

Memo PLUS™ User Manual



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Memo PLUS for use with PalmPilot organizers

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Introduction

Memo PLUS is a supercharged Memo Pad. To create Memo PLUS, we started with the built-in Memo Pad, and then added the features that PalmPilot users like yourself were requesting.

With Memo PLUS installed, you can take full advantage of the power of your PalmPilot. Memo PLUS has the following features:

- Improved graphics and toolbars
- Attachable drawings
- Templates for both memos and drawings
- Creation and modification date tracking
- Password protection
- Sorting preferences that are remembered for each category
- Alarms

How does it work?

Memo PLUS shares the same information that your built-in MemoPad uses. You will notice that when you create or add a memo in Memo PLUS, it will also appear in your built-in Memo Pad. This gives you a big benefit...to edit memos on your PC, you use the desktop software that you normally use to edit your Memos. Memo PLUS is compatible with the PalmPilot desktop, as well as other contact managers like Microsoft Outlook, ACT, or Goldmine, when those programs are combined with the appropriate synchronization software.

Memo PLUS also saves additional information on to your PalmPilot, like drawings, extra category information, and alarms. However, this information is not visible in your desktop software.

System Requirements

Memo PLUS is compatible with all devices running Palm OS 2.0 and above. This will include the PalmPilot Personal, PalmPilot Professional, Palm III, IBM WorkPad, and any device that has a Palm upgrade card installed.

Memo PLUS is not compatible with the original Pilot 1000 or Pilot 5000, unless it has been upgraded with a Palm upgrade card.

Getting Started

Installation

With the release of the Palm III, there are now two programs available for installing PalmPilot software. Below are instructions for installing software using the Palm desktop version 3, and prior versions of the Palm desktop. You can see your Palm desktop version number by choosing “About Palm Desktop” from the Help menu, (or the Apple menu for Macintosh users.)

Palm Desktop 3.0 Installation

Start the Palm Install Tool by either selecting it from the Start menu in the Palm Desktop group, or by clicking the Install button on the left side of your Palm desktop software.



Click the Add button on the right hand side and select the MemoPlus.prc file. Click Open, then click the Done button. Next, put your PalmPilot organizer in its cradle and press the HotSync button. Tap the applications button on your PalmPilot, and then tap the Memo PLUS button to start Memo PLUS.

Installing with Palm Desktop 2.0 and Earlier

Start the InstApp application that came with your PalmPilot organizer. The InstApp program is located in your Pilot directory where you installed your other PalmPilot software.

If you are using Windows, you may have to locate InstApp using the Windows Program Manager or Windows Explorer. It might not appear in the Start menu or the Pilot program group.



Click the “Select” button and select the “MemoPlus.prc” file, and press OK. Then press the “Install” button and quit the application.

Memo PLUS is now ready to be installed on your PalmPilot organizer. The final step is to put your PalmPilot organizer in its cradle and press the HotSync button.

After HotSync has completed, tap the Applications icon on your PalmPilot. Tap the Memo PLUS icon to start Memo PLUS.

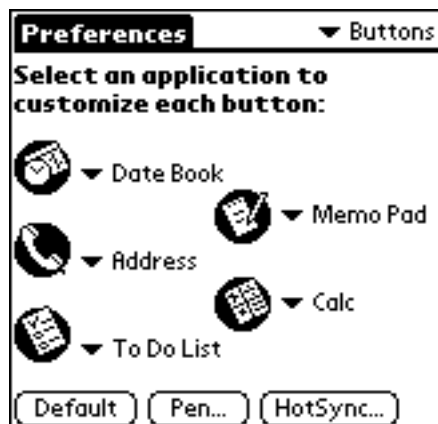
Default Memo Button



Since Memo PLUS is designed to replace your built-in Memo Pad, you should set up your PalmPilot to show Memo PLUS when you press the Memo button on your PalmPilot.

