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What is Safe Erase™?

Safe Erase™ is a program which runs under Windows™ 3.1 to manage deleted files.   Safe Erase makes an image of the file before it is deleted to allow your retrieval of the intact file if you later change your mind.   These image files are automatically given unique names to allow for multiple instances of a deleted file.   At your option, Safe Erase™ can compress the file's image to minimize disk requirements. The file images can be manually erased once they are not needed or they can be Auto Erased after a selectable number of days. The maximum number of Safe Erased files per directory is 1,024.

Safe Erase™ uses the Windows™ drag and drop feature: you can minimize Safe Erase and drop files to be deleted on the icon.

If any Safe Erased file is needed later, it can be safely retrieved.   No longer will you need to worry whether a file can be deleted.   Safe Erase™ it and forget it.

Safe Erase™ is distributed as Shareware and you are expected to register if you use it.

File Menu Commands

Restore
This selection opens the File Information window for the currently select file.   From this window you can Undelete or Delete this file.   Double clicking on the file entry also opens this window.

Settings
Select this to open the Safe Erase Settings window.   From this window you can change Safe Erase™ parameters such as Compression Type, Safe Erase Directory, Auto Safe Erase settings, and the Always on Top setting.

Exit
Use this to exit the program.

Register Menu Commands

Information
This describes the Registration benefits, Support Policy, Shareware Definition and the Disclaimer -- Agreement.

Display Form
This displays the registration form REGISTER.FRM; you can then edit, print and mail the registration in one easy step.

Enter Number
This will display the <u>Registration</u> window.   This window allows you to enter your name, company and your assigned registration number.   Once you register, the Register menu and the UNREGISTERED messages and titles are removed.

Information

Safe Erase™ is a "Shareware program" and is provided at no charge to the user for evaluation.   Feel free to share it with your friends, but please do not give it away altered or as part of another system.

If you find this program useful and find that you are using Safe Erase™ and continue to use Safe Erase™ after a reasonable trial period, you must make a registration payment of $15 to Softech Development, Inc. Safe Erase™ will pay for itself the first time you retrieve a needed report or source file.

To register, complete REGISTER.FRM and mail it to our mailing address.

Registered users will receive the latest commercial version and a support phone number.

Support Policy
Shareware Definition
Disclaimer -- Agreement

Support Policy

Non-Registered users can obtain technical support through CompuServe mail at [73067,361] or through the U.S. mail at our <u>mailing address</u>.   Registered users are eligible to receive phone support.

SHAREWARE DEFINITION

The Shareware distribution channel gives you an opportunity to try quality software before buying it. If you try a Shareware program and continue using it, you are expected to register. Individual programs differ on details -- some request registration while others require it, some specify a maximum trial period. Depending on the author and the program, by registering you get anything from the simple right to continue using the software to an updated program with printed manual.

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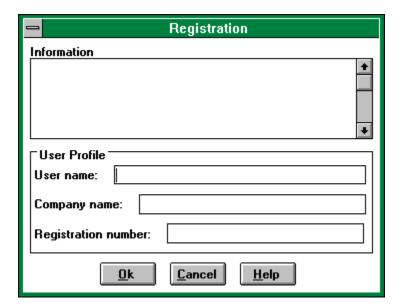
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Commercial users of Safe Erase™ must register and pay for their copies of Safe Erase™ within 30 days of first use or their license is withdrawn.   Site-License arrangements may be made by contacting Softech Development, Inc.

Anyone distributing Safe Erase™ for any kind of remuneration must first contact Softech Development, Inc. at our mailing address for authorization.

You are encouraged to pass a copy of Safe Erase™ along to your friends for evaluation.   Please encourage them to register their copy if they find that they can use it.   All registered users will receive a copy of the latest commercial version of the Safe Erase™.
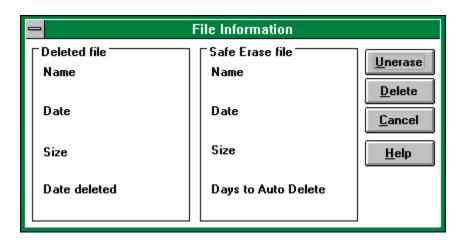
Registration

Information

User Profile

User name:

Company name:

Registration number:

Ok   Cancel   Help

The user's name is the name to whom this copy of Safe Erase™ is registered.

