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## Basics

ckTool is a clever Utility for Windows 3.x. The 16-Bit program was made with the help of Borland Delphi 1, it replaces the Windows 3.x Interface.

First tests was made with Windows 3.1 (with MS-DOS 6.2), OS/2 Warp Version 3 and Windows 95. Later we also tested: Novell-DOS 7, Windows for Workgroups 3.11, Windows 98, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista.

### Using the Program

ckTool shows a **rotating program symbol** \*. On the system-menu are all important features.

The menu **programs** is only shown, if menu entries are defined.

## Informations-OS/2

If ckTool runs in a Win-OS/2 window the program symbol is just shown in the system folder *window in the size of a symbol*. For let it run on workspace, command-parameters have to be used.

In the WinOS/2-fullscreen the features aren't disabled in any way.

The Run-dialog matches on OS/2:

The run mode **DOS-Mode** is replaced with **OS/2-Mode** and then all OS/2 command can be entered.

The **DOS Mode** isn't supported by OS/2, thats why its de-activated.

The DOS-Parameter is disabled because OS/2 doesn't support it.

## Informations to Windows NT

All those informations matches to all NT based Systems (Windows NT 3.1x, Windows NT 4, Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista)!

The Run-Dialog matches to NT:

The **DOS Mode** is replaced with the NT Prompt, so all **Windows NT** commands can be entered.

The **DOS prompt** isn't supported by Windows NT and so disabled.

The command prompt parameter DOS-Mode has been disabled because Windows NT doesn't support.

ckTool works with Windows NT systems, but some features may are disabled. Its not provided to run a 16 bit program as replacement for the program mananger or even the explorer.

If that is really needed, we will add in feature versions.

Also it's not possible to run ckTool with a 64-Bit Windows because the 16-Bit runtime was mostly removed.

## Informations to Windows 95

In Windows 95 and higher running programs will not be shown as a program symbol, but as button in taskbar. That's the reason why ckTool has **no rotating** program symbol in Windows 95.

This hint ist he same with Windows NT Versions with installed shell extensions which are compitable with Windows 95 (Windows NT 4)

Usually this issue is also at later Versions like Windows 2000, Windows XP and Windows Vista.

### Warning:

ckTool works extremely good with Windows 9x, but no expanded features are expected.

## Commandprompt-Parameters

You can start the program ckTool with given parameters. These parameters are possible and offer those functionalities:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Feature</u>
/DOSMODE	STARTS PROGRAMS IN <u>DOS-MODE</u> .
/SYSINFO	SHOWS <u>SYSTEM-INFORMATIONS</u> .
/TASKLIST	SHOWS DIALOG IN <u>TASK-BAR</u> .
/WINRUN	SHOWS DIALOG <u>RUN</u> .
/WINSHELL	SHOWS <u>CHANGING THE WINDOWS SHELL</u> .
/WINEXIT	SHOWS DIALOG <u>SHUT DOWN WINDOWS</u> .

## Parameter: DOS-Mode

This parameter is a rarely used feature in Windows 3.x that allows the user to start specified programs. outside of Windows!

That's why there has to be a parameter, the name of the program following, follow. Every other parameter will be summarized to parameters and given to the program.

### EXAMPLE:

```
CK.EXE /DOSMODE C:\NORTON\SD.EXE
```

(SYSTEM DIAGNOSTICS FROM NORTON UTILITIES IS RUNNING...)

This feature is very important with Windows 3.x because the program manager (or any other shell) can start incompatible programs.

If a clever Batch-file is started with that feature, a special program can start so too.

**This feature is not available in OS/2 and NT Systems!**

## Shutdown Windows

This dialog allows to shut down Windows in different ways.

**SHUTDOWN WINDOWS**  
END WINDOWS NORMALLY

**RESTART**  
END WINDOWS NORMALLY AND RESTART.

**SYSTEM-REBOOT**  
AFTER ENDING WINDOWS THE WHOLE PC RESTARTS.

## Change Windows-Shell

In this Dialog the used Windows Shell can be changed. At clicking informations about the settings will be shown.

## ckTool Settings

Here you can change the settings of ckTool.

### Edit Program

Entries are shown in *programs* menu.

Here you can change settings of any Program.

### Add programs

Entries are shown in *programs* menu.

Here you can change settings of any Program.

IF A SEPERATOR SHOULD BE IN THE PROGRAMS MENU, ENTER A DASH AS TITLE.

## ckTool-Info

THIS DIALOG SHOWS THE NUMBER AND ALL COPYRIGHTS OF CKTOOL.

## System-Information

THIS DIALOG SHOWS DIFFERENT INFORMATIONS ABOUT THE CONFIGURATION OF THE SYSTEM. BY CLICKING INFORMATIONS WILL BE SHOWN.

# Run

THIS DIALOGS ALLOWS DIFFERENT TYPES TO RUN COMMANDS.

## **Mode:**

Command Processor:

Selected file is given to COMMAND.COM/ CMD.EXE

Windows:

Every given file will be loaded via calling into the default shell.