GrpIcon 1.02
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GrpIcon is a simple little utility for Microsoft WindowsTM 3.0 that allows you to visually customize your Windows Program Manager by associating icons to your Program Groups to replace the default Group Icon which all Groups otherwise display. GrpIcon reads icons from just about any Windows file that can contain icons, including files with the extensions .ICO, .EXE, .DLL, .DRV, .IL, .NIL and .ICL.

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Installing GrpIcon is simple. Using the Windows File Manager, copy or move the GRPICON.EXE file to the directory where you wish to leave GrpIcon. Then double-click on the filename GRPICON.EXE, and GrpIcon will execute.
An About... dialog will appear, containing two pushbuttons and a checkbox at the bottom of the dialog. The checkbox reads 'Start GrpIcon when Windows Starts.' Check this box to have GrpIcon automatically start when Windows starts up. If you check this box, or if you had already put GrpIcon in your WIN.INI file, the checkbox will be grayed out and will be disabled.
To make the About... box close, click the pushbutton which reads 'Let's Try It Out First!'
After the About box disappears, you will have no visual indication that GrpIcon is active, as the program runs hidden from view. If you ever want to close GrpIcon, start a second copy of GrpIcon, and the first one will appear as an icon on the Windows desktop. You may then close GrpIcon via the Close command on its System Menu.

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If you are upgrading to Version 1.02 or later from 1.01 or earlier, you must run the enclosed program CVTINI.EXE to convert the configuration file GRPICON.INI from the old (1.01) format to the new (1.02) format. CVTINI only needs to be run once. It can be erased afterwards if you desire. If you are upgrading and did not get CVTINI.EXE from wherever you got GrpIcon, please call New World Software at (617) 536-6946.

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To customize your Program Manager Group icons, follow these steps:

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Group. This will open the Group's System Menu.

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"Assign New Icon..." and "About GrpIcon..." Select Assign New Icon.

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directory. You may use standard Windows keyboard (ALT+underlined letter) and mouse commands to navigate through your directory structure with the "Directories" listbox.

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the box titled "'Icon Images". If you have selected a .ICO file, the buttons on either side of the Icon Images box will be disabled, as .ICO files will only contain one usable icon. Other file formats may contain several icons. In this case, you can use the buttons on either side of the icon image to search forward or backward for additional icons (Use Alt + Shift + < and Alt + Shift + > if no mouse is present).

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and close the dialog box.

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GrpIcon is distributed via BBSes and other channels in its Demonstration Mode. Demonstration Mode allows you to evaluate the complete program without any limitation of features so that you can make an informed decision as to whether or not you will purchase GrpIcon. If you purchase GrpIcon, you will receive a Registration Number which will place the program in Operating Mode. The only difference between the two modes is that when GrpIcon is operating as a Demo, it reminds you every now and then that it is running (It was discovered during our Beta Test cycle that the enhancement GrpIcon provides is so natural and commonsense that people tend to forget that GrpIcon is there!). Purchasing and registering GrpIcon costs only $15.00 in US currency. Checks and money orders should be sent to:
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