

Welcome to DeskTAB

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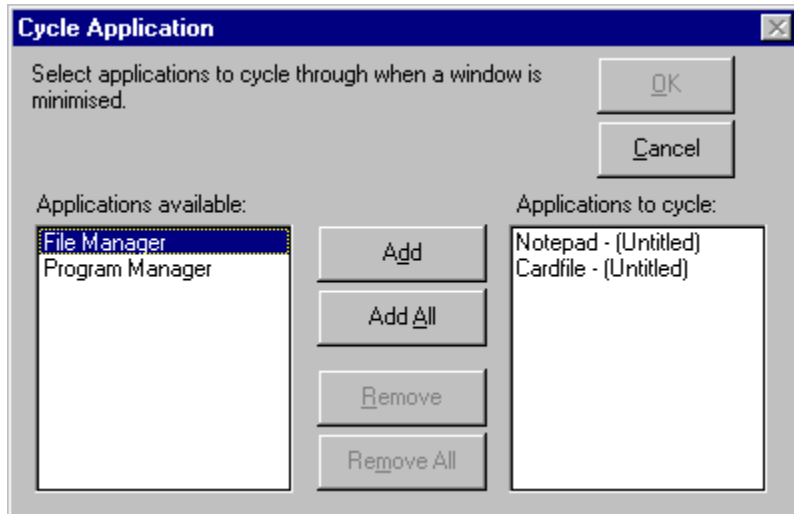
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Cycle Application

This sets up a cycle of windows and is essential if you are constantly switching between applications transferring information from one window to another. If this function is activated in the down position, whenever you minimise one window, the other window in the cycle pops up and so on.

The following window appears when you press this button.

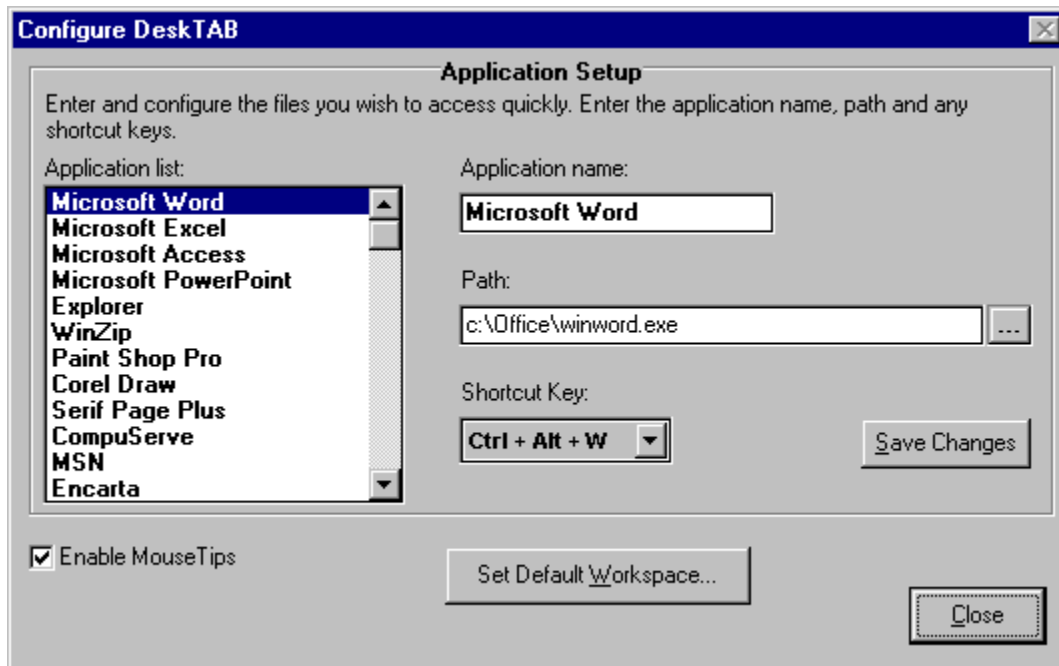


The list on the left handside contains all the available applications. The list on the right shows the applications to cycle through. Highlight the application/s you wish to cycle through and select ADD or double click to transfer to the right handside.

