

Make files from Internet easy to clean up



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Before going out on the Internet, browse for free or almost-free software, let's consider two or three items of information and then download the software we will need.

Because you will periodically want to delete unwanted software, it is important that you know where the program "land" when you download. Fortunately, you can decide. Before you begin to transfer software from another site to your PC's hard-drive, a prompt will ask you for a directory and file name. I download all my software to one directory so I can easily find it later. And because any file may have a temporary existence on your hard-drive, why not keep it all in a "temporary" directory. If you don't have a temporary

directory, create one. Go to DOS, and at the DOS prompt type MD C:\TEMP. The command "MD" stands for Make Directory. In the future, when you download a file then at the prompt you will type C:\TEMP\FILENAME. Once off-line, you can confirm the file "landed" by going to DOS and at the DOS prompt type CD C:\TEMP and then typing DIR C:\TEMP*. All the files in the Temporary Directory will appear a page at a time. Any file with the extension .zip (filename.zip) will be a compressed file that you downloaded.

The length of time it takes for any software file to be transferred from the host site to your PC will depend on the speed of your modem. If you have a 2400 baud modem, the transfer might take anywhere from 20-45 minutes depending on the size of the file. A 9600, 14.4 or faster modem will shorten the length of time for the transfer. If you do not have a ded-

icated phone line but split off a line from your voice phone line, then politely ask other household members to stay off the phone until the transfer is complete. A download aborted by someone picking up the receiver in another room can be aggravating.

When the transfer is complete, and your software is safely sitting in your Temporary Directory, you will then want to go off-line and unzip your software. The compression software, PKUNZIP, is leisurely laying around your hard-drive waiting for the moment you need it. All you have to do is go to DOS, and at the DOS prompt type PKUNZIP.EXE and hit RETURN. Text about the software will scroll by and the DOS prompt reappears. You have just activated your unzipper. Now simply indicate where your zipped file is and give the command to unzip. Type, PKUNZIP C:\TEMP\FILENAME.ZIP and hit return.

The decompression process will begin and you can sit back and watch as each element of the program "explodes" unto your hard-drive. Whenever PKUNZIP tells me that any particular element already exists and do I want to over-write, I answer yes.

Now you can ask for a directory of the new software you just unzipped to search for the executable file that you can use to boot-up your new program. Call for a directory, one page at a time, of your new software by typing DIR C:\TEMP\FILENAME*. Scan the screen for a file element ending with the extension .exe. If one can't be found, press on the space bar so the directory presents you with a new screenful. Then at the DOS prompt, enter the executable file name and hit RETURN and the new software boots up.

If you don't have compression software, we will now go to O&E On-Line to download one. As mentioned in the last column, you also will want a virus detector on

your hard-drive and so we also will download a virus scanner. First let's get an unzipper. The recommended version is PK204g. This utility is not compressed and so you don't need compression software for the transfer. Go to the Main Menu, type P for Programs and then type F for Files. Go to choice 3, MS-DOS, then select choice 4, compression utilities, and find pk204g.

To download, select choice 1 for Zmodem (unless you called in from a Modem site and then use Kermit). Type in file name and hit RETURN. You may also have to press Page Down key and select Zmodem (or Kermit) a second time. At 2400-baud, it will take 14-15 minutes to transfer this file.

MAC people can take a similar route but choose MAC instead and then select download as your compression software.

Now let's go get a virus detec-

tor. Do the same thing as above but after entering the MS-DOS area go instead to choice 5, virus software, and look for vsheld108.zip. Another good choice, a two-piece scan and fix package, is scanv113.zip and clean113.zip. Make your choice and download (about 18 minutes at 2400-baud). Then follow the instructions in this column to unzip the file because the virus software will be compressed.

Next week we will look at the Archie search tool and the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) tool to access software on the Internet itself.

You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by e-mail with emory@oconline.com, at voice mail at 953-2047 then dial 1910, or fax number 953-2111. To sign up for O&E On-Line, dial (313) 591-0903, at "log-in" prompt type "new" and at "key" prompt type CLANY2.

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FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
Gordon R. DeClerco, a financial consultant, stockbroker and insurance agent, has opened a business, VESnet Associates, at 6032 Telegraph, Suite 241, Bloomfield Hills.

ARCHITECTURAL FIRM
Gregory G. Aerts, AIA, has formed a new architectural firm,

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BARTON MALOW HONORED
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