

WinJade v2.1



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Welcome to WinJade version 2.1! It may be worth your while spending a few moments reading the following notes...

What's new in version 2.1

The following features have been added...

(a) Processing of a Program Manager group on startup. The Startup group file-name (normally 'startup.grp') is normally used, although any group file can be run (beware - running loads of Windows apps can seriously damage you free resources!!).

A check box is provided to enable and disable this feature in the Palette Preferences dialog box.

(b) The ability to restart Windows. I found this useful in testing so I left it in. The option is 'attached' the main control menu. Confirmation is required before Windows is restarted.

(c) Resource checking - if WinJade can not get the graphics resources it needs, a warning dialog box will appear suggesting that other applications are closed and WinJade is restarted.

Investigate these and the other WinJade features by running the Help file, WINJADE.HLP, and the application itself.

Required files for WinJade

The following files are required to run WinJade 2.1...

WINJADE.EXE	- the main program file
WINJADE.HLP	- the associated application Help file
WJADEDLL.DLL	- dynamic link library containing WinJade support functions
CTL3D.DLL	- dynamic link library containing Microsoft's 3D control

support
READ_ME.WRI - this file

Note that the file, CTL3D.DLL, should reside in your WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory. If you have an older version, overwrite it with the version shipped with WinJade.

Running WinJade

You can set WinJade to run on start-up by using File Manager to drag-&-drop the WINJADE.EXE file from it's home directory to the Windows Program Manager (or your equivalent) Startup group or any other preferred group.

WinJade Colours

WinJade utilises some of the system colours in displaying it's visual aspects. The ButtonFace and ButtonShadow colours are used for the icon button's up and down states respectively. These can be modified using the Control Panel:Color application. The exception to this is the grey used to fill the dialog box backgrounds.

Using WinJade as the Shell program

WinJade can be set as the Windows shell, and will process any 'load' and 'run' entries in the WIN.INI file, as well as the Program Manager Startup group if required. Details on setting WinJade as the shell in the SYSTEM.INI file can be found in the Help file.

The WinJade INI file

When WinJade is run, it attempts to load the WINJADE.INI for the palette and button info. If it can not find the file, it creates it. This file usually resides the Windows directory.

However, WinJade can be run with a different INI file specified with the following example command line..."C:\WINDOWS\WINJADE.EXE C:\MYDIR\MYFILE.INI". Note that Windows does not seem to permit the addition of command line parameters when setting it as the 'shell' in the SYSTEM.INI file.

It is also possible to inhibit the use of 3D dialogs by inserting the line 'No3DDialogs=1' in the [WinJade] section of the WINJADE.INI file.

There is no current support for running multiple instances of WinJade.

WinJade Testing

In an attempt not to release duff software on the world at large, I have been using WinJade both for work and pleasure over the past year. It has been run extensively on 486SX-25MHz and 486DX2-50MHz machines, and briefly tested on a 386SX-25MHz and a 486DX2-60MHz.

This has (hopefully) removed all the main bugs or 'product discrepancies' (!), but if you do find problems, please drop me a line with all the relevant details.

Freeware

As mentioned at the start, WinJade is freeware. It started off as a intro into Win3.1 drag-&-drop, DLL's, etc., etc. and just expanded from there. However, bug reports, ideas for enhancements, criticisms, etc. sent to me on the back of a £5 or \$10 note are very welcome! The same 'coloured note-paper' will also get you the means of turning off the startup About box and news of the latest release.

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