

# Blurb 2.0 for Windows95

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Blurb is a little "fortune cookie" program that pops up a message on the middle of your screen, pauses for a short time, then disappears and unloads. It is useful for displaying humorous ditties, "tips and tricks", reminders, advertisements or any sort of text message(s). You have the option of installing your own graphic to appear in place of the default logo.

## Running the program

Assuming you have run the included setup program and installed the program, no other modifications must be made to use the program. Some things you have the option to do are:

**Change the default logo:** The graphic that appears in the box on the right is located in the same directory as the program is (default: C:\Program Files\Blurb). Edit this graphic in Paint or your choice of editor - just make sure the filename remains **Blurb.bmp**. This graphic will *not* stretch to fit the box, so you should create a bitmap that is exactly the size of the default one or you will have it cropped. Bet bet is to open the bitmap in paint, color over what's there and start again on your own. This file must reside in the same directory as the executable.

**Change the default messages:** Probably the first thing you'll want to do. The file **taglines.tag** is a text file containing all the messages the computer will randomly search through. You may delete the messages in the file and replace them with new ones. Messages must appear on one line with a carriage return after each line. If you leave a blank line at the end or anywhere, you will get a blank message for this entry. This file must reside in the same directory as the executable.

**Load Blurb in your Startup Group:** This is the intended use of the program. If you copy or move the program's icon into your Startup group, the blurb will appear on startup, then unload itself. If you put it as one of the first icons in the group by renaming it to appear first in the list, you'll have something to read while you're waiting for Windows to quit initializing.

## Disclaimer

I am not responsible for anything that goes wrong. I will not accept responsibility for the results of any problems with this program, its installation or related media. If everything goes wild and this program causes you much grief and pain, I am sorry but still not responsible. No warrantee express or implied is made. If you do not accept these terms, do not use the program. Every effort has been made to remove errors, but we're all human - and once again, I am not responsible - you are.

## Licence

Blurb is freeware to all non-commercial users. If you use it on your own PC for fun, it is free for you. It is not free for business use (such as placing it as an advertisement on PCs you plan to sell). Business users should register the program by sending \$5 US funds to the address listed below for each copy you wish to register. Please write to this address also for serious inquiries about site licencing, or contact me via E-mail at [breid@ebicom.net](mailto:breid@ebicom.net). I will also consider developing custom versions (to the extent of giving you more text space, a bigger graphic, etc..) of the program for a small fee.

All users may also distribute this program freely - provided that you distribute the archive in its unmodified form, with all included files intact and unchanged.

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