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Do you find that you still use a pencil and paper to take meeting notes, setup appointments, and make task lists, even though you have a Palm device? Do you find that switching between many applications on your handheld device while trying to talk on the phone is just too slow and difficult? So do we, which is why we made Slap.

Slap gives you a place to "slap" down information first, and organize it later. Buttons along the right side make it easy to add information to the address book, date book, task list, memo pad, or even to create an email. In fact, depending on the button you press, Slap will try to interpret what you wrote and organize it for you. Slap will make your handheld device even easier and faster to use.

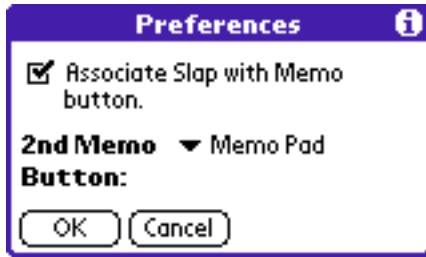


This user manual will give you details on each of Slap's functions and make it even easier for you to use Slap.

Setting Up Slap

When you first start Slap, it will ask you whether you want to associate Slap with the Memo button on your device. Since slap is designed to be available on the spur of the moment, it is most useful when mapped to one of the buttons on your device, so you should answer yes to this question. Slap will remember what your memo button was previously mapped to and make that application available on your second press of the memo button. In other words, press the memo button once, and you will get Slap. Press it twice, and you will get your memo application.

To change these settings, choose Preferences from the menu by tapping the menu button. The menu button is in the lower left corner of your device's screen, next to the graffiti entry area.



Checking the "Associate..." checkbox will control whether Slap is mapped to the memo button. You can select what application is started the second time you press the memo button by choosing the application from the "2nd Memo Button" popup list.

Using Slap

Slap is very easy to use. It has one text field on the screen. Simply enter information into the field, and later organize it.

To organize information, select the information by tapping and dragging over it, and then tap on the buttons along the right side to send that information to an application. If you do not select anything before tapping a button, all the information in the slap screen will be sent to that application.

You can quickly clear the screen by pressing the Clear button. If you accidentally press the Clear button, you can recover what you cleared by choosing Undo from the Edit menu.

Picking Dates and Times

Slap will attempt to interpret dates and times in whatever format you enter them. However, if you prefer to use the standard date and time pickers, you can get to them by tapping the date button or time button at the bottom of the Slap screen.



Useful Graffiti Strokes

While Slap will attempt to interpret the information you enter however you enter it, there are some useful Graffiti strokes you can use to make Slap's job easier. Learning these graffiti strokes will enable you to enter information quickly into Slap, as well as all your other Palm applications. Of course, if you can't remember them, you can always enter them using the popup keyboard by choosing Keyboard from the Edit menu.

When entering addresses, Slap expects to see the information as if it was on a letter or an envelope, with each line of information separated by a new line. For example, you might write:

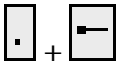
John Doe
1234 Maple Street

SomeTown, NJ 12345
123-456-7890

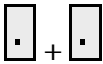
To create a new line on the Palm, start the graffiti stroke in the upper right corner of the graffiti area and drag down to the lower left corner.



When entering phone numbers, you may use a dash, or a period to separate the numbers. To make a dash, tap once on the graffiti area, and then stroke left to right.



To make a period, tap twice on the graffiti area.



Email addresses will have an "@" symbol in them. To create this symbol, tap once, then write an "O" starting at the top middle and drawing a circle.



When entering dates, you may separate the date, month and year using periods, dashes or slashes. Periods and dashes are described in the paragraph above. To make a slash, tap once on the graffiti area, then stroke from the lower left corner to the upper right corner.



To enter a time, you may separate the hours from minutes using commas, periods or colons. To make a comma, tap once then stroke from the middle down to the lower left corner.



To make a colon, tap once, then stroke from the top-middle, down to the bottom-middle, and back to the top-middle.



You can end a time with a "p" or "a" to specify am or pm.

Dialing

If you are using a device that has the capability to dial a phone number, you will see a Dial menu item. Tap on a line in Slap that has a phone number, and then choose Dial from the menu to dial that number. If you are using a Treo 600 or above, you can also dial by pressing the center button after navigating to the phone number.

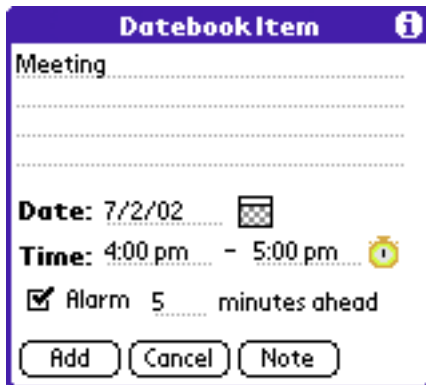
Entering Datebook Items

To enter an event in the Datebook, simply enter the information related to the event into the slap screen, and press the Datebook icon on the right side. Slap will attempt to interpret the dates and times and enter them into the correct fields.

For example, if you enter:

Meeting at 4 on Mon.

You will see the following screen:

A screenshot of a mobile device screen showing a 'Datebook Item' entry form. The title bar is purple with the text 'Datebook Item' and an information icon. The form has a title field containing 'Meeting'. Below it are three dotted lines for additional text. The 'Date' field shows '7/2/02' with a calendar icon to its right. The 'Time' field shows '4:00 pm - 5:00 pm' with a clock icon to its right. There is a checkbox labeled 'Alarm' which is checked, followed by the text '5 minutes ahead'. At the bottom are three buttons: 'Add', 'Cancel', and 'Note'.

