

SpbPocket Plus UserManual

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Overview

Spb Pocket Plus is an application that enhances the Pocket PC operating system with features that have been requested by many Pocket PC users but are still missing in all the official OS updates:

- Customizable X button can be configured either to close or to minimize applications;
- **Task Manager** allows you to switch between running programs as well as to close certain applications;
- Full Screen Mode for Pocket IE lets you browse web sites in full-screen mode;



- **Multiple Pocket IE Windows** allows for browsing several web sites simultaneously in different Pocket Internet Explorer windows;
- **Feature-rich Today Plug-in** that shows battery level and memory usage indicators as well as backlight control and configurable program launchers;
- **Tabs for the Today Plug-in** with the ability to drag-and-drop items within and between tabs;
- Pocket PC Personalization and extended Today Themes that include the design for the background and stylized indicators;
- **Taskbar Battery Indicator** is a separate indicator at the very top of the screen that is visible from all applications;
- ZIP Support, Encryption Support, "Folder Up" Button for File Explorer;
- **File and Folder Details** extend the File Explorer functionality with the ability to view and change file and folder attributes, file extensions, etc.
- **Safe Mode** to help users recover their Pocket PC device in cases when it cannot be loaded in normal mode because of software problems.
- Alt-Tab and Other Advanced Comments that you can assign to hardware buttons.

Installing Spb Pocket Plus

After you download the Spb Pocket Plus installation file, install it to your mobile device. For successful installation you will need a Pocket PC 2002. Windows Mobile 2003 for Pocket PC, Windows Mobile 2003 Second Edition for Pocket PC or Windows Mobile 5 for Pocket PC device connected to your Windows® desktop PC. You will also need Microsoft® ActiveSync™ installed on your desktop PC in order to install Spb Pocket Plus to your mobile device.

When you run the software installer on the desktop PC you will be asked to accept the license agreement, after which the Pocket PC software installation program will run. Spb Pocket Plus should be installed to main memory only.

If you already have a previous version of Spb Pocket Plus installed on your Pocket PC, install the new version without uninstalling the previous one in order to save all the settings of the old version.

Configuring Spb Pocket Plus

Spb Pocket Plus Settings Applet

Every feature of Spb Pocket Plus is configured from the Spb Pocket Plus options.

To open the Spb Pocket Plus options applet: tap the Start menu \rightarrow select Settings \rightarrow tap on Personal tab \rightarrow select Today item \rightarrow tap on Items tab \rightarrow select Pocket Plus in the list \rightarrow tap on Options...

That was a long way to open the Pocket Plus options dialog. The short one is: hit this icon:



on the Today plug-in and you are there.

To enable or disable certain Spb Pocket Plus features please check or clear the corresponding





checkbox in the feature list.

To open a certain feature options, select it and tap the Feature Options button.

You can save and restore all your settings if you wish. To do so, select *Backup Settings* or *Restore Settings* from the *Tools* menu.

You may need to soft-reset your device before the Spb Pocket Plus applet appears on the *System* tab of the Pocket PC control panel ($Start \rightarrow Settings$). This is because the control panel caches its content.

Adding the Taskbar Battery Indicator

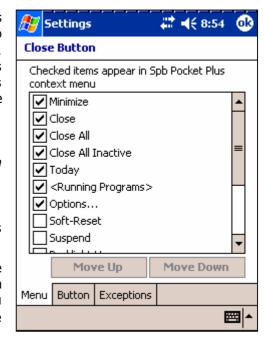
You can add a battery indicator (represented with a horizontal line) to the task bar. The look of this indicator is specified by the current Extended Pocket PC theme. To add this indicator:

- 1. Open Spb Pocket Plus options.
- 2. Make sure to have the *Taskbar Battery Indicator* entry selected in the list of options.
- 3. Tap on Feature Options
- 4. Specify the indicator thickness.

