



Overview reference

Concepts and general usage of All Aboard

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All Aboard general concepts

A better approach to storing personal data

All in one

The traditional desktop applications including:

- Sticky Notes
- Calculator
- Light weight text email client
- Appointments
- Reminders
- Contacts
- Diaries, Logs, history
- PIMS (Personal Information Management Systems)
- Application launcher
- Document launcher
- Web site launcher
- Encrypted data on demand

are “all in one” or as we say At OD Strategies “All Aboard”!

Personal information

All Aboard is software managing your personal data. Personal data is small amounts of information about many things. Businesses have a great deal of detail about almost everything. While you may work for a large business you are not a large business yourself. That does not change the need for organization, easy access, and the ability to tie things together and keep a few secrets. All Aboard is an approach to using personal data in an organization structure that isn't complicated. All Aboard presents itself in an attractive wrapper you can customize.

Personal data includes the following information we all use:

- Street addresses
- Phone numbers
- Email addresses
- Folders in our computer
- Web sites
- FTP sites
- Software programs
- Dates / Appointments
- Reminders
- Pictures
- Documents
- Notes
- Historical logs / diaries that also can have expenses, documents, notes and, images

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All Aboard allows connections with a common means of access. All Aboard permits two levels of categorization to sort out the types of information so you can find it as you need it. All Aboard builds connectivity when you find it useful and uses only the connections you need. Because you deal in small bits about many things you need a way to organize that is easier than a search tool. The related things about any piece of information need to tie together so you don't need to go searching for all the parts.

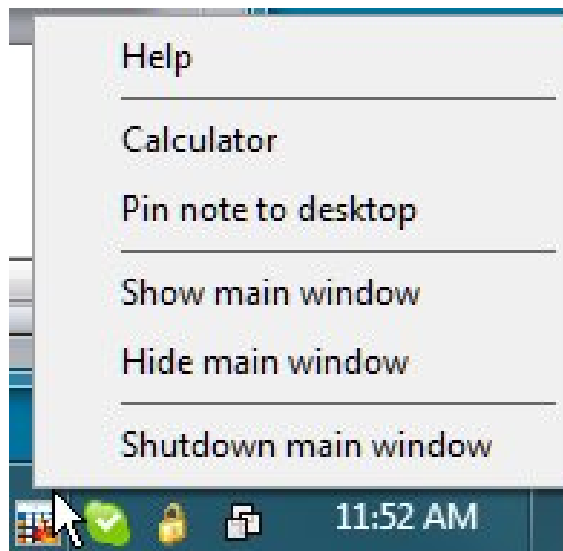
All Aboard will not make you an organized person but it will let you organize information in ways that are familiar and easy to adapt to your specific situations. If you are attempting to become organized this is a tool to build from.

Through the All Aboard references and web site videos you will find examples that show how you might connect and organize your information. From these ideas you can expand and apply them in ways that work best for you.

Out of the box

You see a splash screen for a few seconds and then the help window the first time you launch. Maybe you are now reading this document for the first time. All Aboard is supposed to be running all the time and available when you need it and not in your face nagging you. The unregistered version will never nag you.

You access All Aboard with a right mouse click on the Systray icon to reveal the popup menu OR click the icon with the left mouse button to open the main window directly without a pop up. The popup menu lets you perform some handy functions without opening the main window and provides access when the window is open but covered by another application:



Help Access the main help window. Documents in PDF or XPS format group topics into smaller references.

Calculator Opens a new calculator window that you can keep on the desktop. You can open as many calculator windows as you need. See the Calculator reference for details about the calculator.

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- Pin a note** All Aboard does sticky notes like all the rest and a lot more. All Aboard lets you save the note and add more connections to the data. See the main window reference for details about sticky notes.
- Show main window** From the menu you can open the main All Aboard window but you can also access it by left clicking the Systray icon.
- Hide main window** Remove the main window from the screen but keep it loaded and ready for use. Use the red X button in the upper right corner of the main window to return All Aboard to the Systray or use this menu.
- Shutdown main window** Closes All Aboard. You will normally just start the program once and let it run until you shut down your computer. This is the only place you can shut down All Aboard. All Aboard shuts down when you shutdown Windows. All pinned windows close at that time too.

