Softline Ticker for Windows

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Accelerator keys

When Ticker is the active window and scrolling a message, try the following keystrokes:

<**F1**>	Accesses Ticker Help.
<**Alt**> + <**Spacebar**>	Opens the Control Box Menu
Hold <**Alt**> + <**O**>	Accesses the Ticker Setup Dialog Box.
Hold <**Alt**> + <**S**>	Message scroll Stop/Restart.
Hold <**Alt**> + <**R**>	Reverse message scroll ON/OFF.

Control Box Menu

The Control Box Menu is accessed by either pressing <**Alt**> key and the <**Spacebar**> or clicking the **Left Mouse Button** on the Control Box Menu designator in the upper left hand corner of the Ticker window.

The following commands are available in the Ticker Control Box Menu:

Restore   Restores the minimized Ticker window to original size.

Move   Moves the Ticker window onscreen - use the Arrow Keys to reposition the window and press <**Enter**> key when done.

Size   Resizes the Ticker window - use the Arrow Keys to resize the window and press <**Enter**> key when done.

Minimize   Minimizes the Ticker window.   Select **Restore** to re-establish pre-minimized size.

Maximize   Maximizes Ticker window to fill the screen.

Close   Exits Ticker.

Switch To...   Opens the Task List Dialog Box to access another open application.

Ticker Setup   Opens the Ticker Setup Dialog Box.

Registration   Accesses the Registration Information Dialog Box.

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Always on Top   Available only on Windows 3.1 or higher.   The Ticker window will always remain in the foreground of any open application.

Help   Accesses this Ticker on-line Help file.

Accessing the Ticker Setup Dialog Box

Using the **Keyboard**....

1) Press <**Alt**> key, then the <**Spacebar**> to open the **Control Box Menu**.

2) Press <**E**> to select **Ticker Setup**.

Using the **Mouse**....

1) Move the cursor into the Ticker window.   Notice the cursor changes to "**RIGHT MOUSE BUTTON**"

2) Click the **Right Mouse Button**!

Creating a New Message

Ticker stores up to 5 different messages; each 450 characters/spaces long.   In order to create a new message, you must first **Access the Ticker Setup Dialog Box,** then ....

Using the **Keyboard**....

1) Press <**M**> or <**Tab**> key until the **I**-bar cursor is flashing in the **Message Edit / New Line**.

2) Press and Hold <**Alt**> key   and press the **Down** arrow key to select a position (1 - 5) to store the new message.

3) Type your message.

4) Press <**Enter**> key to load your new message.

Using the **Mouse**....

1) Point the cursor to the Edit Line Drop Down Arrow , click **Left Mouse Button**.

2) Select a position (1 - 5) to store the new message.

3) Type your message.

4) Point the cursor to **OK**, click **Left Mouse Button** to load your new message.

Loading a Message

You must first **Access the Ticker Setup Dialog Box**, then....

Using the **Keyboard**....
1) Press <**M**> or <**Tab**> until the **I**-bar cursor is flashing in the **Message Edit / New line**.

2) Use the **Up/Down** arrow keys to highlight a message.

3) Press <**Enter**> key to load the desired message.

Using the **Mouse**....
1) Point the cursor to the Edit Line Drop Down Arrow, click **Left Mouse Button**.

2) Select an existing message in position 1 - 5.

3) If neccessary, **Edit the Message**.

4) Point the cursor to **OK,** click **Left Mouse Button** to load the desired message.

Selecting a Font

This feature is available only in the <u>REGISTERED VERSION</u> !

Note: Softline Ticker is capable of scrolling your message in various fonts that are resident on your system. However, certain fonts and/or font sizes may "flicker" and/or scroll at a slow speed.   This is particularly evident under 1024 x 768 mode with **Truetype** fonts.   With the registered version, you will have to test your various fonts with Ticker to find your favorite.   The default font for Ticker is the "**System** " font (a **raster** font).

