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A Windows Restart and Resources Utility

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 **GENERAL**

ResDuet+ originally started as a simple two-function Windows utility to restart Windows and to show the available system resources. That is where the name came from ("**res**"tart and "**res**"ources and "**duet**" as in two). The "+" was added because of the many additions added to the program.

As many people know, when your Windows system resources get low (usually below 40%), everything in Windows slows down. To get these resources back up, if very few applications are open, you need to restart Windows. **ResDuet+** does that and much more.

ADD BUTTONS

The **BUTTONS** button on [The File Machine](#) opens a window that will help you add your own files and applications to the 20 middle buttons.

Once you have opened this window, you will see a small button pad with 20 small buttons on it that coincides with the middle buttons on *The File Machine*.

There is also a **BROWSE** button to search your drives and directories for an application file to add to a button. Once you have selected a file from here, it will enter the entire path to the **FILE PATH** box. Or, you can enter the file path in the box manually. Or you can drag a file from the File Manager and drop it on this window to automatically enter this information.

After your file is selected, the icon that comes with the selected application file will appear below the **ICON** button and the file's full path will also be added to the **ICON PATH** box. If you want to choose a different icon, click on the **ICON** button to find the path to the icon you want and it then will be entered in the **ICON PATH** box. Or, you can enter the icon path in the box manually. (If the file is an .exe file, the icon from the file will be shown in the box below the **ICON** button. If not, you will need to enter the necessary icon information in the **ICON PATH** box either with the **ICON** button or manually.)

You can now designate the information you want displayed in the status bar when the mouse cursor is over one of the middle buttons. The default will be the path of the file you have selected for a specific button but you can put whatever you want in the box, **BUTTON TITLE**, and this will be what is shown in the [status bar](#) (and also what the popup button tip will show for the drop-down buttons).

Once this has been done, select the button that coincides with the button's position on *The File Machine* that you want and click it. This will then transfer the file path and icon information to *The File Machine* and you're ready to go.

The file and icon information will be saved in the same directory as the main ResDuet+ file (*resduet.exe*) in a file called *filmach.dat*. The working directory information will also be entered in the *filmach.dat* file if you manually enter it in the **DIRECTORY** box. If you move the main file (*resduet.exe*), you must also move the *filmach.dat* file. The icons will be saved as a bitmap file (*pic?.bmp*) in the same directory as the *resduet.exe* file.

There may be an application that you add to a button that may not load or open properly. Usually this is because that application's directory path needs to be loaded at the same time. If a problem occurs loading an application that you have added to a button, try adding the directory path (without the filename) to the **DIRECTORY** box along with the other file path and icon information. This should work properly now. It is usually not

necessary to enter this directory information for all applications.

FILE SEARCH

The SEARCH button on [The File Machine](#) opens a window that will help you find a specified file or group of files.

Once you have opened this window, you will see the search list (file list) box on the left and the drive and directory boxes on the right with an area to specify the file or file type you want to find (*File Info:*). Just enter the filename or any part of it with wildcards (*, ?), select the drive (and directory if possible) and click the search button. In a few seconds the file or files will be listed in the file list box. You won't be able to open files from here. The file list box will hold about 4000 to 6000 filenames.

You can also cancel the search in progress if you choose by pushing the CANCEL button when it appears.

THE FILE MACHINE

The File Machine is a mini file manager that has several file and directory utilities as well as the button pad and bar to open specific applications and files. Because the [ResDuet+](#) panel can float on top of other windows, access to *The File Machine* and these other application buttons is quick and easy.

Top Buttons

The first 10 of these buttons are standard Windows applications that you should already be familiar with. When your mouse cursor is above these buttons, the name of the application will show in the status bar at the bottom of *The File Machine*. The next button opens the help, information and configuration menu. The last button exits *The File Machine*.



Middle Buttons

These buttons can be configured to open your specified files and applications. To set these up and add your applications to them, click on the *BUTTONS* button at the bottom left of *The File Machine*. These buttons can also be accessed (but not setup) by clicking on the left [ResDuet+](#) panel (*Time*) with your right mouse button. The buttons only, with the command-line, will drop down for easy application access. The *B* button at the right of the command-line on the drop-down buttons will open a window to browse the directory and file list boxes to enter a file path and filename in the command-line. A popup button tip for these drop-down buttons will show the file path of the specific button (or the name that you enter when you initially set-up the [buttons](#)). These popup button tips can be turned off with the menu item CONFIGURE...DISABLE BUTTON TIPS.

Bottom Buttons

These buttons are used for file and directory utilities.



BUTTONS

This is used to open the window that will add your files and applications to the middle button pad.



SEARCH

This is used to open the window that will search for a file or group of files based on your search criteria.



DELETE

This is used to delete files, one (or more) at a time. You can also drag a file(s) from the file list box on the right and drop it on this button to open the procedure.



OPEN

This will open a selected file from the file list box. Some files (.ini, .bat, .txt...) will be opened in the Windows notepad. Others (.exe, .com, .pif...) will be executed. You can also drag a file and drop it on this button to open it.



COPY

This will copy a selected file from the file list box. You will need to select the destination path (drive and directory) where you are copying to. You can also drag a file and drop it on this button to start the copy procedure.



MOVE

This will move a selected file from the file list box. You will also need to select the destination

path (drive and directory) where you are moving to. You can also drag and drop a file on this button to start the move procedure.



RENAME

This will rename a selected file from the file list box. You only need to enter the new name of the file here. You can also drag and drop a file on this button to start the rename procedure.




MAKEDIR

This is used to create a new directory below the selected and opened directory. You can also remove a selected and empty directory by clicking the *Rem Dir* button in the MAKEDIR window.



