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Program Manager Icons (Pmlcons):

Program Manager Icons lets you assign icons to all the group windows in the Windows 3.1 Program Manager. This helps to distinguish between the different groups and is much more fun than using the normal, boring icons.

To install Pmlcons copy the file PMICONS.EXE to your harddisk. Once running Pmlcons will create a file PMICONS.DAT to store information in this file.

To start Pmlcons simply call the program (to automate this consider running PMICONS.EXE from your autostart group). If you start it with any parameter the program will not display the *About...* box.

Pmlcons changes the looks of the normal group window icon:



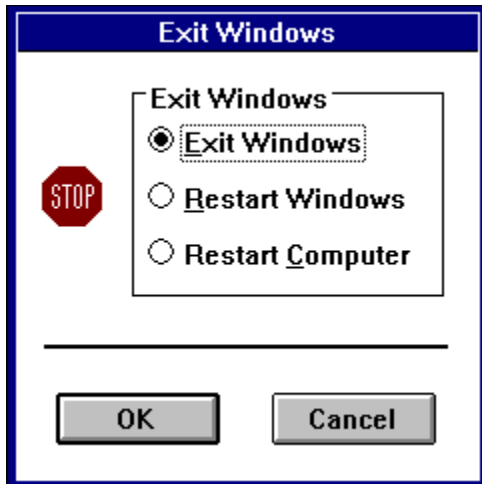
This indicates that Pmlcons is running. To assign an icon of your choice to a group window select the **Group Icon** menu entry from Program Manager's **File** menu. A dialog box will pop up that's similar to the *Change Icon* dialog box that you can call from Program Manager's *Program Item Properties* dialog box. Here you can select the file that you want to load the icon from and the icon that you want to assign to the group window.

That's all it takes to assign an icon of your choice to a Program Manager group window. If you exit Windows and start it up again Pmlcons will remember what icons you'd assigned to the group windows.

Pmlcons adds a menu entry *Save Settings Now* to Program Manager's *Options* menu. This menu entry allows the user to immediately save the current Program Manager settings like the window layout and the window order.

One hint: You can use an undocumented feature both in the Windows 3.1 Program Manager and in the Windows 3.1 File Manager to save the current settings without having to exit the program: Hold one of the [Shift]-keys down and double click in the upper left corner of the program's window (as if you were to close the program) or select *Exit* from the file or *Close* from the system menu (remember to keep the shift-key pressed during the whole procedure). This will force the program to immediately save its current settings.

If you want to exit Windows you will see a new *Exit* dialog. It gives you the choice apart from leaving Windows to restart Windows or to reboot your PC:



If you have any problems with the software or if you encounter bugs please contact me (CompuServe preferred).

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Writing software takes a lot of time, effort, and money. Please respect this. (Apart from that it's really fun!)

Pmlcons was written using Borland Pascal 7.0, from my point of view the best tool for this job. If you would like the source code (fully commented in German) please send me a CompuServe mail to my CompuServe account 100 031, 35 36 or to my address given above (CompuServe preferred) and we can discuss the details (I basically want to cover my expenses for postage and packing).

There is a German version of Pmlcons as well. If you're interested please send me a CIS mail and I send you the version with German menus etc.

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