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## About BananaPC

### Requirements:

BananaPC is a 32-bit software program that has been tested on the following platforms:

- Windows NT
- Windows NT with the Windows 95 Shell Beta release
- Windows 95 Beta release

*NOTE: Use of this program under Windows 95 or Windows NT with the Windows 95 Shell is restricted to only when the TaskBar is located on the bottom of the display. Because BananaPC requires the top of the display, moving the TaskBar to the sides or top of the display will cause a contention for that space between BananaPC and Windows. The result of this contention will be that your system will appear to hang and will need to be shut down in order to regain control.*

BananaPC was written as a Windows NT Program. It will run under Windows 95, but some of the Banana Menu utilities may not work from initially. For instance, the **MS-DOS Prompt** menu item will need to be changed from **cmd.exe** to **command.com** in order to work.

### Memory Requirements:

Unknown.

The author is certain that this program will work with your memory, no matter what kind you have.

### Why does this program exist anyway?

BananaPC is a NagWare Windows Shell-enhancement that performs the following functions:

- Single-click launch of utilities and applets
- Displays system time
- Eyes that follow cursor while in BananaPC window
- Task menu displays running applications and can:
  - Hide or show running applications
  - Quickly and easily switch between running applications

BananaPC is not a replacement shell for any version of Windows. It was designed to overcome some of the shortcomings of Windows by providing a more usable interface that works with the current and future Windows shells. BananaPC greatly enhances the functionality of Windows NT, while providing some conveniences for Windows 95 users and users of the Windows 95 shell on NT.

### Some Practical Applications include:

None that I can think of...



## **Important Information**

### **Important Stuff**

Improper use of this software could cause an unwillingness to ever go back to running Windows without this enhancement. Other side effects could be an overwhelming desire to replace your PC with an entirely different platform. This program's author, its agents, or any third party involved in its distribution or development, can not be held liable in any way for any actions of this software program, or for its effects on the views and opinions of its users.

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## **BananaPC Installation**

### **Installing BananaPC**

The NagWare version of BananaPC is comprised of 3 files:

- BANANAPC.EXE
- BANANAPC.HLP
- BANANAPC.MNU

These files are distributed together as BANANAPC.ZIP. Simply unZip BANANAPC.ZIP into the directory where BananaPC will reside. As BananaPC is used, it will create an eighth file (BANANAPC.INI) in the same directory as the executable.

### **Uninstalling BananaPC**

To remove all traces of this program from your system, delete the following files from the BananaPC directory:

- BANANAPC.EXE
- BANANAPC.HLP
- BANANAPC.MNU
- BANANAPC.INI

## Configuration

BananaPC configuration is quite simple. There are only two things that can be configured.

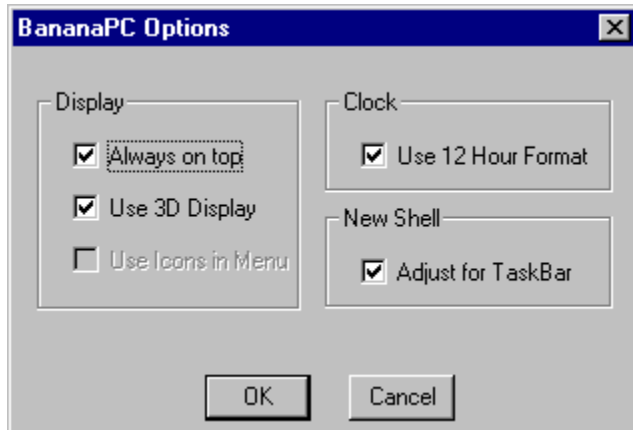
### Banana Menu Items

The Banana Menu is the first menu item on the BananaPC Program - it looks kinda-sorta like a banana. In the Banana Menu are various useful utilities and applets that can be brought up quickly when using various applications.

### BananaPC

Configuring BananaPC allows you to setup the program to your own tastes. It involves various display settings for the BananaPC display, as well as settings for the BananaPC clock.

## Configuring BananaPC



### Display Configuration

#### *Always on Top*

Keeps the BananaPC program above all other programs. BananaPC will automatically resize any part of a window that it might obscure so that the window is displayed properly.

#### *Use 3D Display*

Gives the BananaPC that Windows 95 3D look.

#### *Use Icons in Menu*

Not currently implemented. If enough people register this program, I may find it feasible to implement this feature. For now, the work involved outweighs the benefits.

### New Shell Configuration

#### *Adjust for TaskBar*

Causes BananaPC to locate the TaskBar (only in Windows 95 or new NT Shell) and adjust any application windows that might be obscured by the TaskBar. If this option is turned on, BananaPC will insure that the TaskBar is not obscured by any of your windows. If you want that extra real-estate at the bottom of the screen, turn this option off, and disable the TaskBar Always on Top option.

*Note* The new NT Shell is still so new that I am unable to find the TaskBar window. If anyone knows how to do this, let me know. In the meantime, BananaPC will compensate for only one row of TaskBar icons. If you resize the NT TaskBar, BananaPC will not be able to detect the new size. The TaskBar compensation routine works fine with Windows 95.

