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Object Inspector

Object Inspector is a tool in which it can be used to look deeper into a file, button on the Bar, a drive, or a folder (all are considered objects). Using the Object Inspector is simple and only requires the clicking of the right mouse button on the object you want more information on. Object Inspector will give you some information on a disk, whether a floppy or hard disk. It will allow you to view the contents of a .zip file and view certain picture files. You can see the contents of a folder and information on that folder and its contents are provided.

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Button Object

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Top Button

Clicking on the top button with your right mouse button will open up a resources window. It lets you know how fast your CPU is working, how much of your GDI is free, how much of your hard disk resources are free, and the amount of USER resources free. It also tells you if you have a math co-processor, the amount of RAM you have free, and the mode your computer is running in.

Virtual Screen Button

Clicking on the Virtual Screen button with your right mouse button will open up a window that tells you the screen size, four times the size as your normal screen size. It will also list the applications that are currently running, from which you can goto by double clicking on the desired application name in the list.

Dialer Button

Clicking on the Dialer button with the right mouse button will open a window that shows you what com port setting you have, the specified prefix, and the default area code number.

Printer Button

Clicking on the printer button with the right mouse button will open a window that shows what printers and fonts you have installed. To change the default printer click on the desired printer name that is listed. To view a desired font click on the desired font name that's present in the list and a sample will appear on the top of the window.

Other Buttons

Using the right mouse button to click on other buttons on the bar will provide you with the following information:

DOS Application Button - the name of the .exe file, the path, the icon file name of that application, and the work directory.

Windows Application Button - the .exe file name, the path, and working directory.

NOTE: The DigiPad, Recycler, and the Clock/Calender buttons have no available information.

File Object

Clicking on any file in the Browser with the right mouse button will provide you with the following information:

- the name of the file selected.
- the path in which the selected file is found.
- the size of the selected file.
- the time and date the file was created.
- the attribute of the selected file.

Viewing a ZIP File

A .ZIP file is treated as if it was a folder. Clicking on the .zip file with the right mouse button will show the contents of the .zip file and show information on each of the separate files within the .zip file.

A .ZIP file can also be viewed from within the browser without using the Object Inspector. Click on the .ZIP file with left mouse button and you will see the contents of the .ZIP file. You can now move and copy these files as you wish.

NOTE: To be able to move and copy the contents of a .zip file you need to have a copy of pkunzip in your path. If not so, contact Pkware or any BBS for an evaluation copy of this utility (Note PKUnzip is shareware and it is not free, so if you wish to continue using it please register and support shareware).

Viewing Picture Files

You can view .BMP, .ICO, and .WMF files using the Object Inspector. Click the right mouse button on the desired file in the Browser. A window will come up with information on that file and the picture contained in that file. This window is resizable.

Folder Object

A folder object inspector will show when a directory or sub-directory, is clicked on with the right mouse button in the Browser. A window comes up showing you the following information:

- the name of the folder
- the path the folder is in
- the size of the folder
- the time and date the folder was created
- the contents of the folder, including all files and sub-directories in the folder

Drive Object

Clicking on any of the drive buttons in the Browser with the right mouse button will open up an information window on that particular drive, whether hard or floppy drive. The window shows the following information:

- total size of the disk
- the available size
- total clusters
- available clusters
- the bytes per sector
- the sectors per cluster

Introduction

Objective Desktop is an application that allows organization of your desktop in a simple fashion. Therefore, this organization allows for quick and easy launching of your frequently used applications by using your mouse without taking up massive desktop real estate.

Accessibility is one of Objective Desktop's unique features, you can hide it and retrieve it back again just by moving your mouse to the lower right and upper right corners of the screen respectively, this will allow you to launch an application or document while still inside your current maximized window.

Expandability through the use of a virtual screen, allows you to expand the size of your desktop to four times the current size, and switching between the virtual screens is a mouse click away.

Simplicity and ease of use with all the powerful abilities is the key feature of Objective Desktop. This is accomplished by maximizing the use of Drag and Drop to perform all redundant operations, such as, adding an application or document to the Bar, changing the default working directory, changing the icon of a DOS application, removing an application or document from the bar, or rearranging the buttons on the bar, all this without even touching your keyboard.

Customizability: you can save the size and location of any application you launch from the bar so it will be in the same place every time you run it.

Security is provided to limit access on the bar, so you can set your environment and save it so that no one will be able to change it.

Toolability, Objective Desktop provides built in tools to make your day to day life easier:-

- Dialer works like your telephone with a dialing directory, keypad, dial, prefix dial, timer, and it also knows if you are dialing long distance or local.

