

Welcome to Magic Menu

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Configure Magic Menu

To open up the Configure window, select the Configure menu item from the main pop-up menu of Magic Menu.

The Configure window is divided into two regions:

Configure Menu Section

Here you assign upto 50 menu items. When you first use Magic Menu, preview the contents of this table - the entries will serve as good examples for you to follow.

- The first column is the menu number.
- The second column has the command actually executed by the menu when you select it. The commands take the form of keystrokes that you would normally type in. There are some variations though and you should consult the Command Set for rules on how to define these commands.
- Click here to view [Command Set](#)

In the third column you enter the caption of the menu item. This will be the text that will appear when the menu pops up. Enter a word or a short descriptive title as to the function of the command in the first column.

Notes on Menu Caption entry:

1. To assign a shortcut key, enter an ampersand character (&) prior to the letter destined to provide the shortcut e.g.,
Copy command: Copy. You enter &Copy.
Exit command: Exit. You enter E&xit.

2. To put a separator bar to subdivide the menu categories within the menu, enter a dash (-) in the first *and* second columns.

Activation Section

Here you assign the hotkey combinations to bring Magic Menu into the foreground of all running applications. Select from the drop down list provided.

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Print Screen	{PRTSC}	Right Arrow	{RIGHT}
Scroll Lock	{SCR}	Tab	{TAB}
Up Arrow	{UP}	F1	{F1}
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F4	{F4}	F5	{F5}
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eg., the following will output the date in its entirety into your document:

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Current Time {TIME hh:mm:ss}

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Reboot PC {REBOOT}

Use this command to reboot your PC. e.g.

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Run a file/application {RUN x}

This runs the file specified by the *x* component. e.g., to run notepad, type:

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To run a document, type the filename and the extension e.g. type:

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Shutdown Computer {SHUTDOWN}

Use this command to shut down your PC. eg.

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Appendix

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Overview

Magic Menu is a utility that enhances the way you work with Windows applications. In essence, it is an intelligent menu which allows you to access commonly used commands. Many windows applications already come with menu bars, so you may wonder why the necessity for Magic Menu.

Magic Menu provides a system-wide menu which you can call up to invoke a pre-programmed command of your choice. In addition to being able to assign and program application specific menu commands, Magic Menu has a few features which put it in a class of its own. You can:

- send menu command keystrokes
- insert text e.g., frequently used words/phrases into any document
- run files or applications
- insert real date and time in any format into any document
- show message boxes
- sound warning 'beeps'
- introduce a pause before executing commands
- activate, close, minimise and maximise windows remotely
- the ability to run files means you can assign different macros to each button (derived from third party macro recorders) thus giving you even more power.

Using Magic Menu

USING MAGIC MENU FOR THE FIRST TIME

When you first start Magic Menu, you will notice a set of pre-configured commands which you can try out and use as examples to help make your own menu set.

In addition, you will find a Configure, Help and Quit menu commands at the bottom of the menu list.

- **Configure** - Select this item to configure the Magic Menu.
- **Help** - Brings up this help file.
- **Quit** - Quits Magic Menu application.

You can click on any of the first six menu items to try out Magic Menu. Once you understand how Magic Menu operates you can begin to configure it to your own needs using the rich command set. This is really where the power behind this program lies.

Click below on a Help topic.

How to ...

- [Configure Magic Menu](#)
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Running Macros

To incorporate macros you have created using Macro Recorders is easy. All you need to do is:

1. Record the macro.
2. Save it - note the filename. (e.g., **c:\mymacro.rec.**)
3. Run Magic Menu. Activate Magic Menu using the current hotkey setup or mouse click and select the Configure menu command.

Follow the instructions in [Configure Magic Menu](#) - but when you assign the commands in the first column, use Magic Menu's RUN keyword from the [Command Set](#) and the macro name viz:

`{RUN C:\MYMACRO.REC}`

In this way, you can assign any macro to a a menu item.

