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Subject: Adding Version Information & Icons to app's exe file

Posted by [navi](#) on Sat, 26 Jan 2013 22:23:17 GMT

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Hi All,

Just wanted to share something I found.

Here is how to add a cool Icon & Version Information to your app EXE file. Unless you specify the path, leave the App.ico in your Package directory. Create a .rc file in the Package directory and add it to your package like any other file. Below is an example of what content can you put in .rc file.

the below example is not my own, its from here. For more example and information about Icon, VERSIONINFO, OS Code, Language Code.

RC files also supports a subset of the preprocessor directives, #defines, #include, #pragmas etc

```
5556 ICON "App.ico"
```

```
1 VERSIONINFO
```

```
FILEVERSION 1,0,0,0
```

```
PRODUCTVERSION 1,0,0,0
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    BLOCK "StringFileInfo"
```

```
    BEGIN
```

```
        BLOCK "080904E4"
```

```
        BEGIN
```

```
            VALUE "CompanyName", "My Company Name"
```

```
            VALUE "FileDescription", "My excellent application"
```

```
            VALUE "FileVersion", "1.0"
```

```
            VALUE "InternalName", "my_app"
```

```
            VALUE "LegalCopyright", "My Name"
```

```
            VALUE "OriginalFilename", "my_app.exe"
```

```
            VALUE "ProductName", "My App"
```

```
            VALUE "ProductVersion", "1.0"
```

```
        END
```

```
    END
```

```
    BLOCK "VarFileInfo"
```

```
    BEGIN
```

```
        VALUE "Translation", 0x809, 1252
```

```
    END
```

```
END
```

## File Attachments

1) [VERSIONINFO.PNG](#), downloaded 1272 times

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Subject: Re: Adding Version Information & Icons to app's exe file

Posted by [lectus](#) on Sun, 27 Jan 2013 02:08:52 GMT

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You can create such a file with a resource editor like <http://radasm.cherrytree.at/resed/>

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Subject: Re: Adding Version Information & Icons to app's exe file

Posted by [Maginor](#) on Thu, 30 May 2019 11:08:19 GMT

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Hi, this does not immediately work for me. Are there other steps I need to make for the IDE to process the .rc file?

Edit: I am not getting any error messages, the icon just simply does not show up on the exe. I am on Windows 7.

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Subject: Re: Adding Version Information & Icons to app's exe file

Posted by [Xemuth](#) on Thu, 30 May 2019 13:07:17 GMT

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Hello Maginor,

Try to use :

```
5555 ICON DISCARDABLE "App.ico"
```

Instead of

```
5556 ICON "App.ico"
```

Also make sure the \*.ico is at your local path.

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Subject: Re: Adding Version Information & Icons to app's exe file

Posted by [Maginor](#) on Fri, 31 May 2019 21:10:48 GMT

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Thank you for the reply!

It works if I compile with visual studio, but not with mingw.

Mingw does produce an .o file for the .rc file, but either it does not get linked in or it is incorrect.

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