Modifying Close Button Behavior

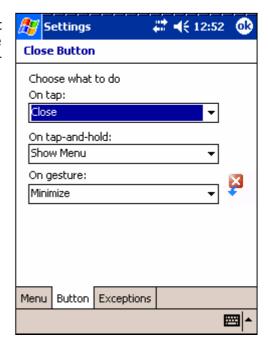
Originally, the button (often referred to as the 'close button' or 'the X button') was used to minimize the currently running application. With Spb Pocket Plus you can now assign this button to either close or minimize applications when tapped. To customize the behavior of the X button:

- 1. Open Spb Pocket Plus options.
- 2. Make sure to have the *Close Button* entry selected in the list of options.
- 3. Tap on Feature Options
- 4. Now you can switch between three tabs and customize the following:
 - a. Menu tab: Here you can see the list of all items that can appear in the close button context menu (the task manager). Select the desired items.

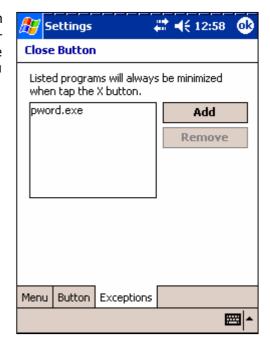




b. **Button** tab: Here you can select three actions that must be performed on tap, on tap-and-hold, and on gesture.



c. Exceptions tab: Here you can provide a list of exceptions – applications that will always be minimized (not closed) when you tap on the close button



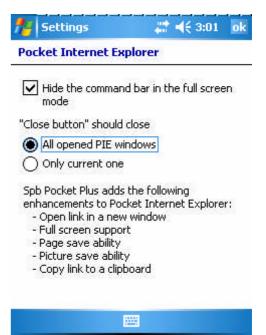


Enhancing Pocket Internet Explorer

Spb Pocket Plus lets you open several Pocket Internet Explorer windows simultaneously, view the source files of web pages and save them, save images, and browse websites in full-screen mode.

To configure Pocket Internet Explorer:

- 1. Open Spb Pocket Plus options.
- Make sure to have the Pocket Internet Explorer entry selected in the list of options.
- 3. Tap on Feature Options
- 4. Now you can customize the following:
 - a. Hide the command bar in the full screen mode: This options is self-explanatory
 - b. Provide additional close button behavior. It may close either all opened Pocket Internet Explorer windows or just the current one.



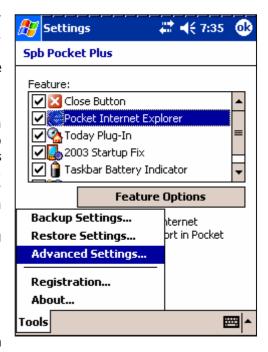
Implementing Repeating Alarms

By default, a Pocket PC plays alarm sounds only once. Many Pocket PC users find this undesirable - if you don't hear the single alarm sound, you may miss your appointment, since the alarm is never repeated.

Further, some Pocket PC 2003 devices have a serious system flaw: alarms do not play when the device is switched off. Unfortunately, Spb Pocket Plus does not completely solve this problem. However, in a large number of cases it does! If you find that your alarms always play when your device is turned off, then you can improve the behavior of all alarms, otherwise you can only improve the behavior of working alarms.

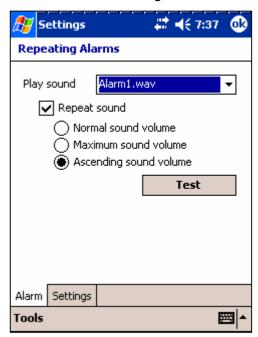
To be able to configure the improving alarm options you should first activate them:

- 1. Go to the Spb Pocket Plus options
- 2. Select *Tools* → *Advanced Settings...* from the menu
- 3. You will see a dialog with the only one checkbox: *Enabled Repeating Alarms Support.* Select it. Now you will see the Repeating Alarms entry in Pocket Plus options dialog.
- 4. Make sure to have the *Repeating Alarms* entry selected in the list of options.