- DigiPad is an electronic Post it pad that allows you to leave reminders on your screen that will always stay on top of all windows, you can change the font, font size, color, insert date and time, and even record sound messages if you have the hardware to support it.

- Recycler is a button on the bar that will delete files and directories you drop on top of it, you can set confirmation on this operation to reduce accidental deletions.

- Top Button is the first button on the bar, it provides access to your window File Server such as Objective Browser or Windows File Manager, it monitors your system resources, and alerts you by changing color, and it will launch a run dialog where you can type the name of an application to run.

Timeability, a clock and calendar button is provided that also provides access to the preferences of Objective Desktop if double clicked.

The Bar

The bar is a vertical window on the right hand of your screen, it will always stay on top of all other windows, when in view shows all features of Objective Desktop and quick launch buttons for your favorite applications.

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Printer Button

Clicking on the Printer button with the right mouse button will open a window that shows you the currently installed printers and fonts. To change the default printer double click on the desired printer name on the list. To view a font click on the desired font name.

You also have the option of dragging and dropping certain files onto the Printer button to be printed. These files must be Windows Registered Database files. For further help consult the Windows help under regedit.

Quick Switch

Quick Switch allows you to bring back into view a Bar launched application that is covered up by another window(s) or is minimized.

-To bring back the desired Bar launched application, hold down the CTRL key while clicking with the left mouse button on the button of the desired application.

Show and Hide

Objective Desktop allows you to partially or completely hide the bar on your screen when running an application.

-To show the bar, inside or outside of an application, when hidden, move the mouse pointer to the top right hand corner of your screen.

-To hide the bar, inside or outside of an application, move the mouse pointer to the bottom right hand corner of your screen.

-The bar can also be moved to certain levels, up and down, on the screen by dragging the top of the bar to the desired level.

NOTE: Be sure to check the preferences to see whether the hide and show options are enabled to allow you to hide and show the bar.

Add a Button

This will allow you to add buttons from which you can launch desired applications or documents from on the bar.

-Go to the windows File Server like Objective Browser, or Windows File Manager, by double clicking on the top button on the bar.

-Drag an executable or document file from the File Server to any empty button. Let go of the mouse button and the icon for the specified file will show on the button.

NOTE: Be sure to check the preferences to see whether the add a button option is enabled to allow you to add a button to the bar.

Delete a Button

This allows you to delete buttons from the bar.

-Drag the button you want to delete outside the bar until the icon is no longer visible inside the bar.

-Tool buttons on the bar: such as Dialer, DigiPad, Virtual Screens, Clock, and Recycler cannot be deleted but can be moved up and down the bar.

NOTE: Be sure to check the preferences to see whether the delete a button option is enabled to allow you to delete a button from the bar.

Move a Button

This allows you to move buttons up and down the bar to your preference.

-Drag the button you want to move to the desired button space and release mouse, if you drag a button to another occupied button it will swap the location of those two buttons.

NOTE: Be sure to check the preferences to see whether the move a button option is enabled to allow you to move a button(s) on the bar.

Change the working Directory

-With the mouse, drag a directory name from the File Server onto the desired button.

NOTE: Be sure to check the preferences to see whether the edit a button option is enabled to allow you to edit a button(s) on the bar.

Change an Icon

This allows you to change the icon of DOS applications on buttons of the bar.

-Drag an icon file from the File Server to the desired button on the bar and drop. New chosen icon will appear.

NOTE: Be sure to check the preferences to see whether the edit a button option is enabled to allow you to edit a button(s) on the bar.

Save Application Window Position

When running an application from Objective Desktop you can save the position and size of the that window so that it comes up at the same place every time you launch from the bar in the future. First, launch the desired application from the bar. Resize and move the application window to your needs. Then click on the application's button on the bar, while simultaneously pressing the SHIFT key. A dialog box will confirm your choice. After this, the position and size will be loaded up whenever you run that window, until you make other modifications to the size and position.

Preferences

Open preferences window by clicking on the Clock button. This allows you to tailor the bar to enable or disable different options and to set the bar to work for your needs.

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Change the Password

To change the password window click on the Pad Lock Button. First, type the old password to be able to change it. Select OK when complete. Objective Desktop will ask you enter the password again to confirm it.

NOTE: If you did not specify an old password then just click on OK. Then enter your new password an hit OK.

Change Access Preferences

To change the access to the bar, click on the button with the computer behind bars. Change the settings to your needs and click on SET and then OK.

ADD - allows you to add a button for launching of a file from the bar on Objective Desktop.

DELETE - allows you to remove an undesired button from the bar on Objective Desktop.