To set Memo PLUS to be your default Memo application, tap on your applications icon, then tap on the Prefs application. Once the Prefs application has started choose Buttons from the popup menu in the upper right corner. You will see the following screen:

Button Preferences

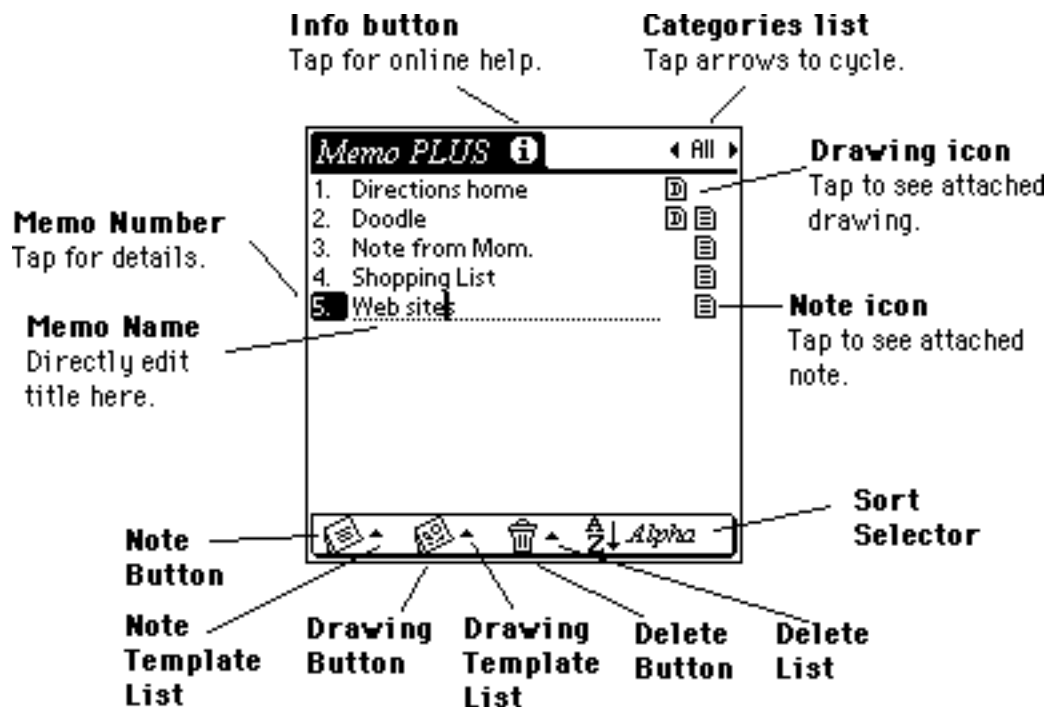


Tap on the drop down menu next to the Memo icon, and choose Memo PLUS from the list that pops-up. That is all there is to it! Test it out by pressing the Memo button. Memo PLUS should start.

Using the Memo List

The opening screen shows you a list of the Memos that you have created, and lets you add new memos, attach drawings, and work with templates. The various parts of the Memo List are pictured below:

Memo List



Working with Notes in the Memo List

Creating a New, Blank Note

To create a new note, first make sure that you do not have an item selected by tapping in an area outside of the memo list, then tap the Note button. You will then be taken to the Note Edit screen. See Editing a Note for more information about the Note Edit screen.

Creating a Note from a Template

To create a note from a template, tap the small arrow to the right of the Note button. You will then see a list of your note templates. Select a template, and

press the Start Now button. See Templates for more information about the Template screen.

Starting from a template




Editing a Note

To view or edit a previously created note, do one of the following:

- Select the line that contains the note and tap the Note button, or,
- Tap the small note icon that is on the line with the note.

You will then see the note in the Note Edit screen.

Attaching a Note to a Drawing

To attach a note to a drawing, first select the line with the drawing by tapping on the text of that line. The line number will highlight, indicating that the line is selected. Then tap the note button. You can also start your note with a template by tapping on the arrow next to the Note button, and choosing your template. 

Deleting a Note

To delete a note, together with its attached drawing, select the note and tap the trashcan. To delete just the note portion of a memo, leaving the drawing intact, select the note, then tap the small arrow next to the trash can. Select "Delete Note" from the list that pops up.

