



Version 1.3

What is ParaDocks?

Paradocks is basically the reincarnation of the Classic application launcher found on OS 9.

Paradocks creates a floating window containing the icons of all currently running applications, and allows you to easily switch between applications by clicking the icons.

Why ParaDocks?

Because we need a faster way to switch among running applications. When the Dock is huge, it becomes difficult to spot the application you want to switch to. ParaDocks displays only the currently running applications, allowing you to quickly switch between applications.

System requirements?

ParaDocks runs only on OS X.

How much does it cost?

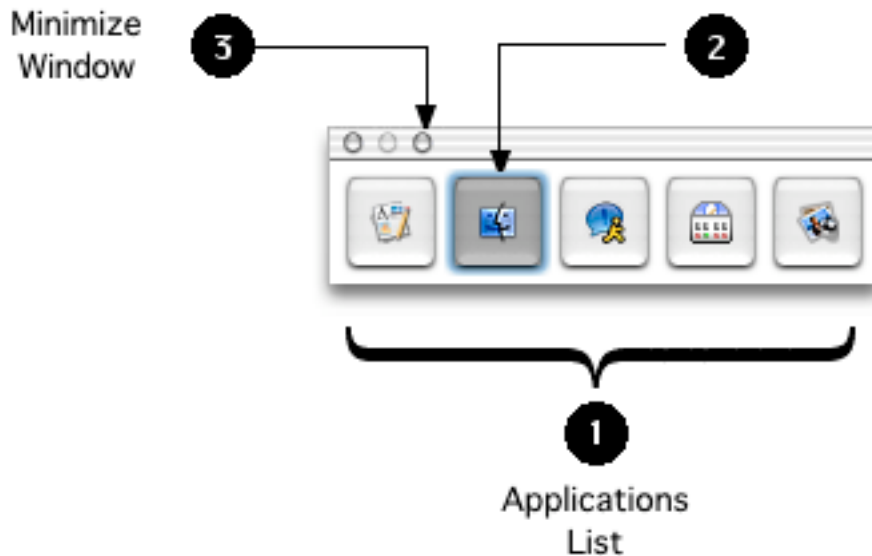
ParaDocks is FREE.

Where can I get support?

You can send email to support@pcv-soft.com. To help us to provide better support, please use the "Support..." menu item from the File menu and copy the information shown to your email.

How do I use ParaDocks?

When launched, ParaDocks displays two windows: the Settings window and the Applications List window. The Settings window is visible only when ParaDocks is the frontmost application. The Applications List window is always visible even when ParaDocks is not the frontmost application. The Applications List window looks like this:



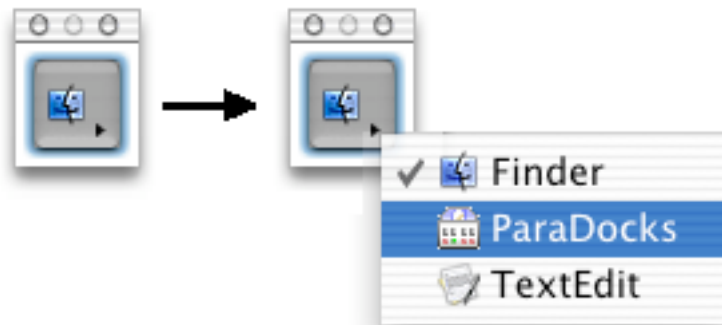
(1) The Applications List

This list contains all applications currently running on your system. They are ordered by name. The frontmost application (2) is highlighted. Clicking on another button of the Applications List will make it the front application. Any applications you launch will be added to the list. Any applications you quit will be removed from the list. If you double-click an application, besides bringing the application to front, all other running applications will be hidden.

Mini Applications List

The Applications List can be minimized to a single button by clicking in the minimize button of the window (3). To maximize the list again, click in the same button. Once minimized, the applications list is used as a popup button listing all running applications. The button always shows the frontmost application. You can switch to another application using this menu. A small

triangle near the bottom right corner is displayed to indicate the minimized state of the list.



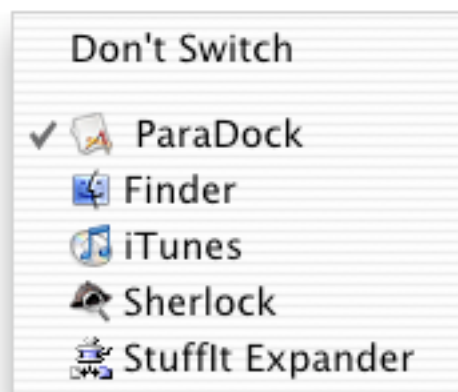
Application button contextual menu

When you Ctrl-Click on an application button to bring up the contextual menu, you can perform additional actions: 'Hide the application', 'Switch and hide others', 'Show all' and 'Reveal in Finder'.

