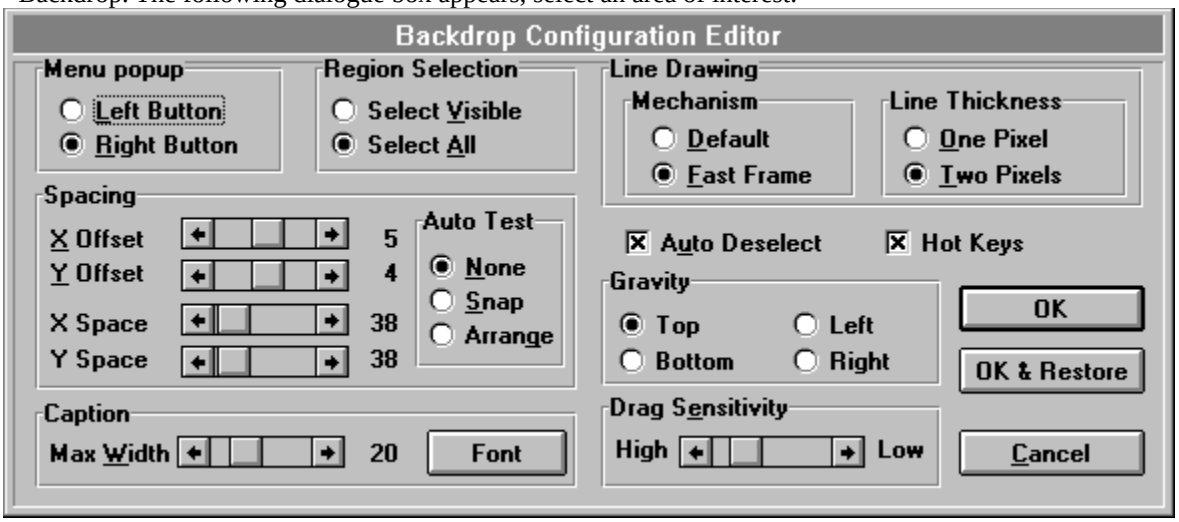
Back Drop Configuration via the control panel

Various aspects of BackDrop can be configured using the control panel. Run the control panel and double click on Backdrop. The following dialogue box appears, select an area of interest.



Menu Button

Choose which button brings up the menu for an alias/tool.

Region Selection

Select Visible	When dragging a rectangle around aliases/tools only those whose centres are visible will be selected
Select All	All aliases/tools within the rectangle will be selected even if they are obscured by other aliases/tools or windows

Spacing	
X Offset	An offset from the left edge of the screen, its magnitude will vary depending on X Space
Y Offset	An offset from the top edge of the screen, its magnitude will vary depending on Y Space
X Space	The X spacing between aliases/tools.
Y Space	The Y spacing between aliases/tools.

Auto Test	
None	Do don't move aliases/tools.
Snap	Snap aliases/tools to grid, and re-snap after any offset or spacing change.
Arrange	Arrange aliases/tools, and re-arrange after any offset or spacing change

Caption

Max Width	The maximum number of characters before the text contained within a caption is wrapped onto the next line.
Font	The default font used for tools

Line drawing

DefaultNormal	GDI line drawing functions (Best compatibility)
Fast Frame	Faster GDI calls and better inversion of lines
One Pixel	one pixel outline thickness
Two Pixels	two pixel outline thickness

Gravity

Edge aliases/tools are arranged on.

Drag Sensitivity

Determines the sensitivity of dragging. High sensitivity causes aliases/tools to move easily. Low sensitivity requires a large initial movement before an alias/tool will move.

Auto Deselect

When a new alias/tool is selected (without the shift key pressed) other aliases/tools automatically get deselected, however when other applications get activated they do not. This is useful if you wish to perform actions upon selected aliases from BackMenu etc.

However if you wish the aliases to represent their activation state (focus etc.) more faithfully they have this option set, it will become impossible to perform selected only actions from BackMenu as the aliases get deselected when BackMenu becomes active.

Hot Keys

Enable or disable the system-wide hot-keys used for controlling aliases and tools.

OK, OK and Restore

The OK button accepts all of the settings you've fiddled with. OK and Restore does the same except it moves all aliases and tools back to their original locations (useful if you've been using the auto test for layout).