

# Windows Start Program 1.2

Windows Start Program is a handy little utility that can be used to further customize your Windows start up. I thought of it when I saw someone's AUTOEXEC.BAT file that would run his virus scanner on Thursdays. That didn't do me much good as I use Norton Anti-virus for Windows, and so I wrote Start to fill the bill inside Windows. It then expanded to include the ability to start as many as seven program on any day or days of the week. It should be pretty self explanatory to use, but here are some things to note:

- in order to run properly (or at all for that matter), Start needs to have BWCC.DLL placed in a directory along your path. The Windows directory will do nicely. This is the file that give you those nice, fancy buttons and controls from Borland. I included a copy with the ZIP file. If you already have it, use the most updated version.

- Start will work best for you if you place it in your start up group in Windows 3.1. Any Windows 3.0 users should upgrade to 3.1, but short of that, they can enter Start's path along the 'Run=' line in win.ini. Start will work only in Windows 3.0 if you have the file 'COMMDLG.DLL'. This comes with Windows 3.1, and I think it is available from Microsoft. I personally have Start as the only icon in my startup group and let it do all the work.

- You can set the timer from 1 to 10 seconds to delay Start before it executes. This allows you access to the programs features, as well as to chose programs that you may or may not want to run. You can use the 'Stop Timer' button to take all the time you need to configure Start.

- This version now has the ability to recognize if you have run a program once in a day already. If I run my anti-virus program once, I don't want to have to do it again if I reboot, so I set it to run only once per day. This option is available in the 'Configure' dialog box. You can also choose to run a program minimized.

- Start creates a somewhat lengthy STARTPRG.INI file in your Windows directory. I am working on storing the data a bit more efficiently. You can edit that file as desired.

- Start is not minimizable, but it does have an icon courtesy of PROGMAN.EXE from Windows.

- Use the configure dialog box to set up your programs as you like. The browse button will find programs for you using the Windows Common Dialogs. Extensions for programs can be configured, but please note that this string must be specifically configured as '\*.xxx' separated by semi-colons. I will work on making it possible to run programs based on their associated extension, but right now this doesn't want to work. You can supply parameters for any program that will accept them in the parameters edit box.

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## **Version History**

Version 1.0 - November 28, 1992  
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