

Due Yesterday Desktop

User Manual

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About Due Yesterday Desktop

Due Yesterday allows any student from grade school to grad school to easily keep track of classes, upcoming assignments, and grades through an easy-to-use and fully customizable interface; both on your handheld and desktop computer. Be sure to visit www.nosleep.net for product updates, tips, news, and other cool stuff.

What it Does

The Due Yesterday Desktop software is a companion to Due Yesterday for PalmOS. It allows you to enter class and assignment information on your desktop computer, and then sync it with your handheld so that you do not have to enter all your school information directly into the handheld.

System Requirements

Due Yesterday Desktop for Windows:
Windows 95 or higher
2 MB of hard drive space
Java Runtime 1.4 or higher installed

Due Yesterday Desktop for Mac:
Mac OS 10.x
2 MB of hard drive space
Java Runtime 1.4 or higher installed

Setting Up

Mac OS X

Here how to install DY Desktop under Mac OS X:

1. Be sure that the latest version of Due Yesterday is installed on your handheld, and that you have run it at least once.
2. Move the “DYConduit” file into your conduits folder. This is typically located at: /Library/Application Support/Palm Hotsync/Conduits/
3. Move the DYDesktop.jar file wherever you like, usually at: /Applications/
4. Perform a Hotsync. This will create a file called “dydatafile.dat” in your home folder, in: Documents/Palm/Users/yourpalmname/ If you sync and this file is not created, verify that you properly installed the conduit in step 2.
5. Double-click the DYDesktop.jar file to run it. It will ask you to add a user. To do so, simply find and choose the file that was created in step 4 (dydatafile.dat).

Windows

The setup process for Windows requires that you are familiar with using Window’s Explorer, and know how to download and install software. If you are not, ask someone who is computer-savvy to help you with this. Here’s how to install DY Desktop under Windows:

1. Be sure that the latest version of Due Yesterday is installed on your handheld, and that you have at least run it once. You can get the latest version from <http://www.nosleep.net>
2. Make sure that you have Java Runtime installed on your computer. If you do not, or are not sure, you can download it from: <http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.4.2/download.html> and then click on “Download J2SE JRE” (the J2SE Runtime Environment).
3. Double-click on the “RegisterDYConduit.exe” file.
4. Copy the DYConduit.dll file into your Palm HotSync folder. This is usually at C:/Program Files/Palm/ Make sure that you put it in the same folder that the HotSync.exe file is in.
5. Copy the DYDesktop.jar file wherever you like, usually to C:/Program Files/ See the Windows Help for information on how to create a shortcut from the Start Menu.
6. Exit the Hotsync Manger program and restart it. If you do not know how to do this, just restart your computer.

7. Check that the conduit has been installed properly. You can do this by right-clicking on the Hotsync Manager icon in the System Tray, and choosing "Custom". If you see "Due Yesterday" in the list, then you are all set. If not, go back to step 4 and try again. Do not continue if you do not see "Due Yesterday" in the Custom list.
8. Perform a Hotsync. This will create a file called "dydatafile.dat" in your user folder, in the Palm Hotsync folder. This is usually at: C:/Program Files/Palm/yourpalmname/ If you sync and the file is not created, verify that the conduit appears in the Custom list in step 7.
9. Double-click the DYDesktop.jar file to run it. It will ask you to add a user. To do so, simply find and choose the file that was created in step 8 (dydatafile.dat). If you double-click the DYDesktop.jar file and the application does not start, see the frequently asked questions section.

See the Frequently Asked Questions section if you encounter any problems setting up or running DY Desktop.

Note: Completing this process will not install the DY Desktop into your Start menu. The DYDesktop.jar file is all you need. After you see that the conduit is in your Custom list, you're good to go.

