

Thank you for trying PowerStrip.
We think it is one of the most attractive
and efficient user-interfaces
for Windows. It is certainly the
interface that uses up the least
real estate on your screen!

SPECIAL FEATURES

PowerStrip is designed to take up as little
space on your screen as possible--no visible
menus, no scroll bars, no borders--just
a strip of icons. PowerStrip can even be
iconized itself into a single, small pyramid
in the lower right corner of the screen--
leaving your screen clean for your applications.

There are three special icons on the right
side of PowerStrip.

Clicking on the red pyramid icon
displays the PowerStrip Editor. That's
where you can rearrange your icons,
add or delete applications, add commandlines,
get Help, change the backcolor, specify
whether a single- or double-click launches
a program, specify whether PowerStrip
minimizes itself when you launch a program,
specify working directories, shortcut keys,etc.

(PowerStrip looks best if you select a backcolor
for it which matches your Windows wallpaper
or desktop.)

Context-sensitive help is always available.
When you click on the button labelled
"SHORTCUT KEYS" for example, a description
of what they are and how to assign them
automatically appears in the help box.

Next to the red pyramid on the PowerStrip
is a darkened window icon. Double-click on
this and Windows shuts down--you're in DOS.
Finally, there is a blue pyramid. Click
on it and PowerStrip reduces itself to a
single icon in the lower right corner of
the screen. Click again and PowerStrip
reappears.

PowerStrip observes most of the Windows
conventions:

1. Pressing Ctrl-F4 will exit any open applications.
If only PowerStrip is active, Ctrl-F4 will exit

Windows, just as if you had double-clicked on the darkened window icon on PowerStrip.

2. Any programs that you have listed in the WIN.INI file following RUN= or LOAD= will behave normally.

However, PowerStrip includes a number of enhancements. Among them, you can use ANY icon to represent ANY program on the PowerStrip. The PowerStrip Editor contains a powerful icon viewing facility which will display both .ICO files on disk as well as icons embedded in any program (try PROGMAN.EXE or MORICONS.DLL to see multiple embedded icons). Any icon can be dragged from the icon viewer to the PowerStrip to represent any program at all.

Another enhancement is that you can use ANY key or key combination as a Shortcut key to automatically launch a program (without clicking on the PowerStrip). Program Manager confines to to Ctrl+Alt+Key combinations as shortcut keys. PowerStrip allows anything--including Function Keys. (The only forbidden keys are a few which would make no sense such as BackSpace. If you try to use one of these few, PowerStrip will not allow it.)

USING POWERSTRIP

PowerStrip works most effectively if you add PROGMAN.EXE and WINFILE.EXE to the PowerStrip. Then you can launch them as needed, but they don't take up screen space otherwise. All your familiar icons and groups and associations are available as before, but PowerStrip contains an icon for PROGMAN and WINFILE instead of having PROGMAN (or some other shell) take up space on screen. Likewise, if you use Norton or any other shell, add it to PowerStrip and it is just a click away.

PowerStrip keeps your preferences and the names of your programs and icons in a file called POWER.INI which resides in the directory where you have PowerStrip. You could modify POWER.INI directly, but punctuation is important and its easier to use the PowerStrip Editor

by clicking on the red pyramid while PowerStrip is running. We have supplied a simple POWER.INI file which contains only PROGMAN, WINFILE, and NOTEPAD. Feel free to change the icons representing these three programs, specify Working Directories, ShortCut Keys, etc. Also, add your own 20 most-often-used programs to PowerStrip and try it as your shell for a few days. We bet you won't go back to your old shell.

INSTALLING POWERSTRIP

To try PowerStrip, copy POWER.EXE, EMPTY.ICO and POWER.INI to your Windows directory. Then copy THREED.DLL and VBRUN200.DLL to your Windows/System directory. Then you can just add POWER.EXE to your Program Manager or whatever Shell you use. (Or RUN POWER.EXE from File Manager or Program Manager.)

(If you prefer, create a subdirectory called POWER and copy POWER.EXE and POWER.INI into that subdirectory. But leave EMPTY.ICO in the Windows directory.)

MAKING POWERSTRIP YOUR SHELL

PowerStrip itself is intended to be used as your Windows "Shell" -- the launchpad for all your Windows applications. You can try PowerStrip out first, by just adding it to your Program Manager or Norton/Windows or whatever shell you use. But, if you like the way PowerStrip works, try it as your main Shell. (You can still add Program Manager to PowerStrip easily and thus have access to all your familiar icons and groups).

To make PowerStrip your main shell, make a copy of SYSTEM.INI (call it SYSTEM.BAK or something), then open Notepad and load the SYSTEM.INI file from your Windows directory. Find the line near the top that says:

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Shell=Progman.exe
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and change it to say:

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Shell=Power.exe
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(The ".EXE" is required.)
Then save the SYSTEM.INI file back
to disk. Now when you restart Windows,
Power will be your Shell. (Your
Shell= might specify Norton or some other
shell--just change it to read
Shell=Power.exe. If you have put
POWER.EXE and POWER.INI into a subdirectory
--not in the Windows subdirectory, then
use Shell=c:\power\power.exe.)

UNINSTALLING POWER

If you decide to go back to your original
shell, just reverse the process: change Shell=
to your old shell's name ("PROGMAN.EXE" or
whatever).

REGISTRATION

If you like PowerStrip, please register
it. Every few times you use it, a reminder
message will appear. Registering eliminates
these reminders, and also puts you on
our mailing list for PowerStrip 2.0 and our
other Windows programs.

To register, send \$14 to:
Richard Mansfield
2703 E. Bessemer Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27405

We will send your registration by return
mail.

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