To suspend WinShade when it starts up, check this box.

To remove the WinShade tray icon after startup, select this box.

Run the WinShade executable a second time to access configuration options.

To set the timeout (in seconds) for the tray icon, enter a number here.

To display a warning before WinShade closes, check this box.

To automatically unroll all rolled up windows when WinShade closes, check this box.

If you run Norton Navigator, check this box to ensure compatability.

To change the sounds associated with WinShade, press this button.

To remove the sounds associated with WinShade, press this button.

To configure either single click or double click actions, choose the action from this combo box.

To assign a command to the current action, choose the command from this combo box.

To require the use of the SHIFT key in addition to the current action to execute the chosen command, check this box.

To add the chosen command to the system menu, check this box.

To ensure that single click actions do not occur right before double click actions, check this box.

To assign a hot key to rollup and unroll main application windows, enter the desired key combination in this box. Press backspace to remove the hot key.

To assign a hot key to rollup and unroll child windows, enter the desired key combination in this box.   Press backspace to remove the hot key.

If you run MS Office 4.x, check this box to ensure compatability.

No Help topic is associated with this item.

Overview

WinShade is a Windows 95/NT desktop utility that makes it easy to switch between programs.   WinShade allows you to assign various commands to mouse clicks that occur on a window's title bar.   In addition to minimize and maximize commands, WinShade offers two special commands.   The rollup/unroll command allows you to reduce a window to its smallest vertical dimension.   In most cases the window will "roll up" into its title bar, leaving only a thin horizontal window on the desktop.   After working in another application, you can click back on the rolled-up window's title bar and the window will expand to its previous dimensions.   WinShade also provides a "Send to bottom" feature that allows you to send that window to the bottom of the window stack.   This feature is easier and quicker than the standard Alt+Tab.   WinShade works with almost all windows, including dialog boxes, child windows, and maximized windows.   Customizable options include the ablity to remove the tray icon, change the way various commands are activated, and assign sounds and hot keys.   WinShade comes with a complete help system and can easily be installed or removed.

Version 2.0

WinShade has been completely redone.   WinShade now allows for customization of single and double clicks for both left and right buttons.   In addition to the rollup/unroll command, WinShade now allows maximize and minimize to be assigned, as well as a new send to bottom command.   In addition, a Remove Sounds button was added to ease sound configuration, and compatability was extended to include MS Office 4.x.   Finally, a complete help system and an install/uninstall program have been added.

Version 1.85

New features include the option to have WinShade remove its tray icon after startup. Also, I added the option to enable SHIFT + mouse click as opposed to just mouse click. Finally, sound settings are now accessible from the configuration dialog.

Version 1.8

Sound problems with the system menu have been corrected.   WinShade also now unrolls a rolled up window if it is clicked on when inactive.   The assumption is that if you switch to a rolled up window, you probably want to see what is in that window.   Finally, the sound settings were moved from the configuration dialog to the Control Panel Sound applet.

Version 1.7

Some problems with MS Word and MS Excel have been corrected.   I think half my time goes into customizing WinShade to work with these two programs.   They use legacy code that does not conform to current standards. Anyway, I think everything works now.

Version 1.6

Many new features have been added, including new icons, a new About box, hot key support, system menu support, Norton Navigator support, exit warning and restoring of windows, and better error checking.   Some bugs have been fixed, including a login/logout problem and some minimize and maximize problems.

Version 1.5.0

The dll has been updated for compatability with Microsoft Office.

Version 1.4.0

WinShade is now a tray icon.   In addition, WinShade now sports a configuration dialog box to change options and save them to the registry.   I have also fixed some bugs relating to maximizing rolled-up windows.

Version 1.2.0

WinShade has a new interface: It is a fading window.   Also new is the ability to hide the WinShade window by invoking the /hide parameter in the command line.   Finally, I added sounds to WinShade's actions.

Version 1.0.1

WinShade is now compatible with maximized windows.

Version 1.0

Initial version.

Registration information

WinShade is marketed as **SHAREWARE**.   This means that you are free to evaluate WinShade for a period of one week before you are required to register the program.

To register WinShade, print out the <u>Registration form</u> and send US $10 (check, money order, or cash) to:

Mark Rentz
237 Edinborough Drive
Findlay, OH   45840

Upon receiving your registration, I will add you to an email mailing list to receive notification when new versions of WinShade become available.   See <u>Registration benefits</u> for more information.

