

Folders for Window 3.1

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Folders allows you to create the equivalent of subgroups within MS Windows Program Manager. In the following discussion, wherever you see the word folders, think of them as a more powerful form of a group.

Features provided by Folders include the following:

- Create folders within folders with the ability to cross-link folders, allowing a single folder to be opened by multiple folders.
- Extremely easy to use icon selection capability making use of an icon browser box. Change item icons in one single, easy step. Use icons in ICO files, EXE's, DLL's or ICL files.
- Drag/drop capability between folders including the ability to drag multiple items at one time. Move or copy items between folders using drag/drop. Launch programs with data files by dragging folder items to the program.
- Save the position and size of a folder as well as the item positions in the folder, if desired.
- Password protection. Capable of locking individual folders using a password entry scheme.
- Run command which stores the last twelve commands entered with no duplication of commands.
- Improved associate command. When running items from a folder, multiple programs may be associated with the item's filename extension allowing you to choose the program you wish to run.
- Items in folders may be assigned hotkeys for quick access. They may also be set to run minimized or maximized and to inquire for a file parameter when launched.
- Display items in a folder as icons, text or push buttons. In icon mode, background color of folder may be set to different colors.
- Customizable popup run menu with menu editor dialog to maintain it. Menu items may be set run minimized or maximized and hotkeys may be assigned to them.

Installation

To install Folders or to install a new version of Folders, follow the steps below.

1. Insert the Folders disk into the appropriate drive (a: or b:).
2. From Program Manager or File Manager select the Run command and type in a:install.exe. If using the b drive, substitute a: with b:.
3. Follow the install program's directions for installing the software.

Should this process fail for any reason, follow the instructions for the manual install process given at the end of this file.

If you have been using a previous version of Folders, you will be given the opportunity to import it into the new Folders.

Getting Started:

1. Once the program is installed, open your first folder located in the Folders group created during install

by double-clicking the folder icon.

2. You can rename the folder using the Name command under the File menu. Be sure and rename it in the program group, too.
3. From this folder, or any folder you create, you can make new folders. Simply choose New from the File menu. You can create subfolders within the current folder or new group-level folders such as this first folder.
4. Create whatever folders you want and add items to them using the Add Item command from the Edit menu.
5. See the online help for detail explanations of Folders commands and procedures.

Uninstalling

An uninstall program is provided to remove Folders from your system. To use it, run the program `uninstall.exe` which should be on the Folders program diskette.

Customer Support

Customer support is available to all owners of Folders for as long as you own the program.

Support may be obtained by calling (719) 260-0433 during normal business hours. Please leave a message should we be unable to answer the call immediately. We promise to get back to you that same day if at all possible. You may also fax us at (719) 260-0433.

You may also write us at:

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Or by sending email to CompuServe (id 72540,144) or American On-line (id Sloop Soft) or Internet (id 72540.144@compuserve.com). We check CompuServe on a daily basis allowing for a prompt response to any inquiries.

Please include as many details as possible concerning any problem you may be experiencing to allow us to correct it as quickly as possible. Useful information includes what version of Folders you are running, what display mode (EGA, VGA, 16 colors, etc.) you are running in, what mode of Windows (enhanced, standard) you are running in, how much RAM your system has and the exact sequence of events leading up to the problem.

Registration

Note that this is a shareware program. As such, you may use it on a trial basis for thirty days. After this time, the program should be registered if it is continued to be used. The cost is \$40 plus \$2 shipping/handling (\$4 for overseas orders). You will receive the latest version of the program and a printed manual. The fee is payable to:

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Manual Installation Process

Should the automatic install process fail for some reason, the following process may be followed to install the program.

1. Copy the files **folders.exe**, and **folders.hlp** to your Windows directory. Copy the file **fldr_man.ini** to your Windows directory and rename it to **folders.ini**. Copy the file **icondlg.dll** to your Windows **system** directory. If you already have a copy of **icondlg.dll**, you should check the version dates of both copies and use the latest version.
2. Create a subdirectory of your Windows directory called Folders. Note this step may be skipped. Any existing directory may be used instead.
3. Copy the files **folders.icl**, **folders.fl0**, **smutils.exe** and **folder.reg** to the Folders data directory created in step 2.
4. Edit the file **folders.ini** in the following manner using a text editor such as Notepad. Under the section name [Folders Directory] edit the **path=** line to read:

path=<directory>

where <directory> is the directory created in step 2. Note the backslash at the end of the name. An example line would be:

path=c:\windows\folders

5. From the File Manager, using the Associate command under the File menu, associate **folders.exe** with **FL0** files.
6. Create a Program Manager group item in a group of your chose. The command line should be '**<data directory>\fld0000.fl0**' where <data directory> is the full path of the directory you created in step 2. The name of the item should be 'Empty Folder'.

That's it. You should now be able to launch Folders by double-clicking on the new Program Manager group item created in step 6. This will open into your first folder. From it you may begin to create new folders.