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User´s manual for DigitSoft´s DiskShop

Basic Operations and functions.
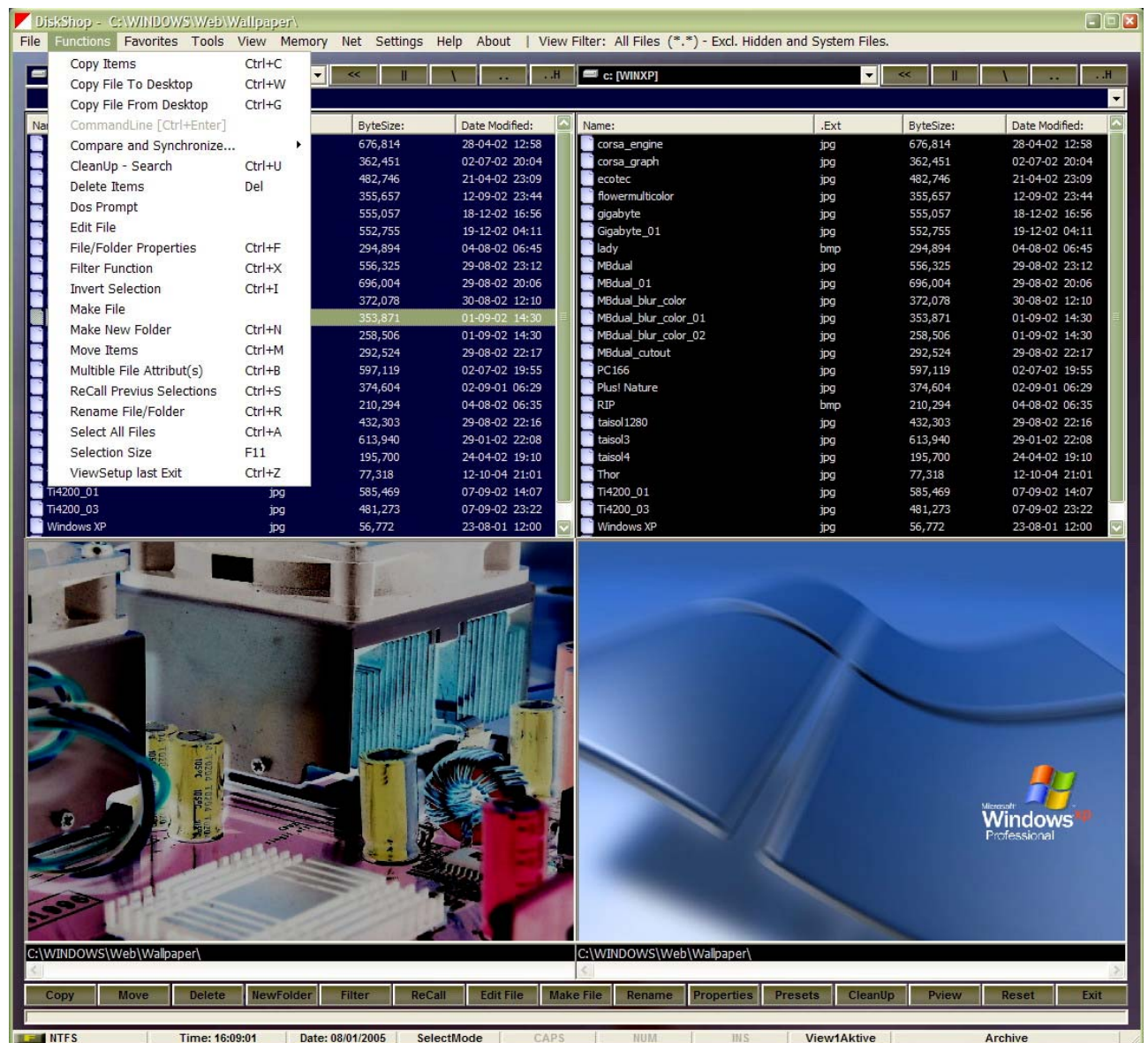
Fig. 1

DiskShop is a file and folder maneger as well as disk Utility working together with Windows (98, Me, XP, (NT and 2000 not tested).

we have decided to make a program that gives you the optimal function, information and overview of the most used items, that is copy, delete, move and browse your foldertree. We believe that these basic funktions are used 98% of all other functions. That´s why we primary focus on these items instead of giving you alot of functions that you proberly do not use/need.

The basic operations are made and optimized with 25 years knowledge in using disk Utility programs. That´s why Diskshop do alot in basic operations and information to the user.

Our goal was to make a program that was easy to use and deliver optimal information. We hope that our goal is fullfilled with DiskShop.

Diskshop is designed to do the most used tasks fast and easy. Diskshop is also designed to operate fast and logical, and is special designed for windows XP.

DiskShop operate with 3 all active panels, 2 listview panels and besides that a treeview panel as one way command source for the active listview (the blue one).

The treeview panel is infact 2 panels put together on each other, but only the one which is connected to the active listview (the blue one) is visible.

Each panel are equipped with a picture view and can be enabled/disabled with the Pview button, F12 key stretch the picture on/off.

When you toggle between the listviews the corrosponding treeview will be visible and active. Then you can use the treeview to browse and command the "blue" listview.

The treeview is a one way command source, this means that treeview is not updated when you browse further on in your listview. However, this can be an usefull advance as you can use this information as history and go back where you came from by dbl. click on the item in the treeview.

The treeview is always active and cannot be minimized. when you minimize the main program, treeview will minimize as well but cannot be minimized it self, - it will pop up again.

The active window in the listview is colored **blue** and the inactive is **black**.

Listviews are used as transfer windows for selected items, and they are fully independent.

You can toggle between listviews with the "tab" key and you toggle between the active listview and the active treeview with the "Q" key.

The active treeview corrosponds to the active listview (blue).

You select items with a click, or the keyboards arrows, and you advance in the folderstructure with a dbl. click, or using the "enter" key. You can go backwards in the structure either using the ".." button in the top of the form or using the "space bar".

If you use the "\" button in the top of the form, you will go directly to the root folder of current drive.

The "..H" button in the top of the form can be used to go backwards in the folder structure with history. The program stores up until 25 operations of your recent folder visits.

You can choose your drive, using the drive combobox in the top left section the main form (fig. 1.).

A single "click" in a view will force it to be the active one, and the corrosponding treeview will automatically be active as well.

A Dbl. "click" in a Listview will either change folder to subfolders or starting up the program connected to the file that recieve the Dbl. "click".

The Folder history combobox at the top of the form, tracks opened folders 50 items backwards. you can get there again with only one mouse click. Furthermore you can store the folder history in file that automatically reloads when you start the program.

The build in FIFO stack automatically adjusts the stack size and items above 50 are pushed out.

This function will for sure increase your productivity alot as you can direct access a folder with one click... just use it ☺

Item selections.

Selection of Items (files or folders) are done with a mouse "click" or the keyboards arrows. If you want more items selected you can "click" and then use the "shift" key + "click", an item interval is then selected. If you , after that, want further items selected, you can use the "Ctrl" key + "click" for single items to be added the collection. **But remember, - in this order**.

It will not work if you first select items using the "Ctrl" key + "click" and after that the "shift" key + "click".

All selections are reset when you single "click" in a view, so make you selections and then your function. Do not make selections and then "click" again in the view ! it will only reset you recently made selection !!

Selected items will be grayed out and they change color to Cyan.

Ofcourse you can select items (files only) using the filter option. This function will be decribed later on.

The main form are equipped with a statusbar witch gives you information about file/folder- and system functions. That is diskformat, time, date, operationmode, caps lock, mumlock, ins key, active view, file attributes and files selected plus space used when using filter selection mode.

The primary layout of the program are designed to operate as follow:

SELECT YOUR TRAGET-FOLDER IN THE FRIST PLACE USING ONE LISTVIEW.

SELECT ITEMS IN ANOTHER VIEW, ONE OR MORE, AND CHOOSE A FUNCTION (WATH YOU WANT TO DO WITH THE SELECTED ITEMS).

YOU CHOOSE FUNCTION USING THE BUTTONS IN THE MAIN PROGRAM AS SHOWN IN FIG 1.

OR USE THE SHORT CUT KEYS SHOWN IN FIG. 1 POP DOWN MENU.

If you remember these basic operations, you will always be able to use the program correct and fast.

For most of the buttons there are build in "mouse over" help.

Try moving the mousepointer over a button a little while... and you will see a little help text comming up.

Ofcourse you can "cancel" any menu, besides the "cancel" button, with the keyboard "Esc" key.

Functions.

DiskShop are equipped with the following basic functions:

1. Copy function, single or multible with browse function.

2. Delete function, single or multible.

3. Move function, single or multible with browse function.

4. Make folder function.

5. Filter function with multible pattern selections, date selections and attributes.

6. Edit file function (Notepad).

7. Make file function (Notepad).

8. Rename file(s)/folder(s), single or multible with, or without mask .

9. View file(s)/folder(s) details, single or multible, and edit atributes.

10. Preset function, witch allows you to create "bookmarks" in the folderstructure. Create as many as you like.

11. Programable disk cleanup function with search function and multible user strings.

12. File(s) attribut change on single or multible files (Ctrl + B). Overwrites existing attributes.

13. Generel disk size information function.

14. Go to "Dos" prompt.

15. Sort files and folders in listview´s.

16. Setup menu for custom program settings, screen position and folder history ect.

17. Build in commandline function, enabled with Ctrl + Enter.

18. Attach network drive from windows explorer and use it in Diskshop´s drivemenu.

19. Favorit function for file and Internet favorites. Store common used files as a favorit.

20. Recall function, recalls your last selections in the folderstructure (2000 Items backwards).

21. Pview function, enable/disable picture view in each view.

22. Bookmark function for files and folders.

23. Compare and Synchronize folder function with preview window.

24. Invert your selection set.

25. Programable Space bar as "Repeat last command" or "Previus folder".

26. Net Optimizing menu for your internet connection.

27. Skinable with 7 skins and one user skin (...,\diskshop\skins\user)

28. Manually Open menu/function, stores last 15 opened items.

29. Recent file menu/function, stores last 25 opened files.

30. Virtual desktop for file shortcuts.

31. Dynamic Presets for folder history.

32. Quick Find file in active view with wildcard support.

33. Quick Find Folder function.

34. Print Selected items on printer in A4 format.

35 Switch between 12(AM/PM)/24 hour system Clock.

36 View and renew your TCP/-IP settings.

37 3D browse from right click menu.

