

About Cetus StormWindows for Windows 95

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WARNING !!

NOTICE: The use of **ANY** computer security software program is potentially **DANGEROUS** if **not** done with care. You must read **ALL** the StormWindows documentation thoroughly **BEFORE** using StormWindows on your PC.

BEWARE: Careless **OR** incorrect use of this software could possibly lock **YOU** out of your own computer. **IF** you are **NOT** willing to use this software **VERY** carefully, heeding **ALL** warnings in this documentation, then you **MUST** uninstall StormWindows and proceed **NO** further.

StormWindows should be **UN**installed through Control Panel. This will remove the StormWindows files and the changes that the Setup program made to your system. **NOTE**, however, that the uninstallation **may NOT** be able to undo all of the changes that **YOU** yourself may have made to your PC by the use of StormWindows **after** it was installed, so please **DO** remember that **YOU** must undo **ALL** protections **BEFORE** you proceed to uninstall StormWindows.

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A **limited license** is granted by Cetus Software to any individual user or institution to install and test a shareware copy of StormWindows on **ONE** computer for a **25-DAY** evaluation period. At the end of this trial period, StormWindows **MUST** be removed from that computer. **It is expressly PROHIBITED to install a shareware copy of StormWindows on MULTIPLE computers under ANY condition.**

Overview of StormWindows

StormWindows is a security utility that allows the authorized user to add several types and degrees of protection to the desktop and system of a Windows 95 computer. Intelligent use of StormWindows security measures will allow for the controlled use of any shared Windows 95 computer.

Access to StormWindows

StormWindows may be accessed by clicking on its icon on the Start Menu, or by double-clicking on its icon on the desktop or on its icon in Control Panel.

StormWindows may also be accessed through the Start Menu by entering "STORMWIN" (not case-sensitive) on the Command Line in the Run Command dialog box, or by searching for "STORMWIN.EXE" (also not case-sensitive) in the Find Command dialog box.

Note that you **MUST** remember the correct StormWindows password, as you will **absolutely NOT** be able to start StormWindows without it.

CAUTION: It is **very** important that you do **not** remove **any** means of access to StormWindows without **very** careful thought. Since StormWindows is password-protected, there is **no** reason to "hide" it from users, and you **must** be able to access StormWindows easily in order to change security settings. This is **very important**. It is **highly recommended** that you maintain **at least TWO** means of access to StormWindows at all times.

Security Strategy

It should be obvious that the use of just any one security measure is not likely to provide much actual security in any particular setting, and that a carefully chosen combination of complementary security measures will be required for most circumstances. It should also be clear that it would be almost impossible for Cetus Software to provide one single set of recommendations that could provide optimum security under all circumstances. Each situation is different, and each therefore requires its own individual security plan. Nonetheless, Cetus Software does recommend that the following measures be considered when planning any effective security strategy:

Cetus Software recommends that **serious** thought be given to removing access to Windows 95 Explorer. A guest user with even moderate Windows savvy will know how to get past many security measures simply by using this tool to "explore". Cetus Software **does** recommend disabling **ALL** means of access to Explorer (which is still available to the authorized user through StormWindows, of course), though it is clear that it will not always be possible to do this in every situation.

Cetus Software **STRONGLY recommends** the use of the three **Registry Security** settings on the StormWindows System page. Activating the settings for **No Registry Editor**, **No System Policy Editor**, and **No Registry Merging** will prevent a guest user from attempting to circumvent StormWindows protections.

Cetus Software also recommends the use of a well chosen password, one that could **NEVER** be guessed by any guest user, one that employs an uncommon combination of letters, numbers, and punctuation. Avoid the use of institutional names, first

names, last names, nicknames, names of spouses, names of children, names of pets, birthdates, or any other simple password that would be likely be tried by any "adventurous" guest user. Unfortunately, any password that is very easily remembered is probably also a password that is easily guessed at.

Main Commands

StormWindows, to the right of the individual property pages in its main window, provides command buttons for several functions that affect StormWindows and/or Windows itself.

