

# HTR File Rat 2011 & HTR File Utility

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## NEW THIS VERSION

The File Sweeper is a fresh feature for the HTR File Utility. It makes it easy for new and intermittent users of the Rat to get their handicapping directory ready for trouble free use with HTR Software. It scans your directory and moves any files older than a year from Today's Date to an archive directory. Like all scans, it looks for corrupt and zero byte files and cleans them out of your handicapping directory. This will be your first step if you have never used the Rat to maintain your current handicapping directory.

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After using the File Sweeper for the first time you can have hassle free maintenance of your handicapping directory if you use the main HTR File Rat when downloading files. Just keep the **"UnZip"**, **"Archive Files"** and the **"Single Download Path For All Files"** checkboxes selected when downloading. (See below for details).

The HTR File Rat and File Utilities never deletes any of your files so you can use them without fear of losing files.

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**The HTR File Utility** is a new application and included with the new HTR File Rat 2011. They are offered free as a courtesy of HTR. So let's jump right into the details of these new HTR tools.

File Year: For both apps a method was used other than using the "modified date" so it can be relied upon to give us the correct year of the file. Exception: The year of the PDFs wasn't needed for our purposes therefor no year is retrieved by either app. Both utilities look for corrupt and zero byte files to keep HTR software running smoothly.

This combination of applications hopes to accomplish several things to:

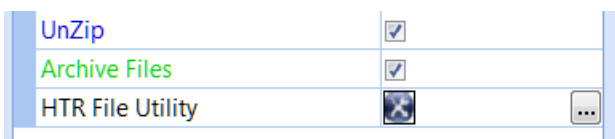
- 1) Make it easier to maintain one year of handicapping data in our HTR download directory.
- 2) Archive our data and keep it separated by year or year and month.
- 3) Keep our handicapping data clean and organized.
- 4) Make it easy and fast to get our handicapping data.

### Use:

- 1) Scan through old files and get them clean and organized.
- 2) First time or intermittent users of the HTR File Rat 2011 can scan their download directories to get them in order.

If you use the File Rat every time you download after that (choosing the “UnZip” and “Archive Files” options), the Rat will keep your download directory clean, current, organized and ready for handicapping! We don’t have to worry about moving old files out of our download directory because the File Rat will do it for us and put them into the archive.

## HTR File Rat 2011



“Unzip” Checkbox – This unzips our downloads and moves the .HTR files to C:\HTRDATA the same way as other HTR Software.

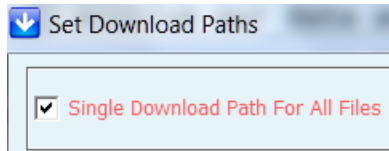


### “Archive Files” Checkbox

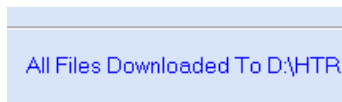
Before downloading, this feature scans the current download directory and only **processes existing files** in your download directory that have been unzipped (Not .HTR or .FIL files). The “Archive Files” only **processes the dates being downloaded**. Existing files in your download directory are processed as follows: All days that are set to be downloaded are “moved” to the archive if they are a year or older from

the file being downloaded otherwise they are “copied” to the archive. Both actions put the files in the archive by year. Ex: C:\FILERAT\_HTR\_ARCHIVE\2010, C:\FILERAT\_HTR\_ARCHIVE\2009 etc.

## Requirements -



Single Download Path For All Files checkbox (picture above) must be checked and this is your download directory that is shown on the main File Rat screen (picture below). Just as before, you can select any download directory you wish.



## HTR File Utility

If we put a whole year worth of unzipped files for the HTR File Utility to sort out, it will take a little time to scan and move all the files. There can be about 90,000 files and about 5 gigs of data to move.

Use CAUTION when using the file utility on the directory that you use for handicapping. Some of the selections may MOVE files that you do not want removed. You can retrieve them from the archive but it is a bit of a inconvenience that can be avoided if you are careful. Only put HTR related files in the working directory.



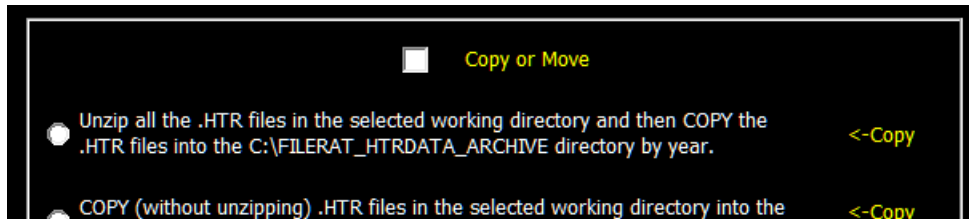
The HTR File Utility scans through your working directory. Your working directory is set inside the HTR File Utility and it can be different from the download dir in the main File Rat. It processes ALL files as follows:

There are two modes that apply to all choices, Copy or Move.

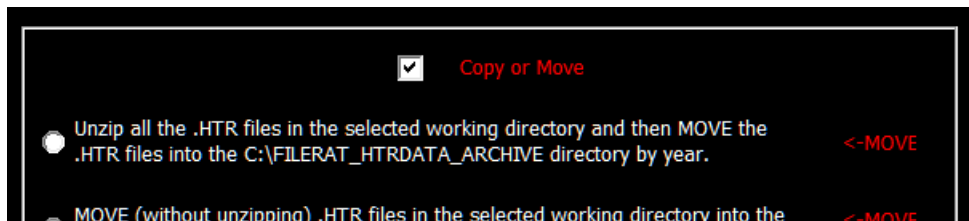
**COPY Mode** copies the files that you selected into the appropriate archive. Any files that the utility determines are "Err" (Error) or "UNK" (Unknown) are **MOVED** to the appropriate archive. Ex:  
C:\FILERAT\_HTR\_ARCHIVE\Err and C:\ FILERAT\_HTR\_ARCHIVE\UNK.

