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General

This program had it's origins from all of the yellow post-it notes that I would find every morning in and around my desk. I figured that there had to be a better way to organize my day and remember the things I had to do. Since my computer got turned on every day, the easiet thing to do was to write a program to remind me what it was I needed to remember.

This is the second generation of the program and is a vast improvement over the previous version. The implementation of the mouse and the display of events older than the current day have been extremely helpful.

All management consultants will tell you that the most important thing that you can do to be more efficient in your work is to make a list of the things you need to do and prioritize them. Begin working on the most important item and don't quit until that one is done. That is what this program is all about.

This is a Shareware product. Shareware is not free software but a means for you to try software before you buy it. To keep the shareware concept going it is important for you to register your copy of this software, if you use it. If you decide not to use it (ever) then pass the program to someone who might use it and don't register the copy. If you do use it then you are obligated to register it. If you find the program useful then please share the files with other users.

If you are going to use this program, registration instructions are in the Ordering Information help screen.

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Windows

There are four windows in the Yellow Sticky application. Two windows contain calendars and are not selectable. The calendar window in the upper left of the desktop is the month of the currently selected date, with the currently selected day highlighted. Below that window the next month is displayed. Neither of the calendar windows can be selected and the selected date is changed by using the function keys or by pointing and clicking on the item in the status bar (at the bottom of the screen). The mouse can be used to select a new date by pointing and clicking on the desired date in either calendar window.

The currently selected day is displayed in blue and any days that have items pending are displayed in black. Any other day is displayed in gray.

The window on the top right shows the items in the data base for the currently selected day. This window is used to enter future items into the data base. The window can be selected and items can be added, edited, and deleted in the data base.

The final window is the window that shows all of the "to do" items for the current date and all those for previous dates which have not been deleted from the data base. This window can also be selected and items can be added, edited, and deleted in the data base.

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Selected Date

The key to the program is the use of the selected date and selected date window. The selected day is changed by using the function keys or by clicking on the actions in the status bar. The date in the "Today" window is only changed by the computer when the day changes. So, while you are entering new items in the To Do list, you will not lose site of your current tasks.

The selected day is displayed in blue in the first month window, number 1. Days that have items entered are displayed in black on both the current month and the next month windows.

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Add Item

To add an item for the selected date use the function key or click Add in the status line. This action will present a dialog box that allows the user to enter the new item. By clicking on the date field, the date can also be changed, but if an invalid date is entered, the program will return to the dialog box and not allow the user to add to the data base with a bad date.

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Edit Item

Items shown in the Selected Date or the today windows can be edited. Use the mouse or cursor keys to highlight the desired item and then use the edit function key or click on the Edit label with the mouse. The selected item will be presented in a dialog box and can be edited by the user. By clicking on the date field, the date can also be changed, but if an invalid date is entered, the program will return to the dialog box and not allow the user to add to the data base with a bad date.

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Delete Item

When an item has been completed, or needs to be deleted for some other reason, the user selects the item in the appropriate window and uses the delete function key or clicks the mouse on the Delete label. The item will then appear in a dialog box for the user to confirm the deletion. When the user exits the program a new TODO.DB file is written and the old file is saved in TODO.BK. If items are deleted by mistake, the backup file can be copied to the .DB file and the to do list will be restored to its original state.

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Exit

When the user exits the program, the current to do data base is saved in a file named TODO.DB. If a previous version of TODO.DB exists, it will be renamed TODO.BK. The TODO.DB file is an ASCII file that can be read and modified with any text editor. This could present problems though if you do not enter data exactly as it is entered by using the Yellow Sticky program.

If items are deleted in error, the old To Do data base can be restored using the back up file. The DOS command to do this would be: COPY TODO.BK
TODO.DB

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Keys

The following function keys are used in this program:

- F1 - Help Index
- F2 - Return Today
- F3 - Previous Day
- F4 - Next Day
- F5 - Add Item
- F6 - Edit Item
- F7 - Previous Month
- F2 - Next Month
- F9 - Delete Item
- F10 - Exit Program

The tab key is used to switch between elements in the dialog boxes. The selected item will be highlighted, or the cursor will appear.

The Yellow Sticky Menu can be called by using Alt-Y and the Help menu by using Alt-H.

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Installation

Now that Yellow Sticky is loaded into your Windows Operating System there are two ways to load it and see what you have to do when you start windows. The first way is to move the Yellow Sticky Icon to the Start Up group. To do that, Select the Yellow Sticky icon and select File from the Program Manager menu. Select Copy and then select Start Up from the combination box.

The second method is a little more involved but will allow you to load the Yellow Sticky program and keep it as an icon at the bottom of the screen until you are ready to execute it. To do this you must edit the WIN.INI file.

From the files function find WIN.INI in the Windows directory. Double click on the WIN.INI name. The notepad will be loaded and the WIN.INI file will be presented. At the beginning of the file you will see two commands, LOAD= and RUN=. These commands may have data already attached to them from other applications that you have installed on your computer. The LOAD command line allows you to load applications at Windows start up and install them as icons at the bottom of the screen. The RUN command line will run the programs that you have selected in the line at Windows start up, just like the Start Up program group.

No matter which command you want to use, the data is the same. Put the fully qualified path name of the program to be run on the line, separated from the other data by a space. So, for Yellow Sticky the line might look like this:

```
LOAD=C:\TODO\YLWSTKY.EXE  
or  
RUN=C:\TODO\YLWSTKY.EXE
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Ordering Information

When registering Yellow Sticky:

You will receive a registered version of the program personalized with your name.

You will receive product support for the life of the product.

You will receive notification of program upgrades.

You will receive program upgrades for the cost of shipping and handling for 12 months.

You will be able to use Yellow Sticky with a clear conscience as a registered user.

The registration fee is \$15. Specify the size of disk, 5.25" or 3.5" that your computer requires. If you elect to obtain a copy of the software by electronic transmission over CompuServe you can register your software for \$10. If you chose electronic transfer please include your CompuServe user id.

To register Yellow Sticky send your registration fee, name, address and CompuServe id if requesting electronic transfer to:

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By selecting Print Registration Form from the Main menu, all of the data can be entered and printed from the program.

The registered version of **Yellow Sticky** entitles the user to lifetime product support by mail, phone, or CompuServe online. Additionally the user will receive product upgrades for the first 12 months after registration for the cost of shipping and handling (\$5).

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