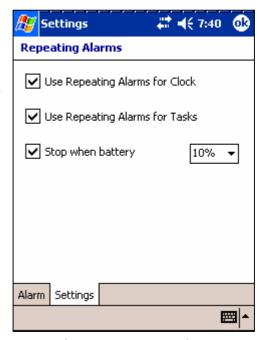


- 5. Tap on Feature Options
- 6. Now you can switch between two tabs and customize the following:
 - a. **Alarm** tab: Here you can customize some general alarm settings.
 - i. *Play Sound:* Specify the sound to be played when the alarm is executed
 - ii. Repeat sound: select if you want the sound to be played repeatedly
 - iii. Sound volume: select one of three available sound volumes: normal, maximum, or ascending. Important: you don't need to worry about the sound volume currently set in your system. Your alarms will play now even if the system sound volume is



set to zero. In other words, your applications can use normal or soft volume, while your alarms will play with the loudest volume possible. Ascending sound volume is a very useful feature because an alarm starts with a hardly heard signal and you will be able to dismiss the reminder before it gets annoying.

- iv. Test: tap to listen a sample sound
- b. **Setting** tab: Some more settings to configure:
 - i. Use Repeated Alarms for Clock and
 - ii. Use Repeating Alarms for Tasks are quite selfexplanatory
 - iii. Stop when battery: here you should specify the lowest allowed batterv charge level at which alarms will continue to repeat. The reason for this is as follows: if your device is suddenly out of reach and an alarm executes, then (if you had set a repeatable sound for the quickly it may



deplete the battery resources. So, if you customize this option and the lowest battery charge level to 10%, then the alarm sound will stop when the battery is at this level or lower.

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- 7. You may also customize some advanced alarm settings. When in the *Alarm* tab, select *Tools* → *Advanced Settings*. You will get to the Advanced Alarm Setting dialog. In it:
 - a. Play sound continuously: If selected, the reminder sound will be played continuously until you dismiss it or the battery is as low as you specify in the settings tab (see above).
 - Play sound by series: Actually this
 is the most preferable option. If
 you select this option, your alarm
 sounds will play by series and only
 for a specified time interval.
 - i. Play it for: select a time interval. If you select 1 hour, for example, then the sound will play for only one hour and then stop.



- ii. Repeats per series: this is how many times the sound will be repeated during one series.
- iii. *Delay duration:* here, you specify the time interval between series.

Configuring Today Plug-in

Spb Pocket Plus installs a plug-in on the Today screen of your Pocket PC that gives you quick access to the most important information about your Pocket PC, gives you the ability to control the backlight brightness, lets you change some system settings, and lets you launch your favorite programs or open your favorite documents - all right from the Today screen.

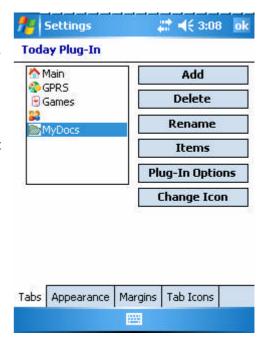
Configuring Today Plug-in. Tabs:

The Today plug-in is represented with tabs. Think of these tabs as containers for items. You can create tabs for different purposes: one for system tools, one for your most important documents, one for settings, etc.

Spb Pocket Plus Today plug-in can be extended using so-called "tab plug-ins". A tab plug-in is a Today plug-ins developed especially so that it can be inserted in Spb Pocket Plus as a separate tab. This technology helps you place more information on the Today screen.

To configure the Today plug-in tabs:

- 1. Open Spb Pocket Plus options.
- 2. Make sure to have the *Today Plug-in* entry selected in the list of options.
- 3. Tap on Feature Options
- 4. In the *Tabs* tab you will see the list of all your tabs.





