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What is SOT-Calc?

SOT-Calc began life as a standard 4-function calculator with a few extras. Most importantly, the ability to "Stay-On-Top" of other applications - eliminating the need to switch away from your main program to use a calculator or keep a desktop calculator handy. This feature earned **SOT-Calc** some well-deserved praise - including being named PC/Computing's Windows Application of the Month for July 1992.

And although this ability to "Stay-On-Top" gave **SOT-Calc** its name (what else could SOT stand for?), today it is only one of the dozens of advanced features the calculator sports. In fact, we're convinced that **SOT-Calc** is the most feature-rich calculator ever developed for Microsoft Windows.

SOT-Calc Version 2.0...

- ▶ includes a **standard calculator module**, complete with division, multiplication, subtraction, addition, square root, modulus, and percentage functions. This module also hosts the numeric, memory, clear, and other keys.
- ▶ includes a **powerful scientific module**, featuring all standard scientific functions! These fifteen scientific functions plus ARC and HYP toggles will readily handle all of your scientific calculation needs.
- ▶ includes a **robust business module** capable of handling even the toughest TVM problems. How much will your annuity grow over the next five years? What is the interest on a \$500 loan to be repaid in 2 years with a single payment of \$575? The business module can easily provide the answers to these and other financial questions.
- ▶ includes a **comprehensive conversions module** with seventeen different conversions covering desktop publishing, the metric system, kitchen measurements, and more! Use this module to easily convert back and forth between points and inches, picas and points, points and ciceros, degrees and radians, Fahrenheit and Celsius, inches and centimeters, miles and kilometers, and many more.
- ▶ includes an **intelligent statistics module** with enough power to handle as many as fifty data points per array!
- ▶ allows you to create a "tape file" that **simulates paper tape output!** In fact, this disk-based output is clearly superior to a paper tape: you can edit or view the tape file in your favorite text editor or word processor before printing!
- ▶ as always, features a **handy "stay on top" mode**. If you use Microsoft Excel, 1-2-3 for Windows, or ANY spreadsheet, accounting, or mathematical package under Windows, this is a feature that you'll quickly find that you just can't do without.
- ▶ can be placed **anywhere on the desktop** - and will stay there the next time it is used. There are no hassles setting up the program in the exact position you want each time you use it.
- ▶ has **full clipboard support** for easy data exchange with other applications.
- ▶ can be configured to take up **very little screen space** - up to 90% less than Windows' Calculator!
- ▶ has **full keyboard and mouse support** for ALL features.
- ▶ is **fully compatible** with Microsoft Windows versions 3.1 and above.
- ▶ is extremely **easy to use**.
- ▶ is marketed using the shareware distribution method, which allows you to **"try before you buy."** This

is an evaluation version which you are free to use for a period of thirty days. Registration will provide you with a license for continued use of this software and a number of additional benefits. More information on shareware and registration can be found in the [Registration Information](#) section.

▶ **AND MORE!**



Using SOT-Calc

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Functions and Keyboard Equivalents for the following modules:

Standard

Scientific

Business

Conversion

Statistics



Tape File

SOT-Calc can create a "tape file" that simulates the paper tape output of a typical desktop calculator. This file is saved to your disk as a simple ASCII text file that may be viewed, edited, or printed in your favorite word processor or text editor (such as Notepad).

The use and understanding of the tape file feature is broken down into four steps below...

Step One: Setting the Tape File

You may specify the name and location of the tape file by choosing "Set Tape File..." from the "File" menu. If you skip this step, a file named TAPEDATA.TXT in the current directory will be used.

You can use a variety of different tape files; simply select the tape file you want to use each time before moving on to Step Two.

Step Two: Turning the Tape File Feature On and Off

To turn the tape file feature on or off, choose "Tape File On/Off" from the "File" menu. The default is off. When the tape file feature is turned on, it sends a record of all calculations to the tape file.