Working with Drawings in the Memo List

Creating a New, Blank Drawing

To create a new drawing, first make sure that you do not have an item selected by tapping in an area outside of the memo list, then tap the Drawing button. You will then be taken to the Drawing Edit screen. See Editing a Drawing for more information about the Drawing Edit screen.

Creating a Drawing from a Template

To create a drawing from a template, tap the small arrow to the right of the Drawing button. You will then see a list of your drawing templates. Select a template, and press the Start Now button. See Templates for more information about the Template screen.

Attaching a Drawing to a Note

To attach a drawing to a note, first select the line that contains the note by tapping on the text of that line. The line number will highlight, indicating that the line is selected. Then tap the drawing button. You can also start your drawing with a template by tapping on the arrow next to the Drawing button, and choosing your template.

Editing a drawing

To view or edit a previously created drawing, do one of the following:

- Select the line that contains the drawing and tap the drawing button, or,
- Tap the small drawing icon that is on the line with the drawing.

You will then see the drawing in the Drawing Edit screen.

Deleting a Drawing

To delete a drawing , together with its attached note, select the line with the drawing and tap the trashcan. To delete just the drawing portion of a memo, leaving the note intact, select the line, then tap the small arrow next to the trash can. Select “Delete Drawing ” from the list that pops up.

Sorting and Filtering

Memos may be sorted either alphabetically or in reverse-alphabetic order by tapping on the Sort List at the bottom right of the screen.

To also filter your memo list by category, tap on the category name at the top right of the screen. You can quickly cycle through your categories by tapping the left and right arrows next to the category name.

Editing a Title

Memo PLUS allows you to edit the title of each Memo right in the Memo List. Just tap the title of the memo and use graffiti to edit the memo title. Editing the memo title will not affect the contents of your note.

Changing the Font

If you are using Palm OS 3.0 or above, you may change the font of the Memo list screen by choosing Font from the Memo menu.

To display the Memo menu, tap the Menu button at the lower left corner of your PalmPilot screen, and then tap “Memo”, displayed in the popup menu along the top of the screen.

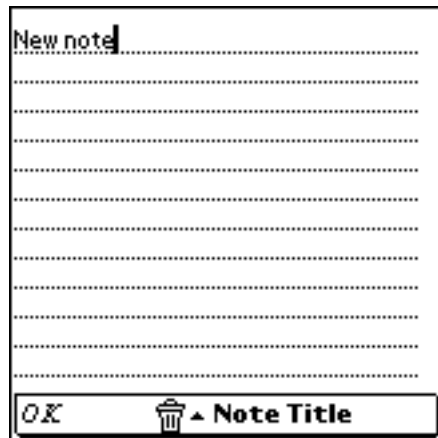
Beaming a Memo

If you are using a Palm computing device that supports beaming, you can beam a memo, together with its note and drawing, to another user of Memo PLUS. See the Beaming chapter for more information.

Editing a Note

To edit a note, tap on the note icon next to the note, or tap on the Note button at the bottom of the screen. You will be shown the following screen:

Note Edit screen

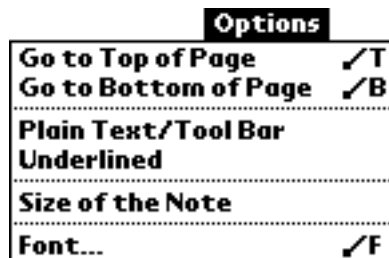


Notice that the title of the note is displayed in the toolbar at the bottom. This is the same title that appears in the Memo List. To change the title, go back to the Memo List by tapping the OK button, and editing the title there.

Display Options

Many options for displaying text are available from the Options menu. To display the options menu, tap the menu button at the lower, left corner of your PalmPilot screen, then tap the word “Options” that appears along the top.

Options Menu



The first two selections of the Options menu let you quickly scroll up or down to the top or bottom of the memo.

Plain Text/Toolbar shows and hides the toolbar at the bottom of the screen, giving you an extra line of visible text, and reducing the clutter on the screen.

Underlined further simplifies the screen by removing the underlines that appear under each editable line.