38 Most used files are tracked.

39 ZIP file function and menu.

and much more .....

Most functions are equipped with short cut keys as "Ctrl" + "key letter", look in the pop down menu "commands".

Funktions are activated from either short cut keys or command buttons in the lower part of the main form, - fig. 1. page 2

Above mentioned functions are decribed further on the following chapters.
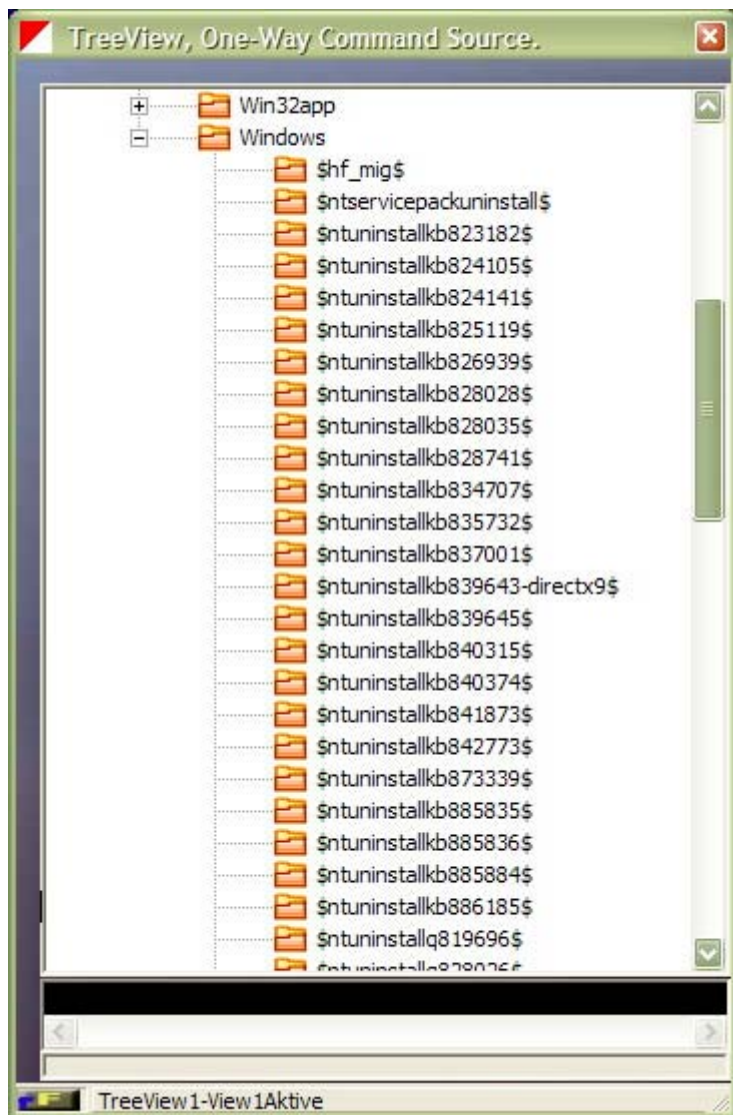
Treeview function and layout.

Fig. 2

As decribed earlier, treeview´s are use as a "one way" command source for the listview´s, they are automatically activated to the active listview and only the corrosponding treeview are active.

When you set a listview active it becomes blue and the corrosponding treeview becomes visible and active, you can imagine the treeview form as 2 put on each other, and only one is visible at a time, directed from the listview´s.

It is only a one way command, - the listview´s can be commanded from the treeview but treeview are not updated the other way around. you can use this as a history reminder as you can use the information in the treeview to command listview back to where you came from.

Treeview are always loaded and minimized automatically together with the main program if so. Treeview may be closed but we do not recommend this operation as the treeview is a great part of the overall program, - instead try to use it ! and use it often, then you will discover the benifits of the function.
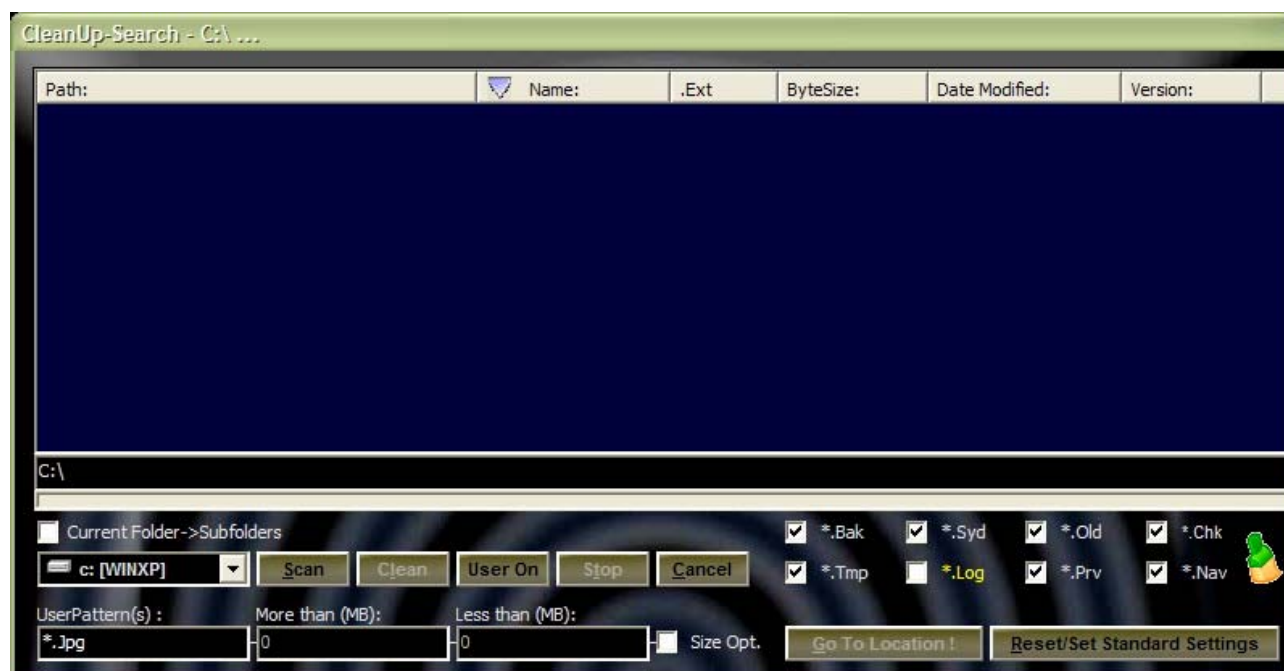
DiskClean, function and layout.

fig. 3

You activate the DiskClean function from the button on the main form, from the pop down menu "Commands" or with Ctrl+U keys.

DiskClean is programable as you can select the fileextension you want to scan for. As default all but *.log files are selected. Select only *.log files if you excactly know wath you are doing as "log" files sometimes are used in uninstall situations.

After selecting you options , press the " scan" button.

Found files are listed in the listview and are ready to be "deleted" with the "Clean" button.

Selected files are turned into red color and an alert teels you how many files you have decided to delete.

You can also select another drive than default "c:" from the popdown drive menu witch on other terms means that network drives can be scanned.

Scanning the drive can take a little time dependent of how many options you have chosen, the harddrive speed and your overall system performance.

Ofcaurse you can cancel the diskclean function with a "cancel" button, but not after scanning has started. You will have to wait until the scanning has finiched !.

File types as DATA.BAK are filtered out, and not listed, as it seems that some programs "use" these files at startup.

When you press the button "User Off" it will switch to "User On" and visa versa (it toggels). This operation gives you access to input userpattern as decribed below.

The Userpattern inputbox let´s you key in userpattern for files to be searched for as "*.ini,*.doc" as so on. It is permitted to key in more patterns separeted with a ",".

From inside view you can open the found file with a Dbl. click on item.

As an option you can select one or more items in view using the shift key and mouse click. In this way you can select , not all found, but all you want !.

CleanUp function are equipped with a "Go to location" button. This function lets you go to the place in the folder structure where the file are placed and other files that perhaps have a relationship to the first

one. Files in the CleanUp view are not cleared before you press the Cancel button, so you can repeat the "GO To Location" for all items in the view as well as Open all items.

You can also scan with file size attributes as file interval, filesize > then and filesize < then options.

If one input box are not used ! then leave it blank (filesize > and filesize < situations)

Copy, function and layout.

fig. 4

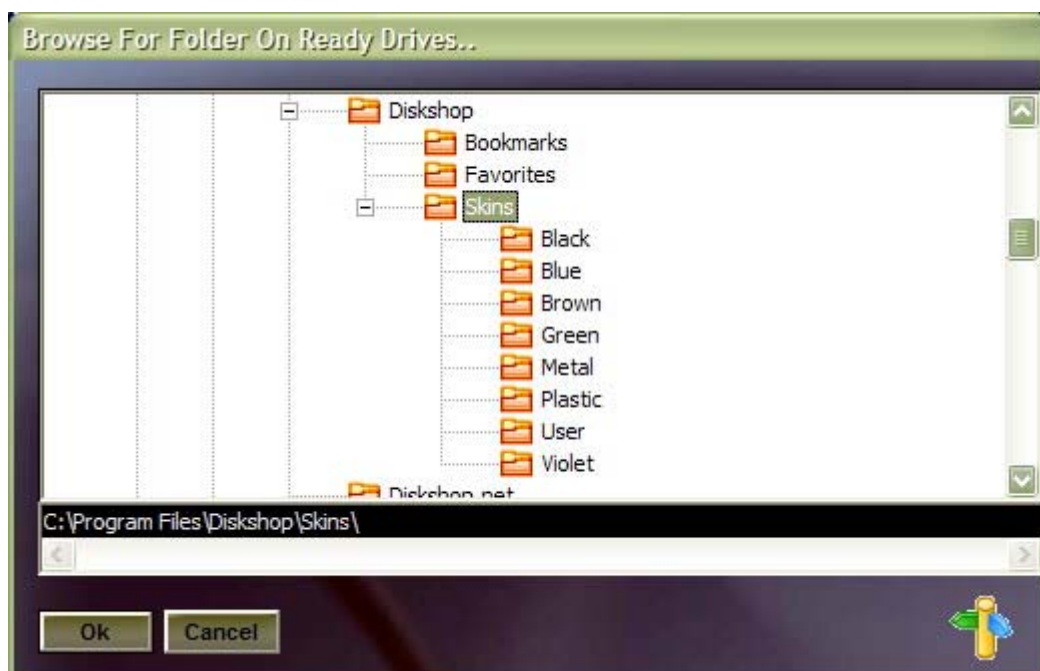fig. 4a

Selected Item(s) can be copied to target folder with the button "copy" or using the key´s "Ctrl" + C.

