



IN CONTROL 1.40 - shareware version



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INTRODUCTION

In-Control is a Windows 3.1 application that gives you selective access to the individual functions of the Windows Control Panel. It is aimed at two types of user :

1 - System administrators who want to give their users access to some but not all of the Control Panel functions - either for convenience or for reasons of security - e.g. your users may want to change the Mouse and Desktop settings but you would rather they didn't meddle with the 386 enhanced settings. (this was why we originally developed it!).

2 - Very lazy power users - those of you who frequently (or infrequently) want to access individual control functions and find selecting an icon or an item from the Control Panel menu each time too much of a strain!

This is a fully functioning shareware version of In-Control - the only difference between this and the registered version is that occasionally a dialogue box will appear after you have used it reminding you (or your users) that this is an unregistered evaluation copy.

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INSTALLING IN CONTROL

If you are reading this you probably have already installed IN CONTROL successfully but if not :

The following files need to be placed in the same directory on your hard disk, preferably one that is on your path (you can use your Windows directory if you wish but this is not recommended - we would hate to see you losing IN CONTROL when you upgrade to Windows 4 for instance!) .

INCTRL.EXE - the main executable program.

INCTRL.HLP - this help file.

INCTRL.TXT - notes

That's it! Should you need to uninstall IN CONTROL just delete the above files - INCTRL does not make any changes to WIN.INI, nor does it place or create any other files on your system.

The INSTALL program supplied will accomplish the above onerous task for you and also set up a Program Manager group containing individual icons for each usage of IN CONTROL

USAGE

IN CONTROL has just one parameter - Partial menu String

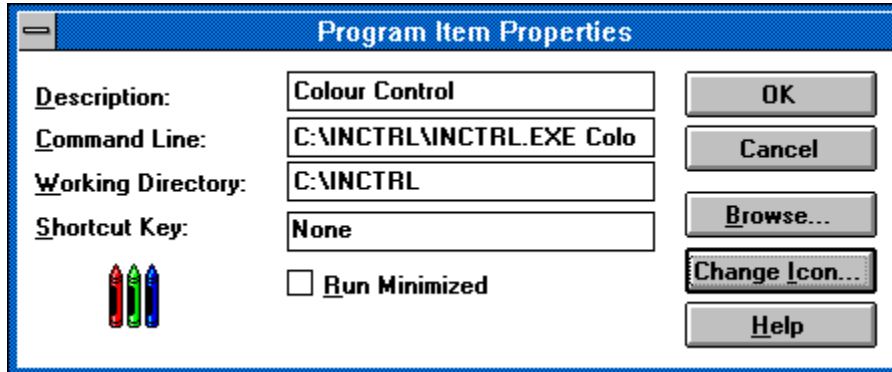
This should contain all or the leading part of the Settings menu option for the control panel function you wish to use. It can be typed in upper or lower case. If you invoke IN CONTROL with no parameters it will display this help file.

E.g. **INCTRL.EXE Desk** or **INCTRL.EXE DESKTOP** will activate the Desktop settings function.

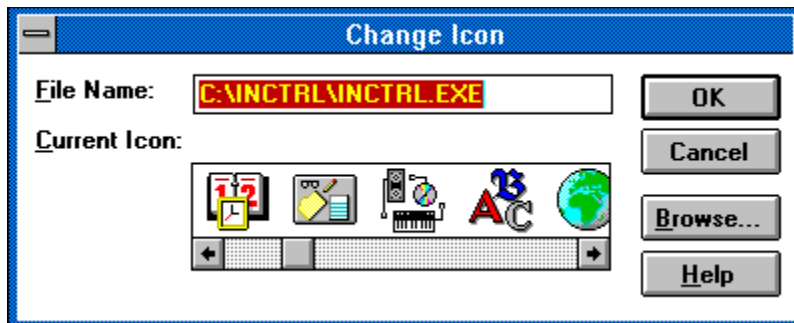
That's all - you should be able to set up IN CONTROL for use in this way from any Windows shell, menu system, batch language etc.

PROGRAM MANAGER USAGE

To manually set-up a Program Manager item for IN CONTROL create a Program Object either using the File New Program Item from the Program Manager menu or by dragging the file INCTRL.EXE from File Manager into the required Program Manager group. Then modify the Program Item as in the example dialogue box below. This example assumes that you have installed IN CONTROL in the directory C:\INCTRL and that you want to access the Colours control panel function.



If you wish to change the icon for the In Control program item then select the Change Icon button from the Program Item Properties dialog box. You will see that IN CONTROL contains icons for all the standard Control Panel functions - either select one of the ones displayed or replace it with one of your own as described in the Windows reference manual.



ERROR MESSAGES

If you invoke IN CONTROL while the Control Panel is active it will terminate with the message **Control Panel is already Running** - Just close Control Panel and start again.

If you specify a menu string incorrectly or one that is not available on your system , e.g. **INCTRL FooBar**, the message: **Could not find Settings Menu Item - FOOBAR** is displayed. Check that the menu item you specified is in the Control Panel settings menu and that you have spelt it correctly.

If you run **INCTRL** with no parameters and it cannot find the file INCTRL.HLP the following message is displayed: **Cannot open Help File**. Ensure that the file INCTRL.HLP is installed on your hard disk and is either in a directory on your DOS Path statement or is in the start-up directory specified in the PROGMAN (or whatever) program item.

If IN CONTROL cannot locate the Windows Control Panel program it will display the message: **Could not find file CONTROL.EXE** - Check that the file CONTROL.EXE has not been inadvertently moved, renamed or deleted from your Windows Directory. Check with your systems administrator or re-install Windows.

If the INCTRL.EXE file has been damaged in any way you will see the message: **CRC error on file INCTRL.EXE** - Contact Omicron Systems for advice and check your system for Virus activity.

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