

TILER

GIF, JPEG, & BMP File Viewer for Windows NT and Windows 95

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Overview

TILER is a Windows NT and Windows 95 application that views and manages GIF, JPEG and Windows BMP image files. Both the "87a" and "89a" versions of GIF are supported. If a GIF file contains more than one image, TILER will only load the first image. TILER can read 1, 4, 8 and 24 bit Windows BMP files; both 4-bit and 8-bit compression is supported.

Image files that are added to TILER are stored in a document as thumbnail images. These thumbnail images are tiled in a window for easy access and quick viewing. Since these thumbnail images can take a lot of time to generate, TILER allows you to save all of the thumbnail images in a document to a file. This file can then be opened at a later time much faster than re-loading each image.

Requirements

- Windows NT 3.51 or 4.0 or Windows 95. If your running an earlier version of NT, TILER versions 1.2.1 and earlier do not require version 3.51.
- A video graphics mode with at least 32,000 simultaneous colors.
- Lots of image files.
- A Windows compatible sound board is optional.
- Loading lots of images can take a lot of memory. The more memory your computer has, the better TILER will perform. If you experience memory problems, try shrinking the size of the tiled images.

Installation

Simply run the install program "TilerSetup.exe".

To install TILER from the ZIP file, place all of the files in the ZIP file in the same directory except for CTL3D32.DLL, place it in your SYSTEM32 directory. If there is already a file named CTL3D32.DLL in that directory, use whichever is the latest version. To check the version number, select the file in FileManager and press ALT-ENTER. TILER requires version 2.26 or later.

If you don't have a sound board, you can turn sound off in the "Options" dialog box and delete the WAV files.

Uninstalling

If you used the install program, simply go to the "Add/Remove Program" control panel and select TILER. If you installed from the ZIP file, delete all the files in the ZIP file and remove the following key from the registry:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Tiler

Command Line

TILER has the following command line syntax:

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TILER {switches} {document}
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The only switch currently supported is "-s" to automatically jump to slide show mode once the document file has been loaded.

Registration

TILER is Shareware. You are permitted to use and evaluate TILER for 3 weeks. After the 3 week evaluation period, you must either erase your copy of TILER or register. Registration costs \$25(US). If you like TILER, please encourage me to continue to update it by registering. For your \$25 you'll get:

- A registration number to avoid seeing the startup dialog box.
- Notification of updates (include Internet, CompuServe, or postal mail address).
- Very reduced prices on major upgrades (minor upgrades and bug fixes are free).
- Free technical support (e-mail only).

You can register in several ways:

- Using CompuServe. You must have a CompuServe account.
- Using the Internet and your web browser. Have your favorite credit card handy.
- Using the telephone. Have your favorite credit card in hand.
- Using snail-mail. Yawn.... Check or money order only.

Detailed descriptions can be found in the sections that follow. Whatever method you use, I will send you a registration number to enter into TILER. This will disable the opening dialog box. If you register electronically or with a credit card and you include an e-mail address when you register, I will e-mail you your registration number as soon as I am informed of your registration. If you register with a check, you will have to wait for your postman to deliver your registration number.

Any questions about the status of your order, refunds, registration options, product details, technical support, volume discounts, dealer pricing, site licenses, etc, should be directed to me via e-mail or the postal address given below:

David Bowman
5002 Dorsey Hall Dr. #B5
Ellicott City, MD 21042

CompuServe Registration

To register through CompuServe, connect to CompuServe and enter the Shareware Registration area ("GO SWREG"). TILER's registration ID is "5377". \$25 will be billed to your CompuServe account.

Internet Registration

To register using your web browser, point it to:

www.pslweb.com/cgi-win/PSL_ORDs.EXE/ITEM14683

This is TILER's registration area at the Public Software Library. You can use your MasterCard, VISA, American Express, or Discover card.

Telephone Registration

You can register with MasterCard, VISA, American Express, or Discover from the "Public Software Library", or PsL, by calling 800-2424-PsL or 713-524-6394. TILER's PsL ID number is

14683. You must give this number to the PsL operator when you call.

Operators are available from 7am to 6pm CST Monday thru Thursday and 7am to 12:30pm on Friday. PsL will notify me the day of your order and I will get your registration number to you as soon as possible; this will most likely be the same day or the next. The above phone numbers are for credit card orders only. I can not be reached at these numbers.

Mail Registration

To register TILER through the postal system, fill out the file FORM.TXT in TILER's ZIP file and either send a check or money order for \$25 to:

David Bowman
5002 Dorsey Hall Dr., #B5
Ellicott City, MD 210442

Users from countries other than the United States will probably find that a money order from your local Post Office (often called a Postal Order) is the least expensive method of payment.

Support

For questions, support (registered users only), or to report bugs, send e-mail to one of the following addresses:

Internet: dbowman@access.digex.net
CompuServe: 72057,3253

For the latest TILER information, visit the TILER World Wide Web page at:
<http://www.access.digex.net/~dbowman/tiler.htm>

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