WINFAST PLUS - Superior Software Tools

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WinFast Plus lets you to launch your Windows and DOS applications from a drop down button bar. Applications are displayed (scrollable) in alphabetical order - complete with Icons.   For extra speed, you can Launch a Group, which will create a seperate group Icon on your desktop.   You can set your group Icon to any Icon on your system.

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System Requirements:

Windows 3.1, or Windows NT.
Intel 386SX or higher.
Windows Program Manager: unlike many other program launchers and virtual desktops, **WinFast Plus** does **not** displace, or modify the Windows Program Manager, or any system files. By using Program Manager (rather than displacing it), WinFast Plus automatically has compatability that other Launchers do not.   Every time you install a new application on your PC, you will not have to worry about setting it up in WinFast Plus - it will already be there!

Apps (on Main Pulldown Menu)

The **Apps** menu displays Program Manager Groups in alphabetical order. When you select an item from this menu, you will see the Icons for this group.

You might notice that **Apps** appears GRAY for a few seconds when you first start up **WinFast Plus**. The **Apps** menu is grey while **WinFast Plus** is communicating with Program Manager (retrieving system information).   If for some reason, the Apps menu remains grey for more than a few seconds, then there is something wrong with the communication link.   (Note: this will occur if you are running some other desktop launcher other than Windows Program Manager.

Launch Group

Group Launching is an integral part of **WinFast Plus.   WinFast Plus** allows you to find and execute applications quickly by displaying Icons in alphabetical sequence, and allowing you to scroll quickly to them.   Since WinFast Plus reads Icon information dynamically (at run time), it sometimes takes a second or two when you click on APP for a very larger group.   The way to avoid this, and the best way to use WinFast Plus is to take advantage of Group Icons.

After you select an item from the App menu, you will be able to Launch a Group.   When you Launch a Group, **WinFast Plus** creates a Group Icon on your desktop with the default Group Icon.

You can change the Group Icon to one of your selection.

You can launch as many groups as you want.

You can Auto-Launch Groups in your startup.

Set Group Icon

After <u>launching</u> a Group, you can set the Icon to any Icon on your system.   Note: this option is only valid (non-grayed out) on Groups which have been Launched.

Select Set Group Icon from the Options pulldown.   Icons exist in ICO, EXE and DLL files.   Use the file list box to select an Icon File.   Some files have multiple Icons.   You can use the scroll bar to browse through the Icons in a file.   Once you have found one that you want to use, click on SET.

Note: the unregistered version of WinFast will not automatically use the setting on STARTUP.   You will need to use the SET option after Launching a Group, unless you get a registered version from the author.   All of the funtionallity exists in the un-registered version - it just takes one extra click.

Refresh

The Refresh option is a command that tells **WinFast Plus** to re-read system information and refresh its internal settings.   This option is very useful after you have installed new software on your system and you want to **WinFast Plus** to display the new icons.   Note: if you shut **WinFast Plus** down and re-execute it, you get the same results.

Auto-Startup Groups

Auto-Startup allows you to select Groups to automatically be launched with the **-S** option (usually put in the STARTUP Group in Program Manager).

If you wanted to automatically launch several groups on system startup, you would use this option to select the desired groups (and click OK).   You would then add WINFSTP.EXE to your Program Manager STARTUP Group with the **-S** option like this:

WINFSTP.EXE -S

Executing Applications

After you have selected an App from the pulldown menu, you can execute any individual application by either:

SINGLE CLICKING (with mouse) the desired ICON.

DOUBLE CLICKING (with mouse) the Name of the desired applicaiton.

Scroll the blue text (with up\down arrow, or first letter of application name), and hitting enter.