Things to do with All Aboard

The following is some of things that are not so ordinary about All Aboard:

- Generate an appointment** using your contacts list (or any note) use a popup menu to make an appointment with that contact. Have all the contact information already in the appointment and use the note in the appointment to make a list of all the things you want to do to prepare yourself. Set a pop up to remind you at some time before the appointment. Allow you to click the Skype icon and make a Skype internet phone call to the contact as well as make a sticky note from the appointment as you talk on the phone. After the call add a log entry to record the amount of time you spent on the telephone and save the notes about that call. It's all together in one piece of information.
- Keep a log** for the service needs of your friends, family, customers, boat, airplane, RV, or automobiles. Note the date and engine hours or road mileage. Set an appointment with yourself to change the oil. Track gasoline purchases with the price per gallon and the gallons purchased. Keep a running total of expenses and / or engine hours. All Aboard began as a tool to track the maintenance of our boat. If you have any complex equipment this can bundle pictures, documentation, expenses and historical details about it and even more.
- Save supporting documents** for your expenses save a scanned receipt or a PDF file of the invoice.
- Favorites** Save web sites of your favorites but also create folders that go with them and images and documents that relate to these favorites.
- Holiday cards** Create lists of contacts and print address labels as well a return address labels. Make any number of different lists from one set of contacts.
- Text collections** Save bits of text up to 6,000 characters long for easy access and for cut and paste applications. Store code snippet examples for writing

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your next great software project. All Aboard was used in the creation of All Aboard!

Organize documentation If you own any type of complex device you always seem to collect technical data, PDF manuals, serial numbers and other hand written notes. Connect documents, folders together and categorize those bits of information into a handy reference tied to just one data record.

Time sheets Create times sheets for your personal activities or home business. Create a client note and attach log entries to track your time, expenses and ideas.

Maintenance schedules Airplanes, boats, and cars require maintenance logs by both date and engine hours / odometer. Create any type of schedule you require and save all the details for each time you perform a task.

Vacations Set up a schedule and save the pictures, web links to match the trip itinerary. Save all the email ticket hotel confirmations to a USB drive and take it with you on the trip.

Collections We all have collections to maintain. Adding all the members of your collection can afford detailed notes, pictures, documents and a history log about anything you collect. Sometimes junk can become treasure – if it's documented.

Ways to take it with you

All Aboard can be installed to USB Flash drive. Install to a folder on your USB drive. All the required software will be in one place as well as the data files. Link to other folders on the USB drive and have a comprehensive data library with you. Now you can take All Aboard where you are aboard instead of just at your PC. The All Aboard application file requires only 4 .3 MB of storage leaving you with almost the whole drive for the rest of the things you need. All Aboard uses about 17 MB of RAM while Microsoft Outlook 2007 on my computer uses 78 MB of RAM.

Tools for organization

Drawers All Aboard contains 8 data drawers like a large file cabinet. 26 drawers are defined as Red, Orange, yellow, Green, blue, and Purple. Change the names and the icons as you like. We add a drawer for your calendar and a drawer for your contacts to round out the other 2 drawers.

Categories Drawers can have as many categories as you like. Categories have a name and a set of foreground and background colors to help you find things. A filter lets you hide everything except one category or see them all together.

Logs Any item in a drawer can have an unlimited number of log entries. Add more documents, images, notes and expenses to each item as you accumulate them. Merge a whole drawer full of logs to view the bigger picture and totals.

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With 8 drawers, unlimited categories per drawer and unlimited logs for everything you always have a way to expand your data. Move operations let you tag groups of data and move them around to different organization schemes. We all change our minds and while using this tool you can expand and develop better ways to find and organize information without losing anything.

