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Introduction

This utility is designed to make changes to the Windows registry. It allows you to customise the Desktop, Start menu, and it will change several other settings for you. For a complete overview of all functions see the chapter [Functions](#).

In the past, the only way to change these settings has been to manually edit the registry, which is a time-consuming and - especially for novices - not recommended task.

Windows Tweaking Toolbox is a foolproof method to change these settings easily and quickly. It works for all versions of Windows 95 and Windows 98 and for all language versions.

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Windows Tweaking Toolbox Operating System Support

S = Shareware Version (Unregistered) R = Registered Version

*Note that IE4.x also applies to subsequent versions of IE.

Feature	Win 95	Win95 + IE 4.x *	Win 98
Registered user	S	S	S
Registered organisation	S	S	S
Windows installation files	R	R	R
Fix optimised File System settings	R	R	R
Enable Renaming of Recycle Bin	S	S	S
Show all Icons on the desktop	R	R	R
Show Network Neighborhood	S	S	S
Save settings on exit	S	S	S
Show/Hide Favorites Menu	-	R	R
Show/Hide Documents Menu	-	R	R
Show/Hide Find Menu	S	S	S
Show/Hide Run Menu	S	S	S
Show/Hide Log Off <user name>	-	R	R
Shut Down	S	S	S
IE title bar	S	S	S
OE title bar	-	S	S
OE data files	-	R	R
OE splash screen	-	S	S
Display Control Panel	S	S	S
Background tab	S	S	S
Screen Saver tab	S	S	S
Appearance tab	S	S	S
Settings tab	S	S	S
Users Control Panel	-	S	S
Password Control Panel	R	R	R
Change Passwords tab	R	R	R
File System button	S	S	S
Virtual Memory button	S	S	S
MS-DOS Prompt	R	R	R
Single-Mode MS-DOS	R	R	R
Windows Update	-	-	S
Task Monitor settings	-	-	R
Windows version	S	S	S

When having a machine configured with user profiles, these settings are **user specific**:

- The **Enable renaming of the Recycle Bin** on the **Desktop** tab
- All settings on the **Start menu** tab
- The **OE data files** and **OE splash screen** on the **IE and OE** tab
- All settings on the **Control Panel** tab
- Both settings on the **MS-DOS** tab

Although you will see the text “**Note: This requires a restart of Windows for the changes to take effect**” on several occasions, when you change a setting which requires a restart of Windows, you will get a warning when exiting the program, asking you to restart Windows.

Please note that if you close the program you will lose any changes you made if you did not press the **Apply** button, or did not use **Apply all tabs** from the **Apply/Undo** menu.

Functions

General Tab

- ◆ [Registered user](#)
- ◆ [Registered organisation](#)
- ◆ [Windows installation files](#)
- ◆ [Fix optimised File System settings](#)

Desktop Tab

- ◆ [Enable renaming of the Recycle Bin](#)
- ◆ [Show all icons on the desktop](#)
- ◆ [Show Network Neighborhood](#)
- ◆ [Save settings on exit](#)

Start menu Tab

- ◆ [Favorites \(IE 4.0+\)](#)
- ◆ [Documents \(IE 4.0+\)](#)
- ◆ [Find](#)
- ◆ [Run](#)
- ◆ [Log Off <username> \(IE 4.0+\)](#)
- ◆ [Shut Down](#)

IE and OE Tab

- ◆ [IE title bar](#)
- ◆ [OE title bar](#)
- ◆ [OE data files](#)
- ◆ [OE splash screen](#)

Control Panel Tab

Display Properties

- ◆ [Display Control Panel](#)
- ◆ [Background tab](#)
- ◆ [Screen Saver tab](#)
- ◆ [Appearance tab](#)
- ◆ [Settings tab](#)

Users Properties

- ◆ [Users Control Panel](#)

Passwords Properties

- ◆ [Password Control Panel](#)
- ◆ [Change Passwords tab](#)

System Properties

- ◆ [File System button](#)
- ◆ [Virtual Memory button](#)

MS-DOS Tab

- ◆ [MS-DOS Prompt](#)
- ◆ [Single-Mode MS-DOS](#)

Windows 98 Tab

- ◆ [Windows Update](#)
- ◆ [Task Monitor settings](#)

Windows version Tab

- ◆ [Windows version](#)

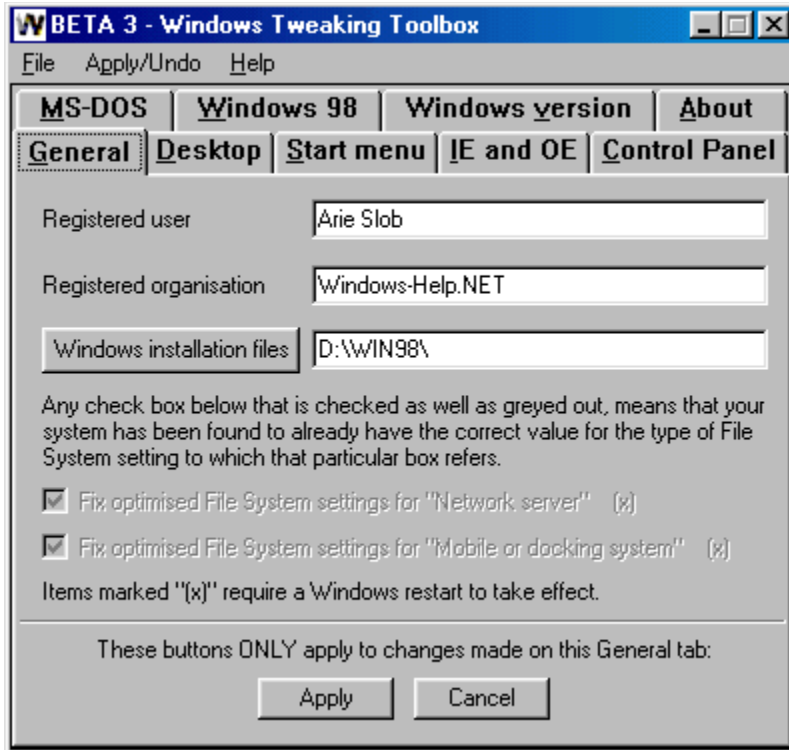
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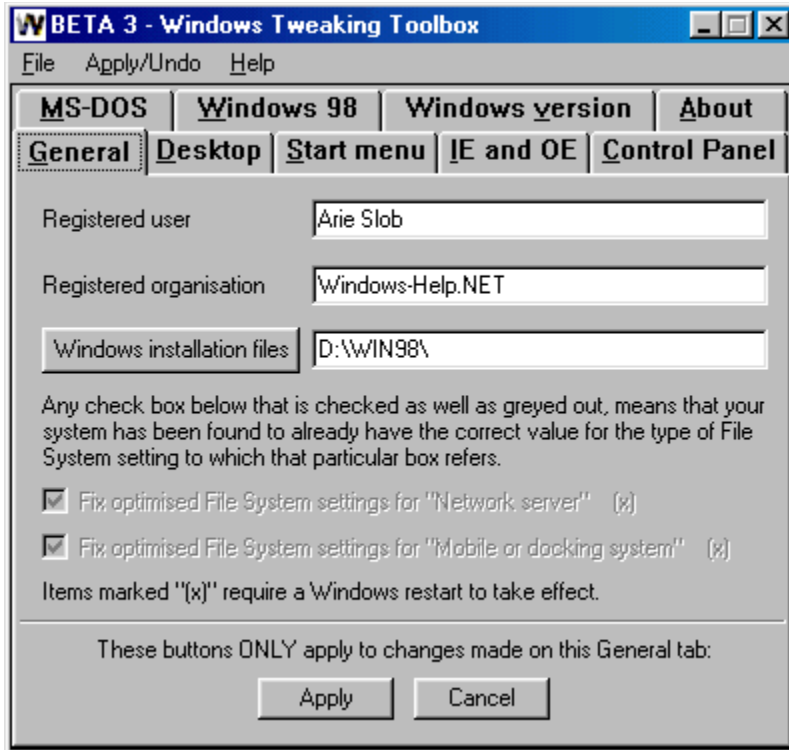
Registered user



Changes the value of the registry key that displays the username in most **Help - About** boxes (and on the **General** tab of **System Properties**) in Windows as:



