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Introduction to Cigar Box for Windows

Remember the cigar boxes you kept on top of your dresser or under your bed when you were a kid?   Each full of your "Good Stuff"?   Here is the *Windows* version to help you organize the   programs and files that you don't use quite often enough to warrant putting them into Program Manger groups.   When you open a *Cigar Box* it automatically reads the associated directory(s) and creates an icon for each of the files you are interested in. Double-clicking these icons will execute the represented file or associated program; just as if it were contained in a regular Program Manager group.

Here are some ideas for how you can use *Cigar Box for Windows* to organize your "Good Stuff":

● Toss all your "Old" correspondence into a *Cigar Box* for safekeeping.

● Create a *Cigar Box* to hold all the files in the projects you are working on,   then put all the *Cigar Boxes* in a "Projects" Program Manager Group.

● Create a "\TRASH" directory *Cigar Box* to hang on to all those things   you think you should get rid of, but want to think about for a while.

● School class notes - set up a separate directory and *Cigar Box* for each class.

● Create a *Cigar Box* to hold all those little *Windows* utilities that you need every so often.

● Games taking over your desktop?   Put them all in a *Cigar Box*, each game in it's own subdirectory.

● If you are a programmer, use a *Cigar Box* for each of those sample code disks that came in the backs of all those books.

Menu Command "File"

⬥ File|New Directory...

File|New opens a dialog from which you may choose a new *Cigar Box* current directory, and/or change the kinds of files displayed in *Cigar Box's* main window.   These changes are not made permanently; to do that you must change the command line parameters for the program manager icon used to run this instance of *Cigar Box*.

Check the boxes that are included on the dialog to indicate what kinds of files should be displayed:

  -   Subdirectories -   Files are selected from subdirectories of the current directory.
  -   Executables -   Executable programs are displayed using the program's icon if it has one, otherwise a standard icon is used.
  -   Help Files -   Windows "Help" files are displayed.
  -   Associated -   Files with a File Manager association are displayed.   The icon used is the associated applications' if it has one, otherwise a standard Windows icon is used.

⬥ File|Exit

File|Exit closes the *Cigar Box* (terminates the program).

Standard Icons

A Windows PIF file.

A DOS executable.

A Windows executable without it's own icon.

Windows   Help Files

Menu Command "Applications"

❖ Applications|Arrange Icons
Applications|Arrange Icons will arrange all the program/file icons in *Cigar Box's* main window into neat rows and columns.   You may wish to do this after resizing the window, or "dragging" icons to new locations.

Note that rearranging the icons will not permanently place them in those positions.   The next time you open this *Cigar Box* the good stuff will again be displayed in the sequence in which they appear within the directories on your disk drive.

❖ Applications|Exit
Applications|Exit closes the *Cigar Box* (terminates the program).

❖ Applications|(Application Names)
Choose a application name from the list to execute.   If you do not see the application you want, choose More Windows...

❖ Applications|More Windows...
A scrolling listbox is displayed from which you may choose any of the applications displayed in *Cigar Box's* main window.   You may also select an application from the main window by double-clicking it with your mouse, or use Ctrl-F6 (or Shift-Ctrl-F6) to select it and then press "Enter".

Menu Command "Help"

✿   Help|Contents
Displays the <u>Table of Contents</u> of the application's "Help" file.   From that list you may select a topic of interest.

✿   Help|Search for Help on...
Displays a dialog from which you may select a "Help" topic of interest, based on a <u>keyword search</u>.

✿   Help|How to Use Help
Presents a tutorial on how to use the <u>Windows help</u> system.

✿   Help|About...
<u>Displays some information</u> about   *Cigar Box*, it's author, and your system.
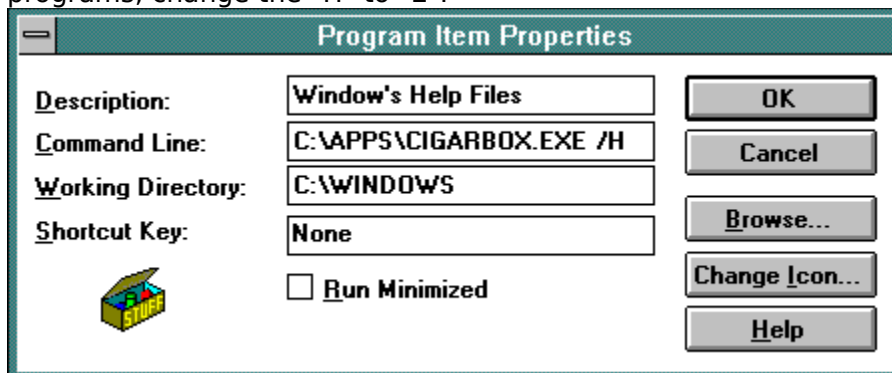
How to setup Cigar Box in Program Manager

⬢ You can add as many *Cigar Box* icons to your Program Manager groups as you need. Each can contain it's own good stuff. You can copy an existing *Cigar Box* icon from one group to another by holding down the "Ctrl" key and dragging the icon to the new group. You can also drag CIGARBOX.EXE from File Manager and drop it on a group, or just use the "File|New" menu in Program Manager to create a new Program Item.

Setup the Program Manager Program Item Properties in the following manner:

⬢ **Description:** Your choice (exercise your ingenuity!)

⬢ **Command line:** The complete path to CIGARBOX.EXE followed by parameters that control what files are included in this Cigar Box. These parameters have the indicated effects:
   S - Include files found in this directories' subdirectories.
   E - Include executable files
   H - Include Windows "Help" files
   A - Include files with a File Manager association.