You can change the font of the display in one of two ways, depending on the type of device you have. If your device has Palm OS 3.0 or above in it, select Font from the Options menu and choose the font you want to display. If your device has Palm OS 2.0, select the font from the letters that appear in the toolbar (Note: these letters will only appear on an OS 2.0 device and are not display in the image above).

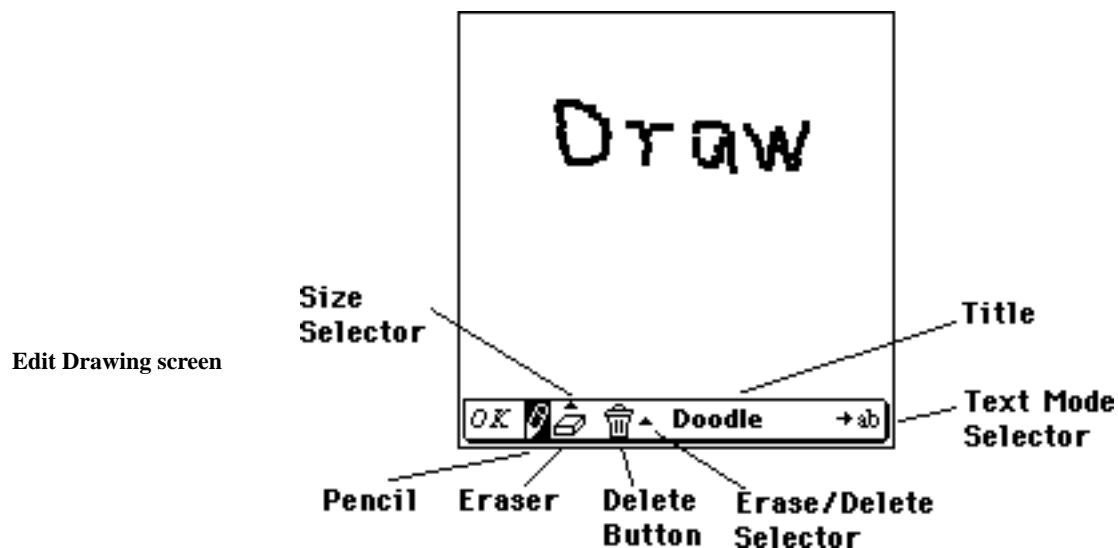
Other Options

A note can be added to the template list by choosing Save as Template from the Command menu. See the Templates chapter for more information.

A note can also be beamed to another user of Memo PLUS, if your hardware and the other user's hardware support beaming. See the chapter on Beaming for more information.

Editing a Drawing

To edit a drawing, either tap on the Drawing button at the bottom of the Memo list, or tap on the small drawing icon on a line that contains a drawing. You will then see the following screen:



Drawing

Tap on the image of the pencil in the toolbar, then draw with your PalmPilot stylus to begin drawing. You may change the size of the lines you draw by tapping on the small arrow that is next to the pencil and above the eraser. Choose a smaller number for a thin line, and a bigger number for a fatter line.

Erasing

Tap the image of the eraser in the toolbar to select erase mode. Then, draw with your stylus over the areas you want to erase.

To erase the whole drawing, tap the small arrow next to the trashcan, and choose Erase All.

Converting Drawings to Text

Memo PLUS has an aid that will help you convert your drawings to text. This feature is great for times when you are in a hurry to capture some notes, but you do not want Graffiti to get in your way. You can write your notes quickly into a drawing, and then convert them to text later.

To bring up a text field, tap the Text Mode Selector at the lower right corner of the screen. The toolbar at the bottom will be replaced with a text field. Use graffiti to enter the text you want into the text field, select the text, then choose copy from the Edit menu. You can now go to a note, or another PalmPilot application, and paste the text where you want. Note that this text is not preserved when you close the drawing.

Other Options

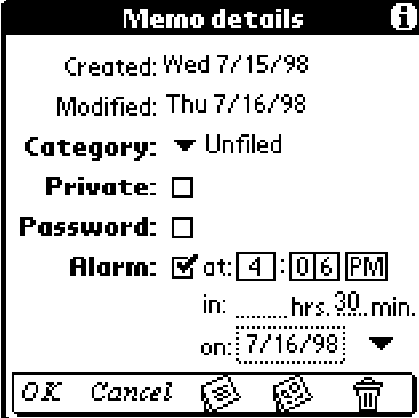
A drawing can be added to the template list by choosing Save as Template from the Command menu. See the Templates chapter for more information.