Registration benefits

Although WinShade is in no way disabled, registration of WinShade will provide you with a number of benefits. First, you will feel good about supporting the effort of shareware authors. Second, you will receive notification of future WinShade updates. Third, your comments and suggestions will receive top priority. Fourth, you will be eligible to beta test future versions of WinShade, as well as other future shareware offerings. Finally, you can optionally be placed on a mailing list to receive notice about other programs that I am currently developing.

To register WinShade, please see <u>Registration information</u> .

WinShade Registration Form

Send this form along with US $10 to:

    Mark Rentz
    237 Edinborough Drive
    Findlay, OH   45840

Name:_____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Where did you find WinShade: _____

Do you want to be added to the new products mailing list?

              YES   NO

Thank you for supporting shareware, and in particular WinShade.   I will send you a confirmation email when I receive your registration.   Thanks again.

Suspending on startup

If you want WinShade to suspend itself when it starts up, choose **Configure WinShade**.   On the **General** tab, check the box labeled **Suspend on startup**.

Removing the tray icon

If you do not need the WinShade tray icon, you can elect to remove it. To hide the tray icon, right click the tray icon and choose **Configure WinShade**.   On the **General** tab, check the box labeled **Remove tray icon**.   Decide how many seconds you want the tray icon to appear before it is removed, and enter this number in the corresponding box.

Note: To get the tray icon back and access the configuration options, simply run the WinShade executable again (WinShade.exe).

Exit warning

If you want WinShade to confirm before it closes, choose **Configure WinShade**.   On the **General** tab, check the box labeled **Confirmation dialog on exit**.   The next time WinShade is shut down it will warn you with a dialog box.

Restore windows on exit

If you want WinShade to automatically restore rolled up windows before it closes, right click the tray icon and choose **Configure WinShade**.   On the **General** tab, check the box labeled **Restore windows on exit**.   If this box is checked, all rolled up windows will be unrolled when WinShade closes.

Compatability with Norton Navigator

If you run Norton Navigator you need to let WinShade know.   Choose **Configure WinShade**, and on the **General** tab check the box labeled **Check here if you use Norton Navigator**.

Compatability with MS Office 4.x

If you run MS Office 4.x   you need to let WinShade know.   Choose **Configure WinShade**, and on the **General** tab check the box labeled **Check here if you use MS Office 4.x**.

Changing the sounds

If you want to change the sounds associated with WinShade, choose **Configure WinShade**.   On the **General** tab click the button labeled **Edit Sounds...**.   The **Control Panel** applet **Sounds** will appear.   Scroll until you see **WinShade**, and use the provided controls to set the **Rollup** and **Unroll** sounds. See Removing the Sounds if you want to remove the sound associations.

Removing the sounds

If you want to remove the sounds associated with WinShade, choose **Configure WinShade**.   On the **General** tab click the button labeled **Remove Sounds**.   The sounds previously associated with WinShade will be disabled.   See Changing the Sounds if you want to add new sound associations.

Files included

The following files are included in this release of WinShade:

        inst32i.ex
        _isdel.exe
        _setup.dll
        _setup.lib
        data.z
        readme.txt
        setup.exe
        Setup.ins
        setup.pkg
        uninst.exe

Once installed, the following files should appear:

        ./program/Rollup.wav
        ./program/Send.wav
        ./program/Unroll.wav
        ./program/WinShade.exe
        ./program/WinShade.GID
        ./program/WinShade.hlp
        ./program/WinShade.cnt
        ./DelsL1.isu
        ./readme.txt

If any of the above files are missing, you should download a new copy of WinShade.

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Please include "WinShade" and the version number as the subject.   I will respond to your email as soon as I can.   I welcome any comments and/or suggestions.

Also, you can get the latest WinShade information at the following URL:

       http://www.bluecarpet.com/

WinShade and other Windows enhancement software is available at this site.   Thank you for giving WinShade a try.

       -Mark Rentz

Uninstalling WinShade

Uninstalling WinShade is easy.   Go to the Control Panel, and choose Add/Remove Programs.   Browse through the list box until you see WinShade.   Highlight WinShade, and press the Add/Remove button.   WinShade will be completely removed from your system.   This includes all registry entries, files, and folders.

Setting the parent hot key

If you want to be able to rollup and unroll main application windows using a hot key, right click the tray icon and choose **Configure WinShade**. On the **Hot Keys** tab, select the box labeled **Parent hot key:** and press the key combination you want to use to rollup/unroll windows. If you want to remove the key combination press the **Backspace** key.

Setting the child hot key

If you want to be able to rollup and unroll child windows using a hot key, right click the tray icon and choose **Configure WinShade**.   On the **Hot Keys** tab, select the box labeled **Child hot key:** and press the key combination you want to use to rollup/unroll windows.   If you want to remove the key combination press the **Backspace** key.