Commands for Windows

Since many protection changes provided by StormWindows require Windows to be restarted before they take effect, StormWindows provides for both restarting of Windows and shutting down the computer (for later restart); this shutdown access is also useful if you wish to use the StormWindows No Shutdown Command setting.

RESTART WINDOWS will exit StormWindows and restart Windows, so that any StormWindows changes made may take full effect immediately. **CAUTION:** Any changes made since starting StormWindows **WILL be saved**. (If you wish to **cancel** any changes made, you **must** do so individually **before** exiting StormWindows and restarting Windows.)

SHUT DOWN COMPUTER will exit StormWindows and shut down the computer, so that any StormWindows changes made may take effect the next time Windows is run. **CAUTION:** Any changes made since starting StormWindows **WILL be saved**. (If you wish to **cancel** any changes made, you **must** do so individually **before** exiting StormWindows and restarting the computer.)

Commands for StormWindows

ABOUT STORMWINDOWS will display information about StormWindows (version number and copyright) and Cetus Software (postal, email, and Web site addresses).

STORMWINDOWS HELP will access StormWindows on-line Help.

EXIT STORMWINDOWS will exit from StormWindows. **CAUTION:** Any changes made since starting StormWindows **WILL be saved**. (If you wish to **cancel** any changes made, you **must** do so individually **before** exiting StormWindows.)

Desktop Page

StormWindows, in its Desktop page, allows you to restrict access to many Windows 95 desktop features and commands.

CAUTION: Many of these restrictions can be dangerous if not used with care. Consider carefully the impact of **each** of these desktop restrictions **before** invoking it. Do **not** remove any means of access to StormWindows without **first** making certain that you **still** have other ways of starting StormWindows. This is **important**.

Windows Commands

NO RUN COMMAND will disable access to the Run command on the Start Menu. **CAUTION:** Do make absolutely **certain** that you **still** have some **other** means of access to StormWindows (such as a functioning Start Menu icon) **before** disabling normal access to the Run command. This is **very** important.

NO FIND COMMAND will disable access to the Find command on the Start Menu. **CAUTION:** Do make absolutely **certain** that you **still** have some **other** means of access to StormWindows (such as a functioning Start Menu icon) **before** disabling normal access to the Find command. This is **very** important.

NO SHUT DOWN COMMAND will disable access to the Shut Down command on the Start Menu. **CAUTION:** Do make **certain** that you **still** have access to StormWindows (for its access to the Shut Down command) by **some** means (such as a functioning Start Menu icon) **before** disabling normal access to the Shut Down command. This is **very** important.

Shell Restrictions

NO SAVE SETTINGS will prevent certain desktop changes (such as the rearrangement of icons) from being saved by the system.

NO DESKTOP ICONS will hide all icons on the Desktop. **CAUTION:** Do make absolutely **certain** that you **still** have some **other** means of access to StormWindows (such as a functioning Start Menu icon) **before** removing all icons from the Desktop. This is **very** important.

NO DRIVES IN MY COMPUTER will hide access to Drives in My Computer. **CAUTION:** Do make absolutely **certain** that you **still** have some **other** means of access to StormWindows (such as a functioning Start Menu icon) **before** removing Drives from My Computer. This is **very** important.

Start Menu Settings

NO SETTINGS FOLDERS will remove access to Control Panel and Printers in Start Menu Settings.

NO SETTINGS TASKBAR will remove access to the Taskbar Properties dialog in Start Menu Settings.

NO DOCUMENTS MENU will remove access to documents through the Documents Menu.

Programs Page

StormWindows, in its Programs page, allows you to restrict access to both entire program folders and individual program links in Start Menu Programs (as well as restoring normal access to them, of course).

The current status of each individual Windows program link (those with the ".lnk" suffix) or DOS PIF file (those with the ".pif" suffix), as well as each program folder (those without any suffix), is displayed in the two listboxes on the Programs Page.

The **VISIBLE START MENU PROGRAMS** listbox will display the individual program links and program folders that are currently accessible through Start Menu Programs.

