

Telix for Windows v1.10a (shareware release)

Welcome to Telix for Windows 1.10a. This file contains last minute documentation changes and corrections.

WHATSNEW.WRI contains a list of changes and bug fixes that have been made to the last few revisions of Telix for Windows, and is an addendum to the printed documentation. It is **strongly advised** that you **read WHATSNEW.WRI** as many of **your questions will be answered** within.

Installing the Shareware Version of Telix for Windows

Telix for Windows has a complete installation program included with it. To install Telix for Windows, use PKUNZIP.EXE to unzip the contents DISK-1.ZIP and DISK-2.ZIP to an empty, temporary hard disk directory. This should not be the directory that you intend to install Telix for Windows into. From Windows' Program Manager, select the menu command "File | Run", and execute the program "SETUP.EXE" from the temporary directory. You may also double-click SETUP.EXE from the File Manager instead. Follow the instructions within the Setup program to complete the installation.

Full documentation for Telix for Windows' shareware version is available within the online help.

A Few Words About Shareware

We believe in the shareware concept, as it has been expressed in the opening screens of Telix since its first release. Shareware must either be paid for or deleted after a reasonable evaluation period. In the past, Telix would continue to operate indefinitely without payment of a license fee; Telix for Windows, however, is a departure from our history of unrestricted shareware.

This copy of Telix for Windows will operate on 45 different days. This is not a "consecutive days" restriction where the infrequent user is penalized -- all users get 45 different days of use to evaluate the software in order to make their purchasing decision. If the entire 45 days lapses without a registration, Telix for Windows will simply cease to work. Re- installation of a fresh copy will not result in a new 45 days of usage.

We believe that this "registration sentry" protects our paying customers' investments in the program, and we sincerely hope you will join the ranks of our satisfied customers that the sentry protects, should you find Telix for Windows to be the software for you.

Modification of .INI and other Windows files

This installation will write all of the Telix for Windows files to the Telix for Windows installation directory, with the exception of some data written to the Windows directory, in files set aside and recommended by Microsoft for storing application-interactive data. TFW will not modify the standard Windows .INI files like WINDOWS.INI or SYSTEM.INI, nor will it place any files in the WINDOWS or SYSTEM directories. If you install Telix for Windows and decide you do not like it, a complete removal of all files in the TFW directory will completely uninstall the program, except for the data stored in Microsoft's files regarding application interaction, which is normal for all Windows applications.

Limitations: Differences between the Retail and Shareware Versions

With only one exception, the differences between the retail and shareware versions are cosmetic

only. The FlashKey toolbar may not be turned off, and the first FlashKey may not be reconfigured to remove the "Register Telix" button. The title bar of the program will say "unregistered". The opening and closing screens are the only other differences.

GIF viewing and the Unisys Patent

The one exception is the ability to view .GIF files, a feature which had to be removed from the shareware version due to the legal requirements of Unisys Corporation, which claims a patent on a compression algorithm that is used by GIF. Because a royalty must be paid to Unisys for all licensing of programs that view .GIF files, and because of requirements for lengthy legalese and added screens that would have been required in order to distribute a shareware .GIF viewer, the feature is available only in the registered versions of Telix for Windows.

Because of the firestorm of controversy that surrounded **Unisys' "submarine patent"**, we have thrown our support behind a new and better standard called PiNG, or Portable Network Graphics. The ability to view GIF files will be removed from Telix for Windows as soon as the PiNG standard takes a stronger foothold. Many graphics industry luminaries have also added their support and input to the PiNG specification. A free patch file will be available soon that will enable TFW to view PiNG files in addition to .GIF files.

Support Notes

Our CompuServe forum section as noted in the documentation has been assigned as section six of the PCVENK forum, hosted by Don Watkins. The "go telix" command will place you into the PCVENK forum but you must still join the section independently.

Our BBS, deltaComm Online, has incoming telnet and anonymous ftp available, both at delta.com (204.32.41.2)

Documentation corrections

Page numbers below apply to the printed manual that ships with the registered version only.

On page 107, in the last paragraph, the statement about the NUM-LOCK key is incorrect. The strings are solely based on the mode of the terminal, cursor mode or keypad mode, as defined by transmitted escape sequences.

In using FlashKeys, using a pound symbol: # as the first key of a macro will spawn and run the named program. For example, a FlashKey definition of #D:\DOS\EDIT" would spawn DOS and load DOS 5.x or higher's editor, if it were in that directory. To send a pound symbol as the literal first character, use two pounds: ##.

Telix for Windows now includes TrueType fonts as well as vector fonts. You must install the supplied font files, DECFONT_.TTF and TLXFONT_.TTF, into the Windows Control Panel manually -- the installation program will not do this for you. These fonts cannot display chars 0-31 due to limitations of the TrueType system.

The Rip Directory as documented on page 92 is incorrect. The RIP directory should point directly to the directory that contains the .ICN files, and not to the directory the contains the \ICONS directory.

In order for the Script Recorder to automatically begin recording a script that does not exist, though a linked script in a dialing directory entry, you must have "Recompile Scripts" checked in the General Options screen.

SALT variables `_user_str1`, `_user_str2`, `_user_str3`, `_user_int1`, `_user_int2`, and `_user_int3` are available but not documented. These strings of 127 characters, and integers are global to all of SALT and will retain their values throughout an entire Telix session. These may be useful for passing strings back and forth between scripts, even scripts that do not call one another.

Connect strings are **not** case sensitive as documented on page 82. "CARRIER" and "carrier" are equivalent, and either will work.

A feature not documented for the Configuration of a Terminal Device is the Colors button, which allows you to change the default foreground and background colors of a terminal. It is not recommended that you change the background color for ANSI-based terminals, as color screens often make assumptions about the background color being black. You may not select a blinking background in this dialog.

If your QuickTool toolbar does not have text on the buttons, "fly-by help" will pop up detailing the button's function after 1 second of non-motion on a specific button.

Driver Concerns

The HP LaserJet driver that shipped with MS Windows 3.10 is not the latest version, and contains errors that may make it impossible to print to certain HP printers. A replacement driver is available from the Microsoft Download Service at 1-206-936-6735. The driver that should be replaced is:

HPPCL5A.DRV 428672 bytes

The correct and working driver is HPPCL5.EXE from the Microsoft Download Service.

Many video drivers as shipped with video cards are not the latest versions, and may contain bugs that can interfere with RIPscrip screens. When you encounter RIP errors, you should first make sure that your video drivers are the most recent release. Most video drivers are available on CompuServe or from the Microsoft Download Service.

The PC Speaker driver that allows Telix for Windows and other applications to play WAV files through the PC Speaker is not very reliable. If you notice lost characters or malfunctioning linked scripts when using this driver, try turning sounds or the driver off.