

SpinWizard Shareware Version 1.1.1h

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Welcome

Welcome to the shareware version of SpinWizard™, a productivity enhancement application for Microsoft® Windows™. SpinWizard is the first in a family of software product offerings from Tanisys Technology aimed at making the power of personal computers more accessible to users. This version contains all the features of the retail version of the product including a setup facility, SETUP.EXE, that allows you to install and deinstall the product with a minimum of effort.

SpinWizard's unique, rotatable, three-dimensional carousel of iconic buttons with hot-key access allows you to organize and manage applications, documents, and tasks more effectively than any other product on the market today. It is simply a more intuitive and efficient paradigm for interacting with Windows. Pressing the Pause/Break key brings SpinWizard to the foreground. Then, with just a function key press or a single mouse button click, you can launch applications and documents or perform tasks across multiple applications.

As further specified in the attached license agreement, use of the shareware version of SpinWizard after the initial 10 day evaluation period is subject to a registration fee, and is granted only to individuals for personal use on a home computer. Any use of SpinWizard by businesses (either profit or not for profit), government agencies, or educational institutions requires a different license agreement which is not provided with this readme file. For more information about corporate, government, or institutional licenses call Corporate Sales at 1-512-263-1700. To register as a home user call 1-800-460-SPIN (7746).

The retail version of SpinWizard is available through a number of retailers and distributors including CompUSA, Computer City, Babbage's, Software Spectrum, London Drugs, and Ingram Micro.

Installation and Deinstallation

The shareware version of SpinWizard uses a self-extracting ZIP file that places the SpinWizard files in the SPINWIZ subdirectory in the current directory. The subdirectory also contains this README.WRI file and SETUP.EXE. Run SETUP.EXE to complete the SpinWizard installation. SETUP.EXE will optionally add SpinWizard to your *Startup* program group as well as create a new *SpinWizard* program group. SETUP.EXE also supports deinstallation as one of its options.

You may also want to download the Visual Basic runtime library, VBRUN300.DLL. It is necessary for running the SpinWizard demo and a few of the pre-defined SpinWizard buttons.

Overview of Tanisys Technology

Tanisys Technology is a publicly traded (TNS.V) software-hardware computer company. Tanisys, formerly Rosetta Technologies, released its first product in December 1993. The name Tanisys is derived from Tanis, a city in Egypt where archeologists found a stone similar to the Rosetta stone (it is also where Indiana Jones found the Ark of the Covenant). This is in keeping with our corporate mission - introducing breakthrough technology that unlocks the power of personal computers to make them more useful tools for everyone.

Tanisys' first product is a computer chip that is incorporated in joysticks to provide them with the ability to record and play back sequences of keystrokes. This is useful in action games that require the correct typing of complex keystroke sequences. You can contact Tanisys directly for information on which companies are currently incorporating this technology into their products.

Tanisys has also developed, and is licensing *TouchKey* capacitive sensor technology to large OEMs. This technology integrates into the keys of any standard or laptop keyboard. A typical implementation would touch enable the function keys. When the user touches a function key, Windows will display a dialog box that previews the effect of pressing the key in the current application. In Microsoft Word for example, you will be able to see that F7 invokes the spell checker and Shift+F7 invokes the thesaurus. Touching a key can also instigate sound, animation, or multimedia events. In addition to plastic, *TouchKey* works through numerous other materials and is particularly applicable to point of sale applications.

Overview of SpinWizard

SpinWizard is a unique, rotatable, three-dimensional carousel of iconic button. There are 8 rows of 12 buttons (one for each function key) for a total of 96 buttons. The fourth button on the blue row starts a self-running demo if you have the Visual Basic runtime library VBRUN300.DLL installed. The demo illustrates some of the major features of the product.

The user activates a button by clicking on it with the mouse or pressing the corresponding function key.

1. If a button represents an application then activation causes SpinWizard to launch the application or switch to an already running version of the application.
2. If a button represents a document such as a picture or a spreadsheet, then activation causes SpinWizard to launch the associated application, unless it is already running, and provides the file as input to the application.
3. If a button represents a macro recording, then activation causes SpinWizard to carry out the pre-recorded actions associated with the button. Macros can be recorded across applications.

