Subject: RUNNING PATH MINDER ON WINDOWS 10

Posted by DN HOFFMAN on Wed, 28 Feb 2024 21:13:57 GMT

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I HAVE SOME OLD DOCUMENTS THAT WERE PASSWORD PROTECTED USING PATHMINDER BACK IN THE LATE 80'S & I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO OPEN THEM. THANKS TO THIS GREAT SITE, I WAS ABLE TO DOWNLOAD PATHMINDER (ALL 3 VERSIONS THAT WERE AVAILABLE HERE). I'M USING A 64 BIT COMPUTER RUNNING WINDOWS 10. WHEN I TRY TO INSTALL PATHMINDER I GET A MESSAGE THAT IT WON'T RUN ON THIS COMPUTER. IS THERE A WAY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN? (I'M NOT REAL TECHY, SO BEAR WITH ME & PLEASE TRY TO SPEAK IN TERMS I CAN FOLLOW. BACK IN THE DAY, I DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE UP MY DOS FOR WINDOWS, THAT HOW OLD I AM!)

Subject: Re: RUNNING PATH MINDER ON WINDOWS 10

Posted by CR on Fri, 17 May 2024 18:41:18 GMT

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On my 64bit Win10 I run my PathMinder in the free Dosbox emulator vDosPlus from vDosPlus.org

Run vDosPlus.exe to get a Dos window then go to your folder with the dos program [e.g. PathMinder] and run its exe within the vDosPlus window. I modified Config.txt by removing REM command to set USEDRVS=ON to allow it see all drives and use the Win10 folder structure as mentioned in the Readme.txt. Hope this helps.

Subject: Re: RUNNING PATH MINDER ON WINDOWS 10 Posted by CharelkenDop on Mon, 23 Sep 2024 00:10:00 GMT

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I think your question has already been answered partially. The issue with Windows in 64bit is that it can not run 16bit programs. DOS itself and all DOS software run in 16 bit. To resolve this you can use an emulator like DOSbox or an equivalent. This gives you the possibility to run 16 bit software again. That works around that 16-bit limit. I don't know the internals how it is done. But it should work.

Alternatively you can use an old computer even with Windows on it. If the Windows is a 32 bit version. Most Windows versions are 32 bit till Windows XP. The 64 bit version of XP is very rare and seldom used. Good luck.