Note: When the tape file feature is turned off and then on again, it will not overwrite the tape file on your disk. It will add to the tape file, just as a desktop calculator will add to the same paper tape.

Step Three: Viewing, Editing, and Printing the Tape File

Tape files are standard ASCII text files. Any text editor, such as Notepad, and most word processors, can handle these files. Use your text editor or word processor to view, edit, and print each tape file.

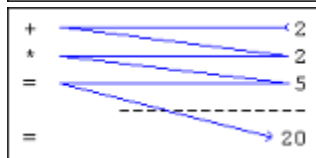
Step Four: Understanding the Tape File

What a typical tape file looks like:

And how it "flows" from start to finish:

+		2
*		2
=		5

=		20



In the example above, the problem was: $2 + 2 * 5 = 20$. Or, as keyed into the calculator: 2 key, addition key, 2 key, multiplication key, 5 key, and equals key.

Again, all of this is very similar to the paper tape output of a typical desktop calculator.



Menu Items

Menu Name	Menu Item Name	Menu Item Description
File	Stay-On-Top	Checkable menu item. When checked, SOT-Calc will stay visible even if other windows are moved in front of it -- i.e., it will "stay on top." (Default: Checked)
	Small Window	Choosing this item causes the five checkable menu items below to un-check. Only the number display will appear and SOT-Calc will be in what is called "Small Window Mode." For more information, see the Miscellaneous Topics section of this file.
	Standard	Checkable menu item. When checked, the Standard module keypad is displayed. (Default: Checked)
	Scientific	Checkable menu item. When checked, the Scientific module keypad is displayed. (Default: checked)
	Business	Checkable menu item. When checked, the Business module keypad is displayed. (Default: Not Checked)
	Conversion	Checkable menu item. When checked, the Conversion module keypad is displayed. (Default: Not Checked)
	Statistics	Checkable menu item. When checked, the Statistics module keypad is displayed. (Default: Not Checked)
	Scientific Input	Brings up a sub-menu with three checkable menu items: Degrees, Radians, and Grads. The checked item determines which type of input is used for the Scientific module. Degrees is checked by default.
	Tape File On/Off	Checkable menu item. When checked, creates a text file record ("tape file") on your hard disk similar to the paper tape of a desktop calculator. (Default: Not Checked)
	Set Tape File...	Allows you to specify the filename and location for the tape file. The default is a file named TAPEDATA.TXT in the current directory.
Register...	For registered users of previous versions. See the Entering Registration Codes section for more information.	
Exit	Quits SOT-Calc . If the program is not registered, an "Are you sure you want to exit?" dialog box is displayed, as well as a registration reminder window.	
Edit	Copy	Copies the current number in the number display to the clipboard.
	Paste	Pastes a number from the clipboard into the number

Help

Contents	display. Displays the Contents page of this Windows Help file.
Search for Help on...	Allows you to search for a specific topic in this Windows Help file.
How to Use Help	Brings up the "How to Use Help" help file from Microsoft.
About SOT-Calc...	Tells the current version of SOT-Calc , displays a copyright notice, and reveals whether or not this copy is registered. If so, the name of the registered user is displayed. Unregistered users will also see a registration reminder window.

C	CE	MC	MR	MS	M+
7	8	9	/	Sqr	
4	5	6	×	Mod	
1	2	3	-	%	
0	.	+/-	+	=	

Standard Module

Button Key Function

C	C or Esc	Cancels (clears) the current calculation.
CE	E or Del	Cancels (clears) the current entry in the current calculation.
MC	F5	Cancels (clears) the value stored in the memory. (MC appears in blue on the button face when there is a value stored in the memory.)
MR	F6	Recalls the value stored in the memory.
MS	F7	Saves the value in the number display to the memory.
M+	F8	Adds the value in the number display to the value stored in the memory.
0-9	0-9	Entry of numbers zero (0) to nine (9) to the number display.
+	+	Adds.
-	-	Subtracts.
x	*	Multiplies.
/	/	Divides.
+/-	F9	Changes the sign of the value in the number display.
.	.	Inserts a decimal point into the value in the number display.
%	%	Calculates percentages.
=	= or Enter	Performs any operation between the previous two values.
Sqr	S or @	Calculates the square root of the value in the number display.
Mod	M	Divides two numbers and returns the remainder.

