

Executive Software: Diskeeper 7.0 Server Version

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Pricing: Diskeeper 7.0 Server Can be purchased thru Executive Software's Web site for \$259.99. A separate workstation license must be purchased for each network workstation that is controlled thru the server. The Workstation version is listed at \$39.60. The programs can also be purchased thru resellers. Executive Software's Web Site lists a number of resellers such as CDW, CompUSA and PC Mall

For the home user the "Home Edition" is a much more economical choice. The Home Edition was recently evaluated in the "Gazette". There is also a "Professional Edition" which will support most home networks in a cost effective manner.

System Summary: Diskeeper 7.0 is an automatic disk defragmenter for Windows Systems. It can be run by manual commands if desired. The server version also allows a remote installation for workstations within a network. Server also facilitates the scheduling and running of defragmentation of a network workstations thru a server.

System Requirements: Server Version

Windows NT, 2000, or XP is required for installation of the Server version.

26 MB of storage plus an additional 10 MB for temporary storage during installation.

Internet Explorer

Installation: Installation was very smooth with no bumps at all. Following the Installation Wizard instructions very easy.

Implementation: My desktop had not been defragmented in quite awhile and Diskeeper's analyzer illustrated how fragmented the files were. Continuing into the actual defragmentation the program continued to be a smooth application. I have implemented "**Smart Scheduling**" which schedules defrag based on actual file activity. Other options would be a manual defrag or defrag scheduled for a given date and time. In addition I enabled the "**set it and forget it**" which allows defrag to start and run in the background. Other options that are enabled include "**Frag Guard**" and "**Boot-time defragmentation**". All of these features work together to assist in keeping files in optimum operations as far as defragmentation is concerned.

Documentation: is very good. It is logical and simple. The manual was written to be understandable to a novice while having all of the information the expert may be looking for. On screen aids and graphic interfaces are likewise clear and easy to understand and follow. Diskeeper does not have it's own uninstall but instead of telling you to go to the Windows uninstall, it takes you step by step thru the process.

Product Support: for a new install, free support by telephone is provided from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm Pacific time. On going telephone support after 90 days and 24/7 support can be purchased. On line technical support can be obtained by going to Executive Software's Web site. Technical Support is also available by Email. I have had no reason to use the tech support.

Diskeeper 7.0 Server is a very user-friendly system to install and to implement. For a system "running on automatic", time really tells how good the system is. Based on implementation experience and based on the simple but detailed user aids, I fully expect Diskeeper 7.0 Server to be a real winner.