Editing a Message

    Follow the same procedure as in **<u>Loading an Existing Message</u>** to find the message to edit.   Use the following keys to move within and edit a message:

<**End**> key	Places **I**-bar cursor at end of message.
<**Home**> key	Places **I**-bar cursor at beginning of message.
<**Backspace**> key	Erases character to immediate left of **I**-bar cursor position.
<**Delete**> key	Erases character to immediate right of **I**-bar cursor position.
Right Arrow key	Moves **I**-bar one character to the right.
Left Arrow key	Moves **I**-bar one character to the left.
<**Ctrl**><**Shift**><**Rt.Arrow**>	Highlights text one word to the right of the **I**-bar cursor. Press <**Delete**> key to erase highlighted text.
. . .Using a **Mouse**	Press and Hold the **Left Mouse Button** and move the **I**-bar cursor to the right.
<**Ctrl**><**Shift**><**Lt Arrow**>	Highlights text one word to the left of the **I**-bar cursor. Press <**Delete**> key to erase highlighted text.
. . .Using a **Mouse**	Press and Hold the **Left Mouse Button** and move the **I**-bar cursor to the left.

Erasing a Message

Follow the same procedure as in **Loading an Existing Message** to find the message to erase, then....

Using the **Keyboard**....

1) Press and Hold <**Alt**> and type <**E**>.

2) Type a new message.

3) Press <**Enter**> key to load your new message.

Using the **Mouse**....

1) Point the cursor to the **Erase Message** button, click **Left Mouse Button.**

2) Type a new message.

3) Point the cursor to **OK**, click **Left Mouse Button** to load your new message.

Message Speed

Message Speed controls the rate at which messages scroll across the Ticker window.   Speeds range from slow to fast.

Using the **Keyboard**….

1) Press and Hold <**Alt**> key and press <**S**> or <**Tab**> until the Speed adjustment button is highlighted.

2) Use the **Left/Right** arrow keys to adjust speed.

3) Press <**Enter**> to hold your speed adjustment.

Using the **Mouse**….

1) Point the cursor to a Speed Scroll Arrow, click **Left Mouse Button** to adjust speed.

2) Point the cursor to **OK**, click **Left Mouse Button** to hold your speed adjustment.

Loading/Viewing a Picture

This feature is available only in the <u>REGISTERED VERSION</u> !

    Ticker is capable of presenting a single bitmap picture, saved in the .BMP format, underneath your scrolling message.   Picture files can add meaning and impact to your scrolling message.

Clipboard Paste

Ticker can display the first page of the Windows Clipboard under the scrolling ticker message.   Note: Cut or Copied text will <u>NOT</u> retain original format or font.

Using the **Keyboard**…

1) Cut or Copy part of a picture file to Clipboard from another application.   Note: Try the <**Print Screen**> key to capture the current onscreen image.

2) In the **<u>Ticker Setup Dialog Box</u>**, Press and hold <**Alt**> key and type <**C**>.

3) Size the Ticker window to "frame" the Clipboard paste.

Using the **Mouse**…

1) Cut or Copy part of a document or picture file to Clipboard from another application.

2) Open the Ticker Setup Dialog Box, point the cursor to the **Clipboard** button, click **Left Mouse Button**.

3) Size the Ticker window to "frame" the Clipboard paste.

Exiting Ticker

Ticker can be exited by accessing the **Control Box Menu** and selecting **Close**.

Using the **Keyboard**...
1) With a Ticker Message scrolling: Press and Hold <**Alt**>, then press <**F4**>.

2) Press <**Enter**> key to save any newly created messages.

Using the **Mouse**...
1) Point the cursor to the Control Box Menu designator (upper left corner of Ticker window), click **Left Mouse Button**.

2) Point the cursor to **Close**, click **Left Mouse Button**.

3) Point the cursor to the **Yes** button to save any newly created messages.

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