

Salvation® 1.15 for Microsoft® Windows™

1. INTRODUCTION

Salvation is a comprehensive program and file manager that replaces both the File Manager and Program Manager as the "startup" shell.

You should have the following files included in SALVTION.ZIP:

COPY.DLL
GCONVERT.EXE
GCONVERT.HLP
NDRF.EXE
NDRF.WRI
MESSAGE.EXE
ORDERFRM.TXT
READ-1ST.WRI
SAL.EXE
SALVEDIT.EXE
SALVEDIT.HLP
SALVLIB.EXE
SALVTION.BTS
SALVTION.EXE
SALVTION.HLP
SETUP.EXE
STDFILE.DLL
SWITCHER.EXE

This file has been divided into five sections.

Section 1, "Introduction," simply introduces Salvation.

Section 2, "Setup," describes how to set up Salvation for use with Microsoft Windows.

Section 3, "Group Convert," describes the Group Converter and how to use it.

Section 4, "Salvation on a network drive," describes how to setup up Salvation on a network drive.

Section 5, "Technical Support," describes how to get help with Salvation when you need it.

2. SETUP

Before setting up or running Salvation, we recommend that you create a separate directory for this purpose. We recommend: "C:\SALVTION."

To set up Salvation for use with Microsoft Windows, run the program "SETUP.EXE" included in "SALVTION.ZIP." This program automatically installs Salvation for use with Windows. It modifies AUTOEXEC.BAT, WIN.INI, and SYSTEM.INI. Setup may also be used to un-install Salvation. It automatically removes any and all information for Salvation from AUTOEXEC.BAT, WIN.INI, and SYSTEM.INI.

To run Setup, follow these steps:

- * Select "Run" from the "File" menu entry.
- * Enter a full path and "SETUP.EXE" on the run command line. For example, if Setup was located in the directory, "C:\SALVTION," you would enter, "C:\SALVTION\SETUP.EXE."
- * Select the "OK" button.

During the setup process, you will be asked to respond to several simple questions. The first question is "What do you want to do?" The choices are "Install", "UnInstall", and "Cancel".

- * "Install" begins the installation procedure. If you choose to install Salvation, you may also choose to install Salvation as the "startup" shell. Simply select the check box labeled "Install Salvation as the shell." If you do not want to install Salvation as the "startup" shell, simply clear this check box.
- * "UnInstall" begins the uninstall procedure.
- * "Cancel" simply exits Setup and returns to the launching application.

Setup next prompts you for permission before updating AUTOEXEC.BAT, WIN.INI, and SYSTEM.INI.

- * "Yes" makes the necessary changes to AUTOEXEC.BAT, WIN.INI, and SYSTEM.INI. If you are installing Salvation, the changes are added to these files. If you are uninstalling Salvation, any previous changes are removed from these files.
- * "No" simply exist Setup and returns to the launching application.

After making any necessary changes to your system, Setup provides a summary of the changes that were made and asks one final question, "Would you like to restart Windows?"

- * "Yes" exits then restarts Microsoft Windows.
- * "No" simply exist Setup and returns to the launching application.

Please Note: During the set up process, it is necessary for Setup to modify the PATH statement of AUTOEXEC.BAT. Setup checks the length of this path to ensure that it is less than 128 characters. If it is longer than 128 characters, Setup will inform you that the length of the PATH is too long. We recommend that you modify the PATH statement so that it is no longer than 128 characters. Otherwise, you may get the following error when loading Windows, "Unable to load PROGMAN.EXE." No matter what application you have installed as the "startup" shell, Windows will insist that it cannot load "PROGMAN.EXE". The most common reason for this error is that the program specified as the "startup" shell is not found in the PATH. If you get this error, check your PATH to ensure that the directory containing the "startup" shell is included. A simple way to determine if a directory is in the PATH is to type "SET" from a DOS prompt. You may also need to re-boot your system for any changes to take effect.

3. GROUP CONVERTER

Salvation includes a small utility called "Group Converter". This utility converts Program Manager "groups" to Salvation "pages".