### Clock Configuration

#### *Use 12 Hour Format*

Fairly self-explanatory. If you are not using a 12 hour time format (default) then you are using a 24 hour time format.

## **Configuring Banana Menu**

*NOTE: It is recommended that only frequently used utilities and applets be placed into the Banana Menu. The only limitation on the number of items is the size of your display. If BananaPC is run in Always on Top mode, the Banana Menu is available to bring up these utilities when running virtually any application.*

The Banana Menu is not meant to replace the Program Manager or TaskBar. However, it provides simple single-click access to whatever programs are in it. This is very useful when running an application maximized and a utility is needed. Rather than minimize the current app and go find the utility, simply pull down the Banana Menu and launch the utility from there.

To add items to the Banana Menu, either select the **Edit | Configure Banana Menu** menu option, or drag and drop the desired file anywhere on the BananaPC window bar.

Editing items and deleting items is accomplished via the **Edit | Configure Banana Menu** menu option and is fairly straightforward (i.e. works as expected).

# Menus

BananaPC contains the following Menus:



## BananaMenu

Useful for single-click launching of utilities and applets.

## **Edit**

### Edit Menu

Used for configuring various aspects of the BananaPC.

## **Stuff**

### Stuff Menu

Closing BananaPC and shutting down the system can be accomplished through this menu.



### Help Menu

Registration and Help (this text).



### Task Menu

Displays all current applications and allows for hiding or showing the applications in the list.



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### **About BananaPC**

Displays the BananaPC About Box with Registration info.

### **Utilities and Applets**

Select to launch.

## **Edit Menu**

### **Banana Menu**

Add / Remove / Edit utilities and applets in Banana Menu.

### **BananaPC**

Configure this program.

## Stuff Menu

### **Close**

Close and exit the BananaPC Program.

*NOTE: Please insure that there are no hidden programs when this option is selected. If you hide an application and then close BananaPC, running BananaPC again will not allow the application to be unhidden because the new instance of BananaPC will not be able to locate the hidden application. The only recourse in this kind of a situation is to reboot or logout and when Windows comes back up, everything should be back to normal.*

### **Logout**

Closes any open apps and logs you out of the system. There are no warnings displayed, it just happens.

## **Help Menu**

### **Register**

Registration information about BananaPC. Use this option to input your Registration ID once you have registered to disable the Nag screens.

### **Help**

Displays this text.

## Task Menu

Shows a list of all running applications. The current app is denoted by the circle bullet beside it in the menu.

Use this menu to toggle between applications or hide (remove from view) an application.

*NOTE: Do not hide applications and then exit BananaPC without first un-hiding the applications.*

## Other Features

### Eyes

Eyes follow cursor around when in BananaPC window.

### Clock

Displays current time on BananaPC window.

## Eyes

The Eyes will follow the mouse whenever it is within the BananaPC window.

If enough people register this program, I may make the eyes track the mouse as it moves around the desktop. In initial tests however, the eyes dont move all that much when tracking the mouse around the desktop since the BananaPC is always at the top of the screen. You can see this by pulling down any BananaPC menu and while keeping the button down, move the mouse out of the menu and around the display. The eyes will track the mouse under these conditions.

## **Clock**

The BananaPC maintains a clock on its display so you will always know what time it is.





## **Support, Fixes & New Features**

### **Support**

Technical Support is available directly from the author via US Mail or e-mail. The author will make every effort to answer questions in a timely fashion.

### **Bug Fixes**

All bugs should be submitted to the author via US Mail or e-mail. Bug Fix versions will be posted for download as necessary.

### **New Features**

Feature requests are encouraged and should be sent to the author via US Mail or e-mail. As time permits, new versions of this software will be released that incorporate as many user suggestions as possible.

### **Contacting the Author**

Please feel free to contact the author for any reason. There is no way the author can read your mind, so there is no way to improve the product without useful feedback.

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## How To Register

### Registration entitles you to:

- A fully legal version of this software
- Free downloadable bug fix versions
- Automatic upgrade notification
- Right to use on one (1) other CPU - Site license available
- Free support via e-mail

### Who Should Register

All users of this software must register its use with the author after the 30 day trial period expires. This software is not disabled in any way and is not BombWare (after 30 days - it bombs). It is however, NagWare, which means that it will be inconvenient to use this software to its full potential without registering.

### Registration Fees

US \$10.00     Single User License     2 CPUs

### How to Register

To register, send the appropriate amount in US currency to:

Chris Scott  
8850 Teakwood Court  
Manassas, VA 22110

When registering, please enclose your e-mail address (or some way you can be contacted) and the name of the program you are registering. You will then receive a Registration ID that will un-Nag the software.

For faster registration, use the Software Registration (**GO SWREG**) database on CompuServe.

**The SWREG ID for BananaPC:                          6638**

### OK, I've Registered, Now What?

Upon Registering, a Registration ID will be sent to you. To complete the registration process:

- Select **Help Icon | Register** from the menus
- Click the **Register** button
- Enter the Name and Registration ID you received when registering
- Click OK

BananaPC will now verify the Registration information. If it is accurate the program will proceed as a fully registered version (select **Banana Menu | About** to confirm this). If not, another dialog will appear stating the Registration information entered was not valid.

