# ThingsToDo



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#### INTRODUCTION

If you have things to do, you may need **ThingsToDo**. It is programmed for Windows 3.0 and 3.1 in Visual Basic 2.0 ("Windows" and "Visual Basic" are trademarks of Microsoft Corporation) and is designed to allow you to keep track of a wide range of items or information and organize them into schedules and lists of tasks. I developed **ThingsToDo** when I became frustrated with various other "personal information managers" that I tried. The intention was to keep it simple so that I could quickly enter notes, ideas and commitments. But I wanted the powerful search and view features that would make this data entry worthwhile and keep me from reverting to using my pocket calendar and post-its. I hope you will find that **ThingsToDo** gives you a proper blend of simplicity and power. Here are some of its key features:

- 1. Items of all types, including information about meetings, projects, people, and tasks, are kept in a single database. This allows you to mix types of information on reports, to access any type quickly, and to scan across all types for those which have a particular word or phrase, or those which are scheduled for a particular week or day.
- 2. You are able to enter and to retrieve items which contain a minimum of information. All you really have to enter is some brief summary. You are not required to enter dates, times, priorities, etc., for various tasks but may use these fields if desired.
- 3. For each item, you can enter an associated note which can be as much as 15 pages in length. You may elect, on an item-by-

item basis to print associated on a particular report.

notes when an item appears

- 4. Key word searches are applied not only to a summary that has been entered for an item, but also to any text which has been entered in associated notes.
- 5. The notes for a particular item are stored in a separate file in an ASCII format, allowing you easily to pull the note into the word processor or text editor of your choice, massage it, and print it.
- 6. A set of memorable Hot Keys have been defined to allow you quick access to the majority of the features of **ThingsToDo**.
- 7. **ThingsToDo** helps you as much as it possibly can on the entry of dates and times, minimizing the need to worry about punctuation.
- 8. You are able quickly to mark an item as completed and to purge completed items from your database.
- 9. Tasks which have been assigned to a particular day but have not been completed are automatically displayed, so you will not lose track of them merely because the date has passed.

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Note: The following are new features which have been added to Version 1.4 of **ThingsToDo** based on the comments of registered users. They are described in more detail elsewhere in this manual. Version 1.4 allows you to:

- determine the View which will be displayed when you first start up **ThingsToDo**;
- set the type face and type size which will be used for the following elements of a printed View: the **ThingsToDo** title, the View title, column headings, the item, and notes;
- 3. select, on a view-by-view basis, the order in which items will appear on the screen and on the printouts;
- 4. determine the format for the entry and display of dates to allow users to chose the "day/month/year" format common in Europe;

- 5. to delete an item, without marking it as completed. This allows you to get rid of some items while keeping an accessible archive of others.
- 6. suppress all notes for a particular printing;
- 7. indent lines in your notes;
- 8. manage 5,000 items at a time;
- 9. bring up the DatePicker by double-clicking on the date field when entering or editing an item;
- 10. more quickly enter items of the same type by offering the type of the most recently entered item as the default type for the item you are about to enter;
- 11. access all views by using Hot Keys;
- 12. customize three additional task types, for a total of nine types;
- 13. use the Enter key to move around the fields on the item screen; and
- 14. to print a particular item and its associated note from the item data entry window.

#### **GETTING STARTED**

The installation routine provided with **ThingsToDo** will place the **ThingsToDo** files in a "Things" subdirectory of your "Windows" subdirectory, that is, in C:\WINDOWS\THINGS. If you have previously been using **ThingsToDo**, your previous data file will be upgraded to match the structure used by Version 1.4.

You may then start **ThingsToDo** in any of the customary ways:
double-click the "Things.Exe" filename on the File Manager
listing, place the command "C:\Windows\Things\
Things.exe" on the "Load" or "Run" lines of your
WIN.INI file,
use the "FILE/RUN" option of Program Manager or File Manager,
or set up a new icon on your desktop and double-click
it.

**ThingsToDo** at the top and which provides columns for date, starting and ending time, and the summary of each item. There are also narrow columns on the left and right of the screen which will be discussed later.

