

OnTop II

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You have just unzipped the latest version of OnTop II , the easy to use window manager from Phillips Design.

OnTop II allows you to make a window stay OnTop of the others: that calculator will never disappear again! Applications stay OnTop, even when minimized; keeps helpful utilities ready to use. OnTop II requires Windows 3.1, and at least a '386 processor.

Installing OnTop II

To install OnTop II, just copy the two program files, *ontop2.exe* and *otdos.pif*, into your Windows directory.

To use OnTop II from an icon, click on the group that you want to install OnTop II into. (Accessories is good.) From the Program Manager, choose File|New, then click OK on the <Program Item> selection. A dialog box will appear; add a description, such as "OnTop II", or anything else you'd like to call it. The command line should be "*ontop2.exe*" (preceded with a path if *OnTop.exe* is not in the Windows directory). Choose OK and you're ready to run.

or ...

OnTop II can replace the Windows task manager! Simply rename the *taskman.exe* file in your Windows directory to *taskman.bak*. Then rename *Ontop2.exe* to *taskman.exe*. Now you can pop up OnTop II anytime by hitting <Ctrl><Esc>, or double-clicking on the desktop window. Hitting <Esc> makes it disappear.

Alternatively, you could make the following entry in the *win.ini* file found in your windows directory:

load=ontop2.exe

This will load OnTop II minimized as an icon when you run windows. You can also drag the OnTop II icon into the Startup group to have the OnTop program automatically run.

Setup OnTop II by clicking on its icon, or hitting <Ctrl><Esc>. Choose Setup from the menu. There are two menu choices: *Exit After Selection* and *Choose Custom Application*. Selecting *Exit After Selection* makes OnTop II disappear after every use. This is the recommended setting if you replace the Task Manager with OnTop II. If you run the program from an icon, you may want this option unchecked, so that OnTop II hangs around after an action. *Choose Custom Application* lets you set up the "?????" button to launch any App that you want, as well as changing the text on the button. If you don't know the complete command line, a button has been provided to pop-up a file box, so you can point & shoot your favorite program. You can name the button anything you like, up to 16 characters. If you put an ampersand (&) in front of any letter in the button name it becomes a "hot-key" when used with <Alt>. Just make sure that there are not any other buttons or menu items using that letter. (The "hot" letter will be underlined.)

NOTE:

There is a file called *otdos.pif* included with OnTop II. This is a Program Information File, that tells Windows how to run a DOS window. You can use the Windows PIF Editor to change the settings to suit your taste.

Using OnTop II

OnTop II has seven buttons that directly launch programs, automatically setting them OnTop:

Calculator:	Runs the Windows <i>calc.exe</i> program.
Program Mgr:	Runs the Windows <i>progman.exe</i> program.
Notepad:	Runs the Windows <i>notepad.exe</i> program.
Character Map:	Runs the Windows <i>charmap.exe</i> program. Most folks don't know about this very useful program; it allows you to see every available character for any font that you have loaded. Lets you use special characters like ¾, ®, ©, æ.
????:	Runs your custom application. Button name changes to reflect your choice.
File Mgr:	Runs the Windows <i>fileman.exe</i> program.
DOS:	Runs the <i>otdos.pif</i> file, which launches a DOS window.

The list box shows all of the programs that are running. You can "go to" a program by double-clicking on its name in the list box. Single-clicking will highlight a program. Then you can use these buttons:

OnTop: Puts selected app OnTop. Stays OnTop, even as an icon.

Not OnTop: Returns program to normal status; disappears if you click on another window.

Go To: Same as double-clicking; switches you to the selected program.

If you need to run a program while you are in the middle of something else, just pop up OnTop and choose File|Run from the menu. Type in the name of the program to run, or look it up by using the **Search** button.

You can exit from OnTop II four ways: automatically, if you've selected *Exit After Selection* from the *Setup* menu; by using the *System* menu (same as hitting <Alt><F4>; by hitting the *Exit* button, or by hitting the <Esc> key.

Important Notice:

OnTop II is a **copyrighted** program, therefore *you must register* OnTop II if you continue using it beyond the 14-day trial period. Discounts available to corporations and institutions.

We are capitalists, and this is a capitalist country. We believe in working for our living, and this program is an example of what we do. This is a program that you can use every day ... it has been included on several CDROMs, and has been featured in "What PC?", a British magazine. Many people are using the program; those that have registered have made very favorable comments.

Yet users in the United States of America, *the greatest country that has ever existed*, are the poorest at paying for value received. We have received more registrations from the U. K. and France than from the entire U. S. A. Obviously, the fact that it is illegal to use OnTop II for more than 14 days without paying for it means nothing. Maybe this will put things in perspective:

Suppose you are an hourly worker and you boss says that he is not going to pay you for last Monday, even though you worked very hard and produced a lot of good work. He explains that he needs the money more than you do. You would probably be upset, or worse. Would you complain to the labor board, or hire a lawyer? If so, this means that you believe that trading your production for some form of compensation, and you are a capitalist in the true sense of the word (not the perverted sense spoken by liberals and socialists).

To the pinheads that call us greedy: Wanting something for the performance of work, or the production of a product, *is not* greed. Wanting something for nothing, *like taking shareware and not paying for it, is greed*. This is not free software. To use it past the evaluation period without paying for it is wrong. Period.

If you keep this program on your computer for more than 14 days, simply mail us a check for the appropriate amount. We also accept Visa, MasterCard, and gold, for your convenience.

To register this version of OnTop II, send \$9.95 (plus \$0.55 tax in Ohio). Lifetime registration is \$14.95 (\$0.83 tax in Ohio). This entitles you to use this and any subsequent shareware versions of OnTop.

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