SysHook
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION, INSTRUCTIONS & HOW-TO

What is SysHook ?

SysHook is a small utility that adds two menu items to every program's system menu (See below). These menu items allow the user to run programs without having to switch to Program Manager every time. I.e you can run Microsoft Word full-screen and start the calculator without having to first switch to Program Manager.

Why SysHook ?

If any of you want to know what hooks have to do with system menus, read this.

Windows generates messages all the time. When you move the mouse, Windows sends a message to all applications informing them of this. In order to append the two menu items, SysHook must intercept the message that Windows generate every time a user clicks on a menu. The only way of doing this is

to install "hooks" in Windows. Hence the name "SysHook".

System Requirements

SysHook ABSOLUTELY REQUIRES the following :
IBM-Compatible computer
Windows 3.1 or later.

How to install SysHook

By now you should have unpacked the archive. The following files should be included in it:

README.1ST - Last-minute information.
REGISTER.TXT- Registration form
SYSHLIB.DLL - SysHook Dynamic Link Library (DLL)
SYSHOOK.DOC - This file.
SYSHOOK.EXE - SysHook main program.

Copy the files to a directory of your choice.
Let's assume that you copied the files to C:\SYSHOOK

Now, start Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later. Select a group to place SysHook in. On the Program Managers menu bar, select File. Select New. Press OK. Type 'SysHook', press <Tab>, type 'C:\ SYSHOOK\SYSHOOK.EXE', press <Tab>, type 'C:\SYSHOOK'. Press <Enter>.

That's it !

Now, to start Syshook, double-click on the SysHook icon. You probably won't notice anything. That's OK. SysHook is up and running. Try clicking on Program Managers system menu. You should see three new menu items :

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|_____|
|    Always on top     |
|_____|
| Program groups    >|
| Run a program...     |
|_____|
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Always on top:

This command works exactly like WinHelp's Always on top command. When you execute this command, the window will remain on top of ALL other windows even when it is inactive. Try this :

1) Start Windows Write (or Notepad).
2) Use SysHook to start the Calculator.
3) Select Always on top in Calculator's system menu.
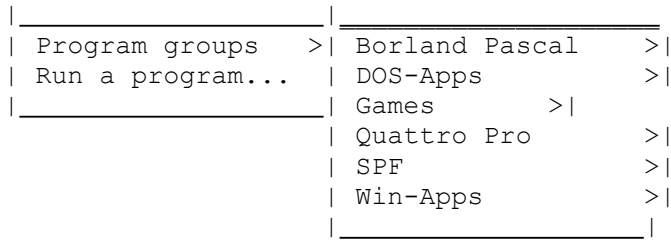4) Switch back to Write (or Notepad).

The Calculator will remain on top.

5) Click on the Calculator's system menu ONCE (don't close it).
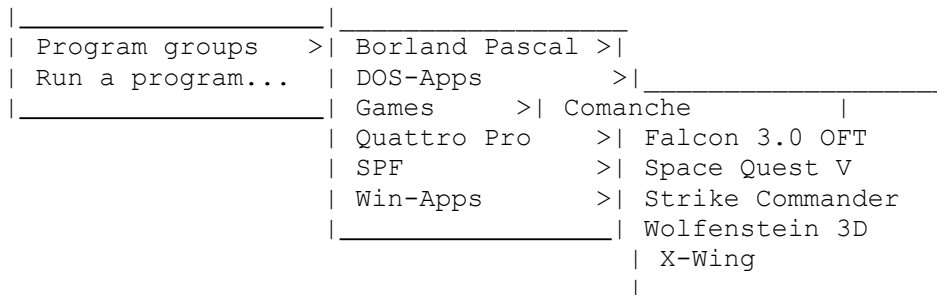
You should see something like this :

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|_____|
| ✓Always on top       |
|_____|
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Program Groups:
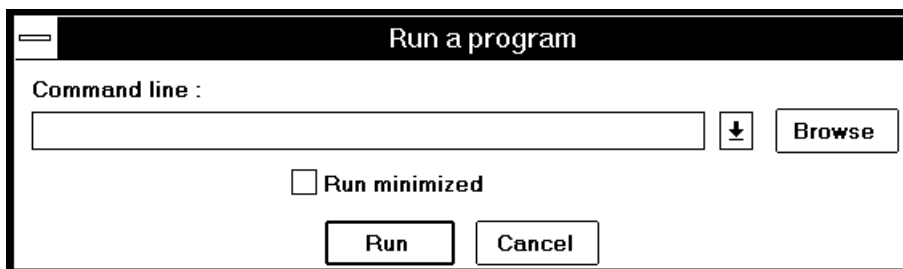When you click on this menu item, you will see a list of your Program Manager groups.

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|_____|_____
| Program groups   >| Borland Pascal    >|
| Run a program... | DOS-Apps          >|
|_____| Games        >|
                    | Quattro Pro       >|
                    | SPF               >|
                    | Win-Apps          >|
                    |_____|
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Click on one of them to see a list of all the group's items. Click on one item to run it.

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|_____|_____
| Program groups   >| Borland Pascal >|
| Run a program... | DOS-Apps          >|_____
|_____| Games    >| Comanche          |
                    | Quattro Pro   >| Falcon 3.0 OFT    |
                    | SPF           >| Space Quest V     |
                    | Win-Apps      >| Strike Commander  |
                    |_____| Wolfenstein 3D    |
                                    | X-Wing            |
                                    |_____|
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Run a Program:
This is exactly like Program Manager's File|Run command.
You will be shown a dialog box that looks like this:

Run a program
Command line :
[   ] [↓] [Browse]
☐ Run minimized
[Run] [Cancel]

Command line:
   Here you type in the name of the program you want to run. For example C:\BP\README.COM.
Press the down arrow to see a list of all the programs you have run from SysHook this session.

 Browse:
   If you don't know the name or path to a program, Browse will give you a directory listing of all
drives. Select a program and press OK.

 Run minimized:
   Check this checkbox if you want to run the program minimized as an icon.

 Run:
   Press this button to run the program.

Cancel:
 Cancels everything and takes you back where you came from.

KNOWN PROBLEMS

   SysHook WON'T run with Borland's Quattro Pro for Windows. QPW changes it's menus and overwrites SysHook's menu items.

LAST WORDS

 If you find a bug in SysHook, or would like to see a new feature implemented, contact me! (the author).