

AESicons

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Chapter 1

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1.1 AESicons7 by Phil Vedovatti

AESicons 7 -- by Phil Vedovatti

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"A thing of beauty is a joy forever:
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness; but still will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing."

--John Keats, 1817
"From Endymion"

1.2 Introduction

WHAT IS THIS?

This is the seventh 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 600 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 140 images not found in the original NewIcons archive, NewIconsXtra sets, or my previous 6 AESicons archives.

This archive contains tons of imagedrawers. A lot of people asked for image drawers that identified the directory's contents in the unselected state of the icon. If you prefer the folder type images, they will be coming hopefully soon, so be patient. AESicons 8 is actually nearly finished, and it will contain more program icons, lots of Toolmanager dock icons, and plenty of other goodies.

In this archive, the top level of imagedrawers are actually...well, DRAWERS. The image drawers in the next level are merely images, so you don't need to go digging any further in the directories to find the images. If you're new to NewIcons, make sure you read the installation section.

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:

Well, we finally got NewIcons V2 out the door (hope you like it). As you probably already know, Nicola is no longer working on the NewIcons system. NewIcons will continue to be updated from time to time, however, since he's been kind enough to lend me the source. Not that I have much free time... don't expect any major updates in the next few months anyway. We've got some other programmers involved as well, so it's very likely that NewIcons will continue to be improved.

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, 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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