Selected files/folders will turn into GREEN color after pressing the button "Copy".

Copy selected files will be supervised with a overwrite control for each file and a special menu will appear when this happen. Copying folders will not be controlled on filelevel, however folder already

exist alert will appear with an overwrite option. So if you want the optimal control, then select files on filelevel and not on folder level.

File attributes on target folder are controlled as well, and an alert menu will appear if an overwrite occurs.

DiskShop are equipped with a button for "size". This option gives you the oportunity to identify the total size of selected files/folders to copy.

Otherwise, - look at fig. 4 with the standard buttons and the information given.

The Browse button gives you the oportunity to find another folder if needed inside the copy function.

Only ready drives will show up and you can choose a new folder as target as many times you want before the copy command is executed.

You can use the arrows and enter keys as well instead of mouse movements.

Overwrite warning, function and layout.

fig. 5

File overwrite situation will always result in the above menu (fig. 5). You are given several options for each file look at above fig. 5 .

Please notice that copying folders alone will only result in an overwrite warning and NOT on single file level.

The "O.W. All Older" refer to date and time, and overwrites only files that are older (Last modified) than the source file.

Fig. 5 will give you all the needed information to decide witch option on fig. 5 to choose.

If you do not decide "OverWrite All" option in fig. 5, this warning will pop up for every file that are to be overwritten.

Date Indication in this menu refer to date "Last modified" attribut, and do not change even if you change date system in the settings menu.

Delete, function and layout.
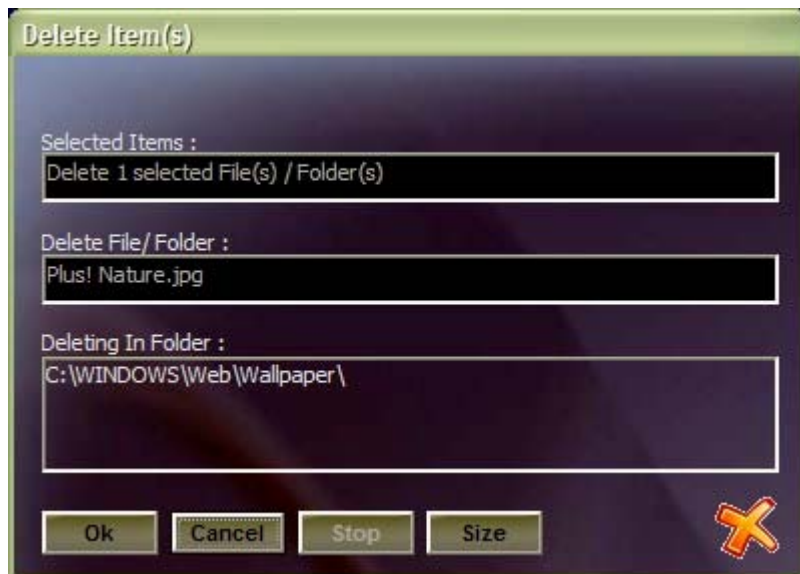
fig. 6

Selected Item(s) can be Deleted with the button "Delete" on the main form, or using the "Del" key on keyboard.

Selected files/folders will turn into RED color after pressing the button "Delete" on the main form.

The menu shown in fig. 6 will appear and give you the needed information.

The size button gives you the oportunity to identify the total size of selected files/folders.

After pressing the "ok" button on fig. 6 you will recieve a final alert before deleting files/folders. This will give you a final chance to make other decitions, and increases overall security for you.

Using the delete function !, deletes selected files directly without using the "recycle bin"

Move, function and layout.

fig. 7
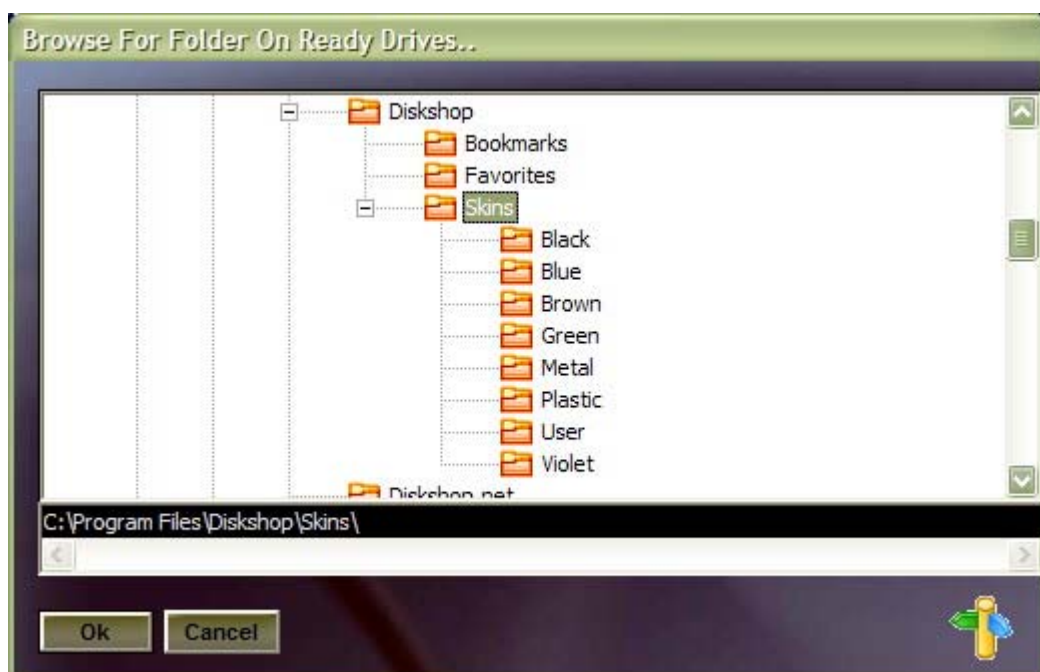
fig. 7a

Selected Items can be Moved with the button "Move" or using the key´s "Ctrl" + M.

After pressing the move button, selected items turn to yellow color and fig. 7 will show up.

If selected Items exists on target folder, - you cannot move !!.

The Size button gives you the oportunity to identify the total size of selected files/folders.

The Browse button gives you the oportunity to find another folder if needed inside the move function.

Only ready drives will show up and you can choose a new folder as target as many times you want before the move command is executed.

You can use the arrows and enter keys as well instead of mouse movements.

File/Folder Properties, function and layout.

fig. 8

You can view file/folder details and edit file/folder attributes pressing the button "Properties" or use the short cut key´s "Ctrl" + F.

You can select single or multible files/folders as you like. If you choose multi selection, that is when you have selected more than one item, you advance in the collection simply pressing the "ok" button, or use the browse forward/backwards buttons in fig. 8

You will be informed have many items left to view/edit with a little text label in the lower right corner of fig. 8.

You can further apply "reset" to attributes, witch means that all attributes are "reset" to no attributes. Use the "Apply Reset" button to practice this function.

For selected folders only a little button appear with the text "size". Pressing the "size" button will inform you of the space used by the folder and it´s subfolders.

Pressing the "Copy" icon will copy the selected file to your desktop, but only files are permitted.
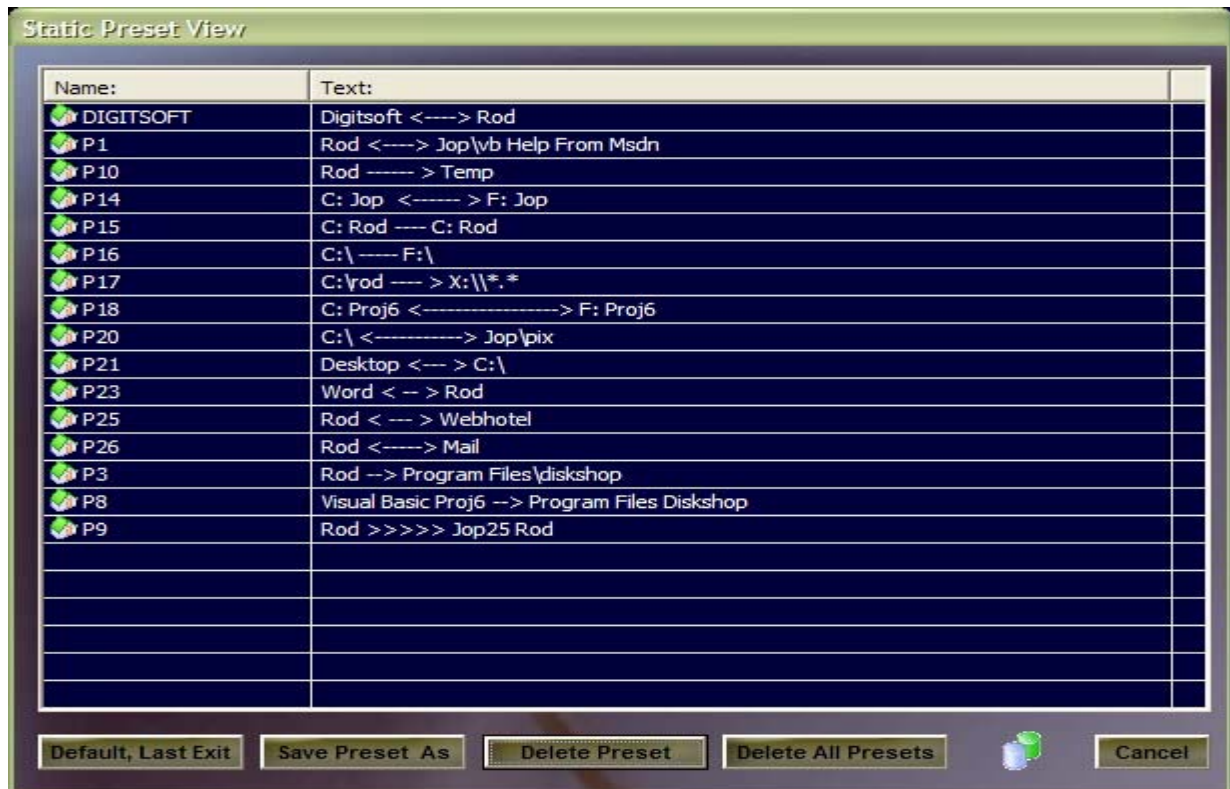
Preset (Static), function and layout.

fig. 9

DiskShop is equipped with a Utility to make Presets (bookmarks) in your folder structure. Using presets apply´s a really fast function to reach normally used folder setup´s in the local folder structure as well as huge networking systems. A setup includes both the views, left panel and right panel.

