

Hider

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Hider Introduction

Hider is a small Windows utility that allows you to remove from the screen (hide) any Window or Icon, but still have the application active. The primary purpose of Hider is to hide those pesky icons of some useful Windows utilities that I want running while Windows is active. For Instance, I use a utility that allows my to activate the Windows screen blanking facility at any time by moving the mouse to a particular corner of the screen. Normally, I keep this program running all the time while in Windows, but it leaves an ICON at the bottom of the screen while running. The icon does not serve any purpose except to allow me to close it, or see the author's about box. Hider allows me to hide this icon, and still leave the utility normally executing.

Hider Installation

To install Hider, simply copy HIDER.EXE into your Windows directory, and put "HIDER.EXE" as the last program on your "RUN=" line in WIN.INI.

The first time Hider is executed, you will see the Hider main dialog box. This dialog is only displayed if Hider is not yet configured, or if the <Shift> key is held down while Hider is starting execution.

To configure Hider, press the "Add" button. You will be asked to click the mouse cursor on each window or icon that you wish to hide. Select each window or icon that you want hidden each time Hider is executed, then click the mouse button on the Hider dialog box. After selection of each window/icon, the list box on the Hider dialog will display the titles of each selected item.

Each time Windows starts execution now, Hider will look for each of the windows/icons in it's list, and if present, will hide it.

Using Hider

Hider can be executed at any time to hide the windows/icons in it's list. Normally you will want to execute it as the last item in your "RUN=" statement in WIN.INI. When Hider executed, it does not stay active - it hides the windows/icons in it's list, then terminates execution. It does not continue to use any memory, CPU time, or system resources.

If the <Shift> key is held down when Hider is executed, Hider will display it's main dialog instead of hiding windows/icons. The Hider main dialog contains the following controls:

- o A list box listing the titles of each of the windows or icons that it is to hide when executed.
- o An [OK] button. Press this button after completing any changes to the Hider

configuration to re-hide all listed windows/icons.

- o A [Cancel] button. Press this button after completing any changes to the Hider configuration, but to not hide the listed windows/icons. If you have Hider installed to run automatically when Windows starts and you to override it, hold down the <Shift> key as Hider is started, then press [Cancel].
- o A [Help] button. Press this button for brief help for each of the buttons on the Hider main dialog box.
- o An [Add] button. Press this button to add more windows/icons to Hider's list. When selected, you will be asked to click the mouse cursor on each window/icon that you wish to hide. After selecting the new windows/icons, click the mouse cursor on the Hider dialog box. When the [OK] button is pressed, the newly added windows/icons will be hidden from view. These windows/icons are added to the Hider configuration as each one is selected, and will be hidden (if present) each time Hider is executed.
- o A [Delete] button. This button allows removing a window or icon from the Hider configuration list. Select an entry in the list box, and press the [Delete] button to permanently remove it from the Hider list. Note that this will not "un-hide" a window or icon if already hidden.
- o An [Unhide] button. This button allows un-hiding a window or icon hidden by Hider. Select an entry in the list box, and press the [Unhide] button to make the window/icon visible again. Note that if the [OK] button is then pressed, all windows/icons will be hidden again. You will want to press the [Cancel] button if you want the un-hidden windows/icons to stay visible. An un-hidden window or icon will re-appear at it's same location as when it was hidden.

Hider Support

If you have any questions or problems with Hider, my CIS id is 72630,221. I appreciate any feedback, problem reports, or enhancement suggestions.

Hider was generated with WGEN. WGEN is a completely user configurable and extensible Windows code generator. I am the author of WGEN, and plan to release it soon.