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Welcome to The Cobb Group's First Look at Windows 95!

So, you're thinking about upgrading your current operating system to Microsoft Windows 95. But as a conscientious computer user, you want to make sure you know what you're getting into before you take the plunge. While a lot of information about Windows 95 is available from a number of sources, few have compiled and digested the available information into a single, straightforward, quick-and-easy-to-read format. That's why we've put together this exclusive guide to Windows 95.

The purpose of *The Cobb Group's First Look at Windows 95* is to provide you with the information you'll need to make a decision about upgrading to Windows 95. In this guide, we'll advise you on the factors you need to consider before you upgrade, show you what's involved in performing the upgrade, and tell you what you can expect afterward. In addition, we'll highlight the features in Windows 95 that will make your computer easier to use, improve your system's performance, and enable you to continue using your current hardware as well as your favorite programs. For users already linked to a network (and those who support them) or those interested in taking advantage of the ever-increasing services of online systems, we'll also introduce the tools in Windows 95 that take the mystery out of networking and make remote computing more accessible.

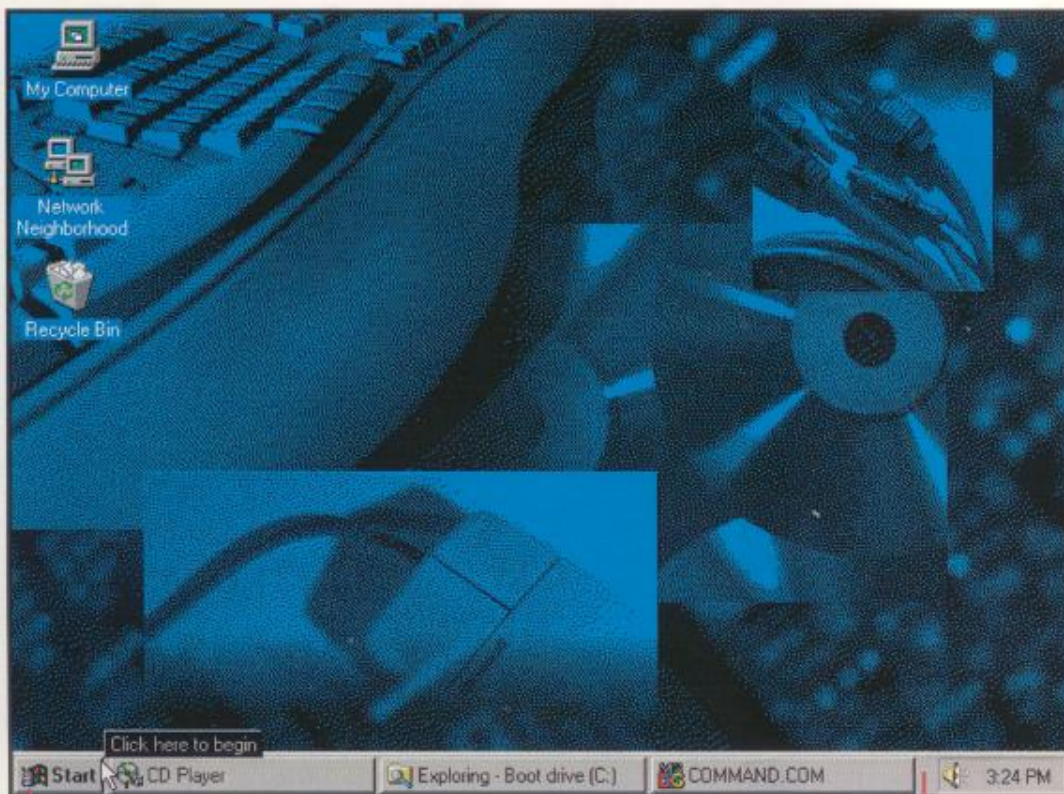
Is Windows 95 worth upgrading to? We certainly think so, but we know this decision is a personal one. Whether you're new to Microsoft Windows or a seasoned Windows user, you're sure to find the information in this guide helpful in gauging how much value Windows 95 holds for you.

What Windows 95 support you can expect from The Cobb Group

Our goal in publishing *The Cobb Group's First Look at Windows 95* is to provide you with an overview of some of the most notable features in the Windows 95 operating system. However, Windows 95 is loaded with too many new features and changes for us to completely cover in a publication of this size.

Once Microsoft ships the final release of Windows 95, The Cobb Group will begin publishing *Inside Microsoft Windows 95*, a monthly journal devoted solely to providing you with detailed, informative, yet easy-to-read articles on getting the most out of Windows 95. In this journal, we'll cover the full Windows 95 product with articles designed to appeal to users of all levels, from novice to advanced.

Within this guide, you'll find a subscription card for *Inside Microsoft Windows 95*. Keep this card until Windows 95 ships or mail it in now and be one of the first to reserve a subscription for a full year of *Inside Microsoft Windows 95*. ♦



Start button

Taskbar

FIGURE 1B
These new desktop tools serve as the starting point for nearly all your Windows tasks.

appears in the Taskbar. By default, the Taskbar is constantly visible at the bottom of the screen, simplifying multitasking by providing point-and-click access to any running program.

My Computer

When you want a quick way to access certain system components, you can double-click the My Computer icon. The My Computer window provides double-click access to your system's drives, fonts, and printers, as well as the Windows Control Panel.

Network Neighborhood

Double-clicking the Network Neighborhood icon gives you easy access to shared network resources. The Network Neighborhood window shows you what computers are in your immediate workgroup and offers a view of the entire network.

Recycle Bin

Just as a home recycle bin lets you save items someone might want to reuse, the Windows 95 Recycle Bin saves files and directories in case you need to recover them. You can safely and easily delete items by clicking and dragging them to the Recycle Bin—and you can just as easily undelete items by dragging them out of the Recycle Bin.

Summary

Your first look at Windows 95 should include a tour through the Windows Tutorial. Using the basic knowledge you garner from the tutorial and the introductory information we've just provided, you'll be able to use the Start button, the Taskbar, My Computer, the Network Neighborhood, and the Recycle Bin to accomplish your routine work. ♦