Extras Plus

An Enhancement for the Newton's Extras Drawer

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1 Welcome and Registration

1.1 About Extras Plus

Welcome to Extras Plus, an enhancement for the MessagePad's and eMate's Extras drawer. It gives you more information about you packages, holds more entries on the screen at one time, and lets you remove a package's prefs when you delete the package. Extras Plus is faster to use than the standard Extras drawer and also includes alphabetical folder tabs in the Overview mode to make it easy to go directly to a package.

Included in this archive are the following packages:

- ExtrasPlus.pkg
  This is the software package that you need to install on your Newton

- ExtrasPlus.pdf
  This is the users' manual for Extras Plus. You are reading it right now.

- ExtrasPlus.txt
  This is a text only format of the users' manual. If at all possible, use the pdf version of the manual as it has layout and graphics that cannot be included in the text version. The pdf version of the manual is viewed using Adobe® Acrobat Reader®. This can be obtained free of charge at www.adobe.com.

- SAStuff.txt
  A list of all of the software available from Stand Alone Inc.

- SAreg.pkg
  If there isn't a registration option under the ⓘ button, install this package to register your software.

1.2 System Requirements

Extras Plus requires Newton OS 2.0 or 2.1, and a Message Pad 120, Message Pad 130, Message Pad 2000, Message Pad 2100, or eMate.

1.3 Registering Extras Plus

The Extras Plus demo will work for a 30 day trial period. At the end of the 30 Days, it will stop working. To avert this tragedy, you will need to get in touch

with Stand Alone to register your software. You can register with us by several different methods.

You will need to include the following information, no matter how you choose to register. Most importantly, you need to include your name EXACTLY as it is entered in your Newton, including spaces. We use this to generate your password, so it must be precise. You will need to specify which programs you wish to register, and include payment for each of them. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and American Express. If you are using normal mail, you can send us a check as well. Make sure to include your card number, the expiration date, and what type of card you are using. You also need to give us a way to get in touch with you. Email is the preferred way, followed by your address and phone number. An Email address is not strictly necessary, but it will result in much faster service.

For instant gratification, register by phone, and pay using Visa or Mastercard. To do so, call (773) 477-2492 and we will give you a password right over the phone.

Alternatively, you can send us a check to the address below.

You can also Email us one of several ways. The application has a Register section under the ⓘ button. Tap on that to open up a registration slip. If you fill out that slip, and have an Email client on your Newton, it will automatically Email us and we will send you a registration code. You could also just Email us the relevant information from your Newton or a desktop machine, and we'll send you a code. If you are registering through Compuserve, use, GO SWREG.

Once you register, you will receive a password from us. You can install this password one of two ways. There is an option to Enter Password under the ⓘ menu. Tap on it to bring up a screen that has a space to enter the password. Alternatively, just install the SA Register package enclosed in the Extras Plus archive. Select "Extras Plus" from the pop-up menu at the top, and enter the password. You should get a message confirming the password. Afterwards, you may remove the SAS Register application from you Newton.

1.4 Contacting Stand Alone Inc.

There are several ways to get in touch with us here at Stand Alone, Inc. Email is the preferred form of communication, but whatever works for you is fine. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or compliments, please don't hesitate to contact us through any of the methods listed below.

1.4.1 Business Hours

Stand Alone is open from 9 AM to 8 PM Monday to Friday, and 10 AM to 4 PM Saturday. We are closed on Sunday. These times are CST and GMT -5.

1.4.2 Email

internet:	info@standalone.com
AOL:	Std Alone
CompuServe:	76342,3057

1.4.3 Phone

Voice:	(773) 477-2492
Fax:	(773) 477-2579

1.4.4 Regular Mail

Stand Alone
3171 N. Hudson, Suite 1
Chicago IL, 60657
USA

1.4.5 World Wide Web

http://www.standalone.com

1.5 Reporting Bugs

If you find a bug in our software, it would be helpful if you reported the bug to us. To report a bug, please Email us with Bug Report Request in the subject line. In the Email, include the following information:

- What type of Newton you are using (i.e. MP 2000)
- The version number of the system software (i.e. Newton OS 2.1)
- The software name and version number (i.e. Extras Plus 1.03)
- The error number
- A brief description of how we can recreate the error
- Your name and Email address so we can contact you when the bug is fixed

When reporting bugs, it is best to Email us, rather than calling, so that the programers have a written record of the information they need to solve the problem. As soon as we receive your Email, the programer will examine the problem, and fix it.. Because our programers are busy creating software, it can take a while for them to reply, but they will release a new version of the software that fixes the bug as soon as they can.

