Click these tabs to see more options.

Select the name of the Neko that you would like to configure.

Click this button to create a new Neko.

Click this button to remove the currently selected Neko. You cannot remove the default Neko.

Click this button to see the program version information and copyright.

Click this button to display the Neko help.

Click this button to close this program and save the settings.

Click this button to close the program without saving settings.

Click this button to close the program without saving settings.

Click this button to save settings without exiting.

This option will display a small icon in the taskbar to allow you to exit Neko or display the configuration program.

This button will remove any sound associated with the current event.

This will set how fast Neko runs.

This will set Neko back to normal size.

This shows Neko's current scale.

This slider sets Neko's sensitivity to the mouse moving when sleeping. The higher this is, the further the mouse must be moved to wake Neko up.

This displays the current image library that this Neko will use.

This slider sets how large or small Neko will be.

This button will use the default image library for Neko.

This lists the events available

This option will let you browse for a new sound for the selected event.

This slider sets how frequently Neko plays sounds. Your system may run slowly if this is much above 10%. To turn sounds off without selecting "none" for each one, move this slider to "none".

This shows the .wav file being used for the current event.

This will let you browse for a new image library to change how Neko looks. You can download more image libraries.

This button will play the sound for the current event.

This lists all of the available actions that this Neko can perform while on the desktop.

This causes this Neko to run on top of other Windows.
Note: Having too many on top Nekos may degrade system performance.

This gives a more detailed description of an individual action.

Image Libraries and Sounds
You can download more image libraries and sounds for Neko from the Neko home page at:
http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Haven/4173/

Create Your Own
Alternatively, you can create your own by using any icon library editor, such as Microangelo from Impact Software, which is available at:
http://www.impactsoft.com/

Other Versions
Neko is not just available for Windows 95/98.

Windows 3.0/3.1
This was written by a different author than this version and developed long before Neko95.   It's designed for Windows 3.0 and the archive name is 'Neko20.zip'. You should be able to find it on most Windows 3.0 shareware sites, or from:
ftp://ftp.cdrom.com/.2/games/windows/jokes/neko20.zip

X-Windows
The Neko source files are available for most X-Windows UNIX variants etc. This is the original version and it should be on almost every X-Windows site in the world!

Mac
It is rumoured that a Mac version exists, but it isn't known where it can be downloaded.

The author is not going to write a Mac version of Neko, mainly because he doesn't have a Mac. If you would like to port Neko to the Mac, feel free to use the Neko95 source files in any way you like!

OS/2
An OS/2 version of Neko was released with one version of OS/2 - it is believed that it was called "Boris" and chased a butterfly. Little else is known about this and it is not believed that it is available on the Internet for free.

Java
There are a couple of implementations of Neko for Java around the web... some better than others.
The best that the author has seen is at:
http://acm.cs.umn.edu/~chaz/html/jneko.htm.

Alternatively, you can use the term "applet:neko" on http://www.altavista.digital.com to search for Neko Java Applets.

Other Programs
The author has written other freeware programs, which are available from:
http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Haven/4173/

Neko95/98 was ported by David Harvey from the original X-Windows source code by Masayuki Koba.

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What's New
New in Neko for Windows 95/98 version 4:

- Always On Top
- Complete rewrite - a complete desktop pet class hierarchy has been created and the main Neko code has been optimised quite heavily.

Active Desktop Flicker

If you have chosen an animated .gif file as your wallpaper, Neko will flicker quite badly. It is recommended that instead of selecting the animated .gif as wallpaper, you add it as an active desktop component, via the 'web' tab in your display properties. This will mean that Neko will not flicker unless running directly over the picture.

If you have selected to 'tile' the animated .gif, rather than 'center' it, it is not possible to eliminate the flickering.

Technical Description of the Cause

The flickering is due to the fact that Windows is drawing the desktop at the same time as Neko is being drawn. Because Windows doesn't control Neko, these two drawings are out of sync, and Windows erases the picture of Neko on the desktop and Neko then erases himself as well. These two factors combine to make Neko appear and disappear quickly, causing the flicker.

Common Problems

I can't get the sounds to work!

- Make sure that the frequency slider is not set to "none".

- Make sure that you have a valid .wav file selected for each event - download the sample sound pack from the Neko home page.

How can I make Neko start when I start my computer?
Follow these steps:
1.   Click on the start button.
1.   Select settings, followed by taskbar.
1.   Click the "Start Menu Programs" tab on the window that appears.
1.   Click the "Add..." button.
1.   Click "Browse", select the Neko program and click "Next"
1.   In the list of folders, choose "StartUp" and click "Next"
1.   Click "Finish"

I can't delete the Neko configuration program or the main Neko   program - it says that it's being used by Windows

- Make sure that the program isn't running.

- If Neko is running, run the program a second time - this will close Neko.