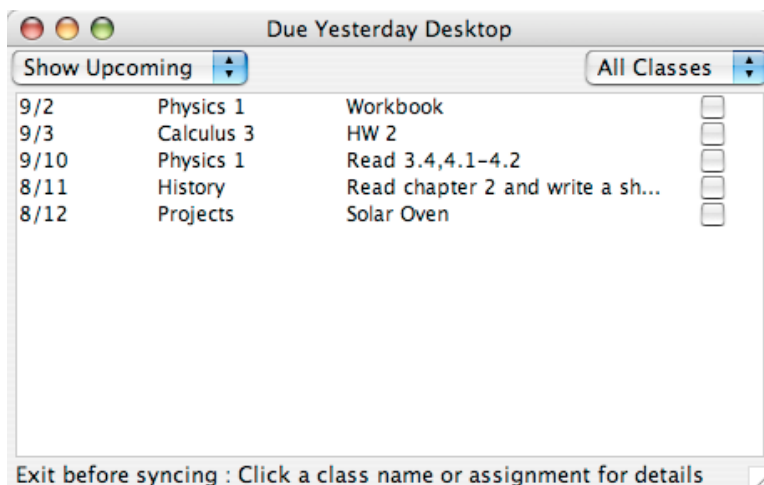
Getting Started

This section provides a brief overview of the features of the Due Yesterday Desktop. It is strongly suggested that you read the user manual for Due Yesterday for Palm OS, which includes more thorough explanations of how Due Yesterday works, before using the DY Desktop.

The Assignment List Window

When you run DY Desktop, you will see the assignment list screen. The menus along the top allow you to customize which assignments appear in the list. The “Show” menu, in the top-left, has 4 options:

- **Show All** - all assignments are shown.
- **Show Incomplete** - all incomplete assignments are shown.
- **Show Upcoming** - only incomplete assignments due in the next few days (and due before today) are shown. You can set how many days via the Preferences in the Option menu.
- **Show Late** - only incomplete assignments due before today are shown.



The assignment list screen.

In the top-right of the assignment list screen is the “Class” menu. If you select a class, only the assignments for that class will appear in the list. You can add a new class by choosing the “Add Class” menu item.

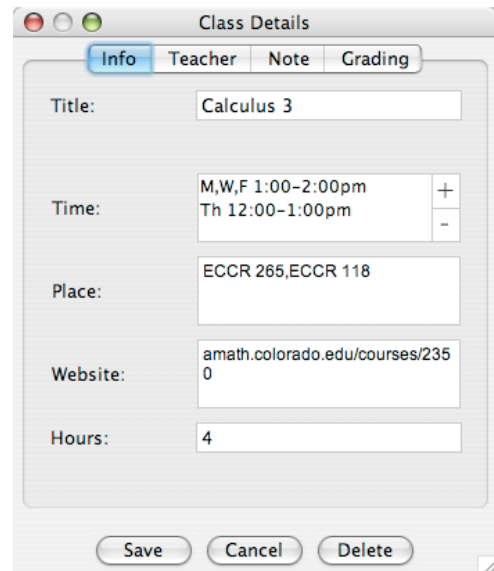
To view the details of a class, simply click the name of class anywhere in the assignment listing. Similarly, to view the details of an assignment, simply click the description of the assignment in the listing. You can also set assignments to complete/incomplete by clicking on the checkboxes on the right.

The Class Details Window

When you click on a class name in the assignment list, or choose “Class Details” from the File menu after selecting a Class via the class menu, you will see the class details window appear.

The class details window has 4 tabs along the top:

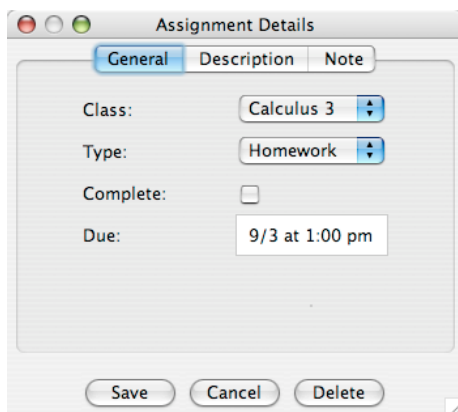
- **Info** - general information about the class.
- **Teacher** - information about you teacher and how to contact her or him.
- **Note** - any extra information about your class, such as book information.
- **Grading** - the grading policy used for this class, if any.