Open documents with the default application

All Aboard opens any file on your computer that you can double click from Windows Explorer. That means if you install a word processing application you can add any document you make to All Aboard and it will open that document for you from inside All Aboard. As long as Windows knows All Aboard knows too. The term Documents includes most data files and anything that Internet Explorer understands. If your default web browser is not Microsoft Explorer it's not a problem as long as it is your default Internet application.

Sticky notes and calculators

The sticky note works on a computer even better than on the refrigerator. They are just a handy place to park something short and important. Sometimes they just get thrown away and other times they might just be important again. Now you can save and organize these short notes and reuse them.

Calculators on the computer have always tried to be a hand held pocket calculator with simulated buttons. All very cute, but you already have 101 keys on your keyboard so having more on the screen seems not very handy. Now you can type math the same way you type text. Add notes and then save it to All Aboard for later. Create math formulas to save you time by letting the calculator prompt you for the numbers and just do the math for you. Take advantage of new formulas available for download.

VOIP

"VOIP" or Voice over IP aka Internet telephone is now arrived. Now available through popular services like Skype (<http://www.skype.com>) you can use a telephone headset connected to the computer connected to the internet and make phone calls all over the world for affordable if not free prices. With up to 4 phone numbers per contact you can dial real phone or internet addresses using Skype or any default application that can properly accept a "[CallTo://](#)" web addresses. Back about 100 web years ago computer applications could dial the telephone now they can call the telephone you want without dialing!

Http:// and FTP://

Being web aware means these links saved in All Aboard are just like your Web Favorites. You can even add pathnames to .LNK link files on your hard drive. Now you can add address and phone information as well as personal notes and pictures into one complete contact record.

Making it look great too

All Aboard really looks great right out of the box. Ok, maybe you could do better? Go for it and change the fonts, colors, and wallpaper. Now add integration of a web resource as well as a document making everything All Aboard! Do it for all 8 drawers all 100% the same or all totally different. Personal Information needs to stay personal and where possible be even more personal.

Encryption

We all have a few things best kept secret. I'm not telling mine and you shouldn't let folks peek at yours either. Notes you write in All Aboard can be individually encrypted using 128 bit Blowfish encryption. Create notes with bank information, passwords, or anything else you need to stay secure. Even with All Aboard open on your desktop secret stuff needs the password to show the note. It's not only hidden from view but also encrypted on the disk. If you lose the password, it's gone and never coming back. All Aboard has no back door tricks to recover data or even an expensive service we sell you. It's secret forever!

Not everything is a secret so all the rest of your stuff is easy to get at and easy to view. Lock all you need locked. Unless you require extraordinary security All Aboard can lock information tight and secure yet close and handy.

Technical software requirements

All Aboard requires one of the following Windows operating systems.

- Windows 7 (all Releases)
- Windows Vista (all releases)
- Windows XP (all releases)
- Windows 2000
- Windows Server 2003 or greater

Windows version 98 (all flavors), Windows 95 are not supported. Windows NT is untested but should work. If you install All Aboard to a USB drive you may use All Aboard on any Windows machine that will support a USB drive. When installing to the hard drive All Aboard follows a different pattern for installation than old Windows programs. All Aboard uses the installation scheme now defined in Windows Vista. This approach means we don't dump all the data, programs and assorted material in the Program Files directory. Under Windows Vista the data and documents are stored in the ProgramData directory. This means you can enable User Access Control (aka. UAC) while running Windows Vista and be able to write to your data files when not logged in as an Administrator. It's an ability you really need and the proper way to install data under Windows Vista.

All Aboard is not currently a digitally signed application under Windows Vista / Windows 7. Addition of code signing will be added in a later All Aboard release to adhere to the new standard. Organizational Development Strategies, Inc is committed to providing this assurance to users so you will know the download you have has not been tampered with.

Documentation All Aboard comes with two versions of Documentation XPS is the new Microsoft portable document format and PDF is the Acrobat standard developed by Adobe Systems. Both documents are identical in content and both readers may be freely downloaded from the respective web sites.

