AUTO-RAISE
Version 1.01

Microsoft Windows 3.0 Auto Raise Utility

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INTRODUCTION

Auto-Raise is a utility program for Microsoft Windows 3.0. It allows the user to switch among windows on the screen simply by placing the mouse cursor over the window for a user specified amount of time. Once the user becomes accustomed to switching among windows this way speed and ease of use of the Windows environment increases noticably.

INSTALLATION

Auto-Raise consists of two files, RAISE.EXE the file used to invoke the Auto-Raise utility and RLIB.DLL the dynamic link library that performs most of the work. These two files may be placed anywhere the user wishes. If Auto-Raise is to be invoked via the LOAD= or RUN= lines in the WIN.INI file, RLIB.DLL must be located in a directory listed in your PATH in order for Windows to find the file.

USING AUTO-RAISE

Once Auto-Raise is installed and running it is no longer necessary to click on a window to switch to it. Simply place the mouse cursor in any window and it will become the active window. In addition pointing at an icon will open that application. There is a user defined delay before a window will become active. This allows the user to cancel Auto-Raise by moving the mouse cursor into a different window or onto the Windows background before the window becomes active. The default delay is 3/4 of a second. Auto-Raise will not raise a window that has a dialog box open. For these windows you must click on them.

OPTIONS

The Options dialog-box on the Auto-Raise menu allows the user to alter the way Auto-Raise behaves. The settings of all options are saved so they will be the defaults next time you run Auto-Raise.

The delay before a window is activated may be altered with the Raise Delay scroll bar. The range is from 0 seconds to 3 seconds in 1/4 second increments. If the delay is too short (< 1/2 second) it will be difficult to cancel Auto-Raise. This can be especially annoying when resizing windows.

The Ignore Icons options prevents Auto-Raise from opening icons into windows.

The Hide Window option (Available only to registered users) hides the Auto-Raise Icon to get it out of the way. Once hidden there is no way to unhide the window, alter the options or close the application without restarting Windows. It is recommended that you only hide the Auto-Raise window after you have tailored it to your liking. If the hidden option is set when starting Auto-Raise the icon will be displayed for 8 seconds and then hidden. Clicking on the icon during this time will prevent it from being hidden.

REGISTERING AUTO-RAISE

If you use Auto-Raise and find it useful you are asked to please register it. Registered users will receive a registration number that will enable the Hide Window feature as described above. This is not crippleware, I am simply trying to provide an incentive for users to register. Besides who wants to pay for something they already have? The last page of this manual provides an order form that may be used for registration.

If you have any suggestions for future improvements, or if you are experiencing problems with Auto-Raise please feel free to contact me. Thank You.

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HISTORY

Version 1.0 - Original shareware release

Version 1.01 - Fixed a bug that caused owned popup windows to lose focus to their parent window. An example (the one that brought this bug to my attention) is the NOTES window in CROSSTALK for Windows.

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