Welcome to DeskTAB

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Cycle Application

This sets up a cycle of windows and is essential if you are constantly switching between applications transferring information from one window to another. If this function is activated in the down position, whenever you minimise one window, the other window in the cycle pops up and so on.

The following window appears when you press this button.
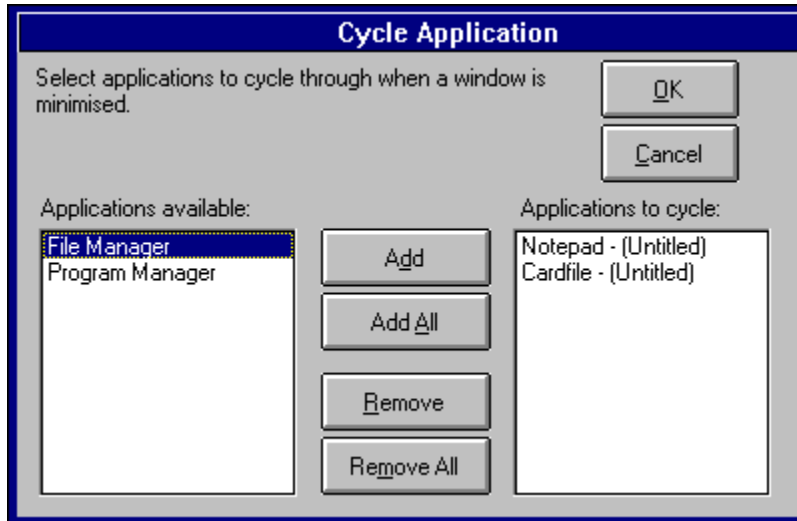
The list on the left handside   contains all the available applications. The list on the right shows the applications to cycle through. Highlight the application/s you wish to cycle through and select ADD or double click to transfer to the right handside.
The sequential order of the applications on the right handside determines the order in which the windows cycle.   To remove an application from the cycle list, highlight the particular entry on the right hand side list and click remove.

Configure

This brings up the window shown.
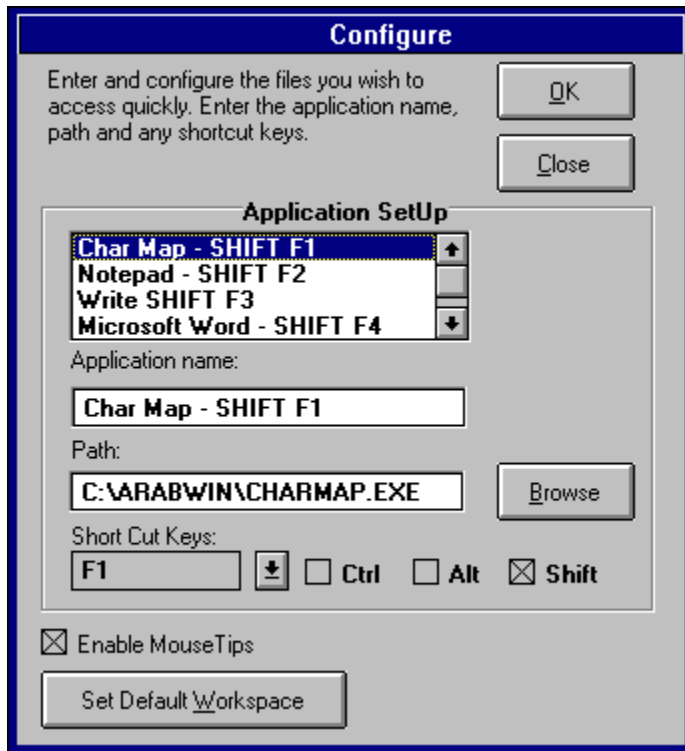
Use the Configure window to assign you frequently used files:

a. Click on an empty slot in the application setup listbox.
b. Enter the application name - this is purely for your reminder only - you can enter any descriptive text here. Whatever you enter here will appear in DeskTAB's main window drop down list.
c. Enter the path of the file.
d. Enter the shortcut key to use from the drop down list. You can assign CTRL, ALT or SHIFT key combinations too.

In the bottom half of the screen is the options box. Here you can enable or disable mousetips and set the default work space.

Position Template

This defines, the position on the screen where you normally work. Upon activation, any sizeable window adopts the boundary you specify.

To specify the boundary:
 1. Click on configure (the button on DeskTAB's main window). The Configure window appears.
2. Click on the Set Default Workspace button.
3. When the position template window appears, move the window to the position where you would like the activated window to appear and select O.K.
4. Ensure the Workspace button on DeskTAB's main window is clicked and is in the down position.
Any sizeable window you subsequently activate will adopt the position and dimensions you defined.

