

Welcome to Genius for Windows.

My basic philosophy has been to make the program 'user friendly' and, to use a computer industry word 'intuitive'.

I hope I have managed to achieve that aim.

In general I have tried to avoid using computer jargon when describing Genius's operation in the manual and the Help screens. Many people can be overwhelmed by terms such as 'field', 'DOS', 'CPU', 'RAM' etc. when in most cases plain English serves the purpose.

It is assumed, however, that you have a basic working knowledge of Microsoft Windows.

I hope you enjoy using Genius for Windows.

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What Can Genius for Windows Do

The main advantage of Genius over other genealogical programs is its visual display. Four generations of family members are displayed on the Family Tree screen. The display includes Parents, Grandparents, one Partner, up to two Siblings, up to four children and of course the currently selected person.

Navigation around the tree is simple; selecting any person displayed on the family tree with the mouse (or using the keyboard) lets you select any person to view or edit their information.

Alternatively you can search for and select an individual by Family Name.

The maximum number of people that can be stored by the program is 5000. The notes for each person have a limit of 2,000 characters (about 400 words), although this could be further limited by available free hard disk space.

The issue of one couple can be up to 34 children and any one person can have up to 20 partners.

Genius uses about 500 bytes of disk space per person plus approximately 1 byte per character for each person's notes.

(A byte is a series of bits of information used in a computer to store or manipulate data. It is like a letter in a word, a series of letters are combined to make an understandable word.)

Genius Can Print:

An individually formatted data sheet for each person.

A nicely formatted Descendants Chart of up to 8 generations for any person.

A Pedigree Chart for any person displaying 4 generations of ancestors.

A complete list of all people recorded sorted by Family Name or Person Number.

A list of all people recorded with the same Family Name.

Terminology

Some of the terminology used in genealogy and Genius may need explanation.

Connect ..

The idea that all people related to each other are 'connected' in some way, ie. as say a father, mother, sibling(s), child, grandmother, grandfather, 5th cousin 4 times removed etc. is called a 'a connection'.

Genius is only concerned with direct relationships, the less direct relationships are sorted out automatically.

Disconnect..

To break a connection, for example you may have connected a spouse to the wrong member of a family, so you would 'disconnect' that spouse.

Selected Person...

The person who's data is currently being worked on is known as the 'Selected Person'. In the Family Tree display she or he is shown in the dark brown box.

Recommended computer configuration

386 or better computer with at least 2 Mb of memory
 Windows version 3.1 or higher
 Enough hard disk space to store your files
 (1 Mb stores about 2000 entries not including any notes)
 and up to 800Kb for the program.

Files on the distribution disk

You should have:

cmdialog.vb_	
ddeml.dl_	
file_id.diz	File Identification file in DOS text format
geninstl.ex_	
genius.ex_	
genius.hl_	
genius_d.dl_	
genius_p.dl_	
genius_s.dl_	
readme.txt	ReadMe in DOS text format
readme.wr_	
register.ex_	
register.wr_	
register.txt	Registration form in DOS text format
setup.exe	
setup.lst	
vbrun300.dl_	
vendor.txt	Shareware distributors information in DOS text format
ver.dl_	
genius.cf_	
genius.pe_	
genius.ma_	
genius.mc_	
genius.nt_	
whatsnew.wr_	

Installation

Place the Genius distribution disk in your floppy drive. In Windows Program Manager select 'File' on the Menu bar at the top with your mouse then select 'Run' on the pop down menu and type:

a:setup

and press [Enter]

(You can use upper or lower case, it doesn't matter.)

If you have put the distribution disk in drive B: type:

b:setup

and press [Enter]

After a few moments of disk drive activity you will be asked where you wish to install Genius on your hard disk.

It offers to install Genius on Drive C: in a directory called 'GENIUS'.

If you are happy with the suggested directory press 'Enter' or select the 'Continue' button, otherwise type in the name of the directory that you want Genius to be installed to.

Genius will then be installed on the specified directory. An extra sub directory will be made called 'FILES' under your GENIUS directory, this is to store the family records that Genius will generate.

After a short time, the installation will be complete, and, if there are no existing data files, you will be asked if you wish to install the sample files. Respond either 'Yes' or 'No'. If you respond 'Yes' a set of sample family files will be copied to the 'FILES' sub directory, if you respond 'No' the installation is complete and you will be returned to Windows Program Manager.

If the installation program finds an existing set of Genius Family files it will check and update these files.

After installation you should have the following files in your Genius directory:

(or the sub directory you installed Genius to)

- genius.exe
- genius.hlp
- readme.wri
- register.exe
- register.wri
- whatsnew.wr_

and, if you installed the sample family files you should have the following files in the 'FILES' sub directory under the Genius directory:

(or under the directory you installed Genius to)

- genius.cfg
- genius.per
- genius.mar
- genius.mce
- genius.nts

NOTE: If you installed the sample files you will have to delete them before you start your own family database.