You save "tons" of "mouseclick" and you dont have to remember where "the stuff" was placed. It has really meaning i huge networking as you can use alot of time browsing around.

USE YOUR PRESET FUNCTION..... becaurse it´s fast and easy.

Find your folder setup in the folder structure.

Press the "Presets" button or the short cut key´s "Ctrl" + P.

Menu as fig. 9 will show up.

Saving a Preset

Press "Save Current As" button and fig. 9a will show up.
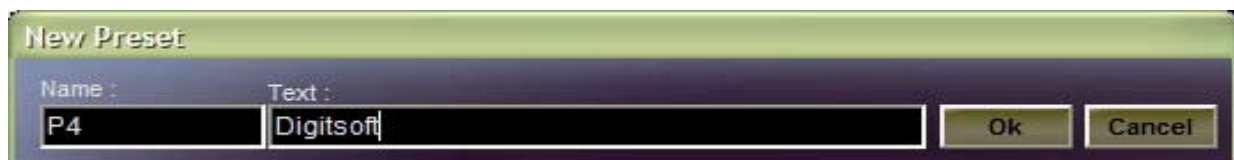
fig. 9a

Name your preset with a identifying number (or text) and write a longer text for the preset in the text field.

Using a defined Preset is easy, - simply dbl. click on the item in fig. 9, or use the "enter" key on the keyboard, and "wupty"......you are there.

Options in fig. 9 also let´s you delete single existing Preset´s as well as All.

An extra little function can be usefull, - "Default, Last Exit" button. click, on this button brings your folder setup that was present when your exited the program that last time.

We believe that presets will bring you alot of joy, and just imagine all the click´s your are saving (click´s hurt´s your fingers and is not really healthy), this was another reson we build in Preset function.

We surges using Preset´s everytime you have a common folder location that are used alot.

Dynamic Presets, function and layout.

fig. 9b

In addition to Static Presets we introduce Dynamic Presets.

Dynamic presets is a mirror history og recent opened folders in both views , just like left and right side in a book. They are dynamic as they are not stores when you close that program.

You can get back to foldes with one click on the "ok" button, or you can dbl. click the wanted item in the view. You can also reset all items with the "reset view" button.

As an option you can check the checkbox "Close window when execute" witch will close the dynamic preset menu when you click "ok" or the dbl. click on item. Otherwise you can just find the "folder pair" you want, dbl. click or "ok" and then press the "Cancel" button.

Items in the dynamic preset menu are unlimited.

The full path of the folders pair are shown in the lower part of the dynamic preset form.

New Folder, function and layout.

fig. 10

DiskShop allows you to create new folders as you like. Fig. 10 shows the new folder menu and just key in you new folder name **without** any "\", - just clean text.

You can reach the "new folder" menu pressing the "NewFolder" button on the main form or you can use short cut key´s "Ctrl" + N

You can watch where the new folder (subfolder) will be placed in the structure in the label field in fig. 10, Just click in the "key in" field and a folder text will pop up.

You can only make one subfolder at a time !. (making \subfolder\subfolder1 are NOT permitted.)

After you have keyed the new foldername, just press the "ok" button or use the "enter" key on keyboard.

Pressing the "no" button clears the input text field, and you can start all over with a new name.

DiskShop will control if "new folder" already exist´s and a red alert will pop up.

File Filter, function and layout.

fig. 11

Selecting items using the filter option is a great option that can be achived if you "click" the "Filter" button on the main form, you can also use short cut key´s as "Ctrl" + X from keyboard.

Menu fig. 11 will pop up.

You can select files only and with normal pattern key words. If you want more than one sort selected in one time, you can seperate your patterns with a "," as shown in fig. 11.

You may select as many patterns as you want and even use "?" on you select pattern as???aab??.bak

All selected files turn into Cyan color indicating them as selected. After selection you can use a function from the buttons in the main form shown in fig. 1, that is copy, delete, move ect...

Button "Date Off" are used to select date interval selection menu as shown in fig. 11a below. The button toggels "Date menu Off/On".

When "Date Off" is switched to "Date on" the attribut selection are disabled.

If you choose to select files within a date interval, the dates selected are shown in the headline of the form fig. 11.

Only files within the selected date interval are selected together with the file pattern written in the input box fig. 11

When date selection is "off" you can select attribut logic as well, and only files who meets the total logic of attributes and file pattern are selected.

You can also filter with file size attributes as interval, > than and < than a values. If one inputbox are not used , then leave it blank (> and < situations)

View Filter, function and layout.

Fig. 11a

You can filter the Panel views with View filter as shown in fig. 11a.

The filter work together with the data panel shown below in fig. 11b and you can filter with attributes as will together with the keyed filter string as *.com,*.exe ect.

The selected "filter files" will show up in the panels after you press "ok" button.

See also above file filtering for use of size option.

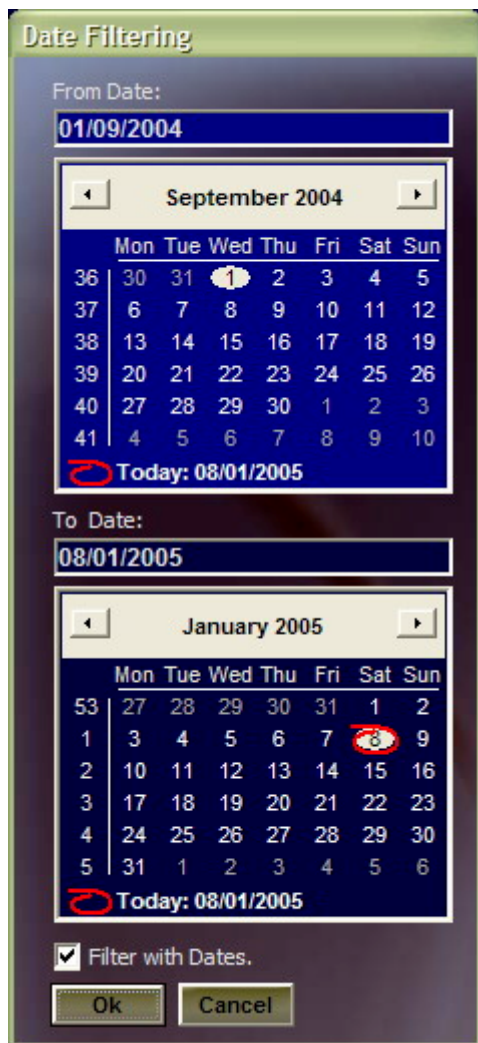**Date filter (used together with file - and view pattern).**

Fig. 11b

This menu pops up using the view - and Filefilter function, you can select date interval selecting a start and end date on this menu fig. 11b.

If you want to use date filterring you must enable the "Filter with dates" check box and click ok, however attribut filtering are disabled in this situation.

To use the menu ! just click in the form for a start and end date, dates will be stores and avaiable next time you start the program.

Dates are automatically shown in different country modes !.
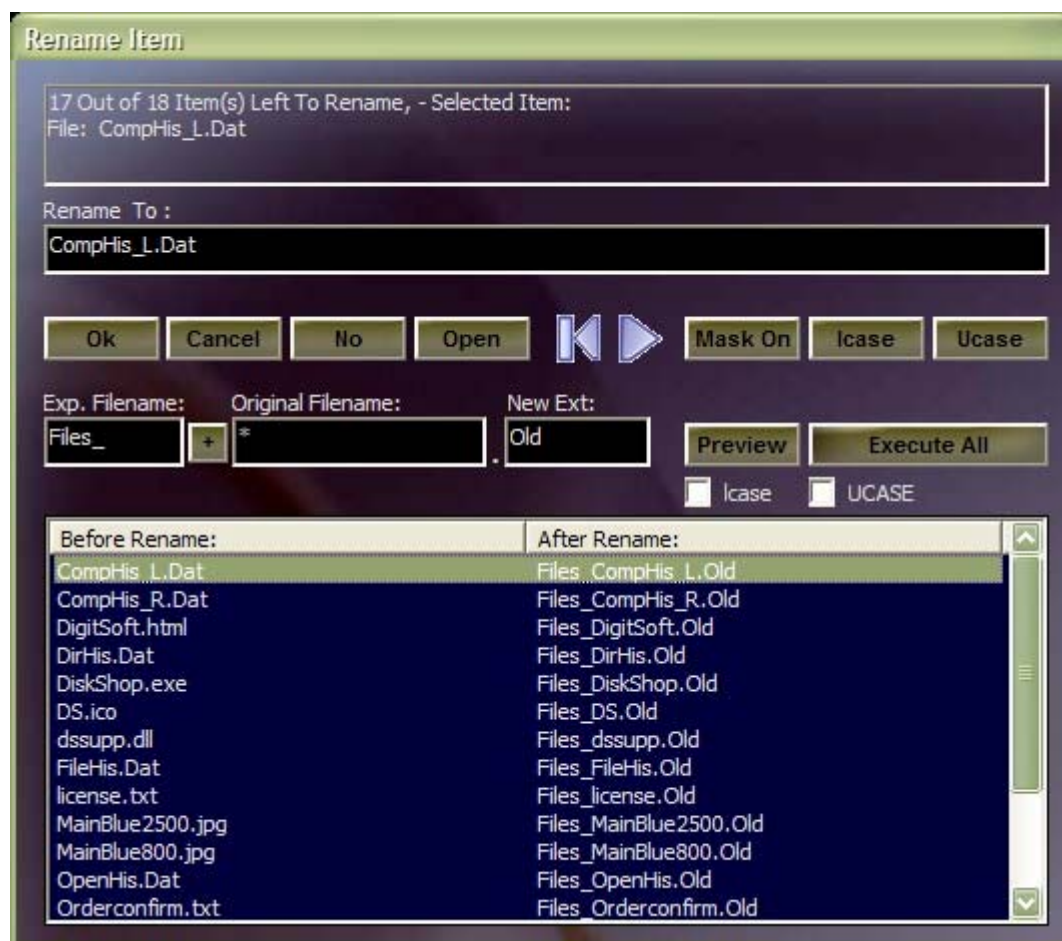
Rename, function and layout.

fig. 12

You can rename files and folders as you like, single or multible. Just make a selectionset and choose the rename option clicking the button "Rename" on the main form fig. 1. or Ctrl+R

If renamed file already exist, you will recieve and alert with options to overwrite or not.