OVERVIEW

 **ResDuet+** is a small utility that fits in an area of a window's title bar or can be moved anywhere on screen.

The main **ResDuet+** panel shows the time on the left side panel and the available system resources on the right side panel. The two buttons in the middle will [Exit Windows](#) or [Restart Windows](#).

[The File Machine](#) is a mini file manager that is accessed through the **ResDuet+** panel and has several file and directory utilities as well as a button pad and button bar for Windows applications and your own files and applications. The middle button pad can also be accessed via the ResDuet+ panel if you only want to open an application that you have added to these buttons.

RESDUET+ PANEL



Panel

This panel shows the time but also has other functions:

- When you click on the TIME panel with your LEFT mouse button, [The File Machine](#) opens.
- When you click on the TIME panel with your RIGHT mouse button, the middle button pad from *The File Machine* appears with the applications that you added to the middle buttons



Resources Panel

This panel shows the percentage of available system resources and also has two other functions:

When you click on this panel with your LEFT mouse button and hold it down, you can move the [ResDuet+](#) panel anywhere on the screen and the new position will be saved.

When you click on this panel with your RIGHT mouse button, the menu will appear with several items to choose. Click on the Configure menu item to change several settings for the **ResDuet+** panel.



The "E" button will [exit Windows](#) and the "R" button will [restart Windows](#). Please be

sure to close all files before using these.

CONFIGURE RESDUET+

To open the popup menu at the [ResDuet+](#) panel, click on the right (resources) panel with your right mouse button.

Disable ResDuet+ On Top

The **ResDuet+** panel is set to float on top of other windows. Occasionally (or possibly permanently) you may want to change this. By clicking on this menu item, the float feature will be disabled. Also, sometimes if other windows with the float-on-top feature are opened, it may disable the float for ResDuet+. To get it back, just click to disable it then close the menu then re-open it and click to enable it again.

Disable Exit Warn

When you click on the "E" or "R" buttons to exit or restart Windows, you will get a message box asking if you are sure you want to do this, then you click again to answer. This menu item will disable those message boxes so that when you click on these buttons, you will exit or restart Windows immediately. Be sure to close any open files before using these buttons.

Hide Program Manager

When checked, this will hide the Program Manager icon when it is minimized and moves other minimized icons in a line to the bottom left of your screen.

Edit File Machine Buttons

This will open the filmach.dat file, where the path information for [The File Machine](#) middle buttons is located, for editing.

Sounds

Included with the **ResDuet+** program is a zipped file with several voice sounds on it for many of the commands in this program. If you have a sound card and want to use these sounds, unzip these files into the same directory as the main **ResDuet+** program file (*resduet.exe*). Then select this menu item to activate the sounds with either a male or female voice (or none).

Using the sound files will slow some of the enter and exit functions that these sounds are attached to.



You restart Windows similarly to exiting Windows except that you do not go back as far as the DOS prompt and will automatically return to Windows.



EXIT/RESTART BUTTONS

Exit Windows

The "E" button will exit Windows when clicked with the left mouse button. This can be configured in the Configure menu to exit immediately by disabling the warning question box. Please close all open applications first.

To close the ResDuet+ program, click on the "E" button with your right mouse button.

Restart Windows

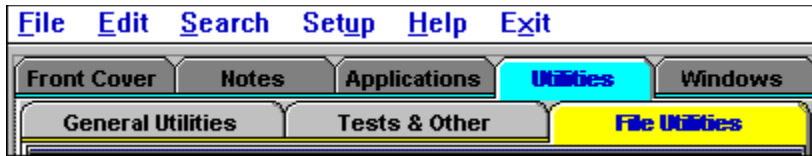
The "R" button will restart Windows when clicked with the left mouse button. This can also be configured in the Configure menu to restart immediately when the *Disable Exit Warn* item is checked on the menu. Please close all open applications first.

To close the **ResDuet+** program, click on the "R" button with your right mouse button.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Try these other programs from Michael Grice. They can be found on many of the same online services and BBS's (as well as from a variety of shareware distributors) that [ResDuet+](#) was found .

YOUR FILE CABINET



YOUR FILE CABINET is an application & file utility that uses folders that each have a variety of features. Several folders have user-configurable buttons, one has 18 of the most popular Windows applets, one has an enhanced notepad feature with folder tabs for each of the DOS and Windows system files as well as the filecab.dat file when it is created and another has several file utilities (copy, move, rename, command-line, search & more). YOUR FILE CABINET is very customizable (including the front cover name) and easy to use. Now has the ability to add titles/names to application & utility buttons. This program can be found on CompuServe, America Online (Windows Magazine), Exec-PC and many other BBS's around the country. The filename is FILECAB.ZIP (or FILCAB.ZIP).

PLAIN OL' BUTTON BAR



The PLAIN OL' BUTTON BAR is a vertical button bar with 3 extended button bars that can hold up to a total of 54 user applications. The main button bar can be changed to almost any size below the maximum (2 cols. x 15) and can be positioned in various places. It can float on top of other windows. Very easy to setup and use. Now has top positioning ability, drag & drop from File Manager to Configuration, popup button information with right mouse click & much more. The filename for this is PLAINBAR.ZIP (or PLANBR.ZIP) and can be found in the same places as RESDUET+

and YOUR FILE CABINET.

For pricing and discount information, please read the **REGISTER.TXT** file.

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Benefits of Registering

You will receive the most current version of ResDuet+ without the nag screens (via a registration file). You will also receive discounts on future versions of **ResDuet** as well as discounts on other programs written by me.

This information is only for those that have not registered or who need the ordering information for somebody else.

The status bar (text box) at the bottom of *The File Machine* shows information about the button or other item that your mouse cursor is over.