A drawing can also be beamed to another user of Memo PLUS, if your hardware and the other user's hardware support beaming. See the chapter on Beaming for more information.

Memo Details

To access the detail information of a memo, tap on the memo number. You will then see the following screen:

Details screen



The screenshot shows a 'Memo details' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- Created:** Wed 7/15/98
- Modified:** Thu 7/16/98
- Category:** ▾ Unfiled
- Private:** ☐
- Password:** ☐
- Alarm:** ☒ at: 4:06 PM
- in:** _____ hrs. 30 min.
- on:** 7/16/98 ▾

At the bottom, there are buttons for 'OK', 'Cancel', and three icons: a notepad, a drawing tool, and a trash can.

This screen lets you choose various options for the memo, and displays information about the creation and modification dates.

Protecting a Memo

To prevent a memo from being seen, you have two options, as follows. Both options require that the security features of your PalmPilot be enabled. To turn on your security features, tap the Applications button at the lower left corner of your PalmPilot screen, and then choose the Security application. See your PalmPilot users manual for more information about security features.

Private

A memo that is protected by the Private checkbox will not display in the Memo List when private records are hidden in the Security application of your PalmPilot. Once this feature is checked and the memo is hidden, the only way to see your Memo or change this options is to choose “Show” in the Security application of your PalmPilot.

Password

The password protected memo will show in the Memo List. However, when you tap on the note, drawing or details of the memo, you will be asked for your password. This is the same password you assigned in the Security application of your PalmPilot.

Important Note: For the password function to work, you must have a password assigned in the Security application AND hide private records.

Previous versions of Memo PLUS did not implement the password function correctly. Even though you could password protect a memo in Memo PLUS, someone could see the contents of the memo by starting the built-in MemoPad application. This is no longer a problem, provided you hide private records in the Security application.

Setting an Alarm

Tap the alarm checkbox to display the alarm options and to set an alarm.

You can either set an alarm for a particular time, or in a particular number of minutes from the current time.

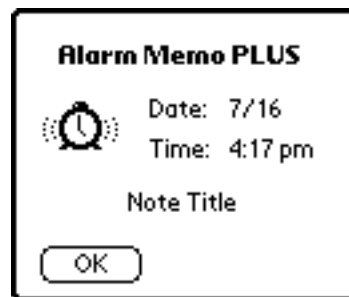
To set an alarm for a particular time, tap on the number you want to change in the “at:” row, hold the pen down, and drag up for a bigger number, or down for a smaller one. Tapping the AM/PM button will toggle it back and forth.

To set an alarm a certain number of minutes in advance of the current time by filling in the hours and minutes fields in the “in:” row.

You can even set an alarm for a particular day by tapping the date in the “on:” row. Tap the arrow next to the date to quickly choose tomorrow’s date, the end of the week, or the end of the month.

When an alarm goes off, you will hear the standard PalmPilot alarm sound, and a screen similar to the one below will appear.

