

MEXEC.EXE 1.03
FreeWare from Jeff Elkins
Columbia South Carolina

HELP INDEX:

Program Information

How MEXEC Operates

Configuring MEXEC

Editing Files

Moving Files

Renaming Files

Viewing Bitmap Files

Copying Files

Deleting Files

Radio Buttons

DoubleClicking Files

Legal Issues

Tech Support

Program Information:

Files Included: MEXEC.EXE
 MEXEC.HLP
 MEXEC.WRI
 MEXSR.ZIP (Source Code)

MEXEC is a Windows 3.0 utility designed to serve as an enhanced replacement for the windows RUN command as well as including some rudimentary file manipulation commands. Copy MEXEC.EXE and MEXEC.HLP into your windows subdirectory or the subdirectory of your choice. Written in Visual Basic, it requires the VRUN100.DLL file to execute.

How MEXEC Operates:

MEXEC uses Visual Basic's shell command to execute windows & DOS programs. Unlike RUN it allows you to browse subdirectories and double-click an executable file or click one of the execute buttons. When a file is double-clicked, the program runs in normal mode as a default. The execute buttons allow you to choose the initial mode of operation for a program , maximized, minimized or normal.

The command button supplies a RUN-Like dialog box allowing you to enter the filename of a program to execute along with any parameters needed.

Configuring MEXEC

As a default MEXEC uses NOTEPAD.EXE in the Windows directory as it's editor. To configure MEXEC to use another editor select the menu item Configure. A text dialog will display where you can enter the editor of your preference. Enter the FULL PATH AND FILENAME (INCLUDING EXTENSION) of your editor then click the Accept button. MEXEC will save your choice in a MEXEC.INI file in the windows directory.

Double-clicking on a .TXT file will summon the editor, loading that file. You may also highlight a file then press the Edit button. Your editor must support pre-loading filenames into it's command string.

I suggest that you do NOT select Write.exe as your editor. MEXEC will execute WRITE.EXE when you double-click a .WRI file.

To restore the default NOTEPAD.EXE select configure, then press the default button.

Editing Files

MEXEC will edit any .TXT file when you double-click that file in the main file box. In addition you may highlight a file, then press the Edit button.

You may also edit a .WRI file by double-clicking the filename.

As a default MEXEC uses NOTEPAD.EXE as it's editor. You can change this by using the Configure option to select your personal editor.

Moving Files:

To move a file, highlight it, then click the Move button. MEXEC will display a directory/drive dialog asking you for a destination. Select your destination then click OK.

Renaming Files:

To rename a file highlight it then click the Rename button. MEXEC will display a text dialog where you can enter a new name for the selected file. Enter the new filename, then click OK.

Viewing Bitmap Files:

MEXEC allows you to view two types of bitmap files (BMP & RLE) by double-clicking the appropriate file or by highlighting the file and pressing the View Bitmap button.

Copying Files:

To copy a file, select the file, then press the copy button. MEXEC will then display a directory/drive box and ask you to select a destination. If the target destination is the same as the source, MEXEC will display a text dialog asking you for a filename for the copied file.

Deleting Files:

The delete button allows you to delete a highlighted file. After the button is pressed a message box is displayed, asking for the type of deletion: Normal or secure. Normal is just what it says, a normal file delete. Secure overwrites the contents of the file with zeros before performing the delete. You will be asked for confirmation of the deletion.

Radio Buttons:

MEXEC's radio buttons allow you to fine-tune directory box contents. MEXEC shows all files as a default but clicking the appropriate button allows you to display one type of file only.

DoubleClicking Files:

MEXEC can perform one of three actions when you double-click a file, depending on its type.

If it is an executable file (.EXE, .PIF, .BAT, .COM) MEXEC will attempt to execute it.

If it's an editable file (.TXT .INI .WRI) MEXEC will attempt to edit it with the default editor or WRITE.EXE in the case of a .WRI file.

In the case of a bitmap file (.RLE & .BMP only) MEXEC will display the file.

Legal Issues

This program is Freeware.

This program is copyrighted and **NOT** in the public domain. You are free to use it and pass it along to others as long as no fee is charged. Shareware/Freeware distributors who charge a fee may distribute this program as long as the charges reflect their costs only.

DISCLAIMER : No matter what damages may result from use of this program, I am **NOT** responsible. No warranties are offered (either express nor implied). Use it at your own risk!

Tech Support:

If you have trouble contact me on GENIE (J.ELKINS1) or
COMPUSERVE (70302,1573) and I'll try to help resolve the
problem.