FREEWARE FAVORITES

Hello and welcome to the first issue of **Freeware Favorites**! This letter is to inform you about some of the *freeware* software that is out there in cyberspace. I will give you a few short reviews of some of my favorite freeware.

If you are like me, you don't have a lot of money to spend on software. It continually amazes me how much free software is available and how many things you can do with those programs. I look for freeware through every source I can get my hands on and would like to share some of it with you.
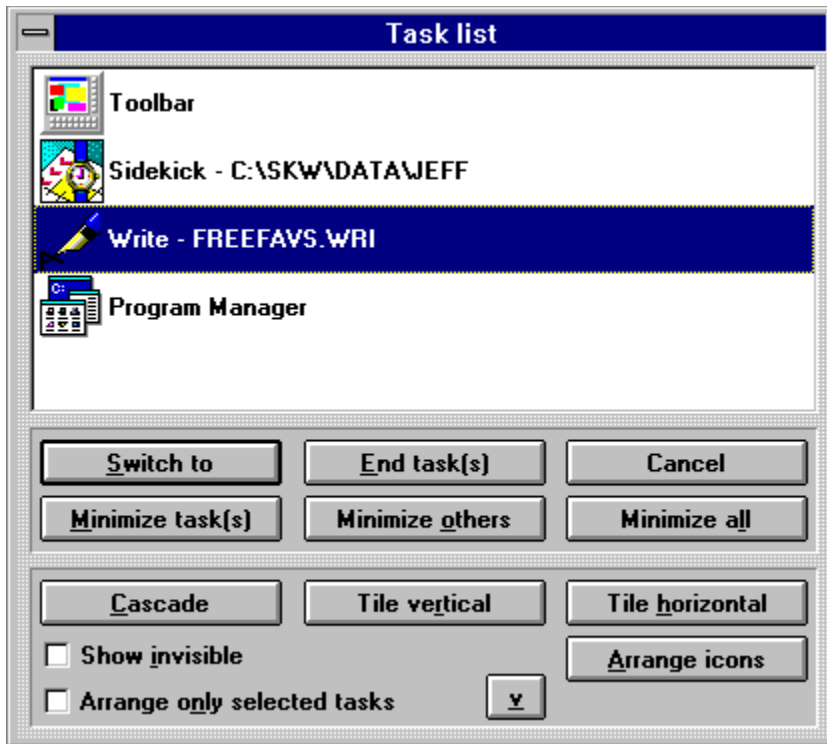
Toolbar v2.11 by Juan Aguirregabiria

Toolbar is a very useful utility that enables you to be able to run programs from a strip of buttons or icons that can be displayed "always on top." You can put your most used utilities along the side or bottom of your desktop and have quick access to them at all times. *Toolbar* is powerful enough, however, to use as a Program Manager replacement. Multiple toolbars can be created and used simultaneously. It is fully customizable and has many options, too many to list here. It also has some useful utilities within it such as a resource gage, clock, trashcan and exit windows button. The following is just an example of my toolbar.

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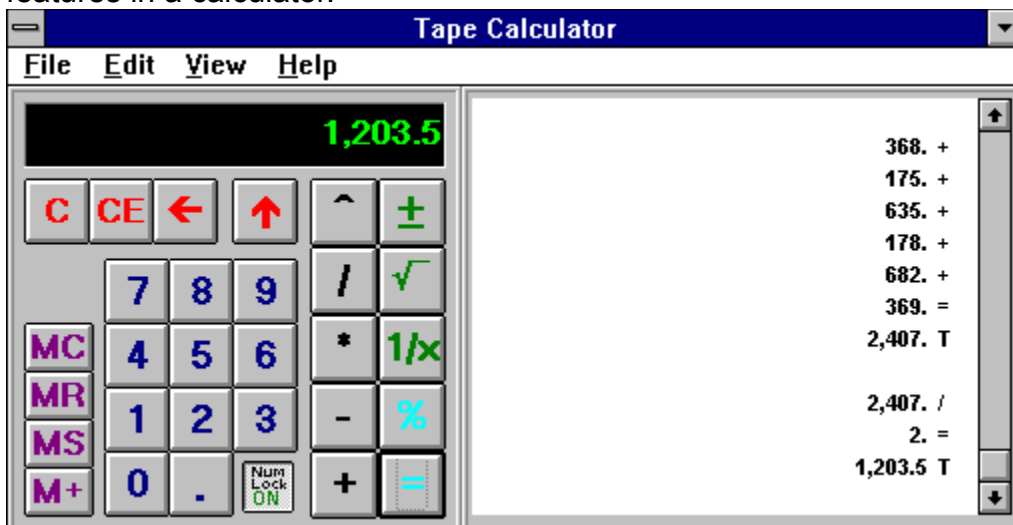## FTaskman v.1.20 by Andreas Furrer

Ftaskman is a replacement for the Windows Task Manager. The two features that make it a big improvement over Windows Task Manager are that it displays the icons of each running program and it enables you to "multi-select" running programs. For example, you could select three of your running programs and then minimize them all with one click on the minimize button. The fact that it displays the icons of the running applications is helpful to more quickly single out the program you want instead of just looking at a long list of file names. It also has a few other features that the Windows Task Manager does not have.

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Tapecalc v.1.00 by Neil J. Rubenking

Here is a quote from the *Tapecalc* Help, *"Want to see a live dinosaur? Just launch the Windows Calculator accessory (CALC.EXE). It's a refugee from the early days of Windows - certainly not up to the standards of Windows 3.1 applications. Its buttons aren't even true buttons; they're just painted on. The keyboard equivalents for those buttons are neither memorable nor consistent. And worst of all, it doesn't provide any way for you to enter a series of figures and then go back and check your work."* As you can see below, *Tapecalc* is nicer looking and has more conventional calculator buttons than does the Windows Calculator. It also allows you to save contents of the "tape" to a file. *Tapecalc* does use up a lot more resources than Windows Calculator, so if you are using resource hogging apps and don't need the tape, you might want to just stay with Windows Calculator. *Tapecalc* is a useful alternative when you need more features in a calculator.

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DogCow v.3.1 by Andy Wilks

DogCow is an icon of a dog/cow (?) with a wagging tail. You are able to control the tail wag speed. Slower speed is a sad dog and faster is a happy dog. Included is a humorous .wri file. Make sure to read it.

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All of these files can be found on Exec-PC BBS, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
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Thank you for reading this isssue of **Freeware Favorites**. If you have found any new or interesting freeware, especially from the Internet, please let me know.

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