The sequential order of the applications on the right handside determines the order in which the windows cycle. To remove an application from the cycle list, highlight the particular entry on the right hand side list and click remove.

Configure

This brings up the window shown.



Use the Configure window to assign your frequently used files:


- a. Click on an empty slot in the application setup listbox.
 - b. Enter the application name - this is purely for your reminder only - you can enter any descriptive text here. Whatever you enter here will appear in DeskTAB's main window drop down list.
 - c. Enter the path of the file.
 - d. Enter the shortcut key (hotkey) to use from the dropdown list.
- Note: only the first 20 applications can have a shortcut key assigned. The shortcut keys are only activated when the Application Quickstart button is depressed in the main DeskTAB window.

In the bottom half of the screen is the options box. Here you can enable or disable mousetips and set the default work space.

Position Template

This defines, the position on the screen where you normally work. Upon activation, any sizeable window adopts the boundary you specify.

To specify the boundary:

1. Click on configure (the  button on DeskTAB's main window). The Configure window appears.
2. Click on the Set Default Workspace button.
3. When the position template window appears, move the window to the position where you would like the activated window to appear and select O.K.
4. Ensure the Workspace button on DeskTAB's main window is clicked and is in the down position. Any sizeable window you subsequently activate will adopt the position and dimensions you defined.

Overview

DeskTAB is a multi-featured desktop utility designed to complement your Windows session. It enhances the way you work and features:

- a full windows Browser enabling you to fast switch to any window in any application.
- a function to make any window topmost.
- the ability to close multiple applications simultaneously.
- maximising, minimising or restoring selected multiple windows simultaneously.
- one click to minimise, maximise or restore *all* running applications.
- functions for cascading or tiling windows.
- the capacity to assign shortcut keys to start your applications.
- the ability to define your own default work space on your desktop.
- the power to your enhance your mouse - any window or object your mouse lies over automatically receives focus.
- the ability to cycle automatically from one application to another.
- the power to launch any file. The directories and files you select are memorised for fast access.
- the capacity to make a list of commonly used applications, which you can quickly execute.
- the power to sense the files you run - and remember them for easy retrieval.
- a memory button which remembers all the applications you have running in the session. These can be recalled at another session with the click of a button.
- a screen saver launcher.

All this is encapsulated in an easy to use, configurable framework designed for serious users.

Close

Click this button once to quit DeskTAB.

Minimise

This minimises the DeskTAB program into an icon.

Minimise All

This minimises all the open windows into icons.

Maximise All

All the open windows are maximised in size so they take up the entire screen.

Restore All

This restores all the windows to their normal size from an iconic or maximised state.

Screen Saver

This launches your default Windows screen saver.

Switch

This button switches between any open window.

Topmost

Select the window/s you wish to make topmost - so that they float above all the windows.

See Multiple Selections.

Non-Topmost

Select window/s you wish to make non-topmost. This makes windows that float above all other windows normal again.

See [Multiple Selections](#).

Close Applications

Select the windows or applications you wish to close.

See [Multiple Selections](#)

Minimise Windows

Select windows you wish to minimise- this reduces a window to an icon.

See [Multiple Selection.](#)

Maximise Windows

Select windows you wish to maximise - this makes the iconic window take the form of a full screen.

See [Multiple Selections](#).

Cascade Windows

Cascades the windows on your desktop.

Tile Windows

Tile the windows on your desktop.

HyperMouse

This activates hypermouse. When in the down position, the mouse becomes aware of the window or icon underneath it. Any object underneath it becomes active and receives focus. An icon becomes maximised or restored to it's former state.

Workspace

This is a toggle button. When in the down position, this makes any activated sizeable windows adopt the default working position on the desktop.

See [Position Template](#)

Run


This is used to launch application or files.

If you click with the left mouse button, the launch file dialog box appears.

