



# Rude

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## Overview of Rude



Rude is a prank application. Loads of laughs and/or sorrows may be witnessed with Rude. Revenge is oh so sweet with Rude. Be careful though, it's your butt if Rude gets someone in trouble.

Rude is an application that can close, terminate, hide, show and task switch applications without a user having any knowledge that Rude is running (until it's too late of course). By setting a "Rude Factor," you tell Rude how to behave. Time intervals, randomization, and sound affects can be applied to your scheme of Rudeness.

Once again, if you screw something up with Rude, don't come cryin' to me.

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## Setting the Rude Factor

The Rude Factor is what you want Rude to do to the window(s) in question. You are given 5 choices representing 5 levels of Rudeness. The potentially most Rude option is at the top of the list. The next lower option is somewhat less Rude and so on and so forth.

If you have not saved your Rude Factor preference, the default is Hide and Show Windows.

**You are given these Rude Factors:**

Send WM\_DESTROY  
Send WM\_CLOSE  
Hide Windows  
Hide and Show Windows  
Task Switch

## Send WM\_DESTROY

This will terminate a Windows application. Using this setting as your Rude Factor is potentially very hazardous. Only use this option if the Windows application does not seem to respond to the Send WM\_CLOSE Rude Factor. Even then, use with caution, because Windows programs usually release their system resources and check for any need to save files during a WM\_CLOSE message. Always test on your machine first.

## Send WM\_CLOSE

This attempts to close a Windows application. The Windows application will behave just as if the user selected Close from the System/Control menu. This Rude Factor will not disable any prompt for saving files if the application does so at this point.

## Hide Windows

This setting will hide (remove from the display), a window. This is a disappearing windows act, if you will. The Task List (Ctrl+Esc) does not display hidden window titles. This has the potential of being hazardous, because if the user was working on data at the time Rude hides the window, the user may not be able to save the data.

## Hide and Show Windows

Hide and show windows allows Rude to toggle a window's visibility state. In other words, if the window is visible, Rude makes it invisible and vice versa.



## Task Switch

This Rude Factor is more irritating than anything. Rude merely makes another visible window active. If Rude switches to an MS-DOS application, the switching process is suspended. Data lost is least likely with this setting although it's still possible.

## Choosing Your Safety Precautions

Rude can shut down, or make useless the entire Windows session. Some common issues related to making Rude behave the way you want it to have been defined in the Safety Precautions dialog.

**You are given these predefined Safety Precautions:**

Do Not Affect Program Manager

Do Not Affect Rude

Exit Windows if Program Manager is Terminated

Show Program Manager if Rude Exits

Display All Windows if Rude Exits

## Do Not Affect Program Manager

If you don't want Rude to ever mess with Program Manager, enable this option. This precaution is enabled by default.

This setting is very useful, because if Program Manager gets hidden, there may be no way run any other applications.

## Do Not Affect Rude

If you don't want Rude to be rude to itself, enable this option. This precaution is enabled by default.

## Exit Windows if Program Manager is Terminated

To prevent a Windows session from being potentially hung, because Program Manager is hidden and therefore cannot be accessed, enable this setting. Doing so will close the Windows session just as if you selected Exit Windows from Program Manager's File menu. By default, this setting is enabled.

## Show Program Manager if Rude Exits

When you experiment with Rude and are ready to close it, from time to time you may forget that Program Manager is hidden. To make sure Program Manager is visible every time you exit Rude, enable this option. By default, this setting is enabled.

## Display All Windows if Rude Exits

If you want all the windows to be visible again when you exit Rude, enable this option. Because some applications use hidden windows internally, this may have an undesired affect. Therefore, this option is disabled by default.

## Assigning a Sound Effect

When Rude is "being rude" to an application (it performs your request), you may have it play a WAV audio file that's built into Rude's resources or you may choose one from your hard drive. By default, the internal (built in) sound is played.

You must have MultiMedia Windows Extensions and the proper WAV audio driver for your sound card installed. Windows 3.1 and has the Extensions built in, although you still need the later.

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## Browsing for WAV Files

When you select the **Custom** Sound Effect, you need to supply the filename of the WAV file you want to play. If you do not know the exact location of the file on your hard drive, you can use the WAV file browse dialog to assist you with finding the file.