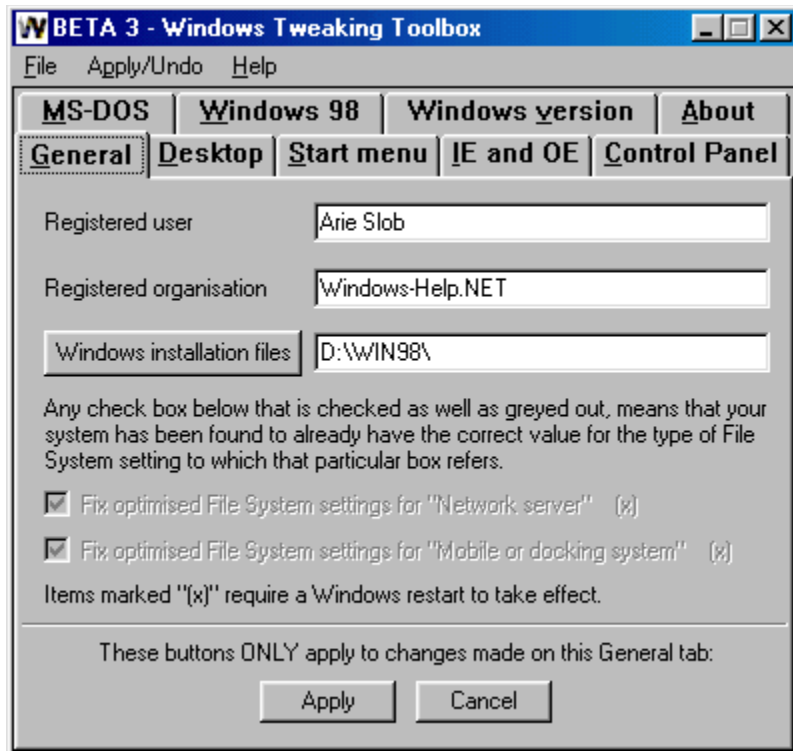
Registered organisation



Changes the value of the registry key that displays the organisation in most **Help - About** boxes (and on the **General** tab of **System Properties**) in Windows as:



Windows installation files



(registered version only)

Changes the value of the registry key that points Windows to its installation files.

If you added a hard drive **after** having installed Windows (from CD-ROM), chances are that the drive letter of your CD-ROM drive has changed. If Windows needs to install new files from the CD-ROM, you will have to (manually) point it to the right drive.

Now you can set the new value in your registry, and Windows will not bother you again!

You can also use this feature to point to a drive/path location on a hard drive. Just copy all the Windows installation files to a hard drive (e.g. D:\WININSTALL\) and change the Source Path to point to this directory.

To change the Source Path, just press the **Windows installation files** button, you will be presented with a **Browse for Folder** window, what you can use to select the folder where you copied your installation files.

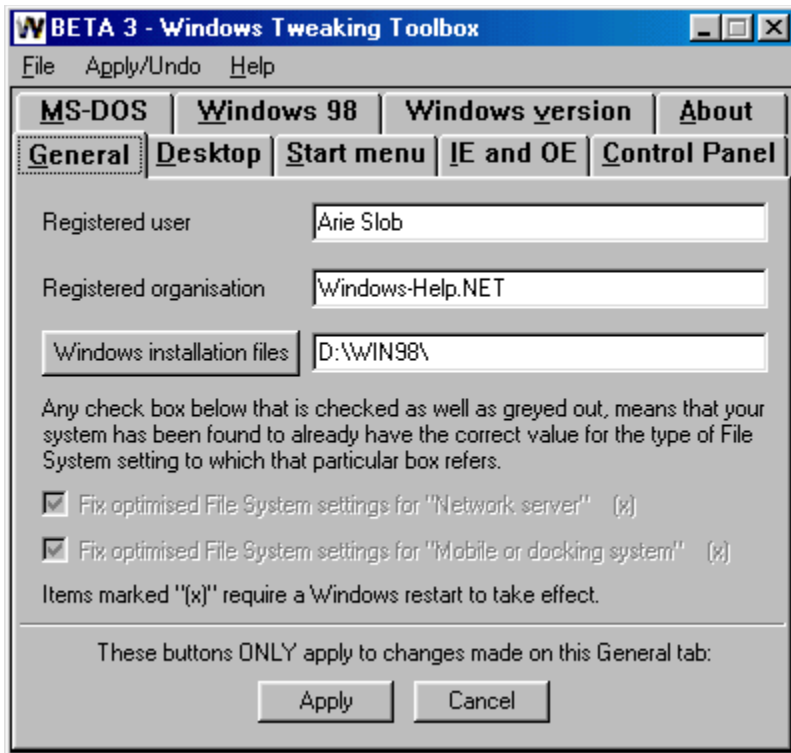
This has the benefit that installing from a hard drive works faster than from a CD-ROM drive. In addition, whenever you add or remove Windows components (using the Windows Setup tab of Add/Remove programs), Windows will automatically access the installation files from the hard drive without prompting you for the correct drive and without prompting you to insert the Windows CD-ROM.

Tip: It is best to copy the installation files to a different hard drive than the drive that holds your operating system. If, in any event, you have to reformat the drive that holds the OS, you will still have your installation files safely on a second drive. In addition, this will save you the trouble of installing drivers to

access the CD-ROM drive, since Windows does not need the CD-ROM drive during installation from hard drive.

Note: this item will be greyed out in the shareware version.

Fix optimised File System settings



(registered version only)

Fix for Incorrect Settings for File System Performance Profiles, applies to:

- Microsoft Windows 95
- Microsoft Windows 95 OEM Service Release version 1

Symptoms:

The performance of the file system on your computer is unchanged or degraded after you select **Network Server** or **Mobile Or Docking System** in the **Typical Role Of This Machine** box in the **File System Properties** dialog box.

Cause:

The **NameCache** and **PathCache** values are written to the registry incorrectly for the **Network Server** and **Mobile Or Docking System** profiles. The data for NameCache is written to the PathCache value, and the data for PathCache is written to the NameCache value.

From how the check box and the text are displayed, you can tell the state of the settings:

1. If the check box is checked and greyed out: the system has the correct value
2. If the check box is not checked, and the text is displayed normally, the system values are not correct

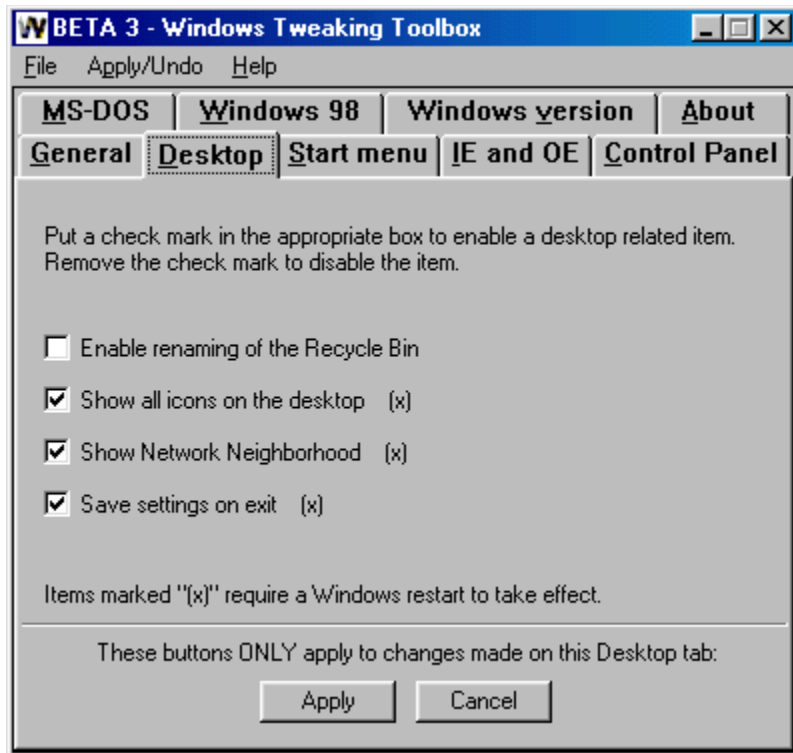
Once the values have been corrected, the check boxes will be greyed out permanently. Since **Fix optimised File**

System settings is a bug fix (and not an individual customised setting), the fixed settings cannot be undone.

Note: This requires a restart of Windows for the changes to take effect.

Note: this item will be greyed out in the shareware version.