Overview

Desktab is a multi-featured desktop utility designed to complement your Windows session. It enhances the way you work and features:

- a full windows Browser enabling you to fast switch to any window in any application.
- a function to make any window topmost.
- the ability to close multiple applications simultaneously.
- maximising, minimising or restoring selected multiple windows simultaneously.
- one click to minimise, maximise or restore *all* running applications.
- functions for arranging icons, cascading or tiling windows.
- the capacity to assign shortcut keys to start your applications.
- the ability to define your own default work space on your desktop.
- the power to your enhance your mouse - any window or object your mouse lies over automatically receives focus.
- the ability to cycle automatically from one application to another.
- the power to launch any file. The directories and files you select are memorised for fast access.
- the capacity to make a list of commonly used applications, which you can quickly execute.
- the power to sense the files you run - and remember them for easy retrieval.
- a memory button which remembers all the applications you have running in the session. These can be recalled at another session with the click of a button.
- a screen saver launcher.

All this is encapsulated in an easy to use, configurable framework designed for serious users.

Close
Click this button once to quit DeskTAB.

Minimise
This minimises the DeskTAB program into an icon.

Minimise All
This minimises all the open windows into icons.

Maximise All
All the open windows are maximised in size so they take up the entire screen.

Restore All
This restores all the windows to their normal size from an iconic or maximised state.

Screen Saver
This launches your default Windows screen saver.

Switch
This button switches between any open window.

Topmost
Select the window/s you wish to make topmost - so that they float above all the windows.

See Multiple Selections.

Non-Topmost
Select window/s you wish to make non-topmost. This makes windows that float above all other windows normal again.

See Multiple Selections.

Close Applications
Select the windows or applications you wish to close.

See <u>Multiple Selections</u>

Minimise Windows
Select windows you wish to minimise- this reduces a window to an icon.

See Multiple Selection.

Maximise Windows
Select windows you wish to maximise - this makes the iconic window take the form of a full screen.

See Multiple Selections.

Arrange Icons
Arrange icons on your desktop.

Cascade Windows
Cascades the windows on your desktop.

Tile Windows
Tile the windows on your desktop.

Application Quickstart
This is a toggle button which when in the down position, enables the shortcut keys to launch applications you have configured (to configure DeskTAB, click the button).

HyperMouse
This activates hypermouse. When in the down position, the mouse becomes aware of the   window or icon underneath it. Any object underneath it becomes active and receives focus. An icon becomes maximised or restored to it's former state.

Workspace
This is a toggle button. When in the down position, this makes any activated sizeable windows adopt the default working position on the desktop.

See Position Template

Run
This is used to launch application or files.
If you click with the left mouse button, the launch file dialog box appears.
If you click with the right mouse button, a list appears which displays the previously used directories. You then select the directory you wish the Launch File dialog box to open at. In this way, you need not waste time locating a previously used directory.

Any files or applications you run from here will be automatically logged into DeskTab and you can retrieve them directly from the Documents drop down list.

Application List
This represents a list of all commonly used files and applications you assign when you configure
DeskTAB (to configure DeskTAB, click the button).

To select a file you can either open up the list box using the small down arrow to the right, or enter the first
few characters that distinguish the file in the list. e.g. if **NOTEPAD** is configured you can type
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and press ENTER to run notepad.
If you wish to run a file that does not appear on the list, you can simply type it's full path and press enter.

Documents
DeskTab monitors the application you are using and maintains their list - the most recently used application appears first. In addition, any file you run from within DeskTab, via the button on the left handside of this drop down list box, will be logged so you can retrieve it at a later date.

Memory
These buttons are used to store and recall current session applications. Upto two sessions can be stored at any one time. Therefore, if you commonly use a number of applications simultaneously, you can store them in memory.The same application can be recalled at a later date with just one click.

 - This makes DeskTab record the current session.

 - DeskTab plays back the stored session and starts the applications assigned in the record button on the right.

The buttons are in duplicate so you can store two sessions - e.g. you can have a graphics session - where you open up all the applications you need to work with and a wordprocessing session - where you start Microsoft Word, Character Map, Notepad and other utilities.

Using DeskTAB

DeskTAB is very easy to use. The best way to learn about DeskTAB's functions is to click in the region of interest on the diagram below.
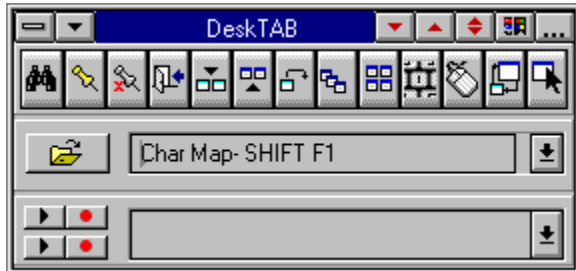
NOTE: DeskTAB is divided into three panels which can be rearranged to suit your needs. This is done by clicking on a panel and dragging it either up or down. The main window can be resized by dragging the bottom window frame.

Multiple Selections

Some functions in DeskTAB enable you to select multiple windows. e.g. you can close multiple windows at a time. This is achieved by:

a) Selecting the required window/s by a SINGLE left button mouse click.

b) On the LAST ITEM you want to select, you DOUBLE CLICK with the left mouse button.

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