1.6 Version History

Version	Date	Notes
1.0	February 20, 1998	First public release

2 Installation

The first thing that you need to do to get your software up and running is to install it on your Newton. To do this, you need to have Newton Backup Utility, or Newton Connection Utilites, set up to talk to your Newton. If you have problems with this part of the installation, pleast contact consult the documentation that came with your Newton. Once Newton Backup Utility is set up, just follow the steps listed below to for each of the packages you wish to install.

1. Open the Newton Backup Utility , or Newton Connection Utilties on your Desktop machine.

2. On your Newton, go to the Extras Drawer and tap the Connection icon .

3. Once the Newton Backup Utility has loaded on your desktop machine, make sure your cables are connected and tap the **Connect** button on your Newton.

4. For each of the packages you wish to install, do the following:

   • Tap the Install Package button in the Newton Backup Utility

   • Go to the folder where your packages are, and select the desired package.

   • Click on the “Install” button

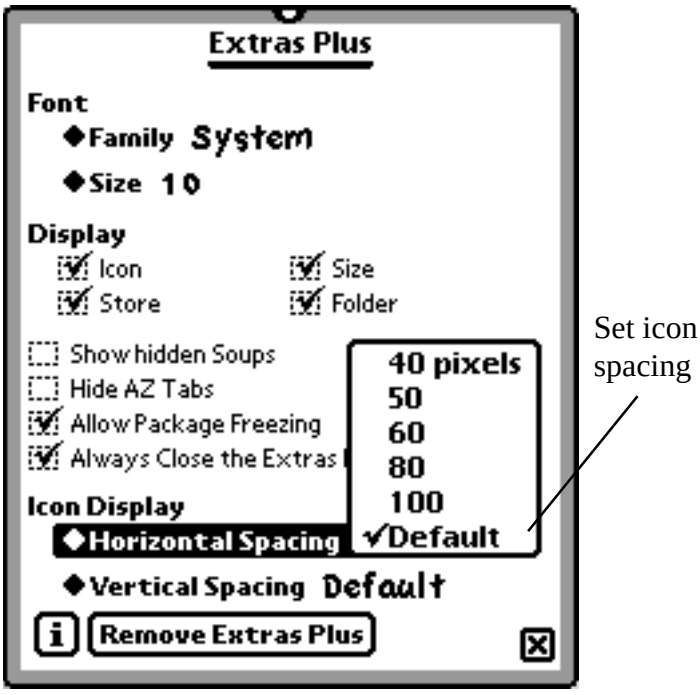
3 Using Extras Plus

Extras Plus is an enhancement for the MessagePad or eMate's Extras drawer. It makes it faster to use, and gives you many options to control the look of the Extras drawer.

3.1 Icon Display (Newton OS 2.1 Only)

Extras Plus lets you control the spacing in the Extras drawer's icon view. This way you can control how many icons are viewed at once. The spacing is set through the Extras Plus Prefs. You can access the Prefs either through the ⓘ button in the lower left corner of the Extras drawer screen (Newton 2.1 OS), or through the Prefs Icon in the Extras drawer. For more information on accessing the Extras Plus Prefs, please see Section 3.4.

The Icon display section of the Prefs gives you two pickers: Horizontal Spacing, and Vertical Spacing. You can set either spacing from 40 pixels to 100 pixels, or to the Extras drawer default setting.