Enable renaming of the Recycle Bin

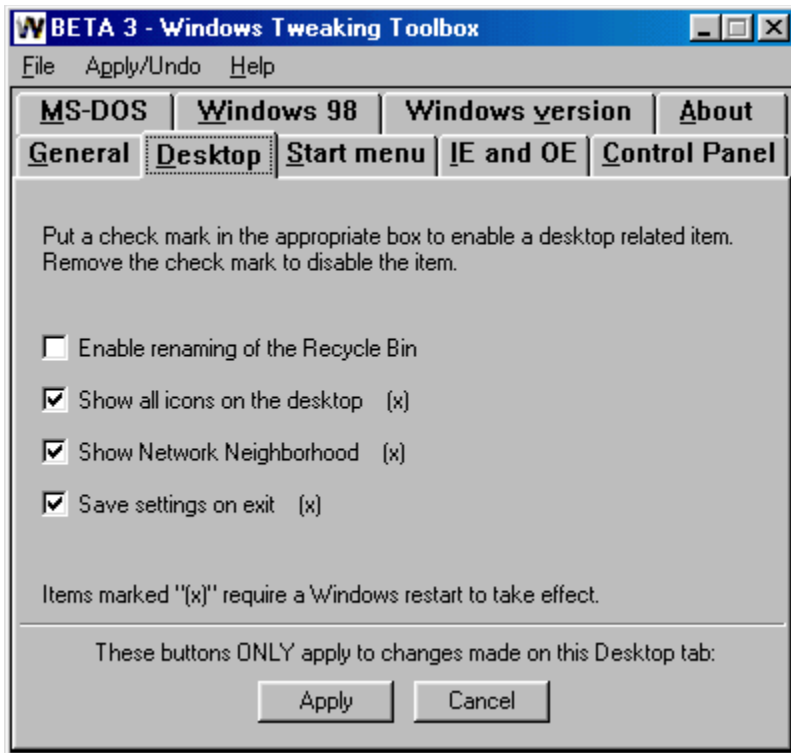


When checked, it will put a **Rename** entry on the right-click shortcut menu of the Recycle Bin.

Note: When using **Undo** from the menu (registered version only), it will **not** rename the **Recycle Bin** back to its previous state, it will just remove the **Rename** entry on the right-click shortcut menu of the Recycle Bin.



Show all icons on the desktop



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When unchecked, hides all the icons on the Desktop.

When checked, the icons will be restored to the Desktop.

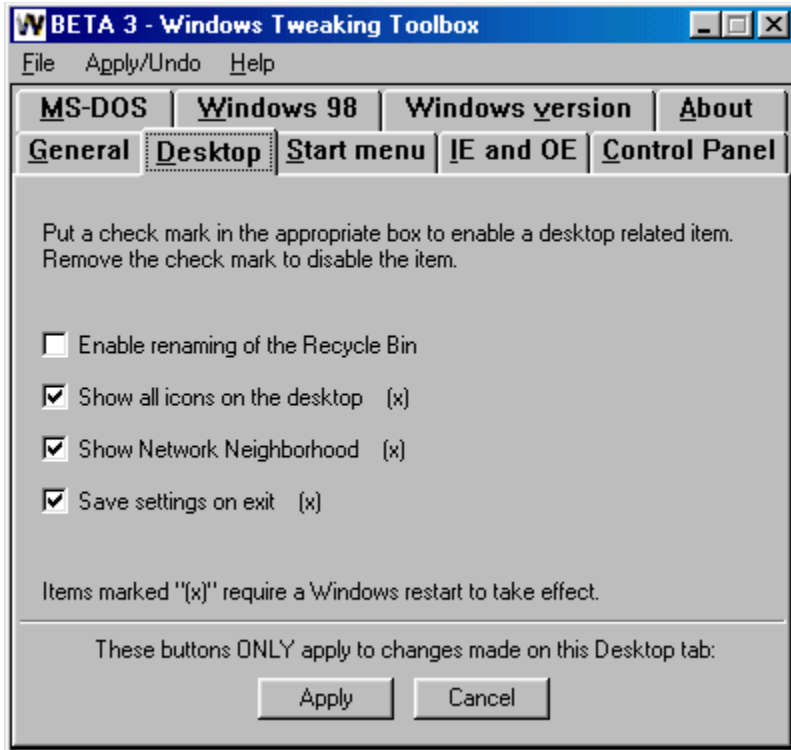
When you are using the Active Desktop (Win95 + IE4 (and higher) / Win98), this will also disable/enable the Active Desktop.

Note: This item takes precedence over the other items, e.g. if you select to show the **Network Neighborhood** on the desktop, but uncheck **Show all icons on the desktop**, no icon will be displayed.

Note: This requires a restart of Windows.

Note: this item will be greyed out in the shareware version.

Show Network Neighborhood



When unchecked it will remove the Network Neighborhood icon from the Desktop and prevent access to Network Neighborhood.

When checked, access will be restored (and the icon will re-appear on the Desktop) as soon as you have restarted Windows.

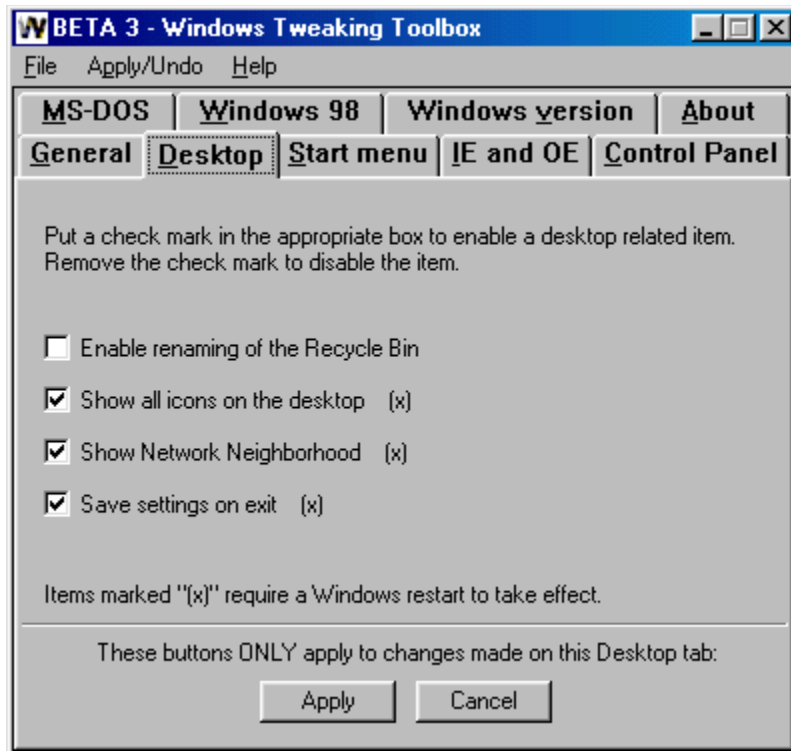
Consequences of hiding Network Neighborhood:

Since shell support for the Universal Naming Convention (UNC) notation is handled by the Network Neighborhood, hiding the Network Neighborhood icon will prevent Explorer from accessing resources via UNC's. In order to access network resources from Explorer, you need to map them to a drive letter. Note that the MS-DOS command prompt and other applications are not affected by this setting, because they do not use the Network Neighborhood to resolve UNC's.

In particular, hiding the Network Neighborhood prevents Direct Cable Connection from displaying the contents of the host computer. Apart from this, Direct Cable Connection functions normally.

Note: This requires a restart of Windows.

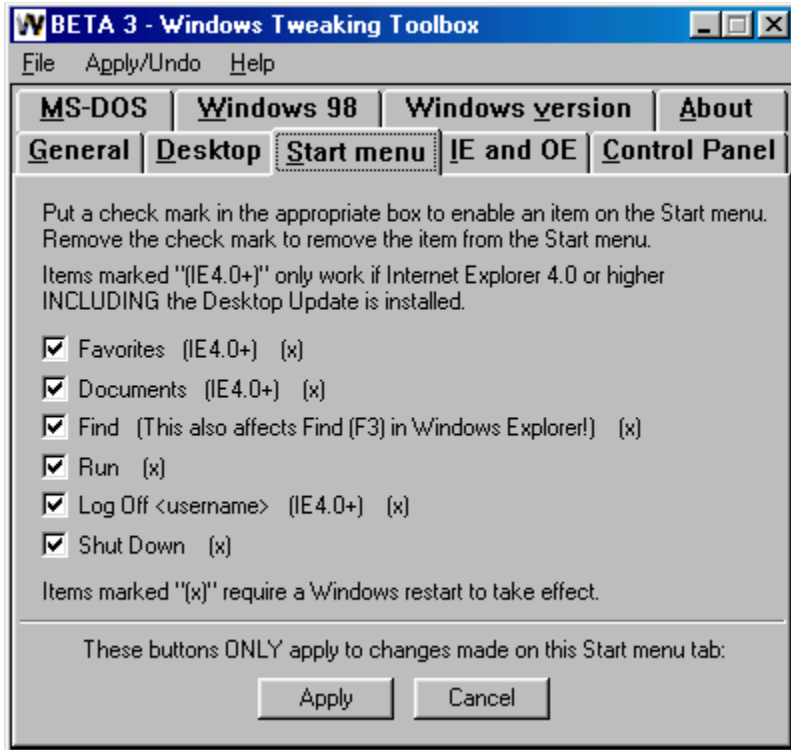
Save settings on exit



Removing the check mark from this item will prevent settings from being written to the file system. For example, the position of the Taskbar will not be saved, changes to the **view** setting in Windows Explorer will not be saved.

Note: This requires a restart of Windows.

Favorites (IE 4.0+)



(registered version only)

Removing the check mark from this item will remove the Favorites folder from the Start menu.