ARC	HYP	sin	cos	tan	
π	e^x	10^x	ln	log	$1/x$
y^x	x^2	$\sqrt[x]{x}$	n!	per	com

Scientific Module

The type of input value (degrees, radians, or grads) is set using the "Scientific Input" item from the "File" menu. The default is degrees.

Button	Key	Function
ARC	A	Toggle button. When toggled on (blue), the sin, cos, and tan buttons calculate arc functions (asin, acos, and atan). When both ARC and HYP are toggled on (blue), the sin, cos, and tan buttons calculate arc of hyperbolic functions (asinh, acosh, atanh).
HYP	H	Toggle button. When toggled on (blue), the sin, cos, and tan buttons calculate hyperbolic functions (sinh, cosh, and tanh). When both ARC and HYP are toggled on (blue), the sin, cos, and tan buttons calculate arc of hyperbolic functions (asinh, acosh, atanh).
sin	Control-H	Calculates the sine of the displayed number. If ARC is toggled on (blue), calculates the arc sine. If HYP is toggled on (blue), calculates the hyperbolic sine. If both ARC and HYP are toggled on (blue), calculates the arc of hyperbolic sine.
cos	O	Calculates the cosine of the displayed number. If ARC is toggled on (blue), calculates the arc cosine. If HYP is toggled on (blue), calculates the hyperbolic cosine. If both ARC and HYP are toggled on (blue), calculates the arc of hyperbolic cosine.
tan	T	Calculates the tangent of the displayed number. If ARC is toggled on (blue), calculates the arc tangent. If HYP is toggled on (blue), calculates the hyperbolic tangent. If both ARC and HYP are toggled on (blue), calculates the arc of hyperbolic tangent.
π	P	Outputs the value of pi.
e^x	X	Exponential function. Symbolic constant e (2.71828...) to the power of x.
10^x	Control-E	Calculate 10 to the power of x.
ln	N	Calculates natural (base e) logarithm.
log	L	Calculate common (base 10) logarithm.
$1/x$	I	Inverse function.
y^x	^	Calculate y raised to the power of x
x^2	&	Squares the displayed number.
$\sqrt[x]{x}$	#	Determine cubed root.
n!	!	Calculates factorial of the displayed number.
per	Control-P	Permutations of n objects taken m at a time.
com	Control-M	Combinations of n objects taken m at a time.

SOLV	DISP	p/yr	B/E
n	i	pv	pmt
f/p	p/a	f/a	p/g
prin	eir	nir	p/c

Business Module

An understanding of cash flow and the TVM equation is required to make full use of the business module. Several TVM problems are provided as examples below.

Button	Key	Function
SOLV	Control-S	Toggle button. Used in conjunction with the time value of money (TVM) variable keys (n, i, pv, pmt, fv) to solve for a variable given known values of the other variables.
DISP	Control-D	Toggle button. Used in conjunction with the TVM variable keys (n, i, pv, pmt, fv) to display the value of a variable containing a given known value.
p/yr	Y	Sets the compounding frequency per year. Default value is 1 (annual compounding).
B/E	B	Toggle button. Sets payments to occur at the beginning (B in blue, E in black) or end (E in blue, B in black) of the period. The default is payment at the end of the period.
n	Control-N	TVM variable for number of periods.
i	Control-I	TVM variable for interest rate. Uses fractional notation (i.e., .5 is 50%).
pv	Shift-F4	TVM variable for present value.
pmt	Shift-F9	TVM variable for payments per period.
fv	Control-9	TVM variable for future value.
?	?	Displays summary of TVM variable values.
f/p	Control-F5	Returns pv to fv factor given n and i values.
p/a	Control-F6	Returns annuity to pv factor given n and i values.
f/a	Control-F7	Returns annuity to fv factor given n and i values.
p/g	Control-F8	Returns gradient to pv factor given n and i values.
f/g	Control-F9	Returns gradient to fv factor given n and i values.
a/g	Control-F10	Returns gradient to annuity factor given n and i values.
prin	Shift-F5	Returns fraction of principal remaining on loan given n and i values plus number of periods into loan.
eir	Shift-F6	Returns effective interest rate given n and i values.
nir	Shift-F7	Returns nominal interest rate given n and i values.
p/c	Shift-F8	Returns the changing annuity to pv factor given n and i values plus the rate at which receipts increase.
Reset	R	Zeros all TVM variables, resets the compounding frequency ("P/yr") to its default, and returns the "B/E" toggle button to its default state.