As default you get the filename of the file you want to rename in the text input window og fig. 12.

If you do not want to rename !, then simply "click" the "ok" button, and the file will be left without any change. This function is usefull when you have selected more than one file to rename and you can just step further on in the selection set until you want to rename.

The "+" or "-" button enables you to select plus or minus chr. to the existing file, wildcards are not permitted as well as in the "New Ext:" input box.

The "New Ext:" input box only permits you to input a "*" or an extension as old,001 or wathever, NOT as *.old or ? marks.

The preview window let´s you preview your new filenames without execution and with your new additions.

The browse back/forward buttons lets you browse in selections without execution, and you can even open a file to look the contens before you decide.

A counter in fig. 12 will inform you about files left to rename out of the total amount.

You only execute Items in the preview window pressing the "Execute All" button, it means that you can browse forward and backward in items and even rename some items before you decide to rename all with the "Execute All" button, just make a new Preview before execute.

When using the little button "+" / "-" you can decide to add or subtract Chr. from the original filename.

When the button are "+" you can index files with You_yourfile.* and all yourfile will be indexed with the You_ . The Chr. in the Exp.filename input box are added to the filename.

If the button are "-" the Chr. in the Exp. filename input box are Sub. fra the original filename.

The "+"/"-" button toggeles between "+" and "-" with a click.

Dont use wildcards as ?, input must be blank or valid Chr. !

Forced attribut change, function and layout.

fig. 13

You can force file attributes to change using the function shown in fig. 13. This menu will pop up using the short cut key´s "Ctrl" + B

You can force file attributes on single or multible files dependent og your previus selection set.

Just select files and then "Ctrl" + B. Mark the attribut boxes as many as you like and press the "ok" button.

Existing attributes, on selected files, will be forced overwritten with the setup you have chosen in fig. 13

NOTE: you cannot change attributes on compressed or indexed files on a NTFS system
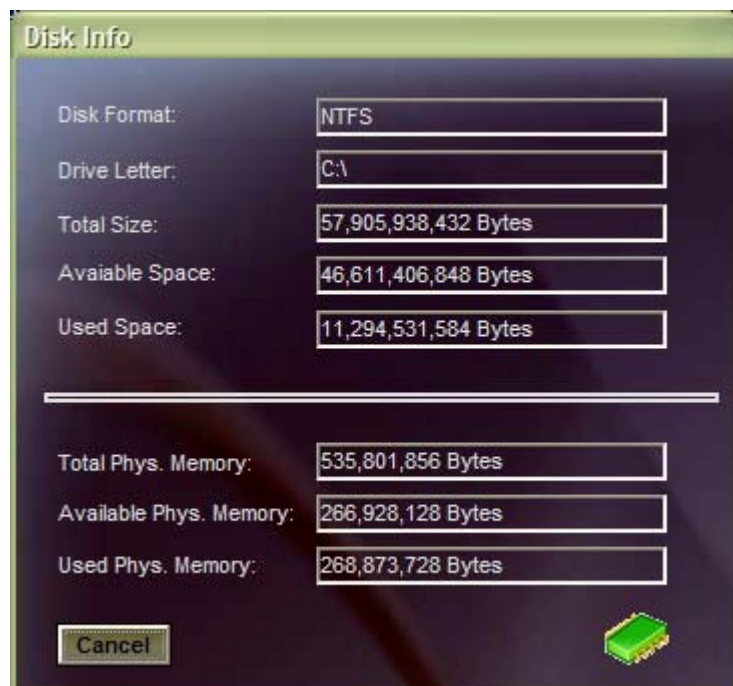
Disk information, function and layout.

fig. 14

DiskShop support you with information about your current active drive (the drive on the active view in fig. 1) and you memory

Fig. 14 inform you about basic harddrive/memory information.

Command-line function.

DiskShop are equipped with a Command-line function that normally are hidden, however when you place the cursor on an Item (folder or file) and use the Ctrl+enter keys it will be visible and active.

The Selected item will startup either with a program connected to the item or a window will show up with subfolders to the selected folder when you use the enter key followed the Ctrl+enter key.

However the Command-line is primary meant the be used in conjunction with parameters that are to be added following a program .exe file if this program are to be started in a special way.

You can add more files to the command-line using the Ctrl+enter keys several times. If you click on a folder, the command-line will be reset.

A Dbl. click on the Command-line, resets the line as well to emty.

Lan Networking.

If you want to connect to another computer or drive on a network (Lan) you can do so, however you must first attach a network drive as shown in the following:

Use net "net" option on DiskShops popdown menu. Click on "attach drive" and the following menu will pop up.

Just follow the instructions on the next screen shots and you will be ready for networking.

If you sometimes feel the networking is slow opdating items from a remote computer or network drive, just be patient, - it will appear (we are working to make it faster)
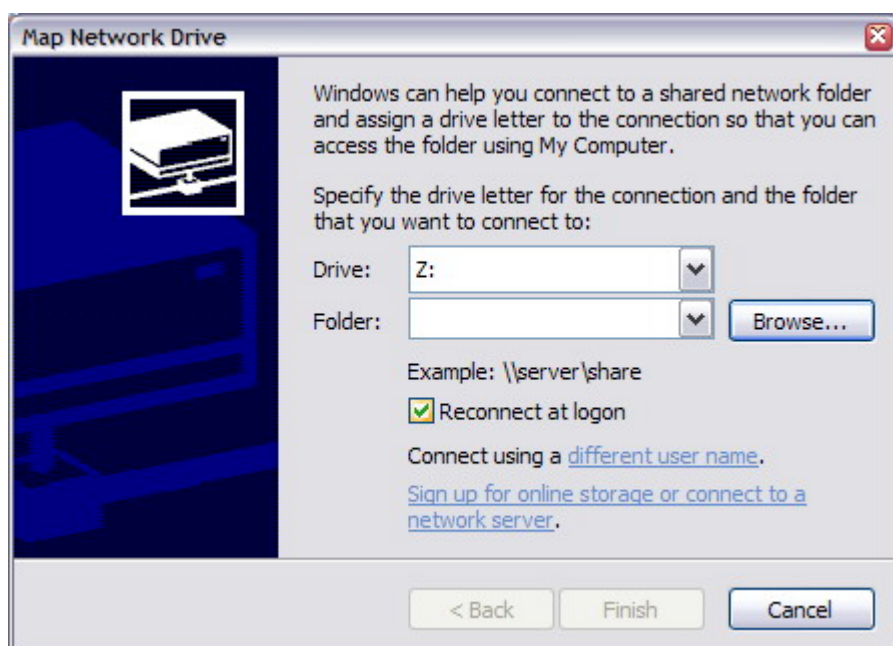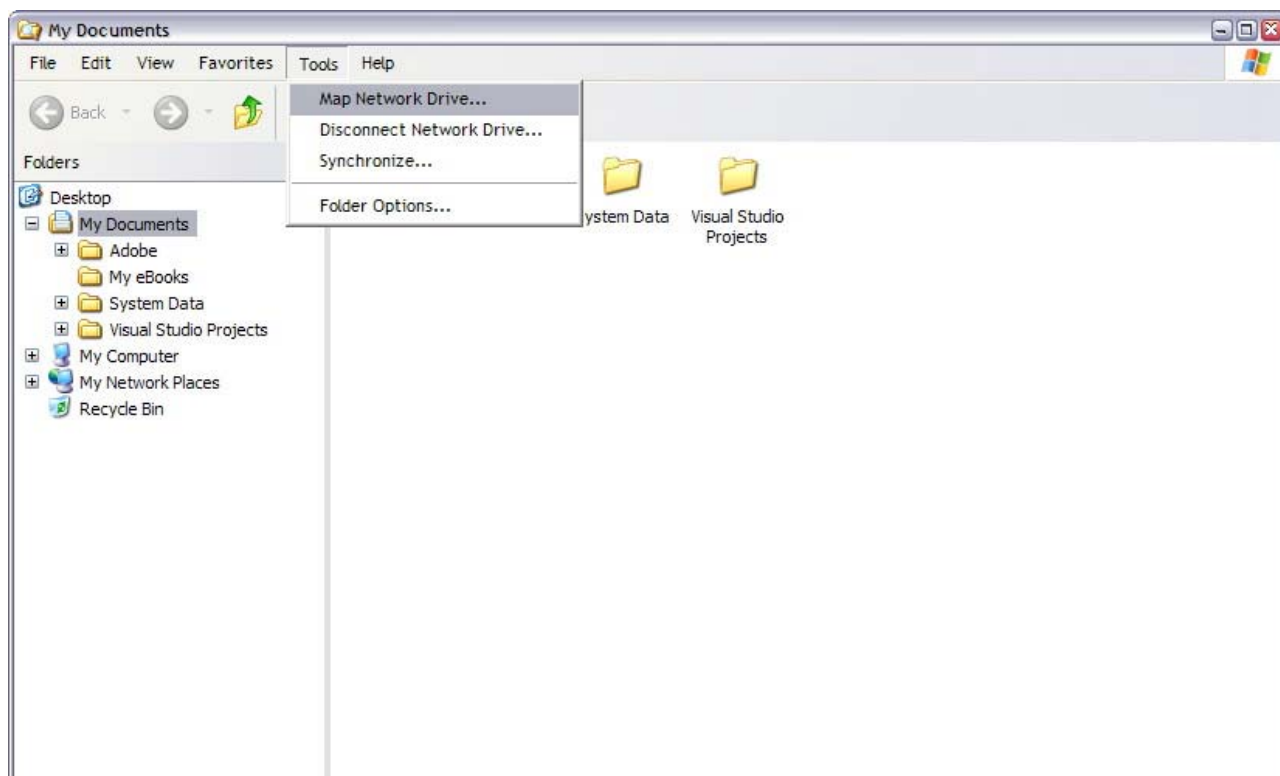
After attachment you must click in the listview to update to drivebox with the new drive.

