

THE 64NAV INTERFACE



Screenshot 1: The 64NAV Interface



Screenshot 2: Right-Clicking a drive



Screenshot 3: Using the Active Path Window to move around

1 DRIVE WINDOW: Displays the first six 64HDD drives. Clicking a drive makes it the current, active drive. Clicking the current, active drive starts you Navigating on that drive. Right-Clicking a drive presents a drop-down menu with more options and details for that drive (See Screenshot 2).

2 ACTIVE PATH WINDOW: Displays the current DOS path of the active 64HDD drive. Clicking a directory moves you to that directory. Right clicking starts you Navigating in that directory.

3 PC DRIVE: Clicking this icon presents a drop-down menu of PC DOS drives. To switch to your PC's floppy disk drive, for example, click the PC icon and select "A" if your PC's floppy is Drive A:.

4 INFO BAR: Displays info related to whatever task 64NAV is carrying out. When mouse-ing over a drive in the DRIVE WINDOW, for example, the INFO BAR will display the DOS path of that drive.

5 Exit to BASIC (SYS 64738).

The current, active drive number is highlighted green in the DRIVE WINDOW. The path for the active drive is displayed in the ACTIVE PATH WINDOW.

The INFO BAR displays the header and blocks free information for the active 64HDD drive. When the mouse pointer hovers over a 64HDD drive, the path for that drive is displayed in the INFO BAR.

Right-Clicking a drive brings up a window with more detailed information about that drive, as well as a drop-down menu with more options for that drive.

Consider the screenshot on the left. The active drive is Drive 8 (highlighted green). The path for the active drive is displayed in the ACTIVE PATH WINDOW. In our example, the user has Right-Clicked Drive 9, causing a window to appear displaying the header and blocks free info for Drive 9. The path for Drive 9 is shown in the INFO BAR. Also, a sub-menu with other options for Drive 9 is presented to the user.

Each part of the path in the ACTIVE PATH WINDOW is 'clickable'. From the screenshot on the left, if the user clicks on the "DOTBASIC" directory the active path will change to **D:\DOTBASIC**. If the user Right-Clicks, the path will change and a Navigator window will open allowing the user to start browsing files.

When 64NAV starts, it scans your 64HDD PC and records the different DOS drives on your system. To move to a different DOS drive (A, C, D, etc.) click the PC Icon to the left of the ACTIVE PATH WINDOW.

The current time is displayed in the top right corner of the screen. Clicking this allows you to set the time.



Screenshot 4: Clicking a filename presents this menu



DOS Drive: Switch to another DOS drive

DOS Wedge: Send a disk command to the current drive.

Refresh: Re-reads the current directory. Can be useful after sorting or searching a directory if you want to revert the directory to its original format. Click one of the available 64HDD drives to start Navigating from that drive. The current active drive is marked with an asterisk.



Use the Files menu to copy or scratch multiple files. You can also search the directory for a certain string or sort the directory alphabetically. Use Refresh (from the Disks menu) to return the directory to its original format.



64NAV can store the contents of a directory in a buffer to be quickly recalled later. This can be handy when, for instance, you are browsing a large directory of disk images that you want to return to over and over again. Choosing **Swap Dir** recalls the directory stored in the buffer and at the same time replaces the buffer with the current directory.

There are three ways to open the Navigator:

- 1.) Right-Click the folder or disk image in the Active Path Window
- 2.) Click the current, active drive in the Drive Window, or
- 3.) Choose "Navigate" after Right-Clicking a drive in the Drive Window.

The Navigator can display up to 300 files per directory. If the directory contains more files, only the first 300 will be displayed.

Clicking a file brings up a menu allowing you to run, copy, delete, or rename the selected file.

Notice the icons along the top of the Navigator. We'll take a look at those below.

COPYING AND DELETING FILES



Screenshot 5: Copying 5 files on drive 8 to drive 12

The target drive is displayed at the top of the Navigator window. Click the Target button to choose a new target.

Select COPY to begin copying files.

64NAV looks for a file with the same name on the target drive. If the file exists, a window appears giving options to Replace, Skip, Cancel or Replace All files.

Deleting files works in a similar way. Just choose all the files you want to delete, then click "DEL"

64NAV requires 64HDD Professional to work properly.

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