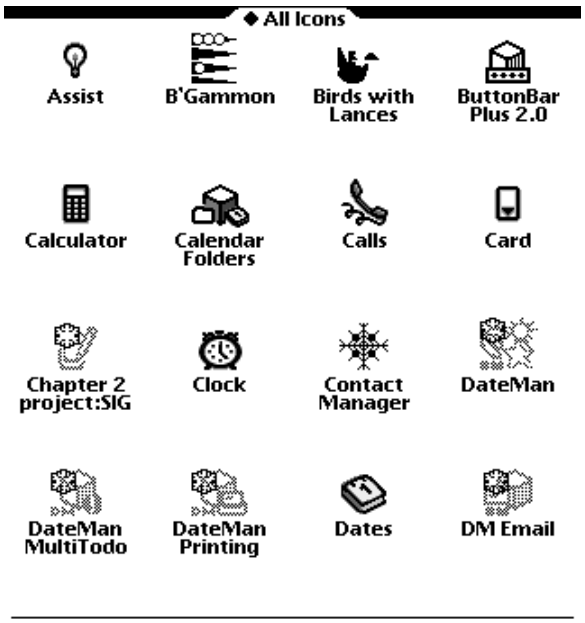


3.1.1 Show More Icons

You can reduce the spacing to show more icons. This screen has both the horizontal and vertical spacing set to 50.

3.1.2 Show Fewer Icons

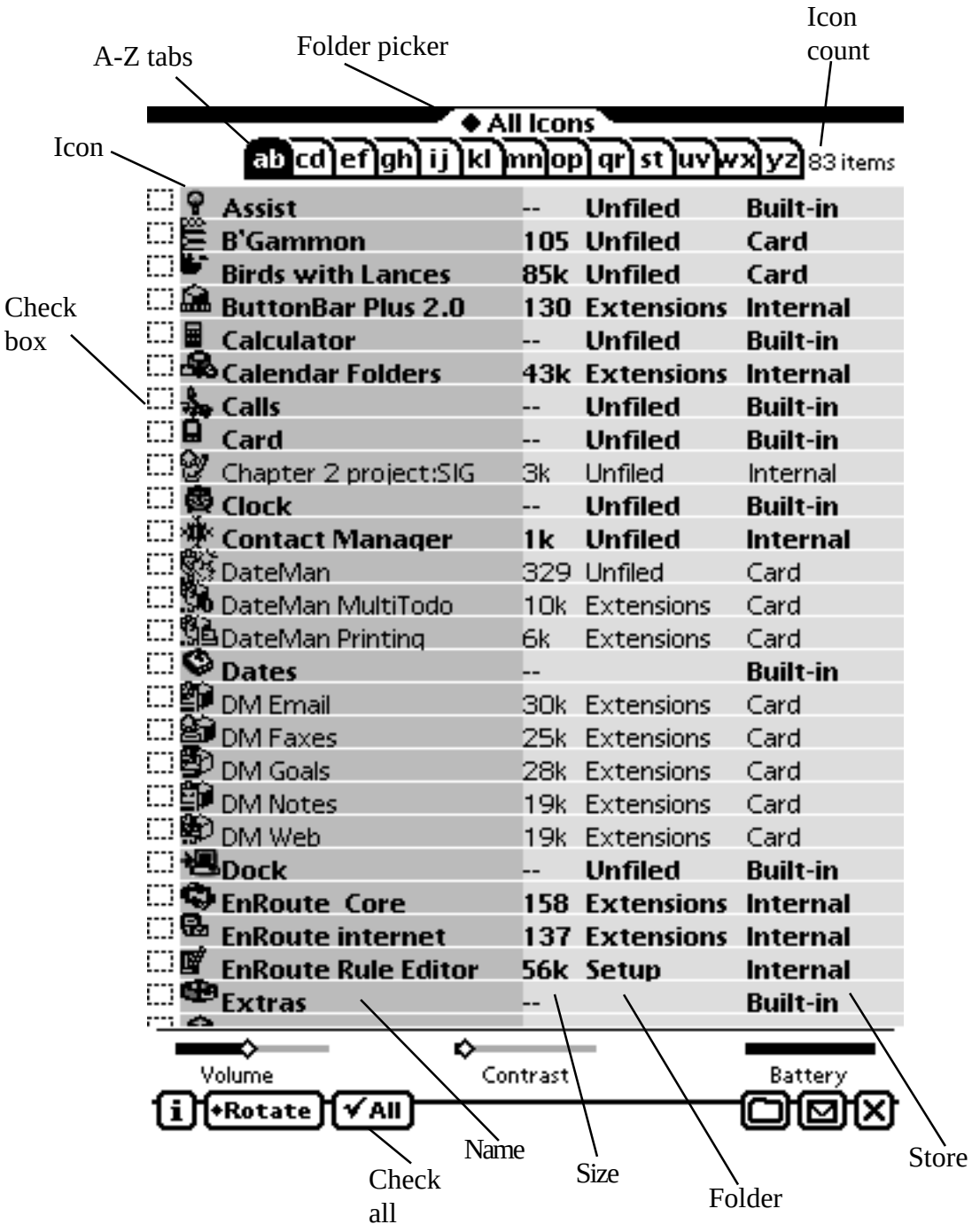
You can increase the spacing to show fewer items on the screen. This screen has both the vertical and horizontal spacing set to 80.



