WIN4HIER (C) 1992 Corvine Software   Beta Version 0.3

OVERVIEW
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Win4Hier is a sub-directory utility for your Windows 3.0 Program Manager. Essentially it allows you to create Groups within Groups; thus the ability to set up a hierarchal desktop (just like the Macintosh).

Window's Program Manager currently does not (and will not for those of you awaiting Windows 3.1) support multi-level groups. So this program is perfect for those of you who simply want to organize your many Window's applications without spending big $$$ buying a commercial shell program.

INSTRUCTIONS
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Two steps should be taken before using Win4Hier:

1. Place the WIN4HIER.EXE in your WINDOWS subdirectory. (It can be placed elsewhere, however you will have to manually set your "group" icons to the folder icon supplied. If you plan on not using my beautiful icon and putting on your own...disregard this step).

2. Put WIN4HIER.EXE on the LOAD= line of your WIN.INI file. This will cause Win4Hier to be loaded automatically and implement your group changes immediately. If you have WIN4HIER.EXE in the WINDOWS directory you need not supply a path. Otherwise you must specify something like this:

LOAD=C:\WHEREVER\WIN4HIER.EXE ...

See your Windows manual for more details about the LOAD= line.

USING WIN4HIER
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Once Windows has be run, the Win4Hier Screen will show up. Select the CONTINUE button and Win4Hier will begin running (see REGISTRATION in this document to get rid of this screen). Win4Hier will be minimized. Double-click the icon to display the menu.

THE WIN4HIER SCREEN:

Win4Hier's Window will display all of the current sub-folders you have made. It is continually updated upon the creation/deletion of your folders. You may enlarge the windows if your folders go beyond the edges.

MENU ITEM - CREATE FOLDER:

When you have selected the group you wish to add a sub-group to from within Window's Program Manager, select this item. You will be propted for the name of the folder. Enter the name and select the OK button (or the CANCEL button if you changed your mind). Two things will happen:

1. An ITEM (not a GROUP) of the name you specified will be created inside your chosen Program Manager group.

2. A GROUP window of the name you specified will appear in the Program Manager.

You may now move or create any items in this group that belong there. Simply minimize or close the group and it will disappear (not become an icon..DISAPPEAR!). To re-open this group you will double-click the ITEM of the name you specified.

Here's a step by step example of how to create a folder:

1. Open and Highlight the Accessories group in the Program Manager.

2. Select CREATE FOLDER from the WIN4HIER menu.

3. Enter the name TEST for the folder and select OK.

4. Now create an ITEM inside the TEST group displayed.
   (For instance: create another item for PIFEDIT.EXE)

5. Minimize the TEST group window.

6. Double click the TEST icon. (the ITEM named TEST with the "folder with a star" icon on it.

And thats it...you now have (for what its worth) a group named TEST inside your Accessories group. If you wanted, you could now create ANOTHER folder inside of the TEST window and have two levels of folders inside your Accessories window.

MENU ITEM - DELETE FOLDER:

Delete folder works much the same as CREATE FOLDER. However there is one more step for which you must be made aware. Unfortunately the Window's Program Manager will not let me delete items externally. I hope the new Windows 3.1 will allow me to rectify this situation. Until then you after you use Win4Hier to Delete the folder..you must delete the ITEM created in the folder's name through the Program Manager. Here's an example using the previously created TEST folder (see CREATE FOLDER above):

1. Open and/or Select the TEST group by double-clicking the ITEM named TEST

2. Select DELETE FOLDER from the Win4Hier menu.

3. Enter TEST for the folder name and press the OK button.

4. Select the ITEM named TEST in the Accessories Group.

5. Select DELETE from the Program Manager and delete this item.

Now all traces of this folder will be gone.

*** **WARNING** : Please do not use the Program Manager to delete BOTH the GROUP and the ITEM created in your folder name. If this is done by accident it can be rectified by using the Win4Hier DELETE FOLDER to delete the folder name. This will remove the name of your folder from the HIERARCH.INI file that keeps track of the sub-folder's you have made.

MENU ITEM - ABOUT WIN4HIER

This menu item displays the same information Win4Hier displays upon boot.

TIPS AND TRICKS

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A quick way to delete folders is to throw the ITEM of the folder you created inside the GROUP WINDOW of the folder you created. Then use Win4Hier to delete the folder. This will delete both the GROUP and the ITEM in one swoop.

Note: Be careful not to minimize a group that contains its own item..there will be no way to open that folder again and you will have to delete it.

REGISTRATION
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Many improvements will be made to Win4Hier after it's Beta phase is completed.
Registering this product will get you the following prizes:

1. You will recieve any future versions of the program with any improvements.

2. You will recieve a version of the program that skips the opening "nag" screen. (I hate these screens also...However I have found they unfortunately help registration motivation.)

3. You will recieve a catalog of the other Corvine Software products available (wow..what a deal..not).

4. You will recieve the undying gratitude of the author.

So PLEASE, send the nominal fee of $10, your name, address and anything else (comments, criticisms, non-explosive/non-perishable items) to:

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Thanks for trying Win4Hier...I hope you find the program useful and enjoyable.