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the ultimate icon collection



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Icons are simple, little, colorful and seemingly harmless things. Be careful though, appearances are deceptive. Once you get a taste there is no turning back. I know. My name is Johan Spee, I am an Icoholic.

This is the Icoholics Anonymous icon collection version 4.b. Most of these icons were made from scratch, others were extracted from different sources and redesigned; over 2100 altogether. One thing they all have in common: these icons are the cream of the crop. That does not mean they are in 256 colors or 48 x 48 pixels or any other Win 95/98 novelties that contravene the Zen of Icoholism. In my philosophy an Icon is a visual Haiku, not a picture, so I stick to 32 x 32 pixels and 16 colors. Call me old-fashioned, I don't mind. Just take a look: this is still the ultimate icon collection.

This new version no longer consists of a plethora of individual icon files, but of 47 executables. Click an executable to display the icons that are contained in it. This is an easy way to find your way around the collection. The executables contain either 50 or 20 icons. Use the icons as you would use those in any other exe file: browse to the file, select it and pick an icon. If necessary let Windows' Help walk you through the process.

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Contact me by e-mail if you want to donate your opinion, postcard or financial contribution. I will send you my current postal address in return. The address, and other information, can also be found on my homepage.



Registration

Do the right thing and chip in



one of these is all it takes

This software is fully functional and doesn't expire. There are no nag screens. So the bottom line is: this is freeware if you want it to be. However, do realize that I have spent many hundreds of hours putting this collection together. In addition quite a bit of money went to an Internet provider, phone bills and software. So, if you want to return the favor, you can join the Icoholics Anonymous by sending a small registration fee to [Blue Raccoon Productions](#).

Do the right thing and pay for this product. Don't think this will make me rich. Icoholics Anonymous used to be postcardware. In view of the number of postcards I received in the five years the collection has been on the net I'll be lucky to break even in the five years to come. If a few dollars (euros, franks, marks, guilders, pounds) is more than you can afford I will still, and gladly, accept a postcard in stead. Do as you like, but don't send coins. Credit cards and checks won't do since the cost for handling these things usually exceeds the registration fee.

What you get in return

You will be entitled to free future updates. I have big plans for the next Icoholics Anonymous, such as automatic drag-n-drop install of icons directly from the executables, hooking up with your icon editor, extracting icons in ico format etc. So registering now could be a good investment. More to the point though, a clear conscience will make you feel good. I have not infested the program with excessive beg notices, crippled it or had it verbally insult you after 30 days. So I trust you to support Icoholics Anonymous if you like it. By definition you like it if you continue to use it.

Enjoy !



Copyright

- The two most frequently asked questions about Icoholics Anonymous are: [Where did you steal this icon?](#) and [Is this icon protected by copyright?](#)

- The vast majority of these icons were made from scratch, others were extracted from different sources and redesigned; over 2100 altogether. The former category is not protected by copyright. As for the others: Some are the handiwork of other people that sent them to me with the intention that they be added to the collection, others were modified to the extent that I should now rightfully call them my own. I.A. has been on the net for five years and was distributed on CD-rom in many countries. No individual or organization has ever objected to that.

- Apparently icons are outlaws in cyberspace: anyone who wants to can take a shot at them. In my opinion that's the way it should be. My own icons always show up in other collections shortly after a new version is released. I don't mind. The registration fee I ask is not for the icons as such; it is for the effort I have put in scraping up, patching up and setting up the icons and for the accompanying expenses.



If you want to contribute your own icons to this collection send them to me attached to an e mail. Your outlaws are appreciated, dead or alive, but not always accepted. They do have to meet the high I.A. standards.

Disclaimer

If you rename the executables to for instance Sound.exe or System.exe they may stop working or cause your system to crash. Otherwise these 16 bit files should work just fine with both Win 3.x and Win 95. Still . . .

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