EDIT - allows you to change the icon or the working directory for the file or application represented by that button.

MOVE - allows you to move a button to another desired location on the bar.

HIDE - allows you to hide the bar.

File Server

Click on the window button. This allows you to specify the File Server to work with in conjunction with the bar. The default is Objective Browser.

File Name: simply type in the executable(.exe) of your chosen File Server.

Animation On: allows you to move windows on screen in real time.

Dialer Preferences

click on the button with the phone. This allows you to change some of the settings for the Dialer on the bar.

Com Port: select the com port from which your modem runs off.

Area Code: type in your default area code, this will be used to determine if you are calling long distance or local, also this area code will come up in the Dialer in the beginning of each number entry until changed.

Prefix: allows you to type in a prefix which will be added to the beginning of any number dialed using the Prefix dial button from the Dialer.

Recycler Preferences

Click on the Recycler button in the preferences window.

Enabled: specifies if you want to enable or disable the recycler. The recycler will become grayed out on the bar if disabled.

Confirmation on: you can set the option if you want Objective Desktop to confirm all delete operations.

Control Panel Button

Clicking on this button will open the Control Panel window from Windows.

Help Button

Clicking on the button with the books opens up the help for whenever you need assistance in finding out something about Objective Desktop and Objective Browser.

Virtual Screen

This feature is controlled from the button on the bar that is separated into four sectors. It increases your desktop size by four times. Meaning, it will allow you up to four different desktops to work in, and each desktop can be used to work in by running and opening any desired applications or files. The blue box in the button indicates which desktop you are working in. Double Clicking on another empty box in Virtual screen button takes you to the desired desktop and is indicated by a blue box. You can move from desktop to desktop by Double clicking on different boxes inside the button.

Recycler

The recycler is used to delete files. To enable the Recycler you must go to the Preferences Window and enable it. To delete a file or directory, simply drag the file or directory to the Recycler button on the bar and let go of the mouse button. This file has now been deleted, unless you have enabled a confirmation from the preferences which will ask you to confirm your deletion.

Top Button

Double Clicking on the top button with the left mouse button will execute your specified File Server. Go to Preferences by double clicking the clock button to change the File Server if needed (default is Objective Browser).

Double Clicking on the top button with the right mouse button will launch a run dialog window where you can launch applications or documents manually.

Dialer

The Dialer window is opened by clicking on the Dialer button on the bar. This feature allows you to dial numbers, manually or from a dialing directory of numbers which you can edit.

Select Number

Manual Entry of Number

Dial

P-Dial

Clear

Undo

Pause

Timer

View

Select Number

Clicking on the combo selection list allows you to select an already stored number which can be dialed using the dial or prefix dial buttons.

Manual Entry of Number

To use this, use the mouse to click on the appropriate numbers on the key pad in the Dialer window to enter the number you want dialed.

Dial

Clicking on the DIAL button dials the number you have selected or entered.

P-Dial

Clicking on this button enters and dials the prefix you specified in the Preferences window before any number selected. Click on this button once you have select or entered the number to be dialed.

Clear

Clicking on this button will clear the entry made on the keypad or the number that is showing on the keypad.

Undo

Clicking on undo will undo the last thing you did, such as the last entered number on the keypad or undo a clear operation.

Timer

This allows you to time your calls. Click on it once to start, click again to reset.

Pause

Allows you to enter pauses in numbers. Each click equals one pause which is represented by a "p". the duration of the pause differs from one modem to another (about one second), you can enter as many pause as needed any where in the number. You can use this to automate a call to your bank for example by dialing the number then inserting the appropriate pause then entering your account number etc...

View

Clicking on this button will open up the phone directory of numbers and names which will allow you to edit the directory.

New: this will allow you to make a new entry in the phone directory also it saves any changes in the current record.

Delete: allows you to delete selected entries from the phone directory.

Type: changes the type of field names to the first two entries (First/Last or Name/Contact)

Revert: will cancel your editing of an entry.

DigiPad

Clicking on the button with a yellow notepad on it will open up the DigiPad window. This allows you to type messages or record a sound message and leave it on the screen for your own reminders or for others to see. ex. "DO NOT TOUCH!!!", "OUT TO LUNCH".

Clear: the top button in DigiPad will clear the pad.

Date: clicking on it enters the date on the pad.

Time: clicking on it enters the time on the pad.

Smaller Font: each click will decrease the font size.

Larger Font: each click will increase the font size.

Back Color: each click will change the color of the pad.

Recorder: clicking on the bottom button will open the sound recorder and will allow you to record or playback an audio message. Note: You must have an installed Windows compatible sound card.

