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see Free Software for more information.

## *Introduction to Smart Can*

Smart Can for Windows is based on the popular DOS program DDEL.EXE, which is a quick files and directories deletion program. (See [Free Softwares](#))

It takes full advantage of Windows Drag and Drop features, making deleting files and directories a snap.

Smart Can allow users to temporarily store deleted files in the trash can for later deleting or undeleting. It can also memorize the files even if Smart Can or Windows are closed or restarted. To accomplish more flexibility, it offers alternative option to purge the files immediately after they are dropped.

It is suggested to move the program icon to the Windows Start-Up Group so it will start up every time Windows starts.

Smart Can is a shareware. Please feel free to distribute it and use it extensively and don't forget to register it for other benefits.

Please go to the [Main Index](#) for more help on commands and operations.

## Options

After you press the Option button, a menu will pop up. You may check the appropriate item.

You can specify if you want to:

**1. Always purge immediately:** This deletes the file(s) / directory(s) immediately after they are dropped. (no need to empty the trash can later)

**2. Keep a file listing:** File dropped are not purged right away. Instead, they are kept in a list, allowing user to delete / undelete them later.

**3. Always on top:** This is a menu item in the system menu, select it to position Smart Can on the top of other applications. This is particularly useful when another application such as File Manager will interact with Smart Can.

## **Delete / Undelete**

Smart Can allows user select multiple files / directory for **Delete / Undelete**.

To select one file, simply click on the file name in the Smart Can window.

To select multiple files, use Control-Left Mouse Button, or Shift-Left Mouse Button. See [Multiple Selections](#).

To delete all files, select **Purge All**.

You can also select **Empty Trash Can** in the system menu to delete all files.

## **Multiple Selections**

To select multiple files from both Smart Can or Windows File Manager, you can use the following two methods:

**A.** Press the Control key and left mouse button at the same time to selectively high-light file names. Note you have to selection the first file by a mouse click.

**B.** Press the Shift key and left mouse button at the same time after the first file is selected. This will high-light the whole range between the first selection and the current selection.

By using these two techniques, multiple files / directory can be dropped to Smart Can.

See [Drag and Drop](#).

## Free Softwares

After you register, you will be entitled to different FREE softwares, most of which are not available in public domain.

(No shipping and handling fee, absolutely free!)

These may include:

1. *DDEL.EXE*

a quick and easy DOS directory and disk cleaning utility. accept all DOS directory name search conventions.

2. *LEAVE.EXE*

selectively deleting files

3. *RENDIR.EXE*

rename a directory.

4. *ASCII.EXE*

display ascii character table in HEX / Decimal / Symbol.

5. *MDEL.EXE*

like DOS DEL but allow multiple file names and wild cards, e.g.: mdel \*.tmp \*.bak \*.config.old

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6. *DOSWIN.EXE*

a Windows utility to execute dos commands in windows and remap the result to a windows program. Results can also be saved and printed.

7. *Free Upgrading*

you are entitled to an upgrade for free.

More ...

See [How to Register](#).

## **How to register**

To register please use the registration form. Fill out your Name, Address, etc. If the form is not available, please copy from [Registration Form](#), use the Copy in help's Edit menu.

Fee:

Personal use: \$8.00 (including [Free Softwares](#) and shipping and handling)

Business use: \$20.00 (including all of the above and a 20-user license)

Any donation in addition to that is greatly appreciated.

Please send your form and fee to:

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Thank you for your support to shareware.



## **Drag and Drop**

Drag and drop is an object-oriented feature for MS-Windows 3.1 or up. It provides a fast and easy way to manipulate an object. (here: a file or directory)

Smart Can 2.0 use this feature with File Manager or any file management utilities.

To drag a file from File Manager, simply click the mouse on the file name and drag it to the Smart Can icon and release the mouse.

To drag a directory, you must click on the directory's parent directory in order to make the directory name appear on the right side of the File Manager. Then you drag and drop in the same fashion as with a file. (see above)

For multiple files and directories, see [Multiple Selections](#).

## Registration Form for Smart Can 2.0

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## **Edit Copy Command**

This topic explains the Edit menu's Copy command.

