

...a cdev to control jbx's NeVR INIT with various WDEFs.
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FreeLunchWare

Who said there's no such thing? You're lookin' at it!

not to be offered as part of another product
not to be offered as an enticement to buy another product
not to be sold

exceptions:

charge-by-time online services
"reasonable" disk copying fees

Window Dropping

Drop WindChooser in your System Folder. DO NOT CHANGE THE NAME. There is no way I can find to get the name of the currently active cdev, so I had to hard-code the name 'WindChooser'. I'm sure there's a way around this, but Apple wants \$600 to make the people with that information available to me. Real smart of them, eh?

You will have a new Control Panel device (cdev) (but it won't show up in your hierDA list, if you have one, until you reboot -- some [later] versions of hierDA update their cdev lists more often).

You have a choice of four WDEFs. Experiment. I don't think you can hurt anything even in the worst case situation. You might have to boot with a floppy (heavens!) if one of the WDEFs isn't happy with your machine, but I think that's pretty unlikely — 1-bit QuickDraw is rock-solid stable.

You can turn WindChooser off (starting with version 1.1) with the check box at the bottom of the cdev. You will fall back to Apple's WDEF (ick!) upon rebooting.

But Wait, There-might-in-the-future-be more!

If you have a WDEF to be added to WindChooser, then I am eager to cooperate. However, since I retain copyright on WindChooser as a whole product (like the circle-p on a record), you need to get approval from me if you're adding a WDEF and redistributing the whole of WindChooser. I would like to maintain control of WindChooser's evolution to avoid creating a mess of incompatibilities. I would also like final approval if you plan to distribute separately a WDEF which claims to run with WindChooser.

I know this is somewhat of a philosophical conflict with the FreeLunchWare ethic. I would not bother with this if WindChooser were not extensible.

Communications

I can be reached in the following ways:

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Release history

- 1.0 to GENie and the world, original version, two NeXT-y WDEFs, no icon, no cdev < Mac II
- 1.01b Bowhead Whale only, attempt to resolve desktop icon with jbx's ShowINIT
- 1.01 to GENie and the world, fixed icon, mach resource
- 1.1 development only, OFF box
- 1.11 development only, new WDEF (SmallTalk)
- 1.12b Bowhead Whale only, new WDEF (Shrinker), various OFF strategies
- 1.12 to GENie and the world, juggled handles, OFF written once only

speculated about, opinions solicited:

- 2.0v (v for VaporWare) no INIT resource -- RoVR manager instead