If you click with the right mouse button, a list appears which displays the previously used directories. You then select the directory you wish the Launch File dialog box to open at. In this way, you need not waste time locating a previously used directory.

Any files or applications you run from here will be automatically logged into DeskTAB and you can retrieve them directly from the Documents drop down list.

Application List

This represents a list of all commonly used files and applications you assign when you configure DeskTAB (to configure DeskTAB, click the  button).

To select a file you can either open up the list box using the small down arrow to the right, or enter the first few characters that distinguish the file in the list. e.g. if **NOTEPAD** is configured you can type

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and press ENTER to run notepad.

If you wish to run a file that does not appear on the list, you can simply type it's full path and press enter.

Documents

DeskTAB monitors the application you are using and maintains their list - the most recently used application appears first. In addition, any file you run from within DeskTAB, via the Run File button, will be logged so you can retrieve it at a later date.

Using DeskTAB

DeskTAB is very easy to use. The best way to learn about DeskTAB's functions is to click in the region of interest on the diagram below.



You can resize this main application window to a new height to include a mini-desktop. This is a window that incorporates part of the Windows 95 shell and gives you all the benefits of Explorer. Here you can set up iconic shortcuts and folders, copy, delete and rename files, view file properties, navigate through local and network drives etc. Consult the Windows 95 manual or help file for more information about using Explorer.

Multiple Selections

Some functions in DeskTAB enable you to select multiple windows. e.g. you can close multiple windows at a time. This is achieved by:

- a) Selecting the required window/s by a single left button mouse click.
- b) On the **last item** you want to select, you double click with the right mouse button.

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Recently Used Files

This shows a list of all the recently used files as they are registered by Windows. This contents of the list will be equivalent to the Documents folder to be found in the Start menu of Windows95.

Click on the menu item that is displayed to open up the file of interest.

Quick Drive Access

This button provides a shortcut to the folders in the drive of choice. The drive is chosen from the pop up menu.

About

Click once with the *left* mouse button to bring up this help file.
Click once with the *right* mouse button to show the 'About' box.

Virtual Desktops

DeskTAB allows you to set upto 5 virtual desktops (Main and Desk1 to Desk4).

This enables you to reduce clutter whilst working in Windows. By default, the original desktop is allocated to 'Main'. If you then click Desk1, DeskTAB creates a new desktop area in which you can start up other applications and windows. To return to the original desktop, click 'Main' again.

The tab at the end, entitled 'Show All' releases all the desktops and displays all the applications and their windows.

Hide icons

This toggle button allows you to clear the desktop area by temporarily hiding the desktop icons. Press the button again to show the icons again.

Grab Screen

This button captures the **full screen** so you can copy an image from your computer screen into DeskTAB.

Once you grab the screen, you can export the image into clipboard or save the image as a file.

Grab Window

This button captures the **a window** so you can copy an image from your computer screen into DeskTAB.

To grab a window:

1. Activate the window you wish to capture (grab).
2. Without activating any other windows, click the Grab Window button on DeskTAB's main application window.
3. DeskTAB will then initiate the capture event.


Once you grab the window, you can export the image into clipboard or save the image as a file.


Memory

This dropdown listbox selects the memory area to use when you click the Playback and Record buttons (on the right of this object).

You can select upto 9 memory areas, each of which can store different applications into a single session.

e.g. you can setup a wordprocessing session by:

1. Running all the applications you are likely to use e.g. Microsoft Word, Notepad and Character map.
2. Select **Memory 1** in the dropdown listbox. Click the Record button . **Memory 1** now becomes your wordprocessing session. Close Microsoft Word, Notepad and Character map.

You can now start up all three applications at a later date by clicking on the Playback button .

Playback

This plays back the current session and launches the applications previously stored in the session shown on the left. See [Memory](#)

Record

This records the current session (i.e. stores the currently running applications) so that you can retrieve them easily at a later date. The session is recorded into the memory area shown in the left dropdown listbox.

