

Readme of RRKMenu 1.1
New Menus for Windows v1.4

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What it is

Windows at your fingertips
New Menus for Windows 1.4 is a Windows Shell, similar to some of the window managers of X-Windows (UNIX GUI, e.g. Motif, OpenLook).

The Menuing System

The kernel of the program is a replacement for the Program Manager in a popup menu format, which you can popup at any time with the right or middle mouse button. This popup menu can have as many submenus (like subdirectories in a file system) as you like. The menu items can be programs, documents or function calls. But the popup menu is not a simple, normal,

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windows popup menu. It doesn't look like one and it behaves differently. An icon and description are displayed for all programs and documents Ad libitum. These icons can have a size of 32, 24 or 16 pixels - it is even possible to represent menu items as animated icons. By default the icons of the programs, or of the applications associated with documents, are shown. You can also customise the icons. The font and font size is also configurable. For each submenu, you can choose to display the text only, the icon only or both. To frame a menu item, you can choose between 4 styles, of which one simulates the Design of Motif and another of OpenLook. From OpenLook, another idea is implemented for Windows: every (sub-)menu can be stuck onto the desktop. You can install new menu items similar to the Program Manager Menu Groups or Menu Items. Installation of new menu items is supported by dialogues or via drag'n drop. During installation, the Program Manager groups are converted into menu items. When working with documents, you do not have to install each file as a menu item. New Menus for Windows supports wild cards, which automatically fill submenus with matching files. It is also possible to include parts of a file system into the menu structure: The subdirectories are submenus and all files are menu items. These dynamically built menu items can be sorted by name, extension, date or size (also in reverse order). If you stick a (sub-)menu on your desktop you can use it as a button bar, which also supports drag'n'drop with the File manager. With a menu item you can do more than launch a program or open a file: You can declare Keyboard macros or you can call a system-function of Windows or of another DLL. Whole submenus can be executed as batches. In a Tasks-Submenu you can switch between your running applications - which are shown with their icons and titles - hide windows, or terminate the applications. In another Submenu you can switch between your installed printers, invoke their property-dialogue or drag files to print on a specific printer. In a submenu called History, all executed items are listed as a command history. Other special features are only listed by name: Rebooting Windows, rebooting DOS; quit Windows - execute DOS-program - restart Windows, Save all documents in all programs; Close all applications; the layout functions of Taskman; Save Desktop (window positions); Kill a window; etc. The access to Submenus is highly customizable, several mouse button / keyboard combinations are supported (also an emulation of the middle mouse button). You can assign a global hotkey to each submenu or menu item (in combination with keyboard macros you can also redefine your keyboard layout). To jump quickly from one Submenu to another, you can use shortcuts. All of these options are configurable via dialogues. The menu structure is edited with a 'visual menu editor', including copying and moving single items or whole menu structure sub trees.

Virtual Desktop and Window Management

From the X-Window system, two more ideas are implemented in New Menus for Windows. With a built in Virtual Desktop you can magnify your desktop into 64 virtual desktops. You can access any one of the virtual desktops by clicking in the Virtual Desktop viewer.

Known by OpenLook and Motif, is the possibility to activate a window just by moving the mouse cursor. With one mode of the XMouse feature you can automatically bring the window up to the front of all other windows by only moving the mouse into any part of the window. With the other mode, the window under the mouse cursor will be activated, but the order of the window stack will not be changed.

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All of these features are integrated in the menuing system. With the enhanced system menu, the behavior in the context of the Virtual Desktop and the XMouse of single windows are customizable.

Enhancement of the standard Windows applications drop down menus

If you select a normal drop down menu of a windows application with the right mouse button (e.g. the "Edit" menu in Write) you get a new designed menu. Besides the nicer (customisable) look of this menu you can stick it onto the desktop and use it as a button bar. That is, if you have to switch between several documents in a multi-document based program often, you can stick the menu "Window" onto the desktop and have quick access. The System menu is also enhanced - here is the key to a nicer and more functional System menu with the right mouse button. The standard functions in the System menu are also illustrated with icons. Instead of the item "switch to..." you get a Submenu with all Tasks. You can hold each window at the top of the desktop (like the clock). You can append more menu items and submenus to the system menu.

