

NoteBar Bundle 1.0 beta 3

The Ultimate MDI Experience

Instructions for download, installation, and use are after the bug reports.

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Introduction:

One of Windows 95's big improvements over Windows 3.x is the Taskbar. It is much easier than looking for the Program Manager or the little icons of each program. MDI's (the ability to open more than one document in a single program) "improvement" is the little bars instead of icons at the bottom of the program. They could have incorporated the Taskbar into MDI as well.

NoteBar does not add a Taskbar to every MDI program. It brings MDI to the Taskbar. There is no window open in which all the documents appear. They, in fact, appear as individual programs on the Taskbar.

NoteBar is **not** just one program. It is a series of programs which do not have to be run simultaneously which frees you RAM.

*In short, **NoteBar** is designed to replace Notepad.*

How does NoteBar work?

Notebar now uses DDE to communicate with other modules. However, it is not completely free of the timer and files file1.tmp and file2.tmp. This lets me update one module and you can only download that, not the whole program over again. *Note: you probably **will** have to redownload the **next** version of NoteBar because of so many bugs in the current version.*

New in version 1.0 beta 3

- Long filenames!
- true 32 bit!
- DDE
- stub files instead of shortcuts - this lets you install to a different directory than c:\notebar
- a real setup program
- Giant size - over 1.5 MB

Features and known bugs:

New Module 1.0 beta 3:

Description: A stub which calls the main module

32 bit support: is 32-bit!

Long File Name (LFN) support: no need for filenames - calls main module.

Current module direct support: Main

Known Bugs: Will not work properly if a window of NoteBar is already open.

Main Module 1.0 beta 3:

Description: Controls or is controlled by modules. Cannot be started directly.

32 bit support: is 32-bit!

LFN support: fully compattible as of now!

Current module direct support: New, Open, Save, Save As, Print

Known Bugs: Causes Save, Save As, Open, and some of Print bugs.

Open module 1.0 beta 3:

Description: Opens a file, interacts with Main through a batch file

32 bit support: is 32-bit

LFN support: full

Current module direct support: Main

Known Bugs: If you type in a name that doesn't exist, Open won't warn you, but the main module will say "File not found" and display a new window.

Save module 1.0 beta 3:

Description: Saves a file under the name it was in before. If a new file, opens Save As

32 bit support: is 32-bit

LFN support: full

Current module direct support: Main, Save As

Known Bugs: Will only save the first document opened, still uses temp files

Save As module 1.0 beta 3:

Description: Saves a file under a new name

32 bit support: is 32-bit

LFN support: full

Current module direct support: Main

Known Bugs: Will only save the first document opened, still uses temp files

Print module 1.0 beta 1:

Description: Prints a file

32 bit support: is 32-bit

LFN support: full

Current module direct support: Main

Known Bugs: See Save, doesn't show the official printer box or anything.

More about the Open/save/as/print bug:

NoteBar works on a temp file principle. The current commands are designed to accomodate one document only and if more than one is open, all try to respond at or nearly at the same time. Here are its effects:

- **Save** sends a save command to a file. The *Main* module, only the first open, will recognise it.
- **Save As** works like Save and has all the same problems.
- **Print** works like save and has the same problems as Save As.

Downloading new components and updates:

You can download any new component or update released without downloading anything else except if stated in the instructions on the web page. In addition, there will be new major releases of the bundle. To download, go to <http://www.voicenet.com/~zakharin> and follow the links to software.

Installing:

Remove all the remains of the old version if you still have them.

unzip all files into a folder. Open that folder in explorer or my computer and double-click setup.exe.

Follow instructions onscreen.

Using:

The program is in your start button in the Notebar menu. Further menu items are names of modules. Use is self explanatory. Refer to the bugs as stated above.

Items not on the start menu: Click the right mouse button on the document in question. A menu will pop up. *Don't save with more than one document open at the same time!*

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