

AppBar

version 3.141

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Why?

A half year ago I saw AppDock, a NeXT alike buttonbar for Windows. I liked it, but some disadvantages made me not to use it. It was Shareware and made with VisualBasic. (so I had to place the vbrun100.dll on my small harddisk), and because I thought I could do it better.

How?

AppBar does basically the same as AppDock,. It starts and (that's different) closes programs selected from the iconbar. By clicking with the left mouse button you start programs if they're not started at that moment, or you close programs if they run at that moment. That's all. Almost. The top button provides some systemoptions as about, move and exit. The second button provides a inboard "Exit Windows" option.

Ini?

As most windows programs today AppBar has its own ini-file, called (you may guess now) appbar.ini. It looks like this:

[ApplicationBar]

Icon1=c:\windows\appbar\cntrl.ico
Prog1=control.exe

Icon2=c:\windows\appbar\filemgr.ico
Prog2=winfile.exe

Icon3=c:\windows\appbar\xwfw.ico
Prog3=c:\windows\winword\winword.exe

Icon4=c:\windows\appbar\powerpd.ico
Prog4=ppd.exe

Icon5=c:\windows\appbar\xsysedit.ico
Prog5=sysedit.exe

Icon6=c:\windows\appbar\xwrite.ico
Prog6=write.exe

Icon7=c:\windows\appbar\xtelcom.ico
Prog7=terminal.exe

Icon8=c:\windows\appbar\blankbut.ico
Prog8=

With this ini-file you can specify which icon you want on which place (Icon1 to Icon8), and which program should be started when pressing a button (prog1 to prog8). For now these are all the settings you can specify. Later, in future releases

Where?

I don't care where you put the icons and the appbar.exe file, but the only place I will look for your appbar.ini file will be in your windows directory.

Load?

Not only will **Appbar** work nice when you put it in your load= line in win.ini, but it will also work great as shell, (change the shell= line in system.ini).

Future?

In the future I plan to release versions which:

- show a different button or mousecursor when a program from the bar is loaded.
- save the actual position in the appbar.ini file.
- have more icons in the iconlibrary
- have the possibility to show the bar horizontally.
- have an option to skip the "Leave Windows?" question
- have more button in their bar.
- have features, users asked for.

History?

- 0.xx** tryout versions
- 3.1** first serious version, added move option, and use of ini-file.
- 3.14** added QuickView to second button.
- 3.141** improved fool-proofness, added toggle start/close an application, second button now terminates Windows.

Ware?

This Software is EveryWare, so you can do anything you want with it.

Others?

I'm planning to make some other programs. First I like to make a Windows version of the TWM IconManager for Xwindows. Second I'm (already) making a program to view Imagedata made by TCL-Image or SCILImage.

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