

Icon Collector

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Icon Collector is T-Shirt-Ware. If you decide to keep it, you must send me a T-Shirt (size L). My adress is listed below.

WHAT IS IT:

Icon Collector allows you to create icon collections by merging customs icons from multiple applications, files or folders in a single document, to save disk space. Icon Collector extracts icons from your collection by creating new folders with theses icons.

STEPS:

- Launch Icon Collector
- Create icon collection by choosing New from the File menu.
- Add icon(s) to collection by dragging applications/folder/files/disk... to Icon Collector's application from the Finder.
- Extract icons by selecting an icon from your collection by double-clicking the icon in the collection.
- Cut/copy/paste supported between Collections and Finder's Get Info box, and **[new!]** any application which accepts PICTs
- Drag & Drop icons from Icon Collector to the Finder or any application accepting PICTs.
- Drag & Drop files from the finder to Icon Collector's windows.
- Import all icons from any file by pressing command key while dragging file to Icon Collector's icon.
It will work only on icon sets containing resources of type 'ICN#' ie it will not import icons from ResEdit files containing only resources of type 'icl8'.

WHY IS IT COOL ?

Try to copy the custom icon of an appleshare volume or a CD-ROM with zillions of files from the finder :

- select the volume
- Get Info, wait, wait, wait : the Finder is calculating the size....
- copy the icon

Try to do the same thing with Icon Collector

- launch IC
- create a new Collection
- from the finder, drag the volume(s)'s icon(s) to Icon Collector's application icon
- copy the icon from the Collection's window

DOES IT REALLY SAVES SPACE ?

Yes. The size of a collection appears larger than the size of all folders as it shows in the Get Info dialog box, but it's because the custom icons of folders are stored in invisible files, and the Finder doesn't look at such files to compute the size in the Get Info dialog box.

ABOUT SIZE OF COLLECTIONS

Because of the way Icon Collector is programmed, it can't handle huge icon collections. You may want to keep your collection's size smaller than 2 or 3 hundreds icons. This may change in a future version.

FUTUR PLANS

- On-line help
- Option to copy a custom icon to the scrapbook without creating new collection
- Option to extract many icons in one step.

- Print to printer
- Selection of several icons
- Extract many icons in one step
- Collect all icons within a folder (recursively)
- ...

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