

**SuperBar  
Version 2.0a**

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## **Introduction**

SuperBar is a application for the Windows™ operating system. SuperBar is used to create and edit user configurable toolbars. The toolbar consists of a gray bar containing several buttons, each assigned to either an application menu command or a sequence of key strokes and mouse actions. A toolbar can be added to any Windows-based application that is compatible with the SuperBar program. Most Windows-based applications which have standard menu bars are compatible with SuperBar. SuperBar can be used to increase efficiency by assigning commonly used menu commands on an application's SuperBar. Further efficiency can be gained by recording commonly repeated actions as macros and assigning these macros as buttons on the toolbar. SuperBar also includes an integrated Icon Manager. The SuperBar Icon Manager allows creating, editing and deleting custom icons for use on toolbar buttons.

In addition to providing toolbars, this program also includes the ability to start a Windows-based application at the same location on the desktop every time it is executed. The application can be run normally, minimized, maximized or hidden. A hidden application runs normally but cannot be seen on the desktop. This feature is useful for hiding utility programs which should run in the background.

## **System Requirements**

SuperBar runs under version 3.0 or 3.1 of the Microsoft® Windows™ operating system in Standard or Enhanced mode. This requires a computer with an 80286, 80386 or 80486 processor with at least 1 Mb of memory.

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- 3) Select the **Registration ID** option.
- 4) Enter the registration ID **870**.
- 5) Verify that SuperBar was chosen and enter **Y** to register.
- 6) Follow the prompts to enter your name, address and telephone number.

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## **Installation**

SuperBar uses a Windows-based installation program. To install, ensure SuperBar is not currently active and insert the SuperBar disk. SuperBar can be installed from the DOS prompt or from within Windows. The following instructions assume the disk is inserted in drive A. If it is in drive B, replace "A:" with "B:" below. If SuperBar is being installed from a temporary directory on the hard disk (such as from an archive file downloaded from a BBS), make sure the distribution files are located in a temporary directory other than the desired installation directory and replace "A:" with the complete path of the temporary directory below.

From the DOS prompt, type:

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WIN A:SETUP
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From within Windows, select the **Run** command from the **File** menu. Then type:

```
A:SETUP
```

The setup program will prompt for the necessary information needed for installation.

After installation, the following files will be installed in the SuperBar directory:

**"SuperBar" files:**

superbar.exe	SuperBar program (compressed)
sbaricon.exe	SuperBar Icon Manager (compressed)
tasksbar.exe	Replacement Task Manager (compressed)
superdll.dll	Dynamic Link Library (compressed)
superbar.hlp	On-line help file for the SuperBar program (compressed)
sbaricon.hlp	On-line help file for the SuperBar Icon Manager (compressed)
superbar.wri	This file (compressed)
superbar.ord	Order file
superbar.txt	List of files and instructions to read this file

The following files will be installed in the Windows System (usually C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM) if they do not already exist:

**"System"** files:

ctl3d.dll	Dynamic Link Library (compressed)
commdlg.dll	Dynamic Link Library (compressed)

The following files reside on the distribution disk as part of the install program. They need not be installed:

**"Setup"** files:

setup.exe  
setup.inf  
lzexpand.dlx  
ver.dl\_  
expand.exe

For minimal operation, only **superbar.exe**, **superdll.dll** and **ctl3d.dll** (and **commdlg.dll** for Windows 3.0) are required. To create custom icons, **sbaricon.exe** is required. The replacement task manager requires **tasksbar.exe** (see **Replacement Task Manager** below). For access to the on-line help, **superbar.hlp** and **sbaricon.hlp** are required. All other files may be stored off-line.

If the Setup program should fail, SuperBar can be installed manually. First, copy all of the files to a temporary directory on the hard disk. All files ending in '\_' are compressed and must be expanded. The included **EXPAND** program can be used to expand the files by typing:

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EXPAND /R *.*??_
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Once the files are expanded, copy the **"SuperBar"** files listed above to your Windows directory or another directory of your choice. Then, copy the **"System"** files listed above Windows System directory *only* if they do not already exist or if the existing files have an older date than the new files. The files can then be deleted from the temporary directory.

The following instructions assume that the files have been copied to C:\SUPERBAR. If it is installed elsewhere, substitute the appropriate path. The program can be run in one of three ways:

1. From the DOS prompt, type:  
cd \superbar  
win superbar
2. Enter Windows and select "File" and then "Run..." from the Program Manager menu. Then enter "c:\superbar\superbar" in the "Command Line" edit box and click the "Ok" button.
3. Enter Windows and open one of the program groups in the program manager (Windows Applications is suggested). Select "File" and then "New..." from the Program Manager menu. Then enter "SuperBar" in the "Description" edit box and "c:\superbar\superbar.exe" in the "Command Line" edit box and click the "Ok" button. This step only needs to be done once and then the application can be started by double-clicking on the SuperBar icon.

See **Running SuperBar when Windows Starts Up** in the on-line help for more installation information.

