Replacing corrupt Windows 95/98 files

Replacing a corrupt Windows 95/98 system file is a chore, because there's no simple way to find the distribution *.CAB file that contains the compressed master file. To make this task less daunting, you can create a list of master files that you can search easily. First, insert the Win 95 distribution media (we used the Win 95 CD-ROM in the D: drive), and then run these three commands from a command prompt: If using Win98 substitute 98 below for 95

EXTRACT /D D:WIN95MINI.CAB > WINLIST.TXT
EXTRACT /A /D D:WIN95PRECOPY1.CAB >> WINLIST.TXT
EXTRACT /A /D D:WIN95WIN95_02.CAB >> WINLIST.TXT

Next, open WINLIST.TXT in WordPad and use Edit | Find to locate the corrupt file. When you locate its master file, scroll to the top of the list to find the CAB file in which it resides. Now use EXTRACT /Y /L {target folder} {.CAB file} {master filename} to overwrite the corrupt file.

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