The date will be the date of the next Monday. Make any changes you want to the event, then press the Add button. The event will be added to your datebook, and Slap will immediately go to this event in your datebook so that you can make further refinements to it.

Times can be entered in the following formats:

4
4:00
4.00
4p (a for a.m., p for p.m.)
4pm

Dates can be entered in the following formats, and will be interpreted based on your international settings.

5/4
Mon.

Monday
5.4
5/4/02

Tip:

What if you would like to see if an appointment is available on a particular day before entering the appointment? Simply make the appointment for a proposed time and date, then press the Add button. Slap will take you to the Datebook and highlight the item you just entered. You can then see if the appointment conflicts with another appointment, and make adjustments as needed right in the Datebook.

Entering Address Book Items

While Slap will attempt to read address information in a variety of ways, it most effectively interprets address and phone information when they are entered like an address on a letter or business card, with a return entered after each piece of information to create a new line.

For example, if you enter the following information:



Slap

John Doe
123-4567
1230 Maple Lane
Sometown, PA 12345
johndoe@email.com

Clear

Calendar, Phone, Address Book icons

And then press the Address Book button on the right, you will see the following screen.



AddressBook

Last: Doe
First: John
Comp:
Title:
▼ Work: 123-4567
▼ E-mail: johndoe@email.com
Address : 1230 Maple Lane
City: Sometown State: PA
Zip: 12345 Country:
Add Cancel

Slap interprets what you wrote and fills in the most commonly used fields in the address book in its preview screen. From this screen, you can make changes to the data before sending the data to the address book.

To send the data to the address book, press the Add button. You will then be taken to the address book application so that you can make further refinements to the item.

One easy way to make changes to the Slap data is to swap items by dragging the title of one item on top of another. For example, if Slap mixed up the last and first name, you can drag the word "Last:" in the screen above on top of the word "First:" and Slap will swap the last and first names.

Slap defaults phone numbers to being a work phone number. If the number is a home number or a cell phone for instance, you can easily change it by tapping on the arrow next to the word "Work:".

An easy way to specify that a phone number is a home phone, or a mobile phone is to put a letter indicating which type of entry it is immediately after the number. For example, enter "123-4567h" to specify that 123-4567 is a home number. Use the following letter codes to specify what kind of phone number it is:

H = Home

W = Work

F = Fax

P = Pager

M = Mobile

O = Other

Tip:

What if you would like to add other fields to the address book entry? Fill in as many fields as you can, and then press the Add button. Slap will take you to the Address Book and highlight the item you just entered. You can then add additional information to that entry as needed.

Sending an Email

Select an area of the screen that you would like to email to someone, and press the Email button.

Slap will look for any email address in what you selected and put it into the To field. You can add or modify the information you see. You can also look up email addresses from your built-in address book by tapping the arrows next to each field.

Tasks, Memos and Other Applications

You can send a list of items to the task list by selecting the list and pressing the task list button. Slap will create a new task item for each line of the selection, and will go to the first task created so you can make further edits.

Send the contents of Slap to a Memo by tapping the Memo button.

You can send the contents of Slap to a Doc file by choosing Export to Doc... from the Options menu.

Slap supports other Slap enabled applications. If Slap detects a Slap enabled application is installed, a new button will appear in the lower right corner of the screen



Tapping this button will reveal a list of Slap enabled applications that to which you can send the contents of Slap.

For more information about creating a Slap enabled application, see the "ForDevelopers" directory included with Slap.

Changing Buttons

Choose Button Preferences to change the default applications that will start after an item is sent to the database.



Note that you should only select an application that supports the particular database you want to edit. For example, select ToDo PLUS as the Task application, but not as the Mail application. If you pick an application that does not support that particular kind of data, you may crash your handheld device.

Quick Launcher

There are many different memo and word processing applications on the market today, and you may be using some of them. If so, you probably have had to figure out which of these many programs to assign to the Memo button.

Slap solves this problem with the Quick Launcher. The Quick Launcher gives you a customizable menu that lets you quickly start another application.

 Quick Launcher Icon

Setting Up the Quick Launcher

To set up the quick launcher, first choose Button Preferences from the Palm Preferences application drop-down menu and assign Slap to be the application to start when pressing one of the buttons on your Palm device.

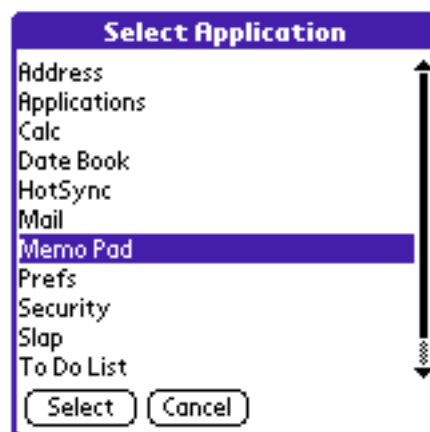
Next, tap the quick launcher icon and choose Edit Application List from the menu that appears.



You will then see a list of the applications that appear on the quick launcher screen. The list is of course empty to begin with.



Tap the New button, and choose one of the applications in the list that appears, then press the Select button.



The list will now contain the application you chose. Press the done button to close the window.



Using the Quick Launcher

To start an application, tap the Quick Launcher icon, then tap the name of an application that you want to start.



If you assign Slap to start with one of your hardware buttons, like the memo button, then you can also popup the Quick Launcher by holding that button down for a second. You can choose the application to launch by pressing the up or down buttons on your Palm OS device, and then pressing the hardware button again.

For example, if you have set up your memo button to start Slap, then hold down the memo button for a second, and the Quick Launcher menu will appear. Press the up or down button to select an item in the list, then press the memo button again to launch the item you selected.

This gives you one handed access to the applications you use the most.