You can detach a drive in the same manner.

Net Optimize.

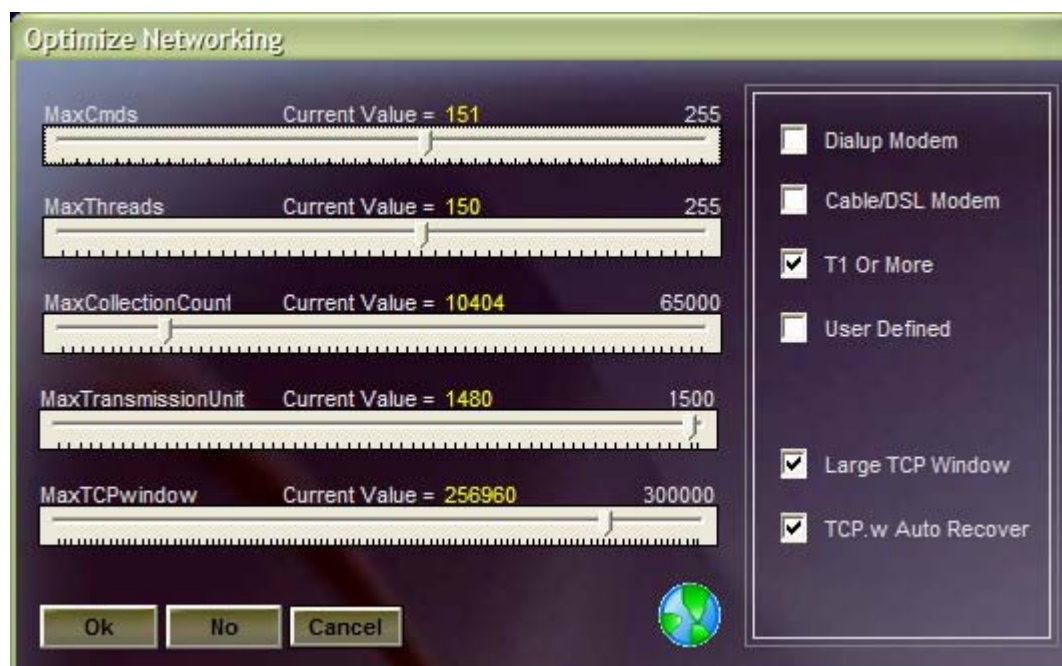You can optimize your internet connecting using the net optimizing menu below.

fig. 15

The first 3 sliders fra above are buffer adjust parameters and memory dependent, do you have lots of memory increase the sliders to a the right and try your adjustments for real. If you are in lack of memory we surges the first to sliders to be set about 50 and the 3 slider to 5000.

Slider 1 and 2 are normally set to the same value.

Slider 4 and 5 are TCP/IP parameters and are set from within the program and calculated for special service situations as modem, Cable/Dsl ect. Only when you check the "user defined" checkbox you are allowed to adjust yourself, but be carefull these parameters must be calculated in a special way.

We surges that you check the "Large TCP window" and the "TCP w. recover".

If you adjust the first 2 sliders to large values !, you will proberly see a huge download in the beginning of a download until the buffers are full, the download rate will decrease a little.
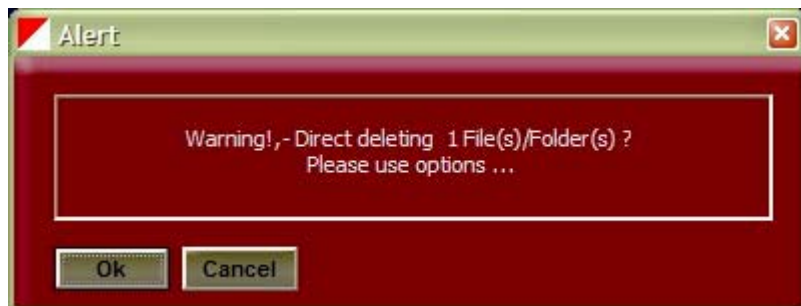
Sample alert, function and layout.

fig. 16

In many situations you will recieve a warning becaurse further operation can course problems if you make wrong desitions, let´s say deleting files that you infact did not want to delete ect.

That´s why DiskShop has build in several alerts to make your system more secure, - they are build in for your sake only !!.

Favorit, function and layout.

fig. 17

fig. 18

You can store your file favorites for later fast access. The favorit system are compatible with MS "Url" format so you can copy all your existing Internet favorites to \diskshop\favorites for use inside DiskShop.

You can even rename an existing favorit using the rename button as well as deleting one.

A Dbl. click on a favorit opens the item using the correct program or Internet explorer.

Notice: Only MS Internet explorer are supported.

Book marks, function and layout.

fig. 19

fig. 20

You can make book marks in your file system and go there with one click. You can book mark both files and folders and as many as you like.

Your book marks are stored in files on disk with the format *.Bmk . These files are auto loaded when you start DiskShop.

You can rename or delete book marks as well using the buttons shown in fig. 20

If you make a book mark using the menu in fig. 19, you must key in a valid file name (without \ or ect) and without the file extension *.Bmk. Just key the name , "Your bookmark" and press , enter or "ok" !

Book marks are updated at once and will occur in fig. 20 ready for use.

Open Item, function and layout.

You can manually open Items as files, folders or internet addr. (format as : www.digitsoft.dk).

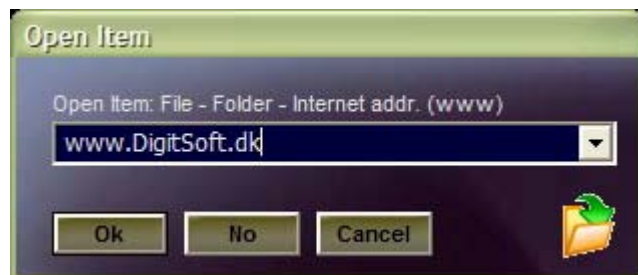From file menu you can reach the open menu as below in fig. 21.

fig. 21

key in your valid filenames or folders and press "ok", if you want to delete a written text then click "no" button and the window will be cleared.

From within the Open menu you can start internet addr. automatically as the program starts the internet explorer itself (must be MS internet explorer).

The open function stores the last 15 items you have keyed in and pops out items above automatically. When program starts up , these items are loaded automatically for you.

Recent files, function and layout.

You can activate recent used files from the menu "file" and then "recent file" function.

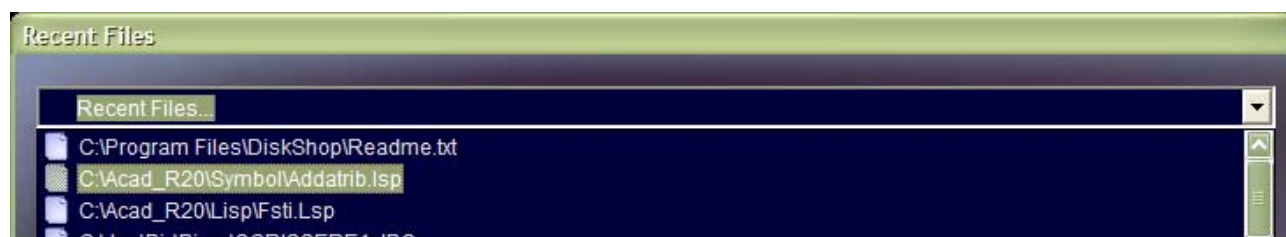Recent file menu show in fig. 22 will show up.

fig. 22

The combo box will automatically store the last 25 opened files and store them on disk for later auto load.

When you click on the icon in the combo box your recent files will pop down and you just have to select one of them with a click and the selected file will open, with the correct program, at once.

Compare and Synchronize folders, function and layout.

You can Compare and Synchronize folders in DiskShop as well. Equipped within the menu are preview windows for each panel (left and right)

You can reach the Compare Sync. menu using the Function menu and the item Compare Synchronize. you can also use a shortcut as Ctrl+k (normal mode)

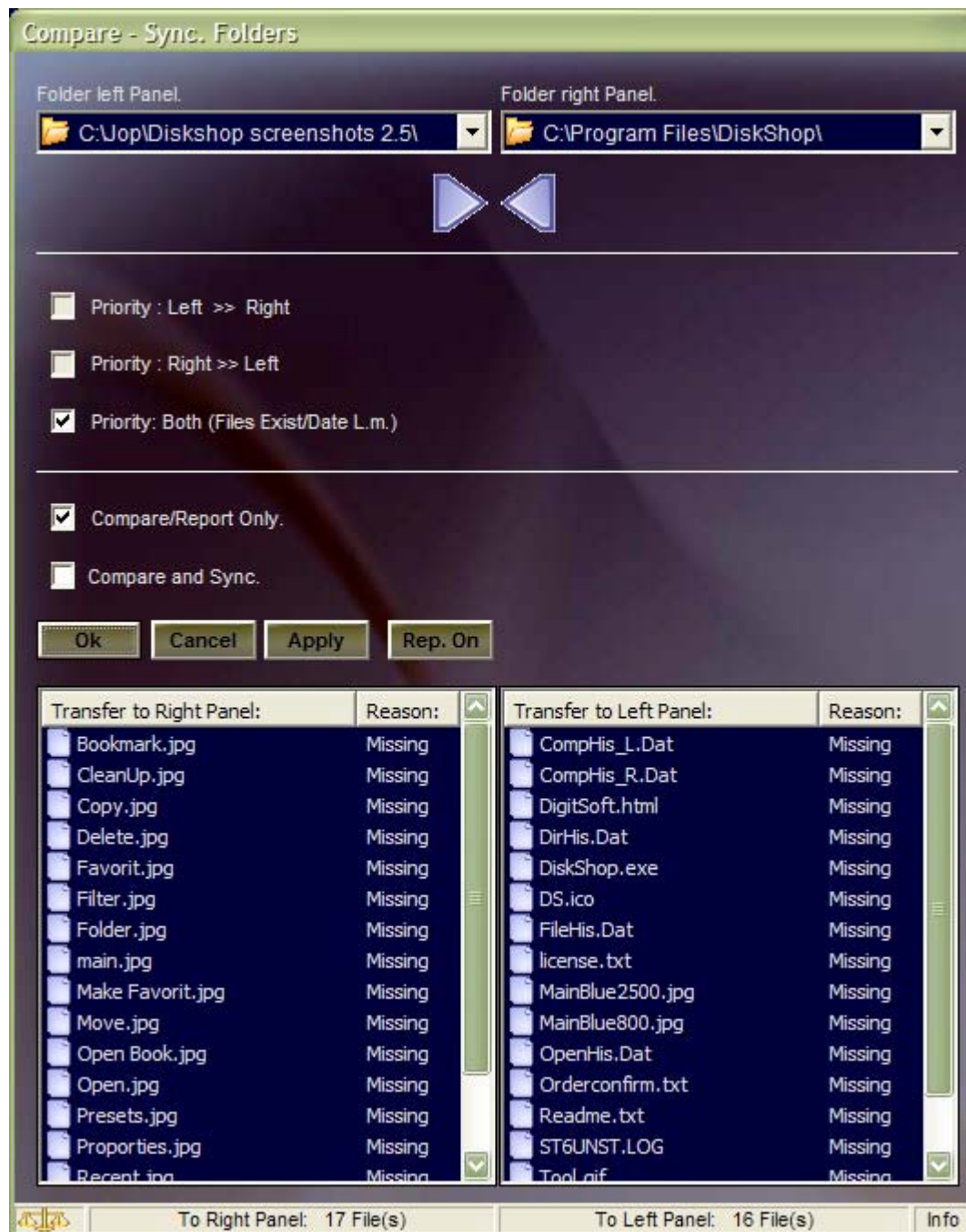The function will pop up as shown in fig. 23

