

UpDown v1.4

Do you usually have the "Minimize on Use" flag set? While it's nice to have your desktop manager automatically minimized while you run other applications, it's a pain to manually restore the manager once you're completed with those applications. UpDown does this job for you; it automatically restores the desktop manager once another application is closed or minimized.

UpDown can perform the following functions for any application:

- o Control other types of File/Program Managers (any application)
- o Restoration whenever all other applications are either closed or minimized
- o Restoration when the application is the active task
- o Minimization once the application is no longer the active window
- o Minimization only when another window (not icons) becomes active
- o When the Restore option is selected for both applications, Updown will restore the last application minimized

The restoration and minimization options can be set independently for each application. If you like, continue to use "Minimize on Use" and use UpDown only for restoration.

Installation and Usage:

Copy UPDOWN.EXE to your WINDOWS directory (or any other directory in your path). Place a reference to the program on your LOAD= line in your WIN.INI file.

Example:

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[windows]
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load=UPDOWN.EXE
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Alternately, double click on UPDOWN.EXE. To set options, click once on the UpDown icon and choose Options....

Note: This program will maintain a WIN.INI profile section similar to the one below (this example uses the default applications of Program and File Managers).

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[UpDown]
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ProgManRestore=1
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ProgManMinimize=0
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ProgManActRest=1
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FileManRestore=1
FileManMinimize=1
FileManActRest=0
ProgManName=Program Manager
FileManName=File Manager
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The application listed as ProgManName (Application #1) will use a minimization behavior different than the FileManName (Application #2). In particular, when it is minimized it will position itself just behind the newly opened/active application. This will cause it to re-appear once that application closes. The Application #2 entry when minimized will position itself to the bottom of the windows list.

UpDown can control other types of File/Program Managers (such as Norton Desktop). You can even use UpDown to minimize/restore a notepad, calculator, a favorite game, any application! To do so, simply select the Applications menu item and enter the Window title of the application you want UpDown to control (for example, Turbo C++).

That's it. Hope that you find this program to be one of those tools you depend on. UpDown is a freely distributed utility which means it can be used freely as long as it is not modified in any manner. Drop me a line on America Online (userid: BAdelSman) or via Internet address badelSman@aol.com and pass along any comments or problems.

Program history:

Version 1.00:

- First release

Version 1.1:

- Revamped Options screen:
 - "Restore" became "Restore when...No open windows"
 - "Minimize" became "Minimize on...Any active task"
- Added new options:
 - "Restore when...Active task" -- this function will restore the Program/File Manager whenever it becomes the active task
 - "Minimize on...Any active window" -- this function will minimize the Program/File Manager only if another window becomes active (not icons)
- Improved options saving (sometimes did not get updated to the profile)

Version 1.2:

- Improved restoration selection for Active task
 - Restoration for File/Program Manager after closing a launched application should work consistently with the Active task option selected
- Added new option:
 - Replacement File/Program Manager control option
 - applications other than Program/File Manager can now be controlled in the same manner

Version 1.3

- New dialog box to assist in the configuration of applications
 - names of the applications controlled can be changed without exiting Windows now

Version 1.4

- Fixed compatibility problems with Windows 3.1
- Application #2 now minimizes to the bottom of Windows Z-order list (last of apps)