Alarm screen

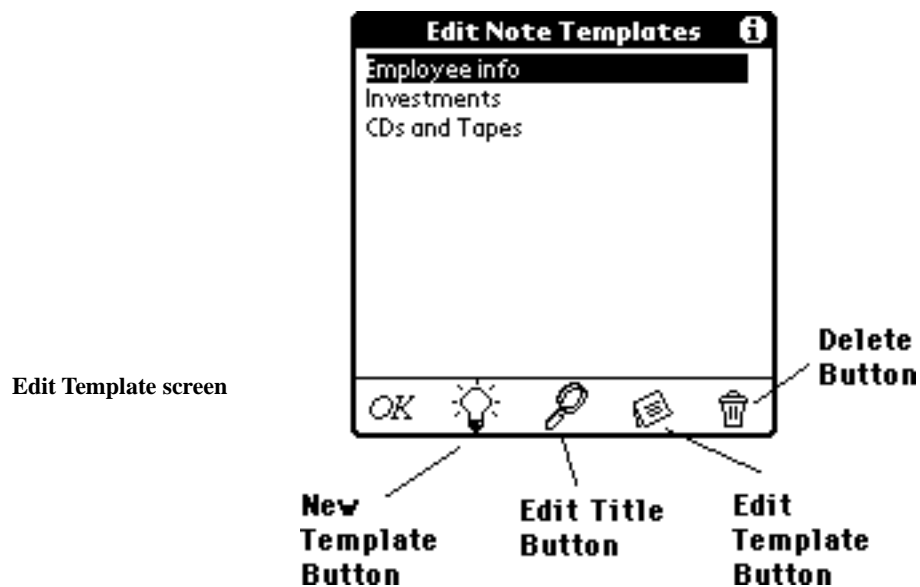


Templates

Templates save you time by giving you a way to start your memos and drawings from previous memos and drawings that you have saved. See the Memo List chapter for information on starting a new drawing or note from a template.

Managing Templates

To edit your templates, choose Edit Drawing Templates, or Edit Note Templates from the Command menu. You will see a screen similar to the following:



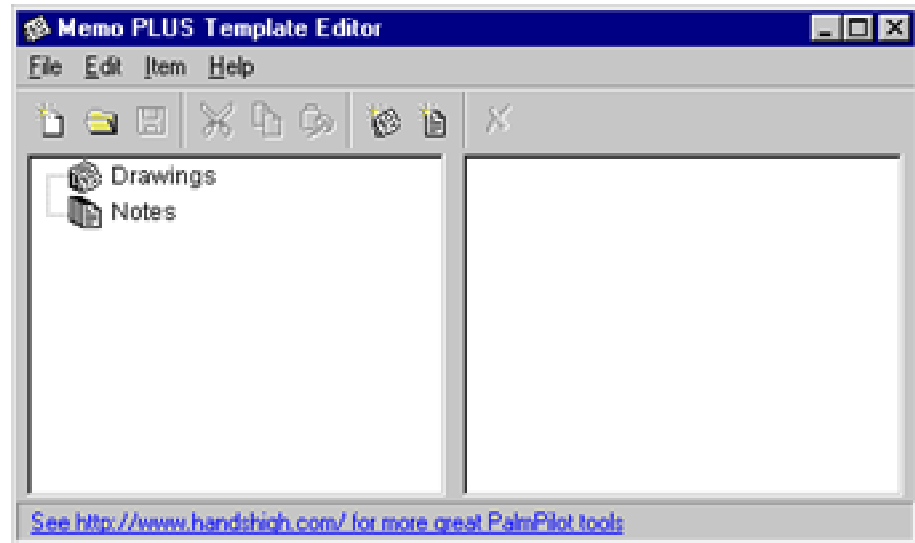
To create a new template, tap the “Light Bulb” button. The note or drawing screen will appear, to let you create the template, and the template will have the title of “New Template”.

To edit the title of a template, tap on the title of the template you want to change, and then tap the “Magnifying Glass” button.

To edit a template itself, select the template by tapping on it, then tap the Edit Template button.

