

AESicons

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Chapter 1

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"What is mind? No matter,  
What is matter? Never mind."
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-- Thomas Hewitt Key
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1.2 Introduction

WHAT IS THIS?

This is the eighth set of my NewIcon images for your Workbench. These all use the standard NewIcon palette, so they won't allocate any extra pens from your Workbench if you are already using NewIcons. The entire AESicons series is well over 700 icons!!!

IMPORTANT! If you are not running NewIcons, these will only look like little squares and you won't see any cool icons. See elsewhere on how to install

them.

1.3 What's New?

WHAT'S NEW IN THIS VERSION?

Included are over 170 (!) images not found in the original NewIcons archive, NewIconsXtra set, or my previous 7 AESicons archives. Most are totally original, and a few are adapted from parts of Roger McVey's work and other aspiring artists.

The emphasis of this archive is on ToolManager Docks. If you didn't know already, NewIcons works with Toolmanager, so you can have those nifty looking NewIcon images as DockIcons. I've used the standard 36 x 40 size for the DockIcons, so you can use them as regular icons if you like also. :)

There are also plenty of non-dock icons in this package as well, including icons for all your favorite browsers, some great games (like WORMS!) and much, much more.

With each archive, I get more and more requests for icons. I have tried my best to fulfill all the requests so far, although there may be a few I haven't done yet. The archive was just getting too large and I had to get a release out there to the masses. If you don't see an icon you asked for, let me know.

The next archive will contain those image folders everyone is asking for. I promise!

I hope you like this set. Keep coming with the requests!

1.4 Installation

HOW DO I INSTALL THESE TINY LITTLE SQUARES?

If you plan to use these images, you need the NewIcons Package. It's available on Aminet (pub/aminet/util/wb/NewIconsV2.lha). If you are not running NewIcons, you will only see little squares for the icons, and this package will be of no use for you. To install these images, use the "copynewicon" utility to transfer the images over to the appropriate icon. DON'T use the "creatdefaulticon" utility. That's for creating NewIcon images for files that don't have ".info" files attached to them. Copynewicon is safe to use on your existing icons, because it won't mess with your default tool or your tooltypes. Also, DON'T just copy the .info file over to your existing programs, because you won't keep your default tool or tooltypes that way either. Like the NewIcons documentation says, think of this collection as a catalog of "images" rather than icons, from which you copy the image over to your other programs, rather than replacing the whole icon itself.

1.5 NewIcon News

NEWICONS UPDATE:

NewIcons Version 3 is well on its way, and should be out sometime this summer. There are LOTS of enhancements to the existing binaries, including a brand new Deficons brainfile that recognizes many more filetypes, and the NewIcons system has been greatly enhanced, with commodity support as well as an RTG mode that won't chew up all your chip mem if you have a GFX board. There are many more nice surprises to come with the upgrade. I've been testing the latest version with my CV64, and it works flawlessly at the moment. Watch this space for more info in the coming months!

1.6 Hey Software Authors!

For you software authors out there, how about putting some NewIcon images in with your programs? For those not using NewIcons, they don't see them anyway, and it saves me the trouble of having to deal with deleting those purple MWB icons and me having to make new images for your software. You can easily make them from DPaint IFF brushes. If you're not an icon artist, send me some mail, and perhaps I can make something for you.

Regardless of whether you prefer MWB or NewIcon images (or neither!), it's important to remember that the NewIcons system works with any style of image, and gives you the benefit of not having to worry about what your palette is set to in preferences. The images will auto-remap to the appropriate color. Personally, I prefer the NewIcons style, but you can use NewIcons to adapt your icons to any style you like.

Thanks go out to Nicola Salmoria for his great programming work, and Roger McVey for his talented artistry.

1.7 Distribution

DISTRIBUTION

This set is freely distributable, and the individual icons may be used or modified as you please. If you pass on the package to others, please keep the archive intact with its documentation. The authors of the programs for which these icons were designed have my permission to add them to their program archives; please let me know if you do. Email gives me incentive to keep this little (!) series going, so let's hear from you.

1.8 Author

These icons were created with DeluxePaint IV AGA, NED (Newicons EDitor, Roger McVey's NewIcon editor - still in beta form) and NewIcon2brush. Final formatting was done with killoldicon by Michael Barsoom, and my batch NewIcon

processing script, Brush2NewIcon (which I may upload to Aminet someday if I make it more user friendly).

Feedback is always appreciated. If you use these icons, and love (or hate) them, send me some e-mail and let me know. If you have a particular request for an icon, I'm usually pretty accommodating.

Enjoy!

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