Welcome to

E-Icons 98, one of the most powerful and easy to use icon customisation tool, lets you customise the shell icons on your system easily and quickly! E-Icons makes it a snap to change the standard Windows 95/98 icons, these include ones for the Desktop, Start Menu, Drives, Folders and Files. It lets you also use icon themes so you can change all icons at once or create your own themes, and it gives you the great opportunty to assign an icon to any folder, any drive and any registered file type. If you love to customize the way your system looks, E-Icons 98 would be the right utility for you!

If you like E-Icons 98, if you often use E-Icons 98 please, notify the author via email. Your email   will support work on future versions, new features, and bug fixes.

Thank you very much for trying E-Icons 98 !

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Freeware

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I wrote E-Icons 98 with the purpose to create a simple tool which allows Windows 95/98 users to customise their system icons easily and quickly.   I hope I did a nice job and that you will enjoy using E-Icons 98 as much as I have enjoyed developing it!

Thanks again for trying E-Icons 98 !

Customising Shell Icons

1 - Click on the tree structure at left side and choose the icon you want to change

Current icon will be shown on the right

2 - Choose a new icon by clicking on "Browse...", "Default Icon" and "Show Icon Dialog". Then click on "Replace Icon" or on the selected icon so the old icon will be repalced by the new one.

3 - Click on "Apply" or "OK" (OK button will terminate the program) to save your changes. Anyway you will be prompted if you exit the program without saving changes .

Customising Icon Settings

Change the options you want, then click on "Apply" or "OK" to save your changes. Anyway you will be prompted if you exit the program without saving changes.
Options available :

Recycle Bin Name
Show Icons Using All Possible Colors
Show Large Icons
Display Shortcut Overlay

Uninstall E-Icons 98

To remove E-Icons 98 from your computer select Add/Delete Programs in Control Panel then choose "E-Icons 98" and click on "Add/Delete".

Opening Icon Themes

This feature lets you change the shell icons all at once.
Select "Open Icon Theme" and choose through the dialog the theme you want to open.
Then a window will appear and you just have to select the icon group you want to change. You can also find the list of installed icon themes in the combo box at right which allows you also to load them.
E-Icons 98 comes with several prebuilt icon themes to get you started.

Saving Icon Themes

Select "Save Icon Theme" and choose through the dialog a theme file you want to save or create.

Customising Any Folder Icon

Choose "Change Any Folder Icon", then select the folder you want to customise.
The icon of that folder will be shown.
Just select a new icon for that folder or restore the previous icon by clicking on "Default", then click on "OK".

This feature is only supported by Windows 98 or IE4.x.

Question: I can't find the option "Change Any folder Icon", but I have Windows 98 (or Windows 95 + IE4). Why?
Answer: Check in the "System" tab "Show Operating System Dialog at startup" and exit the program. Run E-Icons 98 again, now you should be prompted for the operating system you use. Just click on "Windows 95 + Internet Explorer 4".

E-Icons 98 Options

- Rebuild Icon Cache
When you click on "Rebuild Icon Cache" the icons are refreshed and if there is some corrupted icons these ones are repaired.

- Show Warning Message after changes
UnCheck this option if you do not want a warning message shown after changes.
The   warnig message just lets you know that if you have changed icon colors or
some icons have not been changed immediately, you should restart your system.
Click on "OK" if you want to continue or click on "Restart Windows Now!" to restart automatically your system.
Usually there is no need to restart Windows.

- Show Operating System dialog at startup
Check this option if you want the Operating System Dialog shown the next time you start E-Icons 98.
The   Operating System dialog is the window shown when you run for the first time the program. Through this dialog
you just have to select the operating system you use.

Change Any Folder Icon Extension

Run E-Icons 98 and select from "Change Any..." menu "Install Change Any Folder Icon Extension".

Verify functionality by choosing a folder, and clicking with the right mouse button to get the contextmenu. There should be a line like "Change Folder Icon". Click on it and a dialog will be shown.   Just choose a new icon for that folder or restore the previous icon by clicking on "Default", then click on "OK".

Run E-Icons 98 and select from "Change Any..." menu "Uninstall Change Any Folder Icon Extension".

This feature is only supported by Windows 98 or IE4.x .

Change Any Drive Icon

Choose "Change Any Drive Icon", then select the folder you want to customise.
Just select a new icon for that drive or restore the previous icon by clicking on "Default", then click on "OK".

This feature is only supported by Windows 98 or IE4.x .

Change Any File Type Icon

Choose "Change Any File Icon" then type into the text box the extension for the icon file you want to change and click on OK. Now just select through "Browse..." or "Show Icon Dialog" a new icon for that file type or set the icon for that file at "%1".

Question: What is "%1" ?
Answer: The "%1" lets Windows use the first icon stored in a file with the extension you select. For example when you set the icon for a "dll" file at "%1" the icon shown in Explorer for "dll" files is not the same for any dll file but changes according to the first icon stored in that file. If a file does not contain any icon, and its icon has been set to %1, the default icon will be shown.
Note: If you set the icon at %1 for BMP files, the icon shown in Explorer is a thumbnail of the image stored in the file.