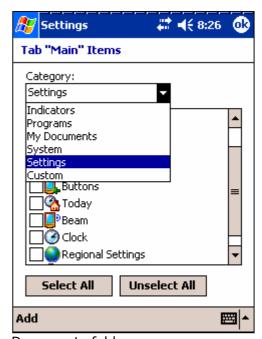
- a. To add a new tab tap on Add and select Items from the pop-up list.
- b. To delete a tab, select it and tap on Delete
- c. To rename a tab, select it and tap on *Rename*. If you can change a tab's name to an empty string, then tab header will be shown as an icon only.
- d. You can assign an icon to the tab. This icon will be shown in the tab header. To make a tab header contain only an icon without a name, simply set the tab's name to empty.
- e. To see and edit the list of items in one tab, select the desired tab and tap on **Items.** To find out how to fill a tab with contents, see below.
- f. If you have any Spb applications that feature Today plug-ins that are compatible with Spb Pocket Plus you can add them as separate tabs. To do so, tap on *Add* and select the name of your application from the popup list.
- g. To jump to the options dialog of a compatible Spb application, select its name and tap on *Plug-in Options*.

Filling tabs with contents:

For filling a tab you can select items allocated by several categories. Select a category and you will see the list of items in this category. Then check those you would like to see on your Today screen. The following is a description of the categories.

Categories and Items:

- Indicators: this category contains the Spb Pocket Plus indicators (Battery Indicator, up to three Storage Card Indicators, Backlight Indicator, Memory Indicator, and a Backup Battery Indicator).
- Programs: all items available from your Start and Start->Programs menus. If you want to add programs that are not shown on the Start menu, you can add their executables to the Custom category (Add->File menu).



- My Documents: these are files from the My Documents folder.
- System: special Spb Pocket Plus system tools, such as a Soft-Reset button, Volume Up, Volume Down buttons, Theme Switching button, etc.
- Settings: your Pocket PC setting applets
- *Custom*: this category can contain links to custom files and folders those you provide. To add a file or a folder to this category, select *Add* in the menu and select a desired file or folder.

Adding File Shortcuts from File Explorer

There is another method for adding shortcuts to the Today screen. Just navigate to this file in File Explorer and choose "Add to Today Screen" from the File Explorer context menu. The shortcut icon will be added to the active tab.



Configuring Today Plug-in. Appearance:

Spb Pocket Plus supports several indicators that can be placed on the Today screen plug-in. These indicators can show the current state of batteries, storage cards, and backlight, etc.

Indicators can be selected from the currently chosen extended theme or from a fixed one. To select a source for indicators:

- 1. Open Spb Pocket Plus options.
- 2. Make sure to have the *Today Plug-in* entry selected in the list of options.
- 3. Tap on Feature Options
- 4. In the Appearance tab you can customize the following:
 - a. Follow original theme: Indicators will be selected from the currently chosen extended theme and will be changed if you switch the theme.

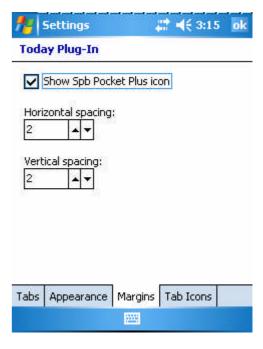


b. Always use indicators from theme <your_currently_chosen_theme>: Indicators will always be taken from the current skin even if you switch the theme in the future.

Configuring Today Plug-in. Margins:

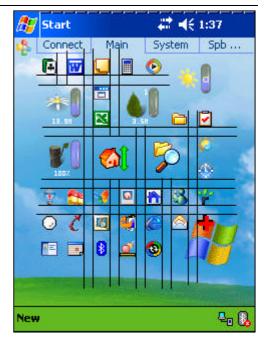
All items on the Today plug-in are placed according to a grid. High or wide items may take several grid cells. To customize the margins:

- 1. Open Spb Pocket Plus options.
- 2. Make sure to have the *Today Plug-in* entry selected in the list of options.
- 3. Tap on Feature Options
- 4. In the *Margins* tab you can customize the following:
 - a. Show Spb Pocket Plus icon: You can enable or disable the Pocket Plus icon on the Today plug-in. If you disable it, you will save some screen space for your icons. However, tapping on that icon brings you directly to Spb Pocket Plus options dialog and if you disable the Pocket Plus icon, opening that dialog will not be as easy.





