

Competitive Comparison

See how PowerDesk Pro 5 stacks up against your version of Windows Explorer. See what features you are missing if you don't have PowerDesk Pro 5 to manage and organize ALL the files on your PC.

Features	Power Desk 5 Pro	FREE	XP	2000	NT4	ME	98	95
File Manager								
"Show All Files On Drive" feature	YES	YES	YES 1	YES 1	YES 1	YES 1	YES 1	YES 1
Dual Pane View	YES	YES	NO 2	NO 2	NO 2	NO 2	NO 2	NO 2
Sort Indicator	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Quick Launch DOS Commands without opening DOS window	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Run Dialog command center	YES	YES	NO 3	NO 3	NO	NO 3	NO 3	NO
"Show Generic Icons" feature	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
FileTips Feature	YES	YES	YES 4	YES 4	NO	YES 4	NO	NO
FileInfo Feature	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
FileNotes Feature	YES	NO	YES 8	YES 8	NO	YES 8	NO	NO
Group File Rename	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Minimize to tray icon	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Change Folder icon Color	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
File Viewer								
"Floating" viewer pane	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Supports over 200 file types	YES	NO	YES 13	YES 13	YES 13	YES 13	YES 13	YES 13
Converts over 30 different graphics formats	YES	NO	YES 13	YES 13	YES 13	YES 13	YES 13	YES 13
"Batch" conversion supported for large-scale multi-format conversions	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Digital Camera Support								
Copy and move images directly from your digital camera to your computer	YES	NO	YES 12	NO	YES 12	NO	NO	NO
View images in the Viewer Pane, Thumbnail View, FileTips, Open and Save dialogs	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Rename groups of images with descriptive names	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Add Notes (captions) to your images	YES	NO	YES 8	YES 8	NO	YES 8	NO	NO
Convert images from one format to another	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Send your images to your personal website with PowerDesk FTP.	YES	NO	YES 5	YES 5	NO	YES 5	NO	NO
Digital Music Support								
Play MP3s without other software needed	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Create and edit playlists outside your MP3 player	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Edit MP3 track tags to correct misspelled and misidentified song titles/artists	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Find your music files based on MP3 tag information	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
File Finder								
Find files based on contents	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Find files over multiple drives	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Print list of search results	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Show matching lines of text for each matching file	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Search inside all major compression formats (zip, cab, arj, rar, etc.)	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Dialog Helper								
File Tracker	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Folder Tracker	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Resize Open/Save dialog boxes	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Folder Synchronizer								
Synchronize any two folders on your system	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Tailor the file selection and then perform a batch operation, or move individual files	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Select from History drop-down list	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
PowerDesk Coolbar								
Floating, docked, or taskbar options	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
"Print Screen" button	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Display multiple clocks for different time zones	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Calendar plug-in	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
MultiView	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Quicklaunch	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
CPU monitor	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Customizable Start Menus	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Printer Manager	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Fast access to Control Panel	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Size Manager								
Instant, graphic view of space used by each folder on your system	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Print folder list	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Export folder list to a new text file	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
"Tag Folders" feature	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Fully customizable display	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Easy FTP								
Drag & drop files to or from remote servers	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO
Pre-configured with commonly-used FTP sites	YES	NO	YES 5	YES 5	NO	YES 5	NO	NO

Zip/Unzip								
Supports all major compression formats (zip, cab, arj, rar, etc.)	YES	YES	NO 9	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Automatic spanning over multiple diskettes	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Password protection	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Set compression level	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
View zips in folder list (with contents seen in file list)	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Create self-extracting archives	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Encryption								
Supports file encryption	YES	YES	YES 10	YES 10	NO	YES 10	NO	NO
File scrubber, completely remove all traces of a file through low-level deletion	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Email attachments								
Decode MIME, UUencoded, BinHex, or XXencoded files	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Make UUencoded files & split them into multiple parts	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Decode multi-part MIME files	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

1-Explorer has this capability with a few steps, but PD5 can do it with a single click.

2-Explorer does not have a dual pane view in a single window, but another explorer window can be opened.

3-Explorer does not have a Run Dialog command center, but the address bar in these versions can do everything except for MS-DOS commands.

4-Explorer includes a similar feature, but it is not as extensive.

5-Shortcuts to FTP sites can be added into Explorer under My Network Places, but it is not very straightforward.

7-With Explorer you cannot change the folder color but you can replace the folder icon with any icon you choose.

8-Explorer has a similar feature called comments instead of notes.

9-Windows XP Explorer supports zip and cab files only.

10-Explorer does include its own encryption capability, but it is different from PowerDesk's encryption.

11-Explorer can search inside of zip and cab files only.

12-Explorer supports cameras with WIA interface only, PD5 supports WIA plus more.

13- XP - 6 File types supported 2000 - 3 File types supported

NT4 - 1 File type supported

ME - 1 File type supported

98 - 1 File type supported

95 - 1 File type supported