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About File Master 2.0

File Master 2.0 was designed using Visual Basic 3.0 Professional for Windows. The program has several functions:

- Find file(s) with exact name, or with particular type of extension.
- Find file(s) by the date upon which they were last altered.
- Find total directory size of all directories on the harddrive, or only main directories.
- Find size of particular file types, for the class of such types as a whole, or individually.
- Sort located files to show largest and smallest directories.
- Save file lists as text documents.
- Print file lists for distribution.

The sole difference between registered and unregistered versions of File Master 2.0 is in the number of items which can be exhibited in the results window (right side of interface). The unregistered version will display only 15 items, while the registered version will display several thousand lines, bounded only by the operating system (see [Out of Memory Error](#)). The 15-item limitation is sufficient to demonstrate the functions of the program as well as to provide limited usefulness to the enduser

There are no warranties, express or implied, as to the performance of this program or its effect upon your computer or operating system. It has been tested under Windows 3.0-3.11 and Win95, with superior results under Win95. As to questions, please contact randy.koenders@westgroup.com or rkoen@aol.com

Copyright

File Master 2.0 is copyrighted 1997. You may use the shareware version for your own purposes, and may distribute the shareware version freely. However, you may not charge others for its distribution to them in its current state or in any altered state.

Registration

If you are using the unregistered version of File Master 2.0, then your use of its capabilities is severely limited. The registered version allows unlimited lines in the file results screen (rather than 15 lines, as permitted by the unregistered version). However, see [Out of Memory Error](#), below.

You can obtain the registered version of File Master 2.0 by sending \$10.00 + \$2.00 shipping and handling** to:

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**Shipping and handling does not apply if you desire, and it is possible, to transmit the application to your email address. Mention this in your email inquiry if this is your preference.

Support

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Find File

The "Find File" button allows you to find individual or multiple files by name, extension, or date.

Locating a file by using name or extension-- Enter the name with appropriate extension in the "File Spec:" box. If looking for files using a common extension, the extension should be entered by using "*.ext" where "ext" is the extension. Note that asking the program to find every file on your drive (the " *.*", or "wildcard" search abbreviation) may cause a memory fault if you are using a Windows operating system other than Win95, at which point your computer will automatically shut down File Master.

Locating a file by using date-- It is never too obvious to note that the mere placing of a file on your computer does not alter its date. However the date is a valuable indicator to finding of files if you know you have worked in, or altered, a file over the last few days, but cannot remember what it was or where you placed it. The "File Spec:" window, upon choosing this option, will show today's date. If you wish to change the date, insert your cursor in the field and backspace until it is empty, then enter a new date using the same format demonstrated by today's date.

Browsing dated files-- By leaving the "File Spec:" window blank with the "By Date" button on, and then pressing the "Find File" button, all the files in a particular directory will be listed with their corresponding dates. This makes it possible to search for a particular file by date even if the exact date of the file is not known. However, this procedure, if used to pull up every file on the drive (by specifying the root c:\ directory to search), may cause a memory fault on operating systems issued prior to Win95, at which point your computer will automatically shut down File Master.

Files which match the "File Spec:" box will be listed in regular DOS order, an order which may appear somewhat random to the enduser. If you wish to order files in the resulting lists before using or transmitting them, an editor with sort capability (Microsoft Word) is recommended.

Find Size

The "Find Size" button permits you to find the size of directories, subdirectories, and files.

All checkboxes blanked-- When all checkboxes are blanked and the "Find Size" button is clicked, File Master will indicate the sizes of all directories and subdirectories in the path selected.

By Name or Extension checked--If the "File Spec:" window is blanked, or filled in with "*", then the total bytes consumed by the selected directory will be shown. If the "File Spec:" window is filled in with a particular file name or a particular extension, only the size of that particular file, or the size of files with that particular extension, will be returned.

Main Directories checked--If a drive search is being performed, then only totals for the main directories will be shown, these totals incorporating totals from various subdirectories and files.

Order by Size checked--All directory totals will be organized by size, largest directories to smallest.

Save As

The results window can be saved as a text file, which can be accessed through a variety of text editor applications. However, these files cannot be edited within File Master itself, nor can previously created files be opened for viewing within File Master

Syntax Error

There are three possible explanations for a syntax error:

File Spec: window has improper file name--For example, if the File Spec: window says merely ".exe", without the "*" to designate information preceding the period, this may be regarded by the program as a syntax error.

Drive has improper directory or file name--Some shareware developers have created shareware which, for their programs purposes, automatically install directory or file names which evade the dos and windows protections against the creation of improper names. For example, a file or directory name may incorporate a space, which is not allowed in Windows. The File Manager response to a request to access such files is that it cannot find them. The File Master response is to indicate a syntax error. The solution to this problem is to kill the directory or file in DOS by using either the Del or the DelTree commands.

List of results is too long--If a syntax error occurs because the list of results is too long, the program has too little memory to recognize and use the file name on which it is supposed to operate. In this event, this error will be immediately followed by a second error message stating, "Out of Memory". See [Out of Memory Error](#).

Out of Memory Error

The Out of Memory Error may occur when using Windows operating systems prior to Win95 (no known instances have occurred in the Win95 environment) and the list of items in the results window becomes too long for the program to manipulate under its memory configuration. Normally, this will occur only when you have asked to list every file on your drive (Select c:\ drive + Find File button + File Spec: *.*). When this error occurs, it will be preceded by a Syntax Error (which means the program can no longer find the appropriate file name), and will be immediately followed by the application terminating itself, since it has no memory to continue. There are no adverse consequences for your computer's RAM.

