THE PAD V3.0 User Guide.

The Pad is the fastest way to write and draw on a Windows Mobile Pocket PC device, no need to open a file, save a file or select any input method, just start writing immediately using the full screen.

Use the rocker button to quickly scroll down 'The Pad' making page after page of full screen notes. Now supports up to 1000 pages.

All Windows Mobile Pocket PC OS versions are supported (2000 to WM6.0).

Supports all new screen resolutions including high-resolution VGA devices.
Supports portrait and landscape modes automatically.

You can quickly toggle between pen and eraser modes by tapping the icon on the top right corner.

Installation

Extract all the files from the zip file that you downloaded to a folder of your choice or to your desktop then go to that folder.
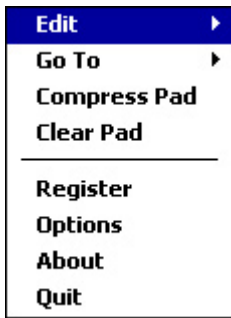
Place your PDA in its cradle / attached the sync cable and establish an ActiveSync connection between your PC and the PDA.

Run (double click) ThePad.exe on your Desktop PC this will start the ActiveSync install process and install the application onto your PDA.

The program will be installed with a shortcut in the 'Programs' menu of your PDA.

Set-Up

Assigning a hardware button to "The Pad" allows you to start writing with a single button press. If you wish to set this go to your Pocket PC Start Menu ~ Settings ~ Buttons then select the button you wish to assign and select The Pad from the button assignment drop down list.

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Tapping the icon in the top left corner will bring up the Menu.

Menu Items

Edit, allows you to Cut / Copy / Paste & Clear pages within the pad.

Go To, allows to quickly jump to a page of your choice.

Compress Pad, will remove any blank pages and re-order the pad.

Clear Pad, will delete all pages within the pad, use with care!

Register, will bring up the registration page, in here enter the code / serial supplied in your sales receipt when you purchase.
The code supplied is linked to your Pocket PC owner name so when you purchase please ensure you supply the name correctly so we can generate a valid unlock code for you. – If you do not see this menu item then "The Pad" is already registered. Unregistered users are limited to 5 pages and will have a delayed start up.

Options, see separate section below.

About, brings up the version number installed.

Quit, closes the application.

Options

There are various options you can change using the Menu->Options selection, these are:-

Pen

Pen Width - Sets the number of pixels drawn horizontally on pen strokes
Pen Height - Sets the number of pixels drawn vertically on pen strokes
Pen Ends - Sets the number of pixels draw at the start and end of a stroke

Using the above options the user can achieve a pen style that is similar to a pencil, nib or ballpoint.

Pen Colour - Sets the pen colour
Eraser Size - Sets the size in pixels of the eraser.

Pad

Pad Colour - Sets the background or pad colour
Pad Size - Sets the number of pages that make up the pad.

Important Release Notes

The previous version of the pad (V2 & earlier) stored the whole pad as a single image file called "ThePad.bmp" which was stored along with the executable (normally in \Program Files\Visual IT\The Pad) this could be manually copied and viewed on a desktop PC if required.

This release (V3) now stores its pages as separate image (BMP) files labelled Page0001.bmp, Page0002.bmp etc. These files are stored in a folder on your Pocket PC below the "My Documents" in a folder called "Pad Pages" The folder "My Documents" is a special system folder and if you have "Files" ticked in your Activesync setting then these files will automatically get synced to and from your desktop pc.

Each page on a standard 320X480 device is approx 10Kb and on a VGA 640X480 device approx 40Kb. These new separate images / pages can now be accessed quickly to allow you save, email or paste into other documents.

If you have a previous copy of the pad installed the new version cannot read your old pad image file "ThePad.bmp" If you need to retain these notes you should copy this file to your desktop manually before installation of the new version.
If you no longer need your old pad image you can delete the file "ThePad.bmp" to free up space.