

# Is there a way to specify an icon to appear next to a menu item via the resource template?

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The MENUITEMINFO structure lets you specify a bitmap to appear next to the menu item. Is there a way to do this from a menu resource template?

No.

If you look at the format of menu templates, you'll see that there is nowhere to specify a bitmap.

Which kind of makes sense, because it is the responsibility of the application to destroy the bitmap referenced by the `hbmItem` member when the menu is destroyed, but if you created the menu from a template, you don't know what that handle is, so you can't destroy it either!

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