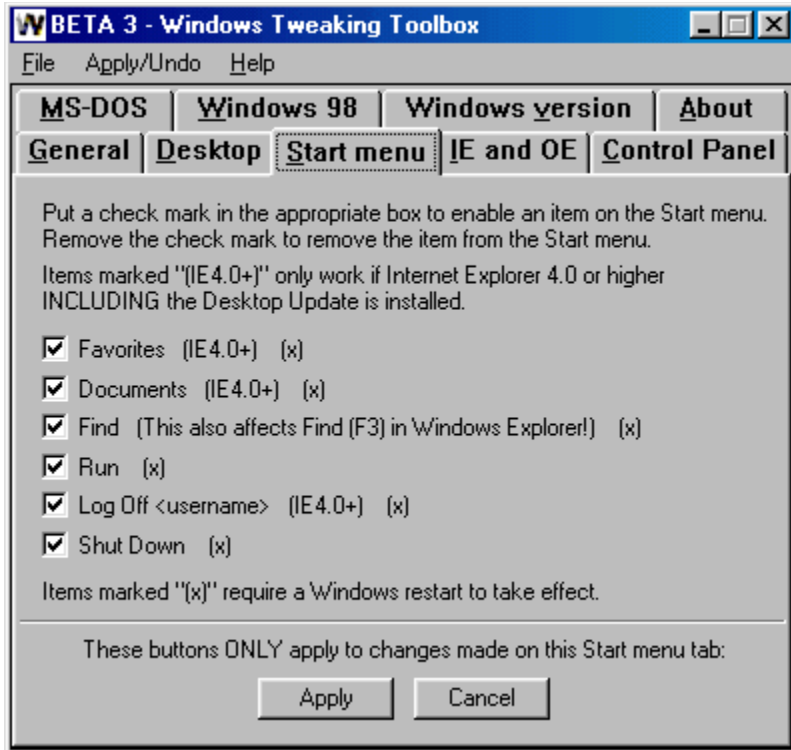
This only works with Internet Explorer 4.x or higher installed on the system.

When IE 5.x is installed on the system, it will also remove the Favorites from the IE5.x menu bar (the favorites button will still be on the toolbar).

Note: This requires a restart of Windows.

Note: this item will be greyed out in the shareware version.

Documents (IE 4.0+)



(registered version only)

Removing the check mark from this item will remove the Documents folder from the Start menu.

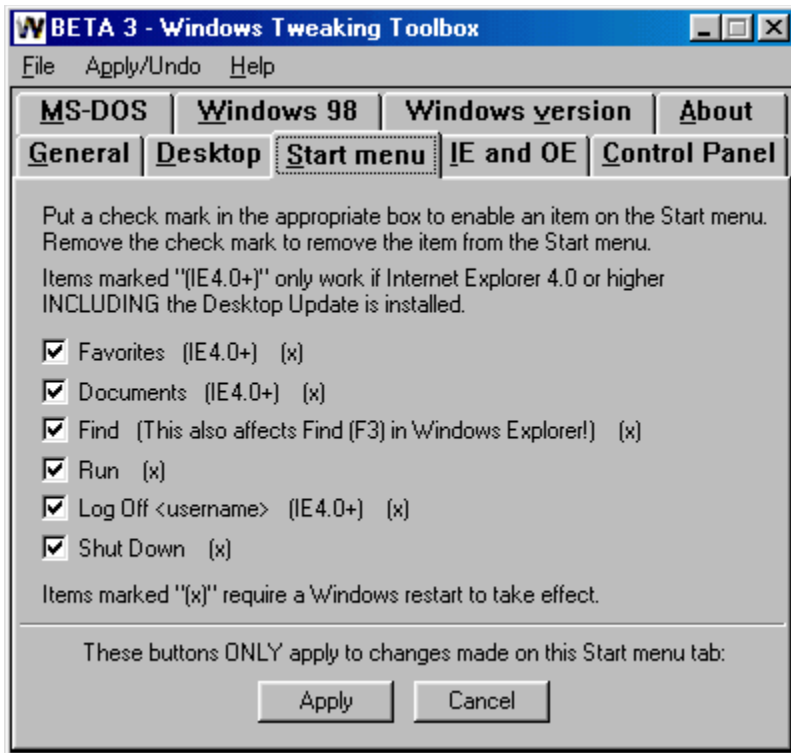
This only works with Internet Explorer 4.x or higher installed on the system.

Note: This requires a restart of Windows.

In Windows 98, if you want to remove the **My Documents** folder from the Desktop, right-click the **My Documents** folder, and from the context menu select **Remove from Desktop**. If you want to put this folder back on the Desktop, just right-click an empty space on the Desktop, and from the context menu select **New > My Documents Folder on Desktop**.

Note: this item will be greyed out in the shareware version.

Find

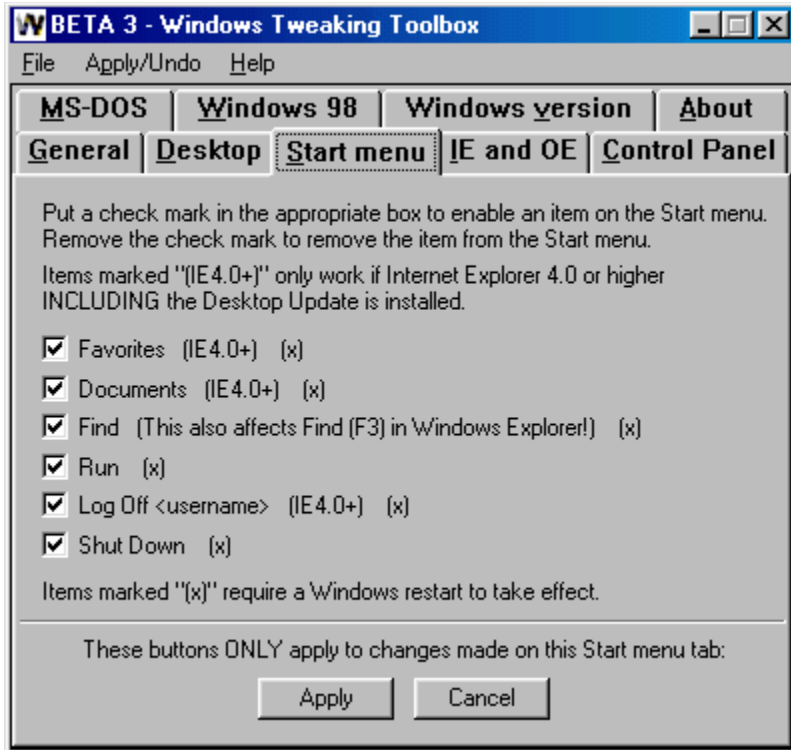


Removing the check mark from this item will remove the Find folder from the Start menu.

Removing the Find folder from the Start menu will also effect the **Find** function in **Windows Explorer**. Pressing **F3** normally brings up the **Find** window in Windows Explorer, but if you remove the Find folder from the Start menu, pressing **F3** in Windows Explorer will be disabled.

Note: This requires a restart of Windows.

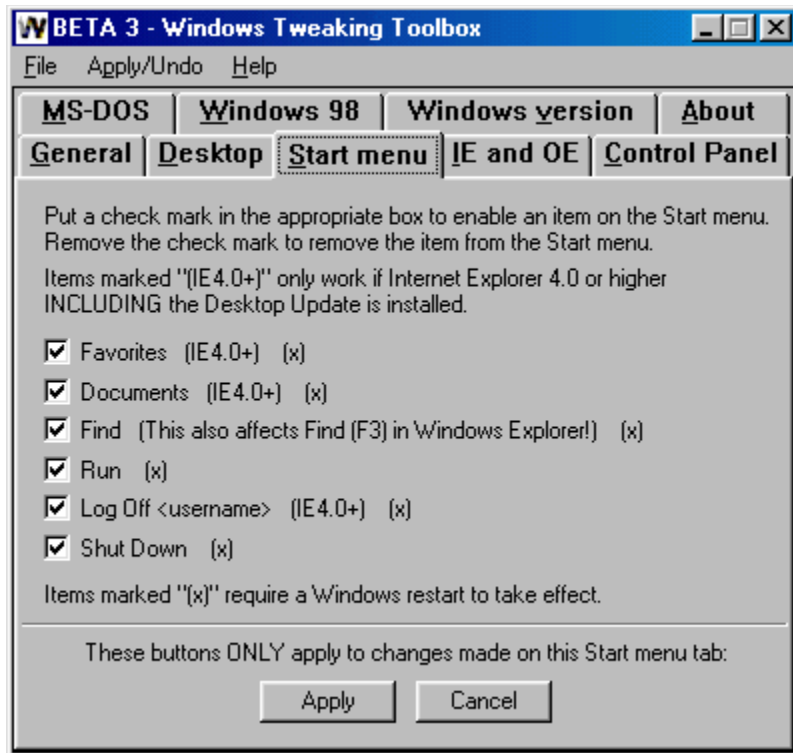
Run



Removing the check mark from this item will remove the Run command from the Start menu.