IMPORTANT
If Extras Plus expires, or is removed, the changes made to the Icon display spacing remain in effect. So, before removing Extras Plus, make sure that the spacing is set to your liking.

3.2 Overview Display

The Overview display is greatly enhanced by Extras Plus.



3.2.1 A-Z Tabs

Extras Plus adds a set of A-Z tabs to the top of the Overview display. These tabs work identically to the A-Z tabs in the Names application. Tap on one of the tabs to display items beginning with the tabs letter.

3.2.2 Item Count (Newton OS 2.1 Only)

The number of items in the display is shown to the right of the folder tabs.

3.2.3 Check Boxes

Each item in the Overview display also has a check box next to it. Check the box next to the item to select it.

3.2.4 Check All (Newton OS 2.1 Only)

Tapping this button checks all the items on the screen.

3.2.5 Icon

In front of each item is the item's icon. You can choose to hide these through the Prefs described in Section 3.4.

3.2.6 Size

This shows the amount of storage space required by the package. You can choose to hide these through the Prefs described in Section 3.4.

3.2.7 Folder

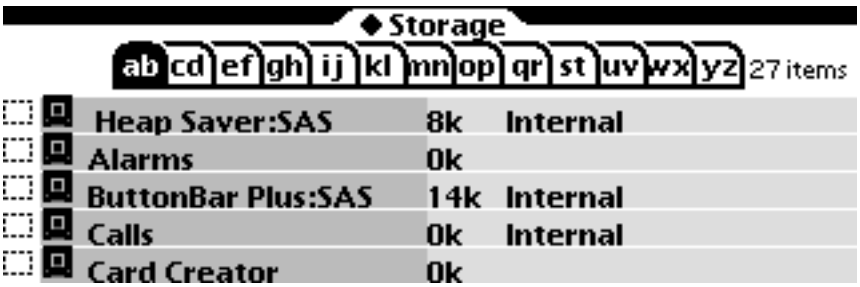
The label setting shows in what folder the item is filed. You can choose to hide these through the Prefs described in Section 3.4.

3.2.8 Store

The Store setting tells you where the item is stored. You can choose to hide these through the Prefs described in Section 3.4.

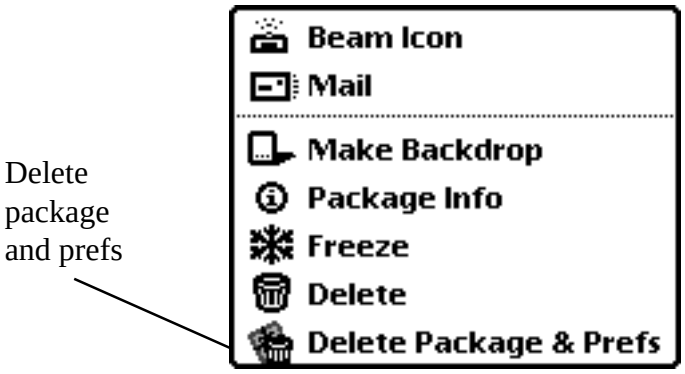
3.2.9 The Storage Folder (Newton OS 2.1 Only)

Extras Plus adds the size of a package to the items in the Storage folder.



