

Makeover™ - Working Model Demo, Version 1.0

This Makeover Working Model contains working model demos of the two anchor components in Makeover. They are limited in various ways, but will let you get a good feel for what the product is about.

Interface... With Your Imagination

Since the release of Windows 3.0, many products have been created to enhance and change the way it works. You can now completely replace the Program Manager or File Manager with better or different programs. And you can replace icons and wallpaper with your own or those created by others. Just about everything in Windows can be configured or customized. Except the way it looks ... Until Makeover ... You've been stuck with Microsoft's idea of what your Windows should look like. Sure, you can change your colors and background, but not the general appearance. Now you can subtly enhance the standard appearance, or you can radically change it. The possibilities are virtually limitless.

What OSFrame can do

OSFrame comes with a configuration program that gives you full control over the parameters that are used to create new visual effects. Each screen element can have its color changed, and the depth of the effect can be controlled independently for different screen elements. OSFrame can add 3D effects to your title bars in several different ways. Three levels of 3D are available, as well as three special effects that put stripes on the title bar similar to the title bars on another GUI based computer. Title bar text can be made to appear raised or inset. Three levels of 3D effect are available for sizing borders, ranging from a light effect to an obvious 3D effect. The control menus in both application and document windows can have a 3D effect added so that they match the minimize and maximize buttons. Dialog window borders can have 3D effects added, also. Borland's chiseled steel dialogs really shine with 3D dialog borders. OSFrame can now add 3D effects to menu bars, but not the pulldown menus. By the way, OSFrame is pronounced O - S - FRAME.

What ButtonMaker can do

ButtonMaker provides a facility for changing the appearance of key components in the Windows interface. Control menu boxes, minimize, maximize, and scroll buttons can be colored and modified. Predefined button sets are available to make Windows look similar to other Graphical User Interfaces.

And it's not just another pretty interface...

Makeover includes OSFrame, ButtonMaker, and these utilities that will let you further customize and enhance your environment:

IconMaker modifies icons and cursors in any Windows program or display driver. It allows you to adjust these elements to individual tastes. Icons can be created for use in the Program Manager.

CapsKey changes the behavior of the Caps Lock key. The typewriter mode releases the Caps Lock when a shift key is pressed along with an alphabetic key, making the keyboard work like a typewriter. Two other alternate modes are provided.

SimpleCalc and **PaperCalc** are convenient calculators that can stay on top of other programs. PaperCalc features a scrollable tape for reviewing calculation entries.

NoiseMaker is a music teaching and entertainment program for basic sight reading and ear training. An on-screen piano keyboard facilitates basic drills including note recognition on the staff and keyboard, and interval training. No additional hardware is required.

Where and how to buy

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CompUSA and Software Etc carried OSFrame when it was available separately, and may soon have Makeover on their shelves. Software Resource distributes Makeover.

Support

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Running the Demos

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Copy OSFRAME.INI and OSFRAMER.EXE to your \WINDOWS directory. Add OSFRAME.EXE and BTNMAKER.EXE to a group in Program Manager or equivalent. You will then be set up to play with the OSFrame and ButtonMaker Working Models.

Crank up OSFrame and you will get a message that you have about 30 minutes to use it. At the end of the available time, Windows will revert to its normal flat appearance. You can still play with the OSFrame control panel, but your windows will not have the special effects. You will have to restart Windows to get another thirty minutes, but you can do so as many times as you wish. You may want to check out the OSFRAME.HLP file before starting OSFrame. (All of the Makeover components have very complete online help.)

The OSFrame Working Model will not allow you to save your color scheme information directly, but you can use the **File, Export...** command to save a color scheme. You can then use **File, Import...** to reload it. If you create a color scheme that you would like to share, the Export command makes it possible. Please feel free to upload your creations to our library on CompuServe (or anywhere else), so other Makeover users can check them out.

The ButtonMaker Working Model will let you modify all of the title bar and scroll bar buttons, but will only save changes to the Minimize button. The **File, Export...** command is disabled, and the clipboard functions (Cut and Paste) are also disabled. ButtonMaker does not have any time limits. After you make changes to buttons with ButtonMaker, you have to restart Windows to see the results. The **Utilities, Restart Windows** command makes it

easy to restart Windows.

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