

# Shovelt 1.3 beta 2

## Release notes

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This is release 1.3 beta 2 of Shovelt. A number of serious and not so serious bugs have been fixed, and a few new features have been added.

I didn't intend to release a wide beta of this version, but I also expected to release the final version over a month ago. So, I figured I'd better get the beta out to people to take care of some of the more serious bugs in version 1.2. (Ok, specifically the "Windows disappear when minimizing/restoring and Auto-shoveit is enabled" bug.)

I'm leaving town for a week tomorrow, and I've spent the day polishing the final burrs on this beta. I don't have much time to write this little readme file. I'll be as brief as possible.

## Bug fixes

- Fixed problem where window is shoved way off the screen when minimizing/maximizing (Windows 95 animation quirk)
- Fixed problems with some "full-screen" applications (PowerPoint)
- Fixed problem with pseudo-maximized windows (max size, but not WS\_MAXIMIZE)
- Fixed screensaver no-show bug (Screen saver wouldn't activate when Shovelt was running)
- Use traditional window for messages to once-and-for-all fix "splash screen" problem
- Fixed problem with multiple stacked taskbars (eg. System taskbar and Office 95 taskbar)
- Clean up Shovelt's placement of its own dialog

## New features

- Added Bottom-Shovelt with resize capability where necessary
- Option to remove the icon from the systray. 2nd instance opens the dialog.
- Changed timer to 1.5 seconds for AutoShovelt
- Shovelt system sound
- Try not to shove windows currently being dragged (no Shovelt if left-mouse is pressed)
- Shoves windoids (eg. MS Office 16 toolbar) out of the way of Close/Maximize/Minimize buttons (new for Beta 2)

## Notes

You should be able to install shoveit with the .INF method mentioned in the ReadMe file. You should make sure you Quit any currently running version of Shovelt.

Shovelt can make noises now. I tried to get the .INF file to automatically copy the .WAV files as wildcards. It didn't work. .INF files don't recognize ling filenames so that's out, too. For this beta, if you want to use my sound files, just copy them to your Windows\Media directory manually. The final release will clean this install process up a bit more (I hope). If you want to disable sound altogether, go to the Start Menu->Settings->Control Panel->Sounds. Find the Shovelt section (at the bottom) and set the sounds to None.

You can turn the system tray icon off now if you want to. Remember that Shovelt doesn't do anything if both AutoShovelt and the TrayIcon are turned off.

Shovelt is spelled "s h o v e l t". There's no "L". It has nothing to do with shovels or pickaxes. Some people think this is a reference to the way Microsoft was shoveling "it". It's not. Shovelt shoves windows around.

## **Shareware, Praiseware and Donationware**

I intend to eventually release this version as Donation-ware. A number of users have told me I should release it as shareware. One even sent me a check for freeware! (**Thanks again, Richard!**) I don't care much for the exclusivity of shareware for small apps like this (even though I have well over 100 hours on it so far). I frankly feel that you should be free to make up your own mind about whether the app is worth money to you and whether you can afford to pay another \$10 for every little wonderful applet to come along. At the same time I don't think I should tell you not to run my program without paying me. I mean, I really **want** people to use Shovelt. I hope it makes your life easier. And if you can afford to donate some money to the effort, please do! If you have a small business and can find room in the budget for it, send a check. But if you're a starving college student or an underpaid programmer please don't feel guilty for not sending anything. Someone else (maybe me) will likely pay your part of the tab.

Please don't mistake Donationware for Charityware. If you send a me check, it's going in my bank account. I'm not donating to the local food bank here (I personally donate to local charities, but that's a different matter.) If you feel the charity spirit and want to donate to your own favorite charity in my name, please feel free. Send me a receipt. ;-)

Having said that I encourage you to send in a donation if you are able. \$5 or \$10 is fine, but I won't turn away any \$100 bills. ;-) Otherwise a simple e-mail note telling me how you like the program would be nice (Praiseware). I'm working on a new fancy version of Shovelt tentatively dubbed "Shovelt Pro 2.0". This version will be released as Shareware and/or quasi-retail. Details on features will be announced later (May or June 1996). Anyone who registers for at least \$10 per copy will get an equal number of copies of Shovelt Pro 2.0 when it's released.

One more thing. I'm completely into online commerce. I have used a total of two postage stamps this year: one for the IRS, and one to return a paper check to Checkfree (long story). So when I begin accepting donations (officially) I'll get a First Virtual (<http://www.fv.com>) account and put it up on my web site. Does anyone out there have another favorite method? Digicash? Cybercash? Cybermalls? CompuServe SWREG? (Sorry, but a Secure Sockets server is out of the question for now.)