The user's company name is the company name to whom this copy of Safe Erase™ is registered.

The registration number will be mailed to you once you register.   To register, please print out the REGISTER.FRM file and mail it to our <u>mailing address</u>.

This will verify the registration number and save the user profile.

File Information

Deleted file

Name

Date

Size

Date deleted

Safe Erase file

Name

Date

Size

Days to Auto Delete

Unerase

Delete

Cancel

Help

This is the deleted file's name.

This is the deleted file's date.

This is the deleted file's original size.

This is the date the file was deleted.

This is the image file name which contains the deleted file.

This is the date the image file was created.

This is the image file's size in bytes.

This is the number of days before the image file is permanently deleted.
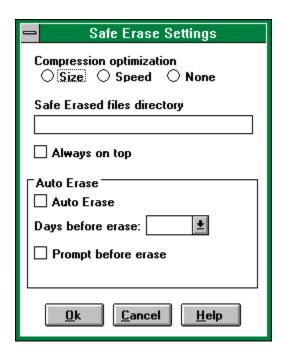
This will display the Save As file window to retrieve the currently displayed file.

This will begin the delete file procedure.

This is the compression method used to store the image of the file to be deleted.

This will cancel the current window.

This will display help for this window.

Safe Erase Settings

Compression optimization

○ Size ○ Speed ○ None

Safe Erased files directory

[   ]

☐ Always on top

Auto Erase

☐ Auto Erase

Days before erase: [▼]

☐ Prompt before erase

[Ok] [Cancel] [Help]

This option will save the deleted file's image without any compression.

This option will compress the deleted image optimizing file for speed.

This option will compress the deleted image optimizing file for size.

This is the directory were the deleted file images are stored.

The Safe Erase™ screen will always be visible when enabled.

Auto Erase will erase files automatically.

This is the number of days before the Safe Erased images are permanently deleted.

This option will prompt before an Auto Erase occurs.

This will store the current settings.

How to Safe Erase Files

From the File Manager click and drag the file to the to Safe Erase™ screen or icon.   The file's image will be saved using the selected compression method.   The original file will then be deleted.   To archive files without deleting the original, hold the control key while dropping the files on the Safe Erase™ screen or icon.

How to retrieve a Safe Erased file

From the Safe Erase™ file list, double click on the file you wish to retrieve.   This will bring up the File Information window.   Click on the Unerase button.   This will display the Save As window which you then use to retrieve the file.

Safe Erase™ Configuration

To change the Safe Erase™ configuration, select the Settings entry under the File menu.   The Safe Erase Settings window will appear.   Your first option is the **Compression type**.   **Compression type** is the compression method Safe Erase™ will use to store the image of the deleted file. You may choose **Size,** **Speed,** or **None**.   **Size** and **Speed** use compression to minimize disk requirements on the image file. **Size** gives the best compression while **Speed** compresses the fastest.   When compression is used,   the image file will take longer create but the image file will be smaller.   The **None** option does not use compression and will create an identical image of the original file.   This option although faster, does not optimize, or save disk space.

The **Safe Erased file directory** is the directory in which the image files are stored.   **The Always on top** option will enable the Safe Erase™ screen or icon to always remain visible.

Safe Erase™ has an **Auto Erase** feature.   When enabled the Safe Erase™ system will automatically erase files which are older than the **Days before erase** setting.   This allows old files to get erased after they have been Safe Erased for some time.   Safe Erase™ checks the file date every time Safe Erase™ starts and at 6 hour intervals.   The **Prompt before erase** will allow you to be prompted before an **Auto Erase** occurs.   Once the file is Auto Erased, it can not be retrieved using Safe Erase™.

How to Register

Complete and mail the registration form REGISTER.FRM.   You will then receive the latest commercial version of Safe Erase™ and your registration number.   To enter your registration number, select register from the main menu. This will bring you to the <u>Registration</u> window (read the information window for important information).   Enter your name and company name along with your registration number. Then press Ok.   Registering removes the Register menu from the main menu and all the UNREGISTERED messages and titles from the Safe Erase™ system.

How to archive files without deleting the original

To archive files without deleting the original, hold the control key while dropping the files on the Safe Erase™ screen or icon.