A menu bar at the top gives you access to all of the options of **ThingsToDo**. You may wish to click on each of the options on the menu and scan the submenus which appear. Note that for most of these items, a Hot Key combination is shown. This is usually a much faster way to invoke an option. For example, you can print the current view of your items by holding down the CTRL key and pressing the "P". You can add a new item by holding down the CTRL key and pressing "A" as an alternative to clicking on the edit option on the menu and then selecting the "Add Items" option from the submenu. It's worth learning the Hot Keys, most of which have an obvious mnemonic derivation. A table of Hot Keys is included at the end of this manual.

#### **ON-LINE HELP**

All of the information found in this **ThingsToDo** manual is also available on-line when you are using **ThingsToDo**. Select the "Help" option on the menu of the main screen. You may scroll through the help text using normal procedures - scroll bar, PgDn, etc. Or you may

use the Search feature. Just type a letter or number and a box will appear, prompting you to enter the rest of the search word or phrase. Press ENTER when done and the pointer will move to the first place in the Help file where that phrase occurs.

#### ENTERING ITEMS

Once you've started up **ThingsToDo**, the next step is to begin adding items from your calendar or to-do list. All kinds of items (appointments, projects, phone numbers) go into a single pool. The various search and report routines then select them for particular uses. Press the CTRL-A combo or select "Add an Item" under the Edit menu, and the Item Data screen will appear.

You may complete as much or as little of this screen as you wish. To move from field to field, press the TAB key. To return to a previous field, hold down the SHIFT key and press the TAB key.

**New Feature!!!** You may also move from field to field by pressing the ENTER key. Note that when you are in the NOTE field, the ENTER key places a "hard return" in the line, starting a new line. To move from the NOTE field, use the CTRL-ENTER combination.

Alternatively, you can select particular fields by clicking on them, using your mouse or trackball. The defined fields are as follows:

- 1. A <u>SUMMARY</u>, which can be approximately 50 characters in length. Something like "Meet with Mabel", "Talk with Art about the bottom line", etc.
- 2. The DATE. You may either enter the date by typing the month, day, and year or by selecting the date from a calendar using your mouse or trackball. Note that if you type inthe date, you only need to type the month and day, separated by a SLASH (/). **ThingsToDo** will automatically supply the year for the next occurrence of this date. You only need to type the year if it's more than one year in the future or if it's in the past. To select the date from a calendar, press the F10 key. The Date Picker will appear, and you may double-click on the appropriate date. Use the scroll bar at the bottom of the Date Picker to move forward or backward in the calendar to bring up other months and years.

**New Feature!!!** ThingsToDo now recognizes your preference for date format based on the setting you have chosen using the Windows Control Panel. If you select the Day/Month/Year format in the Control Panel, this is the format that will be used by **ThingsToDo**.

**New Feature!!!** To bring up the Date Picker using your mouse,

double click on the word "Date" next to the date box.

- 3. <u>START TIME</u>. **ThingsToDo** works on the assumption that the times you enter are intended to be between 7:00 am in the morning and 6:59 pm in the evening. It also supplies necessary punctuation. Type "715" and "7:15a" will be displayed after you move to the next field. Enter "715p" if you intend to enter 7:15 pm. To delete a time which you have previously entered, use the LEFT ARROW to get to the beginning of the field. Press the DELETE key until you've cleared the previous entry. Alternatively, highlight the entry using your mouse or trackball and type the correct entry, and the new time will replace the one previously entered.
- 4. <u>END TIME</u>. The same rules apply as for entering START TIME.
- 5. TASK TYPE. There are **nine** categories, some of the labels for which may be re-defined by using the Preferences option on the File menu. Whenever you enter a new item, **ThingsToDo** assumes it is a "meeting". The category selected determines how the item will appear on various reports. Those which are marked as meetings will appear on displays of meetings. All other items, except those which are flagged as "On File", will appear on listings of tasks. Those which are marked as "On File" do not routinely appear on screens or printouts. This feature is provided so that you can keep track of phone numbers for oodles of people without having them added to your list of tasks for the day or whatever. For someone whom you call periodically, put them "On File" (put their name, last name first, in the Summary field). When you need to call them, call up this "On File" item from the PHONE LIST, put in some notes about the thing you need to call about, and click on the CALL button. They will then appear under your TASKS LIST. If you need to call on a particular date, enter a date in the date field. After you've made the call, you can either delete the item if you don't expect to call that person again, or restore them to "On File" status.

**New Features!!!** When you enter an item, **ThingsToDo** remembers which task type you selected. When you enter the next item, it checks that type as the default. This makes it easier for you to enter in all of your phone calls or meetings, for example, as a batch. Also, note that **ThingsToDo** now provides three additional customizable task types.

