

QuikButton v2.6

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The quick way to exit Windows, restart Windows, or even exit Windows and reboot your computer. QuikButton now gives you quick access to a command line, Windows' Utilities, and has user definable menu items. Other new features include a desktop blanker and sizable button that can show free system resources and the time of day. QuikButton can be placed anywhere on your desktop. QuikButton's Configuration Screen has been totally redesigned, and gives you even more choices for QuikButton's configuration.

Version 2.6 includes support for Windows 95 and Windows NT utilities on it's Utility Menu. If you are running Windows 3.x then you won't see these new items. Windows 95 users will see some of the new apps that Windows 95 comes with. Windows NT users will now have quick access to NT administration tools.

(Note: Since QuikButton is still a 16-bit application written with Visual Basic 3.0, it still does not support long filenames -- see the discussion below about how to substitute standard filenames for long filenames).

In order to run QuikButton you must have VBRUN300.DLL, the Microsoft Visual Basic runtime, installed on your PC. You can find this as VBRUN3.ZIP all over CompuServe. You must also have COMMDLG.DLL in your Windows/System directory (this file is installed with Windows).

QuikButton was formerly known as QuikExit (QEXIT.ZIP) but the name was changed for these reasons:

Other people were releasing programs with the same name, so I wanted to avoid confusion

QuikExit was no longer just a "Windows Exit" utility, but a full featured Windows enhancement

This version of QuikButton also includes a seperate small utility called **ZipExit**. **ZipExit** is a very small EXE file that can be assigned to an icon or to a Windows 95 shortcut and then immediately restarts Windows, exits or shuts down Windows, or reboots your PC.

Read **ZIPEXIT.WRI** for complete information.

Registered users of QuikExit Version 1.x please read the special note at the end of this file.

Installation:

Copy the file QBUTTON.EXE to your hard drive. If you don't already have them, copy THREED.VBX, MHTAB.VBX, MHRUN400.DLL and CMDIALOG.VBX to your Windows' System directory.

How QuikButton Works:

Since QuikButton is distributed as Shareware, whenever starting QuikButton you will see an introductory screen with an explanation of the registration process. If you register QuikButton you will no longer see this message. This opening screen has two buttons, one for entering your registration information, and another to continue without registering.

A single tiny button will appear in the upper left hand corner of your screen. Click once on this button with your left mouse button and you will immediately exit Windows. Well, actually a dialogue box will first prompt you if you are sure that you want to exit Windows. This confirmation can be eliminated within QuikButton's Configuration Screen, discussed below. The Configuration Screen also allows you to change the function of this button to Restart Windows or to display the Execute dialogue box.

If you click on the button with your right mouse button, a pop-up menu will allow you to choose an action. These actions include exit or restart Windows, reboot your PC, change the position of QuikButton, blank the desktop, display the QuikButton About box, unload QuikButton, display System Information, or change the QuikButton button into the QuikButton toolbar. Other selections are discussed below.

QuikButton can be positioned anywhere on your desktop. If you would like to place QuikButton in one of the corners of your desktop, simply choose Position from the pop-up menu. If you want to place QuikButton anywhere else on your desktop, hold down the Control key and click on QuikButton with your left mouse button. Then move QuikButton and click again to drop it where you want it. QuikButton will remember it's position the next time you start it.

The QuikButton toolbar has up to four buttons. Exit Windows and Restart Windows, are always available. You may use the Configure QuikButton item in the Utilities menu to choose to add icons for Rebooting your PC and for displaying the Execute dialogue box.

Click on the toolbar with your right mouse button and the pop-up menu will appear.

(Windows NT users: This option, along with the different single buttons are not available under Windows NT)

Another section of the pop-up menu contains Windows' Utilities. Control Panel, File Manager, SysEdit, Program Manager, PIF Editor, DOS, Print Manager and the Windows Clipboard Viewer will be displayed only if you choose to include them on the menu. This option, among others, is available through the QuikButton Configuration Screen. Windows 95 users also have quick access to

Exchange, Explorer, Fax, Paint, HyperTerminal, and Word Pad. Windows NT users can choose to add Disk Administrator, Event Viewer, Server Manager, and User Manager to their Utility Menu.

The settings you can change when you choose Configure QuikButton are (1) whether only the one small button or the up-to-four button toolbar will be shown whenever starting QuikButton, (2) enabling or disabling the confirmation message when using any of QuikButton's exit routines, (3) whether the single button is used to Exit Windows, Restart Windows, or display the Execute dialogue box, (4) whether the Reboot and Execute icons are displayed on the Toolbar, (5) choosing the Windows' Utilities shown on the pop-up menu and (6) whether these utilities will appear as a nested menu, (7) the size of the single QuikButton button, (8) whether to show free system resources or a clock when the single button is the large size (or have QuikButton continually alternate between the two), (9) whether the QuikButton User Menu will appear as a nested menu, (10) whether the desktop blanker will show a floating clock, (11) choose other menu items to be displayed, and (12) the choice to edit the QuikButton User Menu.