To do this exit from Genius, run File Manager, find the sub directory 'FILES' under the directory you installed Genius to (normally C:\GENIUS) and delete the files listed above from the sub directory 'FILES'.

Screen Resolution

Genius for Windows has been optimised for screen resolutions of 600 X 800 or higher. While it still looks great at lower resolutions, it looks better (as does most software) at the higher resolutions.

Check your manual for instructions how to reset the Windows screen resolution.

Setting the International Short Date Format

Genius needs this to be set correctly so it will accept date entry in the format you prefer. In most cases this will be already set, but if you have trouble entering dates, it could be that the Windows International Short Date Format is incorrectly set for your country's particular date format.

To set or check the International Short Date Format:

Exit from Genius if it is running.

In the Main Group of Windows Program Manager:

Run the 'Control Panel' application.

Select the 'International' icon.

In the Date Format box select the 'Change...' button.

The International Short Date Format dialog box appears

Make sure that the Short Date Format... Order is set to the date format that you use, either MDY or DMY (Month Day Year or Day Month Year).

Select the 'OK' button.

Select the 'OK' button on the 'International' dialog box.

WIN.INI will now be updated and Genius will accept dates correctly.

Note: Genius will not accept the format YMD.

Using Genius for Windows

Genius has been designed to gently steer you through the complexities of entering, viewing and printing family data.

When you start Genius for the first time you will see a blank Family Tree with an empty brown 'Selected Person' box.

Select 'Add Person' with the mouse and a form will appear titled 'Add the First Person'.

Enter all the information you know about the person you wish to start with on this form, pressing 'Tab' to move between the input entry boxes.

(If the family tree is your own you could start with yourself).

Select 'OK', you will be returned to the Family Tree.

You can then add Parents, Siblings, Children and Partners in any order.

To view or edit any person on the screen, click on their box to make him or her the Selected Person, then click on the Selected Person box (or press [Enter]) to display the Edit Form.

You can then edit or view that persons information.

For more information about using Genius for Windows, extensive Help is available by pressing the [F1] key or clicking on the 'Help' button.

Uninstalling Genius for Windows

If you decide that Genius for Windows is not for you, remove all the files in the Genius (or whatever you called it) directory and it's associated \FILES sub directory.

In the WINDOWS or WINDOWS\SYSTEM directories, delete the files:

genius_d.dll
genius_p.dll
genius_s.dll
geninstl.exe

Other files in the WINDOWS or WINDOWS\SYSTEM sub directories that Genius installs when setup are:

vbrun300.dll

BE CAREFUL removing this file from the WINDOWS or WINDOWS\SYSTEM directories as it may be used by other software that you have installed.

It's generally advisable to move it to another sub directory that isn't in the AUTOEXEC.BAT PATH statement, then run all your other programs to make sure they operate correctly before deleting this file.

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Registering Genius for Windows only costs \$55 in Australian dollars.

For that you will get:

The latest version or upgrade of Genius for Windows when it becomes available.

The right to use your registered copy of Genius for Windows on your computer.

Telephone support if you have any problems.

A proper 60 page instruction manual.

Direct access to the program (the registration notices wont appear).

The message "Genius for Windows (Unregistered Copy)" wont appear on printouts.

A warm feeling knowing you have done the right thing.

Once you have registered (even if the 60 days have expired) you will be able to continue from where you left off. Your data remains intact.

To Register:

Print out the registration form, either by printing REGISTER.WRI or by selecting 'Registration Form' in the Registration window, fill it in and post it enclosing your cheque (in Australia only), an

International Postal Money Order in **Australian dollars** or Bank Cheque paid in **Australian dollars to an Australian bank** to:

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No Credit Cards at this stage.

International Money Transfer: add AU\$10 to cover Australian bank charges

Telephone enquiries: +61 71 233 399 (international), or in Australia (071) 233 399 between 7am and 5pm Australian EST, Monday to Saturday. (That's 2100 to 0700 Universal Time (GMT -10 hrs); 4pm to 2am East Coast USA (-15 hrs); 1pm to 11pm Pacific Coast USA (-18 hrs).

A slimmer, trimmer, faster, Genius for Windows Version 2 is on the drawing board, so I would appreciate any opinions, requirements and suggestions that I can incorporate in the next version.

DISCLAIMER

Every possible effort has been made to ensure that Genius for Windows will run correctly, but there is no guarantee that the program will run and I will accept no responsibility for any errors in the software, or for any consequences of any users' actions taken or not taken as a result of using this software.

Users are strongly advised to make appropriate backups of their software before installing or running Genius for Windows.

After all that, in the event that registered users have any problems installing or running Genius for Windows due to a faulty distribution disk or bug, I will either replace the program with the latest version or repair any bug and supply an upgraded release.

If unregistered users discover an unknown bug, I will, after repairing the bug supply an upgraded evaluation release free of charge.

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