

BBS System Operator Instructions

Bulletin Boards can get their own "personalized" copy of *Top Draw*. To receive a personalized copy, fill out and send in the Distribution License Agreement (see file VENDOR.WRI). It is FREE, and I will send it FAST. It is NOT mandatory, but it will ensure that you have only the latest, greatest version of the program and that you will receive all updates for FREE in a timely manner directly from the author. Your personalized version of *Top Draw* will be customized to include YOUR BBS NAME in the "sign on" and "About *Top Draw*" dialog boxes of the program.

Installation of the diskette and BBS versions of *Top Draw* is not the same. In the BBS version, the files have been concatenated together in a ZIP files. Installing the BBS version involves creating a directory and UNZIP-ing, then running the *Top Draw* install program under Windows to verify files, set up a program icon and win.ini. To request the BBS version, check the appropriate blank in the bottom line of the Distribution License Agreement.

The preferred BBS name for the *Top Draw* file is:TOPDRAW.ZIP

For 6 character names: TOPDRW.ZIP

For multiple file configurations:

8 char: TOPDRAWA.ZIP, TOPDRAWB.ZIP, ...

6 char: TPDRWA.ZIP, TPDRWB.ZIP, ...

User groups and disk distributors that have their own BBS or area in a major information service (i.e. BBS content is under direct control of the organization) are authorized to distribute *Top Draw* on that BBS, as well as via floppy disk.

Authorized distributors can create the BBS installation from a standard floppy disk distribution (if necessary) as follows:

1. Run **install.exe** and install *Top Draw* to a hard drive directory.
2. Copy **install.exe** from the floppy disk to the *Top Draw* directory on the hard disk.
3. Create one or more compressed files from the files on the hard drive.
The maximum compression "-ex" option recommended for PKZIP.
Other compression programs may be used if appropriate.

Since the help file (topdraw.hlp) is compressed by the help compiler, don't expect much shrinkage. Do include **install.exe** (must be copied manually from floppy). Do *not* include topdraw.ini (topdraw.ini appears in the Windows directory the first time you run *Top Draw*).

Include the following files:

FILE_ID.DIZ	File description in standard format.
TOPDRAW.TXT	A brief description <i>Top Draw</i> .
TOPDRAW.HLP	On-line hypertext help.
INSTALL.EXE	The <i>Top Draw</i> install program.
TOPDRAW.EXE	The <i>Top Draw</i> executable.
TOPDRAW.PAL	The color palette.
ASSORTED.TDS	Default shape palette symbols.
PENS.TDS	Pen symbols - used for drawing lines.
ARROWS.TDS	Line ending symbols, used for drawing lines.
HEARTS.TDR	Sample drawing
LINES.TDR	Sample drawing - line styles

MERGE.TDR	Sample drawing
OCEAN.TDR	Sample drawing
PINETREE.TDR	Sample drawing - used in tutorial
SAMPLER.TDR	Sample drawing - fill and texture styles
TOPSTAR.TDR	Sample drawing
README.WRI	"Getting Started" information.
ORDER.WRI	Product order form.
VENDOR.WRI	Program Distributor application.
SYSOP.WRI	Bulletin Board System Operator instructions
SHAREWAR.WRI	A brief description of "shareware".
CONTEST.WRI	<i>Top Draw</i> Annual Art Contest application form.
OPINION.WRI	Customer opinion and feature request form.
PRESSREL.WRI	Press release.
PROBLEM.WRI	Problem report form.

It is OK to ZIP together the already compressed files on the floppy, but better compression and simpler installation is generally achieved by following the above instructions.

Since *Top Draw* is a large program by shareware standards, I expect most BBS downloads to occur within local dialing areas. I will normally distribute on 3.5" HD diskettes. Please don't ask me to directly upload the program, I can't afford the time or long distance charges right now. Eventually, if I get a faster modem maybe.

Please call or write if you have any comments, suggestions, or problems with these instructions or with *Top Draw*.