

HotKey
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Installing HotKey

To install HotKey, copy the files HOTKEY.EXE, KEY.DLL, and HOTKEY.HLP to your Windows directory, or to a directory located on your path. If you want HotKey to run automatically when you start Windows, add HotKey to the LOAD = or RUN = line in the WIN.INI file.

To edit WIN.INI, use Notepad, which comes with windows. Load WIN.INI from your Windows directory, and search for the LOAD= or RUN= line. Add HotKey at the end of either of these lines, then save WIN.INI. The next time you start Windows, HotKey the HotKey Icon will appear, and your HotKeys will be installed.

About HotKey

Hot key is a program which lets you assign programs to a single keystroke. Once you have done this, you will be able to execute a program assigned to a hot key with a single keystroke. If you have already launched a program with HotKey, you can make the program the top window by hitting the HotKey again.

HotKey also lets you assign three common procedures to HotKeys: Closing the Top Window, Maximizing the Top Window, and Minimizing the Top Window.

Using HotKey

Once you have installed HotKey and have assigned keystrokes to those programs which you frequently use, you may simply use the keys which you have assigned to invoke applications.

To edit keystrokes, select the HotKey menu by clicking on the HotKey icon. Select 'Edit Keys' from the menu. For more information about the Edit Keys Dialog Box, see [Editing Hotkeys](#).

Editing HotKeys

To edit hotkeys, select the 'Edit Keys' option on the HotKey menu. Click on the HotKey icon to see the HotKey menu.

The Edit Keys dialog shows the Keystrokes current assigned, a short description of the keystroke, and the action that the keystroke will invoke.

A list of the assigned keystrokes appears in the upper left. To select a keystroke, click on its entry. The other fields in the dialog will then show details about the keystroke. The first three items are special, and may not be remove -- although the keystrokes assigned to them may be changed.

The Keystroke edit box shows the keystroke used to activate the selected action. When you select this field, any key you type will appear in the box.

The Description box gives a short description of the action.

The Command Line box is the exact command to process. This must include the programs DOS file name, as well as any paramters that you would like to pass to the program.

To change a HotKey, select it, then click on the field which you want to change. After you have completed all changes, select the 'Save' button to save your changes. Once you have completed all of your changes, select 'OK' to exit the dialog, and return to HotKey. Any changes which you have made will now be active.

To add a new HotKey, simply edit the fields of the dialog, then select 'Save'. You may create up to 32 HotKeys.

Registration

HotKey is released as shareware. Please feel free to make as many copies as you like -- and give them to your friends and colleagues. If you find hotKey useful, please send a registration fee of \$20 to:

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Please take the time to support the shareware concept. It is only through your generosity that high quality shareware is supported.

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Enjoy!

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