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Preamble

Inquisitiveness begets progress. Evolution of the Homo sapiens, from the cave dwelling hunters to space exploring astronauts, has been based on their desire to question the order of things as they find them and to shape the world in their own image.

Human development has been slow but continuous. It has been a journey covered, for most part, in small steps, by people who may or may not be known to recorded history, but whose presence is always felt. Who invented the wheel? Who initiated the art of counting on the fingers? Who picked up a piece of charcoal in the ancient caves and started drawing the images of things around him? Who planted a seed of corn? We will never know because mists of antiquity hide those details but we know that they were someone with an inquisitive mind, with the desire and courage to do what had not been done before and what they deemed fit to be done for the betterment of his fellow beings.

With the advent of civilization, there arose a growing need to organize the system of human inquiry. This led to the establishment of schools, universities and institutions where ideas could be conceived, floated, discussed and pursued. Libraries evolved to house the wealth of knowledge thus created, and to make it available to those who wanted to broaden the frontiers of that knowledge. This gave continuity as well as momentum to the vehicle of scientific and social discoveries. Galileo benefiting from Plato and Pythagoras, Newton capitalizing on Keppler and Galileo, Einstein building on Dalton and Newton, Von Neumann utilizing the Boolean and De Morgan's theorems. That is the story of human development.

A social community that cannot allow its individuals the freedom of thought and expression, is not entitled to be called social. Freedom of thought and action is the every essence of Ashraf ul Mukhluqat. This is one trait that lifts the humans above their fellow animals. A society must tolerate new ideas. It has the freedom not to accept and follow them but it must tolerate them being expressed and explored, because the ideas will survive though the community itself may not.

Abraham was thrown into fire but the humanity stands united on his concept of One Supreme God. Mansoor was hanged but the cry of *Anal Haq* lives on. Galileo recanted but the Mother Earth continues to circle the Sun. It is their parent societies that stand guilty in the court of history.

Progress is borne of inquiry. Inquiry is the essence of mankind. One of the greatest and enduring sights is that of a child asking, "What is this?" One of the most satisfying tasks for a grown up is to try and satisfy this basic question, and the train of questions that usually follows. That is proof enough that man is born free. Yet there are those amongst us whose reply to this innocent query is a stern, wicked and inhuman, "Don't you ask this." Every student must come out of his alma mater an emancipated individual. It is, therefore, one of the prime duties of educational institutions to be ever on guard to discourage, indeed shun, such inhuman behavior amongst its faculty as well as the students.

May every individual, for at least once in his or her lifetime, embark on the voyage of serious inquiry. It is the very fulfillment of our birth and being. It is the only road to development, and freedom from ignorance and want.

Abstract

The Windows Toolkit encapsulates many of the functions found in the Windows™ Operating System and some more. However they have been grouped together in one simple to operate application.

The application is dialog based. The first dialog has a menu bar that provides link to all the functionality available in the toolkit. The menu items have various options that provide user access to the toolkit.

There are eighteen (18) different dialog boxes which open on the menu commands. There are two more dialog boxes, which appear as an offer of options or results to the user. There are thus twenty (20) dialog boxes incorporated in the toolkit.

The functions provided are mainly a combination of functionality provided by the Explorer, Find and System Information tools of Windows™. However the improvement is in the form of some additional options which Microsoft™ did not deem fit to provide and the in the fact that all these functions have been grouped together under on umbrella.

Each dialog box has a help file attached to it where the basic help about the functionality available in that particular dialog box can be found. There are only a few places, where the user has to click buttons to get the results. Mostly simple selection of an item is sufficient to begin the execution. The idea is to afford the maximum possible ease to the user.

Effort has been made to keep the user informed of the execution. Some of the results are displayed after a rather long delayed. The information to the user keeps him/her from getting edgy and restless.

All the dialog boxes have been suitable illustrated with bitmaps to make them colorful. The layout has been planned keeping in mind the requirement of having a lively, attractive and interactive interface

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