Introduction

The Objective Browser is a simplified tool that is used to perform the most common tasks, working with your disk directories. It allows you to scan files, directories, or sub-directories on any of your disks. It provides some useful and easy to use utilities like the disk format, disk copy, or network connections. It allows you to manipulate your directories and their contents by using the mouse.

Run Objective Browser

Double-click on the Top button in the bar of Objective Browser.

Select a Drive

You can tell the browser to read any of your present drives, by clicking on the desired drive icon on the left part of the window.

Open a Directory

When Objective Browser is first loaded, the first column will list all directories and files on the root level of the disk. Click on the desired directory and the column to its right will list all sub-directories and files in the opened directory.

Once that directory is open, a folder of that directory will appear on the path view, just above the lists. Directory and also a sub-directory is represented by a folder.

Scroll Up and Down a list

If a column is occupied with many files you can scroll through those files or names by using the scroll bar on the right of the column.

Refresh Lists

You can referesh the lists by hitting F5 function key.

Select File(s)

Once a directory is opened you can select files or sub-directories. A file selected from a list will appear as an icon just above that list on the path view. If multiple files and/or directories are selected, an icon representing multiple selection will appear.

Copy Files or directories

The path view just above the lists, shows which directory has been opened and which files or sub-directories to that directory has or have been selected.

The Shelf on the top of the window is a grid of boxes that you can drag and drop files and/or directories to. if you drag directory to an empty shelf box a folder representing that directory will show in the box.

To copy file(s) and/or directory(s) of files to a destination directory, go to the destination directory by selecting it in the lists, next drag and drop the destination directory icon from the path view to an empty shelf box, then go to the source file(s) and/or directory(s) and drag the icon from the path view and drop on top the folder in the shelf box. notice that when moving the mouse over the destination directory before dropping the files, the folder icon in the shelf path will open to indicate that a copy will occur.

To copy file(s) and/or directory(s) of files to a destination drive, go to the source file(s) and/or directory(s) and drag the icon from the path view and drop on top of a drive icon on the left of the lists. notice the drive icon will highlight indicating a copy will occur.

To copy all the contents of a drive to a destination directory or another drive, go to the destination directory by selecting it in the lists, next drag and drop the destination directory icon from the path view to an empty shelf box, then go to the current drive icon to the left of the path view and drag the icon and drop on top the folder in the shelf box or on top of a drive icon to the left of the lists. notice that when moving the mouse over the destination directory before dropping the files, the folder icon in the shelf path will open to indicate that a copy will occur or the drive icon will get highlighted.

Rename File or Directory

Select the file or directory from the lists, then click on the name bellow the icon in the view path, a text box will show and allows you to edit the name, then hit Enter to confirm the new name or Esc to cancel.

Go to the root directory of a disk

Click on the current drive icon to the left of the path view on top the lists.

Add a Directory

Select the desired parent directory to add the new directory to, and then click on the first upper-most icon on the left in the browser window. A folder should appear and a space made for the new directory should appear. To edit the name of the new directory simply click on the name "new-dir.###" and type in the desired name.

Move and Size the Browser Window

To move the window click on the top black bar on the window and drag to the desired position on the screen. To resize the window click on any of the corners of the window and drag to the desired size. Note the window can only be decreased to a certain pre-specified size to fit two lists minimum.

Format a Disk

Click on the second icon from the top on the left in the browser window. Choose the desired disk to format and the appropriate capacity of that disk. Add a label to that disk if desired and select OK to initiate the format. You can also choose to have a Quick Format done and/or to a System Disk made.

NOTE: To be able to use this feature you must have File Manager in your Windows directory because this feature is executed by File Manager and is hidden. For further help click on the help button in the Format Disk dialog.

Copy a Disk

To copy disks simply click on the third icon from the top on the left in the browser window. A small window should appear that will ask you to select the SOURCE and the DESTINATION drives for the disk copy. After your selection is complete simply select OK to initiate the disk copy.

NOTE: To be able to use this feature you must have File Manager in your Windows directory because this feature is executed by File Manager and is hidden. For further help click on the help button in the Copy Disk dialog.

Edit Network Connections

To initiate this feature you must click on the fourth icon from the top on the left in the browser window. A window will appear and this will allow you to connect and disconnect network drives.

NOTE: To be able to use this feature you must have File Manager in your Windows directory because this feature is executed by File Manager and is hidden. For further help click on the help button in the Network Connections dialog.

Run an application or document manually

Clicking on the Button with three dots will open up a run dialog where you can type in the name of an application or document to execute.