## Getting Started

Execute SuperBar as described above. Press **F1** to display the on-line help. Select the **Getting Started** topic and follow the step-by-step instructions.

## Replacement Task Manager

Windows includes a built-in Task Manager for use in switching between application windows. The Windows Task Manager brings up a **Task List** whenever the user double-clicks on the desktop or presses Ctrl-ESC. The Windows Task Manager allows switching between applications, terminating applications and rearranging the desktop.

SuperBar can be used to replace the Windows Task Manager. In addition to managing configurable tool bars, SuperBar also includes all of the functionality of the Windows Task Manager. The replacement Task Manager gives the benefit of easier access to SuperBar. Instead of locating SuperBar on the desktop or executing it from the Program Manager, SuperBar may be accessed by simply double-clicking on the desktop or pressing Ctrl-ESC. To cause Windows to execute SuperBar instead of the built-in Task Manager, perform the following steps from the DOS prompt. **Do not** perform these steps from within Windows or while at a DOS prompt started from Windows. Changing the Task Manager while Windows is running may cause Windows to crash.

- 1) Rename TASKMAN.EXE to TASKOLD.EXE in the Windows subdirectory.
- 2) Copy TASKSBAR.EXE to the Windows subdirectory.
- 3) Rename TASKSBAR to TASKMAN.EXE in the Windows subdirectory.

This replacement task manager will bring up the SuperBar main window. If, for any reason, it can't find SuperBar, the old Task Manager will be executed.

To uninstall the replacement Task Manager, perform the following steps from the DOS prompt.

- 1) Delete TASKMAN.EXE from the Windows subdirectory.
- 2) Rename TASKOLD.EXE to TASKMAN.EXE in the Windows subdirectory.

Make sure to back up the original TASKMAN.EXE in case it is accidentally deleted.

## Uninstalling

To uninstall this program, delete the files mentioned under **Installation**. Additionally, SuperBar creates the following files:

- An initialization file in the Windows subdirectory called **SUPERBAR.INI**.
- An icon database in the SuperBar subdirectory called **SUPERBAR.ILB**.
- Macro files in the SuperBar subdirectory ending the extension **.SBM**.

No other files are created or modified by SuperBar.

## Common Questions

- *The SuperBars work when I create them but do not reappear when the application is executed again.*

For a SuperBar to appear every time its application is executed, the Show Bar option in the SuperBar Properties dialog must be selected.

- *What is the best way to install SuperBar so everything works automatically?*

For Windows 3.0, place SuperBar as the **first** program in the **load=** of your **WIN.INI** file. This process is explained in the on-line help under **Running SuperBar when Windows Starts Up**.

For Windows 3.1, place SuperBar as the first (upper left) application in the **StartUp**

group. Then set the **Run Minimized** option of the applications properties. See the *Windows User's Guide* for more information on the **StartUp** group.

To save on some desktop space, you can also select the **Hide Icon Always** option in the SuperBar properties dialog box. (Select the **Properties** option of the SuperBar **File** menu.)

## Support

On-line support is available for SuperBar through the systems listed below. If you have any problems using SuperBar, send a detailed description of the problem, along with a copy of the SUPERBAR.INI file to one of the following addresses:

Internet:

76570.3540@compuserve.com

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Support for SuperBar may also be obtained by writing to

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## Future Versions of SuperBar

If you have any ideas for future versions of SuperBar, please send them to one of the above addresses. If you have created user-defined icons with the Icon Manager and would like to make them available to others, please send them. The icons are stored in the file SUPERBAR.ILB in the SuperBar directory. Selected icons will be added to future versions of SuperBar.

## Uploading to a Bulletin Board

If you find this program useful, please copy and share SuperBar with others. Be sure to include **ALL FILES** listed in the **Installation** section. This will ensure that future users have all of the documentation and support files necessary to successfully use SuperBar. Please upload the program as a compressed Zip file with the name **SPRBAR20.ZIP**.

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I appreciate the distribution of SuperBar on Shareware disks. If you would like to distribute SuperBar, please write to me at the address above. I will send you the current version of SuperBar (at no charge). I will also add you to a mailing list to automatically receive free upgrades as they become available.

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## Revision History

### Version 2.0

- Added macro capabilities.
- Rewrote most of the internal toolbar interface for greater compatibility.
- 3D dialog boxes.
- Added ability to list applications as icons.
- Some bug fixes.

### Version 1.2

- Added the SuperBar Icon Manager.
- Added SuperBars that wrap to new rows/columns if they won't fit in the window.
- Added replacement Task Manager.
- Added half-spaces.
- Improved context sensitive help.
- Faster drawing of SuperBars.
- Windows-based installation program.
- Some bug fixes.

### Version 1.1

- Added **Position** option to start an application at the same location each time it is executed.
- Added **Hidden** option to hide an application each time it is executed.
- Improved creating and editing SuperBar layout dialogs.
- Added ability to put blank spaces in SuperBar.
- Made Windows 3.1 compatible.
- Added more button icons.
- Several bug fixes.

### Version 1.0

- Initial Release