

Telix for Windows v1.01b (shareware release)

Welcome to Telix for Windows 1.01b. This file contains last minute documentation changes and corrections, as well as preliminary information on the next release of Telix for Windows.

The file WHATSNEW.WRI contains a list of changes and bug fixes that have been made to the last few revisions of Telix for Windows.

Installing the Shareware Version of Telix for Windows

Telix for Windows has a complete installation program included with it. To install Telix for Windows, use PKUNZIP.EXE to unzip the contents DISK-1.ZIP to a blank 1.44MB floppy, and the contents of DISK-2.ZIP to a second, blank 1.44MB floppy. When you are done, you should have two floppies, which you should label disks 1 and 2. Insert disk 1 into your floppy drive, and select the menu commands "File | Run" from the Program Manager, and execute the program "SETUP.EXE" from the floppy disk. You may also double-click SETUP.EXE from the File Manager instead. Follow the instructions within the Setup program to complete the installation.

Users with lots of hard disk space to spare may skip the floppy disk steps, unzipping DISK-1.ZIP and DISK-2.ZIP to any **empty** hard drive directory. Once unzipped, SETUP.EXE can be run from the hard drive.

Full documentation for Telix for Windows' shareware version is available within the online help.

A Note About Shareware

Since 1986, the first words seen on the opening screen of Telix's shareware versions have been "Telix is not and has never been free software...."

We believe in the shareware concept, as expressed in the opening screens of Telix since day one. Shareware is a great idea in concept, but sadly doesn't work well in practice because users of many shareware products can use them indefinitely, and are not given the "either/or" choice that is implicit in the license -- either pay for the software, or stop using it. Sadly, too many users choose "None of the above" and continue to use Telix for DOS without paying for it, either out of forgetfulness, misunderstanding of the shareware concept, or other reasons. Telix for Windows is a departure from our history of unrestricted shareware.

This copy of Telix for Windows will execute on 45 different days. This is not the same as 45 consecutive days; If you use it on October 1st, and then again on October 15th, that's two days. For the last fifteen days of the evaluation period Telix for Windows offers more explicit warnings about the impending deadline. If the entire 45 days lapses without a registration, Telix for Windows will simply cease to work. Re- installation of a fresh copy will not result in a new 45 days of usage. If you adhere to the terms of the license and to the shareware concept, then this will not affect you and should not concern you.

This installation will write all of the Telix for Windows files to the Telix for Windows installation directory, with the exception of some files used by the license restrictor (i.e. the code that stops a re-installation from giving another 45 days). If you install Telix for Windows and decide you do not like it, these small files may still be present on your system should you remove Telix for Windows from your disk. Any files that are left behind are non-obtrusive to your system. They do not affect system performance, and are not "viral" in nature. They will not write to the FAT, partition tables or other system areas of your computer, nor to the root directory. They take up little or no space on your hard drive.

Some users might complain about such a feature of the software, believing that we have "sold out the shareware concept" or that this makes Telix "crippleware." We will always listen to concerns, complaints, or suggestions from our customers. Those users who truly believe in the shareware concept and adhere to the terms of the evaluation license should have no reason to complain because their copies will never expire. They'll have either registered, or removed the program.

Some users only want **free** software and can't have it any longer will have reason to complain about the time-limitation. This system does nothing more than protect our paying customers' investments in the program, and we sincerely hope you will join the ranks of our satisfied customers that the sentry protects, should you find Telix for Windows to be the software for you.

About Cracks and Unprotects

We know that many hackers are out there, who delight in circumventing any of what they call "cripples" (they are registration incentives) that we might install. If this software is posted at 9:00 pm on a given day, then we imagine that the patch files to circumvent the 45 day limit won't be more than a few hours behind. Sysops who post these files will be actively sought out and given the opportunity to remove the files voluntarily. Users who hack, crack, or reverse engineer Telix for Windows, or promote the same, will be met with legal recourse.

We welcome and encourage honest users and sysops to police themselves and their local BBS's for such files to ensure the future development of Telix, and we encourage users to call us anonymously and toll-free at 1-800-948-2808 to report to us any sysops who do not comply with the terms contained within the product license. For more details, please refer to the text file LICENSE.TXT included with this package.

