

SnadBoy's TopDesk for Windows 95/NT v2.3a

A freeware product from SnadBoy Software

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Installation:

Copy the TopDesk.EXE file to the directory of your choice, e.g. C:\WINDOWS. Create a shortcut to the EXE file and place the shortcut in your StartUp menu; typically, C:\WINDOWS\Start Menu\Programs\StartUp. That's all folks!!!

Use:

TopDesk is accessed by either clicking on the TopDesk icon in the system task bar or by a user defined hot key.

Left mouse click menu

system objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Such things as 'My Computer' and 'Inbox'.- Left click on item: Causes the default action, normally ' Open' , to be invoked .- Right click on item: Displays a menu listing available actions for the object. *
file objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All files, folders and shortcuts residing on the desktop.- Left click on item: Causes the default action, normally ' Open' , to be invoked .- Right click on item: Displays a menu listing available actions for the object. *
Desktop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Left click: Opens a window containing all the elements of your desktop.- Right click: Invokes the ' Display Properties' dialog.

* Within a TopDesk menu, a right click can be achieved from the keyboard by using CTRL + Enter (to avoid possible timing problems, after pressing and releasing Enter, continue to hold the CTRL key down until the new menu appears.)

Right mouse click menu

Hide Desktop Icons -or- Show Desktop Icons	- Causes the icons on the desktop to be either hidden or visible.
Properties	- Invokes the TopDesk properties dialog box. See below.
About	Presents the about box dialog.
Exit	Exits TopDesk. Note: If the desktop icons are hidden, they will be restored when TopDesk exits.

Properties

Start Up Options	
Display SnadBoy Software Logo	- Controls whether or not the SnadBoy Software logo is displayed when TopDesk starts.
Hide Desktop Icons	- Controls whether or not the desktop icons are automatically hidden when TopDesk starts. TopDesk will always restore the desktop icons when it exits.
Menu Icons *	
No icons	- Specifies no icons in the TopDesk menu.

Small icons (16 x 16)	- Specifies small icons in the TopDesk menu.
Large icons (32 x 32)	- Specifies large icons in the TopDesk menu.
Hot Key	
Hot Key	- Allows the specification of a hot key. Pressing the hot key combination will have the same result as left clicking the TopDesk icon. - Valid hot key combinations will consist of a single character (letter or number) plus CTRL + ALT + SHIFT.

* Users with slower CPUs and/or video cards may find TopDesk too sluggish when using icons.

Known Bugs:

The ' Send To' sub-menu comes up ' Empty' .

History:

Version 2.3 - release June 23, 1996

Maintenance release. Fixed GPF that occurred when shutting down Windows 95 and TopDesk was running.

Version 2.3 - release June 5, 1996

Added ability to hide desktop icons.
Move properties out of About box dialog to their own tabbed dialog.

Version 2.2 - no public release

Version 2.1 - release April 4, 1996

Added optional icons to the TopDesk menu.
Fixed bug (again!) that resulted in occasional empty rectangles in the system app bar.

Version 2.0a - released March 26, 1996

Fixed bug that resulted in occasional empty rectangles in the system app bar.
Fixed bug that affected hot key assignments.

Version 2.0 - released March 23, 1996

Added hot key support.
Eliminated need for ' default action' and ' context menu' modes. Left click on desktop menu item results in ' default action' and right click results in ' context menu' .

Version 1.1 - released March 14, 1996

TopDesk will now ' remember' its state from its last run, i.e. ' Default Actions' or ' Context Menus' - this can be overridden by a command line parameter.
Added optional command line parameter to force desired mode at startup.
Enabled startup splash screen to be disabled from About box.
Fixed problem with OLE strings not always being handled properly. TopDesk now works on NT with the new shell.
Fixed some minor memory leaks.

Version 1.0 - released March 11, 1996

Initial release.

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Warranty:

None. The software is distributed as is. Enjoy.

