

WinJade v1.0

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Welcome to WinJade version 1.0! It may be worth your while spending a few moments reading the following notes...

What is WinJade?

WinJade is simple freeware program launcher. Your favourite applications are represented by icon buttons on a sizeable palette that are created by dragging-&-dropping files from File Manager or similar. Files can either have an associated application or be of the .EXE, .COM, .PIF or .BAT format.

The right mouse button controls the palette. If you click it anywhere on the Desktop, the palette will either hide or show itself and hence preserve that valuable space! Clicking it over a button will display it's title. Double-clicking over a button will allow you to modify it's preferences. Together with the CTRL and SHIFT keys, you can delete and move buttons from the palette.

Investigate the various WinJade features by running the Help file, WINJADE.HLP, or the application itself.

Required files for WinJade

The following files are required to run WinJade...

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| WINJADE.EXE | - the main program file |
| WINJADE.HLP | - the associated application Help file |
| WJADEDLL.DLL | - dynamic link library containing WinJade support functions |
| READ_ME.WRI | - this file |

Running WinJade

You can set WinJade to run on start-up by using File Manager to drag-&-drop the WINJADE.EXE file from it's home directory to the Windows Program Manager (or your equivalent) Startup group. On the other hand, you could drop it in the Accessories or any other preferred group.

WinJade Colours

WinJade utilises the system colours in displaying it's visual aspects. ButtonFace and ButtonShadow are used for the icon button's up and down states respectively, and the Desktop colour is used to fill the icon title window when it's displayed. These colours can be modified using the Control Panel:Color application. The exception to this is the grey used to fill the dialog box backgrounds!

The WinJade INI file

The first time WinJade is run, it creates a WINJADE.INI file that is used to store the button and palette information. This file usually resides the Windows directory. However, WinJade can be run with a different INI file specified with the following example command line..."C:\WINDOWS\WINJADE.EXE C:\MYDIR\MYFILE.INI". There is, as yet, no support for running multiple instances of WinJade.

Using WinJade as the Shell program

I have put in basic support to allow the user to set WinJade as the Windows Shell. There is, as yet, no support for starting applications a la Program Manager's Startup group. In order to make WinJade the shell program, you need to alter the 'shell' setting the Windows SYSTEM.INI file. I suggest you make a back-up of this file first and then use the System Editor (\WINDOWS\SYSTEM\SYSEDIT.EXE) to make the following changes...

(BEFORE)

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[boot]
*
*
shell=progman.exe
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(AFTER)

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[boot]
*
*
oldshell=progman.exe
shell=C:\WINDOWS\winjade.exe
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WinJade Testing

In an attempt not to release duff software on the world at large, I have been using WinJade both for work and pleasure over the past 4 months. It has been run extensively on a Dan 486SX-25MHz and an Elonex 486DX2-50MHz (both at 1024x768 and 800x600 resolutions).

It has also been briefly tested on an Olivetti 386SX-25MHz and a Dell 486DX2-60MHz. This has (hopefully) removed all the main bugs or 'product discrepancies' (!), but if you do find problems, please drop me a line with all the relevant details.

For those that have to know, WinJade was developed on a Dan 486SX-25MHz (SVGA, 4MB RAM, 210MB HDD) using C within Microsoft Visual C++ v1.0.

Freeware

As mentioned at the start, WinJade is freeware. It started off as an intro into Win3.1 drag-&-drop, DLL, etc., etc. and just expanded from there. However, bug reports, ideas for enhancements, criticisms, etc. sent to me on the back of a £5 or \$10 note are very welcome! The same 'coloured note-paper' will also get you the means of turning off the startup About box and news of the latest release.

Early enhancements I hope to make, given interest, are to set the correct icon on minimized apps run from WinJade and to allow multiple instances for cascading palettes.

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