TVM Problem Examples...

What is the future value of \$100 at 8% interest given 5 years?

- 1) Input 5 and click n to set the number of periods.
- 2) Input .08 and click i to set interest rate.
- 3) Click the f/p key to obtain the pv to fv factor.
- 4) Multiply the factor by 100 to obtain the future value.

Answer: 146.93280768

What is the present value of a \$20 annuity growing at a rate of 5% over 5 years at 8% interest?

- 1) Input 5 and click n to set the number of years.
- 2) Input .08 and click i for the interest rate.

- 3) Input .05 for the growth rate.
- 4) Click p/c to obtain the pv factor.
- 5) Multiply the factor by 20 to obtain the present value.

Answer: 87.5894759190108

What is the interest on a \$500 loan to be repaid in 2 years with a single payment of \$575?

- 1) Input 2 and click n to set the number of years.
- 2) Input 500 and click pv to set the amount of the loan.
- 3) Input 0 and click pmt to indicate no annual payments.
- 4) Input -575 and click fv to indicate the amount to be repaid after 2 years.
- 5) Click SOLV and then i to solve for the interest rate of the loan.

Answer: 0.07238

\$100 is placed into an account at 7% interest. \$10 annual payments are made into this account. How much money is in the account after 5 years?

- 1) Input 5 and click n.
- 2) Input .07 and click i.
- 3) Input -100 and click pv.
- 4) Input -10 and click pmt
- 5) Click SOLV and then fv to obtain the amount of money in the account after 5 years.

Answer: 197.76256317

→	deg → rad	F° → C°
in → cm	ft → m	mi → km
ft ³ → m ³	qt → gal	gal → L
oz → g	lbs → kg	ton → t
tsp → tbs	cup → pt	ft ² → m ²
pt → in	pica → pt	pt → c

Conversion Module

Button	Key	Function
→	Control-W	Toggle button. The arrow points in the direction that conversions will be made. The arrow points to the right by default.
deg-rad	Control-R	Converts between degrees and radians.
F° C°	Control-B	Converts between Fahrenheit and Celsius.
in-cm	Control-F1	Converts between inches and centimeters.
ft-m	Control-F2	Converts between feet and meters.
mi-km	Control-K	Converts between miles and kilometers.
ft ³ m ³	Control-U	Converts between cubic feet and cubic meters.
qt-gal	Control-Q	Converts between quarts and gallons.
gal-L	Control-G	Converts between gallons and liters.
oz-g	Control-Z	Converts between ounces and grams.
lbs-kg	Control-L	Converts between pounds and kilograms.
ton-t	Control-T	Converts between tons and metric tons.
tsp-tbs	Control-8	Converts between teaspoons and tablespoons.
cup-pt	Control-F4	Converts between cups and pints.
ft ² m ²	Control-4	Converts between square feet and square meters.
pt-in	[Converts between points and inches.
pica-pt]	Converts between picas and points.
pt-c	"	Converts between points and ciceros.

DATA	n	\bar{x}	Σx	Σx^2	
CD	σ	s	med	max	min

Statistics Module

An understanding of statistics is required to make full use of the statistics module. The data array has a limit of 50 data points.