Note: This requires a restart of Windows.

Log Off <username> (IE 4.0+)



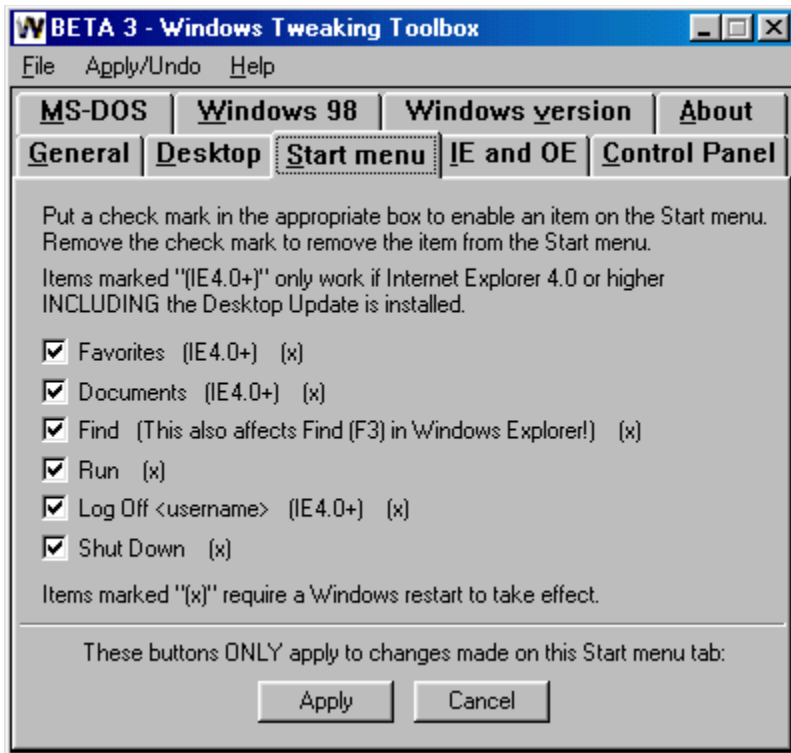
(registered version only)

Removing the check mark from this item will remove the Log Off <username> command from the Start menu.

This only works with Internet Explorer 4.x or higher installed on the system.

Note: This requires a restart of Windows.

Shut Down



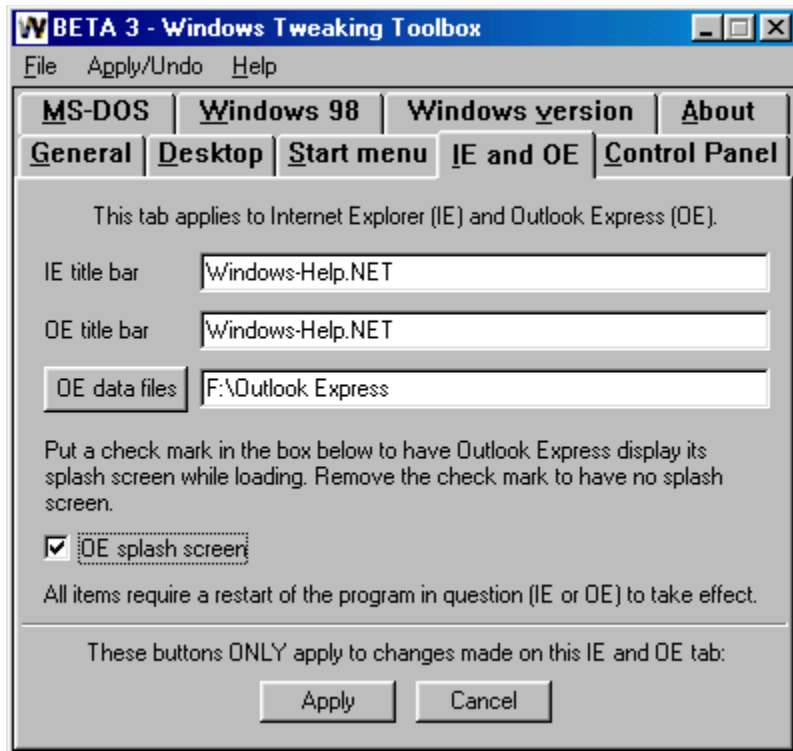
Removing the check mark from this item will remove the Shut Down command from the Start menu, and disable the Windows shutdown.

Note: When you have disabled the Windows Shut Down, there is no way to shut down Windows, other than to do a double [Ctrl] + [Alt] + [Del], a reset, or to switch off the computer's power. These methods are not recommended ways of shutting down Windows.

Shut Down will be re-enabled by putting the checkmark back in the Shut Down item.

Note: This requires a restart of Windows.

IE title bar

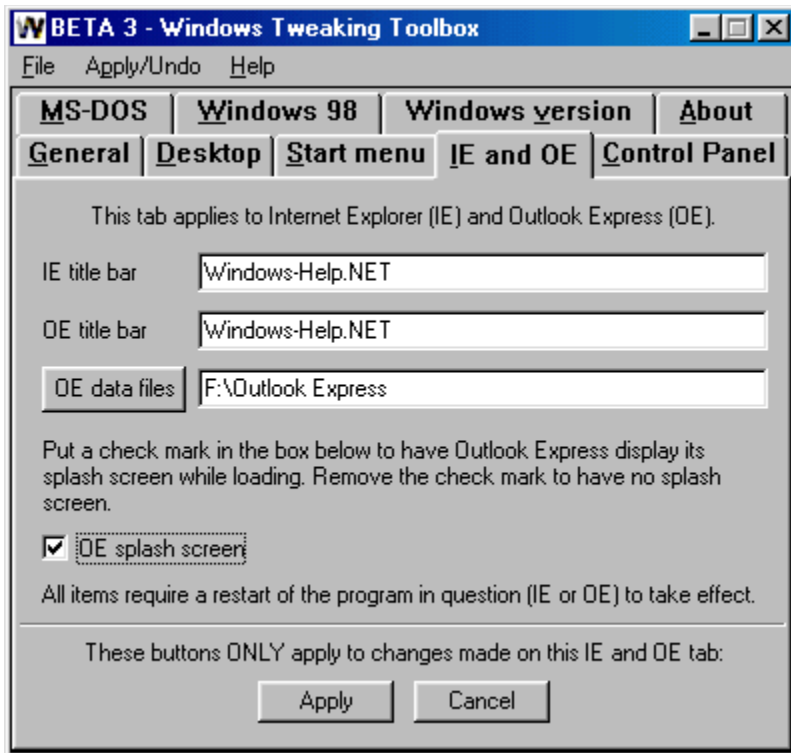


Type the text you want to use as your custom title in the Internet Explorer title bar.



Note: This requires a restart of Internet Explorer.

OE title bar

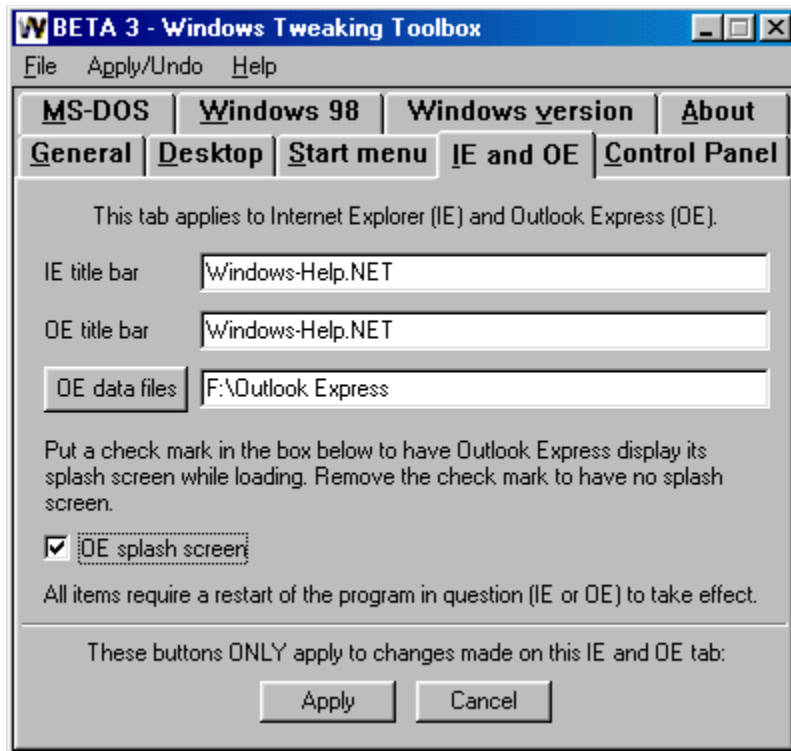


Type the text you want to use as your custom title in the Outlook Express title bar.