6. <u>NOTE</u>. You may enter in this box any notes you wish to elaborate on the item. As you fill the box, the notes will scroll up. You can put a total of about 15 pages of text in one of these notes. The note is actually kept in a separate file which is given a name which begins with the first letters of the summary of the item and which has an ".NOT"

extension. At any time after you have built a note, you can call it up with a word processor, edit it, and then print it out in some fancy format. This allows you, over time, to store thoughts about a particular project, and then later to organize them into exquisite prose. Within the Note window, you canuse the standard WINDOWS editing features. For example, you can select text with your mouse or trackball, make a copy of selected text by pressing CTRL-INS, and paste in copied text by pressing SHIFT-INS. (The only exception is that if you press the TAB key, you'll move out of the Note window and onto the next item of information. Use the SPACE BAR if you want to indent something within the Note window.) As you will see later, when you print a list of items, the associated notes will print out unless you specify otherwise. Since the TAB key is used to move from item to item, it does not serve to indent a line within the NOTE field. However, you can achieve that effect using the CTRL-I key combination.

7. PHONE. Entering a phone number under "Work Phone" will cause a particular item to be listed whenever you scan for phone numbers (regardless of which task category has been flagged for that item). In addition, the item entered under "Work Phone" will automatically be listed with any item which is displayed on the screen or printed out for which "Call" has been marked as the "Task Type". **ThingsToDo** only allows numeric values to be entered in the area code and phone number fields.

**New Feature!!!** ThingsToDo now provides a place for a "suffix" for each phone number. You may enter any sort of character in this box and use it for extensions, international call letters, etc. This suffix will appear on the screen and on printouts along with the phone number when an item has been assigned the "Call" type.

- 8. <u>PRIORITY</u>. A priority of 0 to 100 can be assigned to any item. An item with a higher priority will be shown ahead of other items for the same date on the screen listings and printed reports. Using your mouse or trackball, move the box in the center of the scroll bar towards the right, and a "Priority Rating" will be shown below.
- 9. <u>PERSONAL</u>. Click the "Check Box" to mark the item as personal to keep it from being listed on <u>printed</u> meeting schedules.
- 10. <u>COMPLETED</u>. Click on this "Check Box" to mark the item as completed. Items which have been checked as completed will not appear on screen listings or printouts. Eventually, they should be

deleted to make room for new items. Do not mark an item as done if it contains information you're going to want to access later. Instead, change the Task Type to "On File". That way it will be preserved in your database without cluttering up the printouts and screens.

Use this screen to enter a bunch of items in your database. After you've entered each item, click the "Add Another" box or hold down the ALT key and press "A"; that item will be saved, and a blank form will be presented. When you're finished entering items, click the "OK" box (or press "ALT-O"), and you'll be returned to the main screen.

#### VIEWING YOUR DATA

Depending on the kinds of items you've entered, some of them may now appear on the main screen. (The default screen is "Today's Schedule".) Any uncompleted tasks with a date prior to today or any meeting scheduled for today will be displayed. The "Personal Items" option shows only those items for which the "personal" check-box has been checked. Select the "Search" Option on the menu and try the different options on the submenu. If you entered items with phone numbers, for example, click on the "Phone Numbers" option, and those items will be displayed in alphabetical order. Note the "Meetings for This Week", "Meetings for Next Week", "Tasks for This Week", and "Tasks for Next Week" options. "This Week"is always defined as the seven-day period beginning with the most recent Monday. "Next Week" is defined as the seven-day period beginning with the next occurring Monday.

Here are a couple other notes about the displays: The "All Tasks/Meetings" option shows every uncompleted item in the database, except those which are marked as "On File". The "On File" option shows just the uncompleted "On File" items. The "Completed Tasks" option shows any item on the system marked as completed, and the "Phone Numbers" option shows any item where a number has been entered in the "Work Number" field, regardless of the task type that has been selected, and regardless of whether or not the item has been marked as completed. Items are listed alphabetically in the phone listing. When you call up this listing and type a letter, **ThingsToDo** shifts the focus to the first item starting with this letter, and it is then usually a simple matter to click on the item of interest. By selecting various choices and looking at the results, you should get a feel for how **ThingsToDo** will treat the various items that you have entered.

