

The Sparta File Management Shell For Windows 3.1

Brief Instruction Manual

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Launching

Close the Windows 3.1 File Manager if it's open.

Either setup Sparta in the Program Manager or run it from Program Manager's File-Run option.
SPARTA.EXE <path to the desktop directory(Must exist)>

Example: SPARTA.EXE C:\DESKTOP

Key Operations

Qwerty Keys	Quick Key selection of files. (Type the first letters of a file quickly and it will be selected a la Norton's NCD).
ENTER	Launches a file or opens a folder.

Selection And Drag Operations

Left Mouse Click	Selects a file.
Shift+Left Mouse Click	Selects a file without deselecting previously selected files.
Drag then Drop	Moves dragged files.
Drag then Ctrl+Drop	Copies dragged files.

Selected File Operations

Ctrl+R	Renames the selected file.
Ctrl+I	Displays information on the selected file.

Folder Operations

Ctrl+L	Displays a menu of open folders.
Ctrl+Alt+Left Mouse Click	Creates a directory in the clicked folder.
Alt+Right Mouse Click	Folder's status information.
Left Mouse Double Click	Launches a file or opens a folder.
Alt+Left Mouse Double Click	Allows detailed launch information.
Ctrl+W	Closes the selected folder.

Dustbin Operations

Right Mouse Double Click	Open the dustbin directory.
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Features Not Yet Accessible In ALPHA 1.0

- File Find (implemeneted 02-93)
- Associate executable with extension (implemented 02-93)
- Change Font (implemented 02-93)
- Format Disk (implemented 03-93)
- Filter Files In Directory View (implemented 02-93)
- Save Detailed Launch Information (Not yet implemented)
- Cursor Control In Directory Views (Not yet implemented)
- Quick Menu Launching(similar to Backmenu) (Not yet implemented)

- Small icon views (Network Edition only. Not yet implemented)
- Network Support (Network Edition only. Implemented but unstable)

Known Bugs In ALPHA 1.0

- The Move/Copy **Cancel** button is unresponsive and erratic.
- Create directory always reports an error if you try to create a directory called "New_dir".
- If you have too many devices or a small screen the desktop disks become cluttered.
- Updating of icon captions is a bit shaky.
- Files cannot be replaced when copy or move is performed
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- You'll have to help me with more!

Additional Information

Sparta uses Windows 3.1 specified extensions to locate a file's appropriate application.

You can add your own extension by editing the **[Extensions]** section of WIN.INI.

Example:

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[Extensions]  
cal=calendar.exe ^.cal
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Next release with all features implemented is scheduled for launch "real soon :-)".

Sparta Network Edition. Includes network file system and batch language support + more.

The Network Edition is not freeware and distributors are sought. Contact the author for more information.

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Fly me to the moon! (Sinatra)