

Icing for Cakewalk Help

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Icing Overview

Icing is a quick-access program launcher for Cakewalk for Windows CAL programs. It is designed to streamline the process of using various CAL routines while editing a song within Cakewalk. By simply pulling down a single menu and selecting an item from a sub-menu, often used CAL programs can be quickly executed (without the delays of opening the 'Run CAL' dialog and scrolling through a long list of all available CAL programs in your Cakewalk CAL directory).

Icing allows you to organize your CAL routines in subdirectories to make locating routines easier and more logical. You can re-organize your CAL routines as often as you like, and you never have to build any configuration files or menu lists of your routines to use Icing. When Icing is loaded, it automatically creates a pull-down menu with an item for the main Cakewalk CAL directory, plus items for each subdirectory it finds under the CAL directory. Each of these menu items contains a sub-menu of all CAL routines found in that directory. The menus are created dynamically each time Icing is loaded, so changes or additions to your CAL directories will automatically be available the very next time you run Icing. To launch a CAL program, pull down the Icing menu and click on the name of the program you want to run - Icing will return to Cakewalk and invoke the 'Run CAL' function using the program you selected.

The entire Icing window is very small, consisting of its title bar (used for positioning the window), and a single menu (under which are the menus containing the CAL directories and programs, along with the setup options). Icing's small size makes it easy to tuck away in a corner of your screen, always ready for quick access when needed. By default, the Icing window will 'float' in the top right corner of the Cakewalk window. As an added convenience, the Icing title bar can be set to display a digital clock.

On startup, Icing can load Cakewalk if it is not already running, so you can begin a Cakewalk editing session by simply running Icing. All the Icing configuration options are set from the Options Menu, and these settings are maintained in an ICING.INI file that is created the first time Icing is loaded.

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Options Menu

Help

Displays the Icing Help file.

Stay On Top

When checked, Icing will 'float' on top of the Cakewalk window at all times.

Show Clock

When checked, the current time will be displayed in the Icing title bar.

Load Cakewalk

When checked, Icing will try to locate and run Cakewalk on startup. If Cakewalk is not found, a message dialog will be displayed and Icing will continue running.

Auto-Position

When checked, Icing will position its window in the upper right menu area of Calkewalk, if Cakewalk is running. If Cakewalk is not found, Icing will place itself at its previous saved position.

Register...

Displays a Registration input dialog. To turn on the full functionality of Icing, enter the Registration Name, Address, and Number you received after registering your copy of the program.

About...

Opens the Icing logo dialog.

Exit

Closes the Icing application.

Menu Limits

Icing limits the number of subdirectories to 24* and the number of items in each subdirectory to 26* based on the maximum number of menu items that can be displayed vertically by Windows in standard VGA resolution. Even with these limitations, Icing can load and display a total of 648 separate CAL routines (26 items in the main CAL directory, plus 26 items in each of 24 subdirectories). This should be sufficient for even the most prolific CAL routine programmers.

*[Unregistered version is limited to 4 subdirectories with 4 items each.]

