Dashboard Trial Edition READTRL.WRI file

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Welcome to the **Dashboard** Trial Edition. **Dashboard** is the fastest way to work in Microsoft Windows, and brings new convenience and flexibility to your everyday Windows tasks.

Dashboard gives you push-button convenience for all your Windows activities. With **Dashboard**, you can launch programs, switch among them, and customize your work space more easily and quickly than ever before.

This special Trial Edition lets you test drive **Dashboard** for 30 days at no charge. Customize it just the way you want, check out its performance, kick the tires. With **Dashboard**, you'll be maneuvering around in Windows with new speed and agility. Once the 30 days are up, this Trial Edition becomes unusable. If you decide you want to keep **Dashboard**, you can use your modem or telephone any time within the 30 days to receive a code that unlocks this trial edition. You'll then have the complete retail version of the program -- we'll even send you the User's Guide. The details are found in the section **Unlocking the Trial Edition**, later in this document.

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1. What You Need

Here's what you need to run **Dashboard:**

A computer running Microsoft Windows 3.1.

At least 640K of internal RAM, and 2 MB of extended memory.

1.5 MB of hard disk space.

A mouse is recommended, but not required.

2. Installing the Dashboard Trial Edition

To install the Trial Edition,

1.   Insert the disk into the diskette drive (referred to as Drive A in these instructions).

     If you downloaded the software from a bulletin board or online service, unzip the file in a temporary directory, as explained in the download instructions.

2.   From the Windows Program Manager, choose File | Run.

3.   In the Run dialog box, type the appropriate command below

Installing from diskette: A:INSTALL
Installing from the unzipped file: \<temporary directory name>\INSTALL

and click OK.

3. Learning and Using Dashboard

Dashboard is loaded with features to make your work in Windows faster and easier:

* Launch an application with the click of a button.

* Find applications fast in the easy-to-use menus that replace the program groups cluttering up your Windows screen.

* Use drag-and-drop to run an application or print a document. Or drag an application icon to the **Dashboard** extended screen where you want it to run, or to the Quick Launch panel to add it as a Quick Launch button.

* Use **Dashboard's** miniature screens to see what applications are running, and switch instantly among them. You can have up to nine extended screens, and you can set them to open automatically in the configuration you define. Even when **Dashboard** is minimized, its icon lets you instantly switch to the extended screen you want.

* Check the gas gauge to monitor your system resources and available memory.

* Create your own shortcuts using hotkeys and mouse clicks.

* Use snap-off toolbars for the Dashboard panels you use most often.

* Specify "sticky apps" that remain visible as you switch among the extended screens.

* Arrange your dashboard vertically or horizontally, and choose which panels to include and which to hide.

* Set alarms on an electronic alarm clock with a snooze button.

* Customize **Dashboard** to create a model that suits you -- from small and sporty to large and luxurious.

Extensive online Help gives you the details on these and other features. Here's how to use it:

To identify something on the **Dashboard**, click once on the ? button at the right edge of **Dashboard**. Then use the ? cursor to point to the item you want to learn about, and click once.

To open the Help system at the Contents screen, double-click the ? button. You can then browse through the Help information by clicking on Contents topics, or use the Search button to look up information.

Feel free to experiment -- it's a great way to test drive **Dashboard**.

4. Installing the Sound Driver

Some **Dashboard** features, such as the alarm clock, use sound. If you do not hear any sound when you use an alarm, you can install a special driver program from Microsoft Corporation for generating sounds. This driver is included with **Dashboard**.

Here is how to install the sound driver program:

1. From Dashboard or the Windows Program Manager, open the Control Panel (usually located in the Main program group).
2. Double-click the Drivers icon (not the Sound icon).
3. Click Add.
4. Selected Unlisted or Updated Driver, and click OK.
5. You'll see the Install Driver dialog box. Type the path to your **Dashboard** Trial Edition diskette or the directory where you unzipped the downloaded **Dashboard** file. For example, if you unzipped the file in \DASHTMP, type that path. Click OK.
6. You'll then see the Add Unlisted or Updated Driver dialog box with *Sound Driver for PC-Speaker* selected. Click OK.
7. Then you'll see the Speaker Driver dialog box. Adjust the volume and duration of the sound, and click the Test button to hear a sample.
8. Click OK when you're satisfied with the sound.

5. Unlocking the Trial Edition

The Trial Edition lets you use **Dashboard** free for 30 days. This is the complete program, not a scaled-down version. After you install, or at any time during your 30-day trial period, you can unlock your Trial Edition to turn it into a full retail version with unlimited use.

> **Note:** The Unlock feature is available in the US and Canada only. Customers outside the US and Canada may purchase the full product from local retail stores, or call the local Borland office for details. (Phone numbers appear at the end of the README.WRI file.)

When installation is complete, a dialog box asks if you want to unlock your copy of **Dashboard**. If you don't unlock then, you can do it later by clicking the Unlock icon in the **Dashboard** program group. You also are given a chance to unlock every time you exit from **Dashboard**.

There are two toll-free ways to unlock **Dashboard** by telephone: by modem, if you have one, or by a voice call.

By modem: If you choose to unlock by modem. a dialog box appears asking for your name, address, and other information. After you fill out the required information, the rest of the unlocking process is automatic. **Dashboard** makes the modem connection, and a special code is transmitted to your copy of the program, unlocking it.

By voice phone: To unlock by phone, dial the number in the Phone Order dialog box. A Borland Simplify representative will give you a code that unlocks **Dashboard**.

When the unlocking process is done, you are asked if you want to register your copy of **Dashboard**, by modem, fax, or mail. We urge you to take advantage of this registration process to keep up with the latest developments from Borland.