Limitations: Differences between the Retail and Shareware Versions

Other than the 45 day evaluation limit, the only differences between the retail and shareware versions are cosmetic only. The FlashKey toolbar may not be turned off, and the first FlashKey may not be reconfigured to remove the "Register Telix" button. The title bar of the program will say "unregistered". The opening and closing screens are the only other differences.

Missing Features

Lead time on documentation printing required us to peer into our crystal ball and estimate which features could be completed in time for our announced release dates. Regrettably, the following features were not completed in time for this release, even though they may be listed in the documentation:

- Drop RTS During Disk Writes
- View GIF during download
- ANSI Music Support
- Kermit and CIS B+ Protocols

The sample scripts and LOGIN script as mentioned in the help files did not make it into this release. They will be posted in a separate file for download and will be included in the next version as described below.

A version 1.10 patch file will be made available for download on many systems, including deltaComm Online at (919) 481-9399. This patch is taking longer than we anticipated to create, so we have released this interim patch version 1.01b to correct most known bugs. This version 1.10 patch will be sent to all registered users automatically and free of charge. The shipping policy for this update may vary for copies registered with other distributors, so check with your

dealer regarding their policies. There is currently no estimate available for the release date of the v1.10 upgrade -- it will simply not be released before it is stable and tested exhaustively.

Support Notes

Our CompuServe forum section as noted in the documentation has been assigned as section six of the PCVENK forum, hosted by Don Watkins. The "go telix" command will place you into the PCVENK forum but you must still join the section independently.

Our BBS, deltaComm Online, will soon have incoming telnet and anonymous ftp (estimated to be available in late November). Watch for bulletins on deltaComm Online for details.

Documentation corrections

Page numbers below apply to the printed manual that ships with the registered version only.

On page 107, in the last paragraph, the statement about the NUM-LOCK key is incorrect. The strings are solely based on the mode of the terminal, cursor mode or keypad mode, as defined by transmitted escape sequences.

In using FlashKeys, using a pound symbol: # as the first key of a macro will spawn and run the named program. For example, a FlashKey definition of #D:\DOS\EDIT" would spawn DOS and load DOS 5.x or higher's editor, if it were in that directory. To send a pound symbol as the literal first character, use two pounds: ##.

Telx for Windows now includes TrueType fonts as well as vector fonts. You must install the supplied font files, DECFONT_.TTF and TLXFONT_.TTF, into the Windows Control Panel manually -- the installation program will not do this for you. These fonts cannot display chars 0-31 due to limitations of the TrueType system.

The Rip Directory as documented on page 92 is incorrect. The RIP directory should point directly to the directory that contains the .ICN files, and not to the directory the contains the \ICONS directory.

In order for the Script Recorder to automatically begin recording a script that does not exist, though a linked script in a dialing directory entry, you must have "Recompile Scripts" checked in the General Options screen.

SALT variables _user_str1, _user_str2, _user_str3, _user_int1, _user_int2, and _user_int3 are available but not documented. These strings of 127 characters, and integers are global to all of SALT and will retain their values throughout an entire Telix session. These may be useful for passing strings back and forth between scripts, even scripts that do not call one another.

Connect strings are **not** case sensitive as documented on page 82. "CARRIER" and "carrier" are equivalent, and either will work.

A feature not documented for the Configuration of a Terminal Device is the Colors button, which allows you to change the default foreground and background colors of a terminal. It is not recommended that you change the background color for ANSI-based terminals, as color screens often make assumptions about the background color being black. You may not select a blinking background in this dialog.

If your QuickTool toolbar does not have text on the buttons, "fly-by help" will pop up detailing the button's function after 1 second of non-motion on a specific button.

Driver Concerns

The HP LaserJet driver that shipped with MS Windows 3.10 is not the latest version, and contains errors that may make it impossible to print to certain HP printers. A replacement driver is available from the Microsoft Download Service at 1-206-936-6735. The driver that should be replaced is:

HPPCL5A.DRV 428672 bytes

The correct and working driver is HPPCL5.EXE from the Microsoft Download Service.

Many video drivers as shipped with video cards are not the latest versions, and may contain bugs that can interfere with RIPscrip screens. When you encounter RIP errors, you should first make sure that your video drivers are the most recent release. Most video drivers are available on CompuServe or from the Microsoft Download Service.

The PC Speaker driver that allows Telix for Windows and other applications to play WAV files through the PC Speaker is not very reliable. If you notice lost characters or malfunctioning linked scripts when using this driver, try turning sounds or the driver off.