

Using

This part is the users guide. It will describe how the different functions of the program are performed.

Icon-view

This part is the main feature of the program. It is a standard list-view, known to all Windows 95 users, witch is controlled by the tabset placed in the bottom of the window. These controls are visible at any time.

Management of the applications in ProgramLaunch are done as much as possible by dragging with the mouse. To add an application, find it in the Explorer or a similar program, select the right group and drag it from the Explorer onto the list-view. This displays a dialog, in witch the application title should be entered. Now the application is added and can be executed by double-clicking on the icon. To remove an application from the list-view, click the right mouse button on the icon, and choose *Delete*.

Renaming an application can be done in two ways. Either the *Modify* command in the popup-menu can be used to display a dialog for title modification. An other way is to press a single time on the text in the list-view and wait a moment and wait until a editor appears below the icon. Modify the title as wanted and press on the list-view next to the editor.

If the icons not a sorted in the list-view (see *Configuration*), the order can be manipulated by dragging the icons around. The effect is shown in real-time, just like full-drag of windows. If an application is placed in the wrong group, it can be moved to another group simply be dragging the icon and dropping it on the tab corresponding to the destination-group.

Managing the application groups is done by using the commands in the popup-menu. These command can create, modify and delete groups. At first the program will have group called *Main*. If at any time all groups are deleted, the program will automatically create a *Main* group again. To change the order in witch the groups are displayed in the tabset, simply use the mouse to drag the tabs from one place to another. It couldn't be more simple.

Virtual desktops

This is an optional part of the program. If the number of desktops is set greater than 1, a panel appears either to the left or to right of the icon-view. By clicking on the buttons in the bottom of this panel, you can switch from one virtual desktop to another.

Popup menus

Besides all the drag & drop controlling, almost all of these features can be accessed be the popup-menus. There are two different menus. One is displayed when clicking on an icon. This menu have commands for managing applications. The other is displayed when clicking anywhere else. This is the main menu. Here are the commands for managing groups, configuration, registration and exiting found.

Window caption

The caption of the main window differs slightly from the normal windows. Firstly there are no program icon. Why should there be one. It just takes room, that could be used for

something better. Also there are no system-menu available. Use the one on the taskbar for now, we will think of something.

The main difference is the two buttons. On the left side the standard **Close** button is placed, just opposite the normal place. Hope it is not to much of an inconvenience. On the right side the **roll-up** button is placed. This feature minimizes the window to a measure only the caption. Really useful, when the window is **Always on top**.

Later versions will use this caption for user-definable buttons and some sort of information. all of which is course optional. Also the placement of the system buttons will be user-definable. Please have patience, the coding is ongoing at this very moment.

Configuration

The menu command **Configure** will bring up an dialog. This dialog has an list-view placed in the left side, which can be used to select which area of settings the dialog displays. There are currently five areas, as listed below.

- **Mainview:** These options set how the icon-view is displayed. Please note that the window can be moved by dragging in the tabset if the caption is hidden.
- **Fonts:** This controls what font, style and size that is used in the icon-view for the icon-texts.
- **Colors:** Change the colors for different parts of the program by selecting the part in the tree-view, and thereafter changing the color with the sliders. If you wish to use one of the 16 standard colors, just click on it.
- **Programs:** Here all the program-links are listed in a tree-view. To change the icon used for a given link, select it in the tree-view and press the **Icon** button. This brings a file-open dialog up. Use this to select the file containing the icon and press **Ok**. The list below the program-tree will now contain all icons from this file. Select the wanted and you will see the difference.
- **Desktops:** This configures the number of virtual desktops and the placement of the virtual-desktop-panel. If the number is set to 1 the panel is hidden, the virtual desktop is disabled.