The **HIDDEN START MENU PROGRAMS** listbox will display the individual program links and program folders that have been removed from Start Menu Programs by StormWindows.

Hiding Start Menu Programs

The **HIDE** command will remove a selected program from Start Menu Programs.

CAUTION: Do make absolutely certain that you still have some other means of access to StormWindows (such as a functioning Desktop icon) before removing access to StormWindows through the Start Menu. This is very important.

The **HIDE** command may be invoked by:

- 1 - selecting a program in the Visible Start Menu Programs listbox and then using the Hide Program command button.
- 2 - double-clicking on any program in the Visible Start Menu Programs listbox.

Showing Start Menu Programs

The **SHOW** command will restore a selected hidden program to Start Menu Programs.

The **SHOW** command may be invoked by:

- 1 - selecting a program in the Hidden Start Menu Programs listbox and then using the Show Program command button.
- 2 - double-clicking on any program in the Hidden Start Menu Programs listbox.

Opening Start Menu Programs

The **OPEN** command will open an Explorer-like window to a selected program group or link (hidden or visible).

The **OPEN** command may be invoked with either of the two Open command buttons on the Programs Page.

The Open command button to the left is for programs displayed in the Visible Start Menu Programs listbox, while the Open button to the right is for programs in the Hidden Start Menu Programs listbox.

System Page

StormWindows, in its System page, allows you to restrict access to many sensitive Windows 95 system characteristics and functions.

The System page also allows you to control to a great extent (primarily in the area of Registry security) the amount of security afforded to StormWindows itself.

System Control Panel

NO DEVICE MANAGER PAGE will hide the Device Manager properties from the System option in Control Panel.

NO HARDWARE PROFILES PAGE will hide the Hardware Profiles properties from the System option in Control Panel.

NO FILE SYSTEM BUTTON will remove the File System button in the System Control Panel.

NO VIRTUAL MEMORY BUTTON will remove the Virtual Memory button in the System Control Panel.

Registry Security

NOTE: The use of these three commands is **HIGHLY recommended** for preventing guest users from attempting to circumvent StormWindows protection measures.

NO REGISTRATION EDITOR will prevent access to the Windows 95 Registration Editor. **CAUTION:** Do make **certain** that you **still** have access to StormWindows (for its own access to the Registration Editor) by **some** means (such as a functioning Start Menu icon) **before** disabling normal access to the Registration Editor. This is **very** important.

NO SYSTEM POLICY EDITOR will prevent access to the Windows 95 System Policy Editor, whether installed on the computer's hard drive or carried to it on a floppy diskette.

NO REGISTRY MERGING will prevent merging of .REG files into the Registry. **CAUTION:** This checkbox **must** be **UN**checked **before** installing any new software, since some setup programs may utilize merging to update the System Registry with new settings. This is **very** important.

Task Switching

NO CTRL-ALT-DEL will prevent use of the Ctrl-Alt-Del, Alt-Tab, and Ctrl-Esc key combinations, preventing "warm rebooting" and keyboard task switching (though the Windows 95 Taskbar may still be used for task switching with the mouse).

CAUTION: Note that the use of this protection setting will prevent the Close Program dialog box from appearing, so that Ctrl-Alt-Del may NOT be used when a program "hangs" the system, which will require that the computer to be physically turned off and then on again instead.

MS-DOS

NO MS-DOS PROMPT will disable access to the DOS prompt while Windows is running.

NO MS-DOS MODE will prevent exiting from Windows to MS-DOS mode.

Printers Control Panel

NO PRINTERS CONTROL PANEL will hide the General and Details pages in each printer's property sheet.

NO ADDITION OF PRINTERS will disable the addition of additional printers.

NO DELETION OF PRINTERS will disable the deletion of installed printers.

Display Page

StormWindows, in its Display page, allows you to restrict access to many aspects of the Windows 95 screen display.

Display Control Panel

NO DISPLAY CONTROL PANEL will disable access to the Display option in Control Panel.

NO BACKGROUND PAGE will hide the Background properties of the Display option in Control Panel.

