

Downloading Shareware and Freeware to Enhance Your Palm

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Finding, Downloading & Installing 3rd Party Software

- Three main web sites:
 - PalmGear: www.palmgear.com
 - Handango: www.handango.com
 - PalmOne: www.palmone.com
- Search by keyword, or use categories
- On PalmGear, check out “Essentials”, “Gears Choice” and “Top 50”

Evaluating Palm Software

- Size
- Type:
 - Freeware: absolutely free
 - Shareware: try it then pay for it if you like it/use it
 - Commercial: buy without trying
- Cost
- Desktop support?
- Color Support
- Customer Reviews

Downloading to your PC

- PalmGear has “StreamLync”; one touch installation for Windows-based PCs
- Or, click on “Download” link
 - .Zip for Windows PCs
 - .Sit for Macs
 - Unzip using [WinZip](http://www.winzip.com) (www.winzip.com)
 - Right click on .zip file to extract
 - For detailed info, click “Contact Us” on PalmGear.com; they have a detailed section on how to unzip and install.

Installing to your Palm

- Always HotSync before installing new software!!!
- Read any “readme” or “install.txt” files
- Double-click on .PRC file to bring up Install Tool window
- May need to install other .PDB files as well
- HotSync again

Registering Software

- Shareware means “Try it, like it, buy it”
- Entitles you to support, and perhaps free upgrades
- Shareware may expire, have nag screens, or reduced functionality over registered version

Registering Software (cont.)

- To purchase, click “Buy” link from PalmGear, etc.
- Tap Menus, Look for “Register” or “About”.
- Enter the registration code.
- Software is now registered; fully functionality.
- Save email that contains registration code
- No new version needed; trial version now becomes registered version.

Best Software for Palm

- The following software is available from PalmGear.com unless otherwise noted:
 - DateBk5 - An enhanced DateBook that supports Categories. \$24.95.
 - AvantGo - www.avantgo.com. Allows you to download web pages to your handheld during HotSync operation. Free.
 - HandyShopper - List manager software for all kinds of lists. Free.
 - BigClock - A large digital clock with timers and alarms. Free.
 - HanDBase - A database program that allows you to track all kinds of data. \$24.99.
 - E-Book reader (www.palmdigitalmedia.com). Reader is free; most books are not.

Best Software for Palm (cont.)

- Documents to Go - Allows you to read and edit MS Office documents on your handheld. \$39.95 (free with many new handhelds).
- FileZ - allows you to view files individually on your handheld (more info than Applications/Info). Great for copying to/from expansion card. Free.
- Planetarium - find location of any object in sky for any location/date/time. \$29.95.
- BackupBuddy VFS. Supports backing up to expansion cards, and restoring from same. Allows scheduled backups. \$16.95 (also free version w/limited functionality).
- QLaunch - Quick Launcher for Tungsten T's. Keep that slider closed! \$12.50.

Presentation on-line

- Presentation available on-line at:

www.digitsense.com/mhhc

Questions & Discussion

- Thank you for attending
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