KiwiSoft™
Window Manager

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This version will include:

> Multiple tabbed groups of application buttons
> Automatic Icon adding by setup applications
> Integrated control panel
> Printer management
> File management

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Introduction

Thank you for evaluating KiwiSoft Window Manager.   We hope you find it an indispensable addition to your Windows environment.   Window Manager may be used as a replacement for the Windows program manager and task list, or as a complement.

You may use this product for 21 days, free of charge.   After that time you must register with KiwiSoft, or stop using Window Manager.

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Using Window Manager

Session Options

The Session button allows you to exit or restart Windows.

One of the most useful features is the restart Windows button.   If you`re getting memory low warnings, or have changed your `ini` files, you can use this option to restart Windows and reclaim the lost memory or effect the file changes.

Running Applications

There are two ways to run the application associated with an Icon button:

1.   Double click the button
2.   Click the button and click Launch.

The SpeedBar

The SpeedBar is the row of buttons that you see in the title bars of applications.   These buttons allow you to switch to other applications quickly.

These buttons are *ALWAYS* active, regardless of what the application is doing or what dialog boxes are open.

> The Simple Rule is

> **If you can see them, you can use them, no matter what!**

Using different Icons on the SpeedBar.

If you run more than one copy of an application, you can assign different SpeedBar Icons for each <u>instance</u> of that application.   To do this you need to create a separate Icon Button for each different Instance of that application that you want to have a different Icon.

You can run multiple instances of an application from one Icon Button.   Each instance of the application will have an icon the same as that which started the application.

If you start an application by a method other than Window Managers Icons, the program manager for example, the SpeedBar button for that application will have that applications default icon only.

To Use the SpeedBar with full screen DOS applications you will need to use the <u>SpeedBar Special Category</u> option for the Icon Button.

For more details see <u>SpeedBar Setup</u>

Instance

When running more than one copy of the same application, each copy is known as an instance of that application.

The Window list

The Window list is the list of applications at the top left of Window Manager.   The buttons to the left of this list are used on the selected item.

Switch to This button switches to the selected window.   You can also do this by double clicking on the window name.

End Task   This button ends the selected task.   It is the same as selecting close from the applications system menu, or exit from the applications file menu.

Minimize   This is a useful button, it allows you to minimize any application.   This is useful for applications that you want to run in the background, or applications that will not normally allow you to minimize them.   You can use the window list and the Switch To button to restore the application.

Adding and Editing Application Icons.

Adding Buttons

There are two ways to add an Icon Button for an application.

The Easy Way

1   Start the application however you have been doing until now.   (If it`s not already running)
2   Select the application from Window Manager`s window list.
3   Click the Create Icon Button from Task button.

The Traditional Way

Use the Add App button and add an application using the same method as the program manager.

Description is the text that will appear in the status bar when the mouse is over the button.

Startup Directory is the default directory that will be set when the application starts.

Command Line is the applications executable file and any command line options.

Run On Startup option tells Window Manager to start the application each time Window Manager is started.   This gives the same functionality as the startup group of the program manager.

Run Minimized option starts the application in a minimized state.

No Button On SpeedBar option produces no SpeedBar button for applications started with this button.   This is useful for tasks that run as a non minimized application, but are never switched to.

SpeedBar Special Category there are only two uses for this button.

1:    DOS applications. Without this option a button will not appear on the SpeedBar for full screen applications.
2:    If you wish to use the Hide Minimized apps option and you have an application that runs only as a minimized icon. This option will put a button on the SpeedBar for the application. Dr Watson is an example of this kind   of application.

WARNING: Improper use of this option will cause Ghost SpeedBar buttons with many applications.   Pressing one of these Ghost buttons may cause strange and undesired results.

Browse Button allows you to select the file for the button from a file dialog box.

Change Icon button allows you to select a different Icon for the application or document.

Editing Buttons.

To edit an Icon Button`s properties click the button and Edit App.

Edit Options

The edit options are mostly the same as the Add App options.

The position control is used to change the buttons position. Click the left hand side to move towards the top left of the buttons and on the right hand side to move the button towards the bottom right.

Remove Button removes the button.

Options

The Options box allows you to customize Window Manager to suit you and your environment.

Available options are:
Activation
Window List
System Startup
Button Size
Minimized Apps
Button Order
Quick Tips

Activation.

This option allows you to select which mouse click combination will immediately activate Window Manager.

We suggest that if you have a three button mouse, you use the middle button, as few applications make use of this button.   See also Hot Button Notes

Window List.

Some Windows applications run without there being any visible signs of that application.   Selecting the All Tasks option will list all applications in the window list.   Selecting the Windows Only option will show only visible applications.

Suggested Setting

Windows Only.

System Startup.

This option allows the system to use Window Manager instead of the program manager.   When your system starts up, you can then, if needed, start the program manager from an Icon button on Window Manager.