Major features

SpinWizard:

1. uses Pause/Break as a hot key that always brings SpinWizard to the front of other windows.
2. uses an indicator light on each button to show whether a version of the associated application (or applications, in a macro) is already launched.
3. supports a short editable label for each button, and a longer editable description which appears above the SpinWizard in a moving dialog box.
4. supports an associated icon for each button that can be changed using the built-in Icon Browser from the Properties dialog box.
5. looks for common applications when it is launched for the first time. Each such application is loaded onto a button.
6. supports a label for each row that can be edited to reflect the contents of the row's buttons.
7. records macros that work within programs or across program applications. Tanisys is continually improving the record and play back abilities of macros.
8. supports drag and drop from File Manager and Program Manager.
9. is easily deinstalled.
10. comes with an online help facility.

Registration Information

The only difference between this shareware version of SpinWizard and the retail version of SpinWizard is the presence of a pop-up dialog box that appears periodically to remind you to register SpinWizard. Registration costs \$29.95, requires a major credit card, and includes several benefits. You will receive:

1. the information necessary to turn off the registration reminder in the software;
2. 30 days of free technical support from the date of your first support call; and,
3. a free* upgrade to the Windows 95 version of SpinWizard (* there will be a charge for shipping and handling) .

To register your copy of SpinWizard, call 1-800-460-SPIN (7746). You must give the operator the six-digit number that appears in the pop-up registration dialog box plus your credit card number. The operator will give you an eight-digit number that you must then type into the pop-up registration dialog box along with your credit card number. When the correct information is entered, SpinWizard will modify its executable to suppress the pop-up registration dialog box. Subsequently some anti-virus programs may report that the executable has been modified. This message can be ignored. You should make a backup of the resulting file in the event that you must later reinstall SpinWizard.

Registration is required after the initial evaluation period of 10 days, should you decide to continue using the product (see attached license agreement). If you prefer you can purchase SpinWizard directly from your local retailer.

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SpinWizard Quick Reference

The intuitive 3-D carousel that puts a new spin on organizing Windows

Keyboard or Mouse Action

Online Help

SpinWizard Help	Ctrl+H	Left click on ? in color wheel
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Load a button

Program Manager program item		Left click on item, drag onto button
File manager file item		Left click on item, drag onto button

Manage the SpinWizard window

Left click on System menu and then:

Bring SpinWizard to front	Pause/Break	left click on Restore
Toggle Always On Top	Alt+Spacebar, Alt+T	left click on Always On Top
Iconify SpinWizard	Esc	left click on Minimize

Access the SpinWizard menus

The System menu	Alt+Spacebar	Left click on System menu
The Button menu	Alt+Enter	Right click on button

Rotate carousel

To a specific row	1 through 8	Left click on matching color triangle (Row 1 is Blue, 2 is Purple, 3 is Pink ... 8 is Cyan)
To the home row (Blue)	Home	Left click on the blue triangle
Up one row	↑ arrow	Left click on top row
Down one row	↓ arrow	Left click on bottom row

Select (highlight) a button

On the middle row (without launching it)	← or → arrow	Move pointer over button
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Launch an item (application, document, or task)

An item on the middle row	F1, ..., F12	Left click on button
The leftmost item	F1	Left click on leftmost button
...	...	
The rightmost item	F12	Left click on rightmost button
The selected item	Enter	Left click on button
A new copy of button item	Ctrl+F1, ..., Ctrl+F12	Left click on button while Ctrl key pressed

Edit the selected button

Right click on button and then:

Clear	Delete	left click on Delete
Copy	Ctrl+C	left click on Copy
Cut	Ctrl+X	left click on Cut
Paste	Ctrl+V	left click on Paste
Save to a file	Ctrl+S	left click on Save Button As
Load from a file	Ctrl+O	left click on Load Button
Change label, description, icon	Ctrl+P	left click on Properties

Record a task for the selected button

Start recording	Ctrl+R	Right click on button, left click on Record
End recording	Pause/Break	Left click on Recorder icon

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