Hot Keys

You can use hot keys to Show or Hide the Applications List window at any time regardless of the application which is currently in front.

Another hot key opens a popup menu at the current position of the mouse allowing you to switch between the currently running applications.



Hot keys are assigned using the Paradocks Settings window described below.

Misc

You can drag the Applications List window around by clicking the window's title bar or by using Shift-Clicking anywhere inside the window.

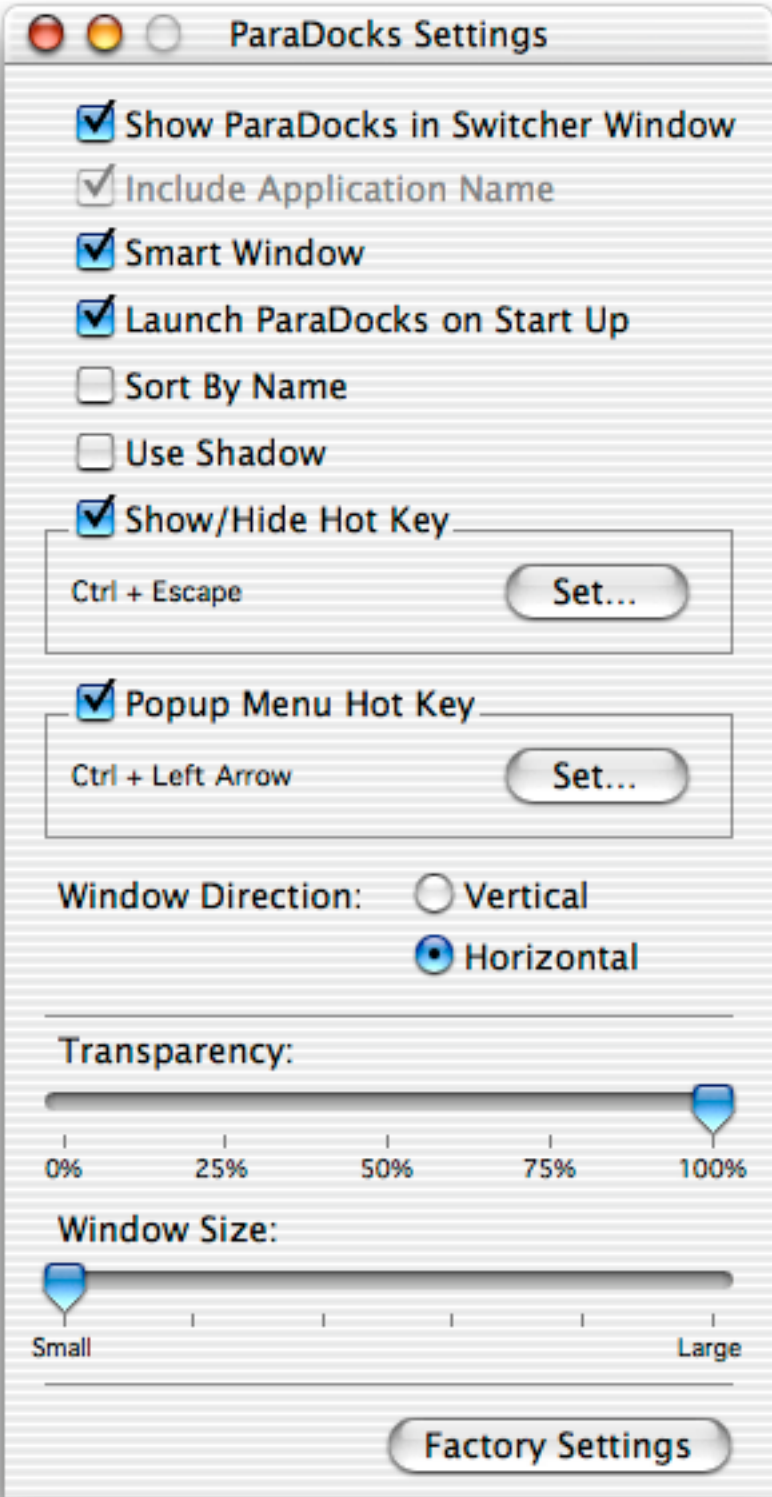
You can also drag and drop a document on an application in the Applications List window. ParaDocks will check if the document can be opened by the application.

