

RIPbar version 4.2

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Introduction

Welcome to RipBAR. This utility is designed to provide several features in one easy-to-use application that takes up as little screen "real estate" as possible.

RipBAR provides services like application launching, drag and drop launching, memory and resource tracking, task switching, date / time display, Post-It style notes, HotKey access and more-- rolled into one, unobtrusive package. Even if you have something like Norton Desktop, you'll still appreciate the fact that RipBAR is always within easy reach on the screen, and that vital statistics like time, date, memory stats and the like are only a glance away.

Version 4.1 is the latest update but remains completely compatible with older versions of the settings file if you have one.

RipBAR is available for both Windows 3.1 and Windows NT. Where instructions differ between the two versions, mention of the difference will be made.

Where to go from here

RipBAR is easy to use, **but you should read through the help file provided so that you learn about all of the features available**-- many of these features are available **only** by clicking in different places on the bar. Click on the Help icon on the RipBAR bar, or double-click on the Clock Pane in RipBAR to access Help.

See the section entitled *New And Improved* for information about what is new in this version.

So what does it cost?

RipBAR is shareware. The version you have in your hands is a complete working version. There are no annoying reminder screens about what it costs, and there are no disabled features. If however, you find this application useful and you use it regularly, I'd appreciate the modest sum of \$25. If you don't think RipBAR is worth \$25, send me mail (or email) and tell me why-- perhaps your suggestions will be incorporated in a future version.

You may now register your copy of RipBAR via CompuServe. Simply type GO

SWREG at any CompuServe prompt and follow instructions. You may search for RipBAR there by using the RIPBAR keyword.

Installation

Windows 3.1

Installation is easy. Place **RIPBAR16.EXE** and **RIP_BAR.HLP** in a directory of their own-- and enjoy. You can add RipBAR to your Program Manager (or Norton Desktop etc.) or you can do as I do, and add it to your startup group so that it runs first thing when you boot Windows. Finally, place **CTL3D.DLL** and **RIPKHOOK.DLL** in your Windows' System directory. You're ready to run!

Windows NT

Installation is easy. Place **RIPBAR32.EXE** and **RIP_BAR.HLP** in a directory of their own. Place **CTL3D32.DLL** and **RIPKH32.DLL** in your Windows' NT SYSTEM32 directory. You can add RipBAR to your Program Manager or you can do as I do, and add it to your startup group so that it runs first thing when you boot Windows. You're ready to run!

New And Improved

The following is new / improved in Version 4.2

- New Print Tool
- Documents may now be placed on the bar in addition to applications.
- Icon titles may now be longer- about 40 characters.
- An ASCII chart that displays characters and ASCII values. Characters may be copied to the clipboard.
- Other monior fixes.
- Despite new features, RipBAR uses less memory.

For a complete history of version enhancements, consult the online Help file.

Where to find me

If you try / use RipBAR, I'd like to hear what you think. There are four ways to get ahold of me :

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