Note: This requires a restart of Outlook Express.

Note: When Outlook Express is not installed on your system, this item will be greyed out.

OE data files



(registered version only)

To change the location where Outlook Express stores your files, just press the **OE data files** button, you will be presented with a **Browse for Folder** window, what you can use to select the folder where you copied your Outlook Express files.

You have to copy the Outlook Express files to the new location **before** opening Outlook Express. If you open Outlook Express without copying your data files to the new location, Outlook Express will create new (default) folders, like when you start Outlook Express for the first time.

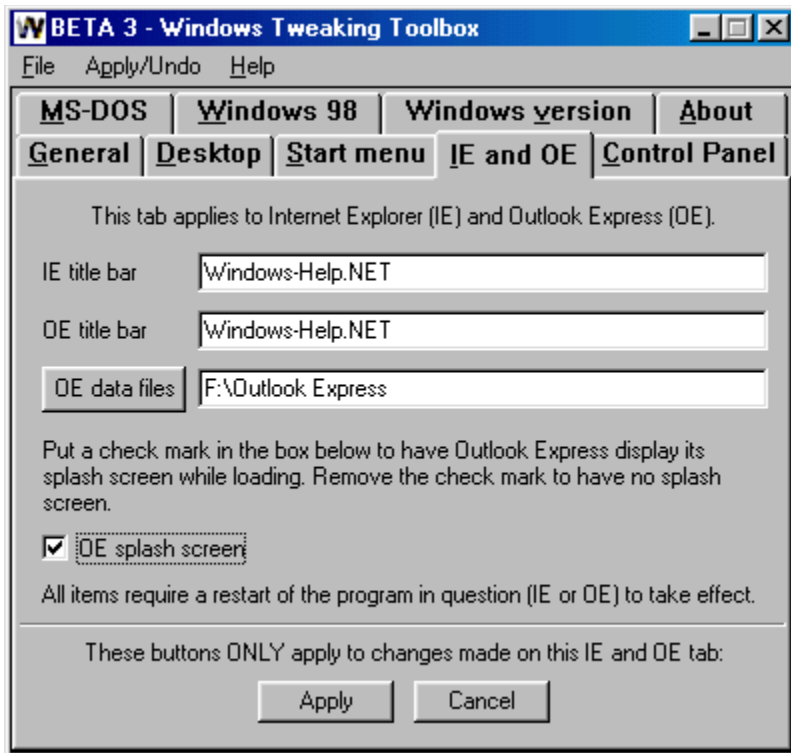
To change the location of your data files used by Outlook Express, first move the files to the new location. Your old files can be found at **\Windows\Application Data\Microsoft\Outlook Express** (which is the suggested default location when installing OE). If your files are not at this location, you can do a search (press **F3**) in **Windows Explorer** and search for ***.mbx** which will show you the location of the OE (mail) message box files.

We strongly suggest that you copy the files first, and once you are satisfied that OE is working correctly and that it is actually storing your files in the new location, you can delete the old files.

Note: When Outlook Express is not installed on your system, this item will be greyed out.

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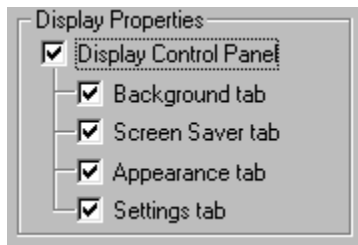
OE splash screen



Removing the check mark from this item will disable the Outlook Express splash screen.

Note: When Outlook Express is not installed on your system, this item will be greyed out.

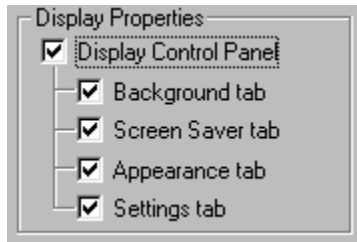
Display Control Panel



Removing the check mark from this item will disable the **Display Properties**, both when right-clicking the Desktop and selecting **Properties**, and when selecting **Control Panel - Display**.

Note: This will not remove the Display icon in Control Panel, but when you try to access it, you will get a warning - as you also get when right-clicking the Desktop and choosing Properties from the context menu - that this function has been disabled by the systems administrator.

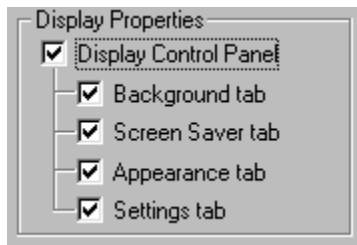
Background tab



Removing the check mark from this item will hide the **Background** tab in **Display Properties**, both when right-clicking the Desktop and selecting **Properties**, and when selecting **Control Panel - Display**.

The **Background** tab is used to change the background (“Wall paper”) of the Desktop.

Screen Saver tab



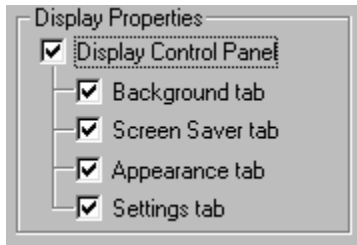
Removing the check mark from this item will hide the **Screen Saver** tab in **Display Properties**, both when right-clicking the Desktop and selecting **Properties**, and when selecting **Control Panel - Display**.

The **Screen Saver** tab is used to enable/change screen savers.

In Windows 95 you can also change the **Energy saving features** of the monitor on this tab.

In Windows 98 you can - besides the change in **Energy saving features** of the monitor - also change **Power Management** settings for the computer.

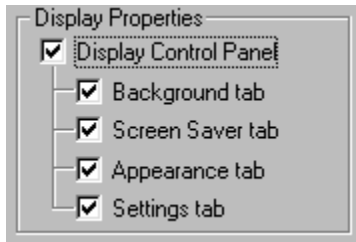
Appearance tab



Removing the check mark from this item will hide the **Appearance** tab in **Display Properties**, both when right-clicking the Desktop and selecting **Properties**, and when selecting **Control Panel - Display**.

The **Appearance** tab is used to change colour schemes and other visual settings.

Settings tab



Removing the check mark from this item will hide the **Settings** tab in **Display Properties**, both when right-clicking the Desktop and selecting **Properties**, and when selecting **Control Panel - Display**.

The **Settings** tab is used:

In **Windows 95** to:

Change the screen resolution and colour depth, change the (screen) font size, and to change the Graphics adapter driver and Monitor type.

In **Windows 98** to:

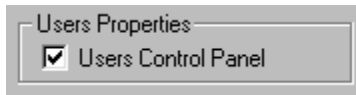
In addition to the functions above, change the refresh rate of the Graphics adapter, change the hardware acceleration of the Graphics adapter*, change the colour profile used by your monitor.

*) The hardware acceleration of the Graphics adapter can also be changed from **Control Panel - System - Performance**.

When Microsoft **Plus!** is installed on Windows 95, disabling the **Settings** tab will also remove the **Plus!** tab when you have a web browser **prior** to Internet Explorer 4.0

When Windows 98 is installed, disabling the **Settings** tab will also disable the **Effects** tab and **Web** tab.

Users Control Panel



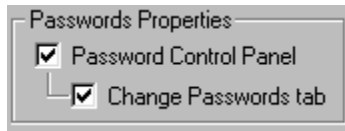
Removing the check mark from this item will disable the **Users applet** from **Control Panel**, so users will not be able to add multiple users to the system.

The **Users** applet is only available on Windows 95 with **Internet Explorer 4.x** or **higher** installed on the system, and on Windows 98.

On Windows 95 **without** Internet Explorer 4.x or higher present on the system, disabling the **Users Control Panel** will remove the **User Profiles** tab from the **Password Applet** in Control Panel.

Note: This will not remove the Users icon in Control Panel, but when you try to access it, you will get a warning that this function has been disabled by the systems administrator.

Password Control Panel



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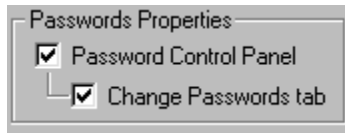
Removing the check mark from this item will disable the **Password Properties** from **Control Panel**, so users will not be able to add/change passwords or User Profiles.

Note: when IE 4.x or higher is installed on Windows 95, or when using Windows 98, you would also have to disable the Users Control Panel, because users can still add new users with new passwords to the system via the Users applet.

Note: This will not remove the Password icon in Control Panel, but when you try to access it, you will get a warning that this function has been disabled by the systems administrator.

Note: this item will be greyed out in the shareware version.

Change Passwords tab



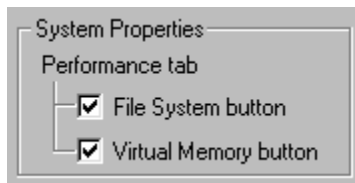
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Removing the check mark from this item will hide the **Change Passwords** tab from **Password Properties** in **Control Panel**, thus users will not be able to change passwords.