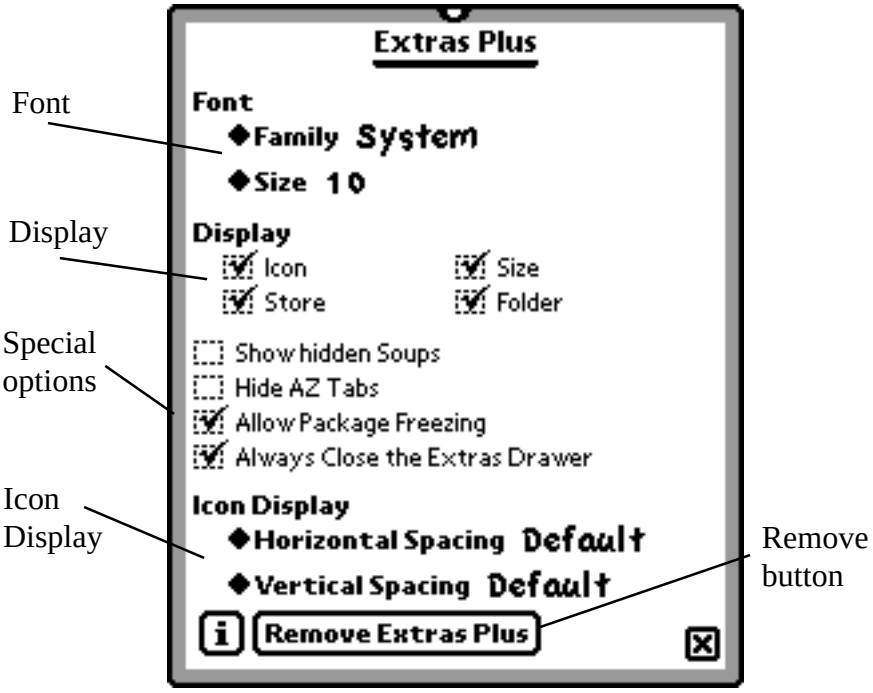
3.3 Delete Package and Prefs

Extras Plus adds the option of deleting both the package and its prefs to the Action button. Normally, when a package is deleted, its preference information remains on your Newton. This option removes the preferences along with the program.



3.4 Preferences

There are two ways to access the Preferences in Extras Plus. First, is through the Prefs icon in the Extras drawer. Tap on it, and then select Extras Plus. The second way is through the ⓘ button at the bottom of the Extras screen.



3.4.1 Font

You can set the font type and size through the preferences. Any fonts you have installed on your Newton are available here.

3.4.2 Display

Display lets you control what information is displayed by Extras Plus. You can set it to display an items icon, store, size, and label. Any option with a check next to it is displayed. Uncheck an option to hide it.

3.4.3 Special Options

Show Hidden Soups
There are five soups that are hidden by the system. We recommend that you leave them hidden, but if you want to see them, check the box next to this option.

Hide A-Z Tabs
If you don't want the A-Z tabs shown in the Overview, the check this option.

Allow Package Freezing
This option enables the built-in freezing option in the Extras drawer. A Frozen package takes no heap memory, only storage space.

Always Close the Extras Drawer
When this option is selected, the Extras drawer closes automatically when a program is launched.

Icon Display
These two pickers are used to set the icon spacing in the Icon display. Please refer to Section 3.1 for information on how to set the icon spacing.

3.5 Removing Extras Plus

If, for whatever reason, you decide to delete Extras Plus from your Newton, you MUST use the Remove Extras Plus button found in the Prefs. The Newton will have problems removing Extras Plus if you do not.