

# WinDock

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## Intro

This is a little app I threw together to try out the new drag-drop capabilities of Win3.1 and to provide a facility for launching apps similar to that found on the NeXT. I've seen a couple of other versions of similar apps floating around, but they all require too much effort to get the apps you want to display - the thing is pretty much useless without drag-drop.

## Setup

Just copy the drop.ini file to your windows directory, and put the executable somewhere.

## What to do

- You can drag executable files from the File Manager to the dock to place them there (sorry, one at a time for now). This can be any executable file with an imbedded icon, or a data file that has been associated with a file. Data files just display the icon of the associated executable for now, this will be changed to something unique in the next version.
- You can launch an app by double clicking on its icon.
- You can move apps around by dragging them with the left mouse button. If you drop an app on top of another one, the first one will be replaced.
- You can delete an app by dragging it off of the dock and letting it go. (If you drag off without releasing, you can drag back on again).
- You can drag the dock out of your way by dragging the Windows Logo button at the top of the dock.
- You can exit the dock by double clicking on the Windows Logo button.
- You can see the About box and change some options by clicking the right mouse button on the Windows Logo button.
- You can change whether the dock is on the left or right side of the screen by setting the radio buttons in the About box.
- You can make the dock stay on top of all windows by setting the checkbox in the About box.

WinDock will automatically save its layout and options when you exit it, or exit windows.

I'm looking for comments or suggestions for improving WinDock, so please forward these to me either at 73467,1453 on Compuserve, or at [becap@cs.mcgill.ca](mailto:becap@cs.mcgill.ca) on the internet. Or you can phone me at 514-848-9659 if neither of these means are suitable.

I know the icons are kind of stolen from Prozman, I'll get something original in place

when I can get my artistic juices flowing. Or, if some kind-hearted soul with a little artistic talent out there thinks they can throw together a neat icon, by all means send it to me and I'll put it (and you) in the About box.

Cheers, and have fun!

- Brian