NOW*!!* Manual

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NOW*!!* is a Microsoft Windows control program. When you run this program, a window containg three or four buttons displays. If you are using Windows 3.10 or 3.11, then three buttons are displayed. These three buttons allow you to exit Windows, restart Windows, or Reboot your system. If you are using Windows 95, the four buttons are displayed. These allow you to exit Windows and shut-down your system, restart Windows, Reboot your computer, or exit to a clean MS-DOS prompt (commonly known as "MS-DOS compatiblity mode.")

*<u>WARNING</u>: **Normally these buttons act IMMEDIATELY! There is NO confirmation prompt.** Any applications active that have unsaved information will prompt to save before Windows closes.

If you would like confirmation, see the section later in this document *<u>Adding Confirmation.</u>*

INSTALLING NOW*!!*

Since you are reading this file, you have already unzipped the file you downloaded. There is no installation program supplied (SORRY), but this is easy to do:

NOW*!!* can be installed to any directory (folder), as long it is in it's own directory. Make sure the PERSON.DAT file is in the same directory as NOW!!.EXE. Also, make sure VBRUN300.DLL is in your Windows system directory. If it is already there, great. If not, and if it was not provided, most BBSs and online services have it.

Now, you can follow the appropriate instructions for you operating system:

Windows 3.1 or 3.11

When all the files are together, create a Program Manager icon for the NOW!!.EXE. If you don't use Program Manager, follow the documentation for the shell you use.   For Program Manager, use the **New** command under the **File** menu. In **Filename**, type a directory path to NOW!!.EXE (wherever you installed it to).

Windows 95

When you get all the files figured out, create a Start Menu entry for NOW!!.EXE. To do this, follow these steps: (unless you know how to do this and like to do it a different way)

1.   If you want to put NOW*!!* above **Programs** in the Start Menu, then you can use the Windows Explorer and drag the NOW!!.EXE file to the Start button. Otherwise, go to step 2.
2.   Position your mouse over the Start button and right-click. Select **Explore** from the menu.
3.   Open the folder you wish to put NOW!!.EXE in.
4.   On the **File** menu, select **New** and then **Shortcut**. Enter a folder path to where you installed NOW*!!*

You should be all set to go Now (HA HA) !!

I also recommend setting up a shortcut key for NOW!!*, like CTRL+ALT+N. If you do, then all you have to do is press that shourcut key to bring up NOW*!!* (now!)!! Look for a text-box on the window wherever you set-up the NOW!!.EXE file.*

OPERATING NOW*!!*

Normally, you run the program, you press the button you want, and it acts accordingly. NOW*!!* will automatically detect which operating system you are using.

Also, you can:

- If you are running NOW*!!* under Windows 95, you can right-click any of the buttons for a "help dialog" of what that button does. (Kind-of a standard thing in Windows 95.)
- Edit your NOW!!.INI file to include the section (if it is not already there) and the line:

        [Options]
        StartMinimized=True

    to force NOW*!!* to always start as an icon on your desktop.
- Move the NOW*!!* window somewhere else on the screen (drag title-bar with mouse or use **Move** command) and NOW*!!* will remember where you put it and put it in the same place next time it is run.
- Click on the window other than the buttons to display the **About** dialog.
- Add confirmation prompts to the buttons---see the next section

ADDING CONFIRMATION

There are two ways to make the program confirm the push of any button:

- Place a **/C** parameter on the NOW!!.EXE command line. This will use button-confirmation this time NOW*!!* is run, but not next time if **/C** is not used.
- Open the **About** dialog by clicking on the window in a place not occupied by a button. The **About** dialog will appear. The **About** dialog for Windows 95 is different from that of the **About** dialog for previous version of Windows, so here is how to find the confirmation check-box:
    - For the Windows 3.10 or 3.11 version **About** dialog, a check box can be found in the bottom-right corner of the Window. The program will always confirm each time it is run until the check-box is "unchecked."
    - For the Windows 95 **About** dialog, a check-box is along the bottom of the Window. To turn on confirmation, make sure the check-box is "checked." The program will always confirm each time it is run until the check-box is "unchecked."

ABOUT NOW*!!*

NOW*!!* 3.0 was written in Visual Basic 3.0. Make sure you have the file VBRUN300.DLL in your Windows system directory before starting it.

This program is FREEWARE (public domain). It can only be distributed, however, released with all supplied files:

        NOW!!.EXE
        README.NOW
        RELEASE.TXT
        NOW!!.WRI
        PERSON.DAT

The file VBRUN300.DLL is optional.

This public domain copy (version 3.0) has been released to the party listed in the **About** dialog.

If you:
- find this program useful
- have a comment about this or another one of my programs
- want information on my other programs
- are a Visual Basic programmer and would like my beautiful API .BAS file

then feel free to contact me at this address:

  joseph.hoevet@swcbbs.com.

Thank you for trying this little piece of software! Bye!

VERSION HISTORY

    1.0 [Initial release] (04-25-1995)
            - limited support for CBIS

    1.1 Enhancement (05-08-1995)
            - added optional command line parameter for confirmation prompts
            - added full support for CBIS
            - buttons were reduced in size slightly
            [Updated README.NOW]
            [Updated NOW!!.WRI]

    2.5 Enhancement (07-07-1995)
            - added internal .INI file support in order to save window postion and other settings
            - added internal Release-Info file support
            [Updated README.NOW]
            [Updated NOW!!.WRI]
            [Added RELEASE.TXT]
    3.0 Enhancement [Current Version] (08-10-1995)
            - added Windows 95 support and autodetection features
            [Updated README.NOW]
            [Updated NOW!!.WRI]

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