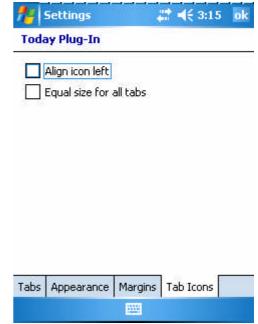
b. Horizontal and vertical spacing:
Here you can provide margin
widths between the cells of the
grid. In this screenshot you can
see some of the cells on such a
grid. Horizontal and vertical
margin widths are set to 5 in this
case so you can better see cells
and margins. As you can see, big
icons take four times as much
space as small ones.



Configuring Today Plug-in. Tab Icons:

Each tab can have an icon that is shown in the tab header. You can also customize how icons are shown in the tab headers.

- c. Align icon left: If this option is set the icon is aligned to the left side in the tab header. Otherwise it is aligned to the left side of the tab name.
- d. Equal size for all tab: By default tabs that have only an icon are shown smaller than those that have names. You can change this behavior by setting this flag.





File Explorer Features

Spb Pocket Plus adds several important features to File Explorer. To customize these features:

- 1. Open Spb Pocket Plus options.
- 2. Make sure to have the *File Explorer* entry selected in the list of options.
- 3. Tap on Feature Options
- 4. Now you can customize the following features:
 - a. Enable ZIP support: If selected, the ZIP item will appear in any file or folder context menu in File Explorer and you will be able to compress and decompress files and folders.
 - b. Enable storage card format support: If selected, you will be able to format a storage card right from File Explorer



- c. Add "Properties" to the context menu: If selected, you will be able to view the properties of files, groups of files and folders right from File Explorer just like in desktop Windows.
- d. Add "Folder Up" button: If selected, you will see a familiar (from desktop Windows) Folder Up button in File Explorer. Customize its position here.
- e. Enable encryption support: If selected, the "Encrypt File" item will appear in any file context menu in File Explorer and you will be able to encrypt and decrypt files.
- f. Enable "Add To Today Screen": If selected the "Add To Today Screen" item will appear in any file context menu in File Explorer and you will be able to add file shortcuts to the Today plug-in from File Explorer.

2003 Startup Fix

After every soft-reset on 2003 Pocket PC devices there appear duplicate records in the notification database. To remove these records:

- 5. Open Spb Pocket Plus options.
- 6. Make sure to have the 2003 Startup Fix entry selected in the list of options.

This feature is hidden on Windows Mobile 2003 Second Edition and Windows Mobile 5 device because these devices do not have this problem.



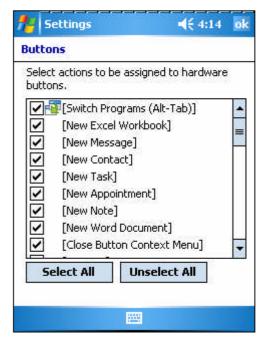
Buttons

After installing Spb Pocket Plus 3.0 you will find additional commands you can assign to hardware buttons in the Start->Settings->Personal->Buttons applet. These additional commands are placed in the end of the list (commands like [Switch Programs (Alt-Tab)], [Backlight Loop], [Close Button Context Menu], etc).

These commands are shortcut files placed in

\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Spb Pocket Plus Actions.

You can disable some of these commands in Spb Pocket Plus options to leave only those you will actually use.



Safe Mode

If you install a third-party Today plug-in or a program that runs in the background and this plug-in or program has a bug, you may encounter a situation where you cannot load your device and the only choice left is to completely hard-reset your device and lose all your data. Unfortunately problems like this are not that uncommon. The results of Spb Pocket PC Survey show 44% of respondents had problems just like this and had to hard-reset their Pocket PC.

When you boot your Pocket PC in safe mode the system does not load Today plug-ins, autorun applications and services. So you will be able to uninstall the bad application and reboot in normal mode.