**ThingsToDo** also allows you to create a view of items that contain a particular phrase or word or which occur on a particular date. Choose the "Key Phrase Search" option from the Search menu, and a box will appear. Enter the word or phrase and click "OK", and the items which contain that phrase either in the Summary or in an associated note will be displayed on the screen. Note that you can also click the "Include Completed" box if you want to show items which have been marked as completed and which have not yet been purged from the system. Similarly, if you want to see the schedule for a particular date, select the "Schedule for Selected Date" item from the Search menu. The Date Picker will appear. Double-click the desired date on the calendar,

and the screen will display all items which either have that date or which bear earlier dates and which have not yet been marked as completed. (If you click the check box on the Date Picker, <u>only</u> those items which have the selected date will be listed.)

**New Feature!!!** The "High Priority" View has been added to **ThingsToDo** to allow you to list any items which have a priority value other than 0.

**NOTE:** Although **ThingsToDo** can store a nearly unlimited amount of data in the data file, when you conduct a search, you cannot load more than 5,000 items at a time for scrolling on the screen. (*This has been increased from the previous limit of 2,400 items.*) This is not terribly confining, since you would not want to be responsible for more than 5,000 chores at a time and would not want to scroll through that many items on the screen or a printout.

**New Feature!!!** When you click on an item on a given view, that item is highlighted. This makes it easier to remember which item has been selected. This is especially important when you use the delete process which is described later.

**New Feature!!!** ThingsToDo has been modified to recognize and respond to the direction keys and the **PgUp** and **PgDn** keys to facilitate movement through a view. Note that the highlighted item will change as you press these keys. If you wish to edit the highlighted item, press CTRL-E. This feature has been added to reduce the extent to which you are required to move your hand between the keyboard and your mouse to select and edit items.

#### PLACING ITEMS IN ORDER !!! New Feature!!!

**ThingsToDo** now allows you to determine the order in which items will be displayed in a particular view. The "Sort Preferences" option on the File menu lists each of the views and gives you five possible sort choices. The formats you select for the various views are saved in the "Things.ini" file. They will be used in all future sessions unless you again access this option and change them.

#### **EDITING ITEMS**

At any time, you may update the information on a particular item. Select an item displayed on the screen by clicking on it and choose the Edit option on the MENU and the Edit Item option on the submenu, or click on the item, and then press CTRL-E, or--and this is the easiest way--just double-click the item on the screen. The "Item Data" screen will appear with the information for that particular item, and you may move around the form to change anything you wish. For example, you can mark the item as completed, switch it to "On File", change to a different date or time, add additional notes, or change the priority. When you're done making changes, click the "OK" button, and you'll be

returned to the main screen. The changes should be reflected there. If, for example, you marked the item as done, it will not appear when you return to the main screen. If you change the information in the Summary field, that change will be shown.

Normal Windows cut-and-paste operations can be applied to text in the note and summary fields. You can cut text from the note on one item and copy it into another item's note or into another open Windows application.

#### MARKING ITEMS AS COMPLETED

The column on the far right provides you with a quick way to mark items as completed. Instead of double-clicking the item and clicking the "Completed" check box on the "Item Data" screen, you just have to double-click the item line in the far right column, and a "D" will be displayed (for "Done"). If you mark an item as done by mistake, double-click the "D" again, and it will be removed, and the item will continue to appear on your various views.

#### PURGING COMPLETED ITEMS

**ThingsToDo** will operate more quickly if it does not have to wade through lots of completed items as it searches for the items which qualify for a particular view. Select the "Purge Completed Items" option from the Edit menu, and **ThingsToDo** will, within a moment or two, delete the completed items. Note that it will also erase any note files associated with any of these completed items. If you wish to save the text in such a file, you should either cut & paste it into another note before marking the item as completed, or should bring it into your word processor, work on it, and save it under another name before executing the command to purge completed items. You can use the "Completed Tasks" option on the SEARCH menu prior to executing the purge command.

#### DELETING AN ITEM !!! New Feature !!!

You now are able to delete items, as well as mark them as completed. Simply highlight the item by clicking on it and then press the DEL key. You will be asked whether you are sure you wish to delete the item.

Press ENTER or click on the OK control and the item will no longer appear on views. Be aware that, as with the process of marking an item as completed, it will not be removed right away. Rather, the item Summary will be blanked out. Similarly, any associated note file will not be deleted. Periodically, you should select the Purge Deleted Items option from the Edit Menu. This will get rid of all items with a blank summary and will delete any associated note files.

