

## **QuikExit v2.5**

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The quick way to exit Windows, restart Windows, or even exit Windows and reboot your computer. QuikExit now gives you quick access to a command line, Windows' Utilities, and has user definable menu items. Other new features include a desktop blanker and sizable button that can show free system resources and the time of day. QuikExit can be placed anywhere on your desktop. QuikExit's Configuration Screen has been totally redesigned, and gives you even more choices for QuikExit's configuration.

Version 2.5 introduces support for Windows 95 and Windows NT utilities on it's Utility Menu. If you are running Windows 3.x then you won't see these new items. Windows 95 users will see some of the new apps that Windows 95 comes with. Windows NT users will now have quick access to NT administration tools.

*(Note: Since QuikExit is still a 16-bit application written with Visual Basic 3.0, it still does not support long filenames -- see the discussion below about how to substitute standard filenames for long filenames).*

In order to run QuikExit you must have VBRUN300.DLL, the Microsoft Visual Basic runtime, installed on your PC. You can find this as VBRUN3.ZIP all over CompuServe. You must also have COMMDLG.DLL in your Windows/System directory (this file is installed with Windows).

Registered users of Version 1.x please read the special note at the end of this file.

### **Installation:**

Copy the file QEXIT.EXE to your hard drive. If you don't already have them, copy THREED.VBX, MHTAB.VBX, MHRUN400.DLL and CMDIALOG.VBX to your Windows' System directory.

### **How QuikExit Works:**

Since QuikExit is distributed as Shareware, whenever starting QuikExit you will see an introductory screen with an explanation of the registration process. If you register QuikExit you will no longer see this message. This opening screen has two buttons, one for entering your registration information, and another to continue without registering.

A single tiny button will appear in the upper left hand corner of your screen. Click once on this button with your left mouse button and you will immediately exit Windows. Well, actually a dialogue box will first prompt you if you are sure that you want to exit Windows. This confirmation can be eliminated within QuikExit's Configuration Screen, discussed below. The Configuration Screen also allows

you to change the function of this button to Restart Windows or to display the Execute dialogue box.

If you click on the button with your right mouse button, a pop-up menu will allow you to choose an action. These actions include exit or restart Windows, reboot your PC, change the position of QuikExit, blank the desktop, display the QuikExit About box, unload QuikExit, display System Information, or change the QuikExit button into the QuikExit toolbar. Other selections are discussed below.

QuikExit can be positioned anywhere on your desktop. If you would like to place QuikExit in one of the corners of your desktop, simply choose Position from the pop-up menu. If you want to place QuikExit anywhere else on your desktop, hold down the Control key and click on QuikExit with your left mouse button. Then move QuikExit and click again to drop it where you want it. QuikExit will remember it's position the next time you start it.

The QuikExit toolbar has up to four buttons. Exit Windows and Restart Windows, are always available. You may use the Configure QuikExit item in the Utilities menu to choose to add icons for Rebooting your PC and for displaying the Execute dialogue box.

Click on the toolbar with your right mouse button and the pop-up menu will appear.

*(Windows NT users: This option, along with the different single buttons are not available under Windows NT)*

Another section of the pop-up menu contains Windows' Utilities. Control Panel, File Manager, SysEdit, Program Manager, PIF Editor, DOS, Print Manager and the Windows Clipboard Viewer will be displayed only if you choose to include them on the menu. This option, among others, is available through the QuikExit Configuration Screen. Windows 95 users also have quick access to Exchange, Explorer, Fax, Paint, HyperTerminal, and Word Pad. Windows NT users can choose to add Disk Administrator, Event Viewer, Server Manager, and User Manager to their Utility Menu.

The settings you can change when you choose Configure QuikExit are (1) whether only the one small button or the up-to-four button toolbar will be shown whenever starting QuikExit, (2) enabling or disabling the confirmation message when using any of QuikExit's exit routines, (3) whether the single button is used to Exit Windows, Restart Windows, or display the Execute dialogue box, (4) whether the Reboot and Execute icons are displayed on the Toolbar, (5) choosing the Windows' Utilities shown on the pop-up menu and (6) whether these utilities will appear as a nested menu, (7) the size of the single QuikExit button, (8) whether to show free system resources or a clock when the single button is the large size (or have QuikExit continually alternate between the two), (9) whether the QuikExit User Menu will appear as a nested menu, (10) whether

the desktop blanker will show a floating clock, (11) choose other menu items to be displayed, and (12) the choice to edit the QuikExit User Menu.