Enhancement of windows controls with context sensitive popup menus

More and more applications use the right mouse button to give a quicker context sensitive access to objects the mouse points at. New Menu provides some context sensitive menus which are 'forgotten' by Windows:

Edit controls (e.g. notepad): Copy; Cut; Insert; Undo; Mark all; Search; Save (ANSI, ASCII, UNIX); convert all lower or higher case; statistics. Format paragraphs with left margin, left, middle, center or right and left align.

List boxes: Copy the string of the marked item.

Scroll Bars: Up, down, left, right.

File-Manager: Copy marked files / directory as text string (which you can use as arguments for other programs); Load file in FileViewer or FileEditor; Print File; file operations (copy, move, etc.).

DOS-Box: Mark; Copy; Insert

It is relatively simple to customize your applications with other context sensitive menus. To extract the menus from a window program, a tool is enclosed in the package.

Multi-User Configuration

New Menu for Windows supports different configurations for different users and network administration. First, you can declare an individual INI-file as a command line (also as an argument for WIN.COM). Each user can modify his own configuration. But a system administrator can also hold predefined menu files in a directory in the path, which can be linked as submenus to individual menu structures. These external menus can be locked against changes. If a new application is installed in the network, the system administrator will only have to modify one file.

Other qualities

New Menu has very lean runtime resource requirements. It needs at minimum ca. 40kB non discardable RAM and 2% of the system-resources, which does not depend on the size of the menu structure. What you need is

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Windows 3.1(1) or WfW. New Menu supports all mice and trackballs, but you can also use the Menu without a mouse.

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How to Install

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Copy the file NMF14xe.ZIP to a new directory (e.g. c:\nmfw) and unzip the file (pkunzip 2.04g). After doing that, you can remove the file NMF14xe.ZIP.

You can drag the RRKMENU.EXE from the File-Manager to a Group-Window in the Program-Manager.

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The file RRKMENU.EXE is the program.

Before you start NMfW for the first time, close all programs using the Program-Manager. Otherwise NMfW may not be installed properly.

When you start the New Menu for Windows 1.4 for the first time, the program will copy some files into to the Windows-system directory (e.g. `c:\windows\system`). It will copy the files RRKMNDLL.DLL, BWCC.DLL and BWCC009.DLL into this directory.

After that, New Menu for Windows 1.4 will extract the information of the installed programs from the Program-Manager and write it in a new file, PROGMAN.MNU, in the directory where you installed New Menu for Windows 1.4.

The program RRKMENU.EXE installs itself.

The following actions are performed during the first execution:

- It copies the file RRKMNDLL.DLL into your `\windows\system` directory. If there is an older version of this file in the directory, the old version will be overwritten. If you want to uninstall NMfW you can delete this file.
- It copies the files BWCC.DLL and BWCC009.DLL into your `\windows\system` directory. If there are older versions in this directory or in the `\windows` directory these files will be overwritten. I do not recommend deleting these files if you want to uninstall NMfW, because other programs may need these files.
- A new entry in your WIN.INI will be written:

[BWCC]

BitmapLibrary=bwcc0009.dll

This is to tell the file BWCC.DLL to use the bitmaps for the buttons OK, CANCEL etc., from this lib. If you have another BWCCxxx.DLL, which supports your national language, you may have to change this.

- All Program-Manager groups are converted into the internal MNU format. This may take a little bit of time.
- The Program-Manager group Startup (or Autostart) will be converted into submenus.

Important: The files RRKMNDLL.DLL and BWCC*.DLL must be in the Windows system directory. Otherwise you can not run the Menu as the windows shell.

If the installation routine failed, you may copy these files manually into your Windows system directory.

