SuperBar
Version 1.1

Introduction

SuperBar is a Windows program for creating and editing user configurable tool bars called SuperBars. A SuperBar consists of a gray area containing several buttons, each assigned to an application menu command. A SuperBar can be added to any Windows application that is compatible with the SuperBar program. Most Windows applications which have standard menu bars are compatible with SuperBar. SuperBar can be used to increase efficiency by placing commonly used menu commands on a SuperBar.

In addition to providing SuperBars, this program also includes the ability to start a Windows 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.

Registration

SuperBar is distributed as user-supported software, commonly referred to as SHAREWARE. You may freely copy and distribute this program so long as it is distributed as a whole and is not modified. This program was made possible through months of effort and sacrifice. Future versions of SuperBar will be made possible only through your support.   A nominal $15 registration fee is requested to support this release and future releases. An order form has been included with this program and is located in the file SUPERBAR.ORD. Just print this form, fill it out, enclose payment and mail it to the address below.   Registered users will receive the next version of the program free of charge. Please send any suggestions/questions, including suggestions for future versions of this program and suggestions for other Windows programs you would like to see to:

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System Requirements

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

Installation

There should be the following files included with SuperBar:

superbar.exe   The executable
superdll.dll   The Dynamic Link Library
superbar.hlp   The on-line help file

superbar.wri   This file
superbar.ord   The order file
superbar.txt   List of files and instructions to read this file.

If you wish to pass this program on to others, or upload it to a BBS, please make sure **ALL** of the above files are included. For proper operation, only **superbar.exe** and **superdll.dll** are required. For access to the on-line help, **superbar.hlp** is required. All other files may be stored off-line.

Copy these files to your Windows directory or another directory of your choice. 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:
        C:> cd c:\superbar
        C:> 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.   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.

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.

Uninstalling

To uninstall this program, delete the files mention above under **Installation**. Additionally, SuperBar creates an initialization file in the Windows subdirectory called **SUPERBAR.INI**. 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 you 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 of the SuperBar application properties. (Select the **Properties** option of the SuperBar **File** menu.)

Limitations

Currently, there are only a fixed number of icons available for buttons. The next version will have more predefined icons and possibly an icon editor. If you have any suggestions for additional icons or have drawn some icons and would like them included in the next version, please send them to the address above. They should be 25 pixels wide by 13 pixels high and be .BMP, .PCX or .ICO files.

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Revision History

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