

Title: The Freeware Service Pack and version checking
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Introduction

The number of modules in SIP makes it cumbersome to maintain individual downloads. A system has been devised to minimize the work in the distribution and installation of freeware modules. The notion of Service Pack is herewith introduced. This also reduces greatly the information on the download website and the maintenance thereof. It minimizes the user action necessary to keep a SIP system up-to-date.

Version checking has been automated to simplify keeping your system up-to-date both for freeware and for licensed SIP modules.

Service Pack

When one or more freeware modules are updated, they will be put in a new Service Pack and the whole pack will be downloadable as a single unit from the website. Modules in a Service Pack are condensed (zipped) with the standard utility WinZip.

The SIP Control Center will mention at which Service Pack level you are.

Contents

All SIP users should download and install this. Whenever future Service Packs will be made available, it is best to overwrite all modules. Although it is not of immediate interest to users, the modules which form part of a Freeware Service Pack are listed in file SIFSP.TXT, a file which comes with every Pack and needs to reside in the SIP folder as of the first time the Pack is installed.

Version checking

As of SIP build 096 a feature was added to check if your system is up-to-date. The SIP Control Center has a new menu called 'Versions' which launches the utility SipVersion which is separately described.

This utility comes as a downloadable module. When not downloaded, the menu will be disabled.