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IconBuilder XP - Read Me

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

- IconBuilder XP is a **Photoshop effects filter**. After it is put in your plug-ins folder, you'll see it appear in the Filter menu under "Iconfactory".
- When you start IconBuilder XP, make sure that you're working on a **transparent layer that contains image data**.
- IconBuilder XP starts out with a blank icon grid. **Use QuickBuild™ to create an icon** using the selected layer.
- To learn more about how IconBuilder works, be sure to check out the **User's Guide** in the IconBuilder folder. We have also included a **Tutorial** that gives step-by-step instructions for making Windows XP icons.
- There is an **IconBuilder FAQ** page at the Iconfactory (iconfactory.com). If you have a general question about IconBuilder XP, please check this web page before writing to us.

Registration **IconBuilder XP is not free.** If you continue to use the filter, you must pay for it. Your registration fee of \$69 supports the Iconfactory and all the good things we do.

As an incentive to register, IconBuilder XP will take longer to start up as you continue to use it.

When the delays become annoying, payment is quick and easy via our on-line registration web site or by mailing us a payment. **Instructions for paying are included in the Registration section** of this document.

Installation **Move the IconBuilder XP 1.0 folder into the Plug-ins folder.**

Move the entire folder you downloaded to your Photoshop plug-ins folder. Once the filter is installed properly, you will see **IconBuilder XP** in the Filters menu under the **Iconfactory** category.

By default, the plug-ins folder is located in:

C:\Program Files\Adobe\Photoshop 6.0\Plug-ins

We recommend that you use the Windows Explorer to locate this folder and copy the files.



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IconBuilder XP Tip Sheet

Keyboard Shortcuts

The following keys extend IconBuilder's functionality.

Insert	Use this key to add an icon to the grid
Delete	Use this key to remove an icon from the grid
Keypad	Turn on Num Lock and you can use the arrow keys to nudge the layer
Center	Use Shift to center all sizes
QuickBuild™	Use Shift to create all of same size
	Use Control to create all of same depth

Apply to Photoshop Layer

If you accidentally apply the view to a Photoshop layer that contains data you want to keep, use Photoshop's undo (Control-Z) to restore the layer.

We have been asked many times if IconBuilder can create a new Photoshop layer. Unfortunately, the Photoshop API does not allow a layer to be created.

Context menu in Photoshop Layer

You can quickly see the settings in the Photoshop Layer by right clicking the mouse while over the preview. If you select one of the displayed items, the preview will be updated.

Custom Colors and the Cycle button

The custom colors that are displayed after you press Set Background Color are saved after you change them. We have set colors we like, but it's easy for you to set your own.

When you press on the Cycle button, IconBuilder XP displays each of these custom colors in sequential order.

Turn on the Num Lock light on your keyboard

With Num Lock turned on, you can easily nudge the Photoshop Layer into place.

Press 4 and 6 on the keypad to move horizontally; 8 and 2 to move vertically. The other numeric keys move diagonally.

The Web Menu

In the toolbar, you will find many helpful web resources under the Web menu. You will find links to the IconBuilder web pages and to Microsoft's guidelines for creating XP icons.

There are even links to download cool icons from Dotico.com and the Iconfactory!



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IconBuilder XP Registration

The cost to register a single copy of IconBuilder XP is \$69. The money is used to build a larger factory and fund new R&D.

Submitting a payment

If you use IconBuilder, you must send in your registration fee. There are several ways to pay:

From IconBuilder XP The Register button in the main IconBuilder XP window makes it a snap to register. Just click on the button, and follow the directions on-screen.

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

Register by mail The Register application in your IconBuilder Pro folder will help you fill out a form that can be sent to Kagi Software by e-mail or post. Kagi will process your payment and then we'll send a registration number by e-mail.

If you are paying by e-mail, the file created by the registration program should be sent to: shareware@kagi.com If you are sending your payment by post, use the following address:

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When you have received your registration information, use the Register button again. Enter your name, product code and number exactly as it appears in the e-mail. After pressing OK, the program should thank you for registering. If not, check that the information in the mail matches the data you entered in the fields.



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