

Cool Mouse 97
[A member of Desktop Toys family]
for Microsoft Windows95
Version 2.0
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Installation:

Unzip all the files to a temporary directory, then run "**Explorer**". Right-click on "**Cmouse97.inf**" and then select "**Install**" from the popup menu. That's it! Now, you will see a new program group in your "**Start Menu**". Run "**Cool Mouse 97**" from here. Later, should you wish to remove it, you can use *Control Panel's* "**Add/Remove Program**" function to uninstall the program.

Purpose / Use:

"**Cool Mouse 97**" is a middle-mouse button utility making your work a little easier. It includes some powerful features which can be selected, according to your preferences, via its icon in the taskbar's systray (near the clock). "**Cool Mouse 97**" works well under Windows 95; however it doesn't work under Microsoft Windows NT.

Available features :

- Converts a single middle-mouse button click to a double-click
- Displays the "Start menu" anywhere on the screen
- Offers windows, which "*roll up*", to their title bar
- Runs any program
- "*Tray*" windows (minimizes them to the task bar notification area, there the clock is)
- Displays window features menu
- Scrolls windows

History Log:

10/12/96 0.91 Initial beta 1

15/12/96 0.91a Bugs fixed:

1. Fixed mouse-bounced activation via taskbar icon
2. "Start Menu" pops-up in its usual position, if the mouse click was outside of the active window.
3. The start button flashes on the taskbar after clicking near the taskbar (from within 0.5 inches - or 1.25cm)

01/01/97 0.92 Note: This is the last version at the Beta 1 level.

1. "Roll-Up" function added. This feature enables you to "Roll-Up" the window by clicking the middle button from within its caption. (It goes without saying how useful this is!)
2. The "Settings" dialogue was revised. Personally I prefer the revised version, since it can now be activated by double-clicking on the icon in the tray.
3. "Active / Suspend" modes were added. Now, the tray icons are different for each mode.
4. "Help" file was added. Now you can choose the "Help" command from the "Cool Mouse 96" menu.
5. Installation procedure was modified. Now "Cool Mouse 96" is installed by simply clicking the right-mouse button and highlighting the "CMouse96.inf" file. Installation is completed by selecting "*install*" from the drop-down menu.
6. The small icon was altered: giving it more visual appeal.

12/01/97 1.0.1a Note: This version is the first in Beta 2 level.

1. New feature was added: Now you can run any program (or associated files) with a simple click of the middle-mouse button.
2. Button count feature was added: Now the program verifies the number of mouse buttons. (The program won't run if the count is less than 3.)
3. Bugs fixed:
 - Fixed bug with cursor keys - they didn't work in the "Settings..." dialogue box.
 - In the previous version, you couldn't rollup more than 256 windows; now the count is unlimited. (... finally some tiny conveniences ...)

25/02/97 1.0.1b Initial public release.

10/04/97 2.0 Note: The "Cool Mouse 96" project is no more...

Since my hard drive crash, I've missed the all my source code. I worked hardly to rewrite it again, and decided to call the program "Cool Mouse 97". Thus, remember, the "Cool Mouse 96" project is no more present. There is new project "Cool Mouse 97" on a board.

1. Since I've mentioned above, the program was renamed.
2. Now, the "Cool Mouse 97" is a member of Desktop Toys family.
3. The "Settings" dialog was revised again. Looks nice, isn't it?
4. "*Tray window*" feature was added: This feature enables you to minimize windows to the system tray notification area (there the clock is)
5. "*Window menu*" feature was added. This displays the popup menu with selectable window operations. (Includes Cool Mouse 97 window features)
6. "*Scroll window*" feature was added. This feature enables you to scroll window up and down with a simple click of the middle-mouse button.
7. "Split window caption" function was added. Now you can combine "*Roll Up*" and "*Tray Window*" features.
8. "*Show feature indicator*" function was added. This shows the current feature indicator, instead of Cool Mouse 97 icon on task bar.
9. "*Load on system startup*" function was added. This loads Cool Mouse 97 on Windows startup.
10. "*Detect the number of mouse buttons*" function was added. This enables you to disable detection of the mouse buttons count on startup.

Dear "2-buttons" users, I didn't forget about your mices! Look here:

11. "Enable middle mouse buttons features on Scroll Lock" function added. This enables you, to use the middle mouse button features on the right mouse button click, then the Scroll Lock light is "ON".

Now the "Cool Mouse 97" is a Desktop Toys family.

12. Desktop Toys add-on support DLL was added. This enables you to configure the "Cool Mouse 97" directly from "Desktop Toys Manager" via "Control Panel".

13. ☹ Bugs fixed:

- "Run" feature bug fixed. You couldn't specify the command line parameters in the previous version.

Still not fixed:

- The start menu pops up at it's usual position, then the "Auto hide" task bar property enabled.

Presently on the Drawing Board:

- A Microsoft Windows NT version.
- Additional features will be added as product development progresses. If you have any ideas for additional features, let me know; I can be reached at the contact addresses below.

Filed Away in the Recycle Bin:

- No Windows 3.1 version
 - NO OS/2 VERSION!! (NO! ... NO! NO!)

System requirements:

- Minimal for each platform
 - About 400k of free disk space

Distribution:

- Absolutely free - **FREEWARE!** - via:
 - a. BBSes.
 - b. WWW/FTP.
 - c. FIDOnet file echo conferences.
 - d. MSN/CompuServe/AOL shareware forums.
 - e. Shareware collection CD's
 - f. By request.

Feedback:

I value your ideas, suggestions and bug reports. Please choose from amongst the addresses in the "Contact" section below to determine how best to reach me:

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