

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.

The image shows a dialog box titled "Backdrop Configuration Editor" with several sections for configuring the software's appearance and behavior. The sections include:

- Menu popup:** Radio buttons for "Left Button" and "Right Button".
- Region Selection:** Radio buttons for "Select Visible" and "Select All".
- Line Drawing:** Radio buttons for "Mechanism" (Default, Fast Frame) and "Line Thickness" (One Pixel, Two Pixels).
- Spacing:** Spinners for "X Offset" (5), "Y Offset" (4), "X Space" (38), and "Y Space" (38).
- Auto Test:** Radio buttons for "None", "Snap", and "Arrange".
- Gravity:** Checkboxes for "Auto Deselect" and "Hot Keys", and radio buttons for "Top", "Bottom", "Left", and "Right".
- Drag Sensitivity:** A spinner for "High" to "Low".
- Caption:** A spinner for "Max Width" (20) and a "Font" button.

Buttons for "OK", "OK & Restore", and "Cancel" are located on the right side of the dialog.

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

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

Auto Test

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

Default Normal 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).

