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To change the command assigned to the selected action, choose the command from this list box.

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

To view or change the hot key assigned to a given command, select the command from this list box.

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Overview

WinShade is a Windows 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 a few 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 ability 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 3.0

A bunch of new features, the most important of which is support for the middle mouse button. Also, the code has been rewritten to use less memory. Dialog boxes have been redesigned to make them easier to use. A new command called "Maximize Vertically" has been added. True to its name, this command will maximize a window in the vertical dimension, while leaving the horizontal size/position constant. Hot keys can now be assigned to each command (although hot key support is limited to top level windows). And finally, you can now restore rolled up windows even if you shut down WinShade and restart it!

Version 2.1

The most obvious addition to this version is that rolled up windows have a better, more balanced, look to them. Another new feature is the On Top/Not On Top command. By assigning this command to a click action you can keep any window you desire on top of all the others. In addition, you can now selectively turn WinShade on/off for each mouse button. A few bugs have also been fixed, including the hot key selection and assignment. Finally, the system menu option has been removed due to inconsistent behavior.

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 30 days before you are required to register the program. Once you register WinShade you will receive a unique license number that you can use to register your copy of WinShade. The cost to register WinShade is only \$10, and there are two ways to register:

- To register WinShade by mail (directly from the author), print out the [Registration form](#) and send US \$10 (check, money order, or cash) to:

Mark Rentz
PO Box 6311
Bellevue, WA 98008-0311
USA

Upon receiving your registration, I will email you to confirm your registration and provide you with your license number. In addition, I will add you to an electronic mailing list to receive notification when new versions of WinShade become available. See [Registration benefits](#) for more information.

- To register WinShade over the internet, visit the following web page <http://www.bluecarpet.com/winshade/register.html> and follow the directions on the page.

Registration benefits

Although WinShade is in no way disabled, it will expire 30 days after you first install it. Once you register WinShade it will never expire, and you will be able to use your existing license number on all future WinShade releases. Other benefits of registering WinShade include notification of all WinShade releases and updates, top priority for all your comments and suggestions, and the opportunity to beta test future WinShade releases.

To register WinShade, please see [Registration information](#) .

WinShade Registration Form

Send this form along with US \$10 to:

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Bellevue, WA 98008-0311
USA

Name (required): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email (required): _____

Where did you find WinShade: _____

Thank you for supporting shareware, and in particular WinShade.

I will send you a confirmation email with your license number 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**.

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_
- _isdcl.exe
- _setup.dll
- _setup.lib
- data.z
- readme.txt
- setup.bat
- setup.exe
- Setup.ins
- setup.pkg
- uninst.exe

Once installed, the following files should appear:

- ./DelsL1.isu
- ./readme.txt
- ./MaxV.wav
- ./NotTop.wav
- ./OnTop.wav
- ./Rollup.wav
- ./Send.wav
- ./Unroll.wav
- ./WinShade.cnt
- ./WinShade.exe
- ./WinShade.GID
- ./WinShade.hlp

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

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The easiest way to contact me is to send email to:

winshade@bluecarpet.com

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.

Assigning hot keys to commands

WinShade allows you to assign a different hot key to each of the predefined commands. To configure the hot keys, right click the tray icon and choose **Configure WinShade**. On the **Hot Keys** tab, select a command from the **Commands** list box. The **Hot Key** edit box will display the current hot key assigned to the selected command. To change the hot key for the selected command, click the **Hot Key** edit box and type the key combination you want. If you want to remove the key combination press the **Backspace** key.

Note: Hot keys assigned to commands only apply to top level windows. Hot keys cannot currently be assigned to perform commands on child windows.

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.

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.


Keeping a window on top

There are a number of ways to keep a window on top of all the other windows, depending upon the options selected on the button tabs of the configuration dialog. If a window is already always on top, you can remove the on top property by performing the assigned action a second time. A few of the possibilities 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.

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

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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 compatibility.

Edit Sounds...

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

Remove Sounds

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

Actions list box

To view or change the command assigned to any of the predefined actions, choose the action from this list box.

Commands list box

To assign a command to the action displayed in the **Actions** list box, choose the command from this list box.

Use double click delay

To ensure that commands assigned to single clicks do not occur right before commands assigned to double clicks, check this box.

Commands list box

To view or change the hot key assigned to a given command, select the command from this list box.

Hot Key edit box

To assign a hot key to the selected command, enter the desired key combination in this box. Press the backspace key to remove the hot key.

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Incompatible programs

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

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.

Assigning commands to actions

WinShade allows you to assign a different command to each of the predefined mouse actions. To configure the actions, choose **Configure WinShade** from the tray icon popup menu. Click on any of the button tabs, and choose an action from the **Actions** list box. The **Commands** list box will display the command assigned to the selected action. If you click a different action, the **Commands** list box will show the command assigned to that action. If you wish to change the command for the selected action, choose a different command from the **Commands** list box, or select “None” to disable the selected action.

Note: WinShade overrides the default Windows title bar operations. However, most of the standard functionality is available through WinShade. See [Command definitions](#).

Setting the double click delay option

If you assign commands to both single and double click actions of a given button, you should check the box labeled **Use Double click delay**. If this box is left unchecked, the command assigned to the single click will always be executed before the double click command. When this box is checked, the single click command will only execute after waiting to see if the double click command should be performed instead.

Command definitions

Here is a brief description for each of the commands available within WinShade.

None: Disables the associated action.

Rollup/Unroll: Shrink a window such that only the title bar remains on the screen. Click the shrunken title bar to restore the window to its previous dimensions.

Send to Bottom: Sends the window to the bottom of the window stack.

Maximize/Restore: Maximize a normal window, and restore a maximized window.

Minimize: Minimize a window.

On Top/Not on Top: Keep a window on top of all other windows. Click the title bar a second time to return the window to normal.

Maximize Vertically: Maximize a window in the vertical direction only, leaving its horizontal position and width the same.

Registering WinShade

Once you have registered WinShade (see [Registration information](#)) you will receive a unique license number for this copy of WinShade. Using the boxes below, enter your name in the **Licensee** box exactly as it appears in your registration confirmation email. Then enter your license number in the **License #** box exactly as it appears on your registration confirmation email. Once these two boxes have been filled in, WinShade will never expire. If you made a mistake while filling in the **Licensee** or **License #** boxes, a message box will pop up indicating that your mistake.

