

Introduction

SkinStudio is a program that allows users to create visual styles for Windows XP and Windows Vista. These visual styles are applied by the popular GUI skinning program, WindowBlinds. A fully complete visual style will change the title bars, borders, push buttons, scrollbars, Start bar, Start menu, and virtually every other part of the Windows GUI.

SkinStudio 6 represents a complete rewrite of previous versions of SkinStudio. The new version is designed to make it much easier for new users to get into skinning. Skinners can change as much or little of the GUI as they choose and SkinStudio will fill in the rest for them.

Task Oriented Design

SkinStudio 6 takes on a much more task-oriented design. Rather than the user being overwhelmed with information by seeing all elements of the visual style at once, SkinStudio 6 instead takes the user step by step through the skin.

Clean New Interface

Each element shows either (or both) a Windows XP logo or a Windows Vista logo to let the skin author know which features are supported under which operating system. Moreover, when editing a particular element, the interface is clean and to the point.

Community Support

Moreover, each section will be tied to a particular part of the SkinStudio portion of the Customization Wiki. In this way, users can instantly get help making skins from not just Stardock but the entire skinning community.

Supports WindowBlinds 6 New Features

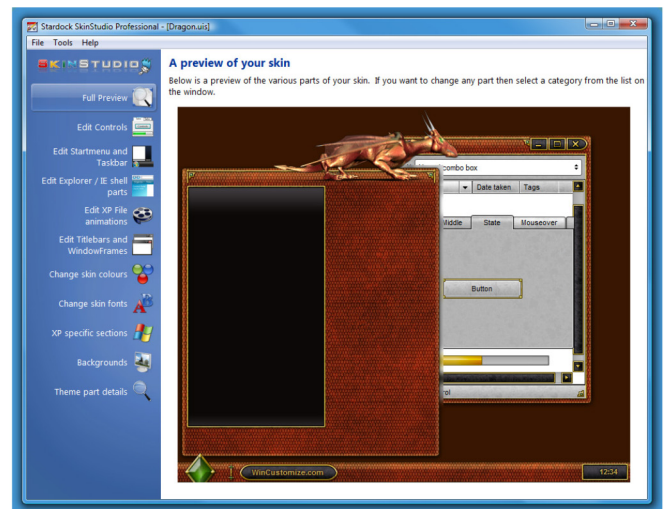
SkinStudio 6 was designed with WindowBlinds 6 in mind. All the new Windows Vista controls, Internet Explorer 7 controls and more are easily editable. No more trying to figure out how to support the latest/greatest features.

System Requirements

- Windows XP/2003 and Vista (32-bit and 64-bit)
- 1GHz or faster processor recommended
- 120 MB free drive space
- 512 MB RAM
- Note: A 16MB DirectX 8 or later compatible video card with appropriate driver support is required for per-pixel alpha-blended skins. Some integrated graphics solutions and lower-end cards from before 2004 may not be able to use per-pixel skins.



Vista Ready



Features

- Task oriented design
- Clean new interface
- Supports new Vista features
- Theme Part Details tab
- Improved support for title bar buttons
- Improved support for adding glow effects
- Improved support for making sub-styles
- Start menu animation builder (Pro Version)
- Code editor option for sections (Pro Version)
- Substyle syncing (Pro Version)

