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WinShell is a freeware product and can be freely distributed.  
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## WinShell - The Efficient Program Manager Replacement



- Is based on Program Manager groups for displaying program information
- Allows showing the items of the most often used group as icon buttons in the main window
- Divides other groups into two categories: Programs and Resources
- Displays groups related to these two categories in separate pull-down menus
- Shows a list of actively running programs in the Tasks pull-down menu
- Comes with a Task Manager replacement that allows to run WinShell instead of the Task Manager upon Ctrl-Esc
- Supports instance management of application started from WinShell
- Is FreeWare and was developed by the author for the heck of it
- To keep things going and for the author to be able to afford compiler upgrades, a donation of \$5 would be appreciated and should be send to:

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## WinShell Menus

- **Tasks**
  - Lists the tasks running on the machine
  - **Run Command**: allows running of additional commands that can be entered in a dialog box
  - **Run Program Manager**: quickly jumps into Program Manager for group maintenance
  - **Exit WinShell**: exits WinShell and Windows if WinShell is installed as the default Windows Shell
- **Programs**
  - Includes an entry for each of your existing Program Manager groups
  - A cascaded pop-up menu shows the items associated with a given group
- **Resources**
  - Lists the Program Manager groups that start with an asterisk (\*) in their name
  - Allows for keeping WinHelp files or similar documentation in a separate place (e.g. for quickly accessing programming information)
- **Options**
  - **Minimize on Use**: if set, automatically minimizes WinShell on running a program
  - **Refresh Groups**: re-reads Program Manager groups into WinShell, to have group changes reflected in WinShell's menus
  - **Sort Buttons**: on default, WinShell uses the Program Manager ordering of items for the buttons it displays; with this option, alphabetical ordering of the items can be set
  - **Set Button Group**: allows changing the group for which buttons are displayed in WinShell's window
- **Help**
  - **WinShell Help**: jumps into this help file
  - **About WinShell**: displays Windows memory and resource availability information

## WinShell Buttons

- Supports instance management of applications
- Allows displaying of program name in a popup window
- **Single click with left button** on one of the icons starts the application or gives control to the instance of the application that is already running (only if originally started from WinShell)
- **Single click while holding down the Ctrl-key** will always start a new copy of the application
- Holding down the **right mouse button** over any icon button will display the program title in a small pop-up window

