

FractBar 1.00

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ATTENTION:

This is a test version and is not guaranteed to be error free. I have only tested this program using Fractint for Windows v17.30, but it should work with future versions as well.

OBTAINING FRACTINT FOR WINDOWS (AND DOS VERSION ALSO):

I have found that the best place to obtain the latest version of Fractint for DOS and Windows is to call "Ideal Studies BBS" at (508)757-1806, 1200/2400/9600HST. You can get the latest version on your first call after a short registration, then you have full access.

REQUIREMENTS:

- (1). Windows 3.10**
- (2). Fractint for Windows (Preferably version 17.30 or later)**
- (3). Mouse**
- (4). VBRUN200.DLL (Microsoft run-time library that is found on most BBS')**

INTRODUCTION:

This program makes the use of Fractint for Windows easier by placing the most used commands in a toolbar like frame that is located at the lower-left side of your screen. You can minimize this program and it will disappear until you move your mouse to the lower-left corner of the screen and then it pops back up ready to go. The current time is displayed in the title area of the program.

LAUNCHING THIS PROGRAM:

To start this program you must run it with the command line parameter that points to the location of your WINFRACT.EXE files, example:

FRACTBAR.EXE C:\FRACTALS\WINFRACT.EXE

This would launch FractBar and tell it that the program it is looking for is c:\fractals\winfract.exe.

You should setup this program to run from Program Manager and set its working directory to the directory where Fractint for Windows is located so that when you want to load parameters for Fractint for Windows then you will be in the directory that they are located in.

USING THIS PROGRAM:

The command buttons do exactly the same thing as the menu item in Fractint for Windows does, like **Load Map** will select the menu item in Fractint for you and let you load a new color map from your disk.

There are 4 command buttons that are not represented the same way in Fractint for Windows, which are **Fast**, **Slow** and the left and right arrows. The Fast and Slow commands control the speed at which colors are cycled on the screen, and the left and right arrows control which direction to cycle colors.

You can hide this toolbar by clicking the minimize button located in the upper-right area of the form or selecting minimize from the control menu located in the upper-left of the form. If you want

the program to become visible once again, you must move the mouse cursor to the lower-right corner of the screen for just a fraction of a second and it will reappear.

To end this program you just click the **Exit** button at the bottom of the form and both this program and Fractint will close. This program will also terminate itself if you close Fractint. If you would like to remove only this program from memory and keep Fractint going then you must click the control menu located in the upper-left of the form and then click the close command and you will be asked if you only want to close FractBar.

COMMENTS:

This program really enhances the user-friendliness of Fractint for Windows, which is truly a work of art. Please remember that this program is still in its beginning stages and may not work on your system, but it actually should work on all systems. If you have any comments or bug reports then please call or write me at the following address:

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