Screen size All Aboard requires a screen resolution of 800 x 600 pixels to run and you will find larger resolutions will allow even more flexibility. Most all

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	windows resize by dragging the window edges. These adjusted sizes are saved.
Customizing	All your settings and customizations are stored in industry standard XML format. SL1.XML and SL2.XML save drawer customization settings and global settings. These files are created the first time you run All Aboard with a default group of settings. Deleting these files will return your system to a default condition.
Colors	Customization supports the use of 32 bit colors though only 8 bit colors are actually required to use the software. Using greater than 16 bit colors will allow your images to display more like they really look.
Wallpaper	Your own wallpaper can be created in the .ICO, .GIF, .BMP, .WMF, and .JPG formats. The .PNG format is not currently supported. Wallpaper can be stretched or tiled.
Note size	Notes are limited to 6,000 characters. This includes the primary note as well as any log notes can all each be 6,000 characters long. If you wanted to make a daily diary it means each entry is limited to 6,000 characters. If you require a longer note, create it in any format as a document attached to the note and the default application for that file type will open the document from within All Aboard. Leverage the tools you already own and make whatever suits your purpose. Just let All Aboard provide the access to getting it when you need it. Use other formats when a plain text format just isn't enough. Sometimes one note or one document isn't enough. In that case attach a folder name and All Aboard will open the folder in Windows Explorer or your 3 rd party Explorer replacement.
Internet	All Aboard does not require any specific browser only the browser designated as your default browser will be used. Different browsers handle some internet links differently. FTP is one link type that may not follow the same procedures.

How much data can All Aboard save?

All Aboard uses a single ISAM data file to hold all your notes. The note encrypts if you like but not the data file. Under an NTFS file system there is no limit to the size this file can grow but the file format is limited to 2 billion records, yet using links to images and documents would in fact allow an unlimited amount of information to be linked together.

Even with these limitations you may find that All Aboard does not use that much space. In this authors version the Notes file is 3/4 MB and contains 2,600 notes. It takes a lot of notes to reach the functional limit.

All Aboard - the free version

There is a registered version and a free version of All Aboard. In the great tradition of Shareware, we can't demand you register All Aboard until you feel you like it and want it. The tradition is to install a shareware product and within 30 days decide if you want to register or then remove it. Often times the product quits working in 30 days and sometimes they don't work at all.

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All Aboard is different from normal shareware. Install a full version of All Aboard and use it and upgrade it and keep it forever. If you add 100 notes or 100 logs, All Aboard won't let you add notes unless you register or delete some old notes. You can still use the first 100 and if you register later and nothing will be lost! We feel it is unfair to put a limit on how long you can try the product and any user that does not create more than 100 notes isn't using All Aboard enough to ask for a registration fee. If you only use it a little it's free for your limited use. If you like it, you may unlock the last few features for full use.

There is only one other feature that is limited. Bulk Email – the unregistered version is limited to 10 addresses so you can at least try it out. In all other ways you can do everything that All Aboard can do including installation to a USB device without a registration or being nagged to register. That means you know it works for your computer before we ask for any money. You take as many days as you need before you have to buy.

How many computers can have All Aboard be installed

All Aboard is a personal data management system. If you own several computers that you personally own and use then install All Aboard to all of them using the same registration key. We don't currently support multi user installation, but for commercial customers we can create a special version for your company at a special price for an unlimited number of users with sharing abilities in a server based data system.

All Aboard when registered, proudly displays your name as a registered user on the splash screen and across the title bar of the main window. The note limit goes away and you will know you are encouraging Organizational Development Strategies, Inc. to add more features users want once you register.

What about upgrades

All releases made for the first version 1 product will be free. No version ever expires and we will go the extra mile to let you upgrade and not lose your data. If we release a new version such as version 1.1, 1.2, you get that free as a downloaded update. If we release a version 2.0 we know full well you won't pay for it unless we can put enough really cool things in it to make you glad you did. Even so if you register and within 6 months and we release a new major version you'll get that free too. As long as users like the product and ask for more features we will continue to add them. We always appreciate suggestions for cool features large and small because we want it to be personally suited for everyone.

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