

Column: Cool Tool

Web Stats-A-Go-Go

Whil Hentzen

Brian Neese forwards this one to the Cool Tool of the Month...

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As a long time FoxTalk subscriber, I always enjoyed your Cool Tool column and was glad here you will be starting it back up.

Here is one you definitely should check out. It's called the "Internet Anywhere Toolkit" and can be downloaded from:

<http://www.filemine.com/showJewel?id=164649>

This utility gives you a plethora of Internet connection and performance statistics. One that I find particularly interesting is the trace route test. I find it fascinating that packets from my PC travel through Cleveland in order to reach Buffalo. That's really fascinating when you consider I live in Buffalo.

This program has all the 'regular' tools of the Internet Master (Ping, Whois, Finger) but with a convenient interface. You can even set you system clock to different timer servers located around the world. All this and its only \$15.00.

The program works with Windows 95 but I was able to load it on my PC running NT 4.0 Workstation without any problems.

Enjoy!

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Hi Whil,

Thanks for your thoughtful response re the reasons for going with the extended articles concept in FoxTalk. I'll keep an open mind :-)

BTW, here's another utility you may consider worth mentioning in the CoolTool column. It's called Directory Toolkit for Win95/NT. If anyone out there besides me was a fan of the old Norton Commander for DOS (ah, for

those halcyon days of yore!), this is the nearest thing you'll find for Windows. It gives you a side-by-side comparison of two directories, makes synchronizing them a snap, and will even look inside zip'd archives to make comparisons. Great for backing up up a day's work on a VFP project to a zip drive, for example. It's shareware but IMHO well worth the registration cost. The author, Mike Funduc, has released several upgrades since I've been using it and seems to take a very professional approach to his work. Highly recommended. Go to <http://www.funduc.com> for this and other products from the same author.

Regards,
Rick