

WINSIG 4-24-2010

At today's WINSIG we went over three programs, two freebies and one that costs \$69.99 (but worth every penny).

First up was **Klippy**.

Always annoyed by saving web page? Lots of ads, blank and other junk you don't want? Repeat 'Copy' and 'Paste' to WORD for saving once and again? Klippy is an Internet Explorer extension for web information archive and organize. It allows you to clip the most relevant content from any web pages and saves your clippings to a specified folder.

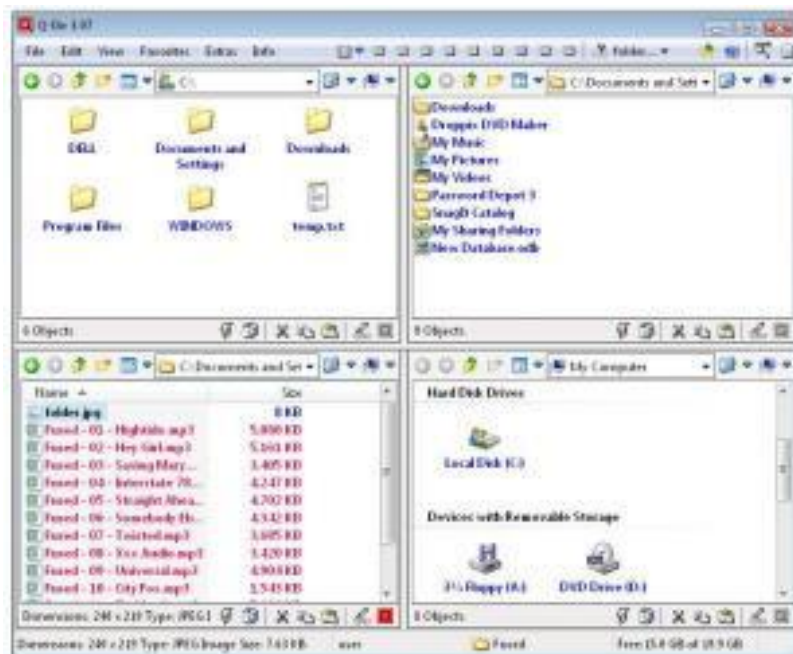
Supported languages: English, Chinese, ChineseSimplified, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean

Download site:

http://www.snapfiles.com/reviews/klippy-for-internet-explorer/klippy_techdetails.html

Next we looked at **Q-Dir**.

When you open Windows Explorer this utility presents you with a multi-pane file explorer. You can have different windows displaying different folders on your hard drive. This speeds up copying and pasting, moving or deleting duplicate files. Excellent for saving ONLY those pictures you want from the last vacation.



Download site: <http://q-dir.en.softonic.com/>

Next we took a more detailed look at **Data Base Oasis** <http://dboasis.com/>

“If you've never used a database before, you might not know how incredibly useful they really are. You might not realize how often you would reach for it to untangle that organizational mess or keep all the little bits and pieces of your life in one place. In fact, you might surprise yourself with how often that overwhelming task just falls into place with a little organization.” – *DBOasis website*

There are two versions, Basic and Pro. I used the Basic version to demonstrate the ease with which you can design and create your very own database. The author named the templates ‘displays’, the data entry screen that shows all the fields within that database.

There are pre-built databases in the software. Household Inventory; Asset Inventory; Phone Book; Business Contacts, and more.

All you need do is enter the data. For example, you want to make an inventory of all your stuff before going on a long vacation. You enter the Item, Brand, Serial Number, Cost when purchased, Current value, and a description of the item. You can even add a photo of your precious things. There are fields to indicate if the item has been appraised and what the appraisal value is. You don't have to fill in each field. Only the ones that give you enough information in case you need to provide it to your homeowners insurance company.

When creating a new display you have the choice of fields, including Text, Numeric, Date, Calculated, List, Picture, Label, and a few others.

Select the type of field, put your cursor in the display screen, left-click and drag to the right. Voila! You have just created your first data field!! Congratulations!! Place the fields you want, save the display. It will automatically close while the software build the database for you.

Open it up again and start adding information. Click on Save to preserve that info and then click on Add to put in another item.

We built a birthday list for Lenore in just a few minutes. Actually, with my fumble fingers, it took longer to type in the names for each field than it did for the software to create the database.

You can sort on any named field. You can create lists for printing. You can export into Excel (xls), .txt or .csv format. You can import the same formats as well. Which is great if you wanted to import your address book from Outlook, or any other program that lets you export in the comma separated value (.csv) format.

The authors offer a 15-day full featured trial. I strongly urge you to take advantage of the trial if you have a need for a simple database without the cost of the ‘big guys’.

The Professional version costs \$119.99 and is designed for multi-users across networks.