The QuikExit User Menu Editor allows you to define up to nine commands which are displayed as pop-up menu items. Enter the description you wish to see on the menu (precede a letter in the description with the **&** sign if you wish to use that letter as a speed key), and associate it with an executable. Next to each line is a button with three dashes on it. This button will bring up a file list that will allow you to find an executable name. There is also a button in the Menu Editor that will allow you to remove all entries to the menu, and start over.

If you choose "Blank Desktop" your desktop will be hidden (from prying eyes?), and if chosen through the QuikExit configuration screen, a digital clock will float around your screen. Click your mouse to "uncover" your desktop.

When changing the use for the small button, the icon will change on the button to represent it's use. A Windows' flag is used to symbolize Restart, an arrow pointing to an open door means Exit Windows, and a C:> prompt is used to represent the Execute dialog box.

Another of the pop-up menu choices is Execute. This brings up a command line, which allows you to enter any type of executable, batch, or PIF filename. You can also leave off the extension if the file is an EXE file. The last ten commands entered are also available via a drop down list. A browse button lets you search your hard drive for a program to execute.

There are options that allow you to choose whether or not the Windows' Utilities menu and the QuikExit User Menu are nested. If all of the Windows' Utilities and all 9 User Menu items are used, this could make the QuikExit Pop-up menu very long. Turning on these options will allow each menu to appear as one item that will open up when clicked on.

If you find QuikExit useful, then please register QuikExit. The price is only \$15, and can be registered on-line on CompuServe by typing GO SWREG and specifying # 4888.

You can mail a payment to:

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Once registered I will e-mail a registration number that will personalize your copy of QuikExit, and will disable the registration reminders.

**Please be aware that the registration fee entitles you to a registration**

**number only. If you would like a copy of the latest version of QuikExit sent to you, please send me a check for \$18 (outside of the U.S. and Canada, please send \$20). I will send you the latest version of QuikExit on a 3.5" diskette and your registration number.**

Thank you for evaluating QuikExit!

### **Long Filename Substitution**

Since QuikExit was written using Visual Basic 3.0, it is not capable of dealing with long filenames that are used in Windows 95 and Windows NT. If you are running Windows 95, you are probably aware that by default a directory on your Windows drive was created with the name *Program Files*. The associated 8.3 filename for this directory is *PROGRA~1*. In other words, QuikExit can only see the first six characters of the long filename followed by a tilde (~) then followed by a number. In most cases that number will be 1, but if there are more than one long filename that start with the same first six characters, that number will be incremented.

In the case of the QuikExit Utility Menu for Windows 95 users, the HyperTerminal application is a good example of how long filenames are handled. When you click on HyperTerminal entry on the QuikExit Utility Menu, QuikExit makes a call to `C:\progra~1\Access~1\Hypert~1\Hypertrm.exe`. If this is not found, QuikExit will prompt you for the right path and filename. A browse box that is incapable of handling long filenames will be displayed. Use the rules I just described to find the actual path using the standard 8.3 filename.

If you want to add a program to the QuikExit User Menu, then you will also have to find that program using 8.3 filenames. If you want to add Microsoft Word for Windows 95 to your menu, you must find the equivalent of, for example, `C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Winword\Winword.Exe`. When browsing for the right path, you would look for `C:\progra~1\micros~1\winword\winword.exe`.

The next full version of QuikExit will have long filename support.

### **Registered Users of Versions 2.x!:**

Registration numbers for Versions 2.0, 2.1, and 2.2 will work with this version of QuikExit!

### **Registered Users of Versions 1.x!:**

This version of QuikExit no longer makes entries to your WIN.INI file, but does create and use a QEXIT.INI file which is kept in the same directory as QEXIT.EXE. You may delete the [QuikExit] section that is in your WIN.INI file. You can upgrade from Version 1.x to Version 2.0 for only \$5. This upgrade will insure that you are registered for all 2.x versions.

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