

DESKCLEAR

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ABOUT 5 FACTORIAL SOFTWARE

5 Factorial Software is a small but dynamic software company which strives to produce software to help people be more productive. We are passionate about what we do and we really hope that you find our software useful.

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THE 5! LOGO

Apparently not everybody in the world enjoys math. If you are one of those people then we would like to take a moment to explain our logo to you. We are not yelling “FIVE” at you... In mathematics the exclamation mark is called a “factorial” operator. It means multiply the number to the left of the exclamation mark by every whole number between itself and 1. For example, $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$.

We thought 5 Factorial sounded cooler than 120, so we named our company 5 Factorial – or 5! for short.

INSTALLATION

To install the DeskClear software you need to obtain an up-to-date installation program from www.5factorial.com, and then follow the download link for the current version of DeskClear.

Most web browsers will give you the option of either saving the installation program or running it. Either way will work fine; saving it will allow you to reinstall it easily at another date, while running it directly will save you a step during installation.

After the installation program has downloaded you can double-click its icon to launch setup if it does not start automatically. On your system the setup program will be called DeskClear-1.x.y.exe (where 1.x.y is the current version number).

Launching setup will cause the installation files to be unzipped onto your system. You can use the default directory or optionally unzip the setup package into a specific directory that you choose. After you have specified the folder to unzip to, please press the “Unzip” button. This will cause the DeskClear installation utility to be unpacked and started.

To complete the installation just select a destination directory and press “Next,” then follow the instructions on the screen.

After installation is complete you will be able to launch the program either by looking for the 5 Factorial folder under your Start menu or by double-clicking the DeskClear icon on your Desktop

TRIAL PERIOD

At 5 Factorial Software we believe that customers have the right to try software before they buy it. There is a lot of bad software available and, like you, we have been burned by purchasing software that did not perform as advertised. For that reason we make all of our products available for a trial period so that our customers can test the software to verify that it meets their needs before purchase.

DeskClear has a 15 day trial period that starts the first time you run the program. Once the 15 days are up, you must either purchase the software to continue using it, or you may optionally uninstall it.

USING DESKCLEAR

STARTING DESKCLEAR

The DeskClear icon can be found in your Start Menu inside the 5Factorial folder or on your Desktop. Many people find it convenient to let this program start automatically when windows starts; if you would like to do that, then you can check the “Start DeskClear Automatically” box in the program settings.



DeskClear Icon

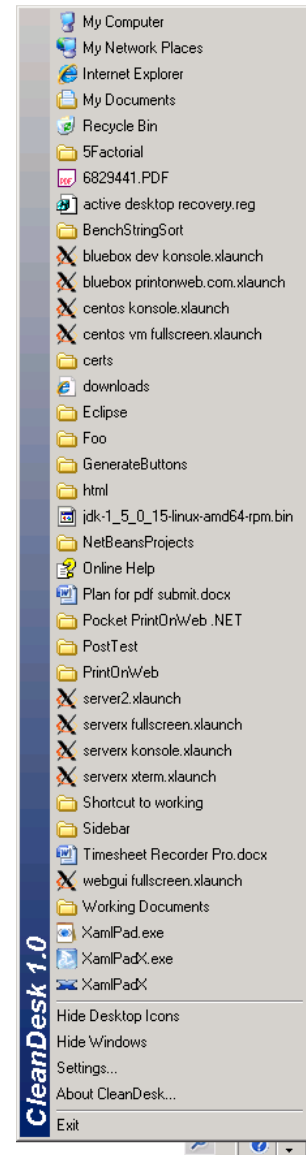
RUNNING DESKCLEAR

DeskClear runs in your System Tray, which is the area at the lower left of your screen near the clock. It's the green square icon which represents a desktop.



SHOWING THE DESKCLEAR MENU

When you right-click on the DeskClear tray icon you will get the DeskClear menu. This menu contains all of the icons from your desktop, plus some DeskClear operational items. Just click on the menu item to open any of your desktop items.



HIDING DESKTOP ICONS

There are several ways to hide your desktop icons using DeskClear:

1. Select "Hide Desktop Icons" from the DeskClear menu
2. Right Click the DeskClear tray icon
3. Type the DeskClear HotKey for hiding desktop icons. This is Control-1 by default.

Your desktop will be completely blank while the icons are hidden. Note that while the icons are hidden you also cannot right click on your desktop to change desktop settings, etc. This is normal. If you need to get to the desktop menu you can simply re-display icons.

HIDING DESKTOP WINDOWS

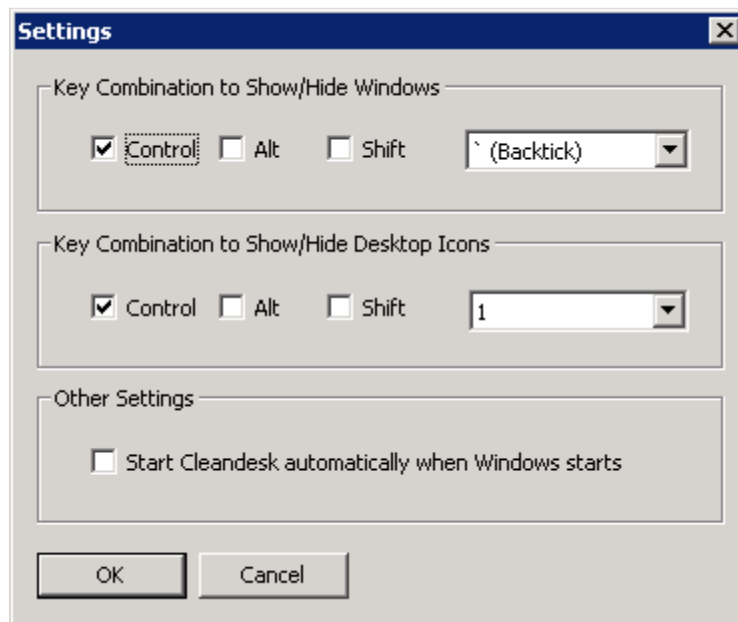
You can hide your desktop windows by selecting “Hide Windows” from the DeskClear menu or by typing the Control-` hotkey. (The second key is the backtick key. That key is at the upper-left of most keyboards and is usually on the same key as the “~” character.

When your windows are hidden they are completely invisible – they’re not just minimized. To get them back just hit the hotkey again or use the DeskClear menu.

DeskClear will make your Desktop Icons visible automatically when you hide your windows.

DESKCLEAR SETTINGS

You can open the DeskClear settings window by clicking on the Settings menu item in the DeskClear Menu.



There aren't very many settings to worry about for DeskClear but you can change your hotkeys to something new or you can configure DeskClear to start itself automatically when Windows starts.

PURCHASING AND REGISTERING DESKCLEAR

To Purchase a DeskClear license please visit www.5factorial.com and go to the DeskClear product page and follow the link to purchase DeskClear.

After completing the purchase you will receive a product key code by email. This code can be entered by clicking the "About DeskClear/Registration" menu item on DeskClear's menu.

APPENDIX 1: FILE LOCATIONS AND CONTENTS

LOCATION OF EXECUTABLE PROGRAM AND ANCILLARY FILES

Unless you manually choose a different destination during installation, DeskClear is installed to the \Program Files\5 Factorial\DeskClear directory on the root Windows drive (usually C:).

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