You can also put the Applications list in the menubar. Use the menu command "Put In Menubar" from the Window menu to do this. Note that the title bar of the window will not be visible while in the menubar. It is still a floating window that you can move using Shift+Click anywhere in the window and drag.



Applications list in the menu bar
Available only with OS 10.2 or later

The Settings Window.



The settings window is used to edit the ParaDocks preferences. This window is only visible when Paradocks is the frontmost application.

Show ParaDocks in Window Switcher

Normally Paradocks is listed in the Applications List window. Uncheck this preference if you don't want Paradocks to appear in the applications list.

Include Application Name

This preference is available only if the window direction is vertical. The name of the application is displayed in the button next to the icon.

Smart Window

This is used to position the window in such a way that it will stay visible when it grows. For example if the position of the window is at the top right side of the screen and a new application is launched, the window will grow to the left side and all items in it will remain visible.

Launch ParaDocks on Start Up

When checked, ParaDocks is launched automatically on start up. ParaDocks add an entry to the Login items of the current user.

Sort By Name

When checked, the list of running applications is sorted by name. Otherwise, it is ordered the way they are launched.

Use Shadow

This is useful when you want to move the Applications List window in the menu bar Set the icon size to the minimum, choose horizontal direction and drag the window in the menubar. Use Shift+Click anywhere inside the window to drag it in the menubar. You can also use the menu command "Put in Menubar" from the Window menu.

Show/Hide Hot Key

You can set the hot key combination to use in order to Show/Hide the

Applications List window.

Popup Menu Hot Key

You can set the key combination to use in order to bring up the popup menu listing all running applications.

Window Direction

You can choose the way the Applications List window is oriented. It can run from top to bottom (vertical) or from left to right (horizontal).

Transparency

Using the slider, you can set the transparency of the Window Switcher. When the mouse is not over the Window Switcher, the specified transparency value is used for drawing the window. If the mouse is over the Window Switcher, the transparency is removed and the window is shown normally.

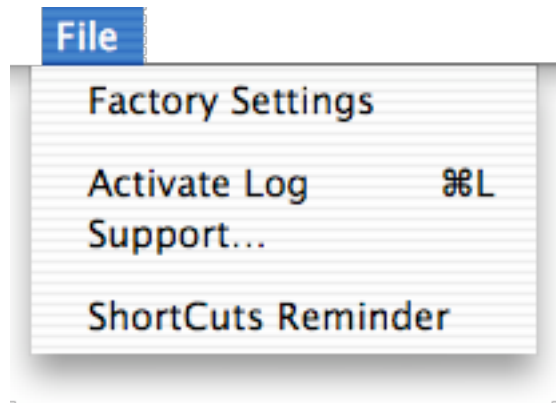
Icon Size

Using the slider, you can set the size of the icons displayed in the Applications List window. Unless you have a big screen or multiple monitors, this is normally set to a low value.

Factory Settings

Click this button if you want to reset the preferences to their default values. The reset is done without asking for approval.

Menus



Factory Settings

Choose this item if you want to reset the preferences to their default values.

Activate Log / Deactivate Log

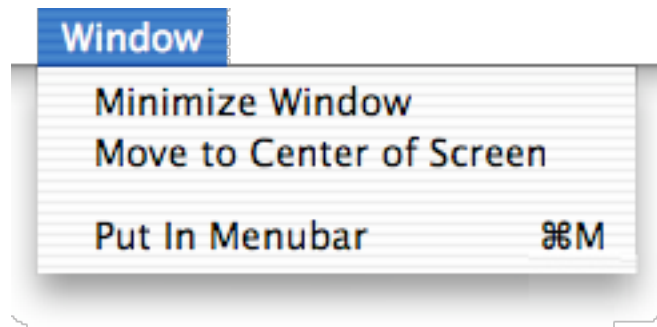
Use this if you want to record in a plain text file the activities made by ParaDocks. This is mostly useful for providing extended info to the developers of ParaDocks. When activated, a text file named "ParaDocks Log" is created in your "Documents" folder. When you are finished recording, deactivate this option (Same menu item but with the name "Deactivate Log").

Support...

Use this when you want to get support from the developers of ParaDocks. A dialog will be displayed with valuable information about your settings and your system profile. Copy the information and send it in an email, along with a description of the problem, to the ParaDocks support address.

ShortCuts Reminder...

Use this to learn about shortcuts ParaDocks is providing to assist you.



Minimize Window

Use this command to toggle between minimum or maximum size window.

Move to Center of Screen

Bring the Applications list window in the center of the screen.

Put In Menubar

This will automatically place the Applications list in the menu bar. You can then move it yourself (using Shift+Click and drag) to place it wherever you want.