The Assignment Details Window

When you click on an assignment's description in

the assignment list, the assignment details screen will appear. It consists of 3 tabs along the top:



- **General** - general information about the assignment.
- **Description** - the description of the assignment.
- **Note** - any other information about the assignment.

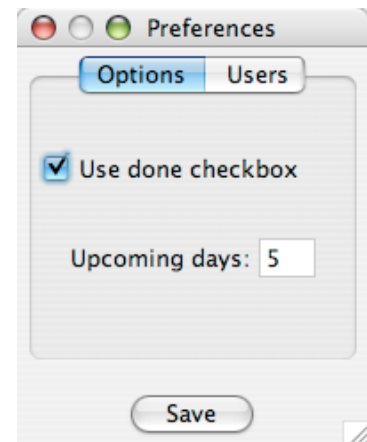
You can edit the assignment types for the selected class by clicking on the Type menu, and choosing “Edit Types”.

The Preferences Window

You can view the preferences for DY Desktop by selecting the “Options” menu and choosing “Preferences”. The preferences window has 2 tabs. The “Options” tab has two items. When you check “Use done checkbox”, the assignment details will show a simple complete/incomplete checkbox rather than the full menu of percentages. The “Upcoming days” item allows you to customize how many days worth of assignments are shown

for the “Show Upcoming” option in the assignment list screen.

The second tab is called “Users” and is a list of all the users that you have set up to use DY Desktop.



Tips and Tricks

Here are some cool things that you can do with Due Yesterday that you may not be aware of...

Fast Data Entry

When entering info into Due Yesterday Desktop, just copy the assignment text right off of your teacher's website (if available) and paste it right into the desktop software. You can use the Copy and Paste shortcut keys to do this. Windows: Control-C to copy, and Control-P to paste; Mac OS: Apple-C to copy, and Apple-P to paste.

Assignment List Printouts

If you would like a paper copy of your assignments, simply choose "Save CSV" or "Save HTML" from the File menu. The CSV (Comma separated values) format can be viewed and printed in any text editor such as Notepad or SimpleText, or any spreadsheet program. The HTML (Hypertext markup language) format can be viewed and printed in any web browser such as Safari or Internet Explorer.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When I run DY Desktop, I can't find the dydatafile.dat?

A: The first thing to do is check to see if the file exists anywhere on your computer. To do this, just choose "Search" from the Start menu in Windows or use Sherlock in MacOS. Search for a file called "dydatafile.dat".

If you do find it, then note where it is and run DY Desktop. If you do not find the file, then the conduit has not been properly set up. Try setting it up again by following the steps in the "Setting Up" section above. If you are still unable to get it to work, post a message in the Help Forum at www.nosleep.net.

Q: When I double-click on the DYDesktop.jar file, nothing happens (or some other compression program starts up instead)?

A: If you double-click on the DYDesktop.jar file and nothing happens, then you probably do not have Java Runtime installed. See the "Setting Up" section for how to do this.

If you double-click on the DYDesktop.jar file and some other compression program (like WinZip) starts up, then that program is not configured properly. Configure the compression program to not open *.jar files. Also make sure that the Java Runtime is installed.

Q: My school uses block scheduling (e.g. 6-day schedule), does DY Desktop support this?

A: Due Yesterday and the Desktop do not currently support block schedules.

Revision History

This is a list of recent updates to DY Desktop.

Version 7.0.1 (8/24/05)

- fixed a bug where the done status of an assignment is not saved if you check it off in the list screen.

Version 7.0 (8/10/05)

- many cosmetic improvements and user interface enhancements
- better assignment sorting
- a new HTML assignment list export
- updated and improved user manual

Version 6.0 (9/5/04)

- complete rewrite of the whole application.

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