Button	Key	Function
DATA	Control-A	Used to input displayed number into data array.
n	Control-F	Returns number of data points.
—	Control-X	Returns the average of values in data array.
Σx	Control-6	Returns the sum of values in data array.
Σx^2	Control-J	Returns the sum of squares in the data array.
CD	Control-5	Clears the data array.
σ	Control-Y	Returns population standard deviation of data array.
s	Control-7	Returns sample standard deviation of data array.
Med	Control-1	Returns the median of the data array.
Max	Control-2	Returns the maximum value in the data array.
Min	Control-3	Returns the minimum value in the data array.

Miscellaneous Topics

Small Window Mode, The SOT-Calc Window, and Keyboard Equivalents

The **SOT-Calc** window is composed of a number display and five modules (keypads): standard, scientific, business, conversion, and statistics. All, some, or none of these modules can be displayed at once. However, all functions can be accessed using their keyboard equivalents whether or not that particular module is currently visible. To make a particular module visible, check the corresponding menu item under the "File" menu. The number display is always visible.

For example, when only "Standard" is checked, only the "Standard" module and the number display are visible. However, functions from any of the modules can be used via their keyboard equivalents.

One of the primary benefits of this system is that **SOT-Calc** can be fully utilized without displaying any of the modules. By using keyboard equivalents, all functions of the calculator can be accessed when only the number display is visible. When configured in this way, the **SOT-Calc** window is very small. In 640x480 VGA mode, it is roughly one-tenth the size of the Windows Calculator.

To use **SOT-Calc** in this mode (known as Small Window Mode), you can choose "Small Window" from the "File" menu. All of the module's menu items will be un-checked.

How "Stay-On-Top" Differs From "Always On Top"

With Windows 3.1, Microsoft introduced a new function that allows programmers to easily incorporate an "Always On Top" mode into their programs. The original version of **SOT-Calc** was developed prior to the release of Windows 3.1 and used a "home-brew" method to accomplish roughly the same task (keeping the window above all others, regardless of which window has the focus). The two methods vary slightly: With "Always On Top," the program stays on top even when minimized. Under the old custom method, the program did not stay on top when minimized.

SOT-Calc is now Windows 3.1-specific and makes use of Microsoft's new function. However, to maintain continuity with previous versions of **SOT-Calc**, the menu item is still labeled "Stay-On-Top" and the stay on top feature automatically shuts off when the window is minimized.

"Stay-On-Top" Screen Saver Conflict

Some third-party screen saver packages have not been updated for Windows 3.1 and do not recognize programs that are set to stay on top. If one of these screen savers is activated when **SOT-Calc** is running and configured to stay on top, **SOT-Calc** may interfere with the screen saver.

Entering Registration Codes

Previous shareware evaluation versions of **SOT-Calc** were physically identical to the registered (fully licensed) versions. Registered users were provided with a special set of codes, known as Registration Codes, which when entered into the program caused it to "transform" itself into a registered version. This practice has since been dropped, and registered users are now sent a completely different executable file.

However, all registered users who registered prior to the official release of **SOT-Calc** version 2.0 were guaranteed that their registration codes would continue to work with all future versions of **SOT-Calc**. For the benefit of these users, a Registration Code Entry system is still provided in the shareware evaluation version of **SOT-Calc**.

In order to transform this copy of SOT-Calc into a registered version, these users must re-enter their registration codes into the program like so:

Step One: Choose "Register..." from the "File" menu in **SOT-Calc**. The "Registration Code Entry" dialog box will appear.

Step Two: Enter your old Registration Codes into the appropriate fields in the dialog box. Remember: capitalization counts.

Step Three: Choose the "OK" button to verify your Registration Codes. If **SOT-Calc** tells you that your codes are invalid, try entering them again. If they still don't work, let us know (see the Technical Support and Customer Service section of this file) and we'll try to assist you.



Registration Information

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