

Introduction



Do you have so much CD's, Zipdisks or floppy's that it takes hours to find a specific file? Disk Catalog is a free Windows program that can help. With Diskcat you can create catalogs of all disks where Windows assigned a drive letter to. When you need a file from one of your disks you only need diskcat to locate it. It's a matter of seconds instead of hours.

Give it a try and you'll love it!

Some features:

- Diskcat has efficient data storage. The catalog from my harddisk with 21156 files and 1006 directories is only 578 KB. An average CD with 6000 files is only 225 KB.
- One of the nicest options of Diskcat is that it stores the contents of a Zip-archive in the catalog too!
- Diskcat searches with full wildcard support. You can use `d??kc?t.*`, `di*t.exe` and `Diskcat.e?e`.
- Multi language support. Visit my homepage for your native language.
- Add descriptions to the files in the catalog.
- Extracts information for different file types.
- Create your own plugins for extracting information from files! An example is included in the Plugin SDK archive.
- View allocated bytes in the tree.

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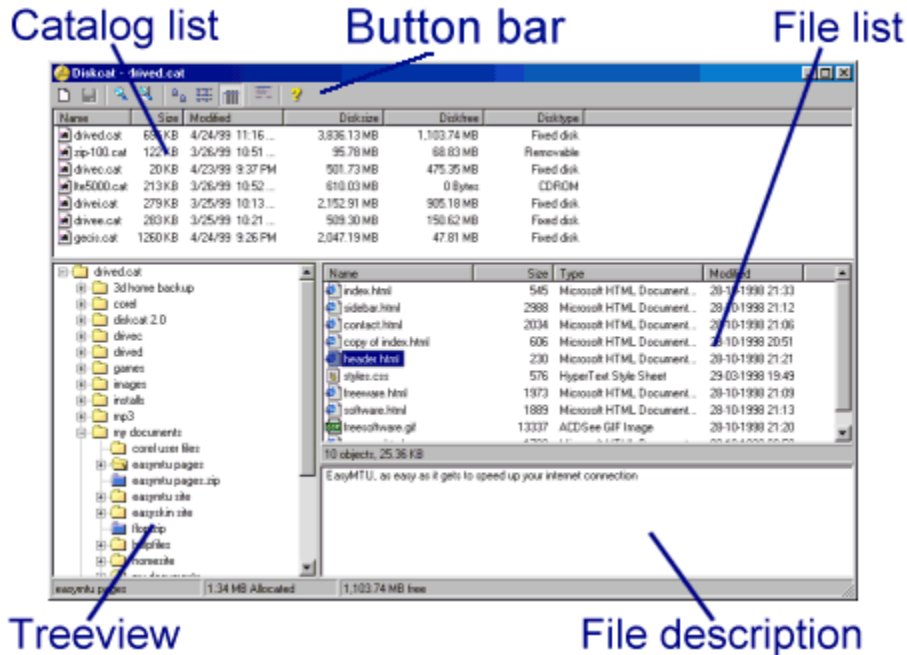
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Screen layout

This topic describes some basic functions of Diskcat. Terms like catalog list and what to do with it are explained.

When you start Diskcat the program looks something like this:



▶ Catalog list

In the catalog list you find all catalogs in the Diskcat directory. If you click on one it will be opened in the treeview

▶ TreeView

In the treeview you see the directory structure of the catalogued drive. If you click on a directory, it will be opened in the file list. Note that zip files are included in the tree by a blue folder.

▶ File list

In the file list you see all the files in the selected directory. You can add file descriptions to the files by selecting a file and typing the description in the file description panel.

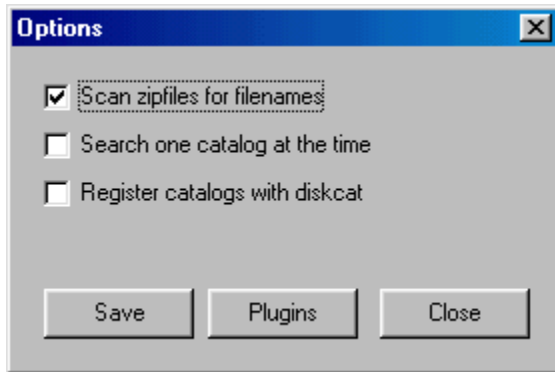
▶ File description

In the file description you can type your own description or it is filled with the automatic description.

