

Using PowerBar as a Program Launcher & More

Perhaps the most obvious thing you can do with PowerBar is use it as a program launcher. This is quite easily accomplished by installing the applications you use most frequently onto the toolbar. Just click one of the buttons and the application will be launched.

Actually, you can include any file on the toolbar! Control panels, desk accessories, documents, folders are all candidates! Click the button and whatever it is that's on it will open or be opened in it's creator application.

You can drag a document onto an application button you have in the toolbar and, if that application is capable, it will open the document after starting or becoming active.

If you drag a file onto a button that contains a folder, the file will be moved to that folder. If you press the option key while doing so, the file will be copied to the folder instead of moved. You may also set a preference via the control panel that will allow you to always copy files to folders when dragged to their button.

To gain quick access to the toolbar when in another application you may use a hot spot setup in the control panel. This hot spot is a corner of the main monitor where you'd like to move the mouse to bring the Finder (and hence the toolbar) to the front. This hot spot can be changed to each of the 4 corners of your main screen, or, if you don't want it, it can be turned off completely.

You can click a button representing a folder while holding the COMMAND key to see a popup menu which lists that folder's contents. Selecting an item from this menu opens the item (same as selecting its icon in Finder and pressing COMMAND-O or double-clicking it).

If you press COMMAND-SHIFT while clicking an application button, instead of the application launching you'll get its "Get Info" window in the Finder. This is a convenient way to change the memory partition for the application rather than having to actually navigate through your folders to do it.