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Program Manager Groups

The RIGHT Button provides access to all of your program manager Groups and Items. By clicking on 'Program Manager Groups', you will be provided with a list of all of your program manager Groups. By double clicking on an entry in this list, another list will be displayed which has all of the Items in the Group which you double clicked on. By double clicking on an entry in this list, the application will be launched and The RIGHT Button will be minimized until summoned later (by pressing the RIGHT button!).

Task List

The Task List shows all currently running tasks. By double clicking on an item in the list, you can quickly switch to that application. Alternatively, you can click once on an application to select it, and then click on either 'End Task' or 'Activate Task'. 'Activate Task' has the same effect as double clicking on the application name in the Task List. 'End Task' will tell Windows to end the application. It will allow the application to go through it's normal shut-down procedure (for instance if a file has changed, you will be prompted to save it). Note: You will be unable to end a DOS task whether it is windowed or full screen.

Launch Buttons

The Launch Buttons allow you to launch your most commonly used programs with one button press. To launch an application from a Launch Button simply click on the button which represents the application you would like to launch. The buttons are easily configured by selecting the 'Configure' button (the complete configuration process will be explained later in this manual).

Add No Popup

'Add No Popup' is a feature that disables The RIGHT Button when you are working in a particular application. For instance, when using an application that uses the right mouse button, you don't want The RIGHT Button to popup. When you click on the right mouse button and The RIGHT Button pops up, just click on 'Add No Popup' button. The RIGHT Button will store the name of this application and will no longer popup when it is in use. This will allow you to access right mouse button features in any program that uses them! Note: If a No Popup application is minimized and is selected (it's title is highlighted), The RIGHT Button will see it as the application in use and therefore will not popup.

Edit No Popup

'Edit No Popups' will allow you to view the list of No Popup entries and remove any entry from the list. Selecting this option will bring up another window which displays the entries in the No Popup list. After selecting an entry, you can click on 'Remove' to remove that entry from the list of no popup applications. When you have finished removing entries from the list, choose 'Close' to take you back to The RIGHT Button.

Run File

The 'Run File' button is provided to complement the Launch Buttons. Clicking on it opens another window from which you can run any program on your system. You may select any .PIF, .EXE, .COM, or .BAT file. You also may choose any file which has a File Association (for instance, if you select a .BMP file Windows Paint will be loaded with the .BMP file in it).

The File Name box allows you to type in any file name you choose. If the file is not in your path, you will need to type in the full path name and then the file name. The arrow just to the right of the file name box opens a list containing the last five file names you have run by using the 'Run File' window.

Instead of typing in the file name, you may use the 'Drive Select', 'Directory Select', and 'File Select' boxes to choose a file to run. Once you locate the file, you can double click on the file name in the list of file names or you can click once on it and then click on the 'Run' button.

'Cancel' can be chosen at any time to cancel this option and return to The RIGHT Button.

Font Browser

By clicking on the 'View Fonts' button, the built in Font Browser will come up. This option allows you an easy way to see a preview of all of your installed fonts. Few word processing programs allow you to view multiple fonts simultaneously for a quick comparison. This allows you the ability to easily compare and choose the best font for the current document. The Font Browser will only allow you to view the fonts, you will still need to go through the normal font selection process to activate the font. The Font Browser also allows you to view the fonts in bold and/or italics. You can use the scrollbar on the far right to move down through your installed fonts. By holding the mouse button down on the position indicator (located in the middle of the scroll bar), you can quickly jump to any range of fonts. You will also notice that two indicator boxes above the scroll bar appear. They show the range of fonts that will be displayed if you release the button in the current position.

When finished with the Font Browser, you have two choices. By selecting the 'Close Browser' button, you will be returned to The RIGHT Button. Optionally, to be returned back to the application from which you called up The RIGHT Button, click on the minimize button located in the upper right corner of the Font Browser.

Resizing

The main window on The RIGHT Button can be resized to display any number of launch buttons from 0 to 45. By holding down the mouse button while positioned over the border near one of the corners, you can drag the window's border in both vertical and horizontal directions. The RIGHT Button will automatically rearrange the launch buttons to fill all available space within the new size constraints.

Selecting Active Mouse Button

The RIGHT Button can be configured to popup on middle mouse button clicks instead of right mouse button clicks. To change this setting, just click on the desired setting. This will go into effect when you select 'Close' on the configure window. Note: Not all middle mouse buttons are functional! If The RIGHT Button doesn't pop up when you click on the middle button (assuming the current application isn't on your No Popup list) then you will need to switch back to 'Use Right Button'.

Displaying Titles

Selecting this option causes the Launch Buttons to enlarge and display the application name you have entered for each Launch Button to be displayed. Deselecting this option allows for smaller Launch Buttons with no titles to be displayed.

Displaying Numbers

This option causes each Launch Button's number to be displayed on its upper left corner. The purpose of this option is to help with the Launch Button selection during configuration.

Configuring Launch Buttons

To configure the Launch Buttons, first you must select the Launch Button to configure. You do this by scrolling down the list of launch titles and clicking on the one to modify. Note: Numbers are provided which correspond to the numbers displayed when the 'Show Icon Numbers' is selected. After selecting a Launch Button, you have the option of removing or inserting a Launch Button at the current position. After removing one, you may insert it back into any position by moving the highlite bar to the desired location and clicking on insert. This makes for an easy method to rearrange your Launch Button setups.

To modify a Launch Button's settings: First select the button to modify by locating it in the list of buttons and then clicking on it. You may now enter the File Name of the application you want this button to represent (selecting 'Browse' at this point will allow an easy file selection window to pop up). You may select .PIF, .EXE, .COM, or .BAT files. You may also enter startup parameters by leaving one space after the file name and then entering the startup parameters. After selecting a file name, the Icon File Name will automatically be changed to match the application's file name. If no icon is in this file, the system will assume it is a DOS application and will assign the default DOS icon to it. Also after setting the filename, you can enter an Application Name, and change the icon associated with this button. To select an icon file, you can either type in the Icon File Name or select 'Browse' to locate a file with the desired icon in it. After selecting an icon file, you can click on the right and left arrow below the words 'Current Icon' to select among the icons contained within the file. When you are satisfied with the current button's settings, click on 'Save' for the settings to go into effect.

Note: You can select 'Reset' at any time during this process to reset this button to it's previous settings ('Reset' cannot reset 'Remove'ed or 'Insert'ed Launch Button settings).