IMPORTANT: The file WINMAN.DLL   must be copied in to your Windows system directory before this option is used, otherwise your system may not start correctly.

Button Size.

This option selects the size of the SpeedBar buttons.   Experiment with this

option to see which size you prefer.

Minimized Apps

Some applications, like screen savers, run in the background.   Mostly you never need to switch to these applications.   This option allows these applications to be running without there being a button on the SpeedBar for them.

The Show Buttons setting will show buttons for all applications you have running.

The Hide Buttons will hide the buttons for minimized applications.

Usage Tip.

When using the SpeedBar you have no need to minimize applications unless they are background applications.   This allows you to have all the applications you are using maximized and still quickly switch between them.

Button Order

Button order affects the way the buttons are displayed on the SpeedBar.   There are two options Static and Dynamic.

Dynamic ordering.   When using dynamic ordering, the buttons are ordered from the most recently used application on the right, to the least recently used on the left.   Using this ordering technique, the last application you used will always be the button on the left.   This is very useful for toggling between two applications, or an application and it`s associated Windows help file.

Static ordering.   The buttons are displayed in a fixed order.   The current applications button is shown as depressed.   This is useful if you like things to always be in the same place.

Quick Tips

Use this option to turn on and off the help tips that are displayed in the status bar when the cursor is moved over a button.

Activation.

There are four ways to activate Window Manager once it is running:

1   Use the Hot Button.   (This is the easiest way)
2   Double Click anywhere on the desktop window.   (The desktop window is the area behind all the windows)
3   Press CTRL + ESC
4   Choose Switch To... from any system menu

Hot Buttons

Hot Buttons allow you to use either the right or middle mouse button to immediately activate Window Manager.

To choose your Hot Button.

1.   Select Options
2.   Under the Activation heading select the button and number of clicks you wish to use

Hot Button Notes

If you have a three button mouse, try using the middle button with the single click setting.   This is the setting people around here seem to like the best.

If you have a three button mouse and are unable to use the middle button, you will need to install a mouse driver that supports three buttons.   (The Microsoft mouse driver does not)

If you are using the right button settings and run an application that also makes use of the right button you will probably need to use the double click activation setting.

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Answers to common questions

Q: How do I remove an Icon Button?
A: Select the Button, choose Edit App and click Remove button or select the button and press the Delete key

Q: How do I change the Icon that appears for an application in the SpeedBar?
A: Create a button for the application, select the Change Icon button to select a different Icon for the application.   When you start the application using that button the SpeedBar button will have the selected Icon.

Q: I run many copies of the same Application, how can I tell them apart on the SpeedBar?
A: Create a different Icon button with a different Icon for each application you use. You can then start each copy with a different button and have a different Icon on the SpeedBar for each copy.

Q: Why won`t the middle mouse button work?
A: The normal cause for this problem is that you are using a mouse driver that supports only two buttons.   You need to use Windows Setup to install a three button mouse driver.

Q: When a large button on the SpeedBar covers a menu, how can I use the menu?
A: Click on a menu item that is not obstructed by the large button and drag across to the one you need to access.   You could also maximize the window if it`s not already maximized, or switch to small buttons.

Q: How can I stop the `About Box` from showing each time I start Window Manager?
A: When you register you will get a license number that will eliminate those reminders.

Q: Why does the SpeedBar sometimes appear on popup dialogs in some applications?
A: The SpeedBar locates itself on the `Main` window of an application, however some applications create more than one main window.   In these instances all Window Manager can do is put the SpeedBar on whichever main window is active.

Q: When using a Visual Basic™ application why does the SpeedBar move around to each window I use?
A: Visual Basic applications do not tell Windows which window their `Main` window is, so Window Manager can not tell which window the Visual Basic programmer intended to be the main window.   As support for Visual Basic applications was important to us, we have chosen the only alternative, which is moving the SpeedBar to which ever window is active in the Visual Basic application.

Q: I run Window Manager from the program manager startup group, how can I stop the Window Manager from showing?

A: In the progmans properties for Window Manager select the Run Minimized option, Window Manager will disappear as soon as it is started.

Version History

Pre 1.34

Testing versions only, were not available for release.

Version 1.34

The first limited release version of Window Manager.

Version 1.40

First full release.

Additions and Updates for V1.40
DOS application support fixed.
Run Minimized option added for buttons.
Show No Button on SpeedBar Option Added.
SpeedBar now creates buttons for tasks that start in the background.
System resource usage cut by almost half.
Run Minimized startup support added.

The System Menu

The system menu [icon] is located in the top left-hand corner of Window Manager.

The System Menu options are.

Move - Move the Window Manager, same effect as dragging in the title bar
Close - Hides the Window Manager; same as clicking in another window
End WinMan Session - Exits Window Manager,   If you are using Window
        Manager as a shell you will be presented with the Session options box.
Help Index - Displays this help file
About Window Manager... Displays the Window Manager about box, the about
        box tells the version of Window Manager you are using.