Users can still add new users with new passwords. If you want to disable this functionality, you have to disable the Password Control Panel.

Note: this item will be greyed out in the shareware version.

File System button



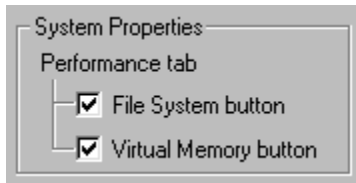
Removing the check mark from this item will hide the **File System** button on the **Performance** tab from the **System Properties (Control Panel - System)**.

This will prevent users from:

1. Change the Typical role of the computer
2. Change read ahead optimisation
3. Check or uncheck the **Search for new floppy disk drives each time your computer starts**
4. Change the supplemental cache for the CD-ROM drive
5. Enable or disable write-behind caching on all removable disk drives
6. Change Troubleshooting properties

Note that #3 and #5 only apply to Windows 98.

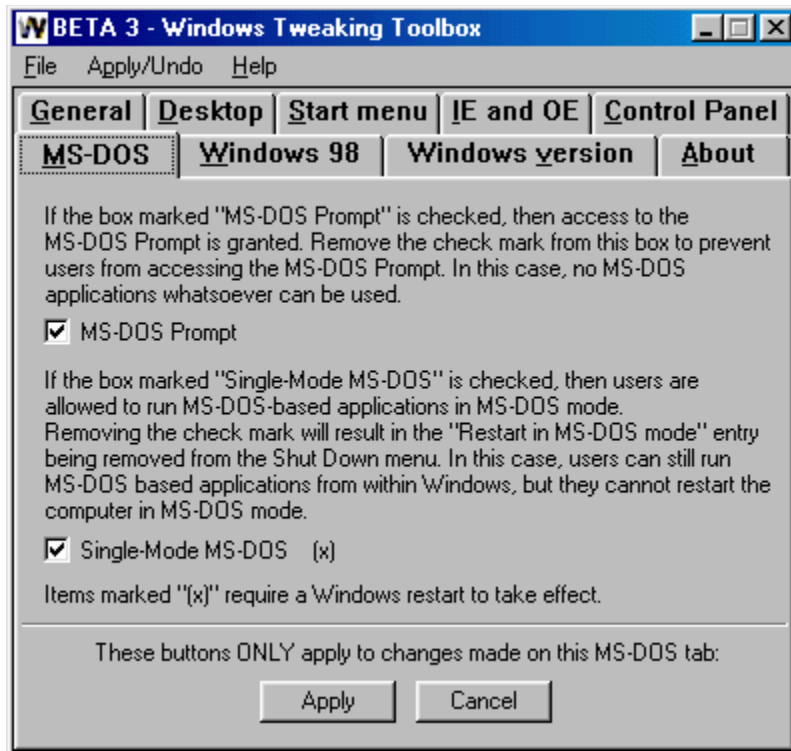
Virtual Memory button



Removing the check mark from this item will hide the **Virtual Memory** button on the **Performance** tab from the **System Properties (Control Panel - System)**.

This prevent users from changing the Virtual memory settings.

MS-DOS Prompt



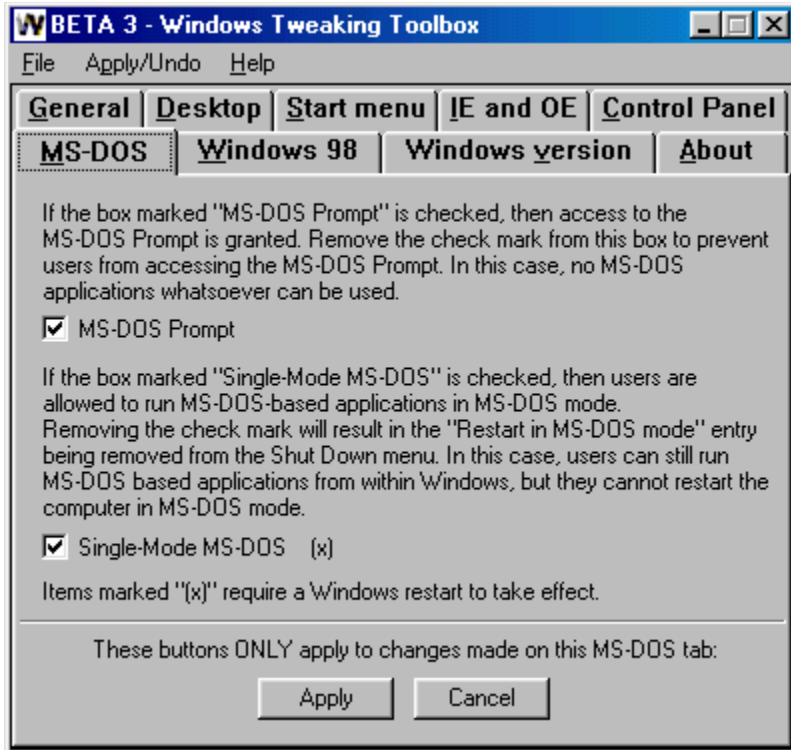
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Removing the check mark from the **MS-DOS Prompt** check box will prevent users from accessing the MS-DOS Prompt, as well as preventing the user to run MS-DOS based programs.

It also disables the Start - Shut Down - Restart in MS-DOS mode - you will get a warning that this function has been disabled by the systems administrator.

Note: this item will be greyed out in the shareware version.

Single-Mode MS-DOS

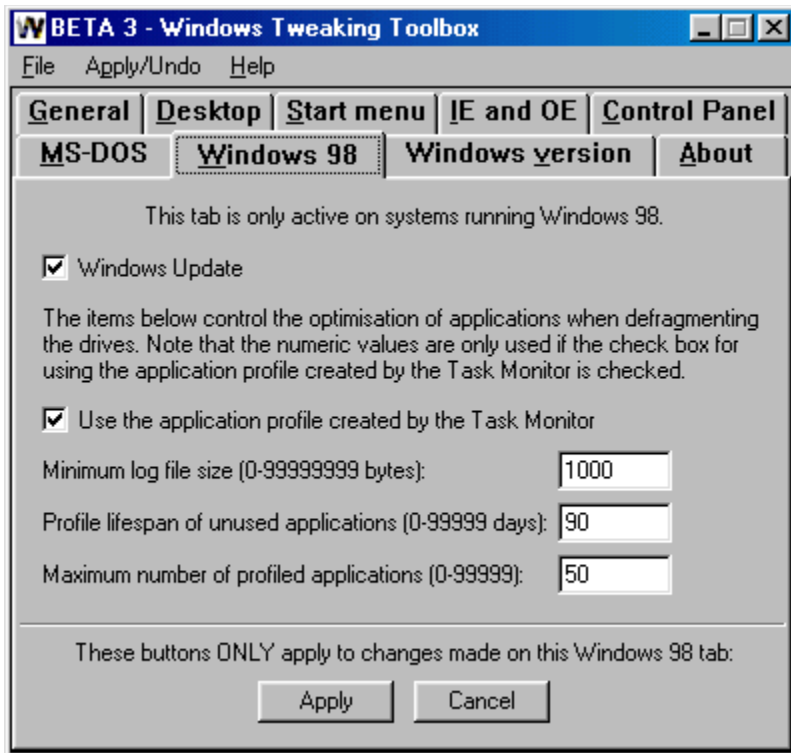


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Removing the check mark from the **Single-Mode MS-DOS** check box will remove the **Restart in MS-DOS mode** on the Shut Down menu. When you re-enable Single-Mode MS-DOS, you will have to restart Windows to recover the use of the **Restart in MS-DOS mode** on the Shut Down menu.

Note: this item will be greyed out in the shareware version.

Windows Update

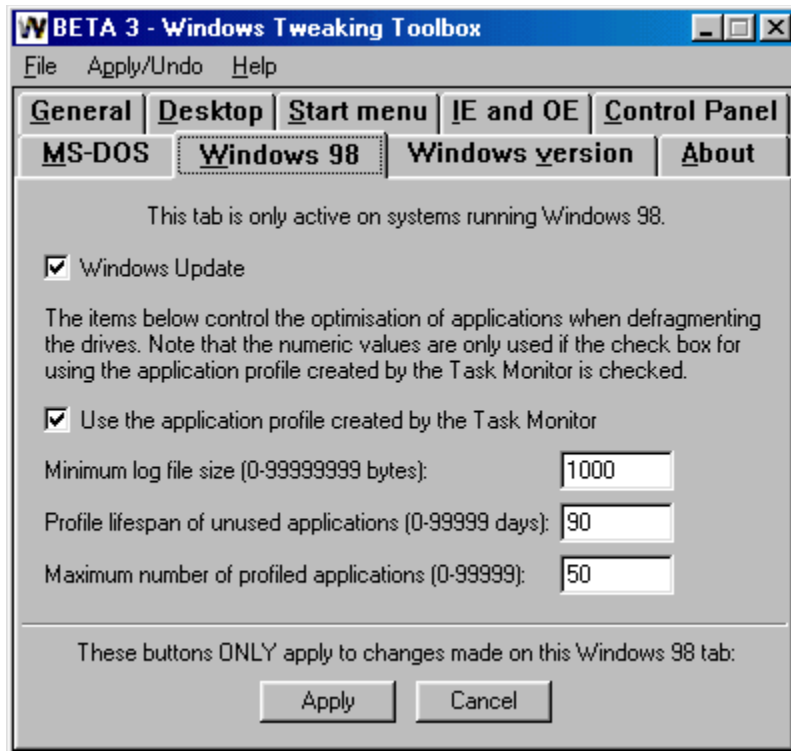


Removing the check mark from the **Windows Update** check box, will disable the use of the Windows Update feature.