By default the safe mode menu will only be displayed after the system worked for less than one minute. So if you have problems during system loading and you soft-reset your Pocket

Safe Mode

Show safe mode prompt:

On every reset

If system worked less than one minute

Safe mode menu allows booting in safe mode when all Today plug-ins, autorun applications, and services are disabled,

PC (or it is reset by itself) then the safe mode menu will be shown.

Nevertheless you can change this setting to show the safe mode menu upon every system restart.



Arrange Items

Auto Arrange

Lock All Items

Add/Remove Items...

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Using Spb Pocket Plus

Using Spb Pocket Plus is just as easy as configuring it. Once you have configured one or more tabs and their contents, you can add more items, re-arrange items, move and delete them, change their icons, and so on, - all right from your Today screen!

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Using Today Plug-in

Using the Today Plug-In Context Menu

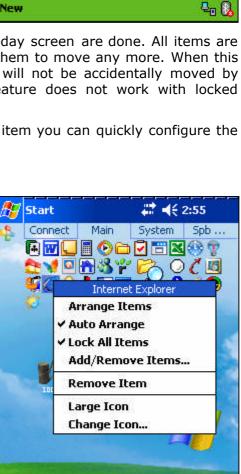
Many different actions can be performed right from the Today plug-in using the context menus. If you tap-and-hold somewhere on the Today plug-in area, you will see a context menu that allows you to arrange items, turn on auto-arrange, lock all items or configure the content of the current tab.

- Arrange Items: Select this item and Spb Pocket Plus will arrange items according to a grid as specified in the options (see above).
- Auto Arrange: If you mark this option with a flag then items will be automatically re-arranged on the screen after any action like drag-and-drop, adding and removing items, etc.
- Lock All Items: Usually users lock items when all necessary arrangements on the Today screen are done. All items are in their places and the user does not want them to move any more. When this happens, you can lock items so that they will not be accidentally moved by careless stylus use. The drag-and-drop feature does not work with locked items.
- Add/Remove Items: By selecting this menu item you can quickly configure the contents of the chosen tab.

Using the Icon Context Menu:

More actions are available if you open the context menu of a certain icon. Additional menu items are:

- Remove Item: Quickly remove the chosen icon from this tab
- Large Icon: Large icons take four times as much space as a small ones. You can assign large icons to the most important documents or applications
- Change Icon...: You can assign a different icon to any item. Tap to get view the Spb Icon Collection and select a proper icon.



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Using Spb Specific Indicator Context Menu:

As stated above, Spb Pocket Plus supports certain system indicators. These are: battery, backup battery, backlight, memory, and several storage card indicators. Tap-and-hold any indicator to view its context menu. Among other common features the context menu will also contain indicator-specific items.

Memory:

 Free Program Memory, Free Storage, or Total Free: Select which memory state the indicator should show.

Storage Card(s):

• Free Space or Used Space: Select what space you want the indicator to show



Using Tab Header Context Menu

Tap-and-hold on any tab name to see the tab header context menu.

- New Tab → Items: Select to add a new custom tab
- New Tab → <compatible Spb application>: Select to add a tab from an Spb application that is compatible with the Spb Pocket Plus Today plug-in.
- Rename Tab...: Provide a new tab name.
 You can delete the name for a tab and
 only the icon will be shown in the tab
 header.
- Delete Tab: Select to delete the chosen tab
- Change Icon...: Select to change the tab header icon.

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Using Spb Pocket Plus Indicators

When selected, all indicators open their corresponding system settings dialogs: memory, battery and backup battery, backlight, and storage cards. Besides this the backlight indicator allows you to adjust the screen backlight by moving the slider right on the Today screen.

Adding and removing items and tabs

To quickly add shortcuts and/or indicators to a tab, tap-and-hold anywhere on the tab and select *Add/Remove Items*. A dialog box will pop-up, and from there you can change the tab's contents. To remove an item, tap-and-hold on it and select *Remove Item*.