#### **NOTING WHERE THE NOTES ARE**

Let's look again at the Main Form with some items displayed. We have noted that there are columns containing the Date, Starting and Ending Times, and Summary of the item. In addition, there is a column on the far left and another on the far right. The column on the far left displays an ampersand (&) for any item which has additional notes above and beyond the information which is entered in the Summary field. This prompts you to examine that item further if you want to see everything that you have on record. If an item has an ampersand (&) in the "Note" column, double-click that item, and you will be able to read the detail on that note.

#### PRINTING A VIEW

At any time, assuming that your computer is connected to a printer and that the printer is on-line, has paper, and is feeling good about you that day, you may print out the tasks which are showing on the screen. Tasks will be printed in the order in which they appear on the screen. Meetings are organized by date and time; other tasks are organized by type of task, and then within each type by the date and priority. You can print the current view by holding down the CTRL key and pressing "P" or by selecting the "Print" option from the File submenu. After you press the CTRL-P combination, make sure to allow enough time for the printing to occur. Have patience! Printing is never as fast under WINDOWS as we'd like it to be. Note that when you print the items, the printout also displays any notes you have entered under an item.

**New Feature!!!** When you print a view a dialog pops up giving you the chance to print more than one copy of the view, to suppress the printing of all notes, or to cancel the printing.

PRINTING AN ITEM !!!New Feature!!!

When you are editing or entering an item, you are able to print that particular item. This is especially handy if you have an item with an extended note and wish to hand it on to someone else without giving them the printing of an entire view. From anywhere in the Item Data screen, press the CTRL-P combination, and the item and note will be printed.

#### SUPPRESSING THE PRINTING OF NOTES

The "Note" column also serves another purpose. If you double-click on the ampersand, you will note that a slash (/) will be placed across the ampersand. The effect of this is to instruct **ThingsToDo** to <u>not</u> print that particular note when you execute the "Print" command. Thus, if you've got ten items showing on the screen and three of them have notes and you only want certain notes to be printed, you can double-click the other notes. You might do this because you are going to circulate the printout to others and don't want the notes to be shared, or because you don't intend to act on these notes for a while, and the printing of them will waste space. The instruction to stifle the printing of a particular note only lasts for as long as that particular view is on the screen. The minute you select another view under the "Search" option, the ampersand is restored. If you've double-clicked a note to preclude it from printing and then change your mind, double-click it again, and it will "toggle" back to printable status.

**New Feature!!!** ThingsToDo allows you to indicate, at the time of printing, that you wish to suppress the printing of all notes on the current view. Just click the appropriate box on the printing dialog box.

#### SETTING YOUR PREFERENCES

The "General Preferences" option on the File menu allows you to control the following features of **ThingsToDo**:

1. You can change the labels for three of the task types. The "Meet", "Call", and "On File" labels are fixed because these three types determine which items appear on particular views and the order in which they appear. The other three, however, may be reset to reflect categories of activity that you customarily organize. If, for example, you don't do programming but do need to schedule a number of activities, change the label for the fourth item from "Program" to "Schedule".

- 2. You can select the type to be used for printing reports;
- 3. You can control how frequently the list appearing on the screen is refreshed to reflect changes in data. The default is set for "autorefresh". This means that whenever you add a new item or edit an item displayed on the screen, **ThingsToDo** will re-create the list displayed on the screen. Since it must read through all items on file to do this, you may end up looking at the hourglass for a moment. If you disable the auto-refresh feature, the main screen will display a "Refresh List" command button. The list will be updated only when you click this button or when you conduct a different search of your data. This allows you to rapidly enter or edit a number of items and then refresh the list once when done. This is a lot like setting the "re-calculation" feature of a spreadsheet to "manual".
- **4. New Feature!!!** The View which appears when you first start up **ThingsToDo** can be set on the General Preferences screen.
- **5. New Feature!!!** The size of the type which will be used for the various components of the printing of a view or an item can be altered by selecting options from the General Preferences screen.
- 6. New Feature!!! Your preference for the format for dates, as selected in the Windows Control Panel, will be recognized by ThingsToDo. Note: this is based on the "short" format and limited to Day/Month/Year and Month/Day/Year.

