geoTheo
a concise thesaurus for GEOS

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REQUIREMENTS

- Commodore 64 or Commodore 128 computer
- GEOS 64 or GEOS 128 operating system, version 1.2 or higher
- Ram Expander recommended

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to geoTheo. The first thesaurus written specifically for the GEOS environment. Unlike a traditional thesaurus in book format, where precious time is wasted thumbing through a long index, geoTheo gives you nearly instant access to thousands of the most commonly used--and misused--synonyms by simply typing a word.

GETTING STARTED

Before starting geoTheo make a backup copy of the entire distribution disk. Put the original disk away and use the backup copy for all subsequent disk operations.

INSTALLATION

The geoTheo disk contains two files, a desk accessory "geoTheo" and a large data file called "geoTheo.dat". Copy the geoTheo desk accessory file onto one of your disks (a disk with geoWrite, for example). Installing the data file depends on your particular computer setup. When activated, geoTheo will search for its data file on every disk drive (or ram expander) it detects on your system. If the geoTheo does not find its data file, it will prompt you to insert a disk containing the data file in any disk drive.

STARTING GEOTHEO

geoTheo can be started like any other desk accessory, from the geos menu within an application or from the deskTop by double clicking geoTheo's file icon.

ENTERING WORDS

Words can be entered in geoTheo by simply typing them or by means of "text scrap", more on this later. For now, type in a sample word, try "abandon". After typing in the word, move the mouse over to the Search icon and click it. Pressing the RETURN key after the word will also start a search. Note. If "geoTheo.dat" is not on a disk, geoTheo will prompt you to insert a disk containing it. If "abandon" was typed correctly, geoTheo will print a list of synonyms for "abandon" in the box at the lower left hand corner of the screen. If you wish to search for another word, erase "abandon" at the "Search for:" prompt with the DELETE key or move the mouse pointer over the word and double click. To search a word in the synonym box for an additional meaning, or an antonym if one exists, move the mouse pointer over the word you want to check and click once. The word will be copied to the "Search for:" prompt.

If geoTheo finds a word with more than one meaning or usage, "old" for instance, it will print a 2nd icon. Click 2nd to cycle through all the references of a given word.

FULL SEARCH

geoTheo contains a full search or wildcard search command. This can be useful for checking the correct spelling of a word or for simply browsing through

geoTheo's database. To enact a full search, type in a character string at the "Search for:" prompt. The character string can be any combination of lower case letters that you wish, "ch", "acc", "tract", etc. An asterisk can also be added for clarity. To test the full search command, type "st*". Then move the move mouse pointer to the option menu and click it. Select full search. Any word that matches the character string will be printed in the synonym box. If there are more word matches than can be printed on screen at one time, geoTheo will pause until you click the More icon. To return to geoTheo's normal search mode press the Stop icon.

TEXT SCRAPS

Words can be pasted into geoTheo by cutting or copying them into a text scrap from a geos application. In geoWrite, for example, double click a word in a document to highlight it. Then select cut or copy from the edit menu. When geoTheo is ran, the word you selected will appear at the "Search for:" prompt. Press RETURN or click the Search icon to find synonyms of the word.
To copy a word from geoTheo into a text scrap, make sure the word that you want to copy is at the "Search for:" prompt. Then click the Copy icon.

EXITING GEOTHEO

To exit geoTheo and return to an application press either the Quit icon, the click box at the top of the screen, or the press exit in the file menu.

DISK SWAPPING

When geoTheo first encounters a "search" or a "full search" command, it will check all of the drives on your system for its data file, "geoTheo.dat". If geoTheo cannot find this file, a dialog box will appear prompting you to insert a disk containing "geoTheo.dat" in any drive. The geoTheo.dat disk should remain in place while you are using geoTheo.

Upon exiting, geoTheo will prompt you to replace the geoTheo.dat disk with the disk that was swapped. Just follow the prompts.

Creating a text scrap when disks are swapped in a special case in geoTheo. If the disk that geoTheo was started from has been swapped, geoTheo will not write the text scrap to disk until you press quit and the correct disk is in place. This doesn't alter the operation of geoTheo in any way, but if nothing seems to happen when Copy is pressed, this is the reason.

ERRORS

If geoTheo cannot find a requested word in its database it will print a "word not found" message for a normal search and a "string not found" message for a full search. If your spelling is suspect, check the first few characters of the word with full search. If a match can't be found, then the word is not in geoTheo's database.

If disk errors are encountered in geoTheo, the operation that caused the error will be terminated. Exit geoTheo and return to the deskTop to check your system.

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NewSpeak Software warrants the magnetic disk on which the software is recorded to be free of defects for a period of thirty days from the date the software is delivered. If a defect in the disk is found, you may return the disk to NewSpeak Software for free, one time replacement.

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