IconLook
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This program has been written in Visual Basic. The program itself is very simple. It is only useful for *viewing* icons. It will not edit them or use them in any useful way. I wrote this program in a couple of hours. I have barely begun to use Visual Basic and already I am amazed at its power.

Visual Basic handles all the hard work in this program. It creates the entire interface including the drive box, the directory box, the file box, and the menus. A skilled Visual Basic programmer (not me) could have written this program in less than five minutes. I don't know about you but to me that is impressive.

If you have always wanted to write programs for Windows but were afraid of the SDK (Software Developers Kit) then this program is for you. To give you an example of just how overly simple this program is, below is listed the **complete** source code for the entire program. **NO KIDDING**.

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Global Drive$

Sub Drive1_Change ()
  On Error GoTo ErrHand2
  Dir1.Path = Drive1.Drive .
  Exit Sub
ErrHand2:
  ErrorHandle
  Resume Next
End Sub

Sub Dir1_Change ()
  File1.Path = Dir1.Path
End Sub

Sub File1_DblClick ()
  On Error GoTo ErrHand
  If Right$(Dir1.Path, 1) <> "\" Then p$ = "\" Else p$ = ""
  text1.text = Dir1.Path + p$ + File1.Filename
  If Right$(text1.text,3)="ico" Then
        Picture1.Picture=LoadPicture(text1.text)
  EndIf
  Exit Sub
ErrHand:
  ErrorHandle
  Resume Next
End Sub
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Sub FileAbout_Click ()
  AboutForm.Show 1
End Sub

Sub FileExit_Click ()
End
End Sub

Sub Form_Load ()
  Drive$ = Drive1.Drive
End Sub

Sub ErrorHandle ()
  Select Case Err
    Case 481
       Picture1.Picture = BadIcon.Icon
    Case 68
       Drive1.Drive = Drive$
       MsgBox "That drive is currently unavailable"
    Case Else
  End Select
End Sub

Sub Command1_Click ()
    AboutForm.Hide
EndSub
```

How to use IconLook

Give me a break! What is there to it? If you can't figure out how to use
this one then you certainly don't need to be programming no matter how
simple the language is to use. (Those of you that are actually reading
this **before** running the program IconLook should run the program to see
how simple it is to operate. You also get a gold star.)

There are some rules however. IconLook, like all Visual Basic
applications requires that the file VBRUN100.DLL be located somewhere
in your path. I always keep mine in my windows directory. This works
even if your windows directory is not in your path. IconLook will only look
at files that have an **.ICO** extension. If you try to view an .ICO file that is
an old or incorrect format the Icon will say (disingenuously) **Bad Icon.**

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Speaking of enhancements, I may make some to this program or I may not. You have a complete listing of the source code so you could do some fancy cut and paste make the enhancements yourself. If you do make any enhancements I would appreciate a copy of the revised program. At any rate, since I make my living by other means that writing software (well, what a surprise) I cannot promise any ongoing support or upgrades. If you leave email for me on GEnie I will try to answer your questions.

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