fig. 23

Before you can Compare/Sync. files, you must choose the folders to Compare/Sync. You do that in the normal panels before you activate fig. 23

The selected folders will show up in the combo boxes in the top of the menu and previus folders will be stored for later auto load if you Compare again later on.

The Compare/Sync. function stores 10 previus folders for autoload.

As default the menu starts up with Compare/report only and Compare/Sync. in both directions (left to right and right to left) referering to your main panels in the main program.

You can choose the Compare/sync. in both directions, left to right direction or right to left direction.

If you choose single direction you can choose either files only, date only or both. Just use the check boxes shown in fig. 23

Files found for transfer will show up in the preview window and only when/if you choose to check the

"Compare and Sync." check box and make a preview, files will be transfered after an alert witch gives you the oportunity to cancel operation.

Files that are missing will show up with an blue icon and files that are found out of date (last modifired) will show up in yellow color.

The status bar gives information about how many files to transfer from left to right and from right to left.

you can imagine to preview windows as a portion of the main panels in the main program.

If you click on an item you will be given to items file size and if you dbl. click on item ! the file will open as you opens items and in the correct program.

These funktions will inform you in details about data in files and you can decide to Sync. or not, - anyway this was the idea.

The Compare/Sync. function can also be executed in "Batch Mode" witch lets you use the benifits of the preset function.

Lets say that you have stores several preset bookmarks in the folderstructure using the preset function. You can use them as an setup for the Compare/sync. function.

The "Batch Mode" will function as follows:

1.   Press the "Batch Mode" option in the main menu "Functions".

2.   The preset will menu popup and you can choose one of your presets with a Dbl. click.

3   After this operation the normal Compare/Sync. menu will appear with the folders chosen in the preset menu (Left Panel and Right Panel).

4.   You can now use the Compare/Sync. function as normal, but you have saved alot of mouse click and used your presets as a stored "folder setup" for Compare/Sync. mode.

        This operation also lets you Compare/Sync. across networks as well. Infact you can use the Compare/Sync. function on all your mapped drives.

If you uncheck the check box "Priority: Both..." more check boxes will appear as "Priority: left" and "Priority: Right" are enabled. As default "Priority: Both..." will appear.

If you check the check box "Priority: Both..." these options will disappear.

Priority Left or Right will give you access to check boxes for date, file size and file exist, you can check all or one, but not none.

NOTE: Compare/Sync. different filesystems, lets say an NTFS and FAT will result in wrong date Compare information in preview, - you will be prompted with an alert and you can choose to continue or cancel operation.

Right Click menu.

You can use mouse Right click option on the main menu left and right panel, you just right click on the item you want to operate.
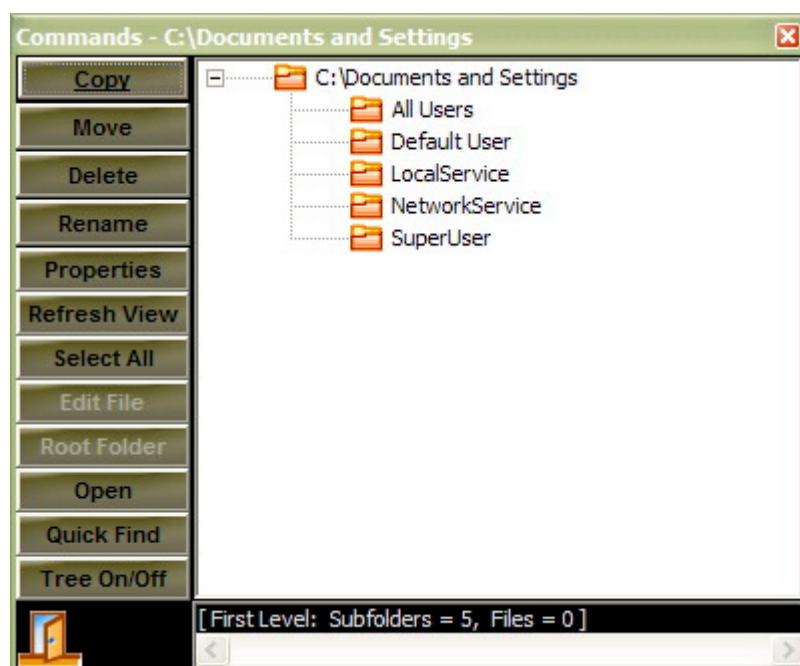
The right click menu shows up as follows in fig. 24:

fig. 24

Right click selects the item you click on and deselects all other ones. Right click only selects one item at a time.

Right click menu will always popup in the near og where you did the right click and you can move all over the to main panels and right click on all items.

If right click menu do not close itself, you can close the right click menu on the icon in the lower part of the menu or you can use the window close mark in the upper right corner as normal windows shut down command.

Right click menu offers the most used commands as a fast shortcut to operate single items.

You can enable/disable tree in right click menu with button "Tree On/off" , when tree is on you will get folder transparancy to folders below the selected item in main view´s . You can use this tree to browse in "3D" of current folder. You can select and open any folder below the selected one and browse from this point.

You can also just use the tree to inform you about folders below the selected one, witch gives you great overview of your tree system.

If selected item is not a folder ! all importent information are shown for the selected file.

Use this function a help the existing main views in Diskshop.

Try it and get used to the 3D look, after some time we believe you will be happy about and use it all the time.

DiskShop Skin.

DiskShop are equipped with 7 Skins and one user Skin. You can choose these skins from the Settings menu, Choose Skin option.

Further more DiskShop are equipped with a user skin option as jpg files you can make your self from standard.

User skin must be put in the folder ...DiskShop\Skins\User and must be in the format jpg as small as possible.

Your Skin must represent 2 files as MainUser2500.jpg (2500 x 2500 Pixels) and MainUser800.jpg (800 x 800 Pixels).

You can continue working with the 2 files delivered or you can make some yourself from new, it is up to you and wath you like, but remember ! keep them as small as possible as overall performance are dependent of these file sizes.

Virtual DeskTop (VDT) Shortcuts.

We have made, wath we call, a virtual desktop for shortcuts to all files in your folderstructure or drives connected (network).
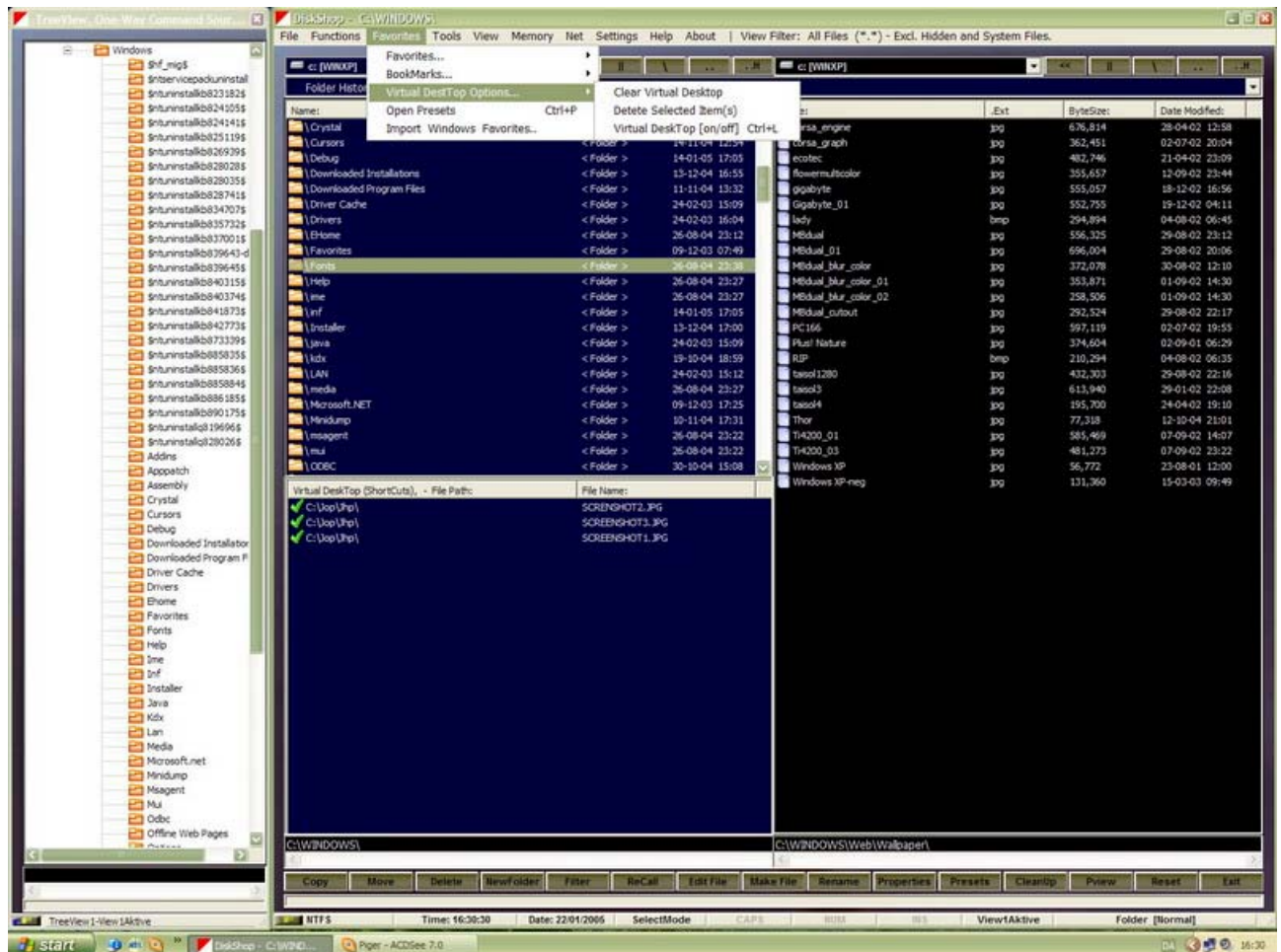

Fig. 25

Virtual desktop look like Fig. 25 above as a third panel in the lower left corner together with options in the Favorit popdown menu.