#### **SOME ADDITIONAL TIPS**

The following are suggestions on how to handle particular situations using **ThingsToDo**:

1. If you have someone whom you work with often, create an item bearing that person's name, for example, "Kathy B." If you enter a phone number for that person, he or she will automatically appear on the phone numbers list, regardless of the setting on "Task Type". You can then always quickly find that person by selecting the "Phone List" (CTRL-N) and then typing the first letter of his or her name.

Use the "Notes" field to keep track of the things you want to work on with this individual and change the task type from "Meet" to "Call" to "Do/Tell", depending on how you next plan to interact with them. When you've met with them and taken care of the items you noted, change the "Task Type" to "On File" or reset the date and time to the next scheduled meeting, etc. You can use the "Note" section to keep a trail of all of the items that you've discussed.

2. If you have particular groups that you meet with periodically, you can enter the name of the group, eg., Executive Committee. If a meeting is scheduled, enter the date and time; otherwise, you may access it by displaying it on the undated items view. As you think of things to cover in that meeting, add them to the "Notes" field. When the date is set for the next meeting, key it in. Following that meeting, either set the date to the next scheduled meeting or, if none has been set, erase the date and access it later under the "UnDated Tasks" search.

### <u>UNINSTALLING ThingsToDo</u>

If (heaven forbid!) you try **ThingsToDo** and decide that it does not suit you, you can easily uninstall it. Just delete the files in the C:\Windows\ Things subdirectory and then delete the subdirectory itself. **ThingsToDo** in no way modifies the WIN.INI or SYSTEM.INI files used by Windows.

#### A BOUNTY ON ERRORS

I have tried to make **ThingsToDo** "bulletproof". In furtherance of this effort, I am offering a bounty of \$5 for any "bug" reported by a registered user. To qualify, the bug must be reproducable and must not have previously been reported to me.

# **LISTING OF HOT KEYS**

**New Feature!!!** Virtually all views now have defined Hot Keys. Fortunately or unfortunately there are now enough views and options in **ThingsToDo** that it is hard to find enough obvious hot keys. For example, it would be appealing to use CTRL-P for the phone list, but that hotkey has been assigned to printing to maintain compatibility with other Windows applications. Instead, CTRL-N (for "numbers") has been assigned to this view. Some of the newer hotkeys are even more far-fetched, but I am including on the hotkeys list any association I used in assigning them. This may help you to remember them.

# **Main Menu HOT KEYS**

CTRL-A	Add the entry o	Call up the Item Data Screen for f new data pertaining to a new item.
CTRL-C	Completed	Displays completed items.
CTRL-D	Date particular o	Search for items scheduled for a date
CTRL-F		Displays tasks for NEXT week
CTRL-H	High Priorit priority rati	ry Displays all items with a ing greater than 0.
CTRL-I		Displays Personal Items.
CTRL-K	Key	Key word search
CTRL-L	AIIII	Displays ALL Tasks/Meetings
CTRL-M	Meetings	Displays meetings for this week.
CTRL-N	Numbers	List all the phone numbers on file.
CTRL-O	On File	All items which are marked

as "On File".

CTRL-P Print Print the report currently displayed

on the screen

CTRL-S Schedule Displays today's schedule.

CTRL-T Tasks Displays the tasks for this week.

CTRL-U Undated Displays items for which no date

has been entered and which have a task type

of something other than "On File".

CTRL-W Displays meetings for NEXT week.

CTRL-X Exit Closes **ThingsToDo** and returns

you to the Windows Program Manager. You can

achieve the same result with the ALT-F4

combination which customarily closes Windows

applications.

CTRL-Z Choose Prompts you to select a particular

Task Type and displays all items of that type.

## Item Data Screen HOT KEYS

ALT-A Add Save the current item and add

another

ALT-C Cancel Leave the Item Data Screen

and return to the Main Screen. If you were editing an existing item, it will be unchanged. If you had begun to add a new one, it will be

deleted.

ALT-O OK Save the item data as it appears on

the screen and return to the Main Screen.

F10 Date Picker When entering the date for an

item, call up the Date Picker to select a date

rather than type it in.

CTRL-I TAB When entering text into a Note, use

this combination to insert a group of spaces. (This is required because the TAB key is used

for moving from field to field.)

CTRL-P Print Item Print a single item and its note

when that item is displayed on the Item Data

Screen