To test the currently selected sound file, press the **Play** button. If your WAV audio driver is asynchronous, you may press the **Stop** button to stop any currently playing sound file.

## Configuring the Stealth Mode

You invoke Stealth Mode when you want Rude to act on its own; without your help. You can hide Rude for true "Stealth" operation.

**Stealth mode has 3 different settings:**

Starting Time Delay  
Delay Between Effect  
Hide Rude

**Note:** The only way to stop Stealth Mode if you enable Hide Rude and then activate Stealth Mode, is to use the Polite application (which stops Rude from being rude).

## Starting Time Delay

The starting time delay is the amount of seconds Rude will wait (be polite), before it starts being rude by applying the Rude Factor to one or more windows.

This value can range from 0 to 3600 seconds.

## Delay Between Effect

This delay is the amount of seconds Rude will wait (be polite), before it is applies the Rude Factor again.

This value can range from 0 to 3600 seconds.

## Hide Rude

If you want Rude to run in the background without being seen on the desktop, make sure this Stealth Mode setting is enabled. By default it is not. Remember, the only way to stop Stealth Mode is to use the Polite application (which terminates Rude).

## Activating/Deactivating Stealth Mode

This menu item changes to "Deactivate Stealth Mode" if it's previously "Activate Stealth Mode" and vice versa.

Choosing this menu command either activates or deactivates Stealth Mode, depending on what the text of this menu item says.

## Selecting Your Preferences

There are 3 miscellaneous Rude settings which affect the way Rude behaves:

Minimize Rude on Activate Stealth Mode  
Prevent Rude from Closing  
Show Time When Minimized

## Minimize Rude on Activate Stealth Mode

When you select Activate Stealth Mode from the Options menu, Rude will automatically minimize itself if this setting is enabled. By default this option is disabled.



## Prevent Rude from Closing

With this setting enabled, the only application that can close Rude is Polite. Not even Rude can close itself. By default, this setting is disabled.

## Show Time When Minimized

Enabling this setting will show the countdown in seconds on the Rude icon's title bar. By default, this setting is enabled.

## Resetting the Window List

To clear the window titles in Rude's display window with the current windows, choose this menu command.

## Displaying all Windows

This is a quick way to display all the windows currently used by applications. Some applications use invisible windows that were never intended for your viewing pleasure. So, don't be alarmed if they are not presentable, because they weren't supposed to be seen in the first place. But hey, you're using Rude so who cares?!

## Command Line Parameters

-I This option does not display the beginning warning message.

## Shareware Registration

Rude is fully functional Shareware which has not been crippled in any way. Rude is not free. However, you may use Rude for upto 14 days to decide if you wish to purchase Rude. As Shareware, there is no cost to you unless you decide to purchase Rude. If you except the terms of use discussed when Rude is invoked, and you wish to continue using Rude, then you need to register this program with P & J's Software.

To register Rude with P & J's Software, send 9.95 (U.S. dollars), your name, mailing address, Rude version and where you obtained Rude (i.e.- BBS, CompuServe, etc.) to the following address:

P & J's Software  
14150 NE 20th  
Box 277  
Bellevue, WA 98007

*Make checks payable to **P & J's Software**. Never send cash in the mail.*

When you register, you will receive a letter confirming your registration status with Rude.

Suggestions are welcome at the above address and also at CompuServe address [71303,2375]. Thank you for your support of Rude and the Shareware industry.

**Note:** For your convenience, the file REGISTER.TXT may also be used to register Rude. It requests the same information above, yet may be easier for you to fill out with Notepad. If the installation program for Rude has been used, REGISTER.TXT has already been setup for automatic use with Notepad within Rude's group in Program Manager.

## Distribution

You may freely distribute Rude as long as the following files accompany each archive:

1. glass wa\_
2. laser wa\_
3. lr dl\_
4. mscomstf dl\_
5. mscuistf dl\_
6. msdetect in\_
7. msdetstf dl\_
8. msinsstf dl\_
9. msshlstf dl\_
10. msuilstf dl\_
11. polite ex\_
12. register tx\_
13. rude ex\_
14. rude hl\_
15. rude ms\_
16. rude in\_
17. setup exe
18. setup lst
19. setupapi in\_
20. \_mstest ex\_

You do not have permission to modify the data within these files.