Help

Clicking on this button will bring up the Help Menu for the Objective Browser.

Exit

Clicking on this button will exit Objective Browser.

Register

Clicking on this button will bring up the registration form which will allow you to register for Objective Desktop.

Associate

Clicking on this button will allow you to associate files with certain applications. For example, associate all .doc files can be associated with an application(s) chosen by you.

NOTE: In order for this option to work you need to have File Manager properly installed in your Windows directory.

Free Disk Space

Free Disk Space under the current drive Icon shows how much space there is on the hard or floppy disk your are currently reading.

Duster

Clicking on the Duster will clean up all files and folders that are on the top shelf in the Browser.

Pull Down Menu Button

Clicking, and keeping the mouse button down, on the upper left hand button with the arrow pointing down will show a pull down menu with the following options, in the same order:

New

Format

Copy

Net

Associate

Run

Help

Exit

Register

Registration

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Note: From the the help window File menu option select print topic to print this form.

Please register my copy of Objective Desktop, I am sending a check, money order or cash for the amount of \$30.00. I understand that I will receive the latest release of Objective Desktop and Objective Browser. Also if I Register before June 1993 I will also receive a copy of Brain Games for Windows **FREE**.

Sign Here: _____

Name : _____

Address 1 : _____

Address 2 : _____

City : _____

State : _____

Zip : _____

Country : _____ *if applicable*

Telephone : _____ *optional*

Multi-User Registration

10 to 20 users	\$250.00
Unlimited	\$400.00

Please specify:

Disk Size	3.5"	5.25"	
Payment type	Check	Cash	Money Order
Registration	Single User	10 to 20	Unlimited
Amount enclosed	\$.....		

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System Requirements

Windows 3.1 or higher

Mouse

Product Description

Objective Desktop is a MS Windows launch utility and file manager replacement with full drag and drop capabilities. Included are tools like Virtual Screen, Smart Dialer with dialing directory, DigiPad (an electronic Post Pad with support for sound recording), Recycler for deleting files, Clock. Also allows you to save the size and location of launched applications windows. Zip file support with drag and drop. file viewer and system information.

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Installation

Easy installation

To install Objective Desktop and Objective Browser run the SETUP.EXE program and follow the directions.

Manual Installation

Create a directory for Objective Desktop

copy:
OD.EXE *objective desktop*
OB.EXE *objective browser*
OD.HLP *help file*
DIGIPAD.WAV *sound file for digipad*
to Objective Desktop Directory ex. "C:\DESKTOP"

copy:
ODSERVER.DL_ *drag and drop server (rename to ODSERVER.DLL)*
VBRUN200.DL_ *visual basic runtime library (rename to VBRUN200.DLL)*
to windows system directory ex. "C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM"

Objective Desktop as Windows Shell

You can setup Objective to be your windows shell i.e. replace program manager, by editing the file SYSTEM.INI in windows directory.

replace:

SHELL = PROGMAN.EXE (or any other shell)

with:

SHELL = C:\DESKTOP\OD.EXE (assuming that DESKTOP is the Objective Desktop's Directory)

Brain Games for Windows

Brain Games for Windows is a set of 7 games and puzzles for Windows.

Battle SAT: Offset of the classic game Battle Ship implemented in space.

Double Block: Very challenging memory game with different levels from kids to super IQ's.

Knight: Chess moves puzzle, a tuff one.

Bastille: French solitaire puzzle with various levels of play.

Jumper: Mind boggling puzzle this one will keep you up.

Tic Tac Toe: You know this one

Achi: Ancient game that Tic Tac Toe was taken from.

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Hello, I hope you have enjoyed Objective Desktop and I hope that you would find it useful in your world of computing. If you like this software please register to support it's continued development.

Future improvements and developments

I am working on adding a few new features to Objective Desktop:

1. Support for multiple users on the same desktop so you and others can share the same computer with all personal preferences preserved for each user with multiuser access and security control. A perfect setup for business users who share there computers at work.
2. Support for multiple sets of bar buttons for each user.
3. Network support for installation on networks.
4. WFW support.

Tech Talk

I will Be happy to to discuss any aspect of implementation in Objective Desktop. I can be reached at WinSIG BBS 714-363-9802, CIS "70272,1656" or the address above.

Objective desktop was developed using Visual Basic and C, some of the features provided where not easy, such as moving windows with no Caption Bars by drawing to the desktop window, Drag and Drop Server capabilities, and allowing VB apps to be shells for Windows 3.1. Any registered user will recieve the Drag And Drop DLL source code, just make a note on your registration form.

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Yup

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