

Diskeeper 8.0
Executive Software
PRODUCT REVIEW
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Diskeeper 8.0 is a defrag program which when activated will defrag your computer with speed and dependability. Approximate cost is \$50 at Staples, and is made by Executive Software, Burbank, CA.

System Requirements: There are really none: Diskeeper works well on systems of Windows 95 on up to Windows XP.

Installation: At first I was a little overwhelmed with all the choices I had upon the first screen I came to. Last year I had installed Diskeeper 7.0 Home Edition with no choices to be made, but this disk had several choices; Diskeeper, Sitekeeper, Undelete, and Additional Resources. Well, I chose Diskeeper and then it went to another screen that gave me even more choices such as Diskeeper Administrator Edition, Diskeeper Professional Edition, Diskeeper Install Server Standard, Diskeeper Install Server Enterprise, and Diskeeper Install Home Edition. Well with all these choices the only one I chose was Home Edition since that is what I had before. At the next screen you again have several choices i.e., Analyze, Defrag and Set it and Forget It. I chose Analysis. This new edition analysis will show a graph of current read time and optimum read time that tells you how hard your computer is working to read files because it needs to be defragged. If you choose Set it and Forget it your computer will defrag itself at whatever time you schedule it to be done. I ran the analysis then ran the defrag. I found it defragged my computer in a shorter time than the older version and told me it improved my optimum time 75%. It also told me under Reliability that my computer was "Healthy". You can't beat that! It only took about 10 minutes from the time I inserted the disk to completion of installing after sorting through all the choices.

My fears were allayed as I felt this was a much better version than I first thought. This version of Executive Software allows you to register on line and get patches and updates for this product as well as learn more about all Executive Software products if you so choose.

I highly recommend anyone seeking a defrag program to check out Diskeeper 8.0 by Executive Software and don't be overwhelmed by all the choices that are provided to you. Obviously this version can be used in office situations as well as the home edition.

For the "newbies" or beginners who wonder what a defrag means: Fragmentation means that pieces of files are scattered all over the disk, making it difficult for the computer to access the file. When many files are fragmented, the computer will become slower, making common tasks like opening email or pictures much slower. This is why you need to defrag your computer on a regular basis. With this program you can "Set It and Forget it", it will do it for you automatically, but only when your computer is turned on.