The QuikButton User Menu Editor allows you to define up to nine commands which are displayed as pop-up menu items. Enter the description you wish to see on the menu (precede a letter in the description with the **&** sign if you wish to use that letter as a speed key), and associate it with an executable. Next to each line is a button with three dashes on it. This button will bring up a file list that will allow you to find an executable name. There is also a button in the Menu Editor that will allow you to remove all entries to the menu, and start over.

If you choose "Blank Desktop" your desktop will be hidden (from prying eyes?), and if chosen through the QuikButton configuration screen, a digital clock will float around your screen. Click your mouse to "uncover" your desktop.

When changing the use for the small button, the icon will change on the button to represent it's use. A Windows' flag is used to symbolize Restart, an arrow pointing to an open door means Exit Windows, and a C:> prompt is used to represent the Execute dialogue box.

Another of the pop-up menu choices is Execute. This brings up a command line, which allows you to enter any type of executable, batch, or PIF filename. You can also leave off the extension if the file is an EXE file. The last ten commands entered are also available via a drop down list. A browse button lets you search your hard drive for a program to execute.

There are options that allow you to choose whether or not the Windows' Utilities menu and the QuikButton User Menu are nested. If all of the Windows' Utilities and all 9 User Menu items are used, this could make the QuikButton Pop-up menu very long. Turning on these options will allow each menu to appear as one

item that will open up when clicked on.

If you find QuikButton useful, then please register QuikButton. The price is only \$15, and can be registered on-line on CompuServe by typing GO SWREG and specifying # 4888.

You can mail a payment to:

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Once registered I will e-mail a registration number that will personalize your copy of QuikButton and will disable the registration reminders.

Please be aware that the registration fee entitles you to a registration number only. If you would like a copy of the latest version of QuikButton sent to you, please send me a check for \$18 (outside of the U.S. and Canada, please send \$20). I will send you the latest version of QuikButton on a 3.5" diskette and your registration number.

Thank you for evaluating QuikButton!

Long Filename Substitution

Since QuikButton was written using Visual Basic 3.0, it is not capable of dealing with long filenames that are used in Windows 95 and Windows NT. If you are running Windows 95, you are probably aware that by default a directory on your Windows drive was created with the name *Program Files*. The associated 8.3 filename for this directory is *PROGRA~1*. In other words, QuikButton can only see the first six characters of the long filename followed by a tilde (~) then followed by a number. In most cases that number will be 1, but if there are more than one long filename that start with the same first six characters, that number will be incremented.

In the case of the QuikButton Utility Menu for Windows 95 users, the HyperTerminal application is a good example of how long filenames are handled. When you click on HyperTerminal entry on the QuikButton Utility Menu, QuikButton makes a call to *C:\progra~1\Access~1\Hypert~1\Hypertm.exe*. If this is not found, QuikButton will prompt you for the right path and filename. A browse box that is incapable of handling long filenames will be displayed. Use the rules I just described to find the actual path using the standard 8.3 filename.

If you want to add a program to the QuikButton User Menu, then you will also have to find that program using 8.3 filenames. If you want to add Microsoft Word for Windows 95 to your menu, you must find the equivalent of, for example, C:

\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Winword\Winword.Exe. When browsing for the right path, you would look for *C:\program~1\micros~1\winword\winword.exe*.

The next full version of QuikButton will have long filename support.

Registered Users of QuikExit Versions 2.x!:

Registration numbers for Versions 2.0, 2.1, and 2.2 will work with this version of QuikButton!

Please read the instructions below on how to migrate your QuikExit settings and registration number over to QuikButton.

Registered Users of QuikExit Versions 1.x!:

You can upgrade from QuikExit Version 1.x to QuikButton Version 2.5 for only \$5. This upgrade will insure that you are registered for all 2.x versions.

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Migrating QuikExit 2.x settings over to QuikButton 2.6

QuikExit and QuikButton are essentially the same program (with minor bug fixes). To avoid confusion between the two I have changed the structure of the QEXIT.INI file and renamed it QBUTTON.INI.

There is also a section header within this file that needs to be changed from [QuikExit] to [QuikButton].

So, the first step is to rename the file. Either use DOS's REN command from the directory that QEXIT.EXE was kept in, or find the **QEXIT.INI** file in Windows' File Manager (or Windows 95 Explorer) and rename that file to **QBUTTON.INI**.

Next, double-click on the file, or use the DOS EDIT command to place **QBUTTON.INI** into an editor. On the line that says **[QuikExit]**, simply change the word **Exit** to **Button**. Save the file and all of your settings from QuikExit will now appear within QuikButton.

Sorry for the inconvenience, but it was really neccessary to rename the program.