▶ Button bar

New, save, search, change list style and options bar

The options screen



▶ Scan zipfiles for filenames

Check this option if you default want to scan zipfiles for filenames.

▶ Search one catalog at the time

If you only want to search one catalog at the time instead of all your catalogs, check this option.

▶ Register catalogs with diskcat

If you want to double click at a catalog top open the catalog with Diskcat, check this option.

▶ Plugins

Open the info plugin configuration screen

Basic usage



▶ Open a catalog

Click on the catalog in the catalog list

▶ Create a catalog

Press the 'new' icon, choose the drive letter and press start

Give the catalog a name. if you want the catalog to appear in the list, you'll have to put it in the program directory.

▶ Save a changed catalog

Press the 'save' icon

▶ Find a file and display it in the tree

Press the 'magnifier' button and type a name. Full wildcards are supported.

▶ Find a file and display it in a list

Press the 'magnifier and list' button and type a name. Full wildcards are supported.

▶ Change the style of the file list

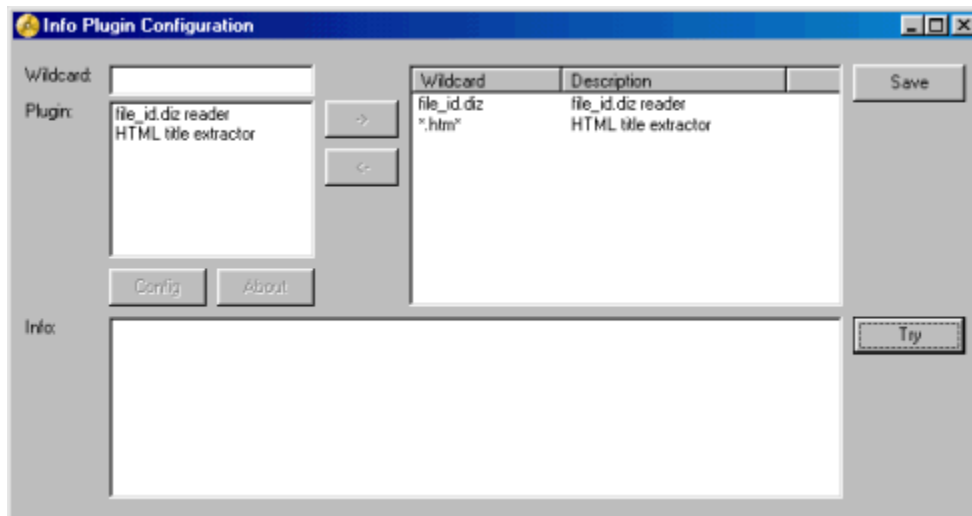
Press on one of the 'style buttons' to change the view

▶ Options

In the options screen you can set the default settings:

- Scan zipfiles for filenames
- Search one catalog at the time
- register catalogs with diskcat so that you can double click to open it.

The info plugin configuration



With the info plugin configuration you can automatically add descriptions to registered files. There are two plugins included with diskcat:

- ▶ file_id.diz extractor

file_id.diz files describes information about the contents of a archive. The contents of file_id.diz files can be included in the archive with this plugin.

- ▶ HTML title extractor

The name of a html file doesn't tell us much. The title does. This plugin extracts the title of a html file and adds it to the file description.

If you want to include the contents of for example batch files (*.bat), here's what to do:

- ▶ Type *.bat in the wildcard editbox
- ▶ Select the file_id.diz extractor in the plugin list
- ▶ Press the right arrow to add it to the registered file list
- ▶ You can try the setting with the try button and selecting a batch file

If you want to make your own plugins then take a look at the plugin SDK with an example with delphi source. You can make the plugins also with C but I don't know how.

Contact the author

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If you want to sent bugreports, please add the following to your mail:

- ▶ Diskcat bugreport in the subject
- ▶ Version of Diskcat you are using
- ▶ Exact description of the problem so that I can reproduce the bug.