Before running the Group Converter, ensure that you are currently running in Salvation. Next, open the directory containing the files for Salvation by double-clicking its name from the file scroll-list. You may then launch the Group Converter by double-clicking the file "GCONVERT.EXE" in the scroll-list.

After a few moments, the Group Converter will display a list of all current Program Manager group files. You have the option of converting single group files, or you may convert all groups in the list by clicking the "Convert All" button.

The conversion process may take up to a minute to perform, depending on how many groups you are converting. The name of each group will become the Salvation Page Name. Each item within the group is then placed in a button on that page.

Once converted, you may find that the organization of your applications under the Program Manager doesn't work out quite so well when converted to Salvation pages. Feel free to organize the pages and buttons in any way that best suits your particular needs or tastes.

4. SALVATION ON NETWORK DRIVES

Setup cannot set up Salvation for use on a network drive. If Setup determines that Windows is running in a network environment, it will inform you that it cannot make the necessary changes. If you would like to set up Salvation for use on a network drive, you must append the following changes to WIN.INI

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[Salvation]
ErrPath=<pathname>
SalvEdit=<application name>
BTSPath=<file name>
Libs=<application name>
UserPath0=<application name>
UserMenu0=Windows Shell Switcher
ClipPath=CLIPBRD.EXE
PifEditor=PIFEDIT.EXE
UBName=DOS Prompt
UBPath=COMMAND.COM
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"ErrPath" defines the default pathname to display in scroll lists during startup if any disk error occurs. The default value is "C:\", or the root directory of the hard drive containing Windows.

"SalvEdit" defines the pathname and program name of the text editor to be used by Salvation. The default value is "C:\SALVTION\SALVEDIT.EXE." If Salvation is in a directory other than "C:\SALVTION", simply enter that directory followed by "SALVEDIT.EXE".

"BTSPath" defines the pathname and file name of the file containing "button" information for Salvation. The default value is "C:\SALVTION\SALVTION.BTS". If Salvation is in a directory other than "C:\SALVTION", simply enter that directory followed by "SALVTION.BTS".

"Libs" defines the default application that Salvation should use when searching for Icons. The default value is "C:\SALVTION\SALVLIB.EXE". If Salvation is in a directory other than "C:\SALVTION", simply enter that directory followed by

"SALVLIB.EXE".

"UserPath0" defines the pathname and application name of program to run for an Add-On menu item. There is a corresponding UserMenu0 defined for this application. The default value is "C:\SALVTION\SWITCHER.EXE". If Salvation is in a directory other than "C:\SALVTION", simply enter that directory followed by "SWITCHER.EXE". Switcher is a simple application that allows you to change shells between Salvation and Program Manager. It does not add or remove any set up information. It just simply changes the shell.

"ClipPath" defines the name of the program that Salvation should use as the Clipboard. "CLIPBRD.EXE" is the default value. Because it's located in the Windows directory, just simply type it as it appears.

"PifEditor" defines the name of the program that Salvation should use when modifying PIF (Program Information Files) files. "PIFEDIT.EXE" is the default value. Because it's located in the Windows directory, just simply type it as it appears.

"UBName" defines the title to display for the switch button in the main window. This setting is used in conjunction with "UBPath".

"UBPath" defines the pathname and program name of the application to run when the user selects the switch button in the main window. The default value is "COMMAND.COM". Because COMMAND.COM is already in the path, simply type it as it appears.

If you would like Salvation to run as the startup shell application, you must also make one change in SYSTEM.INI as follows:

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shell=salvtion.exe
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"shell" is located in the "[boot]" section of SYSTEM.INI. It simply defines the application to be used as the shell application.

The last and final change is to add the directory containing the files for Salvation in the PATH environment variable. If you want to run Salvation as the shell, you MUST include this directory in the path.

5. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you find that you are having difficulties with Salvation, or just have some questions, please contact our Technical Support department at: (818) 813-1278. Please be at your computer, if possible, and have the version number available (1.15). In addition, please be prepared to list the contents of CONFIG.SYS, AUTOEXEC.BAT, WIN.INI, or SYSTEM.INI.

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