NO SCREENSAVER PAGE will hide the Screensaver properties of the Display option in Control Panel.

NO APPEARANCE PAGE will hide the Appearance properties of the Display option in Control Panel.

NO SETTINGS PAGE will hide the Settings properties of the Display option in Control Panel.

Network Neighborhood

NO NETWORK NEIGHBORHOOD will prevent the display of Network Neighborhood on the desktop.

NO ENTIRE NETWORK will hide access to the Entire Network in Network Neighborhood.

NO WORKGROUP CONTENTS will prevent workgroup contents from being displayed in Network Neighborhood.

Network Page

StormWindows, in its Network page, allows you to restrict access to many Windows 95 network features and commands.

Network Control Panel

NO NETWORK CONTROL PANEL will disable access to the Network option in Control Panel.

NO IDENTIFICATION PAGE will hide the Identification properties of the Network option in Control Panel.

NO ACCESS CONTROL PAGE will hide the Access Control properties of the Network option in Control Panel.

Dial-In Networking

NO DIAL-IN NETWORKING will prevent dial-in connection to the computer.

File Sharing

NO FILE SHARING will disable file sharing over a network.

NO FILE SHARING CONTROLS will disable the Sharing properties of the directories in Windows 95 Explorer.

Print Sharing

NO PRINT SHARING will disable print sharing over a network.

NO PRINT SHARING CONTROLS will disable the Sharing properties of the Printer directory.

Passwords Page

StormWindows, in its Passwords page, allows you to control many Windows 95 password characteristics, as well as allowing you to change StormWindows' own password.

Note that you **MUST** remember the StormWindows password, as you will **absolutely NOT** be able to start StormWindows without it. This is **VERY IMPORTANT !!!**

Passwords Control Panel

NO PASSWORDS CONTROL PANEL will disable access to the Passwords option in Control Panel.

NO PROFILES PAGE will hide the Profiles properties of the Passwords option in Control Panel.

NO CHANGE PASSWORDS PAGE will hide the Profiles properties of the Passwords option in Control Panel.

NO REMOTE ADMINISTRATION PAGE will hide the Remote Administration properties of the Passwords Control Panel.

Windows Passwords

NO SHARE PASSWORDS will hide Share Windows passwords with asterisks.

NO PASSWORD CACHING will disable the caching of Windows passwords.

ALPHANUMERIC PASSWORDS only will require Windows passwords to consist of numbers and letters only.

StormWindows Password

The initial StormWindows password upon installation is "xxxx" (**NOT case-sensitive**). You **absolutely MUST** change this to a **private** password of your own choice (4 to 20 characters) **as soon as possible**.

Note that you **MUST** remember the password, as you will **absolutely NOT** be able to start StormWindows without it. This is **VERY IMPORTANT !!!**

Open... Page

StormWindows, in its Open... page, allows you to open up various Windows programs and features (whether still visible, or hidden by StormWindows).

(Please note that, depending on the severity of restrictions in place at any one time, not every function on the Open... page will be available.)

OPEN MY COMPUTER will open a My Computer window.

OPEN DESKTOP will open an Explorer-like window to icons that are present on the Desktop.

OPEN CONTROL PANEL will open a Control Panel window. Note that, if you wish to access a Control Panel feature that you have disabled by using StormWindows, you may need to temporarily re-enable it **before** starting Control Panel (and then disable it again **after** exiting Control Panel).

OPEN REGISTRY will open Windows 95 Registration Editor.

OPEN FILE MANAGER will open Windows 3.1 File Manager.

OPEN PROGRAM MANAGER will open Windows 3.1 Program Manager.

OPEN TASK MANAGER will open Windows 95 Task Manager.

OPEN EXPLORER will open Windows 95 Explorer (allowing access to Explorer by the authorized user, even if normal means of access to Explorer have been removed).

Uninstalling StormWindows

StormWindows should be UNinstalled through Control Panel (Add/Remove Programs icon) . This will remove the StormWindows files and the changes that the Setup program made to your system files.

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