PadView Manual

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1.1 Introduction

Current Status: **PadView v1.3.0, 16 Aug 2005**   website: www.umace.com

PadView is a fast and simple Windows program to view XML PAD (Portable Application Description) files.

PAD is an open format to describe downloadable applications.

The PAD format is published and supported by the Association of Shareware Professionals with the aim to make the lives of developers and webmasters easier. It is available free of charge to everyone. By using the PAD system, developers save time by having to create a description of their software packages only once which can then be uploaded to all sites that support PAD quickly. Webmasters can process these PAD files and extract the data appropriate for their site. They can keep the contents of their site current by polling PAD files on the web sites of the authors of the software they list. More information on XML PAD file may be found at www.asp–shareware.org/pad.

1.2 Downloads

Download the latest version from: www.umace.com.

1.3 Installation

- Install **PadView** by copying the PadView files to a folder of your choice, you must preserve the sub–folder structure in the zip–file ––>>
    1. Run **PadView** > "File" > "Preferences"   (settings are saved in PadView.ini)
    2. .XML files may be associated with PadView.exe
       .PAD files may be associated with PadView.exe

1.3.1 NOTE: before uninstallation:

1. Run **PadView** > "File" > "Preferences"   (settings are saved in PadView.ini)
2. **uncheck** .XML files associated with PadView.exe
   uncheck .PAD files associated with PadView.exe

1.4 Use

Select "File" .> "Open…", select the XML file you wish to view.
    or From the DeskTop or Windows Explorer: Just double click on the XML file you wish to view.

2 Preferences Dialog

2.1 Extensions Tab

Here you choose which file types will be automatically associated with PadView. Those files will show the icon of PadView next to them in directories. Double clicking the file name will launch the PadView, with the file already loaded. Click any of the check–boxes next to files you want to associate.

"**XML**:"
if checked: Pad <u>XML</u> files with the extension "XML" will be associated with PadView.

"**PAD**:"
if checked: <u>PAD</u> Xml files with the extension "PAD" will be associated with PadView.

"**Help**" Shows this help screen.
"**OK**" The changes of this dialog are saved.
"**Cancel**" All Changes made in this dialog are discarded.

3 Version History

3.1 Version 1.30

CHM help file

3.1.1 Version 1.20

Adapted for PAD files version 1.20

3.1.2 Version 1.11

Initial release