



This page is important. Please read it before using iControl

Quick Start

If you are one of those people who hates to read manuals, you need to know a few things before using iControl:



You can change all your system icons by double-clicking on an **iPack**. The **iPack** (shown above) contains all the icons required to give your Mac desktop a **completely new look**. You can find more information about iPacks on the [next page](#).



You can change a single system icon by starting the **iControl** application. Just double-click on the icon shown above and you'll see a panel with all the system icons. You can then drag any icon from the desktop onto the panel and your Mac will be updated. Other features of the main panel are described in [The Panel section](#) of this manual.

Your iPacks can also be used with **IconDropper**. Just move the iPack into your **Packs folder** and you'll see it in the pack inspector. If you haven't used **IconDropper** before, check out the [Other Products section](#) or our website.

Visit the **Iconfactory** for more cool stuff. We have lots of other cool stuff for your Mac, including lots of **FREE** icons and iPacks! Please visit us at www.iconfactory.com – just push the button at the bottom of the iControl panel!

Registration

iControl is **not** free software. If you use iControl, you must register. Your \$19 payment supports the Iconfactory and all the good things we do.

After you use iControl for a certain period of time, you'll start to see reminders and eventually some features will be disabled. All of the features return to normal after you register.

Payment is quick and easy via on-line registration at our web site. You can also mail us a payment; instructions for paying are included in the [Registration section](#) of this manual.

If don't want to register, you will probably want to refer to the uninstall instructions at the bottom of this page. It will remove the reminder dialog that pops up when you startup your Mac.

Installation

To use iControl, you must be running on Mac OS 8.5 or later.

After installation, you will have a folder that contains the iControl application and some sample iPacks. The iControl Engine will also be placed in your Extensions folder.

If you'd prefer to access the iControl application as a control panel, you can move it to your Control Panels folder.

If you like iControl and want to share it with your friends, please make sure that you give them the installer file that you downloaded. If you want to distribute this software by other means, please read the Legal Stuff at the end of this document.

Uninstall iControl

If you decide that you don't like iControl and want to uninstall it, move the iControl folder to the trash. You must also move the iControl Engine into the trash. The engine file is located in the Extensions folder of the System Folder.

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What is an iPack?

An iPack is a file that contains system icons for your Macintosh. The system icons are the icons like the default folder, the trash can and the system file.

To change all your system icons you just need to double-click on the iPack. The iControl panel will appear and you'll be asked to confirm that you want the icons changed.

You can create your own iPacks by saving your current settings. Use the Save iPack item in the File menu. For more information on the iControl interface, see the next section.

Features

- A double-click on the iPack is all you need to change your entire desktop!
- iPacks can use millions of colors icons as well as older 256-color icons
- In Mac OS 9, multiple users can each have their own icon settings
- Full drag and drop support
- No modifications made to the System files or hacking with ResEdit!
- Fully compatible with Kaleidoscope and Appearance themes
- Icons from other applications can be imported into iControl
- AppleScript support for opening iPacks
- iControl makes your Mac look even cooler :-)

iPacks and Kaleidoscope!

Kaleidoscope is another application that lets you change the appearance of your Mac's windows and icons. You can use iControl with Kaleidoscope and replace the icons in a scheme with your own icons.

To do this, uncheck the "Finder Icons" checkbox in the Kaleidoscope control panel (under the Scheme Settings tab.) This will allow iControl to replace the Finder icons.

More information about Kaleidoscope can be found at <http://www.kaleidoscope.net>

Where do I put my iPacks?

iControl doesn't care where you put the iPacks. If you're using both iControl and IconDropper to customize your desktop, we suggest that you put your iPacks in the Packs folder. This way, you can use them with IconDropper, too.



The Panel

When you double-click on the iControl application, you'll see the following panel appear. The controls on this interface are described in this section.



Icons

The icons that can be changed by iControl are displayed in a list. The standard system icon is labeled **Original** and the current setting is labeled **Custom**. The name of the icon is displayed along with a short description of how it is used.