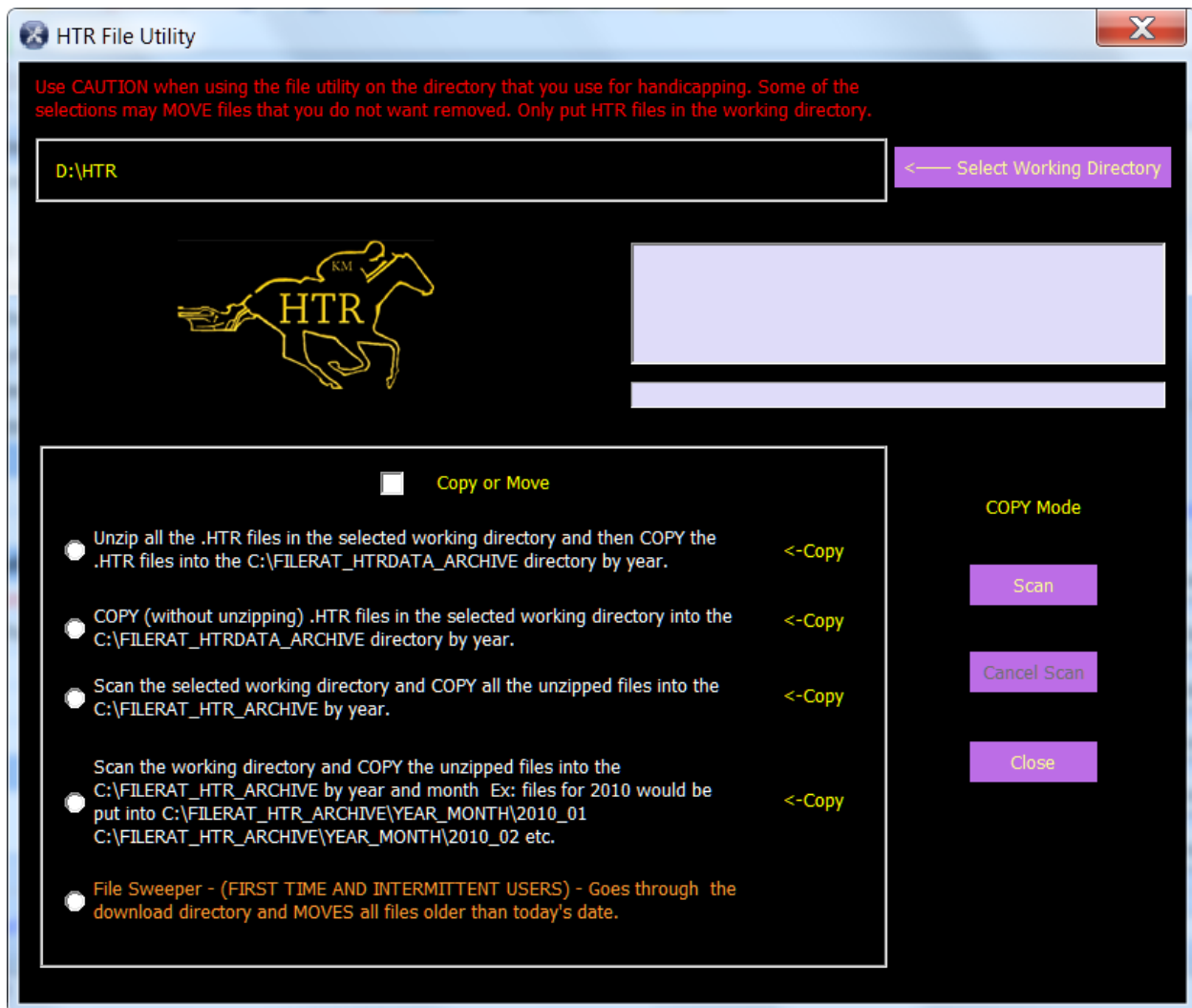
**MOVE Mode** moves all the appropriate files from the selected working directory.

*The mode of transfer is selected by the Copy or Move Checkbox. Yellow denotes COPY mode when this box is unchecked.*



*Red denotes MOVE mode when this box is checked.*





- 1) "Unzip all the files with the .HTR extension in the selected working directory and then COPY or MOVE the .HTR files into the C:\FILERAT\_HTRDATA\_ARCHIVE directory by year."
- 2) "COPY or MOVE (without unzipping) files with the .HTR extension in the selected working directory into the C:\FILERAT\_HTRDATA\_ARCHIVE directory by year."
- 3) "Scan the selected working directory and COPY or MOVE all the unzipped files (no .HTR extension) into the C:\FILERAT\_HTR\_ARCHIVE by year."
- 4) "Scan the working directory and COPY or MOVE the unzipped files (no .HTR extension) into the C:\FILERAT\_HTR\_ARCHIVE by year and month. Ex: files for 2010 would be put into C:\FILERAT\_HTR\_ARCHIVE\YEAR\_MONTH\2010\_01 C:\FILERAT\_HTR\_ARCHIVE\YEAR\_MONTH\2010\_02 etc."

5) "File Sweeper - (FIRST TIME AND INTERMITTENT USERS) - Goes through the download directory and MOVES out all files older than today's date."

I hear the next HTR Seminar is going to be great and I hope I get the opportunity to meet more of you next year.

Enjoy,

John