To remove, rename or add a tab, tap-and-hold on the tab name and select the corresponding item from the context menu.

Arranging and Locking Items

Tap-and-hold anywhere on the tab area and select the *Arrange* command from the context menu and all the items in this tab will be arranged in according to a grid. The horizontal and vertical grid cell's margins can be customized in Spb Pocket Plus options. Or, you can arrange the items manually, moving them by drag-and-drop. If you select *Auto Arrange* then all subsequently added items will also be automatically arranged. By selecting *Lock All Items* you can lock all items in their current positions.

Moving Items and Tabs

You can drag-and-drop items within one tab or between different tabs. To move an item from one tab to another, drag-and-drop it onto the new tab name. The tabs themselves can also be dragged-and-dropped. Drag-and-drop is not available when items are locked.



Changing Item Icons

You can change the icons for your items. This feature is especially useful for document items. If you have several documents of one type in one tab, you may have trouble distinguishing them. Change their icons in order to distinguish them better. Tap-and-hold on an item and select *Change Icon* from the context menu. You can also select to use a large or a small icon for every item, thus making it more or less emphasized or frequently used. Another way to work with documents on the Today screen is using the Spb Today Folder plug-in for Spb Pocket Plus that shows all documents in a specified folder with their names.

Changing Tab Icons

You can change the icons for your tabs. This will help you navigate between the tabs and also can help you to have more tabs. If you want to make tabs icon-only (without a name) simply edit a tab name and set it to empty.



Using Pocket Internet Explorer

If you configure the Pocket Internet Explorer options of Spb Pocket Plus, you will be able to open several Pocket Internet Explorer windows simultaneously, view the source files for web pages and save them, save images, and browse websites in full-screen mode.

Using the Spb Pocket Plus icon in the toolbar:

Tap on the Pocket Plus icon that appears in Pocket Internet Explorer toolbar. You will see a new menu:

- New Window: Tap to open a new Pocket Internet Explorer window.
- Close Window: Tap to close the current window only
- Save as...: Tap to save the currently shown page in a file
- View source: Tap to view the source of the currently open page
- Full Screen: Tap to view the page in full screen
- Options...: Tap to jump to the Spb Pocket Plus options dialog

This menu also has a list of currently open Pocket Internet Explorer windows. In order to switch to one of those windows, just tap its name from the list.

If you switch to full screen mode, you will be able to return to the normal mode by tapping on \Box .

Using the Link Context Menu

The context menu of any link on a page now contains two more items:

- Open in New Window: A new window with the target page will open
- Open in Background: A new window with the target page will be opened in background.
- Copy Shortcut: The link will be copied to the clipboard.







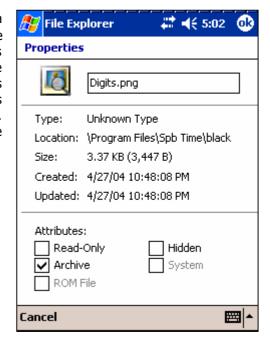
Using File Explorer

File Explorer is now equipped with some new features:

• Folder Up button: Tap on to go to the previous level in the folder structure.

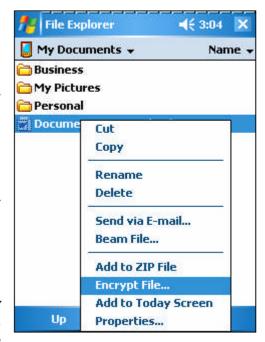


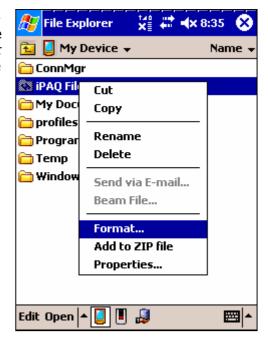
 Properties: Tap-and-hold on a file or a folder and select Properties from the context menu. You will see the Properties dialog. In it, you can provide the new file or folder name and extension, view its type, full path to this file or folder, its size, dates of creation and update. Moreover, you can view and change the file or folder attributes.





