

SizeIt for Windows 3.0



What it is....

Ever use a program where on starting up, it gobbles up the whole screen space? Or it's not positioned where you want it? You spend the first few seconds moving, sizing and tweaking the window - and you do the same old thing everytime. The developers of the program do not even have the courtesy to make their program remember the position! Well wait no more...this program will put a stop to that, or should I say, will start to do that. It will size it and size it right!

Installation:

1. Copy SIZEIT.EXE and SIZEIT2.DLL to your Windows directory.
2. Open WIN.INI.
Search for the line that starts with "load="
Insert "SIZEIT.EXE" right after the "="
3. Start Windows.

Using SizeIt:

You can use SizeIt either as an icon or when it's window is open. The primary difference is that in the latter mode, you can see which applications are being monitored for positioning and sizing.

First start the application you want monitored. Position and size it to your preference. Then use the SizeIt CAPTURE command (from either the icon or window mode.) The cursor will turn to a thin cross-hair. Move the cursor over the main application window to be monitored. The title bar of the target window will be high-lighted when the cross-hair is over a valid window. Click the left mouse button. That's all. To test it, close your target application and open it up. Voila, if you chose the window correctly, it should work.

If you open the SizeIt window (double-click on the icon), then the program displays a list of all the applications being monitored for that session. If you'd like the list saved, so that you can monitor those applications next time you start Windows, then select SAVE from the FILE menu.

Other stuff...

1. On choosing SAVE, SizeIt creates a file named SIZEIT.INI in your Windows directory. Take a look at this file - it has a relatively simple format. After each of the application names, you have four numbers. These are the left position, top position, width and the height respectively.

One of the deficiencies of this release of Sizelt, is that it will not let you interactively remove applications from the list. To do that, you'll have to edit the SIZEIT.INI file yourself. Before you save your changes, be sure that the "count=" line reflects the correct number of applications, the "app" lines are numbered sequentially and the window coordinates are valid.

2. The names displayed for the applications being monitored are not really the application name, but the window-class name. If you had to re-read the last sentence, don't worry. Just a reminder, sometimes the name displayed might not be exactly what you expected.

3. Sizelt scans the list in reverse order of the way displayed and saved. That means, if you have more than one entry for the same application, Sizelt will take the more recent one.

4. When the cursor is a cross-hair (waiting for you to select a target window), you can cancel the operation by clicking on the right mouse button.

Sizelt is Freeware, and that means....

1. It's not shareware. I don't have to stay up nights thinking about what I'm going to do with all the money that is supposed to roll in. It never does, anyway.
2. You can use the program with no guilt. Copy it, zip it, arc it, delete it or reverse engineer it - whatever you do, do it with my blessing.
3. If something goes wrong, you may not sue my pants off (or for that matter, any other item of my wardrobe). I will not be responsible for any horror this program might cause. It left my COM2 port clean, well intentioned and with the purest of hearts.

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