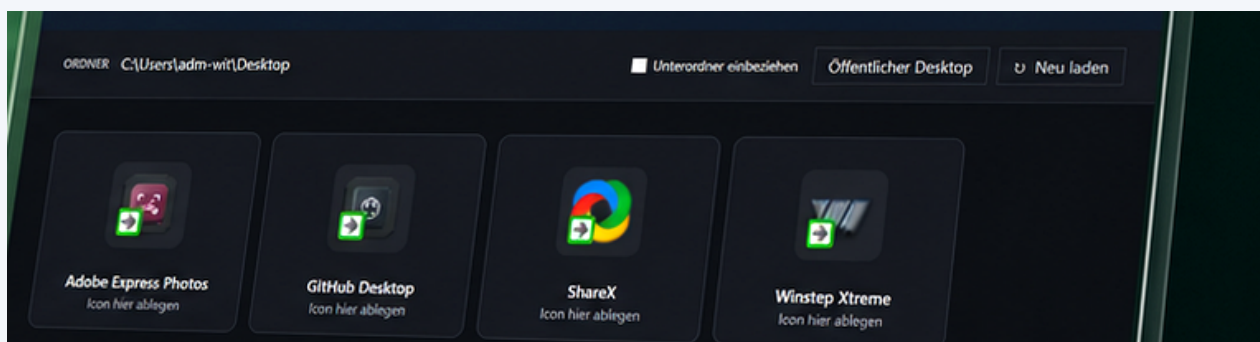




Changing shortcuts

The following steps apply to Light, Pro, and Ultra. Run the application normally instead of keeping it permanently elevated.

- 1** Install or extract the portable version
Choose Standard installation or Portable in Setup. On USB drives, keep the complete application folder with its Data subfolder. No separate .NET runtime is required.
- 2** Select language and theme
Use the Deutsch/English and System/Light/Dark radio options in the upper-right corner. The selection is retained. The active tab is marked in red and bold.
- 3** Open a source
Select folder opens a folder containing .lnk or .url shortcuts. Optionally include subfolders, choose Public Desktop or Taskbar, or open System icons for the five Light system objects.
- 4** Assign an icon
Drag an ICO, PNG, JPG, BMP, or GIF file from Explorer onto the intended entry. The image is converted when required.
- 5** Check the result
Use Reload if needed. Undo restores the icon assignment that existed immediately before the latest change.



Interface example: selected folder, subfolder option, and shortcut entries in the dark theme.

Taskbar: The dedicated tab shows classic pins with an accessible .lnk file. Package imports safely rematch by name, target executable and AppUserModelID; ambiguous matches remain untouched. Packaged Store/UWP pins without an editable shortcut are not shown.



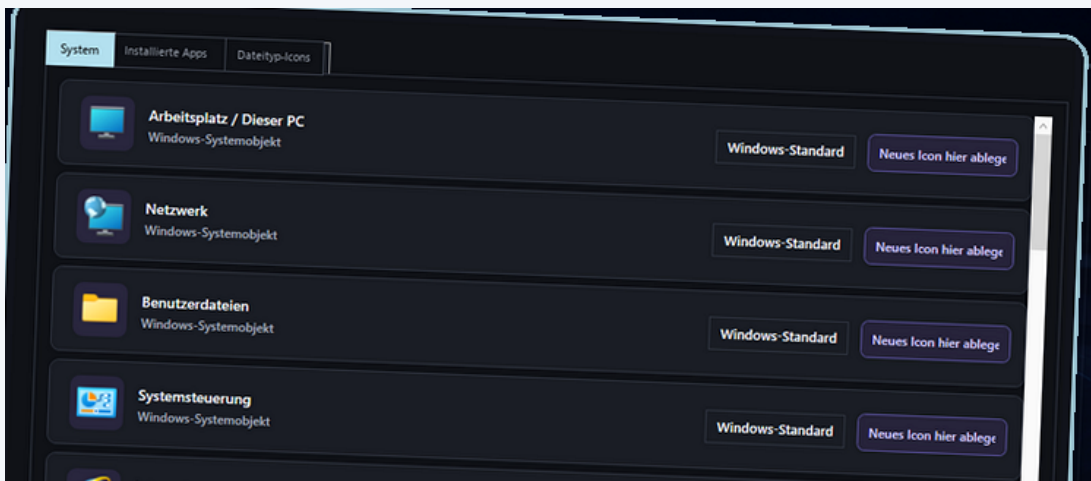
Pro and Ultra

Pro: system, apps, and file types

- Activate Pro to unlock the advanced groups.
- Open System, Installed apps, or File types and drag an image onto the target.
- System objects, known folders, and drives may trigger a focused elevation prompt.
- .exe is not a file-type target; EXE and DLL resources remain icon sources.

Ultra: folders and integrations

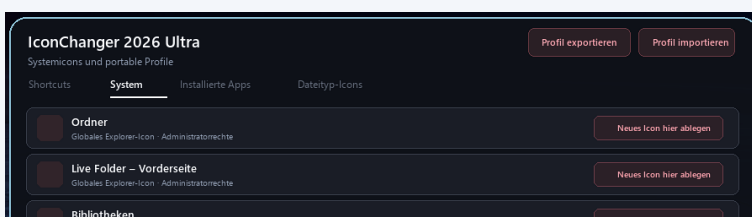
- Select a folder or drive as the starting point in the second tab.
- Only direct subfolders can be edited; hidden and actual system folders remain excluded.
- Start11 changes PNG assignments, not groups, ordering, or pins.
- Nexus/WorkShelf backs up Winstep configuration before changes.



Pro interface example: system objects with their current state and a drop target for a new icon.

Builder mode and packages

- 1** Draft
Enable builder mode. Drag and drop and reset then modify only the separate draft.
- 2** Load or save
Load package adds selected eligible entries to the draft. Save package creates a signed .icpackage.zip. If same-name ICO and PNG files share a folder, only the ICO is offered.
- 3** Edition boundary
Light loads Light; Pro loads Light/Pro; Ultra loads Light/Pro/Ultra. Internal Beta selects one target or batch-exports five separate filtered packages with a report. Its import preview follows the active Light, Dark, or System theme. Higher or modified packages are rejected.



Ultra interface example: profile controls and system targets.



Activation and restoration

Offline activation for Pro and Ultra

- 1** Create a request
Choose Request license by email in the activation window and enter your name and email address.
- 2** Send the email
Review and send the prepared message with its machine-readable request file in the default mail application.
- 3** Install the license
After payment confirmation, paste the code or import the license file. The license is permanent and machine-bound.

Undo and reset

Undo

Restores the state immediately before the latest individual change. Suggestions applied together are restored as one batch.

Reset

Individual entries or all assignments managed by the edition can be restored to their saved original state.

If something does not work as expected

Folder or Public location is not writable

Run the app normally and confirm elevation only for the specific change. Permanent elevation can prevent drag-and-drop from Explorer.

Explorer does not update immediately

Use Reload in the app. Windows may also need time to refresh its icon cache.

Portable settings are missing

Do not delete or move the Data folder beside the app. Keep the USB drive available while Windows uses its icons.

A file type is missing

File types come from effective Windows associations. .exe is intentionally not offered.

Safety: Create a backup or restore point before system-wide changes. Use at your own risk; the creator is not liable for damage to the system.