# RIP*bar* version 1.6

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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 is an application launcher, drag and drop launcher, memory and resource tracker, and clock-- rolled into one. 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.

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 when necessary.

## 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.

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

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## So what does it cost?

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 $20. If you don't think RipBAR is worth $20, send me mail (or email) and tell me why-- perhaps your suggestions will be incorporated in a future version.

## Installation

**<u>Windows 3.1</u>**
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 **CTL3D.DLL** in your Windows' System directory.  You're ready to run!

**<u>Windows NT</u>**
Installation is easy.  Place **RIPBAR32.EXE** and **RIP_BAR.HLP**  and **RCONVERT.EXE** in a directory of their own-- and enjoy.  (For more information on RCONVERT.EXE, see the section titled *Converting RipBAR Settings*.)  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.  Finally, place **CTL3D32.DLL** in your Windows' NT System32 directory.  You're ready to run!

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# *New And Improved*
**The following is new / improved in Version 1.6**

- (Windows NT only) RipBAR now saves settings to the Registry database instead of an INI file.  This means every user can have his/her own settings.

- (Windows NT only) RipBAR can now read icon images from .ICO files.

- Minor display problem that occurred when an application having no icon was added to the bar.

- New Preferences setting allows for customization of the date display.


**The following is new / improved in Version 1.5**

- Display problem on systems running VGA 640 X 480 is fixed.

- Minimize button is gone.  Double Click with left mouse button to minimize RipBAR

- Preferences dialog for customizing RipBAR behaviour.

- RipBAR loads up to 120 icons from a file -- up from the previous 40.

- Memory display for Windows 3.1 is now more reliable.  Uses raw DPMI calls.

- System Info lists both physical & virtual memory statistics.

- Other minor "fix-ups".

## *Converting RipBAR Settings.  (Windows NT only)*

If you are upgrading from a previous version of RipBAR, you need to run **RCONVERT.EXE** to move your RipBAR settings from the RIP_BAR.INI file (where settings were stored in earlier versions) to the Registry database (where this version stores settings).

After all users (i.e. for each user account created on your Windows NT system) have performed the conversion, you may delete RCONVERT.EXE file, and the RIP_BAR.INI file in the WINNT directory.

New users of course, don't need RCONVERT.EXE at all.

## *Where to find me*

If you try / use RipBAR, I'd like to hear what you think.  There are four ways to get ahold of me :

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