Rolling up/Unrolling a window

There are a number of ways to rollup/unroll a window, depending upon the options selected on the button tabs of the configuration dialog.   Unrolling a window is the opposite of rolling up a window: The result depends upon the current state of the window.   A few of the possibility are listed below:

1.   Single click the title bar.
2.   Double click the title bar.
3.   Press the SHIFT button and click the title bar.
4.   Choose the **Rollup/Unroll** command from the sytem menu.

Sending a window to the bottom

There are a number of ways to send a window to the bottom, depending upon the options selected on the button tabs of the configuration dialog.   A few of the possibility are listed below:

1. Single click the title bar.
2. Double click the title bar.
3. Press the SHIFT button and click the title bar.
4. Choose the **Send to Bottom** command from the sytem menu.

Activating/Suspending WinShade

To activate WinShade, press the right mouse button on the WinShade tray icon and choose **Activate WinShade**. To suspend WinShade, press the right mouse button on the WinShade tray icon and choose **Suspend WinShade**. When active, the tray icon looks like , and when suspended, the tray icon looks like .

Suspend when starting
To suspend WinShade when it starts up, check this box.

Remove tray icon after *x* seconds
To remove the WinShade tray icon after startup, check this box.   Run the WinShade executable a second time to access configuration options.

To set the timeout (in seconds) for the tray icon, enter a number in the box.

Confirmation dialog on exit
To display a warning before WinShade closes, check this box.

Restore windows on exit
To automatically unroll all rolled up windows when WinShade closes, check this box.

Check here if you use Norton Navigator
If you run Norton Navigator, check this box to ensure compatability.

Check here if you use MS Office 4.x
If you run MS Office 4.x, check this box to ensure compatability.

Edit Sounds...
To change the sounds associated with WinShade, press this button.

Remove Sounds
To remove the sounds associated with WinShade, press this button.

Click action combo box
To configure either single click or double click actions, choose the action from this combo box.

Click command combo box
To assign a command to the current action, choose the command from this combo box.

SHIFT+click
To require the use of the SHIFT key in addition to the current action to execute the chosen command, check this box.

Add to system menu
To add the chosen command to the system menu, check this box.

Use double click delay
To ensure that single click actions do not occur right before double click actions, check this box.

Parent hot key
To assign a hot key to rollup and unroll main application windows, enter the desired key combination in this box. Press backspace to remove the hot key.

Child hot key
To assign a hot key to rollup and unroll child windows, enter the desired key combination in this box.   Press backspace to remove the hot key.

Incompatible programs

AOL 2.5:   AOL 2.5 conflicts with WinShade.   However, AOL 3.0 appears to work fine.

mIRC v4.52:   When a child window is made a parent window, the WinShade addition to the system menu does not remove itself.   The problem is being investigated.

MS Word 6.0 help system: The MS Word 6.0 help system conflicts with WinShade.

OpenGL screen savers: In some instances, OpenGL screen savers will cause GPFs when WinShade is active. The cause is not yet known.

Choosing single click and double click

For each button, different commands can be assigned to both single and double clicks.   To configure a click action, choose **Configure WinShade** from the tray icon popup menu.   Click on either button tab, and choose **Single Click** or **Double Click** from the top combo box.   The options in the top box apply to the current click action, and change to reflect your current choice.   The options in the bottom box apply only to the button, and not the specific click action.

Note: WinShade overrides the default Windows title bar operations.   However, all the standard functionality is available through WinShade.   See <u>Choosing click command</u>.

Choosing the click command

There are a number of commands you can assign to click actions.   Once you have chosen the <u>click action</u> you want to configure, you can assign a command to that action.   Choose the desired command from the second combo box.

Setting SHIFT + click

If you want the click action to function only when the SHIFT key is pressed, you need to first choose the the <u>click action</u> you want to configure.   Check the box labeled **SHIFT+click** to require the use of the SHIFT key for the selected action.

Adding the click command to the system menu

If you want to add a click command to the system menu, you must first assign the desired <u>click command</u> to a click action.   To add the command to the system menu, check the box labeled **Add to system menu**.   If the same command is applied to multiple actions, it will only appear on the system menu once.

Setting the double click delay option

If you choose to assign commands to both the single and double click actions of a single button, you should check the box labeled **Use Double click delay**.   If this box is left unhecked, the single click command will always be executed before the double click command.   If the box is checked, the single click command will pause for a brief second before executing, waiting for a potential double click to occur.