# Slash/X
## Version 1.00
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## Introduction:

Welcome to Slash99, a file manager. This is what I think Microsoft was talking about when they were touting the new "integrated" explorer that was supposed to be included with Windows98. What happened to theirs? :).

Basically this is an explorer on steroids. Click on a file, and if Slash recognizes the filetype it will automatically open it in the bottom pane. It's that simple. You can now throw away: Winzip, Paint Shop Pro, Office97, etc. :). Just kidding, I would probably hold on to them, as this will never reach the full potential of all those apps - and it's still beta.

## Slash 1.00 is freeware:

It will never disable, and no features are crippled. Sorry I don't have more documentation yet, the next version will have a lot more. I spent 99% of my time on the program this time round. I think it is fairly easy to figure out though, and there really isn't any damage you can do by just playing around with it.

One exception!: The delete button will delete files (only – directories next version) without any confirmation at all. It doesn't go to the recycle bin and there is no way to undo it unless you have a separate disk utility to unerase it. I think you will be impressed at how much faster files get deleted this way though. Pressing the delete key will use Windows95 to delete the file as it normally does.

Future versions, however, will either be ad-supported or shareware. A **LOT** of work has gone into Slash, and I can't work on it forever for free. Version 1.00 will always be available as freeware; so if you can't stand ads, and don't want to register Slash, you can still use this version.

## Supported FileTypes:

Text Files (no larger than 64k this version)

Graphics (jpeg, bitmap, gifs next version)
Zip files
Rich Text Format
AVI's (Uncompressed this version)
HTML (MSIE 3+ Required)

## Delphi Components I Used:

- Plasmatech Shell Control Pack
  *The explorer windows. Quickest and easiest way to add file windows to your application.*
  http://www.plasmatech.com
- Delphi Zip v1.10
- TPreviewHTML
- PixelGraphicLibrary
  *Graphic support. Add powerful graphic capibilities to your program quickly (and cheaply).*
  http://www.beyersdorf.com
- RX Library 2.50
  *Powerful tools and control addons. A must have for any Delphi programmer.*
- Toolbar97
  *The Office97 style toolbars used in program. Work very nicely, and don't require an update to any Windows DLL files (as the Delphi 4 version does)*
  http://www.connect.net/jordanr/

## Known Problems:

\* Menus and file properties scarce.

## Wish List:

- Plugin and skin support
- More performance gains.
- More editing abilities.
- Even more supported file types. Office95,97,2000+ would be nice.

## Revision History:

1.00: First Non-Beta, and first version released to the public.
- Single toolbar mode done. Save screen space. You can tell which file pane is being controlled by the toolbar by the blue bar to the left.
- Hid any buttons that don't work in this version. Next version my friends.
- Minimize to taskbar available.
- Much more. Sorry forgot to catalog all the changes.

.99b : Last Beta version

- Delete files button now deletes read only files
- Working options
- Most bugs ironed out

.55b :
* Slide show in graphics tab. Click a supported image type and then click the slide show button. Enter time in seconds and press ok. Kind of neat having a slide show running explorer while you are working on other things.
* MP3 support. Sort of a mini MP3 Player if you will.
* Calculator
* Fixed various bugs, performance enhancements

.50 : My buddies got lucky and got to peruse this. They were so happy they didn't use it. First version I started sending out.