You can Drop and Drag files into virtual desktop from the main panels and you activate the virtual desktop with Ctrl+L or from the popdown menu favorits.

Only files are permitted, and only one at a time.

You cannot drag and drop the other way around (from virtual desktop to panels in this version) but you can drag and drop as many as you like.

Only files that exist at program stop time will be stored for auto reload but at working time files that are deleted, Moved ect. will show up with an red icon, indicating that the path are not valid.

When virtual desktop are active you must click twice on the "Pview" button to show pictures, the virtual desktop are then automatically hidden and ready for later to show up.

The Virtual desktop data represent a pointer to a file and do not represent the file itself. This means that you can delete you Shortcuts in virtual desktop without deleting files.

Virtual desktop offer very fast access to often used files and you can drag/drop files from all folders in your folder structure and attached drives as well.

Print Selected Items.

Diskshop offer the ability to print selected items in active view. You must select more than one item before the print option in the file menu becomes active.

The paper layout is dedicated for A4 portrait, the print will look like the active view.

Before you print you are asked if you want the total size reported as well.

Quick Find File In Active View.

DiskShop are equipped with a Quick find file command line for fast location of a file in active view. you can access Quick find file from right click menu or pop down menu Tools.

A commandline becomes visible in the low part of the main form.

You can key in the letters to look for in a filename, and you can use wildcards as ? and * as well.

The most likely filename will be grayed out and will show up in cyan color.

Quick find will look for a suitable file for every letter you key in the command line, - on line.

You can key in part of the filename with wildcards or you can input one letter from the start one at a time. The more letters you key in the more data quick find has to find the correct file.

You hide the Quick find command line with the ESC key.

Quick Find Folder On Drive(S).

Diskshop are equipped with a Quick find folder menu and function for fast folder find on all available drives, also net attached drives. You can activate the menu from the popdown menu "Tools" or with the F6 key.

Fig. 26

Main menu for Quick find folder function.

Fig. 26a

Window in fig. 26a will pop up in front of fig. 26, when/if the program has found a match to accept or not.

From fig. 26a you can choose to accept the found match, continue scanning or cancel the operation and key in a new keyword for search in fig. 26

You can key in any letters to search for, however the more letters the better change for correct search. If no proper match are found the icon in fig. 26 change to a red cross and only if you move the cursor in the input you can search again, or when the "Find" button becomes available.

If you check the "Search match in whole path" checkbox, the search will take place in all the folder path and find a string in the path that proberly match your input.

If this checkbox are cleared, you only search at the end of the total folder path, the outermost subfolder.

You can speed up the operation of scanning if you choose "Current folder incl. subfolders" as you do not need to scan the whole harddrive if you have an idea where the folder are located on the drive.

Current version scans in deep of 12 subfolders from start folder or root folder.

Most used Files Function.

DiskShop are able to track the most used files on your system and put notation of how many times the file has been used.

All files that have been opened in the system will be transfered to this function and the last 50 most used files will be stores for auto reload when the Diskshop startup.

As the function are not database driven ! you must delete items manually if you want to store the most recent ones that have only been used one time and you already have reached 50 items in the menu.

However, the function can store more that 50 items in the menu if you do not shut down Diskshop but only minimize it along the day.

Notice: when you close DiskShop, only 50 items will be stores and auto reloaded !.

Fig. 27

Zip File Function/Menu

DiskShop are also equipped with a file compress function as ZIP algoritme.

You select the files to ZIP and open the function from the "File" menu item in the main menu.

You can delete unwanted items from inside this menu and ZIP just wath you want unlimited.

Each time diskShop reach 900 files the internal buffer are reset and files are written to file. If more that 900 files are selected DiskShop just continue from this point.

Furthermore you can change the ZIP filename (Default: MyZip.Zip) and browse to any folder/drive, also networking drives.

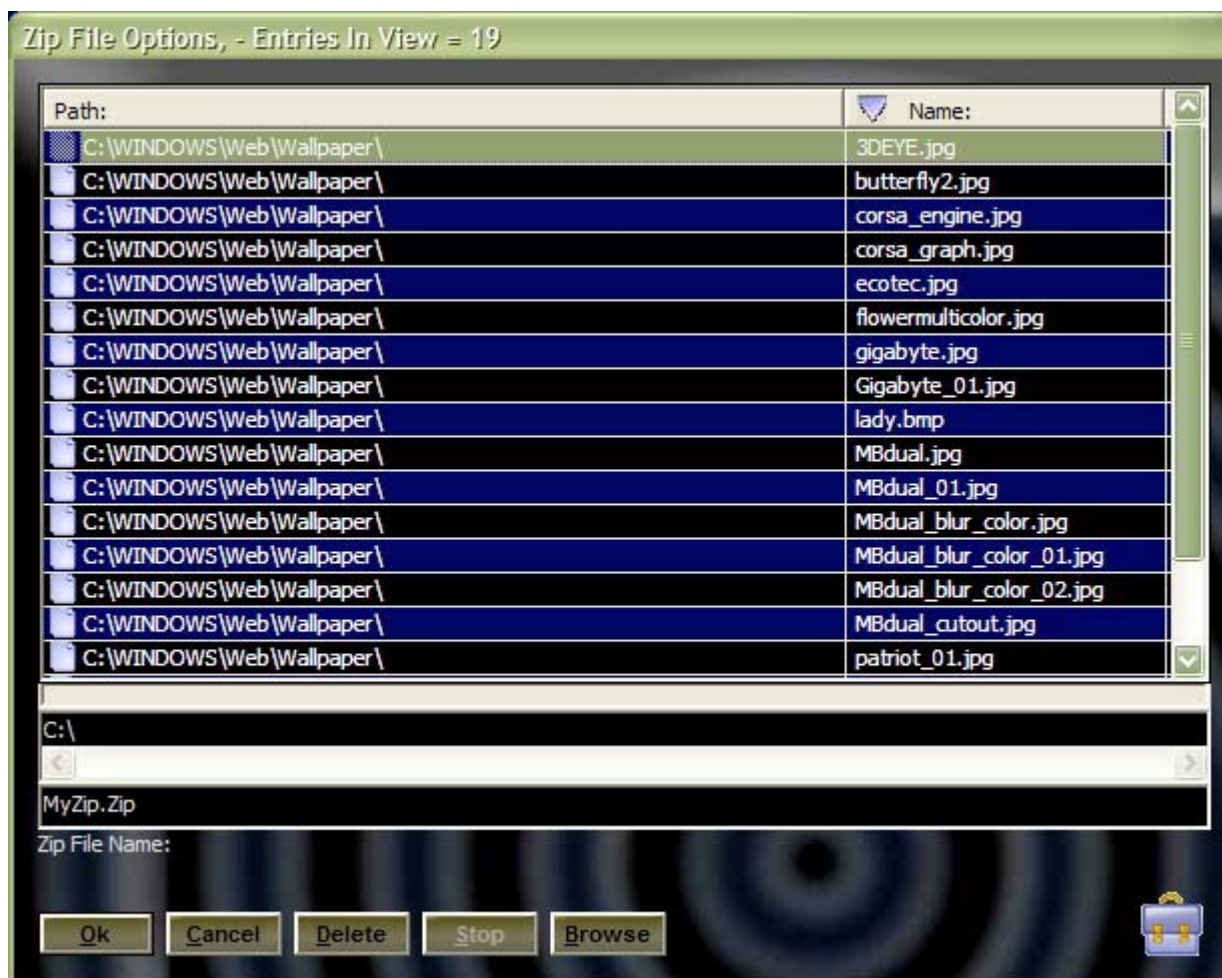Version 2.9 only Support files, not folders or subfolders !.

Fig. 28

Setup Functions For DiskShop.

From popdown menu on the main form "Settings", you have several options to setup DiskShop.

Most of these options are self explaning and we will leave it to you, however we will point out some items as they are importent for the program functions and the way you expect it to function.

We will surges that you check:

"Validate diskspace before copy/move"

"Select All/Invert ‚Include folders"

You can also choose the system clock as 12(AM/PM)/24 hour and file date system.

When you have resized DiskShop to fit your monitor you save these settings here as well as savings of the column heater size if wanted.

The advanced settings include "Enable function in Taskbar (FIT)", if cheked you will hide the dynamic preset function in the taskbar when you execute a taks in the function. Afterwards you can easily and fast get access to dynamic presets from the windows taskbar. Just one click and dynamic presets are in front of you. However if quick find file command line are open the menu will pop up everytime you move the mouse across this line, so close quick find file command line when you are working with FIT.

As DiskShop are equipped with programable color shifting i the main menus and static color shifting in other view´s you will get an increased readability and overview when many items are added to view´s.

Registration, function and layout.

fig. 29

When you recieve your registration number (SN) with e-mail you must key in the number in the text input box shown in fig. 29

Only after correct keyed in reg. number the start up "Splach" screen will disappear.

At last, we will remind you that this program DiskShop are Shareware and must be registrated latest 30 days after first day of use.

The trial version will not accept any SN input and stop working after 30 days. When you order you will recieve SN as xx digit number and the program as a ZIP file per e-mail from us.

Open the ZIP file with windows explorer and run the setup.exe inside the ZIP file.

The setup will guide you to complete the install correct, - it is easy !

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