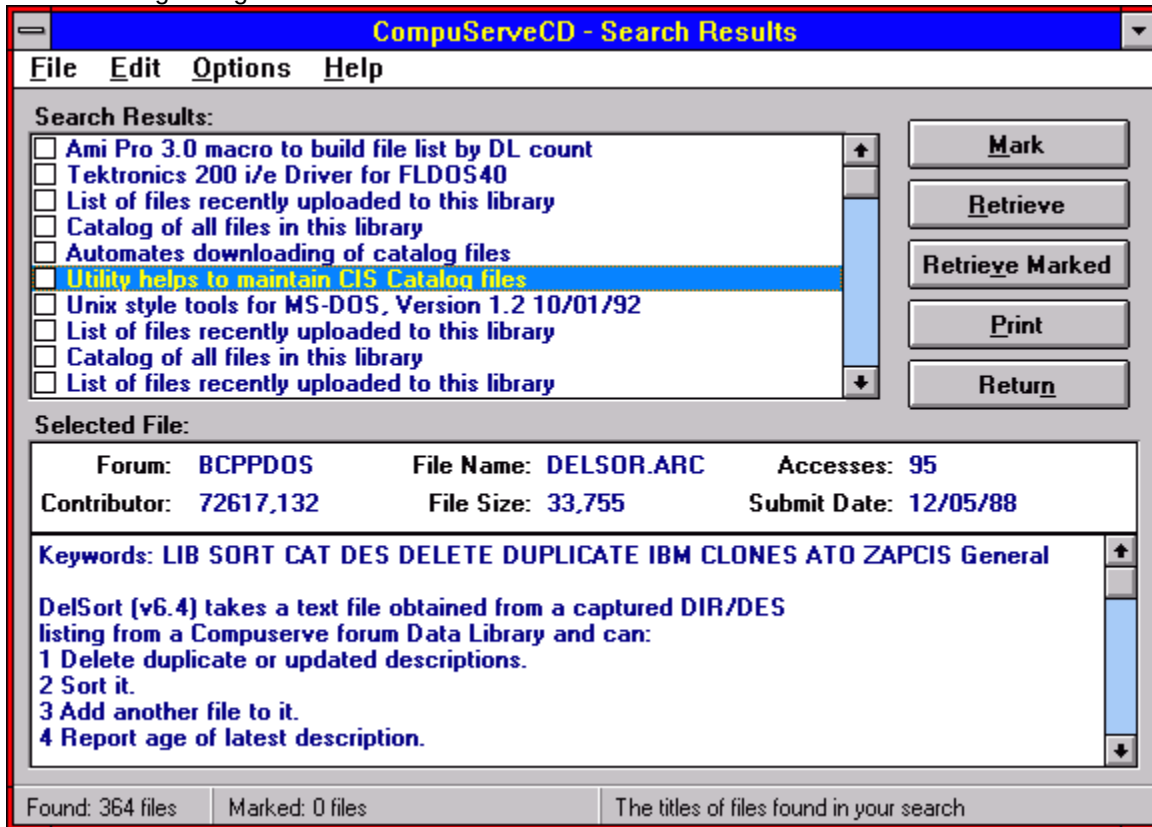
This is where the nitty-gritty details of each file are displayed, including in what forum the file can be found, the file's exact file name, the number of times that this file has been accessed (i.e. downloaded) by other CompuServe members, who contributed the file, the file's size (in bytes) and the date that the file was submitted/uploaded to CompuServe.

Search Results

This window contains the results of your search. If you click on a file title with your mouse (or select the file with the arrow keys and press the <ENTER> key), a complete description will appear in the description window below. If you wish to mark the file for later retrieval, click within the small square to the left of the file's title (or press the <SPACEBAR> on your keyboard).

Search Button

The following dialog will appear after a search has been successfully completed. Click on a region in the following dialog for additional details.



Clear Button

Use this button to begin a new search. It will clear all of the search criteria on the screen and reset the search to the maximum number of files available.

Help Button

The Help button brings you here, to this screen.

Exit Button

Press this button to exit the CompuServe CD File Finder.