Template Editor

Template Editor Screen

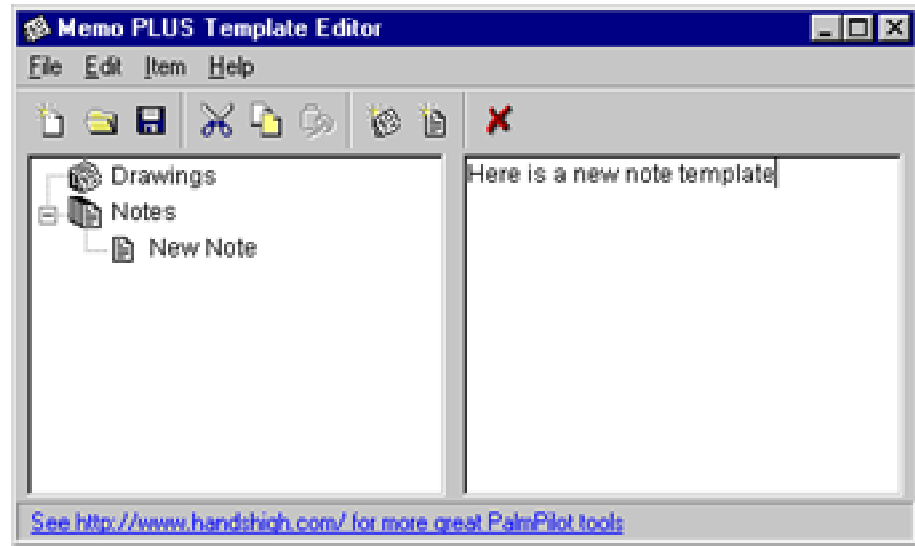


Memo PLUS comes with a template editor for Windows 95 and Windows NT users. To start the editor, double click on the TempEdit.exe file. You will then see the above screen

Editing Note Templates

To create a note template, choose New Note from the Item menu. Alternatively, you can click the New Note button near the right side of the toolbar, or right click and choose New Note from the menu.

Creating a new note



Add the text of your note template in the frame on the right. Click on the name of the template in the frame on the left to edit the template name.

Editing a Drawing

To create a drawing, first start a paint program of your choice, create your drawing, then select the drawing and choose Copy from the Edit menu. Switch back to the Template Editor, and choose New Drawing from the Item menu, or right click and choose New Drawing from the menu, or tap the New Drawing icon in the toolbar. Select Paste from the edit menu, and your drawing will be pasted into the frame at the right.



Creating a new drawing

When you paste your picture, the Template Editor will convert the picture to black and white, and crop the picture to 160 pixels x 160 pixels, the size of the PalmPilot screen.

Saving and Installing Your Templates

Now that you have created some new templates, save the template file by choosing Save from the File menu. Enter a name for your template file, and end the name with “.PDB”.

Then, start the Palm Install Tool and install the file that you created. Use the same procedure you used when you installed Memo PLUS.

HotSync, and start Memo PLUS. Your new templates are now ready to use.

Viewing Current Drawings and Templates

You may use the Template Editor to view drawings that you have created on your PalmPilot, and to view your note and drawing templates that are installed in your PalmPilot.

Choose Open from the File menu, and navigate to your backup directory. Your backup directory is in your user name directory. For example, if your user name is Joe Shmoe, your backup directory would likely be at C:/palm/ShmoeJ/backup/.

Open the file you would like to view, as follows:

MemoPlusDrawingDB.PDB - Drawings attached to Memos

MemoPlusDrawingModelDB.PDB - Drawing Templates

MemoPlusNoteModelDB.PDB - Note Templates

You can view the contents of these files, but you will not be allowed to save any changes you make to these files to prevent corruption of your PalmPilot databases. If you would like to edit your drawings or templates, you must save them to a different file using the Save As command from the File menu, make your changes in the new file, then install the new file as a template.

Submitting your Templates

If you have a great template that you use all the time, why not submit it for the rest of the world. We maintain a library of templates on the Hands High Web site (<http://www.handshigh.com/>) submitted by Memo PLUS fans like you. To submit a template, just email it to us at support@handshigh.com!

Backing Up and Restoring Data

Every time you HotSync, the HotSync manager automatically makes a copy of your Memo PLUS databases and puts it on your desktop computer.

The name of the backup files are:

MemoPlusCategoryDB.PDB - Category specific information

MemoPlusDrawingDB.PDB - Drawings attached to memos

MemoPlusNoteModelDB.PDB - Note templates

MemoPlusDrawingModelDB.PDB - Drawing templates

The notes that are attached to memos are backed up in the memopad directory and are maintained by MemoPad conduit automatically.

It is a good idea to occasionally save a copy of your backup directory in case your hard disk crashes or your PalmPilot organizer has a problem.

Restoring a Backup

On rare occasions, your PalmPilot organizer may have a problem that requires you to reinstall your backup files. Do the following steps in order to reinstall each file.

- 1) Make a copy of your current backup directory.
- 2) If Memo PLUS is not installed, follow the installation instructions at the beginning of this manual to install Memo PLUS.