- ZIP support: The context menu of any file, folder or group of files now contains an Add to ZIP file item. The ZIP archive will be created in the same folder. When you tap-and-hold on a ZIP archive file, the context menu will contain an Extract item.
- Encryption: The context menu of any file (not folder or group of files) now contains an "Encrypt File..." item. You can encrypt the file with a password and it will be encrypted using the Rijndael algorithm for encrypting files. This algorithm has been selected as the American Encryption Standard (AES) by the US Government.
- Add to Today Screen: The context menu of any file (not folder or group of files) now contains an "Add to Today Screen" item. This command will add a shortcut to the selected file on the current tab in the Spb Pocket Plus Today plug-in.
- Storage card format support: If you tapand-hold on a storage card, you will see the context menu with a new Format item. Tap on it to format your storage card.







Using Repeating Alarms

Using Alarms for Calendar:

You can set alarms for your appointments and they will be repeated if you set the corresponding option while configuring Spb Pocket Plus (read above). Tap-and-hold on an appointment to see the context menu. In this menu select the *Repeating Alarms* item. You will see a dialog, which you can customize as follows:



- Override default behavior: Select to disable the usual behavior of the calendar alarms and use your own settings.
- Play Sound: Specify the sound to be played when the alarm is executed.
- Repeat sound: select if you want the sound to be played repeatedly
- Sound volume: select one of three available sound volumes: normal, maximum, or ascending. Important: you don't need to worry about the current system sound volume. Your alarms will play now even if the system sound volume is set to zero. In other words, your applications can use normal or soft volume, while your alarms will play with the loudest volume possible. Ascending sound volume is a very useful feature because an alarm starts softly and you will be able to dismiss the reminder before it interrupts those around you.
- Test: tap to listen a sample sound

Advanced Settings:

- 1. Play sound continuously: If selected, the appointment reminder sound will be played continuously until you dismiss it or until the battery is as low as you have specified in the settings tab (see above).
- 2. *Play sound by series:* Actually this is the most preferred option. With this option, your alarm sounds will be played by series and during a specified time interval only.
 - a. *Play it for:* select a time interval. If you select, let's say, 1 hour, then the sound will play for only one hour and then stop.
 - b. Repeats per series: this is how many times the sound will be repeated during one series.
 - c. *Delay duration:* specify the time interval between two series here.



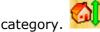
Pocket PC Personalization

With Spb Pocket Plus you can fully personalize your Pocket PC. Without Pocket Plus, this can be an extremely difficult task. Spb Pocket Plus comes with several *Extended Pocket PC Themes*. These themes are very much like standard Pocket PC themes. While Spb Pocket Plus improves your Pocket PC's functionality, extended themes improve its overall look and feel.

An extended theme can be loaded just like standard themes (from Settings). However, when you select an extended Pocket PC theme, you will change:

- All that is changed with standard Pocket PC themes (the Today screen background, system color, etc)
- The X button menu background
- The design of the Spb Pocket Plus Today indicators (battery, memory, backlight, etc)
- The design of the Taskbar Battery Indicator

For your convenience, there is a special system tool that allows you to switch themes right from the Today screen. Add this tool to your Today Plug-in from the System item



Further, you can combine the general design of one extended theme with the indicators of another. To do so;

- 1. In Spb Pocket Plus options go to the Appearance tab of the Today Plug-in.
- 2. Select Always use indicators from theme ...
- 3. Specify the extended theme whose indicators you would like to always use by tapping the *Today* link. (Extended themes end with *Ext*.)

Now, no matter what theme you select, the Today indicators will be taken from the theme you specified.

Extended Pocket PC themes are compatible with and quite beautiful on screens that have been changed to landscape orientation.

More extended Pocket PC themes can be downloaded from Spb Software House's web site, http://www.spbsoftwarehouse.com/products/pocketplus/themes.html

