

# Topshare Newsletter

No 3: December, 2004



Welcome to the December *Topshare Newsletter*. Most investors should have something extra to celebrate this Christmas, with the ASX200 breaking 4,000 within the last few days. Here's hoping the good run continues into the new year!

The big news in this issue is the release of Topshare version 1.11.

## **Topshare version 1.11**

This latest version was released on 22 December. You can download your update from the normal link on the Downloads of the Topshare website, at [www.topshare.com.au](http://www.topshare.com.au). As always, there's no charge for updates.

## **New Auto-update feature**

This version includes an important new feature: automatic updates. So this will be the last time you need to manually download and install an update for Topshare!

The auto-update feature works essentially as it was described in our previous newsletter. In normal operation, every time Topshare is started, it contacts our website to see if an update is available. If so, it is downloaded and installed automatically for you.

Although this process is quick and painless, you still have complete control over each step. Topshare asks you first whether to download the update, and then it's up to you to decide when it should be installed.

There are also a number of configuration options: you can enable or disable the check on startup; and you can also choose to operate the system in semi-automatic mode, where you do the checks manually.

There are a number of other minor improvements and bug-fixes included in this version – see 'Update History' on the website for details.

Although we promised Account Management in the last newsletter, we weren't able to include this in Version 1.11 – our apologies to those

waiting on this feature. It definitely will be present in version 1.12, which should be released fairly early in 2005.

## **Topshare and firewalls**

I've had several recent queries about firewall configuration.

To get the maximum benefit from your use of Topshare, you need to make sure that your firewall allows proper access the web when necessary. Here are the internet accesses that you need to permit:

- <http://www.topshare.com.au> for the auto-update feature (on startup when enabled in *Edit | Preferences*; any time you use *File | Check for Topshare Update*; whenever you click Yes to Topshare's prompt about downloading a new update)
- <http://au.finance.yahoo.com> for online update of prices (*Prices form | EOD Online*)
- <http://www.asx.com.au> for update of the Companies database (*Tools | Update Companies from ASX*)

## **Join our beta-testing program!**

If you're interested in getting an early look at new features to be introduced into Topshare, and would like to have significant influence over future development direction, then join our beta-testing program! It's easy to do, and you can join or leave at any time. For instructions on joining, and for information about the current trials in progress, check out the *Support | Beta testing forum* link on the Topshare website.

## **A final word...**

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all Topshare users for their support, to pass on my best wishes for the festive season, and for a happy and successful New Year.

Chris Jackson

This document was created with Win2PDF available at <http://www.daneprairie.com>.  
The unregistered version of Win2PDF is for evaluation or non-commercial use only.