Parameters can be upper or lower case, separate or all run together. You must leave a space between ...EXE and the first parameter. You may use DOS "switch" indicators (- or /) if you like, but they are not necessary. The example shown below will display all of the "Help" files in the Windows directory. To make the example show all of the executable programs, change the "H" to "E".

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┌─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│ ▬            Program Item Properties                         │
├─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┤
│                                                              │
│ Description:        │Window's Help Files    │   ┌────────┐   │
│                                                 │   OK   │   │
│ Command Line:       │C:\APPS\CIGARBOX.EXE /H│   └────────┘   │
│                                                 ┌────────┐   │
│ Working Directory:  │C:\WINDOWS             │   │ Cancel │   │
│                                                 └────────┘   │
│ Shortcut Key:       │None                   │                │
│                                                 ┌────────┐   │
│      [icon]                                     │ Browse...│  │
│                         ☐ Run Minimized         └────────┘   │
│                                                 ┌────────────┐│
│                                                 │Change Icon.│ │
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Here are some additional examples of valid parameters:
   /S /A All associated files in this directory & subdirectories.
   SA   Same as above
   -e H   All executables & Help files in the directory

⬢ **Working Directory:** Set to the directory containing the files to be contained in this *Cigar Box*.

⬢ **Shortcut key:** You may enter a unique "hot-key" combination to open this *Cigar Box* with a couple of keystrokes.

⬢ **Run Minimized:** Clear this checkbox so Cigar Box will run as a window, not an icon.

Click here for a Word about System Resources...

A Word about System Resources

Windows is limited in the amount of graphics, icons, fonts, etc. that can be displayed at any one time.   Program Manager Groups and the icons they contain each consume a portion of System Resources.   Similarly, *Cigar Box* uses System Resources for each icon created.   The System Resources are returned when you close the *Cigar Box*.

System Resources can be used at an astounding rate if, for instance, you ask *Cigar Box* to show you all the executable programs on your hard drive!   To guard against an inadvertent crash of your system under similar circumstances, *Cigar Box* will inform you if System Resources are depleted by 50%.   You may respond:

✦   **"Yes"** -   The operation continues and you will again be warned again if System Resources are further depleted by 50%

✦   **"No"** - The operation is stopped with the icons displayed being retained.

✦   **"Cancel"** - Abort the operation and return all Resources.

You may learn the amount of System Resources available at any time by choosing "About..." from the "Help" menu of *Cigar Box*, Program Manager, or File Manager.

About Cigar Box for Windows

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How to Register Cigar Box

♣ *Cigar Box for Windows* is Shareware.   Shareware is **not** "free" software!   If you find this program useful please register with the author by paying the regular registration fee for this program of $5.00 (US).   If this program is not worth $5.00 to you, don't use it!

When you register (pay for) *Cigar Box* you will receive an acknowledgment and a receipt by return mail.   Registered users also will receive notification of the next release of *Cigar Box*.

The author is depending on your voluntary registration to keep up his morale and encourage him to produce bigger and better Shareware programs (He also has 3 college-age children and a wife to support).

Please pass along copies of *Cigar Box* to your friends and favorite bulletin boards.   Be sure to include all of the original distribution package, as supplied on the original installation disk.

Click here to register NOW!

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Registration Form

(Print this form on your printer by selecting "Print Topic" from the Help "File" Menu.)

Cigar Box for Windows Registration Form   Version 1.1   07/01/94

Mail this form (with your check or money order in US funds) to:

Kurt P. Herzog
1440 N.E. Tenth Street
Grants Pass, OR 97526 USA   Today's Date: _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____   Postal Code: _____   Country: _____

E-Mail Address or telephone: _____

Register *Cigar Box* for each machine on which the program is used.
Enclose $5.00 (Check or Money Order in US funds) for each copy of
Cigar Box being registered:

Number of copies_____   x $5.00   = $_____

                              Total enclosed (US Funds) $_____

(The remainder of this is optional, but the author would like to know...)

Where did you get your copy of *Cigar Box for Windows*?

CIS Forum, BBS or FTP site: _____

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Comments?   Criticism? Accolades?

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Deinstalling Cigar Box for Windows

HOW TO REMOVE *Cigar Box for Windows* FROM YOUR SYSTEM
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Sorry this program does not meet your needs.
Here is what you do to get rid of it:

The files originally installed on your hard disk were:

      CIGARBOX.EXE
      CIGARBOX.HLP

These two files should be together in the directory in which they were installed.   The default installation directory is "C:\CIGARBOX", but any directory could have been used.   If you are unsure where they are located choose "Search.." from the File Manager "File" menu and enter "CIGARBOX.*" as the file name to search for.   Choose the root directory of the installation drive (most commonly "C:\") and choose to search all subdirectories.   When you locate the files simply delete them.

If you installed *Cigar Box for Windows* in it's own directory, that is, by itself, you need only select that directory in File Manager and click "Delete".

If the *Cigar Box for Windows* icons created during the installation are still in their own group (and you have added nothing else to the group) just select the group in Program Manager, and from the Program Manager File Menu choose "Delete".

If you have moved the icons to other groups you will have to track them all down and delete them individually from those groups.

Please pass your installation disk along to someone else... maybe they can use the program (and the author can use the registration fees!)

The author would like to hear from you about your experience with this program.   Where do you feel it is inadequate?   Why doesn't it do the job for you?   What would make it better?

Click here for information on how to contact the author.

Thanks for trying *Cigar Box for Windows*...

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