When PCs are centrally managed, it can be useful to switch the Windows Update feature off, so users will not be able to download any new drivers/patches using the Windows Update feature.

Note: This tab is only active on systems running Windows 98.

Task Monitor settings



(registered version only)

These items control the optimisation of applications when defragmenting your hard drive.

With the **Use the application profile created by the Task Monitor** checkbox, you can choose to enable/disable the use of the application profile. When checked, the application profile is used when defragmenting the hard drive. When profile is not used, programs are optimised in FindFirst/FindNext order of the **Application.lgn** files in the \ **Windows\Appllog** folder, and the parameters below are ignored.

With the **Minimum log file size** you can control the size (in bytes) of log files to qualify for optimisation. Programs with log files smaller than this value are not optimised. These log files are stored in the (hidden) folder \ **Windows\Appllog**. If you use the value **0**, this parameter is ignored.

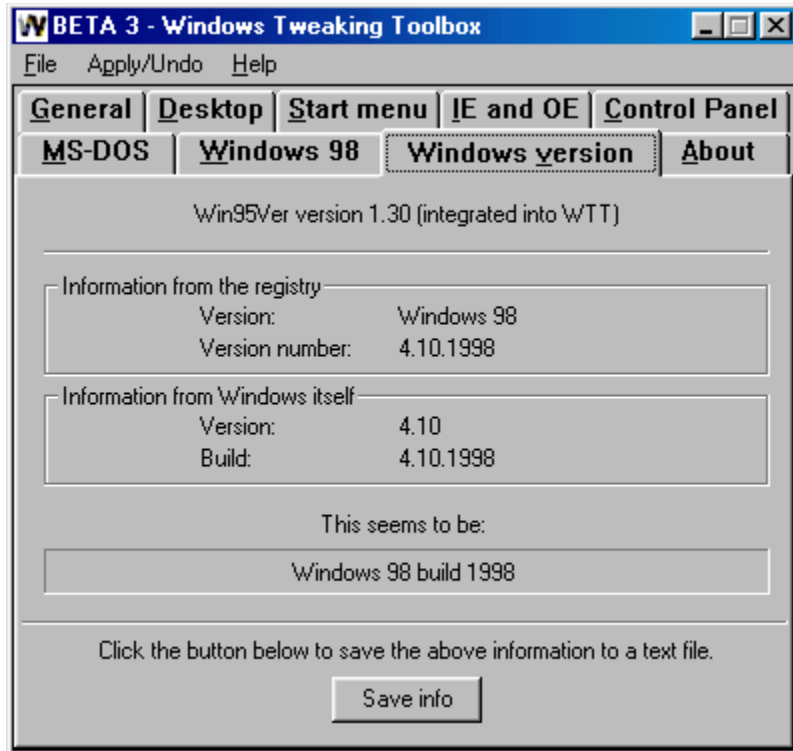
With the **Profile lifespan of unused applications** you can control the maximum amount of days a program will qualify for optimisation while not being used. If you use the value **0**, this parameter is ignored.

With the **Maximum number of profiled applications** you can control the maximum amount of applications to be optimised. Programs are optimised in descending order of usage counts, up to this max. number. If you use the value **0**, this parameter is ignored.

Note: This tab is only active on systems running Windows 98.

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Windows version



Win95Ver is the easiest way of determining which version of Windows 95 you are running. Win95Ver distinguishes between the following versions of Windows 95 (listed from oldest to newest):

- Windows 95 original version
- Windows 95 OSR1 (Windows 95 original version plus Service Pack 1)
- Windows 95 OSR2
- Windows 95 OSR2.1 original (version 4.03.1212)
- Windows 95 OSR2.1 QFE (version 4.03.1214)
- Windows 95 OSR2.5 without USB support
- Windows 95 OSR2.5

The information displayed by Win95Ver can be saved to a text file by clicking the Save info button.

As an added bonus, Win95Ver also recognises Windows 98 and Windows NT.

Unrecognised versions of Windows 95

Quite a few people have accidentally installed Service Pack 1 on OSR2 (or higher) systems. I say "accidentally" because you should not install Service Pack 1 on OSR2 or higher!!! Win95Ver will report these "versions" of Windows 95 as unrecognised. The most common case is that Service Pack 1 was installed on OSR2; in this case, the information displayed by Win95Ver will read as follows:

Information from the registry:

Version: Windows 95
Version number: 4.00.1111a

Information from Windows itself:

Version: 4.00
Build: 4.00.1111

We **think** (but have not actually tried it) that Service Pack 1 is smart enough to not replace newer versions of files with older ones. If you happened to install Service Pack 1 on OSR2 or higher, then use the table below to check if you still have the correct versions of the files that come with Service Pack 1. For each of these files, choose Properties, go to the Version tab, and look at the number displayed for File version. If a version number for a file currently on your computer is **lower** than listed here, you have to extract the correct version from the .CAB files on your Windows 95 CD. If a version number for a file currently on your computer is **the same** or **higher** than listed here, then leave that file alone. The table below assumes you have Windows 95 installed in the C:**WINDOWS** directory; adjust if necessary.

4.00.951	C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\COMDLG32.DLL
4.00.953	C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\LPT.VXD
4.00.952	C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\MSPWL32.DLL
4.00.951	C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\NWSERVER.VXD
2.1	C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\OLE32.DLL
4.40.311	C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\SAGE.DLL
4.00.1111	C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\SHELL32.DLL
4.00.1111	C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\VREDIR.VXD
4.00.1111	C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\VSERVER.VXD

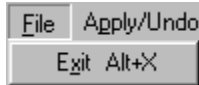
Finally, to have the system identify itself correctly once again (so that Win95Ver will recognise it and so that the System Properties show the correct version), go to the following location in the registry (**only do this if you accidentally installed Service Pack 1 on OSR2 or higher!!!**):

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ SOFTWARE \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion

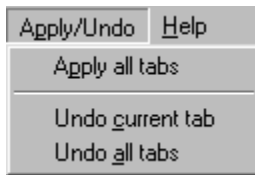
and set the string **SubVersionNumber** to the value “**B**”. Note that there is a space before the B. Those who installed Service Pack 1 on OSR2.5 should set the string **SubVersionNumber** to the value “**C**” instead.

Windows Tweaking Toolbox menu bar

The menu bar of Windows Tweaking Toolbox has 3 entries: File, Undo and Help. Here is a short description of their functions.



The **File** menu only has one entry **Exit**, and it does exactly what it's supposed to do: It exits the program. Note that if you made any changes without pressing the **Apply** button, these changes are disregarded.

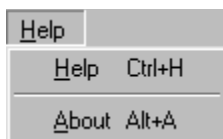


The **Apply/Undo** menu has 3 entries, **Apply all tabs**, **Undo current tab**, and **Undo all tabs**. Here is how they work.

The **Apply all tabs** processes all changes made on all the tabs in the current session.

The **Undo** functions work from when the Windows Tweaking Toolbox was started. Any changes made during the current session can be undone from here - on a per tab basis, or on all tabs.

*(the **Apply/Undo** functions are a feature of the [registered](#) version only)*



The **Help** menu has two entries, **Help** and **About**. **Help** starts this help file, while **About** brings up the Windows Tweaking Toolbox About tab.

Uninstalling

The Windows Tweaking Toolbox Set-up creates an entry in the **Add/Remove Programs** section of **Control Panel**. To uninstall, simply select this entry and click the **Add/Remove** button.

You can also use the shortcut created in the Windows Tweaking Toolbox folder on the Start menu to uninstall the program.

Unlike a lot of uninstall programs out there, WTT really uninstalls itself. A lot of uninstall programs do not delete themselves when the product is being uninstalled, which results in unused files usually located in the Windows directory. WTT also deletes its uninstall program.

Register

For more information and to Register, please visit:

<http://www.graphic-locomotion.com/graphics/wtt.html>

or

<http://www.windows-help.net/wtt/>

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