RIP*bar* Version **6.1**
RIP*bar Pro* Version **1.0**

Release Candidate versions.

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Introduction

Welcome to RipBAR. This utility is designed to provide several features in one easy-to-use application that takes up as little screen "real estate" as possible.

RipBAR provides services like application launching, drag and drop launching, memory and resource tracking, task switching, date / time display, Post-It style notes, HotKey access and more-- rolled into one, unobtrusive package. Even if you have something like Norton Desktop, you'll still appreciate the fact that RipBAR is always within easy reach on the screen, and that vital statistics like time, date, memory stats and the like are only a glance away.

Note For Windows NT Users
Version 6.1 is the latest update of this software and you should be aware that it doesn't use the same format for settings as previous versions. If you have registered this version of RipBAR then you have the **RipBAR Administrator** which handles upgrading your current settings for use with this version of RipBAR.

Also, be aware that this is a *Release Candidate* version-- It is close to a final release but may need one or two minor things polished. Be on the lookout for a full release version during the first week of November, 1994.

RipBAR is available for both Windows 3.1 and Windows NT. Where instructions differ between the two versions, mention of the difference will be made.

Where to go from here

RipBAR is easy to use, ***but you should read through the help file provided so that you learn about all of the features available***-- many of these features are available ***only*** by clicking in different places on the bar. Click on the Help icon on the RipBAR bar, or double-click on the Clock Pane in RipBAR to access Help.

See the section entitled *New And Improved* for information about what is new in this version.

So what does it cost? & RipBAR Pro

RipBAR is shareware. The version you have in your hands is a complete working version. There are no annoying reminder screens about what it costs, and there are no disabled features. If however, you find this application useful and you use it regularly, I'd appreciate the modest sum of $34.95. If you don't think RipBAR is worth $34.95, send me mail (or email) and tell me why-- perhaps your suggestions will be incorporated in a future version.

For the price of registering, I'll provide support and notices of upgrades-- plus, I'll send you RipBAR Pro for free. RipBAR Pro is the new sibling in the RIP family and it is an improved version of RipBAR with a number of advanced features not found in the regular version of RipBAR. RipBAR Pro includes the ability to act as the Windows/Windows NT shell, the ability to designate priority settings for items on the bar, the ability to run apps in separate memory space in Windows NT and more. Additionally, RipBAR Pro comes with the RipBAR Administrator-- a tool for upgrading settings from previous versions of RipBAR and for backing up/restoring RipBAR settings to/from a standalone file.

You may now register your copy of RipBAR via CompuServe. Simply type GO SWREG at any CompuServe prompt and follow instructions. You may search for RipBAR there by using the RIPBAR keyword.

Installation

Windows 3.1
Installation is easy. Place **RIPBAR16.EXE** and **RIP_BAR.HLP** in a directory of their own-- and enjoy. You can add RipBAR to your Program Manager (or Norton Desktop etc.) or you can do as I do, and add it to your startup group so that it runs first thing when you boot Windows. Finally, place **RIPKHOOK.DLL** (which is new in V6.0) in your Windows' System directory. **Once you're done, be sure to *delete* the .DLL file from the directory RipBAR is in.** (See the special note below.) You're ready to run!

Windows NT
Installation is easy. Place **RIPBARNT.EXE** and **RIP_BAR.HLP** in a directory of their own. Place **RIPKH32.DLL** in your Windows' NT SYSTEM32 directory. You can add RipBAR to your Program Manager or you can do as I do, and add it to your startup group so that it runs first thing when you boot Windows. You're ready to run!

New And Improved

Version 6.1 is an upgrade release. For a complete history of version enhancements, please consult the online Help file.

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