After starting the program, **push the right mouse button!!**

I have pre-configured the menu. You probably have a drive "c:\". Otherwise, you have to change the corresponding menu item. See in the help file RRKMENG.HLP for more hints.

Update from v1.2 to v1.4

First, make a backup from your old RRKMENU.INI. Then install the new package from scratch in a new, empty directory. This is important, because NMfW must copy the new DLL's into the `\windows\system` directory. Then you can transfer your old Submenus into the new RRKMENU.INI or better yet, in an external menu file (with the file extension MNU). You can do this using notepad as an editor and then copy or paste the submenu sections into the new RRKMENU.INI. Another way is by using the visual editor which can be accessed from the menu item **Configuration**. I do not recommend that you use your old RRKMENU.INI, because there are some new items in the

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sections [General Properties], [WinClasses], [ShortCuts], [ProgrammHooks], [MenuFont] and [MenuTitleFont].

If you use the right mousebutton to pop up the menu, you must define the following line in the section [WinClasses] of your RRKMENU.INI.

VScreen=Excluded

Otherwise you can't switch to another virtual screen with the right mousebutton.

How to uninstall

Delete the directory in which you installed the NMF14xe.ZIP-package. You can also delete the file RRKMNDLL.DLL in your Windows system directory That's it.

Description of new features

Please look at the file HISTORY.WRI.

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Availability

The evaluation copy of New Menus for Windows 1.4 is available at:

English version:

ftp.cica.indiana.edu:/pub/windows/desktop/nmf141e.zip

(or mirrors)

garbo.uwasa.fi:/windows/desktop/ nmf141e.zip

(or mirrors)

ftp.uni-koeln.de:/pc/win3/manager/ nmf141e.zip

CompuServe: GO WINSHARE, Lib Program Managers nm141e.exe

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German version:

ftp.uni-koeln.de:/pc/win3/manager/ nmfw141g.zip

ftp.fu-berlin.de:/pub/pc/win3/misc/ nmfw141g.zip

ftp.hrz.uni-kassel.de:/pub/machines/dos/win3/ nmfw141g.zip

CompuServe: GO GERWIN, Lib Tools nm141g.exe

Fido: 2:2437/501 - 2:2437/502 (49-561-5740777, 49-561-573967)

nmfw141g.arj

The Files

README.WRI	This file.
REGISTER.WRI	How to register and register-form.
RRKMENU.EXE	The Program
RRKMNDLL.DLL	Hooking-DLL
RRKMENG.DLL	The English Resources
ADDONS.DLL	DLL with add-on functions for context-sensitive menus.
BWCC.DLL	Dialogue-DLL from Borland International.
BWCC009.DLL	English add-on for the BWCC.DLL from Borland International.
RRKMENU.INI	The INI-file and main menu file.
ADDONS.MNU	Menu file for the add-ons and internal commands
CONTROL.MNU	additional mnu file for the control panel
PFE.MNU	additional mnu file for the program PFE
WRITE.MNU	additional mnu file for the program Write
RRKMENG.HLP	English help-file
EXTRMNU.EXE	Tool to extract menus from Windows applications in MNU files.
EXTRMNU.WRI	Documentation for EXTRMNU.EXE
HISTORY.WRI	Version history
FILE_ID.DIZ	Description for BBS.
VENDOR.DOC	Informations for vendors

The program generates files like RRKDAT.xxx and RRKIDX.xxx (xxx is a number) in its own directory (database for using Icons). After startup, a file named PROGMAN.MNU will also be created.

Last Minute Notes

BTW...

Please excuse and ignore my horrible English! Frank Banul, Doug Cooper, Fernando M. B. Madruga, Paulo Rupino and David R. Twede were kind enough to take a look at some excerpts of my readme-files, but some of the files are produced by a dilettante without any verification.

Inquiries, comments, and suggestions regarding New Menus for Windows are welcomed and can be sent to the author.

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Thanks for trying New Menus for Windows 1.4

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