You can **drag any icon** from your desktop onto one of the icons and your Mac will be updated. No changes are made to your system files, so there is no danger of corrupting your Mac OS software.

A popular icon to change is the **trash can**. The trash can't be modified with Get Info or IconDropper. You can change both the empty and full version with iControl!

Restore Icon

The **Restore Icon** button restores the selected icon to the way it was before you changed it with iControl. To select an item in the list, just click on the icon or name.

If you want to restore all of the system icons to their original appearance, you can hold down the Option key and the button will become **Restore All**. You can also use the Restore Original Icons item in the Edit menu

IconDropper

If you have installed IconDropper, you can press on the **IconDropper** button to bring up an inspector list that shows all your icon packs. You can drag any icon from the pack onto iControl and it will be used to update your system icons.

If IconDropper is not installed, the button will have no effect. If you want to try out this feature, you can download the software at our website www.iconfactory.com

Register

The register button at the bottom of the panel will help you send us a payment for the software. It is also used to enter the registration code once the payment has been processed. The button will disappear after you have successfully registered.

Import

iControl can import icons from a Kaleidoscope scheme or an Appearance theme file. Select the Import item in the File menu. After the file selection dialog appears, select the file and the icons will automatically be extracted and set in the iControl panel.

The import process can take some time to complete. If you plan on using these icons again, it is a good idea to save them into an iPack so they can be set quickly.

Open iPack

Normally, it's easiest to just double-click on the iPack to set all the system icons. You can, however, use this item in the File menu to load all the icons in an iPack.

Save iPack

You can save your current icon settings by selecting this item in the File menu. When you are done saving your iPack, you can share them with your friends or make them available as downloads from your web page.

Web

The Web menu contains some quick links to web sites that you'll find useful with iControl. These links include a handy way to email for technical support and web sites with iPacks for you to download free of charge.



Registration

The cost to register a single copy of iControl is \$19. The money will be used to build a larger factory and fund new R&D. We'll also continue to give you cool icons to use with the product.

As a registered user, you also receive the Iconfactory newsletter. The newsletter contains hyper-links to special icon sets and other cool goodies for our friends.

Submitting a payment

There is a [Register button](#) at the bottom of the iControl panel. When you press this button, you will be guided through the process of submitting a payment and registering the software.

There are two ways to pay us:

Register on-line. When you are downloading those cool icons from the Iconfactory, you can register on-line. It's quick and simple. The transaction is secure, so don't worry about someone seeing you credit card number. After your payment is processed, you will be sent a registration number by e-mail.

Pay by mail. If you choose to pay by mail, you will be prompted to fill out a form that can be sent to Kagi Software by e-mail or post. Kagi will process your payment and then we will send you a registration number.

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When you have received your registration information, use the Register button or menu again. Enter your name and number as it appears in the e-mail. After pressing return, the program should thank you for registering. If not, check the name and number to see that they match the e-mail we sent you.

Technical support

Please remember that Kagi Software does not offer technical support for iControl. If you're having problem, check out the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page at the Iconfactory (www.iconfactory.com). You can also e-mail us at icontrol@iconfactory.com

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Other Products

iControl is just one of many fine products from the Iconfactory. Here are a few suggestions on how to use our other software with iControl:

IconDropper

If you want to place a permanent icon on a folder or disk, you should try IconDropper.

IconDropper give you a contextual menu in the Finder labeled "Change icon..." When you use this menu, you'll be presented with a palette of many new icons to choose from. After selecting an icon from the palette, the desktop item will not be affected by selecting a different iPack.

The Iconfactory and all many other Mac icon sites supply icons in pack format so it's easy to add icons to your palette.

You can also store your iPacks in the IconDropper Packs folder. When you double-click on an iPack in the pack inspector, it will automatically start iControl and ask you if you want your system icons changed.

IconBuilder

If you'd like to try your hand at creating icons, and you are a Photoshop user, then check out IconBuilder.

It's a very powerful tool for creating Mac and Windows icons. All of the iPacks we make at the Iconfactory are crafted with IconBuilder!

Credits

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